

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TAKES TRACK TITLE

One National and Ten Meet Records Set

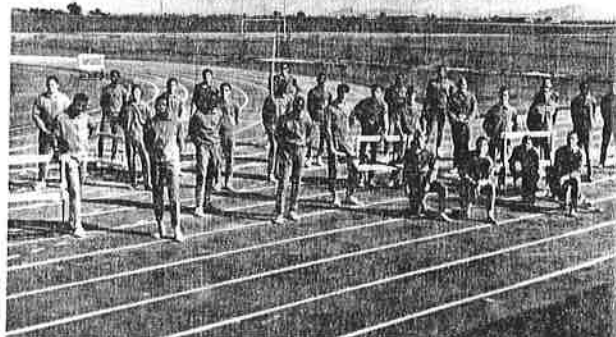
Mesa Community College of Mesa, Arizona, runner-up in last year's meet, ran off with the 1968 title in the twenty-ninth annual NJCAA Track and Field Championships at Garden City, Kansas. The powerful Hokams scored 83 points on route to the title, 29½ more than the second place finisher, Phoenix College, also from Arizona.

Melvin Gray of Fort Scott Community Junior College was the high-point man with 26 points.

One national record and ten meet records were established as entries from 75 colleges participated. Mike Murro from Mesa Community College established a new national record in the javelin with an outstanding throw of 273'0". Meet records were set by Bob Berglione, Mesa Community College, in the mile run with a time of 4:16.9; George Carty, Odessa Junior College, Odessa, Texas, in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 14.0; Ken Green, Manatee Junior College, Bradenton, Florida, in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles, 53.9; Melvin Gray, Fort Scott Community Junior College, Fort Scott, Kansas, in the 220-yard dash, 21.2; Chester Tessey, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, in the two-mile run, 9.23.2; Jim Havens, Coffeyville Community Junior College, Coffeyville, Kansas, in the pole vault with a leap of 14'6½"; Larry Willis, Phoenix College, Phoenix, Arizona, in the broad jump, 25'2¾"; Howard Pratt, Phoenix College, in the triple jump, 49'10¾"; and Gaines of New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, New Mexico, in the high jump, 6'8½".

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ARIZONA)	83
Phoenix College (Arizona)	53½
Victoria College (Texas)	52
Odessa Junior College (Texas)	34
Wharton County Junior College (Texas)	30
Glendale Community College (Arizona)	28
Fort Scott Community Junior College (Kansas)	26
Butler County Community Junior College (Kansas)	22
Blinn Junior College (Texas)	19
Coffeyville Comm. Junior College (Kansas)	18
Northeastern Junior College (Colorado)	14
New Mexico Junior College (New Mexico)	13½
Manatee Junior College (Florida)	13
Dallas Baptist College (Texas)	10
Haskell Institute (Kansas)	10
Miami-Dade North (Florida)	10
Fairbury College (Nebraska)	8
Henderson County Junior College (Texas)	8
Mesa College (Colorado)	8
Murray State College (Oklahoma)	8
Vincennes Univ. Junior College (Indiana)	8
SUNY at Cobleskill (New York)	8
Brevard College (North Carolina)	6
Colby Community Junior College (Kansas)	6
Ricks College (Idaho)	6
SUNY at Delhi (New York)	6
Howard County Junior College (Texas)	3
San Jacinto College (Texas)	3
Centerville Community College (Iowa)	2
Essex Community College (Maryland)	2
Henry Ford Community College (Michigan)	2
Southwestern Oregon College (Oregon)	2
John C. Calhoun	1
Lubbock Christian (Texas)	1
Montgomery Junior College (Maryland)	1
Treasure Valley Community College (Oregon)	1



Mesa Community College — 1968 NJCAA Track Champions

440 Yard Relays

SCHOOL	TIME	PLA
Victoria	41.4	1
Henderson	41.5	2
Dallas Baptist	41.6	4
Wharton	41.6	5
New Mexico	41.7	5
Manatee	42.1	6

