

Parrots' Gasper Sets Jumping Mark Again

By Bob Hughes

Polytechnic, picking up ten points and a new record in the meet-closing high jump, successfully defended its All City track and field championship yesterday at Kezar.

The record and five of the points were contributed by Wilfred Gasper, who cleared 6-4½, three-quarters of an inch over the old mark.

Thus Poly finished with 57½ points, somewhat less than expected but more than enough to dispose of Balboa, 47½, and Washington, 43½.

Though Balboa led throughout the meet until the relay, which immediately preceded the high jump, Poly's victory in the relay precluded any hopes the Bucs or Eagles had of an upset.

For Poly's high jumpers were money in the bank. Earlier in the week, during the trials, Gasper and teammate Jack Tillman nudged the previous record of 6-3¼ by ¼ inch. It was only a question of how many points they would score, and thereby how much Poly would win by.

Washington, which has won lightweight titles practically since the beginning of time (actually, every year since 1949) took the 130s by 23 points over second place Poly and the 120s by 12½ points over the Parrots.

In addition to the high jump, here are the records that came out of the meet:

Varsity

440—Carlos Tan of St. Ignatius tied Grover Klemmer's :49.2 standard in the trials.

130s Division

70-Yard High Hurdles—Ray Herrick of Poly lowered the mark one-tenth of a second with a :09.5 win; he had tied John Cressa's record in the trials.

Pole Vault—Thomas Colton of S. I. cleared a record 11-6¼ in the trials.

Broad Jump—Richard Atkins of Washington leaped 22-4¼, bettering a mark of 21-9 that had stood since 1941.

880 Relay — Washington lowered the record of 1:34.8.

120s Division

660-Yard Run — Charles Lyons of Balboa came through with 1:28.1.

220-Yard Run — Adrian Buoncristiani of S. I. brought it down to :22.9.

The best race of the meet could have resulted in still another varsity record but instead ended before the finish. This was the mile, in which Washington's Bob Hammond slowed to a walk after breaking Lowell's Ed Chavez on the final turn. Although he almost came to a stop at one time and did little more than walk at other times in the last 80 yards, Hammond was timed in 4:32.1. The record, which has stood since 1941, is 4:29.6.

