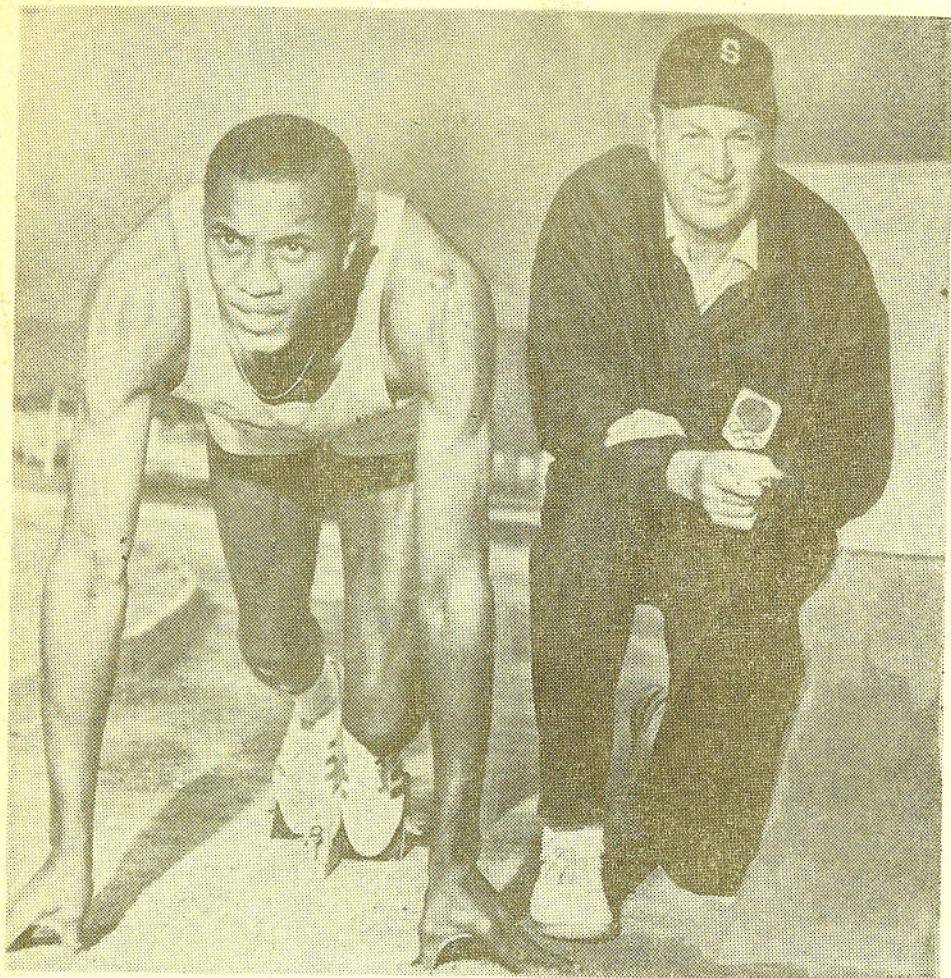


# Tommy Smith From An Athletic Family



Tommy Smith's start has been greatly improved as the result of long hours of instruction from Coach Bud Winter

# S.J. Sprinter Rated World's Best

By Darrell Wilson

Some 25 years ago, Acworth, Texas, had a population of 100 people, and a fair percentage of them were Smiths.

There were ten brothers in one of the Smith families, fine athletes all. With the help of some cousins, also fine athletes, they formed a baseball team which was the sensation of the Red River Valley.

The point of all this is to illustrate that San Jose State's Tommy Smith comes from an athletic family.

Tommy was born in Acworth, one of 12 children. His four brothers are all top athletes and no doubt his sisters would be

too, if there were much point in it.

Tommy came to California when he was six and became the greatest all-round star in the history of Lemoore High School.

In 1963 he won the California prep 440 title at 47.3, and today he is generally rated the world's fastest at 200 meters and 220 yards.

He shares the 200-meter record at 20.0 and many people believe that, barring injuries, he can get the 400-meter mark of 44.9.

Last Saturday, while leading the Spartans to a 101-98 victory over Stanford, Tommy took two broad jumps, getting San Jose's best effort of 23-1, then anchored the 440, 880, and mile relay victories.

Unfortunately, Smith has had little competition in major, world-class meets. He pulled a muscle before the NCAA meet as a sophomore last year and was through for the season.

Tommy is good at all sports. He was the leading scorer on the Spartan frosh basketball team but gave up the game "because at 6-3 I was too short."

Smith said yesterday, "I've never played college football but I'd like to go into pro football. I'll play at San Jose when I finish my track eligibility. I wasn't all-league in high school because I was playing halfback and I was too skinny at that time." (He's 185 now.)

Smith's lifelong ambition?

"I'd like to be a teacher. No, not the college level. Or high school either. I'd like to be in grammar school because I think I can help kids.

"I was kind of a problem child as a kid, could have gone bad. I was straightened out by parental help."

"What kind of a problem child? Did you steal from the Five and Dime? Did you push over outhouses?"

Tommy laughed, "Nothing like that. I was unruly in class. I teased the girls and so forth."

Turns out Tommy wasn't a real problem at all.

