

Patton Runs 20.4s. as Troy Wins

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Punctuated by Pell-Mel Patton's six-yard conquest of Herb McKenley in a 20.4s. 220-yard dash, Coach Dean Cromwell's S.C. Trojans out-scored the University of Illinois, defending national collegiate champs, 73-49, in their dual meet at the Coliseum yesterday before 29,879 rabid fans. It was the largest crowd ever to see a spike dual meet in this country.

After six events of even point grabbing, the Trojans came through with startling one, twos in the high hurdles, 880 and discus to make it a runaway. And then along came Patton, Troy's dazzling sophomore, to hand the Illini's pride, N.C.A.A. 220 champ and claimant to the world's 440 record at 46.2s., a most decisive setback.

Big Early Lead

Patton shot out of the tunnel as if in a 50-yard dash and easily drew away to a seven-yard lead at the century mark. McKenley, appearing dumbfounded by the distance between them, started driving desperately at 150 yards but could close the gap by only a couple of yards and eased up slightly in the final strides.

Of the six watches on Patton—three official and as many alternates—three caught him in 20.4s., two in 20.3s. and one in 20.2s. So it was at worst a "fast" 20.4s. clocking.

Patton's effort eclipsed the Coliseum record of 20.7s., set by the great Jesse Owens of Ohio State in 1935 and was just a tenth of a second off Owens' world standard. He also tied his own S.C. record which he established at Riverside a month ago.

Patton had previously flashed to a two-yard century win over Bill Mathis, N.C.A.A. 100-yard champ, 9.6s.

The meet was replete with surprises and generally it was the Illini that were wincing. S.C. started out by winning the shot-put as Bob Bayless edged Norm Wasser, 51ft. 4 in. to 51ft. 1½ in. and then Troy Freshman Jack Newman tied Dwight Eddleman in the high jump at 6ft. 5 in.

Distance Strategy

Attempting to get those points back, Illinois Coach Leo Johnson started his two distance aces, Bob Rehberg and John Twomey, in the mile instead of holding out the latter to duel with S.C.'s Roland Sink in the two mile. Cromwell retaliated by inserting Sink. The result was a spectacular four-lapper that found Rehberg outkicking Sink to win by

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two yards in 4m. 14.6s. and Twomey six yards farther back.

The strategy went for nought, however. Rehberg was so exhausted in his victory that he was unable to start in the 880. Bob Chambers, freshman ace, gave Troy rooters heart failure when his bad ankle collapsed on him after one lap but Wally Wilson and Field Berry revived them with a one, two. Wilson won by two yards in 1m. 55s.

Distribution of the distance event points became normal when neither Sink or Twomey could finish the two mile, the former dropping out after three laps and Twomey on the fifth. Illinois then took the first two places with Paul Huston nipping Jerry Downs in 10m. 2.9s.

Hurdles Decisive

But the big turning point came in the high hurdles. George Walker, who has done 14.2s., strained a muscle going over the first hurdle and dropped out. Dick Attlesey, Troy's No. 1 man, hit three successive barriers and finally sprawled going over the last one. But Trojans Jim Gabriel and Lou Futrell were right there to nab the first and second place digits. Gabriel won in 14.9s.

After Doug Miller and Sylvester Heinberg had further put the Illini in the hole by taking discus honors with heaves of 144ft. 8in. and 143ft. 5½in., Ronnie Frazier and Al Lawrence ran a yard apart in a 23.1s. low hurdle race for Troy. Walker was unable to enter but it is doubtful if he could have broken in anyway.

With the meet already lost before the relay, McKenley was kept out and the Trojans were hard-pressed to win in 3m. 16.2s., even with Kerns' 47.5s. anchor lap.

Shot-put — Bayless (S.C.) 51ft. 4in.; Wasser (I.) 31ft. 1½in.; Ely (I.) 48ft. 5½in.

High jump—Tie between Eddleman (I.) and Newman (S.C.) 6ft. 5in.; tie between Wakefield (S.C.) and Irons (I.) 6ft. 4in.

100—Rehbers (I.) 2yds.; Sink (S.C.) 6yds.; Twomey (I.) 4m. 14.6s.

440—McKenley (I.) 7yds.; Kerns (S.C.) 2yds.; DeLoach (S.C.) 47.2s.

Pole vault—Tie between Richards (I.) and Hart (S.C.) 14ft.; tie between Wolfe (S.C.) and Matter (I.) 13ft. 6in.

100—Patton (S.C.) 2yds.; Mathis (I.) 3yds.; Cook (I.) 9.6s.

120 high hurdles—Gabriel (S.C.) 1yd.; Futrell (S.C.) 3yds.; Shuman (I.) 14.9s.

880—Wilson (S.C.) 2yds.; Berry (S.C.) Bedell (I.) 1m. 55s.

Discus—Miller (S.C.) 144ft. 8in.; Heinberg (S.C.) 143ft. 5½in.; Ely (I.) 130ft. 9½in.

120—Patton (S.C.) 6yds.; McKenley (I.) 5yds.; Cook (I.) 20.4s. (New Coliseum record; old mark, 20.7s. set by Jesse Owens, Ohio State, 1935. Also equals S.C. record set by Patton this year.)

Two-mile—Huston (I.) 2in.; Downs (I.) 350yds.; Series (S.C.) 10m. 2.9s.

Broad jump—Leuthold (I.) 24ft. 1¼in.; Curry (S.C.) 23ft. 11¼in.; Lawrence (S.C.) 23ft. 8¼in.

220 low hurdles—Frazier (S.C.) 1yd.; Lawrence (S.C.) 2½yds.; Shuman (I.) 23.1s.

1 mile relay—S.C. (Browne, Slosson, DeLoach, Kerns.) 3yds. 3m. 16.2s.

Final score—S.C., 73; Illinois, 49.