

Silvester Wipes Out World Discus Record

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MODESTO—Gusty winds can ruin a track meet for everyone but a discus thrower.

Jay Silvester, a 30-year-old insurance man from Smithfield, Utah, took advantage of "ideal wind" to obliterate the world record with a 218 feet 4 inch discus throw in the California Relays here Saturday night.

The heralded 440 relay duel between USC's world record holders and the Tommie Smith-anchored Santa Clara Valley Youth Village failed to materialize when the

Trojans' Lennox Miller pulled up in the 100 meters and the relay team withdrew.

Miller was running a solid third behind Charlie Greene, the winner in 10.1, and Jim Hines, when he suddenly felt a twinge in his leg about five yards from the tape. The race was so close that Miller finished seventh in 10.3.

Coach Vern Wolfe, taking no chances with his ace sprinter, said Miller would not run at San Diego or the Coliseum-Compton Invitational so he would be ready for the NCAA meet.

Hines, after barely failing to catch

Greene in the 100, turned things around in the relay by staving off a surging Smith to win for the Houston Striders in 39.8.

Greene's time of 10.1, only a tenth off the world record, was not wind-aided, but USC's Earl McCulloch was not so fortunate in the high hurdles.

Earl the Pearl, off to his usual blitz start, was too fast and too smooth as he easily defeated Tennessee's Richmond Flowers and National AAU champion Willie Davenport in 13.3. This, too, was only a tick off the world mark, but the

wind of 4.57 was a fraction too much for the record books.

Silvester, who once held the world record at 199-2½ back in 1961, added nearly five feet to the 213-11½ posted by Czechoslovakia's Ludvik Danek in 1965 at Sokolov, Czechoslovakia. Danek also had an unofficial 216-9 at the Long Beach "wind tunnel" in 1966. "It's about time it came back home, grinned the 6-2½, 245-pound ex-Utah State weight man. "The Europeans have held it (world record) ever since I had it.

"And this one was much more rewarding to me. You don't know how great it is to once lose it, and

then get it back," Silvester said in comparing his two world record efforts. "It makes you feel young again."

Throwing into a strong, quartering wind, Silvester's series was 212-2, 211-7, 200, 154, foul, 218-4. The third and fourth throws were unmeasured.

This was only Silvester's third meet in the U.S. this year, but he admitted to having a "believe it or not" throw three weeks ago in a 60-mile per hour gale near his home in Utah.

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"I always wanted to see what I could do to stand up throwing into a real gale. It was all I could do to stand up in the ring. But I had a throw which I measured at 242 feet."

Silvester graduated from Utah State in 1959, just missed the Olympic team in 1960, but made it in

Muny Baseball

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

South Bay Blue Sox vs. Western Jets, Hawks No. 3; Yamasa Lakers vs. L.A. Hawks, Rancho No. 1; Niagara Stars vs. San Juan P.R., Rancho No. 4; Cuban Stars vs. L.A. Yankees, Chevlot No. 2; L.A. Buffs vs. L.A. Mets, Manchester No. 1; L.A. Senators vs. L.A. White Sox, Manchester No. 2; Harbor Seals vs. Watt's Giants, Will Rogers; Green Giants vs. L.A. Barons, Ross Snyder No. 1; Long Beech Grays vs. L.A. Vikings, Harvard No. 2; L.A. Reds vs. Pittsburgh Rookies, South Park; Chemos Cafe vs. L.A. Twins, Harvard No. 1; Compton Athletics vs. Latin Stars, Manchester No. 4; Cuban Tijuana vs. Los Lobos, Arroyo No. 2; Casino Juarez vs. Astros, Hazard, Noon; Indios vs. G.B.L. Pirates, Hazard, 3 p.m.; Tully's Place vs. Valparaiso, Yosemite; M Club Reds vs. Phoenix Stars, Crystal Springs; Rod's Inn vs. Guadalupe Vic., Evergreen, 3 p.m.; Club Cardinals vs. Angels, Evergreen, Noon; Regis Club vs. El Sereno, Eagle Rock.

40-60 Club vs. Juarez Club, Chavez No. 2; Jean's Falcons vs. Santos, El Sereno No. 1; Wilshire "A's" vs. Coliseum Auto Up., Downey; Chihuahua vs. Bob's Aguilas, Fresno; Compton Browns vs. Acme Tigers, Gonzales Park; L.A. Red Sox vs. Carmelita Prov., Belvedere Park; L.A. Stars vs. Carson Angels, Ford Park; L.A. Lions vs. Lil Tokyo Giants, Baldwin Hills; Pasadena

1964 and placed fourth.

Silvester said he "died" during a lull between the trials and the finals, after having had thrown a lifetime best of 212-2 on his first effort.

