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RESULTS FROM MARCH 2

STANFORD 82½ - FRESNO STATE 71½; Lemoore: 100- Rossner(S) 10.3 220- Smith(F) 22.1 440- Wingo(S) 49.7 880- Williams(F) 1:56.5 mi- Sandoval(S) 4:14.5 2mi- Sandoval 9:01.8 stpl(exh, short, no water jump)- Hayman(S) 9:14.2 HH- Bagshaw(S) 14.7 IH- Bagshaw 54.6
HJ- George(F) 6-2 PV- Aldrich(F) 15-0 LJ- George 22-7 TJ- Hall(S) 44-3 ¾ SP- Giroux(F) 54-10½ DT- Nelms(F) 168-9 2. Royer(S) 161-6 HT- Giroux 192-5 2. Nelms 167-11 JT- Hopkins(S) 212-2 440R- Fresno 42.2 mi R- Stanford 3:18.1.

CALIFORNIA 99 - SACRAMENTO ST. 41 - BA STRIDERS 30; Oakland: 100- Ligons(S) 9.6 2. Payton(BA) 9.6 3. Walker(C) 9.7 4. Burns(C) 9.7 220- Walker 22.3 440- Bolton(S) 51.4 880- Spires(C) 1:57.1 mi- Brown(C) 4:16.0 2mi- Schmulewicz(C) 8:55.8 HH- Mosley(C) 14.1 2. Carty(BA) 14.2 IH- Edson(C) 56.4

HJ- Robinson(BA) 6-6½ PV- Hintz(C) 15-6 LJ- Steffes(BA) 24-6½ TJ- Steffes 50-2 ¾ SP- Mannon(C) 54-10 DT- Overton(C) 158-9 JT- Lister(S) 186-0 440R- California 41.5 miR- BA Striders 3:18.9.

SAN JOSE STATE, HAYWARD STATE, SAN FRANCISCO STATE; San Jose (non-scoring meet): 100- Pettus(SF) 9.5 2. Whitaker(SJ) 9.6 220- Pettus 21.3 2. Bredell(SJ) 21.4 only sums available.

CAL POLY/SLO, UC SANTA BARBARA; San Luis Obispo (non-scoring) 100-(w) Edwards(CP) 9.5 2. Prince(CP) 9.6 220- Edwards 21.5 440- Gold(CP) 49.4 mi- mi- Yochum (UCSB) 4:16.9 HJ- Craft(UCSB) 6-6 PV- Hamer(CP) 16-0 2. Haagen(CP) 15-6½ LJ- Davis(CP) 23-1 DT- Covey(CP) 164-4.

Most other scheduled area meets postponed or cancelled due to rain.

RESULTS FROM MARCH 9

CALIFORNIA 82 - ARIZONA STATE 76 - LONG BEACH STATE 27; Berkeley, 60°: 100- McCullough(A) 9.8 220- McCullough 21.6 440- Robinson(A) 48.6 880- Brown(C) 1:51.3 mi- Lawson(A) 4:10.2 3mi- Duffey(C) 13:46.0 2. Schmulewicz(C) 13:50.0 3. Maxwell(C) 13:59.6 stpl- Davis(C) 9:04.0 HH- Alexander(C) 14.4 IH- Walker(A) 54.5

HJ- Ritterath(C) 6-7 PV- Hintz(C) 15-0 LJ- Hughes(A) 23-7½ TJ- Dupree(LB) 49-7 ¾ 2. Hall(A) 49-7 3. Tucker(LB) 48-5 SP- Winchester(A) 56-11 ¾ DT- Winchester 166-5 2. Gardner(LB) 162-10 JT- Goldie(LB) 210-2 440R- Arizona St. 42.1 (Cal disq) miR- California 3:18.0.

