

Aztecs finish 2nd behind SJS

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First place finishes by Roger Friend in the six-mile run, Tim Danielson in the mile, Wes Williams in the 440-yard hurdles and Chuck Winsor in the three mile and the 440-yard relay team sparked the Aztec track team to a second place finish in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference finals at Long Beach Saturday.

San Jose State, the heavy premeet favorite ran true to form to capture first place with 195 points. The Aztecs garnered 138 points for second, Fresno State was third with 84, Cal State Long Beach and University of Pacific had 61, UC Santa Barbara had 37 and Cal State Los Angeles had 12.

WELLS PLEASED

"We were very pleased with the team's performance Saturday," said coach Dick Wells. "This was really a team effort. Some of the boys came through with season bests.

"Roger Friend was a pleasant surprise in the six mile. We knew Roger had the potential and he finally showed it. Dave Colgrove and Dave Littel also turned in their lifetime bests."

Friend started the Aztecs off right Friday afternoon as he ran the six mile in 30 minutes 1.9 seconds to take first. He was about

14 seconds ahead of the second place finisher Byron Lowrey of San Jose.

Danielson captured the mile in a good time of 4:11.7 beating Chet Adkins of San Jose. Bob Messina of State took third in a time of 4:14.8.

Williams breezed to the victory in the hurdles in a good time of 52.8. Williams' closest competition was Lee Walls of San Jose who ran a 53.3.

THREE-MILE

Winsor was the big surprise for State as he took the three-mile by beating teammate Danielson. Winsor's time was 14:18 while Danielson was clocked 14:19.2.

John Jacobsen of State, was fourth in a time of 14:22.

Skip Crowley set a school record in the 3,000 meter steeple chase but could manage only a third place finish. Crowley's time of 9:23.3 bettered his own record of 9:27.6 set earlier this season.

Darroll Dent of San Jose won the steeplechase in 9:08.2. Hap Gardner of Pacific was second.

AZTECS WIN RELAY

The 440 yard relay team of Gene Carter, Tom Patton, Terry Pershall and Byron Olander took first in a time of 41.9. The Aztecs just did nip Pacific who was timed in 42 seconds.

Byron Gutwein could manage only a second in the long jump when John Gage of San Jose got

off a leap of 24-7. Gutwein's best jump was 23-8½.

Dave Colgrove got off his best shotput of the season to take second place in that event. Colgrove's put of 52-4½ was over two feet behind San Jose's Guy Marks who tossed the 16-pound ball 54-9.

Mike Johnson of State took a fourth in the shot put with a heave of 49-8.

OLANDER THIRD

Olander and Carter placed in the 100-yard dash to give the Aztecs valuable points. Olander placed third with a 10.0 clocking while Carter placed fifth with a clocking of 10.1.

Tom Patton of State took a fifth place in the 220 yard dash in 22.0. Lee Evans of San Jose took first with a time of 21.0.

Dave Littel and Billie Hayes came through with some valuable points in the high jump. Littel equaled his career best with a jump of 6-8. The jump was good for a second place tie with Dave Lindsey of San Jose.

Hayes made it over the bar at 6-6 to take fourth place.

Johnson came back after his performance in the shot put to place fifth the discus with a throw of 158-5.

John Koch finished fourth in the pole vault clearing the bar at 15 feet.

Williams rebounded from his victory in the hurdles to place fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 46-7.

State's mile relay team took a second in the final event of the day as they were timed in 3:19.7. San Jose took first place with a time of 3:18.7.



WINSOR AIDED - Chuck Winsor, right, leads teammates John Jacobsen, center, and Tim Danielson in the PCAA 3-mile finals. Winsor won with a fine mark of 14:18.0, Danielson was second and Jacobsen fourth. All three will be returning next season.

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