

'Jacks Trail

Hornets Until Final Event

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DAVIS — Larry Krupka's record-breaking performance in the high jump highlighted a close, but decisive, Humboldt State College victory in the Far Western Conference Track and Field Championships here Saturday afternoon.

The Lumberjacks amassed 56 $\frac{5}{6}$ points to edge past Sacramento State, who garnered 52 $\frac{1}{3}$ counters. The University of Nevada, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$, California Aggies, 30 $\frac{2}{3}$, defending champion Chico State, 25 $\frac{2}{3}$, and San Francisco State, 23, followed.

The Lumberjacks trailed the Hornets throughout the meet, and with only the high jump points remaining to be counted trailed by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Krupka leaped 6-feet, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches to break the modern FWC mark of 6-feet, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inches set by Chico State's Mel Martin in 1947, and thus counted five of the 12 $\frac{1}{3}$ points scored in that event by the 'Jacks.

Krupka and teammates Bill Crichton and Jim Christensen all cleared 6-feet, 3-inches.

Krupka had not jumped prior to this season for the Lumberjacks and reported for track a month late. His previous best this season in meet competition had been a mere 6-feet.

Three other records tumbled in the afternoon's events—one modern and two all-time standards.

Hornet Urban Gasperi and Cal Aggies' Pete Darnall exchanged the lead throughout the first three laps of the mile until Gasperi turned on a torrid burst of speed on the final 440 to win by 30 yards in 4:16.4. Darnall was timed in 4:18.9 as both broke Pete's modern record of 4:23.1, set last year and the all-time FWC mark of 4:19.9 set by Elroy Robinson of Fresno State in 1935.

Sacramento's Bill Popejoy broke the modern and all-time shot put mark of 49-feet, 2-inches held jointly by Walt Rilliet of San Francisco State and Jim Lyon of Nevada. Popejoy put the iron ball 51-feet, 1-inch, for the record. He also had a heave of 52-feet, 5-inches, but fouled.

Herb Franklin's javelin mark of 193-feet, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches set for San Francisco State in 1951 was the fourth record to fall. Both first place winner Vestor Flanagan of Humboldt State and runnerup Clyde Bryan of Chico State bettered the mark. Flanagan had a best throw of 196-feet, 8-inches to Bryan's 194-feet, 7-inch throw.

Gasperi was the only double winner for the day with a vic-

tory in the two-mile. Gasperi was content to let Chico State's Keith Gittins set the pace for the first seven laps, but, as he did against Darnall in the mile, poured on the steam on the final lap to win easily in 9:58.2.

One of the biggest surprises came in the pole vault. A duel between Nevada's Dave Harris and HSC's Roger Biffle was anticipated. Both had bettered Harris' FWC mark of 13-feet, 7-inches in meets during the season.

Biffle had to settle for a first place with Wildcat Sam Toney at 12-feet, 6-inches. Harris, on the other hand, failed to place as he passed until the winning height and failed in three attempts to clear the mark.

Nevada's Dick Strunk and SSC's Harry Wade traded firsts in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Strunk edged Wade at the tape in the century in :10.0. Wade nipped Strunk in the furlong in :22. Both races were run against the wind.

San Francisco State freshman Welton Smith turned in the best broad jump of his life in winning that event with a leap of 22-feet, 10½-inches. Smith edged out such favorites as Bob Ritchie and Doug Johnson in that event. Ritchie, Nevada, and Johnson, CSC, finished second and fifth, respectively.

Humboldt's Keith Weidkamp won the 440 in :49.5 and SSC's Don Jardine won the half mile in 1:56.4 for the only other races that approached loop records.

Mustang Bob Fissell (high hurdles), Gator Tom Skinner (low hurdles) and 'Jack Bill Hook (discus) were the other blue ribbon winners. Hook was expected to turn in a record-breaking performance, but fell three feet short with a heave of 151-feet, 3-inches.

Wade anchored a winning Sacramento State relay team that toured the mile in 3:22.7. The standing record of 3:19.2 was set by Chico in last year's FWC meet at Chico.

Meet results:

110-yard dash: Strunk, (N); Wade, (S); Vasquez, (H); Fellner, (CA); and Ritchie (N) tied for fourth; Time :10.0.

220-yard dash: Wade, (S); Strunk, (N); Vasquez, (H); Ritchie, (N); Fellner, (CA); Time :22.0.

440-yard dash: Weidkamp, (H); Johnson, (S), and Jardine (S) tied for second; Stevens, (H); Dow, (N); Time :49.5.

880-yard run: Jardine, (S); Griepenburg, (SF); Noice, (S); Richter, (SF); Cole, (S); Time 1:56.4.

***Mile run:** Gasperi, (S); Darnall, (CA); Wren, (S); Sharp, (N); Eberle, (N); Time 4:16.3.

Two-mile run: Gasperi, (S); Gittins (C); Darnall, (CA); Van Zant, (SF); Scholz, (CA); Time 9:58.2.

120-yard high hurdles: Fissell, (CA); Harris, (N); Hatcher, (C); Sterni, (C); Challenger, (N); Time :15.2.

220-yard low hurdles: Skinner, (SF); Challenger, (N); Johnson, (S); Fellner, (CA); Shaley, (C); Time :24.2.

Broad jump: Smith, (SF); Ritchie, (N); Alden, (H); August, (H); Johnson, (C); Distance 22' 10¼".

***High jump:** Krupka, (H); Christensen, (H), and Crichton (H) tied for second; Holland, (C); Roe, (CA), Zenor, (S), Scott, (S), Johnson (C), August (H) and Black (H); sixway tie for fifth; Height 6' 4½".

****Shot put:** Popejoy, (S); Hook, (H); Cook, (N); Edwards, (CA); Francis, (CA); Distance 51' 1".

Pole vault: Toney, (C), and Biffle, (H), tied for first; Williams, (C); Becker, (C), and Kaufman (H) tied for third; Height 12' 6".

***Javelin:** Flanagan, (H); Bryan, (C); Russell, (CA); Barker, (H); Zenor, (S); Distance 196' 8".

Discus: Hook, (H); Robison, (CA); Farley, (SF); Bath, (CA); Cook, (N); Distance 151' 3".

Mile relay: Sacramento (Jardine, Cole, Noice, Wade); Humboldt, Nevada, Cal Aggies; Time 3:22.7.

Final team scoring: Humboldt State 56 5/6, Sacramento State 52½, Nevada 36½, Cal Aggies 30½, Chico State 25½ and San Francisco State 23.

* OLD RECORDS

(Modern)

Javelin: Herb Franklin (SF) 1961—193' 9½".

High jump: Mel Martin (C) 1947—6' 4¼".

Mile: Pete Darnall (CA) 198—4:23.1.

** OLD RECORDS

(All-Time)

Mile: Elroy Robinson (Fresno State) 1935—4:19.9

Shot put: Walt Rillett (SF) and Jim Lyon (N) 1967—49' 2".