Nor is he now.

The 100-yard dash was always a struggle for Tommy because he didn't learn to start properly until recently.

Coach Bud Winter, one of the world's top sprint coaches, told Tommy to concentrate on the 100 and 220 last year, instead of his best combination of 220-440, and the Lemoore grad took it without a complaint.

It was best for the San Jose State team and it probably was best for Tommy too. It helped him to improve his start, which will help him in tight 220's and 440's against world-class competition.

Winter has said that Smith would concentrate on his best events this year, and Tommy doesn't complain about that either.

"I do what the coach says. He thinks the 440 is my best event, although I like the 220 a little better."

# Smith averaged 23 miles pe

By REED NESSEL

The talk at the Northern California Track Writers Association meeting at Rickeys Hyatt House Monday was divided between a runner who ran awfully fast—San Jose State's Tommy Smith—and a runner who didn't run at all — Stanford freshman Pat Morrison.

Smith, who set world records in the 220 and 200 meter straight-away at 19.5 seconds Saturday, was voted, obviously, as the outstanding track athlete of the week.

San Jose State coach Bud Winter said:

"As I saw the fellows pounding their blocks in for the race, I had a premonition of dire happenings. I didn't know whether

it was going to be good or bad, but I was nervous.

"Tommy got out of the blocks pretty well, he wobbled just a little bit. Wayne Hermen (another SJS sprint star) had the lead for about the first 70 yards before Tommy caught him.

"When Tommy was about 10 yards ahead of Hermen at the end of the race, I knew he had something going," Winter said.

"I measured Tommy's stride after the race — it was easy because he was the only one to run in lane four so far that day — and it was about eight feet, four or five inches once he got going.

"Toward the end of the race it went to eight - seven, and his last three strides were eight-nine. That means he was still

accelerating at the end of the 220.

"His average speed for the race figures out to 23.08 miles per hour, which means that at some time during the race he must have surpassed Bob Hayes' all-time record of 26.9 miles per hour," Winter said.

"Everything has to be right for a world's record, and we took every precaution to make sure everything was as right as we could make it. I've got to thank the groundskeepers for putting 10 bags of calcium chloride on the track and for hand watering the track before the meet," Winter added.

"That's two records down and six to go for Tommy.

"He's got plenty of opportunities left, even though this week

we'll be running entirely relays at Fresno."

Smith is also aiming at world's records in the 100 meters, 220 curve, 200 meter curve, 440, 400 meters and 100 yard dash, according to Winter.

Stanford freshman track coach Jerry Barland, speaking about the Morrison incident, in which the freshman sprinter was not taken to the Little Big Meet after refusing to have his hair trimmed, said:

"I feel that the boys who did compete did an outstanding job. I want to commend those who gave up some of their individual rights for the good of the team, those who can take discipline in stride.

"Sports is not just what happens on the track, we're dealing

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with ideals and building greater things.

"There are rules and regulations that we as coaches are asked to abide by — we tried to compromise and didn't get that cooperation from the individual.

"We had 23 competitors in 17 events," said Barland, "and we had three people in every event except one hurdles race.

"I'm going to have to ask people to double, triple and quadruple again in our Thursday meet against Santa Ana College, and I'm sure that the boys I ask will do it."

Stanford's Jim Eshelman, who set a stadium record of 16-1/2 in winning the pole vault against California at Berkeley Saturday, was voted the out-

standing field athlete of the week.

"The Big Meet was a fine meet," said Payton Jordan, Stanford coach. "There was especially keen competition."

Stanford quartermiler Jim Ward, who won that event in 47.3 Saturday, said, "I have never finished a 440 running that easily. I was sorry to see the race end, because I had finally started running well."

Cal assistant coach Al Ragan, speaking for Sam Bell, said, "We were very pleased with the Big Meet. We gave them a bit of a go, we tried hard. It was a good contest, and the next one may be a better contest.

"We won the Little Big Meet

—but just by a hair," cracked Ragan.

Both Stanford and California will have competitors in Friday's Los Angeles Coliseum Relays and Saturday's West Coast Relays in Fresno.

Special mentions went to Darrell Horn of Oakland's Athens Athletic Club as club athlete of the week, and Lee Evans of San Jose City College as jaycee athlete of the week.

A special guest at the meeting was Petar Vucovic, the secretary-general of the Yugoslavian track and field federation, who is on a tour of the United States. Vucovic will be splitting the next two weeks between San Jose State and Stanford.

What makes Tommy Smith run?

Presently it's the rapid hand of a stopwatch that keeps him dashing for the tape, but back when it all started it was his sister that kept him running.

Tommy, in case you haven't heard, is San Jose State's latest gift to the track and field world — a potential world record smasher in three events, according to SJS coach Bud Winter.

"Tommy Smith," says the venerable Winter in gospel-like tones, "could be the greatest, fastest man alive. He has that uncanny ability to sustain speed longer . . . that extra something."

Smith, a remarkable 6-3, 185-pounds of lightning, has the build of a thoroughbred — like a Citation in BVDs. And he produces the same sensation when he steps forward for his specialty. Running free, formful and loose.

