

Scots Take First Step Toward Track Title ⁵⁻¹⁰

Carlmont High took the first step toward the SPAL track and field finals championship yesterday by qualifying heavily in the league trials at College of San Mateo.

But more important for Scot coach Loren Lansberry are the many seeded athletes in the 880, mile and two-mile, who didn't have to qualify yesterday for Saturday morning's finals.

Most of the marks were only fair because of the absence of most of the top cindermen, but a few good marks were recorded in field events.

Carlmont's Paul Brandow leads the shot put with a 56-1 heave, teammate Paul Stolle tops the discus field at 148-0 and Scot Ervin Brown is best in the long jump at 20-10—

with all marks carrying over to the finals.

In the only other field event carrying over to the finals, Menlo-Atherton's Jim Watts triple jumped 42-1½, nearly three feet less than his best, to top one of the most talented fields.

Gunn's Vince Hitt and Tom Lynn hit strong 51.5 and 51.7 trial clockings in the 440, showing they might be able to give Titan teammate John Bay and San Carlos' Bruce Veal some competition.

No qualifying was held in the 880, mile, two-mile, and 440 and mile relays. In the pole vault, where four Carlmont vaulters were seeded, and high jump, marks do not carry over since they were the only seeded field events.

Saturday's action at CSM gets underway at 8:30 a.m. with the varsity pole vault. The other field events begin at 9 o'clock with running events commencing at 9:30.

Varsity

120 HH — Eich (Ca) 15.5, Gritsch (SC), Sutphen (G), Sjöberg (S). Seeded —

Brown (Ca), Watts (MA), Florant (P), Langley (SC), Watts (G).

100 — Morgan (Cu) 10.3, Ikl (P), Burks (MA), Fobbs (Ca), Endsley (G), Abbott (W). Seeded — Murphy (S), Lennen (Ca), Drisdale (R).

440 — Hitt (G) 51.5, Lynn (G) 51.7, Peck (P), Grossman (SC), Weir (SC), Mannlon (P). Seeded — Bay (G), Veal (SC), Wiley (W).

180 LH — Eich (Ca) 20.9, Lynn (G), Harding (R), Vallem (P). Seeded — Florant (P), Murphy (Se), Veal (SC), Watts (G), Langley (SC).

220 — Endsley (G) 23.5, Boyett (P), Purcell (Se), Drisdale (R), Domer (P), Burks (MA). Seeded — Prince (R), Morgan (Cu), Bacher (W).

No qualifying in the 880, mile, 2 mile, 440 relay and mile relay.

PV — Flynn (W), Tseng (P), Hill (SC), Bay (G) and Draper (SC) 11-6.

Seeded — Dempster (Ca), Willett (Ca), Katches (Ca), Lennen (Ca).

SP — Brandow (Ca) 56-1, Vetrovec (SC), Atkinson (W), Oberhelman (G), Rice (P), Glaze (Cu), Abbott (W), Tondino (MA).

Dis — Stolle (Ca) 148-0, Brandow (Ca), Stone (MA), Peralta (W), Atkinson (W), Cates (MA), Fitzpatrick (SC), Varwig (Ca).

LJ — Brown (Ca) 20-10, Watts (G) 20-6½, Jones (Ca), Veal (SC), Sadler (R), Peck (P), Hamel (Cu).

TJ — Watts (M) 42-1½, Bay (G), Agni (Ca), Peck (P), Shillig (SC), Morrow (G).

HJ — Black (Ca) and Watts (MA) 5-8. Seeded — Kellog (G), Orr (W), Brown (Ca), Farmer (Cu), Sjöberg (Se).

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Leading qualifiers: 70 HH — Smith (W) 9.7; 100 — March (Wo) 10.5; 440 — Katches (Ca) 53.5; 180 LH — Miller (Ca) 22.4; 220 — Katches (Ca) 24.3; SP — Data (Se) 54-0¼; PV — Four cleared 11-0; Dis — Stein (G) 153-6½; TJ — Butler (Ca) 39-4½; HJ — Five cleared 5-4; LJ — Robinson (Wo) 19-8. No qualifying in the 880, mile, 2 mile, 440 relay and mile relay.

