

Cal Nike Women's Invitational

By DON GOSNEY

April 5, Edwards Stadium, Berkeley.

In what was to be a down year for the Bears of the University of California, seriously lacking in mentally tough uninjured quality athletes, it came as a surprise when Coach Vern Gambetta's women repeated as champions of the fourth Cal-Nike Women's Invitational. Defeating a strong host of sixteen teams, Cal bested second place finisher Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 104.5 to 88 with defending AIAW champion Cal State Northridge placing third with 83 points.

Delighting the sparse crowd at Edward's Stadium on that sunny Sunday afternoon, Cal Poly's Olympic javelin thrower Karin Smith moved into the national lead with a winning effort of 204-6 to outdistance Cal's Kristen Engle and Stanford Olympian Mary Osborne. Sporting her traditional red bandana, the 25 year old Smith (who trains part of the year in Stuttgart, West Germany under national javelin coach Wilfried Hurst) threw a series of 201-0, 204-6, fault, 193-8, fault. The bouncy and energetic walk-on from Cal Poly compensates for her lack in size (5-6, 145 lbs.) with a fierce determination to be the best coupled with the quickness of a bunny rabbit.

Cal's middle distance ace sophomore from Santa Barbara, Cindy Schmandt completed a tough dual by winning the 1500 and the 3000 setting meet records in both races. Her 4:20.1 and 9:26.1 times qualified her for the AIAW Nationals and her latter time was a new school record. Running virtually untested in both races, defeating Hayward's Connie Hester by 12 seconds in the 1500 and Sacramento's Mary Anne Scannell by almost 14 seconds in the 3000, Schmandt was looking forward to a grudge race in the 3000 against the 19 year old Kim Schnurpfel from Stanford. The usual rivalry found when there is more than one star athlete competing in the same area has taken on an unusual fierceness in this case. The two find themselves racing in the same meets countless times over the years and there has developed a strong desire by Schmandt to

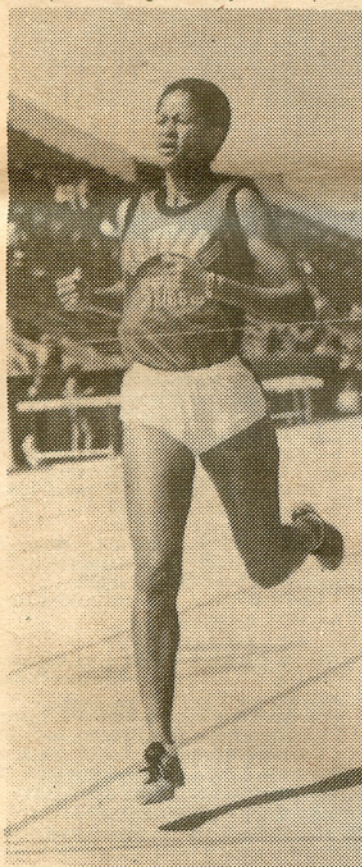


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bump Schnurpfel from her place of prominence. Schmandt thought her opportunity had come when the schedule had her pitted against her nemesis in the 3000 but the sophomore from Stanford had to pull out at the last minute. The indoor All American from the Farm has been plagued with a blister for the past several months that turns into a bloody mess when she races on it. Such was the case this time. Her win in the 5000 earlier in the day (16:40.1, qualifies for AIAW) had damaged her foot badly enough to warrant her withdrawal from her race against Schmandt.

Freshman Sue McNeal won the high jump for Cal Poly with an outstanding jump of 5-11 1/4 handily beating Cal's Kathy Hamilton who jumped 5-7 1/4.

Showing excellent form in the hurdles, Cal State Northridge freshman Alesia Sweeney won the 100m hurdles in 14.22. Also running quite well was Cal Poly's freshman distance runner Liz Strangio. Strangio qualified for the AIAW Nationals in the 5000 with her second place time of 16:50.2. Winning both the 200 and the 400 for the Golden Bears, sophomore

Kim White earned, along with Schmandt, the honor of being selected Nor-Cal athlete of the Week. White, a former star at Berkeley High, used her 54.65 in the 400 to send her to Austin for the AIAW Nationals. In a tough double, Hayward's All-American ace Michele Aubuchon won the 10K in 34:48.5 to qualify for Nationals and came back to place fifth in the 5K with a 17:47.4.

10,000 Meters: 1. Michele Aubuchon (CSUH) 34:48.5; 2. Jan Oehm (Cal) 35:55.6; 3. Beth Milewski (CSUN) 36:15.4; 4. Irene Crowley (SLO) 36:26.4; 5. Karen Pfifer (Sac) 37:38.2.

4x800 Meter Relay: 1. Sacramento (Scannell, Wallace, Gonzales, Pappas) 9:06.2; 2. Cal Poly SLO (Whitney, Kelley, Allyne, Scherzinger) 9:13.1; 3. California (Flowers, Richter, Ross, Martinson) 9:21.5; 4. Hayward (Knolwes, Moran, Rieboldt, Hayes) 9:27.3; 5. Stanford (Dewey, Wotherspoon, Knight, Plummer) 9:43.0.

Discus: 1. Carol Cady (Stanford) 164-8; 2. Leslie Hoerner (CSULB) 161-1; 3. Sue Springer (Cal) 156-7; 4. Ramona Pagel (CSULB) 152-3; 5. Karlyn Gansel (Uath St.) 143-1.

5000 Meters: 1. Kim Schnurpfel (Stanford) 16:40.1; 2. Liz Strangio (SLO) 16:50.2; 3. Robin Tracey (Sac) 17:30.5; 4. Lynne Hjelte (Cal) 17:32.2; 5. Michele Aubuchon (Hayward) 17:47.4.