How did it all start? "It was back in elementary school, about the sixth grade I'd say," Tommy recalled as I walked alongside him while he cooled off between events at Saturday's meet at the SJS oval.

"My sister Sally was the best in school, but she couldn't compete against our rival school. So, the principal got up a match race between us." Tommy chuckled, perhaps remembering that Sally HAD beaten him in impromptu races previously.

"But this time," Tommy said, "I huffed and puffed but I beat her and ever since then I've been huffing and puffing to keep it up."

Sally served as, say, the starter in Tommy's career, but her assistance hasn't stopped. "I've been fortunate to have that good parental influence," Tommy, one of 12 Smith children, remarked, "but Sally, she keeps me stepping." (Sally is now a secretary for a school in Tommy's hometown of Lemoore).

Since Sally, Tommy has made remarkable progress. "I always ran for the best time," he said. "In high school it was from 9.9 as a freshman to 9.5 as a senior. In fact my first 47.3 440 was achieved because Sally had bet me a dinner on it."

Today, a junior at SJS, Smith is the toast of track. He has tied the world's record for the 200 meters on a straightaway, 20 seconds flat. His best in the 100-yard dash is 9. He has done the quartermile in 46.5. Saturday, in one of his rare appearances in the long jump pit, Tommy won the event at 24-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

In Saturday's attempt for a new record for the 220-yard dash on a straightaway, Tommy fell shy at 20.4—the record is 20 flat. He also ran a leg in the Spartans' winning 440-relay—his time for 110 yards was an official 9.3. SJS maneuvered the distance in 40.6—best in the country to date.

What is Tommy's best event? "That's a good question," snapped Winter. "Smith could break all the speed records in the book. He's on his way with that natural development and sharpening up."

Winter compares Smith today at an equal with any Spartan star of yesterday, Ray Norton. "You know," Winter comments, "they're similar in



many ways — bow-legged and with those bird-like legs and an even temperament. Tommy, I'd say has more endurance, but both rank as tremendously coordinated athletes."

Bud dug deep into track history to make another comparison. "Smith is another Hal Davis (world's fastest human in the 1930's and a Winter pupil)."

What makes Smith so exciting to watch is that electrifying "extra something" that puts him first at the tape. "Tommy has a gear of his own," is how California coach Sam Bell describes it. All eyes are on Tommy when he's on the track and there's that silence, gasping and roaring that follows him around.

For example, you can credit Smith for the more than 2,000 fans that showed up at Saturday's meet. They came to see Tommy run; it was that obvious. The crowd thinned out considerably after his record attempt in the 220.

"Yes, I WAS kind of excited, a bit nervous and disappointed over it," Smith confided. He didn't beat the stopwatch this time, but there's a prevalent feeling time will run second to him in the near future.

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the 6-3, 185-pound junior from Lemoore hustle to overtake him at about the 100 yard mark.

"Under the circumstances I thought Tommy's time for the 220 was great," declared Spar-

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## Practice Pays Off

Tommy Smith, San Jose State's sprinting sensation, does some stretching exercises (left) before his attempt to set a new world's record in the 220-yard dash in Saturday's meet at the SJS oval. At right, Smith is shown practicing baton passing with teammate John Bambury. Smith missed the 220 record of 20 seconds flat with a 20.4 clocking and was timed in 9.3 for his 110-yard leg in the Spartans' winning quartermile relay team.



## ong Jumps 24-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

tan coach Bud Winter. "It was cold and windy and the track was not in the best of shape. I knew that when freshmen runners ran in the 22-second class and that when Bill Johnson ran 22.4 in his heat that it wasn't going to be a day for an all-out record attempt. Johnson usually runs around the 21.7 mark."

But even before his 220 stint Smith produced two remarkable performances. He was credited with a split of 9.3 for his 110 yard anchor leg on the 440 relay team which won in 40.6, the best time in the nation so far this season. Hermen led off with a fine explosion and was followed by Tim Knowles and John Bambury and the Spartans' baton passing was flawless.

Taking only his fifth competitive long jump in two years, Smith won the event at 24-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, the best of his career, surpassing the mark of 24-5 he did in high school. He took only one other jump and fouled by three inches on a 25-foot effort.

Capping his afternoon, Smith anchored the mile relay team to victory with a 48.4 clocking.

Three other Spartans turned in their career bests in the

meet. Cornelius Frazier, 6-2, 180-pound transfer from College of Sequoias, produced his career bests in both the long and triple jumps. He won the triple jump at 49-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, upsetting teammate Craig Ferguson, second place finisher in the 1965 NCAA meet. Frazier also added five inches to his previous best in the long jump with an effort of 23-2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Bill Langdon, junior college transfer from Fullerton, came up with his all-time best of 9:12.9 in taking the two mile, and Larry Dixon added nine inches to his previous best while winning the shot put at 52-5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

In other highlights the Spartans' Ed Johnson won the high jump at 6-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and teammates Gene Zubrinsky and Terry Doe both cleared 6-8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and Jim Beam took the pole vault at 14-6.

The Spartans, who meet California and Nevada in a triangular meet in Berkeley Saturday, took all but two events. Brian Downer of Santa Barbara won the javelin with a throw of 204-6, and Bill Robinson of UC Davis took the 120 yard high hurdles in 15.3.

