

# Five Records Posted; Twin Win for Keith

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Chico State College's Wildcat track and field team third and fourthed themselves to their second straight — third in four years — Far Western Conference Track and Field Championships title before an estimated 700 fans on College Field here Saturday night.

Five new meet standards were produced amidst the intermittent sprinkles of precipitation that fell during the cool evening in what marked the first time in FWC history that this title meet has ever been staged beneath arcs.

CSC's Keith Thomassen and the California Aggies' John Kidd were two-time winners.

Pre-meet favorite California Aggies finished a close-up second to the triumphant 'Cats, who registered 52¼ points in winning. The Aggies finished with 50¼ points.

Sacramento State College (28), Humboldt State College (14¼), University of Nevada (12) and San Francisco State College (8¼) trailed the Wildcats and Mustangs, in the final scoring, in that order.

Conclusion of Saturday's meet was delayed by almost one hour due to the lengthy period of time required to complete discus and broad jump competition. And, this certainly added to the drama of the evening and sweetness of the 'Cat victory.

As a result, CSC's second straight FWC team victory did not come until the next-to-last leap by their freshman broad jumper, Dave Mitchell of Willows.

Firmly entrenched in second place as a result of an earlier 22-foot, 4-inch leap, Mitchell registered a jump of 22-feet, 9¼-inches on his fifth jump in competition to edge past Nevada's Bill Bowser's mark of 22-feet, 8¼-inches. California Aggies' Al Morris, who, according to Aggie Coach Woody Wilson, had leaped better than 24-feet on occasion this spring, was the Mustangs' big hope in this event, but he failed to improve on his final fourth place ranking in any of his final three jumps. Mitchell, thusly, sacked the title outright for the 'Cats—instead of just a tie — with his five-point gold medal leap when he jumped from second place (three points) into first place.

Mitchell's gold medal was certainly a gigantic factor in the outcome of the meet, in which the 'Cats registered a mild upset—teamwise. But, for the record, it was the meet hosts' superior depth that paid the dividend.

The 'Cats and Mustangs each accounted for six gold medal efforts; the Aggies took five seconds and the 'Cats two. The Wildcats nearly balanced the ledger with their six thirds, as compared to the Mustangs' two. The margin of victory came as the 'Cats claimed four and one-quarter points for fourths, while the Mustangs gathered only one and one-quarter points for fourths.

CSC's Thomassen and the Mustangs' Kidd accounted for their two victories each in their specialties. Thomassen ran first in the 220-yard dash and the 220-yard low hurdles in clockings of :21.5 and :23.7, respectively. Kidd flipped the discus 142-feet, 4-inches and put the 16-pound shot 48-feet, 5½-inches for his firsts.

Thomassen's 14¼ points made him the top individual scorer in the meet and he had a hand (or legs) in lowering one existing record. In addition to his furlong efforts, Keith ran second to Humboldt State's Manuel Vasquez in the 100-yard dash, won in :9.8, and ran the anchor quarter-mile portion of CSC's triumphant and record-breaking one-mile relay team.

The 'Cat baton unit of Sandy Beck, Rich Miller, Manuel Taran-go and Thomassen toured the distance in 3:19.2 to chop one and two-fifths seconds off the existing mark established by this same quartet in the FWC finale at

Davis last spring. Too, this was one-tenth of a second better than the present school mark racked up here two weeks ago in a triangular meet.

Tarango, 'Cat teammate Carl Capello, Sacramento State's Urban Gasperi and the Aggies' Pete Darnell were the other record-breakers Saturday night.

Capello's effort was probably the most noteworthy as he churned the two-mile distance in 9:37.5. His time lopped :16.5 off the existing standard, but was really a great effort in that it was a near-unbelievable :19.1 faster than he'd ever legged the distance at any time prior in his career. His previous best, which was a school record, was posted three weeks ago in a dual meet with Humboldt State at Arcata when he registered a 9:56.6.

Darnell, a two-time winner in last year's meet, was forced into a 4:23.1 time in the one-mile run to lower his existing mark of 4:32.7. SSC's Jim Wren, Capello and Wildcat Keith Gittens did the pushing in this race. Capello, incidentally, turned the distance in 4:25.8, though running third, to lower his CSC standard of 4:30.4 set earlier this season. Gittens was credited with a 4:26.9 in the event.

Tarango's :48.5 for the 440-yard dash gold medal was seven-tenths of a second better than the existing standard set in 1957 by San Francisco State's Bob Lualhati, who ran fourth Saturday night; and SSC's Urban Gasperi chalked up a nifty 1:54.4 to slice nine-tenths of a second from the existing all-time FWC record.

