

Zamperini Bolts Duel

**Trojan Mile Ace Fails
to Appear at Compton
for Race Against Lash**

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COMPTON FIELD, May 20.—The widely ballyhooed match race between Louis Zamperini of the University of Southern California and Don Lash of Indiana blew up with a loud report here tonight when the celebrated Trojan distance star failed to put in an appearance.

Five thousand irate fans sat bewildered as Lash merely trotted through the feature 1500-meter run to win over two rivals in 3m. 57.8s, while Zamperini failed to reach the starting line.

NO FORMAL ENTRY

Half an hour after Lash's victory no announcement had been made relative to Zamperini's disappearing act, which wasn't surprising because friends of the runner were doing their level best to hush up what in reality was a nasty situation.

It developed late tonight that Zamperini never officially signed an entry blank to enter the meet. But his coach, Dean Cromwell, told Herschell Smith, director of the meet, as late as this morning, that Louis "couldn't be paid to stay out of the race against Lash."

SMITH REFUSES

Smith said that Zamperini appeared at his office this afternoon and demanded expense money in excess of what Smith thought compatible with amateur rules. There was nobody else in on the conference, ac-

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According to Smith, himself a former Trojan athlete.

According to Smith, Zamperini flatly refused to run unless advanced the money. This Smith refused to do.

Soon after the conference Smith called me at The Times. He explained the situation and I said I would get in touch with Trojan authorities and see if the matter could be straightened out.

A phone call to Dr. Hugh Willett, Trojan faculty athletic chief and president of the Pacific Coast Conference, acquainted him with the facts.

WILLETT INFORMED

"Thanks for the information," said Willett. "I'll get in touch with Zamperini and Coach Cromwell at once."

Before the meet started, according to Smith, he received a phone call from Willis O. Hunter, director of athletics at the S.C. institution, who said that Zamperini would run. Hunter said tonight he was merely repeating what Cromwell had told him.

Smith declared after the 1500-meter race tonight that Cromwell had informed him that he (Cromwell) had advised Zamperini to run. When efforts were made, following the fiasco, to hush the matter up, Cromwell, although in the stands, did not come down to join in the discussion.

FRIENDS ALIBI

Zamperini's friends say that Louis informed Compton officials as early as last Tuesday that he was under weight and did not feel like running. Smith admits this, but avers he was informed by Cromwell that Zamperini would appear. Hence all the attendant publicity which, in the light of tonight's occurrences, puts some of us writers in bad for constantly ballyhooing the

event. Our only reply can be a repetition of that famous gag "why don't they tell me these things?"

As far as could be ascertained, Zamperini did not attend the meet. Efforts to reach him tonight were unavailing. His roommate at S. C., Joe McCabe, had not seen him since noon. His family in Torrance reported he was not at home tonight.

In contrast with Zamperini's refusal to run, Lash, after tak-

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ing the 1500-meter race, came back later and copped the 5000-meter grind from a field of thirteen rivals. Lash outsprinted Johnny Wall and Stanley Sadaj on the final lap.

Adrian Talley, fleet Trojan sprinter, needed all his speed to beat Clyde Jeffrey of Riverside Junior College in the open 100 meters. The two boys finished in a virtual dead heat. The time was 10.5s.

Ivy Bledsoe was a surprise winner of the 110-meter hurdles in 14.8s; Bledsoe's celebrated teammate, Jim Humphrey, went into an early tailspin after hitting a hurdle, as did Hickerson of California.

ACTS PLEASE 'FOLLIES' FANS

Poll of the thousands who have witnessed the spectacular figure skating carnival, the "Ice Follies," at the Polar Palace, does not indicate that any one of the twenty-two events overshadows the others.

Bess Ehrhardt, "America's Sweetheart of the Ice," has her own private horde of fans, many of whom have been back two and three times to watch the beautiful brunette perform.

Other sports fans are intrigued with the perfect timing and balance of the Apache dance featuring Everett McGowan and blond Ruth Mack.

Lovely Lois Dworshak, the "Rhythm Girl," who has just about stolen the show every night, has her fans who back her to the skies.

