

# Balboa wins AAA finals with stirring relay finish

By King Thompson

The AAA All-City track finals have come down to the last event of the day, with Balboa and Wilson tied for the varsity title. The winner of the mile relay will be crowned City champ.

More than 1000 fans stand on the old wooden benches at Kezar Stadium. The excitement is almost tangible.

Bang! The race is on. Balboa's Kenneth Morgan runs an excellent first leg in 49.5, giving Glenn Williams a three-yard lead. Williams loses a little ground, but

Balboa is still ahead at the beginning of the third lap.

Wilson's Maurice Peoples comes out blazing, however, and the Warriors hold a 10-yard lead as the gun lap begins.

Bang! Wilson's Charles Hatch opens up an even bigger lead. He is ahead by 20 yards going into the final turn. The Bucs' Rich McGee starts to close the gap. He keeps coming, coming ever closer as the crowd screams encouragement. His long strides are eating up the ground. With 80 yards

to go, McGee whizzes past Hatch. McGee wins by 10 yards. Balboa wins by two points. The crowd goes wild.

"Yeah, it looked pretty hopeless going into that last turn," McGee said afterwards. "But I just said to myself, no matter how far you're behind, you just don't give up. There's one thing I'm not, and that's a quitter."

While the meet was decided by the mile relay, Balboa Coach Carson English thought that the 180 low hurdles was the actual turning point.

"I had us figured to lose by seven points," he said. "But those 180 lows were a real key. I figured we'd get about three points out of it, but (Willie) McCoy and (Norvell) Hammon got us 10 by coming in third and fourth."

Another big reason for Balboa's victory was John Sweeney's double win in the mile and two-mile runs. The Bucs also did well in the pole vault, taking 22 of 31 points. Only other Bal victory was Willie Nevells' discus throw of 165-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

As expected, Wilson's Michael Farmer won both dashes, but his times of 9.9 in the 100 and 21.8 in the 220 were considerably off his season bests of 9.4 and 20.8.

The day was not a complete disappointment for Hatch as he high jumped 6-9 to set a meet record. Only other meet record was set by Teddy Banayat of Wilson (45-11 $\frac{1}{4}$  in the triple jump).

## PREP SUMMARY

180 LH — 1. Kirtman (WW) 19.0; 2. Armstrong (M); 3. McCoy (B); 4. Hammon (B); 5. Hatch (WW); 6. Gaines (GW).

Mile relay — 1. Balboa (Morgan, Williams, Lowe, McGee) 3:29.3; 2. Wilson; 3. Washington; 4. Lowell; 5. Lincoln; 6. Galileo.

Team scoring — 1. Balboa 151; 2. Wilson 149; 3. Mission 48; 4. Lowell 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5. Washington 34; 6. Lincoln 33; 7. Galileo 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 8. McAteer 12.

### SOPHOMORES

Winners: TJ—Powell (G) 40-73 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SP—Nevells (B) 49-51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; LJ—La Grant (B) 20-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Discus—Mitchell (G) 119-4; HJ—Booker (B) 5-11; PV—Corla (G) 11-0; Two mile — Radcliffe (Lo) 10:06.2; 440 relay—Balboa 44.2 (meet record); 70 HH—Stokes (B) 9.4; 880 — Hurtado (Lo) 2:04.0; 100 — Bryant (M) 9.9; Mile — Toscanini (GW) 4:45.3 (ties meet record); 440 — Carmack (M) 52.9 (meet record); 220 — Bryant (M) 22.5 (meet record); 120 LH — Elmore (GW) 14.2; Mile relay — Mission 3:37.9 (meet record).

Team scoring — 1. Balboa 175 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2. Galileo 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3. Mission 72; 4. Lowell 60; 5. Washington 45; 6. Wilson 34; 7. Lincoln 27; 8. McAteer 3.

Overall team scoring — 1. Balboa 326; 2. Wilson 183; 3. Mission 120; 4. Galileo 110; 5. Lowell 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6. Washington 79; 7. Lincoln 60; 8. McAteer 15.

### VARSITY

Discus — 1. Nevells (B) 165-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 2. Mittelberger (Lo); 3. Koski (GW); 4. Morkel (Lo); 5. Simmons (AL); 6. Harrington (M).

LJ — 1. Gilmore (M) 22-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2. Eberhardt (WW); 3. McGee (B); 4. Perry (WW); 5. Wiley (B); 6. Bana-

yat (WW).

SP — 1. Dillon (G) 55-9; 2. Nevells (B); 3. Alexander (M); 4. Bello (B); 5. Gans (B); 6. Delodovici (B).

TJ — 1. Banayat (WW) 45-11 $\frac{1}{4}$  (meet record); 2. Ward (WW); 3. Perry (WW); 4. Eberhardt (WW); 5. Jackson (AL); 6. Shiver (B).

HJ — 1. Hatch (WW) 6-9 (meet record); 2. Neal (WW); 3. Ward (B); 4. Wiley (B); 5. Baker (Lo). No sixth.

PV — 1. Johnson (B) 13-0; 2. Scancarello (AL); 3. Ward (B); 4. D. Wiley (B); 5. Rutledge (B); 6. (Tie) Donavan (Lo), Guajardo (G).

Two mile — 1. Sweeney (B) 9:42.7; 2. Mocklin (B); 3. Garcia (B); 4. Driscoll (G); 5. Byrd (AL); 6. Kermonan (AL).

440 relay — 1. Wilson (Lewis, Kirtman, Ward, Farmer) 43.3; 2. Mission; 3. Balboa; 4. Lowell; 5. Washington; 6. Lincoln.

120 HH — 1. Kirtman (WW) 14.0 (ties meet record); 2. Hatch (WW); 3. Armstrong (M); 4. Redd (B); 5. Hammond (B); 6. Gaines (GW).

880 — 1. Abendroth (Lo) 1:58.4; 2. Peterson (GW); 3. Lo (B); 4. Castro (AL); 5. Schmulewicz (AL); 6. Peoples (WW).

100 — 1. Farmer (WW) 9.9; 2. Lewis (WW); 3. Linnell (Mc); 4. Ward (WW); 5. Wayman (M); 6. Harbin (B).

Mile — 1. Sweeney (B) 4:32.1; 2. Garcia (B); 3. Byrd (AL); 4. Mocklin (G); 5. Driscoll (G); 6. Dear (AL).

440 — 1. Ruppenstein (GW) 49.5; 2. McGee (B); 3. Morgan (B); 4. Batton (M); 5. Gevas (AL); 6. Bergan (M).

220 — 1. Farmer (WW) 21.8; 2. Lewis (WW); 3. Linnell (Mc); 4. Burke (Lo); 5. Fletcher (M); 6. Scott (WW).