# Smith's Knees Nick Chin

## Spartan's Danger Sign

By **BOB BRACHMAN**  
Examiner Sports Staff

The opposition instinctively cringes when Tommy Smith's knees suddenly start "nicking" his chin.

It's a sure-fire danger signal. When that happens, runners alongside have come to learn that the rangy sprinter has gone into overdrive and is about to depart the crowd.

It occurred three times Saturday while Smith and his Spartan teammates were opening the outdoor season by winning the Stanford Relays.

**RUNNERS WOULD** be close, up would come the knees and there was no more race.

What makes the style of the 21-year-old junior aspirant to "World's Fastest Human" recognition so distinctive is that not one in a thousand sprinters would dare attempt it.

They'd tie up in knots.

"In fact, the only one I ever knew about who could get away with it besides myself, was my brother Ernie, who's a frosh up at Oregon State," Smith said.

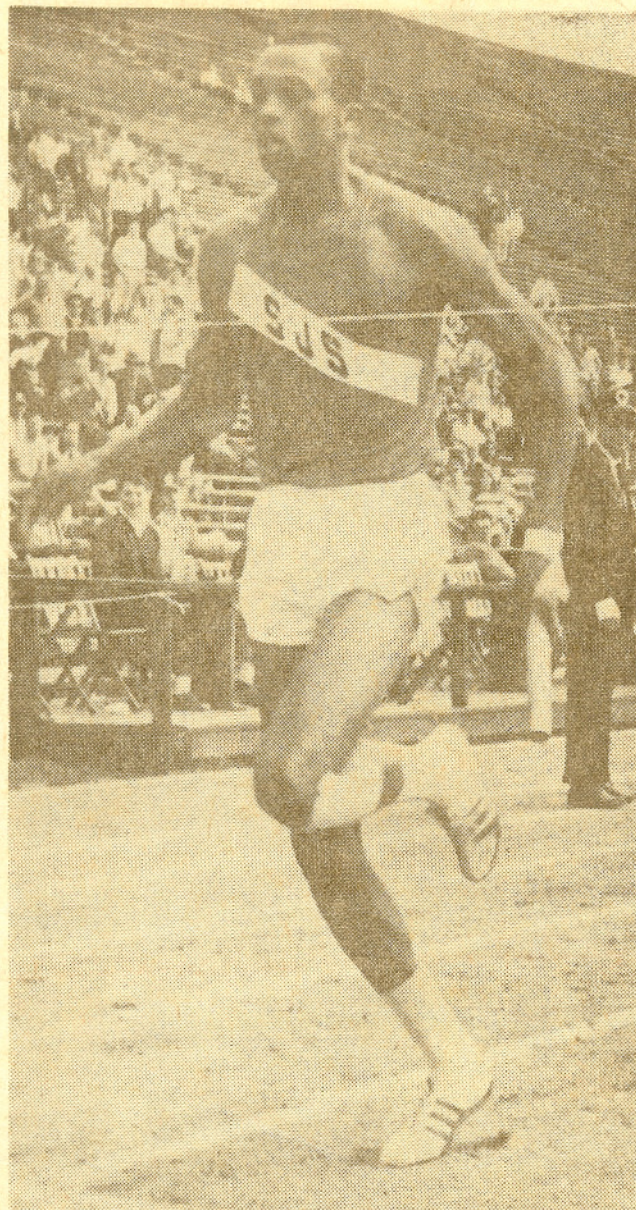
Actually, there have been a couple, of others—Hal Davis and Otis Davis, to name a couple who come to mind quickly—who had high knee action.

**BUT NOTHING** as exaggerated as Tommy's.

You'd think that the extra "lift" would tire a man, slow him up because he's spending more time off the ground and throw him off balance.

Not Smith.

"With me, it's relaxing," the personable Lemoore native says. "I've condi-



**TOMMY SMITH HITTING TAPE FOR VICTORY**

Spartan star says high knee action relaxes him

tioned myself to it and it's kind of like sitting back in a soft chair.

"It also gives me more drive off my feet and my arms seem to pull harder

when I run with high knees. My stride also lengthens about a foot."

**THERE'S NO** doubt that he moves more swiftly.

"And he can get a lot faster, yet," notes Spartan coach Bud Winter, who believes that Smith has the potential of removing Bob Hayes' "Greatest ever" crown.

Bud even goes so far as to say that Smith, with everything going right, could become the first sprinter to tie or break world records at 100, 220 and 440 yards.

"Tommy could end up the fastest man ever to pull on a track shoe," says Winter, "because he has amazing ability to sustain speed during the closing part of a race. It looks like a built-in extra gear."

**HIS STUDIES** of sprinting, Winter adds, show that almost all 100 yard runners accelerate up to about 65 yards, then "hold" a little and decelerate nearing the tape.

"It's admitted that Bob Hayes is the fastest man who ever lived," Winter went on to explain. "A check shows that, when his 100 was broken into quarters, his third 25-yard burst was his quickest. Even he let down some in the last 25.

"In Tommy's case, his fastest 25 is the last one. Over the whole race he decelerates less than any top sprinter who ever lived.