Mile Run

Bob Beglione, Mesa, Arizona	4:16.9	1
Don Caloway, Butler County	4:18.3	2
William Chatham, Delhi	4:18.8	3
Dave Palmer, Glendale	4:20	4
Dave Russell, Brevard	4:20.5	5
Terry Cox, Montgomery	4:20.9	6

*New meet record

100 Yard Dash

Melvin Gray, Ft. Scott	9.6	1
Mike Fray, Mesa, Arizona	9.6	2
Clifford Branch, Wharton	9.7	3
Doug Hawken, Glendale	9.8	4
Preston Carrington, Butler Co.	9.9	5
Mike Turko, N.E. Colorado	10.0	6

880 Yard Run

Neville Myton, Mesa, Arizona	1:53.6	1
Dean Sanstead, N. E. Colorado	1:55.1	2
Mike Perry, Odessa	1:55.4	3
LeRoy Black, Glendale	1:55.6	4
Tom Turner, Murray	1:55.6	5
Larry Blackmon, San Jacinto	1:55.7	6

120 High Hurdle

George Carty, Odessa	14.0	1
Bobby Daniels, Victoria	14.3	2
Preston Carrington, Butler County	14.5	3
Roy Prince, Vincennes	14.5	4
Marshall Bush, Essex	14.7	5
Claude Couch, Howard County	15.0	6

(New meet record of 13.8 set in preliminaries)

440 Intermediate Hurdle

Ken Green, Manatee	53.9	
Galen Hurst, Fairbury	54.4	2
John Silman, Victoria	55.6	6
Tim Burgess, Wharton	55.8	4
Claude Couch, Howard County	56.1	5
Culley Phillips, Blinn	56.1	6

440 Yard Relay

Victoria	41.4	1
Henderson	41.5	2
Dallas Baptist	41.6	3
Wharton	41.6	4
New Mexico	41.7	5
Manatee	42.1	6
Vincennes		

220 Yard Dash

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME	PLACE
Melvin Gray, Ft. Scott		21.2	1*
Clifford Branch, Wharton		21.7	2
Mike Fray, Mesa, Arizona		21.7	3
Bobby Daniels, Victoria		21.9	4
Robert Mitchell, San Jacinto		22.2	5
Larry Willis, Phoenix		22.2	6

2 Mile Run

Chester Tessey, Haskell	9:23.2	1*
Jeff Green, Cobleskill	9:29.0	2
Dave Palmer, Glendale	9:33.5	3
Greg Hancock, Glendale	9:34.3	4
Dave Russell, Brevard	9:36.7	5
Scott Giddings, Glendale	9:39.9	6
Gurtz, Butler County	9:45.0	7
Britton, Hutchinson	9:46.7	8
McClaren, H. Ford	9:50.2	9
Hydebrack, Hutchinson	9:51.5	10
Keck, S. W. Oregon	9:56.4	11
Jones, Brevard	9:59.9	12

Shot Put Finals

Robert Trout, Phoenix	52'7"	1
Tom Gipson, Wharton	52'6 ³ / ₄ "	2
Randy Nichols, Victoria	52'3 ¹ / ₂ "	3
Ron Pinckard, Murray State	52'3 ¹ / ₄ "	4
Drew Baron, Brevard	51'6 ³ / ₄ "	5
John Barber, Glendale	50'4 ¹ / ₂ "	6

Pole Vault Finals

Jim Havens, Coffeyville	14'6 ¹ / ₂ "	1*
Robert Blain, Victoria	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	2
Charles Shrum, Miami-Dade No.	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	3
Glenn Hicks, Phoenix	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	4
Robert Swope, Murray	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	5
Mike Wilborn, New Mexico	13'6 ³ / ₄ "	6
Dave Moore, Phoenix	13'6 ³ / ₄ "	7

