

Troy Sets Pace in NCAA Trials

Patton Runs 9.5s and 20.6s; Fuchs' 55ft. 11½in. Sets Mark

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Southern California set the qualifying pace in the preliminaries of the National Collegiate Track and Field Championships at Memorial Coliseum yesterday and established itself as a strong favorite to take its 13th NCAA title this afternoon.

While Coach Jess Hill's Trojans were settling themselves solidly in the favorite's spot, the 6719 spectators were witnessing a series of sensational individual performances paced by the phenomenal Mel Patton, Troy's terrific sprinter, and Jim Fuchs, great weightman from Yale.

Both 1948 Olympic games stars, Fuchs set a new Coliseum record in the shot-put and Patton tied one in the hundred.

Today's field events start at 2 p.m. and a crowd of better than 40,000 is expected to be on hand for the first race, the mile, which starts at 3 p.m.

Mark Shattered

Fuchs shattered the Coliseum shot-put mark when he flipped the 16-pound ball out 55ft. 11½in. to eclipse the old record set in another NCAA championship in 1939 by Elmer Hackney of Kansas State at 54ft. 10¾in.

Pail-Mel raced through the 100-yard dash in 9.5s. to equal a mark first posted here by the late Charlie Paddock in 1928 and then turned in the best time in the 220-yard dash when he won in 20.6s., yards ahead of the field and eased up.

Spills and thrills marked the preliminaries which saw several top favorites cast by the wayside and pathos also was added when Bob Chambers, fine Trojan half-miler, finished third in his heat of the 880-yard run and then was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital where X-rays disclosed he suffered a fracture of a small bone in his left leg.

Southern California qualified an even dozen men against seven for Stanford, five for UCLA and four for Michigan State. These four teams will fight for the team title today, but everything pointed to a Trojan victory.

Potential Points

While the loss of Chambers was a blow to the Trojans, SC picked up several potential points in the qualifying events and still had Bob Pruitt in the half mile while Michigan State lost its ace, Jack Dianetti, in the 880 and Horace Smith in the high hurdles.

Dianetti, like Lot's wife, looked around at the tape and was passed by two runners, one of them Pruitt. Smith hit the final hurdle in the 120-yard high barriers while still in front, and wound up third.

For sheer greatness in ability and numbers, the shot-put stole the show yesterday. Fuchs had to come through on his final toss to take the lead, with Stanley Lampert, giant from NYU, winding up second at 55ft. 2¼in.

Up to the final round, Otis Chandler of Stanford had set the pace. He uncoiled himself with a 54ft. 11½in. toss on his second put of the first round and was leading until the eastern pair caught him with their last pitches. As it was, 11 flipped the 8B better than 50 feet and it took better than 51 feet to qualify for today's finals.

Looks Impressive

Just as Patton was chalking up the best mark in the sprints, Craig Dixon of UCLA set the pace in the high hurdles. The Bruin barrier artist skinned

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over the highs in 14.1s. and then bounced through the lows in 23.1s. Both, however, saw opposition in the offing for this afternoon. Fred Johnson of Michigan State looked impressive as he won his low hurdles heat in the fastest time of the afternoon, 22.9s. with space to spare.

Patton's trouble, if he has any, will come from Andy Stanfield of Seton Hall, who loafed through the furlong in 20.9s. and won his hundred heat easily in 9.6s.

Upset Victims

Mal Whitfield of Ohio State, Olympic 800-meter record holder, also found out he has his work cut out for him. Pat Bowers of Kansas and James Grosholz of Haverford posted the best half-mile marks at 1m. 54s. while the former Jefferson High star was doing 1m. 54.3s. in his heat.

Dianetti and Smith were not the only upset victims of the afternoon. Bill Fleming of Notre Dame, one of the favorites in the high sticks, missed his step and failed to go beyond the ninth barrier. He qualified, however, in the lows.

Tough Competition

The javelin qualifying also developed some mild surprise as Delf Pickarts of Santa Barbara took the lead with a flip of 221ft. 10 1/2 in. Ralph Roylance of Utah State stood a surprise second at 216ft. 1 1/2 in., just a few inches ahead of Bud Held, the favorite, from Stanford. It took better than 200 feet to qualify.

Michigan State showed its expected strength in the broad jump where Johnson found time, in addition to his hurdling, to leap 25ft. 8 1/2 in. for the leadership. A solid second going into today's events was Henry Aihara

of SC, at 24ft. 1 1/2 in., with Gay Bryan of Stanford a close third.

