

By Ben Swesey

The College of Sequoias Giants did as expected yesterday by taking home a pile of first place medals and collecting the most points in the first Valley Conference qualification track and field meet at Hughes Stadium. The Visalians,

with winners in six out of 14 events, compiled 195 points to outdistance their nearest rival, Fresno, which had 105 points. Modesto was third with 42, Stockton had 39, Sacramento 37 and American River 15.

Thus the Giants will have the biggest representation at the Northern California

Junior College trials May 14th in Modesto with 20 athletes qualifying for the affair.

Hooper Triumphs

The lone local winner was Sacramento City College's Earl Hooper in the mile. Earl was clocked in his best time of the year with 4:23.5, which is also the best in the conference, and he upset Sequoias' Frank Recendez.

Earl trailed the pacing Recendez, who had the previous best time of 4:27.0, for three laps, but at the start of the final lap Hooper took command. Recendez came back with the lead after he ran half of the lap, but on the final turn the former C. K. McClatchy High School runner turned on the steam and left his opponent 20 feet behind at the finish.

Nicholls Takes 3rd

Other Sacramento area athletes who qualified for the NCJC trials are SSC's Al Nicholls, who finished a strong third in the 880 with 1:59.9, and Bugs Walton, who was fourth in the broad jump, with 21-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, and American River's Phil Harris, who came in second in the 100 with :09.9 and fourth in the 220 low hurdles with :24.2.

Besides Hooper, two other runners bettered this year's conference marks.

Curtis Craig of Fresno ran the 880 in 1:57.3, besting his previous high by one tenth of a second, and little George Jimenez of Sequoias pulled the surprise of the meet by surpassing Recendez and winning the two mile in 9:46.2. Recendez who came in second with 9:48, had held the best time going into the meet with 9:55.

Thrilling Race

This was one of the best races of the day as it was apparent Jimenez and Recendez were shooting for records. They both did the pacing, staying far in front of the rest of the field, and Recendez kept a little in front of his teammate until the start of the final lap when Jimenez kicked ahead for good.

Those who qualify in the NCJC trials will be in the NCJC Meet May 18th in Modesto and that meet leads to the State meet May 25th, also in Modesto.

Following are the results of yesterday's meet:

- 100—1, Cowings, Sequoias, :09.8; 2, Harris, American River, :09.9; 3, Romero, Stockton, :09.9; 4, Williamson, Fresno, :09.9; 5, Elwess, Modesto, :10.3; 6, Garcia, Sequoias, :10.3.
- 120 HH—1, Williams, Fresno, :14.7; 2, Powell, Sequoias, :14.8; 3, Moore, Fresno, :15.2; 4, Crawford, Sequoias, :15.5; 5, Ross, Modesto, :15.5; 6, Hudson, Sacramento, :15.9.
- 880—1, Craig, Fresno, 1:57.3; 2, Clemmons, Sequoias, 1:59.5; 3, Nicholls, Sacramento, 1:59.9; 4, Gatewood, Sequoias, 2:00; 5, Menezes, Sequoias, 2:01.5; 6, Meyer, Sacramento, 2:02.1.
- 220—1, Cowings, Sequoias, :21.0; 2, Romero, Stockton, :21.5; 3, Cohen, Stockton, :21.5; 4, Garcia, Sequoias, :21.6; 5, Goss, Sacramento, :22.4; 6, Shimon, Modesto, :22.5.
- Mile—1, Hooper, Sacramento, 4:23.5; 2, Recendez, Sequoias, 4:25.6; 3, Olbrantz, Modesto, 4:30.1; 4, Carlton, Fresno, 4:31.9; 5, Hamilton, Modesto, 4:32.9; 6, Snetzingner, Fresno, no time.
- 440—1, Cohen, Stockton, :49.4; 2, Haynes, Fresno, :49.5; 3, Coleman, Sequoias, :49.7; 4, Slack, Modesto, :50.8; 5, Rodman, Sacramento, :52.3; 6, Carkeet, Modesto, no time.
- Two mile — 1, Jimenez, Sequoias, 9:46.2; 2, Recendez, Sequoias, 9:48; 3, Olbrantz, Modesto, 10:06.3; 4, Martinez, Fresno, 10:11.2; 5, Garcia, Sequoias, 10:19.0; 6, Martin, American River, 10:34.6.
- 220 LH—1, Teixeira, Fresno, :23.5; 2, White, Sequoias, :23.5; 3, Leathers, Sequoias, :23.6; 4, Harris, American River, :24.2; 5, Taylor, Sacramento, :24.6; 6, Smith, Modesto, :24.8.
- Mile relay—1, Sequoias (White, Leathers, Cowings, Coleman), 3:18.8; 2, Fresno, 3:19.9; 3, Sacramento, 3:29.4; 4, Stockton, 3:31.8; 5, American River, 3:34.4.
- BJ—1, Williamson, Fresno, 22- $\frac{1}{4}$; 2, Bayes, Sequoias, 21-9; 3, Garcia, Sequoias, 21-7; 4, Walton, Sacramento, 21-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5, Moore, Fresno, 20-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; 6, Bigler, Modesto, 20-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- PV—Crawford, Sequoias, 13-6; 2, Johnson, Sequoias, 13-6; 3, Parkes, Fresno, 13-0; 4, Gooler, Stockton, 13-0; 5, Chistoffersen, Modesto, 12-6; 6, Griswold, Sequoias, 12-0.
- SP—1, Maggard, Modesto, 50-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2, Brooks, Sequoias, 49-10; 3, Nelson, Sequoias, 49-7; 4, Reynolds, Sequoias, 47-9; 5, Dentley, Sacramento, 45-1 $\frac{3}{4}$; 6, Conner, Sequoias, 44-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- HJ—1, Mitchell, Sequoias, 6-4; 2, Souder, Sequoias, 6-4; 3, Hughey, Fresno, 6-0; 4, Crawford, Sequoias, 6-0; 5, Jones, Modesto, 5-10; 6, Garcia, Sacramento, 5-10.
- Discus—1, Jacobs, Fresno, 145-11; 2, Conner, Sequoias, 143-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3, Westrick, Fresno, 139-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4, Roberson, Sequoias, 139-0; 5, Maggard, Modesto, 134-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6, Comstock, Stockton, 127-11 $\frac{3}{4}$.