

# TROJAN FLASH IN TOP FORM

*Van Osdel Smashes Record  
for High Jump*

*McGeagh Turns in Splendid  
Half-Mile Race*

*Payne, DeMers Also Shine  
in Great Meet*

**BY BRAVEN DYER**

Running with all his old-time zipper, Frank Wykoff raced over his favorite distance in 9 3-5s, yesterday afternoon to equal the accepted world's record for 100 yards.



**BOB  
VAN OSDEL.**

Frank did his stuff in the second event of the Southern California-L. A. A. C. practice meet at Patterson Field, but before the afternoon had passed his sensational spurt was almost lost sight of in comparison to a number of noteworthy performances by less-known competitors.

There was Bob Van Osdel, a Trojan sophomore also, who almost jumped out of his skin with a spectacular leap of 6ft. 7 1-4in. in the high jump. Van Osdel's feat shattered the existing Southern California record of 6ft. 5 7-17in., and came close to the world's mark of 6ft. 8 1-4in. held by Harold Osborn.

Then there was Bill McGeagh, still another S.C. second-year man, who staved off a terrific finish by Percy Niersbach and won the half-mile in 1m. 57 2-5s.

## **PAYNE SHINES**

And Ernie Payne, the bespectacled Trojan senior, running with his long legs working as rhythmically as pistons, stepping off the low hurdles in 24 1-5s.

Not to mention Jim De Mers, the L.A.A.C. bull, who tossed the javelin 213ft. 6 1/2in. after being out of training for two weeks.

You haven't heard anything yet, for every mark on the program was a good one, excepting only the discus.

The Trojans had no trouble

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winning the meet, 49 to 42, as had been expected, for Boyd Comstock's clubbies did not try to cop the affair. Neither did the Trojans for that matter, but Dean Cromwell's charges had to have a workout some time and it finally came yesterday.

Wykoff's one hundred victory started the ball rolling and before the afternoon's sun had faded over the hills the Trojans had definitely established themselves as a very powerful track outfit. There are one or two events, the two-mile and high hurdles, which need strengthening before the Stanford meet here on April 12, but things are coming along nicely, and it really looks like a Trojan win at this time.

Wykoff's margin over Ray Alf of the club was approximately two yards, and Alf had quite an edge on Red Ouyer, who nosed out Milt Maurer for third place. I thought the boys got what they call a "rolling start" in the race, but, at any rate, Wykoff's running definitely quieted the rumors that Frank is burned out. He won the furlong as he pleased in 31 2-5s.

Van Cadel has been coming along at a rapid clip in the high jump. His best effort in the past has been 6ft. 4in., if memory serves correctly. They put the bar at 6ft. 8in. yesterday and he cleared it. When measured with a steel tape the height was 6ft. 7 1-4in. That's also probably a new Coast record, as Bob King's old mark was about 6ft. 6 7-8in.

## CLOSE BATTLE

The 880 was a great race with Niersbach putting on a terrific finish in a frantic effort to catch McGeagh at the tape. But Big Bill had a few strides left and just did get to the tape ahead of "Perc," the grand old man of local distance runners.

Cliff Halstead turned in the best mile mark of the season when he won all by himself in 4m. 30 1-5s. On the basis of his showing yesterday the powerful Trojan sophomore should do 4m. 24s. or better by the time of the Stanford meet. Lee Hansen, not yet in first-class shape, ran a nice race to place second 30 yards behind.

Wendell Smith, the big Occidental College athlete, gave the boys a shock in the high hurdles when he trimmed all the favorites and set a new college record of 15s. flat. Smith just did maintain a six-inch margin over Dick Pomeroy to the tape. Jeddy Welsh of the Trojans, handicapped by a bad leg, ran, but was never in it. Smith's mark erases the old-time Oxy record of 15 1-5s. held by Kirkpatrick.

The 440 was a battle royal with Gerald Pearson, Art Woessner and Vic Williams of Southern California fighting it out every inch of the way. Pearson had the lead and although Woessner came up with the speed of a fire engine he was just a bit shy of nipping Gerald at the finish. The time, 49 1-5s., indicates that Troy may be able to break up the Morrison-Hables combination at Stanford after all. Woessner really looked the best of the three yesterday. He did 48 1-5s. in the relay. In the 440 Art got outmaneuvered a bit on the third curve.

Alpheus Prowell, a former Trojan now attending California Christian College, showed plenty of strength at the finish to win the two-mile in 8m. 49 1-5s., beating out Harry Chance of the club because the Indian had no sprint left after leading virtually all the way. Prowell, a colored boy, is a beautiful runner. The Trojan two-milers, Patterson, Fitzmaurice and Daniels, showed practically nothing. Unruh, due to a bad tendon, did not run. Fitzmaurice, when well to the rear, quit, complaining of a bad side.

Bob Hall's shotputting continues to improve. He got his best heave of the year yesterday, 47ft. 1in. and may reach 48 ft. before the season closes, particularly if he continues to take such phenomenal strides forward.

