

Bear Quartet Cracks Mark

**California Relay Team
Runs 7m. 34.5s.; Prep,
Jayes Standards Fall**

BY CHARLES CURTIS

Les Steers, the human grasshopper from University of Oregon, hurled himself 6ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. into the warm Coliseum air yesterday afternoon and later missed by the slightest margin hitting the nearly unbelievable ceiling of 7ft.

Steers, who went 10 inches above his head height to better all official and unofficial world's records in the high jump, wasn't the only athlete to crack an international standard for track and field, as California's great combination of 880 runners won the four-man two-mile relay in 7m. 34.5s.

CROWD OF 20,000

And in addition, one national high school record, one national junior college mark and three Coliseum bests were set during the afternoon's program which 20,000 fans will testify was in most respects the greatest one-day meet ever held here.

Steers first shook off his sharpest competition, Johnny Wilson and Bill Stewart, at the 6ft. 7in. mark. Then, after clearing an intermediate mark, the bar was set at 6ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., which he cleared readily on his first try. In fact, it appeared that had the crosspiece been at an even 7ft. he would have made it.

Then with the bar set at just 4-inch below the 7ft. level he took three gallant tries, flicking it off with his knee once and with his foot again.

Les' victory and his record achievement leave no doubt that he's the greatest high jumper of all time. Early this year he went 6ft. 10 25/32in. to crack the accepted record of 6ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. set by Cornelius Johnson and Dave Albritton at New York in 1904. Later Les did 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and yesterday set a new altitude record that he alone among the modern crop appears capable of breaking.

ALL-STAR RECORD

The California team, which was rated the best bet of the afternoon for a world's record, broke a mark which was set by an all-star American team of Charley Hornbostel, Bob Young, Harry Williamson and Johnny Woodruff at London in 1938 after completion of the Berlin Olympics. This great combination ran 7m. 35.8s., but yesterday four men from one school, all running within one second of one another on elapsed time, clipped 1.3 seconds from that mark.

Johnny Reese (1m. 54s.) Grover Klemmer (1m. 54s.) Dick Peter (1m. 52.8s.) and Clarence Barnes (1m. 53.7s.) brought about the world's record, Barnes finishing with 33 yards on Warren Breidenbach of Michigan. Indiana's Campbell Kane was another couple of yards back, and Anchor Jim Malone of S.C. well back of them.

KLEMMER IN LEAD

The field was closely bunched after the first 800, but Klemmer had about five yards' margin finishing the second leg in which Warren Smith pulled the Trojans into second spot. Then Peter really stepped away, finishing with a 20-yard margin for Barnes to work on. The latter went his first lap in 51s. and was nearly done at the finish, barely walking in the last 50 yards. Breidenbach beat out Kane, the Big Ten champ, for second honors.

Outside of these two world's marks there were a couple of events where the winning efforts came close to cracking the record book wide open.

WARMERDAM DOES 15FT.

Cornelias Warmerdam, for instance, went over 15ft. in the pole vault to win at Coliseum record height. Then they hoisted the bar to 15ft. 5in., and Corey tried that, as if the sight of Steers nearly making 7ft. without any vaulting pole gave him a striking violet complex on a mere 15ft. effort.

But Warmerdam couldn't quite make the grade, brushing off the bar with his chest on each try.

And in the discus big Archie Harris of Indiana bettered Ken Carpenter's American record for the second time in eight days.

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throwing the platter 173ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. That was about an inch shy of Archie's effort of a week ago and only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. short of the world's record.

WOLCOTT ABSENT

Another Coliseum record went into oblivion in the high hurdles.

Fred Wolcott of Rice didn't appear, after being the first to accept a meet invitation three weeks ago and then declining a few days ago when he couldn't come to terms with relays officials on expense money.

But he was hardly missed, long Bob Wright of Ohio State streaking to the tape in 14s. flat after Joe Batiste of Sacramento hit the next to the last hurdle. Joe was a good three yards ahead of Wright at the time but fell back completely out of the money with Pete Owens of Howard Payne second and John Blewener, Troy, third.

DAVIS WINNER

What was expected to be the century race of the decade, a 100-yard dash duel between Harold Davis of Salinas and Carlton Terry of Texas, finished as a race between Davis and Billy Brown of Louisiana. Hal won in 9.6s. against a slight breeze.

Terry was off to a terrible start and Brown was gone with the gun. But Davis was ahead at 40 yards and stayed there all the way although his usual finishing spurt seemed to be missing. He had only about one foot margin on Brown at the tape with Fred Ramsdell of Texas picked for third over Payton Jordan, S.C.A.A. It looked as though Jordan had the third spot by a foot or two.

TROJAN VICTORS

The other two open relays found the Texas sprinters staving off a Trojan threat to win in 41s. flat with Terry building up quite a backstretch lead and the Southern California mile combination capping the afternoon's program with a 3m. 11.7s.

triumph that was a genuine thriller.

