

# TROY BEATS STANFORD BY SINGLE POINT

## Bush Triumphs Over Palmason in 880; Fifth Spot in Relay Gives S.C. Victory

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On the wings of a smashing team triumph, Southern California's sensational skyscrapers, Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, soared to joint ownership of a new world's record in the pole vault at 14ft. 11in. before 5000 fans at the Col-

For the second time in the short space of three weeks these superlative Trojan athletes thus scaled hitherto unexplored altitudes and wrote their names indelibly in the pages of track and field history.

### SEFTON FIRST

At Stanford on May 8 first Sefton and then Meadows cleared 14ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. And the order was the same yesterday, with Capt. Bill negotiating 14ft. 11in. on his second attempt, only to have his courageous team-mate duplicate this amazing performance on his third trial.

It was an afternoon packed with thrills. As anticipated the battle between Stanford and Southern California for the team championship of the Pacific Coast Conference produced a terrific fight, but I doubt if anybody expected the two teams to finish only 1 point apart.

This is what happened, the Trojans closing with such a smashing finish that they scored 31 points in the last six events to overcome what looked like a prohibitive lead enjoyed by Dink Templeton's Indians.

### FIGHT FOR POINTS

The final count was 55 to 54 in favor of Southern California, but the bald statement of these figures does not begin to tell the story of the frantic scramble for points as every competitor fought his heart out to pick up the precious digits.

Much of the day's drama was packed into the closing event, the relay. But unfortunately for most of the fans present they did not know the terrific strain under which the baton passers did their stuff. The scoreboard was far behind in point totals and nobody made any effort to acquaint spectators with the fact that the Trojans, by placing fifth in the relay, could get no worse than a tie for team honors with Stanford, no matter where the Indians finished in this event.

This was the situation. If Stanford's quartet of stick passers could not beat the favored Washington State team then Troy would grab the championship, provided, of course, the makeshift S.C. team took fifth in the relay. The score was 54 to 50 in Troy's favor as they lined up for the day's finale.

### EDGE TO INDIANS

Stanford's strong team of Kneubuhl, McCurdy, Weisershauser and Malott, running in this order, was pitted against Washington State's great combination of Jack Orr, Nettleton, Lee Orr and Loren Benke. Malott by furious running had whipped the favored Benke in the open 440, and Weisershauser had placed third in this event, so it was reasonable to expect that the Indians had a slight edge in the relay.

But those who thought so figured without the battling spirit

# Sefton, Meadows Pole Vault 14ft., 11in.

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of Benke, who seemed to greatly resent the defeat suffered in the 440. The Cougar flyer started with a four-yard margin for the final lap. Malott bided his time, sticking close to his foe, and then coming off the final turn forged to the front.

But Benke was far from through. He kept digging in with everything he had and they stormed for the finish line with the crowd yelling vociferously. Thirty yards from home Benke pulled even with Malott. Stride for stride they ran and with heart pounding and lungs straining Benke hammered his way to the front. They raced for the tape with Benke holding his slender margin of a foot right up to the smashing finish.

## TROJANS FIFTH

So furiously did the Cougars run that their time of 3m. 12.2s. bettered the accepted world's record of 3m. 12.6s. set by a 1931 Stanford team. Last year's Trojan quartet ran the distance in 3m. 11.8s. at Fresno but this record has not yet been accepted.

While all this was going on yesterday the Trojan relay team grabbed the necessary fifth spot which won the meet. Clark Crane, Peyton Jordan, Ross Bush and Adrian Talley were the lads who finished fifth in the field of seven teams.

Greatest individual performance aside from the vaulting of Troy's champions, was turned in by Ross Bush. Given only an outside chance to beat the favored Vic Palmason of Washington, Bush ran a masterful race and literally won as he pleased. Palmason led from the start with Bush dogging his tracks. Going off the last turn into the backstretch for the final lap, Bush challenged. Palmason met Ross with a sprint of his own, but Bush was far too strong. He ran away from the Husky ace and chalked up a new meet record of 1m. 52.3s. while winning by almost ten yards.

## ANKLE TAPED

Getting back to the pole vault—few fans suspected that Meadows could keep pace with Sefton yesterday. Bill was hot and strong as a bull. Meadows was vaulting with his left ankle tightly taped.

They spent the first hour coaching Irving Howe, their teammate, who finally tied for third, but got no better than fourth because Monroe of California cleared 13ft. 6in. before Howe.

Then the two skyrapers started their duel. Each cleared 14ft. 6in. without much trouble, but Sefton looked much more impressive. Attachés boosted the bar to 14ft. 11in., which is all the altitude the Coliseum standards allow.

## SEFTON GIVES IN

Sefton squawked a little. He wanted it set at 14ft. 10in. Somebody said it was too much trouble to take the bar down, turn the standards on their sides, lower the pins and re-measure the altitude so Bill said to let it go. Thus are new world's records made.

Sefton cleared the height on his second try. Meadows lit flat on his back after missing, remained imbedded in the sand, dust as if dead, and finally struggled out, rubbing his side.

Came Earle's last attempt and over he went. Hardly had he landed in the pit before Sefton was on top of him, mauling and slapping Meadows for his generosity.

Thus within three weeks two boys from the same school have twice tied for a new world's record. If their first feat at Stanford was in danger of being equaled it is a cinch that they have now left something for future athletes to shoot at.

## COUGARS THIRD

Washington State's five team took third in team totals behind Stanford with 37 points. California was fourth with 25. The others strung out as follows: Washington, 19½; U.C.L.A., 18½;

Oregon, 10; Idaho, 6; Montana, and Oregon State, 1 each.

