

# Preps steal show in relays

WALNUT, Calif. (AP)—During the first day of each Mt. San Antonio College relays, 110 events are set aside for the high school, junior college and college athletes who come from all parts of the nation — but mostly from California.

Normally one of the college athletes steals the show.

But Friday night it was Whittier's Billy Sims, a senior who was the pre-meet favorite to win the 220, an event not nor-

mally run at the Mt. SAC meet but put in because Billy doesn't run the 100 often.

As expected, Sims grabbed the 220 in 21.4. Then came the fireworks.

He anchored his team's mile relay squad with a blazing 46.5 anchor lap 440 and the Lions ran 3:19, faster than some of the college teams.

Another high school boy, Fred Ritcherson of Salesian High in Los Angeles County, won the two-mile in 9:05.8 and Dave

White of El Modena High ran 9:06.8 back of him.

About 700 big-name athletes signed entry cards for today's open portion of the program.

Included were two 17-foot pole vaulters, Bob Beamon, the world record holder in the long jump, Olympic discus champ Al Oerter and a Speed City relay team from San Jose State that includes Olympians Ronnie Ray Smith, Lee Evans and John Carlos.

The San Jose squad an-

nounced earlier in the week it would try to eclipse into own world mark for the 880-yard relay—1:22.1. They've already run 1:22.7 this season.

Another predicted try for a world record fell far short on Friday night when a U.S. Army distance medley relay team of Dave Adkins, Jim Kemp, Tom Von Ruden and Bob Day ran only 9:42.4 in their attempt to beat the 9:33 set last week by Kansas. The Army team got a 2:57.1 time for the 1,320 by

Von Ruden and a 4:04.4 mile by Day but it wasn't enough.

Discus — 1, Powell, San Jose State, 179-11. 2, Kirkwood, Long Beach State, 164-4. 3, Johnson, San Diego State, 159-0.

440 relay, Invitational — 1, Fresno Pacific (Salles, Farmer, Davis, Veal) 41.1. 2, UC Santa Barbara, 41.7. 3, Northern Arizona, 42.3.

Sprint medley relay, invitational — 1, Long Beach State (Carlson, Edelstein, Nelson, Ricke) 3:25.6. 2, Pacific, 3:26.1. 3, Pepperdine, 3:28.2.

High school two-mile — 1, Fred Ritcherson, Salesian, 9:05.8. 2, Dave White, El Modena, 9:06.8. 3, Tom Keefer, Anaheim, 9:10.2.

Pole vault — 1, Ellett, Santa Ana, 15-0. 2, Jeff Sakala, Piercd, 15-0. 3, Scot Cryder, Mesa, Ariz., junior college, 15-0.