

Attlesey Runs Highs in 13.7s. at Compton

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Lennart Strand, the bouncing Swedish distance ace, more than lived up to his advance billing last night as he ripped off the fastest mile in West Coast history—4m. 7.3s.—to highlight an evening of brilliant performances in the 11th annual Compton Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Not far behind, if at all, in the honor-winning class was SC's smooth hurdling ace, Dick Attlesey, whose "easy does it" 120-yard high barrier performance of 13.7s. was the third fastest race at this distance in history.

Great Run

Strand and Attlesey topped a stellar field which accounted for seven meet records. Other record smashers included Otis Chandler, shot-put; Bob Boyd, Loyola, 100; Jim Newcomb, two-mile; Herb McKenley, 440, and the SC shuttle hurdle relay quartet.

It'll be a long time before the capacity house of 8500 fans forgets the exhibition staged by Strand the Grand. The loping Swede was content to stay behind Bob McMillen, the ex-Cathedral High star, and John Twomey for the first three laps. In fact, Strand trailed McMillen by two yards as the gun sounded for the fourth lap.

Big Reserve

But Strand, who had plenty in reserve, finally wrested the lead from McMillen 380 yards away from home. McMillen held on gamely, but the speedy Swede poured it on in the final furlong to hit the ribbon a 12-yard winner. The winning time—4m. 7.3s. was 2.5s. short of his best time for the four laps.

McMillen was timed in 4m. 9.4s. and Twomey, 4m. 10.6s.

Attlesey's meet record performance in the 120 highs was a thing of beauty, completely effortless appearing. He got his best start of the season, bolting ahead of Notre Dame's Bill Fleming by four feet at the first hurdle and six feet at the second hurdle. From that point on it was easy as the tall Trojan timber topper lengthened out his lead until his advantage reached four yards at the wire.

Fast Also-Rans

An example of the swiftness of the race can be gleaned by the second and third-place times. Runner-up Fleming was clocked in 14.1s. and third-place Barnard in 14.2s.

Only one man in history has run faster than Attlesey did last

STRAND SETS MARK

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night. That man is Harrison Dillard, who holds the official worlds record of 13.6s. for the event. Attlessey is the unofficial world standard holder with a 13.5s. clocking at Fresno a month ago.

The third top track performance, and it ranked as a major surprise, was Bob Boyd's 9.5s. effort in the 100-yard dash. Boyd was figured for no better than fourth in a field which included Seton Hall's Andy Stanfield, Lloyd LaBeach, Bill Fell and Paul Bienz.

Fast Start

But the Loyola flash got off to a good start and led all the way as he hit the tape one foot ahead of Fell, the Oregon sprinter by way of Compton. LaBeach was a close third, another yard back, and Bienz was fourth.

Stanfield pulled up lame after a couple of strides and retired for the evening. Stanfield said he thought he'd recovered from a thigh injury suffered in the IC4-A last week, but he proved a poor prophet.

Husky Otis Chandler paced the field eventers with a lusty 56ft. 1 1/2 in. shot-put, one of the top marks in the nation this season. Chandler topped Wilbur (Moose) Thompson, 1948 Olympic Games champ, for the fifth time this year, in grabbing the top spot.

Prep Stars

George Mattos, the husky hamboozler from San Jose State, left a classy field far behind in the pole vault. He wound up his evening's work at 14ft. 3 in., six inches ahead of five vaulters who tied at 13ft. 9 in. and one of those who tied at the latter height was Jack Widman, the Narbonne High schoolboy sensation, whose 13ft. 9 in. performance was the third best prep pole vault of all time. It failed by just 5-8 of an inch to break the national interscholastic record.

Another top crowd favorite was SC's Indian chief, Jim Newcomb, who toyed with Horace Ashenfelter and Curt Stone for six laps, and then sprinted away midway through the seventh lap. From then on it was a breeze for the former Oregon prepster as he left the ex-Penn State distance twins a good 25 yards back at the finish.

Barnes Victor

Biggest surprise of the evening occurred in the 880 when Oxy's brilliant, 20-year-old distant Star John Barnes, upset the highly-regarded Mal Whitfield in a sparkling 1m. 52.6s. Whitfield, preferred to stay eight yards behind Barnes in a slow 58s. first lap, and then found he didn't have the stuff to catch the ex-Long Beach schoolboy star in the final stages. Barnes' margin was four yards at the wire.

Barnes later steamed to a 48s. flat quarter-mile effort in the mile relay, a mighty big factor in Oxy's 3m. 12.9s. triumph.

But it was Blazin' Bill Parker, the Eagle Rock bullet, who was

the big noise in the relay with a 46.9s. clocking. Earlier, he made the mistake of letting Illinois' tireless Herb McKenley get too large a lead on him in the flat 440.

Holds On

The Illinois Negro had a six-yard edge at the furlong mark and held on to win by inches despite a gutty stretch run by Parker.

McKenley's traveling buddy, LaBeach, made up for his failure to whip Boyd in the 100 by breezing to an impressive win in the 220 in the snappy time of 20.6s., one of the top marks in the nation this season.

