

Marks Ruined in Relay Meet

Faulty Baton Pass Costs Troy Record in Relay

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Records fell in droves at the Compton Invitational Track Meet last night, but the one that was considered the surest, the world's 800-meter relay, withstood the assault.

To be sure, it was an accident that prevented SC's flashy four from turning the trick. With a two-yard lead going into the anchor lap, Pell-Mel Patton started too fast for the third man, Norm Stocks, and the promising freshman couldn't quite reach him before the restraining line was reached. The pass was never completed.

Compton, which had pressed the flying Trojans all the way, went on to win in 1m. 25.4s., four-tenths of a second slower than the listed world record.

George Pasquali started for Troy and after trailing early, finished fast to lead by a yard. Bonnie Frazier fought off Tartar Fred Thompson to give Stocks a two-yard bulge over Compton's Billy Anderson. The same thing happened again, with Anderson fading at the wire. But Stocks found his partner a bit too anxious and a certain world record disappeared into the night.

A crowd of 8750 was on hand for the festivities. Team scoring for the meet was not kept.

Dixon Strides

Craig Dixon of UCLA accounted for two of the meet records. He won the high hurdles in 13.8s. for 120 yards and was also clocked in 13.9s. for 110 meter. He set the metric distance record last year at 14.2s. The rangy Bruin had to come up with his best race to edge Compton's Anderson, who ran at his shoulder all the way and just failed in his finish dash to the tape. The margin was six inches.

In the low hurdles Dixon scooped off to an early lead and won by eight yards over Trojans Ronnie Frazier and Joe Scott, who read-heated for second. The time was 23s. for 220 yards and 22.8s. for 200 meters. The former record of 23.1s. was held by Frazier and Joe Batiste while at Sacramento JC.

Wire to Wire

Herb McKenley of Jamaica was a wire-to-wire winner in a fast 440 in 46.8s. as Mal Whitfield of Ohio State, pocketed badly most of the way, could never get up and wound up fourth.

Bill Parker, Occidental's blond bullet, finished fast to shade George Guida of Villanova for second. McKenley's winning margin was four yards and he was also timed in 46.2s. for 400 meters.

Whitfield, a local boy running before the home folks for the first time since winning the Olympic Games 800-meter title, made amends in the 850. He took his pet event by two yards in 1m. 52.5s. in an exciting finish.

Chambers Nipped

Bill Parnell of Washington State put on a terrific kick in the final 30 yards to nudge SC's Bob Chambers, who had fought it out with Whitfield all down the long home stretch. Hank Williams of Pepperdine had set all the early pace, the first lap in a slow 56s. The real racing didn't begin until the final 250 yards when Whitfield and Chambers, who had been running well back, came out for their heralded match. Bob Pruitt, another Trojan, shaded Williams for the fourth spot.

The closing mile relay also had

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its stirring note. Parker closed up nine yards on Compton's Thompson to take the race by inches in 3m. 16.1s., a new Occidental record.

Stocks proved the night's hard luck kid when he got the baton on the anchor lap with a three-yard lead, but in getting up steam he ran into the iron finish post with his shoulder. The impact threw him back and he was momentarily stunned. He recovered in just a couple of seconds and took up after the field but much too late.

The 100 meters proved a dud except from the home town angle.

Lloyd LaBeach of Panama, who equaled the world's 100-meter record of 10.2s. in last year's meet, was given the heave-ho by Starter Roy Cochran for two jumps at the start. There were two other false starts.

Fell Victor

Fell of Compton went on to win in 10.6s. for 100 meters and 9.6s. for 100 yards. He nipped Bob Work of UCLA by a foot and Andy Stanfield, the IC4A champ from Seton Hall, was third. Stanfield was second at 100 yards but eased up, thinking it was the final tape. Paul Bienz of Tulane, who had been expected to push LaBeach, would up a dismal fifth.

Bienz came back, however, to annex the 220 in 21s. flat by two yards. LaBeach and Stanfield

were right with him until the 200-yard mark when both faded out of it.

Bob McMillen, Uncle Sam's top steeplechaser in the last Olympics, made a remarkable return to form in taking the two-mile in 9m. 16.3s. Three weeks ago in the Fresno Relays he was sadly out of shape. He won by 120 yards over Jim Newcomb of Santa Ana JC, who nodded UCLA's John Pattee for the place spot.

Thompson Triumphs

Little Jerry Thompson of Texas ran a remarkable 55s. final lap to win mile honors by 12 yards. The field was bunched after three laps, which was run in 3m. 18s. Jack Hutchins, Oregon frosh star, took second over the Illinois AC's John Twomey.

Fortune Gordien of the Olympic Club continued his flirtation with the world's discus throw record but again last night wasn't the date. He spun the platter 179ft. 3in. for a meet record, however.

