

Valley Limp Into Metro Third Place

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BAKERSFIELD — Limping into Bakersfield like a fugitive from a Ben Casey melodrama, Valley College lifted itself off its crutches to finish third in the Metropolitan Conference track and field finals.

Several big scorers sat in the stands and watched their Monarch teammates tally 77 points, just six less than host Bakersfield, the 1964 champion.

Long Beach was second to Bakersfield's 83 with 81 points and Long Beach City College trailed Valley with 74.

With Dave Irons, Leonard McKibannon, Bill Boyd and Roger Wolff running their usual events, it would have been easy pickings for Valley, which raced through the regular dual meet season undefeated.

Most of Valley's 77 points were provided by the Monarch's Big Three—Pete Davis, Marvin Murray and Otis Burrell.

Davis was the evening's only double winner in running events and wound up with 20½ points for his efforts.

Besides winning the 100 and 200 with times of 9.9 and 21.6 into a stiff breeze, he also finished fourth in the long jump at 22 ft. 6¾ in. and started the mile relay team which finished second to Cerritos in 3:20.2.

Davis' victories in the sprints were accomplished with comparative ease.

Although the timers separated Davis and the runner-up by just one-tenth of a second, he was actually more than a long stride ahead at the finish.

He was the last man off the blocks, as usual, but his great speed took hold about 15 yards down the track and he was third by the time the runners passed the 75-yard mark.

He roared into the lead with 10 yards to go and won easily ahead of Howard Dixon of Santa Monica.

The 200 was a different story.

Although the staggers made it difficult to tell who was leading on the curve, Davis was in front at the head of the stretch and just pulled away easily to win by a good six or seven yards in 21.6.

His time qualifies as a conference record since it is the first time the event has been run around a curve.

Jeff Stockton of Bakersfield finished second in 22.2.

Davis, whose leap of 22 ft. 6¾ in. in the preliminaries held up in the finals, also got a fourth-place medal for the long jump.

All the preliminary long

jump marks remained the same, in fact, with Jim Kennedy of San Diego winning the title at 24 ft. ¾ in.

Jerry Bashin of Valley earned sixth place at 22-4.

Murray tallied 20 points for Valley in the 440, 880 and mile relay.

He won the quarter, roaring around the track in 48.7 and finished second to Cerritos' Les Fendia in the half.

His 880 time was 1:54.8. Fendia ran 1:53.7.

Obviously tired after competing in one of the toughest doubles in track, Murray anchored the relay team to a second-place finish behind Cerritos.

He got the baton in third place and overtook San Diego but just didn't have enough steam to catch Cerritos, which won easily in 3:18.1.

Valley's time was 3:20.2.

Burrell was the only other conference champion hauling from Valley.

He won the high jump from Bakersfield's Richard Jones, but it took a jumpoff to do so as both men cleared 6 ft. 8¾ in. for a new conference record in the same number of attempts.

Neither man could clear 6 ft. 10 in., so they moved the bar down one inch on each successive jump to decide the winner.

They missed at 6-9 and 6-8, but then Burrell scaled 6-7 and Jones failed, leaving the first-place medal and points in Valley's hands.

Burrell, like Davis, was a pretty busy man.

After winning the high jump, he grabbed a third at 15.2 in the 120-yard high hurdles behind, East Los Angeles' Ron Copeland and Tom Gillette, who tied at 14.5.

His triple jump of 43 ft. 4

in, set in the preliminaries held up for a fifth place and he tried his hand at the 300 intermediate hurdles but was so exhausted in the stretch that he almost failed to clear the next-to-last hurdle and then high-jumped the final barrier and finished last.

He really made a run at the leaders, however, and was in third place when they sailed around the last turn.

Only other Valley finisher was Craig Simmons, who grabbed a third in the high jump at 6-4 behind Burrell and Jones.

The Monarchs failed to place in the mile or two-mile.

Bob Goodson of Long Beach ran a fine mile to beat East L.A.'s Clemeth Smith in 4:11.2.

Top performer in the field events was Jeff Smith of Long Beach, who put the shot 56 ft. 8 in. for a new conference record and then threw the discus 154 ft. 1¾ in.

Complete results:

100 — Davis (Valley), 9.9; Irons (SMCC), 10.0; Stockton (Bak.), 10.0; Smith (LBC), 10.1; Hayes (Cerr.), 10.2; Pate (Cerr.), 10.2.

200 — Davis (Valley), 21.6; Kusan (LBC), 21.7; Stockton (Bak.), 21.8; Smith (LBC), 22.1; Hayes (Cerr.), 22.1; Mungia (LBC), 22.4; Hovell (Cerr.), 22.4.

