Lady Pirates win WSC title

Ventura College women won their third straight Western State Conference track and field title Friday at Bakersfield College. The Pirate men placed second.

Led by Carol Mills, the Pirate women accumulated 120 points. Then came Santa Barbara City (67), Oxnard (24), Cuesta (12) and Taft (6) colleges.

In all, Ventura qualified 11 women and 16 men for the Southern California preliminary meet Friday at Cerritos College.

Mills won the javelin (118-0), long jump (18-0), high jump (5-0) and 100-meter intermediate hurdles (15.4), and placed second in the 400-meter low

hurdles (1:08.7) and 100meter dash (12.7). She also competed on both relay teams.

Meanwhile, former Camarillo High standout Pam Lee was second in the 400 meters (59.4) and 800 meters (2:24.2) and anchored the winning 1,600 meter relay team, whose time was 4:05.5. Teammate Jackie Gibson, also from Camarillo, was runner-up in the 100 meters (12.5) and 200 me

ters (26.5) and competed on two relay teams.

Taft College was first in the men's meet with 263 points, and Ventura was next with 131. Cuesta College was third with 98 points and Allan Hancock College of Santa Maria had 47.

Ventura was led by their 400-meter relay team, which placed second in 41.7, the best mark ever for a Ventura County community college team. John Speed set a school record in the 100 meters with a time of 10.4. His previous best was 10.6.

Melvin Hedgepeth set a school record in the 200 meters with a time of 21.5, breaking the old mark of 21.59, set in 1981 by Ted Hughes. Rick Hauser won the javelin with a season-best toss of 206-7.