

Top High School Athletes Compete at Golden West Invitational

By Fred Baer

Strong double trimups by hurdlers Joanna Hayes and Deworski Odom were four of the top performances thrilling nearly 6,000 fans at the Golden West Invitational national high school championships June 10th at American River College in Sacramento.

Hayes, of North Riverside (Calif.) defended her 100 meter hurdles title in 13.3 seconds, then came back with a 40.81 in the 300 hurdles to edge frosh nemesis Char Foster (40.99) of Central Catholic, Clearwater, Fla. They became the third and fourth prep athletes to break 41 seconds—behind Olympian Leslie Maxie (40.18 for Mills, Millbrae, Calif., 1984) and Janeen Vickers (40.26 for Pomona, Calif., 1987).

"I haven't been pushed like that before," said the UCLA-bound Hayes when asked about her time.

But Foster, as an eighth-grader, had beaten Hayes for the USATF National Junior 400 hurdles crown in 1994 and they expect to duel again in two weeks at the 1995 Junior (under age 20) meet at Mt. San Antonio College.

Odom, from Overbrook, Philadelphia, won the 110 meter hurdles into the wind in 13.68 over national pacesetter Mike Price of Tyler, Texas, then triumphed in the 100 meters in 10.48, into the wind. (Odom was the U.S. prep 100 leader for 1994 at 10.26 and is ranked third this year at 10.44.)

The featured mile races had potent winners from the Pacific Association: junior Michael Stember of Jesuit (Carmichael, Calif.) for the boys, in 4:08.51, and sophomore Julia Stamps of Santa Rosa for the girls, a meet record of 4:48.08, to beat Lori Riedy (4:56.39) of Mission San Jose (Fremont).

Stember more than avenged an earlier loss to national 1,500 meter leader Seneca Lassiter of Lafayette (Williamsburg, Va.) by getting on a burst with 600 meters to go that left the field in his wake.

Boys 800 victor Aaron Richberg of Logan (Union City, Calif.) was happy to finish his season with back-to-back major triumphs at the California championships and here (in 1:49.72). He had upset junior class national record holder Michael Granville of Bell Gardens (the national 800 leader with a 1:47.96) at the state meet a week earlier.

Girls 800 champ Hazel Clark of Columbia (Maplewood, N.J.) has just begun to run. The sister of all-time U.S. great Joetta Clark had taken the U.S. lead two days earlier at the New Jersey state meet in 2:07.14. Here she ran away from defending champ and previous leader Kristie Johnson of Central (Fresno) at the outset and finished in 2:05.50—the second best prep time in a decade.

Melissa Price of Kingsburg, Calif., will be coming back for the nationals as the reigning USA indoor and outdoor champion. She won the GWI women's pole vault handily at 12-2 but failed to raise her American women's record an inch to 12-7.

In the boys 400, Obea Moore of Muir (Pasadena) used the endurance that has made him the No. 2 all-time sophomore at 800 meters (1:49.16) to catch Desmond Johnson of St. Augustine (New Orleans) at the tape by .01, in 45.88—the fastest race of the year.

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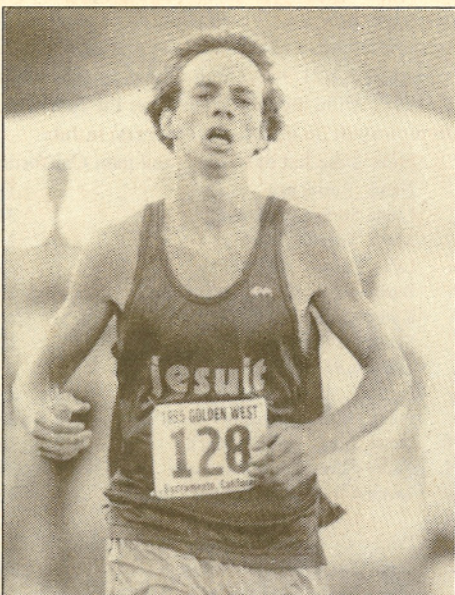


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Michael Stember, winning the 1500

Reid of Greenbelt, Md., took the season outdoor lead with her 52.77 triumph. Former 400 leader Angela Williams of Chino (53.40), just a freshman, posted upset triumphs in the 100 (12.02) and 200 (24.0)—with Reid third in the furlong race.

Shane Stewart of Everman, Texas, added 11 inches to his boys pole vault best to triumph at 17-0.

Other Pacific Association winners were junior long jumper Jernae Wright of Logan (Union City), the national leader who leaped 20-9 1/4 on her last effort, and shot putter Christine Etuale of Jefferson (Daly City), whose 46-2 effort topped state champion and rival Rebecca Morrison (44-8) of Presentation (San Jose).

Special Awards:

The Governor's Trophy, outstanding male athlete: Deworski Odom. The Camellia Award, outstanding female athlete: Joanna Hayes. The Maree Rodebaugh Award, most inspirational athlete: Shane Stewart.

MEET RESULTS

Boy's 100 meters 1 Deworski Odom 10.48, Philadelphia PA; 2 Trevor Rush 10.58, Panama City FL; 3 Terry Samms 10.76.

Boy's 110 high hurdles 1 Deworski Odom, 13.68; 2 Rodrigues Pfister 13.99, Washington, DC; 3 Johnny Love 14.18 Orlando, FL.

Boy's 200 meters 1 Trevor Rush 21.38; 2 Bobby Williams 21.50; 3 Jerome Young 21.74.

Boy's 300 intermediate hurdles 1 Rodrigues Pfister 36.65; 2 Johnny Love 37.49; 3 Mike Price 37.98.

