MESA RETAINS CINDER CROWN

By JERRY WIZIG

An hour after the final running event, Ken McClendon placed second in the triple jump to send Mesa, Arizona, Community College to the National Junior College Athletic Association track title.

For the second straight year, the Thunderbird strength in the field events held off Essex County, N.J., as Mesa claimed its sixth outdoor championship in the last eight years. Coach Carvel Jackson's team scored 54 points after McClendon's leap of 49 feet, 2 inches produced eight decisive points.

John Rudd of New Mexico JC smashed the U.S. NJCAA and meet records with 51 flat time in the 440 yard hurdles and Terry Baker, Hagerstown, Md., smashed the NJCAA and meet title—mile marks in 13 minutes, 55.6 seconds.

Rudd chipped two-tenths of a second off the U.S. record set nine years ago by Geoff Vanderstock, Mt. San Antonio College.

Mark Chew, a freshman from Reno, Nev., added the discus title to the shot put gold medal he won with a flip of 166-1 to start off Mesa's final push. The Thunderbirds trailed Lincoln Land most of the evening but the Illinois school lost Jerry Thomas, who pulled up lame in the 220. Lincoln Land's mile relay was disqualified in Friday's prelims for jumping the gun.

"No, this isn't getting old," said Jackson. "It's all new to these guys, most of them are freshmen."

SHOT PUT
1 Mark Chew, Mesa 55'10 3/4"
2 Jacob Caen, Odessa 53'7 1/4"
3 Ted Hausauer, Bismarck 53'7 1/2"
4 Jerzy Maciwean, Brevard 52'4"
5 Sandy Davenport, Bishop State 52'2"
6 James Marker, Glendale 51'4 1/4"

SIX MILE
1 Art Redhair, Central Arizona 29:07.3
2 Kevin Shaw, South Plains 29:21.6
3 Glen Williams, Lincoln Land 29:29.2
4 John Cario, Lincoln Land 30:37.2
5 Joseph Gomes, Camden 30:42.1
6 Al Shaba, Central Arizona 31:44.1

DISCUS
1 Mark Chew, Mesa 166' 1"
2 Leon Farmer, Ranger 161' 9"
3 Howard Brown, Worthington 160' 8"
4 Sandy Davenport, Bishop State 159' 7"
5 Scott Wilt, Tinsley 153' 4"
6 James Carlson, Miami Dade North 152' 8"

MILE
1 Jeff Jirce, Golden Valley 4:10.1
2 Mike Clark, Allensby 4:11.6
3 Dennis Botelho, Morton 4:12.0
4 Mark Jordan, Lake City 4:12.4
5 Ray Bignow, Hudson Valley 4:12.7
6 John Dawson, Glackamas 4:13.3

STEPPLE CHASE
1 Jeff Roscoe, Southwestern 8:58.2
2 Rob Bostater, Jackson 8:59.4
3 Andy Jackson, Miami Dade South 8:59.1
4 George Wolin, Lake City 9:21.0
5 Reuben Reyes, Central Arizona 9:14.6
6 John Hunter, Southern Idaho 9:16.8

100 YARDS DASH
1 Charles Hopkins, Gainesville 9.36
2 Jerry Thomas, Lincoln Land 9.54
3 Colin Bradford, Essex 9.61
4 Daryl Gamble, Wharton County 9.66
5 Richard Wilson, Meramec 9.67
6 Ron Hoagland, Essex 9.87

100 YARD DASH
1 Essex County 41.6
2 Odessa 41.9
3 Lincoln Land 41.2
4 Bishop State 41.7
5 Ranger 41.9
6 Mesa 42.4

*NJCAA RECORD (new event)