

# North Coast Track

## Groth 4:24.8

## Victor in Mile

By Al Moss

Morgan Groth turned it on in the last 200 yards to ease away from the field for a 4:24.8 mile victory in the North Coast Section I track meet at Antioch yesterday, a meet that was otherwise highlighted more by the failures than the successes.

The long-striding Groth, with a best of 4:21.7, took the lead after two laps, ran easily in the chilly wind for another 660 yards, then burned out the fine field with a last lap of approximately 60 seconds.

No varsity meet records were broken on the cold, wet and windy track, and Tom Stevens of Menlo School turned in the only other decent time by upsetting a top low hurdles field in :19.8.

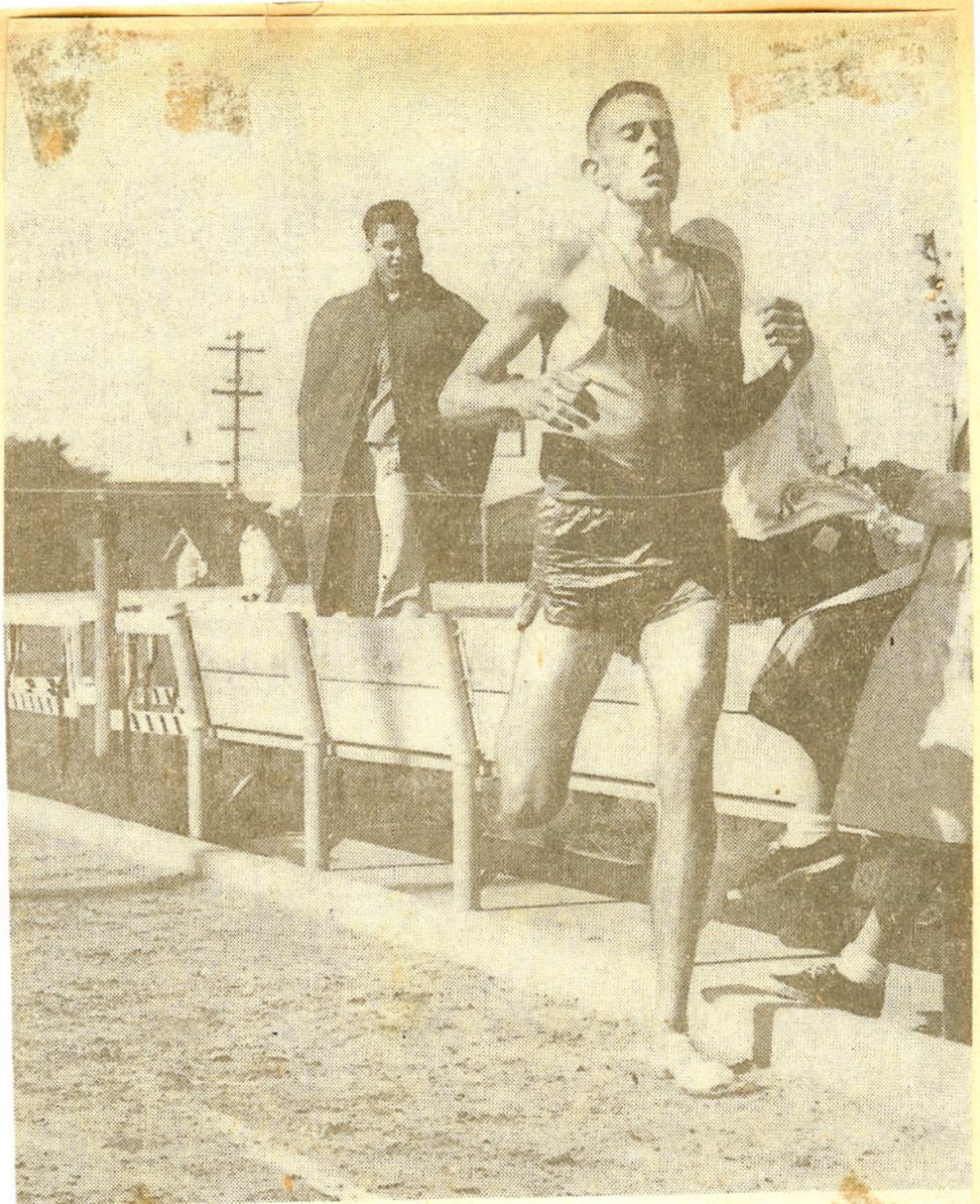
Chief among those failing to qualify for next Saturday's North Coast finals at Berkeley were Bill Hefter, Piedmont's :09.6 sprinter who aggravated a pulled muscle while finishing out of the money in the 100 and scratched from the 220; Henry Lawson of Pittsburg, rated among Northern California's first low hurdlers, who ran a badly-beaten seventh; Richmond's Bob Hartfield, with a best of :19.2, who also was eliminated in the lows; and Charles Booth of El Cerrito, a :21.5 220-man and 23-5½ broad jumper, who had the flu and was unable to participate.

