

Masters Surges To Two Wins



RON AUGER
Happy Youth Champ

By ALAN McALLISTER
Reacting for that intangible something extra that distinguishes top-flight performers, Dave Masters came from behind twice to win both sprints and lead 12 Carole High to the team championship at the 22nd North Coast Section Track and Field meet yesterday at Pittsburg.

The 88 and 111 victories in windy Parke Stadium over watery-eyed Mel Gray, the Montgomery marvel who has tied the listed national interscholastic 100-yard dash record, kept Masters undefeated this season as well as giving the Gauchos 18 of their 21 points.

Pittsburg, with senior Ross Cardinelli clocking a record-breaking 1:22.2 to beat teammate Howard Carter for the

first time ever in the half mile, finished second with 23 points.

Twotime 400 champion's Clarence Taylor, who also placed third in the 200, anchored Richmond to a 1:22.644 400 relay record and third spot in the team standings with 21 points.

Other highlights from the qualifying meet for this week-end's race championships included a 15:18 pole vault by Ron Auger of Castro Valley, a 4:22.8 mile by Mt. Diablo's Mike Jahn and an insight runner who placed fifth in the two-mile.

Masters got off fast in both the 88 and 111, but was overtaken by Gray.

The blood Gaucher pulled ahead the 60-yard mark in the century and regained the lead

with some 20 yards to go. In the farlong Gray pulled in front coming out of the turn, and again Dave turned on the juice to regain the lead 20 yards from the tape.

"He's tough," Masters later explained, revealing that Gray has been bothered by hay fever all week and "could barely see" on the dusty track.

Cardinelli finally "ran his own race", according to meet director Ray Krueg, in turn in the second fastest 400 time ever by an Eastbay prep.

After a 55.5 first leg, compared to Carter's 54-flat, Cardinelli began his move from fourth place in the backstretch. He caught Carter heading into the final stretch and was going away.

Carter equaled his winning

time of last week, while his teammates sliced 2.3 seconds off his previous best. Ray Thompson of Mt. Eden, Ed Coonan's John Spruel and Larry Nicholas of Tennesson all posted their best marks.

Taylor, who reportedly ran just last enough to win, overcame a fast start by Rich Hofert of Piedmont for a repeat in the quarter. The Otter's 48.4 mark was his fastest this season by 1.4 seconds.

Auger's winning vault makes him the Eastbay's third best ever, advancing him from sixth place with a prior 12-7 1/2. He cleared 12 feet on his last try, but made 12-4 and the winning height on his first attempt.

Taylor, never worse than third, regained the lead at the start of the gun leg. He ran

1.3 seconds faster than his previous best to just make the all-time list.

The two-mile found top-rated Rick Swanson of St. Mary's failing to place and early leader Tom Plumb of Ygnacio Valley dropping out after seven laps, but Pat's Eddie Peto was second in a best-ever 8:17.1.

Jim Knight of San Lorenzo, who failed to qualify last week, jumped into the 15-2000 field and placed fifth in 2:47.2 before officials disqualified him. A 18:02 time last week was "no way to end a season," he explained.

Larry Bauerberger of DeAnza won the high hurdles but failed to make the final in the low. He's been weak from a bronchial infection, coach Vern Hall revealed.

Results of NCS Track

VARSITY FINALS

HIGH HURDLES: 1, Larry Rosenberger, DeAnza, 14.6; 2, Phil Webb, Pacifica, 14.6; 3, Jerry Johnson, Santa Rosa, 14.7; 4, Lowell Harris, Terra Linda, 14.7; 5, Roddy Lee, El Cerrito, 14.7.

880: 1, Ross Cardinali, Pittsburg, 1:52.9 (new NCS record; old, 1:53.2; Jerry Talon, Serra, 1966); 2, Howard Carter, Pittsburg, 1:54.5; 3, Ray Thompson, Mt. Eden, 1:55.0; 4, John Sproul, El Cerrito, 1:55.5; 5, Larry Nicholas, Tennyson, 1:56.2.

