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DHS Runners, Others Show Promise At Salem Races

The Dalles shuttle hurdlers won their heat and placed third in the event at the Willamette Relays in Salem Saturday.

More than 2,000 track hopefuls from Oregon and southwest Washington high schools entered. Ten prep meet records were set.

From The Dalles, Phil Wagenblast, John Oliver, Loren Craber and Gary Ordway ran the 480-yard hurdles on grass in 1:03.8. South Salem won the event in 1:01.6 and Hillsboro was second with a 1:03.6 timing.

Dalles mentor Al Miller said the track was fairly fast, the weather good and the meet well run.

After a 145-foot hurl of the discus during warmups, Marnie Moore threw 135 feet in competition. Miller said the junior is showing improvement, however.

Phil Wagenblast high jumped 5-6, which Miller says isn't bad for a sophomore. He thinks the hopeful may go 5-10 or 5-11 by season's end.

Bill Todd, a senior, threw the javelin 165 feet, his first competitive throw after a week's practice. He placed seventh in the event and Miller says he will do much better.

Les Gardipee threw the spear 143 feet, which the coach says is good for a sophomore. He's

looking for a 160-footer by the end of the season.

The distance medley team, composed of three juniors and a senior, placed fifth with an 11:20.0 clocking. David Douglas won it, setting a new meet record with 10:48.2. Bend was third in this event with a 11:11.0.

Running the three-quarter-mile leg was Larry Austin in 3:35.0. Joe Thompson ran the 440-yard dash in 55.8. Bing Ott legged the 880-yard run in 2:12.2. Finally, the only senior on the distance medley team, Harry Skanders, was clocked in the mile at 4:37.8. This is his best mile time since running at DHS, Miller said. He laid out last year after suffering a foot injury during a training session early in the season.

Miller said he'd expected about a 4:34, but isn't disappointed in the effort. "He's steadily bringing the time down" Miller said. "He's starting to come along."

Miller said 22 teams were entered in the distance medley event.

And the Sherman County Huskies of Moro, which may be at The Dalles this Friday, showed some speed when they won the second race in the sprint relays. Ernie Moore, Kent Thomas, Doug Dutton and Ken Smith were the speedsters.

And that's not all, the Huskies also won a race in the shuttle

relays, running the 480-yard course in 1:09.5. Legging the hurdles course were Terry Eakin, Ray Eakin, Don Mobley and Doug Bish.

Incidentally, only one of the Indians' shuttle hurdlers was a senior. That's Craber. Wagenblast is a sophomore, Oliver a freshman and Ordway a junior.

Miller said the meet indicated there is good prep track competition from throughout the state again this year.

He said it also showed him that The Dalles thinclads have a long way to go to be top competitors this season. "We've got a lot of work to do," he said. Members of the track team have been training one to three weeks.

Next on the Dalles agenda is the Mid-Columbia at the Thompson Street track this Friday. All schools in this region are invited to take part. Field events start at 2:30 p. m., and track events at 3 p. m.

Besides the speed, Bend also showed it has javelin strength this season. Jack Frederickson set a new record of 200-1.