SPAL Spike Finals at CSM

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A cheer and a yawn, a yawn and a cheer figure to be the appropriate alternate response tomorrow during the SPAL track and field finals at College of San Mateo's attractive all-weather oval.

Varsity events, beginning at 9 a.m., seem either wide open or locked up, a matter of four or five potential tape-breakers or one so far ahead of the field the gold medal is his for the taking.

And it probably will take many more cheers than yawns from the anticipated large crowd to prevent Carlmont

High from running away with the team title.

The Scots are strong favorites in four events and potential winners in up to six others. Only San Carlos, led by junior flash Bruce Veal, and an unpredictable Gunn unit can threaten Carlmont.

Sequoia, though, is a solid pick for fourth in contrast to its eighth-place dual finish. The rest of the field doesn't approach the first four on a team basis.

Carlmont miler Steve Miller and two-miler Carl Cattarin, shot putter Paul Brandow and any of four fine Scot pole vaulters ought to win handily.

Miller (4:13.7 tops, the SPAL record) will chase after the 4:20.2 meet mark, Cattarin the 9:27.1 two-mile standard and (take your pick) Paul Dempster, Jim Katches, Jack Lennen or Chris Willett are threats to the 14-1½ pole vault record.

Only other record in definite jeopardy is the 220 mark of 22.0. Ravenswood's Joe Prince, a big furlong favorite, has a 22.1 best but may be only beginning to tap his potential.

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Sequoia's Marlon Murphy puts his SPAL seasonal unbeaten-on-the-track prestige on the line in the 100 (where he's a slight favorite over Carlmont's Greg Fobbs and possibly Veal), and 180 lows, where Veal will go all out.

In the district finals, Veal tripped over the last hurdle and Murphy won in 20.1. But Veal's best is 19.6 and Murphy's 19.9. Carl Florant's 19.8 for Paly can't be overlooked either.

The 120 highs may be frantic. The late-blooming Florant recently hit 14.2 to crack Omar Cowles' 1941 Paly record of 14.3, also best in SPAL history until Gunn's Dave Bagshaw turned 14.2 last year.

Florant's next best time was 14.9, though. His foes include Gunn's Willie Watts (14.8), M-A's 6-6 Jim Watts (14.9),

San Carlos' Matt Langley (14.9) and Carlmont's Ervin Brown (15.0). Watch the bod-ies fly!

The 440 is likely to be prime Veal cut into Carlmont's point total if Veal (50.6) can best Gunn's John Bay (50.5).

Veal also had has the top long jump (22-1¾) and is favored over potential winner Brown of Carlmont and Gunn's Watts.

Sequoia's Pat Purcell, who cut three seconds off his 880 best at 1:58.7 last week, goes for two straight over Carlmont's Bruce Sayre, with possibly Bay and Paly's Grant Thurston hounding that pair.

Though Brandow has the shot well in hand for Carlmont, teammate Paul Stolle (152-6) may need a life discus best to fend off M-A's improving John Stone (147-0) and San Carlos' Mike Fitzpatrick.

The triple jump is either the inconsistent Bay's (46-5¾) or big Watts' (45-1) to win. Cubberley's Lang Farmer (6-5), also inconsistent, is a high jump favorite over Brown Jim Watts and Woodside's Jim Orr.

In the relays, Prince gives Ravenswood a terrific 440 anchor. Ditto Veal for San Carlos in the mile, though Gunn could threaten the Dons over four laps.

Led by sprinter-hurdler Murt Easley, Woodside may give Carlmont a frosh-soph

team tussle. The Scots' best are 6-0 high jumping frosh Larry Wright and 13-0 soph pole vaulter Larry Gullette.

SPAL Track Trials ⁵⁻⁸ Tomorrow at San Mateo

Another period of trial faces the less-heralded SPAL track and field athletes tomorrow, and the baseball playoff "haves" will try to ruin the chances of the "have-nots."

