

Cochran Wins Hurdles; Stanich Hits 6ft. 8¼in.; West Spearmen in Sweep

DYCHE STADIUM, Evanston, Ill., July 9 — Dean Cromwell saw his great Trojan sprinter, Mel Patton, run second tonight in the final Olympic tryouts, but he was still all smiles.

As head coach of the 1948 American Olympic team he had just witnessed the birth of the strongest national track and field squad of all time.

One world record was equalled—Barbey Ewell had to do it in the 100 meters in order to beat Patton—and in no less than five other events were the best marks recorded in the whole history of Olympic tryouts competition in this nation.

Tomorrow the second chapter in these tryouts will be written, and it certainly should be just as brilliant.

How Locals Fared

With Patton clinching an Olympic berth, here's how other Southern Californians fared in making the team:

1—High jump—George Stanich, UCLA and Los Angeles

Here Are Team Members Selected Last Night

(Listed in the order of their finish with the winning performance:)

100 meters—Barbey Ewell, Lancaster, Pa.; Mel Patton, SC; Harrison Dillard, Baldwin Wallace, 10.2s. (Equals world record set by Jesse Owens, Ohio State, 1936 and tied by Hal Davis, Salinas J. C., 1941.)

5000-meter run — Curtis Stone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jerry Thompson, Texas; Clarence Robinson, Brigham Young, 14m. 40.7s.

400-meter hurdles — Roy Cochran, Los Angeles Athletic Club; Richard Ault, Missouri, Jeff Kirk, Penn., 51.7s.

High jump — Verne McGrew, Rice; George Stanich, Los Angeles Athletic Club; Dwight Eddleman, Illinois, 6ft. 8¼in.

Javelin throw — Martin Biles, San Francisco Olympic Club; Robert Likins, San Jose, Cal.; Steve Seymour, Los Angeles Athletic Club, 223ft. 9in.

Hammer throw—Bob Bennett, Apponaug, R. I.; Henry Dreyer, New York Athletic Club, Sam Felton, Harvard, 177ft. 8¼in.

Athletic Club competitor, a technical second place at 6ft. 8¼in., the highest of his career by more than two inches.

2—Javelin throw—Dr. Steve Seymour, LAAC, third place behind two other Californians—Martin Biles of the Olympic Club and Bob Likins of San Jose State.

3—400-meter hurdles—Roy Cochran of the Mercuries, victorious in the 400-meters hurdles in 51.7s., the fastest time of the year and better than the Olympic record of 52s. flat.

Ewell, the grand old man of track and field, plummeted into the tape a full four feet ahead of Patton in 10.2s. in the 100-meters final, with Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace third and Ed Conwell, formerly of NYU, fourth. Conwell will probably be included on the team to round out the 400-meter relay team.

Asleep at Start

Patton and Dillard were caught asleep at the start and lost a full yard to the full pack in the first five. But then Mel poured it on. He almost caught Ewell at the 85-meter mark but lagged at the tape.

The time equalled the world mark first set by Jesse Owens

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of Ohio State, and later tied by Hal Davis when he was at Salinas J.C. Lloyd LaBesch tied the record unofficially this season at Fresno. Patton's announced time was 10.3s.

In his heat Patton had trailed Dillard in 10.4s., when he also got a poor start.

Stanich was the big surprise of the evening. George, who is quite an all-around athlete at Westwood — he blanked the championship Trojan baseball nine on five hits a few weeks ago—stunned the crowd of close to 20,000. Stanich had the lowest qualifying height of all the dozen competitors in the competition but he was no novice this evening.

Tied in Height

Vern McGrew of Rice tied George at 6ft. 8½in. and got the nod for first place under international rules for having missed lower heights on fewer occasions than did the Bruin. Dwight Edleman completed the trio making the United States team.

Cochran proved himself to be the nation's leading 400-meter hurdler when he led from start to finish in the final. He had to fight off Jeff Kirk of Penn and Dick Ault of Missouri, the other qualifiers, at the final barrier, but he spurred into the tape with a lead of a full three yards.

Dr. Seymour, who last week won the National AAU meet at more than 230ft., seemed to take things easy with his third-place mark of 238ft. 9in., which was almost 12 feet ahead of the fourth-place man. Biles had a leading toss of 235ft. 9in. and Linkins tossed 222ft. 3½in., and had another mark only one foot less.

Local Boys

In two field events Southland stars qualified among the first six for tomorrow's finals. Wilbur Thompson of the LAAC is fifth in the shot-put at 52ft. 1¼in. and Bill Bayless of the Trojans is sixth at 52ft. 1¼in. Jim Delaney of the Olympic Club leads at 54ft. 4¼in. The great Charles Forville, whose back is ailing, is in a tie for third and he just might not make the trip if one of our local boys gets red-hot on the morrow.

