

# Troy Wins; McEwen in Fancy Double

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Don Laz, a handsome, poised youngster from West Aurora, Ill., wrote a new entry in the book of pole vaulting history yesterday.

Before 9187 Coliseum fans who stayed long after the regulation meet had ended with a sweeping Southern California victory, the University of Illinois senior cleared 15ft. 1¾in.

Thus, the first of the great Cornelius Warmerdam's outdoor vaulting records was shattered as Laz moved into the throne room with the Flying Dutchman in this most spectacular of all track and field events. It was Warmerdam's 15ft. Coliseum record that tumbled.

## Track Oddity

And Laz became the American intercollegiate record holder in one of those cross-country oddities of the sport. A few hours earlier Don Cooper of Nebraska had vaulted 15ft. ¾in. at the Kansas Relays, this achievement wrecking the 14-year-old college mark of 14ft. 11in. set by SC's "heavenly twins," Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, at the Coliseum.

Only Warmerdam has vaulted higher outdoors than did Laz yesterday. The Dutchman's world record is 15ft. 7¾in.

The meet itself found the Trojans coming within a single point of equalling the combined total of its foes. SC scored 75 points to 41 for Illinois and 35 for Michigan. It was the outdoor debut for the Big Ten teams.

## Great Double

Overshadowed by the magnitude of Laz's great achievement but nevertheless a notable performance was Don McEwen's double of 4m. 11.3s. and 9m. 18.6s. for Michigan, believed to be the fastest mile and two-mile combination ever run in the Coliseum. He did them easily, with margins of 49 and 75 yards, respectively, the chief surprises coming with the seconds taken by Trojans in each case.

Art Garcia, 4m. 18.6s., beat the other Big Teners in the mile and Gray Berg did the same in the eight-lapper, 9m. 28.5s. Jim (Chief) Newcomb of SC was last in the mile and dropped out of the two-mile on the seventh lap.

## O'Brien Sets Mark

McEwen's mile was a new Michigan record.

Parry O'Brien, SC's sophomore, hoisted his school's shoot-out standard a full foot with a 65ft. 4½in. heave on his second try. His first attempt, a foul, went even farther. Earl Audet, 1944, was the record holder.

The meet found the Trojans picking up unexpected points on every hand, an SC man getting at least second in every event. The visitors showed their complete lack of outdoor training.

SC took first and second in 440, high and low hurdles and shot; won the broad jump and had three men tie for first in the high jump.

## Sprint Surprises

Dave Stinson of Michigan was a surprise 100-yard-dash winner in 9.5s., while Cirilo McSween of Illinois took the 220 in 21.4s. SC's Al Mejia bagged a pair of seconds and Joe Gonzalez, the Illini indoor star, was unplaced in the blanket 100 and only third in the furlong.

SC even won the relay.

After this event and after SC's Walk Jensen missed in the pole vault at 14ft. 4in. to determine the final settlement of points the real fun began. And the fans hung on.

## Laz Soars Over

Laz had missed one try at 14ft. 4in. but he soared over 14ft. 8in. and then the bar went to 15ft. 2in. The official measurement by AAU official Larry Houston later showed it to be 15ft. 1¾in.

Don missed the first try badly.

His second was a big push with his body far over the cross-piece, but his arms dragged off the bar.

Then on his third and final try his jersey brushed the bar but didn't even move it from its pegs and he was over!

He tried three at 15ft. 3in. but didn't come close.

A swarm of well-wishers, teammates, coaches and officials crowded on him with congratulations. For 15 minutes he was surrounded, kids finally breaking up the cross bar and getting him to autograph the fragments.

# SUMMARY

**MILE:** 1—McEwen (M), 40 yds.; 2—Garcia (SC), 4 yds.; 3—Lamb (I), 15 yds.; 4—Gordon (M), 4m. 11.3s. (New Michigan record. Old mark, 4m. 12s., McEwen, 1950.)

**440:** 1—Bradley (SC), 6 in.; 2—Nicholson (SC), 2 ft.; 3—LaRue (M), 6 yds.; 4—Lane (SC), 49.2s.

**100:** 1—Stinson (M), 2 ft.; 2—Mejia (SC), 6 in.; 3—McSween (I), 6 in.; 4—Konrad (M), 9.9s.

**120 HIGH HURDLES:** 1—Barnard (SC), 2 yds.; 2—Davis (SC), 5 ft.; 3—Hoover (M), 3 ft.; 4—McNulty (I), 14.4s.

**SHOT-PUT:** 1—O'Brien (SC), 55ft. 4½in.; 2—Swope (SC), 51ft. 2in.; 3—Johnson (M), 49ft. 1¾in.; 4—Berschet (I), 48ft. 9¾in. (New SC record. Old mark, 54ft. 4½in., Earl Audet, 1944.)

**880:** 1—Siders (I), 5 yds. 2—Wehking (SC), 6 yds. 3—Whiteaker (M), 1 yd. 4—Jacobi (M), 1m. 54.6s.

**220:** 1—McSween (I), 1 yd. 2—Mejia (SC), 2 ft. 3—Gonzales (I), 1 yd. 4—Konrad (M), 21.4s.

**TWO-MILE:** 1—McEwen (M), 65 yds. 2—Berg (SC), 15 yds. 3—Trimble (I), 25 yds. 4—Hickman (M), 9m. 19.6s.

**HIGH JUMP:** 1—Tie among Brombach (SC), Ronquillo (SC), Barnes (SC), 6ft. 4in. 4—Floyd (I), 6ft. 2in.

**DISCUS:** 1—Berschet (I), 148ft. 2½in. 2—Willhoite (SC), 144ft. 4½in. 3—Twardock (I), 142ft. 5¾in. 4—Johnson (M), 136ft. 5in.

**BROAD JUMP:** 1—Flores (SC), 23ft. 7½in.; 2—Soble (M), 23ft. 6¼in.; 3—H. Coleman (M), 23ft. 2¼in.; 4—Sorgen (SC), 22ft. 10½in.

**LOW HURDLES:** 1—Davis (SC), 3 yds.; 2—Barnard (SC), 5 ft.; 3—Slack (I) 1 yd.; 4—Hoover (M), 23.5s

**POLE VAULT:** 1—Laz (I), 15ft. 1¾in. 2—Tie between D. Coleman (I), Jensen (SC), 14ft. 4—Tie between Rowan (SC), Calisch (I), 13ft. 6in. (New Coliseum record, old mark 15ft., Cornelius Warmerdam, 1941; new Illinois record, old mark, 14ft. 6⅞ in., Laz, 1951; new American intercollegiate record, old mark, 15ft. ½in., Don Cooper, Nebraska, yesterday).

**RELAY:** 1—SC (Nicholson, Mitchell, Bradley, Sorgen), 15 yards; 2—Illinois, 5 yards; 3—Michigan, 3m. 19.6s.

Final score—SC, 75; Illinois, 41; Michigan, 35.