

Cougars Win Desert Meet at 98 Points

Mike Martinez turned in a rare triple victory in the distance races to lead College of the Canyons to first place in the Desert Conference track and field finals.

Martinez established two conference records while winning the 880, mile and three-mile.

The Cougar spikers won seven events to finish first with 98 points, to 69 for second-place College of the Desert, a winner of five events.

In the 880, Martinez clocked 1:55.2 to easily break the old record of 2:01.2 set last year by Ed Stevens of Saddleback.

Martinez' clocking in the mile was 4:26.2, well under the old standard of 4:33.4, also established last year by Stevens.

In the three-mile, Martinez was first with a 15:35.9 effort.

Canyons' Jerry Larimer turned in his career best of 57.4 to win the intermediate hurdles. That mark was just one-tenth of a second slower than the conference record.

Teammate Wayne Kizer was just nipped for first place in the highs.

Ed Roach of Canyons was an easy winner in the discus with a toss of 133 ft. 1 in.

Teammate Dwight Carr spanned 42-10 to place first in the triple jump.

100 — Howard (IV), 10.0; Williams (IV), 10.1; Thames (MC), 10.2; McKinney (COC), 10.4; Alexander (IV), 10.5.

220 — Thames (MC), 22.6; Williams (IV), 22.7; Lawrence (COC), 22.8; Howard (IV), 23.0; McKinney (COC), 23.2.

440 — Smith (MC), 51.2; Graham (VV), 51.5; Soto (MC), Lawrence (COC), Mares (IV).

880 — Martinez (COC), 1:55.2; (New conference record. Old mark, 2:01.2, Stevens, Saddleback, 1970); Wasson (COD), 1:55.3; Hardy (COC), 2:00.4; Cruz (VV), Bell (MC).

MILE — Martinez (COC), 4:26.2; (New conference record. Old mark, 4:33.4, Stevens, Saddleback, 1970); Garrison (VV), 4:31.6; Johnson (MC), 4:34.5; Boydston (COC), Webb (COD).

THREE-MILE — Martinez (COC), 15:35.9; Johnson (MC), 15:42.3; Boydston (COC), 15:55.8; Soto (IV), Byce (VV).

HIGHS — Jackson (COD), 15.0; Kizer (COC), 15.1; Wood (COD), Williams (IV), Larimer (COC).

INT — Larimer (COC), 57.4; Foster (COD), 58.1; Wood (COD), 59.0; Kizer (COC), 60.4; Howrey (VV), 63.9.

SHOT PUT — Williams (IV), 46-3; Roach (COC), 46-2; Chapple (IV), 44-3½; Pearson (COC), 41-9½; Sherry (COC), 40-3¼.

DISCUS — Roach (COC), 133-1; Shery (COC), 124-2¼; Liu (MC), 123-3; Williams (IV), 122-3¼; Van Hook (COD), 106-7.

JAVELINE — Merideth (COD), 180-6; (New conference record. Old mark, 176-1, Cox, Saddleback, 1970); Roach (COC), 180-8; Patterson (COD), 162.4; Burton (COD), 152-5; Phillips (COC), 150-0.

POLE VAULT — Arce (COD), 14-6 (New conference record. Old mark, 13-0, Martinelli, Desert, 1970); Woodring (COC), 14-0; Martinelli (COD), 13-6; Fedderson (VV), 13-0; Wallace (VV), 10-0.

HIGH JUMP — Jackson (COD), 5-10; Williams (IV), 5-8; Yoshimura (MC), 5-6; Greene (IV), 5-6; no fifth place.

LONG JUMP — Castleberry (COD), 22-2; Jackson (COD), 22-1¼; Carr (COC), 21-10½; McKinney (COC), 21-7½; Foster (COD), 21-½.

TRIPLE JUMP — Carr (COC), 42-10; Brewer (COC), 42-6; Castleberry (COD), 42-3; Graham (VV), 42-½; Foster (MC), 41-3.

440 RELAY — College of Canyons (Lawrence, McKinney, Kizer, Woodring) 44.3; College of Desert, (Imperial Valley won, but was disqualified for passing out of zone).

MILE RELAY — Mirra Costa, 3:29.8; College of Canyons (Woodring, Larimer, Hardy, Lawrence), 3:29.9; Victor Valley 3:33.6; College of Desert.

FINAL SCORES — College of the Canyons 98, College of the Desert 69, Imperial Valley 39, Mira Costa 38, Victory Valley 29.