

# PARRY / O'BRIEN PUTS SHOT 60 FT. 5 1/2



**MEET THE CHAMP**—Parry O'Brien, former SC star now representing Los Angeles AC, bettered his own world shot put record with toss of 60ft. 5 1/2 in. at Califorma yesterday in special event during SC-UCLA meet. Recognized mark is 59ft. 2 1/2 in.

## SPORTS PARADE Shelton Tops Nation With Jump of 6-9 3/4

By BRAVEN DYER

Since Circulation and Determine cleaned up a handover for Bob Loyd and Andy Czevala in recent weeks nearly everybody who can lay his hands on a horse. Both colts won a pair of \$100,000 races, which is pretty fast going for a couple of youngsters who have not yet reached their fourth birthday.

One owner who doesn't have to be shopping for horseflesh to carry his colors in the Hollywood Park meeting which opens next Friday is J. Ross Clark II, the Palm Springs nature lover. Lytle and Czevala are comparative newcomers to the turf sport, but they're actually old graybeards compared to Clark. Ross purchased his first thoroughbred in October of 1951 from Max Hirsch, but already has half a dozen others and thinks the 1953 Kentucky Derby winner may be turning under his name at Hollywood Park before long.

### RATE MAJOR FIDDLE OVER CRYSTAL BLUE

This is Major Fiddle, a foot 3-year-old which has not yet gone to the post. "The Major, I think, is better than Crystal Blue," said Ross the other day, "and that'll be something because June (Mrs. Clark) and I think Crystal Blue is just about the best 3-year-old filly in the world today."

The Clark has had at least one good reason for rating the filly so high . . . she beat Calumet's Miz Clementine at Bay Meadows a few weeks ago when Miz was the 3-15 favorite. The Calumet fave previously had come within one-fifth of a second of the track record for six furlongs. Miz Clementine is a half sister of the great Two Lea and first placed Barny by capturing the Polyanna Stakes at Arlington Park last summer. Jockey Philip Reid carried Blue to this amazing victory and \$2 tickets returned \$17.50 as another favorite hit the dust.

### CLARK KNOWS BEST FOR SOUTHERNIZATION

Most turf followers know Clark best as the man who owns the hard-bitten long-distance campaigner South Arlington. His other out-criers are Ze Pippin, Silver Hede and Bar's Jop. Ross also owns Ze Pippin, Silver Hede and Bar's Jop, with his trainer, Tommy Taylor, who he lured out of retirement to handle his stable, Taylor rode at old Santa Anita in 1934 and is well known as the former Bill's Mason trainer . . . another filly, He Did, Head Day and Victoria, all of which appeared at the Aradua track in past years.

Ross Clark is named after his grandfather and is the principal heir to the vast Clark fortune which came originally from the Mustang copper mines. His father, W. M. Clark, was drowned when the Titanic went down in 1912. His mother survived the sea tragedy and lives in Los Angeles. Ross spends much of his time in Palm Springs, particularly when Santa Anita and Hollywood are dark, and is one of the best amateur golfers in Southern California.

Czevala and Lytle "got rich quick" with their turf youngsters. Clark has an idea he can do the same with Crystal Blue and Major Fiddle. The filly is too late for any Derby dream, but the Major might provide another big afternoon for California owners come early next May "yay" down there in the Kentucky Bluegrass.

Southern California stepped up its especially nice victory over UCLA at the Califorma pentathlon to maintain its record of never being to the Brearley in a dual track meet and the Trojans scored a decisive over the Bruin fresh in a night upset.

Parry O'Brien, announcing his best performance ever, won the collegiate competition but there were two varsity meet records set—our best 100-yard performance for 1954 and four yearling meet marks.

**Final News**  
Southern California won the varsity meet, 10 1/2 to 20 1/2. The Trojans triumphed, 4 1/2 to 11 1/2.

Ernie Skelton, Trojan high jump star, won at 6ft. 9 3/4 in. breaking Johnny Wilson's 10-year-old meet record by 3/4 in. This is the highest official jump in the world this year.

The 500-mile and two-mile all-around had the expected opening race.

Little Bobby West, UCLA star, won the 100-yard race, 15 1/2 to 16 1/2. He was followed by Ernie Skelton, Trojan high jumper, who took in a 15 1/2 to 16 1/2. Skelton was on each side of the 100-yard race, but the 100-yard race, in fact, was won by Ernie Skelton.

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**RECORD TOSS**—Here's O'Brien as he unfurled record shattering toss of 60ft. 5 1/2 in. It came on second official put. Note the ex-Trojan's terrific follow through.



**CONGRATS**—Don Vick, of UCLA congratulates O'Brien, and vice versa. Vick broke O'Brien's national fresh record with 54ft. 1 1/2 in. O'Brien's mark was 53ft. 10 1/2 in.

## Ex-SC Ace Breaks Own World Mark; Three Tosses Better 60ft.

By CHARLES CURTIS

Parry O'Brien, the 20-year-old human catapult machine who has revolutionized the art of shot-putting, completely demolished all records in the event yesterday and broke an astonishing series of performances with a 60ft. 5 1/2 in. mark.

Comprising at the Califorma a special event added to the NCCCLA dual meet, O'Brien bettered his own official world record on four occasions and tossed the 16-pound iron ball beyond 60 feet three times.

Thus with a spare of 59ft. 2 1/2 in. the 16-year-old shot putter set the highest shot put in the history when he had finished.

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## PARRY'S PUT-PUTS

Here are Parry O'Brien's measured shot put performances yesterday:

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