SAN JOSE STATE 85 - STANFORD 60; San Jose, 60°: 100- Bredell(SJ) 9.8 220- Bredell 21.7 440- Sprink(SJ) 48.5 880- Giannoulas(SJ) 1:52.3 mi- Walker(SJ) 4:11.3 2mi- Sandoval(S) 8:56.2 2. McConnell(S) 8:58.6 IH- Hogsett(S) 51.7

HJ- Mackey(SJ) 6-8 PV- VanKirk(SJ) 15-6 LJ- Davis(SJ) 23-11 TJ- Livers(SJ) 49-2 DT- Royer(S) 166-5 JT- Hopkins(S) 214-0 440 R- San Jose St. 41.6 mi R- Stanford 3:15.2.

OCCIDENTAL 114 - REDLANDS 29; Redlands, 55°: 440- Cleary(O) 49.7 3mi- Gollnick(O) 14:36.6 HH- Knighten(O) 14.9 IH- Odell(O) 55.7 TJ- Knighten 45-10½ JT- Omphroy(O) 218-0.

NORTHRIDGE STATE 69 - LOS ANGELES STATE 64 - SO. CALIF. COLLEGE 61;
 Los Angeles, 60⁰: 220- Singletary(SC) 21.7 440- Prestad(SC) 48.5
 880- Rouse(SC) 1:54.3 mi- Gonzalez(N) 4:15.3 3mi- Dunlevie(SC) 14:13.8
 HH- Patton(N) 14.8 IH- Patton 52.9 2. McCullough(LA) 53.2
 HJ- Winston(LA) 6-8 2. Haynes(LA) 6-8 3. Causey(SC) 6-8 PV- Anderson(N)
 15-0 LJ- Derrick(LA) 23-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ TJ- Derrick 46-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ SP- Turri(SC) 57-9 DT-
 Turri 156-9 JT- Feeney(SC) 211-11 440R- Northridge 41.6 miR- SCC 3:17.3

UCLA 90 - ARIZONA 57 - SAN DIEGO STATE 32; Westwood, 60⁰: 100(4.0)-
 S. Williams(SD) 9.3 2. L. Brown(A) 9.5 3. H. Williams(SD) 9.7 220(ok)-
 S. Williams 20.7 2. Gilbreath(A) 20.9 3. B. Brown(U) 21.1 440- Redd(SD)
 46.4 2. Parks(U) 46.4 3. Lawson(A) 47.6 880- Arriola(A) 1:51.2
 mi- Arriola 4:05.4 2. Mendoza(A) 4:07.0 3. Bradford(A) 4:08.7 4. Nitti
 (U) 4:08.9 2mi- Mendoza 8:53.2 HH(3.0)- Greene(SD) 14.8 IH- Guerrero
 (U) 53.1 HJ- Kotinek(U) 7-0 2. Meisler(U) 6-8 PV- Tracanelli(U) 16-0
 2. Albanese(U) 16-0 3. Mooers(U) 16-0 4. White(A) 15-6
 LJ- Herndon(U) 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ (3.0) 2. Kotinek 24-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ (5.4), 24-1ok... 4. Ray
 (SD) 23-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ TJ- Taylor(U) 53-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ (4.45; series - 52-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 53-11 $\frac{1}{4}$,
 52-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, p,p,p) 2. Hayes(A) 48-3 SP- Freberg(U) 60-7 (discus technique
 2. Schiller(U) 59-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ 3. Neidhart(U) 59-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ DT- Freberg 180-8
 JT- Kotinek 225-7 2. Strickland(A) 206-6 440R- Arizona 40.7 2. UCLA
 40.8 3. San Diego St. 41.9 (S. Williams did not run) miR- UCLA 3:10.5
 (Guerrero 49.6, Walters 46.9, Parks 47.0, Brown 47.0) 2. Arizona
 3:11.8 (Fields 50.6, Gilbreath 47.5, Lewis 47.4, Lawson 46.3) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 San Diego did not run.

