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NOT ALL THAT MEETS THE EYE

Two of the Intermountain League track teams appear to have all the eastern Oregon horses after the Hayward Relays at Eugene last weekend.

The third IML entrant, The Dalles, appeared to be an also ran.

And in a sense, it was.

But don't take the Hayward outcome at face value. The other two IML squads, Pendleton and Bend, entered the annual spring comparison test with a heavy slate of athletes.

The Dalles entered but 10, and only eight of those competed, which probably was the case with several of the schools.

"Sure, I was a little disappointed because we didn't take a first," says Coach Al Miller. "And I think we would have if our distance medley team was at full strength."

Harry Skandera, who skipped around the three-quarter mile a few weeks ago in 3:17.0, wasn't entered. In fact, he didn't even go to Eugene. He injured a foot recently and has missed the Indians' last two track meets.

Larry Austin, a sophomore, filled in for Skandera in this event and zipped around in 3:30.3, not bad for a sophomore. "I was pleased with that run," Miller said.

In the rest of the event, Jerry Miller, a junior, cruised the 440 in :54.4; John Merriss, a senior, ran the 880 in 2:04.3; and Lynn Harmon, district cross country champion two years now, ran the mile in 4:41.6.

"They set us up on two tracks," Miller said. The metropolitan schools get the regular track. The A-1 schools (just about everybody else but Portland and suburbs, Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene, Grants Pass and Salem) was directed to the old practice track.

It was then Coach Miller found out The Dalles pole vaulters, John Altendorf and Steve Lawrence, were to run in the A-1 track. While setting their pegs, the coach was told he was on the wrong track, and the trio beat a hasty path to the A-1 area. They arrived late, got no warmups and had to try to go from there, the bar starting at 11 feet. Both DHS vaulters have gone well over 11 feet, but didn't Saturday.

Pendleton won the distance medley in 11:03.0, followed by Cottage Grove, 11:09.0; with The Dalles third at 11:10.6. "We could have cut 17 seconds off that first time," Miller said later.

The Dalles also entered the mile relay and shuttle relay. The locals took a fifth in the mile (top time Bend 3:32.5; The Dalles 3:44.3) and tied for fifth in the shuttle relays (top time Bend 37.2; The Dalles and Crater, 38.1).

Bend, with a bus load entered, won the Class A-1 division; and Pendleton, also with a heavy contingent, took a respectable third. The Dalles was the only other IML team that scored in the A-1 division.

The firsts won by IML teams included the broad jump relay, Pendleton; two mile relay, Bend; distance medley, Pendleton; shuttle relays, Bend; and mile relay, Bend.

Thus, the stage appears to be getting set for a top district 7-A1 track meet in The Dalles May 18.

This Friday, however, The Dalles will journey across the river to Walla Walla for the annual Wa-Hi Relays at 7:30 p.m. Last year, four Washington teams and four Oregon teams competed in this event.