

# Bamboo Star Steals Show as Troy Ruins California Team Before 7500 at Coliseum

BY BILL HENRY

A great, big, broad-shouldered kid named Bill Sefton made 7500 track fans forget everything else that happened in the Southern California-California dual track meet at the Coliseum yesterday when he hoisted himself high over a pole-vault crossbar set at 14ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and thereby brought the world's record back to Southern California, where it belongs.

Southern California had already whipped a luckless bunch of Bears by the score of 79 to 52 when the big Trojan set his record—the meet had been over for half an hour—but you'd never have known it if you'd peered into the great concrete bowl, for nobody had gone home.

## BEAR HOPES FADE

They'd seen Bear hopes for a dual-meet victory after a dozen years of defeat flicker when Bush and Jensen of the Trojans hogged first and second places in the mile, the first race on the program. They saw Bear hopes begin to fade when George Anderson's scarred knees failed to carry him into the money in the 100-yard dash. They knew California was done, as far as victory in the meet was concerned, when Archie Williams pulled up with a cramped thigh muscle in the 440-yard run.

From then on the crowd took its thrills as they should be taken—from the lithe, bronzed boys who were doing their stuff.

The boys outdid themselves.

## TALLEY BRILLIANT

Adrian Talley's 100 yards in 9.6s. was the fastest 100 yards run in the Coliseum since the days of Frankie Wykoff. Clark Crane's surging drive for a furlong in 21.2s. to lead a Trojan clean sweep in that event gave promise of greater things to come.

Chuck Miller's blinding stretch run to give California the 440 after Williams dropped out; Wieman's long-striding sweep to victory over Troy's courageous but faltering Phil Roulae in the half mile and the sprinting finish of little Chuck Mehlert brought roars for the enemy from a partisan but sporting Trojan crowd.

## JACQUES DOUBLE WINNER

They even cheered for Paul Jacques, who sprang one Bear surprise by outleaping Delos Thurber at 6ft. 5in. in the high jump and who then came back and trumped that performance by lunging desperately into the tape inched in front of Troy's red-headed Earl Vickery in the low hurdles for the only double win of the day.

The dramatic broad-jumping duel between Guy Manuel of California and George Boone of Troy would have been an outstanding feature of any other meet—but for big Bill Sefton and his pole. First Boone leaped out 23ft. 4in. and Manuel went two inches farther. Boone strained another notch and tied him at 23ft. 6in. Manuel gathered himself a bit higher in the air and sailed out to 23ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and Boone met that challenge with 23ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., only to have the tall Californian, faced with defeat, soar 24ft. 4in. from the board to victory.

## SEFTON STEALS SHOW

Why—Little Tarzan (Tor) Hansen, barrel-chested Trojan midget, showed the 16-lb. shot 50ft. 4in.—much farther than he'd ever put it in his life, and a kid named Wrotnowski spun the

## San Diego Upsets Tigers

### Aztecs Hand Oxy 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ -to-52 $\frac{1}{2}$ Loss in Thrilling Meet

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SAN DIEGO, April 10.—A reformed baseball player and a slender blond youngster with wings on his heels set the pace today for a smashing cinderpath upset, a 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ -to-52 $\frac{1}{2}$  victory by the San Diego State College track and field athletes over the favored Tigers of Occidental College.

Ed (Buzz) Smyth, who didn't play baseball today because the Aztec-La Verne game was called off, took up the javelin, hurled it 174ft. 10in. and won the event where Oxy was expected to sweep all 9 points.

### RECORD FALLS

Then Leland McPhie, one-time San Bernardino J.C. lad, rivaled Oxy's Claude Kilday with an iron man stunt of his own, topped off by an amazing leap of 24ft. 7in. in the broad jump, which was good for a conference record by better than a foot. McPhie tied for first in the pole vault at 12ft. 6in., ran a rousing third to Oxy's Jerry Iselt and Stan Langsdorf in the farlong and provided the opening lap of the relay which the Aztecs captured.

This meet decided the Southern California Conference track title, and it gives San Diego three in a row for the season. Previously football and basketball had fallen to the lot of the Aztec warriors.

### FAIR TOSS

It was strange that a mark like Smyth's should feature a meet like this, because records tumbled all over the lot and that javelin effort was really nothing to write home about. But Smyth had never approached that by ten feet, hadn't more than handled a javelin all season. He tossed that one out early in the day and Oxy's most desperate heaves couldn't touch it.

"Eleven Event" Kilday of Oxy was in fine fettle today, century winner in 9.9s., 440 victor in meet record time of 1:00. flat, second in the shot-put and anchor man on a forlorn hope, the relay. Oxy had lost the meet by then and the relay combination wasn't the strongest possible, but Kilday made a gallant bid on the final leg.

### NEW RECORDS

Gene Kendall, Capt. Selwyn Hartigan and Clair Berdel provided new meet records for San Diego.

Kendall sailed over 6ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in the high jump, a conference as well as meet mark.

Hartigan, off to a slow start in both barrier events, caught Paul Sampson of Oxy about midway in each race and went

# SEFTON CRACKS POLE VAULT RECORD AS TROJANS WIN

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discus to unexpected length for another Trojan victory.

But Bill Sefton stole the show.

You know how the pole vault goes—they get out there before the first customers are in their seats. They measure. They run. They jump. Then they put on their clothes and wait. Then they undress and go through the whole routine again.

It goes on all afternoon.

Yesterday was no exception.

## OUTDOES HIMSELF

The fight for points was really over when the last Californian dropped out at 13ft. and a good-looking Trojan sophomore named Irving Howe was so thrilled at an unexpected third place in the event that he wriggled to an even greater height at 13ft. 6in.