"That tells you one thing," Winter continued. "Once he gets up to his top speed, he can hold it better than anybody.

"**NOW, ALL** we have to do is get him to go into overdrive just a little earlier, hold it and he has it made, right?"

# Smith Sets 2 World Marks

SAN JOSE (Special) — Flying Tommy Smith, sprinting as though his life depended on it, set new world marks for 200 meters and 220 yards at Spartan Stadium here yesterday afternoon.

The slim San Jose State runner hit the 200 meter mark in :19.5 seconds and was clocked in the same time

for 220 yards over the straightaway course.

Smith shattered each world mark by five-tenths of a second. The old record for 200 meters was 20 seconds flat, held by Dave Sime, Frank Budd and Smith.

The world standard for 220 yards was also 20 seconds flat, held by Sime and Budd.

TIMERS CLOCKED Smith at :19.4, :19.5 and :19.6 for the 200 meters. The 220-yard timers caught him at :19.5, :19.5 and :19.6.

Ideal wind conditions prevailed at the time of Smith's record-shattering performance. The breeze was only

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# Smith Sets 2 World Marks

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4.02 miles per hour. The maximum for record-breaking is 4.47 m.p.m. There's about two feet difference between 200 meters and 220 yards.

Smith's coach, Bud Winter, was jubilant over the San Jose boy's sensational running.

"Everybody thought so; now they know that Tommy's the greatest!" enthused Winter.

SMITH CALMLY analyzed the record-breaking race after the times were announced.

"I had a good start, probably one of my best, but not the best," said Tommy, laconically. "I hit full speed at about 110 yards out."

The 6-foot-2 Smith's performance came during a triangular meet involving San Jose State, Santa Clara Youth Village and the Athens Club of Oakland.

Smith's competition came from a teammate, Wayne Hermen, who finished second in :20.5, and Miguel Gonzales, unattached, from the Mexican National team, in 20.9.

The sensational San Jose printer also turned in two other brilliant performances. He raced to the tape first in a 99.3 wind-aided 100-yard dash and ran a :09.2 anchor in the 440-yard relay team, on by the Spartans in 40.5.

THE WIND during Smith's 100-yard sprint was 9.3

## Foxx's Wife Dies

MIAMI (Fla.) — (AP) — Mrs. Dorothy A. Foxx, wife of baseball's Hall of Fame member James E. "Jimmie" Foxx, died in Baptist Hospital. She was 48.

m.p.h., but Tommy was short of the world's record of :09.1 so it really didn't matter.

The Athens Club's Darrell Morn recorded some fantastic jumping, winning the long jump in 24 feet 8 1/4 inches, and the triple jump at 52-4, a new stadium record. The old mark was 52-2, set by Les Bond last year.

~~LONG JUMP—1. Horn, Athens (24-3 1/4), 2. Thoreson, Athens (24-5), 3. Yamada, SCYV (24-3), Moran SJS (23-6 1/2).~~

HIGH JUMP—1. Doe, SJS (6-8), 2. Johnson, SJS (6-8), 3. Thoreson, Athens (6-6), 4. Carter, Athens (6-6).

220—1. Smith, SJS (19.5) world record, 2. Hermen, SJS (20.5), 3. Gonzales, unattached (20.9), 4. Fishback, Athens (21.4). Smith ran with a 4.02 wind, under the limit of 4.475. His mark breaks the 20.0 record by Smith, Frank Budd and Dave Sime. According to the usual adjustment of the addition of .3 seconds for the curve, he would have run 19.8 on a curve.

MILE RELAY—Canceled because of injuries on both teams.

3 MILE RUN—1. Volimer, SJS frosh (14:40.6), 2. Lowery, SJS frosh (14:52.4), 3. Langdon, SJS (15:06.8), 4. Murphy, SJS (15:08.5).

DISCUS—1. Dave Weill, unattached (192-11), 2. Bakanssen, Athens (178-10 3/4), 3. Bob Akers, SJS (169-3 1/2), 4. Dave Maggard, SCYV (162-9 1/2).

440—1. Wyatt, Athens (52.6), 2. Shackelford (53.0), 3. Medina, Mexican National, unatt. (53.7), 4. Noether, SJS, (57.4), 5. Vannatter, SJS (58.5), Hayson, SCYV (61.9).

POLE VAULT—1. Chase SCYV (16-0), 2. Beam, SJS (14-6), 3. Schafer, Athens (14-0), 4. Butler, SJS (13-6), 5. Thoreson (13-0).

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Horn, Athens (52-4) new stadium record, 2. Bond, SCYV (50-1 1/2), 3. Jackson, SCYV (49-5 1/2), 4. Moran, SJS, (47-10 1/2), 5. Frazier, SJS (47-1/2), old record 52-2 by Les Bond, 1965.

HAMMER THROW—1. Ballard, SYV (187-4 1/2), 2. Smith, SJS (170-2), 3. Reid, SCYV (154-0).

STEELCHASE—1. Klemmer, SJS (9:20.5), 2. Baker, SJS (9:58.3).

