

# Mel Patton Shatters World Sprint Mark

SC Express Runs 220 in 20.2s.,  
Does 9.1s. 100 in Slight Wind

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If there remained any doubt that he's the fastest human of them all, Mel Patton dispelled it yesterday when he ran an incredible 9.1s. 100-yard dash with the aid of a breeze and a legitimate 20.2s. 220 that lowered the world record by a tenth of a second.

Pell-Mel's marks astounded a throng of 6500 fans who saw Coach Jess Hill's SC Trojans power over UCLA in their Pacific Coast Conference dual meet, 90½ to 40½ at Westwood.

It was a sort of one-man show for Patton, who was celebrating the approval of his 9.3s. century last year as the official world's record. The International AAU Federation put its okeh on the mark last Thursday. An apt theme for the display would be, "You ain't seen nothing yet."

## Wind Dies Down

Everything about the furlong performance passed the requirements for a world record application. The wind gauge, which had shown 6.5 miles per hour when the 100 was run, had slowed down to a 3.3 m.p.h. 45 minutes later for the 220. A breeze of 4.473 m.p.h. is the limit for a record race.

Two of the official timers, Stan Cundiff and Dr. Floyd Hanes, had

Patton in 20.2s. and the third, Dave Nelson, caught him at 20.1s. Of the 10 or more unofficial clocks on the race we spotted only one that read as slow as 20.3s., which is the listed record set by Jesse Owens in 1935.

## Near Perfect

Starter Roy Cochran, who won the Olympic Games 400-meter hurdle title at London last summer, said the start was near-perfect. There was one jump. Hanes, chairman of the Southern Pacific AAU, Larry Houston, secretary of that body, and Bob Weaver, meet referee, measured the track after the competition and found the course to be one and a quarter inches long.

## Pasquali Second

Patton hit the tape eight yards ahead of Teammate George Pasquali, who was a surprise second ahead of Bruin Ernie Lightner. Bob Work, who in some quarters was expected to push Patton, ran out of the money.

Before the 100 it was known

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the breeze was a bit too stiff for a legitimate record try but nobody expected such a breath-taker. Patton got one of his best starts, opened up a three-yard lead by the 50-yard mark and bolted past the tape a good five yards ahead of Pasquall.

After his day's super speeding Patton said, "Boy, am I happy about that. I guess I'm in pretty good shape. This is the first time I've really opened up this year, you know. No, I didn't realize I was going THAT fast. But I felt pretty good and I knew I was going pretty fast."

A survey of watches at the finish showed seven watches at 9.1s. and two at 9s. flat. We must confess we almost threw our ticker away when it read 8.9s.

Of Patton's bolt-like dashes only the furlong effort will go into the books as a new SC and Troy-Bruin meet record due to the wind. The former Troy mark of 20.4s., run three times by Patton, was erased as was the meet standard of 20.6s. which Pell-Mel established last year.

## Retired Temporarily

Thus was added another chapter in Patton's meteoric career. It was a page that almost never was.

Last Jan. 17, after running his unprecedented 9.3s. in the 1948 West Coast Relays at Fresno and winning the Olympic Games 200-

meter title, Pell-Mel announced he was retiring.

But came the warm weather and he had a change of heart. On March 3, realizing the Trojans sorely needed a sprinter, he decided to run in key meets. His plans are to run only relays until the Pacific Coast Conference, Coast-Big Nine and NCAA meets when he will renew his assault on the watch.

## Lewis Sets Mark

The only other record to topple was in the discus. Taylor Lewis of UCLA, though not at his best, spun the platter 162ft. 5 1/2 in. to better the previous best of 161ft. 10 in., set by SC's Ken Carpenter in 1935.

Though his times weren't startling Bruin Craig Dixon scissored over the hurdles for a pair of impressive triumphs. The blow of seven miles plus in the highs threw him off stride but he managed to hold up and win in 14s. flat.

In the lows Dixon got sweet revenge on Trojan rivals Ronnie Frazier and Al Lawrence, whom he had never been able to defeat in a dual meet. He did it yesterday in 22.8s., beating Frazier by four feet and Lawrence by two more. Frazier was right at his side going over the final barrier but Dixon pulled away slightly in the drive to the wire.

Big Bob Chambers, who simply can't make himself set a hot pace but is awfully hard to beat, took the 880 in 1m. 55.3s. Hugh Mitchell of the Bruins gave Trojan Wally Wilson a real fight for second but lost out by two feet.

The 400 was a torrid affair. Jeff Lawson of the Westwooders outfought Troy's Norm Stocks in a stirring stretch duel in 48.4s., winning by six inches. Both are sophomores.

SC's Bob Pruitt took another hair-raiser in the mile when he spurred ahead of Bruin Royal Balch in the final five yards. The time was 4m. 21.5s.

In the freshman meet, run concurrently with the varsity competition, the Trojans won by an even wider margin, 98 1/2 to 32 1/2.

