

# JC TRACK & FIELD

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CROWD CHASING MERRITT FOR 1971 CALIFORNIA JC TRACK TITLE MAY 29

MODESTO--One of the tightest team races in years is on tap Saturday as Merritt College tries to win an unprecedented third straight California State Junior College track and field championship.

Held in conjunction with the California Relays, the meet gets underway at noon with the exhibition JC javelin (pole vault at 12:15) and JC running events at 4:05.

Last year Merritt outscored Fresno CC, 72-66, but at least five teams have a solid shot at the title this time--and there are a few additional darkhorses. A total of 45 colleges, 22 southern and 23 northern, qualified men for the finals during the sectional meets last weekend. Merritt edged Fresno for the northern title, 76-69, while Bakersfield (63), LACC (62), and Mt. San Antonio (60) finished that way in the south.

In addition, Charles Rich of Los Angeles Southwest ran 13.5 in the 120 high hurdles for a national JC record, wiping out the 13.6 by Mt. San Antonio's Don Shy in 1965.

That spells trouble for defending state high hurdles champ Jerry Wilson of Fresno too.

Wilson has lost only two races since his junior year of high school, one of them to Rich at the West Coast Relays (13.7 to 13.8) earlier this month. Wilson beat Rich for the 1969 state high school stick title, however.

Three other defending champions in the field, all slight favorites to repeat, are quartermiler Ron Gaddis of Los Angeles Pierce with a 47.0 last week, long jumper Mike Hill (25- $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Mt. San Antonio, and discus thrower Sylvester Marshall (178-2) of West Hills--who set a state meet mark of 184-3 last year.

Bakersfield's Craig Fair flipped the platter 191-2 two weeks ago to better the listed national JC record in an unsanctioned gathering at Antelope Valley and plans to provide trouble at Modesto's well-known discus facility.

Hill will be challenged by high school record holder Heulon Hewitt of Merced, who leaped a wind-aided 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$  at Modesto two weeks ago and had a legit 24-11 $\frac{1}{2}$  effort there for a NorCal meet record.

One possibility in the meet is that either Bakersfield or Mt. San Antonio will be leading up to the concluding mile relay and then will have to hope for the right combination of happenings among relay quartets from Merritt, LACC, and Fresno to decide the outcome. Bakersfield and MSAC did not qualify four-lap contingents.

However Merritt, with ten entries in nine events, and Fresno, with nine different event entries, both have the potential to settle things earlier.

It's mathematically impossible, however, for any team to better Hancock's state point record of 100, set in 1967. Former two-time champions are LACC (1951-52), Santa Ana (1964-65), and Hancock (1966-67).

Forty-seven colleges qualified for the 1970 state meet and 49 in 1969.

Number of qualifiers, by team, for 1971 state finals: 10--Merritt; 9--Fresno CC; 8--Bakersfield; 7--American River, Los Angeles CC; 6--Pasadena CC, Mt. San Antonio; 5--Contra Costa; 4--CC San Francisco, Compton; 3--De Anza, Hancock, West Hills, Diablo Valley, Santa Ana, LA Pierce, Golden West, East LA, Long Beach CC, Moorpark; 2--San Diego Mesa, LA Southwest, San Diego CC, Palomar, Cypress, El Camino, Cerritos, Solano, College of San Mateo, Modesto JC, Foothill, Yuba, Chabot. 1--Sacramento CC, Sequoias, Reedley, Merced, Sierra, Porterville, Delta, San Jose CC, LA Harbor, Chaffey, Citrus, Fullerton JC.

Sidenote: JC TRACK & FIELD's dope sheet has only once failed to predict the state meet winner. Anything could happen in 1971 but the pre-meet tabulations currently predict Merritt to total 42 points, Fresno CC 41, Los Angeles CC 40, Bakersfield 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Mt. San Antonio 37. It would take less than a minor upset to switch them around.

1971 California State Junior College Track & Field Championships - Hold in conjunction with the California Relays at Modesto, Saturday, May 29. Field events start at noon (JC javelin). Running events start at 3:08 (open two mile walk) with first JC track final, the 440 relay, at 4:05. (Javelin is non-scoring.)

All events are finals with the top four place winners from each event at both the Northern and Southern California meets comprising the field. Two-time defending state champion Merritt leads in qualifiers with 10, followed by Fresno CC with nine, Bakersfield eight, American River and Los Angeles CC seven, Mt. San Antonio and Pasadena CC six.

Merritt won last year's meet with 72 points to 66 for Fresno CC, 37 for American River, 32 for LACC, 28 for Mt. SAC, and 20 for Bakersfield as the same teams are in contention again. Finals scored on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis for 16 events.

EVENT	1970 CHAMPION & MARK	1971 NorCal Leader	1971 SouCal Leader	1971 US JC BEST
440 Relay	Merritt 40.5	Merritt 40.8	LACC 40.9	40.7
Mile	Armando Valencia (Grossmont) 4:11.7	John Hanes (De Anza) 4:13.1	John Gregorio (MSAC) 4:07.0	4:00.0n
120 HH	*Jerry Wilson (Fresno) 14.3w	Wilson 13.8n	Chas. Rich (LA SW) 13.5	#13.5
440	*Ron Gaddis (LA Pierce) 48.3	Maxie Parks (Fresno) 47.6	Gaddis 47.0	47.0
100	Warren Edmonson (Merritt) 9.3 w	Roger McGill (C. Costa) 9.5	Pat Miles (MSAC) 9.5	9.4, 9.3w
			David Gilliard (East LA) 9.5, 9.4w	
			O.B. Wilridge (Chaffey) 9.5	
			Ted Whitley (Bakersfield) 9.5	
880	Lee Marshall (West Hills) 1:51.4	Clay Lowrey (A. River) 1:52.7	Jim Roberts (L. Beach) 1:50.3	1:48.9
440 IH	Lance Babb (LACC) 52.2	Jim Petraliz (De Anza) 52.2	Mike Hill (MSAC) 52.3	51.9
220	Willie Deckard (LACC) 21.1w	Don Ward (Fresno) 21.1	David Gilliard (East LA) 21.0	21.0
		Royce Ford (Merritt) 21.1n		
3 Mile	Mark Covert (LA Valley) 9:09.4 (2 mi)	Mike Weaver (A. River) 14:19.2	Ken Gerry (Moorpark) 13:52.0n	#13:51.0
Mile Relay	Merritt 3:13.3	Merritt 3:13.2	Los Angeles CC 3:13.9	3:13.0
Shot Put	Greg Born (A. River) 55-2 1/4	Chas. Montgomery (Merritt) 55-6 1/4	Steve Lauriano (L. Beach) 57-5 3/4	#62-1
Long Jump	*Mike Hill (Mt. SAC) 25-2 1/2 w	Heulon Hewitt (Merced) 24-11 1/2	Mike Hill 25-0 1/2, 25-1 1/2 w	25-0 1/2
Discus	*Sylvester Marshall (West Hills) 184-3	Marshall 178-2	Craig Fair (Bakersfield) 191-2	#191-2
			(191-2 in unsanctioned meet)	178-2
High Jump	Rick Fletcher (Fresno) 6-10	Tim Mayo (Delta) 6-10 1/2	Wayne Bradley (Pasadena) 6-9 1/2	#7-1 1/2
Triple Jump	James Butts (East LA) 51-6w	Harry Freeman (San Jose) 50-11	Doug Smith (Bakersfield) 50-3	50-11
Pole Vault	Tim Knappen (LA Valley) 15-6 1/4	Russ Royal (De Anza) 16-1	Neil Chapman (Cerritos) 15-8	16-1
Javelin	Pete Jones (SD Mesa) 232-6	Jim Oliver (Hancock) 205-3	Gil Antolin (Fullerton) 219-4	255-5

