

# KELLY, THOMSON, BEEBE BREAK TRACK RECORDS.

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**F**RED KELLY and Earl Thomson ran a dead heat in the high hurdles in the world's record time of 15s. Clarence Beebe defeated Ray Adkinson in the half-mile and set up a new Southern California record of 1m. 56 4-5s.

Many other events of importance full of bitter and gruelling fights between athletes were crowded into the A.A.U. track and field championships at Bovard field. But beside those two record-breakers they shrivelled.

## KELLY HERO.

Fred Kelly was the individual hero of the day. Running for the L.A.A.C., he won the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard dash, took fourth in the shot, in addition to equalling the world's record in his own special event. He had to run a heat in both the 100 and high hurdles in addition to the finals.

The races came so closely together that Kelly did not have time to breathe between them. He just finished one race to get down into his marks for the next. His time in the 100 was 10 1-5s. and in the longer dash 23 2-5s. Anybody the least bit familiar with track time knows that those figures mean speed.

## THE HURDLE RACE.

The hurdle race itself was a thriller. In the heat Kelly had just managed to squirm into third place. He was thoroughly exhausted by his 100-yard dash.

"I can't reach the hurdle," he complained. "I sit down on top of them. It looks like curtains."

Thomson was fresh. On his marks Kelly was so nervous that he jumped the gun. Usually the champion is so cool that nothing but the report can budge him off his marks. At the crack of the pistol Kelly was out of his marks like a shot. He was almost a yard ahead of Thomson. From then to the finish it was a gruelling struggle on the part of Fred to stay out in front with the Trojan freshman closing the gap an inch at every hurdle. They went over the last one together and lurched for the tape.

Everybody saw the finish differently. Some said Kelly won, some Thomson. If ever a dead heat was run, that was it. Thomson's time stands as a record. Kelly toppled one hurdle. Fred should worry. He made that time three years ago.

Those who saw the race predicted that Kelly fresh could have broken his mark and nobody seemed to doubt but that some day Thomson himself will set a new record.

## BEEBE'S VICTORY.

The half-mile race between Adkinson and Beebe was everything that anybody claimed in advance for it and a little more. Both runners sprinted 880 yards. \*It was just a gruelling,

exhausting speed fight under which Ray Adkinson wilted.

The first quarter was run in 57s, with Beebe leading and Adkinson trailing on behind. The two runners dove into the tunnel. The crowd stood up and waited for a time that seemed hours. On the back stretch Adkinson pulled up abreast of Beebe and tried to pass him. The Trojan simply lengthened those long legs of his and stepped faster and faster. Gradually Adkinson fell back and back. As the two wheeled into the straightaway and up toward the tape, Beebe seemed to walk away from him. The legs of both runners were wobbly. Coach Stanton of Pomona caught Adkinson in 1m. 58 1-5s.

## OLD MAN FISHER.

The next race in importance to these two was the two-mile. Old Man Fisher, famous runner for Pomona in 1909, tried to spring one of his famous comebacks against Dave Sturges, the present Hun hero.

Sturges lit out at a fast clip and at the mile mark was easily 100 yards ahead. Fisher was away back somewhere in a long string of runners that flapped around like the tail of a kite. Sturges was coming into the stretch in front of the bleachers when this flock was on the opposite side. But every time as Sturges passed Stanton, he asked, "Where's Fisher? Where's Fisher?" He knew what was coming.

Out of that flapping line of runners one detached himself and began to slowly forge ahead. He was not sprinting, but gradually and easily passing man after man. It was Fisher.

At the end of the fifth lap he was leading the long string. All during the next lap and the next Fisher crept across the distance between the flock and Sturges and every time Sturges passed Stanton, he asked "Where's Fisher?"

On the last lap Fisher was still twenty-five yards to the rear. He began to sprint. When the two came out of the tunnel Fisher was only 12 yards behind. Rounding the last turn he had made up six of that. All down the straightaway he crept closer and closer. The two dived at the tape together. Sturges won by half an inch.

Tuffy Conn won the quarter-mile without much trouble, but he had the fight of his sweet young life winning the relay for the L.A.A.C. Adkinson was out to redeem himself, Conn and he fought neck and neck until the Hun again weakened and dropped behind near the tape. Beebe, who started yards behind, came near catching him.

Walt Sturges won the mile run and then turned around and carried Gerry, who finished third, off the track when the latter fainted.

