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EVANS TRIUMPHS

Tommie Upset In S.D. Meet

SAN DIEGO — San Jose State's Lee Evans came through and Tommie Smith of the Santa Clara Youth Village didn't in Saturday's Champions Track and Field Meet.

Evans captured the 440 in 45.8, but Smith was upset while finishing a close second behind Jim Hines of the Houston Striders in the 220, with both runners being timed in 20.3.

George Young overcame a midweek illness to outkick Australian Ron Clarke and clip over three seconds off the

American two-mile record in one of the afternoon's features.

Young, a Casa Grande, Ariz., schoolteacher, ran the second fastest two-mile in history — 8:22.0. He bettered the mark of 8:25.2 set by Jim Ryun and Jim Grelle in 1966, and was just 2.2 seconds off Clark's world record.

Young, who'll be 31 next month, took the lead from Clarke at the start of the last lap, and outdistanced the veteran Aussie with a 58-second last quarter.

There were no other U.S. or world records set in the nationally televised meet.

In the 220 event, Smith protested the race because he thought he had won. He refused to appear on the victory stand, saying he wanted to look at the television picture of the race.

Smith holds the world record for 220 yards at 20 seconds flat.

Hurdler Earl McCullough and sprinter Charlie Greene scored easy victories but were well off their world record times.

McCullough, of the University of Southern California, won the 120 high hurdles in 13.6, four tenths slower than the world mark. Ron Copeland of the Southern California Striders upset Willie Davenport to finish second at 13.8. Davenport was timed in 13.9.

Greene, University of Nebraska graduate student, sped to a 9.3 victory in the century, defeating arch rival Hines by about two feet. Hines also was timed in 9.3, with the U.S. Army's Mel Pender third in 9.5.

Randy Matson of the Houston Striders won the shot put with a toss of 68-7½, well short of his world mark of 71-5½.

Evans won the 440 by edging Arizona State's Ron Freeman, 45.9, and Vince Mathews of Johnson C. Smith University, 45.9.

Discus—1, Jay Silvester, unattached, 205-7. 2, Jon Cole, Pacific Coast Club, 193-1. 3, Rink Babka, unattached, 189-1. 4, Ed Cohler, Southern California Striders, 169-4.

100—1, Charlie Greene, unattached, 9.3. 2, Jim Hines, Houston Striders, 9.3. 3, Mel Pender, U.S. Army, 9.5. No fourth.

Mile—1, Tim Danielson, San Diego Track Club, 4:02.1. 2, Andre De Hertoghe, Belgium, 4:02.9. 3, Tom Von Ruden, U.S. Army, 4:03.0. 4, Jose Neri, Mexico, no time.

440—1, Lee Evans, San Jose State, 45.8. 2, Ron Freeman, Arizona State, 45.9. 3, Vince Mathews, Johnson, C. Smith College, 45.9. 4, Dave Morton, Texas, no time.

Long jump—11, Bob Beamon, Houston Striders, 26-9¾. 2, Gayle Hopkins, unattached, 26.2. 3, Ralph Boston, SC Striders, 25-6½. 4, Phil Shinnick, SC Striders, 25-6¼.

120 high—1, Earl McCullough, USC, 13.6. 2, Ron Copeland, SC Striders, 13.8. 3, Willie Davenport, Houston Striders, 13.9. No fourth.

Shotput—1, Randy Matson, Houston Striders, 68-7½. 2, George Woods, Pacific Coast, 63-8¼. 3, Carl Sabo, Kansas Fresh, 61-10. 4, Jon Cole, Pacific Coast Club, 59-8¾.

220—1, Jim Hines, Houston Striders, 20.3. 2, Tommie Smith, Santa Clara Youth Village, 20.3. 3, John Carlos, SCVV, 20.5. No fourth.

Two mile—1, George Young, unattached, 8:22.0. 2, Ron Clarke, Australia, 8:22.5. 3, Pat Traynor, U.S. Air Force, 8:32.6. 4, Kerry Pearce, U. of Texas at E. Paso, 8:35.6. American record, old mark 8:25.2 by Jim Ryun, Kansas, and Jim Grelle, Multnomah Athletic Club, May 13, 1966.

880—1, George Hunt, Houston Striders, 1:48.4. 2, Tom Farrell, U.S. Army, 1:49.0. 3, John Perry, U.S. Marines, 1:49.2.

Pole vault—1, Bob Season, Southern Cal., 16-6. 2, Chris Papanicolaou, San Jose State, 16-0. 3, Erkki Mustakari, Fresno State, 16-0. 4, Dick Railsback, unattached, 15-6.