Romans Lead in Track Qualifying

Coach Homer Graves's Los Angeles Romans led qualifying in the Western League track preliminaries held yesterday at L. A. High yesterday with 15 men. Venice was next with 10. Cliff Bourland of Venice ran the

Wilbur Miller, fast-flying Compton Junior College Negro, set a new national jaysee mark for 400 meters when he finished with a burst of speed to win in 47s. flat. Archie Williams, former California star, led most of the way but died on the back stretch as Miller and Harold Cagle of Oklahoma Baptist rushed up and fought it out to the tape.

Although no official count was kept as to team scores, the Olympic Club of San Francisco finished first with 42, as against 40 for the Trojans.

SUMMARY

1500-meter run—Won by Don Lash (unattached, Indiana); second, Art Cazares (Pasadena J.C.); third, Bob Baker (unattached.) Time 3m. 37.8s.

100-meter dash—Won by Adrian Talley (S.C.); second, Clyde Jeffrey (Riverside J.C.); third, Bryant Allen (Riverside J.C.); fourth H. Backman (S.C.) Time, 10.5s.

110-meter hurdles—Won by Ivy Bledsoe (S.C.); second, Tom Moore (Olympic Club); third, Bill Gray (Santa Barbara State); fourth, Leonard Anderson (Compton J.C.) Time, 14.8s.

400-meter dash—Won by Wilbur Miller (Compton J.C.); second, Harold Cagle (Oklahoma Baptist); third, Tom Berkeley (U.C.L.A.); fourth, Bob Young (U.C.L.A.) Time, 47s.

3000-meter steeple chase—Won by Eldridge Rice (Olympic Club); second, Mike Portanova (S.C.); third, Bob Finch (S.C.) (Three entries.) Time, 9m. 53.7s.

Shot-put—Won by Woodrow Strode (U.C.L.A.) 51 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; second, Ray Ailee (Olympic Club) 50ft. 8in.; third, Bob Fisher (S.C.) 48ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (Three entries.)

Broad jump—Won by Bill Lacefield (U.C.L.A.) 24ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; second, Jack Robinson (Pasadena J.C.) 24ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; third, Don Skinner (S.C.) 23ft. 2in.; Walt Middleton (Occidental) 22ft. 10in.

Javelin throw—Won by Bob Peoples (S.C. Prosh.) 215ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; second, Mottram (Olympic Club.) 200ft. 6in.; third, Clark de Groot (unattached.) 199ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (Three entries.)

5000-meter run—Won by Don Lash (unattached); second, Johnny Wall (Olympic Club); third, Stanley Sadaj (California); fourth, Bob Madrid (unattached.) Time, 15m. 7.8s.

200-meter dash—Won by Jeffrey (Riverside J.C.) second, Payton Jordan (S.C.) third, Bryant Allen (Riverside J.C.) fourth, Archie Williams (unattached.) Time, 30.8s.

Discus throw—Won by Phil Levy (Olympic Club.) 183ft.; second, Kenneth Carpenter (Olympic Club.) 158ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; third, Strode (U.C.L.A.) 154ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; fourth, Phil Gaspar (S.C.) 151ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

400-meter hurdles—Won by Stout (Olympic Club); second, Russell (unattached); third, Shaver (Glendale J.C.); fourth, Little (S.C.) Time, 53.8s.

High jump—Won by Stears (Olympic Club.) 6ft. 8in.; second, Thurber (S.C.) 6ft. 6in. (more tries); third, Wilson (unattached.) 6ft. 4in.; fourth, tie, Johnson (unattached) and Smith (Olympic Club.) 6ft. 4in.

800-meter race—Won by Phil Roulec (S.C.) second, Paul Moore (unattached); third, Ed Powers (unattached); fourth, F. Lovvorn (unattached.) Time, 1m. 53.4s.

Hop, step and jump—Won by Dick Laughhead (Long Beach J.C.) 45ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; second, Jack Robinson (Pasadena J.C.) 45ft. 10in.; third, Doris Gilbert (unattached.) 45ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; fourth, Jack Shilling (unattached.) 44ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

One-mile relay—Won by Compton J.C. (Reading, Lawson, Littler, Miller.) Time, 3m. 21.5s. (Two teams.)

Pole vault—Won by Cornelius Warmerdam (Olympic Club.) 14ft. 6in.; second, Earle Meadows (unattached.) 14ft. 3in.; third, Loring Day (S.C.) 14ft.; fourth, Ken Dolls (S.C.) 13ft. 6in.