

SOUTHERN ATHLETES ABOVE THE AVERAGE.

THE Southern California intercollegiate track season of 1924 witnessed the best performances ever made by local athletes. The track men in the comparatively small colleges of the South leave as the result of their season's work, records that compare favorably with those of the northern, eastern and middle western universities, and far surpass those of other small college conferences throughout the country.

Himrod, Munger and Spurgeon of Pomona form the greatest trio of track and field men ever developed and retained in any small college. These men have developed steadily during their college course, and in their senior year have left records that will probably stand for years before they are lowered by Southern California, or even Coast, athletes.

Himrod's record of 4m. 26 4-10s. for the mile run is far better than has ever before been made by a Coast athlete, and is only a few seconds behind the national intercollegiate record. Munger's high jump of 5ft. 2in. in the Whittier dual meet, broke the Coast record, held by Channing Hall of Berkeley. Merriam of Pomona cleared 5ft. 2in., and in another year his fair to equal or surpass Munger's performance.

Spurgeon ran the low hurdles in 25 1-10s. in the Whittier dual meet, which is one-fifth second faster than the recognized Coast record, and in the dual meet with Stanford in the North, had no trouble in equalling the Coast record.

A resume of the season's performances, considering only intercollegiate first place winners, shows that of the fourteen track and field events, Pomona athletes set the best marks in six events, and equaled Occidental's performances in two; U.S.C. made two and equaled one; Occidental made two and equaled three; Whittier made one, and Occidental and Pomona, Occidental and U.S.C., and Pomona and Occidental tied in one each.

U.S.C. did not compete with Occidental and Pomona, as the Methodists did not see their way clear to enter the conference. Berkeley and Stanford were the principal competitors of U.S.C., and the Methodists were not able to land many first places in these meets.

THE HURDLE RACE.

In the 120-yard hurdle race, Spurgeon of Pomona established the best record, running the distance in 25. Whisman of Occidental came to the front in the high stick event, and beat his colleague, Thomson, who had been recognized as the premier stickler of Occidental. Holloway made the best time for U.S.C., winning against Whittier in 27 1-10s., but both Burek and Lennox showed up better in the big meets, although they could not land first places.

Mills of Whittier is a good second to Himrod of Pomona in the mile run. His best time was 4m. 54s., but when he ran second to Himrod in the conference meet his time was close to 4m. 32s. Scott of U.S.C. equaled Mills' winning time.

Stearns of Pomona and Brower of Occidental covered the 100-yard distance in 10 1-10s. Wilson and Shute of U.S.C. could not do better than 11 1-10s. Stearns is a sophomore, but never ran before. Brower is a freshman. Both developed wonderfully in one season, and are looked upon as record-breakers. Brower is short and stocky, similar to Duffy in build, and has a remarkable sprint at the end of the 50 and 100-yard dashes.

Honors in the 400-yard race were also taken by Stearns, who beat Bird of Occidental for the first time. His time of 52 1-10s. was the best made in the south. Bird of Occidental came up strong in this race. Shute of U.S.C. ran the distance in 54 1-10s.

Spurgeon had an easy time in the low hurdles, although Whisman and Thomson made him hustle in the conference meet. Burek of U.S.C. covered the low sticks in 26 1-10s.

The 220-yard dash was covered by Brower of Occidental in 23 1-10s. Rogers of Pomona, who was looked upon as the best furlong man in the south, having to take second place. Rogers' time was 23 1-10s. Thompson of U.S.C. ran the distance in one-fifth second faster time than the Pomonians.

Whittier College broke into fast company through the agency of Mills, the best track man ever developed in the Quaker town. His time of 2m. 4s. in the 500-yard run, was the best of the season, although Carver of Occidental was only three-fifths of a second slower. Nordahl of U.S.C. never broke the tape under 2m. 7 1-10s.

THE TWO-MILE RUN.

Locke and Jones of Pomona led the south in the two-mile run. Both covered the long distance in 12m. 22s. Jones was the only Pomonian to place in the two-mile race in the Stanford meet, but in local competition they were invincible.

F. Thomson of Occidental parried off the honors in the broad jump by leaping 5ft. 4 1/2 in. Rogers of Pomona leaped 5ft. 4 1/2 in., and Richardson of U.S.C. was only 3/4 in. behind.

The high jump brought out two remarkable performances by Pomona men. Munger cleared 5ft. 2in., and Merriam did 5ft. 2in. Charlie Richardson's best first place winning height was 5ft. 2in. Kenney Gordon of Occidental made 5ft. 2in.

Honors in the shot-put were divided equally between Occidental and U.S.C. Thomson, Richardson and Trotter shared the weight 5ft. 2in. Trotter did better in practice, as did Thomson, both reaching over 5ft.

Charlie Richardson easily surpassed all local athletes in the hammer throw and pole vault. In the weight tossing event he covered 125ft. 2in., with Metcalf of Pomona second with 125ft. 7 1/2 in. Richardson made 127. 4 2-100in. in the pole vault, leading Birdsell and Merriam of Pomona, who did not go over 12ft.