Marks by Striders competing as guests: 100- Adu 9.7 440- VanHofwegen
 47.3 HH- White 14.0, Clim Jackson 14.1 HJ- Rey Brown 7-0, Heikkila
 6-8 PV- Miguel 16-0, Slover 16-0 LJ- Proctor 25-6, B. Moore(SDTC)
 24-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Jackson 23-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ TJ- Butts 51-10, Reader 50-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, SP- Kohler
 57-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ DT- Lister 177-0, Kohler 174-11, Tollefson 174-3, Stoltman
 172-8 JT- Pearce 251-2 440R (M. Jackson, H. Jackson, Quarrie, W.
 Turner) 40.7 miR- (Lowrey, W. Turner, Ewing, VanHofwegen) 3:11.6.

DUAL MEET PREVIEWS (3rd installment)

North Central (from Don Kopriva)

Indiana again looks to be the class of the Big 10 - Mid-American region in 1974. Coach Sam Bell's Hoosiers have several national-class performers, but the team's greatest strength is its depth; a bundle of capable athletes who will make their presence felt in dual meets.

Other top contenders for regional prominence include Eastern Michigan, Southern Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio State.

Indiana's strength is so diversified it would be hard to pick a "dominant" event. Best bet might be the high hurdles with veterans Charles Jackson and Craig Caudill welcoming frosh sensation Phil Stapp. Stapp looked superb during the indoor campaign and will be a definite threat for Big 10 and national honors. The distances are also in good hands with versatile Pat Mandera (NCAA 6mi runnerup), Dan Hayes, Mike Cleary, and Phil Wysong all capable of 13:30-13:45 3mile clockings. Wysong is beginning only his second season in the steeple and is expected by many observers to dominate there this year.

The 3-milers can also provide good back-up strength for ~~XXXX~~ Steve Heidenreich(4:01.5) in the mile. Heidenreich will also help out occasionally in the 880 where Chris Achgill (1:50.0), Glen Close, and Bob Muth lead a veteran crew. Glen Love (9.4, 20.7) leads a veteran sprint squad, while William Wallace (46.9) and newcomer Robert Cox lead the quarter-milers. Wallace and Love also perform double duty on the Hoosiers' two fine relay squads.

Field events are equally solid. Dennis Adama (7-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ '74) and Bruce Hodge (6-10) are among the Big 10's best HJ'ers. The PV'ers and horizontal jumpers may not make much noise nationally, but are a capable dual meet group. SP'er Stu Odell and DT'er Mike Davis will win the majority of their duals. The Hoosiers have one of the nation's tougher dual meet schedules, but barring unforeseen problems, can be expected to go unbeaten and mount a strong challenge for top national dual meet recognition.

Eastern Michigan can match Indiana (or almost anyone else) on the track, but a lack of field depth will be a handicap. Coach Bob Parks can boast three genuine superstars in quarter-miler Stan Vinson, distance ace Gordon Minty, and world-ranked sprinter Haseley Crawford. EMU publicity touts Vinson as the greatest indoor relay runner in the world; it's hyperbole that may not be too exaggerated. Minty is far and away the MAC's best, and, as usual, will be a big factor in the national meets. Crawford joins a talented sprint group, and with Vinson, will head a classy mile relay foursome.

The talent doesn't end there, however. Floyd Jenkins should rate with the area's best high hurdlers, and Tom Hollander and Nick Ellis are very good distance men in their own right. Gerard Pettus (6-10) will score valuable points in the high jump, sprinter Clarence Chapman is a capable 24-LJ'er, and Vinson is also good for over 50 feet in the TJ. The weights are the only events lacking front-line strength.

Southern Illinois, despite close triangular losses to Nebraska and Kansas this winter, should rate as one of the region's best. The Salukis are loaded in the sprints, quarter mile, and jumps, and the relays will be among the nation's best. Bill Hancock is a good 7 ft. HJ'er and his decathlon ability insures valuable points in other events, notably the HH and LJ. 440 man Terry Erickson could be one of the best around if he stays healthy. Frosh Mike Monroe looked very good indoors and should score big in evrything from the 100 up to the 440. 9.2w soph Joe Laws could also be a factor.

