

# VC women win WSC title

Ventura College's women whipped all comers Friday with a score of 287 in the Western State Conference track and field championships at Bakersfield College.

The men, meanwhile, placed second behind Taft College. Ventura's Mark Sanders was named co-most valuable player of the meet along with Oxnard's Larry Powell.

The lady Pirates won every event except three and set a conference record for most points. Carol Mills was named the meet's outstanding female athlete by scoring 40 points. She placed first in the 100-meter hurdles (16.0), 400-meter intermediate hurdles (1:07.6) and long jump (17-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

Mills also placed second in the high jump at 5-2 and competed on a winning 1600-meter relay team, whose time was 4:06.74.

Also starring for Ventura was Pam Lee — a former Camarillo High School star — who set a school record in the 800 meters with a time of 2:18.05. The old mark of 2:20.1 was set in 1980.

Lee also won the 400 meters with a clocking of 59.1 and anchored the 1,600-meter relay team. Lorraine Mercado was a double winner as well and established a WSC record in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:30.8. The old record of 10:32.7 was set in 1981 by Ann Gladue of Oxnard.

Mercado placed first in the 1,500 meters at 4:41.9, which is close to the conference best.

Beth Sullivan, who is headed for the state meet, scored 32 points and had a first-place effort in the shot put (31-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ). Jackie Gibson, also from Camarillo High, finished third in both the 100 and 200 meters, and ran on two winning relay teams.

Yet another Camarillan, Lorri McEwen, ran on the winning 400-meter relay squad (winning time: 49.2) and finished fifth in the long jump and sixth in the 100 meters.

A total of 12 Ventura women qualified for the Southern California Prelims at Mt. San Antonio College on Thursday.

For the Oxnard women, Rubina AhChing placed third in the discus (86- $\frac{1}{2}$ ), while Adolthina Lujan was fourth in the javelin (87-4). Julie Cook and Patricia Gamboa finished fifth in the shot put (26-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and 3,000 meters (12:02), respectively.

Allan Hancock College of Santa Maria placed second in the meet with 77 points while Cuesta College was third with 71. Taft College finished fourth with 29 points, and Santa Barbara City College was right behind with 28. Oxnard was last with 14 points.

Sanders, the third-place winner in last year's state decathlon, finished first in the discus (142-50) and pole

vault (14-0) and was second in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.3). He also was fourth in the shot put (47-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), fifth in the javelin (169-8) and sixth in the high jump (6-0).

Other outstanding performers included John Durkin, who was third in the 400 meters (49.7) and ran a split of 49.6 on Ventura's 1,600-meter relay team, which placed second. Also running on the relay team were John Speed (50.3), Larry Mercado (52.1) and Ken Coakley (49.2).

The Pirates' 400-meter relay team, made up of Speed, Coakley, Robert Reilley and Jack Stockton, placed second with a season-best time of 42.5.

Fifteen Ventura men advance to the preliminary meet at Mt. Sac.

Taft won the tournament with 206 points, and Ventura had 156. Then came Cuesta (71), Oxnard (61), Santa Barbara (44) and Allan Hancock (30).

Oxnard's Powell was first in the long jump with a leap of 24-1 — a new school record — and took the triple jump in 46-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Powell tied for second in the high jump (6-4) with teammate Richard Johnson, was fifth in the 110-meter high hurdles (16.5) and anchored Oxnard's fourth-place 400-meter relay team.

Teammate Mike Hunt won the 10,000 meters in 32:31.6, while Max Cardona was fourth in the 800 meters.

