

Miller High Is Cinch

Metro Track Crown Seen

Miller High made certain it will return to the top spot in the Metropolitan League outdoor track championships by qualifying 13 individuals and a crack 880-yard relay squad in a record-splashing semifinals yesterday.

The Trojans, dethroned last year by Pershing after winning in 1952 and '53, are considered a shoo-in to capture the title in the finals tomorrow.

Winner of seven league dual meets and the East Side title, Miller established three new marks in assembling its crew for the finals.

One-Tenth Lower

The relay squad snapped one-tenth of a second off the old mark set by another Trojan team in 1953 when clocked in 1:30.5 yesterday. Jerry Green's 21.8 around a curve in the 220 clipped .3 of a second off the old record shared by two former stars and Ermin Crownley's 53'10 1/2" heave in the shot bettered by 7 1/2 inches the former mark set by Walter Jenkins, another Miller great, in 1949.

Pershing, Denby and Central each qualified six men in addition to relay squads, Pershing getting two in the latter events and the others one each. Redford, Cody and Cass each had four qualifiers.

Seventh Straight

All but one of the Metro's baseball leaders won yesterday, led by undefeated Denby's 5-2 victory over Cass Tech in the East Side race. Roy Mathis hurled the Tars to their seventh straight with a three-hitter. A triple by Ralph Hutchings was the key blow.

Northeastern, which meets Southeastern Friday for the second qualifying spot in the East Side, edged Pershing, 5-3, on Ed Dinkins' five-hitter. Bill Cole had a home run and two singles in three trips.

Southeastern remained in contention despite a 3-2 loss to Eastern. Gerry Fields hurled a one-hitter but lost his own game when he issued three walks in the first that helped Eastern to a 2-0 lead and then fired a wild pitch with a runner heading home from third on a squeeze attempt in the sixth.

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Miller Boy Revamping City Records

"It was the greatest one-man show ever staged in the Metropolitan League." That's what coaches and spectators alike thought of Jerry Green's brilliant performances in the semifinals of the league's track meet at Denby yesterday.

This is what the 17-year-old star did in less than two hours:

He ran 100 yards in 10 seconds flat, a tenth of a second slower than the Metro record.

Raced the 220 in :21.8, a new mark for the distance around a curve.

Anchored Miller's sprint relay which was timed in 1:30.5, another record.

Leaped 22 feet 6½ inches in the broad jump.

Jerry's 220 time erased the mark of :22.1 held by Leonard Alkon (1940), Tom Stewart (1947) and Jim Mitchell 1948.

BEATS MILLER'S MARK

The relay record was a fifth of a second faster than the time Miller had in 1953. Alkon ran the 100 in :09.9 in 1940 and Cliff Robinson broad jumped 22 feet 11½ inches in 1924.

Green's feats overshadowed another record breaking effort by Ermin Crownley, also of Miller. He put the shot 53 feet 10½ inches, surpassing the mark of 53.5 by Walt Jenkins in 1949.

Miller qualified 13 individuals and its sprint relay, failing only in the medley relay. Trials weren't held in the mile, in which Miller has two entries.

CHAMP SECOND

Pershing, the 1954 league champion, ranks second in qualifiers with six individuals and two relays. It also has one miler. Other schools: Central six and one relay; Denby six and one; Cass four and one; and Northwestern three and one; Redford and Cody four each; Northeastern two and one; Mackenzie three; Northern two relays; Western two; Southeastern one relay; Southwestern and Mumford one each.

Field events tomorrow are at 2 p.m., the races starting at 3.

Qualifiers:

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Al Bernard (Den.); Lucius Cotton (NW); Percy Rollins (Mill.); Bob Heindel (Cool.); Art Clover (Persh.); Paul Jones (Persh.). Best time 15.5 by Bernard and Rollins.

MEDLEY RELAY: Northern, Pershing, Northwestern, Cooley, Southeastern, Northeastern. Best time 2:30 by Northern.

100-YARD DASH: Jerry Green (Mill.); Bill Stephens (Cent.); Bryant McKune (Mack.); Ken Pringle (Den.); Jim Ruddy (Cody); Bob Manning (West). Best time :10.0 by Green.

440-YARD RUN: Campbell Owens (NW); Fred Freeman (Mill.); Dave Lustig (Mum.); Bob Harrington (Den.); Eric Granfeldt (Cody); Al Vega (West). Best time :50.5 by Owens.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES: Naim Miller (Mack); Bernard; Rollins; Cotton; Clover; Heindel. Best time :13.5 by Miller and Bernard.

220-YARD DASH: Green; Stephens; Ruddy; Luther Hill (Mill.); Pringle; Jim Beasley (Cass). Best time :21.8. (New record).

HALF MILE RUN: Art Demombrem (Cass); Wilbert Wilson (Mill.); Wilbert Windbush (Cent.); Saul Gaines (NE); Don Trufel (SW); John McKlasick (Red.). Best time 2:02.5 by Demombrem.

SPRINT RELAY: Miller, Northern, Denby, Pershing, Central, Cass. Best time 1:30.5 by Miller (new record). Northwestern was disqualified for passing outside of zone.

POLE VAULT: Bill Guinness (Red); Pat Ratliffe (Red.); Don Hakala (Cass.); Rollins; Jerry Lula (Cody); Bill Hagler (Persh.); Walt Scgmalenberg (Den.). Qualifying height 10 ft. 4.

BROAD JUMP: Green; Hill; Al Day (Persh.); Bob Brown (Cent.); Desi McCurdy (Cent.); Chuck Mitchell (Cass). Best distance 22 ft. 6½ by Green.

HIGH JUMP: Al Clark (Mill.); Gaines; John Jackson (Mill.); Stephens; Bob Robbins (Mack); Gerald Krolikowski (Cody); Mitchell. Best height 5 ft. 10.

SHOT PUT: Ermin Crownley (MIL.); Jim Ross (Red.); Day; Ed McCoy (Chad.); Clarence Cheatham (East.); George Williams (East.); Jim Butts (Cool.). Best distance 53 ft. 10½ in. by Crownley. New record.

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