

All-time San Fernando Valley 800 meter/880 yard run list combining both LAUSD and SS CIF

Schools: 02/15/2025

- 1). **Greg Dotson (Burbank)** 2010 **1:49.40m** (2nd Ca. St, also ran 1:50.38m 2nd, SS CIF Masters, 1st SS D1 1:50.42m)
- 2). **Brent Tubb** (Cleveland) 1971 1:50.1y=**1:49.5cm** (Illinois Prep Inv., #1 U.S. TNF Y.E., 2X 1st Ca. St. Mile)
- 3). **John Musich (Burbank)** 1974 **1:51.0y=1:50.4cm** (1st Ca. St., St. Prelims 1:51.7y, 1st SS Masters 1:52.9y, 2nd SS AAAA 1:52.2y)
- 4). **Rico Sanchez** (Canoga Park) 1969 1:51.3y = **1:50.70cm** (2nd. L.A. City Finals/**1st Ca. St. 1:51.6y**)
- 5). **Tom Hacche** (Birmingham) 1975 1:51.8y = **1:51.2cm** (3rd. Ca. St. – 1:52.1y St. Prelims, 2nd L.A. City 1:53.8y, Jr 3rd L.A. City)
- 6). **Marty Bayless** (Chatsworth) 1975 1:52.2y= **1:51.6mc** (3rd GW Inv., 1:53.0y Ca. St. Prelims, 1st. L.A City 1:53.8y, 8th Ca. St.)
- 7). **Brian Donahue** (Taft) 1974 1:52.5y = **1:51.9cm** (4th. Ca. St. 2nd L.A. City 1:52.8y, St. Prelims 1:52.7y)
- 8). **Brian Russell** (Notre Dame) 1976 1:52.5y = **1:51.9cm** (TNF News Y.E. List, 2nd SS Div. 2, 3rd SS Masters)
- 9). **Anthony Chaidez** (Notre Dame) 2016 **1:51.97m** Sr. (3rd SS Masters, 1st SS AAA 1:52.49m **Ca. St. 6th 1:53.24m, Jr. 1:52.79 6th Masters, 1:53.74, 6th Ca. St.**)
- 10). **Christopher Wells-Andre** (El Camino) 2000 **1:52.13m** (TNF News Y.E. List, **1:52.28m 2nd Ca. State Meet Jr & 4th St. Sr. 1:54.65**, 1st L.A. City 1:53.00 Jr & 1st L.A. City Sr. 1:53.55, St. Pre. Jr 1:53.07, Sr. 1:52.93)
- 11). **Darryl Savage** (Monroe) 1979 **1:52.31m** (3rd. Arcadia, 3rd City 1:53.6y, 7th St. 1:54.5y)
- 12). John Peck (Harvard-N.H.) 1962 1:53.1y= **1:52.5cm** (1st SS CIF, TNF News Y.E. List, 9th Ca. St.)
- 13). Paul Turnquist (Van Nuys) 1961 1:53.5y = **1:52.9cm** (1st. L.A. City, Helms Hall List, 11th Ca. St.)
- 14). Don Woods (Granada Hills) 1963 1:53.3y = **1:52.7cm** (St. Prelims, 2nd L.A. City 1:53.8, 7th St. 1:53.8y)
- 15). Dan LaGorio (Taft) 1973 1:53.4y=**1:52.8ycm** (4th. Ca. St. – 2nd. L.A. City 1:54.6y, 3rd Arcadia)
- 16). Tim Macauley (Notre Dame) 1977 1:53.5y=**1:52.9cm** (3rd SS Master, 1st Arcadia 1:53.6y, DNQ St. Finals)
- 17). Steve Papegaay (Cleveland) 1981 **1:53.11m** (1st L.A. City, 1:53.56 St. Prelims, 9th. in Ca. St.)
- 18). Brian Anderson (Burroughs-Burbank) 2000 **1:53.35** (St. Prelims, 4th SS 1:54.78, 9th Ca. St. 1:54.19)
- 19). Don Bowler (Crespi) 1965 1:54.0y=1:53.4cm (6th SS. CIF Finals, only 5 advanced to St. Prelims)
- 20). Ted Eggleston (Reseda) 1959 1:54.3y=**1:53.7cm** (3rd **Ca. St.**, 1st. L.A. City 1:56.5y,)
- 21). Donald Young (North Hollywood) 1982 1:53.75 (3rd L.A. City, 4th, Arcadia Inv. 1:55.07, DNQ St. Prelims)
- 22t). Jim Estes (Monroe) 1967 1:54.4y= 1:53.8cm (3rd L.A. City Finals)
- 22t). Jeff Dember (Birmingham) 1972 1:54.4y=1:53.8cm (2nd L.A. City Finals)
- 23). Damien Rinaldi (Birmingham) 2002 1:53.90 (t 2nd Arcadia Inv., 1st L.A. City 1:56.66, 1:55.47 St. Prelims DNQ)
- 24). Darren Quinn (Notre Dame) 2000 1:53.93m (Ca. St. Prelims)
- 25). Paul Murphy (Burroughs- Burbank) 1979 1:54.5y=1:53.9cm (2nd SS Masters, 2nd SS AAA 1:54.80y, DNQ at St. Prelims)

(See below for any outstanding achievements by this group of runners in College and Post College Open Divisions):

Post High School Outstanding achievements in TNF (more research is needed here). It is amazing to this researcher how few HS star runners seriously pursue College Track careers. Possibly it is the lack of scholarships, the tougher competition and academics and/or having to work or partying – does life and all its distractions just get in the way?

