

# The Super Chief Was On Time!

By LON CARLSTON

The Super Chief was on time.

George Alfaro of Pittsburg High, dubbed "Super Chief" by his teammates, roared out of the pack to beat favored Greg Jones of Long Beach Poly in the 380 yesterday and highlight the 50th annual California Interscholastic Federation High School track and field meet.

A cheering crowd of 12,000 at Cal's Edwards Stadium watched intently as Jones set a blistering pace (52.8 for the first 440) only to fall a foot short to the determined Pirate junior in 1:52.3.

"I never knew he was there," said Jones after the race, "and when I finally saw him he was past me and we hit the tape."

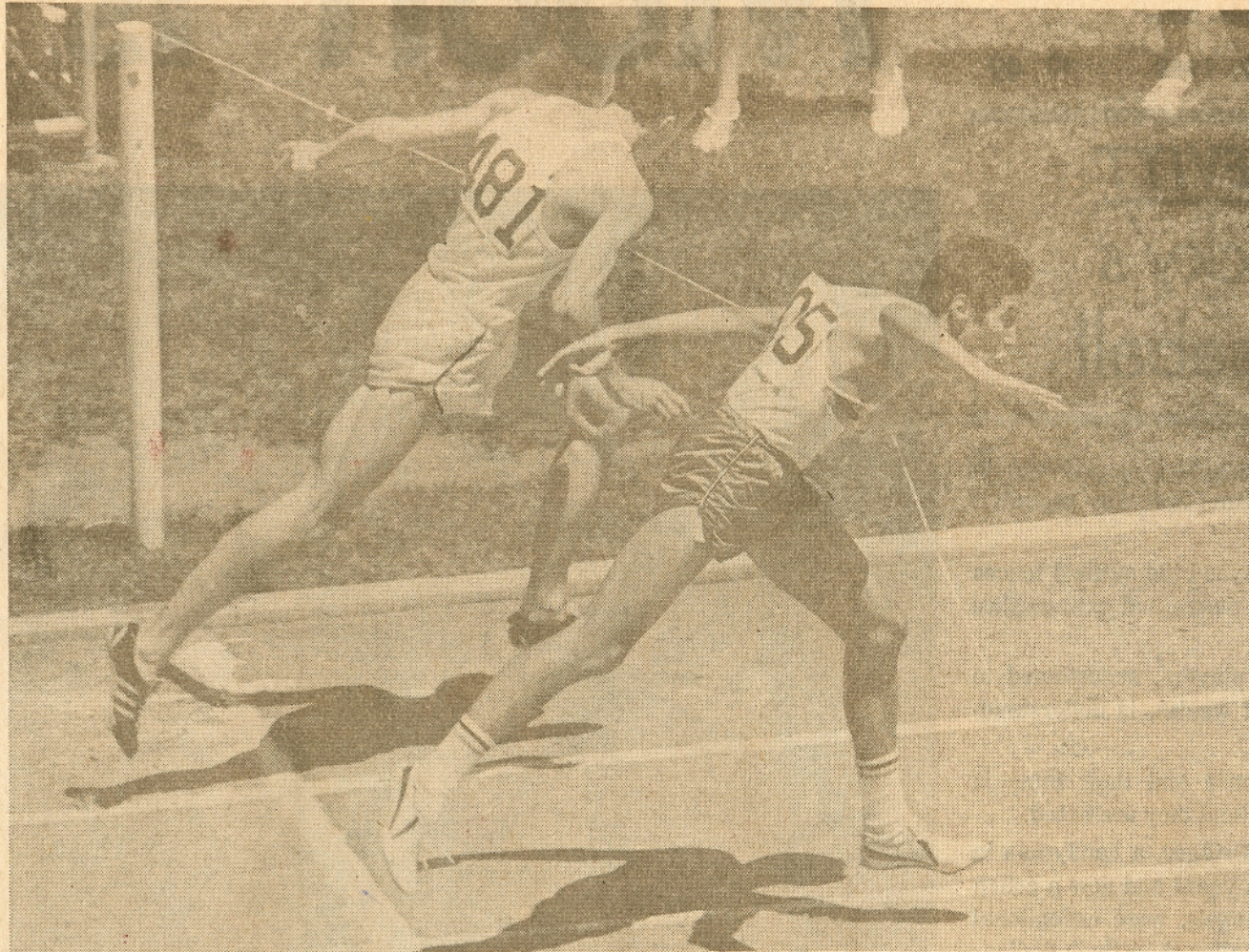
Jones, who came into the meet with the top season mark of 1:50.6, appeared to be trying for the national record when he broke away from the pack early to lead by as much as 30 yards.