Smith, Howard Upton, Cliff Bourland and Hubie Kerns brought S.C. home a winner by five yards over Michigan. Stanford was third with a makeshift California squad unplaced.

This team might have set another record but Bourland couldn't locate Kerns for the last lap pass and joggled all over the track, allowing Breidenbach to get away two yards in front. Kerns ran over the Wolverine to bring the S.C. colors out in front.

Two other open events, broad jump and mile, went to Billy Brown at 24ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and Leroy Weed in 4m. 14.6s., respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL RECORD

The high school record went to pieces in the four-man two-mile, the Marine League quartet running 8m. 1.7s., which was nearly four seconds under the record. Bill Iacona, John Mercer, Jack Meacham and Keith Nash made up the hot foursome.

And in the four-man mile race

for State and junior colleges, the all-star Western circuit squad of Bryce Wisner, Ad Holden, Don Baker and John Wachtler did 3m. 18.6s. for a national jaysee record which was two-fifths of a second below San Mateo's mark.

Attendance at the meet, one of the largest crowds ever to see such an event on the Coast, guarantees it will be an annual fixture.

OPEN EVENTS

Four-man 440—Texas (Seay, Terry, Ramsdell, Hill.) S.C., Stanford, S.C.A.A. Time, 41s.

Four-man two-mile—California (Reese, Klemmer, Peters, Barnes,) Michigan, Indiana, S.C. Time, 7m. 34.5s. (New world's record, old record of 7m. 35.5s. set by All-Star American team in London, 1936.) 100 yd. Davis (Salinas Jaysee, Brown (L.S.U.), Ramsdell (T.) Jordan (S.C.A.A.) Time, 9.6s.

Discus—Harris (Ind.), 173ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Fox (O.C.), 169ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Huhes (T.) 161ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Wolf (C.), 159ft. 11in. (New Coliseum record.)

120 high hurdles—Wright (Ohio State), Owens (Howard-Payne,) Blewener (S.C.) Time, 14s. (New Coliseum record.)

High jump—Steers (Oregon), 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; tie for second between Stewart (Iowa,) and Wilson (S.C.) 6 ft. 7in. (New world record, old record of 6ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. set by Cornelius Johnson and David Albritton, 1936.)

Broad jump—Brown (L.S.U.) 24ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Robinson (Nat'l Youth Ad.) 24ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Schilling (U.C.L.A.) 23ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Bleeker (S.C.) 23ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Pole vault—Warmerdam (O.C.) 15ft.; tie for second between Meadows (S.C. A.A.) and Smith (C.) 14 ft.; tie for fourth between Dills (S.C.A.A.) and Schaefer (S.C.) 13ft. 6in. (New Coliseum record.)

100 yd.—Weed (S.C.) Kane (Ind.) Eisenhart (Ohio State.) Time, 4m. 14.6s.

Four-man mile—Southern California (Smith, Upton, Bourland, Kerns.) Michigan, Stanford. Time, 3m. 11.7s.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Four-man 440—Marine League (Miller S.P., Bauer S.P., Lockett S.P., Kordich S.P.) Southern League, Western League. Time, 43.6s.

Four-man two-mile—Marine League (Iacona S.P., Mercer S.P., Meacham S.P., Nash T.) Southern League, Eastern League. Time, 8m. 1.7s. (New national interscholastic record, old record 8m. 5.5s. set by Roosevelt High, Des Moines, Ia., 1933.)

Four-man 880—Western League (Hambleton L.A., Smith H., Peets U., Kirkpatrick V.) Eastern League, Valley League. Time, 1m. 30s.

100—Smith (B.) Kaufman (J.) Mayo (Ho.) Wade (L.) Time, 10s.

Four-man mile—Valley League (Donner S.P., Kamanski E.R., Wickline E.R., Simpson V.N.) Western League, Southern League. Time, 3m. 23.9s.

120 high hurdles—Stein (Ho.) Eiser (U.) Melle (F.) Time, 15.1s.

Eight-man mile—Southern League (Hall, Jeff; Hilbert, Jeff; Schlickbernd, Wash.; Albe, Root; Hutton, Fr.; Sims, Al.) Nona. Man., and Griffin, Poly.) Western League, Eastern League. Time, 3m. 2.4s.

JUNIOR AND STATE COLLEGE

Four-man 880—Northern California Jaysee (Syckes, Salinas; Salz, Santa Rosa; Billings, Santa Rosa; Davis, Salinas.) S.C.A.A. Western California Jaysee. Time, 1m. 27.1s.

Four-man mile—Western J.C. (Wisner, L.A.; Holden, Compton; Baker, L.A. and Wachtler, Pas.) Northern California State College, Eastern J.C. Time, 3m. 18.6s. (New national junior college record. Old record 3m. 19s. set by San Mateo J.C. in 1940.)