

Lions Score Double Win in Metro Meet

Enjoying its best Metropolitan Conference track and field season since the championship year of 1956, Valley College concluded its dual meet slated with a double victory over San Diego and Santa Monica on the Corsair cinders.

The Monarchs blasted the Knights, 78½ to 43½, and smothered the host Corsairs, 90 to 32.

It was the sixth conference win in seven meets for coach George Kerr's fast improving spikers who have now sewed up second spot in the standings.

Valley went one-two in five events—the 100, 880, mile, two-mile and pole vault.

Distance man Tom Webb, Walt Lewis and Steve Matthews, along with sprinter Brad Bechtol and Jerry Betz supplied the Monarchs with more than half their points.

Webb edged Lewis in a 1:59.1 half-mile and then took second behind Matthews in the two-mile. Matthews toured the eight-lapper in 10:23.5.

Lewis opened the meet with a 4:36.5 mile victory ahead of Matthews.

Bechtol, who was a sprinter last year at North Hollywood High School, returned to the shorter races for the first time this spring after sticking with the 440.

Bechtol nosed out teammate Bob Guerin in a photo finish century clocked in 10.0. It was the fastest-winning 100 time posted by a Lion sprinter all year.

Bechtol also took a second behind San Diego's speedy Buchanan, who won the fur-long in 21.0. Buchanan repeated in the 440 with a 49-flat clocking.

Betz was the Valley's only double winner. He skimmed over the highs in 15.8 and cleared 13 ft. in the pole vault for his blue ribbons.

Dan Martin, the Monarch's

top vaulter, retired from the event after a rough fall in the pit shy of sawdust.

However, he placed second in the broad jump with a 22 ft. 10¼ in. jump and tied for fifth in the high jump.

Lloyd Higgins, returning to early season form after being ineligible uncorked his best jump of the year, 6 ft. 4 in., but it was only good for a tie for second place in the high jump.

Results:

100 — Bechtol (V), Guerin (V), Adams (SD), Gerna (SM), Meekins (SD), West (SD), 10.0.

220—Buchanan (SD), Bechtol (V), Guerin (V), Adams (SD), McCauley (SM), Singer (V), 21.0.

440—Buchanan (SD), Albright (V), Allen (SM), Gerna (SM), Thall (V), Howard (SD), 49.0.

880—Webb (V), Lewis (V), Walsh (SM), McLean (SM), Cota (SD), Barton (SM), 1:59.1.

MILE—Lewis (V), Matthews (V), McLean (SM), Andrews (SD), VanderBroock (SM), Watson (SD), 4:36.5.

TWO-MILE—Matthews (V), Webb (V), Carr (SM), Berry (SD), Rosa (SD), James (V), 10:23.5.

120 HIGHS—Betz (V), tie for second between Smith (V) and Ghormley (SM), Lewis (V), no fifth or sixth, 15.8.

220 LOWS—West (SD), Ghormley (SM), Griffith (V), Howard (SD), Berkowitz (V), Smith (V), 24.8.

SHOT PUT—Wade (SM), 49 ft. 9¼ in.; Jacoby (V), 48 ft. 4¼ in.; Ghormley (SM), Bradford (SD), Tressell (SM), Gholakian (V).

DISCUS—Bradford (SD), 148 ft. 8 in.; Lund (V), 129 ft. 7 in.; Dailey, 123 ft. 6 in. (V); Wade (SM), 121 ft. 5 in.; Jacoby (V), 120 ft. 1 in.; Ghormley (SM).

POLE VAULT—Betz (V), 13 ft.; Hall (V), 12 ft. 6 in.; tie for third between Richard (SM) and Tieman (SM), 12 ft.; Cram (SD), 11 ft.; Davis (SD), 10 ft. 6 in.

HIGH JUMP—Fleckenstein (SM), 6 ft. 5¼ in.; tie for second among Thomas (SM), West (SD) and Higgins (V), 6 ft. 4 in.; tie for fifth among Watson (SD), Martin (V) and Ghormley (SM), 5 ft. 10 in.

BROAD JUMP—Howard (SD), 23 ft.; Martin (V), 22 ft. 10¼ in.; Jacoby (V), 22 ft. 1 in.; Ghormley (SM), 22 ft. ¼ in.; Williams (SD), 21 ft. 9 in.; Watson (SD), 21 ft. ¼ in.

RELAY—San Diego, Valley, 3:31.7.
FINAL SCORES: Valley 78½, San Diego 43½; Valley 90, Santa Monica 32; Santa Monica 65, San Diego 53.