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Denby

Jerry Bocci On Button In 4:34.2

Miller Qualifies 24 To Set Team Pace

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Jerry Bocci, Denby High's 17 - year - old junior miler, proved once again Monday that he's a master of pace.

Bocci turned in a 4:34.2 performance Monday in qualifying for Wednesday's East Side finals. He won by 10 yards and was never pressed. If Bocci isn't Michigan's foremost miler this year, he certainly will be next spring.

As if he had a watch in his hand, Bocci ran the race almost to the letter as prescribed by Coach Ralph Green.

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"HE'LL RUN 440s of 65, 70, 71 and 69 seconds," Green predicted before the race. The watch in Green's hand established him as an almost perfect prophet. Jerry's quarters were 65, 71, 70 and 68.2.

"Early this season Jerry told me he wanted to be a 4:26 miler this season, but I convinced him this was out of the question," Green said.

"Wednesday, if it's a good track, we'll shoot for 4:30, and then next spring we'll go after that 4:26."

Thus the league record of 4:24.9 set by Northwestern's Al Williams is at least a year away.

One record, however, which will be threatened Wednesday is Walt Jenkins' shotput mark of 50 feet 9 inches. Ernie Crowe of Cass Tech came close Monday with a toss of 52 feet 7¼ inches and has done 54 feet 2 inches this season.

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MILLER, as expected, was Monday's big qualifier. The Trojans landed 24 places in Wednesday's finals and will have a contender in every event.

Denby gained 18 places, Pershing 10, Cass Tech 10, Northeastern six, Eastern five, Northern five and Southeastern one.

Jerry Green, of Miller, the league's foremost sprinter, led all qualifiers in the 100 (:10.1), 220 (:22.5) and broad jump (21 feet 11½ inches).

Tuesday West Side schools qualify for Thursday's divisional finals at Mumford while the Catholic League holds its complete one-day championships at U. of D. Stadium. Monday's East Side qualifiers:

SHOT PUT—Crowder and Hill, W; Hall, Denby, and Bowles, C. Best distance by Crowder, 52 feet 7¼ inches.

BROAD JUMP—Green and Hill, W; Williams and Bowles, C. Best distance by Green, 21 feet 11½ inches.

HIGH HURDLES—Tie between Clark and Jackson, M, and Gaines, NE, 2 feet 8 inches. 177 others tied at 2 feet 3 in.

POLE VAULT—Hobaica, CT, School; Lins, NE; Hanley and Lasky, C. Best height by Hobaica, 11 feet.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Clover and Jones, P; Rollins, N; Lafler, E; Bernardi and Kerr, B. Best time by Clover, :15.6.

MILE RUN—Reed, MacVee and Krewson, D; Richardson, Shaffer and Stanley, Cooley. Best time by Reed, 4:34.2.

Hunter and Bell, W; Wheeler, CT. Best time by Bell, 1:01.1.

100-YARD DASH—Green, M; Pelgen, T; Bell, W; Vincent, E. Best time by Green, :10.1.

220-YARD DASH—Green, Pelgen, Bell and Vincent. Best time by Green, :22.5.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—Clover and Jones, P; Rollins and Washington, N; Bernardi, E; Bernardi, B. Best time by Clover, :20.1.

880-YARD RUN—Gaines, NE; Brannan and Davis, CT; Wilson and Hunter, W. Best time by Wilson, 2:05.

220-YARD DASH — Green, Bell and Vincent. Best time by Green, :23.2.

KEY: SE, Southeastern; CT, Cass Tech; N, Northern; E, Eastern; NE, Northeastern; D, Denby; M, Eastern; W, Miller.

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