

Lax Paces San-Mateo to North Coast Track Title

By Don Selby

With Chester Lax, dusky sprint star, and big George Cross carrying most of the burden, the San Mateo High School Bearcats captured the North Coast Section (California Interscholastic Federation) track and field meet at Edwards Stadium, Berkeley, yesterday.

Despite the brilliant work of Mt. Diablo's Don Brooks, who annexed both hurdle events for the only double victory of the day in the unlimited division, Piedmont moved into second place ahead of the Concord boys when Highlander Bud Adams gained a tie for second in the pole vault long after the rest of the meet was over.

Lax accounted for thirteen of his team's twenty-seven points by winning the 100-yard dash and taking second behind Piedmont's Bill Langan in the 220.

San Mateo's only other first was taken by Cross, who won the shot-put with a heave of 53 feet 3 inches.

Coming through as advertised, Rayce Mason, colored boy from

Richmond, ran away from his field to tie the meet record of :50.4 in the quarter mile. That was the only established meet mark broken.

However, Brooks' mark of 20.5 set a standard in the 180 yard low sticks, since this was the first year the event was run at this distance.

Irwin Karp of Hollister turned in the outstanding performances in the lightweight division, tying the meet record of 8 seconds flat in the 75 yard dash and clipping eight-tenths of a second off the 150 yard sprint mark of :15.8. His two victories led the Farmers to the Class B championship. They scored 22 1/3 points to 16 1/2 for San Jose.

The first three men in each event qualified for the State meet to be held at Visalia May 31.

San Mateo in Track Victory

By BILL DUNBAR

led by sprinter Chet Lax and fieldman George Cross, the San Mateo High School track team won the North Coast cinder crown by piling up 27 points at Edwards field yesterday afternoon. Lax won the 100-yard dash in the best time of 10.2 seconds, and he nabbed a second place in the 220 yards captured San Mateo's only first place as he took the shotput with a heave of 53 feet 3 inches.

The Piedmont Highlanders, racked up 24½ points, ended in second place, and the Mt. Diablo Red Devils were third with 21½. Richmond followed with 18, the Berkeley Rockets had 14, and Pacific Grove took sixth with 13½.

Ervin Karp of Hollister played a big part as his Class B squad captured the junior event with 23½ points. Karp tied the meet record of 8 seconds in the 75-yard dash, and knocked 3 seconds off the 150-yard record as he toured the distance in 15 flat.

IN JOSE SECOND

San Jose Bees trailed in second place with 15½ points. Pittsburg's rates had 14, Mt. Diablo and Sequoia High tied for fourth with 12½ points, and the Acalanes Dons completed the first six with 12½ points.

While no varsity meet records were broken, Don Brooks of Mt. Diablo won the high barriers in 15.2 and set a record in the 180-yard hurdles in 20.5. This was the first time the race was run at that distance, so Brooks' time automatically became a meet record.

Rayce Mason, leading the field in quarter-milers by a good 15 yards, on the 440 in 50.4 seconds, to tie the North Coast record which was set in 1935 by Cleary of Burlingame High School.

Besides Karp's new Class B marks, three other records fell. Phil Chapman of Acalanes set a new mark in the shotput by heaving the 8-pound ball to 53 feet 11½ inches. Charles Inniver of San Mateo cleared the bar in the high jump at 5 feet 7¼ inches to break the old mark by one-quarter of an inch.

RECORD IN RELAY

A fine display of teamwork and speed brought a Bee quarter-mile relay record to an Alameda Hornet quartet composed of Simeon Cortez, Tachio Takeda, Yas Sugiyama and Al Koby.

The old time of 46 seconds fell as the Alameda boys toured the quarter in 45.5 in the morning trials, and pared through the finals in the afternoon in 45 flat, leading the other relay teams by 18 yards.

Bob Barry of Carmel High, holder of the Class B record in the 1920, captured the mile varsity race in 33.2, showing a strong kick at the finish to easily beat out Richmond's Jack Kirkpatrick.

Kenny Butler of El Cerrito and Albany's Ken Nylander put up a terrific fight in the last 200 yards of the half-mile race, and Butler managed to snap the tape a few scant inches ahead of Nylander in the fine time of 2:01.9.

The 220-yard dash went to Bill Angan of Piedmont, two-year champion in the Alameda County Athletic League in 22.4 seconds, and his teammate, Ralph Millman captured the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 1 inch.

JOHNSON WINS DISCUS

John Henry Johnson of Pittsburg won the discus by sailing the platter out 130 feet, ¼ inch, and took a second-place tie in the high jump.

Berkeley's relay team snapped the tape in the half-mile race in 1:33.3, while the broad jump went to Gallagher of Vallejo with a leap of 21 feet, 5 inches.

The pole vault, which continued for 25 minutes after the rest of the meet had finished, proved to be the deciding event of the meet. Three vaulters were left in the event after the bar had been raised to 12 feet, 4 inches.

Piedmont's Tommy Adams, who ended in a second-place tie with Bob Culp of Berkeley, could have won the meet for the Highlanders by copping a first place in the event, the eight points he would have garnered would have put Piedmont ahead of San Mateo by 1½ points. But, George Matos of Pacific Grove was the only vaulter to clear the bar at 12 feet, 4 inches. He later tried for 13 feet, but failed to come close to the mark.

CLASS "A"	
1-San Mateo	27
2-Piedmont	24½
3-Mt. Diablo	21½
4-Richmond	18
5-Berkeley	14
6-Pacific Grove	13½
7-Pittsburg	14
8-Vallejo, Albany	tie 10
9-Carmel, Elcerrito, Hollister, Eureka	tie 8
10-Abramham Lineph	7½
11-Falo Alto	6
12-Acalanes, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa	tie 5
13-Mt. View, Tomales	tie 4
14-Alhambra, Hayward	tie 3
15-San Rafael	tie 2½
16-Jefferson, Salinas, San Jose	tie 2
17-Calistoga, Monterey, Sequoia	tie 1
18-Burlingame	½

CLASS "B"	
1-Hollister	24½
2-San Jose	18½
3-Pittsburg	14
4-Mt. Diablo, Sequoia	tie 13
5-Acalanes	12½
6-Mt. View	12
7-Monterey, San Mateo	tie 11
8-Richmond	10½
9-Alameda	10
10-Calistoga	10
11-Fremont, Piedmont	tie 8
12-King City	7
13-Santa Cruz	6
14-San Rafael	4
15-Burlingame, Pacific Grove, Vallejo	3
16-Tomales, Falo Alto, Santa Clara	tie 2
17-Alhambra, Campbell, El Cerrito, Petaluma, Salinas	tie 1