

# Blunt Will Lead San Diego Section Stars In State Track Finals At Los Angeles

**A Record Tumbles**



# Sensational Cougar Sweeps To Pair Of Swift Sprint Victories

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Led by Dave Blunt, Escondido High School's brilliant sprinter, the CIF's San Diego Section will send a strong squad against other track stars throughout California in the annual state meet at East Los Angeles Junior College Stadium next Saturday.

Blunt scored a blazing double in the San Diego Section's finals at Kearney High School Saturday to earn top honors in the meet, witnessed by an estimated 2,000 persons.

The Cougar senior flashed to victory in the 100-yard dash in a sensational 9.7 clocking, upsetting favored Curtis Meekins of Lincoln in the process, and came back to score an easy victory in the 220 in the sparkling time of 21 flat.

In addition to establishing himself as the county's best sprinter, Blunt managed a fifth in the broad jump and sped a torrid anchor lap to give Escondido a second in the 880-yard relay.

Blunt stole the show from such standouts as El Cajon's Mike Graves, San Diego's Lou White and Coronado's Scott Knox with his tremendous performance.

Graves cleared 14' - 3 1/2" to capture the pole vault handily. His mark ranks as the second best in the nation this season.

WHITE GLIDED to triumphs in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 180-yard low hurdles to become the only other double winner in varsity competition besides Blunt. He won the highs in a swift 14.5 and the lows in an equally fast 19.6.

Lincoln laid claim to the team title in varsity events by totaling 28 points. Runner-up San Diego had 22 points. Escondido

## Grid Injury Made Blunt Track Star

Had it not been for a painful shoulder injury incurred during football season last Fall, Escondido High School's Dave Blunt wouldn't rank as San Diego County's premier sprinter.

A baseball player for the past three years at EUHS, Blunt again planned to play the game on the Cougar varsity this season.

However, when he began working out for the sport Dave discovered he couldn't throw. There was a deep pain in his right shoulder, whenever he tried to throw a baseball.

An examination by his family doctor revealed the shoulder had been hurt during football. Dave confessed he felt a twinge of pain following the Hilltop game early in the campaign.

The doctor ordered Dave to rest the arm for six months and the rest of the story has nearly been told.

The 17-year-old senior, a fine competitor, decided to take up track when he learned he had to give up baseball. Cougar track coach Charles Bonebrake welcomed him with open arms since Dave displayed some blazing speed on the gridiron in the Fall.

Dave immediately stamped himself as one of the county's swiftest performers. Going thru the season without losing in the 100 or the 220, Dave sparked the Cougars to the Northern Division title in the Metro League.

His only setbacks all year were in the 100-yard dash at the Easter and National City relays at Sweetwater High School. He has yet to taste defeat in the 220. In addition, he was an excellent low hurdles performer and broad jumper for Bonebrake.

Next Saturday the fleet Cougar will lead the San Diego Section's squad into the state meet at East Los Angeles JC. He'll have to be at his best, tho, since his clockings of 9.7 in the 100 and 21.0 in the 220 don't match up to some of his competitors' times.

Dave can't be counted out entirely, however. He was by far the best sprinter in the San Diego Section's finals Saturday at Kearney High School and he has vowed to give some of the better-known athletes from the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas a battle,

finished fourth with 19 points, thanks to Blunt, who accounted for 17 of the markers personally.

Only first-place winners in the varsity competition will represent the section in the state meet. Bees and Cees concluded their seasons Saturday.

POINTS WERE awarded on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis for first thru fifth places. The top five athletes in each event were awarded medals.

Lincoln took a trophy for winning the varsity team title. Similar trophies went to Hoover and San Diego for hugging the Bee and Cee team championships respectively.

Blunt's 9.7 mark will not be a section record since there was a wind of 5.90 miles per hour blowing when he defeated favorite Meekins by more than a yard. Allowable wind for a record is 4.73 miles per hour.

HOWEVER, THE 17-year-old senior's 220 time will be listed as a new section record because there was a wind of only four miles per hour when he won that race by more than three yards, easily humbling Meekins.

Escondido coach Charles Bonebrake said both clockings will be school standards. Blunt established the previous EUHS records of 9.9 and 21.4 this season.

Altho he couldn't catch anchor man Meekins in the relay, Blunt ran a great leg. He took the baton in fifth place, 20 yards behind Meekins.

