

Coast Conference

Trojans Champs

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The awesome sprint strength of Skyline College turned back late-blossoming Monterey Peninsula's field and distance onslaught as the Trojans repeated as Coast Conference track and field champions Saturday.

Host Skyline tallied 199 points to 158 for the Lobos, while Hartnell slipped to third with 108—lowest finish for the Panthers in a decade. Menlo was fifth with 18. Even though Skyline has never lost a dual meet in five seasons in the Coast Conference, it wasn't until 1976 that the Trojans could end Hartnell's nine-year hold on the league title.

Skyline will next seek the California Small Conference Invitational crown Friday in Porterville before joining College of San Mateo Saturday for action at Fresno's West Coast Relays. Top two finishers in each event Saturday qualified for the Porterville affair and the Trojans will have nine athletes in 16 spots on Friday, including both relays.

Skyline speedsters Tony Hicks and Alvin Diles came back from minor leg injuries to win two events apiece Satur-

day and Hicks also chased teammate Raphael Smith to the wire in the 110 high hurdles, both clocking 14.5.

But the to mark of the meet was a 9:18.4 steeplechase triumph by Trojan Jim Martinelli, edging the number two time in the state posted Friday night by CSM's Dave Hull (9:18.8) in the Golden Gate Conference finals. Porterville's Joaquin Leano from Mexico (9:02.2) is the state and national leader. Skyline's Bill Amable moved up to number six in Northern California with his third place 9:26.6.

A 1-2-3 sweep of the 200 by Diles (22.2), Robert Clay and Mitchell Lockett over MPC's Percy Davis was the capper, after Monterey lost its other entrant, Ben Garner, on a false start. Ellis Tatum took fifth for Skyline in 23.2, almost catching Davis (23.3). MPC also dropped the baton in both relays.

Diles and Clay also finished in the same order in a Skyline track record 48.5 400. NorCal intermediate hurdle leader Hicks (51.7) and Smith (52.6) loafed to a near deadheat in 55.0 and 55.2, respectively, holding hands across the finish.

WINNERS, SKYLINE AND MENLO PLACERS:

800 Meter Steeplechase - 1. Jim Martinelli (Skyline) 9:18.4 (Coast Conference Meet Record, old mark 10:01.8, Keith Larsen, Skyline, 1976); 2. Bill Amable (Sky) 9:26.6.
400 Relay - 1. Skyline (Raphael Smith, Alvin Diles, Ellis Tatum, Mitchell Lockett) 42.5; 2. Menlo 41.6. (MPC dropped baton, no 5th).
1500 Meters - 1. Andy Jones (MPC) 2:59.2 (Coast Conf. Record, new event); 4. Steve Cornija (Sky) 4:15.
110 Hh - 1. Raphael Smith (Sky) 14.5; 2. Tony Hicks (Sky) 14.5; 6. Everson Lewis (Sky) 15.7.
400 - 1. Alvin Diles (Sky) 48.5; 2. Robert Clay (Sky) 49.5.
100 - 1. Tony Hicks (Sky) 19.8; (Coast Conference Record, new event); 2. Ellis

Tatum (Sky) 11.0; 3. Raphael Smith (Sky) 11.7; 4. Mitchell Lockett (Sky) 13.7.
800 - 1. Tyrone Patterson (Hart) 1:56.6; 3. Don Freeman (Sky) 2:01.3.
200 Hh - 1. Tony Hicks (Sky) 55.0; 2. Raphael Smith (Sky) 55.2.
200 - 1. Alvin Diles (Sky) 22.2; 2. Robert Clay (Sky) 22.9; 3. Mitchell Lockett (Sky) 23.1; 5. Ellis Tatum (Sky) 23.2.
5000 - 1. Andy Jones (MPC) 15:28.6 (Coast Conf. Record, new event); 2. Steve Watkins (MPC) 15:28.6 (also share a record); 3. Bob Lange (Sky) 15:49.6; 4. Bill Amable (Sky) 15:55.6.
Mile Relay - 1. Skyline (Don Freeman, Robert Clay, Alvin Diles, Raphael Smith) 3:26.2; 4. Menlo 3:51.4. (MPC disqualified.)
Javalin - 1. David Myers (MPC) 180.9; 2. Kevin Gintore (Sky) 149.2.
High Jump - 1. Taznin Vaughnes (MPC) 6-4; 5. Everson Lewis (Sky) 6-0.

Pole Vault - 1. Brian Sweeney (Cob) 12-6.
Long Jump - 1. Ron Johnson (MPC) 27-4; 2. John Green (Menlo) 21-5; 4. Joe Benveniste (Sky) 21-0; 6. Randy Smith (Menlo) 19-11".
Shot Put - 1. Mike Sotnick (MPC) 50-5; 3. Eric Seubert (Sky) 46-3; 4. John King (Sky) 44-7".
Discus - 1. Dan John (Sky) 164-3; 5. Eric Seubert (Sky) 124-0; 6. Chris Helwig (Menlo) 121-6.
Triple Jump - 1. Ron Johnson (MPC) 46-8; 5. Joe Dahl (Sky) 41-7".
TEAM SCORES:
1. Skyline 199; 2. Monterey Peninsula 156; 3. Hartnell 109; 4. Cabrillo 52; 5. Menlo 18.
Final Coast Conference Standings (combined with duals, dual records in parentheses): 1. Skyline (4-0) 78 points; 2. Monterey Peninsula (2-2) 75; 3. Hartnell (3-1) 70; 4. Cabrillo (1-3) 32; 5. Menlo (0-1) 6.