

Torrid Mile Headlines

SPAL Track Finals

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When a fellow runs a 4:22.8 mile and doesn't even receive a medal in his own high school league finals, life on the track seems just a bit unfair and unreal.

That was San Carlos runner Ken White's misfortune Saturday when the greatest mile in SPAL history highlighted the loop track and field finals at College of San Mateo.

In horribly hot and sticky conditions for distancemen, White watched four bodies finish ahead of him despite a life best.

Carlmont's steady Steve Miller ripped off a 4:15.2 meet record, Gunn's improving Steve Crowley hit 4:18.5, Carlmont's Chuck Oliver 4:20.5 and Sequoia's unsung Mark Daniel 4:20.9 to gobble up the limited supply of four medals per event. They used to give five before someone decided that was too expensive.

In another unusual twist, Carlmont's Chris Willett took his turn at pole vault glory with a winning 13-9 leap. He's the fourth Scot over 13-9 this season — that's unreal too.



NEIL BARKER
Surprise winner

The meet had superb efforts. Palo Alto's fast-developing Carl Florant posted a nifty 14.3 and 19.5 hurdles double, the 14.3 a meet record, to take outstanding track honors. And there was that incredible mile.

There were surprises. Woodside's Lamonte Wiley improved from 51.6 to 49.9 to win the 440, unheralded teammate Neil Barker clipped a second off his 220 best to win in 22.3 and Willett captured the outstanding field event award.

And disappointments. Ravenswood's Joe Prince, who might have run a sensational time on the fast all-weather track, was scratched from the 220 by two false starts. San Carlos' Bruce Veal, upset by a back injury, couldn't do better than third in three events as the Dons were a disappointing seventh.

And the usual solid jobs by this year's old reliables. Gunn's John Bay won the 880 in 1:58.6, Sequoia's Marlon Murphy the 100 in 10.1, Menlo-Atherton's Jim Watts the triple jump at 44-3/4, and Carlmont's Carl Cattarin the two-mile (9:35.4), Paul Brandon the shot put (56-1), Paul Stolle the Discus (148-0) and Ervin Brown the high jump (6-4) and long jump (20-10).

As might be suspected from all those Carlmont names, the Scots swept varsity honors, 92

points to Gunn's solid 59 and Woodside's surprising 31.

It was one of Carlmont's finest hours. The Scots have won 10 of 15 dual titles since 1958, their first SPAL season, but this was "only" their sixth league finals crown.

Plato Yanicks' M-A frosh-sophs won that championship — "it really makes our year," Yanicks said — with 57 1/2 points to Carlmont's 55 1/2 and Woodside's 55. Anyone want to guess who'll win the 1974 championship?

Back to that fantastic mile. Miller's 4:15.2, 1 1/2 seconds off his best, was just about what Scot coach Loren Lansberry wanted; he wasn't going for anything out of this world — yet.

But Crowley cut nearly eight seconds off his best, Oliver and Daniel nearly seven a piece.

At least White advanced to Saturday's Region II meet at Cupertino High. Cubberley's Gordon Rado and Matthew Logan ran 4:24.7 each and San Carlos' Jon Pierog 4:30.7 but didn't make it. They would have in any of the other 10 Central Coast Section leagues.

Brown leaped a life best 6-4 and even made 6-6 unofficially on a fourth jump. Consistency there could put him into the state meet.

Don MacKenzie's 220-440 double of 23.3 and 51.0 paced M-A's standout frosh-soph effort. MacKenzie, outstanding F-S trackman, joined Paly hurdler Dave Johnson as double winners.

Sequoia's Jim Data took field honors for his 54-8 1/2 shot. George Stein's meet record 153-6 1/2 discus and John Littleboy's record-tying 6-0 jump for Gunn, a 6-0 leap by Carlmont frosh Larry Wright and Woodside multiple scorers Myrt Easley and Dave Brunsting were other standouts.