Later he said that he was only trying for a good time and that when the crowd began cheering he thought it was for him rather than the fast-closing Alfaro.

"He was so quiet I didn't even hear him," said the disbelieving Poly runner. "I thought the closest guy to me was 10 yards back and then all of a sudden everything was lost."

"It was a perfect pace," related Alfaro said, "and I ran it like I wanted to. I think that I caught him (Jones) by surprise but I really expected more of a kick from him."

Alfaro said he wanted to run



**GEORGE ALFARO (RIGHT) OF PITTSBURG GIVES EASTBAY ONLY WIN IN STATE MEET AT CAL**

He edges favored Greg Jones of Long Beach Poly in the half-mile with 1:52.3 clocking after a strong finish

1:51.0 this season but that the state 380 crown was even better.

"Next year I would like to better the national record (1:48.8 by Richard Joyce of Sierra, Whittier, 1965). That's my goal, 1:48.7."

Ygnacio Valley shotputter

Rolin Luka twice raised his all-time Eastbay leading mark in that event only to lose out to Pete Schmock of San Dieguito in Encinitas on Schmock's final throw.

Luka, who led qualifiers on Friday with a 62-7¼ toss, threw 62-10¼ on his second at-

tempt and raised it to 63-½ on his fourth toss after Schmock upped his best to 62-10½.

Schmock, a 6-2, 240-pounder, pumped the 12-pound ball out 63-11 on his last toss while Luka's final throw sailed 62-1½.

"I finally relaxed," said

Schmock of his winning effort. "I had been too nervous. Luka is a great competitor and I was lucky to come back and win."

"It was the mark of a champion," Luka said of Schmock's come-from-behind effort. "I knew he would do it.

The pressure was on him and it was a real fine put.

"I won't gripe about second place, though," said Luka smiling. "I'm happy to hit 63 feet."

Edesel Garrison, who led Centennial of Compton to the team title, was named the meet's outstanding track athlete.

After finishing second in the 100-yard dash, Garrison came back with a vengeance to capture the 440 in a state meet record-tying 46.7.

Actually Garrison's clocking rates better than the same 46.7 time posted by Jerry White of Concoran in 1956 since White's time was around one turn, while Garrison's was around two.

The powerful Garrison returned to anchor the Centennial mile relay team to a 3:14.3 clocking with a sizzling 46.6 leg. The mark was an automatic CIF and stadium prep record since the mile relay is a new event.

