

# MEEKS STARS IN TRACKFEST

## Occidental Athlete Almost Equals Hurdle Record

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Running the event for the first time in his spectacular career, Jimmy Meeks, the Occidental Adonis,



LAWRIE  
OSBURN

ran the 400-meter hurdles in 53.8s. yesterday, coming two-fifths of a second of the Olympic record for the gruelling race.

Meeks ran the lengthy timber-topping gallop as the feature of an all-star meet at Occidental College that saw the great track and field collection from the Los Angeles A.C. sweep aside the combined opposition of Occidental and some junior colleges, by a score of 106 to 62.

The handsome Tiger star won by two feet from Dick Pomeroy, former national champion from the L.A.A.C. with Charles Weber, another club runner, third. Meeks stayed behind Pomeroy for 330 yards, and then came fast to win by a scant margin. He wobbled badly going over the ninth and tenth hurdles, breaking his stride at each jump.

### HIS FIRST TRY

It was not only Meeks's first attempt at the race in competition, but also his first try of any kind. In preparing for the race during the past week, he has been running only 330 yards. With more training at the longer distance, Meeks appears to be a cinch to become one of America's greatest in this event, and now looms as an outstanding candidate for Olympic Games honors.

Pomeroy was bothered by an injured right foot, that he hurt in a meet at Santa Barbara a week ago.

Other interesting performances during the day included victories in both the 100 and 440 by Laurie Osburn, of Compton J.C., Vic Williams's first full quarter of the season, Charles Sansone's fine 880, Frank Lydic's good mile, and a 13ft. 6in. jump by Lee Barnes in the pole vault.

Osburn stepped the century in 9.9s. and later came back to lead all the way in the 440, winning in 49.8s. It was only his first race in the open quarter, and his second try at this distance. Last week he ran a quarter on the Compton mile relay team.

Williams, slowly recovering from an appendicitis operation, ran the full quarter for the first time this season. He has previously run several 220's and one 300-yard dash. He ran wide on the final curve, passing Ray Alf, and was beaten by scant inches. Williams declared he felt great after the race, and is confident he can eventually gain back the form that made him I.C.A.A.A., N.C.A. and A.A.U.

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champion last year, the only runner ever to win all three races in a single season.

Lydic stepped the mile in 4m. 25.2s. and appeared capable of shaving several seconds off this time. It is one of the fastest miles run on the Pacific Coast this year.

## SANSONE WINS

Sansone, last to start in a field of fourteen runners, copped the half-mile in decisive fashion in 1m. 56.4s., with Ferris Webster of the S.C. frosh second, and Orval Martin, L.A.A.C., third. Immediately after the race, Sansone took a shower and dressed, only to be forced to don his track uniform again for the relay. In this he turned in the fastest lap of the day, 49.8s., to lead the club to victory.

Bill Stokes, S.C. hurdler, who has been laid up with a pulled muscle, romped to a 15s. victory in one heat of the high hurdles, and looked good in doing so.

Harlow Rothert won the shot put at 47ft. 6 1-8in. and "Cowboy Joe" Forbes broke his own Oxy record in tossing the bulb 47ft. 2 3-4in. for second place. Lee Barnes, Olympic champion in 1924, vaulted 13ft. 6in. in perfect form to take his favorite event.

## Summary:

100-yard dash—Won by Osburn (C.J.C.) Parsons (Un.) second, Guyer (L.A.A.C.) third, Gordon (L.A.A.C.) fourth. Time, 9.9s.

220-yard dash—Won by Guyer (L.A.A.C.) Parsons (Un.) second, Hunt (L.A.J.C.) third, Skinner (L.B.J.C.) fourth. Time, 23s.

440-yard run—Won by Osburn (C.J.C.) Williams (L.A.A.C.) second, Alf (L.A.A.C.) third, Edwards (L.A.J.C.) fourth. Time, 49.8s.

880-yard run—Won by Sansone (L.A.A.C.) Webster (S.C.P.) second, Martin (L.A.A.C.) third, Lawrence (L.A.A.C.) fourth. Time, 1m. 56.4s.

One-mile run—Won by Lydic (L.A.A.C.) Neal (L.A.A.C.) second, Monroe (L.B.J.C.) third, Storms (Un.) fourth. Time, 4m. 25.2s.

120-yard high hurdles—Talbot (L.A.A.C.) and Stokes (S.C.) tied for first, Lyon (S.C.P.) and Harker (L.A.J.C.) tied for third. Time, 15s. (Two heats run, final decided by times.)

220-yard low hurdles—Won by Maxwell (L.A.A.C.) Stokes (S.C.) second, Smith (L.A.A.C.) third, Weber (L.A.A.C.) fourth. Time, 24.2s.

400-meter hurdles—Won by Meeks (Oxy.) Pomeroy (L.A.A.C.) second, Weber (L.A.A.C.) third. Time, 53.8s.

Mile relay—Won by L.A.A.C. (Gordon, Watson, Sansone, Pomeroy), Occidental second. Time, 3m. 24.2s.

Hammer throw—Won by Flanagan (L.A.A.C.) 162ft. 5 1/4in.; Moyse (L.A.A.C.) second, 144ft.; Somfield (P.) third, 138ft. 3 1/4in.

Shot put—Won by Rothert (L.A.A.C.) Forbes (Oxy) second, McKnight (L.A.A.C.) third, Edwards (L.A.A.C.) fourth. Winning distance, 47ft. 6 1/8in.

Discus — Won by Jark (L.A.A.C.) 141.70ft.; Finley (Oxy) second, 140.92ft.; Edwards (L.A.A.C.) third, 139.20ft.; McCoy (L.A.A.C.) fourth, 138.95ft.

High jump—Lasallette (L.A.A.C.) and Arthur (L.A.A.C.) tied for first, 6ft. 2in.; Conrad (L.A.A.C.) and Shelby (L.A.A.C.) tied for third, 6ft.

Broad jump—Won by Talbot (L.A.A.C.) 23ft.; Estwhistle (Oxy) second, 22ft. 3 1/4in.; Platt (L.A.J.C.) third, 22ft. 2 1/4in.; Green (L.A.J.C.) fourth, 22ft. 1 1/4in.

Pole vault—Won by Barnes (L.A.A.C.) 13ft. 6in.; McCoy (L.A.A.C.) and Deacon (L.A.A.C.) tied for second, 13ft.; Winfield (Oxy) and Pupis (Oxy) tied for fourth, 12ft. 6in.

Javelin—Won by Spider (L.A.A.C.) 198ft. 6in.; Ewing (L.A.J.C.) second, 179ft. 3in.; Moore (Un.) third, 177ft. 6in.; Griffin (C.J.C.) fourth, 165ft. 3in.