

NEW JERSEY TRACK

Welcome to the NJSIAA all-group track and field championships! We hope this preview sheet will add to your enjoyment of the meet. If so, perhaps you will be interested in a subscription to NEW JERSEY TRACK. If so, check the back page for further details.

For the second year in a row, the girls are joining the boys for this all-group competition. And, if the preliminary meets are any indication, they will more than hold their own in today's action. After all, their ranks include one National Junior Olympic champ, Hilary Noden of Hopewell Valley, and another who may claim that honor this summer, Becky Deetz of Ridgewood. Incidentally, entry blanks for the New Jersey AAU Junior Olympic (14-17 years of age as of May 1) are available here at the field, for those athletes residing in the North and Central Jersey areas. Just inquire at the field table before, during or after the meet.

Now for an event by event preview:

Boys

100-yard dash--A mystery event all year, this one still has no real leader entering today's action. John Rizzi of Elmwood Pk and Kevin Holloway both won their group races last week at 9.7. Marion Wingo of Vailsburg, waived into today's action on a medical excuse from last week, had a 9.7 at his sectionals. And we wouldn't count out Mike Salletto of Ocean Twp or Pat Blair of Franklin Twp, winningest sprinter in the state this year.

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220-yard dash--All the 100 leaders save Wingo are here, plus the Haddon Hghts duo of Steve Coleman and Roger Artis and Mike Peniston of Neptune (who may decide to concentrate on the 440 and mile relay. In Wingo's place is his teammate Ron Washington. Blair lost last week to Salletto, but, on a possibly off track, his long strides will count for something.

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440-yard run--Ever since indoor season, Peniston has been the king of this event. But he faces a new challenge today from Karl Hunter of Newark Tech, the best "unknown" talent in the state. Camden relay aces Ed Washington and Barrington Robinson and Trenton's Jim Jeffress will also be tough.

Girls

100-yard dash--Liz Young of Manalapan and Hazel Lucas of Montclair, the winners in last week's group meet, are co-favorites here. A third favorite, Vonnie Coker of Woodbury, is a doubtful starter.

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220-yard dash--Miss Young has lowered the state record the last two weeks to 24.9 and 24.8. She is defending champion and a strong favorite to repeat. Miss Lucas also doubled last week and, without long jump chores to tire her, could make it close.

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440-yard run--Defending champion Maria Clough of Franklin Twp has been sidelined by injuries. But Carla Hunt of Holy Cross has stepped right into her shoes with a state mark of 57.1 last week. The field here is much stronger than last year and it will probably take better than 59.0 to place. Clare Gursky of South Plainfield and Penny Pales of Hackettstown are the chief threats.

Boys(cont.)

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880-yard run--The mix-up at the start of last week's Group IV race leaves this one in a shroud of question marks. Jim Somers of Columbia and Tom Holdsworth of Wayne Valley were waived into today's race because of it; Kevin Byrne of Bergen Catholic has a medical pass, but his condition is doubtful. Rick W Rothschild of Paramus, fastest this spring, qualified despite running an extra seven yards and figures to take it all today. But watch out for Mt. Olive soph Kevin Young

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One-mile run--One really good one, Henry Menke of Toms River So., is missing today. This leaves Steve O'Connell of Millburn, Mike Szostak of Colonia, Bob Marino of Williamstown, Joe D'Ambra of Paul VI and the other Parochial A qualifiers to battle it out.

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Two-mile run--This should be the No. 1 race of the day. Four sub-9:10 runners go at it: Marty Ludwikowski of Cherry Hill West, Bob Amitrani of Cranford, Chris Hallinan of Bernards(the defender) and Ed Blakely of Haddon Twp.

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Girls(cont.)

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880-yard run---This has been a tough event all spring and last week, two girls got under 2:20, Terry Vaccarella of Saddle Brook and Ursula Eder of Gateway in a race which had the pace-setter go by the 440 in 61.4!. Kandy Latham, the A. winner last week for Ridgewood, and Maro Bchakjian of Clifton didn't have the benefit of that pace and still went pretty fast.

