

SENSATIONAL.

EIGHT RECORDS IN CONFERENCE

*U.S.C. Wins Greatest Contest
in Annals of South.*

*Phenom Throop Cracks Coast
Mark in Furlong.*

*Fred Thomson Does Brilliant
Work for Tigers.*

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

CLAREMONT, March 19.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] U.S.C., 47; Occidental, 41½; Pomona, 37½; Whittier, 0.

Eight Southern California records were smashed this afternoon in the greatest track meet ever held in Southern California. The University of Southern California won the thrilling contest after taking the final event, the relay, in the record time of 3m. 29 3-5s.

The meet was the closest and the competition the fiercest ever seen on Alumni Field. When the teams lined up for the relay, U.S.C. was credited with 42 points, Occidental with 40½ and Pomona with 34½. Had the Tigers taken first in the relay the meet would have gone to them. Occidental took the most firsts.

Throop of U.S.C. knocked a fifth of a second off the Coast mark in the 220-yard dash, taking the race in 21 3-5s. In the 100-yard dash Parsons's record of 9 4-5s. was equaled by the phenomenal freshman.

Thomson of Occidental marked up new Southern California records in both hurdle events, which he took in excellent form from Lennox of U.S.C.

CLAREMONT MEET.

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His time over the high hurdles was 15.3-ss. and across the low sticks, 24.4-ss.

In the shot put Trotter of U.S.C. sent the weight 45 ft. 4 in., Thomson of Occidental getting 45 ft. 1 1/2 in.

Robertson of Occidental broke the tape in the half mile in 2m. 12-5s., setting a new Southern California record at that distance.

Bradbeer of Occidental, who was not put down on any "dope sheet" for a single point in the quarter mile, won his race from Spurgeon of Pomona in 51.3-ss., another Southern California record.

THREE BREAK RECORDS.

In the two-mile, three Pomona runners came across the line under the old Southern California time, Fisher, who headed the trio, setting the new mark at 19m. 14-5s.

Occidental proved unexpectedly strong throughout the meet, crowding U.S.C. hard for first honors clear through the contest.

Pomona did about as expected, losing a few points through the surprises sprung by the Algiers.

U.S.C. fell down in one or two events, though the Methodists' showing was as good as had been counted on, the extra points going, as did Pomona's, to the unheralded men of the Tiger team. In the mile only, where Hall had been expected to win from Fisher of Pomona, did the university team fail to come up to expectations.

Bradbeer's win in the quarter mile was perhaps the greatest surprise of the contest. Wallace of U.S.C. had the pole, with Bradbeer in the second lane. Spurgeon and Paul Sloane, the Pomona entries who had been expected to take the race, being outside.

Spurgeon jumped into the lead on the first turn and held it until he came into the straight away. Paul Sloane pulling up into second place on the back stretch. Wallace of U.S.C. fought with Paul Sloane for position on the last turn and with both runners tired, Bradbeer passed them like a flash on the straightaway, getting past Spurgeon also before the finish.

Another sensational race was the half-mile which went to Robertson after the prettiest two laps reeled off during the day. Walton who had been picked for first could not hold his own against "Bobby" and Rice got past Gower for third place. All four of the leaders were well punched at the tape, with Carver of Pomona only a few inches behind Gower.

MAN OF THE HOUR.

Fred Thomson proved to be the lion of the meet, as expected. Chalking up Southern California records in both hurdle events would seem to be honors enough for one day, but the Tiger captain also won first in the hammer throw, first in the broad jump, second in the shot put and third in the high jump, besides running a lap in the relay, a total of twenty-four points.

The shot put was a strenuous event,

with the excitement coming strong on the two final heave. Trotter scored 45 ft. 4 in. on his last try, with the Tiger still having one heave to his credit. Forty-four feet had been the best that either could secure previously. With a mighty effort Thomson tried to equal the university athlete's figure, falling only 2 1/2 inches short.

"Pete" Richardson failed to better his record in the pole vault, though he cleared the bar at more than 12 ft. in fine form. A balk at the next height of 12 ft. 6 in. broke his nerve for the day and he retired on his past laurels.

The hurdle races were sensational chiefly in respect to time, Thomson having things all his own way in both races. In the high hurdles he had a lead of nearly twenty feet over Lennox, and won from the Methodist captain with several yards to spare in the longer event also. Parker of Pomona ran a pretty race in the low hurdle, pushing Lennox hard for second. He was less than a foot behind the university man at the tape.

