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CLOSE RACE IN THE HIGH HURDLES

Jimmy Kennon of Cubberley (closest to camera) has a slight lead over Chris Dyer of Palo Alto as both skim over the first hurdle of the 120-yard high barrier race in the South Pen-

insula Athletic League trials at Stanford yesterday. Dyer won. Trailing in the race is Cleveland Deal of Cubberley.

SPAL track finals tomorrow; M-A favorite for team title

The best quarter mile race in Midpeninsula history will feature the South Peninsula Athletic League track and field championships at Stanford's Angell Field tomorrow evening. Mike Nichols of Cubberley High School and Willie Waller of Menlo-Atherton hook up in a battle that should produce the first sub-50-second quarter mile by a Peninsula runner

since Bill Rupp of Sequoia did 49.4 in 1952.

Nichols loped to an easy win in the trials. His time was 50.9. Waller had an even easier time in his heat and won by 20 yards in 50.7.

NICHOLS AND Waller have not run against each other in a race this season.

The top three finishers in each of 13 events will go on to the North Coast Section Group II meet at King City next week.

Other close races are anticipated in the 100- and 220-yard dashes, and the low hurdles.

Pete Burchard of Jordan Junior High School, the only freshman to qualify for the varsity finals, goes against Dick Burns, Jon Jeck, John Finegold and Waller of M-A in a bid for a spot at King City.

BURCHARD, running in his first competition 100 of the year last week, placed second to Burns in the trials.

Burchard will be running against Peck, Hugh Smith, Finegold and Jim Cheatham for an NCS spot in the 220.

Four boys have a chance for low hurdles spots. Cheatham and Burns tied at 20.7 in the trials. Gary Gaskill of Carlmont and Chris Dyer of Palo Alto battle for third place.

The discus offers the closest competition in field events. Seven entrants tossed the high school weight disk past 140 feet last week. All marks in the trials will count in the finals.

PAUL SMILLIE and Chris Jessen of Carlmont, John Rubinis of Palo Alto, Don Castle of Cubberley, and John McGregor of Sequoia will be shooting at the best mark of 150-6 posted by John Radke of Sequoia.

High jumper Todd Gaskill and sprinter Bob Stevens of Carlmont will not compete. They will be given a chance to beat the qualifiers in a special meet next Tuesday. Gaskill is recovering from flu and Stevens has a leg injury.

Menlo-Atherton is the favorite for the team title.

First Field event starts at 4:30 p.m. The first track event goes at 5.

First of four hurdles

SPAL track trials tomorrow

By DICK O'CONNOR

South Peninsula Athletic League runners and jumpers take the first step toward the "World Series" of prep track tomorrow at Redwood City.

The goal of all competitors is the state meet at Bakersfield May 29. The SPAL trials at Sequoia High School is the first of four hurdles — even for sprinters — on the way to the big meet.

Team championships mean nothing from here on. It's an individual effort and only the best survive. The 15.5 hurdler who misses a jump in the trials is out.

SO IS THE broad jumper who fouls on a leap of 22-feet. The series of eliminations sort out the finest—the boys who can stand the pressure and come up with an outstanding performance.

Some of the competitors at Sequoia tomorrow have gone the route before.

John Pasteniaks, Palo Alto broad jumper, made the state meet at Long Beach last year. He warmed up for the trials with a 21-3 leap in practice yesterday.

George Linn and Mike Lehner, Palo Alto milers, also figure to make the trip to Bakersfield. They will be running "all out" tomorrow according to coach Forrest Jamieson.

LINN PLACED fifth in the mile at Long Beach last year.

Menlo-Atherton sprinter Dick Burns, with a wind-aided 9.9 100-yard dash to his credit, ap-

pears to be the Bears' bet to go all the way.

Stu Hawley, in the quarter mile, and Jim Cheatham, in the low hurdles or 440, also could make it.

Mike Nichols of Cubberley and Todd Gaskill of Carlmont hook up in a renewal of their high-jumping duels tomorrow.

Nichols has a top mark of 6-2 while Gaskill has soared to 6-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, best in Northern California. The pair tied in a dual meet earlier in the year and Nichols won at the Easter Relays. Gaskill has been jumping higher in the last three meets.

