

# Strong Spartan Track Squad Wins DC Crown

VICTORVILLE — MiraCosta ran away with the Desert Conference track title Saturday, in a meet which saw 14 records broken out of the 17 events.

The Spartans racked up 127 points, followed by Imperial Valley with 111, Saddleback at 106, Victor Valley had 92, College of the Desert 60, and College of the Canyons trailed with 18.

Larry Scott, a freshman from Palm Springs, won the only first place medal for the Roadrunners, equalling his best mark of 13-feet in the pole vault. Rick Martinelli of COD also placed at 12-6.

'Runner track coach John Marman had 17 entries, and 13 of them came through for scoring. All first and second places will compete in the Southern California meet at Bakersfield on May 13.

Those who qualified for COD were Scott, Kevin Patterson, who took a second in the triple jump at 45-0½ for a new school record, Ron

White, who went 126-4 in the discus for second, and Bob Hathaway, another former PS star who threw the shot 45-feet for second place.

Other COD places went to Joe Brewer, who took a fourth in the javelin with a throw of 153-feet, Patterson, who went 6-2 in the high jump for fourth. Dennis Benson, who clocked a 52.7 in the 440 for third, Noel Neighbor, who took a fourth in the mile at 4:54.0, and Patterson again, taking sixth in the long jump at 22-2¼.

Some of the marks in the meet were exceptionally good. The 100 was won in 9.8, the 220 time was 21.7, and the 440 was run in 50.6 for the finals.

Larry Hollins, who has developed into one of the best track stars in the Desert Conference history, cleared 6-9 in the high jump to easily outdistance his opponents.

Hollins made a name for himself in world-wide track and field just a week ago, as he sailed over the 7-foot

mark in the Mt. San Antonio College Relays.

Hollins was not pressed at the DC finals, but is a strong favorite to win the state title, as only one other performer has come close to his mark (6-10½).

Marman was quite pleased with the effort put out by his squad. "Our kids really hit a peak," said the track mentor.

He continued, "This is just the start of our building program. We expect to be a lot tougher next year. Of our 17 lettermen, just three are sophomores."

The three who will be graduating are Paul DeRouen, Jim Irwin, and Neighbor.

Marman was pleased with some of the times in the Desert Valley League track meet. "We hope to get all the seniors from Palm Springs, Indio, and Coachella," he stated.

"We feel that if we can get those competitors, plus the ones we have returning, we are going to have a good, solid program in 1971. We have a lot to offer here at COD. The Desert Conference is becoming a tough conference in track. When you have someone clearing seven feet in the high jump, you have an athlete who could compete in any meet, anywhere."

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