Pomona had things all her own way in the two-mile, but instead of "grandstanding," all three of the blue and white runners went in for a record. Fisher's win from Sturges was a surprise, as he had already run through a fast field in the mile. Sturges was only a few yards back at the tape, but Fisher was fast and strong on the final lap and the last season's veteran could not make up the distance. Rau was only a few yards back of Sturges.

HEART-BREAKING PACE.

The mile run gave the rooters an idea of what might be expected during the meet. Merritt of Pomona set a heart-breaking pace for the first two laps, bringing his team-mates well along with him. On the third circuit Fisher cut loose and opened up a big gap on Hall, which the U.S.C. man could not overcome on the final quarter. Billings passed Merritt, for third running a game race.

Throop had things all his own way in the dashes, proving by his performances that he is one of the fastest men ever seen on the Coast. In the century he was at least ten feet ahead of Martin, who took second in fine form. Parker and Bradbeer fought to a tie for third place. Sloane of Pomona not being entered.

In the 220 Throop led from start to finish, the Pomona captain working hard for second honors. As the runners passed the Pomona section of the bleachers Sloane led Martin, who was as close to Throop, but in front of the U.S.C. section, the U.S.C. veteran passed into second position, while the Freshman forged well into the front. Sloane was a good third, but could not quite get up even to Martin.

A great combination was seen in the relay, when the captains of the Pomona and U.S.C. teams fought all around the track on the final lap for first honors. The two men were started together by their team mates, Lennox having the pole and jumping ahead on the first turn. On the back stretch he was passed by the Pomona captain, the two runners fighting side by side on the last turn. All the way down the home stretch the struggle

was close, Lennox finally forging over the line a bare six inches to the good.

IT'S DIRTY WORK.

Spectators crowding on to the course in the second lap delayed Dill of Occidental, who was running in third place so that the Tigers were practically shut out of the running. This was the only hitch to mar the day's programme. Had Occidental been unhindered the result of the meet might possibly have been changed, though to all appearance the best that the Tigers could get in the event was third.

Barnes of Pomona threw within a few inches of Thomson in the hammer, but could not quite equal the Tiger's mark. The sagebrusher bettered his best previous mark by several feet, however. Neither the load nor the high jump furnished anything unusual, being about the only two events of the meet which did not run into big figures.

Results:

The 100-yard dash: Won by Throop (U.S.C.) Martin (U.S.C.) second; Bradbeer (O.) and Parker (P.) tied for third; time, 9 4-5s.

The 220-yard dash: Won by Throop (U.S.C.) Martin (U.S.C.) second, H. Sloane (P.) third; time, 21 3-5s.

The quarter mile run: Won by Bradbeer (O.); Surpeon (P.) second; Wallace (U.S.C.) third; time, 5 2-5s.

The half mile run: Won by Robertson (O.) Walton (U.S.C.) second; Rice (P.) third; time, 2m. 1 2-5s.

The mile run: Won by Fisher (P.); Hall (U.S.C.) second; Billings (P.) third; time, 4m. 35s.

The two mile run: Won by Fisher (P.); Sturges (P.) second; Rau (P.) third; time, 10m. 1 4-5s.

The high hurdles: Won by Thomson (O.) Lennox (U.S.C.) second; D. Wieman (O.) third; time, 15 3-5s.

The low hurdles: Won by Thomson (O.) Lennox (U.S.C.) second, Parker (P.) third; time, 24 4-5s.

The broad jump: Won by Thomson (O.) H. Sloane (P.) second; Martin (U.S.C.) third; distance, 21ft. 1/2 in.

The high jump: Won by D. Wieman (O.) Clarke (P.) second; Thomson (O.) third; height, 5ft. 8 1/2 in.

The shot put: Won by Trotter (U.S.C.) Thomson (O.) second; Richardson (U.S.C.) third; distance, 45ft. 4 in.

The hammer throw: Won by Thomson (O.) Barnes (P.) second; Richardson (U.S.C.) third; distance, 134ft. 7 in. in.

The pole vault: Won by Richardson (U.S.C.) Barnes (P.) second; Clark (P.) third; height, 12ft. 1 1/2 in.

The mile relay: Won by (U.S.C.) Gower, Walton, Wallace, Lennox; Pomona (Spurgeon, P. Sloane, Lorbeer, H. Sloane, second; Occidental (Shoonover, Dill, Thomson, Bradbeer.) third; time, 3m. 29 3-5s.

FISH WITH ELECTRICITY.

Lewis fishermen between Columbus and Franklin have found a way to fish without the use of any kind of bait save electricity. And more than that, if the report is true, they are stealing the electricity from the Indianapolis, Columbus and Southern Traction Company, of which Z. T. Sweeney, State Fish and Game Commissioner of this city, is a director