

course goes up and down the challenging "switchbacks" and on into the finish. It was here that Vickie steadily pulled away to her decisive ten second margin of victory at 11:29.3. Vickie's time was a new course record; breaking Susie Sanchez's (Eisenhower, Rialto) 11:31 (set in 1977 when she placed high in the Senior Women's AAU race). Back in third place was aggressive Uni frosh Teresa Barrios, whole excellent 11:58 helped lead her squad to an awesome 61:50.7 time for five and 43 points to easily win the team sweepstakes affair. University's team time topped the 62:13.2 Meet Record of the Nation's Number one ranked squad of 1978, Edison of Huntington Beach. The team that could top University this year would have to be very special—the Trojans may be the country's best in 80.

**Top Individual Times (combined races):** Cook (Alemany) 11:29.3, Plummer (University, Irvine) 11:39, Barrios (University, Irvine) 11:58, Hazlett (Saugus) 12:03, Ehlen (Santa Barbara) 12:16, White (Sonora, La Habra) 12:18, Lachel (Monte Vista, San Diego) 12:19, Kutner (Pasadena Poly) 12:20, McClelland (San Marino) 12:21, Karamitsos (Righetti, Santa Maria) 12:27, Lopez (Sacred Heart, LA) 12:29, Mason (Buena, Ventura) 12:30, Ferro (Irvine) 12:33.9, Wolf (Costa Mesa) 12:36, Armentrout (University, Irvine) 12:38, Sauerwein (University, Irvine) 12:39, Durrand (Laguna Beach) 12:41, Truscott (Santa Fe Christian) 12:43, Booth (Laguna Beach) & McLeod (Skyline, Oakland) 12:45.

**Top Team Times (combined races):** University, Irvine 61:50.7, Costa Mesa 65:04.2, San marino 65:31.5, Santa Barbara 65:31.8, Saugus 65:42.0, Newbury Park 66:00.4, Tustin 67:07.2, Buena, Ventura 67:18.8, Edison, Huntington Beach 67:28, Irvine 67:47, Walnut 67:51.6, Mt. Carmel, San Diego 67:58.8.

On Saturday, October 25th, the guys took over the Mt. SAC facility with another individual dual the day's highlight. Last year in the Sectional Finals Barasa Thomas (Santa Barbara) handed Jon Butler (Edison, Huntington Beach) his first defeat of the year—they are both back and unbeaten in 1980. They met in the Individual Sweepstakes race. After a relatively flat first mile in the 4:45 range the duo had broken away from the pack and battled up and down the challenging "Switchbacks." Butler's strategy included bursting up "Poop-Out" hill, a relatively short, but initially very steep grade at 1 3/4 miles. Thomas could not respond to this "upping of the ante" and Butler was home free—powering up and over the final "Reservoir" hill and into the finish an easy winner at 14:55.1. Gary Gonzales (Clovis) was well back in 4th at the mile and a half, and he charged the second half of the course to move up to a second place in 15:10.8. Thomas dropped back to fourth as El Modena's Steve Valen raced a steady effort for 3rd at 15:16.9.

The other interesting race was in the Team Sweepstakes affair, with this year featured the best from the San Diego, Southern, and Central Sections. At the finish all three areas acquitted themselves well as Costa Mesa and Valhalla (San Diego) tied point-wise for the team title at 98, and Corcoran was third with 117. Costa Mesa was a bit stronger up front, and thier 80:33-80:48 team time settled who took home the trophy for first. Corcoran's 81:02 was the fourth fastest of the day, as Fountain Valley put together a fine effort in its race to record an 81:00.

**Top Individuals (combined races):** Butler (Edison, Huntington Beach) 14:55.1, Gonzales (Clovis) 15:10.8, Valen (El Modena, Orange) 15:16.9, Thomas (Santa Barbara) 15:23.5, Carlton (Northview, Covina) 15:24.2, D. Orr (Upland) 15:24.8, LaCrosse (Costa Mesa) 15:25.1, Seeman (Helix, San Diego) 15:26.3, Parker (Tustin) 15:27.4, Smallwood (Corocoran) 15:31.4, Hartford (Corona Del Mar) 15:32.0, Arkinson (Mira Costa, Manhattan Beach) 15:32.9, Meyer (University, Irvine) 15:35.0, Cadena (Montebello) 15:35.2, Schweikart (Barstow) 15:35.4, Erickson (Fountain Valley) 15:38.8, Cammack (South Hills, Covina) 15:40.1, Vaughn (Brea) 15:40.5, McDonnell (Burrroughs, Burbank) 15:43.3, Satterwhile (Irvine) 15:43.6, Walter (La Serna, Whittier) 15:43.7, Bowlus (Rolling Hills) 15:44.8, Oblouk (Irvine) 15:45.2, Souza (Wilson, Hacienda Heights) 15:47.0, Planta (Mater Dei, Santa Ana) 15:48.4, Olson (Hawthorne) 15:48.9, Gallagher (Corona Del Mar) 15:49.3.

**Top Team Times (combined races):** Costa Mesa 80:33.8, Valhalla, San Diego 80:48.3, Foutain Valley 81:00.3, Corcoran 81:02.3, Corona Del Mar 81:38.7, Mira Costa, Manhattan Beach 81:40.8, Helix, San Diego 81:44.2, University, Irvine 81:51.5, Thousand Oaks 81:56.1, Mater Dei, Santa Ana 82:03.8, Clovis 82:20.8, Irvine 82:33.6, Rolling Hills 82:34.4, Simi 82:34.6, Bonita Vista, Chula Vista 82:35.2, Mira Mesa, San Diego 82:35.2, Hawthorne 82:40.2, Burrroughs, Burbank 82:45.2, Tustin 82:51.3, Amador Valley, Pleasanton 83:02.3, Barstow 83:03.1, Canyon, Anaheim 83:17.0, Newbury Park 83:25.2, Grossmont 83:30.9, El Dorado, Placentia 83:32.4, Sherman Indian, Riverside 83:32.7, Upland 83:34.7, Monte Vista, San Diego 83:39.0, Santa Barbara 83:39.8.

Villarueva (Fountain Valley) 12:38.

#### MT. SAC INVITATIONAL

Oct. 24, 25.

On Friday, October 24th, and Saturday, October 25th, the west's largest High School Cross-Country meet, the Mt. SAC Invitational took place. 269 Schools competed in Junior High, Frosh, Soph, Junior Varsity, and Varsity races. The contests are set up with attention paid to school size and relative team strength, with special team and individual sweepstakes races for squads and athletes.

On Friday an individual match-up overshadowed everything else involving the young ladies. Undefeated stars Vickie Cook (Alemany) and Polly Plummer (University, Irvine) were State Champs in Track last year in the 3200 and 1600 meters respectively, and each had started like a house afire this Cross-Country season. Their dual highlighted the Team Sweepstakes race. The duo broke away from the pack after a hundred yards, and traded challenges over the first half-mile, ending at the top of "Reservoir" hill. On the long downhill coming off that grade Vickie edged ahead, and increased her lead to fifteen yards on the relatively flat "horseshoe" loop that led them through the mile. The final 1320 of the 2 mile