Rampage By Rams, Upsets Against ARC Mark Valley Conference Qualifying Meet

By Bob Kohn

Powerful Fresno City College, probably the nation's No. 1 junior college track aggregation, registered nine firsts while upsets hit host American River College in yesterday afternoon's Valley Conference Qualifying Meet.

Several surprises marked the day on the hot, loose dirt track but the performers still managed to turn in three meet records and tie another.

American River, which hoped for more firsts than

the three it garnered, still qualified 12 and Sacramento City College 11 for the Northern California Trails in Modesto May 13.

Nothing Startling

Dark horses in five events of ferd their best showings of the year for upset victories, but the meet failed to produce any earth-shattering marks, save possibly a 53.7 clocking by Bud Stanton of Sequoias, who improved on his Nor-Cal best in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles

Other meet marks came in the shotput, where Greg Born heaved 53-10, and in the high jump, where Fresno's Rick Fletcher cleared 6-9. Both have done better this year. Fresno's 440-yard relay team also tied the record with a 41.8 clocking.

Five events resulted in upsets. Jim Manor of Modesto long jumped 22-11, miler Jeff Hill of Fresno went 4:19.2, Scott Jenkins of American River threw the discus 146-4, John Banks of Fresno ran the quarter mile in 48.5 and Curt Lupo of

Fresno did the half mile in 1:54.9. All improved on their previous best this year to beat out competitors with better qualifying marks.

Other Local Firsts

Other local firsts were produced by ARC's Mike Weaver with a 9:34.5 time in the two-mile, the school's mile relay team of Stan Evenson, Steve Henson, Rob Denniston and Jim Hamilton in 3:20.8 and Sacramento's Tom Lawrence, who soared 13-6.

American River suffered a

220 with Evenson, who all carried the best qualifying marks into that event. On the other hand, all three winners turned in season bests. Evenson and Veliz were far off the top showings, but Hamilton was just one-tenth of a second over his best. Hamilton turned in a superb kick on the final turn only to be nipped at the wire by Banks' last-gasp effort. But Hamilton's mile relay anchor leg of 48.7 overtook Sequoias. Only Double Winner
Fresno's precisioned runner Lorenzo Johnson was
the only double winner with easy firsts in both the 100 and 220, and he also and ancand 220, and he also anchored the victorious 440 relay team. Jerry Wilson of Fresno, the top North state hurdler, at 14.4, pulled up just after clearing the final hurdle with a tight muscle and staggered to a 14.7 with and staggered to a 14.7 winning time. Sacramento received season bests from miler Joe Vasquez 4:20.2 for second place, and "Fosbury style" high jumper Bob Luther, 6-2 for fifth, while American River got year bests from Jeff Gardner, 22.7 for sixth in the 220, and from high hurdler Targe Lindsay, 15.0 for third. n, A, 53-10 (meet 51-10/2. 3, Dalerio 55, 50-4. 5, Sweari

American River suffered a major blow early when Wayne Myers, favorite in the pole vault following an

injury to state champion Steve Hardison of Fresno, snapped his fiberglass pole on his first practice attempt. Myers suffered bruised ribs

The Beavers also failed in the mile with Fred Veliz, the 220 with Hamilton and the 880 with Evenson, who all