

Klemmer in 440 Victory

**California Runner Sets
47.4s. Record; Smith
Nabs 880 for S.C.**

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To the amazing story of Trojan track and field conquests was added another chapter of thrill-packed moments yesterday as Southern California rolled up its 16th consecutive yearly conquest of California's Golden Bears. The score was 74-57.

There may have been larger throngs for previous meetings of these rivals than the scant 400 who grouped themselves along the steep slopes of the Coliseum yesterday but there haven't been many Trojan teams composed of more come-through artists.

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But then maybe that's taking in a little too much territory, for the annual surprises uncorked by Coach Dean Cromwell of S.C. make up a large part of the American college track picture.

Three or four heroes must be singled out for praise among the Trojan point winners, with Warren Smith's great half-mile victory over Clarence Barnes and Dick Peter topping the list. Dick Pettigrew's fine 200 ft. 5m. throw for second in the javelin was one of the major Trojan surprises. Art Lare's conquest of Cal's Johnny Reese in the low hurdles provided another break and Hubbie Kerns' victories in the 100 and furlong provided points which enabled Troy to clinch the meet before the relay.

TWO NEW RECORDS

One meet record was smashed by the upsurging Trojans and one tied, while the Bears bagged another new mark.

Bob Peoples had one of the new standards with a tremendous whip of 220 ft. 6m. in the javelin, which indicates he's just as good or maybe better than ever before despite the broken throwing arm of last year.

Grover Klemmer of California had the other record, a 47.4s. quarter-mile victory over Troy's Cliff Bourland. And Smith's 1m. 34.2s. half-mile equaled Louis Zamperini's time of last year.

BEARS START FAST

The Trojans had to come through with a rush in the closing events because California started the afternoon strong and was about 4 points ahead of the "dope" schedule after a half-dozen events.

Larry Weed couldn't keep up with the Bears in the last lap of the opening event, the mile, Peter getting way ahead and George Richards passing the Trojan for the second spot. Weed must have been 15 or 20 yards back of the place man.

The 440 ran right to form although Bourland made a move with about 140 yards to go and was only a half-yard back of Klemmer. The latter pulled away to win by three yards in great time considering the slowness of the track. Fay Fromm outlasted Howard Upton for the third spot, about five yards back of Cliff.

DISPUTED CENTURY

Then came the 100 and the press row experts had the meet all sewed up for California since it looked as though Murray Shipneck was a clear winner.

But when the result was posted Kerns was given the edge, his fast finishing lunge and lean forward getting the judges' nod. The time was only 16.1s, with Howard Callanan of S.C. (who had a touch of flu) only a foot or so behind in third place.

The Bears picked up unexpected points with a third in the high hurdles as Don Hommel, last year's winner for Troy, couldn't get untracked and was fourth behind Teammates John Hiewener and Art Kacowitz and Bear Dick Griffin, and a third in the high jump behind Johnny Wilson and Gil LaCava.

But the real surprise came

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in the 880, where Barnes was a clearcut favorite and Peter figured to push Smith to the limit.

Barnes hit the cement curbing on the first lap and broke his stride but got going again and both he and Peter led Smith by two yards with a half lap to go. Warren then lengthened out his stride and with a powerful but even drive wore down both his rivals, caught them as he hit the finishing stretch and won by a good five yards.

This was a tremendous lift to Trojan hopes and then Kerns and Bourland both beat Klemmer in a 21.5s furlong, giving S.C. a 45-27 margin after eight events. Pole vault, shot, discus and broad jump finished just about as expected, Cal swept the two-mile and S.C. needed just three more points when the low hurdles came up.

LARET WINS HURDLES

Laret, who'd been beaten by Reese in the dual meet last year, raced his rival on even terms for 180 yards and then forced his way to the tape in 24s. flat, which is about his best performance. The relay was an afterthought, Coach Brutus Hamilton entering a makeshift Cal team which lost ground steadily to the Trojans, Bourland finally bringing in the baton with a 25-yard margin.

Of the 74 Trojan points, 37½, or more than half, were scored by sophomores.

The summary:

Shot-put—Carl Merritt (S.C.) 50ft. 8¾ in.; Bob Biles (C.) 48ft. 1in.; Frank Kimberling (S.C.) 45ft. 5in.

Mile run—Dick Peter (C.) George Richards (C.) Leroy Weed (S.C.) Time, 4m. 22.9s.

440-yard dash—Grover Klemmer (C.) Cliff Bourland (S.C.) Fay Froom (C.) Time, 47.4s. (New meet record. Old record set by Howard Upton (S.C.) 1940, 47.7s.)

100—Hubert Kerns (S.C.) Murray Shipnuck (C.) Howard Calanan (S.C.) Time, 10.1s.

High jump—Tie for first between John Wilson (S.C.) and Gil LaCava (S.C.) 6ft. 4in.; tie for third between Maurice Trokey (C.) and Guinn Smith (C.) 6ft. 2in.

120-yard high hurdles—John Blewener (S.C.) Art Kacewicz (S.C.) Griffin (C.) Time, 14.9s.

880—Warren Smith (S.C.) Clarence Barnes (C.) Dick Peter (C.) Time, 1m. 53.2s. (Ties meet record set by Louis Zamperini (S.C.) 1938.)

220—Kerns (S.C.) Bourland (S.C.) Klemmer (C.) Time, 21.5s.

Javelin—Peoples (S.C.) 229ft. 4in. (New meet record, old record set by Hugo DeGroot (S.C.) 1939, 227ft. 1in.) Dick Pettigrew (S.C.) 207ft. 5in.; Martin Biles (C.) 197ft. 6in.

Pole vault—Guinn Smith (C.) 14ft.; Bill Schaefer (S.C.) 13ft. 6in.; Luther Nichols (C.) 13ft.

Broad jump—Jim Jurkovich (C.) 23ft. 3¼in.; Ken Wren (S.C.) 23ft. 1¼in.; Mel Bleeker (S.C.) 22ft. 11¼in.

Two-mile—Ralph Dewey (C.) Loren McIntyre (C.) John Copeland (C.) Time, 9m. 44s.

Discus—Barney Wolf (C.) 151ft. 10½ in.; Merritt (S.C.) 144ft. 7½in.; Jurkovich (C.) 134ft. 1½in.

Low hurdles—Art Laret (S.C.) John Reese (C.) Sam Johnson (S.C.) Time, 24s.

Relay—S.C. (Grunbock, Smith, Upton, Bourland.) Time, 3m. 18s.

Final score—University of Southern California, 74; California, 57.