The summaries, with distances between runners:

Shot-put—Bayless (SC), 51ft. 7 1/2 in.; Swager (SC), 50ft. 7 1/2 in.; Springer (SC), 49ft. 7 1/2 in.  
 Discus—Lewis (UCLA), 61.; Balch (UCLA), 59.; Balch (SC), 49. 21.3s.  
 High jump—Stanton (UCLA), 6ft. 5 in.; Barnes (SC), 6ft. 3 1/2 in. between Shackelford (SC) and Krupnick (UCLA), 6ft.  
 440—Lawson (UCLA), 5m.; Stocks (SC), 2m.; DeLoach (SC), 48.4s.  
 100—Patton (SC), 22s.; Pasquall (SC), 17.; Lightner (UCLA), 9.1s. (Beaters world record, 8.9s., set by Patton, 1948. Due to 5.5 m.p.h. wind mark will not be submitted.)  
 High hurdles—Dixon (UCLA), 24s.; Halderman (SC), 17s.; Maloney (UCLA), 14s.  
 Javelin—Young (UCLA), 200ft. 5m.; Dickinson (SC), 193ft. 5m.; Harvey (UCLA), 181ft. 5m.  
 Mile relay—SC (Wilson, DeLoach, Stocks, Chambers), 38s. 17.5s.  
 Broad jump—Lawrence (SC), 74ft. 5 in.; Aikens (SC), 54ft. 4 1/2 in.; Giovinazzo (UCLA), 52ft. 11 in.  
 880—Chambers (SC), 24s.; Wilson (SC), 27.; Mitchell (UCLA), 1m. 55.3s.  
 200—Patton (SC), 9s.; Pasquall (SC), 17.; Lightner (UCLA), 20.2s. (Beaters world's record, 19.3s., set by Jesse Owens, 1935.)  
 Discus—Lewis (UCLA), 162ft. 5 1/2 in. (New meet record, old mark of 161ft. 10 in., set by Ken Carpenter of SC, 1935); Bayless (SC), 157ft. 3 in.; Dismber (SC), 131ft. 5 in.  
 200 low hurdles—Dixon (UCLA), 40.; Frazier (SC), 27.; Lawrence (SC), 22.8s.  
 Two-mile—Clay (SC), 24s.; Mitchell (SC), 24s.; Payne (UCLA), 2m. 45.7s.  
 Pole vault—Montgomery (SC), 12ft. 5 in.; tie for record between Rowan (SC) and Johnson (SC), 11ft.  
 Final score—SC, 90 1/2; UCLA, 40 1/2.

## FRESHMAN MEET

Shot-put—Van Doren (SC), 50ft. 10 1/2 in.; Peach (SC), 49ft. 5 in.; Barber (SC), New SC freshman record. Old mark, 48ft. 5 1/2 in., held jointly by Van Doren and Peach, 1940.  
 High jump—Brombach (SC), 6ft. 5 in.; tie between Young (UCLA) and Kinchloe (SC), 6ft.  
 Pole vault—Kelly (SC), 12ft.; Wolcott (SC), 12ft. 5 in.; tie between Cox (SC) and Shinn (UCLA), 12ft.  
 Mile—Shaw (UCLA), 7m.; Keith (SC), 6m.; Johnson (UCLA), 4m. 33.8s.  
 Two-mile—Johnson (SC), 4m. 40.5s.; UCLA, Johnson, Shaw (UCLA), 5m. 7s.  
 440—Norton (SC), 1rd.; Taylor (SC), 17.; Mewery (SC), 31.3s.  
 100—Bradley (SC), 9ft.; Hadley (UCLA), 17.; Lundenback (SC), 9.8s.  
 200 High hurdles—Baker (SC), Bennett (SC), 24s.; Carrigan (UCLA), 15.8s.  
 Broad jump—Norton (SC), 52ft. 11 in.; Barty (UCLA), 51ft. 10 1/2 in.; Massey (UCLA), 51ft. 5 in.  
 Javelin—Dye (SC), 175ft. 2m.; Hooks (SC), 171ft. 5 in.; Norton (SC), 165ft. 5 in.  
 880—Winking (SC), 24s.; Hansen (UCLA), 1rd.; Livingston (UCLA), 1m. 58.5s.  
 200—Bradley (SC), 24s.; Hadley (UCLA), 17.; Massey (UCLA), 21.3s.  
 200 low hurdles—Bennett (SC), 1rd.; Baker (SC), 24s.; Horn (UCLA), 20.3s.  
 Discus—Van Doren (SC), 135ft. 2 in.; Barty (UCLA), 128ft. 5 in.; Peach (SC), 120ft. 11 in.  
 Mile relay—SC (Bradley, Taylor, Lundenback, Norton), 38s.; 1m. 21.3s. (New SC school record, Old mark, 1m. 21.7s.)  
 Final score—SC Freshman, 54 1/2; UCLA Freshman, 32 1/2.