

Title Hopes 'Rained' Out

BY HAL SCHRAM
Pershing's fine track, one of the best in the state, literally went down the drain Wednesday and so did the Doughboys' dreams of a third straight City League title. "In my 25 years here I never saw our track in such a mess," admitted Carl Holmes, Pershing's veteran athletic director and track coach. For more than 16 hours the track had been assaulted by steady rains and Wednesday's qualifying was completed through a treacherous and slippery quagmire.

PERSHING qualified 13 individuals for Friday's East Side finals but doesn't have the strength to stop power-laden Eastern where Lorenzo Wright has come up with perhaps his best all-around squad in his eight years with the Indians.

Cards Pick New Spot For Deras

The St. Louis Cardinals, who shelled out \$80,000 a year ago to sign Art (Pinky) Deras out of Hamtramck, have their bonus baby on the move.

In order to make room for two college imports, and to get Deras closer to the home base, St. Louis transferred Deras from Raleigh, N.C. of the Carolina League, to Cedar Rapids, Ia., of the Midwest League.

"I was just getting adjusted at Raleigh," Pinky said Wednesday during a stopoff here. "I'm not sure I'm going to like the switch but you have to get used to such things."

DERAS' first visit was to his new sporting goods store in Hamtramck where he is in partnership with John Kryczkowski, member of the Hamtramck Board of Education. The new business is where Pinky invested part of his bonus money.

Prior to sustaining an inflamed shoulder tendon three weeks ago Deras was hitting .287 and leading the league in doubles. His average dipped to .247 in recent weeks.

At Raleigh he played third base but the Cardinals want to see him both at third and in the outfield at Cedar Rapids.

Dragsters Go Under Lights

In the nine events staged Wednesday Eastern qualified 19 men and posted the best performance in five events. Only in the 440 did Eastern fall to place at least one finalist for Friday's East Side showdown.

After winning City League honors in 1962, Eastern was runnerup to Pershing in both 1963 and 1964 but this seems to be another year for Eastern.

Eastern demonstrated 11:3 class in the sprints where the Indians grabbed six of the 16 positions in the 100 and 220.

UNDER SUCH adverse conditions it was remarkable that Eastern's Bill Dunn and Jim Hogan could qualify in :10.2 in the 100 or that the Indians' Stan Allen could broad jump 29 feet 5½ inches.

Thursday's action switches to the West Side where Chadsey, Northwestern and Redford will fight it out for West Side honors starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday's summaries:

SHOT PUT: Bowling Sheriff, Central; Leon Robertson, Northeastern; David Latt, Central; Larry Lester, Pershing; Larry Dye, Northern; Henry Hill, Eastern; One Williams, Eastern. Best qualifying distance by Lester, 46 feet.

MILE RUN: Sadler, Taylor and Woodborn, Pershing; Williams and Hemming, Coburn; Kinross, Denny, Hays, Jenson, Jones, Central; Williams, Northeastern; Kuncio, Eastern. Best qualifying time by Williams, Northeastern, 4:47.4.

LONG JUMP: James Schram, Stan Allen and Walter Davis, Eastern; Sherwin Jernon and Dennis Galar, Pershing; John Sadler, Southeastern; Charles Mack, Eastern. Best qualifying time by Allen, 29 feet 3½ inches.

100-YARD HIDE HURDLES: James Walls and Walter Davis, Eastern; Larry Cohen, Central; Cameron Legg, Northwestern; Charles and Sidney Pershing, Wynn, Northeastern; Kashner, Northern. Best qualifying time by Cohen, 2:16.4.

400-YARD DASH: Tom Farm and Gene Jones, Pershing; Clark Scott, Central; Larry Stanfield, Robin Thomas and John Jackson, Southeastern. Best qualifying time by Scott, 1:52.1.

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220-YARD DASH: William Kerasa, Coburn; Tom Farm and Gene Jones, Pershing; Clark Scott, Central; Larry Stanfield, Robin Thomas and John Jackson, Southeastern. Best qualifying time by Kerasa, 1:42.1.

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