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One-mile run---Never beaten in her No. 1 high school career, Hilary Noden of Hopewell Valley set a national HS mark last week with her 4:56.7. Sue Frenz of Red Bank Catholic was pretty quick too taking the A race in 5:08.6, but she is a doubtful starter--as is the entire RBC team--today.

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Two-mile run--Like the boys' race, this one has lots of talent, led by Pam Adams of Gateway, Maggie Poynter of No. Hunterdon and Carol Conlon of Nutley. The 11-minute mark might go here.

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110-yard low hurdles--Two super-stars square off here, Julie Smithers of Lakewood, defending champ, who won the A title last week at 14.6, and Yvonne Smith of Monmouth, who has run 14.5 this year.

120-yard high hurdles--Two South Jersey stars will settle the supremacy here, Gary Moore of Overbrook and Keith Curtis of Camden, with Alex Gonzalez of Memorial the only one who might break them up.

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330-yard intermediate hurdles--Moore doubles back here and runs smack into Hunter. Missing will be Joe Donelli of Toms River North, with Menke in Atlanta, and probably also Keith Rcyster of Essex Catholic, who graduated last night.

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Long jump--Unless something goes very wrong Bob Calhoun should defend his title here. The Scotch Plains star has been over 23 feet in his last five meets. Best hopes for an upset are Ed Washington of Camden and Frank Brown of Overbrook.

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High Jump--A state record may fall here with Ed Kijewski and Roscoe Johnson of Plainfield, Ed Szostak of South River and Dave Middlebrook of West Essex leading the best field ever.

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Pole vault--Bill Hartley of Southern Ocean has gone over 15 feet the last three times out. He shoots for 16 today with Bruce Wedder of North Hunterdon, 15-3 indoors, the only one who figures to keep him company.

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Long jump--It could be the Misses Smithers and Smith here again, though Mary Ellen Haggerty of Paul VI is also in the picture after going 17-10 to loss by half an inch to Julie last week. The surprise here was Miss Lucas' failure to qualify.

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High jump--The jumping here was simply super last week, led by Miss Deetz' 5-9. The ubiquitous Miss Smithers hit 5-7 behind here and two others were at 5-5, including defending champ Martha McGill of Asbury Park.

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Shot put--Sophomore Sharon Redvict of Monmouth has hit 43-8 this year and appears the class of this field. Anne Usinowicz of Butler and Rhonda Peterson of Toms River South are perhaps her closest rivals.

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Discus throw--Some of the state's best didn't get past the qualifying rounds, leaving this one wide open. Miss Usinowicz appears the leader here, but the way the event has been going, anyone could win.

4. Boys(cont.)

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Shot put—A final get-together for Bruce Heide of Springfield, the Mattia twins of Union and Mark Sener of St. Joseph, Montvale. Heide has been the consistent winner in past meetings and figures to do it again today.

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Discus throw—At last, Bruce Heide and Port Lee's Scott Hersh square off. Hersh has had the lead since early in the season, but both are undefeated. Keep an eye on this early event from atop the ramp at the back of the main stands. It should be worth watching.

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Javelin throw—Mike Coffey of Moorestown heads a strong field, which includes 200-footer Tom Painchard of Sayreville. Watch also Lance Sorchik of High Point, whose brother was the state's top thrower two years ago. Or one of them, at least.

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Mile relay—Camden upset Neptune in the Group IV race last week, but it could be a different story today. Long Branch and Don Bosco are also very much in a crowded picture.

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Girls(cont)

Javelin throw—The girls really are getting with this event, as shown by defending champ Keri Camarigg's 141-1 toss to win the A title last week. Nancy Neilsen of RBC was 2nd at 134-6, but may skip this meet as she did last year.

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440 relay—Miss Coker's injury took one of the state's best teams out of this one. Five of the qualifying teams were within .6 of each other, Paterson ES leading at 50.0. But don't count out defending Manalapan or Monmouth, who will likely be racing for the team title when this one comes along.

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Mile relay—It will be too bad if RBC skips this one with the team that ran 4:02.8 last week. But defending Toms River South is back with a 4:06, Rumsor ran 4:03.4 and Hackettstown 4:06 also. The 4-minute mark could go.

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