In addition to the world's records that were shattered in the pole vault, and four-man mile relay, five meet records passed into the limbo of forgotten marks. Following are the new meet records:

660-yard run—Ross Bush, Southern California, 1m. 52.3s. Old record of 1m. 52.7s. was set by Bush last year.

220-yard low hurdles—Earl Vickery, Southern California, 23.5s. Old record of 23.7s. was set by Del Fishback, California, last year.

## REITZ SETS MARK

Javelin—Bill Reitz, U.C.L.A., 210ft. 8in. Old mark of 204ft. 7½in. was set by Don Johnson, Idaho, last year.

High jump—Bill Vandermay, Washington, and Delos Thurber, Southern California, 6ft. 6in. Old record of 6ft. 5 7/8in. set by Tom Work, Stanford, in 1925.

Shot put—Jim Reynolds, Stanford, 52ft. 1¼in. Old record of 50ft. 9¾in. set by Reynolds last year.

## INDIANS LEAD

Thanks to Templeton's strategy, the Indians got away to a flying start in the opening event, the mile. Dink brought Alexander down by train Friday night and then threw Two-miler Burrows and Half-miler McCurdy in with his ace distance man who had been handicapped by a foot injury which prevented Alexander from coming to Los Angeles with the regular squad.

Despite his ailment, Alex had enough stuff left to outprint Chuck Mehlert of California in a wild dash after they rounded the final turn with the Bear runner holding a slight edge. Then, as Mehlert faded slightly under pressure, Burrows came up fast to nab second by inches. Templeton's maneuver was completely successful when McCurdy grabbed fifth behind U.C.L.A.'s Bill Nordli. This gave the Reds a running start for the title, Templeton's squad bagging 19 points right off the bat. Southern California had no entry in this event. Alexander's time was 4m. 22s.

## TALLY VICTOR

The 100-yard dash went off as per schedule with Adrian Talley of the Trojans winning in 9.8s. with a margin of more than a yard over Lee Orr of Washington State. Troy's George Boone picked up third, right at Orr's heels, and another Cougar entry, Curt Ledford, was fourth. Stanford grabbed another valuable point when Jimmy Kneubuhl, the husky youngster from Hawaii, sneaked in ahead of California's Mushy Pollock for fifth. This made the point score 11 to 8 for Stanford over S.C.

Stanford's stock jumped again with the 440 when Ray Malott sprang one of the day's major surprises by whipping the highly-touted Loren Benke. The field of nine entries started in the tunnel. Capt. Bob Young, on the pole, carried U.C.L.A.'s colors into an immediate lead, followed by Benke and Jack Weiershauser. Malott was in sixth position as they came by the press box after completing 100 yards.

## PASSES YOUNG

Rounding the turn Benke passed Young for the lead and as the Bruin leader faded Weiershauser came along with a rush as did Malott. First it was Weiershauser who challenged Benke down the backstretch, but Malott put on such a smashing sprint that Jack, who was scheduled for three more races during the day, quickly relinquished the torch and Malott fought it out with the Cougar ace. They battled stride for stride to within ten yards of the tape when Benke weakened under the drive and Malott went on to win by a whisker in 47.4s. Weiershauser was third, followed by Nettleton of Washington State and Montgomery of Washington bagging fourth and fifth. As the Trojans had no entries in this event Stanford's eight points here put the Indians well ahead, 19 to 8.

Already dimmed by Stanford's

strength in the first three events, Southern California's hopes for the team title were all but shattered in the high hurdles when Roy Staley, odds-on favorite to win the event, crashed into the next to last hurdle while enjoying a comfortable lead and only by a superhuman effort managed to regain his feet and finish fourth.

## SHOT PUT POINTS

The race was won by Glen Taylor of Washington State, in 14.8s. with Bill Hawkins of Stanford grabbing a valuable second and Hickerson of California third. McGoldrick of Washington took fifth behind Staley. Taylor's time meant that Staley was running close to 14s. flat when he banged into the next to last hurdle. For he was almost three yards ahead at this point. Staley's accident left the score 23 to 10 for Stanford.

Templeton's wrightman bagged another 10 points to Troy's 34 in the shot which Jim Reynolds won with a fine effort of 52ft. 1¼in. Montgomery of the Reds was second with Owen Hansen of Troy third, Foskett of Oregon fourth and Hershey, third of the Reds, fifth. Score: Stanford 31, S.C. 11.

Lee Vorhees of California captured the lung-taxing 600-yard in 1m. 33.6s. Clyde Wooten of Washington State and Paul Van Alstine of U.C.L.A. alternated in first place during the last two laps, with Vorhees saving his quart for the last 100 yards. Wooten was second, while Van Alstine faded so suddenly, stopping within a yard of the finish line, that Crawford Lyle of Oregon snatched third. Jack Rose of Montana was fifth. S.C. had no man in this race while Stanford's Burrows dropped out on the final lap.

## LEE ORR VICTOR

Bush's spectacular victory in the 880 boosted Troy's total to 18, but Stanford, taking third and fifth, practically kept pace with S.C. by gathering 4 points to raise the Indian total to 32.

Apple-cheeked Lee Orr with the furking in 24.2s., with Weiershauser making a bottle of it all the way and losing by less than a yard. Ledford of Washington State was third, followed by Talley and Jordan, Trojan entries. This left the count 41 to 21 for Stanford.

Javelin results came through next with Reitz the winner over Johnson of Idaho with a toss of 210ft. 8in. Chuck Soper's 192ft. throw for third raised Troy's total to 24, Stanford entering nobody here.

## VICKERY SCORES

Earl Vickery captured the low hurdles in the new record time of 23.5s. after a terrific fight with Tom Berkeley, husky Negro from Westwood. Hewitt's third place gave Stanford three points and left the count 46 to 29. Weiershauser did not run this race.

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