In the quarter mile, Charles Moore Jr., son of a former Olympic hurdle star, gave every indication of being tough to catch when he posted the top qualifying time of 47.5s. Frank Fox of Seton Hall had been the premeest favorite. He won the slowest heat in 48.8s.

Bill Parker of Occidental gave further proof of his victory chances when he ran a close second to Moore. Larry Huff of Stanford also demonstrated he must be reckoned with, winning the second heat in 48s. even.

The summary, with distances between runners:

400

(First three qualify)

First heat—Moore (Cornell), 47.5 s.; Parker (Occidental), 1 rd.; Fox (New York U.), 47.8 s.; Johnson (Stanford), 48.2 s.; 2 rd.: Scholz (Washington State), 47.8 s.
 Second heat—Huff (Stanford), 48 m.; Cox (Iowa), 48.2 s.; Beckwith (Oregon), 1 rd.; Wilcox (Texas A&M), 2 rd.; Coleman (Minnesota), 48 s.
 Third heat—Fox (Seton Hall), 1 1/2 rd.; Lough (Oregon), 1 1/2 rd.; Lough (Oregon State), 1 rd.; 1 1/2 rd.: Gilmore (New York U.) and Carroll (Ohio State), 48.8 s.

500

(First three qualify)

First heat—Patton (SC), 1 1/2 rd.; Werk (UCLA), 1 rd.; Peery (Indiana), 2 rd.; Johnson (Michigan State), 1 rd.; 1 1/2 rd.: Lawrence (Penn State) and Mason (Minnesota), 1 1/2 rd.; Royal Colman record set by Charles Padlock, Los Angeles AC, 1928; Frank Wyatt, SC, 1931, and Patton, SC, 1934.
 Second heat—Stanfield (Seton Hall), 1 rd.; Campbell (Colorado), 2 rd.; Paschal (N. C.), 1 rd.; Riffe (Denver), 2 rd.; Downing (Iowa), 2 1/2 rd.
 Third heat—Bliss (Tulane), 2 rd.; Crowe (San Jose State), 2 rd.; Tyler (Oregon State), 1 rd.; Coper (Portland), 2 rd.; Coleman (Warner), 2 1/2 rd.

100 HIGH HURDLES

(First two qualify)

First heat—Olson (UCLA), 2 rd.; Christensen (Michigan State), 1 rd.; Rowland (Southern Methodist), 2 rd.; Bernard (SC), 1 1/2 rd.
 Second heat—Wiles (Stanford), 2 rd.; W. Mitchell (Georgetown), 1 1/2 rd.; Smith (Michigan State), 1 rd.; Wilson (Minnesota), 1 rd.; Wilson (UCLA), 1 1/2 rd.
 Third heat—Wright (Iowa), 1 1/2 rd.; Tolhurst (Iowa), 1 rd.; Brice (Minnesota), 2 rd.; Halderman (SC), 1 1/2 rd.
 Fourth heat—Almy (SC), 1 rd.; Colburn (Penn State), 1 1/2 rd.; T. Mitchell (Indiana), 2 rd.; Russell (Stanford), 2 rd.; J. Mitchell (Michigan), 1 1/2 rd.

200

(First two qualify)

First heat—Patton (SC), 2 rd.; Bryan (Stanford), 2 rd.; Tyler (Oregon State), 1 rd.; Sawyer (Columbia), 2 rd.; Mason (Minnesota), 20.8s.
 Second heat—Campbell (Colorado), 1 rd.; Peery (Indiana), 2 rd.; Smith (Ore. State), 1 rd.; Riffe (Portland), 1 1/2 rd.; Lisher (UCLA), 2 1/2 rd.
 Third heat—Bliss (Tulane), 1 1/2 rd.; Paschal (SC), 2 rd.; Kasper (New York U.), 4 rd.; Tompkins (Northwestern), 1 rd.; Schepers (Michigan State), 2 1/2 rd.
 Fourth heat—Stanfield (Seton Hall), 1 1/2 rd.; Lancaster (Penn State), 4 rd.; Crowe (San Jose State), 1 rd.; White (Lewis and Clark), 2 1/2 rd.; Coleman (Warner), 20.8s.

