

'Blossom'

Results

Team Scores—Cupertino 41, Homestead 32, Leigh 30.

4-Mile Relay — Willow Glen 18:24.0, Watsonville 18:31.2, Mount Pleasant 18:32.2, Homestead 18:39.9, Tennyson 18:40.1.

Shuffle Hurdle Relays—Cupertino 59.9 (meet record, old mark 60.9 by Gunn, 1969), Burlingame 1:03.0, San Carlos 1:03.0, Mission San Jose 1:06.0, Washington 1:06.2.

100—Fowler (Cupertino) 10.0, Johnson (Overfelt) 10.1, Brown (Sunnyvale) 10.2, Strangis (Willow Glen) 10.2, O'Sullivan (Riordan) 10.2.

440 Relay—Cupertino 43.3, Woodside 43.4, Westmont 43.8, Willow Glen 44.0, Sunnyvale 44.2.

2-Mile relay—Leigh 8:05.5, Homestead 8:06.7, Awalt 8:09.4, Westmont 8:14.5, Woodside 8:20.0.

2-Mile—Remak (Homestead) 9:40.9, Kruse (Camden) 9:43.3, Lima (Cupertino) 9:46.7, Jiminez (Kennedy) 9:56.4, Cray (Willow Glen) 10:01.0.

880 Relays—Cupertino 1:30.5, Woodside 1:31.3, Watsonville 1:32.0, Ayer 1:32.9, Overfelt 1:33.2.

Mile—Montoya (Burlingame) 4:23.3, Chamness (Awalt) 4:24.7, Henderson (Washington S.F.) 4:52.2, Lawson (San Carlos) 4:25.6, Oropeza (Lincoln) 4:41.8.

Open Mile Relay—Leigh 3:27.5, Washington 3:28.2, Menlo-Atherton 3:29.5, Watsonville 3:30.1, Westmoor 3:31.3.

Invitational Mile Relay—Burlingame 3:24.7, Awalt 3:26.4, Westmont 3:28.2, Mount Pleasant 3:29.7, Lynbrook 3:30.3.

Pentathlon—Perry (Mount Pleasant) 353, Williams (Del Mar) 335, Lydster (Awalt) 334, DiSalvo (Willow Glen) 333, Summerville (Awalt) 326.

Long Jump—Miller (Leigh) 22-3¼, Brown (Sunnyvale) 21-8¾, Bryant (Wilcox) 20-9¼, Conway (Cupertino) 20-9, Lear (Alisal) 20-9.

Pole Vault—Ceglia (Homestead) 13-0, Oliver (Leigh) 12-6, Macias (St. Francis) 12-6, Bruni (Burlingame) 12-0, Lindsey (Westmont) 12-0.

Discus—Covey (Homestead) 171-8, Bowen (Sunnyvale) 167-5, Tarabanovic (Fremont) 164-9½, Waller (Homestead) 164-6, Bushnell (Palo Alto) 156-11.

Triple Jump—Miller (Leigh) 46-9¼, Jordan (Pioneer) 44-10¼, Lynch (Homestead) 44-8, Bourdeau (Westmont) 44-5, Conway (Cupertino) 43-5½.

High Jump—Wyrick (Mount Pleasant) 6-4¼, Pleich (Awalt) 6-2, May (Sequoia) 6-2, Rotolo (Burlingame) 6-2, Lucas (Leland) 6-2.

Shot Put—Callero (Riordan) 55-10, Rogge (Livermore) 54-8½, Mannon (Los Gatos) 53-6, Bowen (Sunnyvale) 51-8½, Barber (North Salinas) 51-1½.

Outstanding Athlete—Rick Miller (Leigh).

Cupertino Blossoms In Relays

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The form chart went out the window as Cupertino stunned defending champion Homestead in the seventh annual Blossom Hill Relays Saturday on the Leigh track.

The Pioneers, behind a strong performance from sprinter Jeff Fowler and with some unexpected help from Leigh, ended the Mustangs' reign, 41-32. Leigh also helped itself, finishing third with 30 points.

