

## RUNS 9.1 AT FRESNO

# Carlos Disappointed, 'Only' Ties 100 Record

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FRESNO—Far behind him are the angry moments when he thrust his black-gloved fist into the sky at Mexico City.

John Carlos wants to be loved today. If he had spent a few moments less wooing the turnaway crowd of 15,000 he might have given the West Coast Relays the magic 9 flat 100 yards they were hoping for.

John and the crowd had to settle for a world record-equaling 9.1 as he churned down Ratcliffe Stadium's

clay track to win the 100 from Olympian Ronnie Ray Smith by four yards.

A spectator pulled a mean trick on the 25-year old San Jose State sophomore when he yelled "8.8" at John as he waited for the official time.

"It really felt as though I ran 8.8 or 8.9," said John. "Frankly, I was disappointed in the time they announced."

When he heard the "8.8" rumor, John leaped into the air and sprinted the 100 yards in reverse—probably clocking at least 9.1 in his

reverse run. Then came the official 9.1 reading and John pleaded his case to the stands all 15,000 of them.

The three official watches read 9.0, 9.1 and 9.1, with the alternate watch also 9.1.

In the nearly two hours between the time he "jogged" 9.4 in a 100 heat to the time he ran the 9.1, Carlos never sat down. He made three trips up the steep 48 steps to the press box, where he informed reporters first how he was "going to

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get that record" and then how "this sun is killing me."

Carlos was clad in his personal fluorescent yellow sweat suit, with the name "Johnny Carlos" across the back—the only member so honored on the San Jose State team. Even Olympic 400 meter champion Lee Evans, a more retiring sort, wears the regular Spartan sweat. On Carlos' head was a white Arabian-like turban.

At other times he lectured high hurdlers at the start of their race, shouted encouragement to Spartan teammates from across the track, shook hands with hundreds of well-wishers, signed autographs for anyone who thrust a ragged piece of paper in front of him, visited with his "black flat" teammate, Tommie Smith, and never stopped talking.

And everywhere he went, the applause rippled with his every step. Carlos didn't get his 9 flat, or his 8.8, but he got what he wanted. He truly was loved here Saturday night.

### Second Fastest

Later in the evening, almost as an anti-climax, Carlos anchored San Jose State's 880 relay team to a 1:22.8 clocking, second fastest ever to the 1:22.1 set by a Tommie Smith-anchored San Jose team at Modesto two years ago.

Two fantastic 128 furlongs by Evans and Carlos brought the Spartans home 15 yards ahead of second place California. A weak 22.0 by Sam Davis and a 23.7 by Rennie Ray Smith, who had been spiked in an earlier race, cost them the world record.

In the 440 relay Carlos had to come from behind to fight off UCLA's Wayne Collett to win in 39.7. Carlos took the baton about a yard behind Collett after a sitting leg by Johnny Johnson had shot UCLA to the front.

"It was the first time this year I had to come from behind," Carlos shouted after climbing up to the press box again.

"It felt good. I really ran hard those last couple of yards. I thought he (Collett) might try to sneak up on me."

### Records Galore

On an ideal 85 degree night, most records fell so regularly they became almost monotonous.

Olympic high hurdle champion Willie Davenport stepped to a 13.5 clocking, equaling a 15-year-old record set by Dick Atlessey of USC. It is the oldest record on the West Coast Relays books.

Mark Marro buried the javelin 275-0, five inches shy of his best this year, but well past Frank Covey's Relays record.

Two distance runners, two-miler Jack Bachelor of Florida Track Club and steeple chaser Kerry Pearce of Texas (El Paso), lowered marks in their events to 8:31.8 and 8:47.6, respectively.

Although he was wobbling in the stretch, USC freshman Edsel Garrison won the open 440 in 48 flat, lowering Uta Williams' 46.2 set in 1955.

Outstanding non-record setting winners included the Sirders' Ron Whitney with a 59.5 intermediate hurdle; UCLA's Dick Hainback with a 17-8 pole vault; and Kansas' Karl Salf with a 63-1 shot put.

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The Wildcats' Larry James and UCLA's Collett started the final lap dead even, but James' 45 flat outdistanced Collett's 45.5.

Three national 20 records were also set. Henry Hines of Sacramento long jumped 36-2 3/4 to cross Ernie Shelby from the record book. Ernie jumped 36-1 1/4 for Pierce back in 1956. Four Oakland high

school products ran 40.3 for Merritt in the 440 relay, while Bakersfield's Robert Reader triple jumped 50-00 3/4 to equal the record made in 1960 by Mahoney Samuels of Foot-Hill.

As a final flip to the 43rd West Coast Relays, Carlos was named athlete of the meet. It was the fourth consecutive meet the big guy has been so honored.

### SPRINTER-COLLEGIATE DIVISION

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