

PSL TRACK BATTLE WIDE OPEN

Redford Boasts Brightest Star

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The 50th annual Public School League track and field title is very much up for grabs, but the star of the show has already been determined. Redford High has only two chances of winning the team title Friday at Central High: Slim and none. But in Clarence Chapman, its only qualifier, the Huskies have a winner.

On a cold and dank day Wednesday, Chapman — the state long jump champion — led the qualifiers into the finals with a leap of 23 feet 1 inch. He's already hit 32-11 this season and is a heavy favorite in the event.

BUT CHAPMAN'S talents don't end at the long jump pit. Wednesday, he tied Jim Smith of Murray-Wright for the best qualifying time in the 100-yard dash, 10 seconds flat, and then came back to lead the qualifiers in the 220 in 22.5 seconds. With a bit of luck Friday, he could be a triple winner. Friday's action starts at 3:30 p.m.

It's virtually impossible to name a team champion in advance. Twenty-one of the 22 PSL schools qualified at least one contestant or relay team.

Mackenzie and Pershing have the best chance of unseating Northern as team champion. Coach Stan Mullin at Mackenzie qualified three relay teams and nine individuals. Pershing coach Allan Tellis will counter with three relays and seven individuals.

PERSHING might claim an edge due to the fact that both its mile and 880-yard relay teams posted the fastest qualifying teams of the day. Friday will also mark the final chance for Amos Brown, Northern's great miler. Brown was strictly content on qualifying Wednesday and didn't break a sweat with his 4:26 effort.

880-YARD RELAY: Pershing, Cooley, Northwestern, Mackenzie, Kettering and Central. Best qualifying time by Pershing, 1:30.7.

880-YARD RUN: Cason, Kettering; Flemmins, Cody; Stewart, Denby; Roy, Mumford; Eyan, Pershing; Williams, Cooley. Best qualifying time by Roy, 1:58.4.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Jackson and McMullen, Northern; Cramatie, King; Turner, Mackenzie; Howard, Murray-Wright; McRae, Western. Best qualifying time by McMullen, 15.0.

MILE RUN: Brown, Northern; Deren, Cody; Henley, King; Thomas, Mackenzie; Garr, Denby; Pittman, Southwestern. Best qualifying time by Brown, 4:26.

100-YARD DASH: Duncan and Payne, Mackenzie; Williams, Pershing; Smith, Murray-Wright; Chapman, Redford; Jackson, Kettering. Best qualifying time by Smith and Chapman, 10.0.

440-YARD DASH: Davis, Clark and Ellerbo, Pershing; Cason, Kettering; Glass and Wick, Mackenzie. Best qualifying time by Ellerbo, 49.9.

SHOT PUT: Burks and Lee, Chadsey; Godwin and Gomillion, Kettering; Weathersby, Mackenzie; Kennedy, Osborn; Grimes, Mumford. Best qualifying distance by Grimes, 52 feet 7 3/4 inches.

LONG JUMP: Cooper and Mason Hunter, Kettering; Cooper and Mason, Southwestern; Jennings, Central; Johnson, Osborn; Chapman, Redford; Justice, Finney. Best qualifying jump by Chapman, 23 feet 1 inch.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES: Shane, Pershing; McMullen, Northern; Harbin, Cooley; Turner, Mackenzie; McRae, Western; Cramatie, King. Best qualifying time by McMullen and Cramatie, 20.0.

220-YARD DASH: Williams, Pershing; Smith, Murray-Wright; Jones, Central; Chapman, Redford; Jackson, Kettering; Duncan, Mackenzie. Best qualifying time by Chapman, 22.5.

MILE RELAY: Pershing, Mackenzie, Chadsey, Cooley, Southeastern, Northern. Best qualifying time by Pershing, 3:26.5.

440-YARD RELAY: Northern, Central Pershing, Mackenzie, Kettering, Henry Ford. Best qualifying time by Central, 43.9.

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