1). **Brian Donahue**, 7th on All-time SFV HS List (1974 grad Taft HS/San Diego St) [1:47.64m PR](#), won PCAA Conference with a **1:49.4y** in 1978 and finished 3rd in PCAA in 1977 with a **1:48.6y**. In 1976 Brian won the Metro Conference in 1:52.1y, the JC Southern California Championship in **1:49.2y** and was also California State JC Champion with a **1:49.9y**. He claimed a 1:47.0m post college but can't find the meet yet.

2). **Dan Tague** (1:56.5 at Monroe HS in 1964) ran at Pierce JC 1:49.3y=**1:48.7cm** finishing second in 1966 So Cal Championships, finished 3rd in Ca. JC St. Meet with a 1:50.4y=**1:49.8cm**. Transferred to UTEP where he ran 2nd in 1968 Coliseum Relays with a **1:49.0m**, 3rd WAC 1:49.6y=**1:49.0cm**. **He was twice a DIV I All-American. In 1968 he finished 6th in the NCAA outdoors with a [1:48.0m PR](#) and in 1969 he finished 3rd in the NCAA Indoor 600y with a [1:10.8](#).**

3). **Kerry Ellison** (1968 grad Birmingham HS/University Texas El Paso) did not run the 880 much in HS. However in college he won the 1970 Outdoor WAC Conference Meet running a **1:48.85y=1:48.25cm** (defeating ASU's Chuck Labenz 1:48.89). Ellison also won the WAC Indoor 880 in 1971 and finished second in 1970. **Ellison twice won NCAA Div. I Indoor TNF All-American Honors anchoring UTEP 2-mile Relay teams which finished 5th in the 1970 and 1st in the 1971 NCAA Indoor Championships.**

4). **Bob Hansen** (Pierce College) Soph. 1967 **1:48.7cm**=1:49.3y (1st So. Cal., **1st** Ca. JC St. 1:51.4y, 1st WSC 1:50.4y) - As a freshman in 1966 he finished 2nd Ca. JC St. 1:50.3y, & 3rd So Cal 1:50.6y, 1st WSC 1:52.4y), ran **1:57.5y** at a Pierce College All-Comers as a HS runner in 1964. After Pierce JC ran for So. Ca. Striders, no 4-year college found.

5). **Chris Wells-Anders** (El Camino HS/Glendale JC/?) #10 on SFV List in 800, very little known about his four year College Career except showed up at Glendale College/JC in 2002 and ran **1:48.80** in 800, won WSC with a 1:50.6m and placed 2nd in JC State with a 1:52.26m. Have no idea what 4-year college/University he attended.

6). **Jim Estes** (Monroe/SFV JC/Chico State) In 1969 Estes (running for the legendary Lazlo Tabori at Valley College tied for 1st in the **mile 4:07.7 and won the 880 (1:52.0y) in the Southern California J.C. Championships. In the 1969 California State JC Championships Estes concentrated only on the mile and won the State Title in 4:08.7. He also won the Metro Conference mile in 1969 with a 4:08.9** In 1970 he finished 21st in the NCAA Division II XC while running at Chico State (but does not show up on Chico State's 800 or 1500 All-time List

7). **Rico Sanchez** (Canoga Park/Moorpark JC) during his freshman year of 1970 he won his JC Conference Meet, finished 1st in the Southern Cal JC Championships running **1:50.5y=1:49.9cm** and was runner-up in the California St. JC Meet with a 1:51.9 – he then transferred to UCLA and finished 6th in the PAC-8 as a Jr. with a 1:51.4y. I believe he left UCLA before his senior year.

8). **Brian Russell** (Notre Dame/UCLA) #8 All-time SFV 800 List went onto run four years at UCLA, the last three under legendary Coach Bob Larson. He however specialized in the 1500 not the 800 at UCLA – see his results under SFV All-time Milers Post High School.

9). **Darryl Savage** (Monroe/USC) although primarily a football player, actually placed 6th in the 1980 PAC 10 Championships in the 800 running 1:51.82. After his freshman year he must have concentrated on football.

10). **Brent Tubb** (Cleveland/Pierce JC) – The legendary Tubb who once ran a 1:52.8 880 yards in a dual meet his senior year on dirt against Reseda (with a 52 second first lap) and won an postseason Illinois Invitational 880 in 1:50.1, ranking as the #1 Prep in TNF's Yearend National Prep List, apparently only ran one Cross Country season for Pierce College after High School in 1971. He does not appear to have completed a Track Season after High School. For more on Tubb see the SFV All-time Mile Post High School List. See SFV All-time Mile List for the results of his one College XC season.

Coach Bob Chambers and the Pierce College Dynasty:

Although Coach Chambers was a Northern Cal Prep graduating Los Gatos HS in 1943, running 1:54.3 in the 880 (2nd among US preps), after serving for two years in the U.S. Navy during WWII he went onto run at USC and coach for many years at Pierce College. While a USC sophomore in 1948 Chambers placed 3rd in the NCAA, 3rd in the Olympic trials and 6th in the Olympics! Although he was injured at times during his junior and senior years he helped USC win two NCAA Team Titles (Chambers was USC team captain his senior year). After college he placed 3rd in 880 at the 1951 and 4th at the 1952 AAU Nationals before going on to coach an amazing group of quarter milers and half-miles at Pierce JC for many years.

