

Guthrie's unique quadruple litts

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By the time the 1978 De Anza Athletic League track and field championships arrive, Steve Guthrie of Cupertino better have a new act ready.

Maybe the smiling young lad will pull rabbits out of a hat or swallow swords or pull an elephant out of a goldfish bowl.

Whatever Guthrie does next year, it will have to be really something to top his performance Friday in the 1977 DAL finals.

The sturdily-built junior from Cupertino won an unprecedented four running events, two in meet record time, to help the Pioneers surprise themselves and the rest of the league.

Cupertino, second in dual meet competition, captured the overall championship by winning the league finals with 109 points.

Monta Vista, the pre-meet favorite, suffered a number of key let-downs and settled for second with 101 while a strong Lynbrook team took third with 94 points.

While the Matadors' failure to pull off the title was just one of many chapter throughout the lengthy meet, Guthrie's performance was a story in itself.

Favored to win the 120-yard high hurdles, Guthrie did just that in a hurdle-banging 14.5. A short while later he was back on the track to step off a sizzling but windy 9.7 in the 100 yard dash for one of his two meet records.

The 220 field likewise fell to the speedy Guthrie in 22.2, another meet mark.

Guthrie then became the first athlete in DAL history to win four running events in a league meet by capturing the 330-yard low hurdles in a season's best of 38.1.

"If we don't win this thing it's not his fault," said a beaming Cupertino coach Norm Eliason, following Guthrie's final victory.

Guthrie could have easily packed it in after his first three wins but ran the low hurdles for whatever points he could get his team. "I'm greedy," he said.

More important to Guthrie than the quartet of triumphs, however, was the league title. "That's what I really wanted," he added.

Evidently, so did a number of Guthrie's teammates.

Dave Avila turned in a school record in winning the mile in 4:26.5 and Steve Finley, following in the footsteps of his graduated brother Don, won the long jump with a career best of 23-0½.

Avila's victory was particularly surprising as he bolted to a huge lead after two laps to leave the other runners wondering if they were in the same race.

Avila just missed doubling in the two mile when Dave Bruns of Saratoga nudged him at the finish in a meet record time of 9:27.9.

Steve Schwartz of Homestead did, however, double by winning the shot and discus—the later with a good throw of 172-0¼.

Elsewhere, Kevin McElveny surprised the pole vault field by upsetting highly-favored Ross McAlexander of Monta Vista.

McElveny set a meet record of 14-9 while McAlexander, a consistent 15-foot vaulter who was counted on for 10 points, finished fifth at 14-0 and got only two points.

McElveny's teammate, Scott Seeley, powered his way to the meet's only other record in winning the 440 in 49.7 to become the first DAL spiker to go under 50.0 this season.

In the girls' varsity, Lynbrook piled up 121 points to win the title and Kris Costello of the Vikings won three events to lead the way.

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Team scoring (not including high jump)—Lynbrook 122½, Homestead 65½, Saratoga 43, Monta Vista 38, Cupertino 37, Fremont 26, Sunnyvale 23.

GIRLS VARSITY

440 relay—Lynbrook 49.6; Homestead 50.7; Fremont 50.9; Monta Vista 51.2; Saratoga 51.5; Cupertino 52.9.

880—Figliomelli (Sa) 2:21.4; Bing (L) 2:23.3; Sprinsock (Sa) 2:24.0; Fox (H) 2:27.7; Smith (C) 2:28.2; Lund (H) 2:28.8.

120LH—Costello (L) 14.5; Isherwood (Sa) 15.5; Coberly (L) 16.3; Turner (L) 16.4; O'Brien (MV) 16.8; Reimann (Sa) 17.0.

100—Costello (L) 11.1; Jordan (Sa) 11.2; Turner (L) 11.6; Canayan (C) 11.8; Pence (H) 11.9; Fayette (L) 12.0.

Mile—Fox (H) 5:32.1; Bing (L) 5:40.3; Paragian (Sa) 5:48.9; Whipple (L) 5:49.3; Kemp (Sa) 5:52.2; Martinez (C) 5:56.8.