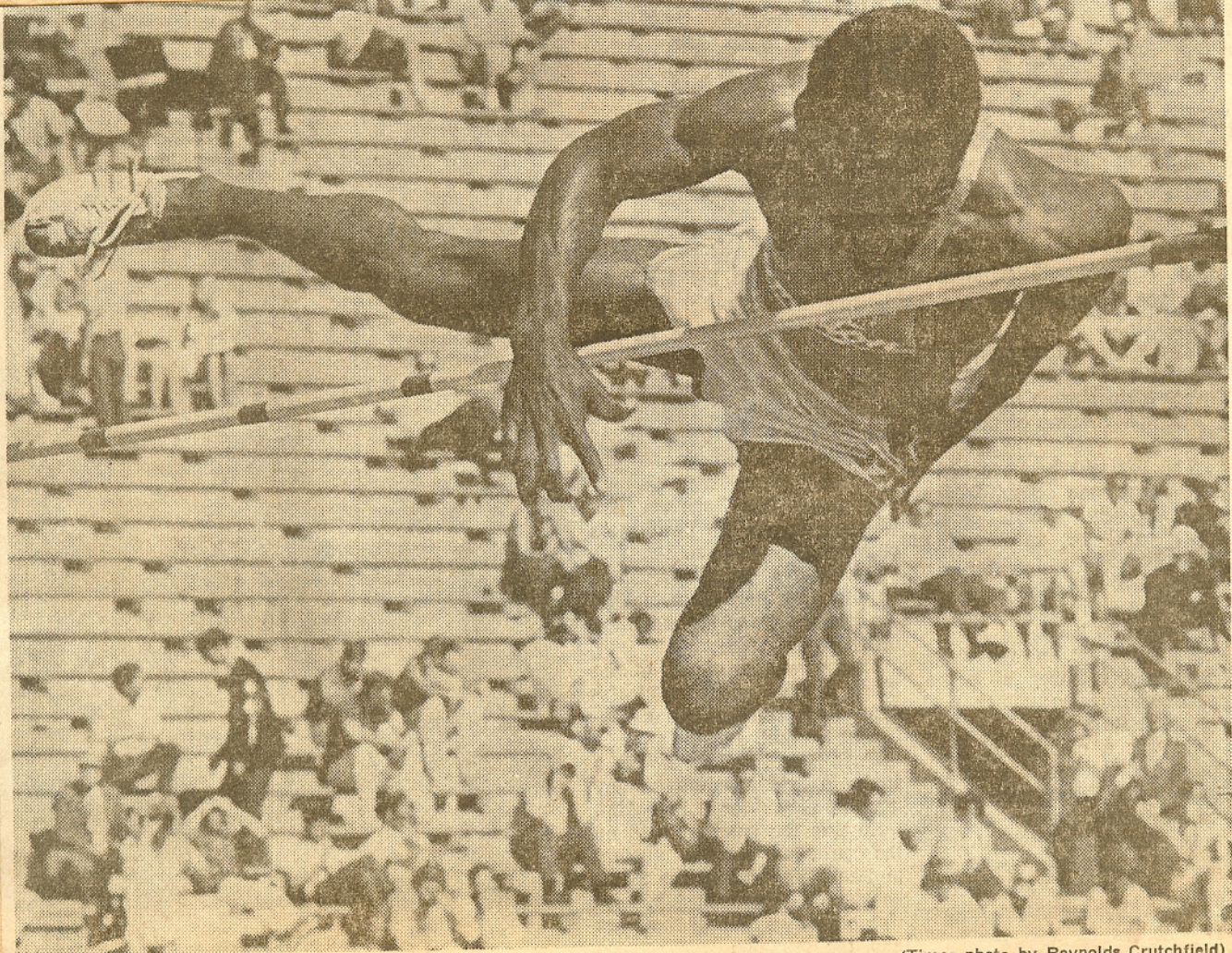
"I was mad after losing the 100," Garrison said after completing his busy day. "I felt real strong in the open 440 and I was determined to run until I couldn't go any more."

He almost had to as Andy Young of Long Beach Jordan clocked 47.0 and third place Larence Jones of Lemoore 47.4.

Coach William Gill, who guided Centennial to its third state title in 15 years, was exuberant over his team's victory.

"We said he (Garrison) was an iron man and he proved it, didn't he? What can I say? Edesel did it all."





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## Closing in on a national record

High jumper Reynaldo Brown, a junior, cleared seven feet on this jump in the State Meet in Berkeley. He tried three jumps at what would have been a new prep record, 7-11/2, but barely missed clearing the height.



## By STEVEN SINGER

Little Arvid Kretz of Mills High School gutted his way to a sixth place finish in the two mile at the 50th annual California State track and field championships held yesterday at University of California's Edward's Field.

Kretz was the sole member of the North County contingent to place in scoring events and South San Francisco's Russ Cottrell and Ashland Whitfield and San Mateo's Jim Lydon failed to qualify in Friday night's trials.

Centennial of Compton won the team title of the meet, staged before 10,000 sun-drenched spectators.

**CENTENNIAL** totaled 26 points, well in front of second place Compton with 13, followed by Dorsey, Roosevelt, and Whittier, each with nine.

