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CONFERENCE PREVIEW RACE  
SHOWS WORK TO BE DONE

San Francisco State traveled to U.C. Davis for the annual Cal Aggie Invitational last weekend. With all the Far Western Conference schools participating, it was a good indicator of how the teams were matching up with the Conference Championships a month away.

The Gator contingent finished 10th out of 12 teams and 5th among the FWC teams. The race around the UC Davis campus was run under ideal temperature conditions, but the pace was red-hot right from the gun. San Jose's Genet emerged in front with the second fastest time ever run for the course (24:14.7) and pulled 14 other runners under the 25-minute mark. U.C. Davis took the team title with an impressive 43 points and 121 runners finished the race.

San Francisco was again lead by junior Kian McCarthy in 57th position with a clocking of 26:26. "Kian ran a fine race," commented Gator mentor David Fix, "but the quick pace at the beginning took its toll on many and Kian was one of those." McCarthy charged to a 4:55 first mile time as the leaders went through in 4:34.

Bob Schug came across 64th in 26:48 and was closely followed by freshman Terry Lomax in 66th with a 26:51 clocking. "It was encouraging to see Schug running closer to McCarthy," stated Coach Fix, "and Lomax is running tougher each week."

Rounding out the scorers for San Francisco were two more freshmen, Guy Dear (84th) and Rudy Lopez (88th).

Looking at the team results, San Francisco appears to be within striking distance of Stanislaus State. "Coming into the meet we were looking to compete on an equal basis with Sacramento State and Stanislaus State," noted Coach Fix, "but Sacramento ran an excellent race by bunching their first five within 41-seconds. They showed that they are the team to beat for third place honors in the FWC."

With their goal now well defined, San Francisco prepares for their next competition which will find the Gators travelling to Coyote Park for a triangular meet between Hayward State and U.C. Davis. The Saturday, October 18th race will be the last away meet for the San Francisco squad this season.

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