

No Strain for Tim, 4:16 Wins Mile

Chula Vista's Tim Danielson won the Invitational High School Mile Saturday night at the National AAU Championships at Balboa Stadium.

Tim used a 60-second last lap to leave his competition with a 220 left in the race and finished in 4:16.8.

Tim and Hilltop's Terry Rogers bolted into the lead after the second turn of the first lap and completed the initial quarter in 61 seconds, but slowed to laps of 66 and 69.

Still running together, Tim and Terry led the pack into the first turn of the final lap without any noticeable change of pace. Vista's Dave Funderburk decided to make his move with slightly more than a half lap to go.

FUNDERBURK challenged the pair on the outside and Tim decided it was about time to win the race. His last 220 was a full sprint with Funderburk trailing by 25 yards. Rogers, tired from the pace-setting, faded and was eventually passed by Escondido's Jim Adkins and Point Loma's Pete Virgadamo to finish fifth.

Sweetwater's Dave Barajas was the only other South Bay thincled to see action at the meet. Barajas ran fourth for the county all-stars in an eight-man mile relay race against the city all-stars. Barajas held his own on his leg but his team eventually lost by two yards.

Morse's Silas Gross ran a good anchor leg to hold off Granite Hills' Tim Schraeder, the county 100 and 220 champ, for the win in 2:57.7, a new Stadium record. Fast legs by Kearny's Bobby Johnson and Hoover's Pierre Frazier keyed the City victory.

The two high-school events were overshadowed by some fantastic distance running in the two-day meet.

THE MILE, three-mile and six-mile all produced tight finishes and American records with the 24-lap run resulting in a rare double-world record.

Bob Schul outsprinted New Zealand's Neville Scott and Ron Larrieu to a two-yard win in the three-mile in 13:10.4, a new American record. Scott beat the Kiwi national mark held by Murray Halberg while Larrieu tied his old American standard.

Eighteen-year-old Jim Ryun outsprinted Peter Snell and Jim Grelle to an American best of 3:55.3 in the featured mile race Sunday night. Ryun's last lap was under :55 seconds as he held off the famed Snell, who did 3:55.4 and Grelle, who ran 3:55.5.

Billy Mills and Gerry Lindgren were only one-twentieth of a second apart at the finish of the six miles in world record 27:11.6. Both will be credited with the mark, although Mills was given the win.