

Catholic Loop

No Spike Joke

5-22

The West Catholic Athletic League, long the stronghold of top-notch football, basketball and baseball teams, used to be something of a joke in track.

But with athletes like St. Francis' Mike Kasser and

Rich Spiker of Redwood City, Jack Wandro and Tom Banducci of Serra and a mighty team in St. Ignatius, nobody from the Mid and North Peninsula leagues was laughing at the WCAL in Saturday's Region I finals at Serramonte.

Kasser, only a sophomore, clipped another five-tenths second off his best with a sparkling 1:56.3 half-mile for the top WCAL effort. The Catholics nearly outscored the MPL and NPL combined, falling short 133-117, although SI was team champ with 58 points to St. Francis' 21.

Spiker, a surprising junior, high jumped a life best 6-3 for second behind teammate Mike Roman, who won on fewer misses at 6-3.

Kasser pushed teammate Craig Burch to a 1:58.4 and Wandro, a good senior attempting a comeback from illness and injury, hit 1:58.5.

Banducci was second in the shot, Serra teammates John Meyersieck third in the pole vault and Jim Biscoe fifth in the long jump and St. Francis' John Ryan of Redwood City fifth in the discus.

Along with Kasser's 880, the meet's highlight was an 18.9 high hurdles effort by Crestmoor's Bart Pierce, second best in the Central Coast Section.

Region I Winners and St. Francis, Serra and Bellarmine placers: 440 rel. — San Mateo 43.6, 2. Bells 43.6, 4. Serra 44.3; 120 HH — Allmond (Serramonte) 14.5; 880 — Kasser (SF) 1:56.3, 2. Birch (SF) 1:58.4, 3. Wandro (S) 1:58.5; 100 — Gill (Mitty) 10.0, 5. Reis (B) 10.3; 440 — Acosta (El Camino) 50.0; 2 mile — Barnett (Mills) 9:24.3; 180 LH — Pierce (Crestmoor) 18.9; 220 — Lloyd (SI) 23.0, 3. Reis (B) 23.1; Mile — Porter (SI) 4:25.5; 5. Parsons (HMB) 4:30.1; Mile rel. — SI 3:28.1; HJ — Roman (SF) 6-3, 2. Spiker (SF) 6-3; LJ — Nakada (San Mateo) 21-6, 5. Biscoe (S) 20-10; TJ — Beck (SI) 43-2/4; PV — Trueman (Crestmoor) 13-3, 3. Meyersieck (S) 12-6; SP — Cherardi (SI) 56-8, 2. Banducci (S) 55-2/4; Dis. — Cherardi (SI) 155-7/8, 5. Ryan (SF) 148-1/2.

TOP TEAM SCORES: St. Ignatius 58, St. Francis 21, Crestmoor 20, San Mateo and Serramonte 17, Aragon and El Camino 14, Serra 13.

★ ★ ★ REGION I CHAMPIONSHIPS at Serramonte

Team Scores

St. Ignatius 58, St. Francis 21, Crestmoor 20, San Mateo and Serramonte 17, Aragon and El Camino 14, Serra 13, South San Francisco 12, Riordan 11, Mills and Westmoor 9, Bellarmine and Oceana 8, Mitty 6, Capuchino 5.

Track Events

440 RELAY — San Mateo 43.6, Bellarmine 43.6, St. Ignatius 43.6, Serra 44.3, El Camino 44.3.

120 HIGH HURDLES — Allmond (Serramonte) 14.5, Pierce (Crestmoor) 14.6, Johnson (Burlingame) 14.7, Kolesnikow (Burlingame) 14.8, Swartzell (South SF) nt.

880 — Kasser (St. Francis) 1:56.3, Birch (St. Francis) 1:58.4, Wandro (Serra) 1:58.5, Paul (Crestmoor) 2:00.0, Cano (South SF) 2:00.2.

100 — Gill (Mitty) 10.0, Westfall (Oceana) 10.1, Popin (Aragon) 10.2, Karfoa (Crestmoor) 10.3, Reis (Bellarmine) 10.3.

440 — Acosta (El Camino) 50.0, Henkle (South SF) 50.1, Hickox (St. Ignatius) 50.4, Budasa (Capuchino) 50.8, Kelley (St. Ignatius) 51.1.

2 MILE — Barnett (Mills) 9:24.3, Cole (St. Ignatius) 9:31.4, VanDine (El Camino) 9:33.2, Brown (Burlingame) 9:41.0, Graham (St. Ignatius) 9:55.9.

180 LOW HURDLES — Pierce (Crestmoor) 18.9, Wyatt (Westmoor) 19.5, Allmond (Serramonte) 19.8, Clifton (St. Ignatius) 19.9, Swartzell (South SF) 19.9.

220 — Lloyd (St. Ignatius) 23.0, Popin (Aragon) 23.0, Reis (Bellarmine) 23.1, Carle (St. Ignatius) 23.3, Hinkel (South SF) 23.3.

MILE — Porter (St. Ignatius) 4:25.5, Ryan (Riordan) 4:27.7, Evans (Mills) 4:28.4, Anderson (Westmoor) 4:29.1, Parsons (Half Moon Bay) 4:30.1.

MILE RELAY — St. Ignatius 3:28.1, Aragon 3:28.1, Crestmoor 3:28.4, South SF 3:28.5, San Mateo 3:29.9.

Field Events

HIGH JUMP — Roman (St. Francis) 6-3, Spiker (St. Francis) 6-3, Allazetta (Aragon) 6-0, Spivey (El Camino) 6-0, Killum (Burlingame) 6-0.

LONG JUMP — Nakada (San Mateo) 21-6, Martinelli (Serramonte) 21-1, Green (Westmoor) 20-11, Williams (San Mateo) 20-10 3/4, Biscoe (Serra) 20-10.

TRIPLE JUMP — Beck (St. Ignatius) 43-2 1/4, Martinelli (Serramonte) 43-1/2, Gillmore (St. Ignatius) 43-1/4, Haysbert (San Mateo) 42-1/4, DeNafele (Jefferson) 41-1/4.

POLE VAULT — Trueman (Crestmoor) 13-3, Stavish (Oceana) 12-6, Meyersieck (Serra) 12-6, Hallett (El Camino) 12-5, Modica (Crestmoor) 12-6.

SHOT PUT — Gherardi (St. Ignatius) 56-8, Banducci (Serra) 55-2 1/4, TenBruggencate (Riordan) 51-2 1/2, Vance (South SF) 50-3 1/2, Jeffery (St. Ignatius) 49-6 1/2.

DISCUS — Gherardi (St. Ignatius) 155-7 1/2, TenBruggencate (Riordan) 154-4, Fabnani (Capuchino) 151-5 1/2, Congi (St. Ignatius) 149-5 1/2, Ryan (St. Francis) 148-1/2.