\* Denotes champion returning in 1971. # Denotes national JC record

JC TRACK & FIELD DOPE SHEET: Predicted Team Scoring—1. Merritt 42; 2. Fresno CC 41; 3. Los Angeles CC 40; 4. Bakersfield 39 1/2; 5. Mt. San Antonio 37; 6. De Anza 26; 7. Long Beach CC 24; 8. East Los Angeles 21; 9. LA Southwest 18; 10. Moorpark 16; 11. West Hills 15; 12. American River & Pasadena CC 14; 14. Golden West 13; 15. LA Pierce 12; 16. Compton 11; 17. Contra Costa & San Jose CC 10; 19. Solano 9; 20. College of San Mateo, Merced, Santa Ana 8; 23. Hancock 7; 24. College of the Sequoias & Foothill 6; 26. Cerritos 4 1/2; 27. Cypress, Diablo Valley, Fullerton JC, San Diego Mesa, San Joaquin Delta, Sierra 4; 33. Chaffey, Citrus, El Camino, Palomar, San Diego CC 2; 38. CC San Francisco & Modesto JC 1.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**PRELIMINARIES**

**At Enbaloa Stadium**

440 RELAY (Heat 1)—1. Bakersfield, 40.8; 2. West LA, 41.4; 3. Chaffey, 41.4. (Heat 2)—1. Mt. San Antonio, 41.3; 2. Compton, 41.6; 3. Golden West, 41.6 (Heat 3)—1. LACC, 41.2; 2. Pasadena, 41.3; 3. Saddleback, 41.9.

MILE RELAY (Heat 1)—1. Pasadena, 3:15.1; 2. Chaffey, 3:18.1; 3. Bakersfield, 3:19.9; (Heat 2)—1. Pierce, 3:15.7; 2. Golden West, 3:16.9; 3. Fullerton, 3:18.5; (Heat 3)—1. LACC, 3:14.6; 2. Long Beach, 3:15.8; 3. Mt. San Antonio, 3:17.9.

JAVELIN (9 qualify)—Antolin (Full), 210.7; Feeley (Full), 204.1; Rhoads (Gross), 192.0; Meredith (College of Desert), 191.1; Roach (Coll. of Canyons), 187.6; Parker (Chaffey), 179.10; Northcraft (San Diego), 170.7; Steudt (Citrus), 170.8; Sansone (Cerr), 152.0.

HIGH JUMP (10 qualify) — Foot (Gross), Jones (San Diego), and Bradley (Pas), 6-8; Mantel (Santa Barbara), Baliste (LB), Timin (Pas), James (Cerr), Brown (Compton), Conway (Moore) and Clark (Bak), 6-6.

SHOT PUT (12 qualify)—Lauriano (LB), 34-1; Forrester (Cypress), 33-9 1/2; Jacobson (East LA), 33-3; Anderson (Southw. LA), 33-2 1/2; Brown (Bak), 31-0; Younger (SD Mesa), 49-5 1/2; Fry (Cypress), 51-2 1/2; Fair (Bak), 51-0; Bennett (Valley), 50-3 1/2; DiJornetto (West LA), 48-8 1/2; Shines (Palomar), 48-2 1/2; Womers (Pas), 46-8 1/2.

DISCUS (12 qualify)—Fair (Bak), 170-3 1/2; Feeley (Gross), 155-8; Anderson (Bak), 154-5 1/2; Montgomery (Cerr), 151-3; Huonour (Pas), 147-11; Lestaeire (Rio Hondo), 146-9; Jacobsen (East LA), 145-8; Williams (Bak), 145-10 1/2; Lauriano (LB), 144-11; Conner (Gross), 141-7 1/2; Begall (Santa Barbara), 137-7; Roach (College of Canyons), 133-4 1/2.

LONG JUMP (12 qualify)—Hill (MT SAC), 23-5 1/2; Conway (Moore), 23-1 1/2; Drew (Compton), 22-10; Moran (LACC), 22-9; Reed (Pas), 22-7 1/2; Bradley (El Camino), 22-6 1/2; King (San Diego), 22-3; Todd (MT Sac), 22-2 1/2; Prechnaw (Pas), 22-1; Allen (San Diego) and Moore (East LA), 21-1 1/2; Randolph (East LA), 20-4 1/2.

100 (Heat 1)—1. Smith (San Diego), 9.6; 2. Douthard (LACC), 9.7; 3. Whitley (Bak), 9.8. (Heat 2)—1. Johnson (Compton), 9.8; 2. Braddell (SD Mesa), 9.8; 3. Brownstein (Valley), 9.9. (Heat 3)—1. Gilliard (East LA), 9.6; 2. Gloud (LACC), 9.8; 3. Miles (MT Sac), 9.9. 220 (Heat 1)—1. Miles (MT Sac), 21.6; 2. Nichols (Bak), 21.6; 3. Douthard (LACC), 21.9. (Heat 2)—1. Baliste (LB), 21.5; 2. Braddell (SD Mesa), 21.6; 3. Johnson (Compton), 21.8. (Heat 3)—1. Gilliard (East LA), 21.4; 2. Gaddis (Pierce), 21.9; 3. Whitley (Bak), 22.1. 400 (Heat 1)—1. Gaddis (Pierce), 47.7; 2. Shields (Chaffey), 47.7; 3. McShirke (Ventura), 48.8. (Heat 2)—1. Sprink (Pas), 48.0; 2. Skala (Cerritos), 48.1; 3. Fisher (Compton), 48.3. (Heat 3)—1. Walters (Pas), 48.2; 2. Maas (Golden West), 48.3; 3. Miloy (MT Sac), 48.8. 800 (Heat 1)—1. Roberts (LB), 1:53.5; 2. Jackson (Bak), 1:54.2; 3. Lamb (Santa Ana), 1:54.4. (Heat 2)—1. Maddox (MSAC), 1:54.5; 2. Carnahan (Pas), 1:55.0; 3. Lewis (LACC), 1:55.4. (Heat 3)—1. Baxter (LACC), 1:52.0; 2. Larkin (Palomar), 1:52.9; 3. Kennedy (Valley), 1:53.6.

MILE (Heat 1)—1. Martinez (SD Mesa), 4:11.7; 2. Greene (Valley), 4:12.2; 3. Lamb (Santa Ana), 4:12.3; 4. McQuown (GVW), 4:13.0; 5. Gordon (Chaffey), 4:15.6; 6. Cleard (Valley), 4:19.5. (Heat 2)—1. Maddox (MT Sac), 4:15.0; 2. Martinez (College of Canyons), 4:15.0; 3. Barneil (Cerr), 4:15.1; 4. Gregorio (MT Sac), 4:15.3; 5. Berman (Pierce), 4:15.4; 6. Harmatz (LB), 4:15.7.

