

# Stoecker Tops Classy Disc Field Saturday

By Al Moss

Bob Stoecker, Los Altos' national record holder, will lead probably the greatest prep discus field in United States history into the star-studded North Coast Section track and field finals at Stanford Saturday afternoon.

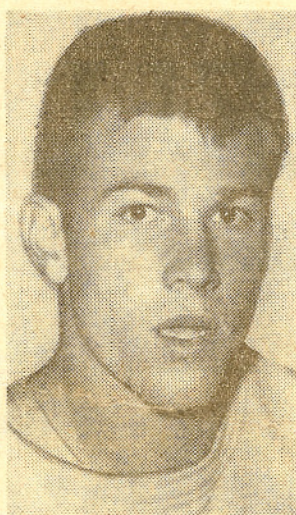
Stoecker, a magnificent specimen at 6-4 and nearly 220 pounds and yet enough speed to be a 14.6 high hurdler—he'll also go in that event in the NCS—has already thrown the high school weight discus (3 pounds 9 ounces) to the 4 pounds 6 ounces college disc) 195 feet 4 inches officially and 196-3½ unofficially.

Both are over the old U.S. record, and big Bob, the defending State champ, is an overwhelming favorite Saturday. But he'll have company.

Mountain View's Tyler Wilkins, also a good hurdler but smaller than Stoecker, has a discus best of 183-8½; Stoecker's teammate, Randy Schneider, has thrown 175-6 and is capable of 180 feet; El Cerrito's Bob Akers is at 172-2 and several others are over 165 feet.

There are several other exciting duels on the program. Schneider (60-6½) and Jim O'Brien of DeAnza (61-1) meet in the shot put, and fine fields hook up in both distance races.

In the 880, Ron Pennington of Buscher, Sam Bartlett



BOB STOECKER  
US Prep King

of Monterey, Willie Green of Encinal, Dave Dunning of Miramonte and Owen Hoffman of Pacific have all run 1:56 or under.

The mile field is headed, at least on paper, by Walt Hewlett of Palo Alto, who ran 4:19.6 last week. There are at least six others capable of running under 4:20, and the dark horse could be Jay Lathrop of San Rafael.

Lathrop got little notice all year, but in the Marin County all-league meet ran 4:22.9 and lowered that personal best to 4:21.4 in the NCS division III meet. He wasn't pressed in either race and it will take competition

to see just what he can really do.

He'll get it Saturday.

The top individual stand-out should be El Cerrito's Charles Booth, a lop-sided favorite in both sprints and the broad jump, where he's leaped 24-2. The only sprinter that appears capable of challenging him, since Berkeley's Jerry Williams was sidelined by scholastic difficulties, is Serra's Steve Firenze.

The top three placers in each event in the North Coast meet, which includes all of the greater Bay Area, except San Francisco and Oakland proper, qualify into the State Meet, set for Modesto next Saturday, June 2.

## PREP TRACK BESTS

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

100—Jerry Williams, Berkeley, 9.5; Carl Evans, Castlemont, 9.5w (9.7); Ed Moody, McClymonds, 9.6; Ed Simas, Franklin (Stockton), 9.6; James Hines, McClymonds, 9.7; Tom Smith, LeMoore, 9.7; Lee Houston, Castlemont, 9.7nw (9.8n).

220—Williams, 21.1; A. B. Coleman, Edison (Stockton) Bs, 21.2; Charles Booth, El Cerrito, 21.3; Smith, 21.3; Simas, 21.4; Steve Firenze, Serra, 21.4.

440—Smith, 47.5; Leon Horne, Grant, 47.7; David Ellis, Castlemont, 48.4n; Joe Johnson, McClymonds, 48.9; Mike Shafer, San Rafael, 49.1n; Jim Duran, Cupertino, 49.2; Holloway, South San Francisco, 49.2; Ray Medina, Hill, 49.4.

880—Gary Baker, La Sierra, 1:54.4; Doug Parker, Chico, 1:54.9; Willie Green, Encinal, 1:55.6; Ron Pennington, Buchser, 1:55.8; Sam Bartlett, Monterey, 1:55.9n; Hoy Henderson, Washington (S.F.), 1:56.0; Dave Dunning, Miramonte, 1:56.0; Owen Hoffman, Pacifica, 1:56.0n.

MILE—Baker, 4:13.1; Joe Neff, Norte Del Rio, 4:17.5n; Walter Hewlett, Palo Alto, 4:19.6; Larry Winward, Hillsdale, 4:20.2n; George Rios, Sunset, 4:21.4; Jay Lathrop, San Rafael, 4:21.4; Jack Levidig, Hillsdale, 4:21.5n; Phil Darnall, Berkeley, 4:21.6n; Dick Hyllon, Pioneer, 4:22.2n.

120 HIGH HURDLES—Bob Hartfield, Richmond, 14.2w (14.6); Rich Clough, Mt. Diablo, 14.2nw (14.5); Curtis Crum, Castlemont, 14.3; Lloyd Reist, Encina, 14.4; Phil Johnson, Salinas, 14.4; Fred Texeira, Washington (Easton), 14.4n; Greg Ford, Clayton Valley, 14.4w (14.5).

180 LOW HURDLES—Ed Moody, McClymonds, 18.6w; Johnson, 18.8; Texeira, 18.9w (19.2); Al Mann, Edison (Fresno), 19.0; Wayne Larson, Clarksburg, 19.0w; Reist, 19.2; Ford, 19.2w (19.5); Albert Lea, Pittsburg, 19.2nw (19.7); Hartfield, 19.3.

