

Visalia Jaysees Win Conference Trackmeet At Taft

Alex Morentin proved to track followers throughout the southern San Joaquin valley last night at Taft that he was undoubtedly the strongest runner ever to hit these parts when he took first in the 880 yard run, first in the mile run, and first in the two mile run, to lead the Visalia Junior college track and field team to its first Jaysee conference victory.

Visalia captured the meet with 45 points, to Bakersfield's 35 1-3, Porterville's 32 1-3, Tafts 30, Reedley's 18, and Coalinga's 4 1-3. Porterville proved to be surprise team by beating out the Taftites for third place inasmuch as they were not considered as strong as the Cougars.

Walls of Reedley brought cheers from the crowd when he broke his old record of 43 feet, 6½ inches in the shot by heaving the weight 47 feet 6¼ inches, and when he broke the discus mark that he made last year of 132 feet 4 inch, by throwing it 137 feet 9 inch. Walls has not entered very many of the dual meets this spring, but has been spending unlimited time in practicing to win the event. His work last night showed the results of some systematic coaching.

Two other marks, the 51.9 of the 440 yard dash, and the 11 feet 8¾ inch of the pole vault, fell when Stringfellow of Taft won the quarter mile in 51.3 and Croson of Bakersfield soared 11 feet 10 inches to take first in his specialty. In the 440 yard dash, Gilfillan of Visalia was successfully boxed by Stringfellow and Alivez at the finish and was unable to pull around to win, but had to be content in coasting in to take third pace.

Hill Wins Dashes

Visalia's Harold Hill passed Sturdevant of Taft in the last 10 yards of the 100 yard dash to barely nose out his Cougar competitor, and with the stands willing to bet that Steurdevant would

take the 220 yard dash, Hill stepped out and won with ease in 22.6.

Several more records would have probably been set if it hadn't been for the cold and the condition of the track. However every event was hotly contested and provided the Jaysee followers with a typical conference meet.

The Summary

100 yard dash—first, Hill, (V); Sturdevant (T); third Vlahakis (B); fourth, Riley B). Time: 10.1.

220 yard dash—first, Hill (V); second, Sturdevant (T); third, Vlahakis (B); fourth, Gilfillan (V) Time: 22.6.

440 yard dash—first, Stringfellow (T); second, Avilez (B); third, Gilfillan (V); fourth, Jamison (P). Time: 51.3. (New record; old record was held by McCall of Bakersfield at 51.9.)

880 yard run—first, Morentin (V) second, Wilson (P); third, Dresser (P); fourth, Baldwin (B). Time: 2:05.1

Mile run—first, Morentin, (V); second, Meir, (P); third, Dietrich (B); fourth, Mintier (T). Time: 4:47.2.

Two mile run—first, Morentin (V); second, Young (V); third,

Alen (R); fourth, Dietrich (B).
Time: 10:44.

120 yard high hurdles—first, Johnson (P); second, Shaffrath (B); third, Ford (V); fourth, Farrar (V). Time: 16.1.

220 yard low hurdles—first, Johnson (P); second, Shaffrath (B); third, Riordan (T); fourth, Smith (P). Time 26.1.

Relay—first, Bakersfield; second, Taft; third, Visalia; fourth, Porterville.

Broad jump—first, Steurdevant (T); second, Ogami (R); third, Dunn (R); fourth, Moore (C). Distance: 21 feet 6 inches.

High jump—first, tie between Keller (C) and Croson (B); and Wilson (P); fourth, Mills (V). Height: 6 feet.

Pole vault—first, Croson (B); second, Steurdevant (T); third, Stringfellow (T); fourth, tie between Berry (B) and Stinson (B). Height: 11 feet 10 inches. (New record; old record was held by Van Osdel of Bakersfield at 11 feet 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.)

Shot put, Wall (R); second, Pett, (T); third, Wells (P); fourth, Dunn (R). Distance: 47 feet 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. (New record; old record was held by Wall of Reedley at 43 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.)

Discus—first, Fall (R); second, Burr (P); third, Wells (P); fourth, Mills (V). Distance: 137 feet 9 inches. (New record; old record held by Wall of Reedley at 132 feet 4 inches.)

(Key: (V) Visalia; (B) Bakersfield; (P) Porterville; (T) Taft; (R) Reedley; (C) Coalinga.)