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Martin's double sparks Aztecs as team ends up 3rd in PCAA

When the six-mile run began, each runner knew it wouldn't be over for half an hour. No one expected the race to be at all close, but Aztec Otis Martin disproved that.

Martin was with his equal, Ron Pryor from Long Beach, throughout the whole race. Around the final stretch, Martin went all the way giving it everything he had. He won the race in 28:52.0, two-tenths of a second ahead of 49er Pryor.

"It was the prettiest race I had ever seen," Aztec coach Dick Wells said. "It turned out to be more of a picture than an event. Just beautiful."

That was Friday night.

In one of the final races of Saturday's competition, the crowd

watched Otis line up for the start of the three mile. No one really thought Otis could come back after the grueling race the night before. But someone forgot to tell Otis.

OTIS STRETCHES WIN

During the entire race, Otis ran third until the final 220. From down under came a burst of energy and away he went. Otis crossed the finish line with a 13:59.0 clocking, nipping Mark Evans of San Jose State.

Both of Martin's fine races set new Pacific Coast Athletic Association records.

"Otis just put together all he had in the form of athletic talent and came out a winner," Wells said. "This caps off a fine season for Otis

with two great wins."

The Aztecs also pulled a fifth place in the three mile with the 14:05.3 effort by Bill Inglehart.

The Aztecs had a triple jump winner in the form of Arnie Robinson. Arnie, in his final home meet as an Aztec, set a new PCAA meet record with a 51-0 leap. The mark also betters his previous lifetime best of 50-4 and sets a new school record held by Wes Williams at 50-6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

ROBINSON HAD TROUBLE

"Arnie had a little trouble in the beginning as he had a bad heel bruise," Wells said. "But he kept improving and had a beautiful day."

But that wasn't all for Arnie; he wanted more.

So Saturday afternoon, Arnie came back to steal the first place honors in the long jump. This time Arnie won the event with a 25-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ measure.

In both of Arnie's victory events, Doyle Steel of Long Beach was second. And Arnie was glad.

"Arnie was hurt the last time Doyle beat him and he wanted it so bad, he simply tried harder," Wells said.

Another PCAA record was erased when freshman high jumper Jerry Culp cleared 6-11. Jerry started out at 6-8, went on to 6-11, and then had the bar set at 7-2. He had a fine first jump at the final height but couldn't seem to clear it.

DECATHLON ENTRY

At 3 p.m. Friday the PCAA decathlon competition began. At 7 p.m. Saturday the event ended. When all the points had been tallied, Aztec David Buehner had 5610, enough to give him fifth place. It's not the fifth place that is being honored, but the competitor

Buehner was told Tuesday that he was selected to go as State's entry in the decathlon. David had a day and a half to learn events he had never tried.

"None of his marks were fantastic, but David had a very gutsy performance over the two days," Wells said.

"He did an excellent job. Dave competed in some events he had never done. He felt pretty good about the results, and we're all proud of him."

State had many good representatives in the conference finals over the two-day period.

Friday, Bryan Wadlington took a fourth in the hammer with a 101-8

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THE THRILL OF VICTORY - Crossing the finish line after taking the three-mile is Aztec runner Otis Martin. Martin won the race in 13:59 for a new conference record. The night before, Martin won the six mile in 28:52 to be a double winner for the Aztec team.

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toss. Keith Tice of Fresno won the event at 182-10.

In the 3,000 meter steeplechase, Aztec Mike Cour finished second with a 9:26.8 timing. Forty-niner Mike Ritchie was first with 9:13.0.

RELAY TEAM SECOND

In Saturday's competition, the Aztec 440 relay team of John Phillips, Ralph Lavage, Lynn Meyer, and Eddie Steward was second with a 41.3 time. Cal State Los Angeles was first at 40.7.

Steward then came back to take a second in the 100-yard dash in 9.7 and a fourth in the 220-yard dash with a 21.6 clocking.

Aztec hurdler James King was second in the 440 intermediate hurdles with his 51.5 time. Dennis Ruby of Long Beach triumphed at 51.3. King finished third in the 120 high hurdles at 14.8.