880 RELAY—McClymonds, 1:26.3; Castlemont, 1:27.6; Grant, 1:28. On; Richmond, 1:28.6n; El Cerrito, 1:28.7n; McClatchy, 1:28.8n; LeMoore, 1:29. On.

POLE VAULT—Dennis Chase, Westmoor, 13-9¾; Claude Schmidt, Santa Cruz, 13-9; Bill Latone, Placer, 13-8; George Bardsley, Palo Alto, 13-7¾; Skip Hempler, DeAnza, 13-6¾; Jim Beam, El Camino, 13-6¾; Dick Barclay, Palo Alto, 13-6¾; Dave Bardsley, Palo Alto, 13-5.

HIGH JUMP—Curtis Crum, Castlemont, 6-7½; Bob Channell, McLane, 6-7½; Sam Kipp, McClatchy, 6-5; Speer, Kingsburg, 6-5; Sam Boykin, Berkeley, 6-4½; James Norris, Poly (SF), 6-4; Charles Stamps, McClymonds, 6-4; Milt Jackson, Grant, 6-4; L. W. Taylor, Edison (Stockton), 6-4; Russ Moe, San Leandro, 6-4.

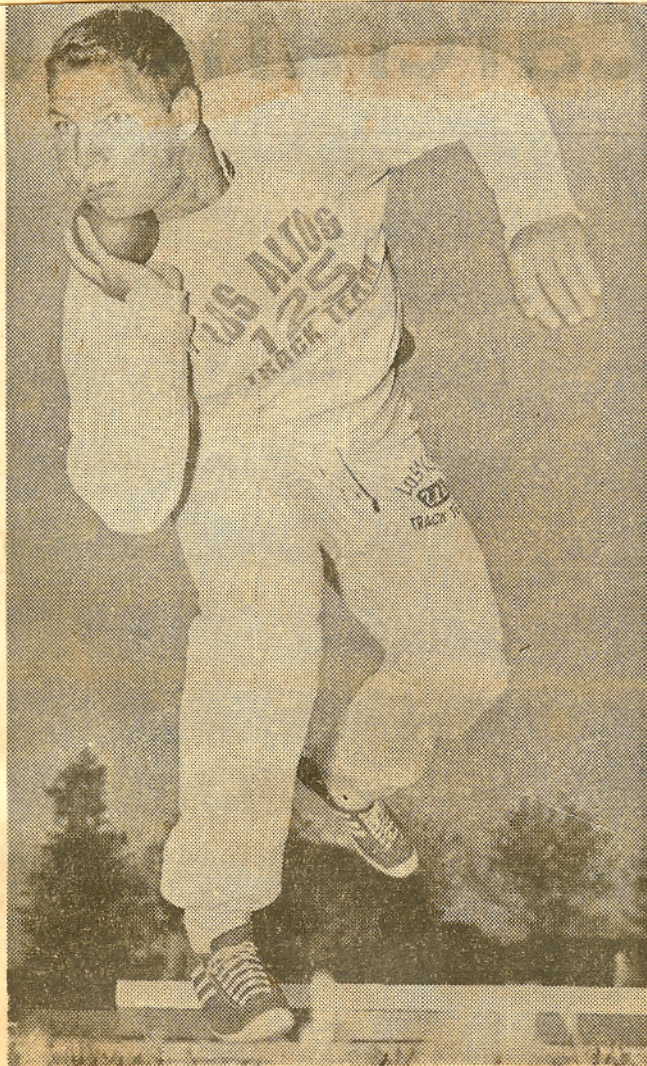
BROAD JUMP—Tom Smith, LeMoore, 24-2½; Charles Booth, El Cerrito, 24-2; Joe McKelvey, Richmond, 23-9¼; Hunt, Chico, 23-5½; John Chambers, McClymonds, 23-5; Jerry Williams, Berkeley, 23-4¾; Brewer, Madera, 23-2; Dave Patton, McClymonds, 23-0.

SHOT PUT—Larry Maggard, Turlock, 62-5; Barry McFadden, El Camino, 62-1½; Jim O'Brien, DeAnza, 61-1; Bob Stoecker, Los Altos, 59-11; Bruce Wilhelm, Fremont (Sunnyvale), 58-11½; Ridge, Madera, 58-10½; Chuck Bray, Pleasant Hill, 58-10¼.

DISCUS—Stoecker, 196-3½ (NOTE: This mark from throwing area elevated two inches. Best official throw, 195-4, new national record); Tyler Wilkins, Mountain View, 183-8½; Schneider, 175-6; Bob Jacobs, Fresno, 172-2½; Bob Akers, El Cerrito, 172-2; Dave Zagar, Los Altos, 169-6; Ken Good, Petaluma, 168-5; Marsh, El Cerrito, 167-11; Clarence Coleman, Mission, 167-10.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

100—Beaty, Glendale Hoover, and Hester, San Bernardino, 9.4; 220—Beaty, 20.6; 440—Beaty, 47.3; 880—Davis, Milliken (Long Beach), 1:53.4; MILE—Bass, La Habra, 4:16.4; 120 HH—Brown, Monrovia, 14.1; 180 LH—Hesser, 18.3w (18.4); 880 RELAY—San Bernardino, 1:27.2; PV—Lindsay, Santa Ana, 13-9¾; HJ—Burrell, Jefferson (LA), 6-9¾; BJ—McKeever, Fremont (LA), 24-7½w; SP—Foster, Lynwood, 60-6½.



(Times photo by Jim Koski)

## Bids for NCS title

Shot-putter Randy Schneider of Los Altos High School puffs up as he prepares to cut loose with a long one. Randy won