

Miller's Track Title Hopes Are Hurt by Coach's Error

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It was conceded after the East and West meets last week that Pershing and Miller would turn the Metropolitan League track finals into a personal duel.

So it was in the East meet which Pershing won by a margin of one-third of a point. And yesterday's semifinals at Mackenzie High Field gave promise of another close battle between the east side rivals in the finals tomorrow afternoon.

COSTLY MISTAKE

Miller, the champion for the last two years, came out of yesterday's events with 10 individual qualifiers as well as a sprint relay. Pershing qualified nine individuals, a sprint relay and a medley. No trials were

held in the mile in which each will have two starters in the field of 12.

An error by coach Leroy Dues could cost Miller the meet tomorrow. Miller's medley relay, which had the best time in the trials, was disqualified because Dues ran a boy not listed for the event.

League rules permit a coach to enter six boys in a relay and any combination of the six may be used. The Miller team of Howard Davis, Luther Hill, Woodrow Thomas and Fred Freeman was timed in 2:34, faster by 1.2 seconds over second place Northwestern. A check of the names, however, revealed that Freeman wasn't eligible.

A school meeting prevented Dues from attending the track meet and assistant coach Lorenzo Wright handled the Miller squad.

"Leroy must have forgotten whom he entered in the relay last week," Wright told George

Mead, the league director. "This is the combination he asked me to run," Wright added as he produced the names.

EXPLAINS MISTAKE

Dues explained his mistake later. "I thought the semifinal was a separate meet and that a change could be made on the relay without the runner's name being on my list. I was wrong."

Eastern was third in qualifiers with six individuals and two relays; Northwestern had five and two relays; Cass, five and a sprint relay; Northern four and a medley; Northeastern, Mackenzie and Cooley, four individuals; Southeastern, Central and Redford, three individuals; Western, two and a sprint relay; Southwestern, sprint relay; Chadsey and Mumford, one individual.

Competition in the field events begins at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The first running event, 120-yard high hurdles, is at 3.

Track Qualifiers

Qualifiers for the finals:

POLE VAULT: Bob Greer (Cooley); Wolfgang Schuster (Cool); Bill Guinness (Redford); Henry Burgen (Miller); Clyde Manis (Red); Willie Adkins (NE); Wayne Basham (Western). Height—10 feet.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Tom Harper (Mill); Covert Letter (Mack); Alex Wright (Pershing); John Dowdell (Mill); Artemus Clover (Persh); Tom Davis (East). Best time :15.7 by Dowdell.

MEDLEY RELAY: Northwestern, Pershing, Northern, Southwestern, Western, Eastern. Miller disqualified.

100-YARD DASH: Fred Hopgood (Eastern); Ray Hood (Central); Marv Pettway (Mill); Loman Gardner (Cass); Max Harris (NW); Bill Pierce (Cass). Time: :10.2 by Gardner.

BROAD JUMP: Willie Adkins (NE), 22 ft. 3/4 in.; Wright (Persh), 22 ft.; Fred Hopgood (East), 21 ft. 11 1/2; Jim Singleton (SE), 20 ft. 9 1/2; Lucius McDonald (Chad), 20 ft. 9 1/4; Al Day (Persh), 20 ft. 7 1/2.

HIGH JUMP: Adkins (NE), 5 ft. 10; Jack Vivian (Cool), 5 ft. 10; following qualified at 5 ft. 8; Bob Bullock (East); Al Clark (Mill); Ernie Hicks (NW); Dave Lester (Mack); Ken Harrington (Persh); Bill Grafton (Red).

SHOT PUT: Ermin Crownley (Mill), 49 ft. 10; Cal Vinson (North), 48 ft. 8 1/4; Sam Sandweiss (Mumford), 47 ft. 6 1/2; Sam Elowitz (West), 47 ft. 4 1/2; Dwight Stith (North), 44 ft. 3 1/4; Herman Jones (SE), 43 ft. 1/2; Jim Butz (Cool), 42 ft. 10 1/4.

440-YARD DASH: Paris Whittington (Cass); Alonzo Smith (East); Lee Daniels (North); Sam Edwards (Mill); Harrel Adams (Persh); Dave Hill (SE). Best time :52.4 by Whittington.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES: Adkins (NE); Norm Zackdewicz (Mack); Harper (Mill); Laffer (Mack); Wright (Persh); Dowdell (Mill). Best time :13.2 by Adkins.