Occidental and Pomona each ran the relay race in 2m. 23 1-10s. Occidental beat Pomona in this time, and the Claremonters defeated Stanford at the same rate. U.S.C. did not capture a relay event, losing to both northern schools, and receiving it by default from Whittier.

BEST PERFORMANCES.

The best performances of each college follow:

The 120-yard hurdle race: Spurgeon (P.) 25; Whisman (O.) 26 1-10s.; Holloway (U.S.C.) 27 1-10s.

Mile run: Himrod (P.) 4m. 26 4-10s.; Mills (W.) 4m. 54s.; Scott (U.S.C.) 4m. 54s.

The 100-yard dash: Brower (O.) 10 1-10s.; Stearns (P.) 10 1-10s.; Wilson and Shute (U.S.C.) 11 1-10s.

The 400-yard dash: Stearns (P.) 52 1-10s.; Bird (O.) 52s.; Shute (U.S.C.) 54 2-10s.

The 220-yard hurdle race: Spurgeon (P.) 23 1-10s.; Burek (U.S.C.) 26 4-10s.; Thomson (O.) 28s.

The 220-yard dash: Brower (O.) 23 1-10s.; Thompson (U.S.C.) 23 1-10s.; Rogers (P.) 23 2-10s.

The 500-yard run: Mills (W.) 2m. 4s.; Carver (O.) 2m. 4 2-10s.; not won by Pomona.

Two-mile race: Locke and Jones (P.) 12m. 22s.; not won by U.S.C. or Occidental.

Broad jump: F. Thomson (O.) 5ft. 4 1/2 in.; Rogers (P.) 5ft. 4 1/2 in.; Richardson (U.S.C.) 5ft.

High jump: Munger (P.) 5ft. 2in.; Gordon (O.) 5ft. 2in.; Richardson (U.S.C.) 5ft. 2in.

Shot-put: Thomson (O.) and Trotter and Richardson (U.S.C.) 50ft. 2in.

Hammer throw: Richardson (U.S.C.) 125ft. 2in.; Metcalf (P.) 125ft. 7 1/2 in.; Marshall (O.) 125ft. 4in.

Pole vault: Richardson (U.S.C.) 127. 4 2-100in.; Birdsell and Merriam (P.) 12ft.; B. Merrill (O.) 10ft. 2in.

Mile relay race: Pomona and Occidental; time, 2m. 23 1-10s.

STANFORD CREW WEAKENED.

Capt. Gay's Place Hard to Fill and Chances Against California Are Slim.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TIMES.

STANFORD, April 2.—The dismissal of Capt. L. R. Gay of Redlands was a severe loss to the Stanford crew as he was their strongest oarsman and stroke puller. The necessity of finding another stroke has resulted in a shifting about of the crew which will materially weaken the eight and lessen their chance of victory against California.

The members of the crew are as yet not finally decided upon, though H. B. Patrick of Visalia will probably pull the stroke oar. The other men who are practically certain of their seats in the boat are C. H. Woodruff of Los Angeles, C. H. Vase of Los Angeles, H. H. Reynolds of Pasadena, A. N. Cole of Dulles, Pa., H. Hatch of Paso Robles, and A. B. Shutt of Palo Alto. The fight between M. Malone of Stanford and C. H. Benson of Redlands for the other position is a close one and the outcome is hard to forecast. F. W. Turner, who has been "varrity" coxswain for two years, will hold the tiller rope again this season.

For the past week the crew has been training regularly on the bay in the eight-oared shell, going out two times each day, except when the freshman crew was using the boat. In the absence of Coach Murphy, the work has been in charge of Caswell Turner.

STANFORD, April 2.—Tennis Capt. F. B. Delano of New Bedford, Mass., was among the students suspended, so another racket wielder must represent the Cardinal in the matches with the California players. A. J. Gowan of Los Angeles will probably be first singles representative, while H. Mann of San Carlos seems to be the probable second singles man. The doubles team will then be composed of Gowan and either G. E. Dole of Riverside or E. Newlands of Palo Alto. Practice is being held every day and the final tournament for the selection of the team will be held next week.

RUNS SMOOTHLY AGAIN.

Trouble at Stanford Came Near Causing Abandonment of Spring Athletic Meets.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TIMES.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 2.—For a time during the recent agitation at Stanford there was a grave possibility that all spring athletics would be abandoned, but at present the trouble seems to have blown over for a time at least, and the men have settled down to regular training again. Although all the intercollegiate events will be held as scheduled, the Cardinal teams will be in many cases very severely crippled by the absence of some of the best men who were dismissed.

The recent regulation making vaccination compulsory on penalty of ten days' suspension will interfere with the work of several of the men who are expected to become vaccinated.

In no case has the loss of a member more completely disrupted a Stanford team than the absence of a Stanford baseman from the baseball line, as