Compton high jumper Renaldo Brown, state meet victor at 6-9½ last year as a sophomore, soared 7-0 to exceed the established national interscholastic high jump record held by Clarence Johnson at 6-11½.

For his performance Brown was honored as the outstanding field performer in the 1968 State meet.

**KRETZ RACED** to a lifetime best 9:10.9 after keeping with the leaders for the entire race. Halfway through the final lap, the game distance ace, running in third position, gave way to two southern California runners Ruben Chappin of Excelsior, Norwalk, won in 9:05.7.

Steve Sofos of Burlingame, who had the ninth best qualifying mark in the two mile, placed 20th in a slow 9:48.4, well off his best of 9:14.4.

Two El Camino runners, Ernie Dawson and Ric Cano, placed second and fourth respectively in the exhibition 2,000 meter steeplechase reserved for runners of the host Central Coast Section.

**CENTENNIAL** of Compton, favored to win the team title, jumped out toward that goal with a sizzling 41.5 victory in the 440 relay, followed by Castle-mont of Oakland.

Moments later, Jim Penrose of Carlmont, picked to win the discus, hit "only" 183-3, good for third place behind Rory Kenward of San Marcos of Santa Barbara at 183-11. Penrose fouled on four of his six attempts.

Ironically, Kenward had thrown the discus in competition only once before.

**IN THE 330** intermediate hurdles and sprint medley, both exhibition events, Bob Cook of Aragon and the Burlingame medley team placed third and second respectively.

Cook strode to a 40.8 mark in the hurdles while the Panther team of Eugenia Amaya, Carl Dancoff, Dan Scott and Tom Whitehead raced to 3:35.8.

In the 100, Bob Ballard of Bellflower upset Centennial's Edesel Garrison in the fine time of 9.6.

Pittsburgh junior George Alfaro stormed through the final quarter of the 880 to win in 1:52.3.

**OTHER FINE** performances included a sensational two-turn 440 in 46.7 by Garrison and a 4:09.1 mile by Clifton West of Kennedy, Sacramento.

Garrison's quarter-mile equaled the best mark ever recorded in the 50 year history of the California Interscholastic Federation.

West came from ten yards out with 30 yards to go to dramatically edge Tom Davidson of El Cajon.

Garrison returned to anchor a 3:14.2 mile relay victory for Centennial with a leg of 46.6.

**THE REST** of the North County contingent, Ashland Whitfield and Russ Cottrell of South San Francisco and Jim Lydon of San Mateo, fell by the wayside in Friday's trials.

Cottrell, a veteran of last year's State meet, ran a relatively slow 10.3 in the 100 yard



# Brown Leaps Seven Feet

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for most of the Apaches' 26 points, and Brown were selected the meet's outstanding track and field performers respectively.

Pittsburg junior George Alfaro, moving up from sixth place in the backstretch, accounted for the Eastbay's lone victory and one of four for Northern California when he out-sprinted a surprised Greg Jones of Long Beach Poly to win the 880 in 1:52.3.

Brown's jump broke by two inches the former meet record

## In Constant Pain, Gage Still Jumps

"A profile in courage" is how Ygnacio Valley High School track and field coach Bob Giardina describes long jumper George Gage.

Despite advice to the contrary from his doctor, the Warrior senior has competed all year on a left foot which pains him on nearly every jump. The bones were crushed in a motorcycle accident last year.

At the 50th California Interscholastic Federation State track and field championships yesterday at Edwards Stadium, Gage was in such obvious excruciating pain that Giardina wanted to scratch him midway through the finals.

"If you do," the gutty blond replied, "I'll never speak to you again. I can't feel my toes, but it doesn't matter. I want to take my last two jumps."

At the time Gage, who is the Eastbay's second best prep jumper in history with a previous 24-4½, was fifth at 23-1½. After each jump he doubled up with the pain of his run and jarring impact in the pit.

On his next to last attempt Gage soared out to 23-11¾, good enough to finish fourth behind three healthy 24-footers.

His series included five 23-foot efforts. He had no fouls.