Tony Griswald, State's star javelin man, threw the spear 202 feet, 7 inches, good enough to merit a second place.

Pole vaulting for the Aztecs were Rick Olander and Al Kent. Olander finished with a 15-6 measure and a third place. Kent went up to the 15-0 height (a lifetime best) and earned fifth place.

When the team scores had been totalled, the Aztecs came out with 60 — a third place finish. Long

Beach was first with 82 and San Jose State was second with 75.

The sad thing about the whole contest is that no one will remember Otis' races, Arnie and Jerry's jumps, or David's everlasting endurance. They will only remember that the Aztecs lost.

PCAA RESULTS

HAMMER — 1. Keith Tice (FSC), 182-10; 2. Tracy Anderson (CSLB), 140-6; 3. Phil Lockwood (CSLB), 129-6; 4. Bryan Wadlington (State), 101-8; 5. Greg Born (SJS), 89-9. (New PCAA meet record, old record, 138-0 by Kenth Svensson (FSC), in 1970)

3000-METER STEEPLECHASE — 1. Mike Ritchie (CSLB), 9:13.0; 2. Mike Cour (State) 9:26.8; 3. Bob Wallace (CSLB), 9:31.4; 4. Gary Rezowalli (SJS), 9:33.0; 5. Jeff Huber (CSLB), 9:35.2. (New PCAA meet record, old record 9:29.2 by Mark Gardner (UOP) in 1970)

DISCUS — 1. Gary O'Sullivan (SJS), 170-4; 2. Havis Nelson (FSC), 159-2; 3. Greg Born (SJS), 156-8; 4. Tom Wilson (SJS), 155-6; 5. Ron Ernest (CSLB), 154-6. (New PCAA meet record, old record 169-9 by O'Sullivan in 1970)

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Arnie Robinson (State), 51.0; 2. Doyle Steel (CSLB), 50-1¼; 3. Adrian Porter (SJS), 48-0¼; 4. Stan Fry (CSLB), 47-3¼; 5. John Broussard (CSLA), 46-1¼. (New PCAA meet record, old record 50-9¼ by Chris Watkins (CSLA), 1970)

SIX-MILE — 1. Otis Martin (State), 28:52.0; 2. Ron Pryor (CSLB), 28:52.2; 3. Mike Wood (CSLB), 28:56.8; 4. Gary Wolfram (UCSB), 30:06.4; 5. Marc Lund (CSLB), 31:23.6 (New PCAA meet record, old record 30:08.6 by Gary Hansen (SHS., 1970).

440 relay — 1. Cal State Los Angeles 440 relay — 1. Cal State Los Angeles (Ernie Davis, Eugene Driver, Elijah Thomas, Nii Addo Allotey), 40.7; 2. San Diego State, 41.3; 3. UC Santa Barbara, 41.4; 4. San Jose State, 41.6. No fifth place. (Ties meet record, also 40.7 by Cal State Long Beach (Curtis Biggers, Ernest London, Eugene Jones, Dan Moore), 1970)

Mile — 1. John Dean (CSLA), 4:06.3; 2. Buck Black (SJS), 4:06.9; 3. Mike Wagenbach (CSLB), 4:07.7; 4. Maury Greer (SJS), 4:11.3; 5. Jim Dowdall (FSC), 4:11.6.

120 HH — 1. George Carty (SJS), 13.9; 2. Dennis Ruby (CSLB), 14.6; 3. James King (State), 14.8; 4. Ken Hogue (CSLA), 14.8; 5. Len Gaskill (SJS), 15.0. (Ties Carty's own record of 13.9 in 1970)

Javelin — 1. John Tobin (UCSB), 238-4; 2. Tony Griswald (State), 202-7; 3. Gene Hansen (FSC), 191-1; 4. Fred Dixon (CSLA), 189-4; 5. Ed Reid (CSLB), 195-6. (New PCAA meet record, old record 232-9 by Tobin in 1970)

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