
NATIONAL TRACK TITLE GOES TO BRILLIANT MERCURY TEAM

Borah Shatters Olympic Games Mark in Trio of Races; Barnes Victor in Pole Vault After Thrilling Duel; Houser Cops Discus

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HARVARD STADIUM, CAMBRIDGE (Mass.) July 7.—Piling up the impressive total of 41 points scored in eleven events, the bronzed athletes of the Los Angeles Athletic Club captured the national track-and-field championship this afternoon from the greatest field of athletes ever gathered together in this country. The New York A. C. was second with 34 points, the Illinois A. C. third with 23 points, and the rest were scattered all the way from Boston to the Pacific Ocean. . . .

While records were falling right and left, including one world's mark in the broad jump by Hamon of the New York A.C., Southern California captured national championships in the 100 meters, 200 meters, pole vault, discus throw and hop-step-and-jump and unquestionably qualified the lion's share of the athletes for the 1928 American Olympic team although that was a matter to



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be settled later this evening after the A.A.U. politicians had had a chance to let their dinners digest.

Athletes for the Pacific Coast to

PROTEST?

BOSTON, July 7. (AP)—Protest of the eligibility as an amateur of Charley Paddock, veteran California sprinter, by at least one foreign country, because of his motion-picture activities, is understood to have been received by the American Olympic committee and figured tonight in the debate over the track-and-field team selections behind closed doors.

win national titles were Bob King of Stanford in the high jump, Herman Brix of Washington in the shot put, Steve Anderson of Washington in the 110-meter hurdles, Bud Houser of Los Angeles in the discus, Levi Casey of Los Angeles in the hop-step-and-jump; Lee Barnes of Los Angeles in the pole vault, Frank Wykoff of Glendale in the 100-meters and Charley Borah of Los Angeles in the 200 meters.

PADDOCK COMES BACK

Revenge, sweet revenge, was gained by a lot of Southern Californians today. There was Charley Paddock, who justified his claim to a place on the team by running three sensational 200-meter races this afternoon on top of the three fast 100 meters he ran yesterday and chased Charley Borah across the tape by less than a yard to make his selection certain. There was Lee Barnes, who has been trying for three years to hang up a victory overabin Carr of Yale in the pole vault and who succeeded today. Barnes was only outvaulted by Carr in the actual competition but came within an eyelash of clearing fourteen feet on each of his three trials; and Charley Borah, the cripple, was running as well as ever in the furlong. It tickled him to win.

And then again there was

Boyd Comstock, I.A.A.C. coach, who took a fiendish delight in bringing his athletes 2000 miles to capture team honors. His athletes scored points in more events than the athletes of any other club and their victory made the choice of the Olympic coaches, in which he was not included, look like the work of gentlemen who were more interested in politics than in getting together the most capable aggregation of advisers for the American Olympic team.

The 300-meter run was a thriller with another record going in the discard, while Lloyd Hahn fought off the successive challenges of Hay Watson, defending champion, and finally Earl Fuller, the blond dark horse from the Olympic Club of San Francisco, whose well-timed,

BORAH WINS 200-METERS; CHARLEY PADDOCK SECOND

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last-minute sprint nipped the little Chicagoan at the tape. Hahn shot into the lead at the start to run the first quarter in 54.4-5s. Ray Watson was right on his heels all the way until just at the tape, where Fuller failed him.

Before the staid citizens of this erudite community had really had a chance to pick the beans out of their teeth after lunch, two record-breaking efforts had been hung up. Herfn Brix of Washington unshouldering the shot for a heave of 50ft. 11 3-4in., the applause from which had scarcely died away before Edward B. Hamm of Georgia Tech, Arkansas and the New York A. C. broke the world's record for the running broad jump with a terrific leap of 25ft. 11 1-8in.

ALL-WESTERN FINISH

As was the case yesterday, Brix grabbed the big brass pill and on his first attempt shoved the thing within a whisker of the recognized world's record of 51ft. even. It turned out to be an all-western event as predicted. Harlow Rother of Los Angeles and Stanford University took second with 49ft. 8 1-4in., John Kuck, apparently scared to death of the toe broad, did 49ft. 4 3-4in. and Eric Krenz of Stanford make it a grand slam for the Far West with a 49ft. 2 3-4in. shove.

Like Brix, Hamm did his stuff on his first trial. Before anybody really realized that the broad jump was in progress the lithe youngster was dashing down the runway and taking off with a spring that shot him high in the air, lit far out in the pit and there was a screech from those of the crowd who had noticed his preparations to jump.

There was a rush of officials with the steel tape, followed by a wild whoop by those who could get close enough to see the tape. Then the announcement of the new record.

First to congratulate the new record-holder was De Hart Hubbard, the colored wonder of a few years ago, who had been the world's outstanding broad jumper for the past five or six years. Despite a bad ankle, Hubbard took third in the event and qualified

for a trip to Amsterdam along with Bates of Penn State, inter-collegiate champion, and Edward L. Gordon, another elongated negro athlete.

Bud Houser, the stalwart ex-Trojan tooth puller, improved on his performance of yesterday in the discus with a heave of 153ft. 6 1-4in., swelling the I.A.A.C. point total by five digits, and Levi Casey did the same thing a few minutes later in the hop, step and jump event, when he managed to go 48ft. 10 1-8in. without even hitting the take-off board. It was close to a fifty-foot jump. Bob Kelly of the Olympic Club of San Francisco grabbed a close third in this event.

THRILLING HURDLE RACE

The 110-meter hurdle event was a thriller. Ross Nichols of Stanford, Leighton Dye of the I.A.A.C., Steve Anderson of Washington, John Collier of Brown University and Carl Ring of the New York A. C. faced the starter, and they were off together with the gun. For five hurdles there was nothing to choose between the boys. Then Nichols pulled slightly ahead with Dye clinging to one flank. Collier to the other and Anderson in fourth place, with Ring being slowly but surely outdistanced. The pace was obviously very fast, and the crowd began to yell. At the eighth barrier, Steve Anderson, who had appeared to be out of it, suddenly injected himself into the picture with a terrific burst of speed, and Nichols, Dye, Collier and the lean Washington youngster all hit the ninth hurdle abreast.

There was a sudden flurry of arms and legs, and the Stanford boy staggered a couple of steps and took a header through the tenth hurdle, while Anderson, continuing his wild dash, burst through to victory in 14 4-5s., with Collier nosing out Dye for third and Ring coming in a bad fourth. After the race it was announced that the ninth hurdle in Nichols's lane was misplaced and that he would be given consideration for the Olympic team, all of which was greeted with a loud cheer.

The Coast began to make itself felt in the heats of the 200-meter dash. Charley Borah, obviously running in splendid form, coasted