

1947 State Championship Track Team

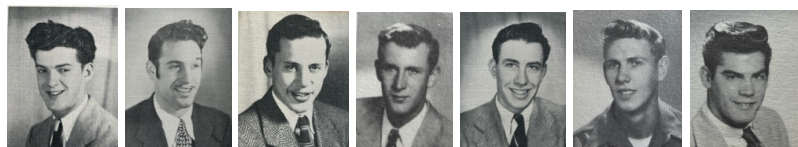
Meet The State Champs



Members of the spring track team: (left to right) Front Row – Hollis Hopper, John Reinhart, Jack Smith, Dean Reeter. Standing: Dick Parsley, Dale Reynolds, Guy Shaw, Lowell McKenzie. Lettermen not available at the time the picture was taken are Biff Brainerd, Bill Detrick, Sherman Heater, Wilbur Lenhart, Eddie Falwell, and David Knox.



Head Coach Mel Johnson



Harold "Biff" Brainerd Bill Detrick Eddie Falwell Sherman Heater Hollis Hopper David Knox Wilbur Lenhart

Lowell McKenzie Dick Parsley Dean Reeter John Reinhart Dale Reynolds Guy Shaw Jack Smith



880 Medley Champions: Brainerd, Falwell, Smith, Reeter

Throughout the spring of 1947, the Grants Pass High School Track team dominated the sprints and the 880 relay. On their way to the State Track Meet, the Cavemen set a new District Record in the 880 Relay - 1:32.75. At the 1947 State Track Meet, Grants Pass High School scored 16 points, placing first in a tie with Washington High School. Five of those points were earned in the very last event – the 880 Yard Relay.

Grants Pass won the 880 Relay Race by a wide margin, with a time of 1:31.3, tying the old state record set in 1933 by Washington High School.

Team members earning places at the State Meet include:

- 100 Yard Dash – 2nd Place, Harold Brainerd
- 220 Yard Dash – 2nd Place, Harold Brainerd
- 220 Yard Dash – 3rd Place, Dean Reeter
- 880 Yard Relay – 1st Place, Dean Reeter, Jack Smith, Ed Falwell, Harold Brainerd.

The 1947 Grants Pass High School Track Team won the very first team state championship for the Cavemen!