THREE MILE (Heat 1)—1. Gerry (Moorpark), 14:00.0; 2. Stevens (El Camino), 14:00.9; 3. McKee (GVW), 14:05.9; 4. Hull (SD Mesa), 14:13.9; 5. Rabiracki (Valley), 14:16.6; 6. Gregorio (MT Sac), 14:16.8. (Heat 2)—1. Linski (Santa Ana), 14:09.0; 2. Johnson (El Camino), 14:20.5; 3. Charnan (Glendale), 14:22.2; 4. Miller (East LA), 14:22.8; 5. Caldwell (Bak), 14:22.7; 6. Sammens (Santa Ana), 14:23.2.

120HH (Heat 1)—1. Jones (San Diego), 14.2; 2. Robinson (Southw. LA), 14.2; 3. Smith (Bak), 14.5. (Heat 2)—1. Penn (MT Sac), 14.3; 2. Dewan (Valley), 14.8; 3. Gray (Harbor), 14.9. (Heat 3)—1. Rich (Southw. LA), 13.9; 2. Washington (LACC), 14.0; 3. Timin (Pas), 14.4. 440 IH (Heat 1)—1. Washington (LACC), 53.1; 2. Penn (MT Sac), 53.2; 3. Smith (Santa Barbara), 53.6. (Heat 2)—1. Hurs (PH), 53.5; 2. Loughridge (LACC), 54.2; 3. Hill (MT Sac), 54.4. (Heat 3)—1. Rich (Southw. LA), 53.2; 2. Todd (MT Sac), 54.1; 3. Cook (Citrus), 54.2.

FOLE VAULT (12 qualify)—Ellis (Gross), Brown (Pierce), Brambley (Santa Ana), Pearce (Santa Barbara), Euss (Palomar), Simmons (Cypress), Bilbey (Bakersfield), Sauck (Pierce), Bartell (Bakersfield), Storm (Cerritos), Anderson (Santa Ana), Sampson (Fullerton), 14-6.

TEAM QUALIFIERS: Bakersfield 16; Pasadena and Mt. San Antonio 13; Valley and San Diego 7; Long Beach and East LA 6; Compton, Pierce, Moorpark, Cerritos and Chaffey 5; Golden West, Santa Ana, Fullerton, SD Mesa and Grossmont 4; Santa Barbara, El Camino and College of Canyons 3; Citrus, Palomar, West LA, Cypress and College of Desert 2; Glendale, Saddleback, Rio Hondo, Orange Coast, Ventura and Harbor 1.

TOTAL QUALIFIERS—Bakersfield 16, Mt. San Antonio 15, LACC and Pasadena 13, Long Beach, East LA, Valley and San Diego 7, Compton 6, Chaffey, Cerritos, Golden West, Moorpark, Southwest LA, Pierce and SD Mesa 5, Santa Ana, Fullerton and Grossmont 4, College of Canyons, Santa Barbara and El Camino 3, Palomar, Citrus, Cypress, College of Desert and West LA 2, Ventura, Glendale, Harbor, Saddleback, Rio Hondo and Orange Coast 1.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Trials at Modesto JC**

SP — 1. Montgomery Merr 55-6 1/4; 2. Kirschenman AR 52-11; 3. Winans Mod 52-10 1/4; 4. Hitan WV 58-8 1/2; 5. Dajerio LE 51-5 1/2; 6. Sevey DA 50-10 1/4; 7. Scott Merr 50-10; 8. Nelms Port 49-11 3/4; 9. Carter Sie 49-4 3/4; 10. Wegis Mod 49-2 1/2. 400 Relay — Merritt 41.3, Contra Costa 41.9; Solano 41.9; Porterville 42.5; San Francisco 42.1, Delta 42.2; Plus Hancock 42.0, Modesto 42.5.

Mile — 1. Recs Fire 4:18.9; 2. Cruz WV 4:19.1; 3. Wood CC 4:19.3; 4. Sanford Han 4:20.4; 5. Best SM 4:21.3; 6. Ware Han 4:22.2. 1. Kesler Han 4:23.0; 2. Hanes DA 4:23.7; 3. Roberson SM 4:23.9; 4. Price Sha 4:24.8; 5. West But 4:25.4; 6. Millan Cha 4:25.9. 120 HH — Turner Merr 13.9w, Jackson Seq 14.6w, Melloway DA 14.6w; Wilson Fire 14.1w, Hickman Reed 14.7w, White Napa 14.7w; Hammit Chab 14.4w, Brown Fire 14.7w, Rohn Mod 14.7w. 440—Peoples Han 47.8, Jefferson Merr 48.4, Moring Seq 48.9; Gordon Merr 48.7, Hamilton AR 48.8; Stewart Mod 48.1, Parks Fire 48.2, James Lan 48.9.

Discus — 1. Marshall WH 172-1; 2. Sherman Foot 166-3; 3. Pipes DV 163-11; 4. Redington DA 157-7; 5. Nelms Port 156-6; 6. Gardner Chab 152-5; 7. Blake Mont 149-11; 8. Elias DA 147-3; 9. Kirschenman AR 147-5; 10. Himan WV 147-3.

100 — Williams Merr 9.6 7.8 mph, Cook CC 9.7w; Holmes Sol 9.5 7.4 mph, Ford Merr 9.7; Shields SF 9.6 4.2 mph, Childress Fire 9.8; Ward Fire 9.8 3.3 mph, McGill CC 9.8.

800 — Lowrey AR 1:54.8, Harms DV 1:55.4, Rees Fire 1:55.9; Evenson AR 1:55.7, Hanes DA 1:55.9, Kesler Han 1:55.9; Baker Merr 1:57.5, Perez Fire 1:58.1.

HJ — Richardson Fire 6-4, Morgan DV 6-4, Hancock But 6-4, Sanderson DV 6-4, Mayo Del 6-4, Kass Fire 6-4 Luther Sac 6-4, Kehler Fire 6-4, Woods Merr 6-4, Kong Cha 6-4, Metcalf SF 6-4. 440 IH — Parks CC 54.1, Hammett Chab 55.9; Parker Mod 54.1, Bracey Merr 54.5; Petralia DA 54.4, Owen Yuba 54.9; Haley SJ 56.1, Newman Cab 56.3. 220 — Ford Merr 21.2, Ward Fire 21.8, Holmes Sie 22.1; Williams Merr 21.8, Jackson Cha 22.4; Shields SF 21.9, Berge AR 22.1, Manuel Sol 22.3.

Three-mile — Weaver AR 14:46.5, Sanford Han 14:51.5, Navarez SF 14:54.7, Garcia Del 15:22.5, Hall Fire 15:34.4, Gama Foot 15:38.6, Bush SJ 14:51.3, DeVos WV 14:54.0, Anderson Cha 14:54.3, Litchfield Yuba 14:00.7, Zarate Han 15:00.8, Davis Fire 15:08.2.

