Ram tracksters take conference second

VICTORVILLE - The Victor Valley College Desert Rams Track and Field team placed second to a powerful College of the Desert squad at the Desert Athletic Conference Track and Field Championship meet held at Ray Moore Stadium Saturday.

The Rams edged Palo Verde College 57-55 for the second place trophy as College of the Desert collected 131 points to gain the Conference Championship.

Joe Matisohn was selected as the meet's outstanding participant. He won three events and placed in several others for a total of 19 3/4 individual points. He won the high jump, the triple jump, and the broad jump and placed in the discus, the javelin, the shot put and the 440 yd. relay.

Mike Flint contributed greatly to the Ram effort by winning the javelin. The second place issue was still in doubt in that last event with Palo Verde leading the Rams when Flint unleashed a tremendous toss of 154'4" for a new VVC record and a gold medal.

Flint also placed in the 330 yd, intermediate hurdles, the mile run and the mile relay.

Mike Justus came within inches of taking the 220yard gold medal as he was edged by Dave Stone of College of the Desert at the tape. Justus earned a bronze medal in the triple jump, and placed in the sprints and the two relays.

Henry Van Horn picked up valuable points for the Rams with his tremendous endurance. He placed second in the 2-mile run, third in the mile run, fifth in the 880, and ran a leg on the mile relay.

Mike Sheridan ran a leg of the 440 relay and placed in the 440 yd, run but injured his leg and was unable to continue.

Other Ram participants contributing points toward the Ram effort included Bob Farmer - shot put: Al Neighbors - 330 yd, intermediate hurdles and mile relay; Lynn Vanie - javelin; Jerry Kline - 220 yd, dash; and Aubrey Glass - 440 relay.