

Preps Tune Up For Track Finals

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Western, Kettering and Pershing have the best opportunities of dethroning Mackenzie Thursday when the Public School League track and field championships are staged at Henry Ford High.

Although they finished second to Mackenzie in last week's West Side finals, Western's Cowboys made a big move toward a title in qualifying heats Tuesday on a cold and dull day.

Floyd Jenkins and Bob Cox give Western a strong 1-2 punch in the hurdles. Jenkins turned in the best qualifying time of 19.8 seconds in the 180-yard lows, while Cox led the charge to the tape in the 120-yard highs in 15.3 seconds.

Western has eight individual contestants and one relay for Thursday's finals, while Mackenzie, if it is to repeat, must do it with six individual entries and one relay.

Numerically, both Kettering and Pershing, the two East Side challengers, have an edge. Kettering, which missed the championship a year ago by five points, has nine individual entries and two relays. Pershing has 10 individual entries in the finals.

Twenty of the league's 22 schools will have contestants going in Thursday's windup starting at 3:30 p.m.

IT WAS a rough day for state champions Tuesday. Two youngsters who won at East Lansing 10 days ago got beaten and one didn't even make the finals.

Kenny James, the state's 100-yard dash champion, finished fourth in his heat while Carlos Woods, Mackenzie's top hope in the sprints beat Northern's Marshall Dill in both the 100 and 220. Dill won the 220 in the state Class A finals.

Top sprinter of the day, however, was Mike Holt of Henry Ford, the state 440-yard king. Holt switched to the sprints for the conference championships and now threatens to win

100-YARD RELAY: Mackenzie, Southeastern; Kettering, Northern; Western and Central. Best qualifying time by Mackenzie, 1:27.1.

LONG JUMP: Willie Osley and Willie Worthing, Denby; Paul Seals, Pershing; James Gault and Howell Webb, Kettering; John Williams, Cass Tech; and Tom Camp, Northwestern. Best qualifying distance by Williams, 21 feet 3 1/4 inches.

SHOT PUT: Ken Ringwald, Redford; Larry Fitzpatrick, Cody; Jim Balow, Henry Ford; Thurman Suttonson, Kettering; Chris Johnson, Osborn; Mazy Ken Orange, Gladys; Ralph Powell, Northwestern. Best qualifying distance by Powell, 54 feet 8 1/2 inches.

MILE RUN: Larry Borum, Kettering; David Werman, Redford; Olin Watson, Northeastern; Paige Phillips, Pershing; Donald Bahns, Coker; John Croston, Northeastern. Best qualifying time by Phillips, 4:31.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Walt Williamson, Pershing; Peter Hutchinson, Redford; Floyd Jenkins, Western; Robert Cox, Western; William Pender, Cass Tech; Homer Gaines, Mackenzie. Best qualifying time by Cox, 15.3.

180-YARD RUN: 1—Bernard Adams, Mumford; Jeff Dawson, Cass Tech; Len Patrick, Kettering; Ron Phillips, Denby; David Johnson, Northern; Dave Sachau, Holt. Best qualifying time by Phillips, 1:57.8.

440-YARD RUN: Dallas Kester, Central; Thomas Wiles, Martin Luther King; Darwin Moser, Mumford; Myron Hammans, Kettering; Tom Grant, Western; Stanley Vinson, Chasler. Best qualifying time by Kester, 1:03.

180-YARD DASH: Carlos Woods, Mackenzie; Marshall Dill, Northern; Robert Garb, Kettering; Mike Holt, Henry Ford; Greg Baxter, Southeastern; Henry Dickerson, Central. Best qualifying time by Holt, 16.1.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES: Willis Osley, Denby; Walt Williamson, Pershing; Robert Cox and Floyd Jenkins, Western; Joe Fuller, Denby; William Pender, Cass Tech. Best qualifying time by Jenkins, 19.8.

220-YARD DASH: Mike Holt, Henry Ford; Rickey Ross, Southeastern; Lawrence Lovelace, Northwestern; Marshall Dill, Northern; Carlos Woods and Darryl Arnold, Mackenzie. Best qualifying time by Holt, 22.3.

MILE RELAY: Mumford, Kettering; Martin Luther King, Northern; Redford, Denby. Best qualifying time by Mumford, 5:27.5.

both dashes for the Trojans.

Northwestern, which is out of contention as far as a league title is concerned, came up with the top qualifier in the shot put when Ralph Powell heaved the 12-pound ball 84 feet, 9 1/4 inches.

Ron Phillips of Denby, disqualified in the state meet for cutting off an opponent, is making no mistakes this time.

He rushed to a fine 1:37.8 halfmile, best time of the day.

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