

SC Spikers Edge Navy Team, 73-69

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SAN DIEGO, March 28—

Southern California was given its biggest scare in several seasons of track and field campaigning today before overcoming the San Diego Naval Training Center and San Diego State College on a cold, wind-crossed oval.

Absence of Sprinter and Broad-Jumper Verle Sorgen, who was baseballing against Stanford, almost cost SC the meet as the Navy squad piled up 10 points in the long leap.

The final point score was 73½ for SC, 69½ for Navy and 19 for the host Staters.

Trailed Before Lows

But with two events remaining, the low hurdles and relay, SC trailed the Sailors, 63½ to 69½. Hurdler Jack Davis had been entered in the 220 to replace Sorgen but finished only second.

So, in order to salvage the meet, Davis had to come back 15 minutes later and enter the low hurdles. He won handily in 23.9 and Leon Clarke was second. Jack had previously won the highs in 14.5.

Then the Trojans sprinted to a fine mile relay triumph in 3:18.8 with Jim Lea anchoring in 47.9.

Five Meet Marks

That relay effort provided one of five meet records set during the afternoon with marks in the 440 (also by Lea) mile, two-mile and shot-put also tumbling.

Sim Iness, who first broke the American discus record here last year, did only 174ft. 10in. today as a severe cross-wind hampered this event. A year ago he tossed it 182ft. 5in. here.

Parry O'Brien, SC's other Olympic champ, won the shot on his second throw at 56ft. 6¾in. and surpassed his own meet record of 52ft. 5in. with every one of his five attempts.

Leach Surprises

Valiant SC efforts were also supplied by little Joe Graftio, a surprise 100 winner in 9.5; by George Root, with his best ever performance, a 4:20.1 mile, and by Chuck Leach, who came through with a 6ft. 3¾in. high jump for second spot. Leach, a San Diego boy, possibly saved the day inasmuch as Ernie Shelton cleared only 6ft., and Manuel Ronquillo did only 5ft. 8in.

SC lost a meet in 1948 to LAAC during a triangular meet with Pepperdine but hadn't bowed to a collegiate foe since the wartime days of 1945 when Caltech triumphed.

Summary:

100 YARDS—1. Root (SC) 4:20.1; 2. Williams (NTC) 4:22.7; 3. Moore (SD) 4:24.8; 4. Root (SD) 4:25.8. (New meet record.)

440—1. Lea (SC) 49.2; 2. Walker (SD) 50.7; 3. Brown (NTC) 50.7; 4. Moore (NTC) 50.8. (New meet record.)

100—1. Graftio (SC) 9.5; 2. Keller (NTC) 9.8; 3. Lucas (NTC) 10.1; 4. Wilson (SC) 10.2.

SHOT-PUT—1. O'Brien (SC) 56ft. 6¾in.; 2. Hollingsworth (NTC) 52ft. 7¾in.; 3. Barry (SC) 50ft. 2¾in.; 4. Torjan (SC) 48ft. 2¼in. (New meet record.)

100 HIGH HURDLES—1. Davis (SC) 24.3; 2. Wright (SC) 24.7; 3. Davis (NTC) 24.7; 4. Wells (SC) 25.1.

SAVILES—1. Wells (NTC) 200ft. 10in.; 2. Greene (NTC) 180ft.; 3. Gardner (SC) 170ft. 2in.; 4. Page (SD) 170ft. 5in.

HIGH JUMP—1. Leach (SC) 6ft. 3¾in.; 2. Leach (SC) 6ft. 2¾in.; 3. The unnamed South (NTC); Whitman (NTC) and Shelton (SC) 6ft.

200—1. Wilson (SC) 1:31.8; 2. Van East (NTC) 1:36.7; 3. Davis (SC) 1:39.0; 4. Wilson (SC) 1:41.1.

POLE VAULT—1. The unnamed Shivers (NTC), Williams (NTC) and Beck (SC) 13ft.; 4. Howell (SD) 12ft.

220—1. Lucas (NTC) 21.8; 2. Davis (SC) 21.9; 3. Keller (NTC) 22.6; 4. Wilson (SC) 22.9.

TWO-MILE—1. Wyman (SC) 9:38.0; 2. Adams (SC) 9:42.7; 3. Tyler (NTC) 9:54.2; 4. Williams (NTC) 9:57.2. (New meet record.)

100 LOW HURDLES—1. Davis (SC) 19.5; 2. Clark (SC) 19.7; 3. Davis (NTC) 19.8; 4. Williams (NTC) 20.1.

BROAD JUMP—1. Moore (NTC) 22ft. 11¼in.; 2. Lucas (NTC) 22ft. 4¾in.; 3. Bucker (NTC) 22ft. 4in.; 4. Donnelly (SD) 21ft. 11¼in.

DISCUS—1. Iness (SC) 174ft. 10in.; 2. O'Brien (SC) 167ft. 4¾in.; 3. Drummond (NTC) 160ft. 2in.; 4. Stocks (NTC) 150ft. 8in.

MILE RELAY—1. SC (Walker 51.1, Hendrix 50.8, Greene 49.4, Lea 47.9) 3:18.8; 2. NTC 3:24.1. (New meet record.)

FINAL SCORE—Southern California 73½, U.S. Naval Training Center 69½, San Diego State 19.