

Mt. SAC Relays

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April 25. Walnut.

In a bit of change with the hope of attracting more schools, the High School division of the Mt. SAC Relays were moved to Saturday, April 25, instead of the traditional Friday this year. With less conflict with dual meets the lightning-fast facility brought forth a number of excellent performances during a day-long orgy of action.

As Steve Hunt of the *Pasadena Star News* put it they may have to rename the meet the "Muir-SAC" relays after the way the Pasadena school tore through all its competition here. Ed Tave and Bernard Mathis took care of the individual events, while quick relay groups took care of meet records in a big way in the 400, 800, and 1600 meter relays. Tave rocketed the highs in 14.07, and took the two horizontal jumps in 24-5½w and 49-7¾w. Mathis took the 100 meters by a big margin during his 10.79 win. Super relay efforts of 41.45 (400), 1:27.38 (800) and 3:13.71 (1600) interspersed during the afternoon showed the Mustang class this year. If there is a group talented enough to run with Berkeley this may be the one.

The University of Irvine and Kennedy of Granada Hills girls headed that half of the meet. Laura Mills of the Orange County school took the 100 meter lows in a meet record 14.13 and the high jump at 5-7 on misses from improving Elisa Cooks (Wilson, Hacienda Heights). The Trojans' 6000 relay group (4x1500) ran a fine 19:57.8 without Polly Plumer. The Kennedy relay groups won in 46.5 (400) and 3:42.38 (1600)-the latter quite exciting as Denean Howard gave the Manual Arts squad a seemingly insurmountable lead before running the Toiler anchor girl down in the homestretch during a 51.2 leg. The Manual Arts girls raced an excellent 3:43.13. Earlier in the day the Toilers had churned what is by far the fastest ever 3200 relay performance by a California girls group with their 9:15.6 win.

Ganeshia of Pomona's Gervaise McGraw looked super in taking both women's sprints. Her 11.72w took club teammate Zelda Johnson (Garey, Pomona) and her 11.78 in the 100, while Gervaise won by a block in her 24.03w (2.42 mps) 200. Walnut's Gayle Kellon blasted a 55.62 400, while Culver City's Donna Curtis showed the same type of power during a home stretch charge that brought her a 2:10.6 meet record 800 win over Laguna Beach's Rennie Durrand (2:11.6). Fullerton's Natalie Kaaiawahia took a fine shot put competition (six over 40-5¾) at 47-10¾ and continued to improve in the discus with a 137-10 win.

Eddie Davis and his Compton distance teammates continue to be invincible. In the morning's 4x1500 relay Davis came from way back during a well-paced 3:51.6 to kick his way to a 16:13.4 team victory. In the middle of the afternoon Davis rolled to a 1:52.0 during a big 3:24.9 sprint medley win (second 3:32.9). As dark settled in, Davis rocketed the final straight during a 10:10.4 distance medley win. Another distance star was Gary Gonzales (Clovis) who screamed three laps in 3:03 during a 3:51.36 solo 1500. El Modena of Orange featured soph Jesse DeSantos 1:55.4 and Steve Valen 1:56.0 in their 7:48.4 meet record 3200 relay.

There were a number of other good men's events. Eisenhower of Rialto sprinter Dwayne Allen charged a 21.7w (2.64 mps) 200 win, Norco's Dwayne Willis won the 400 at 47.88 (meet record), and Scott Cox (Wilson, Long Beach) looked powerful during a 1:53.40 800 win. Antelope Valley's John Frazier tossed the shot out a state-leading 64-2½, and Newport Harbor's Kevin Jefferies won the discus at 172-9. Inglewood's Chris Bonner took Laguna Beach's Jay Thorson at 6-8¾ on misses in the high jump.

Other women's events went to Shelly Hazlett (Saugus) 4:41.35 for 1500 meters, and El Capitan of San Diego at 12:25.2 in the women's distance medley relay.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION: 100 (+2.47), 1—Gervice McCraw (Ganesha) 11.72w, 2—Zelda Johnson (Garey) 11.78w; 200 (+2.42), Gervaise McCraw (Ganesha) 24.0w; 400, Gayle Kellon 55.62; 800, 1—Donna Curtis (Culver City) 2:10.6, 2—Rennie Durand (Laguna Beach) 2:11.6; 100H, 1—Laura Mills (University) 14.13, 2—Geri Golden (Carson City) 14.43, 3—Tonya Motes (West) 14.84; SP, 1—Natilie Kaaiawahia (Fullerton) 47'10³/₄, 2—Lorraine Costanzo (Saugus) 43'5; DT, 1—Natilie Kaaiawahia (Fullerton) 137'10, 2—Lorraine Costanzo (Saugus) 135'5; HJ, 1—Laura Mills (University) 5'7, 2—Elisa Cooks (Wilson) 5'7; 4x100, 1—Kennedy (Grant-T. Howard-Johnson-D. Howard) 46.5, 2—Muir 47.9; 4x400, 1—Kennedy (T. Howard-Cook-Johnson-D. Howard) 51.1) 3:42.38, 2—Manual Arts 3:43.13, 3—Walnut 3:54.37; 4x800, Manual Arts (Johnson-Wright-Hemmens-Lowe) 9:15.6; 4x1500, 1—University (Saverwein-Noutse-Zenk-Barrios) 19:57.8; SpMed, 1—Manual Arts 1:44.5, 2—Garey 1:46.0, 3—Ganesha 1:46.6; DisMed, 1—El Capitan (Foskett-Eyer-Crawford-Rowlette) 12:25.2, 2—Edison 12:27.2, 3—Santa Barbara 12:28.4.