LJ — 1. Hewitt Mer 25-7 1/2 (7.1 mph wind); 2. Childs Sie 24-4 1/2; 3. Knight Fire 23-11w; 4. Freeman SJ 23-8 1/2w; 5. Ward Del 23-8 1/2w; 6. Livingston Sol 23-3 1/2; 7. Perryman WH 23-4w; 8. Goebel Sie 22-10 1/2w; 9. Arkyley Foot 22-9 3/4w; 10. Johnson Yuba 22-9.

TJ — 1. Freeman SHJ 49-10; 2. Roberts WH 49-2 1/2; 3. Lopez Fire 48-5 1/2; 4. Knight Fire 48-3 1/4; 5. Peoples Han 47-10; 6. Livingston Sol 47-8; 7. Bourdeau WV 71/2; 8. Arkyley Foot 47-7 1/4; 9. Thompson AR 47-4; 10. Regster Sac 46-11 1/4. Mile relay — 1. Merritt 3:15.5, 2. Contra Costa 3:17.2, 3. Fresno 3:18.4, Hancock 3:18.4, San Francisco 3:24.5, American River 3:16.7, San Mateo 3:18.2; Modesto 3:18.9, Lanev 3:19.6. PV — 1. Royal DA 16-1; 2. Lydon SM 15-0; 3. Blacocn AR 15-0; 4. Crown Gha 14-6; 5. Weidig AR 14-6; 6. Kring Han 14-6; 7. Pride Sac 14-6; 8. Oliver SJ 14-6; 9. Porter Mod 14-6; Others at 14-0; Getchel SM, Van Kirk AR, Caglia DA, Balfou Mont.

NorCal Trials May 14  
SouCal Trials May 15

# Rich Sets JC Record in 120 High: 13.5

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Charles Rich of Southwest Junior College in Los Angeles blazed to a national junior college record in the 120-yard high hurdles Saturday night in the Southern California JC track and field finals.

Rich, a 19-year-old sophomore was clocked in 13.5 seconds, bettering the mark of 13.6 set by Don Shy of Mt. San Antonio College twice in

1965 and later tied by George Carty of Odessa, Tex., in 1968. Rich has signed a letter of intent with UCLA.

Three other meet records were broken and another tied in the meet, a prelude to the state finals which will be held in conjunction with the Modesto Relays next week.

Sophomore John Gregorio

of Mt. SAC ran 4:07.0 in the mile to better the old meet mark of 4:07.0 by Armando Valencia a year ago; Ron Gaddis of Pierce ran 47.0 in the 410, a tenth better than Mike Singletary in 1967 and Terry McKeon of Golden West ran three miles in 13:58.5, bettering the 14:00.8 set earlier in the prelims by Ken Gerry of Moorpark.

Tom Lipski was second in 13:38.6 in the three mile and Gerry was third in 13:59.7.

Mike Hill of Mt. SAC scored a double by taking the long jump at 24-6 1/4 and Los Angeles City College in 52.3 and Dave Gilliard of the 440 intermediate hurdles won the 100 and 220 in 9.5 and 21.2, the former time equaling the meet mark.

# Merritt Spikers Edge City College

By Eddie Lopez  
Fresno Bee sports writer

PLEASANT HILL — Merritt College of Oakland finally snapped Fresno City College's string of track triumphs, 76-69 in the Northern California Championship here at Diablo Valley College and there was another heated controversy.

The meet qualified the first four finishers, plus all fourth place ties, for next Saturday's California State Junior College Championships at Modesto where the Northern California qualifiers will be joined by the Southern California contingent.

Merritt, which finished second to Fresno in the Northern California and West Coast Relays, got to the Rams by winning the 440-yard and mile relays, the shot put and 160-yard dash. The T-Birds qualified 10 men. Fresno qualified nine.

It was the 100 which produced a protest from Fresno coach Bob Fries. Royce Ford, whom Merritt coach Roy Caldwell still maintains was overlooked in the West Coast Relays 100, won in 9.6 here yesterday. Don Ward of Fresno was third in 9.8.

Veteran observers in the

press box, to a man, agreed Ford got off to a "rolling start." The starter, according to Fries, said Ford "went with the gun." Meet director Gay Bryan said jurisdiction rests with the starter and recall gun. Some of the finish judges, Fries said, had reset their watches, believing Ford would be recalled.

Leman Childress of Fresno and Larry Shields of San Francisco, running on either side of Ford, "came out of their blocks but then straightened up," Fries added, expecting to be recalled. Subsequently, Shields finished fifth and Childress sixth.

Ward came back to win the 220 in 21.1, tying the City College record; state high hurdles champion Jerry Wilson whizzed the course in 13.9, trimming four-tenths of the NorCal record and Maxie Parks zoomed the quarter mile in 47.6.

Parks came back to anchor the mile relay team to third spot with a sizzling 47.4 anchor 440. Third man Charles Ross also ran brilliantly, timing 48.5.

The heat proved a detriment to some of the athletes,

softening up the plastic-surfaced track to about two-tenths slower than most of the runners' usual times. The runways and the football field have plastic surfaces—a beast of facilities.

Fresno jumper Jeri Richardson did not fall victim to the heat in suffering his first loss of the year. The 6-8 1/2 leaper only cleared 6-6 for third place as the Fosbury Floppers, notably Diablo Valley's Al Sanderson, who soared 6-9.

In addition to Wilson's 13.9 in the highs, Northern California records were eclipsed in the mile relay, Merritt timing 3:13.6; the triple jump were San Jose's Harry Freeman bounced 49-53.4, and an automatic standard was posted in the three-mile, run for the first time in this meet and won by American River's Mike Weaver in 14:42.6.

Five of last year's 7 champions repeated — half mile Clay Lowery of American River, 1:54.1 in a thrilling duel with identical timing; Al Baker of Merritt; state discus champ Sylvester Marshall of West Hills, 169-6; Wilson, Weaver and Freeman

DeAnza's Russ Royal won the pole vault, as expected, but it wasn't as competitive as anticipated. Royal, the national leader at 16-1, won at 15 1/4 on the basis of fewer misses, over Modesto's Joel Porter, College of San Mateo's Jim Lydon, the defending champion, settled for third at 14-6. Chabot's Ken Corwin was fourth at the same height.

"The Dons grabbed another first behind a great stretch run by miler John Hanes, who hit the tape at 4:16.5 ahead of Cliff Rees of Fresno, 4:16.7.

The nation's leading 440 intermediate hurdler, Jim Petralia of DeAnza, was upset in that event. Robert Parks of Contra Costa relegated Petralia to second when Parks hit the tape at 53.8 as compared to Petralia's 51.0.

Long jumper Heulon Hewitt of Merced sealed 24-4 3/4. His first jump was 23-10 1/4 with newly purchased "cluster spikes" on his shoes, which an official spotted and ordered him to change to conventional spikes. He did reach 23-feet, and then came back with two 24-footers. Hewitt insisted the new style spikes are not the controversial "brush spikes" which caused so much trouble during Olympic Trial at Lake Tahoe in 1968.

It all ends next weekend in Modesto. Can Merritt win the state title three times consecutively?

By Eddie Lopez  
Fresno Bee sports writer

MODESTO — It simply was not Bobby Fries' day.

