

Tommie Smith Shows He's for Real

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MODESTO — The fans came to root for Tommie Smith here Saturday night and the lanky San Jose State junior didn't disappoint them.

Tommie raced twice during the cool and windy silver anniversary of the California Relays and he convinced any doubters among the 8,000 fans that he's for real.

In the 440, after a cautious first furlong that found him trailing NCAA champion Jim Kemp by five yards, Tommie turned on his loping stride and made the race a runaway in 45.7. This equaled his best-ever

time but Smith was disappointed in his showing.

"I was so nervous about the tough competition that I ran the first 220 too slow," he said after the race. "I was too busy watching Kemp and didn't get going until we hit the stretch."

He was even more spectacular in

the 440 relay, however, where his third-place finish for the Spartans overshadowed Southern University's 39.6 world record performance. Smith, who prepped at nearby Le-moore, was 15 yards behind Southern's anchor man, Olympian George Anderson, when he took the baton, but his giant strides picked up at least seven yards in the 110 yards.

Anderson, Harvey Nairn, Webster Johnson and the former Jefferson High (L.A.) star, Grundy Harris, broke the world one-lap record of 39.7 set last year by Stanford. Second was Texas Southern, anchored

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by former California prep sprint champion Jimmy Hines in 39.9, followed by San Jose in 40.3.

Before the evening was over, the Southern U. boys from Baton Rouge had captured three relays, adding the 880 and mile to their world record 440 performance.

The meet's other spotlighted performer, world pole vault record holder Bob Seagren, proved as disappointing as Smith was pleasing.

The 19-year-old Seagren failed to clear 16-2 and was out of the money.

"I don't know what was wrong; I just couldn't get up there," said the Glendale College student who only two weeks ago did 17-5½ at the Fresno Relays.

Pennel Wins

Perhaps Seagren was thinking too much about the trip to Hawaii he and his roommate, John Pennel, passed up to compete here. Pennel, however, soared over 16-10, to beat UCLA's Marc Savage for the vault title.

Three-time Olympic champion Al Oerter keeps getting better with age. He hurled the discus his all-time best of 207-5 in beating world record holder Ludvik Danek of Czechoslovakia, who was close behind at 205-9½. The consistent Oerter had four throws over 200 with a series of 195-5, 196-4½, 207-5, 204-10½, 202-0½ and 205-4. Third was another remarkable old timer, Rink Babka, at 201-1.

Oklahoma State, which lost its world two-mile re-

lay record to USC this year, gained a measure of revenge by easily beating the Trojans, but its time of 7:23.2 didn't endanger the Trojans' mark of 7:17.4.

Sophomore George Hunt of Texas Southern ran the fastest 880 in the world this year when he edged Peter Scott of Nebraska in 1:47.5. Two freshmen whizzes, Lennox Miller of USC and Harold Busby of UCLA, scored impressive wind-aided sprint wins. Miller took the 100 meters in 10.2 and Busby the 220 in 20.7.

Gusty winds of up to 12 m.p.h. and a biting cold that hit midway in the meet served to hinder most of the other performers.

800—1. Hunt (Texas Southern), 1:47.5 (meet record, old mark, 1:48.5, Wes Santee, 1955); 2. Scott (Nebraska), 1:47.8; 3. Hermann (San Diego State), 1:48.0; 4. Kerr (Jamaica), 1:48.1; 5. Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia), 1:48.7.

400 RELAY—1. Southern (Nairn, Harris, W. Johnson, Anderson), 39.6 (world and meet record, old world mark, 39.7, Stanford, 1945; old meet mark, 40.0, Oregon, 1962 and equaled by Grambling, 1964); 2. Texas Southern, 39.9; 3. San Jose State, 40.3; 4. New Mexico, 40.4; 5. Stanford, 40.8.

100—1. Smith (Texas A&M), 9.6; 2. Morris (Striders), 9.7; 3. Miller (Oklahoma State), 9.7; 4. McNeil (49er TC), 9.7.

DISCUS—1. Oerter (New York AC), 207-5 (meet record, old mark, 205-3, Ludvik Danek, Czechoslovakia, 1965); 2. Danek (Czechoslovakia), 205-9½; 3. Babka (Pasadena AA), 201-1; 4. Puce Nevada), 196-10½; 5. Malson (Texas A&M), 195-1.

100 METERS—1. Miller (USC Frosh), 10.2 (5.5 m.p.h. aiding wind); 2. Hines (Texas Southern), 10.2; 3. Dunn (Striders), 10.2; 4. Busby (UCLA Frosh), 10.2; 5. Harris (Southern U.), 10.6.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—1. Abilene Christian (Dunn, Johnson, Van Troba, Christmas), 9:41.6; 2. New Mexico, 9:42.4; 3. Pasadena A, 9:49.6; 4. 49er Track Club, 9:50.1; 5. Striders, 10:02.8.