Willie Steele of San Diego State leads in the broad jump at 26ft. 2in., more than a foot ahead of second-place Lorenzo Wright of Wayne. Steele's leap is the best ever recorded in a final U.S. Olympic tryout.

Bob Chambers of the Trojans ran a strong second in his 500 meters qualifying heat. The final comes off tomorrow. Mal Whitefield of Ohio State, ex-Jefferson High, won his heat in 1m. 33.8s.

Prep Wonder

Sam Iness, the Tulare High School wonder in the discus, qualified in the final half-dozen with the greatest twirl of his life—156ft. 11¼in. This once again betters the national interscholastic record for the college-type platter, but it doesn't count. Such marks must be made in prep meets, the rule book states.

Fortune Gordien of Minnesota leads in this event as expected at 168ft. 2in.

Qualifiers in the broad jump, shot put and discus will have three more tries tomorrow.

So much for the successes of Southland athletes. Now for a few blue moments. Taylor Lewis of UCLA rated but tenth in the discus at 153ft. 6in. Otis Chandler of Stanford was only seventh in the shot-put at 51ft. 4¼in. Gaylord Bryan of Stanford scratched in the broad jump in order to major in the hop-step-jump tomorrow.

Twomey Misses Out

John Twomey of the LAAC ran a gritty race in the 5000 meters run but just missed. He was in fourth a scant 40 yards from home—he might just as well have been fortieth as far as his Olympic team hopes were concerned—so he dropped out and did not finish. Curtis Stone, formerly of Penn State, won as expected in 14m. 40.7s. This is creditable time.

Don Anderson of Pasadena, California's sprint hope, missed out in his century heat, won by Ewell in 10.5s. He was fourth, and only three qualified for the final.

Ron Frazier of the Trojans ran a disappointing sixth in his 400-meter hurdles heat. Little Ronnie ran the first 100 yards much too fast and was caught short in the run for the wire and faded from third to last.

There weren't any Far West-erners in the hammer throw final, but just for the record it is reported that Bob Bennett from Apponaug, R.I., led the three qualifiers with a fair country toss of 177ft. 8¼in.

Tomorrow afternoon they'll finish up the competition with 11 finals on the docket. Patton and Cliff Bourland are certainly going to have to rip if they expect to get ahead of Ewell in the 200 meters.

The dope is that Herb Barten of Michigan, who won his 800-meter heat today, will not run the 1000 meters. This makes things look very bright for Roland Sink to finish among the top trio. Don Gehrmann of Wisconsin is his roughest rival.

SUMMARIES OF U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK FINALS

Here are summaries of U.S. track and field trials at Evanston, Ill., yesterday. Competition will be completed today.

Summary (first three finishers in final events place on Olympic team):

5000-meter run (final)—Curtis Stone (Philadelphia), Jerry Thompson (Texas), Clarence Robinson (Brigham Young), Fred Wilt (Pullman, Wash.), Horace Ashenfelter (Penn State), John Twomey (LAAC), dropped out with 40 yards to go, Bob Black (Rhode Island State), dropped out with 600 yards to go.

Also ran—Quentin Brelsford (Ohio Wesleyan), Robert Karnes (Kansas), Francis Martin (New York AC), James Newcomb (Portland, Or.), John Johnson (New York Pioneer Club), Tom Quinn (New York AC), Leslie MacMitchell (New York AC), Paul Vaughn (Colorado Mines), Klaus Timmerhaus (Illinois), Walter Karkow (Illinois), scratched. 14m. 40.7s.

100 meters (preliminary—three to qualify for finals, first heat)—Barney Ewell (Lancaster, Pa.), Donald Campbell (Colorado), William Mathis (New York Pioneer Club), Donald Anderson (California), Paul Cowie (Princeton), Charles Parker (Texas), 10.5s.

100-meter dash (final)—Barney Ewell (Lancaster, Pa.), Mel Patton (SC), Harrison Dillard (Baldwin Wallace), Ed Conwell (Jersey City), Don Campbell (Colorado), William Mathis (New York Pioneer Club), fell at the finish, pulled muscle. 10.2s. (Equals world record by Jesse Owens in 1936 and Hal Davis in 1941.)

400-meter hurdles (finals)—Roy Cochran (LAAC), Richard Ault (Missouri), Jeffrey Kirk (Penn), George Walker (Illinois), Ennis Gray (New York AC), Jared Morrow (Army and Air Force), 51.7s.

400-meter hurdles (preliminary—three to qualify for finals, first heat)—Ennis Gray (NYAC), George Walker (Illinois), Jared Morrow (Army and Air Force team), tie between Landon Westbrook (Oklahoma) and Arthur Bisley (U.S. Navy), Ron Frazier (SC), 52.4s.

