

# Panamanian Runs 20.2s. for Record

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In one of the great individual track and field performances of all time, Lloyd LaBeach, the fleet Panamanian, shattered the world's 200-meter record and tied two other world sprint marks in the Compton Invitational Championships at Compton last night before 4000 spectators.

The former University of Wisconsin star, running for the Buccaneers AC, Oakland, was clocked in 20.2s. for the 200 meters, one-tenth of a second faster than the mark set by Jesse Owens of Ohio State at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1935.

He also was clocked in the world-record-tying time of 20.3s. for the furlong in the same race after winning the 100-meters earlier in the world-equaling time of 10.2s.

## Dazzling Speed

Not since Owens set three world's records and tied another in that meet at Ann Arbor 13 years ago has there been such a dazzling individual display of speed.

LaBeach, running without the pressure of his nemesis, Mel Patton of Southern California, said after the meet that he felt even greater performances might have resulted if the Trojan speedster had been present. He declined to say positively, however, that he would have beaten Pat-Mel, who slipped him at the West Coast Relays several weeks ago in the world-breaking time of 9.5s. for 100 yards.

The speedster hardly was passed in either race. He was two strides in front of Charles Peters of Indiana in the hundred and a good five yards ahead in the 20 meters.

## Marks Tumble

Four meet records were broken during the evening and two were tied as the Los Angeles Athletic Club won the affair with 29 points. Southern California was second with 22 and UCLA finished third with 17 points.

Besides LaBeach's record shattering 200 meters, he tied the Compton 100-meter mark.

Other records to fall were:

Walter Thompson's 5-ft. 10-in. pitch in the shot-put; Craig Dorton's 24.2s. in the 110-meter high hurdles, and the 500-meter victory in 14m. 52.8s. by Curtis Stone, formerly of Penn State. The other tied mark came in the 20-yard low hurdles at 23.1s. by Ron Frazier of SC.

But all of these performances were far overshadowed by the sensational effort turned in by LaBeach, who will represent Panama in the Olympic Games at London this summer. That probably will be the next time these two world record-breakers, LaBeach and Patton, meet again.

## Official Clocking

All three of the slender sprinters' marks will be given official world record consideration. There was virtually no wind—

not enough to register on the meter—and official AAU timers clocked him.

Melville Bruner and Huber Scrutz clicked their watches at 20.2s. in the 200 meters and the third timer, Nat Pitts, caught LaBeach in 20.3s. In the 100 meters, Ernie Nelson clicked his watch at 10.1s. and Stan Curditt and Dr. Floyd Haynes caught Lloyd at 10.3s.

LaBeach got his great advantage in both races with perfect starts and a terrific "lift" which had him more than six yards ahead of Peters at the 50-meter mark. He never was threatened by the rest of the field.

## Farther in Front

In the 100, Barney Ewell, formerly of Penn State, was third, a yard back of the Big Nine champion and Bill Fell of Compton High was a close fourth. LaBeach also was timed in 9.5s. for the 100 yards.

The furlong saw LaBeach even farther in front as he swept down the straightaway, running in the opposite direction to his first race. Just as Peters was second in the 200 meters, so was Ewell, the National AAU champion at the distance third. This time another high school lad, John Bradley of Glendale Hoover, was fourth.

## Other Surprise

The one other surprise of the evening came in the 80-yard Helms Trophy race which Dave Bales, former Colorado quarter-mile, captured from a fancy field in 1m. 51.4s. Tarver Perkins of the Illinois AC was a close second and John Fulton of LAAC was third. Bales started in the quarter, which was run previously, but pulled up after 50 yards with Herb McKelley of the Shore AC, Chi-

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cago, winning in 47.1s. from Joe Nebolon of Washington State.

Final team scores were:

LAAC, 39; Southern California, 32; UCLA, 17; Oakland Bittners, 15; Washington State, 8; Indiana, 6; Arizona, Shanahan AC, Compton College and Santa Barbara, 5; San Jose, Compton High School, 4; San Bernardino JC, Mount San Antonio JC, Long Beach CC, Illinois AC, Whittier, 3; Southern California Frosh, Occidental, Olympic Club, Fresno State, 2; Fullerton JC, Ohio State, Glendale Hoover HS, 1.

