

Orlando, Hough Lead WVL Record Assault

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West Valley League athletes literally ran away with seven league records in Friday afternoon's conference finals.

Every record-shattering effort came in track events, including two each by Branham's Larry Orlando and Saratoga's Chip Hough, who were easily the meet's outstanding athletes.

Orlando, who won the 220 and

440-yard dashes for the third straight season, set his marks with 22.4 and 49.7 efforts in the furlong and quarter, respectively.

Hough, who revealed his intention to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado, easily won both hurdles in record clockings. He ripped over the high barriers in 14.5 and followed with a 19.4 clocking in the lows.

"I felt tight, and my back has been bothering me a little, but I'm sure happy with that. I never expected to run a 22.4 after the fast quarter," said Orlando, who will attend West Valley College next fall.

Hough, who injured his knee slightly in the first hurdles race, noted, "I really felt good — the best I've felt all year. I was just going for the records, not particular times."

Senior Jim Buser and sophomore Rick Miller paced Leigh to the unofficial team championship, as the Longhorns racked up 64 points to Westmont's 58½.

While Buser won the long jump with a 22-5¼ leap, pushed Orlando with a 50.4 lifetime best in the 440, and placed third in the triple jump, Miller stole the show with a brilliant 1:57.0 in the 880, another WVL standard.

"He's potentially one of the best this area has ever seen," praised Leigh coach Homer Lattimer. "We had trouble getting him to run on his heels, but I think he'll go a long way now."

Buser, who is bound for Stanford, anchored Leigh's mile relay squad to another standard of 3:26.4, almost four seconds better than second place Prospect.

Del Mar's Bruce Runcie collected the seventh record, rounding the oval eight times to record a 9:35.5 two-mile clock-

ing.

Top field events were turned in by Branham's Dave Follett in the shot put and Camden's Carl Goecker in the high jump.

Follett, amazingly consistent with six puts over 56 feet, won with a 56-6½ distance, while Goecker went 6-2½ to beat Blackford's Howard Landman on fewer misses.

Leigh's Barry Himan contributed to his team's unofficial victory by winning the discus at 165-3, while Saratoga's Jim Straw took the pole vault at 12-9 and Randy Bourdeau of Westmont won the triple jump with a 44-10½ effort.

While Westmont miler Scott McVea had little difficulty annexing that event in 4:32.9, Guy Freeman of Saratoga and Carl Mosher of Del Mar tied in the 100 with a slow 10.4.

Mosher was given the nod at first, but after the photos of the race were examined, a tie was declared.

100 — Mosher (DM) and Freeman (S) 10.4 (tie); Vitton (Cd) 10.6; Pluckebaum (LG) 10.6.

220 — Orlando (Br) 22.4 (league record); Anderson (W) 22.7; Pierce (W) 22.8; Mosher (DM) 22.9.

440 — Orlando (Br) 49.7 (league record); Buser (L) 50.4; Hansen (P) 51.4; Marich (W) 51.5.

880 — Miller (L) 1:57.0 (league record); Fransich (LG) 1:58.6; Katz (P) 1:59.6; Bencala (S) 2:00.9.

MILE — McVay (W) 4:32.9; Hamilton (L) 4:33.3; Slynstad (DM) 4:36.2; Fritz (B) 4:38.0.

2-MILE — Runcie (DM) 9:35.5 (league record); Cruse (Cd) 10:00.0; Pruitt (B) 10:12.2; Blake (Cd) 10:18.0.

120 HH — Hough (S) 14.5 (league record); Vargas (W) 15.0; Didinger (S) 15.0; Sanchez (W) 15.0.

180 LH — Hough (S) 19.4 (league record); Vargas (W) 20.2; Sanchez (W) 20.9; Chamberlain (DM) 21.0.

440 RELAY — Westmont 43.8; Branham 44.6; Del Mar 44.7; Camden 44.8.

MILE RELAY — Leigh 3:26.4 (league record); Prospect 3:30.3; Saratoga 3:32.3; Westmont 3:32.9.

HJ — Goecker (Cd) 6-2½; Landman (B) 6-2½ (fewer misses); Gillian (W) 6-1½; MacKinnon (S) 6-1½.

LJ — Buser (L) 22-5¼; Vasquez (DM) 21-8¼; Pluckebaum (LG) 21-2½; Miller (L) 21-0.

TJ — Bourdeau (W) 44-10½; Miller (L) 44-1½; Taggart (S) 43-7; Buser (L) 43-4.

PV — Straw (S) 12-9; Longiotti (DM), Keogh (DM) and Groat (L), all 12-6 (fewer misses).

SP — Follett (B) 56-6½; Barry Himan (L) 53-8¼; Brian Himan (L) 53-3; Ceder (DM) 48-1.

D — Barry Himan (L) 165-3; Allen (S) 157-9; Rover (Cp) 156-7½; Bassoni (Cd) 154-1½.