

STAR RUNNERS APPEAR TODAY

*Long Beach is Host to
Southland Talent*

*Trojans, Mercuries Vie for
Team Laurels*

*High School Athletes to Meet
for Honors*

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Providing the threatened rain doesn't descend in torrents, Southern California's track season will

get under way this afternoon at Long Beach High School field. Both the twelfth annual A.A.U. relays and the fourth annual high school relay carnival are on schedule, presenting an attractive program of some thirty - three events for the edification of local cinder



**FRANK
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fans.

Action will start at 1:30 with the open four-mile, four-man relay, in which a Trojan team of Cliff Halstead, Chesley Unruh, Vic Fitzmaurice and George Cuthbert will hook up with a flock of Sherman Indians under the banner of the L.A.A.C. The high school performers will then hold the limelight until 3:10, when the novice 100-yard dash will be run.

The only thing lacking in the festivities is the usual open 100-yard dash. However, an invitation-al high hurdles has been arranged that has brought out Bob Maxwell, Dick Pomeroy and Charley Webber of the L.A.A.C., Wendall Smith, the Occidental "iron man," and

RELAYS START TRACK SEASON

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Jeddy Welsh, S. C.'s national junior champion.

EVERY VARIETY

Every variety of relay known to man is included on the program. There are twelve events for high school runners, who will be divided into four classes, two for junior colleges, five for Southern Conference teams, and five open affairs, in addition to the novice 100 and novice high hurdles and the invitational hurdles. Six events are scheduled for the field performers.

Main interest appears to be centered on the two sprint relays, where S. C.'s crack quartets will hook up with the Mercury runners. Coach Dean Cromwell is ready to send Frank Wykoff, Red Guyer, Weldon Draper and Milt Maurer to the post in the four-man 440, and will have Wykoff, Guyer, Chuck Anderson and Jeddy Welsh in the four-man 880. The first quartet, it is believed, will shatter the world's record some time before the season is over. Three of the four men ran in Denver last June, to win the four-man 440. Draper is running in place of Charley Paddock, the fourth man on the title-winning quartet.

Wykoff, rumored ineligible again, easily became a full-fledged varsity performer, when he made up some back work yesterday. He had received an incomplete in one class for his last semester's work, but by handing in a couple of papers, became an accepted varsity candidate again.

Main contention will be furnished by the L.A.A.C., which has Ray Alf, national junior 220 champion, at the head of its sprinting array, along with Red Houck, Dick Darling and Murray Schultz.

Starting blocks have been admitted by the S.P.A.A.A.U. and most of the runners will use these aids to starting. Cromwell has had his runners using them in workouts, and they will be nothing new to the Trojans. The S.C. variety, devised by Cromwell, consists of a pipe, with two adjustable foot-rests, and can be used by either right-footed or left-footed runners.

The absence of Jess Mortensen, who will be unable to perform because of the S.C.-U.C.L.A. basketball game tonight, takes some of the color out of the javelin, and Jimmy Deblers of the L.A.A.C. is expected to be an easy victor. Herman Brix is the outstanding choice in the shot put, but the work of Bob Hall, husky Trojan sophomore, will be watched with interest in both the shot and discus. Hall has tossed the platter better than 144 feet this year.

CLOSE BATTLE

The Trojans and the Mercuries, as usual, will battle it out for team honors in the open relays. Occidental is favored in the Southern Conference races, with San Diego State as a real threat. San Diego and Manual Arts are expected to sparkle in the unlimited high-school class. The complete program, starting at 1:30:

TRACK EVENTS

- 1—Four-mile, four-man open.
- 2—Quarter-mile, four-man (300 class, high school.)
- 3—Quarter-mile, four-man (1200 class, high school.)
- 4—One-mile, four-man (300 class, high school.)
- 5—One-mile, four-man (1200 class, high school.)
- 6—Medley relay (300 class, high school.)
- 7—Quarter-mile, four-man (3300 class, high school.)
- 8—One-mile, eight-man (1200 class, high school.)
- 9—Quarter-mile, four-man (unlimited, high school.)
- 10—Two-mile, four-man (unlimited, high school.)
- 11—One-mile, four-man (2100 class, high school.)
- 12—One-mile, eight-man (3100 class, high school.)
- 13—One-mile, eight-man (unlimited, high school.)
- 14—Novice 100-yard dash.
- 15—Novice 130-yard high hurdles.
- 16—One-mile, four-man (junior college.)
- 17—Quarter-mile, four-man open.
- 18—Half-mile, four-man (Southern Conference.)
- 19—Medley relay (Southern Conference Fresh.)
- 20—Two-mile, four-man (Southern Conference.)
- 21—Invitational 130-yard high hurdles.
- 22—Two-mile, four-man open.
- 23—One-mile, four-man (Southern Conference.)
- 24—Half-mile, four-man (junior college.)
- 25—Half-mile, four-man (Southern Conference Fresh.)
- 26—Half-mile, four-man open.
- 27—One-mile, four-man open.

FIELD EVENTS

- 1—Pole vault.
- 2—Shot put.
- 3—High jump.
- 4—Javelin throw.
- 5—Discus throw.
- 6—Broad jump.