PUTTING ON A spurt of speed, Blunt passed three of the

runners as tho they were standing still. His anchor lap gave the Cougars a time of 1:30.7, another school record. Joining Blunt on the relay team were Dave Toler, John Radcliff and Ken Bartlett.

Blunt will be the only Cougar in the state meet. Hurdler Bartlett was the only other Cougar scoring points. He wound up fourth in the 120-yard highs with a time of 14.9.

Escondido had two other winners during the day. Jim Pritchard won the first-place medal in the Bee pole vault when he soared 12-11" for a section and school record. He cracked his own EUHS standard of 12'-6".

Rickey Kurtz won the other first place medal for the Cougars when he captured the Cee high jump with a leap of 5'-7 1/4", narrowly missing section and school marks.

THE EUHS BEES garnered seven points as Don Larabee chipped in with a fifth in the 660 and the Escondido Cees tied for fifth in their division with 11 points as Bob Good took third in the pole vault and Eddie Howard nabbed a fourth in the shot put.

Bartlett was sixth and out of the money in the 180 lows, but his time of 19.9 eclipsed the EUHS record of 20. His 14.9 effort also bettered the school mark of 15 flat, but Bonebrake said neither time would be recognized as a school record.

### COMPLETE SD SECTION RESULTS

**VARSIITY**  
 120 HH — White (San Diego), Davis (Lincoln), Gillaspie (Pt. Loma), Merino (Chula Vista), Richardson (Kearney), 14.5; 100 — Blunt (Escondido), Meekins (Lincoln), Alexander (Pt. Loma), Goodman (Lincoln), Parttridge (Mar Vista), 9.7; 880 — Rainey (Crawford), Lehtala (Sweetwater), Riley (Pt. Loma), Karachick (Clairemont), Garrison (Hoover), 1:58.8; 410 — Knox (Coronado), Steele (Pt. Loma), Godfrey (Clairemont), St. Louis (Clairemont), Greenwood (Lincoln), 49.2; 180 LH — White (San Diego), Blythe (San Diego), Davis (Lincoln), Bartlett (Escondido), Faucher (Mt. Miguel), 19.6; 220 — Blunt (Escondido), Meekins (Lincoln), Duke (Hoover), Goodman (Lincoln), Alexander (Pt. Loma), 21.0; Mile — DeBolt (Granite Hills), Coleman (Chula Vista), Jenkins (Snyder), Piew (Vista), Console (Crawford), 4:28.2; 880 Relay — Lincoln, Escondido, Mt. Miguel, Helix, Hoover, 1:28.5; Shot Put — Eved (Grossmont), Pottinger (Helix), Ross (El Capitan), Baser (Grossmont), Rice (Clairemont), 59'-7 1/4"; Pole Vault — Graves (El Cajon), tie for second between Ballard (El Cajon), Long (Pt. Loma), Day (Mt. Miguel) and Pratt (Ramona), 14'-3 1/2"; High Jump — Jones (Grossmont), Baker (Grossmont), tie for third between Arnold (El Capitan), Scott (Lincoln) and Kraecht (Coronado), 4'-2 1/4"; Broad Jump — King (San Diego), Hamilton (Kearney), Roberson (Grossmont), Weeden (Mission Bay), Blunt (Escondido), 22'-3 1/4"; Prop. Step and Jump (Exhibition) — Propp (Mt. Miguel), Bullock (Kearney), Merino (Chula Vista), Carrier (Pt. Loma), Burnett (Army-Navy), 41'-1 1/4"; Discus (Exhibition) — Watson (Oceanside), Ross (El Capitan), Burnett (Helix), Bradbury (Grossmont), Callender (Mission Bay), 131'-11 1/2".  
 Team Scoring: Lincoln 28, San Diego 22, Grossmont 21, Escondido 18, Pt. Loma 17, Clairemont 8, Coronado 8, Mt. Miguel 8, Crawford 7, El Cajon 7, Chula Vista 6, Sweetwater 6, Granite Hills 6, El Capitan 5, Kearney 5, Helix 4, Hoover 4, Snyder 3, Ramona 2, Mission Bay 2, Mar Vista 1.

