

Merritt College won two track meets last week but the biggest win was an 83-53 stomping of arch rival Laney College to open the Golden Gate Conference dual meet season on Thursday. <sup>3/6</sup>

In that one, the Thunderbirds of coach Roy Caldwell won 11 events and left little doubt as to where the junior college track power in Oakland is located.

As usual Warren Edmonson made most of the headlines by taking both sprints and anchoring the winning quartermile relay team to a fine 41.8 clocking. His best mark was in the 100 where he ran into a slight wind but still ripped off a 9.5 followed by teammate Norbert Payton's fine 9.7. He also came back to take the 220 in an easy 21.6 to lead a Merritt sweep.

Finest mark of the day for the Thunderbirds outside of the 100 was in the mile relay where a foursome of Henry Stuckey (50.2), Roy Turner (49.6), Larry Glenn (49.6), and Lamont Jackson (48.5) turned in a very outstanding 3:17.9 clocking.

Dan Mosley was a double winner in the weights but was below his best tosses of the season. Lamont Jackson turned in his finest 440 on the year with a 49 flat win, and Eric Barfield ran a nice 14.9 high hurdle leg into a stiff wind.

At Stockton last Tuesday <sup>3/4</sup> the Thunderbirds rolled up 111 points and won 14 of the 16 events against Delta College and Merced College. In this meet, Edmonson ran a ~~stunning~~ rapid 20.9 220 around a turn and his first 9.5 100 of the year.

Payton got off his best long jump when he went 23-3 to take first place and Barfield turned in a another 14.6 high hurdle win.

MERRITT WINS GGC RELAYS

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Merritt College lived up to all its early season promise last Saturday by rolling up 95 points and the championship of the annual Golden Gate Conference Relays held at College of San Mateo.

The Thunderbirds of coach Roy Caldwell won eight of the 16 events and in two of them, the 440 Relay and the mile relay, set national outdoor bests for junior colleges for 1969. They won the sprint relay in 41.7 with a quartet of Norbert Payton, Henry Stuckey, Don Jackson, and Warren Edmonson. In the mile relay Stuckey and Edmonson were joined by Roy Turner and Lamont Jackson and clocked a fast early season time of 3:17.8.

Edmonson and Payton made most of the news. Edmonson anchored the 440 relay to victory, ran an opening leg on the 880 relay in 20.9, and as third man in the mile relay he had the best time with a 47.4 clocking. The 880 relay was off to a flying start with the 20.9 but the pass from Edmonson to Stuckey went poorly and the baton hit the track and by the time Stuckey was able to recover, all the teams had passed Merritt by but a rally by the final three runners got them into fourth place.

It was Payton who was the workhorse for the afternoon. He led off the 440 relay, won the open 100 with a lifetime best of 9.6, anchored the 880 relay, and was the number 1 man in the long and triple jump relays for the T-Birds. They won the long jump relay with Payton going 22-2. He also ran a low hurdle leg.

In the field, the Thunderbirds also won the shot put relay paced by Dan Mosley with a lifetime best mark of 51-8 and were second in the discus relay with Mosley throwing 143-11.

Other track victories included the sprint medley with Lamont Jackson anchoring in 1:57.4 after Roy Turner led off with a 50.3, Eric Barfield's lifetime best equaling 14.6 high hurdle victory, and a 59.7 shuttle hurdle win paced by Barfield and Payton.