

Spiker to run Boston Marathon

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See Jacki. See Jacki run. Run Jacki, run! Run, run, run!

Jacki's last name is Hansen, she's a 24 year old junior at CSUN, and a good part of her day is spent in doing exactly that, running.

She runs between 15 and 20 miles a day in a carefully-planned training program. Training for what, you ask? The Marathon? Exactly!

Jacki leaves this weekend for Boston, where she will run in the most prestigious marathon in the Western World, the Boston Marathon.

Oh well, you say; she's probably run in lots of marathons, right? Wrong. This will only be Jacki's second 26 miler. The first was only four months ago, the Western Hemisphere Marathon in Culver City.

Considering the fact that the Culver City race was her first, she probably didn't do very well, right? Wrong again. She won!

Everyone surprised

Jacki surprised everyone, especially herself, by beating all the other women in the race, in the time of three hours, 15 minutes, and 53 seconds.

That was the fifth best time run in the U.S. in 1972, and missed only six minutes of making the list of the 25 best times in the world.

About that race Jacki said, "I was surprised at how well I did, because I had been training for shorter distances. The longest I had ever run before was 16 miles.

"The marathon is actually two different races; the first 20 miles was easy, but the last six miles was the hardest I had ever run in my life."

Jacki attributes much of her success in the Western Hemisphere race to her coach and some very good friends.

Her coach is Laszlo Tabori, a former Hungarian Olympian, and the third man in the world to break the four-minute-mile. Tabori coaches many of the top distance runners in the Valley, holding training sessions at Los Angeles Valley College where he is the assistant track coach.

Jacki's friends include six bicyclists who rode all the way with her, and CSUN track man Mike Maggart, who ran the first 16 miles with her; "keeping good company, and a great pace



Boston bound

Jacki Hansen and Kelly, a close friend, work out for the upcoming Boston Marathon. Jacki, a member of the CSUN women's track team recently won the women's division of the Western Hemisphere Marathon in Culver City. Daily Sundial photo by Tom Yale

for me," she added.

Although Jacki is new to the marathon, she is not new to running. She started while she was attending Granada Hills High School, under girls' track coach Dixie Griffin.

About her high school career Jacki said, "I wasn't fast enough to make the City meet. I was more interested in seeing how far I could run, rather than how fast."

Jacki has run under the banner of the L.A. Track Club for the past two years, qualifying for the AAU national championships both years.

Bad luck

In 1971, she trained for cross-country, running one of the top 25 times in the country. After running all season, and never finishing worse than eighth, she entered the nationals in Cleveland in November and ran into some rather bad luck.

Running in 30 degree weather, in several inches of freezing water, Jacki fell, broke her wrist, and finished 40th.

The 1972 season was a much better one for Jacki. She finished third in the SPAAU district meet in La Mirada in early November, and then placed 11th in the State meet in San Luis Obispo the following weekend.

On Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, Jacki ran in the national championship meet in Long Beach finishing 15th out of 125 runners.

Jacki said, "After the race I felt in better shape than I had ever been. The first thing I wanted to do was go out and find out how far I could run, so I entered the Culver City marathon the next weekend."

Biggest challenge

Her next challenge after winning the Culver City race, the Boston Marathon, will be a much tougher race. Jacki said, "It will be a lot more competitive. There will be more experienced women, and a harder course, more hilly. I will expect a lot more from myself."

Jacki leaves tomorrow for Boston; but don't worry, she's not running there, she scraped together enough money for a plane ticket.

Matadors blow big lead, nipped 11-9 in final inning

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Early in the season, the Matadors were all pitch and no hit. Tuesday, the tables turned.

Despite an impressive 17-hit attack and an early 8-0 lead, Northridge committed four errors, including two miscues on

out to a 3-0 lead in the second inning when hurler Tom Nelson unloaded a booming double, clearing the loaded bases. Later in that frame, Bob Canfield picked up his 16th RBI of the season with a single to right, making the score 4-0.

In the fourth frame, Craig

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fly balls in key situations, to drop an 11-9 decision to UC Santa Barbara.

The loss pushed the Mats overall record to 17-11, 5-4 in conference play.

Starting pitcher Tom Nelson, whose ERA was almost five coming into the contest, allowed four earned runs in four innings-plus of work, to squander Northridge's huge bulge. Even four-hit performances by Bob Canfield and Louis Diaz could not salvage the game the CSUN, who have been unable this year to "put it all together."

Northridge quickly jumped

Ryan, hitting just .200 coming into the game, slammed his sixth home run of the year. That gave Northridge a 5-0 lead, and following two singles and a walk Louis Diaz singled in two more tallies.

Moments later, an error on a ground ball hit by Nelson brought still another run across, giving Northridge a commanding 8-0 lead.

But Santa Barbara came back with two runs in their half of the fourth, and then added five more in the fifth, thus cutting the Matadors' lead to

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Roberts sets goal: 50-foot triple jump

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Matador track star Chester Roberts has a specific goal in mind. He hopes to go 50' plus this season in the triple jump.

Roberts was losing last month against Chico in his event, but won on the last jump with an impressive 47' 8 1/2".

"The triple jump has always been my event," he said. The West Hills JC transfer has been bothered by a bruised tendon. However, this has not stopped him from his daily workouts.

His best in the triple jump leads the Mats at 48' 6 1/2". He also long jumps better than his teammates, going 23' 5 1/2".

"I think we've got a pretty talented team," commented Roberts. He said the college-division competition is not all that great, though, he does well. He gets off better jumps against university-division talent.

Roberts finds his biggest challenge at relay meets, rather than at dual-meet competition. He set his personal best at Long Beach and says, "I prefer relays."

He knows how important relays, dual and triangular Please turn to page 10



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