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TRACK & FIELD

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HOBBS, N. M. ---Mesa Community College of Arizona, defending National Junior College Track and Field Champions, extended their winning ways tonight with a convincing victory in the Thunderbird Invitational Track and Field Meet hosted by New Mexico Junior College of Hobbs. The HoKams routed competition with a solid 92 points followed by NMJC at 66, Phoenix College 41, Lubbock Christian 33, Howard County College and Odessa College 11, NMMI 10, Cisco JC 6 and Southwest Texas 4.

The HoKams didn't know their own strength as they entered T-Bird Competition less the services of All-Americans Elmo Dees in the 440 and Tim Boubelik in the Discus. To add to HoKam distress, ace hurdler Len Gaskill, the Nation's number one 440 IH at :52.6, was injured in the qualifying round of the high hurdles competition and was out of action for the meet. However, the HoKammers set the stage with depth and massed eight (8) firsts to highlight the competition.

Mesa's Willie Franklin, frosh javelin thrower from San Diego, managed a terrific series in the javelin: 207-6, 235-0 (scratch) 213-11, 204-5, 199-7 and 2-9-10. This places Franklin at the top of the list for USJC javelin throwers.

-2- Track & Field T-BIRD INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Phil Righetti, frosh shot put from Nevada, was off-the-mark and managed only a second in shot competition at 49-10. Phil was well over 52-0 in warm-up, but couldn't get behind the shot in competition. This effort follows last week's 54-3 effort and sets the stage for Mount SAC competition where he will come face-to-face with John Barber of Glendale (AZ) who leads the USJC ranks at 54-10. John has beaten Phil three times this year and this will be a real test.

Scott Cryder, frosh pole vault ace from Idaho, managed to soar 15-0 again on a new pole. Scott vaulted well and was well over 15-6; however, he was on-top of the cross-bar and could not stay up...Scott meets the son of Olympian Bob Richards again this week at Mount SAC...the two met two weeks ago at San Diego with Cryder winning the blue ribbon. Scott has a new pole and has his sights set on 16-6 at Mount Sac.

Larry Vanley, triple jumper from Chandler, remained unbeaten with a leap of 49-4. Vanley has been bothered by sore heels and is off his jump phase in the three-jump series. He faces a stern test at Mount Sac this week and is still looking for that 50' plus effort. Larry has been much improved in long jump competition.

Bob Boglione, sophomore from New Jersey, is on target for a two-mile date at Garden City, Kansas, and Bob is in a conditioning phase of his season. Look out for Bob around May 17.

-3- Track & Field T-BIRD Invitational Results

Don Kellar, sophomore 440 IH ace from Mesa, managed a good victory in the ten-hurdle event as he ran :54.0. Don would have been in the :53.0's had the last flight of hurdles not been set at the high hurdle mark. Tough luck Don; However, look for big things from Don at Garden City in mid-May.

Henry Jackson, frosh triple, long and high jumper from Jamaica, has been doing a great job this year and is solid at these three events. He leads the team in point output along with hurdler Len Gaskill and is much improved in his triple jump. He has a best of 48-0 this year and is looking for that 50' mark also. Mesa has the two best in JC ranks...and they are consistent on their jumps.

The 440 Relay team of Don Kellar, Mike Roberts, Dave Hale and Ron Johnson has continued its winning ways with a record breaking :41.4.

Mike Roberts, sophomore 440 from Tucson, ran second to Phoenix'x Jesse Johnson who blistered to the number one USJC ranking with a spectacular :46.7 which followed a trials mark at :47.9. Mike ran :48.2 and has been a steady competitor for Mesa over two-years.

The HoKams did not enter mile-relay competition as the 92-point output did not make running necessary, especially without the services of Gaskill and Dees. Mesa plans to run a fine field of quarter milers at Garden City: Dees, Roberts, Kellar, and Ron Johnson. This quartet could run well under 3:13.

-4- Track & Field MOUNT SAN ANTONIO RELAYS ENTRIES

Distance Medley Relay : Mile Roberts 440
Fred Sowerby 880
Dave Johnson 1320
Bob Boglione Mile

440 Relay : Don Kellar
Mike Roberts
Dave Hale
Ron Johnson

Triple Jump: Larry Vanley
Henry Jackson

Long Jump: Larry Reed
Henry Jackson
Larry Vanley

Shot Put: Phil Righetti

Discus: Phil Righetti

Pole Vault: Scott Cryder
Doug Prater

Javelin: Willie Franklin
Doug Prater

Mesa will enter Mount SAC with 15 participants...only specific events. The HoKammers are going to have their hands full on May 10 in the AJCAC Championship meet at Mesa. Challenger Glendale Community College wants an upset and Mesa plans to avoid such drama. Plan to attend the State JC meet on May 10.