

COLLEGE TRACK STARS HAVE SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Two Southern California Records Fall Before the Collegians This Season—Gillette, Kelly, Swiggett and Barnes Prove to Be Sensations of the Year—Big Prospects for Next Season.

THE following is The Times' selection for an all-southern college track team for 1912:

The 100-yard dash—Throop (U. S. C.) 9 4-5s.

The 220-yard dash—Throop (U. S. C.) 21 3-5s.

The 440-yard dash—Gillette (Pomona.) 50s.

The 880-yard run—Billings (Pomona.) 2m. 1s.

One-mile run—Sturges (Pomona.) 4m. 34s.

Two-mile run—Swiggett (U. S. C.) 10m. 10s.

The 120-yard hurdles—Kelly (U. S. C.) 15 4-5s.

The 220-yard hurdles—Kelly (U. S. C.) 20 1-5s.

Shot put—Kingman (Pomona.) 40ft. 4in.

Hammer throw—Barnes (Pomona.) 141ft. 9in.

Discus throw—Smart (Occidental.) 103ft. 11in.

High jump—Chaffee (U. S. C.) 5ft. 9in.

Broad jump—Earl (U. S. C.) 21ft. 4 1/2 in.

Pole vault—Barnes (Pomona.) 12ft.

Relay—Williamson (Pomona) 52s., Hodge (U. S. C.) 52s., Bradbeer (Occidental) 51 3-5s., Gillette (Pomona) 50s.; total time, 3m. 25 3-5s.

In the picking of an all-southern college track team for 1912 it might be well to mention first that this year has been a disappointment in the line of track athletics in the colleges of this part of the State.

Last year and the year before were such big years that a slump was undoubtedly due, and the phenomenal work of Fred Thomson, Bradbeer, Robertson, Fischer, Walton and others somewhat overshadows the best that has been done this year.

The southern colleges started out well but when it came to the matter of making records and meeting the northern universities, they fell down badly.

U. S. C., which started out with such great prospects, made the best showing against the northern schools and yet fell victims to the Occidental Tigers in a meet which was the surprise package of the season.

POMONA MEN MAKE RECORDS

Only two records went by the boards during the season and strangely enough these both fell before Pomona men. This failure to break records is undoubtedly due to the remarkable bunch of athletes who performed in 1910 and 1911, and who made such wonderful marks in practically every event.

Another thing which tends to dim the lustre of the college season is the remarkable bunch of prep school athletes who performed this year, a large majority of the high school records for the year being far better than the college marks for the same events.

On the whole, taking these circumstances into consideration, the local college track season has been a good one, but has merely suffered by comparison with the work of the past few years and the work of the high school phenoms.

THROOP IS UNDEFEATED.

Beginning with the 100 and the 220-yard dashes, there seems to be no one in sight but our old friend Waldo Throop of U. S. C. He has managed to struggle through the season without a defeat, except at the hands of McKee of Stanford.

Throop defeated all comers in this part of the State hands down, and while not nearly as fast as two years

ago, he got away with the honors without any trouble.

In the quarter mile dash, the fun begins. Here we find the one real sensation of the season, Gillette of Pomona, holder of the Coast record and conqueror of the best of them. His record of 50 seconds flat, and his repeated wins over the best men sent against him, mark him out in a class by himself.

HODGE DESERVES MENTION.

Only two other men in the college ranks can be mentioned in the same breath with the Pomona man, Hodge of U. S. C., and Bradbeer of Occidental. Hodge deserves notice because of his spectacular wins over the California and Stanford quarter milers.

Bradbeer repeated his feat of 1910, when he ran the 440 only once during the year, and that time put up the Southern California record in the conference meet. This time he only ran at his best in the last lap of the relay against U. S. C., in which he caught up a twenty yard handicap and won the meet for his college.

BILLINGS MAKES GOOD.

The half-mile was a minus quantity as regards class this year until Stanton of Pomona switched Billings from the quarter to that event for the northern trip and Billings came through in grand style, tying Bonnett of Stanford and winging from Heisen of California in 2m. 1s.

Tipton of U. S. C. is the only other man who really deserves mention, as he managed to nose out Smith of California, though not in as fast time as that made by Billings.