### Prep Track

- 120 HH—Cansler (Rich.), Ford (Clay. Val.), Esslinger (PH), Brown (Ten.), Reining (Arroyo), :14.9.  
880 — Fitzpatrick (Hay.), Hoover (Pied.), McGrath (Clay. Val.), Ballard (Ells), Fitzgerald (Ells), 2:00.4.  
100—Harris (Rich.), Caldwell (Mir.), McInerney (Pacifica), Rinne (Acal.), Corina (Berk.), :10.2.  
440—Gentry (PH), Couchesne (EC), Hogan (Pied.), Hobbs (Berk.), Snekvik (Clay. Val.), :50.2.  
180 LH — Stevens (Menlo), Brown (Ten.), Rogers (Ells), Ford (Clay. Val.), Straughter (EC), :19.8.  
220—Harris (Rich.), Rinne (Acal.), Armstrong (Liver.), Fitzpatrick (Hay.), Couchesne (EC), :22.3.  
1 Mile—Groth (Alham.), R. Cooper (Clay. Val.), Deubner (Mir.), Neveu (Ant.), Smith (DeAnza), 4:24.8.  
880 Relay—Richmond, Pittsburg, Acalanes, San Leandro, Pleasant Hill, 1:30.4.  
BJ—Lawson (Pitt.), Mitchell (Pitt.), Agrusa (Berk.), Kirby (Berk.), Beckman (Swett), 22-6½.  
SP—Mallory (EC), O'Brien (DeAnza), Dornsife (Acal.), tie between Zecher (Ala.) and Bray (PH), 58-7½.  
Discus—Mallory (EC), Marsh (EC), Wyndham (S. Lor.), Black (EC), Young (MD), 157-11¼.  
HJ—James (Enc.), tie among Toner (Ant.), LaPray (Hay.), Esslinger (PH), Rilliet (Pied.) and Patterson (Berk.), 6-2.  
PV—Tie among Stulgis (Enc.), Connor (Pitt.) and Slapar (Pitt.), tie between Berger (Pied.) and Jones (DeAnza), 12-6.

FINAL SCORES: Richmond 32, El Cerrito 30, Pittsburg 28½, Clayton Valley 16, Pleasant Hill 14¼, Encinal 13½, Acalanes 13, Hayward 11¼, Piedmont 9¼, Berkeley 8, Alhambra 8, Menlo 8, Miramonte 8, DeAnza 7, Tennyson 7, Ells 6, Antioch 3¼, Pacifica 3, Livermore 3, San Lorenzo 3, San Leandro 2, Alameda 1½, John Swett 1, Mt. Diablo 1, Arroyo 1.

CLASS B SCORES: Berkeley 33, Encinal 32¼, Richmond 27, Castro Valley 23, Antioch 16¼, Pleasant Hill 16, Pittsburg 12½, Mt. Diablo 12, San Lorenzo 11, Alameda 8, Clayton Valley 8, El Cerrito 6½, Miramonte 6, Alhambra 5½, Albany 5, De Anza 5, Pacific 4, Del Valle 3, Ells 3, Tennyson 2, San Rafael Military 2, Arroyo 2, John Swett 1½, San Leandro 1½, Hayward 1.



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**MORGAN GROTH OF ALHAMBRA HIGH WINS MILE RACE**  
Time of 4:24.8 recorded on four-lapper in prep meet held in Antioch

# Reprieve for Gaucho Relay Team

El Cerrito High's 880 relay team is back in business.

Bumped out of further competition in last week's ACAL-HAL meet because of an exchange violation, the Gauchos lost any chance of bettering the school record of 1:29.5. But, as in many of these heartbreak stories, there's a happy ending.

Gaucho Rich Glasspool, a hurdler who runs more on fortitude rather than great natural ability, grabbed a fourth place in the 120 highs on his never quit spirit. But Wilfred Brown of Tennyson, a victim of that trigger-happy starter, got left in the blocks and never did catch up with the flying pack. It was one of the tragedies of that meet, since Brown is a 14.4 man.

After sleeping on it, Glasspool, a 15.3 man, went up to Coach Hale Roach. "Say, Coach," he started, "I'd like to give up my spot in the highs to that guy Brown from Tennyson. I know he can go all the way to the North Coast. I just don't feel I'm that good and I hate to see a guy like Brown robbed of that chance."

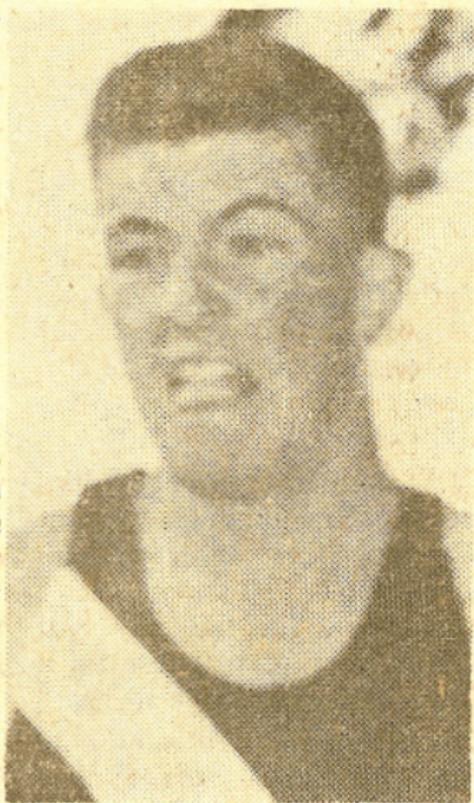
Roach, of course, was quite overcome by such graciousness. The judgment — and a difficult one — was strictly Rich's. The highs was the only event in which he qualified. Being a senior, that meant the end of the road and his track career at El Cerrito High.

But—we're not finished, yet—there is justice, Horace.

After Coach Roach (Beautiful sound) informed Tennyson of Glasspool's offer, James Underhill, Lancer track coach, was so elated that he immediately relinquished Tennyson's place in the 880 relay to El Cerrito.

So, at Antioch today in the North Coast Section Division I meet, the Gaucho foursome went after a qualifying spot for the NCS finals next Saturday at Cal. The quartet includes Charles Booth, Al Courchesne, Kent Bousfield and Al Copher.

And if the Gaucho fellows happen to make it to the State Meet, you can bet they'll see to it that Rich Glasspool comes along.



**RICH GLASSPOOL**