

GETS ONE MARK, LOSES ANOTHER

Puts 16-Pound Ball 51ft. 2in.

But Weight is Light

Tosses 12-Pound Iron 58ft.

for New Record

Bob Maxwell Runs Low

Hurdles in 23 1-5s.

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In a meet that sparkled with record-breaking performances, Boyd Comstock's powerful Los Angeles Athletic Club

team administered a severe drubbing to the University of Southern California at the Coliseum yesterday afternoon. The Mercuries made clean sweeps in the shot, discus, javelin and half-mile, winning by the lop-sided score of 901-3 to 402-3. It was



one of the worst defeats ever suffered by a Trojan track team.

John Kuck, bull-necked farmer from the wilds of Kansas, shattered the world's shot-put record only to lose the mark a few minutes later when it was discovered that his "implement," as Charley Keppen calls the weight objects, was two ounces light.

IN GREAT FORM

Kuck tossed the iron ball 51ft. 23-in., wrecking the mark he set last week at 51ft. 1/2-in., which broke Ralph Rose's old world record of 51ft. even. Gigantic John was in magnificent form yesterday, all of his heaves hovering around the 51ft. mark after he got well warmed up. He had one toss of 51ft 3-8in.

The shot was weighed before the event and pronounced of correct poundage. It was then weighed after the boys had toyed with it, and the discovery was made that it was two ounces light. Probably shrank in the heat. Somebody said it was a Trojan "implement" and that it had been thrown out of the California meet this year because it was light.

While the official weighing committee was manipulating the scales Kuck got busy and heaved the javelin several times. As a result when the shot error was discovered John was kind of tuckered out or he would have gone after the record again with a new weapon.

More or less incensed by his loss of the 51ft. 2 3-4in. mark, Kuck grabbed a twelve-pound shot and in competition against Martin Orloff and Manley Edwards shattered Rose's world record of 57ft. 3in. by propelling the thing 58ft. 7 1/2in. This time the implement was not light and the mark undoubtedly will stand.

SHOULD GET RECORD

Kuck's performance yesterday indicates that he should be given the 51ft.-1/2in. record he established last week at Fresno. He's a great shot-putter and ought to better that effort before many weeks have passed. Kuck left last night for his home in Kansas and will do the rest of his weight waiting in the Midwest. Big John did 55ft. before competition started yesterday.

There were no end of startling performances yesterday. Here are a few of 'em:

Bob Maxwell, pride of the L.A.A.C., ran the low hurdles in 23 1-5s., to shatter his own Pacific Coast record of 23.3s.

Charley Borah, national intercollegiate 100-yard champion, raced through half a century and then pulled a muscle so badly that he may be out of competition for a long time.

KUCK SHATTERS SHOT RECORDS

Gets 12-Pound Mark, Lowers 16-Pound Record

Bob Maxwell Runs Low Sicks in 23 1/2s.

Mercurius Score Easy Win Over Trojans.

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That was plenty startling, as pulled muscles have never bothered early-headed Charley in the past.

Weldon Draper came through in splendid fashion after Borah's injury to win the 100 in 24-5/8, and cap the farling in 21 1/2-5/8.

Red Houser, world's discus champion, sailed the platter 157 1/2 feet, competing unattached. This was done dangerously close to his world's mark of 160 1/2-1/8.

Lighton Dye, former national A.A.U. and I.C.A.A.A. champion, won the high hurdles in 14 1/2-5/8, indicating that he is serious about his comeback for the Olympic Games. Dye also competed unattached.

Lee Barnes tried 117 1/2 lbs. three times, clearing the bar on each of his first two attempts, only to knock it off with his arms as he came down.

Bill McLaughlin, lucky L.A.A.C. runner, passed out his team-mate, Percy Storchbach, in a sensational half-mile which saw the former Poly boy negotiate the distance in 1m. 53 1/2-5/8.

NO COMPETITION

Borah's time in the low was all the more remarkable in that he had virtually no competition. Alex Graham, Trojan runner, did the best he could, but Alex was four yards behind Maxwell at the finish. Jimmy Payne, who recently did 21 1/2-5/8, was out of the race due to an injured foot. Ken Crumley, former I.C.A.A.A. champion, ran, but was unable to show much due to lack of training. Maxwell's time is one-fifth of a second back of Charley Brodwin's world record.

Borah's injury advanced the pace. Dean Crowwell said afterward that Borah first pulled the muscle last Wednesday and that Charley was merely trying the leg out yesterday. At any rate, Borah knew enough to stop immediately when the muscle buckled under him. He halted at the fifty-yard mark, at which point he was running second to Draper.

Crowwell said there is no way of telling right now how serious Borah's injury is. Whether Charley will be ready for the I.C.A.A. meet is problematical. Yesterday's injury probably means that Borah will certainly stay out after the intercollegiate, as he won't want to use the leg any more than is necessary, and two or three long train rides wouldn't help matters any.

Draper's spraining was pleasing and means that Southern California will be able to pick up quite a few points in the I.C.A.A. sprints if Borah returns.

Houser is concentrating on the discus and his work yesterday indicates that he and Eric Kraus of Stanford are the best in the land. Ed Medler of the club did 147 1/2, and looks like mighty promising Olympic material.

The first event of the day saw Nick Carter race to a 5m. 28s. victory in the mile. Tom Adams of the Trojans set a 1m. 2s. pace for the half and then dropped out. Carter went into the lead after Young's retirement and steamed around to the finish in good style. Hank Lawrence, running only to take second, did just that in his usual relaxed style, shunting Jim Hussy of the Trojans into third position.

The Trojans were handicapped by the loss of Ed Clough in the half-mile, had both keeping him from competition. Payne's inability to run the low and Borah's injury also hurt, the S.C. team dropping a possible 10 or 12 points by the loss of these men.

Madraff and Patterson finish in a dead heat in the two-mile, juggling to the tape together. Jenkins, L.A.A.C. in blue, gave the Trojans a battle of it for half the race but dropped out after developing voice trouble. Lunsby did not run.

The Mercurius can point with considerable pride to their enviable record of this season now that they have traversed Stanford, California and Southern California in addition to Pomona and Occidental. Coachock, Kappa, and the other L.A.A.C. officials are to be congratulated on their sagacity in spending a lot of time and effort in building a great team which has stimulated interest in track-and-field athletics.

The summary:

500-yard run—Won by Carter (L.A.A.C.) 1:07.1; second, Houser (S.C.) 1:07.2; time, 1:07-1/8.

1000-yard run—Won by Draper (S.C.) 2:14.1; second, Clark (L.A.A.C.) 2:14.2; time, 2:14-1/8.

1500-yard run—Won by Houser (S.C.) 3:28.1; second, Madraff (S.C.) 3:28.2; time, 3:28-1/8.

1 mile—Won by Carter (L.A.A.C.) 5:28.1; second, Lawrence (S.C.) 5:28.2; time, 5:28-1/8.

1 1/2 mile—Won by Madraff (L.A.A.C.) 8:45.1; second, Patterson (S.C.) 8:45.2; time, 8:45-1/8.