During his years at Pierce JC Chambers coached runners set National JC Records in 1967 in both the Mile Relay 3:10.1 (47.52 average) and the Two Mile Relay (4x880) 7:29.4. At the end of the 1967 season Chambers coached Pierce College Mile Relay teams had the five fastest Mile Relay teams in Junior College history. Pierce's 1967 7:29.1 Two Mile Relay Record (1:52.25 average per 880 which equals 1:51.65 per 800 meters) was ten seconds faster than the next best JC 2-Mile Relay team at the time! Under Chambers Pierce College also won three consecutive California State Mile Relay Championships in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Pierce College 880 yard (converted to meters) top runners coached by Bob Chambers:

- 1). **Brian Donahue** Soph. 1976 **1:48.6cm**=1:49.2y (1st So Cal, 1st Ca. JC. St. 1:49.9y, 1st Metro Conf. 1:52.1y), ran **1:52.5y at Taft HS** after Pierce he ran a PR 1:47.64m at San Diego St. He won PCAA in 1988 and finished 3rd in 1977.
- 2). **Bob Hansen** Soph. 1967 **1:48.7cm**=1:49.3y (1st So. Cal., 1st Ca. JC St. 1:51.4y, 1st WSC 1:50.4y) - As a freshman in 1966 he finished 2nd Ca. JC St. 1:50.3y, & 3rd So Cal 1:50.6y, 1st WSC 1:52.4y), ran **1:57.5y** at a Pierce College All-Comers meet as a HS runner in 1964. The only post Pierce College mention of him was running for So. Calif. Striders.
- 3). **Dan Tague** Soph. 1966 **1:49.7cm**=1:50.3y (2nd So Cal, 3rd Ca. JC St. 1:50.4y, 3rd WSC 1:53.6) – Ran at **Monroe HS** and had a PR of **1:56.5** in 1964 City Prelims. After Pierce transferred to UTEP and as a senior ran 1:48.4cm=1:49.0y 2nd at the 1968 Coliseum Relays and 1:49.6y 3rd in the 1969 WAC Conference 880. **Tague was a two-time Div. I All-American at UTEP placing 6th in the Outdoor NCAA 800 with a 1:48.0m and 3rd in the Indoor NCAA 600 with a 1:10.8y.**
- 4). **Paul Myers** Soph. 1967 **1:50.2cm**=1:50.8y (3rd So Cal, 3rd WSC 1:51.3, 4th JC Ca St. 1:53.4) – Ran **1:56.5y** at **San Fernando HS**, after Pierce College ran for San Jose State.
- 5). **Terry Tubb** Soph. 1966 **1:50.2cm**=1:50.8y (2nd WSC, 3rd So. Cal 1:51.1y, 3rd CA. JC St. 1:51.8y) – Terry ran for **Crespi HS** with a **1:55.8y** PR and I am not sure which four year college he attended after Pierce JC.
- 6). **Dennis Margadant** Soph. 1968 **1:50.4cm**=1:51.0y (1st So Cal., 2nd Ca. JC St 1:52.8y, 1st WSC 1:53.0y) - ran **1:56.7y/51.0y** at **Cleveland HS** after Pierce Margadant attended U. of Washington and tragically died in a car crash early in his freshman year while driving home for the Christmas break.
- 7). **Dan Berry** Soph. 1975 **1:50.6cm**=1:51.1y (3rd So Cal, 6th Ca. JC St. 1:51.8y, 3rd Metro Conf. 1:53.5) – ran **1:54.9y** at **Taft HS**. After Pierce not sure where the attended 4 year college
- 8). **Steve Wulf** Soph. 1974 **1:51.0cm**=1:51.6y (1st Metro Conf., 3rd So Cal tactical, 6th. Ca. JC St. 6th 1:51.4y) – Ran at **Taft HS** but surprisingly could only find a **1:59.0y** (must have run faster) – after Pierce attended CSUN winning 1977 CCAA Conference with a 1:50.9m.
- 9). **Dan LaGorio** Soph. 1975 **1:51.1cm**=1:51.7y (5th So. Cal, DNP in Ca. St. JC Meet) – **ran 1:53.8y at Taft HS**
- 10). **Biff Newman** Soph. 1967 **1:51.7cm**=1:52.3y (4th WSC, DNP in So. Cal or Ca. St. JC Meet), all I could find was a **1:59.0** at **Monroe HS** (also ran 49.6 and 22.1 so had good leg speed) – don't know where he ran 4-year college.

