

# O'Brien Near World Mark; Trojans Win

SC's Shot-Put Star Does 58ft. 8½in.; Cal Downed, 78-53

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Parry O'Brien crept up to within 2¼ inches of the world shot-put record with a super push of 58ft. 8½ in. yesterday as SC, aided by some completely inexplicable California flops, pranced to a 78-53 triumph in their Coast Conference dual spike-fest at the Coliseum.

In continuing his relentless assault on Jim Fuchs' standard of 58ft. 10¼ in. O'Brien had the best toss ever made in the United States. Fuchs, the former Yale strongman, set his record in Finland on an AAU tour the summer of 1950.

The crowd of 3411 sensed the sensational right from the start, and fully expected to see the Trojan senior break the record. He pitched the ball 58 ft. 4in. on the first of his seven throws but fouled. His next measured 56ft. 9¾in., weakest of the series, then came the big one.

## Visitors Flop

Powerful Parry's succeeding throws were 58ft. 3¾in., 57 ft. 8¾in., 58ft. ¼in. and 57ft. 7¾ in. The winning effort did break one of Fuchs' records, his Coliseum mark of 58 ft. 5¾-in., as well as his own meet mark of 53ft. 5¾in. and SC standard of 58ft. 1¾in., which was only a week old.

SC's expected struggle was made easy as the Bears consistently fell down — in one case, literally—in the flat races. Each team's injury stories proved bonafide and before the firing started it was learned that Trojans Sim Iness and Jim Lea, potentially good for 15 points, were out. Cal's Larry Anderson, pole-vault favorite, was scratched due to a pulled muscle and Len Spurrer, one of the nation's best half-milers, merely went through the motions in the 440, finishing last.

So, with the cripples about balanced, it remained for the sound athletes to battle it out. Sounding the key notes in the Trojan victory march were Verle Sorgen, Jack Davis and O'Brien, who accounted for 38 points.

## Cal Blows 'Cinch'

Sorgen was clearly the hero. He broad jumped 23ft. 6in. and then 24ft. 1¾in. to clinch a first before the first running race. But that was expected. The shocker came in the 440, right after Cal had blown a "cinch" first in the mile. Running in lanes around two curves, Sorgen cut loose coming into the stretch and ran away from Bear Don Timmerman in 48.5. Timmerman was caught in 49.1, as against his 48.2 last week.

In the mile Len Simpson of Cal set the pace and appeared headed for an easy win until the last 230. Trojan George Root, battling Ron Bauer for second, moved so fast he made up 15 yards, caught Simpson as they finished the turn and drove home a prancing winner at 4:20.7. Simpson, who ran 4:17.1 last week, was clocked in 4:22.7.

That and the quarter crack-up killed Cal's hopes of dealing SC its first collegiate dual meet

loss in 10 years. Subsequent come-throughs by SC merely served to bury the Bears deeper.

### Graffio Runs 10 Flat

Joe Graffio outfooted Berkeley's Guy Blackburn by four feet in a strangely slow 10 flat 100 as Rod Wilger picked up an unlooked for third; Davis and Willard Wright ran 1-2 in the high hurdles, won in 14.4, and Bill Sweet broke up Cal's threesome of 1:55 or better half milers by bagging third behind Jim Hutchinson and Ed Hersh, who virtually tied at 1:56.7.

The other field events went pretty much to form, Ernie Shelton topping a Trojan high jump sweep at 6ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., O'Brien winning the discus at 164ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and Bears Bill Volkert and Sam Adams scoring expected wins in the pole vault and javelin with 13ft. 6in. and 204ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., respectively.

SC further embarrassed Cal by sweeping the 220 as Davis ran past Blackburn at the 100-yard mark and Sorgen and Wilger took the tiring ex-Jefferson High flash near the finish. Time was 21.7.

### Bears Take Relay

Cal's Verne Thornburg won the two-mile in 9:55.9 but Teammate Roland Langley, who had a big lead, weakened on the last lap and finally collapsed as Thornburg and Trojan Dave Bungay went by him entering the stretch. The Bears salvaged the mile relay in a speedy 3:16.9 but even here SC's pick-up team gave 'em a scare and was clocked in 3:17.6.

**SHOT-PUT**—1. O'Brien (SC), 58ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (New Coliseum record; old mark 58ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Fuchs, Yale, 1950; new meet record; old mark 53ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., O'Brien, 1951; new SC record; old mark 58ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., O'Brien, 1953); 2. Adams (C), 50ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3. Norris (C), 49ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

**POLE VAULT**—1. Volkert (C), 13ft. 6in.; 2. Tie between Hecht (SC) and Robinson (SC), 12ft.

**HIGH JUMP**—1. Shelton (SC), 6ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Tie between Roquillo (SC) and Leach (SC), 6ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

**JAVELIN**—1. Adams (C), 204ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Genther (SC), 193ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3. Richter (C), 191ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

**MILE**—1. Root (SC), 4:20.7; 2. Simpson (C), 4:22.9; 3. Bauer (C), 4:24.9.

**BROAD JUMP**—1. Sorgen (SC), 24ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Greenwood (C), 22ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3. Mattson (C), 22ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

**440**—1. Sorgen (SC), 48.5; 2. Timmerman (C), 49.1; 3. Hendrix (SC), 50.

**100**—Graffio (SC), 10; 2. Blackburn (C), 10.2; 3. Wilger (SC), 10.3.

**120 HIGH HURDLES**—1. Davis (SC), 14.4; 2. Wright (SC), 14.7; 3. Dodler (C), 15.

**880**—1. Hutchinson (C), 1:56.7; 2. Hersh (C), 1:56.7; 3. Sweet (SC), 1:58.3.

**220**—1. Davis (SC), 21.7; Sorgen (SC), 21.8; Wilger (SC), 21.9.

**DISCUS**—1. O'Brien (SC), 164ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2. Adams (C), 156ft. 3in.; 3. Cookley (C), 150ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

**TWO MILE**—1. Thornburg (C), 9:55.9; 2. Bungay (SC), 9:56.3; 3. Adams (SC), 10:07.9.

**220 LOW HURDLES**—1. Davis (SC), 23.9; 2. Clarke (SC), 24; 3. Dodler (C), 24.9.

**MILE RELAY**—1. California (Hersh, 50.9; Stewart, 48; Timmerman, 49.5; Hutchinson, 47.9), 3:16.3; 2. SC (Wilger, 50.6; Morgan, 49.4; Hendrix, 49.4; Griffin, 48.3), 3:17.6.

**FINAL SCORE**—SC, 78; California, 53.