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DISCUS: 1, Jon Donlon, Miramonte, 165-10; 2, Jim Peterson, Las Lomas, 159-10; 3, Steve Acheson, Arroyo, 158-3; 4, Doug Adams, Liberty, 157-0 1/2; 5, Lou Nova, Serra, 153-11.

TWO MILE: 1, Bernie Lahde, St. Francis, 9:26.7; 2, Eddie Pena, Pittsburg, 9:27.3; 3, Jack Nelson, Arcata, 9:29.7; 4, Roger Olpin, Ygnacio Valley, 9:30.1; 5, Ray Shearer, Berkeley, 10:00.5.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Bruce Washbhrn, Miramonte, 6-2; 2, Ken Bdrnside, San Ramon, 6-2; 3, Rich Whipple, McKinleyville, 6-2; 4, Al Cowart, El Cerrito, 6-2; 5, Rich Meppen, Antioch, 6-2.

LOW HURDLES: 1, Jerry Johnson, Santa Rosa, 19.9 (new NCS record for turn; breaks 20.2 record established by Terry Trumbly, Campolindo and equaled by Jim Wharton, Mt. Diablo, in trials); 2, Buzz Whalen, Del Valle, 20.0; 3, Carey Williams, Berkeley, 20.0; 4, Terry Trumbly, Campolindo, 20.1; 5, Jim Wharton, Mt. Diablo, 20.2.

220: 1, Dave Masters, El Cerrito, 21.2; 2, Mel Gray, Montgomery, 21.3; 3, Clarence Taylor, Richmond, 21.6; 4, Paul Guillory, St. Mary's, 21.7; 5, Ron Williams, Ellis, 22.1.

MILE: 1, Mike Isola, Mt. Diablo, 4:19.9; 2, Bruce Fontenrose, Ygnacio Valley, 4:22.90; 3, George Alfaro, Pittsburg, 4:25.4; 4, Stan Maxfield, El Molino, 4:25.5; 5, Mark Donnell, Alameda, 4:27.6.

SHOT PUT: 1, Rich Gooch, Alhambra, 57-11; 2, Barry Gurvitz, Piedmont, 55-11 1/4; 3, Gene Hansen, Pleasant Hill, 55-9 1/2; 4, Marsh Henderson, Las Lomas, 55-3 1/2; 5, Rolin Luka, Ygnacio Valley, 55-0 3/4.

LONG JUMP 1/2: 1, Stan Murphy, Berkeley, 23-1; 2, Mel Gray, Montgomery, 22-11 1/2; 3, Phil Webb, Pacifica, 22-10; 4, Tim Todd, Castro Valley, 22-4 1/4; 5, Tom Scheer, Albany, 22-3 3/4.

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POLE VAULT: 1, Ron Auger, Castro Valley, 13-10; 2, John Balmforth, El Cerrito, 13-4; 3, Rick Silva, DeAnza, 13-0; 4, Ron Melot, Liberty, 13-0; 5, Bob Gibb, DeAnza, 13-0.

TEAM SCORES (8-5-3-2-1): El Cerrito 31; Pittsburg 24; Richmond 21; Montgomery 18; Miramonte 16; Santa Rosa 14; DeAnza 12; Mt. Diablo 12; Berkeley 11; Castro Valley 10; Piedmont 10; Pacifica 9; Alhambra 8; Ygnacio Valley 8; St. Francis 8; Las Lomas 7; Del Valle 5; San Ramon 5; Liberty 4; Arroyo 3; Ellis 3; Mt. Eden 3; Pleasant Hill 3; Arcata 3; McKinleyville 3; Campolindo 2; St. Mary's 2; El Molino 2; Terra Linda 2; Alameda 1; Albany 1; Antioch 1; Tennyson 1; Hogan 1; Serra 1.

VARSITY TRIALS

High hurdles: Heat 1—1, Larry Rosenberger, DeAnza, 14.9; 2, Roddy Lee, El Cerrito, 15.0; 3, Carey Williams, Berkeley, 15.0; 4, Bruce Rowell, Mt. Diablo, 15.1. Heat 2—1, Jerry Johnson, Santa Rosa, 14.7; 2, Phil Webb, Pacifica, 14.7; 3, Lowell Harris, Terra Linda, 14.8; 4, Buzz Whalen, Del Valle, 15.1.