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set by a trio of 1966 performers. Garrison equaled the 440 standard set 12 years ago by Jerry White of Corcoran, who benefitted by having to run only one turn.

Centennial shattered its day-old mile relay mark with a 3:14.3, which is the best high school time in the country this year. Nipping Castlemont in the stretch, the Apaches also equaled their 41.5 440-relay record set in Friday's trials.

Three Eastbay records also fell by the wayside. Ygnacio Valley's strong-armed Rolin Luka, beaten on the final throw, put the shot 63 feet one-half inch; Buck Black of Pittsburg clocked 4:13.3 in the mile, and Castlemont's baton quartet finished a tick behind Centennial.

Busy Merced junior Heulon Hewitt long jumped 24-7, Kerry Hampton of San Francisco Poly took the high hurdles in 14-flat and Clifton West from Kennedy of Sacramento was an upset 4:09 mile winner for the other north-state firsts.

Compton, getting nine of its points in the high jump, finished second with 13. Dorsey of Los Angeles, led by 220 champ Willie Deckard, and Lowell of Whittier, paced by low hurdle winner Ron Hamley, tied Fresno Roosevelt for third with nine points.

Even the discus throw, long a north stronghold, went to a southerner. Rory Kenward of Santa Barbara's San Marcos, throwing in competition for only the second time this year, won at 183-11 when favored Jim Penrose of Carl-

mont fouled on four of his tosses.

Robert Richards from Bonita of Laverne, son of the 1952-56 Olympic pole vault champion, went three inches higher than his father's winning '56 Games height but lost on misses at 15-2½ to junior Steve Smith of South Torrance.

The first four finishers in the two-mile, all of them under 9:10, were juniors.

Alfaro completed his junior year undefeated in 28 races ranging in distance from 220 yards through the mile.

He stayed well off the pace, letting Jones clock a 52.8 first lap and 1:21.8 for 660 yards, before beginning to cut down the latter's 25-yard lead.

Alfaro then caught Jones 25 yards from the tape, passed him with 10 yards to go and lunged across the line for a thrilling victory. Both runners were given the same time, Alfaro's mark being just a 10th of a second slower than his best ever.

Luka deserved better than the runnerup spot, but Pete Schmock from San Dieguito of Encinitas bombed out to 63-11 on his final put.

Luka's fair throws were

62-10¼, 61-3, 63-0½, 60-8½, 60-11 and 62-1½. Schmock, who says he will attend Oregon University next year, had only two other puts over 60 feet.

Castlemont, passing beautifully, nearly beat Centennial in the 440 relay but anchor man Tom White was too much for the Knights.

Moving up from seventh place after the first lap, Black took over the mile lead at 660 yards and held it almost through the third lap before West and Davidson took over.

Black's fifth place time was 1.1 seconds better than the area standard by Morgan Groth of Alhambra in 1961. Luka and the Castlemont quartet bettered their own day-old records.

Billie Kidd of the Knights took a fourth in the 100 with his fourth 9.8 of the season. Bob Ballard of Bellflower, coming up on the outside to edge Garrison, won the race in 9.6.



