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# Track team denied win, faces Northridge today

By Tracy Tucker

The Aztec track squad takes to the road today when it faces Cal State Northridge in a dual meet battle. For all intents and purposes, the team should be coming off a win.

The Aztecs were more or less robbed last Saturday.

In a meet plagued with rain and wind, the Aztecs were denied a second in the 100 yard dash, and were nosed out by Cal State Long Beach, 73-67. The last event of the day, the mile relay, was not run due to rain, but past performances by both teams indicated that the Aztecs would have had a good shot at winning the race, and perhaps winning the meet by three points.

"We would have taken the mile for sure," said Aztec coach Dick Hill.

The victim of the 100 yard dash, Derrick Phipps, was equally confident about his performance, in which he was given a third place finish.

"I know I finished second," said Phipps, who had a time of 9.7 seconds.

Sprinter Harold Williams, who, along with others, was at the finish line and saw the end of the race, agreed.

"It was obvious to me that he finished second," said Williams. "Somebody missed it."

Despite the ill fate that occurred, Hill was still happy with the day's events.

"We had a good meet," said Hill. "Long Beach is very powerful. We can't complain."

Hill changed his line-up in some events Saturday, and in most cases, the changes paid off.

The Aztecs won six of nine running events, and two of the seven field events.

"The shift definitely had some

effect," said Hill. We just didn't have the garbage points," meaning second and third place finishes.

A new 440 relay team of Phipps and Williams, along with Garry Greene and Quentin Wheeler opened the meet up with a win, posting a season high of 42.0.

Another change that involved Williams was the running of the 440 yard dash. Williams normally runs the 100 and the 220, but the 440 became an instant speciality as he won it with a time of 47.5, besting sprint star Albert Shorts of Long Beach.

"The straight-a-way was the difference," said Hill, referring to the end of the race. "Shorts came back on him, and then Harold got that funny hump in his back and that was it." That's a 46 second race on a good day.

Williams did stick with the 220 however, and that produced another winning time of 21.8. Wheeler took second with a time of 22.3.

In the 880 yard run, Odie Huffman's 1 minute, 55.0 second run took first place, followed by Brian Donahue's second place time of 1:56.1.

Mark Ables performance in the 440 intermediate hurdles was also a winner. His time of 54.1 was accompanied by Garry Greene's time of 55.3, good for second.

The mile was another successful event for the Aztecs, with Earl Robinson winning the race, being clocked at 4:15.2.

"I've never run a race like that before, said Robinson, referring to the wind and rain. "It was very uncomfortable for me. There was no use in trying to fight the wind."

Other running event points picked up by the Aztecs were a second in the three mile by Mike

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Avresa (14:13), and a second in the 120 yard high hurdles by Wheeler (14.3), breaking his lifetime best.

The field, which has been a slight problem spot for the Aztecs of late, also produced a good amount of points.

Steve Parisen's 51 foot 4 inch shot put took first place followed by Mark Stevens second place distance of 51-½.

Also, Tom Bush won his third triple jump of the year, with a distance of 46-10.

"My performance was pretty good considering the conditions, said Bush. "It was slippery, although the wind compensated a little."

Others scoring points in the field were Ron Hill with a 6-2 long jump (second), Rich Comber with 159-5 discus toss (second), Jim Killeen and a pole vault of 14-6, tying his best mark (third), and Gary Shaw with a javelin throw of 182-10 (third).

An interesting note is that today's opponent (Northridge) beat Cal State Long Beach a little over a week ago.

"This wasn't the same Long Beach team that Northridge beat, said Hill, meaning different Long Beach personnel was used.

Which means that had it not been for a faulty 100 yard dash, the Aztecs might have beaten a different Long Beach team too.