440—Vesling (Sa) 1:00.4; Holman (F) 1:00.9; Bing (L) 1:01.8; Luck (L) 1:01.8; Sprinsock (Sa) 1:02.4; Goedjen (Sa) 1:02.5.

220—Costello (L) 26.1; Jordan (Sa) 25.8; Pence (H) 26.6; Turner (L) 26.6; Fayette (L) 26.7; Figliomelli (Sa) 26.7.

Two mile—Kemp (Sa) 12:18.8; Bull (H) 12:48.1; Baker (H) 12:49.5; Benaron (L) 12:58.0; Y. Cotte (C) 13:15.4; J. Cotte (C) 13:46.0.

Mile relay—Saratoga 4:08.4; Homestead 4:17.2; Fremont 4:19.2; Lynbrook 4:30.9; Lynbrook 4:56.9.

Shot put—Zaphiropoulous (H) 45-1; Reyneri (H) 36-5; Pallock (C) 35-10½; Norman 35-9; Woodbeck (C) 35-6; Williamson (L) 33-1½.

High jump—Davidson (L); Cesari (F) and Stacio (H) tie; Zweig (C) and Spears (H) tie. Marks unavailable.

Long jump—Cesari (F); O'Brien (MV); Dutra (H); Tseunekawa (MV); Vesling (Sa); Davidson (L). Marks unavailable.

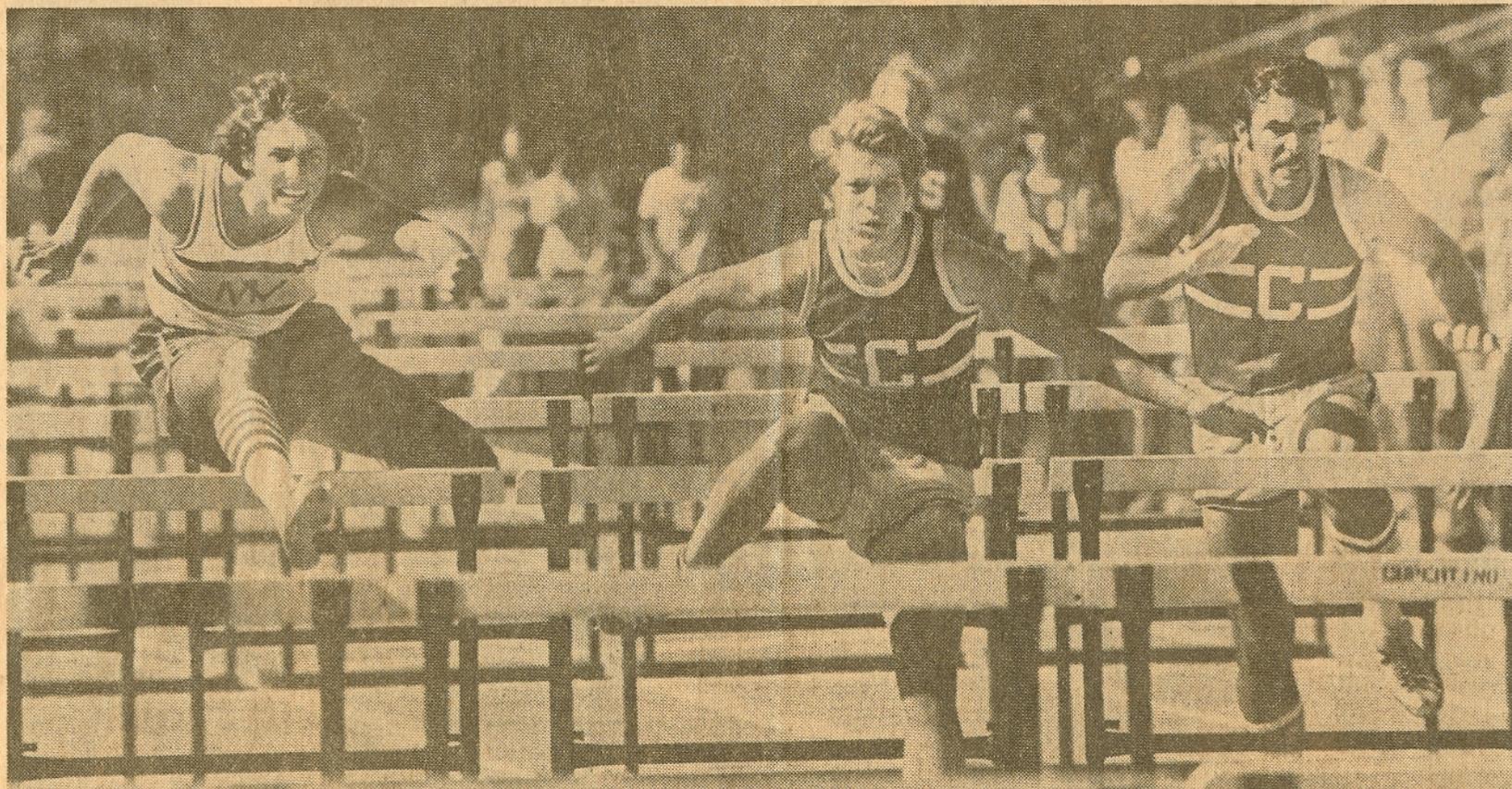
Discus—Woodbeck (C) 119-9; Reyneri (H) 116-10½; Jacobs 116-5; Williamson (L) 113-10; Greening (F) 113-3; Bergman (MV) 104-7.

