



Kivon Grant was dominant on the track this season.

# HOMETOWN TRACK STAR KIVON GRANT SHINES AT COMPTON CENTER

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COMPTON—Kivon Grant was bound to do good things on the track sooner or later. It's been his trademark. After leading a Compton Dominguez High School quartet to a national record-setting mark at the California state meet three years ago in the 1,600 meter relay, Grant has re-surfaced from his glory days as a high school sensation.

In 2008, Grant and three of his teammates from Dominguez erased a state record in the 1,600 meter relay that was set way back in 1985 by Hawthorne High School. Grant was a 400-meter phenom on the track back then, clocking in with a swift time as fast as 47.46 seconds in the event.

This spring Grant proved he remains a force to be reckoned with on the track.

As a freshman at El Camino College Compton Center this year, Grant has done more than show up and jog a few miles for the track team. He has re-established himself as one of the top quarter milers in the country.

Grant started his run to rejuvenation by starring on the school's cross country team before electrifying the junior college track and field circuit this season.

The past two weekends have proven to be his reward for his tireless labor this year. After setting a state-leading mark

in the 400 in the Southern California Championships, Grant finished as runner-up at the state meet this past week, crossing the finish line at 47.02 seconds.

Just a week after winning the Southern California title in the 400 in a blistering time of 46.62 seconds, Grant was nudged out of the top spot at the state meet by Roland Brooks of Cuyamaca. Despite the tough defeat, Grant had put together a remarkable and productive season for Compton.

Grant's success in the quarter mile in the final two major track meets of this season is even more astonishing, considering that he only recorded one open 400 race prior to the Southern California meet earlier this month. He focused this season on endurance running, competing in the open 800, relay teams and even dabbling in the 200.

Grant posted the fastest times of any Compton athlete, streaking down the track in 21.25 seconds in the 200, recording 46.62 in the 400 and clocking in at 2:00.60 in the men's 800. Though he clocked 21.25 seconds in the prelims of the South Coast Conference championships, Grant had to settle for third place in the event finals with a time of 21.54.

In more ways than one, Grant is the heart and soul of the El Camino College Compton Center track and field team. Throughout the season, he ran in as many as six different races.



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## Tip led to arrest of suspect in Giants fan beating

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LOS ANGELES—A tip from a parole officer led to the arrest of one of the suspects in the attack on a San Francisco Giants fan outside Dodger Stadium after the rival teams' season opener, a brutal beating that prompted an outpouring of support for the victim and outrage in the sports world and beyond.

The man detained early Sunday is believed to be the "main aggressor" in the March 31 beating that left Bryan Stow with brain damage, Los Angeles Chief Charlie Beck said at an afternoon news conference at the stadium.

An emotional Beck hailed the work of 20 full-time detectives who he said have pursued 630 leads in the case so far. The police chief choked back tears as he described getting a call at 7 a.m. Sunday from Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger.

"He said the words I've been waiting for seven weeks. He said that we had Bryan's assault suspect in custody," Beck said. "This is a huge step."

The suspect, whose name was not immediately released, was among several people detained for questioning after police served search warrants, Los Angeles police Det. Jose Carillo said. Police said he was one of two suspects that have been sought in the case.

He was expected to be booked Sunday night.

It's unclear whether the others detained were possible witnesses or suspects in the March 31 beating that left Bryan Stow with brain damage, said police Sgt. Kunch, who declined to give his first name per department policy.

Several search warrants were served at an apartment building, Kunch said, but he couldn't say how many people were detained or whether they are male or female. Building manager Maritza Camacho told the Los Angeles Times that a SWAT team descended on the East Hollywood apartment using loudspeakers and with guns drawn.

Among the people taken out of the building was a man with a bald head and tattoos on his neck and arms, Camacho said, a description that appeared to match the vague sketches released by police of one of the two suspects.

Stow, a 42-year-old paramedic and father of two, was beaten in a parking lot by two men in Dodgers gear after the season opener against the Giants.

Last week, doctors reported that Stow is able to open his eyes but remains in critical condition after being transferred to San Francisco General Hospital. Stow had been at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center since the attack that forced doctors to put him into a medically induced coma to avoid having seizures.