

TWIN CITY SENTINEL SPORTS

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Track Program Is Needed

North Carolina has lagged behind other states in track, but if several of the state's track stars have their way, this will not continue.

At both the AAU track met in Greensboro on May 20 and the Junior Olympics last Saturday, there was a lot of talk about a year-around program for track in North Carolina.

Louis Jewell, North Carolina high school sprint champion, is one of the most enthusiastic workers. Jeff Howser, high school hurdlers champion in 1966, is another booster.

Both these boys are from Charlotte Myers Park High School, a team that has won the state track championship more years than the other schools would like to count.

Louis was at the Junior Olympics Saturday and was busy recruiting high school stars for a trip to the Southeastern meet in Atlanta on June 2.

Louis will also try to get a group to go to Charleston on June 10.

Jeff, who was a freshman at Duke this year, plans to go to Charleston, to Rome, Georgia later this summer and to the Pan American trials in Toronto late in June.

But the boys agree that the most important thing to improve North Carolina track is to develop summer track clubs in the major cities and have meets if not every week at least several times during the summer.

Greenville, S. C. has already gotten such a club going. Pat Perry, a former track star at the University of Tennessee, is the man behind the Greenville club. It is named the Foothills Track Club and is open to any high school or college boy who wants to join. Perry paid the \$20.00 which made the group an official AAU team. Each boy pays his own expenses for trips. The boys will compete in eight meets this summer.

"We'd be very much interested in running against any club in North Carolina," said Pat. "We'd like to

get some sort of program going with teams in this area."

Howser, who was a national champion in the Junior Olympics last year, had a disappointing freshman season at Duke.

"I hurt my back and injured a cartilage in my foot, so I was slowed down all year. I got hurt again in the AAU meet, but I'm planning to run all summer."

Tar Heels Have Good Potential

North Carolina has some excellent track potential and with some special attention to these youngsters, there is no reason why the Tar Heel boys cannot more than hold their own.

Winston-Salem lags behind the track program in Charlotte and if Charlotte gets a summer team going, the gap is going to get worse.

Twin City tennis players and swimmers were at one time behind youngsters in other parts of the state. But through a strong summer program, Winston-Salem boys and girls are able to more than hold their own.

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Nick Karres, Charlotte's fine shot and discus man, plans to go to the University of North Carolina. He will play football (tackle) and also go out for track.

Nick won both the shot and discus at the Junior Olympics Saturday and he was particularly anxious to win.

David Taylor of Chapel Hill beat Karres in the shot in the state meet. Karres got his revenge Saturday. He beat Taylor in both the shot and discus.

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Vincent Struble of Raleigh Broughton is following in his dad's footsteps as a pole vaulter. His dad competed in the event when he was a student at Notre Dame.

Vincent was second in the state meet and set a pole vault record in the Junior Olympics.

Vincent is on the wrestling team and thinks the two sports work well together. Wrestling helps build the upper body strength that is important in pole vaulting.

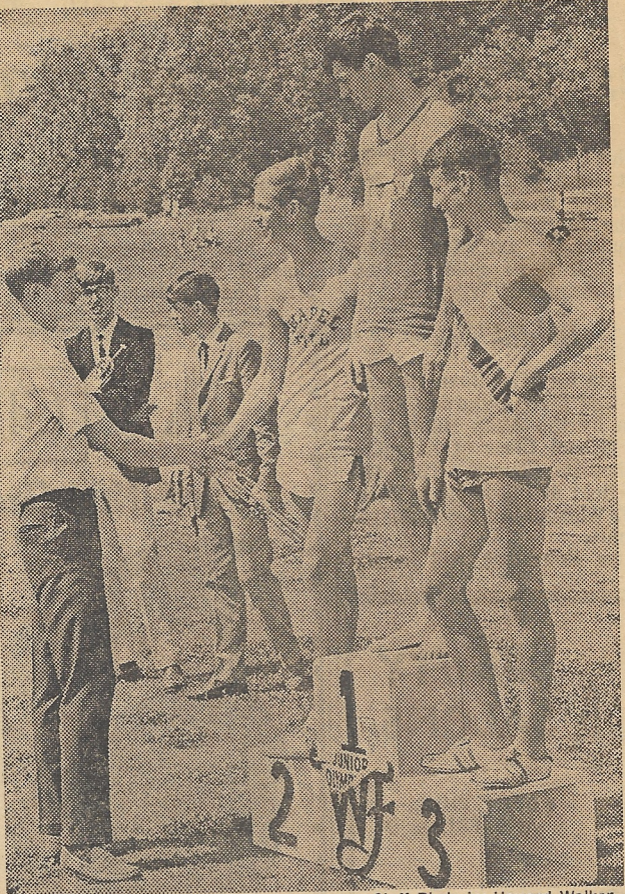
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Paul Vincent, Charlotte Myers Park hurdler is headed for Furman. Vincent won both the highs and the lows with ease. But he was not able to match Howser's record in the Junior Olympics.

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Mike Stafford of Reynolds thinks he may have had a first in the Junior Olympics. He lost his shot.

"I had it in my bag when I went to lunch," said Mike after he had searched the grounds. "When I came back it was gone. Why would anyone want to steal a Jeff Howser, a former Junior Olympics national champion, congratulates high hurdles winners, Reid



Staff Photo by Howard Walker

Hilton, Chapel Hill; Paul Vincent, Charlotte Myers Park and Bob Hutchins, North Rowan.

shot? And this was a good one, too, nice and smooth.” Mike is hoping that some athlete will get home, find he has an extra shot and call Reynolds High School to let Mike know the lost is found.

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The Junior Olympics committee had planned to run the high hurdles (all eight contestants) in one heat, but when they started setting up the hurdles, they found there were not enough.

Did someone steal a hurdle?” quipped meet director Dan Hackney.

After a considerable delay, the high hurdles were run in two heats.