

CSU Women Top NCIAC Trackfest

Chico State University's women's track team became the Northern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions Saturday by easily defeating seven colleges in championship meet here.

It is the second time Chico has won the title. Chico won the crown three years ago.

CSU compiled 123 points. Its closest competition was UC Davis which placed second with 65 points. Hayward State was third with 52 points and Humboldt was fourth with 39.

CSU's victory was not unexpected. Track manager and runner Laura DeGheraldi predicted last week that Chico would win by 50 points. Her prediction wasn't too far off.

Chico State won seven events but placing second and third was the main factor in securing the championships. Outstanding depth provided four seconds and six thirds.

CSU sprinter Bonnie Albrecht won the 100-yard dash by only one-tenth of a second in the closest race of the day. Albrecht edged Demetrius Haywood of Hayward who streaked past everyone except Albrecht after getting off to a slow start. Albrecht's time was 11.8.

Most of the other races were not close.

Chico State got the upper and final hand in its duel with Davis for the relay conference records and victories. Chico won two relays and placed second in another. Davis had no relay victories.

CSU's 440-yard baton unit established a conference record in route to a first place finish. Albrecht, Michelle DeVol, Chris Begleyk and Renda Cary combined for a time of 50.0. Davis set the old record of 50.2 two weeks ago.

Chico won the two-mile relay easily. It managed to salvage a second place in the 880-medley relay after Cary dropped the

baton while passing it to Shelly Clark. Cary was leading the first leg of the relay before she dropped the baton. Hayward took over the lead at that point and stayed ahead to win easily. Hayward's time was 1:53.6.

Nancy Hammond, Regina Robinson and Carla Martinez swept the 440 for Chico with a 1-2-3- finish. Hammond's winning time was 1:01.5.

Jamie Wilson outran other opponents easily in the 100-yard hurdles for a first with a time of :18.0. She tired badly in the 440 hurdles, however, and stumbled over the finish line :04.3 behind Leslie Clark of Davis.

Clark won despite falling over the last hurdle. She picked herself up and limped across the finish line to the cheers of the crowd. Clark's time was 1:09.8.

Darlene Wallach won the two-mile run in 13:06.0. Mary Vinceguerra's 32-foot shot put was good for first place.

The championships were the last chance of runners to qualify for the nationals. No CSUer qualified Saturday although 17 women had qualified in previous competition. This is the biggest team ever to represent Chico in the nationals. The nationals will be held this Friday and Saturday at Hayward.