

# Dramatic Setting Sets Stage for Mighty Effort

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FRESNO, May 9—Parry O'Brien, a handsome 21-year-old giant who has had a fiercely burning determination to become the world's greatest shot-putter, achieved that goal tonight in one of the most dramatic world's record performances it is possible to imagine.

O'Brien, Southern California's senior student from Santa Monica, shattered Jim Fuchs' world mark with a 59ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. effort. The existing record, set in Finland three years ago, was 58ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Tonight's record performance came at an amazing moment. The Trojan had already twice



**NEW CHAMP**—SC's Parry O'Brien becomes new world shot-put king with record put of 59ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

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## Record Monopoly

By breaking Jim Fuchs' world record, SC's Parry O'Brien now holds every major shot-put mark. He's the Olympic (57ft. 1.43in.), AAU (57ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), NCAA (57ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) and world (58ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) record holder.

broken the meet record in the early stages of the competition.

Then Gov. Earl Warren, honorary referee, had greeted the athletes with the closing words.

"I hope each of you performs at his very best."

## Band Strikes Up

An Army band was about to strike the first notes of the national anthem as O'Brien was called for his turn in the shot-put ring, and just as O'Brien started his turn across the ring the band launched into action.

Parry continued to drive across the circle and unleashed the powerful thrust which carried the 16-pound ball to a world's record performance.

Most of the 12,000 fans in Ratcliffe Stadium for the 27th running of the West Coast Relays saw O'Brien's effort and as the ball hit close to the magic 60-ft. circle a tremendous roar arose.

## Tops Meet Mark

O'Brien started at 57ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., then hit 58ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., both better than Otis Chandler's meet record of 56ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. His third try was unmeasured and the record came on his fourth attempt.

Meet Referee Harold Berliner, San Francisco AAU official, approved the official measurement and will forward record application forms to the international records body.

O'Brien had been getting closer to the record almost every week. Two weeks ago he had three puts over 58ft., including one of 58ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. As a freshman his best was 53ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., as a sophomore he hit 55ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and last year his best was 57ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. His Olympic Games winning mark was 57ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

## 20th World Record

This was the 20th world record performance in Fresno Relays history, starting with John Kuck's shot-put mark of 51ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in 1928.

A wind which would have nullified any record running performances tonight has no effect on such events as the shot-put.

Jack Davis of SC contributed a pair of 13.6 high hurdle races, swiftest in the world this year, with an identical wind velocity of 4.8 m.p.h. in each case. He had his 13.6 mark in his trial heat when he walloped World's Record Holder Dick Attlesley by six yards. In the finals he beat Stanford's Bob Mathias by five yards with Attlesley less than a yard back of Mathias in third spot.

## Too Much Wind

The allowable wind for record acceptance is 4.473 m.p.h. so tonight's zephyr was just a shade over that mark. The races were the swiftest of Davis' career but won't be ac-

cepted as SC marks because of the wind.

The races marked Attlesley's return to competition after a layoff since last spring.

Les Laing, Fresno's Olympic Games veteran (Jamaica), surprised the sprint field with a 9.5 win in the 100. Laing, a quarter-miler in the Olympics, got a good start and poured it on through the middle of the race to finish a good yard ahead of UCLA's Hot Rod Richard.

## McMillen Wins

SC's Joe Gaffio didn't get quite his usual start and finished fifth. The favoring wind was 4.8 m.p.h.

Bob McMillen, the ex-Oxy miler, got time off from his Army basic training chores at Ft. Ord to win the 3000 meters in the relatively slow time of

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15:24.5. It was his first competition of the year.

SC's Sim Iness was way off form in the discus and did only 160ft. in his first attempt since hurting his knee three weeks ago. Fortune Gordien won at 169ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. and SC Frosh Leon Patterson had his all-time best, 166ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., for a surprise second.

## OPEN DIVISION

**DISCUS**—1. Gordien (LAAC), 169ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2. Patterson (SC frosh), 166ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3. Renfro (Stanford), 160ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Iness (SC), 160ft.; 5. Mathias (Stanford), 159ft.

**120 HIGH HURDLES (First heat)**—1. Mathias (Stan.), 14.2. (Second heat)—1. Briant (Cal.), 14.2. (Third heat)—1. Robinson (Fresno St.); 2. Jackson (Camp Pendleton); 3. Wright (SC), 14.2. (Third heat)—1. Davis (SC); 2. Attlesley (LAAC); 3. Wood (Stan.), 13.6.

