

KEEN RIVALRY IN DECATHLON

*Less Than Hundred Points
Separates Athletes*

*Three Stars Battling for
Trip to Boston*

*Final Events at Coliseum
This Morning*

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Three of the best all-around track athletes in the country competed against each other in the first five events of the Olympic Games decathlon trials at the Coliseum yesterday afternoon and when they got through less than 95 points separated the first and the last. Otto Anderson had the best score of the day, totalling 3647.25 points. Morton Kaer was second with 3569.52 and Charles Lewis third with 3554.32.

The finals are scheduled for 10 o'clock this morning. Fred Kelly will put the three stars through five events, the 110-meter hurdles, discus, javelin, pole vault and 1500-meter run. Inasmuch as they are running neck and neck now the competition should be terrific this morning. Lewis is expected to show his best strength as he is a cinch in the pole vault and also looks good for a first in the discus.

SENSATIONAL RACE

There were several startling performances on the afternoon's program. Kaer, a well-built athlete and a freshman at U.S.C., caused a sensation when he traveled the 400-meter dash in 50s. flat. This time is little short of phenomenal. In the final Olympic trials for the decathlon four years ago no man did better than 52.6s. Dean Cromwell, one of the timers, nearly fainted dead away when he looked at his watch. Anderson was a good second, running in 51.2s., while Lewis tired at the finish, but at that managed to make 54s.

The Trojan fresh also took first in the broad jump, leaping 22ft., 4in., Anderson being next and Lewis third.

Lewis sprang a surprise in the shot when he pushed the bronze ball out for a 41-foot ride. Both Anderson and Kaer fell down in this event, particularly the latter who registered only 469.03 points, the lowest score of the day.

The rivals ran about even in the high jump, Anderson taking first with a jump of 5ft., 5½in. Lewis was an inch behind him and Kaer two inches lower than Lewis.

ALL ARE GOOD

Kaer negotiated the 100 meters in 11.2s., very respectable time for the distance. All the men showed splendid form in this event, each one getting better than 800 points.

The complete results follow:

100-meter dash—Won by Kaer, 11.2s. (points, 837.20;) Anderson, second, 11.3s. (points, 828.49;) Lewis, third, 11.4s. (points, 809.60.)

Broad jump—Won by Kaer, 22ft., 4in. (points, 854;) Anderson, 21ft., 7in. (points, 747.65;) Lewis, 21ft., 4in. (638.80.)

Shot put—Won by Lewis, 41ft. (716;) Anderson, 39ft., 11½in. (582;) Kaer, 32ft., 10 in. (466.)

High jump—Won by Anderson, 5 ft., 5½in. (822;) Lewis, 5ft., 4½in. (580;) Kaer, 5ft., 2½in. (516.)

400-meter run—Won by Kaer, 50s. (932.52;) Anderson, 51.2s. (887.20;) Lewis, 54s. (781.82.)

LEWIS WINS IN THE DECATHLON

Noses Out Kaer and Anderson by a Few Points

Fine Pole Vault Mark Cinches Thing for Him

Trojan Freshman Star Takes a Close Second

Chuck Lewis, former Cornell University star and termed the dark horse of the Southern California Olympic trials in the decathlon, sprang a big surprise in the final five events at the Coliseum yesterday morning and finished with the best score of the competition. Lewis's total was 6858.38 points out of a possible 10,000, and is an exceptionally fine performance. Only two men in this country finished with a better score than this in the finals of the 1926 trials.

Morton Kaer, U.S.C. freshman, was second with 6783.89 and Otto Anderson, Trojan varsity athlete, third with 6600.57.

TOPS FAVORITE

The final event of the day, the 1500-meter race found Lewis some 230 points ahead of Kaer, the favorite to win the event. Lewis hoped for no better than third and it was expected that Kaer would make up about 200 points on his rival. However, the Trojan frosh didn't do as well as had been expected, and Lewis finishing third kept his lead by some 71 points.

Because of the wet track the men were forced to run about 175 feet further than the regulation 1500-meters, and there is good reason to believe that ten seconds cut from all of their marks would more accurately show the times they made.

Lewis won because he was comparatively good in all events. He fell below 500 points in only the 1500-meters run, where he made 466. On the other hand Kaer, although he won the 100-meters, broad jump, javelin, 400-meters and 1500-meters, fell below 500 in three events and this hurt his average.

TRIO LIKELY TO GO

In all probability all three will be sent East for the final tryouts, as they are apparently able to hold their own with any of the decathlon men in the country, with the exception of Harold Osborne, Illinois high-jump star.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

110-meter hurdles—Lewis, 16 9-10s. (895.50;) Kaer, 16 1-10s. (819.50;) Anderson, 16s. (805.)
Discus—Lewis, 111ft. 1 1/4in. (575.15;) Kaer, 102ft. 3 1/4in. (467.83;) Anderson, 113ft. 6in. (508.82.)
Pole vault—Lewis, 13ft. 1 1/4in. (660;) Kaer, 9ft. 10 1/4in. (487.40;) Anderson, 9ft. 4 1/4in. (411.40.)
Javelin—Lewis, 151ft. 1in. (569.49;) Kaer 149ft. 6in. (744.65;) Anderson, 135ft. 1 1/4in. (455.80.)
1500-meter run—Lewis, 5m. 25 8-10s. (469;) Kaer, 5m. 11-10s. (614.20;) Anderson, 5m. 6 1-10s. (584.20.)
Totals—Lewis (6858.38,) Kaer (6783.89,) Anderson (6600.57.)