

Sunnyvale's Figuer

By DICK O'CONNOR

The wind blew and the runners flew.

That was about the only way to describe the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League track and field championships at Buchser High School in Santa Clara Friday.

Probably no other league meet in the nation can top the collection of marks posted by

SCVAL athletes on the wind-swept Buchser track.

John Figueroa of Sunnyvale High School was the fastest runner on a day full of fleet-footed performers.

He won the 100 yard dash in 9.5 and came back to take the 220 in 20.5. He finished up by running the anchor leg for the Jet relay team that was clocked in a sensational 1:29.4.

There was a cross wind blowing when Figueroa zoomed through the sprints. Although no wind gauge was available, the breeze aided him.

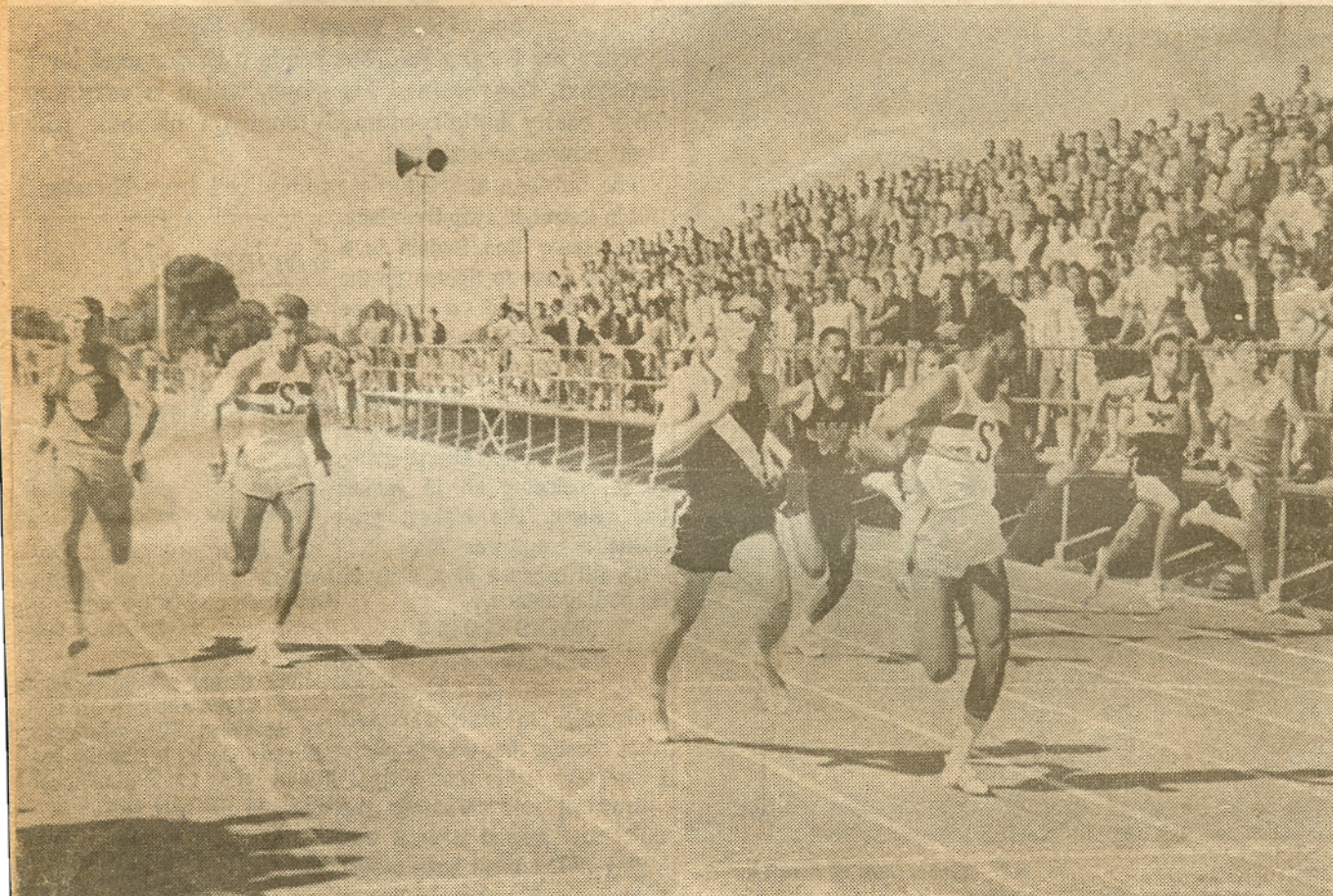
But wind or not, Figueroa was running like no other SCVAL sprinter ever has. In fact, the closest times to Figueroa's were turned in by Gary Mahan of Fremont as he ran second.