1500-meter run—Eischen (Washington State); Walters (Compton High); Charles Kohl (LAAC); Balch (UCLA), 3m, 58.4s.

110-meter high hurdles—Dixon (UCLA), Lawrence (LAAC); Ed Schnell (SC), Art Bernard (SC Frosh), 14.2s. New meet record. (Old record, 14.3s., by Joe Batiste, Sacramento JC), 1941, and Leroy Kirkpatrick, San Mateo JC, 1936.)

Shot-put — Thompson (LAAC), 54ft. 1½ in. (New meet record. Old mark, 53ft. 3½ in., Norm Wasser, Illinois, 1947), Shipkey (UCLA), 52ft. 5½ in.; Springer (SC), 50ft. 7¾ in.; Linn (San Jose State), 45ft. 10½ in.

Broad jump—Aihara (SC), 23ft. 5½ in.; Engman (Santa Barbara College), 23ft. 5 in.; Brownell (Whittier), 23ft. 4¾ in.; Patsalis (SC), 23ft. 4 in.

Javelin throw—Peoples (LAAC), 203ft. 9 in.; Picaris (San Bernardino JC), 200ft. 8 in.; Coster (Occidental), 196ft. 2 in.; Hummel (unattached), 185ft. 2 in.

100 meters—LaBeach (Panama); Peters (Indiana); Ewell (Penn AC); Fell (Compton High), 10.2s. (Equals world record held by Jesse Owens, 1936, and Hal Davis, Salinas JC, 1941).

440-yard run — McKenley (Jamaica), Nebolon (Washington State), Parker (Los Angeles AC), DeLoach (SC), 47.1s.

High jump—Barksdale (Oakland), 6ft. 6 in.; Dancer (Mt. San Antonio JC), 6ft. 5 in.; tie, Stanich (UCLA), Turner (Fullerton JC), and Newman (Los Angeles AC), 6ft. 4 in.

440 yard hurdles—Hipple (Ariz.), Halderman (SC), Frazier (SC), Dixon (UCLA), 53.3s.

200-meter dash—LaBeach (Panama), Peters (Indiana), Ewell (Penn AC), Bradley (Glendale High), 20.2s. (Better world record of 20.3s. by Jesse Owens, 1935. LaBeach also timed officially at 220 yards in 20.3s., equalling world record by Owens, 1935.)

Hop, step and jump—Beckus (LAAC), 47ft. 6¾ in.; Hastings (Long Beach CC), 47ft. 5½ in.; Engman (Santa Barbara College), 45ft. 4¾ in.; Brownell (Whittier), 43ft.

880-yard run—Bolen (Colorado), Perkins (Illinois AC), Fulton (LAAC), Whitfield (unattached), 1m. 51.4s.

Pole vault—Montgomery (SC), 14ft.; Hart (SC), 13ft. 6 in.; tie among Sanders (SC), Johnson (SC Frosh), Zimmerman (Compton College), 13ft.

Discus throw—Lewis (UCLA), 161ft. 1½ in.; Hershey (LAAC), 153ft. 1½ in.; Linn (San Jose State), 150ft.; Overhouse (San Jose), 149ft. 8¾ in.

5000-meter run—Stone (Shanahan AC, Pa), Twomey (LAAC); Cole (Olympic Club, San Francisco), McMillen (unattached), 14m. 52.8s. (New meet record. Old mark, 14m. 55.1s., by Norman Brigat, Olympic Club, 1936.)

One-mile open relay—LAAC (Kerns, Wachtler, Parker, Cochran), Compton College, Southern California, UCLA, 3m. 16.1s.

200-meter low hurdles—Frazier, SC; Lawrence, LAAC; Martin, Fresno State; Batiste, Compton C. Time, 23.1s. Ties Compton Invitational record.

100-meter dash for women—Betty Lawrence (unattached), Marguerite Meadows (unattached), Doris Sutter (unattached), Barbara O'Callaghan (unattached), 12.8s.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARY

Sprint medley relay—Inglewood (Roulett, Ashley, Hadley, Delabar), Banning, Compton, Long Beach Wilson, 3m. 38s.

## JUNIOR HIGH SUMMARY

880-yard relay, junior high—Roosevelt (Brodersen, Buckner, Centraite, Mills), Enterprise, Paramount, Willowbrook, 1m. 37.5s.