

Medford Favored To Claim Fourth Straight Oregon High School Track And Field Title

CORVALLIS (AP)—Medford, the Southern California of Oregon track, is a lopsided favorite to win its fourth consecutive state high school track and field championship here this weekend.

The meet opens Friday afternoon with preliminaries.

Eleven Medford athletes have qualified for class A-1 competition. But even more important is that the Black Tornado, on the basis of pre-meet performances, appears to have a chance to win 11 of the 14 events.

For the first time in the history of the state meet, class A-2 schools will compete separately for their own title. The meet for class B schools, held here for years with the class A events, has been switched to Springfield. It, too, will be held this weekend.

Two athletes will be defending their 1955 championships in class A-1.

Eldon Francis, Medford, is back for another try at javelin honors. Paul Bernick, Gresham, and

Larry McFarland, Grants Pass, both of whom have had longer throws this season, will be pressing him hard.

Huey Hutton of Portland's Jefferson will try to retain his 100-yard dash title against the challenge of Medford's Mike Hawkins. North Salem's Jim Norval and others. Hawkins has posted the best time of the year for the 100—9.9 seconds. The same dash stars will compete in the 220.

Other Medford men who have recorded the season's top performances in their events are Wally Larsen in the high and low hurdles; Mike Russell in the 440; Les Lingscheidt in the 880; Lew Breazeale in the pole vault and Jerry Francis in the broad jump. Medford's mile relay team also comes into the meet with the fastest time.

Neil Plumley, Medford, will try to out-throw Glen Johnson, Beaverton, who on the record has been the season's best shot-putter.

There is expected to be quite a scramble for runners-up honors.

Beaverton, with Johnson figured to score heavily in the shot and discus, will be a strong contender as will Grants Pass and Jefferson. Grants Pass, Beaverton and Jefferson finished 2-3-4 behind Medford in the Hayward Relays at Eugene last month.

Others with considerable strength include Cottage Grove, which won the class A (exclusive of metropolitan schools) title in the Hayward Relays. South Salem, North Salem, Grant of Portland, North Bend, Klamath Falls and Albany.

Beaverton and South Salem will have 11 men in the meet.

Redmond, with 10 qualifiers including ace sprinter Dot Speights, is a favorite in class A-2. Other top contenders include Nyssa, which placed nine, Oakridge, which qualified eight, and Canby, Ontario and Prineville, each of which will have seven competitors.

Besides preliminaries in A-1 and A-2, finals in class A-2 high jump and pole vault are scheduled Friday afternoon. The rest of the championship events will be held Saturday.

About 385 athletes from 53 schools are entered in the two divisions.

Sports

Track Records On Line In PCC Championships

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Pacific Coast Conference track and field stars Friday serve up the appetizers for one of their greatest PCC championships.

Qualifying preliminaries were scheduled in nine-possibly 10—events, starting at 4 p.m. The finals start at 1 p.m. Saturday.

As many as eight new conference marks may be written. There is a possibility that two world marks will be tied or broken.

The finals open with the mile run. Jim Bailey, an Australian student at Oregon, is favored off his 3:58.6 victory over John Landy in Los Angeles two weeks ago. Bailey could be pushed to a new world record by little Bobby Seaman of UCLA. Seaman last year as a sophomore covered the distance in 4:01.4.

The world record is 3:58 by Landy.

Another race which may see the world record tied or broken is the 100. California's Leamon King tied the 9.3 mark in the West Coast Relays last week at Fresno.

Emeralds, Tri-City To Collide In NWL

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Spokane	5	12	.298	8

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With series sweeps behind them, the Eugene Emeralds and the Tri-City Braves collide head-on Friday night at Kennewick in the first crucial series of the Northwest League season.

The Emeralds maintained their first place position Thursday night by whipping Lewiston, 5-2, for the fourth straight time while the Braves made it four straight over Salem, 7-6, in 10 innings. The Braves are in third place.

