

# SWISSHELM'S 9.8, 19.1 TOPS IN PREP SPIKEFEST AT CHAFFEY

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ONTARIO, March 27—Given a decent break by the weatherman, a host of hurry-up lads proceeded to break five meet records and equal another in the annual Chaffey Invitational high school meet here today.

Riverside's well-balanced crew not only won the open division title with 28 points but also became the first school to win both divisions when the Poly Bear novices also triumphed with 22 5/6 points.

The big breaker was little Bill Swisshelm of Santa Ana, who lowered the 180 low hurdle mark from 19.7 to 19.1 and also tied the 100 standard of 9.8.

## Soft Track

The track was a bit soft in the morning when prelims were held and it was here that Swisshelm ruined his chances of breaking the national interscholastic record of 18.8 in the lows. The Swiss flashed over the

barriers in 19.1 but hit three hurdles, the last one so hard that he injured his left knee. It was clearly swollen for the afternoon finals and the Flying Saint was forced to sail over the barriers instead of skinning them. The track was then lightning fast and Swisshelm was again timed in 19.1.

In the 100 Swisshelm was off to one of the poorest starts of his career, trailing all but one man after 15 yards. But he came fast and by the midway mark had assumed command. He won by two yards over his old rival, Joe Graham of Pomona. In his prelim heat Swisshelm ran 9.9.

## Other Records

The other records to fall were in the mile, 880, high jump and 880 relay.

Ty Hadley of Bellflower, holding back in the first half and then cutting loose with a brilliant final quarter, lowered the mile standard from 4:28.9 to 4:28.6. Fernando Ledesma of Compton set the old mark in 1952.

The half mile record, while not too tough at 2:01.1, surprisingly fell to Bellflower's Lonnie Rhodes, who finished fast down the long straightaway to win easily in 1:59.3. His best previous effort was 2:00.6.

Charles Dumas, the transfer from Jefferson, accounted for the new high jump mark. He got over 6ft. 3 3/4 in. on his last jump to raise the old ceiling of 6ft. 3 in. Teammate Paul Lowe was second at 6ft. 1 in.

## Anchors Relay

Swisshelm completed his day by anchoring the Saint relay foursome to a third record, 1:30.5 for the 880 distance. It sliced two-tenths off the mark.

While they didn't set any record, the 440 duel between Riverside's Bruce Kitchen and Mike Cummins of Redlands was the most stirring of the afternoon. The two Citrus Belt League rivals battled stride for stride the final 60 yards, with Kitchen, the CIF, Southern Section champ, holding a foot