SIU has a bunch of potentially great distancemen who may very well come through, if injuries which have plagued them in the past can be avoided. TJ'ers Phil Robins and Ken Lorraway will rank near the area's best. LJ'er Lonnie Brown (24-7 3/4) also does a credible job in the hurdles (14.3, 52.9).

It's a tossup among the rest of the best, but off indoor results, may finish in somewhat this order:

Wisconsin lost its biggest 'name', Skip Kent to graduation, but returns a deep squad that will hold up well in dual competition. Tom Schumacher may be a darkhorse for regional honors off his 4:04.5i best this winter. Freshman Mark Johnson posted a 13:39 3mi recently and seems ready to challenge the leaders. Jim Fleming and Dan Kowal will also be reconed with at a mile and up. Frosh PV'er Kim Scott (16-3) is a potential great and Jeff Kingstad(16-1 1/2) is a solid back-up. A solid group of 440 and 880 men lede by Chuck Bolton, Ed Lauzon, and Chuck Curtis form a good mile relay unit.

Big names Marshall Dill and Bob Cassleman will make Michigan State a high-scoring NCAA squad, but a lack of depth will hurt against the better dual teams (such as a 42-88 loss to Indiana). Cassleman's sophomore brother Chris ran 52.9 IH lastn year and should be one of the area's best in '74. The mile relay unit ran 3:11.7 indoors and will certainly be heard from outdoors, as will the 440 squad.

Michigan has one of the country's best 440 stables, led by three time Big 10 champ Kim Rowe(46.0). Newcomers Dave Williams (1:09.8i) and Jeff McLeod (46.8m) could help propel the mile relay squad to super-fast times. Weigthman Steve Adams has hit over 60 in the SP and 185 in the DT and will rank at or near the top in the relatively weight-poor Big 10. Young distance runners Greg Meyer, Bill Bolster, Keith Brown, and Jon Cross could improve rapidly and challenge the front-runners. A young jump squad could also surprise.

Illinois has, perhaps, the most talented group of front-line talent, but again a lack of depth will limit the Illini success in dual meets. Horizontal jumper Charlton Ehizuelen has already made big leaps in his specialties. Mike Durkhn is likely to be the top man in the mile. Likewise Dave Kaemerer in the 880 who should be consistently under 1:49. Frosh Craig Virgin was injured much of the indoor campaign, but will be a factor when healthy. SP'er Mike Baietto was close to 59ft. indoors and D^H'er Sam LaFrank will also rank with the area's best. IH'er Jim Fasules was an NCAA finalist last year and can be expected to push Cassleman for regional honors.

Kent State has great individuals in HT'er Jac Accambray, sprint stars Gerald Tinker, Bruno Cherrier, and Bill Mason (and a great 440R team, too). HJ'er Bob Francis is a new 7-footer and Wayne Willis will back up Accambray in the HT.

Western Michigan, led by hurdler Homer Gaines, PV'er Jim Williams (16-8), and distance man Steve Stintzi could also be a factor. Ohio State has been a big surprise so far, going unbeaten indoors. Big names have been PV'er Jim Green (16-4) and middle distance man Tom Byers, who came out of nowhere to take the Big 10 1000 title with an amazing 2:06.6. HJ'er Mark Stoimenoff (6-11½) is the only other Buskeye to post a mark of much note, but so far at least, the team has been able to get the job done.

Purdue, led by sprinter Larry Burton and LJ'er Jeff Bolin, Minnesota with distance ace Dennis Fee, and Bowling Green with its always deep distance crew appear to be the best bets among other regional teams to find a spot in the national rankings.

West Coast (with many thanks to Jack Pfeifer, Chuck Skow, Bob Steimer and area SID's for the volumes of information).

Off season's best marks (after one outdoor meet apiece), USC rates a 75-70 nod over UCLA. But that's giving the Trojans the mile relay - a definite no-no. Oregon will also be a contender for the #1 ranking, but vital losses in the sprints will hurt. Thus it looks like UCLA will be in the favorite's position for its third straight national title.