Fresno City College round up with the most qualifiers (18) for next Saturday's Northern California Track Championships at Pleasant Valley's Diablo Valley College but Friday's Northern California Trials produced an abnormal amount of emotional stress for the Rams' coach.

The day started out with 440-yard relay anchorman Don Ward withdrawing due to a pulled left thigh muscle, and his replacement, Vic Giordano, also pulled a muscle on the second baton exchange and the Rams did not qualify.

Ward managed, however, to qualify in both dashes, 9.8 and 21.8, and the long jump, a wind-aided 23-8 1/2, but teammate Leman Childress made it in the century, 9.8 but not in the furlong.

(Palomar), 1:52.6; 4. Carnahan (Pasadena), 1:52.9; 5. Jackson (Bak), 1:54.3; 6. Lewis (LACC), 1:55.8.

440H — 1. Hill (Mt Sac), 52.3; 2. Loughridge (LACC), 52.5; 3. Cook (Citrus), 53.2; 4. Penn (Mt Sac), 53.5; 5. Washington (LACC), 53.5; 6. Todd (Mt Sac), 53.6.

220 — 1. Gilliard (East LA), 21.2; 2. Johnson (Compton), 21.3; 3. Breddell (SD Mesa), 21.4; 4. Baliste (LB), 21.4; 5. Gaddis (Pierce), 21.4; 6. Douthard (LACC), 21.5.

THREE MILE — 1. McKeon (Golden West), 13:56.5 (Southern Calif. record, old mark, 14:00.3, Gerry, Moorpark, in prelims); 2. Lipski (Santa Ana), 13:58.6; 3. Gerry (Moorpark), 13:59.7; 4. Johnson (El Camino), 14:00.7; 5. Stephens (El Camino), 14:01.8; 6. Hull (SD Mesa), 14:05.2.

1/4 MILE RELAY — 1. LACC, 3:13.9; 2. Pasadena, 3:13.9; 3. Golden West, 3:14.5; 4. Pierce, 3:14.9; 5. Long Beach, 3:14.9; 6. Mt. San Antonio, 3:16.3.

SHOT PUT — 1. Lauriano (LB), 57-5 1/2; 2. Anderson (Southwest LA), 56-3 1/2; 3. Forrester (Cypress), 53-7; 4. Fry (Cypress), 52-5; 5. Fair (Bak), 51-9; 6. Sines (Palomar), 51-1 1/2.

LONG JUMP — 1. Hill (Mt. Sac), 24-6 1/4; 2. Drew (Compton), 24-6; 3. Conaway (Moorpark), 23-9 1/4; 4. Reed (Pasadena), 23-7; 5. Morgan (LACC), 23-3; 6. Pronchnow (Pasadena), 22-10 1/2.

440 RELAY — 1. LACC, 40.9; 2. Bakersfield, 41.0; 3. Mt. San Antonio, 41.0; 4. Compton, 41.2; 5. West LA, 41.4; 6. Saddleback, 41.7.

MILE — 1. Gregorio (Mt. Sac), 4:07.0 (Southern Calif. record, old mark, 4:07.4, Armando Valencia, Grossmont, 1970); 2. Lamb (Santa Ana), 4:07.5; 3. Maddox (Mt. Sac), 4:07.9; 4. Martinez (SD Mesa), 4:08.0; 5. Martinez (College of Canyons), 4:10.3; 6. McQuown (Golden West), 4:14.1.

120H — 1. Rich (Southwest LA), 13.5 (National JC and Southern Calif. record, old national mark, 13.6, Don Shy, Mt. San Antonio, 1965; old Southern Calif. record, 13.9, Rich, in prelims); 2. Jones (San Diego), 14.1; 3. Washington (LACC), 14.1; 4. Gray (Harbor), 14.2; 5. Penn (Mt Sac), 14.5; 6. Smith (Bak), 14.6.

440 — 1. Gaddis (Pierce), 47.0 (Southern Calif. record, old mark, 47.1, Mike Singletary, San Diego, 1967); 2. Maas (Golden West), 47.5; 3. Shields (Chaffey), 48.0; 4. Sprink (Pasadena), 48.2; 5. Walters (Pasadena), 48.5; 6. Skala (Cerritos) 48.6.

100 — 1. Gilliard (East LA), 9.5 (equals Southern Calif. record held by three others); 2. Whitley (Bak), 9.6; 3. Smith (San Diego), 9.6; 4. Douthard (LACC), 9.7; 5. Johnson (Compton), 9.7; photo pending for sixth.

880 — 1. Roberts (Long Beach), 1:50.3; 2. Baxter (LACC), 1:51.9; 3. Larkin

HIGH JUMP — 1. Brown (Compton), 6-10; 2. Tinnin (Pasadena), 6-10; 3. Bradley (Pasadena), 6-8; 4. James (Cerritos), 6-8; 5. Clark (Bak), 6-6; 6. tie between Batiste (LB) and Foote (Grossmont), 6-5.

POLE VAULT — 1. Tie among Sampson (Fullerton), Bilbey (Bak) and Anderson (Santa Ana), 14-8; 4. Brown (Pierce), 14-3; 5. tie between Buss (Palomar) and Bartel (Bak), 14-8.

JAVELIN — 1. Feeney (Full), 211-11; 2. Meredith (College of Desert), 200-11; 3. Rhoads (Grossmont), 197-7; 4. Northcraft (San Diego), 192-11; 5. Parker (Chaffey), 183-5; 6. Stoudt (Citrus), 187-5.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Clark (Bak) 48-4 1/2; 2. Loughridge (LACC), 48-4 1/2; 3. Smith (Bak), 43-1; 4. Tubb (Moorpark), 47-7 1/2.

DISCUS — 1. Fair (Bak), 164-6 1/2; 2. Montgomery (Cerritos), 159-9; 3. Jacobson (East LA), 159-3 1/2; 4. Huenners (Pasadena), 155-7.

TEAM TOTALS  
Bakersfield 63, Los Angeles CC 62, Mt. San Antonio 60, Pasadena CC 37, Compton 32, Golden West 27, Long Beach CC 26 1/2, East Los Angeles 26, Santa Ana 24, LA Pierce 20, LA Southwest 18, Moorpark 16, San Diego CC 14, Cerritos 13, San Diego Mesa 11, El Camino 10, Cypress 10, Palomar 8, Fullerton 6, Citrus 6, Chaffey 6, LA Harbor 4, College of the Canyons 2, Saddleback 1.

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440 relay — 1. Merritt, 41.1; 2. Solano, 41.6; 3. San Francisco 41.7; 4. Contra Costa, 42.0; 5. Hancock, 42.2; 6. Delta, 42.7.

Mile — 1. Hanes, DeAnza, 4:16.5; 2. Rees, Fresno, 4:16.7; 3. Wood, CC, 4:16.8; 4. Robertson, SM, 4:18.2; 5. Miller, Chabot, 4:21.9; 6. West, Butte, 4:24.4.

5P — 1. Montgomery, Merr, 55-5 1/2; 2. Inans, Mod, 53-6 1/4; 3. Kirschman, AR, 53; 4. Dalerio, Pres, 52-2 1/2; 5. Himan, V, 52-1/4; 6. Nelms, Port, 49-5 1/2.