That's the picture of an important day for certain individuals and teams who would like to extend their seasons.

Following last week's Sequoia District and Palo Alto District finals, all SPAL trackmen get a fresh shot at Saturday's league finals at College of San Mateo during trials beginning tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., also on the Bulldog track.

Most of the better entrants in each event have been seeded by meet director Loren Lansberry of Carlmont, but from there the field is wide open. During the dual meet campaign a large disparity often showed between the league's top two or three men and the rest in many events.

Unlike the varsity-junior varsity-freshman setup for the district meets, the SPAL finals have only frosh-soph and varsity divisions, since the meet is a qualifying vehicle for identically organized Central Coast Section action.

This means all juniors must compete on the varsity level.

In baseball, playoff-bound Gunn, Carlmont and Menlo-Atherton will try to add victories at the possible cost of their opponents' post-season hopes.

Gunn (12-1) can claim the round-robin crown outright by beating Woodside (6-7) at Burton Park, Carlmont (10-4) hosts Sequoia (7-6) and Menlo-Atherton (9-4) visits Cubberley (6-8); all at 3:15 p.m. Ravenswood (1-12) travels to Palo Alto (4-9) in the other game.

The round-robin title no longer insures the championship under this first year of SPAL playoffs, but does mean a team must be beaten twice to lose the four-team playoffs.

Although its four playoff berths are settled, the battle

for the West Catholic Athletic League round-robin title is still raging.

It will be continued tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. when Serra (6-4) visits Bellarmine (2-8), St. Francis (7-3) treks to Mitty (3-7-1) and St. Ignatius (7-3) visits Sacret Heart (2-7-1). Riordan (8-3) is idle.

Also on tap tomorrow at 3 p.m. are first-round matches in the SPAL varsity tennis tournament at Gunn, and Cubberley and Palo Alto, an event

expected to be dominated as thoroughly by Gunn as was the regular season.

Tomorrow's prep schedule:

Varsity baseball: Sequoia at Carlmont, Gunn vs. Woodside at Burton Park, Menlo-Atherton at Cubberley, Ravenswood at Palo Alto, 3:15 p.m.; Serra at Bellarmine, St. Francis at Mitty, Woodside Priory at Menlo School, 3:30 p.m.

Track: SPAL Trials at College of San Mateo, 2 p.m.

Tennis: SPAL Tournament at Gunn, Palo Alto and Cubberley, 2 p.m.

Golf: Carlmont vs. Menlo-Atherton at Sharon Heights, Cubberley vs. San Carlos at Peninsula Country Club, 1:45 p.m. (makeups).

Junior varsity baseball: Carlmont at Sequoia, Woodside at Gunn, Cubberley vs. Menlo-Atherton at Burgess Field, Palo Alto at Ravenswood, 3:15 p.m.

SPAL Spike Showdown At CSM ⁵⁻¹³

Early birds have a chance to catch the SPAL track and field finals this morning at College of San Mateo.

Field event action begins at 9 a.m., with running events a half-hour later on the all-weather CSM oval.

However, late-risers have a chance to see good track competition this afternoon when the West Catholic Athletic League finals are staged at St. Francis High in Mountain View.

The WCAL action starts at noon.

Carlmont is a solid choice to take the SPAL team honors, led by distance aces Steve Miller and Carl Cattarin, weightman Paul Brandow and pole vaulter Paul Dempster, but San Carlos, Sequoia and Gunn are also expected to score heavily.

Several local thinclads will be out to score against heavily favored St. Ignatius in the WCAL finals, including Redwood City's fine sophomore 880 ace, Mike Kasser.

Los Altos Sets National Mark

LOS ALTOS — Scott Overton, Los Altos High's all-around athletic sensation, set a national discus record yesterday with a 204-5 flip in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League track and field finals at Los Altos.

Overton, a 6-4, 220-pound Shrine football game selection, actually used a discus found to be half an ounce overweight when the implement was weighed so the mark could be certified.