All-time combined list LAUSD and SS CIF Runners from the San Fernando Valley in the 1600/
Mile (Conversion rate used is mile time minus 1.4 seconds equals 1600 meter time): As of
02/15/2025

- 1). John Musich (Burbank) 1974 4:08.9y=**4:07.5cm** (3rd Arcadia Inv., TNF News Y.E. List, **won Ca. St. 880 same year**)
- 2). Brent Tubb (Cleveland) 1970 4:09.2y=**4:07.8cm** (Pierce Summer Championships-TNF News Y.E. List, **1st Ca. St. 1970 & 1971, ran 4:09.6y 1971 St.**)
- 3). Farron Fields (Granada Hills) 1979 4:10.6y= **4:09.2cm** (TNF News Prep List, **4th. Ca. St. 4:15.4**)
- 4). Todd Lewis (Burbank) 1989 **4:09.02m** (3rd Ca. St., 1st, SS CIF 3A Div. 4:11.44, 2nd SS Masters 4:10.77)
- 5). Anthony Chaidez (Notre Dame) 2016 **4:11.03y=4:09.63cm** (**4th Mt. Sac Inv., ran 800 meters in SS & Ca. St.**)
- 6). Ian Alsen (Granada Hills) 1988 **4:09.67cm** (1st. Arcadia Inv., must have gotten injured, DNR City or St.)
- 7). Burt Shirley (Notre Dame) 1978 4:11.26y=**4:09.86cm Jr.** (ran his 4:11.26y in St. Prelims & **DN make final! – 4:11.0y?** In SS Masters also as Jr. – Must have been injured as Senior as he does not show up in SS or Ca. St.)
- 8). Brian Gastellum (Birmingham) 1990 **4:09.87m** (2nd Arcadia Inv., 1st L.A. City **4:11.77m**, 9th Ca. St., 2nd City Jr. 4:17.29)
- 9) Brian Russell (Notre Dame) 1976 4:11.9y = **4:10.5cm** (**RR Flip chart, ran 1:52.5 880**)
- 10). Keith Tanin (Crespi) 1982 **4:10.51m** (5th. Ca. State Meet, 3rd Masters 4:13.63, 3rd SS AA 4:15.40)
- 11). Clay Siegman (Chatsworth) 1976 4:12.0 = **4:10.6cm** (1st. L.A. City Finals, 4:15.5y St. Prelims, 9th Ca. St. windy)
- 12). Richard Nance (Monroe) 1974 4:12.2y = **4:10.8cm** (Ca. St. Prelims, DN make the final!-T&F News's Y.E. List) 1st L.A. City as Jr. 4:20.9y, 2nd as Sr.-dead heat 4:18.7y)
- 13). Jagdeep Chahal (Burbank-Burroughs) 2018 **4:11.09m** (1st SS Masters, 1st SS Div. I, 4:12.73, **4th Ca. St. 4:12.16**)
- 14). Kevin Burkin (Burbank) 1976 4:13.0y=**4:11.6cm** (Burbank Track History site, Dual Meet or League Finals)
- 15). Jeff Nelson (Burbank) 1979 4:13.0y=**4:11.6cm** (dual meet or Inv. **2x Ca. St. 2mile Champ**)
- 16). Richard "Rick" Romero (Burbank) **1964** 4:14.0y=**4:12.6cm** (1st.SS CIF, TNF News Y.E. List, Ran barefoot, DNP St.)
- 17). Kerry Ellison (Birmingham) 1968 4:14.0y=**4:12.6cm** (Ca. St. Prelims, 2X L.A. City Mile Champ 4:21.7 as Jr.& Sr.)
- 18). Mike Butler (Reseda) 1969 4:14.3y=**4:12.9mc** (**4th Ca. St. Finals**, 2nd CIF/City Inv. 4:14.7y, 2nd L.A. City 4:16.6y)
- 19). Sydney Leibovitch (Chatsworth) 1978 4:14.44y = **4:13.04cm Jr.** (Ca. St. Prelims, 2nd L.A. City 4:20y)
- 20). Kyle Ivie (Burbank) 2003 **4:13.63m** (5th SS Masters Meet, 4th SS DII 4:14.07m, 9th Ca. St.)
- *21). Zion Ortiz (Burbank-Burroughs) 4:13.79 (4th SS Div. 3)
- 22). Gordon Krohn (Taft) 1965 4:15.5y=**4:14.1cm** (St. Prelims, 1st L.A. City 4:17.2y, **6th Ca. St. 4:17.8**)
- 23). Dave Saykally (Crespi) **1965** 4:15.5y=4:14.1cm (4th SS Champ -Helms Guide 4:15.8y 2nd Lg., also ran a 9:22.4y in a dual meet)
- 24). Sven Haus (Birmingham) 1987 4:14.67m (1st. L.A. City Finals, 4:16.1m qualified St. Prelims, DNR. St. Finals)
- 25). Javert Solarzano (Granada Hills) 2010 4:14.68m (2nd. L.A. City Finals, 8th. Ca. St. tactical race)
- 26). Christian Cushing-murray (No. Hollywood) 1984 **4:15.07m** (RR Flip Chart? - 4:17.3m 2nd in L.A. City)
- 27). Jim Mosher (Notre Dame) 1967 4:16.5y=4:15.1cm (St Prelims, 4:18.0y 3rd SS Championships, 7th. Ca. St.)
- 28). Mike Kearns (Crespi) 1965 4:16.8y=4:15.4cm (So. Counties Meet) – ran 2-mile in CIF and State

All-time Collegiate Mile List San Fernando Valley Runners:

- 1). **Christian Cushing-murray** (No. Hollywood 1984/UCLA) - #25 on Valley HS List later ran 3:42.81=4:00.81 (1st. LSU/Houston Tri-meet) at UCLA. Cushing-murray graduated from UCLA at age 20 so his best times were as a Post-Graduate Open Runner.
- 2). **Brian Russell** (Notre Dame HS 1976/UCLA - #9 on Valley Mile HS List ran 3:42.1m in the 1500 (about 4:00.1 for the mile) at UCLA which was the UCLA School 1500 record at the time. He also ran 4:01.9 in the mile at UCLA and **twice placed in the PAC 10 1500, finishing 5th in 1979 with a 3:44.7m and third in 1981 with a 3:44.9m**
- 2). **Kim Ellison** who is not on the All-time SFV 1600/Mile List (Birmingham HS 1965/Chico State) In 1971 ran **4:01.3 for the mile** while running for Chico State (Source Chico St. All-time list/had been converted to meters 3:43.3m). Ellison won the City Mile as a 10th grader and won the City 2-mile and placed 2nd in the State Meet as senior (also won several XC City titles). Drafted into the Army during Vietnam War, he later made his comeback as a miler at Chico State.
- 3). **Kerry Ellison** – Kim’s younger brother (Birmingham HS 1968/UTEP) - In 1972 ran **4:02.1** for UTEP (1st In WAC Outdoors Conference – he also ran a 3:57.8 or .9 on a Distance Medley Relay, source TNF News). Ellison won several Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Track individual titles one Indoors and two outdoors (mile and 880) running a PR of **1:48.85y in 1970. He was a two-time Div. I All-American Indoors anchoring UTEP’s 2-mile relay to an NCAA victory in 1971 and a 5th place in 1970.** He also ran briefly on short lived Pro-Track (Indoor) Tour after college with Jim Ryun, Ben Jipcho etc.
- 4). **Jeff Nelson** (Oregon/Glendale Community College/Grad 1979 Burbank HS) - # 15 on All-time Valley List but is better remembered for his 8:36.3 2-mile at the Pepsi Meet which was a National HS Record which stood for many years. After graduation he first attended the University of Oregon but was plagued by injuries, so he returned to Glendale College after his freshman year. As a Soph. at Glendale JC he was the St. JC Small Schools XC Champion in 1980. Sometime during 1980 at Glendale JC he ran a 14:04.00 5000 meters (13:35.0 3-mile) but was injured most of the time and never competed in Southern California or State J.C. Track Championships.
- 4). **Bill Scobey** (Cleveland HS 1962/Humboldt State). Scobey is not on the Valley All-time list in the mile but won the L.A. City Mile as a junior in HS. After HS he spent time in the service and afterwards made a comeback at Humboldt State. In 1970 he ran **4:03.3 for the mile** (Humboldt St. Top Ten list). He earned four College Division now Division II All-American Awards, three in Track and one in Cross Country while at Humboldt State. He won the NCAA Division II 3-Mile in 1969 and finished 8th in the NCAA Division I Three-mile in 1970 running 13:45.9y.

Post Collegiate Open outstanding performances run by former SFV HS Mile Runners:

- 1). **Christian Cushing-murray** who is #25 SFV Prep 1600/Mile List (N.H. HS/UCLA/Santa Monica T.C.) 1995 **3:55.42y** (Prefontaine Classic Inv. – Murray also ran the 1500 in 3:37.94 twice, once in 1993 and again in 1994, ran a 3:55 1500/4:13 mile at age 45!. He is still a top Masters Runner)
- 2). **David Babiracki** who is not on SFV 1600/Mile List (Granada Hills 1970 HS/Valley J.C./BYU/Valley T.C.) later ran **4:00.2y** in 1975 while running for the SFV TC under the coaching of the legendary Lazlo Tabori (**not sure of date or meet**). Babiracki became the greatest SFV Post College Runner after two down years in college at BYU. See 3200/2-mile List for his further accomplishments.
- 3). **Jim Mosher** is #27 on SFV 1600/Mile list (Notre Dame HS 1967/UCLA/SC. Striders) ran 3rd in SS mile Championships as senior 4:18.0y and 4:16.5y in St. Prelims later ran 4:06 at UCLA and **4:04.7y** for the Striders. He also ran an 8:54.3 2-mile with the Striders
- 3). **Mike Butler** who is #18 SFV 1600/Mile List (Reseda/LB St/AIA) 1976 **4:04.8y** (finished second to Steve Scott in in Feb. Tri-Meet --- Butler also was credited with a 4:02.9 Distance Medley leg running for AIA at Mt. Sac in 1976)
- 4). **Sven Haus** who is #23 on SFV 1600/1-mile list (Birmingham, UCLA/Santa Monica T.C.) **3:46?** 1500 (mark not verified).

5). **Farron Fields** who is currently **#3** on the SFV Mile/1600 list (Granada Hills 1979/College unknown/Open) is a mystery regarding his college years. Around 1988 when he was 26 years old I discovered he was among the top American Roadrunners that year, just missing the U.S. World Cross Country team. In 1990 he finished 6th in the Mt. Sac 10,000 Meters running a **28:45.90** which is the fastest 10,000 Meter/6-Mile (6-mile approximately equal to 27:55 6-mile) I have found among all SFV Runners.

6). **John Kennedy** who is not on the top milers list (Verdugo Hills HS/Pierce College?/Striders) later was later a highly rated U.S. distance man while running for the Striders. He had a best in the 3-Mile around **13:29.8**. While at Verdugo Hills HS in 1962 he won the City Mile in 4:22.9 and 6th in the State Mile 4:19.8.

