

MERCURY TEAM BOWS TO U.S.C.

*Charley Creates New Mark
for 150 Meters*

*Shaves Two-fifths Seconds
Off Old Record*

*Dye and Grumbles Shine in
Hurdle Races*

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Charley Paddock, the record-wrecking runner, raced to another pair of victories in the Coliseum yesterday and



in achieving his second triumph of the afternoon the blonde tornado shattered the world's mark for 150 meters, lopping almost half a second off a record which has been standing since 1907. Although Paddock got his usual two wins in the sprints he couldn't

keep the University of Southern California athletes from running away with first honors in the meet. The Trojans amassed 63 points while Charley's team—the Los Angeles Athletic Club squad—had to be content with a none too impressive second place, the Mercuries grabbing 43 digits. The Olympic Club ran true to form and took third. Glenn Hartranft, Johnni Myrra and the other notables from the north cornering 29 points.

The 150-meter race was substituted for the regular 220-yard dash at Charley's suggestion and with permission of the Trojans and Olympics. Paddock tore down the track with his usual unorthodox arm-and-leg motion to flash across the line a comfortable winner over Herschel Smith of U.S.C. Charley's time was 15.68, erasing the old mark of 16 seconds flat made by K. Lindberg of Sweden. The Finns had quite a laugh on Charley last year when he tried to break the record while touring Europe. Now Paddock can chortle a bit himself.

There seems to be little doubt that Charley is just about as good as ever. He got a terrible start in the century, seemed about to fall over himself and after regaining his poise churned his way down the track to breast the tape a good yard ahead of Hugh Pinney. Any time you run 9.7s, as regularly as Charley appears able to you're certainly rambling and if Paddock has lost any of his old-time speed it most assuredly was not apparent yesterday.

The meet started out in a manner which boded all kinds of trouble for U.S.C. Boyd Comstock's milers cleaned up the works in the opening event, Wille Arenaz, Henry Lunney and Nick Carter finishing in the order named. Carter stayed behind Earl Lockhart of the Olympic Club and then beat

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the northerner by outprinting him on the last half-jap. This event started the Mercuries off with nine points and then Paddock and Pinney made it eight more in the century.

Everything went along according to Hoyle, or whoever it is who ranks as the official track authority and dopester, although Eaton's defeat by Myrra in the javelin upset the Mercury calculators a bit. Myrra's toss of 197ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. was a bit too good for Eaton, who threw 195ft. 10in. The Mercuries made up in the high hurdles what they had lost in the javelin, however, Bob Maxwell nosing Cliff Reynolds out for second place.

With the start of the two-mile the Trojans and Mercuries were tied, 25 to 25, with the Olympic Club in third place. Battling Lee Hellman started the downfall of the Mercury athletes to death in this race. Running in fine fettle and using his noodle to advantage Hellman was returned a comparatively easy winner over Douglas Keech, the latter starting his sprint too early with the result that the U.S.C. star had more steam left at the finish and accordingly bumped into the tape first. Earl Lockhart added insult to injury by taking third place from Humphrey and Art Forward. The Mercuries had counted heavily on six or eight points in this race and once the ball was started the rout of the Seventh-street athletes assumed rather enormous proportions. From this event on the Trojans had pretty complete control of the situation, their rivals failing to pick up what had looked like sure points while Dean Cromwell's charges all performed up to snuff and grabbed off points in a reckless manner.

Paddock wasn't the only record-busting athlete of the afternoon, although the only world's mark went to him. Percy Niersbach's victory in the half-mile was achieved in the splendid time of 1m. 55.6s., a new Southern California record. He held the old mark of 1m. 55.9s. The race between Carter and Percy failed to materialize, Nick apparently being in no mental or physical condition for the clash. He ran last through most of the event, failing to put on pressure at any stage. Nick really wanted to run only the half in an effort to beat Niersbach and when he had to go in the mile it apparently upset him.

Leighton Dye rambled over the high sticks in 14.6s. to tie his own Pacific Coast record, while Kenneth Grumbles, who improves as fast as any man on the Trojan squad, equaled Bob Maxwell's low-hurdle mark by negotiating the low sticks in 23.6s. This race was one of the best on the program. The men were even over the last hurdle, with Bob having a slight edge if there was any difference, but Grumbles' terrific sprint at the finish nipped Bob at the tape by about six inches. It's too bad these two won't meet again this year for one of 'em would probably set a new Coast record if they did. There are apparently no other hurdlers on the Coast capable of pushing either man to his limit. Yesterday we doubted Grumbles' ability to run 23.6s. at this time. Our hat is off.

