

Hayward Women Edge SSU In Track Finals

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ARCATA — After all the events except the 1,600-meter relay had been completed and scored, it was determined Hayward State University had to finish second or better to clinch its fourth-straight Golden State Conference women's track championship Saturday.

The Pioneers did place second — by a 2.16-second margin over Chico State — and received eight points, which was just enough to edge Sacramento State 215-214. The Hornets scored 10 points while winning the race in a conference-record 3:52.5, and would have taken the title if Hayward had been relegated to third and six points. It was strictly a two-team struggle, Chico finishing third with 59 points. A total of six conference meet records were established.

"We all knew that it was going to be a close meet, with Hayward and us scoring over 200 points," said Jerry Colman, SSU's coach. "We've been getting close to Hayward every year, and you can't get closer than this. Our teams are even. The meet just came down to a few breaks, which both teams had."

Sacramento will be asking itself: What if Bobbie Gilmore had been awarded the victory with a lean at the tape in the 100 instead of San Francisco's Valerie Bell? What if Deanne Homestead had run .02 seconds faster in the 400 intermediate hurdles and finished second instead of third? What if fast-charging Krista Roberts had caught Connie Hester of Hayward for third place in the 3,000? If any of those things had happened, the Hornets would have won.

But SSU also got a break in the 3,000 because Michelle Aubuchon of Hayward had been drained by winning the 5,000 and 10,000 in 17:03.1 and 35:49.4. Aubuchon led until the final turn in the 3,000 but SSU freshman Mary Ann Scannell sprinted past and won in a conference-record 10:06.20. Scannell ran 9:49 last week for a school record.

Gilmore didn't permit a judges' deci-

sion in the 200 as she skimmed by Bell down the stretch, clocking 25.1 to 25.4. Gilmore also ran a 400 leg on the winning sprint medley team (1:48.2) and anchored the 1,600 relay.

Gilmore's specialty — the 400 — was aided by teammates Joy Gipson, Laura Lyons and Debbie Santa Maria, who finished 1-2-3 in 58.3, 58.9 and 59.2. The Hornets also swept the high jump with Kelli Barber winning at 5-4, and Laurie Dixon and Homestead following at 5-2.

The Hornets trailed 201-194 with two events remaining and closed within three by winning the 2-mile relay in 9:37.8. Hayward, saving its top runners for the 1,600 relay, stayed in winning position by placing third in 10:18.8.

Scannell also kick powerfully in the 1,500 but Hester was slightly faster, winning in 4:33.2 to 4:33.8. The women exchanged the lead several times before Hester broke ahead with 200 to go, and from there it was a two-way sprint.

For the second straight meet, Lachi Morse of Chico strided past Santa Maria on the anchor leg of the 400 relay. Chico timed 48.5 to SSU's 48.6. The Hornets amassed 38 points in the four relays — three firsts and a second.

At Eureka:

Team Scores: Hayward 215, Sacramento State 214, Chico 59, UC Davis 49, Humboldt 30, San Francisco State 30, Stanislaus 12, Sonoma 8.

10,000 — Aubchon, Ha, 35:49.4; Rudolph, SSU, 37:30; Maskovich, Hu, 37:42.8. Javelin — Sulinski, C, 45.57; Sundby, Ha, 40.98; Schoengarth, Stan, 35.56. SP — Robinson, C, 12.68; Read, Ha, 12.45; Kasperian, Ha, 11.84. LJ — Peters, Ha, 5.49 (18-1); Lyons, SSU, 5.37; Barber, SSU, 5.22. HJ — Barber, SSU, 1.64 (5-4); Dixon, SSU, 1.60 (5-2); Homestead, SSU, 1.60. Discus — Robinson, C, 47.07 (155-11); Read, Ha, 42.70; Kasperian, Ha, 41.14.

Sprint Medley Relay — SSU (Lyons, Gonzalez, White, Gilmore) 1:48.2; Hayward 1:52.8; UCD 1:52.8. 5,000 — Aubuchon, Ha, 17:03.1; Foy, SSU, 17:14.2; Roberts, SSU, 17:33.7. 400 Relay — Chico 48.5; SSU 48.6; Hayward 49.07. 1,500 — Hester, Ha, 4:33.2; Scannell, SSU, 4:33.8; Rieboldt, Ha, 4:47.3. 100H — Boone, Ha, 14.6; Pickel, Ha, 15.7; Allen, Hu, 15.9. 400 — Gipeon, SSU, 58.3; Lyons, SSU, 58.9; Santa Maria, SSU, 59.2. 100 — Bell, SFS, 12.2; Gilmore, SSU, 12.2; Peters, Ha, 12.2. 800 — Castro, Ha, 2:14.2; Moran, Ha, 2:16.2; Pappas, SSU, 2:18.1. 400H — Upshaw, Ha, 64.4; Sizemore, C, 66.1; Homestead, SSU, 66.1. 200 — Gilmore, SSU, 25.1; Bell, SFS, 25.4; Peters, Ha, 25.9. 3000

— Scannell, SSU, 10:06.2; Aubuchon, Ha, 10:09.2; Hester, Ha, 10:13.6. 2Mile Relay — SSU (Gonzalez, Pappas, Siebel, Scannell) 9:37.8; UCD 9:53.5; Hayward 10:18.8. Mile Relay — SSU (Lyons, Santa Maria, Gipson, Gilmore) 3:52.4; Hayward 3:57.9; Chico 4:06.2.