

Allegan Quadrangular Opens Holland's Track Competition

Eight lettermen, a promising crop of sophomores and a total of 62 hopefuls make up the track picture at Holland High this spring and Coach Bill Hinga and his aide Tom Carey will see what the prospects will be when the Dutch open the season Tuesday in Allegan.

Holland has opened its track season with the quadrangular meet in Allegan for the past several years. Muskegon Heights and Kalamazoo Loy Norrix will be the other contestants.

Senior Gary Brewer is expected to be a strong contender in the pole vault and hurdles while senior Rog Buurma, the second leading point winner last season, will challenge school records in the high jump and shot put.

Senior John Gronberg is off to a good start and ran the 180-yard low hurdles in 22.1 last week in his first try. He will also run a 220-yard relay leg. Senior Al Hoffman is the leading miler while seniors Chuck Shuck and Lee Overbeek are the top half-milers and senior John Stam is another strong consistent shot putter.

Larry Mannes, a junior, is the other lettermen and Hinga regards Mannes as the "best broad jumper at Holland in a number of years." Mannes will also high jump and run in the relay or high hurdles and Hinga expects him to be one of the "strong men" on this year's team.

Holland has a crop of junior varsity award winners who are expected to gain points. Junior Carl Flowerday looks good in the 440, 220 and relay. Other JV award winners include: seniors Ned Gonzales, discus; Gord De Vries and Bob Zuverink, 440; juniors Ron Gibson, pole vault and hurdles; Bob Meyering, discus; Terry Nyland and Duane Snider, shot put; Dennis Snyder, 440 and John Schmidt, 880.

Hinga said the sophomore crop is the strongest in three or four years and has some fine candidates. Mike De Vries, a good natural runner with a touch for track, will compete in the 440, broad jump, high jump and 220. Tom Essenburg appears to be

the best dashman and turned in the fastest time to date in time trials while another soph Carl Walters was second in the trials. Walters will also high jump and broad jump. But Hinga has to share this pair with the tennis team.

Tom Elzinga looks like the best 440-yard man Holland has had in a long time, Hinga said. He will also compete in the 220 and broad jump. Rog Ten Broeke appears strong in the broad jump and will also run the 440.

Other senior candidates include: Bob Breuker and Al Wildschut, middle distances; Bill Klein and Carl Steel, 440 and Bob Rotman and Jim O'Connor, mile. Junior Ed Bricker has shown good speed in the 440 and 880 while other juniors are Ron Conklin, Duane Onk, shot put; Chuck Den Uyl and Jim Dykstra, distances; Dave Felters, John Lievens and Tom Van Howe, dashes and 440.

Other sophomores are: Jerry Baumann, hurdles; Jerry Brandt, Tom Elenbaas and Bill Nelson, dashes; Dave Coburn, Wayne Van Kampen, Forest Inderbitzen, Len Manning, Dick Nienhuis and Harvey Stremler, middle distances;

Bob De Vries, Ed Garcia and Steve Penna, mile; Skip De Witt and Ward-Rooks, pole vault; Darrell Dykstra, Del Mulder and Dave Risselada, 440; Art Gonzales and Lance Riedsma, shot put; Dave Looman and Phil Weyenberg, 880.

Hinga said potentially Holland has the best track talent he has seen. "With the enthusiasm supplied by the veterans and the newcomers for depth, the track future looks promising," Hinga said. The 62 total is one of the largest track turnouts.

The rest of the schedule: April 18, Grand Haven and Zeeland at Grand Haven; April 20, Portage; April 23, at Muskegon; April 29, JV's-West Ottawa; May 3, Benton Harbor, Muskegon Heights at Holland; May 5, LMAC — GRCL, Houseman Field, Grand Rapids; May 11, regionals; May 16, Benton Harbor; May 20, state meet; May 23, Muskegon Heights, Muskegon Catholic, Muskegon at Muskegon and May 26, LMAC meet at Grand Haven.



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