Discus Finals

Robert Trout, Phoenix	158' 8"	1
Jim Vest, Mesa, Colo.	156' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	2
Jim Bonbelik, Mesa, Ariz.	155' 2"	3
Steve Plitkin, Miami-Dade North	149' 1 ¹ / ₄ "	4
Bill Melzow, Victoria	143'10 ³ / ₄ "	5
Gene Waddell, Mesa, Ariz.	143' 6"	6

Broad Jump Finals

Larry Willis, Phoenix	25'2 ³ / ₄ "	1*
Larry Vanley, Mesa, Arizona	24'7"	2
Dale Blakely, Ricks	24'6"	3
Ed Henry, Vincennes	24'6"	4
Jim Barr, Southwestern Oregon	24'5 ¹ / ₂ "	5
Richard Lewis, New Mexico	24'5 ¹ / ₄ "	6

Javelin Finals

Mark Murro, Mesa, Arizona	273'	1**
Roy Waddel, Mesa, Arizona	219'2"	2
Archie Van Sickle, Colby	217'2"	3
Dwight Bennett, Glendale	202'1"	4
Bill Melzow, Victoria	201'7"	5
Dick Harding, Treasure Valley	198'2"	6

Mile Relay Finals

Odessa	3:15.8	1
Blinn	3:17.1	2
Victoria	3:17.4	3
Mesa	3:18.0	4
Manatee	3:18.4	5
Lubbock	3:18.5	6

Triple Jump Finals

Howard Pratt, Phoenix	49'10 ³ / ₄ "	1*
N. S. Hurd, Odessa	48' 3 ³ / ₄ "	2
Melvin Gray, Fort Scott	48' 2"	3
Lawrence Lujack, Dallas Baptist	48' 1 ¹ / ₄ "	4
Larry Vanley, Mesa, Ariz.	47' 8 ³ / ₄ "	5
Dennis Bliss, Northeastern Colo.	47' 2"	6

High Jump Finals

Gaines, New Mexico	6'8 ¹ / ₂ "	1*
Gillom, Coffeyville	6'7 ¹ / ₂ "	2
Davis, Blinn	6'7 ¹ / ₂ "	3
Rogers, N. E. Colo.	6'6 ¹ / ₂ "	4
Anderson, Henry Ford	6'6 ¹ / ₄ "	5
Pettes, New Mexico	6'6 ¹ / ₄ "	6

440 Yard Dash

Elmo Dees, Mesa, Arizona	47.5	1
Larry Willis, Phoenix	47.7	2
Dale Alexander, Butler County	47.9	3
William O'Conner, Blinn	47.9	4
Bob Tyson, Centerville	48.5	5
Rodney Trimble, John C. Calhoun	49.0	6

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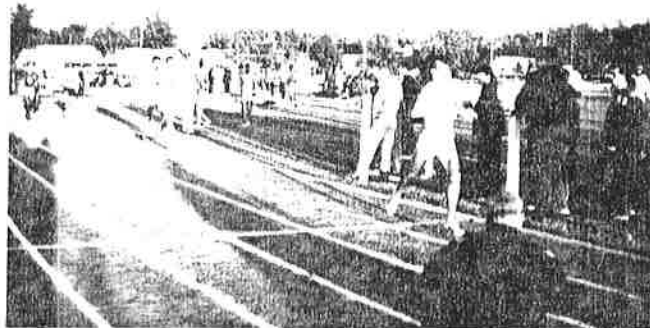
**New national record



Mark Murro, Mesa Community College, receives congratulations from Meet Director Dale Meadors after throwing the javelin 273'0" for a new national record. Also pictured are (l to r) Bob Smith, Assistant Coach; Roy Waddel, second place finisher also from Mesa Community College; Ernie Ballard, Head Coach; and Orville Gregory, Director, Region VI, NJCAA.



Finish of the 440 yard dash. (Left to right) Alexander (Butler County), Willis (Phoenix), Dees (Mesa Comm.), and O'Conner (Blinn).



Bob Beglione, Mesa Community College, crosses the finish line to set a new meet record of 4:16.9 in the mile run.



Crowd at Memorial Stadium in Garden City, Kansas, watch the meet in cold windy weather.