# Centennial Wins State Track Meet

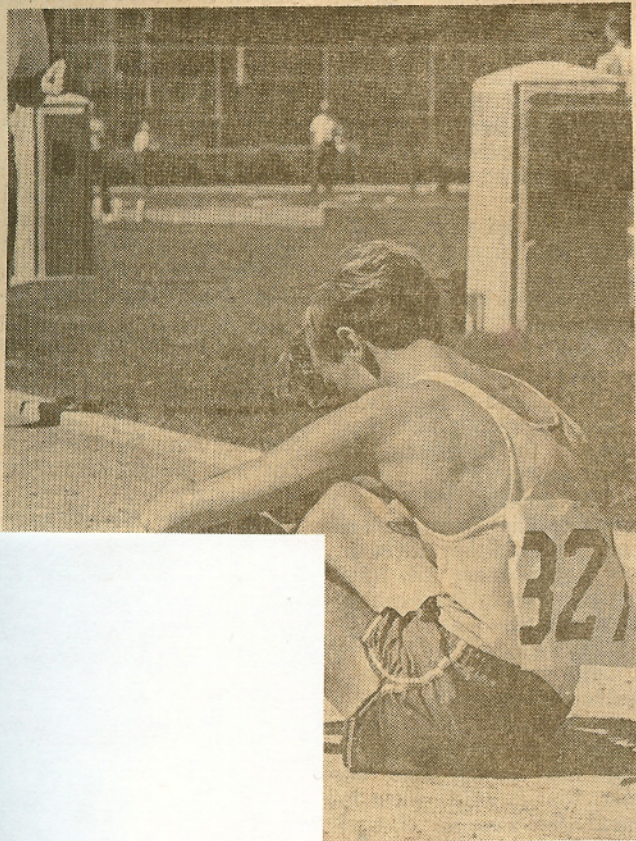
By ALAN McALLASTER

A seven-foot high jump and an ensuing near-miss at a national record 7-1½ by Reynaldo Brown of Compton climaxed the Centennial-dominated 50th California Interscholastic Federation state high school track and field championships at Edwards Stadium yesterday.

The attempts at a best-ever height by the defending champion junior kept most of the 12,000 spectators in their seats long after Edesel Garrison of Compton's Centennial had clocked 46.7 to become the state's fastest two-turn school-boy quarter miler of all time.

Garrison, who placed second in the 100-yard dash and came back with a 46.6 leg in a winning mile relay to account

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**THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL MILE FINISH IN THE STATE MEET**  
Clifton West (Kennedy Sacramento) joyfully wins race as Tom Davidson, El Cajon, makes futile effort



# Results of State Meet

## STATE CIF FINALS

440 relay—1. Centennial, Compton (Jack Hilbreth, Ronnie Graham, Vince Buford, Tom White), 41.5 (ties State CIF meet record set by Centennial in trials Friday); 2. Castlemont, 41.6; 3. Lincoln (San Diego), 41.7; 4. Dorsey (Los Angeles), 41.8; 5. Edison (Fresno), 42.0.

880—1. George Alfaro, Pittsburg, 1:52.3; 2. Greg Jones, Poly (Long Beach), 1:52.3; 3. Bob Langston, Millikan (Long Beach), 1:53.5; 4. Paul Williams, Huntington Beach, 1:53.6; 5. Dennis Foster, Folsom, 1:54.2. (Non-scorer: 7. Bill Boze, Clayton Valley, 1:54.7.)

Discus throw—1. Rory Kenward, San Marcos, 183-11; 2. Ralph Snow, Homestead (Sunnyvale), 182-7; 3. Jim Penrose, Carlmont, 181-3; 4. Doyle Nelms, Porterville, 169-8; 5. Steve McNaughton, McLane (Fresno), 168-1. (NS: 9. Tom Wilson, Amador, 165-1; 10. Jon Gledhill, Pacific, 158-2; 12. Jack Sitton, Antioch, 146-8.)

100—1. Bob Ballard, Bellflower, 9.6; 2. Edesel Garrison, Centennial (Compton), 9.8; 3. Ken Jones, South Bakersfield, 9.8; 4. Billie Kidd, Castlemont, 9.8; 5. Willie Deckard, Dorsey (L.A.), 9.9.

High hurdles—1. Kerry Hampton, Poly (San Francisco), 14.0; 2. Jerry Wilson, Roosevelt (Fresno), 14.0; 3. Ron Hamley, Lowell (Whittier), 14.1; 4. Don Tilley, Santa Ana, 14.3; 5. Dan Taylor, Mira Loma, 14.3.

Two-mile—1. Ruben Chappins, Excelsior (Norwalk), 9:05.7; 2. Richard Kash, Redlands, 9:06.0; 3. Fred Ritcherson, Salesian (L.A.), 9:07.8; 4. Ruben Majia, La Habra, 9:08.3; 5. Gary Mazziotti, Birmingham (Van Nuys), 9:10.2. (NS: Bill Rice, El Cerrito, 9:29.0; Stan Jennings, Skyline, 9:49.2; Frank Bautista, Logan, 9:55.0; Mike Brisbin, Pittsburg, 9:57.0.)

