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Summer all-comers track and field competition has gotten off to an excellent start in the four nights-a-week program sponsored by the Youth Services Section of the Los Angeles City Schools for a six-week duration.

The program, which again this summer is attracting many "name" athletes, is directed by Paul Barthel and Rich Skelton and moves each night to another location in the metropolitan area--Monday at Gardena High School, Tuesday at Venice High School, Wednesday at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, and Thursday at East Los Angeles College. Meets start at 7 p.m., registration is at 6:30.

Meets originally scheduled for Tuesdays at Los Angeles City College have been switched to Venice because of a lack of field facilities at LACC.

Kickoff events at Gardena on Monday (June 23) saw UCLA's John Smith, USC's Montgomery Turner, East Los Angeles' Dan Moore, and Leon Brown spark the sprints. Smith ran 9.7 in the 100, as did Brown; Turner clocked 9.8 and 21.6 for the 220, Moore, 9.8 and 21.8, all in the open division.

Leon Webster turned in a 1:55.9 880 and state CIF prep champ Steve Smith of South Torrance High pole vaulted 15-6 for other notable marks.

The following night at LACC, Brian Polkinghorn of the Pacific Coast Club ran 14.2 in the high hurdles as USC's Tyrone Dutton flashed a 14.3. Pepperdine's Lorenzo Russell clicked for 9.6 and 21.5 in the sprints, Turner zipped 9.7 and 21.8, and L.A. High's Ron Welch had a 9.8 100. Occidental's Martins Ande ran a 9:32.4 two-mile and Dutton covered the 220 intermediate hurdles in 25.3.

Pierce's first summer meet found David Campbell winning the mile in 4:15.9, the Striders' Ted Nelson and Santa Monica A.A.'s Rick Carr both had 1:53.1 880s, SMAA's Tom Lynch toured the half in 1:54.9, Ian Jones of the Striders stepped a 9:07.1 two-mile, with Camarillo's Tim Tubb close in 9:07.5 and Oxy's Bob Deines 9:12.6.

Steve Caminiti ran the intermediates in 25 flat and Ross Brosius posted a 25.4. The Striders' Jim Hanley and Ray Walker walked the mile in 6:43.3 and 6:49.0, respectively; Cal State L.A.'s Jack Bair long jumped 23-3 3/4; University of Texas El Paso's Scott English high jumped 6-8; and Fred DeBernardi put the shot 54-10 1/2.

Winding up the first week at East L.A., Oxy's Steve Walters and the Striders' Dave Segal both ran 9.7 in the 100; Craig Vaughn long jumped 22-2 1/2 and Don Tollefson of the Pacific Coast Club flipped the shot 54-6.

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In the novice division, Compton High's Al Dashiell and Centennial, Compton's Charles Debato had 9.9 100 times at East L.A.; Buena, Ventura's Gary Grissett ran 14.6 in the highs at Pierce and South Gate's Dana Echols sped 14.9 at ELA; Moorpark's Tim Tubb flashed a 4:18.3 mile at Pierce, followed by SMAA's John Mollring, 4:20.4; Canoga Park state CIF champ Ricco Sanchez had a 1:55.4 880 and Palisades' Rick Tschudin a 1:55.9 at Pierce.

Verbum Dei's Bill Hicks and L.A. High's Ernest Davis both turned in 50.5 440 times at LACC; Grissett ran 25.4 in the intermediates at Pierce and Locke's Eddie Loughridge 25.5 at ELA; South Torrance's state CIF mile titlist Decker Underwood toured the two-mile in 9:26.9 at Gardena.

Top novice field marks included a 6-4 high jump by Eagle Rock's Eric Ritterath at Pierce; Banning's Dave Jackson triple jumped 43-7, Loughridge long jumped 21-11½, Long Beach's Dave Schiller and Serra, Gardena's Kerry Eskeli put the shot 59-0 3/4 and 58-6 1/4, respectively, all at Gardena.

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