

Santa Clara mermen win 'best ever' meet

Coaches called it the greatest high school swim meet ever held. And it probably was.

Santa Clara High School set five national prep records and two American standards as it won the Central Coast Section meet Saturday at Foothill College.

The brightest star in the Santa Clara galaxy was junior Mark Spitz who set an American mark of 49.1 in the 100-yard butterfly. He also set a national prep mark and American record in the 200 individual medley with a 1:54.4.

TAKES TEAM TITLE

Santa Clara of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League easily won the team title with 95 points. Palo Alto, the South Peninsula Athletic League champion, was a distant second with 55.

The Vikes did get three first places as Mike Allen won both the 400 and 200-yard freestyle events, and Ted Nichols won in diving.

Allen upset favored Fred Haywood of Santa Clara in the 200 free with a time of 1:45.6. Mike was an easy winner in the 400 with a time of 3:48.3, almost three seconds better than second-place Tod Speiker of Menlo-Atherton.

Other national marks were set by Mitch Ivey in the 100-yard backstroke and the Panther relay team.

Ivey did 53.1 to break his own record that he set in the morning trials.

Perhaps the greatest performance of all came in the 200-yard freestyle relay in which Santa Clara clocked an astonishing 3:06.8. That's five seconds bet-

ter than the national prep mark they set earlier in the year.

Bob Jamison led off the relay with a 46.6 in the 100 which was still another mark for the Panthers. Other members and times of the winning relay team were 46.9 by Rick Eagleston, 47.6 by Haywood, and 45.7 by Spitz.

Spitz's mark cannot be a national record.

The only relay leg that can be officially timed is the first.

ANOTHER RECORD

After the regular meet was over, Santa Clara's Jamison, Jack Faunce, Eagleston and Spitz broke the national prep mark for the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:25.7. The old mark was 1:28.0 by Hinsdale High School in Illinois in 1965.

Santa Clara also won the B title with 78½ points. Fremont finished second with 38 points. Gene Sudol of Fremont set a meet record of 58.0 in the 100 IM. Sequoia's Les Hamman won the 200 freestyle in 1:51.7. Fremont also won the 200-yard medley relay.

The results:

400 medley relay—Santa Clara (Mitch Ivey, Diaz, Faunce and McKinley) 1:38.7; Blackford 1:41.4; Del Mar 1:42.3; Homestead 1:44.4; Los Altos 1:45.0; Menlo-Atherton 1:46.4.

200 freestyle—Allen (PA) 1:45.6; Haywood (SC) 1:46.4; O'Malley (LA) 1:48.3; Spieker (MA) 1:48.6; Strubbe (PA) 1:52.2; Lundberg (Camp.) 1:53.6.

50-yard freestyle—Eagleston (SC) 21.8; Ramsey (PA) 22.3; Wake (Awalt) 22.6; Bebb (Camden) 22.6; Welsh (PA) 22.6; Worrell (Black) 22.8.

200 IM—Spitz (SC) 1:55.4 (new national prep record); Rimera (West) 2:00.3; Shilling (DM) 2:01.3; Faunce (SC) 2:03.1; Mitch Ivey (SC) 2:03.0; Dias (SC) 2:06.5.

Diving—Nichols (PA) 411.06; Tatum (SJ) 343.90; Murphy (Wood.) 313.70; Maratti (Lyn.) 302.60; Brazis (Sar.) 288.80; Graham (Seq.) 279.90.

100 butterfly—Spitz (SC) 49.1 (new national prep record); Welsh (PA) 52.6; Glas (SC) 53.9; Youngblood (Black) 54.4; Ayers (Wood.) 54.5; Davis (PA) 54.8.

100 freestyle—Jamison (SC) 47.2; Eagleston (SC) 47.4; Ramsey (PA) 49.0; Gibson (Lyn.) 49.8; Worrell (Black.) 49.8; Bebb (Camp.) 50.8.

100 breaststroke—Shilling (DM) 1:01.9; Faunce (SC) 1:02.0; Belli (SSF) 1:03.6; Leonard (MA) 1:04.4; Wake (Awalt) 1:05.0; Lippert (MA) 1:06.6.

400 freestyle—Allen (PA) 3:48.3; Spieker (MA) 3:52.7; O'Malley (LA) 3:54.0; Strubbe (PA) 4:01.2; Thompson (SC) 4:03.5; Cross (Awalt) 4:03.7.

100 backstroke—Haywood (SC) 53.1; new national prep record; Mitch Ivey (SC) 53.4; Rivera (West) 56.0; Schenk (DM) 56.4; Gentes (home.) 56.5; Davis (PA) 59.5.

400 freestyle relay—Santa Clara (Jamison, Eagleston, Haywood and Spitz) 3:06.8 (new national prep record); Palo Alto 3:17.3; Homestead 3:24.8; Camden 3:24.8; Los Altos 3:27.2; Woodside 3:27.7.

Team scoring—Santa Clara 95, Palo Alto 55, Del Mar, Homestead 16, Blackford 16, Los Altos 16, Menlo-Atherton 11, Camden 9½, Lynbrook 9, Woodside 7½, Awalt 7, San Jose 5, Westmont 5, Westmoor 4, Watsonville 4, South SF 3, Saratoga 2, Sequoia 1.