440—1. Edesel Garrison, Centennial (Compton), 46.7 (ties State CIF meet record by Jerry White, Corcoran, 1956); 2. Andy Young, Jordan (Long Beach), 47.0; 3. Larance Jones, Lemoore, 47.4; 4. Frank Hughes, Cupertino, 47.5; 5. John Smith, Fremont (L.A.), 47.8. (Disqualified: Lamont Jackson, Tech; 2 false starts.)

Pole vault—1. Steve Smith, South Torrance, 15-2½; 2. Robert Richards, Bonita (LaVerne), 15-2½; 3. Jim Cochran, El Cajon (San Diego), 14-10¾; 4. Leonard Herring, Compton, 14-10¾; 5. Steve Hardison, Roosevelt (Fresno), 14-0. (NS: Monti Stratton, Fremont and Kenny Kring, Pittsburg, failed to clear 13-6 opening height.)

220—1. Willie Deckard, Dorsey (L.A.), 21.7; 2. Tom White, Centennial (Compton), 21.8; 3. Ken Jones, South Bakersfield, 21.9; 4. Bob Reifer, Vanden, 22.0; 5. Brad Lyman, Los Altos, 22.1.

Shot put—1. Pete Schmock, San Dieguito (Encinitas), 63-11; 2. Rolin Luka, Ygnacio Valley, 63-0½; 3. Sam Cunningham, Santa Barbara, 60-5¼; 4. Lamar Anderson, Jordan (L.A.), 60-3¼; 5. Randy Wilkinson, Pacific (San Bernardino), 60-1¼. (NS: Jerry Grays, Pittsburg, had 4 fouls.)

Low hurdles—1. Ron Hamley, Lowell (Whittier), 18.8; 2. Jerry Wilson, Roosevelt (Fresno), 19.0; 3. Larry Craton, Oceanside, 19.1; 4. Richard Edwards, Compton, 19.1; 5. Kerry Hampton, Poly (S.F.), 19.2.

Long jump—1. Heulon Hewitt, Merced, 24-7; 2. Phil Quinet, Homestead (Sunnyvale), 24-5¾; 3. James Moore, San Diego, 24-4; 4. George Gage, Ygnacio Valley, 23-11¾; 5. Rick Ferguson, Merced, 23-10. (Scratched: Mike Lusk, Skyline.)

Mile—1. Clifton West, Kennedy (Sacramento), 4:09.0; 2. Tom Davidson, El Cajon (S.D.), 4:09.5; 3. Kalus Hofmann, St. Ignatius (S.F.), 4:11.1; 4. Manny Mahon, Lynbrook (San Jose), 4:12.3; 5. Buck Black, Pittsburg, 4:13.3. (NS: 8. Ray Thompson, Mt. Eden, 4:25.3.)

Mile relay—1. Centennial, Compton (Jack Hilbreth 49.5, Bob McCall 49.6, Vince Buford 48.6, Edesel Garrison 46.6); 3:14.3 (new State CIF meet record; old, 3:15.8, Centennial, in trials Friday); 2. Fremont (L.A.), 3:14.6; 3. Lincoln (San Diego), 3:15.5; 4. San Bernardino, 3:15.9; 5. Lemoore, 3:18.7. (NS: 7. Berkeley, 3:19.9.)

High jump—1. Reynaldo Brown, Compton, 7-0 (new State CIF record; old, 6-10, Tom Clyburn, Balboa, S.F.; Doug Huff, Lincoln, L.A. and William Morris, Compton, 1966; betters listed national interscholastic record of 6-11½ by Clarence Johnson, St. Peter Claver Academy, San Antonio, Tex., 1966); 2. Otis Haley, Wasco, 6-10; 3. Pat Bradford, Compton, 6-8; 4. Clyde Saddler, St. Ignatius, 6-8; 5. Luther Reagan, Jordan (Long Beach), 6-8. (NS: 9. Dave Fishbaugh, Castro Valley, 6-5; 11. Don Winrow, Fremont, 6-5.)

