

Tops in Obstacle Events

'Trip,' 'Falls' Secret Pontiac's Track Hopes

If Pontiac Waterford high school gets enough "trip" and "falls" in the Class A track championships at Michigan State university tomorrow, it could win the state title.

Joe Falls and Dennis Tripp are Waterford's top hurdlers who finished high among obstacle runners in the state after regional meets last week.

Waterford will challenge favorite Flint Northern and other chief threats — Pontiac Central, Lansing Sexton and Saginaw — for the state A crown.

Falls qualified for the 120-yard high hurdles by registering the fastest time in the state — 14.6. Tripp qualified for the high while another Waterford hurdler, Bud Stagers, made it to the state 100-yard low hurdles race with Falls.

Waterford's talent doesn't end there. Mike Kaines ran into the one-mile finals with the best qualifying time in the state regionals — 4:25.4, one of the fastest miles run in out-of-state competition this season.

Flint Northern's chief weapon will be Dennis McGee, who qualified for the 220 and 100-yard dashes and is a member of Northern's 800-yard relay team which will take a shot at a state record.

McGee turned in the best qualifying time in the 220, running the distance in 21.3, one-tenth of a second short of the state record.

The Northern 800-yard relay team ran faster than the state record in the regional meet, but state records are recorded at state championships only.

Flint's time was 1:28.8, only two-tenths of a second off the state mark.

McGee and Dorie Reid of Ferris will place the two dash records in jeopardy. Reid, who qualified for the 100 in 9.9, equaled the state mark of 9.9 in regular season meets.

Reid will probably be pushing McGee in the 220.

Steve Meyer of Berkley was listed as a threat to the state 40-yard mark of :49.7. He won his regional race clipping along at :48.8.

Bradell Pritchett of Pontiac Central will attempt to crack his own shot-put record. Last year he tossed the shot 59 feet, 5 1/2 inches. His best toss this year was 60 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

Jim Vogler, Lathrup West hurdler, will shoot at the Class B low hurdles record at Ann Arbor tomorrow. He was clocked a full second under the 19.3 state mark last week.

Classes C and D state championship meets are at Central Michigan tomorrow.

Maples Frets, But Reds Still Win Track Meets

Sexton Coach Sees Small Hope of Taking State Title

By BOB HOERNER

Russ Maples, track and football coach at Sexton high, isn't what you would call an optimist.

About three days before one of his teams goes into action, Russ starts to worry. By the time of the game or meet, he is almost convinced his team will lose and will give you a long list of reasons why the other team will come out on top.

Then — his team usually wins.

Although his Big Reds' track team just completed its second straight undefeated dual-meet season and won Class A titles at the Central Michigan relays, the Albion college invitational and the Portage high regional meet, Maples doesn't figure his team has a chance to win the state meet at Michigan State Saturday.

"We'll be lucky to score a point in the state meet," Russ commented recently. "We've got some fine kids, but we've been winning with depth and that won't be good enough in the state meet."

Sexton qualified eight athletes in eight events plus both of its relay teams for the state meet, while winning the regional at Portage.

Eastern qualified two half-milers, Dean Kyburn and Dennis Hill, and a miler, Earl Hall, plus its two relay units.

Everett has five individuals and an 800-yard relay team in Saturday's state meet. Viking qualifiers were Ron Perrin, regional winner in the high hurdles; Bob Royce in the mile; Bill Schnarr, pole vaulter; Dick Schray, shotput; and Craig Teal, high jump.

East Lansing, third-place finisher behind two strong Flint teams, Northern and Southwestern, in the Ann Arbor regional, qualified eight individuals in eight events and one relay team.

Representing East Lansing in the state meet will be Don Ross, shotput; Al Zima, both hurdles; John McQuitty and Jim Votruba, miler; John Truitt, high jump; John Salter, 440; Byron Treaster, 220; and Ed Ellsworth, 440.

Carrying the Big Reds hopes will be Mike Rauge, both hurdles; Dick Allen, both sprints; Bill Proust, 220; Jim Malaya and Bill Snell, 440; Gordon Dewey, miler; Randy McDowell, vault; and Floyd Barnes, high jump.

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and Cash singled. But the Tigers' bid went for naught when Steve Boros flied deep to Jackie Jensen in right field for the third out.

The ninth-place Sox got the game's only run in the fifth. Pete Runnels singled and Don Buddin chased him home with a double. Runnels just beat Kaines' throw to the plate.

It was sweet revenge for Buddin, who was accidentally benched the last time he faced Bunning and was carried from the field.

The only other Detroit threat came in the eighth. Charlie Maxwell, pinchhitting for Bunning, smashed a long drive to right center. Gary Geiger hauled it in at the fence.

Terry Fox retired. Boston is in order in the eighth.

Chuck Cottier played second for the first time this season, moving Chico Fernandez up to leadoff. Trainer Jack Home said Wood, who has a pulled leg muscle, will be sidelined for

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