OPEN 120MH—1. Polkinghorne (Pasadena AA), 14.1 (6.4 m.p.h. wind); 2. Butler (Pasadena AA), 14.1; 3. Main (Occidental), 14.2; 4. Gairdner (Santa Clara YV), 14.2; 5. Simmons (Nevada), 14.2.

INVITATIONAL 120MH—1. Davenport (Southern), 13.7; 2. Shy (San Diego State), 13.7; 3. Hicks (Texas Southern), 13.8; 4. Rockwell (Athens AC), 13.8; 5. McCullough (USC), 14.0.

JAVELIN—1. Hedmark (49er TC), 268-10 (meet record, old mark, 268-2½, Bud Heid, SF Olympic Club, 1955); 2. Red (Pasadena AA), 259-3; 3. Covelli (Pasadena AA), 248-11; 4. Stuart (Striders), 244-5½; 5. Conley (Santa Clara YV), 235-6.

HAMMER—1. Zsvotsky (Hungary), 224-10½; 2. Connolly (Culver City AC), 224-4; 3. Burke (Striders), 223-1; 4. Pryde (Santa Barbara AC), 197-10; 5. Smith (San Jose State), 163-6½.

MILE—1. Greile (unat), 4:06.3; 2. Divine (Oregon Frosh), 4:02.5; 3. Redington (Tennessee), 4:04.7; 4. Nightingale (Kansas State), 4:05.2; 5. Weisiger (unat), 4:05.9.

440—1. Smith (San Jose State), 45.7

(meet record, old mark, 45.8, Jim Lee, USC, 1956); 2. Kemp (Kentucky State), 46.4; 3. Calhoun (Oklahoma), 46.7; 4. Frey (UCLA), 46.8; 5. Hollett (USC Frosh), 47.6.

POLE VAULT—1. Pennel (Striders), 16-10; 2. Savage (UCLA), 16-6; 3. Morris (Striders), 16-2; 4. Eshelman (Stanford), 16-2; no fifth.

LONG JUMP—1. Boston (Striders), 26-3½; 2. Stenius, Cal State LA), 26-3½; 3. Horn (Athens AC), 26-1½; 4. Hopkins (Pasadena AAO), 25-4½; 5. Tucker (Striders), 25-0½ (Hopkins fourth on basis of second best jump).

SHOT PUT—1. Matson (Texas A&M), 65-3½ (meet record, old mark, 63-1, Parry O'Brien, 1958); 2. Maggard (Santa Clara YV), 61-7; 3. Cole (Arizona State), 61-3½; 4. McGrath (Pasadena AA), 59-3½; 5. Briles (Nevada), 56-9½.

800 RELAY—1. Southern University (W. Johnson, Harris, Lewis, Anderson), 1:23.0 (meet record, old mark, 1:23.2, Striders, 1964); 2. Striders, 1:24.7; 3. Texas Southern, 1:25.1; 4. Stanford, 1:25.7; 5. 49er Track Club, 1:26.2.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY—1. Abilene Christian (Knapp, Harrison, Dunn, Christmas), 3:21.3; 2. Striders, 3:24.3; 3. 49er TC, 3:24.7; 4. Pasadena AA, 3:29.0.

440 IH—1. Whitney (Striders), 51.9; 2. Wyatt (Santa Clara YV), 52.5; 3. Sam (Southern), 53.4; 4. Perry (Nevada), 53.9; 5. LaCoss (Striders), 54.2.

TWO MILE—1. Smith (Pasadena AA), 8:34.4; 2. Roelants (Belgium), 8:47.6; 3. Larrieu (Santa Monica AA), 8:48.8; 4. Scott (New Mexico), 8:50.2; 5. Lawson (Kansas), 8:50.8.

TWO MILE RELAY—1. Oklahoma State (Morris, Von Ruden, Metcalfe, Perry), 7:23.2; 2. USC, 7:25.0; 3. 49er TC, 7:46.0; 4. Pasadena AA, 7:52.8.

220—1. Busby (UCLA Frosh), 29.7 (6.26 m.p.h. wind); 2. Greene (Nebraska), 29.9; 3. Miller (Oklahoma St.), 21.3; 4. Smith (Texas A&M), 21.4; 5. Plummer (Striders), 21.5.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Walker (Striders), 54-1½ (7.7 m.p.h. wind); 2. Ferguson (San Jose St.), 51-11½; 3. Craig (49er TC), 50-6½; 4. Robinson (New Mexico), 50-4; 5. Fuller (Fresno St.), 49-9½.

MILE RELAY—1. Southern (W. Johnson, 47.7; Gates, 49.7; R. Johnson, 47.3; Lewis, 45.9); 3:10.6; 2. Oklahoma State TC, 3:13.3; 3. Striders, 3:13.9; 4. Pasadena AA, 3:14.1; 5. 49er Track Club, 3:15.5.