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Wilson, who had bests this year of 13.8 in the 120 high hurdles and 18.7 in the lows, skimmed to 13.7 and 18.5 times in winning both of his hurdle heats.

His 13.7 mark equalled the State Meet record set by Jerry Proctor of Pasadena Muir in 1967. Wilson's 18.5 was better than the listed mark of 18.7, but officials said that record was achieved around one turn. Wilson ran his on a straightaway where the record is 18.2.

Jones sprinted to the fastest 440 time, 47.8, which equaled his season best. He came back in the 180 low hurdles and won his heat in 18.7.

Jones wasn't through, however. He anchored Lemoore's mile relay team to third place (qualifying for the finals) with a superlative 46.2 leg.

Not counting the two-mile, in which no trials were held, San Francisco got three individuals into the finals. Washington sprinter John Pettus qualified with a third place in the 100 at 9.7, and with a second-place finish in the 220 at 21.8 Pettus' teammate, miler Willie Eashman, qualified with a second place time of 4:16.0.

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The two mile final was slated for today. There were no trials and 27 runners were scheduled to go to the post.

Carlmont's Chris Carey was favored to fare well after a disappointing last place finish in the 1968 meet in Berkeley. Fremont's Jack Larson is also entered.

Field marks recorded Friday did not carry over to today's finals. The discus record of 189-1 was figured to be the first mark to be broken today.

In the high jump Vince Retto of Capuchino cleared 6-4, a lifetime best, to qualify for the finals.