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Villanova University's mile and two mile relay teams have entered the 42nd West Coast Relays to be run on May 10th and 11th in Fresno's Ratcliffe Stadium.

The quartets recently ran a 3:06.1 for the mile relay and 7:21.8 for the two mile.

In the two mile relay race, the Villanova foursome will face a Kansas University team that will be anchored by the great Jim Ryun.

Jim Elliott, Villanova coach says he feels that his charges can set World records in both events.

World records for the events are 3:02.8 for the mile and 7:16.0 for the two mile.

The Villanova Wildcat teams and splits are:

In the mile relay - Hardge Davis (47.6), Harry Nichter (47.2), Ken Prince (47.4) and Larry James (43.9).

In the two mile relay - Craig Nation (1:50.1), Charley Messenger (1:49.6), Frank Murphy (1:49.1) and Dave Patrick (1:45.6).

In the latter race, Patrick will face Ryun in what should be one of track history's great anchor races. Ryun has a 1:44.9, eight-eighty, to his credit.

Cornelius Dutch Warmerdam, WCR director says, "With these two great teams running on the fast Ratcliffe Stadium track, a World record in the event is a distinct possibility."



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HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

The High School High Jump record in the 42nd annual West Coast Relays will be in great jeopardy Friday afternoon, May 11, 1968, when 5-10, Otis Hailey, a junior from Wasco High School takes his turn going over the bar.

Hailey in a prior meet has jumped 7 foot one and one quarter inch, for a new interscholastic mark.

The present WCR record holder is Jim Flynn, of Roosevelt High School (Fresno) with a jump of 6'8" back in 1966.

A new event has been added to the High School class this year - a Two Mile Run which is open to all high schools. The National Interscholastic record is 7:35.6.

The four best entry times are held by Robert Yslas, Madera, 9:13.7; Arvid Kretz, Mills, 9:18.0; Rich Jurgens, Mills, 9:24.0 and Rich Hitchcock, North Bakersfield, 9:24.0.

The Sprint Medley, High Schools under 1,500 students, is also in danger as Campolindo has run a 3:29.7. The WCR record is 3:32.8. Also pushing for the record will be Lemoore, 3:33.6; Pittsburg, 3:34.0; Antioch, 3:34.3; and Sanger, 3:34.6.

The Class A 440 Relay record could change this year as the WCR record is 42.5 and the following schools have already bettered that mark this season: Bakersfield, 42.0; South Bakersfield, 42.1; Merced, 42.1 and Edison, 42.4.

The Class B 440 Relay is venerable as six teams have either improved or equaled the WCR record of 44.1. The teams are: Washington Union, 43.0; Antioch, 43.3 and Pittsburg, 43.5.

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WCR 2-2-2 (5/8/68)

The High School Mile Relay record also might change this year as some schools have run close to WCR record of 3:18.2. The schools are: Berkeley, 3:20.1; Richmond, 3:20.8; Oakland Technical, 3:21.2; Campolindo, 3:23.3; McLane, 3:23.5 and Merced, 3:23.8.

The final event of the possible seven new record events that could change is the Pole Vault. The WCR current record is 13'9 1/4 inches. The following boys have already bettered that mark: Steve Schlosser, Lemoore, 14' 1/4"; Mike Ray, Lemoore, 14' 1/2"; Tim Harrington, Bullard, 14'1"; Steve Hardison, Roosevelt, 14'9 1/2"; Mike Kelley, McLane, 14'10" and Steve Reutherford, Fresno, 14'11 1/2".

The High School events will start at 4 P.M. on Friday with the first heat of the 120 High Hurdles.

All High School athletes will be vying for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the WCR Outstanding High School Athlete Award.

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The Southern California Junior Colleges should dominate the Junior College Section of the 42nd Annual West Coast Relays this Friday and Saturday, May 10th and 11th in Fresno's Ratcliffe Stadium.

The first JC event will be the Distance Medley Relay for schools under 2,000 enrollment, scheduled for 3:26 P.M. on Friday afternoon. The balance of the Junior College program will be held Saturday starting at 12:30 P.M.

In the Open Distance Medley Relay, Pierce College has the best time, in the state, of 10:04.4. Pierce is followed by Modesto at 10:04.7; Pasadena, 10:06.9 and American River, 10:07.4.

The 120 Yard J C High Hurdles National J C and WCR record is 13.6 and Herman Franklin, Los Angeles Harbor, has run a best of 13.8. He is followed by Tyron Dutton, Los Angeles City College at 14.1.

The Javelin event is completely dominated by Southern California schools. The entries include the following: Rufus Scruggs, Mt. SAC, 210-8; John Holladay, Chaffey College, 207-0 1/2; James Curtis, Mesa, 197-4; Tom Dobbs, Ventura, 196-9; Ed Sullivan, Fullerton, 192-10 and Brad Powell, Fullerton, 189-10. The WCR record is 201.1.

Dave Murphy of Fullerton College has the Shot Put and Discus best marks this season in California. His best effort in the Shot is 58-11 inches and in the Discus 169-3 1/2 inches. The WCR record in the Shot is 60-8 1/2" and the Discus 175-8 1/2".