SUMMARIES

- 130 EXPONENT DIVISION**
70-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Herrick P. Norton B, Bush Lo, Verza B, Fromme P, :09.5 (meet record; old record of :09.6 set in 1955 by Cressa Balboa and tied by Herrick in 1956 trials).
880-YARD RUN—Gripenburg P, Funke Li, Jones W, Silverstein W, Stroughter B, 2:06.6.
POLE VAULT—Tie for first among Colton SI, Sharp P and Castle W, Smith P, tie for fifth between Kennedy W and Norris W, 10-6. (Colton set record of 11-6¼ in trials).
100—Mack W, Tank Li, Hollins W, Sirles P, Kelleher Lo, :10.3.
BROAD JUMP—Atkins W, Wilson W, Verza B, Meyers P, Norton B, 22-4¼ (meet record, old record of 21-9 set by Brock of Galileo in 1941).
440-YARD RUN—Wilson W, Oddone Lo, Williams B, Toorlomer Lo, Brimble Li, :53.9.
120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Atkins W, Lipkins P, Bass Li, Griffin W, Johnson W, :14.2.
SHOT PUT—Johnson W, Wiley W, Caranica Lo, Bobrow W, Pimental Li, 54-4.
220-YARD RUN—Curtis Lo, Smith SI, Ernst Li, Franklin P, Carr W, :23.1.
880-YARD RELAY—Washington, Lincoln, Polytechnic, Balboa, St. Ignatius, 1:34.8 (meet record; old record for four turns of 1:35.2 set by Polytechnic in 1955).
HIGH JUMP—Tie for first among Hamilton P, Sirles P, Carr W, and Laws M, tie for fifth between Kornfield Lo and Howard P, 5-10.
FINAL SCORES—Washington 60½, Polytechnic 37½, Lincoln 20, Lowell 18½, Balboa 16, Mission 3½.
- 120 EXPONENT DIVISION**
660-YARD RUN—Lyons B, Escove Li, Judkins B, Contini P, Marques P, 1:28.1 (meet record; old record of 1:28.7 set by Takeshita of Washington in 1955).
SHOT PUT—Jackson Lo, Parker G, Cumaguan W, Mollikides Li, Truffa P, 47-9.
100—Jenkins P, Michael W, Holland W, Williams M, Nicolai M, :10.6.
120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Stokes W, Cooper W, Harp P, Canas M, Bowkar P, :14.6.
HIGH JUMP—Tie for first between Mathis W and Fields W, Jenkins P, tie for fourth between Wise M and Hearne W, 5-9½.
220-YARD RUN—Buoncristiani SI, Jenkins P, Fields W, Austin W, DiMaggio G, :22.9 (meet record; old record of :23.0 set by Adachi of Lowell in 1953).
BROAD JUMP—Austin W, DiMaggio G, Buoncristiani SI, Moore P, Jenkins P, 22-10¼.
880-YARD RELAY—Polytechnic, Washington, Balboa, Lowell, Mission, 1:36.6.
FINAL SCORES: Washington 40½, Polytechnic 28, Balboa 14, Galileo 9, St. Ignatius 8, Mission 7½, Lowell 7, Lincoln 6.
- Varsity Division**
120 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Cressa B, Nichols B, Bell P, Grimes P, Cooper B, :15.4.
DISCUS—Lewis Li, Neathery B, Rislow B, Holbrook Li, Robertson B, 140-10¼.
BROAD JUMP—McPherson W, Burton W, Bridges P, Cobb P, Ito B, 23-2.
880 YARD RUN—Barrett SI, Young Lo, Victorine B, Ward P, Bondshu, W, 2:02.5.
100—Blanchard P, Nasser Li, Cobb P, tie for fourth between DeVincenzi SI and Waterfield W, :10.2.
440 YARD RUN—Tan SI, Murly W, Pinckney B, Allan P, Graves B, :50.0. Tan tied in trials meet record of :49.2 set by Klemmer of Galileo in 1939).
180 YARD LOW HURDLES—Cooper B, Thomas W, Graves B, Bell P, Cressa B, :19.9.
SHOT PUT—Lewis Li, Shields W, Morgan Li, Manns G, Neathery B, 56-5.
220 YARD RUN—Blanchard P, Murry W, Cobb P, Nasser Li, Barrett SI, :21.8.
MILE RUN—Hammond W, Chavez Lo, Boyd B, Kane P, Feldman W, 4:32.1.
POLE VAULT—Gasper P, tie for second between Wise B and Dawson P, tie for fourth between Shoaf Lo and Overstreet Li, 12-0.
1320 RELAY—Polytechnic, Balboa, Washington, St. Ignatius, Lincoln, 2:19.0.
HIGH JUMP—Gasper P, McGee W, tie for third between Tillman P and Bridges P, Thomas B, 6-4½ (meet record; old record of 6-3¼ set by Gasper and Tillman of Poly in trials).
FINAL SCORES—Polytechnic, 57½, Balboa, 47½, Washington, 43½, Lincoln, 23½, St. Ignatius, 16½, Lowell, 9½, Galileo, 2.

Hammond set the pace after the first lap. Just before the finish of the third lap, Chavez pulled even and the two fought it out around the first turn, down the backstretch and into the last turn. Then Chavez found he could no longer maintain the pace and fell back some 10 yards. Coming out of the turn Hammond looked back to see where his foe was and, seeing he had beaten his man, slowed down.

"He was just racing Chavez," coach Lou Vasquez said. "He could have had the record if he wanted it."

The 1320-yard relay was, from start to finish, a thriller. Poly led most of the way but, on the fourth lap, Balboa pulled even. The lead went back and forth on the fifth lap. Herb Blanchard took over on the sixth lap to win by 12 yards.

Blanchard won both sprints—the 100 in :10.2 and the 220 in :21.7—going away. Blanchard, along with Gasper who also won the pole vault at 12-0, thus were double winners two years in a row.

Lincoln's Mike Lewis won the discus at 140-10¼ and the shot put at 56-5. John Cressa of Balboa captured the high hurdles in :15.4 and teammate Claude Cooper the low hurdles in :19.9. Gaynell McPherson of Washington took the broad jump with a 23-2 leap that stood up from the trials.

Steve Barrett of S. I. won the half mile in 2:02.5 while Tan took the 440 in :50.0. Barrett, who was out of several meets early in the season, won handily. Tan, of course, was all by himself.

All varsity winners qualified for the State meet at Chico June 2.