

Viking Spikers Host ECC

Competing in perhaps the toughest dual meet of the season, El Camino College tracksters are slated to encounter Long Beach, one of the top junior college spike teams in

the state, on the Viking oval tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Shaking potent Valley on Tuesday, the Warriors put up a stiff fight, but failed to come through in the field events, dropping a 66-56 decision on the EC oval.

Trotters End Racing Year On Saturday

Western Harness Racing Association closes out its 20-day spring meeting here Saturday with a nine-race program highlighted by the ninth edition of the \$20,000 Californian Pace.

The top pacers on the grounds will clash in the Californian, including Mr. Budlong, who won the event last year. Mr. Budlong, who will be making his first start since November, will go as a Jimmy Cruise-trained entry with Stormy Dream.

Probable favorite in the race is expected to be Irvin Paul, who captured the \$7,500 Elks Pace on March 17, in his only start of the meeting. Also expected to get strong support is the 11-year-old New Zealand ace Caduceus, who was second to Irvin Paul in the Elks event.

Other probable starters in the Californian are Merrie Adios, Right Time, Hark Win, Yankee Day, and Vineddy. Two other possible entrants are the two 41-year-old flashes Lumber Dream, 1961 "horse of the meeting" last spring at Santa Anita, and Sharydale Monitor, who brought a 17-race winning streak to the Arcadia Track.

Mike Thornton copped two individual firsts and ran on the winning mile relay combo to pace the Tribe. Thornton, the ex-Torrance High great, flashed the 880 in 1:56.9 for a victory, and came right back to take the mile in 4:23.3.

RICH DILLON swept to victory in the quarter, snapping the tape in 51.3. Dillon anchored the Warrior mile relay. Two-miler Rich Fernandez hauled down his usual first

place, galloping the distance in 9:34.6.

EL CAMINO monopolized the hurdle events, with Merry Dquila taking the 120 highs in 15.5 and his teammate, Dennis Jett, running the 220 low timber chase in 23.1 for the win.

Jett's time was a new college record, breaking the 23.7 he set against East Los Angeles on Friday.

EL CAMINO cindermen enjoyed the slight breeze on the East Los Angeles track and the times and distances at the conclusion of each event showed it as the Warriors edged out the East Los Angeles Huskies Friday 69-53. Jett broke the El Camino

220 low hurdle record as he finished the event in a dead heat with Randy Tave, of East Los Angeles, in 23.7. Jett also ran the 100 yard dash in 9.9, one tenth of a second off the school record.

THORNTON broke his own El Camino school record in the 880 yard run as he covered the half-mile in 1:54.4. Thornton also took first in the mile with a time of 4:26.5, one tenth of a second ahead of teammate Fernandez, who later finished first in the two-mile run in an impressive 9:44.0.

East LA star Tave not only equalled Jett's time in the 220 yard low hurdles, but captured first in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 15.8 and won a first in the broad jump with a 22-7¼ mark.



LOOK OUT BELOW . . . Ted Bleuchel, El Camino pole vaulter, sails over the bar at 12 feet against Valley College Tuesday. The Warriors encounter one of the top JC squads in the state tomorrow afternoon, trekking to Long Beach City College for a 2:30 p.m. engagement. (HERALD Photo by John Roberts)

Tribe Gymnasts Engage Vikings

Remaining a single game out of the Metropolitan Conference cellar after a licking by East Los Angeles Thursday, El Camino College gymnasts draw a bead on Long Beach City College today at 3:30 p.m. in the Viking gym.

East LA, rapidly improving after two consecutive defeats, came away with a 92-68 decision.

Only three first places fell to ECC. Denis Oliver earned top honors on the high bar and tied with Don Dewey for first place in the all-round category. Minnie Inouye picked off the third first for the Tribe, tying with the Huskies' Jim Sampson on the trampoline.

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