

# 'Sick', He Runs 100 yds In 9.1

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FRESNO — Nineteen year-old Steve Williams felt sick, didn't like the track and said he was running out of spite because he hadn't been invited to the Martin Luther King Games in Philadelphia.

But, after it was all over, Williams admitted he was happy to have entered the 100-yard dash in last night's

West Coast Relays.

All he did was equal the world, American and Relays mark with a brilliant, legal 9.1 clocking.

"I felt sick. I have a slight cold and I had a bad start in the finals" Williams said. "I gave Herb Washington a full step at the start."

It didn't do Washington much good. 20 yards from the finish line, Williams exploded from a tightly

bunched field to win going away.

The near capacity crowd at Ratcliffe Stadium didn't have to be told that Williams had run a dazzler. When he crossed the finish line, he was two yards ahead of Don Quarrie of ASC, who finished at 9.3, same time recorded by Washington.

Williams thus joins a select field which includes Bob Hayes, who set the mark at

the National AAU meet in 1963. It's been equalled by four others, including John Carlos of San Jose State, at the 1969 West Coast Relays.


"I didn't like the track," said Williams. "I felt I could run better on a composition surface. I should have run as fast last year, but I pulled a muscle just before the Olympic Trials."

Last year Williams ran for University of Texas at El

Paso, but he left after coach Wayne Vandenburg was fired. A native of New York City, he now attends San Diego state and is competing for San Diego Track Club.

Williams mark was the only world record set on a hot night, livened at times by gusty winds. In fact, it looked as if the wind might affect the 100-yard final only

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