Fowler won the 100-yard dash in 10.0 and ran two blazing anchor legs to give the Pioneers wins in both the 440 and 880 relays. Although Fowler's dash time was slower than his season best of 9.9, it came on a slow track and followed an ankle injury which has limited his training.

In both relays, Fowler received the baton in second place, making up four yards in the quarter-mile event and three in the half. Once he got the pass, Fowler easily put Cupertino on top and helped the Pioneers' 440 squad drop their Central Coast Section leading mark 1-10th of a second to 43.3.

Fowler, a hopeful for the State Meet in both sprints and the 440 relay, believes his best chance for State laurels is in the 220.

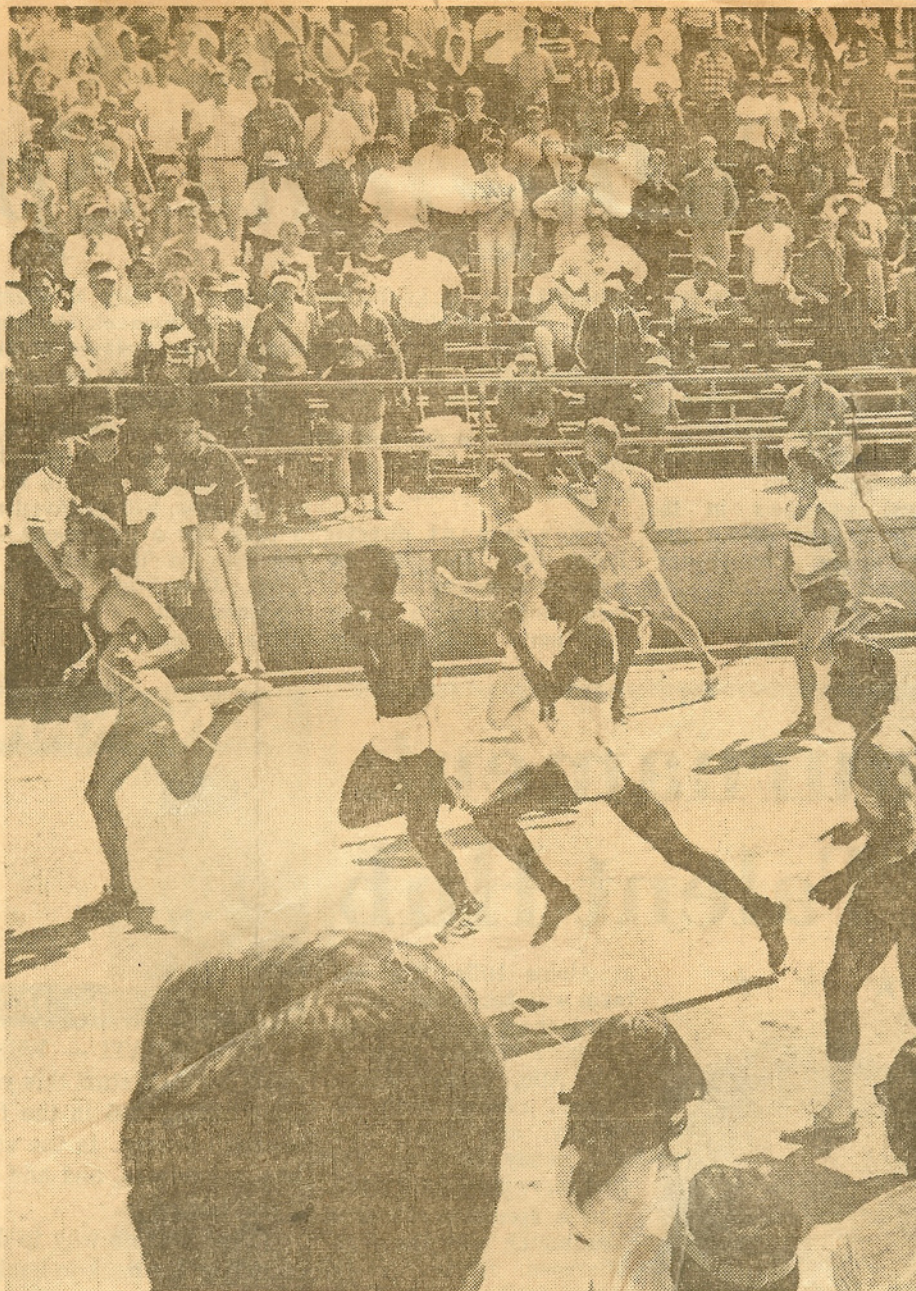
"I like the 100 best, but I don't really have a great start," a fact which has kept his lifetime best to 9.8. "Right now I'm running mostly 440 workouts to build my speed for the 220."