VARSITY

440 rel. — Ravenswood (Ray, Drisdale, Augmon, Prince) 44.1, Gunn 44.3, Palo Alto 44.3, Woodside 44.7, Sequoia 44.7.
120 HH — Florant (P) 14.3mr, B. Watts (G) 14.9, Brown (Ca) 14.9, J. Watts (M) 15.0, Sjoberg (S) 15.5.
880 — J. Bay (G) 1:58.8, Thurston (P) 1:59.2, Sayre (C) 1:59.4, Purcell (S) 2:01.9, Schuyler (SC) 2:03.3.
100 — Murphy (S) 10.1, Morgan (Cu) 10.2, Drisdale (R) 10.3, Endsley (G) 10.6, Lennen (Ca) 10.6.
440 — Wiley (W) 49.9, Hitt (G) 50.7, Lynn (G) 50.8, Veal (SC) 51.3, Weir (SC) 51.4.
2-Mile — Cattarin (Ca) 9:35.4, Black (Ca) 9:36.5, Barney (Ca) 9:45.2, Huggins (G) 9:49.7, Lawson (G) 9:55.3.
180 LH — Florant (P) 19.5, Murphy (S) 19.9, B. Watts (G) 19.9, Veal (SC) 20.3, Elch (Ca) 20.8.
220 — Barker (W) 22.3, Morgan (Cu) 22.4, Endsley (G) 22.5, Purcell (S) 23.3, Boyett (P) 23.3.
Mile Miller (Ca) 4:15.2mr, Crowley (G) 4:18.5, Oliver (Ca) 4:20.5, Daniel (S) 4:20.9, White (SC) 4:22.8.
Mile rel. — SC (Weir, Grossman, Scherba, Veal) 3:27.2, Woodside 3:28.9, Gunn 3:29.5, Cubberley 3:33.2, Carlmont 3:35.6.
SP — Brandon (Ca) 56-1, Oberhelman (G) 51-10 1/4, Atkinson (W) 50-8 3/4, Glauz (Cu) 50-5, Vetrovec (SC) 49-2 1/4.
Dis. — Stolle (Ca) 148-0, Brandon (W) 145-6 1/2, Stone (M) 143-2, Peralta (W) 142-6 1/2, Atkinson (W) 141-4 1/2.
HJ — Brown (Ca) 6-4, Sjoberg (S) 6-2, Farmer (Cu) 6-2, Orr (W) 6-2, J. Watts (M) 5-10.
LJ — Brown (Ca) 20-10, B. Watts (G) 20-6 1/2, Veal (SC) 20-6 1/4, Saddler (R) 20-2 1/2, Jones (Ca) 19-10 1/4.
TJ — J. Watts (Ca) 13-9, Lennen (G) 42-2, Bay (G) 41-11 1/2, Peck (P) 41-6, Shillig (SC) 41-2 1/2.
PV — Willett (Ca) 13-9, Lennen (Ca) 13-6, Dempster (Ca) 13-6, Katches (Ca) 13-0, A. Bay (G) 13-0.

TEAM SCORES: Carlmont, 92, Gunn 59, Woodside 31, Palo Alto 27, Sequoia 26, Cubberley 22, San Carlos 20, Menlo-Atherton 14, Ravenswood 12.

FROSH-SOPH

440 rel. — M-A (Ahearn, Prado, Parkinson, Wilmore) 45.2mr, Woodside 45.4, Sequoia 45.5, Carlmont 45.7, San Carlos 46.2.
70 HH — Johnson (P) 9.3, Johnk (M) 9.3, Brusting (W) 9.6, Easley (W) 9.6, Carlson (Ca) 9.8.
880 — Luce (Ca) 2:01.7, Jones (R) 2:04.7, Taylor (W) 2:05.07, Llewellyn (W) 2:07.8, Felsch (W) 2:08.9.
100 — Butler (SC) 10.4, March (W) 10.4, Rehbein (S) 10.5, tie between Citara (Ca), Prado (M) 10.6.
440 — MacKenzie (M) 51.0, Ketchens (Ca) 52.1, Parkinson (M) 52.6, Patrick (S) 53.2, Fillion (M) 53.2.
2-mile — Emory (T) 10:05.4, Wood (W) 10:21.2, Jones (M) 10:25.6, Shroyer (Ca) 10:30.1, Schaffner (SC) 10:32.1.
180 LH — Johnson (P) 20.7, Easley (W) 21.0, Wilmore (M) 21.0, Carlson (Ca) 21.4, Spencer (SC) 21.6.
220 — MacKenzie (M) 23.3mr, Ketchens (Ca) 23.4, Butler (SC) 23.7, Campbell (T) 23.9, Robinson (M) 24.0.
Mile — Gelken (Cu) 4:30.3, Mair (S) 4:40.1, Barnett (SC) 4:40.9, Young (Ca) 4:44.2, Vigil (S) 4:48.0.
Mile rel. — M-A (Parinson, Fillion, Robinson, MacKenzie) 3:35.4, Woodside 3:38.1, Carlmont 3:40.6, Wilbur 3:41.5, Sequoia 3:55.7.
SP — Data (S) 54-8 1/2, Rockwood (SC) 52-8, Brunsting (W) 50-3 3/4, Aldrich (M) 48-10 1/4, Ezell (W) 48-9 1/4.
Dis. — Stein (G) 153-6 1/2mr, Aldrich (M) 145-5 1/4, Rockwood (SC) 134-4, McCall (W) 128-11, Ezell (W) 126-8 1/2.
HJ — Littleboy (G) 6-0tmr, Wright (Ca) 6-0, Dixon (S) 5-8, Easley (W) 5-6, McChle (T) 5-6.
LJ — Robinson (W) 20-6, Butler (SC) 19-11, Brisbane (Ca) 18-11, Johnson (P) 18-11, Goudeau (S) 18-9 1/4.
TJ — Butler (Ca) 42-0, Van Brink (S) 40-2, Brusting (W) 39-1 1/4, Parnes (SC) 39-10, Brisbane (Ca) 39-4.
PV — Gullitte (Ca) 12-0, Dixon (S) 12-0, Nolan (SC) 11-6, tie between Tarrice (M) and Bogue (M) 11-0.

TEAM SCORES: M-A 57 1/2, Carlmont 55 1/2, Woodside 55, San Carlos and Sequoia 37, Palo Alto 19, Gunn 16, Terman 11, Cubberley 8, Ravenswood 5, Wilbur 3.
mr — meet record. tmr — ties meet record.