"Then I saw (Tim) Vollmer do 204-2 and I decided if he could do it, why couldn't I. That was seven feet better than Vollmer had ever done. It definitely got my adrenalin excited, and that was what I needed," said Silvester in explaining his erratic series.

OPEN-INVITATIONAL

120HH-1. McCullough (USC), 13.3 (4.57 m.p.h. wind); 2. Flowers (Tennessee), 13.4; 3. Davenport (Houston Striders), 13.4; 4. Coleman (Striders), 13.6; 5. Livers (Athens AC), 13.6.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY-1. Washington State (Gillins, Lapham, Scheurer, Sandison), 3:17.3; 2. Texas, 3:17.3; 3. Oregon State, 3:17.9; 4. California, 3:19.0; 5. Pacific Coast Club, 3:24.7.

DISCUS - 1. Silvester (unat, Smithfield, Utah), 218-4 (world and meet record, old mark, 213-11/2; Ludvik Danek, Czechoslovakia, 1965; old meet mark, 209-4, Danek, 1966); 2. Vollmer (Oregon State), 204-2; 3. Carlsen (Striders), 203-8; 4. Neville (Pasadena AA), 197-4; 5. Kennedy (Athens AC), 196-7.

HAMMER - 1. Connolly (Striders), 218-1; 2. Burke (Striders), 217-5; 3. Frenn (Pacific Coast Club), 213-5; 4. Pangborn (Athens AC), 185-1; 5. Pryde (Santa Barbara AC), 180-2.

JAVELIN-1. Stuart (Striders), 262-2; 2. Murro (Mesa, Ariz. JC), 259-9; 3. Covelli (PCC), 258-7; 4. Tipton (U.S. Army), 252-2; 5. Helikkila (Oregon TC), 248-0.

100 METERS-1. Greene (unat, Lincoln, Neb.), 10-1; 2. Hines (Houston Striders), 10-1; 3. Pender (U.S. Army), 10-1; 4. Clayton (Santa Clara Youth Village), 10-2; 5. Bright (Arizona State), 10-3.

LONG JUMP-1. Beamon (Houston Striders), 26-11/4; 2. Hopkins (unat, Pasadena), 26-9; 3. Boston (Striders), 25-11/2; 4. Poust (BYU), 25-10/4; 5. Ard (Kansas), 24-10-4.

MILE-1. Bell (Oregon TC), 4:04.5; 2. DeHertoghe (Belgium), 4:04.7; 3. Crawford (Harding College), 4:05.5; 4. Dean (Athens AC), 4:06.4; 5. Baker (Athens AC), 4:06.8.

440 RELAY-1. Houston Striders (White, Stinson, L. Smith, Hines), 39.8; 2. Santa Clara Youth Village, 39.9; 3. San Jose State, 40.2; 4. U.S. Army, 40.3; 5. Cal Poly (SLO), 40.6.

440H-1. Whitney (Striders), 50.7; 2. tie between McGrady (SCYV) and Knoke (Oregon), 51.5; 4. tie between McCrary (California) and Vanderstock (USC), 51.6.

440-1. Freeman (Arizona State), 47.3; 2. McAlhaney (Tennessee), 47.4; 3. tie among Pancoast (Oregon TC), Forbes (Nebraska), Shirley (U Texas, El Paso) and Oleson (Kansas), 48.0.

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120HH-1. Parish (Oregon State), 13.9; 2. Walker (Nevada), 13.9; 3. Polkinghorne (PCC), 14.0; 4. Kerry (Striders), 14.0; 5. Kirtman (California), 14.0.

100-1. Hill (Arizona State), 9.4; 2. A. Hopkins (Houston Striders), 9.4; 3. McNeil (Pepperdine), 9.5; 4. Robinson (UCLA Fresh), 9.6; 5. E. Smith (Oregon State), 9.6.

100 METERS-1. Gray (Fort Scott, Kan. JC), 10.4; 2. Fray (Mesa, Ariz. JC), 10.4; 3. Reeves (Inland Empire AC), 10.4; 4. Turner (Cal Poly, SLO), 10.5; 5. Drayton (Philadelphia Pioneer Club), 10.5.

Prep Gymnastics

Friday's Results

CITY PRELIMS

At Franklin

ROPE CLIMB - Hale (Fremont). FREE EX-Hug (Chatsworth). SIDE HORSE-Hug (Chasworth). HORIZONTAL BAR-Hug (Chatsworth). PARALLEL BARS-Hug (Chasworth). RINGS -Hale (Fremont). TUMBLING-Cross (Dorsey). LONG HORSE-Hug (Chatsworth).

TOTAL QUALIFIERS - Fremont, 9; Venice, 8; Chatsworth and Cleveland, 7; Wilson and Los Angeles, 3; Washington and Dorsey, 2.