Team scoring—Lynbrook 121, Homestead 95, Saratoga 87, Fremont 49, Cupertino 33, Monta Vista 15, Sunnyvale p.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY

440 relay—Lynbrook 52.6; 880—Fox (Homestead) 2:33.4; 120LH—Sumner (Monta Vista) 17.8; 100—Doty (Lynbrook) 12.0; 440—Kudron (Cupertino) 1:04.6; 220—Doty (L) 27.3; Mile—Berg (Sunnyvale) 5:58.8; 2 mile—Berg (Su) 13:17.5; Mile relay—Lynbrook 4:25.1.

D8s—Adams (H) mark unavailable; LJ—Bolke (L) 15-6; SP—Huckaby (L) 32-1; HJ—results unavailable.



Cupertino's Steve Guthrie (center) pulls away from teammate Rick Napolitan and Monta Vista's Gary Wipfler (left) in winning high hurdles (Photo by Joe Melena).

Pioneers

Team scoring — Cupertino 109, Monta Vista 101, Lynbrook 94, Homestead 77, Fremont 39, Saratoga 36, Sunnyvale 32.

BOYS VARSITY

440 relay — Lynbrook 43.7; Monta Vista 43.8; Saratoga 44.2; Cupertino 44.5; Fremont 45.0; Sunnyvale 45.3.

880 — Nicklin (MV) 1:58.5; Incrocci (L) 2:00.6; Pica (H) 2:01.3; Gifford (F) 2:02.6; Presswich (Sa) no time; Boyd (C) no time.

120HH — Guthrie (C) 14.5; Wipfler (MV) 14.8; Napolitan (C) 15.3; Schubert (MV) 15.9; Preciado (H) 15.9; Scheibley (Su) 16.0.

100 — Guthrie (C) 9.7 (meet record, old marks 9.9 by Ward, Cupertino and Andrus, Lynbrook, 1975); Bennett (L) 9.8; Beltrano (H) 9.9; Kennedy (Su) 10.0; Lopez (Su) 10.1; Zaiss (H) 10.1.

Mike — Avila (C) 4:26.5; Nicklin (MV) 4:27.1; Martin Rohe (Sa) 4:29.4; Showalter (F) 4:29.2; Matt Rohe (Sa) 4:31.4; Williams (F) 4:32.7.

440 — Seeley (L) 49.7 (meet record, old mark 51.1 by Burke, Lynbrook, 1975); Hall (MV) 50.0; Flagler (F) 50.6; Incrocci (L) 50.9; Creedon (C) 51.2; Hall (C) 51.9.

220 — Guthrie (AC) 22.2 (meet record, old mark 22.3 by Andrus, Lynbrook, 1975); Bennett (L) 22.2; Beltrano (H) 22.6; Zaiss (H) 22.7; Anderson (MV) 23.0; Kennedy (Su) 23.1.