In point score the L.A.A.C. had by

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far the largest, 67; U.S.C. was second with 51; Pomona had third with 23. The other points were widely scattered.

## The summary:

The 100-yard dash—First heat: Won by Kelly (L.A.A.C.) Paschal (W.S.) second, Bradley (S.C.) third, Stone (P.) fourth; time 10 1-5a.

Second heat—Won by Lusher (O.) Moseley (S.C.) second, Murray (W.) third; time 10 3-5a.

Finals—Won by Kelly (L.A.A.C.) Paschal (W.S.) second, Murray (W.) third, Lusher (O.) fourth; time 10 1-5a.

The 220-yard dash—Won by Kelly (L.A.A.C.) Bradley (S.C.) second, Paschal (W.S.) third, Gates (L.A.A.C.) fourth; time 22 3-5a.

The 440-yard dash—Won by Conn (L.A.A.C.) E. Murray (W.) second, Martip (S.C.) third, Clark (S.C.) fourth; time 52a.

The 880-yard dash—Won by Beebe (S.C.) Adkinson (P.) second, George (S.C.) third, Kieffer (L.A.A.C.) fourth; time 1m. 56 4-5a. (Southern California record.)

One mile run—Won by W. Sturges (P.) G. Walker (Pomona High) second, Miller (S.C.) third, Gerry (P.) fourth; time 4m. 34 4-5a.

Two-mile run—Won by D. Sturges (P.) E. Fisher (L.A.A.C.) second, Keech (N.) third, Walden (P.) fourth; time 10m. 8a.

The 120-yard hurdles—First heat: Won by E. Thomson (S.C.) Kirkpatrick (L.A.A.C.) second, Strehle (P.) third; time 15 3-5a.

Second heat—Won by Gansner (S.C.) V. Murray (W.) second, Kelly (L.A.A.C.) third; time 16 2-5a.

Final heat—Tie for first between Kelly (L.A.A.C.) and Thomson (S.C.) V. Murray (W.) third, Kirkpatrick (L.A.A.C.) fourth; time 15a.

The 220-yard low hurdles—Won by V. Murray (W.) Kirkpatrick (L.A.A.C.) second, Strehle (Pomona, 1919,) third, Thomson (S.C.) fourth; time 25 1-5a.

The 16-pound hammer throw—Won by Whittier (U.S.C.) Green (P.) second, Bayley (L.A.A.C.) third, Bagnard (L.A.A.C.) fourth; distance 126ft. 5in.

Pole vault—Won by Borgstrom (L.A.A.C.) Bean (L.A.A.C.) second, Greve (L.A.A.C.) third, Watkins (L.A.A.C.) fourth; height 12ft. 1in.

The 16-pound shot put—Won by Bagnard (L.A.A.C.) Craig (U.S.C.) second, Leo Livernash (U.S.C.) third, Kelly (L.A.A.C.) fourth; distance 42ft. 9 1/2 in.

High jump—Won by Watkins (L.A.A.C.) Merriam (L.A.A.C.) second, Webster (O.) third, Thomson (L.A.A.C.) fourth; height 6ft. 3/4 in.

Discus throw—Won by Smith (U.S.C.) Bagnard (L.A.A.C.) second, Nesbit (P.) third, Leo Livernash (U.S.C.) fourth; distance 126ft. 3in.

Hop, step and jump—Won by Thomson (U.S.C.) Finch (W.) second, Len Livernash (U.S.C.) third, Haberlein (M.) fourth; distance 41ft. 9in.

Javelin throw—Won by Haberlein (M.) Zolle (L.A.A.C.) second, Hesson (L.A. High) third, Anderson (L.A.A.C.) fourth; distance 147ft. 5in.

Broad jump—Won by Plavan (L.A.A.C.) H. Lamport (M.) second, Thomson (U.S.C.) third, Cookman (U.S.C.) and Duell (U.S.C.) tied for fourth; distance 21ft. 6in.

Grammar school relay—Won by Whittier State, Fifty-second second, Belvedere third, Rosemont fourth; time 49 1-5a.

One-mile high school relay—Won by Manual Arts, Pasadena second, no third; time 3m. 11 2-5a.

One mile open relay—Won by L.A.A.C. (B. Anderson, Dillabaugh, Gates, Conn.) Pomona second (Wallace, Green, King, Adkinson,) U.S.C. third (Tipton, Wilcox, Clark, Beebe;) time 3m. 29 3-5a.