For the first time, the State Meet was held in May and for the first time in Stockton. The number of stars and the exceptionally good marks made in the qualifying competitions indicated that this, the 8th C.I.F. Championship, would be one of the greatest.

Not only a number of California prep marks were threatened, but Bud Houser (Oxnard) and Harlie Bickmore (Huntington Beach) were shooting for national interscholastic records in the shot, discus, and pole vault. Coach Tommy Davis of last year's champion Lincoln LA pronounced the Stockton track the fastest he has been on this year. He guessed that barring adverse winds, either Wickersham of Bakersfield or Nesbit of Harvard Military could win the 100 in 9.8, tying the world's prep mark.

The other excitement was that Ed Shaw from Monrovia, who won the 440 in last year's meet, could beat George Schiller's State record of 49.6, as the Stockton 440 would be run on a straightaway!

State Meet Records

All that was anticipated did not come to pass. However 3 new State records were set and one tied. Two were due to the fantastic Bud Houser who, in his senior year, advanced the 12 pound shot put record another 3 feet and the discus record another 9 feet! Also, in non-scoring competition in the 16 pound shot, Houser smashed the interscholastic world mark with a heave of 45'-9 3/4". The old mark had been made in 1903 by Ralph Rose (Healdsburg High) at 45'-6½". Houser went on to world fame by winning the shot put in the 1924 Olympics and the discus in both the 1924 and 1928 Olympics.

Bud Nash, who had transferred from Chino to Huntington Beach High, broke his own broad jump record by about an inch.

880 Relay - Los Angeles 1:33.6
(ties old, Manual Arts, 1918, and Los Angeles, 1920, 1921)

Shot Put - Clarence "Bud" Houser (Oxnard) 55'-4 4/5"
(old 52'-0", Houser, 1921)

Discus - Clarence "Bud" Houser (Oxnard) 144'-3 1/5"
(old 135'-1½", Houser, 1921)
Broad Jump - Verden "Bud" Nash (Huntington Beach) 22'-5 3/5"
(old 22'-4 1/2", Nash, 1921)

Highlights

In addition to record setters Houser and Nash, three athletes stood out strongly in the meet. First was Ed Shaw of Monrovia, who won the 440 in 54.4 (anything but the expected record!) and also won the high jump at 5'-10 4/5". Could the fact that the 440 was run on a straightaway have contributed to this slow time? It would be very difficult to know where you were in a straight race after running most races on closed ovals. Or was the problem a wind? And this leads to another digression. Was the mile a one lap race and the 880 half a lap?

The other stars were Les Schwobeda of Petaluma and Morton Kaer of Red Bluff. Each scored 8 points with Schwobeda upsetting the national interscholastic record holder, William Kerr (Huntington Beach) in winning the mile (4:40.0), and also placing second to Irving Thomas of Manual Arts in the 880. Meanwhile Kaer won the lows (26.4) and placed second to Dick Blewett (Manual Arts) in the highs. Kaer would be heard from more a year hence. Bickmore tied for second in the pole vault, losing to Harry Smith of San Diego (11'-11 3/4”). Also Nesbit placed 2nd and Wickersham 3rd in the 100, losing to Herschel Smith (San Fernando) in a slow 10.4. Must have been adverse wind.

Team Championship (Meet scored 5-3-2-1)

Huntington Beach, with 5 different scorers, ended with 16 points and the State Championship. Bud Nash (who had transferred to Huntington Beach only this year) had 5 points and his brother 3 with a second in the 440.

Manual Arts LA came in 2nd with 12, mainly from Thomas' win in the 880 and Blewett's win in the highs. Past that things were close. Bakersfield was 3rd with 11 followed by Monrovia and Oxnard (10), Petaluma and Red Bluff (8).

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| Huntington Beach    | 16 pts.| 5 - V. Nash, 1st in BJ
|                     |       | 3 - Kerr, 2nd in Mile
|                     |       | 3 - M. Nash, 2nd in 440
|                     |       | 2 1/2 - Bickmore, tie for 2-3 in PV
|                     |       | 2 1/2 - Nichols, tie for 2-3 in PV
| Manual Arts LA      | 12    | 5 - Thomas, 1st in 880
|                     |       | 5 - Blewett, 1st in HH
|                     |       | 2 - Lynch, 3rd in SP
| Bakersfield         | 11    | 7 - Wickersham, 1st in 220, 3rd in 100
|                     |       | 2 - Lewis, 3rd in 220
|                     |       | 1 - Frear, 4th in HH
|                     |       | 1 - Green, 4th in LH


Thrilling Moments In the Eighth Annual C. I. F. Track Meet Last Saturday

Photo No. 7 shows Blissett of Manual Arts winning the high hurdles against fast competition. From left to right: Wells (Salina), Blissett (Manual Arts), Green (Bakersfield), Stever (Lincoln), Freer (Bakersfield), Kerr (Red Bluff), Wall (Compton), McFadden (Santa Ana).

No. 2—Smith of San Fernando winning the 100-yard dash, one of the surprises of the meet. He was figured for a third place behind Wickham of Bakersfield and Nesbit of Harvard Academy. From left to right the century men are: Nesbit (Harvard), Cole (Sacramento), Lewis (Bakersfield), Norman (Lincoln), Wickham (Bakersfield) and Smith (San Fernando).

No. 3—The close finish of the mile, wherein Slovakia of Petaluma defeated Bill Kerr (Huntington Beach), the national champion. From left to right: Luckart (Sacramento), Orme (Berkeley) Heilman (San Diego), Kerr (Huntington Beach) and Slovakia (Petaluma).

No. 4—"Bud" Heiser, who broke four records in the shot put and discus throw.

No. 5—Bob Weaver of Los Angeles, the starter.

No. 6 and 7—George Parker and Carroll Grantsky, two famous Stockton track stars of yesteryear.

No. 8—Dillmore (Huntington Beach) clearing 11 feet 6 inches in the pole vault.

---Picture by E. Towner, Stockton.