

# STANFORD POINT CHAMP; U.S.C. TITLE HOLDER

## Two Records Established in Coliseum Meet

BY PAUL LOWRY

There are two California intercollegiate track and field champions this bright Sunday morning.

The University of Southern California is the legal title-holder. Stanford is the illegal king.

This distressing state of affairs is due to the fact that Dink Templeton's battling Cardinals won the meet and then lost it through a ruling of Referee Kinter Hamilton.

These are the two point totals: Official—Southern California, 71½; Stanford, 46; California, 30; U.C.L.A., 8½.

Unofficial—Stanford, 71½; Southern California, 58; California, 27; U.C.L.A., 7½.

Hamilton spiked the Stanford guns when he ruled that the use of some newfangled starting blocks invented by Dink Templeton were illegal and that all points won by Stanford runners who used them would be thrown out.

### USED ANYWAY

After being warned before the start of the 100 that the blocks were illegal, Templeton persisted in having his men use them, and consequently 25 points won by Stanford runners went to other athletes.

Templeton argued that the blocks, small wooden rectangles of various heights—most of them from two inches to six inches in height—were legal because foot blocks were used by Cuhel and Baird of Iowa in the Olympic trials last year, and nothing was said about them at the time.

The Stanford blocks, however, are not foot blocks. They are hand blocks on which the Cardinal runners rest their hands, obtaining greater elevation and, according to Templeton's theory, a faster start.

Hamilton said he knew nothing about the Baird and Cuhel contraptions, but insisted that the Stanford blocks were artificial aids to starting and therefore illegal.

Templeton retorted there was nothing in the rules to forbid the use of his invention and told the officials to stick the points in the pipe and smoke 'em, or words to that effect.

Off to such a blazing start the



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## Templeton's Hand Blocks Cause Uproar

BY RALPH HUSTON

Robert (Dink) Templeton, youthful coach of the Stanford track-and-field team, may have to hire Clarence Darrow, and carry the case to the United States Supreme Court to prove his contention, but until somebody shows him where he is wrong, he will continue to use his trick starting blocks whenever and wherever he chooses.

Templeton introduced the blocks yesterday, and as a result, nobody knows who won the first annual (maybe) California intercollegiate track-and-field meet. Kinter Hamilton, who ruled out the blocks, says the S. C. Trojans won. Templeton, who refused to take out the blocks, avers his athletes won. And there the matter rests until the higher-ups of the august Amateur Athletic Union go into a huddle and produce an authoritative result.

Templeton says they can't be ruled out because there is nothing in the rules against them; and also that Cuhel of Iowa, used them in both the national championships and the Olympic Games last year. Not the same wooden blocks, but similar devices.

### ARE BARRED

Hamilton ruled them out because he says they've never been used before, and that therefore they must be of some use to the athlete, and, being artificial, are barred.

A somewhat hasty perusal of the rules of the A.A.U. fail to disclose a paragraph where anything is barred, in the way of artificial aids and devices. This regulation may be contained in the by-laws, but it is certainly not in the general rules, under which Hamilton made his statement.

Templeton's latest brain-child, or brain-storm, as you will, is an ordinary block of wood, about eight inches long, six wide and two to six deep. In the case of the Stanford athletes, they are painted a brilliant cardinal red.

The blocks made their initial appearance, and launched the uproar, when Hector Dyer and Johnny Lauritzen paraded to the post in the



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