7). **Bill Scobey** who ran **4:03.3** in the mile at Humboldt St was later an outstanding Road Runner and Marathon Runner after graduating from college. He had a best of 2:15:21 in winning the Culver City Marathon in 1971 (then a California State record) and also won the Valley of the Giants Marathon in 1973 running 2:17).

8). **Brent Tubb** who is **#1** on the SFV 1600/Mile List and **#2** on the 800/880 List (Cleveland HS 1971/Pierce College) did not run in his first year after HS. In fall 1971 Pierce College convinced him to run X-County for them and after a year off he placed 3rd. in the Southern California J.C. Cross Country Finals, running 20:02 for 4-miles, which was the same time as second place Dave Babiracki and seven seconds behind the winner, future Olympian Ed Mendoza! Brent Tubb was probably the greatest Middle-distance talent ever to come out of the SFV. As a 10th grader at Camarillo he won the **B-1320** in the CIF SS Final in an amazing **3:05.9!** After transferring to Cleveland he won the California State Mile twice and in his senior year he also led the Nation's Preps with a 1:50.1 880. I once timed Tubb as a junior in the 1970 City Finals Mile Relay anchoring Cleveland HS with a 48.3 440 on a slow dirt track at East L.A. College. He was a once in a lifetime talent!

All-Time San Fernando Valley High School 3200/2-Mile List CIF and City

Schools -- (Conversion used in converting yards to meters 3.1 seconds): 02/15/2025

- 1). Jeff Nelson (**Burbank**) 8:36.3y=**8:33.2cm** 1978-79 (Pepsi Inv., **NHS Record which stood for many years, 2x 1st Ca. St. 8:59.8y Jr. & 8:47.5y Sr.**, also won SS AAA 8:51.3y & SS Masters 8:49.1y as Sr.)
- 2). Justin Hazel (El Camino) 2017 **8:54.78m** (14th Arcadia Inv., **2nd Ca. St. 8:57.90 Sr., 5th 9:05.13 Jr. – Only L.A. City Runner ever to win Ca. St. Div. I Cross Country**)
- 3). Manual Ruiz (**Monroe**) 2003 **8:55.80m** (Arcadia Inv., 1st. L.A. City 9:05.09, 7th. St., 3X L.A. City Champion at 3200)
- 4). Guy Arbogast (Crespi) 1974 9:00.6y=**8:57.5cm** (3rd SS Masters, 2nd SS AAA 9:06.8y, 11th Ca. St.) – after College he made 3 U.S. World XC teams, finishing 5th in the World XC Championships in 1978 in Scotland!)
- 5). Ian Alsen (**Granada Hills**) 1988 **8:59.54m** (1st. Arcadia, also won 1600, DNR City or St. injured?)
- 6). Lin Whatcott (**Burbank**) 1979 9:01.9y=**8:58.8cm** (3rd SS Masters, **4th Ca. St. 9:05.9y**, SS AAA 1st 1600/3rd 3200)
- 7). Kevin Burkin (**Burbank**) 1976 9:02.8y=**8:59.7cm** (**SS Masters?** - 4th SS 4A 9:04.2y)
- 8). Jagdeep Chahal (Burroughs-Burb.) 2018 **9:00.61** (2nd Mt. Sac., 3rd SS CIF Masters 9:04.83, 11th Ca. St. 9:09.05/4th. St. 1600)
- 9). Obed Aguirre (San Fernando) 1990 **9:01.11m** (**4th Ca. St. Meet**, 9:17.8 City Jr. 1st Sr. 9:23.4)
- 10). Scott Schweitzer (**Burbank**) 1971 9:04.4y=**9:01.3cm** (5th SS CIF Championship, NT Ca. St.)
- 11). Keith Cooney (**Granada Hills**) 1966 9:06.4y=**9:03.3mc** (4th. Calif. State Meet, 1st. L.A. City 9:17.2)
- 12). Western Nelson (Burroughs-Burbank 2009) **9:04.19m** (4th CIF Masters Meet, 9:06.68 16th St.)
- 13). Gary Mazziotti (**Birmingham**) 1968 9:10.2y=**9:07.1cm** (5th. Ca. St. Meet, 1st. L.A. City as Sr., 2nd as Jr.) in college he was 5th man on UTEP's 1969 NCAA Div. I XC Championship team)
- 14). John Musich (**Burbank**) 1973 9:10.2y=**9:07.1cm** (2nd Arcadia Inv., TNF News Yearend List)
- *15). Zion Ortiz (Burbank-Burroughs) **9:09.31m** (4th SS D3, ran 9:15.02m at Arcadia)
- 16). Cesario Marques (Monroe) 1980 9:09.57m (9th Ca. State Meet, 1st L.A. City 9:18.75 Sr. 2nd 9:24.1 Jr.)
- 17). Richard Nance (**Monroe**) 1974 9:13.6y=9:10.5cm (Mt. Sac Relays, RR Reunion Flip chart, primarily a miler)
- 18). Cliff Busby (**Reseda**) 1969 9:14.6=9:11.5cm (4th CIF v L.A. City, 1st L.A. City Sr. 9:22.8y 2nd City Jr. 9:29.2y)
- 19). Craig Lawson (**Granada Hills**) 1989 9:11.63m (1st L.A. City, 10th Ca. St. 9:13.51)
- 20). Geraldo Canchola (Van Nuys) 1973 9:14.8y=**9:11.7mc** (7th Mt Sac Inv. Jr., 1st City 9:20.6y Sr., 9:19.6 St. Sr.)
- 21). John Wendler (Granada Hills) 1976 9:15.2y=9:12.1cm (2nd L.A. City Meet, DNR Ca. St.)
- 22). Robert Kubler (Crespi) 2001 9:12.57m (SS CIF Masters Meet, 1st. SS CIF Div. III 9:13.82, 9th. Ca. St.)
- 23). Jeff Lough (**Reseda**) 1969 9:17.4y=9:14.3cm (5th CIF vs City Inv., 13th Ca. St. 9:19.7y, 2nd L.A. City 9:23.2y)
- 24). Steve Brown (L.A. Poly 1970) 9:17.4y=9:14.3cm (1st L.A. City Sr., 12th Ca. St. 9:23.8y)
- 25). Bennie Cruz (**Burbank**) 1983 9:14.94m (6th SS AAAA Championships)
- 26). Dave Babiracki (**Granada Hills**) 9:17.5y=9:14.42cm (10th Ca. St., 3rd L.A. City as Sr.)
- 27). Kim Ellison (**Birmingham**) 1965 9:20y.0=**9:16.9mc** (1st City & Valley All-Star Inv., 2nd Ca. St. 9:22.0)
- 28). Richard Ortega (**Reseda**) 1969 9:20.0y=**9:16.9mc** (14th. Ca. St., 3rd. L.A. City 9:26.2)