SHOP PUT—1. Maggard, SCYV (62-5 1/2), 2. Dixon, SJS (53-9), 3. Biagi, SCYV (48-6), 4. Salaneo, SCYV (47-8). Maggard's series: 62-3, 62-3, 62-2 1/2, 62 1/2, 61-5.

440 RELAY—1. SJS (Herman, Knowles, Bambury, Smith) 40.5, 2. SJS No. 2 (unattached) 42.9, 3. SCYV, 43.3, 4. Athens, 43.3 (Smith time of 9.2 for his 110 yard final leg.)

MILE RUN—1. Tutie, unattached (4:11.6), 2. See, 49'er track club (4:14.0), 3. Brown, SJS (4:19.2), 4. Sullivan, SJS 4:27.6).

440—1. Fishback, Athens (48.1), 2. Talmadge, SJS frosh unattached (48.2), 3. Knowles, SJS (48.7), 4. Noel, SJS (49.3).

100—1. Smith, SJS (9.3) wind aided, 2. Meriman, SJS (9.5), 3. Miguel Gonzalez, unattached (9.7), 4. John Twomeyn, Athens (9.7). Wind aided times with breeze of 7.24.

JAVELIN—1. Conley, SCYV (229-31 1/2), 2. Baughman, SCYV (201-6), Hewitt, SJS (193-0), 4. Gale, Athens, (180-3).

120 HIGH HURDLES—1. Wyatt, Athens, (14.3), 2. Gardner, SCYV (14.41), 3. McCorrick, Athens (14.5), 4. Vannatter, SJS (14.8).

880—1. Neff, SJS (1:53.7), 2. Fox, SJS frosh (1:56.1), 3. Mills, SCYV (1:56.8), 4. Finlayson, SJS frosh (1:58.6).

the varsity on the spot—and Saturday placed third in the big USC meet.

Bruce Bess (4:02) and John Link (4:02.2) ran the two fastest miles in Trojan history in finishing second and third behind the Bruins' great Bob Day Saturday . . . The CCAA championships at San Diego May 20-21, will be held a night in Balboa Stadium.

## UCLA COACH PREDICTS:

# World 2-Mile Mark Will Fall at Coliseum

BY AL WOLF  
Times Staff Writer

UCLA track coach Jim Bush predicted Monday that the world record in the two-mile run will be broken Friday night, when the 26th annual Coliseum Relays are staged.

"I'll go out on a limb and say somebody definitely will break the world record," he said at Monday's track luncheon in the Boardroom. "There are five runners in the field capable of doing it."

Bush referred to Kipchoge Keino of Kenya, Tracy Smith of the Santa Monica AA, Dyrol Burleson running unattached out of Oregon, Jim Ryun of the Kansas Frosh and his own Bob Day.

The world record is 8:22.6, set last year by Michel Jazy of France.

Weekend happenings in track and field added considerable zest to the meet.

USC freshman Paul Wilson vaulted 17 feet, 1 inch to give the meet four contestants who have achieved that altitude, the others being John Pennel and Bob Seagren of the

Striders and Sam Kirk of the Pasadena AA.

Neal Steinhauer of Oregon and Randy Matson of Texas A. & M. improved their season shot-putting to 66-10 and 66-9¾ respectively.

California captured its 34th consecutive mile relay.

Arnaldo Bristol of Texas Southern, a Coliseum entry, defeated Willie Davenport of Southern U., who recently equalled the world high hurdles record of 13.2.

Trojan yearling Lennox Miller became a solid favorite in the 220 by zipping 20.6 Saturday to equal the national college freshman record and clip one-tenth off the Coliseum track mark.

Rainer Stenius of Cal State (LA) long-jumped 26-9½ and bettered 27 feet on two fouls to pose a strong threat to world record holder (27-4¾) Ralph Boston of the Striders.

### Short Dashes

Because two runners pulled up lame last Saturday, Rice has scratched from the Coliseum 440 and 880 relays

. . . However, the Owls will be represented in the mile relay, and also in the 440 dash by John Moss and Jim Ellington . . . USC's Mahoney Samuels, who hurt his leg again in the UCLA meet, is out of the triple jump.

Dick Selby, off his Bruin record of 247-11 Saturday, has been added to the javelin field . . . Many of the athletes entered in the Coliseum carnival will double up in the West Coast Relays at Fresno Saturday.

Last Friday, Jeff Patterson was an intramural long jumper at UCLA . . . Coach Jim Bush just happened to be wandering across the field when he saw him get off a nifty leap . . . Presto! . . . Patterson was promoted to



# Smith Races 220 In 20.4

By WES MATHIS  
Mercury-News Sports Writer

It was Tommy Smith's day as San Jose State steamrolled three foes in a quadrangular track and field meet at Spartan Field before an overflow crowd of 2,000 fans Saturday afternoon.

The Spartans amassed 113½ points to 33 for UC Santa Barbara, 22½ for UC Davis and 14 for Sacramento State.

Smith zipped through the 220 yards on a straightaway in 20.4, just four tenths of a second off the world record shared by Dave Sime and Frank Budd as the fates failed to smile upon the event.

