

# Parry O'Brien Puts Shot 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

## LAAC Ace Smashes Own Record; Fordham Cracks 2-Mile Standard

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Two world-record performances in the early moments of the 14th annual Coliseum Relays provided the stunning opener to America's greatest track and field show before 47,611 fans last night.

Parry O'Brien supplied one of the records and four half-milers from Fordham University the other.

O'Brien, the handsome giant who has ruined the shot-put standards for mere mortal man in the last two years, hoisted his all-time best to 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., a half-inch farther than he accomplished in the same stadium two weeks ago.

O'Brien's effort was not a surprise.

### Great Last Half

The Fordham runners did contribute a startler. And so did California's foursome in second place and Occidental's team in third. For all three squads bettered the world mark!

The world record is 7:29.2, set by a U.S. national team of Bill Ashenfelter, Reggie Pearman, John Barnes and Mal

Whitfield in London after the '52 Olympics.

Fordham was timed in 7:27.3, California in 7:28.5 and Oxy in 7:28.9. Anchoring for the victorious Rams was Tom Courtney, a junior, in an unofficial 1:48.2.

The records came in the second and third events of the program and took place almost simultaneously.

Fordham was never better than third in early stages of the race and Michigan led going to the final leg. But Courtney, Lon Spurrier of Cal and Jim Terrill of Oxy provided a tremendous final 880. Cal finished some 10 yards behind Fordham with Oxy another five yards back.

### Last Throw

O'Brien's great put came on his seventh and last throw. He had marks of 59ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 59 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., 58ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 58ft. 6in., 59ft. 8in., 58ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. and 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Thus three of his marks were beyond his official world record of 59ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. set last year.

These performances obviously were meet records. Fordham's time also qualifies as a national collegiate mark.

One other meet record fell, in the discus, where Fortune Gordien twirled the platter 181ft. 10in.

UCLA's freshman two-mile squad also contributed a record, a new national standard for yearlings. They beat Oxy and

## O'BRIEN 'PUTS' OUT FOR MARK

Here's put-by-put score of Parry O'Brien's world-record shattering performance in shot:

- No. 1—59ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- No. 2—59ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
- No. 3—58ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- No. 4—58ft. 6in.
- No. 5—59ft. 8in.
- No. 6—58ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
- No. 7—60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

SC, in that order, with a 7:40.4 mark. SC had run 7:41.2 a week ago for a short-lived frosh record. Bobby Seaman anchored the Brubabes in 1:51.9.

The sparkling program of open events included a double victory by Southern California's sprinters over the previously unbeaten University of Texas speedsters in 440 and 880 relays.

### Real Upset

The 440 was a real upset, for the Texans had earlier this year edged the Trojans. But little Joe Graffio bowed his head and charged the final 110 yards to keep a slim lead on Charley Thomas, a lead which Howard Bugbee, Jim Lea and Rod Wilger had built up. Time was 40.7.

The 880 was not so surprising but the time was. The world record is 1:24 and the Trojans ran 1:24.1, second swiftest of all time.

Major disappointment of the evening was the "Miracle Mile." Ingvar Ericsson of Sweden slipped by Billy Tidwell of Ft. Ord on the rail in the closing strides and won in 4:13.1. A slow pace, 65.4 and 2:11.7, ruined any chances of a fast race and Mal Whitfield, in his first major mile test, dropped well back by 1320 yards and finished far down the track in 4:19.6.

### Shelton Wins

The threat of Texan Chuck Holding to Trojan Ernie Shelton's supremacy in the high jump evaporated at 6ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., where Holding failed on three tries. Shelton then assaulted 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. but didn't make it.

Only the 100-yard dash had been completed when the runners started in the two-mile relay. Fordham's runners were clocked unofficially as follows: Terry Foley, 1:54.7; Frank Tarsney, 1:53.3; Bill Persichetty, 1:51.1; and Courtney, 1:48.2. Foley is regularly a miler and Persichetty a 440-man.

Coach Artie O'Connor's boys hadn't beaten 7:38.6 this year, leading to some press box comments on the possibility of another "Metric Merkle" so far as measurement of the track was concerned. There was no indication the distance was anything but official, however.

### Nation's Top Time

Southern California routed its college foes in the climaxing mile relay and its time, 3:10.7, was the nation's best. Lea anchored in 46.4. Morgan State's Jimmy Rogers put the Baltimore team in front during the third lap but Lea overtook Josh Calbreath and won by more than 10 yards.