400 — Murray (Valley), 48.7; Frey (Cerr.), 49.4; Sherbock (EC), 51.3; Phipps (LBC), 51.5; McDonald (Bak.), 51.5; Andrews (Bak.), 51.4.

800 — Fendia (Cerr.), 1:53.7; Murray (Valley), 1:54.8; Davis (LBC), 1:55.5; Bauer (LBC), 1:56.1; Parson (EC), 1:56.8; Harris (LBC), 1:56.8.

MILE — Goodson (LBC), 4:11.2; Smith (ELA), 4:12.3; Rice (EC), 4:12.8; Trinkle (SD), 4:17.4; Walsh (SMCC), 4:17.7; McCarthy (SMCC), 4:21.3.

TWO-MILE — Trinkle (SD), 9:22.6; Rice (EC), 9:23.1; Walsh (SMCC), 9:29.8; Prewitt (ELA), 9:30.3; Calderon (ELA), 9:30.8; McCarthy (SMCC), 9:40.2.

120 HIGHS — Tie for first between Gillette (ELA) and Copeland (ELA), 14.5; Burrell (Valley), 15.2; A. Jones (Bak.), 15.1; Cartwright (Bak.), 15.4; Hertzberg (Cerr.), 15.4.

120 INT — Sherbock (EC), 16.4 (Establishes Metropolitan Conference record. First time event has been held.) Cartwright (Bak.), 16.1; Copeland (ELA), 16.2; Ross (Bak.), 16.2; Hertzberg (Cerr.), 16.4; Krupper (SD), 16.0.

300 INT — Smith (LBC), 30.8 (New Metropolitan Conference record. Old mark, 30.5, Pace, Long Beach, 1963.) P. Ross (Cerr.), 30.9; Hale (LBC), 30.3; Dyer (EC), 31.4; Hanneberg (LBC), 31.4; Wozna (SD), 31.7.

400 INT — Smith (LBC), 52.14; Weber (Cerr.), 52.17; Patten (ELA), 52.11; Mungia (Bak.), 52.04; Hale (LBC), 52.10; Dyer (EC), 52.4.

POLE VAULT — Shapiro (SMCC), 13.4 (Tie for record between Vander (SMCC) and Sherman (Cerr.), 13.4; Patten (EC), 13.4; Heier (Bak.), 13.0; Lyle (ELA), 12.4.

500M JUMP — Burrell (Valley), 48.7 (New Metropolitan Conference record. Old mark, 47.4, Rambo and Burrell, 1963.) H. Jones (Bak.), 48.4; Wozna (Valley), 48.2; Moore (Bak.), 48.2; Malone (SD), 48.0; Mangrove (ELA), 47.8.

LONG JUMP — Kennedy (SD), 24.04; Dixon (SMCC), 23.94; Holt (LBC), 23.4; Davis (Valley), 22.4; Freeman (EC), 22.4; Bashin (Valley), 22.4.

TRIPLE JUMP — Laverty (Bak.), 40.4 (New Metropolitan Conference record. Old mark, 40.4, Laverty in prelims.) Stephens (Bak.), 40.7; Rudderow (Cerr.), 40.74; Frey (Cerr.), 40.74; Burrell (Valley), 40.4; Dixon (SMCC), 40.74.

400 RELAY — Cerritos (State Needs) cheer, Frey, Hovell, 42.1 (Establishes Metropolitan Conference record. First time event has been held.) Bakersfield, 42.3; Santa Monica City College, 42.7; San Diego, 43.1; Valley, 43.1; East Los Angeles, 43.1.

MILE RELAY — Cerritos, 3:18.1; Valley, 3:20.2; San Diego, 3:20.7; Bakersfield, 3:21.4; El Camino, 3:22.9; Long Beach, 3:23.9.

FINAL SCORES — Bakersfield 83, Cerritos 81, Valley 77, Long Beach City College 74, Santa Monica City College 73, East Los Angeles 67, El Camino 45, San Diego 31.

Carter to Box Ramos May 12

Al Carter of Phoenix has been signed to box big Manuel Ramos of Mexico City Tuesday, May 12, at Valley Garden Arena in North Hollywood.

Carter is the only man to extend the promising Mexican-heavyweight, having lost a close, six-round decision two months ago at the Garden.

Ramos made his 10-round bow last Tuesday at the popular fight club and stopped Sammy Pride.

Ernie Lopez, unbeaten Mexican-Indian sensation from Pacoima, will be featured in the six-round semifinal.