4x100 Meter Relay: 1. Northridge A 47.31; 2. Sacramento 47.63; 3. Cal Poly SLO 47.78; 4. Northridge B 48.31; 5. Stanford 48.72.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1. Alesia Sweeney (Northridge) 14.22; 2. Konnie Mackey (Utah St.) 14.64; 3. Natasha Smith (Northridge) 14.76; 4. Sally Meinbress (Cal) 14.91; 5. Liz Carroll (SLO) 15.12.

1500 Meters: 1. Cindy Schmandt (Cal) 4:20.1; 2. Connie Hester (Hayward) 4:32.1; 3. Amy Harper (SLO) 4:33.7; 4. Mary Tracey (Claremont) 4:33.8; 5. Cherly Flowers (Cal) 4:34.2.

400 Meters: 1. Kim White (Cal) 54.66; 2. Bobbie Gilmore (Sac) 55.55; 3. Marcia Martin (Stanford) 56.09; 4. Connie Culbert (Cal) 56.54; 5. Liz Douglas (SLO) 56.6.

100 Meters: 1. Danita Young (Northridge) 12.1; 2. Delphinia Banks (Hayward) 12.1; 3. Lynnae Warren (Stanford) 12.2; 4. Delene Thomas (Utah St.) 12.2; 5. Valerie Bell (SFSU) 12.2.

800 Meters: 1. Frannie Castro (Hayward) 2:08.9; 2. Michelle Bonds (CSULB) 2:11.6; 3. Dina Pappas (Sac) 2:12.6; 4. Ann Reeve (Hawaii) 2:13.3; 5. Esther Scherzinger (SLO) 2:15.4.

Javelin: 1. Karin Smith (SLO) 204-6; 2. Kristen Engle (Cal) 154-5; 3. Mary Osborne (Stanford) 153-9; 4. Heidi Iratcabal (Reno) 139-10; 5. Beth Rockliffe (Cal Luth) 136-9.

400 Meter Hurdles: 1. Kathy Bower (CSULB) 61.35; 2. Konnie Mackey (Utah St.) 61.68; 3. Natasha Smith (CSUN) 62.42; 4. Laura Held (SLO) 62.54; 5. Jennifer James (Utah St.) 62.9.

Long Jump: 1. Lynnae Warren (Stanford) 18-8 1/2; 2. Terri Serrano (Davis) 18-3 1/4; 3. Pam Donald (Stanford) 18-2 1/4; 4. Dawn Peters (Hayward) 18-1 1/4; 5. Bebra Wilford (Bakersfield) 18-1.

200 Meters: 1. Kim White (Cal) 24.57; 2. Letitia Sherrill (CSUN) 24.75; 3. Melanie Markham (Northridge) 24.86; 4. Eloise Mallory (SLO) 24.88; 5. Cheryl Doss (Northridge) 25.33.

High Jump: 1. Sue McNeal (SLO) 181; 2. Kathy Hamilton (Cal) 172; 3. Chris Dubois (SLO) 162; 3. Natasha Smith (SCUN) 162; 5. Vickie Marquez (CSULB) 162; 5. Shelley Craig (Cal) 162.

3000 Meters: 1. Cindy Schmandt (Cal) 9:26.1; 2. Mary Anne Scannell (Sac) 9:39.9; 3. Eileen Kraemer (SLO) 9:50.5; 4. Diane Gong (Stanford) 10:02.4; 5. Pattisue Plummer (Stanford) 10:04.6.

Shot Put: 1. Sandy Burke (Northeastern) 50-10 1/4; 2. Annie McElroy (CSULB) 47-0 1/2; 3. Ramona Paigel (CSULB) 46-3 1/4; 4. Sue Springer (Cal) 44-6; 5. Sharen Hamilton (Bakersfield) 44-1 1/4.

4x400 Relay: 1. Cal State Northridge 3:47.11; 2. Cal Poly SLO 3:48.65; 3. Cal 3:49.13; 4. Cal State Hayward 3:49.4; 5. Stanford 3:52.1.

Team Scores: 1. California 104.5; 2. Cal Poly SLO 88; 3. Cal State Northridge 83; 4. Stanford 69; 5. Cal State Hayward 51; 6. Cal State Sacramento 50; 7. Cal State Long Beach 47.5; 8. Utah State 24; 9. Northeastern 10; 10. UC Davis 8; 11. San Francisco State 7; 12. Cal Lutheran 5; Nevada Reno 5; 14. Cal State Bakersfield 4; Claremont 4; 16. Hawaii.

Four Way Women's Meet

April 11, Cal State Sacramento.

10,000: 1. Gail Coensgen (Chico) 42:00.0; 2. Mary Landers (Chico) 46:23.7.

880 Medley Relay: 1. Sacramento 1:47.4; 2. San Francisco 1:51.7; Reno 1:57.7.

5000: 1. Mary Anne Scannell (Sac) 16:57.5; 2. Krista Roberts (Sac) 18:12.0; 3. Lili Hughes (Sac) 19:10.7.

400 Relay: 1. Sacramento 47.5; 2. San Francisco 47.9; 3. Sacramento B 50.8.

1500: 1. Laurie Brantingham (Reno) 4:57.5; 2. Lisa Macias (SF) 4:59.3; 3. Jill Smith (Reno) 5:03.7.

100 Hurdles: 1. Velma Banks (Sac) 15.3; 2. Patty O'Rourke (SF) 16.3; 3. Becky Blankenship (Chico) 18.7.

400 Meters: 1. Felicia Thompson (Sac) 58.4; 2. Diana Pappas (Sac) 59.4; 3. Cindy Cook (Chico) 59.6.