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MEREDITH PICKED FOR OLYMPIC TRIALS – Delaware County Athlete is Sensation of the Year – Jumped Into Limelight at Penn Relays

From an unknown schoolboy runner James Edward Meredith of Elwyn, this county, has on the short space of one minute fifty-five seconds become a strong candidate for the Olympic team and is the most talked of athlete east of the Rocky Mountains. He is the sensation of the year with the Mercersberg team

Manager Matt Halpin of the Olympic team and Mike Murphy, coach, are after the youngster and Halpin has sent entry blanks for the tryouts.

It was at the Pennsylvania relay games that Meredith first attracted the attention of the trainers by running the last quarter of the school championship relay in 51 1-5 seconds. This performance is considered as good as any quarter-mile race, which has been run this season, with the exception of Reidpath's quarter in 49 4-5 seconds the same day.

When Meredith's time was announced, Joe Curran, his trainer, told the newspaper man that the boy was even better for the half and that he could hold his own against such runners as Mel Sheppard, Harry Gissing and John Paul Jones.

This assertion was doubted until last week when Meredith was sent to the Princeton Interscholastic games primed to smash records. His two races there certainly entitle him to the most serious consideration.

In the half-mile run, against what was thought to be a classy field, this new-comer raced away from his held and crossed the tape thirty-five yards in front of his nearest rival in the world's interscholastic record time of 1 minute 55 seconds. To further convince the cynics, Meredith then, after a short rest, went out and won the quarter mile in 49 1-5 seconds, making another record, beating Charley Levy's figures of 50 1-5 seconds.

His later performance was on Saturday when he took the 220, 440, and 800 yards run at Johns Hopkins meet at Baltimore. He finished the furlong in 24 1-5 the quarter in 50 3-5 and the half in 2.06.

Three years ago Meredith first turned to the track and in a meet at Twelfth Street Park when he represented the Williamson School in a dual meet with St. Paul's Guild the youngster completely outclassed the field and romped home a winner in the 100, 220 and 440 race.

Meredith's stride is all his own and quite different from the majority of athletes'. While running he swings his arms with a free motion and claims that he can make better time in this manner.

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