Dean Smith of Texas got away fast in the 100, after three false starts and three recall guns, to win by a scant yard over Andy Stanfield in 9.6.

Jack Davis won the high hurdles handily, in 13.9. Stanfield came back to take the low hurdles in .23, making seven first places he has won in Coliseum Relays in the past five years.

J. W. Mashburn repeated in the 440 dash in 47.3, with Olympic Champion George Rhoden a fast-finishing second at 47.5. Lea and some of the other relay aces did not compete.

Bob Smith, Don Laz and Bob Richards tied in the pole vault at 14ft. 8in. and George Brown led the broad-jumpers at 24ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

# RELAY SUMMARIES

INVITATIONAL 100—1. Smith (Texas), 9.6; 2. Stanfield (Grand Street Boys), 9.7; 3. Williams (Illinois), 9.8; 4. Graffio (SC).

440—1. Mashburn (unatt.), 47.3; 2. Rhoden (Grand Street Boys), 47.5; 3. Jenkins (Villanova Frosh), 47.7; 4. Burnett (Ft. Ord), 47.

INVITATIONAL SHOT-PUT—1. O'Brien (LAAC), 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (New world record, old record, O'Brien, 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1954); 2. Vick (UCLA Frosh), 53ft. 1in.; 3. Stellern (Cal.), 52ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Butt (Cal.), 52ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (O'Brien's puts: 59ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 59ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in., 58ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 58ft. 6in., 59ft. 8in., 58ft. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 60ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.)

INVITATIONAL OPEN TWO-MILE RELAY—1. Fordham (Foley, Tarsney, Persichetty, Courtney), 7:27.3. (New world record, old mark, 7:29.8, set by U.S. national team, 1952); 2. California, 7:28.5; 3. Occidental, 7:28.9; 4. Oklahoma A&M, 7:31.0.

BROAD JUMP—1. Brown (Ft. Ord), 24ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2. Arnett (SC), 24ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 3. Andrews (Ariz.), 23ft. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 4. Holloway (Ft. Ord), 23ft. 4in.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Davis (LAAC), 13.9; 2. Thompson (Ill.), 14.1; 3. Wright (SC), 14.3; 4. Johnson (unatt.), 14.4.

HIGH JUMP—1. Shelton (SC), 6ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2. Holding (East Texas State), 6ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 3. Tie among Mitchell (Illinois), Jeter (ELAJC), Smith (San Diego Navy) and Findlay (SC), 6ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

THE MIRACLE MILE—1. Ericsson (Sweden), 4:13.1; 2. Tidwell (Ft. Ord),

4:13.5; 3. Bonham (Whittier), 4:14.3; 4. Whitfield (LAAC), 4:19.6.

440 RELAY—1. SC (Bugbee, Lea, Wilger, Graffio), 40.7; 2. Texas, 40.8; 3. Morgan State, 41.8; 4. Occidental, 41.9.

FRESHMAN TWO-MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (Ellis, Saunders, Thompson, Seaman), 7:40.4 (New national freshman record, old record, 7:41.2, SC, 1954); 2. Occidental, 7:42.1; 3. SC, 7:44.1.

880-YARD RELAY—1. SC (Bugbee, Wilger, Graffio, Lea), 1:24.1; 2. Texas, 1:25.1; 3. Occidental, 1:27.8; 4. Morgan State, 1:27.8.

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DISCUS—1. Gordien (LAAC), 181ft. 10in. (New Coliseum Relays record. Old mark, 180ft. 8in., set by Gordien in 1949.); 2. O'Brien (LAAC), 178ft.; 3. Patterson (SC), 165ft. 2in.; 4. Koch (SC), 165ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

220-LOW HURDLES—1. Standfield (Grand Street Boys), 23.; 2. Johnson (unattached), 23.2; 3. Davis (LAAC), 23.3; 4. Thomson (Illinois), 23.5.

MILE RELAY—1. SC (Wilger, Larabee, Smith, Lea), 3:10.7; 2. Illinois, 3:11.8; 3. SMU, 3:12.0; 4. Abilene Christian, 3:12.1.

POLE VAULT—1. Tie among Smith (LAAC), Laz (unatt.) and Richards (LAAC), 14ft. 8in.; 4. Tie between Anderson (Cal) and Kenly (Ft. Ord), 14ft. 4in.