

The Fastest, If Shakiest, State

Prep Track 4/16

At St. Francis 93, St. Ignatius 42, St. Francis winners: 440 rel — Adamo, Filippelli, Rivers, Watts 45.5; 120 HH — Vilo, 16.8; Dis — Sloesser 148-9/2; 880 — Froglone 2:03.2; 100 — Adamo 10.3; PV — Rivers 13.0; 440 — Filippelli 54.3; LJ — Ganley 20-8; 2 mile — McCarthy 9:52.0; HJ — Weslo 5-7; 220 — Adamo 23.3; TJ — Trifles 42-1; SP — Sloesser 47-8.

JUNIOR VARSITY: St. Francis 65, St. Ignatius 60.
FROSH-SOPH: St. Ignatius 64, St. Francis 57.

At Menlo School 90, San Rafael Millitary Academy 37, Menlo winners: 440 relay — Hatfield, Collins, Hart, Ransohoff 45.2; 880 — Kuersten 2:09.6; 100 — Hatfield 10.0; 120 HH — Hart 17.4; 440 — Ransohoff 53.3; Mile — Franklin 4:51.0; 180 LH — Colling 22.0; 220 — Hatfield 22.8; 2-mile — Kird 10:40.0; Mile rel — Ransohoff, Collins, Franklin, Hatfield 3:40.0; SP — Moreton 39-4/2; Dis — Moreton 124-2/2; PV — Dubbs

Although Northern California high school track performances are slightly off last year's pace, don't conclude California track is falling behind the rest of the country.

It is not, although the great earthquake might change all this.

NorCal track and field performers have bettered marks in only six of the 15 listed events compared to last year. But, three of this year's NorCal's six state leaders are also setting the pace nationally.

When Southern California performances are added, the Golden State tops the nation in seven of the listed 16 events.

Compared with last year's NorCal track bests at this time, the 1969 crop of athletes are better in the 880, mile, 120 high hurdles, 180 low hurdles, long jump and discus. No triple jump was kept in 1968.

In each of those events, plus the triple jump which still isn't a State Track Meet event, Northern California holds the state lead.

Pittsburg's Buck Black leads in the mile with a 4:13.6. Roosevelt's Jerry Wilson and South San Francisco's Ashland Whitfield lead

with wind-aided 14.0s in the 120 high hurdles. Lemoore's Larence Jones leads with a wind-aided 18.8 in the 180 lows, Merced's Heulion Hewitt leads in the long jump at 24-5 1/2. Gunn's Tom Birtwhistle leads in the discus at 195-4 and San Joaquin Memorial's Dave Tucker leads in the tri-

xxGeorge Harmon, Oakland Tech, 21.9; Al Marshall, Santa Cruz, 21.9w; Royce Ford, Encinal, 22.0; Gary Knight, Edison (Fresno), 22.0t; Sal Mesa, San Jose, 22.0; David Duke, Fresno, 22.0t; John Banks, Roosevelt, 22.1t; xxChuck Bommarito, Crestmoor, 22.1t; Sam Burns, El Cerrito, 22.1; Don Ward, Bullard, 22.1t; Lorenzo Johnson, Washington Union (Fresno), 22.1t (3).

440—Larence Jones, Lemoore, 48.2 (47.0r); Milton Vickers, Oakland Tech, 49.1; Ben Brown, Sunnyvale, 49.1; Larry Orlando, Branham, 49.1n; Rick Brown, Los Altos, 49.4n; Bob Bonner, Del Oro, 49.5; John Banks, Roosevelt, 49.7 (2); George Alfaro, Pittsburg, 49.8; Kessel, Await, 49.9n; Dave Smith Tracy, 50.0; Jim Ewing, Vanden, 50.0.

880—Buck Black, Pittsburg, 1:54.9; Joe Montoya, St. Ignatius, 1:55.9; Rick Brown, Los Altos, 1:56.5; George Alfaro, Pittsburg, 1:56.5; Mel Paige, Rio Linda, 1:56.6; John Hanes, Homestead, 1:56.7n; Willie Young, Fairfield, 1:56.7; Terry Sharp, Roseville, 1:57.0; Randy Hansen, Del Oro, 1:57.1n; Bill Simpson, El Camino (Sacramento), 1:57.2; Bill Boze, Clayton Valley, 1:57.5.

MILE—Buck Black, Pittsburg, 4:13.6; John Dean, Berkeley, 4:15.7n; Chris Carey, Carlmont, 4:17.2; Eugenio Amaya, 4:18.5; Greg Coleman, Palo Alto, 4:20.6; Jack Christiansen, Homestead, 4:20.8n; Willie Eashman, Washington (SF), 4:22.5; Bill Boze, Clayton Valley, 4:23.3; Joe Montoya, St. Ignatius, 4:23.5; Russell, Homestead, 4:23.8; Fransuch, Los Gatos, 4:24.8; Joe Vasquez, Christian Brothers, 4:25.5; Jack Larson, Fremont, 4:26.1; Len Tirade, Live Oak, 4:26.4; Tom Clark, Mission San Jose, 4:27.1n.

TWO-MILE—Eugenio Amaya, Burlingame, 9:11.0; Willie Eashman, Washington (SF), 9:24.8; Jack Larson, Fremont, 9:27.8; xxKasto Lopez, Sanger, 9:28.0; Jim Finch, Mills, 9:31.5; Bill Johnson, Lowell, 9:35.0; xxChuck Mork, Washington (Fremont), 9:36.3; xxCarlos Bravo, Reedley, 9:36.6n; Steve Sofos, Burlingame, 9:36.8; Steve Flynn, Homestead, 9:37.4.