The only weak Bruin event will be the HH, but every other spot is loaded. The traditionally strong mile relay and 440 dash events are again in the spotlight. NCAA runnerup Benny Brown, International team member Maxie Parks, and sprinter Gordon Peppars return from the '73 relay unit. Jerome Walters (46.9r in '74), JC transfers Dave Sanchez and Bob Harrell, frosh Ed Rollins (whom Coach Jim Bush feels will be in the 45's this year), and IH'er Lynnsey Guerrero will all be capable of filling in the vacant spot.

Peppars was one of the country's best dual performers last year and Dotson Wilson is also a potentially fine sprinter. Brown also is an excellent 220 man (20.6w). The middle and long distances will rely heavily on underclassmen with vet Tony Veny(1:48.5), soph Junior Internationalist (13:35.2i, 8:55.4 stpl), and improving Garry Nitti (4:08.9 '74) leading the way for the freshmen.

Guerrero (51.4) and Tim Kight (53.4) will be strong in the IH, but do-everything Rory Kotinek is the only hurdler on the roster. He'll likely run only when the opposition is in his range as his field event skills (7-OHJ, 24-7LJ, and 248 JT) are sure point-getters.

Field strength is another Bruin tradition and '74 should be no exception. Kotinek has plenty of help from 7-0 frosh Jay Meisler and decathlete Sam Albanese who also is a 16-0 PV'er. The vault may be the scene of numerous Bruin sweeps with Fran Tracanelli leading a talented crew which also includes returnee Ron Mooers (16-7½) and JC transfer Fritz Selzer(16-6½). The loss of James McAlister will hurt in the LJ, but not too much. Frosh Jerry Herndon went 25-7½ in his first meet and with Kotinek and fellow frosh Jim Spillane (24-10) will handle the event quite well.

TJ'ers Milan Tiff and Harry Freeman have graduated, but Clarence Taylor from the JC ranks should take over admirably, judging by his 53-11½ season opener. Frosh Kevin McCarthy could develop into a good one. The SP corps returns two 60-footers, Dave Schiller (62-2½) and Roger Freberg (60-7 '74). Frosh Jim Neidhart missed 60 by 3/4" in his Bruin debut and seems almost certain to hit it soon. Freberg had a DT best of 194-6 and should rank as one of the best in college circles. Rich Gunther and Bill Harvey are also strong scorers here.

Across town, the USC Trojans look just as impressive. Already the May 4th showdown with UCLA is shaping up as a thriller. USC has had a couple "off years" (for them) since its 1971 championship season, but possibly the best group of new faces in the country is ready to turn things around. The relay squads will both be national contenders, attesting to an abundance of talent.

JC transfers Harold Abrahams, Dave Thomas, and George Ross along with Frosh Mike Shavers are good bets to run in the 9.4/21.0 range consistently. One-lappers Ken Randle (46.4), Earl Richardson (46.5 '73), Trevor Campbell (47.0), and Greg Jones (47.3) form a potent quartet. Freshman Tom Andrews may help, too, but will divide 440 duties with HH and IH (52.1) chores. Bob Coffman (51.4) will team with Andrews to make a strong duo in the IH.

Other standouts on the track include a strong 880 twosome in James Baxter (1:48.6) and Nathan Burks (1:49.8) and a good, balanced HH group including Coffman (13.9), Ed Washington (14.0), and Frosh Mike Johnson (13.9w '74). If Fred Ritherson can return to his form of a few years back, USC could have a contender for distance honors.

The Trojans can't match UCLA in overall field strength, but it still rates as one of the nation's best groups. Olympic LJ champ Randy Williams is the big name and heads a strong contingent that includes super frosh Gerald Hardeman and Ted Hammond. The HJ is also very strong with returning 7-footers Dean Owehs and Jerry Culp joined by Swiss import Hans-Peter Habegger (7-1). The PV is equally deep with 17-footer Bob Pullard leading newcomers Al Sandoval (16-2) and Frosh Russ Rogers (15-9).

