

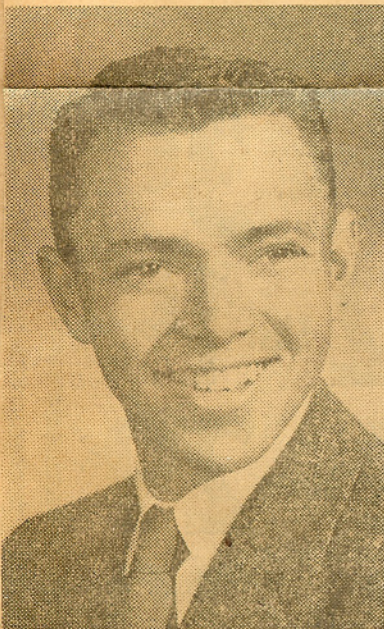
The Onlooker

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Willingness, Determination and Hard Work Made Jerry Angelo M-A's Best-Ever Hurdler

One of the gamest competitors Menlo-Atherton's track team has ever known will not participate for the Bears in tomorrow night's Peninsula Athletic League Finals at Burlingame high school.

Senior Jerry Angelo, who through sheer determination and fortitude became the best high hurdler in M-A history, was so badly hampered by a muscle pull in Monday's SPAL Trials that he was unable to qualify.



JERRY ANGELO
Sheer Determination

big meets—leaving no doubt he was the top high hurdler in the South PAL.

Jerry hurt himself just before an important dual meet with Lincoln last month and has never been right since. Doctors were not able to determine the injury. It pained him a great deal and prevented his working out regularly but he still ran in every meet but one.

Finally Howard Costello taped the knee for the Trials as Jerry insisted on being allowed to enter the meet. After the fourth hurdle the pain was so great that he had to throw his leg over the hurdles, thereby sailing too high. He finished fifth, with just three places qualifying.

Possibly the greatest tribute he could receive, although it is still not compensation for a second place PAL medal, came immediately after the race. One by one each of the hurdlers who had beaten Angelo stepped over to congratulate him on an outstanding season and race and praised him for his courage in running on the injured limb.

It was a tragically bad break for M-A's team and for Angelo personally. Jerry, in good health, was rated a cinch for second place behind Carlmont's Ron Valentine and there was never a more deserving athlete.

Jerry is not blessed with the natural speed and talent of some of the other top prep hurdlers in the area. "He's developed into an outstanding runner by pure concentration, hard work and desire," Coach Don Dorfmeier explains. "Jerry is a prize. He listens closely; he'll do anything his coach asks of him and you can always count on him giving you his very best. I wish we had a couple dozen more just like him."

Angelo had never run the 120-highs under 16-flat before this year and was not too promising at the start of the season. His intense training payed off, however, and at mid-season he ran 15.6, 15.6 and 15.5 in three