Just 20 minutes before Smith was supposed to make his rec-

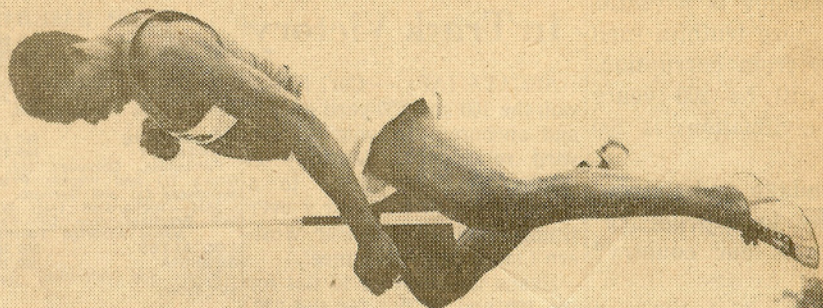
ord bid a cold wind came up it and reached 1.56 mph against the runners during the race. The wind died down 30 minutes after the race. Usually runners at Spartan Field are assisted by southerly breezes.

While no excuses need be made for a 20.4 clocking, Smith thought that the track was a little soft from midweek rains.

Smith was also clocked in 20.4 for 200 meters and both times are the best in the country so far this season.

Wayne Hermen, 5-6, 145-pound senior from Missouri, jumped out in front and made

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CLEARANCE — Ed Johnson, 20-year-old junior college transfer from Los Angeles who holds the school

and field record of 7-0, is shown scaling 6-10½ to win the high jump for San Jose

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State in a quadrangular meet at Spartan Field Saturday. — Mercury-News  
Photo by Dave Milton.

# Smith Obliterates Tw

By WES MATHIS  
Mercury-News Sports Writer

Fabulous Tommy Smith of San Jose State decimated two world sprint records with one unbelievable performance Saturday afternoon as he zipped through the 200 meters and 220 yards on a straightaway in 19.5 at Spartan Field.

SJS hosted Santa Clara Valley Youth Village and Athens Athletic Club in the historic meet.

No world spring standard has been clobbered so decisively as Smith did Saturday, knocking a

full half second off the former marks shared by Dave Sime and Frank Budd. Sime ran 20.0 for both races at Sanger on June 9, 1956, and Budd turned the trick at Villanova on May 12, 1962.

While Smith is the latest in a series of brilliant sprinters at SJS, he is the first to break a world record. Previous sprinters Ray Norton and Dennis Johnson, and Smith himself, tied world marks, but none broke them. Smith tied

the straightaway 220 time of 20.0 last season.

"Now that I've done it I'll admit I thought I could accomplish it," the 6-3, 185-pound junior from Lemoore said. "This is what I've been working for.

"I got a good start but not my best. I believe my best start was in my 9.2 100-yard dash at Berkeley last month. Wayne Hermen was with me and got in front at the start and he certainly helped me out of the blocks."

Smith admitted that he didn't feel too strong at the finish, and added: "I straightened up a little at about 195 yards, which is a sign that you are starting to fatigue a little.

"I knew I had a good race, but I had no way of knowing it was that fast."

The three official watches for the 200 meters caught Smith in 19.4, 19.5 and 19.6. The 19.5 watch was shaded toward 19.4 and the 19.6 watch was shaded toward 19.5. For

## Two World Marks

the 220 yards two watches captured the flashing Smith in 19.5 and one in 19.6 which was shaded toward 19.5.

When converted to yards, 200 meters is 218 yards, 26 inches, or three feet, 10 inches shorter than 220 yards.

The wind reading was 4.02, enough to assist Tommy slightly and yet safely under the allowable 4.47.

Smith, who earlier in the day won the 100 yard dash in 9.3 with an aiding wind of 7.24 and

was timed in a fantastic 9.2 for 110 yards in anchoring the 440 yard relay team to victory in 40.5, sent through a relatively light training week.

"I ran 660s for endurance on Monday, and spent Tuesday writing term papers," Tommy related. "I ran 352s on Wednesday, 150 finished Thursday and rested Friday. It wasn't a heavy week, but I have my background in.

"The good start did it and then it was just a case of lean, high knees and arm action."

In the 100, Smith was off to a fair start but didn't explode during the first 30 yards and admitted after the race that he was tight.

"I just wasn't relaxed," he said.

Coach Bud Winter, bursting with pride, explained that everything broke perfectly for the record assault.

"Tommy, of course, deserves all the credit," Winter daid,

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**JOB WELL DONE** — Tommy Smith is congratulated  
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by Split Lynch, head Pacific AAU track official for  
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the Northern California area after his record-setting 19.5 straightaway 220 on the

San Jose State track.—Photo by Dave Milton.  
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the only one on them," Winter said.

Smith also has the best clockings in the nation this season and the curve 200 meters, 20.3, and 220 yards, 20.4, only one and two-tenths seconds off world records, respectively, and the 440 yards, 45.7. He also has a long jump of 25-11, one of the best efforts of the year.

For the mathematically inclined, Tommy's speed for the 220 was 23.07 miles per hour.

Smith's historic performance overshadowed several other top chores.

Coach Darrell Horno of Athens A.C. set a new stadium record of 52.4 in the triple jump, erasing the old mark of 52-2 set by Les Bond of SJS in 1965, ex-Spartan Jeff Chase pole vaulted 16-0 and Dave Weill, former Stanford star, threw the discus 192-11.