The TJ has shown marked improvement in indoor meets with Tom Cochee and Ed Washington already well over 51 feet. The weights are young with Mike Budincich (58-5½) the 'elder statesman' in his sophomore season. Frosh Wayne Bouvier (55-11½ in his initial meet) will, by Coach Vern Wolfe's estimation be 'better than Parry O'Brien or Dallas Long, former Trojan WR-holders. Frosh Ralph Fruguglietti can also help in the SP, but will likely concentrate more on the DT where he has hit 173-0 in Troy's first meet. Decathlete Bo Sterner will back up in the DT and in the JT where a young, improving group promises to surprise before season's end.

Oregon is pointing for its first-ever dual meet championship and if the Ducks can upset UCLA XXXX in the April 13th meeting, they will certainly have a great shot at it. OU must overcome the loss of major point-scorers Steve Prefontaine, Mc Wilkins, and Al Hearvey; Paul Geis leads the ever-strong Oregon distance contingent which includes sub-four milers Scott Daggatt and Mark Feig, 8:35 steepler Todd Lathers, and newcomers Tom Hale, Terry Williams, and Dave Taylor. Pre's loss should be scarcely noticeable.

On the other hand Wilkins will be sorely missed. Usually a three event winner per meet Wilkins' successors are all young and cannot be expected to win with his usual consistency. The talent is there, however, and Dave Hickson, Howard Banich, and Dave Voorhees will all be among the best before their four years are up. Hearvey will be similarly missed in the sprints. Martin and Peterson return with 9.4 credentials, but the consistency hasn't been present.

Steve Bence should again rank as one of the country's best half-milers and Dave Hagmeier could develop into a factor in the IH and 440. Soph Stan ~~XXXXXX~~ Whigham could become a big winner in the HH (13.8w) and Decathlete Craig Brigham will score heavily in the HJ (6-9) and PV (16-4). Others to watch include TJ'er Ed Bilusak (50-5), JT'er Jeff Carter, and HT'er Mike Bolliger.

California returns a strong nucleus led by 880 star Rick Brown, sprinter Sam Burns, and distance men Brad Duffey (13:46 '74), Emerson Davis (9:00.8 stpl), Wolfgang Schmulewicz (13:49.0), and Brian Maxwell (13:57.4). Returning field men include SP'er Bret Mannon (55-1½), DT'ers Scott Overton (168-10) and Chris Adams (177-5) and HJ'er Mal MacFarlane (6-10).

Newcomers include Frosh sprinters Wesley Walker (9.5) and Howard Strickland (9.6, 21.1), California JC 880 runner-up Cirilio Morgan (1:49.8, 46.3r), and hurdlers McKinley Mosley (14.0), John Alexander (14.0 as a '72 frosh at Prairie View) and Carl Florant, Golden West HS champ. Dale Krebs (51-11½w TJ) heads a field crew that also include HJ'er Eric Ritterath (6-10½), PV'ers Dennis Drew and Larry Hintz and Frosh Mark Thorp (24-2, 48-4). JC transfers are expected to give an even bigger boost after the spring break.

Oregon State is a consistently high finisher in the ratings and 1974 should be no exception. The HJ is OSU's traditional stronghold and Tom Woods and Mike Fleer could wind up battling each other for national honors as they did in the NCAA Indoor. Hailu Ebba is a reliable competitor at 880 up, meriting Dual All-American honorable mention in three events last year. Steepler Leonard Hill is a steady sub 8:50 performer and a top pick for national honors. Randy Brown (13:39i) will be a factor in the longer runs and Yaw Atuahene (47.2) may surprise in the longer sprints. IH'ers Steve Casey and Jeff Oveson will both be expected to run under 52.0. The PV lists Ed Lipscomb (17-0) and the weights boast 60-footer Butch Schmidt and 182 DT'er Jim Miller along with Frosh basketball sensation Lonnie Shelton. Curt Heide, Rick Davis, and Jim Judd are a fine trio of JT'ers, all in the 250 range.