College Distance Running Outstanding Results for the All-time SFV Prep 2-mile/3200 List:

Guy Arbogast who is currently #4 on the SFV 3200/2-mile list (Crespi) 1974 Grad. – Attended Washington State U. for several years running on their great Kenyan XC teams which included the great Henry Rono. I believe Arbogast was between 2nd and 5th in the PAC 8 Cross Country one year while at Washington St. (more research needed).

Dave Babiracki who is currently #25 on SFV 3200/2-mile list (**Granada Hills**) 1970 Grad – He went on to set National JC Record in the **3-Mile 13:43y** at SFV College – Babiracki also won the California State. JC 3-mile in 1972 and the JC So. Cal Cross Country Championship in 1970. He was twice Runner-up in the California J.C. State Championship in Cross Country. He ran two injury plagued years at BYU but found his real success after college running for the SFVTC under the guidance of the legendary Hungarian distance coach Lazlo Tabori.

Steve Brown who is currently #23 on the SFV 3200/2-mile list (Poly-LA) Grad 1970 won the L.A. City 2-mile as a senior in 1970 beating Jose Amaya and Dave Babiracki. At SFV JC he placed 5th in the State J.C. Cross Country Meet. He then transferred to USC where he placed 5th in the 1973 PAC 8 Track Championships in 13:47.8.

***Mark Covert** who is not on SFV 3200/2-Mile List (Burbank HS) 1968 Grad ran 9:27 2-Mile and 1:56 880 in HS but went onto a legendary career after HS running for SFV JC and Cal State Fullerton. While at Valley JC **Covert set a National JC 6-mile record in 1970** and won **the St. JC Championship in Cross Country 1969. He also won the JC State 2-mile in 1970.** He was third in the 1969 JC St. XC Meet. At Cal State Fullerton Covert **won the NCAA College Division (now Div. II) Cross Country Individual title in 1970 and finished 16th in the NCAA Division I XC Championships** becoming first Division I XC All-American from the SFV. **Covert also placed 11th in the AAU Cross Country Championships that year!** In 1971 Covert finished third in the NCAA Div. II Cross Country Championships helping his Cal State Fullerton team to a National Team Title. On the Track he had PRs of 28:08 6-mile and a **13:41? 3-mile. He was a four-time Division II All-American in Track (twice in the 3-mile and twice in the 6-mile).** He finished 3rd in both races in 1971 NCAA Div. II TNF Nationals - 13:46.8y/29:08y and at the 1972 Div. II Nationals he was 2nd in the 6-mile 28:30y and 6th in the 3-mile. In total Covert earned six Division II All-American awards (four in Track and two in Cross Country). Covert also led the 1972 Olympic Trials Marathon for 19 miles before fading back to 8th or 9th. He was the first runner to finish an American Olympic Trials event wearing Nike Shoes. He also compiled/achieved a consecutive day running streak that stretched exactly 45 years

Jeff Lough who is currently #22nd on SFV 3200/2-mile list (**Reseda**) 1969 Grad – After HS was **an NCAA Division I XC All-American at CSULA finishing 21st as a Jr. in 1971 and a week later finished 21st in the Nat. AAU XC. Championships. He was 30th in NCAA Div. I XC as Sr. missing All-American status by 6 seconds.** He was also a 2X time PCAA XC Champion in 1971 and 1972. Lough ran a **13:38.6 3-mile** and 8:51.0 2-mile in college. He was an NCAA Track Division 1 finalist in the 3-mile 1970 and 6-mile 1971. **He was the second SFV runner to achieve Division I Cross Country All-American status (still only two Div. I XC All-Americans from SFV – Mark Covert & Lough) and one of only four LAUSD runners to ever become a Div. I Cross Country All-American.**

Gary Mazziotti who is currently #13 on the SFV 3200/2-mile list (**Birmingham**) 1968 Grad – **As a college Sophomore he was 5th man on UTEP's 1969 NCAA Div. I XC Championship team).** He finished 43rd individually in that race out of 300 runners.

