

STRAND CHALKS UP EASY RACE VICTORY

Swedish Ace Defeats Fulton in 3M. 51.6S.
Grind at Compton; Tate Scores 17 Points

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Visiting firemen hogged the limelight last night as the seventh annual Compton invitational track and field meet was run off before a capacity throng of 10,300 fans. Sweden's Lennart Strand scored a spectacular American debut when he made a cakewalk of the 1500-meter field, but he was rivaled for individual honors by Ralph Tate, Oklahoma A.&M., Ed Conwell and Elmore Harris, Shore A.C., New Jersey, and Fred Sheffield, Utah, all imported for the meet.

Strand won a sports writers' poll for the best individual athlete by a single vote over Tate.

The Los Angeles Athletic Club took unofficial team honors with 42½ points, with S.C. the runner-up at 35. Tate scored 17 all by himself for third.

Strand Triumphs

Strand got the meet off to a rousing start when, after encountering trouble in finding running room, he finally broke loose on the third lap and easily strode away from his opposition. John Fulton of the San Francisco Olympic Club finished second, 60 yards back, followed by Teammate Marston Girard and Bob McMillan of Cathedral High.

McMillan set the pace for the first half-mile. On the second quarter Strand pulled directly behind him and several times attempted to take the lead, but Fulton was parked at his elbow. On the third lap, however, he spurred out in front, and with his long, lean legs churning rhythmically, easily pulled away and won eased up.

He stepped the third lap in 59s. to kill off Fulton and in the home stretch looked back, saw he was all alone, and just strode across the finish line. His time was two-tenths of a second off the 3m. 51.4s. meet mark held by Les McMitchell, and the approximate equivalent of a 4m. 8.6s. mile.

Cochran Victor

Roy Cochran of the L.A.A.C. scored a brilliant one-yard victory over Elmore Harris of the Shore A.C., New Jersey, in the 400-meter run in 47.6s. Both ran around S.C.'s Wells DeLoach on the turn and then matched strides all the way down the long stretch. Cochran forged ahead five yards from the tape.

U.C.L.A.'s Craig Dixon just missed scoring an upset win in the 110-meter high hurdles but couldn't quite nip Ralph Tate of Oklahoma A.&M. Two prep stars, Dick Attlesey of Bell and Bob Bacon of Redondo, finished third and fourth, respectively.

Ed Conwell, like Harris of the Shore A.C., annexed the 100-meter dash in 10.5s., with S.C.'s Mel Patton five feet back.

Junior high 440-yard relay—Clearwater (Herick, Clark, Teak, Perry); Lowell, Willowbrook, Roosevelt. Time, 48.8s. (New meet record.)

1500-meter run (Helms Trophy)—Strand (Sweden); Fulton (Olympic Club); Girard (Olympic Club); McMillan (Cathedral High). Time, 3m. 51.4s.

100 meters—Conwell (Shore A.C.); Patton (S.C.); O'Sullivan (S.C.); Richardson (L.A.A.C.). Time, 10.5s.

110-meter high hurdles—(Lions Club Trophy)—Tate (Oklahoma A. & M.); Dixon (U.C.L.A.); Attlesey (Bell High); Bacon (Redondo High). Time, 14.3s.

High school sprint medley—(440-220-80)—Redondo (Norren, Dixon, Fisher, Will); Compton, Long Beach, Wilson. Time, 3m. 36.8s.

Shot-put—Thompson (S.C.) 81ft. 8in.; (L.A.A.C.) 81ft. 7in.; Lewis (L.A.A.C.) 81ft. 7½ in.; (L.A.A.C.) 80ft. 1½ in.

Broad jump—Tate (Oklahoma A. & M.) 23ft. 10in.; Turner (L.A.A.C.) 23ft. 7in.; Nelson (U.C.L.A.) 23ft. 8½ in.; Ehrman (San Jose) 23ft. 10¼ in.

College sprint medley relay—(440-220-220-80)—Pepperdine (Bell, Travis, Valerio, Alba); Santa Barbara, San Diego State, Compton. Time, 3m. 35.8s.

400 meters—Cochran (L.A.A.C.); Harris (Shore A.C.); De Loach (S.C.) no fourth. Time, 47.6s.

High jump—Sheffield (Utah) 6ft. 4in.; tie between Barkdale (unattached) and Wakfield (S.C.) 6ft. 3in.; Peltis (S.C.) 6ft.

Pole vault—Tie between Winter (S.C.) and Hart (S.C.) 14ft. ½ between Campbell (Glendale J.C.) and Kaiser (L.A.A.C.) 13ft.

Javelin—Peoples (L.A.A.C.) 197ft. 5in.; Poorman (L.A.A.C.) 197ft. 11in.; Torre (San Jose) 187 ft. 10in.; Lyons (San Jose) 180ft. 9½ in.

200 meters—Conwell (Shore A.C.); Harris (Shore A.C.); Kape (U.C.L.A.); Bourland (L.A.A.C.) 21.8s.

200-meter low hurdles—Lawrence (S.C.); Dixon (U.C.L.A.); Tate (Okl. A.M.); Scott (unattached). Time, 23.1s.

300-meter run—Shaw (Cathedral High); Campbell (unattached); Lara (Marquette High); Skanders (Pepperdine). Time, 1m. 42.1s.

Discus—Eller (L.A.A.C.) 136ft. 5½ in.; Thompson (S.C.) 131ft. 1½ in.; Marber (L.A.A.C.) 147ft. 1in.; Members (S.C.) 147ft. 1in.

High school shot put (12 pounds)—Helwig (Mt. Carmel); Paringer (Harbuck); Levin (L.A. Wilson); Rivers (Premont) 88ft. 2½ in.

800 meters—Fulton (Olympic Club); Cull (U.S. Navy); Bebaraky (S.C.) Time, 1m. 54.2s.

Open mile relay (30-30 Club Trophy)—Los Angeles Athletic Club (Jamison, Cross, Bourland, Cochran); U.C.L.A., no third. Time, 3m. 22.7s.

Hoo-step-jump—Tate (Oklahoma A. & M.) 48ft. 1in.; Turner (L.A.A.C.) 48ft. 11½ in.; Becken (L.A.A.C.) 48ft. 10in.; Asset (unattached) 48ft. 7½ in.

Unofficial final scores: Los Angeles Athletic Club, 42½; S.C., 35; Oklahoma A. & M., 17; Shore A.C., New Jersey, 16; U.C.L.A., 13; Olympic Club, 10; Pepperdine, 8; Cathedral High, 8; Sweden, 5; Utah, 5; San Jose, 4; Santa Barbara, 3; San Diego, 2; Glendale, 1½; Compton, 1.