The remaining schools in the Pac-8, Washington, Washington State and Stanford will find it hard to break into the conference's top five dual meet squads, but should, nevertheless rank among the best 50 in the country. Washington will be markedly improved with Frosh Pablo Franco(9.4/20.9) leading the best-ever Huskie sprint group. Soph Greg Gibson heads a fine middle and long distance group with his 1:48.6/3:59.1i credentials. Others to be heard from include steepler Bill Glad, Frosh Gordy Braun, Rick Albright(3:43m) and Keith Andersen 13:41. The hurdles are solid with Geoff Newing(14.1), Terry Lavery (14.1, 52.3) and Brian Mondschein(51.9). Top field performers include Daryl Laverdure(7-0), Frosh Russ Vincent (56-6), Jeff Taylor (17-2) Rod Ewaliko (243-11), Casey Ballway (187-11HT), and John Hayes(6-11).

Washington State will field another contender with most strength concentrated on the track. Bob Niehl (7-0) leads a potentially great HJ crew; Jed Miller (182-1DT) is best among returning field men, but young HT'ers Nevins and Ewing could approach 180 (or better) in '74. John Ngeno (13:08.2i) leads an excellent distance squad, including X-country great Dan Murphy and soph Dale Scott in the 880 and mile. Kip Ngeno is a 13.8 HH'er; the rest of the sprinters and hurdlers are above average and will score their share of points.

Stanford would be a contender in any other region, but will find it hard to win against other Pac-8 schools. Top returnees include Ken Curl(9.3w, 21.0), Soph Tony Sandoval(13:48.8), Mark McConnell(13:57.6) Dave Bagshaw (14.0, 52.6), Matt Hogsett (51.7 in his first '74 meet), and Decathlete Ken Kring, heading the PV and LJ crews. The Cardinals don't get much help from recruits, although Steve Crowley (4:11.3) was a California HS finalist and will give the mile a boost.

San Jose State dominated the PCAA last year, and with six title champs returning, figured to stay on top. Early meets have solidified this opinion. Top names are miler Mark Schilling (3:58.6/1:56.6 880) and Vince Bredell (9.4/20.6), both NCAA finalists. Other top returnees include Tom Sprink (47.1), Willie Harmatz (1:51.2), Wayne Hurst (9:13 stpl), Greg Tinnin (13.7/7-OHJ), Bruce Leek (14.0/52.9), Lloyd Kaster (53.0), Louie Wright (25-2), and Jack VanKirk (15-6).

Blue Chip newcomers will also prove a big asset to Coach Ernie Bullard. Freshmen Ron Whitaker (9.5, 47.0) and Ron Livers (51-7TJ, 6-10½ HJ) have already scored strongly in early meets. Mark Genet (13:58), Rich Walker (4:07), Dan Ripley (16-3) and Curtis Davis (24-6) should all gain notice during the season.

Long Beach State and Fresno State appear to be the best of the other PCAA dual squads. Long Beach has beefed up the schedule and will find it harder to win, even with better talent than ever before. Best event is the TJ with Dave Tucker(54-1) and Rayfield Dupree, 4th in the NCAA, a classy combination. Royce Ford (9.4/20.9) and Dave Gloud (9.5) head a capable sprint group. Keith Goldie (237-8) also deserves mention in the JT. The remaining events all appear solid although best marks (so far) have been slightly under national caliber.

Fresno State is a similarly well-balanced team with Decathlete Roger George a top scorer in several events. Strongest events are the weights with new hammer star Mike Giroux (198-11 '74) also leading in the SP(56-7). Doyle Nelms is also a good dual meet scorer(55-0, 174-3 DT, 167-11HT '74). Dave Garcia (13:53.6) leads a capable distance group; Ed Jeffries (9.4) and Frosh Steve Campbell (48.4) are expected to show the way in the shorter runs.