Olympic Champ Wilbur Thompson of the LAAC upped his own shot-put record from 54ft. 3/4in. to 54ft. 10in., and Martin Biles of the Olympic Club set a javelin record of 223ft. 7in. The old mark was 220 ft. 8 3/4in., set by Steve Seymour last year. The latter was to have competed last night but didn't.

Bob Richards of the Illinois AC cleared 14ft. 6in. to take pole vault honors and George Stanich, like Richards an Olympic Games competitor, won the high jump with a 6ft. 5in. leap.

110-meter high hurdles—Dixon (UCLA), 6m.; Anderson (Compton), 4yds.; Atlessee (SC), 37.; Halderman (SC), 17.; 13.9s. (New meet record, old mark, 14.2s. Dixon, 1933.)

440—McKenley (Shore AC, New Jersey), 4yds.; Parker (Occidental), 17.; Guido (Vanderbilt), 17.; Whitfield (Ohio State), 3yds., 48.8s. (New meet record, old mark, 51.1s. McKenley, 1943.)

Shot-put—Thompson (LAAC), 54ft. 10in. (New meet record, old mark, 54ft. 3/4in. Thompson, 1943); Swapp (SC), 52ft. 2in.; Barlow (SC), 50ft. 10in.; Linn (San Jose State), 49ft. 5in.

Football punt for distance—Powers (SC), 4yds., 4m.; Linn (San Jose State), 43yds., 17. 10m.; Whitmer (Loyola), 43yds., 1m.; Baker (Santa Barbara), 43yds., 1m., 9m. (New meet record, 400 time event held.)

Junior high school 480 relay—Enterprise (Schuler, Hayes, Moore, Gummer), Loywood, Willowbrook, Paramount 1m., 37.3s. 100 meters—Fell (Compton), 10.; Work (UCLA), 21.; Stanfield (Seton Hall-unattached), 6m.; Crowe (San Jose State), 5m., 10.8s.

Javelin—Biles (Olympic Club), 223ft. 7in. (New meet record, old mark, 220ft. 8 3/4in. Steve Seymour, 1943); Picketts (Santa Barbara), 218ft. 3 1/2in.; Young (UCLA), 201ft. 7 1/2in.; Morales (LAAC), 196ft. 3 1/2in.

1/2-mile—Thompson (Texas), 12yds.; Hutchins (Oregon Frosh), 8yds.; Twomey (Illinois AC), 12yds.; Barnes (Occidental Frosh), 8yds., 4m. 14s. (New meet record, first time distance run.)

Broad jump—Albers (SC), 12ft. 9 1/2in.; Lawrence (SC), 12ft. 5 1/2in.; Palmata (SC), 12ft. 7 1/2in.; Tucker (Whittier), 12ft. 6 1/2in.

220—Whitfield (Ohio State), 2yds.; Farrell (Washington State), 1yds.; Chambers (SC), 37.; Pruitt (SC), 17. 1m., 32.5s.

220—Sney (Tulane), 2yds.; Stanfield (Seton Hall, unattached), 1yds.; LaBeach (Shore AC), 2yds.; Bradley (SC Frosh), 21.

High jump—Stanich (UCLA), 6ft. 5in.; He between Dancer (Santa Barbara) and Varneck (Olympic Club), 6ft. 4in.; He among Barlow (San Diego Frosh), Batts (Compton), Barnes (SC) and Martin (San Jose State), 6ft. 2in.

400—Gordien (Olympic Club), 179ft. 3in.; Jones (Compton), 189ft. 11 1/2in.; Lewis (UCLA), 189ft. 8 1/2in.; Linn (San Jose State), 189ft. 5 1/2in.

220 hurdles—Dixon (UCLA), 8yds.; He between Frazier (SC) and Scott (SC), 2yds.; Smith (College of Pacific), 23s. (First time distance run. Time for 200 meters, 22.8s., lowering former meet record of 23.1s. Joe Battista, Sacramento JC, and Frazier, SC.)

High school spring medley (440-220-220-880)—Compton (Arvett, Holland, Dolan, Pirostone), Pomona, Banning, Long Beach Wilson, 1m. 38.4s.

Two-mile—McMillen (LAAC), 12yds.; Newcomb (Santa Ana), 4yds.; Pattee (UCLA), 120yds.; Rice (Occidental Frosh), 2m., 18.3s. (New meet record, old mark, 2m., 21.2s. Roland Sink, SC, 1947.)

800-meter relay—Compton (Matta, Thompson, Anderson, Fell), 10yds.; UCLA, no third or fourth, 1m., 23.4s.

Mile relay—Occidental (Ruprecht, Kamanski, Lee, Parker), 4m.; Compton, 8yds.; UCLA, 10yds.; SC, 30yds., 1m., 16.1s. (New Occidental record.)

Pole vault—Won by Richards (Illinois AC), 14ft. 6in.; He between Smith (San Diego State) and Montgomery (SC), 14ft. 1m.; Rasmussen (Oregon), 14ft.