120 HH — 1. Wilson, Fries, 13.9 (meet record); old record: 14.3, Rogers, Contra Costa, 1965; Kerr, Chabot, 1965; 2. Jackson, Sol, 14.0; 3. Turner, Merr, 14.5; 4. Dickman, Reed, 14.6; 5. Hammett, Chab, 14.6; 6. Malloway, DA, 14.8.

1/4 — 1. Hewitt, Mer, 24-4 1/2; 2. Perryman, WH, 24-1/2; 3. Childs, Sie, 23-15/4; 4. Knight, Pres, 23-10 1/4; 5. Livingston, Sol, 23-3 3/4; 6. Ward, Del, 23-2.

440 — 1. M. Parks, Fries, 47.6; 2. Peoples, Han, 47.7; 3. Hamilton, AR, 48.1; 4. Jefferson, Merr, 48.3; 5. Stewart, Mod, 48.8; 6. Thomas, Lan, 48.6.

100 — 1. Ford, Merr, 9.6; 2. Holmes, Sol, 9.6; 3. Ward, Pres, 9.8; 4. McGill, CC, 9.9; 5. Shields, SF, 9.9; 6. Childress, Fries, 9.9.

880 — 1. Lowery, AR, 1:54.1; 2. Baker, Merr, 1:54.1; 3. Evanson, AR, 1:54.9; 4. Harms, DV, 1:55.1; 5. Perez, Pres, 1:56.3; 6. Kessler, Han, 1:56.4.

440 H — R. Parks, CC, 53.8; 2. Ferralite, DA, 54.0; 3. Bracey, Merr, 54.9; 4. Owen, Yuba, 54.9; 5. Parker, Mod, 55.2; 6. Newman, Cab, 55.3.

Dis — Marshall, WH, 166-6; 2. Pipes, DV, 164-1; 3. Sherman, Foot, 162-8; 4. Nelms, Port, 156-1; 5. Gardner, Chab, 149-7; 6. Reddington, DA, 145-9.

HJ — 1. Sanderson, DV, 6-9; 2. Mayo, Delta, 6-8; 3. Richardson, Pres, 6-6; 4. Cong, Chab, 6-6; 5. tie among Kehler, Fries, 6-4, Morgan DV, 6-4, Hancock, Butte, 6-4.

Mile relay — 1. Merritt, 3:13.6 (meet record); old record: 3:14.0, Contra Costa, 1968); 2. Contra Costa 3:14.6; 3. Fresno, 3:15.7; 4. Hancock, 3:15.7; 5. American River, 3:17.6; 6. Modesto, 3:17.7.

TJ — 1. Freeman, SJ, 49-5 1/2 (meet record); old record: 49-4, Thompson, Fresno, 1966); 2. Roberts, WH, 48-9 1/2; 3. Williams, SF, 48-5 1/2; 4. Arkley, Foot, 48-5 1/2; 5. Livingston, Sol, 48-0; 6. Lopez, Fries, 47-10 1/2.

PV — 1. Royal, DA, 15-1/4; 2. Forier, Mod, 15-1/4; 3. Lydon, SM, 14-6; 4. Corwin, Chab, 14-6; 5. tie between Price Sac, 14-6, Baiocchi, AR, 14-6.

220 — 1. Ward, Pres, 21.1; 2. Ford, Merr, 21.1; 3. Shields, SF, 21.5; 4. Williams, Merr, 21.6; 5. Berge, AR, 22.1; 6. Jackson, Chab, 22.1.

3-mile — 1. Weaver, AR, 14:42.6 (meet record — new event); 2. Sanford, Han, 14:44.4; 3. Litchfield, Yuba, 14:51.4; 4. Narvaez, SF, 14:57.9; 5. Anderson, Chab, 14:58.8; 6. Garcia, Delta, 15:08.6.

TEAM TOTALS  
Merritt 76, Fresno 69, American River 43 1/2, Contra Costa 32, DeAnza 30, West Hills 25, San Francisco 24, Diablo Valley 23, Hancock 22, Modesto 21, Solano 20, Chabot 17, Delta 11, Foothill 10, Merced 10, San Jose 10, Yuba 10, San Mateo 10, Sequoias 8, Sierra 6, Porterville 5, Redondo 4, West Valley 2, Butte 2, Sacramento 1 1/2, Laney 1, Cabrillo 1.

Jerry Wilson, the Rams' defending state champion high hurdler, won his heat in 14.1, wind-aided, but later scratched from the 440 intermediate, setting off a post-meet debate on interpellation of the rule.

For awhile it looked as if Wilson would be thrown out of the Northern finals on a technicality; in fact, it required a 4-2 vote of conference representatives to keep him. Fries interpreted the rule one day, as did some of the coaches, and others say it in a different light, among them Jody Caldwell of two-time state champion Merritt Caldwell of Oakland.

Al Baeta, chairman of the Northern California rules committee, said no reprimands were in order and that no immediate plans were made to clarify the rule.

"Something will have to be done," he said. Caldwell chastised Baeta in another post-meet harangue.

"By letting everyone do his own thing," Caldwell stated, "and by not doing anything about the rule, you have gone backwards, not forwards. It's a bad scene." Caldwell was not involved in the voting or the debate on the issue involving Wilson and a couple of other athletes but he made his views known just as he has in two other major meet controversies—the Northern California Relays here three weeks ago and the West Coast Relays.

"I've been in charge of this committee for six years," Baeta said, "and you're never the good guy. They can have it."

As for the meet, vaulter Russ Royal of De Anza cleared 16-1 to erase Fresno's Steve Hardison's 15-8 1/2.

NorCal record and long jumper Heulon Hewitt of Merced leaped a wind-aided 25-7 1/2 but his second best jump, measuring 24-11 1/2, sans wind, eclipsed Sacramento's Jim Hines' 24-9 1/2 Northern California mark.

Marks in the trials, incidentally, do not carry over into the finals although meet records are valid. Dave Holmes of Solano won his 100 heat in 9.5 but it was wind-aided (7.4 mph) Sylvester Marshall of West Hills, defending state discus champ, spun the saucer 172-1.

Maxie Parks of Fresno (48.2) was upset in his 44 heat by Modesto's Royce Stewart (48.1) but whizzed the course in 46.6 on the mile relay anchor to put the Rams into the Northern California finals. Merritt, of course, topped both relay heats with 41.3 and 3:15.5 clockings, the latter aided by James Jordan's 48-flat.

Predicted six placers in each event (with their best 1971 marks), plus other qualifiers for finals. Event starting time also noted.

Pole Vault (12:15 p.m.) Nat'l JC Record: 16-8, Dennis Phillips, College of San Mateo, 1966. State Meet Record: 16-5½, Phillips and Dick Railsback, Pasadena CC, 1966.

1. Russ Royal (De Anza) 16-1; 2. Jim Lydon (CSM) 15-6; 3. Larry Bilbey (Bak) 15-7½; 4. Mike Sampson (Ful) 15-3/4; 5. Mike Weidig (ARC) 15-¼; 6. Mike Bartel (Bak) 15-3. Others: Anderson (Sana) 15-½; Joel Porter (Mod) 15-¼; Ken Corwin (Chabot) 14-10; Brown (Pierce) 14-8; Buss (Palomar) 14-8; Steve Biaocchi (ARC) 14-6; Tom Price (SACCC) 14-6.