800 meters (preliminary—three to qualify, first heat)—Herbert Barten (Michigan), Robert Chambers (SC), Reginald Pearman (New York University), Lewis Smith (Richmond, Va.), William Clifford (Ohio State), fell; Dave Bolen (Colorado), scratched. 1m. 52.9s.

(Second heat)—Roy Cochran (LAAC), Jeffrey Kirk (Pennsylvania), Richard Ault (Missouri), Clarence Doak (Pittsburgh), Lee Hofacre (Minnesota), Donald Shuman (Champaign, Ill.), 52.2s.

Second heat (three to qualify)—Malvin Whitfield (Ohio State), Jack Dianetti (Michigan State), Tarver Perkins (Illinois AC), Tom Dickey (Louisiana State), Charles Shepherd (Texas College), Don Gehrman (Wisconsin), scratched. 1m. 52.8s.

(Second heat)—Harrison Dillard (Baldwin Wallace), Mel Patton (SC), Edward Conwell (Jersey City), Paul Bienz (Tulane), Richard Houden (Illinois AC), Lorenzo Wright (Wayne), 10.4s.

Javelin throw (final)—Martin Biles (San Francisco Olympic Club), 225ft. 9in.; Robert Likins (San Jose State), 222ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Steve Seymour (LAAC), 218ft. 9in.; Charles Missfeldt (Multnomah AC, Portland, Or.), 206ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Delf Pickarts (LAAC), 202ft. 10in.; William Iannicelli (Franklin and Marshall), 198ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Frank Guess (Texas), 190ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; William Chynoweth (Army and Air Forces), 186ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Dick Gelb (Yale), 180ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Franklin Held (Stanford), 176ft. 7in.; Earl Schuette (Marquette), fouled out; Francis Friedenbach (California), scratched.

Hammer throw (final)—Robert Bennett (Apponaug, R.I.), 177ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Henry Dreyer (New York AC), 171ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Sam Felton (Harvard), 171ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; James Burnham (Dartmouth), 169ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Robert Miller (Rhode Island State), 168ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Chester Cruikshank (Holy, Colo.), 161ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Leon Dumbrowski (Army and Air Force), 145ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (Only seven competed.)

High jump (final, decided on international scoring rules with failures counting)—Verne McGrew (Rice), 6ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (two failures); George Stanich (LAAC), 6ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (four failures); Dwight Eddleman (Illinois), 6ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (no failures); William Vessie (New York AC), 6ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (four failures); tie between Richard Phillips (Brown) and Tom Scofield (Kansas), 6ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; tie among Henry Coffman (Houston, Tex.), Charles Hanger (California), Irving Mondschein (New York University) and John Vislocky Jr. (New York AC), 6ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Lou Irons (Illinois),

6ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Robert Lewis (Buffalo, N.Y., YMCA), scratched.

Discus throw (preliminary—six to qualify)—Fortune Gordien (Minnesota), 166ft. 2in.; William Burton (Army and Air Force), 163ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; I. C. Frank (Yale), 163ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Bryl Thompson (Minneapolis), 160ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; George Kadera (Texas A&M), 159ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Sim Iness (Tulane), 156ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Rollin Prather (Kansas State), 155ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; John Donaldson (New Haven, Ct.), 154ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Max Dodge (San Francisco Olympic Club), 154ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Taylor Lewis (LAAC), 153ft. 6in.; Mel Bourne Sheehan (Missouri), 151ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Woodsin Lin (San Jose State), 151ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Shot-put (Preliminary—six to qualify)—Francis Delaney (San Francisco Olympic Club), 54ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; James Fuchs (Yale), 54ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; tie between Charles Fonville (Michigan) and Rollin Prather (Kansas State), 53ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Wilbur Thompson (LAAC), 53ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Bill Bayless (SC), 52ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Otis Chandler (Stanford), 51ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Stanley Lampert (New York Grand Street Boys), 51ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Norman Wasser (Illinois), 50ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Irving Kintisch (New York Pioneer Club), 49ft. 11in.; Fortune Gordien (Minnesota), 49ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Bernard Mayer (New York Pioneer Club), scratched.

Broad jump (preliminary—six to qualify)—Willie Steele (San Diego State), 26ft. 2in.; Lorenzo Wright (Wayne), 25ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; James Holland (Northwestern), 24ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Herbert Douglas Jr. (Pittsburgh), 24ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Eural Davis (San Antonio AC), 24ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; John Robertson (Texas), 23ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Robert Teel (Missouri), 23ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Garion Campbell (Michigan Normal), 23ft. 5in.; Claude McWilliams (San Francisco AC), 21ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Fred Johnson (Michigan State), fouled; Loyd Lamois (Minnesota), scratched; Gaylord Bryan (Stanford), scratched.