

Kasser Shines In SF Loss

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Kasser, a sophomore from Redwood City, ran a strong 51.0 in the 440, but had to settle for second place just as St. Francis High had to settle for a loss to St. Ignatius, 89-47, here yesterday in a West Catholic Athletic League track meet.

Kasser, who has run a 1:57.0 in the 880, also teamed with senior Kevin Willet on SF's winning mile relay team (3:35.4). Willet also won the half-mile in 1:59.9.

Dan Gherardi, one of the best short putters and discus throwers in the Bay Area, won both those events for St. Ignatius, while Lancer Mike Roman won the high jump with a leap of 6-0. St. Francis is now 1-1 in the WCAL.

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Winners and St. Francis placers:
440 rel — St. Ignatius 45.2; 120 HH — Hall (SI) 15.5; 880 — Willet (SF) 1:59.9; 100 — Caris (SI) 10.4; 440 — Hickox (SI) 50.8; 2. Kasser (SF); 2-mile — Porter (SI) 9:54.8; 2. O'Hallorin (SF); 180 LH — Hall (SI) 20.0; 220 — Caris (SI) 23.1; mile — Leonard (SF) 4:33.1; mile rel — St. Francis 3:35.4 (Giannotti, Burch, Willet, Kasser). SP — Gherardi (SI) 57-2, 2. O'Malley, 3. Martin; Dis — Gherardi (SI) 161-7, 2. O'Malley, 3. Ryan; HJ — Roman (SF) 6-0, 2. Spker; PV — Blake (SF) 11-0, 3. Meyersick; LJ — Black (SI) 21.3, 1.1; Deck (SI) 42.42-3/4.

Dons Impress In SJ Spikefest

SAN JOSE — San Carlos High, a first-time entrant, came up with what coach Jim Lutterell called a "very pleasant surprise" to place sixth in the 71-team Hill-Kiwanis track and field invitational Saturday at San Jose City College.

The Dons notched 16½ points, well behind prep super powers St. Ignatius (38), Los Altos (31) and Mount Pleasant (29), but barely trailing Washington (18) and Silver Creek (17). Gunn finished eighth with 15½ points and St. Francis was 13th with 10.

Bruce Veal, also outstanding in San Carlos' clutch SPAL dual victory over Gunn last

week, led the Don surge with a tie for fourth in the 220 at 22.6 and fifth in the long jump at 21-7½.

Veal also anchored San Carlos' fifth place mile relay team of Brad Weir, Matt Langley and Mike Grossman. The Dons' two-mile relay squad of Jim Scherba, John Pierog, Lee Shoop and Ron Cartmell was second in 8:23.9.

Ken White, who ran a life best 4:22.9 mile against Gunn, was just a tenth off that in 4:23.0 for third place in a huge field of several dozen. Matt Yeo also grabbed a Don distance medal with a fifth place 9:43.8 two-mile. Palo Alto's Gordon MacMitchell won the mile in 4:18.7.

Menlo-Atherton's Jim Watts was fifth in the high hurdles in 14.9 behind Gunn's Willie Watts, who tied for second in 14.8.

Other Gunn scorers included John Bay, fourth in the triple jump at 45-0¼ and fifth in the 440 at 51.6; Watts, second in the low hurdles in 20.2; Jeff Fletcher, fourth in the pole vault at 13-0, and Tom Oberhelman, fifth in the shot at 52-6¾.

M-A's mile frosh-soph relay squad took second in 3:19.5 with a team of Dave Prado, Jeff Wilmore, Mike Simpson, Carl Johnk, Don MacKenzie, Scot Beasley, Peter Jones and Graham Fillion.

Outstanding marks were a 62-2 shot put by Los Gatos' Brett Mannon, a 6-8 high jump by Piedmont Hill's. Al McCaskey, a 9:08.3 two-mile by Washington's Bob Grubbs, a 189-10 discus throw by Los Altos' Scott Overton and a 14-6 high hurdles by Los Altos' John Foster.

Padres Win All-City Track Meet

Serra High's fast-developing track and field program received a big boost Saturday when the Padres won the San Mateo All-City track meet for the first time.

Second-year coach Rick Fambrini's Padres collected 94 points to Aragon's 78, San Mateo's 71 and Hillsdale's 57.

Jack Wandro paced Serra's victory with a strong 1:56.0 victory in the 880, and anchored the mile relay team (Rick Morris, Bill Riley, Rob Hutton) to victory in 3:30.0.

Serra's 440 relay squad of Lee Backstrom, Jim Biscoe, Bart Price and John Flaherty won in 44.8. Other Padre winners were Biscoe with a 21-2½ long jump and Tom Banducci with a 56-0¾ shot put.

Serra's All-City placers:

880 — 1. Jack Wandro 1:56.0; 100 — 2. Lee Backstrom 10.3, 3. Bart Price 10.3; 440 — 2. Rick Morris 52.4; LJ — 1. Jim Biscoe 21-2½, 4. John Flaherty 20-4¾; 2-mile — 2. Pat Finn 9:56.9; SP — 1. Tom Banducci 56-0¾, 3. Russ Nicolopoulos 52-1; 180 LH — 4. John Meyersieck 21.5; 220 — 2. Price 23.3, 3. Flaherty 23.3; Dis. — 2. Banducci 144-0, 4. Greg Tu'ly 135-9, 5. John Keefe 135-7; TJ — 4. Mike Kenneally 40-4; PV — 2. Meyersieck 12-6, 3. Vince Scherba 12-0; HJ — 3. Marcus Goldberg 5-10. 440 Rel — 1. (Backstrom, Biscoe, Price, Flaherty) 44.8; Mile rel — 1. (Morris, Bill Riley, Rob Hutton, Wandro) 3:30.0.