COMMENT: National JC leader Royal plus Lydon have been the most consistent in an inconsistent event. Most vaulters were well below their bests in the sectional finals, however. Lydon, seventh last year, and Corwin (no height) are the lone returnees for the 16 man '70 field.

High Jump (2 p.m.) Nat'l JC Record: 7-1½, Ed Caruthers, Santa Ana, 1965; pending 7-1½, Ray Lisby, Mesa (Ariz.), 1971. State Meet Record: 7-½, Max Lowe, Foothill, 1965.

1. Jeral Richardson (Fresno) 6-8½; 2. Wayne Bradley (Pasadena) 6-9½; 3. Bernard Brown (Compton) 6-8; 4. Tim Mayo (Delta) 6-10½; 5. Al Sanderson (Diablo) 6-9; 6 (tie) John James (Cerritos) 6-8 Steve Clark (Bak) 6-7. Others: Greg Tinnin (Pasadena) 6-8; Rick Kong (Chabot) 6-7½. COMMENT: Difficult to choose among a tight group...Richardson is the West Coast Relays champ and suffered his first loss of year to Sanderson in NorCal finals. Bradley appeared south's best until failing at 6-8 last week and getting third behind Brown & Tinnin in the SouCals. Clark was third last year, Bradley fourth, James fifth. A come-through by Clark here could make difference in Bakersfield's title hopes.

Long Jump (3:30) Nat'l JC Record: 26-2 3/4, Henry Hines, Sacramento CC, 1969. State Meet Record: 25-½, Gene Wilson, Sequoias, 1960.

1. Mike Hill (Mt.SAC) 25-½, 25-1½w; 2. Heulon Hewitt (Merced) 24-1½, 25-7½w; 3. Jerry Conaway (Moorpark) 24-4½; 4. Ron Childs (Sierra) 24-3, 24-4½w; 5. Ralph Drew (Compton) 24-6; 6. Willie Perryman (WHills) 24-0½. Others: Charles Knight (Fresno) 23-10½; Brady (El Camino) 23-7. COMMENT: Tremendous dual between defending state champ Hill and prep record holder Hewitt is in the offing in Modesto's famous pit. Conaway was second last year at 24-6½w as Hill won at 25-2½w. Childs was fifth and Perryman seventh.

Shot Put (4 p.m.) Nat'l JC Record: 60-8½, Steve Fite, Chaffey, 1965; pending 62-1, Spike Walker, Spokane Falls (Wash.), 1971. State Meet Record: 58-8½, Don Castle, Foothill, 1963.

1. Steve Lauriano (LongB) 57-5 3/4; 2. Lamar Anderson (LA SW) 56-3 3/4; 3. Charles Montgomery (Merritt) 55-6½; 4. Ed Forester (Cypress) 54-0; 5. Ken Kirscherman (ARC) 54-4; 6. Jeff Winans (Modesto) 53-6½. Others: Bob Fry (Cypress) 53-0; Al Dalerio (Fresno) 52-11½.

COMMENT: Unbeaten Lauriano is a "heavy" favorite here with Anderson, fourth in the state last year, the leading challenger. Montgomery is a solid third place choice and could help Merritt's cause with an upset. He's the lone Thunderbird field event entry.

Discus (5:15) Nat'l JC Record: 187-5, Les Mills, Foothill, 1963. State Meet Record: 184-3, Sylvester Marshall, West Hills, 1970.

1. Sylvester Marshall (WHills) 178-2; 2. Craig Fair (Bak) 173-1 (191-2\*); 3. Chuck Sherman (Foothill) 177-1; 4. Howard Montgomery (Cerritos) 162-9; 5. Tom Pipes (Diablo) 165-3; 6. Dan Jacobson (East LA) 169-4. Others: Doyle Nelms (Port) 156-6; Bruce Hueners (Pasadena) 155-11.

COMMENT: Consistent Marshall should repeat as state champ despite Fair's \*unofficial national JC record toss of 191-2 in a 46 mile per hour wind at Antelope Valley. Marshall holds the state record and discus throwers usually have a field day at Modesto.

Triple Jump (5:15) Nat'l JC Record: 51-10 3/4, Mahoney Samuels, Foothill, 1962 & Robert Reader, Bakersfield, 1969.

State Meet Record: 50-3½, James Butts, East Los Angeles, 1970.

1. Harry Freeman (SJose) 50-11; 2. Doug Smith (Bak) 50-3; 3. Eddie Loughridge (LACC) 49-6, 50-1w; 4. Chester Roberts (WHills) 49-7½; 5. Steve Clark (Bak) 48-4½; 6. Derrick Williams (CCSF) 48-6 3/4. Others: Steve Arkley (Foothill) 48-5½; Brian Tubb (Moor) 47-7½, 48-4½w.

COMMENT: More noted as a high jumper (third in state last year), Clark was an upset winner in the SouCals but will have his hands full in trying to beat national JC leader Freeman and his own Renegade teammate Smith. Freeman, state runner-up in '70, is out to avenge a West Coast Relays loss to Smith when officials suddenly cancelled the finals and let the trial marks stand. Smith was eighth in state in '70.

440 RELAY (4:05) Nat'l JC & Meet Record: 40.4, Merritt, 1969.

1. Merritt 40.8; 2. Los Angeles CC 40.9; 3. Bakersfield 40.8; 4. Mt. San Antonio 41.0n; 5. Compton 41.2n; 6. Solano 41.6n. Others: Contra Costa 41.9n; City College of San Francisco 41.7n.

COMMENT: Merritt will have a tough time winning its third straight state 440 Relay title against a quartet of southern challengers. (Compton beat the T-Birds in the West Coast Relays.) The order here could be the final team finish in points (plus Fresno).

1 Mile (4:13) Nat'l JC Record: 3:56.1, Neill Duggan, Hancock, 1966. State Meet Record: 4:05.4, Bob Delaney, Santa Ana, 1964.

1. John Gregorio (Mt.SAC) 4:07.0; 2. Terry Lamb (Sana) 4:07.5n; 3. John Hanes (De Anza) 4:13.1; 4. Gary Maddox (Mt.SAC) 4:07.9n;

5. Ben Martinez (SDMesa) 4:08.9n; 6. Cliff Rees (Fresno) 4:16.5. Others: Dave Wood (CCosta) 4:18.8n; Dave Robertson (CSM) 4:18.2n.

COMMENT: Gregorio was the lone sub-4:10 miler in the SouCal meet field but had to turn back the strong challenges of Lamb and Maddox to win. The current state leader should do so again at Modesto. Northern contingent's times will come down against the competition with Fresno frosh Cliff Rees hoping to break-up the two Mt.SAC point producers. Gregorio was fourth in state last year.

1200 HH (4:29) Nat'l JC Record: 13.6, Don Shy, Mt. San Antonio, 1965; pending 13.5, Charles Rich, Los Angeles Southwest, 1971.

State Meet Record: 13.9, George Greenwood, San Bernardino Valley, 1964.

