

Ancient CSM spike mark falls

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College of San Mateo coach Bob Rush saw the Bulldogs' oldest record tumble Saturday in a sweep of De Anza and host West Valley, then witnessed "half" a national record which was the talk of junior college track over the weekend.

West Valley sophomore Steve Oravetz pole vaulted 17-1, breaking the national mark of 17-0 $\frac{1}{4}$ by Central Arizona's Ralph Haynie in 1974.

"I didn't really see the vault record. I saw him on the way down for half of it," quipped a happy Rush, who witnessed more than enough good efforts of his own.

Hugh Eden, a relatively obscure freshman who was a reserve tight end on the Bulldog football team, won the triple jump at 46-2 $\frac{1}{2}$. That topped Connie Varneck's 1939 record of 46-0.

Rush was happy for Eden, but was even more enthusiastic over CSM's superb showing in a blistering 800-meter race. Ron Sherrin, who wasn't even running in track shoes, won in 1:55.6, third best in the Golden Gate Conference, followed by Shay Sodek in 1:56.7 and Brian Hurdal in 1:56.9, with Brian Curry settling for sixth despite a 1:58.1.

"That's a great demonstration of 800-meter power," said Rush, whose Bulldogs, as expected, blitzed West Valley, 89-56, and De Anza, 93-52.

The Bulldogs, 3-1 in the GGC, got another sharp distance double by former San Carlos High great Mitch Kingery, who won the mile in 4:16.0 and the 5,000 meters in 15:06.3.

Former Menlo-Atherton performer Mark Gerkenismeyer won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.5, his finest effort. Bob Foulke tied his best with a quick 48.5 victory in the 400 meters. And Keith Anderson won the 440 intermediate hurdles handily.

CSM's weakness, the field events, showed up again. Skip Peterson was the only Bulldog winner off the cinders, taking the long jump.

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Winners and CSM placers: 440 relay — West Valley 42.9; Mile — Kingery (SM) 4:16.0, 4. Benson 4:22.5; 110-meter hurdles — Gerkenismeyer (SM) 15.5, 3. Nelson 15.6, 5. Anderson 15.7; 400 meters — Foulke (SM) 48.5, 4. Davis 50.7, 6. Kellogg 52.0; 100 meters — Hurley (WV) 10.9; 800 meters — Sherrin (SM) 1:55.6, 2. Sodek 1:56.7, 3. Hurdal 1:56.9, 6. Curry 1:58.1; 440 IH — Anderson (SM) 56.3; 2. Gerkenismeyer 56.5, 5. Dietrich 58.6; 200 meters — Peterson (SM) 22.3, 5. Russell no time; 5000 meters — Kingery (SM) 15:06.3, 2. Mello 15:11.1, 4. Discus 15:20.4, 6. Pincombe 15:40.4; Mile relay — CSM (Sherrin, Davis, Foulke, Peterson) 3:22.8.

PV — Oravetz (WV) 17-1 (national JC record); 4. Dillard 14-6, 5. Black 14-6; TJ — Willis (WV) 47.1, 4. Eden 46-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6. Gustavson 45-3; SP — Foster (DA) 51-10; 4. Tafralis 45-5; LJ — Peterson (SM) 22-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, 4. Young 21-7; HJ — Harding (WV) 6-6, 2. Dillard 6-6, 3. Jett 6-4; Jav. — Giles (DA) 186.8, 3. Kirschknopf 180-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dis. — Perry (DA) 156-10, 2. Tafralis 153-2.