

# Pacific Coast Track Stars Rout Big Ten

**Don Lash Runs Mile  
in 4m. 9.4s. but**

**Invaders Bow, 92-44**

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Piling up points in every event but the mile and two mile, the Pacific Coast Conference track and field squad dealt the Big Ten a smashing defeat before more than 20,000 spectators at the Coliseum yesterday afternoon. The score was 92 to 44.

Heralded as the nation's greatest distance runner of today, Don Lash of Indiana lived up to advance predictions by winning the mile in 4m. 9.4s. and then loafed through the two mile in 9m. 22.5s. to complete the only double victory of the afternoon.

## **FOUR COAST SWEEPS**

Big Ten team-mates trailed Lash across the finish line in both distance races; the only events swept by the visiting brigade. Coast performers swept the 440, pole vault, discus and javelin and finished one-two in the high hurdles, broad jump, low hurdles and furlong to complete the rout of the midwestern delegation.

Staged under a blistering sun the meet fairly reeked with class. Although individual performers were unable to bag any new world records two squads of Pacific Coast relay men sent the fans home chattering to themselves by tying one world mark and breaking another.

Four fleet sprinters started the meet in smashing style by equaling the accepted standard for 440 yards. Those who ran the distance in 40.7s. were George Boone of S.C., Curtis Ledford and Lee Orr of Washington State and Jack Weiershauser of Stanford. Their speed tied the official record made by a Trojan quartet last season.

## **MILE STANDARD**

Then to close the day's brilliant program four Far Western quarter-milers shattered the mile record by turning the distance in 3m. 11.8s. Those who carried the baton to victory for the Pacific Coast were Harry Nettleton of Washington State and Bill McCurdy, Ray Malott and Weiershauser of Stanford. The accepted record is 3m. 12.6s., made by Stanford in 1931. Washington State ran a team which did 3m. 12.3s. here last month, while a Trojan band of baton passers negotiated the distance in 3m. 11.6s. at Fresno, two years ago, but this mark has never been accepted.

Weakened by the last-minute loss of Sam Stoller, Michigan dash star who won the N.C.A.A. century title last week, the Big Ten sprint team made a game but futile effort to match the speed of the western baton passers. As it was, Weiershauser's margin at the finish was a little less than three yards over anchor man Bob Collier for the Big Ten.

## **GRIEVE GIVEN FIRST**

Stoller was unable to compete because of an injured leg which also kept him out of the 100-yard dash. This event was won by Bobby Grieve, stubby Illinois

# Don Lash in Fast Mile

## Indiana Star Runs 4m. 9.4s., Relay Marks Broken, Tied

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flyer. At least this was the official decision, although the real winner was George Boone of the Trojans. To those of us sitting on the finish line Boone had a clear margin. The time was 9.8s.

George was not only robbed of his victory in the century but also lost the broad jump when Arnold Nutting cleared 24ft. 6in. on his last leap. Boone had held the lead at 24ft. 3in. until Nutting cut him down. The California jumper was favored to win so his triumph wasn't exactly a surprise, even if he did postpone it until his last leap.

Most thrilling race of the day was the half-mile in which Chuck Beetham of Ohio State reversed the tables on Ross Bush of S.C. Beaten by the Trojan star in last week's N.C.A.A. meet when both men finished behind Johnny Woodruff of Pittsburgh, Beetham won a "photo finish" victory yesterday.

### STRIDE FOR STRIDE

Vic Palmason of Washington ran first until they went into the turn for the dash down the straightaway of the last lap. Then Bush, in second place up to this point, swept past the Husky runner. Beetham started his sprint at the same moment and they ran stride for stride clear to the tape, with Bush losing to his foe's superior finish. The time was 1m. 52.4s.

Woodruff appeared on yesterday's program, running an exhibition against Al Fitch, former Trojan, and Roy Staley, S.C. hurdler, who went into the race merely to make it official (three men are required) in case the Pitt flyer broke any records.

Woodruff was timed at 400 meters and 440 yards, but failed in his quest of world marks. He was clocked in 47.1s. for the first and 47.3s. for the second. Despite his inability to crack any marks, Woodruff left a lasting impression on the big crowd with his "floating power" style of running.

### MALOTT FASTER

Stanford's Ray Malott actually bettered Woodruff's time for the 440 when he won the meet race over this distance in 47.1s. His team-mate, Bill McCurdy, finished second with Harry Nettleton third to give the west coast a clean sweep as Harley Howells of the Big Ten was fourth, nosed out by the Washington State youth.

Mel Walker, one of Ohio State's two great high jumpers, barely missed 6ft. 10in. for a new world record. As it was Walker won the event at 6ft. 8in., the highest jump ever made in the Coliseum pit. His buddy, Dave Albritton, got a tie with Delos Thurber of Troy for second at 6ft. 6in. The crowd gave Walker a big hand when he came within a whisker of clearing 6ft. 10in., the bar dropping down after he had fallen into the sawdust.

For the first time in many weeks the pole vault produced no new records. Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, as usual, tied for first at 14ft. 6in. They lost George Varoff at 14ft., when the

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Oregon boy spiked a finger on his left hand and could go no higher, although he made a game effort to do so.

## MEADOWS CLOSE

Sefton and Meadows then made pole vaulting history when they hoisted the bar to 15ft. 1in. The crowd got a big thrill as the two Trojans each took three tries at this altitude, the first time any such attempt had been made. Meadows was able to get his legs over on two of his attempts, but lacked the "poosh" to avoid knocking the bar down with his arms.