**100 (First heat)**—1. Richard (UCLA); 2. Lains (Fresno St.); 3. Coyle (SC Frosh), 9.7. (Second heat)—1. Kelley (San Diego NTC); 2. Brownsberger (Stan.); 3. Blackburn (Cal.), 9.8. (Third heat)—1. Graffio (SC); 2. Williams (unat.); 3. Turner (Fresno St.), 9.7.

**5000 METERS**—1. McMillen (Santa Clara Youth Center), 15:24.5; 2. McMullen (Santa Clara Youth Center), 15:34.7; 3. Waltmire (San Diego St.), 15:36.7; 4. Thornton (Fresno St.), 15:40; 5. Fiddler (Oxy), 15:45.1.

**120 HIGH HURDLES: Finals**—1. Davis (SC), 13.6; 2. Mathias (ST.), 14.1; 3. Attlesley (LAAC), 14.1; 4. Jackson (Camp Pendleton), 14.4; 5. Wright (SC), 14.6.

**120 HIGH HURDLES**—Kreyenhasen (Coalinga); 2. Holland (LACC); 3. James (East LAJC), 14.7.

**100**—1. Parish (SFCC); 2. Swinden (Santa Ana); 3. Kohnhorst (Santa Ana); 4. McCormick (LA Valley); 5. Hampden (Fresno), 9.8.

**100: Finals**—1. Lains (Fresno St.), 9.5; 2. Richard (UCLA), 9.6; 3. Williams (unat.), 9.7; 4. Brownsberger (Stan.), 9.8; 5. Graffio (SC), 9.8.

**SHOT-PUT**—1. O'Brien (SC), 59ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (New world record. Old mark, 58ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Jim Fuchs, Yale, 1950). (New West Coast relays record. Old mark, 56ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Otis Chandler, Olympic Club, 1951); 2. Hersh (Stan.), 53ft. 4in.; 3. Hollingsworth (San Diego NTC), 52ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 4. Humphries (Pepperdine Frosh), 51ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 5. Adams (Cal.), 51ft. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

**BROAD JUMP**—1. Brown (Santa Clara Youth Center), 24ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Soraen (SC), 24ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3. Mattson (Cal.), 23ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 4. Walker (UCLA), 23ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 5. Mahon (San Diego NTC), 23ft.

## JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION

**100: First heat**—1. Parish (SP); 2. Kirchmann (Santa Ana); 3. Albiani (Modesto), 9.9. (Second heat)—1. Kohnhorst (Santa Ana); 2. Hampton (Fresno); 3. Maher (Santa Monica), 10. (Third heat)—1. Swinden (Santa Ana); 2. McCormick (LA Valley); 3. Esposito (Santa Monica), 9.7.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY (440-880-1320-mile, enrollment under 1000)**—1. Mt. San Antonio (Ceniceros, Olds, Banks, Casper); 2. Fresno; 3. Santa Ana; 4. Sequoia; 5. Monterey, 10:54.8.

**DISCUS**—1. Sosnovsky (East LAJC), 144ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2. Mallinoff (Modesto), 143ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3. Gustafson (Santa Ana), 141ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Witham (Santa Rosa), 139ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 5. Allen (Mt. San Antonio), 136ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

**880 RELAY: Enrollment under 1000**—

1. West Contra Costa (Brown, Harris, Strons, Gary); 2. Fullerton; 3. Riverside; 4. Monterey, 1:32.1.

**BROAD JUMP**—1. Bortolin (San Mateo), 24ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Holland (LAC), 23ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3. Goodwin (Modesto), 23ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 4. Watts (Sac.), 22ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 5. Allen (Mt. San Antonio), 22ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

**120 HIGH HURDLES (Finals)**—1. Yates (East Baker); 2. Pearson (Stockton); 3. Fegan (St. Ignatius); 4. Hollingsworth (Taft); 5. McCuiston (Woodlake), 14.4. (Exceeds meet record of 14.5 but unallowed because of 7 m.p.h. wind.)

**100 (Finals)**—1. King (Delano); 2. Hall (Edison, Fresno); 3. Swisshelm (Santa Ana); 4. Johnson (Kingsburg); 5. Turner (Laguna), 9.7.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1. 440-880-1320-Mile—Los Angeles CC (H. Smith, Kincaid, Murrell, Bailey); 2. Compton; 3. Los Angeles Valley; 4. Sacramento; 5. East LAJC, 10:39.2.**