330LH — Guthrie (C) 38.1; Hall (MV) 39.0; Baroni (L) 40.0; Preciado (H) 40.0; Lopez (Su) 40.5; Woodberry (H) 40.6.

Two mile — Bruns (Sa) 9:27.9 (meet record, old mark 9:42.9 by Hulburd, Lynbrook, 1975); Avila (C) 9:30.5; Grimes (MV) 9:32.1; Reith (F) 9:37.5; Boynton (C) no time; Sanchez (Su) no time.

Mile relay — Lynbrook 3:28.8 (ties meet record set by Lynbrook, 1975); Homestead 3:29.8; Cupertino 3:30.2; Monta Vista 3:30.4; Saratoga 3:32.6; Fremont no time.

Long jump — Finley (C) 23-0 $\frac{1}{2}$; Cox (H) 22-0 $\frac{1}{4}$; Wipfler (MV) 21-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; Harling (L) 21-5 $\frac{1}{4}$; Louie (F) 21-4 $\frac{1}{4}$; Johnson (MV) 21-3.

Shot put — Schwartz (H) 54-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sorenson (Su) 52-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Tuufull (MV) 52-0 $\frac{1}{2}$; Tomhave (H) 52-0; Thompson (Su) 51-3; Small (C) 50-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Pole vault — McElveny (L) 14-9; (meet record, old mark 14-6 by Mederios, Cupertino, 1975); Westlund (F) 14-6; Schreiner (Sa) 14-6; Bell (L) 14-3; McAlexander (MV) 14-0; Brown (L) 14-0.

Triple jump — Heyne (MV) 45-5; Jolley (L) 44-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; Meszaros (F) 44-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; McCurdy (MV) 44-3 $\frac{3}{4}$; Louie (F) 43-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; Harline (L) 43-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

High jump — Unruh (L) 6-4; Viscovitch (C) 6-4; Schubert (MV) 6-0; Scheibley (Su) 5-10; Armstrong 5-10; Woodberry (H) 5-10.

Discus — Schwartz (H) 172-0 $\frac{1}{4}$; Ezerski (C) 167-6 $\frac{1}{4}$; Angelopoulos (H) 159-0; Struble (Su) 158-5; Sorenson (Su) 153-4; Arnes (C) 150-8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

Team scoring—Lynbrook 137, Fremont 78, Saratoga 65 $\frac{1}{2}$; Cupertino 61 $\frac{1}{2}$; Homestead 50; Monta Vista 47; Sunnyvale 31.

440 relay—Lynbrook 45.0; 880—Gates (L) 2:04.0; 70HH—Bailey (L) 9.2; 100 — Brigman (Fremont) 10.3; Mile—Shawhan (Saratoga) 4:39.5; 440—Kinzy (Homestead) 52.1; 220—Bernstein (Fremont) 23.5; 330LH—Bayley (L) 40.6; 2 mile—Gyorey (Sa) 10:15.0; Mile relay—Lynbrook 3:36.3.

Lo—Motch (C) 19-11; Dis—Horn (C) 156-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; TJ—Hannah (L) 45.0 $\frac{1}{4}$; HJ—Hannah (L) 6-3; SP—Gonzalez (C) 52.11 $\frac{1}{2}$; PV—Gerbing (Sa) 12-6.

BOYS FROSH

Team scoring—Lynbrook 98, Fremont 82, Saratoga 75, Sunnyvale 70, Cupertino 69, Homestead 47, Monta Vista 36.

440 relay—Cupertino 46.9; 880—Watkins (Saratoga) 2:06.0; 70HH—Rudiger (Lynbrook) 9.6; 100—Fletcher (Sunnyvale) 10.5; 440—Fletcher (Su) 54.2; 220—Chen (Sa) 24.0; Mile—Yager (Fremont) 4:42.2; 330LH—Friend (C) 42.4; 2 mile—Miller (F) 10:04.4; Mile relay—Saratoga 3:45.6.

TJ—Rudiger (L) 42.5; Dis—Costello (L) 128-8; HJ—Schaefer (Su) 5-9; SP—Grossie (Homestead) 45-8; LJ—Fletcher (Su) 19-5 $\frac{3}{4}$; PV—Leal (F) 11-9.