PETE BURCHARD of Jordan Junior High School makes his bid for a place in the 100-yard dash. Burchard has run the 75-yard dash in 7.9 which is the equivalent of a 10.0 hundred.

He gets his chance against the big boys tomorrow.

One other Jordan athlete will participate. Bob Twelvetrees will throw the discus.

Only one runner is sure of a place in next week's SPAL finals. Bob Stevens, Carlmont sprinter who is laid up with a leg injury, was voted a spot in the finals of both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

HE EARNED THE confidence vote with consistent fast clockings throughout the season.

First race tomorrow starts at 2 p.m. By 5 p.m. the top varsity, B, and C runners and jumpers will have cleared the first hurdle on the way to Bakersfield.

The SPAL finals will be held at either Sequoia High School or Stanford Stadium next Friday.



TOP MILER

George Linn of Palo Alto High School will run in the first of four trial races for the state track meet at Sequoia High School tomorrow. Linn was fifth in the mile at Long Beach last year.

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Waller, Cheatham, Burchard star

By DICK O'CONNOR

Willie Waller and Jim Cheatham of Menlo-Atherton High School, Pete Burchard of Jordan Junior High School, and seven discus throwers stole the show at the South Peninsula Athletic League track and field trials at Stanford's Angell Field yesterday.

Waller, who has spent most of his two years at M-A under treatment for injuries, was in peak condition as he ripped off a 50.7 clocking in the quarter mile and earned another place in the finals with a swift 10.3 clocking in the 100-yard dash.

CHEATHAM, A sophomore who has the capability of re-writing Peninsula track record books before he graduates in 1961, zoomed to first places in the low hurdles, broad jump and 220-yard dash.

His time of 20.7 in the lows tied teammate Dick Burns for the best time of the event in the meet as well as the SPAL season.

Jet-propelled Jimmie nipped favored John Pasteniaks of Palo Alto in the broad jump with a leap of 21-1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Pasteniaks, last year's SPAL runner-up and a participant in the state meet at Long Beach, was a half inch behind Cheatham.

Burchard, the sensational freshman, withstood the pressure of his first big meet in grand style. He almost stole the 100-yard dash from Dick Burns of M-A.

PETE ALSO earned a place in 220-yard finals next Friday by taking fourth among the eight qualifiers.

The discus was the top performance event of the day. It took a throw of 140-1 to get in the finals and Chris Jessen, one of the best weightmen on the Peninsula, almost was left out.

He tied Larry Kennedy of M-A for sixth place.

The winner was John Radke of Sequoia with a whirl of 150-6. Don Castle, with a lifetime best of 143-8, could get no better than third in the event.

ALL SEVEN qualifiers — Radke, Paul Smillie of Carlmont, Castle, John Rubenis of Palo Alto, John McGregor of Sequoia, Jessen and Kennedy — surpassed the old meet mark of 137-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ set two years ago by Tom Strong of Menlo-Atherton.

Palo Alto's distance running stars, Mike Chilton, Mike Lehner and George Linn, won as expected. Chilton, with no competition, won the half mile in 1:57.4 for a league record.

Linn set another SPAL mark with a 4:24.7 performance in the mile. Teammate Mike Lehner won the second heat of the mile in 4:31.9.

CARLMONT'S chances for the league varsity title were dimmed by the withdrawal of sprinter Bob Stevens and high jumper Todd Gaskill. Neither will compete in the finals next week because of illness.

Both will be allowed a chance to compete against the SPAL winners for a place in the North Coast Section meet, however.

Menlo-Atherton, aided by the addition of varsity stars Jerry Varty and John Clark, took an edge in B qualifications. Varty won places in both hurdles and the broad jump. Clark turned

day with 9.5 and 14.2 clocking in the hurdles.

Lefty Jarett, qualified in the 75 and 150-yard dashes in the B meet, and Mike Phelan, with places in the "C" broad jump, 330-yard run and 75 yard dash, give Ravenswood a chance for team titles next week.

The results:

VARSITY

100-yard dash—Burns (M), Burchard (J), Finegold (M), Peck (M), Waller (M), Churchill (Ca.), Miller (S), Bennion (P), 10.2.

220-yard dash—Peck (M), Smith (M), Cheatham (M), Finegold (M), Ragsdale (Ca.), Miller (S), Burchard (J), Villamov (S), 22.8.