## MORTENSEN OUT

Jess Mortensen, captain of the Trojans, did not compete in the javelin, his pet event, but tossed the shot 45ft. while trying to build up his shoulder muscles. At present Jess says he is injured, shoulder is O.K., but the fact remains that it's a bit weak for javelin throwing,

hence the muscle-building work on the shot.

Livingston and Hubbard, Troy's pole vaulters, showed slight improvement, clearing 13ft. 3in. to tie with Glenn Graham of the club for first honors.

Cromwell's relay team of Burke, Woessner, William and Pearson, bettered by one-fifth of a second, the time made at Long Beach some time ago, negotiating the distance in 2m. 19 3-5s. Dean timed the boys as follows: Burke, 50 4-5s; Woessner, 48 2-5s; Williams, 51s. flat, and Pearson, 49 1-5s.

Harlow Rother, Stanford's great all-around athlete and former L. A. High star, was an interested spectator at the meet. He is in town for a day or so following examination period at Stanford.

Joe Pipal, Oxy coach, was not on hand to see his boys perform, preferring to get an eyeful of the Pomona-San Diego affair down south. Evidently Joe did and now he has two meets to worry about where only one bloomed before, for the Oxy-San Diego affair at San Diego two weeks from yesterday rather than the Pomona-Oxy meet Saturday, will probably settle the conference championship this year.

Herman Brix, although not present, was conceded firsts in the shot and discus, with marks of 31ft. 2 1-3in. and 143ft. This accounts for the discrepancy in the score if figured by the summary. Prowell and Crawford did not figure in the two-mile point total, Patterson and Daniels of the Trojans moving into second and third place.

Both Oxy and the L.A.C. gave the Trojans a terrific battle in the relay. There wasn't more than six yards between the three men at the finish, Pearson being given an awful battle by Pomeroy and Appleton of Oxy, in turn, pressing the club runner to the limit.

## SUMMARY

Mile run—Won by Halstead (S.C.) Hansen (S.C.) second, Cunnbert (S.C.) third. Time, 4m. 30 1-5s.

100-yard dash—Won by Wykoff (S.C.) Alf (L.A.C.) second, Geyer (S.C.) third. Time, 9 2-5s.

Shot put—Won by Hall (S.C.) Edwards (L.A.C.) second, Kline (S.C.) third. Distance, 47ft. 1in.

120-yard high hurdles—Won by Smith (S.C.) Pomeroy (L.A.C.) second, Stokes (S.C.) third. Time, 15s.

440-yard dash—Won by Pearson (S.C.) Woessner (S.C.) second, Williams (S.C.) third. Time, 49 1-5s.

High jump—Won by Van Cadel (S.C.) Norcross (S.C.) and Hill (Uncl.) tied for second. Height, 6ft. 7 1-4in.

Two-mile—Won by Prowell (Uncl.) Chance (L.A.C.) second, Crawford (O.) third. Time, 8m. 49 1-5s.

880-yard run—Won by McGeagh (S.C.) Niersbach (L.A.C.) second, Burke (S.C.) third. Time, 1m. 31 2-5s.

Discus throw—Won by Hall (S.C.) 136ft. 2in.; Stewart (S.C.) second, 132ft. 6 1/2in.; Kline (S.C.) third, 128ft. 6 1/2in.

100-yard dash—Won by Wykoff (S.C.) Alf (L.A.C.) second, Geyer (S.C.) third. Time, 9 2-5s.

200-yard low hurdles—Won by Farris (S.C.) Carl (S.C.) second, Powers (S.C.) third. Time, 24 1-5s.

Broad jump—Won by Paul (S.C.) 20ft. 1in.; Barber (S.C.) second, 22ft. 8in.; Corrie (S.C.) third, 22ft. 6in.

Pole vault—Graham (L.A.C.) Livingston (S.C.) and Hubbard (S.C.) tied for first, 13ft. 3in.

Javelin—Won by De Mars (L.A.C.) 71ft. 8 1/2in.; Eason (L.A.C.) second, 66ft. 1 1/2in.; Hoover (L.A.C.) third, 62ft. 4 1/2in.

Relay—Won by Southern California (Burke, Woessner, Williams and Pearson.) Time, 2m. 19 3-5s.

## MARYSVILLE CAPTURES NORTHERN CAGE TITLE

MARYSVILLE, March 22. (P)—Marysville Union High School's unlimited basketball team won the northern section championship of the California Interscholastic Federation here last night when it defeated the Placer Union High School squad, 21-12. Placer Union's C team won the northern section title in that class, defeating the Marysville boys, 22-18.

## JOSEPH HALL CLINCHES THREE-CUSHION HONOR

FRENCH LICK (Ind.) March 12. (P)—Joseph Hall of San Francisco, Pacific Coast title-holder, clinched the national amateur three-cushion billiard championship here today by defeating Frank L. Fleming of Champaign, Ill., 50 to 37, in seventy-eight innings. It was Hall's sixth consecutive victory.

## GOLFERS QUALIFY AT FOX HILLS

Qualifying play for the annual Fox Hills club championship ends on Saturday the 29th inst., according to Charles Rebert, club manager. Match play starts on Monday, the 31st inst.

Mixed foursomes are scheduled for Sunday.