Dave Maggard of Youth Village won the shot at 62-5½ and had an outstanding series, and Horn also took the long jump at 24-8¼. Versatile Dave Thorson of Athens A.C. high jumped 6-6, turned in a career best of 24-5 in the long jump and pole vaulted 13-0.

No team score was kept for the meet.

The results:  
**HAMMER THROW** — Clark Ballard (SVYV), 187-4½; Dick Smith (SJS), 170-2; Mike Reid (SCVY), 154-0.  
**STEEPLECHASE** — Rick Klemmer (SJS), 9:20.5; Bob Baker (SJS), 9:58.3.  
**SHOT PUT** — Dave Maggard (SCVY), 62-5½; Larry Dixon (SJS), 53-9; Don Blagg (SCVY), 48-6; Bob Slanec (SCVY), 47-8.  
**440 RELAY** — SJS (Hermen, Knowles, Bambury, Smith), 40.5; SJS No. 2, 42.9; SCVY, 43.3; Athens, 43.3.  
**MILE** — Tom Tuite, unattached, 4:11.6; Ralph Lee, (49'er T.C.), 4:14.0; Steve Brown (SJS), 4:19.2; Jim Sullivan (SJS), 4:27.6.  
**440** — Dave Fishback (Athens), 48.1; Bob Talmadge (SJS Frosh), 48.2; Knowles (SJS), 48.7; Ken Noel (SJS), 49.3.  
**100** — Tommy Smith (SJS), 9.3; Wayne Herrmen (SJS), 9.5; Miguel Gonzales, unattached, 9.7; John Twomey, (Athens), 9.7. (Aiding wind of 7.24).  
**JAVELIN** — Phil Conley (SCVY), 229-3½; Bob Baughman (SCVY), 201-6; Paul Hewitt (SJS), 193-0; Bart Cole (Athens), 180-3.  
**120 HH** — Tom Wyatt (Athens), 14.3; Bill Gardner (SCVY), 14.4; Cornelius McCormick (Athens), 14.5; Gary Vanatter (SJS), 14.8.  
**800** — Joe Neff (SJS), 1:53.7; West Fox (SJS Frosh), 1:56.1; Peter Mills (SCVY), 1:56.8; Reid Finlayson (SJS Frosh), 1:58.6.  
**LONG JUMP** — Darrell Horn (Athens), 24-8; Dave Thorson (Athens), 24; Hiroomi Yamada (SCVY), 24-3¾; Pat Moran (SJS), 23-6½.  
**HIGH JUMP** — Terry Doe (SJS), 6-8; Ed Johnson (SJS), 6-8; Dave Thorson, (Athens), 6-6; Bill Carter (Athens), 6-6.  
**220 YARD DASH and 200 METERS** — Tommy Smith (SJS), 19.5 (New world records, old marks 20.0 by Dave Sime and Frank Budd), Wayne Hermen (SJS), 20.5; Miguel Gonzales, unattached, 20.9; Dave Fishback (Athens), 21.4. (Aiding wind of 4.02, under limit of 4.47).  
**THREE MILE** — Andy Vollmer (SJS Frosh), 14:40.6; Brian Lwry (SJS Frosh), 14:52.4; Bill Langdon (SJS), 15:06.8; Danny Murphy (SJS), 15:08.5.  
**DISCUS** — Dave Weill, unattached, 192-11; Bill Bakansen (Athens), 188-10¼; Bob Akers (SJS), 169-3½; Dave Maggard (SCVY), 162-9½.  
**440 IH** — Tom Wyatt (Athens) 52.6; Ken Schackelford (SJS), 53.0; Salvador Medina, Mexican National Team, 53.7; Bud Noether (SJS), 57.4; Gary Vanatter (SJS), 58.5.  
**POLE VAULT** — Jeff Chase (SCVY), 16-0; Jim Beam (SJS), 14-6; Don Schafer (Athens), 14-0; Pat Butler (SJS), 13-6; Dave Thorson (Athens), 13-0.  
**TRIPLE JUMP** — Darrell Horn (Athens) 52.4 (new stadium record, old mark 52.2, Les Bond (SJS), 1965); Les Bond (SCVY), 50-10½; Lincoln Jackson (SCVY), 49-5½; Pat Moran (SJS), 47-10½; Cornelius Frazier (SJS), 47-½.

"but he received a lot of help.  
 "I had a hunch that this would be the day. The earlier track events indicated the track was fast, and the wind was directly behind him in quantity enough to help but not nullify the record.  
 "We made doubly sure that the track wouldn't be too dry and hard like it was two weeks ago when he just missed the curve 220 record.  
 "The groundskeepers and I were up bright and early this morning to hand water the track and then sprinkle it with calcium chloride to hold in the moisture.  
 "We also found that a couple of watches were off a hair, so we bought six new ones and they checked out perfectly.  
 "We always thought that Tommy could do it, and now we're sure."  
 Winter concluded by saying Smith wouldn't run the 220 on a straightaway again but would concentrate on the curve event and the 440.  
 "Those records will be retired, and Smith's name will be