The Northern schools hold the edge, in the best times, for the five relay events. The North teams have the best times in the following relays: 440 - 40.7, Hancock; Mile - 3:15.4, Contra Costa; 880 - 1:25.5, City College of San Francisco. The Southern schools hold the best times in the Distance Medley - 10:04.4, Pierce and the Two Mile - 7:43.3, Palomar.

Wes Williams of Mesa College has bettered the WCR record in the 440 Yard Hurdles with a time of 53.2. The WCR record is 53.3. He will be pushed for the number one spot by LACC trackster Tyron Dutton, who has had a best mark of 54.4.

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WCR JC Division 2-2-2 (5/8/68)

The 100 Yard Dash finds three boys, two from Southern California, with identical times of 9.5. The runners are: Stan Edmonds, Fullerton and Lorenzo Russell, Los Angeles City College. The lone upstater is Earl Harris, San Jose.

The Junior College athletes will be vying for the coveted "Junior College Trophy" presented by the Fresno State College Alumni to the outstanding Junior College athlete.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE AND OPEN DIVISION

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Two great two-mile relay teams will lead an assault on World, meet and other sundry records at the 42nd West Coast Relays in the Intercollegiate and Open divisions on Saturday, May 11th.

Leading the nation with the best time this year in the two-mile event, the University of Kansas quartet, anchored by the World's greatest half-miler Jim Ryun, will meet head on, a Villanova foursome. Both teams have a time of 7:21.8 and will be threatening the World standard of 7:16.0, held by a Soviet Union team.

Pushing the twosome will be San Jose State, 7:24.0; Brigham Young University, 7:24.4 and University of Texas at El Paso, 7:27.6.

In the WCR mile relay, Villanova, 3:06.1, three and three tenths seconds off the World mark of 3:02.8, held by Trinidad-Tobago, is anchored by what is called the fastest recorded 440 leg by sophomore sprinter Larry James, 43.9.

Other mile-relay foursomes entered are Arizona State University, 3:08.9; Arizona University, 3:09.0; University of Texas at El Paso, 3:10.2; San Jose State, 3:10.2 and University of Utah, 3:10.2.

In 440 yard relay competition; San Jose State, 40.0, has the best time of the collegians and the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village, the best time in the open event; 39.9.

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WCR Intercollegiate & Open Div. 2-2-2 (5/8/68)

In the 880 yard relay, San Jose, 1:23.1 and Kansas, 1:23.9, are scheduled to battle for the top spot.

There will be four invitational events on the program.

The first will be at 7:10 on Friday evening featuring Tommie Smith in a special 220 yarder. Smith is the World record holder in the event at 20 seconds flat.

Smith's best for the year is a 20.5. His opposition will be John Carlos, SCVYV, 20.7; Jerry Williams, SCVYV, 20.8 and Jim Farmer, Fresno Pacific.

Bob Day, US Army, 8:41.4; Jeff Marsee, USC Freshman, 8:47.4 and Bob Schul, veteran distance runner, Athens Athletic Club; will be the opposition of the WCR 1967 defending two-mile champion, Tracy Smith and US Olympic here of 1964, Billy Mills, in a special two mile event.

Carlos, Williams, Bill Gaines and Kirk Clayton, all of the SVYV, will compete in a special 100 meters at 8:03. This event will be followed by a 100 yard dash for men over forty.

Other outstanding track athletes competing in the WCR are Earl McCullough, USC, 120 HH, 13.3 (one tenth of a second off his own World mark of 13.2); hurdler Erv Hall, Villanova, 13.5; Ron Whitney, 440 intermediate hurdler, 49.9 and Tom Wyatt, Athens AC, 50.5.

In the pole vault, the WCR will have nine vaulters who have gone over 16 feet, 6 inches, this year. They are Bob Seagren, USC, 17-1 1/2; Altti Alarotu, Brigham Young Freshman, 17-1 1/4; Erkki Mustakari, Fresno State, 17-0 1/2; Christos Papanicolaou, SJS, 17-0; John-Erick Blomquist, Los Angeles State, 16-6 1/4; Jeff Chase, SCVYV; Ed Martensen, SCVYV; Bob Slover, SJS and Paul Wilson, all 16-6.

Long Jumpers scheduled to perform at the WCR are Gayle Hopkins, Pasadena AC, 26-5 3/4; Pertti Pousi, BYU, 25-4 and Ralph Boston, 25-1 1/2. Boston is coholder of the World recor at 27-4 3/4.

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WCR Intercollegiate & Open Div. 3-3-3 (5/8/68)

Leading the field in the high jump this season will be competitor Peter Boyce of Stanford, who set the mark at Fresno's Ratcliffe Stadium earlier, 7-3; Clarence Johnson, Cal, 7-1; Ed Hanks, BYU, 7-0; and John Dobroth, Pacific Coast Club, 6-11 1/4.

Charles Craig, Pacific CC, is the leading triple jumper in the meet with a 1968 best of 53-4 1/2.

Dave Maggard, SCVYV, 65-10 1/2; Neal Steinhauer, Presidio, 65-5; and Steve Marcus, UCLA, 63-3 1/4 will compete in the shot put.

In the discus throw, leaders will be Bill Neville, Pasadena AA, 204-9; Jay Sylvester, 203-8 and Al Oerter, New York AC, 196-4.

Javelin throwers will be led by Stanford's Tom Colby, 258-2.

In the two day meet there will be 2231 competitors from 88 high schools, 55 junior colleges and 52 college, university and club entries.

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