

Beatty in 3:57.9 Mile Win

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Two recognized world marks were bettered and a third tied in an avalanche of record breaking at Mt. San Antonio College Saturday night in the National AAU track and field championships.

A crowd of 10,000 cheered itself hoarse in appreciation of a succession of great races and sterling field performances.

First it was Al Oerter with a mighty toss of 202ft. 2in. in the discus. Then came Ron Morris skyrocketing 16ft. ¼in. in the pole vault. After that Paul Drayton came spurting to the tape in the 220 yd. dash in 20.5 sec. to tie the existing mark for one turn.

Wholesale Onslaught

In the two days of the championships, besides the world marks, four sets of American figures were rewritten, seven meet records were washed out and three others were tied.

The world record performances failed to obscure the sensational mile race in which the first four men passed the four-minute barrier, with Jim Beatty of the Los Angeles Track Club leading the way to the tape by 4 yd. in 3:57.9.

Tough on Defenders

Fine as this was, it got no better than a tie for the meet record set in 1958 by Australia's Herb Elliott.

So torrid was the competition in the two-night meet that only five defending

