

# Eddie Hart: quick return after 6 years

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High jumpers fell in love with a new pit and former University of California sprinter Eddie Hart launched a remarkable comeback in the 51st annual West Coast Relays over the weekend.

San Jose area performers walked off with two of the three athlete of the meet awards. Vaulters Bert Tardieu of Del Mar High was named prep athlete of the meet for his lifetime best of 16-1 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday, and Thurlis Gibbs of San Jose City College was voted the top community college athlete for his national juco record high jump of 7-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Veteran Tom Woods, undaunted by a 10-minute Ratcliffe Stadium blackout, cleared 7-5 for a meet and stadium record to earn open division athlete of the meet honors. It was Woods' best jump in three years.

Hart, 29, won the open 100 meters in 10.21 for the second-best electronically timed mark by an American this year. It was the first competitive race since 1973 for Hart, one of two U.S. sprinters disqualified for failing to show up on time for a heat race in the 1972 Olympics.

Two months ago Hart's wife, Gwen, saw a brochure about a faculty meet at California, where Eddie is a part-time coach. She encouraged him to get into shape and compete, and he responded by winning the 100 meters in a hand-timed 10.3. He was prompted to test himself at Fresno. He won his preliminary heat in an eased up 10.37 and then pulled away from Cal's Mike Farmer and USC's Joel Andrews to win the final.

"I've never really given up running," said Hart, "but I haven't trained hard for several years. I enjoyed running at Fresno, but it's different from when I was running regularly in 1972. My priorities are different. I don't know what I'll be doing from here. The 1980 Olympics are a long way down the road."

San Jose City College, winning the 400, 800 and 1600-meter relays, captured the community college championship with 54 points to stamp itself the favorite for the state championship at Bakersfield on May 27.

800 relay—1, Tennessee (Jason Grimes, Antone Blair, Jerome Morgan, Ronnie Harris) 1:23.41. 2, San Diego St., 1:24.07. 3, Bay Area Striders, 1:24.14.

Pole vault—1, Jeff Taylor, CNW, 17-6. 2, Mark Lizotte, Puma TC, 17-0. 3, Ralph Haynie, Quest Club, 17-0. 4, Steve Orovetz, Wash, 17-0.

Women's 800—1, Ruth Kleinsasser Caldwell, Citrus JC, 2:03.9. 2, Tecla Chembawi, Mac, 2:06.03. 3, Cindy Poor, Athletes in Action, 2:07.07. 4, Marsha Roemesser, Fresno Pacific, 2:09.06.

Long jump—1, Charlton Ehizuelen, Mac, 26-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 2, James Lofton, Stanford, 26-4. 3, Stanley Holmes, Tenn, 25-10 $\frac{3}{4}$ . 4, Darrin Nelson, Stan, 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Shot put—1, Al Feuerbach, Athletes West, 69-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 2, Bishop Dolegiewicz, unat, 65-3. 3, Steve Summers, Wash., 63-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 4, Mike Weeks, Maccabi, 62-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

110 hurdles—1, Carl Florant, Innerscity AC, 14.08. 2, Steve Darkus, Tenn., 14.10. 3, Tony Bolden, WV, 14.25. 4, Ray Smith, Cal, 14.29.

100—1, Eddie Hart, BAS, 10.21. 2, Mike Farmer, Cal, 10.33. 3, Joel Andrews, USC, 10.35. 4, Norbert Payton, BAS, 10.43.

2-mile relay—1, USC (James Walters, Lloyd Johnson, Rayfield Beaton, David Omwansa) 7:26.99. 2, Pacific Coast Club, 7:28.24. 3, Maccabi, 7:32.14. 4, Stanford, 7:33.23.

5,000—1, Brian Huntsaker, SDS, 14:01.05. 2, Gary Romesser, Central Pacific TC, 14:08.87