Fontana, Compton Tie for CIF Title

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In a team race that went right down of the coinciding 880 relay, Fontana tied Compton for the championship in the wind-buffeted CIF track finals yesterday in Long Beach Memorial Stadium.

Compton trailed, 15-12, going into the final event but Tarbabe anchor man Johnny Moore held off Fontana's John Lacey in the tape to throw the meet into a 19-19 tie.

The most surprising development was last year's State Meet winner. Long Beach Poly, failing to place a single entrant in next Saturday's State finals at Palo Alto. The first three finishers in each event qualified.

CIF Record

A national interscholastic half-mile record didn't come off as Benita's Bay Van Asten and Buena Park's Jan Underwood had to fight a tough headwind. But it was a thrilling race that saw Van Asten win in 1:53 flat, a CIF record.

Underwood led most of the way. But Van Asten jumped him on the final turn and proved too strong.

Riverside's Robert Bonds was the meet's only double victor. He took the high hurdles in 14.1 and the low in 18.7. Two sophomores were winners.

Thornton Out-Kicked

La Habra's Bruce Bess out-kicked Torrance's Phil Thornton in a 4:20.5 mile, while Glendale Hoover's Forrest Beaty upset Lacey in a 21.1 furlong.

Top marks afield were a 14ft. 5¾in. broad jump by Compton's Walter Roberts and a 60ft. 9¼in. shot-put by Gene Nettleton of Atascadero.

All results are unofficial until a photo review of the finishes. Tuesday.

One of the big surprises of the day was turned in by free pole vaulter Mike Graves of El Cajon. Graves, not a junior, cleared 14ft. to break his own CIF record.