1. Charles Rich (LA SW) 13.5; 2. Jerry Wilson (Fresno) 13.8n; 3. Clim Jackson (Sequoias) 14.0n; 4. Ed Washington (LACC) 13.9n

5. Milt Turner (Merritt) 14.4n, 13.9w; 6. Doug Jones (SDCC) 14.1n. Others: Don Gray (LA Harbor) 14.1n; Mark Hickman (Reedley) 14.6n.

COMMENT: Defending state champion Wilson is in trouble against new national record claimant Rich. Wilson's only losses since his junior year where back to back in the Valley Conference meet to Jackson and at the West Coast Relays to Rich (13.7 to 13.8). All the placers from the West Coast Relays made it to the state finals and are the top five picks here.

440 (4:42) Nat'l JC Record: 46.1, Lee Evans, San Jose CC, 1966. State Meet Record: 46.6, Gary Comer, Los Angeles Pierce, 1967.

1. Ron Gaddis (Pierce) 47.0; 2. Maxie Parks (Fresno) 47.6; 3. Maurice Peoples (Hancock) 47.7n; 4. Dennis Maas (Golden West) 47.5n;

5. John Shields (Chaffey) 47.7n; 6. Tom Sprink (Pasadena) 48.0. Others: Jim Hamilton (ARC) 48.1; Marvin Jefferson (Merritt) 48.3.

COMMENT: Defending state champ Gaddis is a heavy favorite. Parks, Peoples, and Maas have been running faster each week; will contend.

100 (4:50) Nat'l JC Record: 9.3, Travis Williams, Contra Costa, 1964; Fred Kuller, Santa Ana, 1965; Mel Gray, Ft. Scott (Kan.) 1968;

Warren Edmonson (Merritt) 1969. State Meet Record: 9.3 by Williams and Kuller.

1. Dave Gilliard (East LA) 9.5, 9.4w; 2. Ted Whitley (Bak) 9.5; 3. Roger McGill (CCosta) 9.5; 4. Royce Ford (Merritt) 9.6;

5. David Holmes (Solano) 9.6, 9.5w; 6. Bill Smith (SDCC) 9.6n, 9.5w. Others: Ken Doutherd (LACC) 9.6; Don Ward (Fresno) 9.8, 9.5w.

COMMENT: Gilliard is favored off his consistency--triumphs in all major meets this year after running in former teammate Willie Deckard's shadow last season. But the other seven runners could finish in any order--which will be important to the team race. In the 70 state 100, Gilliard was fifth, McGill fourth, and Whitley seventh.

880 (5:05) Nat'l JC Record: 1:48.6, Ray Van Asten, Mt. SAC, 1962. State Meet Record: 1:49.5, Bob Hose, San Diego Mesa, 1965.

1. Jim Roberts (LongB) 1:50.3; 2. James Baxter (LACC) 1:51.9n; 3. Clay Lowrey (ARC) 1:52.7; 4. Al Baker (Merritt) 1:54.1n;

5. Jay Larkin (Palomar) 1:52.6n; 6. Steve Carnahan (Pasadena) 1:52.9n. Others: Stan Evenson (ARC) 1:54.9n; Dwayne Harms (Diablo) 1:55.1n.

COMMENT: Roberts became the first Californian to go under 1:52 with his convincing SouCal meet victory and expects to dual Baxter and early season national JC leader Lowrey. If it's a tactical race, Baker could come in strong with crucial Merritt points as he nearly beat Lowrey in a photo finish in the NorCals. Lowrey was third, Baker fourth, Evenson sixth in last year state finals.

440 IH (5:37) Nat'l JC Record: 51.2, Geoff Vanderstock, Mt. SAC, 1966. State Meet Record: 52.5, Lance Babb, Los Angeles CC, 1970.

1. Jim Petralia (De Anza) 52.2; 2. Mike Hill (Mt. SAC) 52.3; 3. Eddie Loughridge (LACC) 52.5n; 4. Robert Parks (CCosta) 53.8;

5. Steve Cook (Citrus) 53.2n; 6. Charles Penn (Mt. SAC) 53.5n. Others: Ken Bracy (Merritt) 54.6; Steve Owen (Yuba) 54.9n.

COMMENT: Petralia & Hill should wage quite a battle, with upset NorCal champ Parks (sixth in state last year) also to be reconed with. Hill's long jumping will be early enough it probably won't interfere with his stamnia--as it did at the WCR, where Petralia won handily.

220 (6:13) Nat'l JC Record: 20.6, Mel Gray, Ft. Scott (Kan.), 1968. State Meet Record: 21.1, Bob Griffin, Contra Costa, 1966.

1. David Gilliard (East LA) 21.0; 2. Don Ward (Fresno) 21.1; 3. Royce Ford (Merritt) 21.1n; 4. Fred Batiste (LongB) 21.3n;

5. Vince Breddell (SD Mesa) 21.4n, 21.1w; 6. Kevin Johnson (Compton) 21.3n. Others: Larry Shields (CCSF) 21.4n; Ron Williams (Merritt) 21.4.

COMMENT: Gilliard could be the meet's lone double winner (although Hill is also a double possibility). Gilliard will have to turn back a strong northern challenge from Ward and Merritt's duo. Fresno and Merritt need strong point showings here. Ford was 3rd; Gilliard 6th in '70.

3 MILE (6:39) Pending Nat'l JC Record: 3:51.0, Galen Hackler, Manatee (Fla.), 1971. New State Meet Event.

1. Ken Gerry (Moorpark) 13:52.0n; 2. Terry McKeon (Golden West) 13:58.6n; 3. Tom Lipski (Santa Ana) 13:58.6n; 4. Mike Weaver (ARC) 14:19.2;

5. Bruce Johnson (El Camino) 14:00.8n; 6. Tim Sanford (Hancock) 14:44.4n. Others: Steve Litchfield (Yuba) 14:51.4n; R.Narvaev (CCSF) 14:54.8n.

COMMENT: Gerry is a slight favorite off his state JC all-time best of 13:52 & West Coast Relays two mile victory (9:08.4). But McKeon is the SouCal champ (in a race in which the first four men placed within two seconds of McKeon's 13:58.6. Weaver was runner-up in last year's state two mile (9:13.4) while Gerry placed fifth (9:30.4).

MILE RELAY (6:55) Nat'l JC Record 3:08.2, Merritt, 1969. State Meet Record, 3:10.1, Pierce, 1967.

1. Merritt 3:13.2; 2. LACC 3:13.9; 3. Fresno 3:14.1n; 4. Pasadena 3:13.9n; 5. Pierce 3:14.5n; 6. Golden West 3:14.3n. Others: Contra Costa 3:14.6n; Hancock 3:15.7n.

COMMENT: The team title could be decided in the finale with Merritt seeking a three-time state relay double. But the other

title contenders in this race--LACC, Fresno--have a good shot at the T-Birds and the championship. An interesting array of

anchormen features Ron Gaddis (Pierce), Ron Williams (Merritt), Maxie Parks (Fresno), James Baxter (LACC), Tom Sprink (Pasadena),

Dennis Maas (Golden West), Robert Parks (Contra Costa) and Maurice Peoples (Hancock)--all earlier individual event contenders.