**BEES**  
 70 HH — Logans (San Diego), Case (Kearney), Green (Crawford), Gunnon (Mar Vista), Bombier (La Jolla), 8.9; 100 — Stark (Hoover), Adams (Grossmont), Sanford (San Diego), Agsten (Hoover), Cotiakh, (Kearney), 9.9; 660 — Ligenfelder (Helix), Cooney (Chula Vista), Hayes (Mt. Miguel), Gamel (La Jolla), Larrabee (Escondido), 1:26.5; 120 LH — Logans (San Diego), Miller (Lincoln), Case, (Kearney), Young (Mar Vista), Gunnon (Mar Vista), 13.5; 220 — Agsten (Hoover), Stark (Hoover), Adams (Grossmont), Cooney (Kearney), Peraza (Lincoln), 21.8; 1520 — O'Gannor (Grossmont), Monahan (Grossmont), Battle (El Capitan), Ryder (Mt. Miguel), Langford (Helix), 3:15.0; 660 Relay — Hoover, Lincoln, Sweetwater, Mar Vista, El Cajon, 1:06.7; Shot Put — Benter (Grossmont), Seymore (La Jolla), Vittor (Granite Hills), Allison (La Jolla), Marekwardt (Pt. Loma), 53'-1 1/4"; Pole Vault — Pritchard (Escondido), Perkins (El Capitan), Johnson (Vista), Napier (La Jolla), Dunn (El Capitan), 12'-11"; High Jump — tie for first between Green (Coronado) and Cunningham (La Jolla) tie for third between Halderman (Grossmont), Munson (La Jolla), Coker (Mt. Miguel), Jacobs (Mt. Miguel) and Gilmore (Helix), 5'-10"; Broad Jump — Belcher (Lincoln), Cortado (Chula Vista), Logans (San Diego), Kennedy (Lincoln), Sugioka (Mar Vista), 22".  
 Team Scoring: Hoover 31, Grossmont 23, San Diego 18, La Jolla 17, El Cajon 17, Kearney 10, Chula Vista 8, Crawford 8, El Capitan 8, Mar Vista 8, Mt. Miguel 7 2/5, Escondido 7, Granite Hills 4 1/5, Sweetwater 3, Vista 3, Helix 1 1/5, El Cajon 1, Pt. Loma 1.

**CEES**  
 100 — Dixon (San Diego), Urbach (Crawford), Gibson (Lincoln), Esig (Carlsbad), Westover (Mt. Miguel), 10.2; 660 — Wallace (Vista), Creason (Grossmont), Thompson (Pt. Loma), Juarez (Kearney), Bryant (Chula Vista), 1:28.7; 120 LH — Bruce (Crawford), Matthews (El Cajon), Yarus (Granite Hills), Estaville (El Cajon), Sugiyama (Lincoln), 14.1; 180 — Dixon (San Diego), Urbach (Crawford), Bishop (San Diego), Esig (Carlsbad), Collins (Grossmont), 18.2; 1820 — Hack (Helix), Kennedy (Pt. Loma), Dana-ford (Hilltop), Coffman (Kearney), Westover (San Diego), 3:16.2; 440 Relay — San Diego, Crawford, Lincoln, Sweetwater, Pt. Loma, 45.3; Shot Put — Warner (Mission Bay), Leah (Mt. Miguel), Belchamber (Mt. Miguel), Howard (Escondido), Polos (Grossmont), 82'-4"; Pole Vault — Aichlman (El Capitan), Standefor (Grossmont), Good (Escondido), Zimmerman (Granite Hills) tie for fifth between Darnell (Helix) and Hawkins (El Capitan), 12"; High Jump — Surtz (Escondido), Darnell (Helix), Jones (Vista), Watkins (Pt. Loma), Malloy (San Diego), 5'-7 1/4"; Broad Jump — Limerick (San Diego), Gibson (Lincoln), Schaefor (Pt. Loma), Miller (Lincoln), Salvatoro (Grossmont), 20'-1 1/4".  
 Team Scoring: Crawford 29, Pt. Loma 13, Lincoln 13, San Diego 12, Escondido 11, Grossmont 11, Vista 9, El Cajon 8 1/2, Mt. Miguel 8, Mission Bay 8, Helix 8, Carlsbad 5, Hoover 4 1/2, Kearney 4, Carlsbad 4, El Cajon 4, Hilltop 3, Sweetwater 2, Chula Vista 1.