300 LOW HURDLES

(First two qualify)

First heat—Johnson (Michigan State), 2 rd.; Ault (Illinois), 1 rd.; Rowland (Southern Methodist), 1 1/2 rd.; Wilson (Minnesota), 1 rd.; Miles (Coker of Penn.), 2 1/2 rd.
 Second heat—Colburn (Penn State), 1 1/2 rd.; Freyer (SC), 2 rd.; Brown (Occidental), 1 1/2 rd.; Hall (Texas A&M), 1 rd.; Russell (Stanford), 2 1/2 rd.
 Third heat—Smith (Michigan State), 1 rd.; Fleming (Notre Dame), 2 rd.; Greenwood (Kansas), 1 1/2 rd.; Smith (SC), 1 1/2 rd.; E. Bryan (Stanford), 2 1/2 rd.
 Fourth heat—Olson (UCLA), 3 rd.; Garrett (Indiana), 2 rd.; Dunn (Wyoming), 1 1/2 rd.; Lawrence (SC), 1 1/2 rd.; Martin (Penn State), 2 1/2 rd.

500

(First three qualify)

First heat—Bowers (Kansas), 50.4 s.; Barton (Michigan), 1 rd.; Chambers (SC), 51.1 s.; Maxwell (Michigan State), 1 1/2 rd.; 54 s.
 Second heat—Whitfield (Ohio State), 51.1 s.; Farnell (Washington State), 50.8 s.; Freeman (New York U.), 51.1 s.; Wilson (Iowa), 50.8 s.; Mitchell (UCLA), 1m. 54.3 s.
 Third heat—Grosholz (Haverford), 50.4 s.; Pratt (SC), 1 1/2 rd.; Tolson (Seton Hall), 1 1/2 rd.; Dianetti (Michigan State), 1 rd.; Brown (Oregon State), 1m. 54 s.

800s

(First seven to qualify)

Frank (Iowa), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Thompson (Minnesota), 1927, 1 1/2 m.; Peck (Iowa), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Miller (Ohio State), 1929, 1 m.; Lewis (UCLA), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Lee (San Jose State), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Freyer (Kansas State), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; McCoy (Colorado A&M), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Davis (Montana), 1929, 1 1/2 m.; Robinson (Indiana), 1929, 1 1/2 m.

Shot-Put

(Seven to qualify)

Putts (Iowa), 207, 11 1/2 in. (new Coliseum record, old mark 202, 10 1/2 in.); Elmer Mackey, Kansas, 1929; Lambert (NYU), 207, 9 1/2 in.; Chandler (Stanford), 207, 11 1/2 in.; Davis (Stanford), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Barnes (SC), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Swagg (SC), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Wassner (Illinois), 217, 20 1/2 in.; Helwig (Ore. State), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Robinson (Indiana), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Prether (Kansas State), 207, 20 1/2 in.; Thompson (Minnesota), 207, 20 in.

Javelin

(First seven to qualify)

Pickarts (Santa Barbara), 221, 10 1/2 in.; Roylance (Utah State), 216, 1 1/2 in.; Held (Stanford), 216, 1 1/2 in.; Miller (Arizona State), 207, 1 1/2 in.; Baseme (California), 207, 1 1/2 in.; Todd (Colorado), 207, 2 1/2 in.; Young (UCLA), 207, 2 1/2 in.; Kirk (North Carolina), 1929, 10 1/2 in.; Boston (Vt.), 1929, 10 1/2 in.; Atkinson (Florida), 1929, 10 1/2 in.

Broad Jump

(Seven to qualify)

Johnson (Michigan State), 25, 2 1/2 in.; Aihara (SC), 24, 1 1/2 in.; Bryan (Iowa), 24, 1 1/2 in.; 1 1/2 in.; Denver, 1929, 2 1/2 in.; Kallas (Washington), 23, 1 1/2 in.; 1 1/2 in.; Sawyer (Illinois) and 1 1/2 in.; Lawrence (SC), 23, 1 1/2 in.; Van Sant (Stanford), 23, 1 1/2 in.; Mandelstam (NYU), 23, 2 1/2 in.

Number of qualifiers: SC, 11; Stanford, 7; UCLA, 5; Michigan State, 4; Seton Hall, 2; Colorado, 2; Indiana, 2; Penn State, 2; New York University, 2; Yale, 1; Ohio State, 2; Kansas, 2; California, 2; Iowa, 2; Oregon State, 2; San Jose State, 2; Northwestern, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Denver, 1; Arizona State, 1; Kansas, 1; Michigan, 1; Washington State, 1; Santa Barbara, 1; Kansas State, 1; Minnesota, 1; Utah State, 1; Haverford, 1; Georgetown, 1; Utah, 1; Cornell, 1; Occidental, 1; Oregon, 1; Missouri, 1; Notre Dame, 1; Illinois, 1.