Ralph Smith gave Mercury supporters something to crow about when he beat Lee Barnes in the pole-vault. He cleared what was announced as 13ft. 6in. But when officially measured the height turned out to be 13ft. 4 3-16 in. so the Trojans had the last

laugh, after all, for Barnes's American record was not smashed. Lee's mark is 13ft. 5 1-8in. and the first official measurement on Smith's vault yesterday was 13ft. 5 1-4in. The 13ft. 4 3-16 mark is official.

The duel between Bud Houser and Glenn Hartrauft was all Houser. Bud won the shot with a toss of 48ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., while Hartrauft's throw was 46ft. 7 3-4in. The Trojan captain copped the discus with a magnificent heave of 154ft. 5in., Hartrauft again being second. His effort measured 141ft. 5in. Bud naturally had the edge in condition and undoubtedly the knowledge that he had lost to Houser sixteen out of the last twenty-two times they met didn't help Hartrauft any. Yesterday's wins give Bud a total of eighteen triumphs to six for Tiny in their twenty-four clashes.

Friday we said that the Trojans were the best bet to win the meet. We based our opinion on the fact that it didn't seem possible that the Mercuries, old-timers if ever there were such, could so soon again perform up to the standard they set at Stanford. It's asking a lot of men who don't get too much time to train to expect them to reach their best records every time they go on the track. Friday we said the chances were that the Mercuries would not do as well as they did at Stanford. They didn't and that statement doesn't take any credit away from the Trojans for the way Dean Cromwell's athletes were going yesterday it is extremely doubtful if the Mercuries could have won even had they done their stuff as efficiently as they did in the north.

With all due respect to Boyd Comstock and Owen Bird it does seem that they could have juggled their distance men a bit better, second guesses are frequently best and we have no desire to pose as an authority on how men should be run, and where. The Mercuries were considerably upset because they were limited to three men in each event. Many club athletes never even got to compete, which was too bad.

The Trojan victory yesterday keeps the U.S.C. escutcheon untarnished for the season. It's hard to see how they can lose the Coast conference or the I. C. 4-As. All the stars are getting better and the so-so athletes are up and coming.

110-meter dash—Won by Paddock (U.S.C.) second, House (U.S.C.) third. Time, 28 4-16s (new world's record.)

Discus—Won by Houser (U.S.C.) Hartrauft (O.) second, Richards (L.A.A.C.) third. Distance, 154ft. 5in.

Mile—Won by Arthur (L.A.A.C.) Loney (L.A.A.C.) second, Carter (L.A.A.C.) third. Time, 1m. 55 6-16s.

Shotput—Won by Houser (U.S.C.) Hartrauft (O.) second, Anderson (L.A.A.C.) third. Distance, 49ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

High jump—O'Farrell (U.S.C.) and Ross (U.S.C.) tied for first, Webster (L.A.A.C.) third. Height, 5ft. 7in.

150—Won by Paddock (L.A.A.C.) Pinney (L.A.A.C.) second, House (U.S.C.) third. Time, 67-16s.

440—Won by Crane (O.) Eaters (U.S.C.) second, C. Smith (U.S.C.) third. Time, 58 4-16s.

Javelin—Won by Myrra (O.) Eaton (L.A.A.C.) second, Cook (U.S.C.) third. Distance, 197ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

High hurdles—Won by Dye (U.S.C.) Maxwell (L.A.A.C.) second, Reynolds (U.S.C.) third. Time, 14 1-16s.

Two-mile—Won by Hellman (U.S.C.) Keech (L.A.A.C.) second, Lockhart (O.) third. Time, 5m. 58 7-16s.

500—Won by Nierbach (U.S.C.) Fuller (O.) second, Adams (U.S.C.) third. Time, 1m. 55 4-16s. (new Southern California record.)

100yd dash—Won by Mercuries (O.) Reynolds (U.S.C.) second, Martin (O.) third. Distance, 22ft. 4in.

Low hurdles—Won by Grumbles (U.S.C.) Maxwell (L.A.A.C.) second, Dye (U.S.C.) third. Time, 23 6-16s.

Pole vault—Won by R. Smith (L.A.A.C.) Barnes (U.S.C.) second, Bala (U.S.C.) third. Height, 12ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (new American record.)

Batle—Won by U.S.C. (Barnes, Nierbach, Wallace and R. Smith); Olympic Club second and L.A.A.C. third.