Mahan's times were 9.6 and

20.6 which rank with the best in the nation this year. Figueroa's time in the 220 is the best by a prep in the country this year.

The sprinters certainly didn't dominate the meet. Hurdles Rich McClung of Sunnyvale and Simon Rapanut of Wilcox took turns beating each other in tremendous races.

Rapanut won the low hurdles in an SCVAL record time of

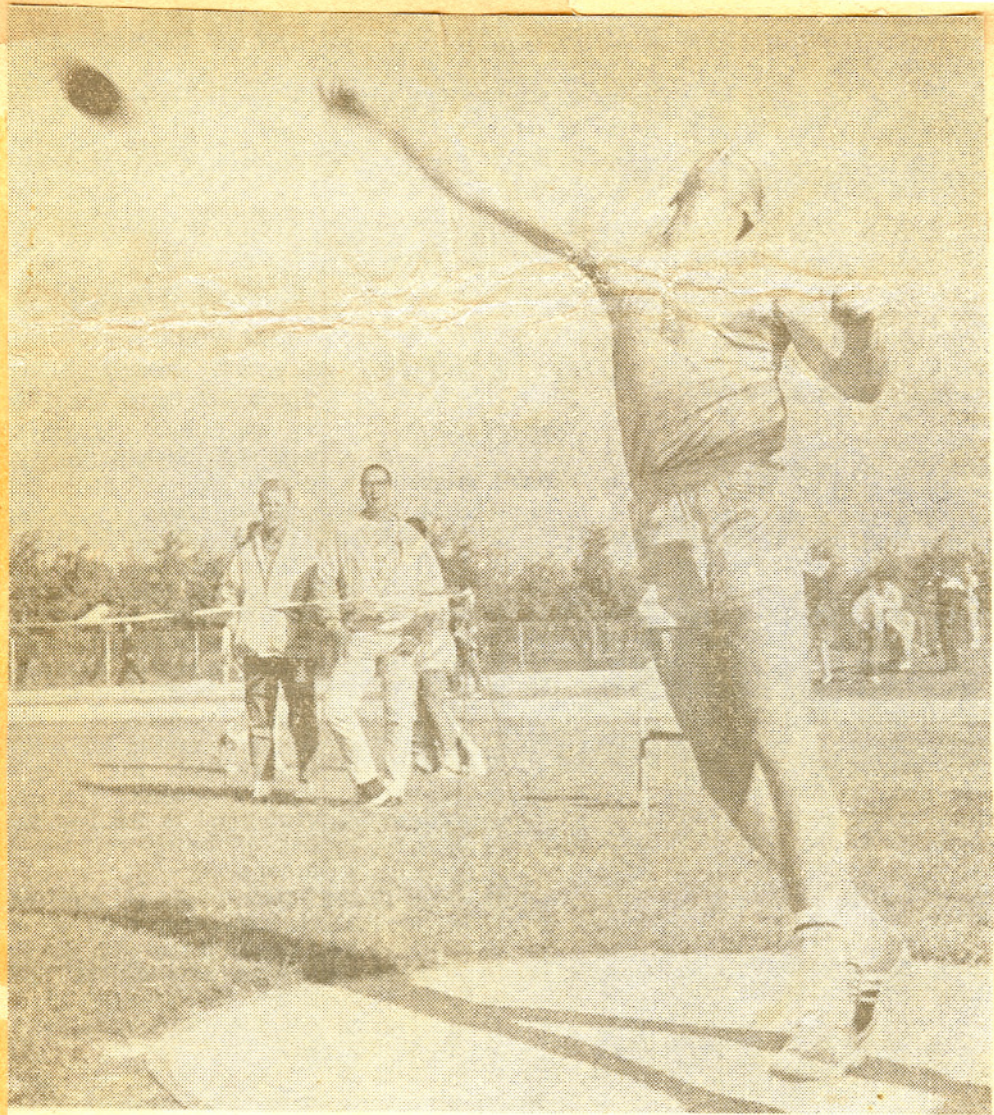


(Times photos by Ken Yimm)

Another record for Sunnyvale's John Figueroa

John Figueroa breaks the tape in the 100-yard dash just ahead of Fremont's Gary Mahan. Figueroa was timed in a league record of 9.5. Mahan's time was 9.6. Figueroa later won the 220-yard dash in 20.5.

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The winner in the weight events

Chuck Smart of Los Altos High School whirls away the discus. He won that event and also the shotput in the SCVAL championships at Buchser Friday.

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was a double winner and was
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dles Knights who won the team title
and for the seventh straight year.
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tre- put and won the discus with a
lles throw of 173-10.

RYAN RUNS 4:15.7

of Mike Ryan of Wilcox High School posted the best mile time in the state so far this season by winning in a league record time of 4:15.7.

