

Bear Cindermen Show Promise; May Retain The District Trophy

Ashland cindermen defend their district crown at Klamath Falls, May 19-20. The Southern Oregon Conference District meet will probably produce many new records on the Pelicans rubberized asphalt track. With good performances from all members of the team and a continued effort by the distance crew, AHS may have another district track trophy in her possession.

The 400 relay team of Craig Siebenlist, Larry Toney, Ted McDowell and Al Lord will compete against a favored Crater contingent of Thorn, Silts, Rogers and Bartley. The Comet's relay team has recorded the third fastest time so far this year in Oregon prep track. Medford and



Scott Studebaker ran a 9:48.0 twomile run during the Shakespeare Meet, May 13. The time was good for first place.

Grants Pass have also shown good 400 relay teams.

The mile will be up to such distance runners as Bill McPherson, Claude Neuenschwander, Scott Studebaker, and John Butt. Neuenschwander has the second best mile time in the state, 4:17, next only to Gary Barger of St. Helens. Barring any upsets or mishaps, these two top milers will vie for the title in state competition, May 26-27.

The Grizzlies have been at a loss for sprinters to equal or compensate for the talents of Steve McIntyre (Medford) Larry Rogers (Crater) and Bob Thorn (Crater). McIntyre has recorded the fastest prep mark in the 100 this year with a 9.6. Rogers and Thorn are capable of breaking 10.0.

A glimmer of hope has appeared with mark Wilson who has asked to practice and participate in the district meet. After completing the baseball season, Wilson will work out for the 100 and 200 yard dashes. Last year he was McIntyre's principal rival.

Tom McDowell, Toney and Lord are the Bears hopes for victory in the 400. McDowell has one of the top three times in the

state with 19.6—only one-tenth of a second behind Oliver Spires' (Klamath Falls) prep best of 19.5.

High hurdles will be run by Scott Toll, Ted McDowell and Kim Laird. They must compete against such hurdlers as Tom Bartley of Crater and Mike Chriss of Medford. Both Bartley and Toll have recorded 14.6 but in recent competition Bartley has come out ahead of Toll. They have two of the top prep times this year for the 120 high hurdles. Bartley also has the top 100 low hurdles time in the state (19.9). Ted McDowell and Siebenlist will represent Ashland in that event. McDowell's best time was 21.0.

The Grizzlies show promise in the 800 yard run with Tom McDowell and Jay Holland both breaking the 2:00.0 barrier. McDowell set a new school record and also put himself into the list of top prep best for the 800 by recording a 1:53.5 in the half-mile.

Two-mile is another job for, who else, but the Grizzly distance crew. Scott Studebaker defeated Neuenschwander at the Shakespeare Meet. They will probably team up with McPherson to run the eight-lapper at district.

The mile relay has showed improvements by defeating Crater with a time of 3:26.0 but Medford has the team to beat at district. The state has produced several relay teams recording 3:23 so they must improve a bit more to have another shot at the state title which they acquired last year.

Roseburg, perennially strong in the field events, and Medford with Mike Richey, will be likely opponents for Ashland's weightman.

The Grizzlies' Kevin Litwiller (14-3 1/2) and Hugh Huck (13.6)



Al Lord will represent AHS in the 40 yard dash at the district meet in Klamath Falls, this weekend.



Tom McDowell will run the anchor leg for Ashland's mile relay team. The team set a new Shakespeare Meet record of 3:26.0, last Friday.

will represent AHS in the pole vault. Grants Pass has several men vaulting 14-0 or better. Medford also has one. Litwiller should, after his record breaking jump during the Shakespeare

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Meet, be in the thick of the competition for the title.

Jeff Bradford (Klamath Falls) and Toll have been favored to dominate the high jump but with Dave Friday's (Crater) upset defeat of both men, there are more upset possibilities. Toll is having his problems and has not been able to clear 6-0 lately. Bradford, too, is having a let-down. He has jumped the highest of anyone in the state this year, 6-6 1/2, but at the Shakespeare meet he was not up to par.

Long jump hopefuls include Lord, Rob Pardee and Wilson.



Rob Pardee strains for added inches in his specialty, the long jump. He will probably team with Al Lord and Mark Wilson to represent the Grizzlies at district.



Kevin Litwiller cleared 14-3 1/2, with this jump. The height is a new school record. Unable to get off of the pole, Litwiller missed a jump at 11-6.

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