

Lewiston Event Starts State Footrace Season

This year Lewiston's sixth annual 3 in 1 road race, scheduled Saturday at 10:30 a.m., kicks off the increasingly extensive State of Maine spring series that follows with a veterans' race at Portland Sunday and the Portland Boys Club five-mile next Saturday. The Lewiston promotion, under sponsorship of the city recreation department and Lewiston High Interact Club, has drawn a record 125 entries, 47 of them in the feature three-mile that starts and ends at the corner of Central Avenue and Pettengill Street, with a course following left on Ventura, right to College and then right to Montello, left on Hogan Road, right to Central Avenue Extension, across Montello and down Central to complete the circle.

Two-milers, boys 13-15, swing off College to the right on Fair Street, taking the right at Central and back to the start. In the one-mile for 12-year-olds and under, being contested for the second time, runners take Breault Street, go left on Martha, then on Suzanne and left on Central and back to the starting point.

FORMIDABLE FIELD

All three former winners, Fred Judkins, Bob Hillgrove and Ken Flanders, are among the entrants in the field that closed Friday evening. Flanders, who won Lewiston's two-mile in 1967, is the immediate defender having led at three miles in 14:06.8 last year. In actuality the distance is judged to be about a tenth of a mile shorter than the intended three miles. Hillgrove has won three times, and holds the record of 13:39.8 in which he covered the route in 1967. He is of Rockland. Judkins, Upton native who ran at Gould Academy and University of Maine, won the inaugural of the Lewiston series in 1964.

All three are expected to be in contention and another likely is Al McCann of Portland. Aside from Flanders there are some additional outstanding schoolboy racers in the pack, notably Bill Wilson of Morse, John Daly, Edward Little, and John Dahl of Old Town. Mickey Provencher of Lewiston, third in the two-mile last spring, is the highest finisher among returnees in that division but in for David Jaynes of Windham as formed sources will be looking a strong candidate for the top trophy. The youngsters field is considered wide-open with last year's winner, Chris McMorrow of Lewiston, moving up to the two-mile.

No Team Championship

Trophy awards go to the first three in the three-mile with medals to the rest of the top 20, and special recognition is forthcoming to the first Lewiston-Auburn finisher, the school with the most finishers and medals for the three first finishers in the Masters (over 40)

group. The first two two-milers qualify for trophies, the next eight for medals and a trophy also is established for the school with the most finishers. The mile winner is a trophyist and medals go to the next five in that field. There are no team or club competition awards.

Officials include Lewiston Police Chief Longtin as starter and Mayor Beliveau handling awards presentations, with Dick Pinette race director, Ed Whittingham chief timer, LHS Interact Clubbers as spotters and Mrs. Betty Atwood scorer. Plans include provision for police escort on the course, according to Steve Ross, race committeeman of the sanctioning State AAU. The entries:

THREE-MILE

No. 1 Jas. Rundin, Portland High, GPAC; 2 David Libbey, LHS, LRAC; 3 Wai. Suomela, Oxford Hills High, LRAC; 4 Bill Pierce, Falmouth Rec. Striders; 5 Michael Kazilionis, Portland High, GPAC; 6 Jas. Carroll, Portland (Masters); 7 Alb. McCann, UMP, GPAC; 8 Geo. Liming, LHS, LRAC; 9 Fred Judkins II, Bangor, Waterville AC; 10 Bob Brackett, Oxford Hills High, Norway; 11 Alb. Haggerty, Oxford Hills High, Harrison; 12 Harry Trask (Masters) Dixfield; 13 Ken Flanders, Deering High, GPAC; 14 Bill Paradis, LHS, LRAC; 15 Marc Emmi, Hinckley School, LRAC; 16 Gary Chamberlain, Brunswick; 17 Tom Record, Oxford Hills, Norway; 18 Bill Wilson, Morse High, WAC; 19 Richard Good (Masters) Portland; 20 Gordon Roberts, Auburn; 21 Steve Bonville, Deering HS, Portland; 22 Barry Mellon, S. Portland HS; 23 David Miller, Bridgton HS; 24 William Shea, Biddeford HS; 25 Marcel Marchand, Biddeford HS; 26 Rol. Perry, Biddeford HS; 27 Greg Jalansky, ELHS; 28 Larone Crockett, Dirigo HS; Dixfield; 29 Paul Conley, Portland HS; 30 Thos. Barro, Hinkley; 31 John Daly, ELHS, LRAC; 32 Hal Edwards, Oxford Hills HS, So. Paris; 33 Steve Doyle, Cheverus; 34 Seth Cowan, Deering HS; 35 John Dahl, Old Town HS; 36 Dennis Turcotte, LHS, LRAC; 37 Eric Dow, Oxford Hills HS, Norway; 38 Russell Merril, Oxford Hills HS, Harrison; 39 Geoffrey Gooden, ELHS; 40 Daniel Campbell, ELHS, LRAC; 41 Rol. J. Dyer, Lisbon, WAC; 42 Ron