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Nelson, Ellis, 10.4.

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880 Relay: Heat 1 — 1, Montgomery, 1:30.9; 2, Ellis, 1:31.2; 3, Hogan, 1:31.2; 4, California School for Deaf, 1:32.1. Heat 2—1, Richmond, 1:28.3; 2, El Cerrito, 1:28.7; 3, Santa Rosa, 1:29.1; 4, Berkeley, 1:31.1.

Class B Finals

Discus: 1, Jan Kilbuck, Las Lomas, 133-6; 2, Sandoval, Logan, 132-0; 3, Price, Antioch, 128-4; 4, Dunham, Ygnacio Valley, 121-7 1/2; 5, Larson, Terra Linda, 120-1.

Long jump: 1, Don Hearn, Richmond, 20-11; 2, Horton, Richmond, 20-10; 3, Rowland, San Rafael, 20-8 3/4; 4, Davis, Vallejo, 20-7; 5, Brown, Hogan, 20-5 1/4.

Shot put: 1, Jan Kilbuck, Las Lomas, 49-9; 2, Udall, Pliner, 47-2 3/4; 3, Burnworth, Ygnacio Valley, 46-11; 4, Ayers, Ygnacio Valley, 46-1; 5, Briggs, Arroyo, 45-11 1/2.

Pole vault: 1, Dave Higley, Miramonte, 12-4 (new NCS record; old, 12-3 1/2, Rich Silva, DeAnza, 1966); 2, Kring, Hillview Junior High (Pittsburg), 12-0; 3, Woods, Pleasant Hill, 12-0; 4, Godwin, Richmond, 11-6; 5, Tie, Hampton, Berkeley, Stinson, Washington and Kirkpatrick, Napa, 11-0.

High jump: 1, Gary Noy, Monte Vista, 5-10; 2, Holland, El Cerrito, 5-10; 3, Wallace, Hogan, 5-8; 4, Beaty, Mt. Diablo, 5-8; 5, Cooks, Vallejo, 5-8.

70 High hurdles: 1, Kirk Davis, Berkeley, 9-2; 2, Scott, Pittsburg, 9-4; 3, Wesley, Pittsburg, 9-4; 4, Morrison, Vallejo, 9-5; 5, Butler, Central Junior High (Pittsburg), 9-6.

880: 1, Dorn Freeman, Ygnacio Valley, 1:59.4 (automatic NCS record; new event); 2, Peverill, Granada, 2:00.8; 3, Huggins, Acalanes, 2:00.8; 4, Wood, El Cerrito, 2:01.0; 5, Zamora, Antioch, 2:01.6.

100: 1, Carlos Matos, Liberty, 10.2 (ties NCS record by Wes Dickson, Montgomery, 1966); 2, F. Finks, Pittsburg, 10.2; 3, Hand, Napa, 10.2; 4, Davis, Vallejo, 10.6; 5, Peterson, San Rafael, 10.6.

440: 1, Carlos Matos, Liberty, 30.2 (new NCS record; old, 31.4, Roosevelt Williams, Richmond, 1966); 2, Barr, Marina, 31.1; 3, Burris, Antioch, 31.2; 4, Smith, Richmond, 31.4; 5, Texara, Miramonte, 31.5.

Two Mile: 1, Ben Florez, Mt. Eden, 9:58.9 (automatic NCS record; new event); 2, Hansen, Ygnacio Valley, 9:59.7; 3, Kuefner, Tennyson, 10:04.0; 4, Blanchard, Vallejo, 10:05.1; 5, Williams, Clayton Valley, 10:06.7.

180 low hurdles: 1, Kirk Davis, Berkeley, 21.2; 2, Rowland, San Rafael, 1.3; 3, Daniel, Richmond, 21.9; 4, Butler, Central, 21.9; 5, Haws, Ygnacio Valley, 22.0.