San Diego State has lots of "big meet" points but a lack of depth (notably in the field) will hurt in dual competition. Steve Williams is undoubtedly the world's top sprinter and with Harold Williams, Jim Redd, and Don Tyler (47.8) will form two of the nation's finest 440 and mile relay units. Alex Ray (25-03/4i) is the only field performer likely to attract attention. The distances and hurdles are adequate though not spectacular. The Aztecs are much improved, but with the likes of UCLA, Arizona, Arizona State, and El Paso on the schedule, will have trouble reaching the .500 mark.

Los Angeles State appears to have the best shot at making the ratings of the other PCAA schools. The Diablos don't have any athletes on the national lists, but HJ'ers Haynes and Winston have early 6-10½ clearances and could be factors.

Cal State Northridge made its first appearance in the ratings last year and appear likely to succeed again in '74. IH'er Roger Patton(51.9) and HJ'er Frazier (6-11) rate among the best in CD circles and the rest of the team is well-balanced.

Cal Poly/SLO had a "down" year in '73 but look ready to find a spot again in the top 50. PV'ers Dave Hamer (17-0) and Ken Haagen (16-0) head returnees. SP'er Anderson (55-10 '74) and DT'er (164-4) Covey lead in the throws. Biggest recruiting catch was Clancy Edwards (9.5, 20.8w) a possible high scorer in CD sprint circles.

Occidental is another possibility to make the ratings led by IH'er Doug Odell (51.2) and JT'er Carlos Omphroy (245-8). A solid dual meet distance and field squad will make Oxy a contender.

Southern California College, with a student population under 500 scored several coups with new transfers and will be a power in small college competition. They've scheduled some of the big boys, but lack depth to be fully competitive. Top stars include sprinter Mike Singletary (9.4, 45.9), ex-CD JT champ Jim Feeney, SP'er Don Turri (60-0 $\frac{1}{2}$) TJ'er Don Warren (51-2) and former Oregon steepler Gary Adams (9:07). HJ standout Jackie Causey (7-1 $\frac{1}{2}$) also LJ'ed, threw the javelin and carried the water bucket last year. In '74 he won't have to carry the bucket, and will likely have help elsewhere.

INDOOR DUAL MEET RATINGS

Indiana rates the number one spot off its unbeaten record in collegiate competition, including a smashing 46 point victory over a strong Michigan State team. Kansas State had a fine unbeaten indoor season and looked like the best of a strong group of Big-8 teams. Navy's excellent indoor season rates the number three spot (and one might have a convincing argument for the top spot). Number four Nebraska didn't produce any outstanding indoor marks; still, they beat very fine squads from Kansas, Southern Illinois, and BYU in close matches. Eastern Michigan looked great on paper but didn't face anyone of consequence.

Undefeated squads from Alabama, Manhattan, Colorado, and Florida take the next four spots. Abbreviated schedules and/or relatively weak opposition were the deciding factors preventing a rating in the top five. Missouri in 10th is the highest-rated team with a loss on its ledger. The Tigers lost to Kansas State in their final meet but looked tough enough in their earlier meets to merit the spot.

1. Indiana (6-0)
2. Kansas State (5-0)
3. Navy (8-0)
4. Nebraska (4-0)
5. Eastern Michigan (2-0)
6. Alabama (2-0)
7. Manhattan (5-0)
8. Colorado (1-0)
9. Florida (1-0)
10. Missouri (5-1)
11. Kansas (2-1)
12. Tennessee (2-0)
13. Wisconsin (2-3)
14. Ohio State (6-0)
15. Oklahoma (5-2)
16. Drake (3-0)
17. Michigan State (1-1)
18. Southern Illinois (0-2)
19. Pittsburgh (1-0)
20. Brigham Young (0-1)

Honorable Mention: Illinois (1-2), New Mexico (2-1), Michigan (2-1) Penn State (1-1), Air Force (9-3), Pennsylvania (4-1), Western Michigan (2-0), and Harvard (5-1).

Pardon our red face, but honest, I always thought Manhattan was spelled "en." Our apologies to the Manhattan team and the entire East Coast. And mucho thanks to sharp-eyed correspondent (I should make him editor) Peter Diamond for catching our foo-paw.

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