***Lance Packer** who didn't make the list with a best of 9:18.5mc for 3200 went onto a successful career at CSUN in **the steeplechase placing 6th in the Division II Nationals as a junior running 9:06.8 and placing 5th as a senior with an outstanding (for Div. II) 9:01.34.** He also finished second as a Jr in the CCAA Steeplechase and won the CCAA as a senior with a 9:07.3 and ran a 14:27.74 5000 meters which equals a 13:58.74 2-mile while at CSUN.

***Bill Scobey** (Cleveland HS/Humboldt State). Scobey is not on the Valley All-time list in the 1600/mile or 3200/2-mile but won the L.A. City Mile as a junior in HS and he won the City XC once. After HS he spend time in the service and made his running comeback at Humboldt State. In 1970 while at Humboldt he ran **4:03.3 mile.** He earned four College Division, now Division II All-American Awards, three in Track and one in Cross Country (8th place finish in Div. II Nationals) while at Humboldt State. **He won the NCAA Division II 3-Mile in 1969 and finished 9th in the NCAA Division I 3-mile in 1970 running 13:45.9.**

Lin Whatcott (Grad 1979 Burbank HS/BYU/Club Runner) ranked #6 on All-time SFV HS List ran his college years at BYU in a tough WAC Conference. His 2:14:09 Marathon in 1984 while still at BYU is still the best ever run by a SFV runner (however it has an asterisk as it was run in the Las Vegas Marathon which is a one-way marathon and slightly downhill). He also ran a 2:16:54 Marathon at Houston in 1984 and ran in the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials in the Marathon. In 1985 as a senior at BYU he ran an amazing 8:32.5 2-mile at the San Diego Indoor Meet (second fastest ever by SFV athlete).

Post College Outstanding Results:

Dave Babiracki (Granada Hills) 1970 Grad – After College Babiracki excelled, **running 4:00.1 mile, 8:29.2 2-mile, 13:43.2 5000** (5th AAU Nationals – about a **13:13 to 13:15 3-mile**) & 28:51 10,000 1st in U.S. vs Poland.. He placed in the top 12 at the AAU XC and **even defeated Bill Rodgers at a 20K Nat. Championship on the road, averaging around 4:40 a mile for 12.4 miles!** He also defeated Frank Shorter in a very windy 2-mile at the Fresno Relays. Babiracki's Mile, 2-Mile and 5000 meter times are the fastest ever by a SFV runner.

Guy Arbogast (Crespi 1974) Grad –after leaving Washington St U. he moved to Colorado to train at high altitude and made 3 U.S. **World XC teams, finishing 5th in the World XC Championships in 1978 in Scotland (beating Craig Virgin). This was probably the greatest Cross Country Race ever run by a Southern California distance man.** Although not known for his speed on the track I believe he ran a PR **13:36** in the 3-mile.

Pat Connelly *after college* (Birmingham HS/Pierce JC/So. Calif. Striders) 1963 or 1964 **13:31.0y** (1st. Pierce All-comers Championship, 07/31/1963) Pat won the L.A. City X-Country Championship while at Birmingham and later developed into a National Class Runner under the coaching of Pete Peterson of the Striders. **Connelly was a volunteer coach for many years at Birmingham HS and coached or influenced many of the top SFV runners in helping to launch their careers. Connelly coached 1969 880 State Champion Rico Sanchez, 2nd place 2-mile State finisher 1965 Kim Ellison, 4th Place 1969 State Mile finisher Mike Butler, 3rd place California State 880 finisher Tom Hacche, and 1968 5th place St. 2-Miler Gary Mazziotti. He also helped guide and tune-up Keith Cooney who placed 4th in the 1966 State 2-Mile. Pat also coached multiple City Champions Kim Ellison (mile and 2-mile) Kerry Ellison (2x Mile Champion), Gary Mazziotti (2-mile), and Keith Cooney (2-mile).**

Bill Scobey (Cleveland H.S./Pierce College/Humboldt St. was an outstanding Road Runner and Marathon Runner after graduating from college. **He had a best of 2:15:21 in winning the Culver City Marathon in 1971 (then a California State record)** and also won the Valley of the Giants Marathon in 1973 running 2:17).

Mike Wagenbach (Grad 1967 Notre Dame HS/Valley JC/LBS/U.S. Navy) Unranked as a Prep Wagenbach improved greatly at Valley J.C. running 4:07.6 (finishing 1st in the So. Cal Championships) for the mile, and possibly just under 9:00 for 2-miles and just under 14:00 for 3-miles. He was 2nd in the State JC Mile also. After Valley JC he went to Long Beach State for two years without much improvement. It was after college while running for the U.S. Navy that he ran a sub 14 minute 5000 Meters -13:58 to 13:59 which translates to a **13:28 to 13:29 3-mile** and an outstanding **28:10.4y 6-mile** in winning 1973 Long Beach Relays.