Yakima's Bears held on to second spot in the standings although they were trounced by the Spokane Indians, 14-8, in the windup contest of a series at Yakima.

Ring Record

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Crowe Peele, 183, Baton Rouge, stopped Gordon Poulit, 187, Miami, 2.

LOS ANGELES — Dave Johnson, 145, San Francisco, and Mickey Northrup, 145 1/2, Los Angeles, drew, 10.

PHILADELPHIA — Artie Towne, 166 1/2, New York, outpointed Charley Chase, 171, Montreal, 8.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Paul Jorgensen, 129, Houston, outpointed Louis (Lulu) Perez, 131, Brooklyn, 10.

RICHMOND, Calif. — Eli Scott, 119, San Francisco, outpointed Nick Lopez, 120, Honolulu, 10.

MONTREAL — Frank Szuyina, 162 1/2, Germany, stopped Moses Ward, 164, Detroit, 9.

Sprained Ankle Puts Boxer Hurler On Bench

BOSTON (AP)—Red Sox veteran left-hander Mel Parnell will be out of action for at least a month.

Mel got the word Thursday from Dr. Ralph McCarthy after arriving here from Chicago for treatment of a severely sprained left ankle he acquired sliding into second base at Detroit Wednesday.

Parnell was immediately put on the disabled list for the required 30-day minimum to bring the Red Sox roster to within the legal limits.

PCC Presidents Start Review Of Violations

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—The Pacific Coast Conference brought its athletic troubles to Canada Friday for a six-day huddle that may land one or more other schools on the probationary bench alongside Washington.

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INDIANAPOLIS, (AP)—Who'll start first in the 40th 500-mile auto race May 30 will be determined by 10-mile time trials Saturday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Missing from the field, fastest ever in the practice runs, are Jerry Hoyt, who won the pole position last year; Jack McGrath, who set a qualifying record of 142.58 miles per hour, and Bill Vukovich, Indianapolis winner in 1954 and 1955.

All three have died in racing accidents in the last year. Vukovich while leading the 500 in 1955. Vukovich's 1954 record of 131.68 miles per hour for the actual race still stands.

Bob Sweikert of Indianapolis, the 1955 winner, is back for his fifth start with a new four-cylinder Kuzma car called the D-A Lubricant Special.

Sports In Brief

GOLF

KANSAS CITY — Bo Wininger fired an eight-under par 64 to take first round lead in the Kansas City Open.

TENNIS

PARIS — Herb Flam, America's eighth ranked player, defeated Tony Vincent, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, in second round play of French International Tournament.

YANKS, CHISOX ON TV

The baseball "Game Of The Week" scheduled for Saturday morning over KOIN-TV Channel 6 will be between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. Game time will be 10:15 from Chicago.

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Needles' Stretch Speed Key To Preakness Race

BALTIMORE (AP)—How far and how fast Needles will have to come in about the last quarter of a mile in order to catch the leaders seems to be the main question hovering over Saturday's \$100,000 preakness.

It is being taken for granted that the Kentucky Derby winner will be at the tail-end of the probable nine 3-year-old starters through the early stages of the mile and three-sixteenths race.

The Pimlico barn strategists, and that includes the handlers of Needles, figure that Calumet Farm's Fabius, D. G. Arnstein's Eiffel Blue, W. E. Britt's No Regrets and Winding Way Farm's Golf Ace will be leading the way.

The debate is over how fast they will be going when they hit the stretch and how far Needles will be behind.

Two Local Pekingese Place In Tigard Show

Umpqua Kennel Club members Eugenia and Wilma Meske journeyed to Tigard over the past weekend for the Pekingese specialty dog show, held in that city.

Marglos Pessials Ping-Chow won third place in the puppy dog 6-9 months class. Chang Sue Le won first in the 9-12 months division and Sauermann's Ka-Ro came in first in puppy bitch 6-9 months.

The next meeting of the Umpqua Kennel Club will be May 21, 7:30 p.m. in the fairgrounds building.

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