

SCVAL is several steps ahead of SPAL in track and field

The Santa Clara Valley and South Peninsula Athletic League meet for the first time in track this season Friday night at Fremont High School in the North Coast Section Group II meet.

The SCVAL should win in a rout and Los Altos of the SCVAL probably will score twice as many points as Carlmont, the SPAL champ.

Taking the results of the SCVAL meet at Fremont Friday night and comparing them with the results of the SPAL meet at Stanford Friday afternoon, it's the SCVAL all the way.

The only two events the SCVAL would win would be the pole vault and the high jump.

WIND HELPED

The SCVAL times Friday night were not a true indication in some events because of a strong wind that aided sprinters and hurdlers.

But Al Rockwell of Carlmont, the SPAL hurdles champ, can't match either Bob Stoecker of Los Altos or Tyler Wilkins of Mountain View in the highs, and can't come close to Bob Feero of Los Altos in the lows.

In the weight events, the margin is even greater. The best shot putter in the SPAL is Tim Johnson of San Carlos with a throw of 50-4.

NOT EVEN A PLACE

That wouldn't have earned Johnson a place in the SCVAL finals Friday night. Randy Schneider of Los Altos won with a throw of 60-4¼. All six qualifiers from the SCVAL meet did better than Johnson.

Stoecker set a national discus mark of 195-4 and the second, third, fourth and fifth men all threw farther than SPAL champ Bob Twelvetrees of Palo Alto.

SPAL followers might as well watch the pole vault. That's where the league is the strongest.

Stoecker's 195-4 Sets Record

Los Altos' Bob Stoecker broke the national discus record at the Santa Clara Valley high school track finals last night at Sunnyvale.

The 215 pound senior threw the plate 195 feet 4 inches in the trials, breaking the old mark of 194-5, held by Karl Johnstone of North Phoenix High in Arizona.

Santa Clara League Results

880 — Burton (LA), Finstead (MV), Pennington (Buc), 1:57.1.
Shot Put — Schneider (LA), Wilhelm (Fre), Stoecker (LA), 60-4½.
120 HH — Stoecker (LA), Feero (LA), Wilkins (MV), 14.6.
100 — Lamb (LA), Figueroa (Sunn), McElroy (AH), 9.8.
Broad Jump — Moran (Sunn), Sparar (LG), Coy (LA), 22.9.
Discus — Stoecker (LA), Schneider (LA), Wilkins (MV), 195-4.
220 — Frost (LA), Figueroa (Sunn), Duran (Cup), 21.6.
1 Mile — Hylton (Pio), Graham (LA), Berrv (LA), 4:26.7.
180 LH — Feero (LA), Wohler (LA), McCall (Buc), 19.5.
440 — Duran (Cup), Medina (AH), Ross (Fre), 49.2.
880 Relay — Los Altos, Andrew Hill, Buchser, 1:29.8.
Team's Placed: (no official scoring) Andrew Hill, Mt. View, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Pioneer, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, Buchser, Fremont.

Los Altos wins SCVAL track meet

By DICK O'CONNOR

Bob Stoecker of Los Altos High School set a new national high school discus record with a throw of 195-4 in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League track and field meet at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale Friday.

Stoecker's throw betters the listed national record of 194-5 set in 1959 by Karl Johnstone of North Phoenix (Ariz.) High School.

According to meet director Tom Cureton of Fremont the throw will be submitted for official recognition.

The field is regulation and a steel tape was used to measure the throw.

Stoecker's throw came in the afternoon trials. It was the only

time during the day that he got past the 190 foot mark. One other throw — in the evening finals — reached 188 feet.

Stoecker, who weighs 220 pounds, was the individual star of a meet that was loaded with outstanding performances.

He also won the high hurdles in a wind-blown 14.6 and was third to teammate Randy Schneider in the shot put.

There was no official team scoring kept but had there been, Los Altos would have won in a rout. The Knights put on the finest team performance in the history of the SCVAL—and its an old league — by winning eight of the 12 events that were contested.

Tom Burton, Los Altos half-miler, won in 1:57.1 in a sizzling

battle with Bill Finstad of Mountain View. Finstad was timed in 1:57.5.

Other winners for Los Altos were Schneider in the shot put (60-4½), Bill Frost in the 220 (21.6), Walt Lamb in the 100-yard dash (9.8), Bob Feero in the low hurdles (19.5), and the Knight relay team.

In the relay Los Altos did 1:29.8, the first time any SCVAL team ever has gone under the 1:30 mark. On the team were Lamb, Dave Wohler, Bill Frost and Tom Thomas.

A cold but strong wind aided the sprinters and hurdlers so times in those events will not be considered records.

However, in the 440-yard dash, Jim Duran of Cupertino showed the form that got him to the

state meet last year by winning in 49.2. He edged Ray Medina of Hill.

In Class B, host Fremont gave the crowd of 2,000 something to shout about with six wins.

Sophomore Rich Mahan won the dashes in 7.7 and 14.9 and anchored the winning relay team. Other Fremont winners were Rod Weaver in the 330, Jun Kusaba in the broad jump and Gary Lackey in the pole vault.

The top six men in each event qualify for the North Coast Section Group II meet at Fremont Saturday night.

The results:

Pole vault—Fosdick (H), Miller (LA), Steengraff (AL), Kamrar (LA), Rideout (Cu), Smith (P), 12-6.

880—Burton (LA), Finstad (MV), Pennington (Bu), Ayres (SC), Schroeder (Bu), Whitehead (H), 1:57.1.

120 high hurdles—Stoecker (LA), Feero (LA), Wilkins (MV), Henry (Ay), McCall (Bu), Welch (I), 14:6.

Broad jump—Moran (S), Sparrer (LG), Coy (LA), Peralta (SC), Hunken (P), McDonnell (DM), 22-9.

Shot put—Schneider (LA) 60-4¼, Wilhelm (F), Stoecker (LA), Wilkins (MV), D. Marks (Bu), Brannen (LG), 60-4¼.

100—Lamb (LA), Figueroa (S), McElroy (H), Shellarberger (Bu), Peralta (SC), Lavigne (Ay), 9.8.

Discus—Stoecker (LA), Schneider (LA), Wilkins (MV), Zagar (LA), Womack (Camp), White (Ay), 195-4.

220—Frost (LA), Figueroa (S), Duran (Cuper), Shellarberger (Bu), Medina (H), Reed (DM), 21.6.

440—Duran (Cuper), Medina (H), Ross (F), Bower (H), Marquez (MV), Lyons (P), 49.2.

Mile—Hylton (P), Graham (LA), Berry (LA), Ryan (W), Carter (W), Lloyd (W), 4:26.7.

180 low hurdles—Feero (LA), Wohler (LA), McCall (Bu), Henry (Ay), Gibbons (Camp), McClung (S), 19.5.

Qualifiers in high jump, 5-7—Anderson (LA), Sidensol (DM), Shook (Sara), Lowe (AW), Gee (LG), Edwards (LA).

880 relay—Los Altos, Andrew Hill, Buchser, Cupertino, Del Mar, Mountain View, 1:29.8.