Max Lowe of Awalt took the high jump with a leap of 6.6. It was a good mark but was lost in the splash of spectacular performances by the runners. Lowe did 6-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ earlier this season.

Another league mark fell in the 880-yard relay where a Sunnyvale team of Danny Burke, Ralph Mesa, Angelo Silva and Figueroa whipped twice around the track in 1:29.4.

Los Altos scored heavily in the middle distance and weight events to win the team title. The Knights took 1-2-3 in the 440-yard dash and Terry Boyer won the half mile.

Smart led a 1-3-4 point grab in the shot put.

The Class B title went to Sunnyvale with 49 points. Los Altos was second with 46 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The top four qualifiers in each varsity and Class B event go to the North Coast Section II meet next week at Jefferson High School in Daly City.

The results:

- TWO-MILE**—Cofe (W) 9:45 Mahon (H) 9:45 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bennetf (LA) 9:45.2, Norman (LA) (new event)
- 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ HIGHS**—McClung (S), 14.4w (league record), Boice (LA) 14.7, Lowe (A) 14.9, Biggs (F)
- 880**—Boyer (LA) 1:57.5, Spurrier (W) 1:58.6, Jollissant (F) 2:00.0, Cruz (S) 2:01
- 100**—Figueroa (S) 9.5 (league record), Mahon (F) 9.6, Rapanut (W) 10.0, Burke (S) 10.0
- 200**—Figueroa (S) 20.5 (league record), Mahon (S) 20.6, Edwards (C) 21.5, Burke (S) 21.5
- 180 LOWS**—Rapanut (W) 19.2 (league record), McClung (S) 19.7, Armstrong (A) 20.2, Austin (W) 20.3
- MILE**—Ryan (W) 4:15.7 (league record), Biber (B) 4:22.1, Goodenough (LA) 4:29.9, Brackett (H)
- 880 RELAY** Sunnyvale 1:29.4 (league record), Fremont 1:32.2, Buchser 1:32.2, Awalt
- 440**—Boice (LA) 51.4, Chapman (LA) 51.5, Girard (LA) 52.1, Silva (S) 52.4
- BROAD JUMP**—Mahon (F) 22-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, Wilson (A) 22-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Rapanut (W) 22-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Chapman (LA) 21-11 $\frac{1}{2}$
- TRIPLE JUMP**—Wilson (A) 43-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (league record), Armstrong (A) 42-8, Lewis (C) 41-11, Heck (H) 41-9 $\frac{1}{2}$
- DISCUS**—Smart (LA) 173-10, Sherman (LA) 155-8, Pinnell (LA) 147-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Popejoy (C) 143-0
- SHOT PUT**—Smart (LA) 60- $\frac{3}{4}$, Dixon (W) 59-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, Martindale (LA) 54-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, Pinnell (LA) 52-6 $\frac{1}{2}$
- HIGH JUMP**—Lowe (A) 6-6 (league record), Coulier (F) 5-11, Smith (LA) 5-11, Eustice (A) 5-9
- POLE VAULT**—Stevenson (A) 12-6, Williams (LA) 11-9, Norris (F) 11-6, Rutan (W) 11-6



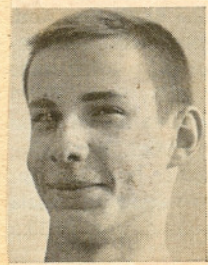
Shake hands with the mile champ

Mike Ryan of Wilcox High School looks like he wants to shake hands with someone as he completes the mile in an SCVAL record time of 4:15.7.

TEAM SCORES—Los Altos 76 $\frac{1}{2}$, Sunnyvale 48, Awalt 46, Wilcox 45, Fremont 36, Cupertino 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, Homestead 11, Buchser 8, Mountain View and Santa Clara 1.

BEE WINNERS—70 HH—Pensinger (F) 8.9 (league record), 660 — Munger (B) 1:25.5, 75—Fretias (B) 7.8, 330 — Osdon (C) 38.3, 120LH—Pensinger (F) 13.6 (ties league record), 150—Marquez (MV) 15.3, 1320—Arsua (S) 3:18.6 (league record), 440 relay—Sunnyvale 45.2, TJ — Rogers (LA) 41-4, SP—Ballard (F) 49-1, D—Goodenough 144-5, PV—Fernandez (MV) 11-9 (league record) BJ—Landreth (C) 21-10, HJ—McCullough (C) 5-9.

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PAUL WILSON, 16, a lanky junior at Earl Warren High in Downey, Calif., equaled the national scholastic pole-vault record with a leap of 15 feet in a meet with Jordan High of Long Beach, Calif., and a week later he vaulted 15 feet 3 inches in another dual contest.