Boy's 3200 meters 1 Antonio Arce 9:04.13, Palmdale CA; 2 Billy Harper 9:04.42, Junction City, OR; 3 Andy Begley 9:09.13, Topeka, IN.

Boy's 400 meters 1 Obea Moore 45.88, South Pasadena, CA; 2 Jerome Young 45.89, Hartford, CT; 3 Desmond Johnson 46.11, New Orleans, LA.

Boy's 4 x 100 meter relay 1 Buchholz 40.47, Gainesville, FL; 2 Waco 40.64, Waco, TX; 3 Galveston 40.73, Galveston, TX.

Boy's 800 meters 1 Aaron Richberg 1:49.72, Union City, CA; 2 Saeed Basweidan 1:50.42, Fork Union,

VA; 3 Matt Kalwinsky 1:50.63, Toms River, NJ.

Boy's discus 1 Ian Waltz 201'9; 2 Ben Lindsey 195'1, Lynnwood, WA; 3 Jim Roberts 190'3, Cleveland, TX.

Boy's high jump 1 Shane Lavy 7'0, Glasco, KS; 2 Kevin Dotson 6'10, Los Alamos, NM; 3 Alvin Barton 6'10, Lafayette, LA.

Boy's javelin 1 Troy Burkholder 229'7", Denver, PA; 2 Darin File 217'7", Beloit, KS; 3 John Batt 207'10", Missoula, MT.

Boy's long jump 1 Clarence Scott 24'4, Los Angeles, CA; 2 Frankie Young 24'2, Kokomo, IN; 3 Jauron Pigg 24'0 3/4, Kokomo, IN.

Boy's mile 1 Michael Stember 4:08.5, Fair Oaks, CA; 2 Kevin McGinn 4:13.03, Emporia, KS; 3 Matt Tooman 4:13.08, Deer Park, NY.

Boy's pole vault 1 Shane Stewart 17'0, Crowley, TX; 2 Dixon Brown 16'0, Kaysville, UT; 3 Toby Stevenson 15'6, Odessa, TX.

Boy's shot put 1 Steve Frazier 63'4 1/4, Kingwood, TX; 2 Roger Roesler 62'6, Round Rock, TX; 3 Matt Pentecost, 61'9 3/4, Burbank, CA.

Boy's triple jump 1 Marnell Mayfield 48'33/4, Leeds, AL; 2 Rasheed Abdullah 45'11 1/2, Union City, CA; 3 Kenny Wright 45'9 1/2, Ruston, LA.

Girl's 100 meters 1 Angela Williams 12.02 Ontario, CA; 2 Kelly White 12.11, El Sobrante, CA; 3 Jernae Wright 12.17.

Girl's 100 high hurdles 1 Joanna Hayes 13.3, Riverside, CA; 2 Char Foster 13.9 Clearwater, FL; 3 Daveeta Shephard 14.2.

Girl's 200 meters 1 Angela Williams 24.0; 2 Kelly White 24.0; 3 Suziann Reid 24.1.

Girl's 300 intermediate hurdles 1 Joanna Hayes 40.81; 2 Char Foster 40.99; 3 Daveeta Shephard 43.03, Richmond, CA.

Girl's 3200 meters 1 Donna Fidler 10:23.67, Norristown, PA; 2 Jessica Koch 10:28.59, Round Rock, TX; 3 Casi Florida 10:33.02, Joshua, TX.

Girl's 400 meters 1 Suziann Reid 52.77, Riverdale, MD; 2 Carla Estes 54.02; 3 Heather Hanchak 55.64, Munhall, PA.

Girl's 800 meters 1 Hazel Clark 2:05.50, West Orange, NJ; 2 Julian Reynolds 2:11.50, No. Palm Beach, FL; 3 Kristie Johnston 2:11.50, Fresno, CA.

Girl's discus 1 Stephanie Wigness 157'9; 2 Gina Lo Monaco 154'5 Dix Hills, NY; 3 Mandy Buckley 148'0, Bakersfield, CA.

Girl's high jump 1 Erin Aldrich 6'0, Dallas, TX; 2 Jeana McDowell 5'10, Gilbert, AZ; 3 Tracye Lawyer 5'8, Santa Barbara, CA.

Girl's javelin 1 Shawna Rohbock 147'2, Orem, UT; 2 Julie Mattson 140'11, Montesano, WA; 3 Candy Mitchell 131'6, Kingman, KS.

Girl's long jump 1 Jernae Wright 20 9/14, Hayward, CA; 2 Monique Freeman 20 1 3/4, Garland, TX; 3 Farah Banks 20 3/4, Abilene, TX.

Girl's mile 1 Julia Stamps 4:48.08, Santa Rosa, CA; 2 Courtney Adams 4:50.66, Indianapolis, IN; 3 Lori Riedy 4:56.39, Fremont, CA.

Girl's pole vault 1 Melissa Price 12'2, Kingsburg, CA; 2 Kristi Draher 11'0, San Diego, CA; 3 Karina Elstrom 10'6, Dayton, OR; 3 Shannon Flett 10'6, Lafayette, CA.

Girl's shot put 1 Christina Etuale 46'2, South San Fran.; 2 Rebecca Morrison 44'8, San Jose, CA; 3 Stephanie Wigness 43'5 1/2, Grand Forks, ND.

Girl's triple jump 1 Alisha Broussard 40'5 1/4, Houston, TX; 2 Farah Banks 39'2 3/4; 3 Jeanarta Jackson 39'0.