Team scores—Centennial (Compton) 26; Compton 13; Dorsey (L.A.), Lowell (Whittier) and Roosevelt (Fresno) 9; Homestead (Sunnyvale) 8; Pittsburg, Poly (S.F.), Merced and El Cajon (San Diego), 7.

6—Castlemont, Ygnacio Valley, Lincoln (San Diego), South Bakersfield, San Marcos, Bellflower, Excelsior (Norwalk), South Torrance, San Dieguito (Encinitas), Kennedy (Sacramento).

5—St. Ignatius (S.F.), Fremont (L.A.), Jordan (Long Beach).

4—Bonita, Lemoore, Poly (Long Beach), Redlands, Wasco.

3—Carlmont, Millikan (Long Beach), Oceanside, Salesian (L.A.), San Diego, Santa Barbara.

2—Cupertino, Huntington Beach, Jordan (L.A.), La Habra, Lynbrook (San Jose), Porterville, San Bernardino, Santa Ana Valley, Vanden.

1—Birmingham (Van Nuys), Edison (Fresno), Folsom, Los Altos, McLane (Fresno), Mira Loma (Sacramento), Pacific (San Bernardino).



# Centennial Had It Figured Out

By Tim Gartner

The six trackmen who comprised Centennial of Compton's winning team in the 50th annual California High School Track and Field Championships spent Friday night with Coach Bill Gill analyzing their chances.

They went so far as to write down how the meet might develop. Optimistically, they came up with Centennial winning all five events they entered.

Saturday, before 12,000 at Cal's Edwards Stadium, the Apaches nearly fulfilled their predictions. They won three events and captured seconds in the others for 26 points and their third team title in 14 years.

"We intended to win everything," star quarter-miler Edesel Garrison said, shaking his head in disappointment. Garrison, a 6-2, 185-pound senior headed for USC, personally accounted for 10 points, winning the 440 and placing second in the 100. He also anchored the winning mile relay team for six more points.

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Garrison shared individual honors with junior Reynaldo Brown, a 7-0 high jumper from cross-town rival Compton High. Garrison ran the fastest two-turn 440 in California, winning in 46.7. It equalled the one-turn mark by Jerry White of Corcoran in 1956.

Brown, who won the high jump last year at 6-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Saturday defeated National prep record-holder Otis Hailey of Wasco who went out after clearing 6-10. Brown's 7-0 erased the meet mark of 6-10 held by four others.

Brown now has a shot at becoming the first three-time winner since Les Steers of Palo Alto won three straight high jump titles in 1935-37.

Garrison powered to a 46.6 mark in the mile-relay. The Apaches got another win in the 440-relay in 41.5.

Garrison used an exhausting technique in the 440. "I just ran all out until I couldn't sprint any more. I didn't try to pace myself at all," he said.

Although Centennial followed the form chart to victory, others provided some surprises.

Kerry Hampton, muscular 17-year-old from San Francisco's Poly, captured the 120 high hurdles in 14.0, his personal best. "I thought I could win if I got a good start," Hampton said, then added, "I did." He became the first San Franciscan to win this event. Within an hour, he raced 19.2 in the 180 lows for fifth-place.

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Other outstanding San Francisco performances were recorded by two St. Ignatius athletes. Miler Klaus Hofmann took third with a personal best of 4:11.1 and high jumper Clyde Sadler grabbed fourth with an all-time best of 6-8.

The most thrilling races were the 880 and mile.

In the half, favored Greg Jones of Long Beach Poly wilted in the stretch as Pittsburg junior George Alfaro raced by to win in 1:52.3. Alfaro was behind by 30 yards and in seventh place at the 660-yard mark.

Miler Cliff West of Sacramento's Kennedy, with a 60.9 last quarter, nipped favorite Tom Davidson of El Cajon to win in 4:09.0. Davidson fell face first at the finish after leading the entire race.

This was a meet for juniors. In addition to the wins by Brown and Alfaro, Huelon Hewitt of Merced won the long jump at 24-7 and the first four finishers in the two-mile were juniors. Ruben Chappins from Excelsior of Norwalk won in 9:05.7.