In the mile run there seems to be no one who could compete with the northerners with much success. Last year Fischer and Linton Smith were about as good as could be found anywhere, but the Pomona man has graduated, and Linton Smith failed to come back.

STURGES BEST MILER.

On the whole it would seem only right to put Sturges of Pomona in this position, as he has twice covered the distance in a fraction over 4m. 30s. and in addition is a great two-miler, having made the fastest time in the south in that event this year and being a veteran of four years' standing.

Linton Smith made the distance in about 4m. 35s., while Torrance won from the California freshmen in 4m. 36s., but neither of these men showed enough class this year to be chosen on an all-southern aggregation of track stars.

SWIGGETT UNDEFEATED.

In the two-mile we have the great undefeated Swiggett, conqueror of Crabbe and Dodge, supposedly the best men in the State. Aside from the little U. S. C. man, the only other first-class two-miler was Sturges of Pomona, who covered the distance in 16m. 2s. against Occidental and forced Crabbe to lower the California record to 9m. 53s. to beat him. It was a shame that J. Pluvius interfered with the meeting of these two great runners.

GOOD RECORD BY KELLY.

The hurdles this year fell to Fred Kelly of U. S. C., who disposed of all opponents excepting Maclise in both high and low events this year. Only two other times was he forced to take any position other than first, once being defeated by Ward and White; and the other time losing the low barrier event to Dill of Occidental in 26.4, after losing a shoe on the first hurdle.

His time in these events of 15.4 and 26.1 is very good when it is taken into consideration that he usually competed in about five events in every

meet. Maclise of California said after the race that Kelly might have beaten him if he had not been forced to compete in so many other events. Dill of Occidental was his closest competitor in the college ranks.

KINGMAN A WINNER.

In the field events, Kingman of Pomona, made the best record in the shot-put this year and it seems only right to award him the palm in this event. Kelly and Smart both did good work in this event but neither of them managed to push the pellet out as far as Kingman did.

In the hammer throw there is only one man in the South and he is Barnes of Pomona. He certainly was in a class by himself, winning everything hands down and twice breaking the Southern California record in this event. His old rival, Metcalf, was attending Occidental this year and, not being eligible, did not practice. Kelly tried his hand at this event also and with fair success as did Durkee of U. S. C. and McNary of Oxy.

SMART'S WORK MERITORIOUS.

The discus was not productive of much class but the palm must go to Bill Smart as having defeated both Kelly and Carver in the dual meets between the colleges. The high school boys far outclassed the college men in this event and we are sure to see some great work in this event next year.

The high jump must be classified with the discus. Nobody was particularly good and Chaffee gets the selection for having jumped higher than any other college man this year, although he fell an easy victim to the high school high jumpers as did the other college men who tried this event. His nearest competitors were Baer and Lawyer of Occidental, Pomona not having had anyone who counted for much in the high leap.

EARL A STAR PERFORMER.

In the broad jump the work of Earl of U. S. C. stands out head and shoulders above that of anyone else, being only pressed by his team-mate Freeman. Earl managed to place in every meet in which he competed this year and usually finished on the top of the heap. Brooks and Harris of Pomona consistently jumped over twenty feet but that is not considered exceptionally good.

In the pole vault Barnes is the only man in the south with the exception of Borgstrom of Ventura High, who got over twelve feet this year. Barnes has been getting over eleven feet for a couple of years, but this time he did his best work by taking second to Vail of California in the Pacific Coast Conference meet at Berkeley.

Seward of Pomona and Watkins of U. S. C. were the only other good vaulters among the college men, although Babe Giffen would have undoubtedly put up a good mark if he had not sprained his ankle on his first attempt in the A. A. U. meet. With the advent of the High School stars into the college ranks next year, however, there is going to be some great competition.

THE RELAY STARS.

Last, and always best of all, comes the relay team. Three men, Gillette, Bradbeer and Hodge, have earned their places without any shadow of doubt, but the fourth place is more of a problem. Yakeley, Billings, Hansen, Lorbeer and several others have all done good work on their relay teams, but the place seems most deserved by Williamson of Pomona, who, running the first lap, never failed once during the season to set his team off with a good lead in the early part of the race.

It would be a joy to see this all-star bunch of red-blooded young athletes all taking part in a meet, and upholding the honor of the South. They would be a mighty hard combination to beat by any bunch of college men in the country.