220-YARD DASH: Hopgood (East); Pierce (Cass); Harris (NW); Bill Stephens (Cent); Hood (Cent); Pettway (Mill). Best time :22.2 by Hopgood.

880-YARD RUN: Campbell Owens (NW); Bob Williams (Persh); Art Demombreum (Cass); Al Marshall (North); Ernest Simms (NW); Ron Hodge (Persh). Best time 2:02.9 by Owens.

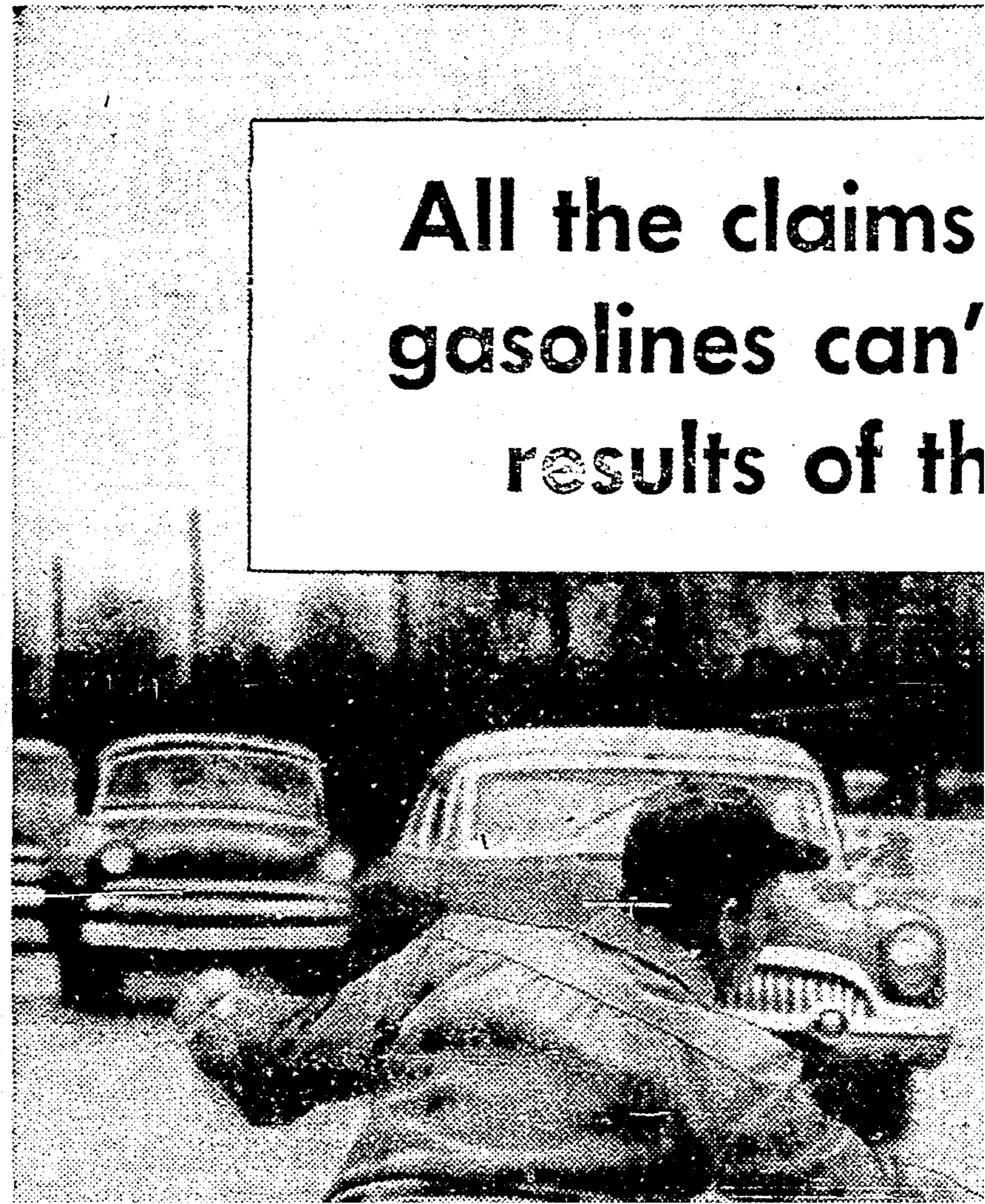
880-YARD RELAY: Eastern, Cass, Miller, Northwestern, Pershing, Mackenzie. Best time 1:31.7 by Eastern.

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