HALSTEAD BEATS LYDIC IN GREAT RELAY FINISH

Records Fail to Fall at Long Beach as College and Prep Athletes Display Their Wares

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That dizzy merry-go-round known as the annual A.A.U. relay meet was staged at Long Beach again yesterday. After close to 800 perspiring athletes had given each other the run-around in countless races and half a dozen field events had been concluded every record of importance remained intact, it being one of the first local meets of recent history in which marks have escaped being shattered by Southern California competitors. Cliff had made up his mind he Despite the absence of record-

wrecking performances, the meet produced considerable entertainment. In the

first place

lengthy program run swiftly. thanks to the organizaperfected by Walter Scott, and there were delays tween events. Frank Wykoff anchored Trojan relay teams to victory,

but was not HENRY called upon to LASALLETTE show anything exceptional. In each case his teammates gave him so commanding a lead that he was able to coast to. victory in both the 440 and 880-The time was not vard events.

spectacular in either race. HALSTEAD BEATS LYDIC

As predicted, the L.A.A.C. grabbed the mile and two-mile relays, but lost the four-mile grind because Cliff Halstead had too much stuff for Frank Lydic. This was really the feature race of the day, with these two great milers meeting on the anchor stretch.

National . A. A. U. champ, Lydic had been favored to take Halstead's measure, but

wasn't going to be licked and that was that, Ashcraft, Shine and Callahan started Halstead away about 15 yards in front of Lydic. The L.A.A.C. miler promptly sprinted and then dropped in immediately behind Halstead for the next two laps. As they came in front of the grand stand Lydic drew up alongside his rival and appeared to be talking to him. After running into the back stretch Lydic essayed to pass Cliff, but Halstead wouldn't allow it and thus they ran on until reaching the back stretch for the final lap.

Midway down the straightaway Lydic made his bid. He put everything he had into a drive, but Halstead quickly quickened his pace and matched Lydic, stride for stride. The L.A.A.C. runner tried vainly "break" Halstead and once he failed the race was over. Cliff went on to increase the margin to about 25 yards at the finish. Halstead's time was 4m. 23s, for

the mile. Lydic ran a very foolish race and will probably know better next time. He was obviously pretty confident of beating Cliff, which was fatal inasmuch as the Trojan miler has more "guts" than anybody around these parts. Lydic probably won't sleep well until he encounters

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