Sefton, strangely enough, couldn't scale the height because of failure to go up fast enough, his feet hitting the bar. Just to see how it felt to be way up there in the clouds Varoff joined the heavenly twins in three unofficial attempts at 15ft. 1in. And believe it or not, he looked just a wee bit better than either of the Trojans even though he couldn't make the grade. It is only a matter of time before the boys perfect the technique necessary to scale this altitude.

Splendid marks were recorded in many of the other events.

## ORR IN FAST WIN

Lee Orr, apple-cheeked sprinter from Washington State, copped the 220-yard dash in 21s. flat, with Weiershauser a strong second. Orr has plenty of stuff and they intend to send the strong Cougar runner after the quarter-mile record next season.

Earl Vickery, who gets better each time he competes, bagged the low hurdles in 23.2s., the fastest time he ever made. Vickery has a long string of victories to his credit in this, his first year on the Trojan varsity. Tom Berkeley of U.C.L.A. was a good second.

Roy Staley had no competition in the high hurdles and ran away from the field to win in 14.6s. Anticipated threat from Bob Osgood of Michigan who did 14s. flat last month, fizzled when the Wolverine hit a hurdle early in the race and dropped out.

## WATSON TRIUMPHS

Another Michigan athlete, black Bill Watson, provided one of the day's few upsets when he captured the shot put from Jim Reynolds of Stanford. Watson was wild, but he had lots of power and finally came up with an effort of 52ft. 10 1/4 in. Owen Hansen bettered 50ft. to grab third.

Pete Zagar's greatest discus throw traveled 150ft. 1 1/4 in., which was more than enough to win as Phil Gaspar of Troy took second at 152ft. 5 1/4 in., and Holland of Oregon made it a clean sweep for the Coast by taking third.

Jim Smith of Indiana and Chuck Penske of Wisconsin did their level best to press Lash to a new record in the mile but it was no go. Lash led all the way, with Penske second until the third lap when Smith tried to extend the Hoosier star. When Don turned on the heat on the final curve he left both behind and went on to win by ten yards.

## TROJANS STAND OUT

The Trojans made a strong showing in the meet, Dean Cromwell's lads making 34 of the 92 points scored by the Coast Conference squad. It is planned to make the meet an annual affair. Next season it will be held in the Midwest.

One-mile run—Won by Lash (Big Ten-Indiana); second, Smith (Big Ten-Indiana); third, Penske (Big Ten-Wisconsin.) Time, 4m. 9.4s.

Stanford; second, McCurdy (Coast-Stanford); third, Nettleton (Coast-Washington State.) Time, 47.1s.

Shot put—Won by Watson (Big Ten-Michigan) 32ft. 10 1/4 in.; second, Reynolds (Stanford-Coast) 31ft. 8in.; third, Hansen (Coast-U.S.C.) 30ft. 5in.

100-yard dash—Won by Grove (Big Ten-Illinois); second, Boone (Coast-U.S.C.); third, Lee Orr (Coast-Washington State.) Time, 8.8s.

120-yard high hurdles—WON BY STALEY (Coast-U.S.C.); second, Hickerson (Coast-California); third, Brunton (Big Ten-Illinois.) Time, 14.6s.

200-yard run—Won by Bertram (Big Ten-Ohio State); second, Bush (Coast-U.S.C.); third, Palmason (Coast-Washington State.) Time, 3m. 32.4s.

400-yard run—Won by Johnson (Coast-Maine) 2:08.10 in.; second, Reitz (Coast-U.C.L.A.) 2:04.71 in.; third, Soper (Coast-U.S.C.) 2:01.23 in.

High jump—Won by Walker (Big Ten-Ohio State) 4ft. 8in.; second (tie), Albritton (Big Ten-Ohio State) and Thurber (Coast-U.S.C.) 4FT. 6IN.

440-yard sprint relay—Won by Pacific Coast (BOONE, U.S.C.; Ledford and Lee Orr, Washington State; Weiershauser, Stanford.) Time, 40.7s. (overall unofficial record set by Southern California, 1936.)

220-yard dash—Orr (Washington State, Pacific Coast.) Weiershauser (Stanford, Pacific Coast.) Elliott (Indiana, Big Ten.) Time, 21s.

Two-mile run—Lash (Indiana, Big Ten.) Deebard (Indiana, Big Ten.) Fenske (Wisconsin, Big Ten.) Time, 8m. 22.3s.

440 (special event)—Woodruff (Pittsburgh, Pacif Olympic Club.) STALEY (U.S.C.) Time, 4:00 meters, 47.1s.; 440 yards, 47.3s.

Pole vault (tie)—SEFTON (U.S.C.-PACIFIC COAST.) and MEADOWS (U.S.C.-PACIFIC COAST.) 14ft. 6in.; third, Varoff (Oregon-Pacific Coast.) 14ft.

Discus throw—Zagar (Stanford-Coast.) 150ft. 1 1/4 in. GASPAR (U.S.C.-COAST.) 152ft. 5 1/4 in. Holland (Oregon-Coast.) 140ft. 7 1/4 in.

Broad jump—Nutting (California-Coast.) 24ft. 6in. BOONE (U.S.C.-COAST.) 24ft. 3in. Hubbard (Minnesota-Big Ten.) 24ft. 5in.

Low hurdles—VICKERY (U.S.C.-COAST.) BERKELEY (U.C.L.A.-COAST.) Lomas (Purdue, Big Ten.) 23.2s.

Mile relay — Pacific Coast team, 8m. 11.8s. (Setters accepted world's record of 8m. 12.8s.) Nettleton (Washington St.) McCurdy (Stanford.) Mallet (Stanford.) Weiershauser (Stanford.)

Score—Pacific Coast, 92; Big Ten, 44.