120 HIGH HURDLES—Jerry Wilson, Roosevelt, 14.0w; Ashland Whitfield, South SF, 14.0w; Wayne Dillard, Castlemont, 14.1; Dan Redfern, San Juan, 14.2; Kirk Davis, Berkeley, 14.2; Eddie Cooper, Edison (Stockton), 14.3; Derrek Kelley, Mission, 14.3n; Charles Hayes, Oakland Tech, 14.3n; Brown, Bakersfield, 14.3wn; xGreg Randall, Grant, 14.3; xxCob, Fresno, 14.4wn; Clim Jackson, Delano, 14.5wn; xJared Butler, Pittsburg, 14.5; Ray Robinson, Johnson, 14.5; xLee Busby, Pittsburg, 14.5.

180 LOW HURDLES—Larence Jones,

ple jump with a 49-11 1/2 mark.

The marks achieved by Jones, Birtwhistle and Tucker are also the national prep bests. Southern California has the U.S. leader in the 440, two-mile high jump and pole vault.

Birtwhistle achieved his extraordinary discus distance earlier this season, but the marks by Jones and Tucker were established recently.

The 150-pound Jones, running in only his third hurdle race this year, set his 18.8 in the Bellflower Relays on a windy and cold track.

Despite his fast hurdle time, coach Bob Fraley believes the 440, where he is also NorCal leader with a 48.2, is Jones' be-

Tucker's triple jump mark is the best ever for a high school sophomore, wiping out the old record of 47.5 set in 1967 by Doug Dickinson of Newport News, Va. Tucker's leap into the record book was

not totally unexpected. Last year he set a freshman record by going 48.4.

Other new leaders are El Cerrito, which regained the mile-relay lead it relinquished to Kennedy of Sacramento three weeks ago, with a 3:23.7. Eugenio Amaya of Burlingame who ran a 9:11.0 two-mile, and Wilson and Whitfield, who both ran wind-aided 14.0s in the 120 highs. Wilson is also second to Jones in the lows with an 18.9 clocking.

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13-7; Kevin Rivers, St. Francis, 13-6 (2); Sam Hampton, Berkeley, 13-6 (2); Jan Stuebbe, Shafter, 13-6; Royan, Fremont, 13-6.

TRIPLE JUMP—xxDave Tucker, San Joaquin Memorial, 49-11 1/2; Doug Smith, South Bakersfield, 48-21 1/2; Chris Moulton, Hill, 47-7; xErnie Lopez, Central (Fresno), 47-6 1/2; Harry Freeman, Santa Clara, 47-4 1/2; Jerry Wilson, Roosevelt, 46-8; Steve Arley, Los Altos, 46-8; xxRich Miller, Leigh, 46-1 1/2; xRussell Grimes, East Bakersfield, 45-10; Bruce Donardo, Await, 45-10 1/2; Bourdeau, Westmont, 45-5; John Carter, South Bakersfield, 45-5.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
100—Albert Heavey, Los Angeles, 9.4w (9.5); 10 tied at 9.6; 20—Heavey, Los Angeles, 21.25; 40—Bill Sims, Whittier, 47.1; 880—Fred Sanchez, Conoga Park, 1:52.7; MILE—decker Underwood, South Torrance, 4:13.8; TWO-MILE—Ruben Chappins, Excelsior (Norwalk), 9:08.9; 120HH—John Rich, Washington (LA), 14.1; 180LH—Atkins, Locke (LA), 19.0; HJ—Reynaldo Brown, Compton, 6-10; LJ—Mike Hill, Edgewood (West Covina), 23-11w; and Loughridge, Locke (LA), 23-9; SP—Billy Joe Winchester, Mount Miguel (San Diego), 62-0; DISCUS—Steve Lassalette, California (Whittier), 176-1; PV—Steve Smith, South Torrance, 15-8 1/2; TJ—Mike Gilbert, Hilltop (Chula Vista), 44-8 1/2; 440-RELAY—Los Angeles, 41.8; MILE-RELAY—Los Angeles, 3:18.5.

UNITED STATES
100—Ken Clark, Worthing (Houston), 9.3w; 220—Phil Lusk, Moody (Corpus Christi), 20.9w; 440—Amos Machanic, Jackson (Miami), 47.8; 880—George Jones, Yates (Houston), 1:51.7; MILE—Steve Prefontaine, Marsh Field (Coos Bay, Ore.), 4:11.1; TWO-MILE—Prefontaine, 9:11.4; 120HH—Rod Milburn, Clark (Opelousa, La.), 13.5; 180LH—Nathan Tyler, Casa Grande, Ariz., and Jim Kuraschi, Grant (Norman, Okla.), both 19.1w; HJ—Ron Williams, Lake Highlands (Dallas), 6-7 1/2; Danny Colbert, South Oak Cliff (Dallas), 24-6w; PV—Dave Roberts, Conroe, Tex., 15-8; SP—Don Randall, Sunset (Dallas), 67-53 1/2; DISCUS—Gary Butler, Conroe, Tex., 190.4; TJ—Thomas, Carver (New Orleans), 48-0; 440 RELAY—Kirkpatrick (Fort Worth, Tex.), 41.3; MILE RELAY—Wheatley (Houston), 3:14.9.

NOTATIONS: n—non-winning; w—wind-aided; t—turn; (—number of times achieved; r—relay; x—junior; xx—sophomore.
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