

# Hornets shoot for national record

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WALNUT — Early-bird spectators at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays may have the best chance of seeing a new national record Friday morning as the Fullerton College Hornets go for the JC four mile relay standard.

The Hornets smashed the school record with a 17:06.2 clocking last weekend at the Bakersfield Relays. The national mark is 16:59.2 set by Grossmont College earlier this year.

Fullerton clearly has the record within reach. At Bakersfield, Armando Cendejas led off with a 4:14.0, followed by Jose Saavedra (4:18.2), Phil Wingard (4:15.7) and Dan Rock (4:18.3). Cendejas equaled his all-time best and Wingard's time in the race was a personal record. Saavedra has run four laps in 4:14.1 this year and Rock has a previous 4:10.7 relay clocking to his credit. Potentially, that puts the Hornets in the 16:55 range.

It's possible Fullerton could break the standard and still not win the relay. Record-holder Grossmont is also entered and is not likely to let the Hornets' challenge go unanswered. Friday's race will be the first confrontation of the year for the two squads.

The San Diego-based foursome of George Pullen (4:12.1), Tom Smith (4:16.4), Mike Breen (4:19.8) and Terry Cotton (4:10.9) also has the potential for 16:55 or faster. Smith has a 4:12.4 mile on the books this year, while Cotton has a lifetime best 4:08.

"Post time" is 9:45 a.m. for the record assault.

Fans will find plenty of action Friday as more than 100 events are scheduled on the program. College and JC division competition will be the attractions throughout the day with the preps taking over later in the afternoon and evening.

Feature of the evening is likely to be the high school two mile. Loara's Ralph Serna and Laguna Beach's Eric

Hulst will resume their intense rivalry with the national pace-setter thrown in for good measure. Corona del Mar's Brian Hunsaker took over the U.S. lead with a sterling 8:58.2 in last Saturday's Arcadia Invitational. Hulst held the previous '75 best with an 8:58.6 mark. Serna finished third in the Arcadia meet with his best time of the year, 9:02.3, but that came on the heels of a nation-leading 4:07.0 mile. He'll be fresh Friday night.

Most of the University and open competition is scheduled for Saturday, but Friday's distance medley relay (230-440-1320-mile) could be a scorcher. "Local" squads from USC and San Diego State have toured the distance in 9:50.6 and 9:52.3 this year but may find themselves chasing a pair of standout visitors. Western Athletic Conference powers UTEP and Arizona State have foursomes that look good enough to break the 9:40 barrier.



FULLERTON COLLEGE FOURSOME AIMS AT JC FOUR MILE RECORD  
Left to right, Dan Rock, Phil Wingard, Armando Cendejas and Jose Saavedra