

CENTENNIAL WINS CIF TRACK CROWN

Centennial's win in the CIF Southern Section track and field finals Friday night at Cerritos College came as no surprise — especially to coach Bill Gill and his Apaches.

"I know that if we did as well as we did last week, we'd have to win," said Gill, after Centennial collected 38 points to earn its second title in a row and fifth since 1954.

The Apaches, who swept the sprints, 440 and both relays, outdistanced Coast League rival Compton, which garnered 28 points.

Compton had defeated Centennial in their dual meet and the league finals.

Edsel Garrison paced the Apaches by winning the 100 in 9.7, the 440 in 47.5, best mark in the Southland this season, and anchoring the record-breaking mile relay team which ran 3:18.6 that bettered it old Southern Section mark of 3:18.2 set in the semifinals last week.

Teammate Tom White won the 220 (21.6), placed third in the 100 (9.5) and ran a leg on the Apaches' 440 relay team which also bettered its own section mark. Centennial slipped to a 41.3 clocking, four-tenths faster than its old record.

The two mile proved to be the best race of the evening as the first three finishers bettered the existing Southern Section record. Raben Chappins of Excelsior, a junior, won in 9:03.8. Fred Hitcherson of Salinas, also a junior, placed second in 9:04.4, and Ed Ramirez of Channel Islands was third in the same time. Richard Dyer set the old mark of 9:03.8 in 1967.

The first five finishers in each event earn a trip to Berkeley for the State meet next Friday and Saturday. What are Gill's chances of winning his third State title?

"I'm not making any predictions," he said, "but all seven of our boys qualified and we'll be up there."

VARSITY

100 FH—1. Edsel Garrison, Centennial, 9.7; 2. Tom White, Compton, 10.1; 3. Richard Dyer, Excelsior, 10.4; 4. Curtis Davis, San Jose, 11.0; 5. Charles La Harrel, UCL.

440 RELAY—1. Centennial (Garrison, Garrison, White, White), 47.5; 2. Compton (White, White, White, White), 48.0; 3. San Jose, 48.5; 4. Santa Monica, 49.0; 5. L.S. Park, 49.5; 6. Northridge, 49.8.

220 FH—1. James L.S. Park, 21.6; 2. Fred Hitcherson, Southern Section record, 22.0; 3. Williams (Excelsior), 22.5; 4. Charles (La Harrel), 23.0; 5. Northridge, 23.5; 6. Santa Monica, 24.0.

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Friday's Results

VARSITY

POLE VAULT—1. Herring (Compton), 15-4; 2. Smith (South Torrance), 15-0; 3. Richards (Bonita), 14-8; 4. Rock (Hart), 14-0; 5. Fisher (Arroyo Grande), 13-6.

MILE RELAY—1. Centennial (Hildreth, 49.3; McCall, 49.8; Bufurd, 48.6; Garrison, 48.9), 3:16.6 (Southern section record, old mark, 3:18.2, Centennial, in semifinals); 2. Whittier, 3:18.6; 3. San Bernardino, 3:19.0; 4. Santa Monica, 3:19.1; 5. Millikan, 3:19.1.

TEAM SCORING — Centennial, 36; Compton, 26; Excelsior and Santa Ana, 12; Whittier, 10; Bellflower, L.B. Poly, Santa Monica and South Torrance, 8; L.B. Jordan, Muir and San Bernardino, 7; Lakewood and Santa Barbara, 6; Edgewood, Huntington Beach, Millikan and Salesian, 4; Baldwin Park, Bonita, Channel Islands, La Habra, Morningside and Pacific, 3; Fontana, Hart, Pomona, Redondo, Rolling Hills and Santa Ana Valley, 2; Aleman, Camarillo, Crespi, El Centro, Ganesha and St. Francis, 1.

B DIVISION

800 RELAY — 1. San Bernardino, 1:30.5; 2. Pomona, 1:30.8; 3. Righetti, 1:30.8; 4. Marina, 1:31.5; 5. Hart, 1:31.5.

POLE VAULT—1. Gray (Claremont),

14-7 (Southern Section record, old mark 14-4/4, Flannery, Warren, 1965); 2. Clark (Arcadia), 14-0; 3. Gingrich (Rosemead), 14-0; 4. tie between Echeverria (El Monte) and Solis (Santa Ana), 13-8.

TEAM LEADERS—Lakewood, 21; Pomona, 18; Arcadia, 13; St. Paul, 12; Redlands, 10; Claremont and Compton, 9; Hoover, San Bernardino and Santiago, 6; Marina, 5; Bishop Montgomery, Glenn, Millikan, Montclair and Pasadena, 4.

C DIVISION

HIGH JUMP—1. Haramia (Corona del Mar), 6-0; 2. Gardner (Garden Grove), 6-0; 3. Gladney (Channel Islands) 6-0; 4. Olson (Crespi), 5-11; 5. Weigand (Lakewood), 5-8.

440 RELAY — 1. Lompoc, 44.0; 2. Santa Ana, 44.2; 3. Compton, 44.4; 4. Santa Ana Valley, 44.5; 5. Oxnard, 44.5.

POLE VAULT—1. McGrath (Simi), 12-4; 2. McQueen (Fremont Jr. High), 12-4; 3. tie between Davis (Rowland) and Becker (Palos Verdes), 12-4; 5. tie between Hill (Mayfair) and Savage (Bishop Amat), 12-0.

TEAM SCORING — Eisenhower, 12; Lompoc, 11; Santa Ana, 10; Santa Ana Valley, West Torrance and Workman, 8; Corona del Mar, Glenn, Lasuen and Royal Oak, 6; Santa Monica, 5.