220: 1, Bill Burris, Antioch, 23.0; 2, Davis, Vallejo, 23.0; 3, Peterson, San Rafael, 23.0; 4, Urbano, Hogan, 23.2; 5, Henry, Redwood Junior High, 23.3.

Mile: 1, Buck Black, Pittsburg, 4:28.1 (automatic NCS record; new event); 2, Mullins, Ferndale, 4:32.4; 3, Wall, Campolindo, 4:35.5; 4, Sale, Del Valle, 4:36.5; 5, Goodrow, Santa Rosa, 4:40.2.

440 Relay: 1, Hogan, 44.5; 2, Pittsburg, 44.5; 3, Vallejo, 44.6; 4, El Cerrito, 44.6; 5, Richmond, 44.6.

Team scores: Pittsburg 26; Ygnacio Valley 21; Richmond 21; Vallejo 17; Berkeley 16 1-3; Las Lomas 16; Liberty 16; Antioch 15; Hogan 14; San Rafael 12; El Cerrito 9; Miramonte 9; Monte Vista 8; Mount Eden 8; Granada 5; Logan 5; Marina 5; Hillview Junior High (Pittsburg) 5; Pliner 5; Ferndale 5; Napa 3 1-3; Acalanes 3; Campolindo 3; Pleasant Hill 3; Tennyson 3; Central Junior High (Pittsburg) 3; Del Valle 2; Mt. Diablo 2; Arroyo 1; Clayton Valley 1; Santa Rosa 1; Terra Linda 1; Redwood Junior High 1; Washington 1-3.

El Cerrito to Track Victory

By BOB SPRENGER

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Make no mistake, El Cerrito's Dave Masters is for real.

The U. of California-bound blond bomber whipped up a pair of sizzling victories in the sprints over arch-rival Mel Gray and led El Cerrito's Gauchos to the 53rd North Coast Section track and field championship on wind-whipped Pirate Stadium in Pittsburg yesterday.

Masters, a 5 foot 9 inch smooth-running senior who now must rate the favorite in next weekend's CIF State Meet in San Diego, made believers out of any skeptics when he came from behind in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes to edge Gray, the hard-working athlete from Santa Rosa's Montgomery High.

Despite a bothersome wind that blew stiff into all the straightaway races and hampered all but one record-breaking assault, it was still a whale of a show.

High on the list was an 880 victory by Ross Cardinalli, an unheralded senior from Pittsburg who provided the only record of the day when he passed up teammate Howard Carter in the final stretch and breezed home in 1:52.9.

Richmond's Clarence Taylor came within two-tenths of a second of tying the North Coast 440 record when he caught and passed favored Rich Hefren of Piedmont on the final turn to capture first in 48.4 seconds.

Mt. Diablo's steady Mike Isola turned in one of his best mile races of the season

when he led from start to finish and coasted home three seconds ahead of Ygnacio Valley sophomore Bruce Fotenrose in 4:19.9.

There were four upsets registered with Berkeley's Stan Murphy surprising Gray in the long jump with a leap of 23-1 into the wind, St. Francis' Bernie Lahde winning the two mile in an all-time best of 9:26.7; a best-ever pole vault of 13-10 by Castro Valley's Ron Auger, and Richmond taking the half mile relay with Taylor pulling off a swift anchor-leg to ward off El Cerrito and Montgomery's fast-charging Gray.

The major disappointments came in the two mile where NorCal favorites Rick Swenson (St. Mary's) and Tom Plumb (Ygnacio Valley) were non-qualifiers, and in the 180 yard low hurdles where DeAnza's Larry Rosenberger and El Cerrito's Roddy Lee ran unplaced in the morning trials.

Rosenberger made up for his failure and gained a State Meet berth by capturing the 120 yard high hurdles in 14.6. But, Lee, the only prep to defeat Rosenberger this year, finished a non-qualifying fifth.

Even without Lee's expected points, Hale Roach's Gauchos managed to compile enough points on Masters' victories, a second in the 880 relay, a second by John Balmforth in the pole vault and a fourth by Al Cowart in the high jump to edge Ray Kring's Pittsburg Pirates for first place.

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