"Competition is tough in the State Meet. But I think our relay team has a chance, I think if we can get to the finals, we'll place."

Another Cupertino first, coming in the shuttle hurdle relay where the Pioneers knocked 1-10th of a second off the meet standard with a 59.9 effort, proved instrumental in the final tally.

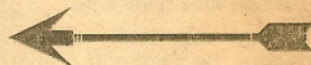
Another big boost to Cupertino's team title was the performance of Leigh's Rick Miller, the meet's outstanding participant.

Miller, who anchored Leigh's winning mile and two-mile relay teams and won both jumps, was in the wrong place at the wrong time as far as Homestead was concerned.



Cupertino Clipper

Cupertino's Jeff Fowler breezes to a 10.0 victory in the 100-yard dash at the Blossom Hills Relay Satur-



day. The three runners on Fowler's left, Overfelt's Len Johnson, Sunnyvale's Benny Brown and Willow Glen's Jerry Strangis, took the next three spots.

In the two-mile relay, Mer's 1:58.0 anchor lap enabled the Longhorns to edge Homestead in the event. And his double in the triple and long jumps pushed the Mustangs' highly-touted Wally Lynch down the ladder and cost Homestead crucial points.

Relay events count double the points of individual events, another factor leading to Homestead's demise. The Mustangs managed three firsts, but all came in individual events.

Mount Pleasant's Joe Wyrick equalled the Section's best high jump with a leap of 6-4 $\frac{1}{4}$. Wyrick, less than two months out of a cast for a broken leg, missed three attempts at a lifetime best of 6-6.

Prep Track

Lawson Hits 4:25.6

SAN JOSE — SPAL athletes and teams weren't as prominent in the Blossom Hills Relays held Saturday at Leigh High here as they were at the Hill-Kiwanis Invitational earlier this season, but a few good marks were still recorded.

Meanwhile, Gunn High was very much in evidence at the Martinez Relays while successfully defending its Class B

(small school) championship.

Randy Lawson of San Carlos posted the SPAL's top Blossom Hill effort with a season and league best of 4:25.6 in the mile, good for fourth place.

Sequoia's Jim May leaped 6-2 to notch a third place in the high jump, behind outstanding Mount Pleasant sophomore Joe Wyrick, who jumped 6-4 $\frac{1}{4}$. May's season best is 6-4.

The only other SPAL individual placer was Palo Alto's Steve Bushnell with a fifth place discus toss of 156-11, four feet less than his previous best.

The remaining SPAL places were notched by relay teams, including three by Woodside (second in the 440 and 880 and fifth in the mile), a third by San Carlos in the shuttle hurdle relay and a third by Menlo-Atherton in the open mile relay.

The meet, dominated by Santa Clara Valley Athletic League teams, featured an upset by Cupertino over favored Homestead, 41 points to 32. Host Leigh finished third with 30 points.

Gunn notched 44 points to easily outdistance Live Oak's 23 points at Martinez.

The Titans captured six of the 12 relay events, led by Dave Bagshaw and Julian Lucas.

Gunn's best effort was a 3:25.4 in the mile relay, which was a meet record and the best by an SPAL team this year by three seconds. Lucas ran a 49.8 split for his 440 yards and Bagshaw a 51.0.

Castlemont of Oakland won the Class A title with 43 points while Pleasant Hill finished second with 24.