440-yard dash—Waller (M), Nichols (Cu.), Hawley (M), Villamov (S), Ragsdale (Ca.), Wheeler (P), Smith (M), Gough (C), 50.7.

880-yard run—Chilton (P), Cook (Cu.), Levy (P), Brady (P), Calma (Cu.), Robertson (Ca.), G. Hughes (Cu.), 1:57.4.

Mile run—Linn (P), Lehner (P), Haley (Ca.), Evans (P), Magnor (Ca.), Henderson (R), 4:24.7.

120-yard high hurdles — Dyer (P), Gaskill (Ca.), Kunselman (Cu.), Kennon (Cu.), Eliason (P), Deal (Cu.), 16.1.

180-yard low hurdles — Cheatham (M), Burns (M), Gaskill (Ca.), Dyer (P), Kunselman (Cu.), Kennon (Cu.), Pasteniaks (P), Ballard (Cu.), 20.7.

High Jump—Nichols (Cu.), Medrow (Ca.), Deal (Cu.), Kunselman (Cu.), Eliason (P), Pasteniaks (P), Gray (Cu.), 5.10.

Broad Jump—Cheatham (M), Pasteniaks (P), Gray (C), Finegold (M), Johnson (R), McGregor (S), 21-1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Shot-put — Jessen (Ca.), Castle (Cu.), Radke (S), Smillie (Ca.), Klavin (R), Elkington (P), 52-6 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Discus—Radke (S), Smillie (Ca.), Castle (Cu.), Rubenis (P), McGregor (S), Jessen (Ca.), Kennedy (M), 150-6.

Pole vault—Stevenson (Cu.), Gilliam (Cu.), Hunt (Ca.), Fell (S), Washer (Cu.), Klump (M), Phillips (Ca.), 11-0.

880-yard relay—All five teams qualify for finals.

Jordan's Pete Burchard to run in SPAL trials Friday

Palo Alto High School would be the 1959 South Peninsula Athletic League dual meet track champion if they had another sprinter to go with sophomore Ray Askew.

Next year the Vikes will have their sprinter — Pete Burchard, the swift, young freshman from Jordan Junior High School.

Cubberley High School needs more depth to develop into a first-class track power.

Fred Geyer, Mike Hunt and Wimpy Cubit from Terman, and Tim Morin, Dale Stienke and Don Bowen from Wilbur may provide it.

THE PALO ALTO junior high schools are producing a fine crop of track men, thanks to coaches Glen Dunham of Jordan, Phil Casseroli of Wilbur, and Clay Henry at Terman.

Burchard is probably the best of the track men. He has been clocked in 7.9 for the 75-yard dash on three occasions.

Once, in a meet against Terman, he was timed in 7.6 but his own coach hesitates to believe that time. It's too fast for a freshman.

Burchard will set a precedent this Friday when he runs in the SPAL trials at Sequoia High School.

JORDAN IS NOT a member of the SPAL but it does belong to the North Coast Section of the California Scholastic Federation.

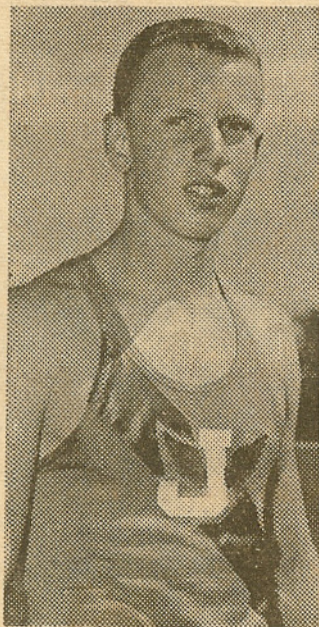
CIF rules allow a school not in a league to join with the closest league for championship competition.

That's what Jordan is doing.

At an organizational meeting of the SPAL trials this week, coach Dunham elected to enter Burchard and discus thrower Bob Twelvetrees in the varsity division.

"Their performance is better than some of the other entrants," Dunham claims.

IN A HEAT of the 100-yard dash, Burchard will run in the lane next to Dick Burns of



FRESHMAN FLASH

Pete Burchard of Jordan.

Burns is the fastest runner in the SPAL this season.

The caliber of the opposition doesn't bother Burchard or Dunham.

"Might as well run against the best," they agree.