



SECTION COACHES OF THE YEAR



Don Guynn
Los Angeles City Section
South Gate High School

Don Guynn proved that you can in fact go home again. The South Gate alumnus has coached his alma mater for the past 25 years. His boys' and girls' cross country and track teams have all won numerous league titles. but 1985 had to be a highlight as his boys' track and field team won the Los Angeles City Section Championship and his girls' cross country team finished second in the section that same year. A Board Member of the Los Angeles Coaches Association, Coach Guynn has also served on the Interscholastic Athletic Committee and has been President of the Physical Education Department Chairpersons Association.



Bob King
Sac-Joaquin Section
Del Campo High School

Coach Bob King's track and cross country teams are used to success. In a career spanning nineteen years, Coach King's teams have won 60 league titles and 14 Sac-Joaquin Section titles. The 1977 California and Western Region Cross Country Coach of the Year, Coach King's track teams meet record is an outstanding 175-29-4.



Jimmy Lee
Los Angeles City Section
Locke High School

A former All-America track performer at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Jimmy Lee has duplicated his success at the high school coaching level for Locke High School. In only five years, Coach Lee's girls' track teams are the three-time defending Los Angeles City Section Champions. A former college assistant track coach at L.A. Trade Tech College, Coach Lee has helped produce numerous prep standouts the past five years at Locke.



Mike Klepper
San Diego Section
Morse High School

A multi-sport coach at Morse High School, Coach Mike Klepper has coached football, wrestling and track and field during his 12-year coaching career. Coach Klepper's boys' track and field teams have won San Diego Section Championships in 1983 and 1985, and only missed winning the 1984 Championships by a single point. Twice selected the Coach of the Year by his fellow San Diego Track Coaches, Coach Klepper also is involved in the management of the Tiger Relays, Kinney Cross Country Championships and the International Sports Exchange.



Marva Nielsen
Oakland Section
Oakland High School

A veteran of 24 years of coaching and teaching, Coach Nielsen has been a successful coach in basketball, softball, badminton, tennis and track and field. The third-year head track coach at Oakland High School has won two league titles and led her team to a fourth place finish in last year's State Track Meet. A Utah State University graduate in Physical Education, Coach Nielsen has served as Department Chair and Athletic Director in addition to her coaching duties.



Rich Hardy
Northern Section
Portola High School

After fifteen successful years of coaching both basketball and baseball at Portola High School, Coach Rich Hardy's interests turned to cross country and track in 1980. Since that time, his girls' cross country teams have won two Northern Section Championships and his girls' track teams have won five consecutive league titles as well as four straight Northern Section Championships.



Stan Ingram
Central Section
North High School
(Bakersfield)

A former track scholarship athlete at the University of Kansas, Stan Ingram continued his collegiate career as a graduate assistant at Colorado State until his graduation in 1964. He immediately was hired by North High School and has served as the head boys' track and cross country coach for the past 22 years. Coach Ingram helped develop two athletes who achieved national prep marks while at North and one of his athletes set a world's record.



Gary Kuster
Central Section
North High School
(Bakersfield)

North High's Gary Kuster has coached both girls' track (24) and wrestling (22) for over 20 years. Currently coaching both girls' track and cross country after retiring from coaching wrestling in 1980, Coach Kuster's teams have achieved a high degree of success the past three decades. His track team finished second in the 1977 State Track Meet after winning numerous league titles and his cross country teams have enjoyed league and area championships both in 1983 and 1985.



Bill Springhorn
Northern Section
Central Valley
High School

A former collegiate sprinter and quarter-miler at Chico State, Bill Springhorn continued in the sport as a successful head track coach at Oroville and Central Valley High Schools. A ten-year member of the Northern Section Track Committee, Coach Springhorn annually hosts the Central Valley Invitational Track Meet. Many of his former track athletes still hold Northern Section all-time marks.



Avis Kelly
Central Coast Section
Gilroy High School

The head track and cross country coach at Gilroy High School since 1968, Coach Avis Kelly's teams have won numerous league titles in both sports. The founder and Meet Director of the Gilroy Invitational Track Meet has seen this meet grow from four schools in 1969 to over 70 today. In addition to coaching both the boys and girls at Gilroy, Coach Kelly has served as his league's representative to the Central Coast Track Committee.



Karl Larsen
San Diego Section
Chula Vista High School

The founder of the girls' track and field program at Chula Vista High School in 1976, Coach Karl Larsen later added the boys' track and field team to his coaching duties. The 1980 Coach of the Year, as selected by his coaching peers, Coach Larsen guided Chula Vista to its first league cross country championship in 22 years and his girls' team has made it to the finals five consecutive years. The Meet Director for the Chula Vista Relays and South Bay Cross Country Invitational, Coach Larsen is active in the promotion of his sport.



Bill Tudsbury
Sac-Joaquin Section
Oakmont High School

After serving as a graduate assistant track coach at Chico State (his alma mater) for two years, Bill Tudsbury was named the head track and cross country coach at Oakmont High School. Now some fifteen years later, Coach Tudsbury's Oakmont teams have won numerous league track and cross country titles. A league representative to the Board of Managers, Coach Tudsbury has also been active as a Meet Director for many league, sub-section, and section events. He has additionally been the Meet Director on five occasions for the Golden West Invitational.



Enjoy!