Then those two Trojan pole men, team-mates now for their fourth successive season, Earle Meadows and Bill Sefton, took up their quest for more and greater heights in deadly earnest.

They both cleared 14ft. as though that were nothing more than a warm-up jump.

## SEE IT COMING

The bar was set at 14ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., a new record for the Coliseum and a dizzy height achieved by not more than half a dozen men in all the world's pole-vaulting history — and then it was that the handwriting appeared, not on the wall, but on the sky—written there as plainly as though the tall Trojan had dipped his pole in a barrel of ink and painted it in letters ten feet high.

The big boy had wings!

Dashing down the runway to attempt this height he never before had reached, Sefton soared over it with such breath-taking ease and by such an unbelievable margin that it was obvious that he was destined to greater heights. When team-mate, and Olympic champion, Earle Meadows likewise cleared this dizzy height, albeit on his third attempt, the crowd knew that history was about to be made.

## UP IN THE AIR

The bar was placed at 14ft. 8in. on the standards to insure that even at its lowest point where it sagged midway between the supports it would be higher than the 14ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. cleared by George Daroff of Oregon when he set a world's record last July 4 at Princeton in the National Championships.

Sefton's first attempt was a complete miff — no speed, no spring — he never even approached the bar, sliding futilely below it into the sawdust pit.

Meadows likewise missed.

Then Sefton, on his second trial, shot into the air, threw his long legs over the bar — and brushed it off with his chest for another miss.

Meadows, inspired, came as close—or closer—vaulting beautifully but dislodging the bar with his arm.

It was Bill's last trial.

The big chap sat there in his red sweat-suit, looking at the cross bar which, from where he sat, was high in the sky above

the concrete peristyle of the Coliseum. Nervously he untied his shoes, shook the shavings out of them and tied them carefully back in place again. He tore a tiny piece of black bicycle tape from the pole, replaced it with some more just like it, stood up, walked to the head of the ivory runway, removed his sweat-suit, took a deep breath and faced the vaulting pit.

He was ready.

## POLE BENDS

Crouching almost like a sprinter he started down the runway, gathering speed at every stride of his limber legs. He was traveling like the wind when he came to the takeoff, jammed the blunt end of the pole into the wooden slot and sprang into the air.

The slender pole bowed dangerously under the impact of 178 pounds of swift-moving muscular manhood as Sefton, swinging his long legs up over his head, twisting his body at just the precise moment to gain the greatest advantage, gave a final surging shove and cleared the bar.

Did I say cleared it?—there were inches of daylight, perhaps six of 'em, between the Trojan emblem of his chest and the triangular edge of the zebra-striped bar.

## TOUGH ON GEORGE

Well—you could have heard the roar clear up in Eugene, Or., where big George Varoff had at that instant become just another holder of a world's pole vault record.

While busy officials prepared to certify the actual height of 14ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. a human avalanche barged through the milling mob of Trojan athletes slapping the bewildered record-holder on the back. It was Dean B. Cromwell, Trojan coach. He grabbed his vaulter, hugged him—perhaps he kissed him, and if he did no one could blame him.

Yes, sir—Bill Sefton had made history.

Luckless Brutus Hamilton and his bewildered, limping Bears went home last night minus that victory that seemed so near and yet was far, so far, away. Well, after you've waited a dozen years to win, perhaps another year or so won't make much difference.

## The summary:

- 100-yard dash—Won by Talley (S.C.)
- Follock (C.) Crane (S.C.) Time, 8.8s.
- 200-yard dash—Won by Crane (S.C.)
- Talley (S.C.) Jordan (S.C.) Time, 21.2s.
- 440-yard dash—Won by C. Miller (C.)
- McNerney (S.C.) R. Olson (S.C.) Time, 48.7.
- 880-yard run—Won by Wiseman (C.)
- Reulac (S.C.) Bixen (C.) Time, 1m. 24.2s.
- 1 Mile—Won by Bush (S.C.) Jensen (S.C.)
- Heaver (C.) Time, 4m. 35.8s.
- Two-mile run—Won by Mehlert (C.)
- Yorheben (C.) Perlasova (S.C.) Time, 9m. 44.8s.
- 120-yard high hurdles—Won by Staley (S.C.)
- Shout (C.) L. Olson (S.C.) Time, 14.8s.
- 220-yard low hurdles—Won by Jacques (C.)
- Vickers (S.C.) Soul (C.) Time, 24s.
- Relay—Won by California (Hubbard, Watts, Brimer, C. Miller.) Time, 3m. 19s.
- High jump—Won by Jacques (C.) 5ft. 5in.
- Thurber (S.C.) 5ft. 4in. Good (C.) 5ft. (New meet record; old record of 5ft. 4in. held by Will Swanson, S.C.) 1932.
- Broad jump—Won by Marcel (C.) 24ft. 4in.
- Boone (S.C.) 23ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Skinner (S.C.) 23ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- Discus throw—Won by Wrotnowski (S.C.) 143ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Burr (C.) 142ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Gaster (S.C.) 142ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- Javelin throw—Won by Soper (S.C.) 249ft. 6in. Martin (S.C.) 243ft. 6in. Lehman (C.) 239ft. 6in.
- 15 lb. shotput—Won by Hansen (S.C.) 50ft. 4in. L. Miller (S.C.) 49ft. 6in. Fisher (S.C.) 49ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- Pole vault—Won by Sefton (S.C.) 14ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Meadows (S.C.) 14ft. 6in. Howe (S.C.) 13ft. 8in. (New world's record; old record of 14ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. held by George Varoff, San Francisco, 1934.)