Capello's triumph in the two-mile and the failure of the Aggies to score in either the 880 or two-mile events were regarded as the primary reasons for the Mustangs' failure to cop team honors.

The failure of the 'Cat high jumpers to glom onto a single point was disappointing to CSC Coach George Maderos and his assistants, Don Adee and Gene Maxey; but, the second, third and fourth place finish, by Travis Hatcher, Ron Sterni and Jim Tinner, respectively, in the high hurdle event was a pleasant and welcome surprise.

Darnell, the CSC relay group and Dave Harris, Nevada's ace pole vaulter, were the only successful defending champions Saturday night. Harris, though nursing a badly sprained ankle, won his event at 13-feet.

Nevada's Bowser (low hurdles), CSC's Tarango (220), Aggies' Darnell (two-mile) and SFSC's Lualhati (440) were the unsuccessful defending champs.

Bowser, incidentally, was lucky to qualify for Saturday night's low hurdle finale, then proceeded to "jump" himself out of the arc-light title run. Running fifth in his afternoon heat, Bowser qualified thanks to an unfortunate fall to the track by the Aggies' Tony Fellner. Fellner went over the final flight of hurdles firmly entrenched in third place, but stumbled when his lead foot hit the ground. He fell completely with his next stride and San Francisco State's Joe Wilkerson and Bowser zipped past the prostrate Fellner (who was five yards from the finish tape) to qualify for the evening final. Successive false starts in the 220-yard low hurdle finale caused Bowser to be disqualified before

the race ever got underway.

Duane Allen, the night's No. 2 man in individual points, Bruce Sconberg and Morris, all of the Aggies, were the other gold medal winners Saturday night. Allen, who tied for second in the pole vault and placed second in the low hurdles, won the high hurdle

derby; Sconberg the javelin; and Morris the high jump.

Following are Saturday night's results:

### RESULTS

**100-yard dash:** Vasquez, (H); Thomassen, (C); Beaver, (S); Catlett, (SF); Time :09.8.

**220-yard dash:** Thomassen, (C); Vasquez, (H); Tarango, (C); Beaver, (S); Time :21.5.

**440-yard dash:** Tarango, (C); Johnson, (S); Williams, (H); Lualhati, (SF); Time :48.5\*.

**880-yard run:** Gasperi, (S); Jardine, (S); Miller, (C); Richter, (SF); Time 1:54.4\*.

**Mile run:** Darnell, (C); Wren, (S); Capello, (C); Gittens, (C); Time 4:23.1\*.

**Two-mile run:** Capello, (C); McGirr, (S); Sharp, (N); Gittens, (C); Time 9:37.5\*.

**120-yard high hurdles:** D. Allen, (CA); Hatcher, (C); Sternl, (C); Tiner, (C); Time :15.0.

**220-yard low hurdles:** Thomassen, (C); D. Allen, (CA); Sheley, (C); Johnson (S); Time :23.7.

**Broad jump:** Mitchell, (C); Bowser, (N); August, (H); Morris, (CA); Distance 22' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

**High jump:** Morris, (CA); White, (S); Zenor, (S), and Robinson, (SF), threeway tie for 2nd; Height 6' 2".

**Shot put:** Kidd, (CA); Francis, (CA); Duchart, (C); Hatch, (N); Distance 48' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

**Pole vault:** Harris, (N); O. Allen, (CA), and D. Allen, (CA), tied for 2nd; Toney, (C), Kauffmann, (SF), C. Allen, (CA), and Robinson, (SF), fourway tie for 4th; Height 13' 0".

**Javelin:** Sconberg, (CA); Russell, (CA); Zenor, (S); Millis, (C); Distance 189' 6".

**Discus:** Kidd, (CA); Bath, (CA); O. Allen, (CA); Lommori, (N); Distance 142' 4".

**Mile relay:** Chico State (Sandy Beck, Rich Miller, Manuel Tarango, Keith Thomassen); San Francisco State, Humboldt State, Sacramento State; Time 3:19.2\*.

**Final team scoring:** Chico State College 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ , California Aggies 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sacramento State College 28, Humboldt State College 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Nevada 12, San Francisco State College 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### \*OLD RECORDS

(All-Time)

**440-yard dash:** Bob Lualhati, San Francisco State, 1967, :49.2.

**880-yard run:** Buddy Cole, Sacramento State, 1967, 1:56.3.

**One-mile relay:** Chico State (Sandy Beck, Rich Miller, Manuel Tarango, Keith Thomassen), 1967, 3:20.6.

(Modern)

**One-mile run:** Pete Darnell, California Aggies, 1967, 4:32.7.

**Two-mile run:** Pete Darnell, California Aggies, 1967, 9:54.0.