And mention should be made of Steve Turner, the Glendale High wizard who streaked to a 23.5s. clocking in capturing fourth in the 220 low hurdles behind Fleming, Jack Davis of the SC frosh and Art Barnard of SC. Fleming's time was 23.3s. Turner's unofficial time was just one-tenth off Al Lawrence's national interscholastic mark.

Trojans Fail

Biggest disappointment of the meet came in the 480-yard shuttle hurdle relay event when the Trojans failed in their quest of a new world record. Things went bad when Barnard knocked down a couple of barriers on the first leg and turned absolutely sour on the third leg when Al Lawrence sent four of the barriers earthward.

Even so, SC set a new meet mark of 58.9s. and was just three-tenths of a second behind the world standard.

100-YARD DASH—Won by Boyd (Loyola), 9.5s.; second, Fell (Oregon), 9.7s.; third, LaBeach (unattached), 9.8s.; fourth, Bienz (Tulane), 10.0s. (New meet record, old mark 9.6s. by Bill Fell, Compton, 1949.)

MILE RUN—Won by Strand (Sweden), 12:50.2; second, McMullen (unattached), 13:00.0; third, Twomey (Illinois AC), 13:00.0; fourth, Ashenfelter (Penn AC), 13:00.0. (New meet record, old mark 4m, 14s. by Jerry Thompson, Texas, 1949.)

HIGH JUMP—Tie for first among Regents (San Diego State), Bonaglio (SC Frosh) and Wyatt (Compton), 6ft. 3 in.; tie for fourth among Brombach (SC), Sinclair (Washington), Page (San Diego State), Martin (San Jose State) and Dancer (Santa Barbara), 6ft. 2 in.

SHOT-PUT—Won by Chandler (Stanford), 56ft. 1 1/2 in. (new meet record, old mark 54ft. 10 in. by Wilbur Thompson, 1949); second, Thompson (LAAC), 53ft. 2 1/2 in.; third, O'Brien (SC Frosh), 52ft. 3 in.; fourth, Sweet (unattached), 50ft. 4 1/2 in.

BROAD JUMP—Won by Athas (SC), 24ft. 4 1/2 in.; second, Brown (Compton), 24ft. 1 1/2 in.; third, Gaston (Arizona), 23ft. 9 in.; fourth, Nicholson (SC), 23ft. 4 1/2 in.

220-YARD RUN—Won by Barnes (Occidental), 20.6s.; second, Whitfield (unattached), 21.0s.; third, Walker (Compton), 21.1s.; fourth, Pruitt (SC), 21.2s. (New meet record, old mark 20.4s. by McMullen (LAAC), 1949.)

220-YARD DASH—Won by LaBeach (unattached), 20.6s.; second, Bienz (Tulane), 20.7s.; third, Peters (Indiana), 21.1s.; fourth, McKenley (Grand St. Boys), 21.2s. (New meet record, old mark 20.4s. by McMullen (LAAC), 1949.)

DISCUS—Won by Lewis (LAAC), 264ft. 10 in.; second, Iness (SC), 264ft. 7 in.; third, Thompson (LAAC), 264ft. 1 1/2 in.; fourth, Greer (Arizona), 253ft. 11 1/2 in.

480-YARD SHUTTLE HURDLES—Won by SC, 58.9s.; second, LAAC, 59.0s.; third, Circle AC, Time, 59.2s. (New meet record, old mark 59.7s. by SC, 1949.)

TWO-MILE RUN—Won by Newcomb (SC), 35:50.0; second, Ashenfelter (Penn AC), 36:10.0; third, Stone (Penn AC), 36:20.0; fourth, Delke (unattached), 36:30.0. (New meet record, old mark 35m. 18.2s. by McMullen (LAAC), 1949.)

120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Fleming (Notre Dame), 23.3s.; second, Davis (SC Frosh), 23.4s.; third, Barnard (SC), 23.5s.; fourth, Turner (Glendale High), 23.6s.

MILE RELAY—Won by Occidental (Rowe), 46.9s.; second, Barnes, Parker; second, San Jose; no third. Time, 3m. 12.9s.

POLE VAULT—Won by Mattos (San Jose), 14ft. 3 in.; tie for second among Widman (Narbonne High), Rowan (SC), Smith (San Diego), Jensen (SC), Montsomery (LAAC), 13ft. 9 in.

HIGH SCHOOL

SHOT-PUT—Won by Norris (Grossmont), 56ft. 1 1/2 in.; second, Powell (San Diego), 56ft. 1 1/2 in.; third, White (Chula Vista), 56ft. 1 1/2 in.; fourth, Withers (Grossmont), 56ft. 1 1/2 in. (New meet record, first time held.)

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY (440, 220, 220, 880)—Won by Long Beach Wilson (Esuri, Rafferty, Sobila, Southeast), 1:11.0; second, Glendale, 1:11.0; third, Jefferson, 3:00.0; fourth, Compton, 3:00.0. (New meet record, old mark 3m. 36.4s., by Compton, 1949.)