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The swiftest 880 foot racers in America clashed last night in a featured half-mile battle of the 15th annual Coliseum Relays but this was one occasion where speed wasn't sufficient for victory.

The highlighted event, one of a stellar program that drew 56,173 fans on a cool but wind-free evening, saw the favorite, Arnie Sowell, dropping out, the second choice, Mal Whitfield, finishing fourth and the winner of the race being disqualified for changing lanes without a signal.

Breaks Stride

Tom Courtney of Fordham cut in on Sowell with 140 yards to go and forced the Pittsburgh runner to break stride. Sowell slowed down and dropped out. Courtney broke the tape in 1:50.3 but was disqualified and unheralded Ron Delaney of Villanova was given the victory in a 1:50.5 timing. Delaney was just inches ahead of Lon Spurrier, unofficial world record holder at 1:47.5, and Whitfield, the official record holder, was fourth after being completely boxed in at the 680 point.

The remainder of the program was replete with surprises and upsets, though none so startling as this 880 result where Sowell, rated one of the greatest runners to come out of the East in years, was a big favorite.

Three Meet Records

He set the pace, though the first lap 55 wasn't likely to endanger any world records, and was being passed by Courtney coming off the backstretch when the bumping took place.

Otherwise the program included meet records in the javelin, miracle mile and hop, step and jump, a national frosh mile relay record for UCLA and disqualification of two sprinters and the favored high hurdler, Jack Davis, before the fields were started.

Probably the outstanding mark of the relays was Cy Young's 257-foot javelin heave in the afternoon, breaking the Coliseum as well as the meet record.

4:05.5 by Santee

But Wes Santee's mile victory in 4:05.5 not only was the fastest mark in the meet's history, it was 'Wes' second best of the year. And he drew the field behind him along to some amazing performances with the fifth man, UCLA's

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Bobby Hunt, being timed in 4:09.5 and SC's Sid Wing, who was fourth, in 4:08.2. Thus it appears Santee is becoming the harrier for the other milers.

Santee's lap times were approximately 60.5, 64.5, 60.5 and 60. But for the slow second lap he might have closed in on the four-minute target.

Adhemar da Silva of Brazil, although he didn't tag the American or Coliseum record in the hop, step and jump, did impressively destroy the relays mark.

Fresh Record

The fresh record was set by the Bruins, anchored by Rafer Johnson, with a 3:15.4 time.

The 440 yard dash, where Lou Jones and Jim Lea were to renew their feuding, found them both beaten by Kevan

Gosper of Michigan State with a powerful drive in the stretch for a 46.9 win and a three-yard edge over Jones and Lea, who nearly deadheaded in second and third, respectively.

Andy Stanfield and John Haines were booted out of the 100-yard dash for two false starts each and after eight tries the abbreviated field of four men got under way with Jim Golliday an easy winner in 9.6.

Bruins Surprise

Relay battling for the U.S. collegiate titles found Houston's four swifties taking both 440 and 880 titles, Oklahoma A&M running a smashing 3m. 10.9s. mile, with J. W. Mashburn anchoring in 45.8s., and UCLA surprising in the two-mile with Bobby Seaman out-sprinting Michigan's Pete Gray in the anchor 880. UCLA's time was 7m. 30.5s.

OPEN DIVISION

JAVELIN—1. Young (Olympic Club), 287ft. (New Coliseum Relays record; old mark, 237ft. 7in. Seymour, LAAC, 1948. New Coliseum record; old mark, 238ft. 7in. Järvinen, Finland, 1932); 2. Miller (unatt., Tempe), 292ft. 2in.; 3. Long (Olympic Club), 233ft. 8½in.; 4. Conley (Caltech), 208ft.

DISCUS—1. Koch (SC), 170ft. 4½in.; 2. Drummond (UCLA), 164ft. 4½in.; 3. Hester (Occidental), 157ft. 11½in.; 4. Grier (Penn State), 154ft.

TWO-MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (Thompson, Corzello, Ellis, Seaman), 7:30.5; 2. Michigan, 7:30.8; 3. Occidental, 7:31.4; 4. Texas, 7:32; 5. SC, 7:37.8.

440—1. Gosper (Michigan St.), 46.9; 2. Jones (Fl. Knox), 47.3; 3. Lea (LAAC), 47.3; 4. Fessenden (Illinois), 47.3; 5. Jenkins (Villanova), 49.1.

880—1. Delaney (Villanova Fresh), 1:59.5; 2. Spurrier (Lackland AFB), 1:59.5; 3. Stanley (Fl. MacArthur), 1:51; 4. Whitfield (LAAC), 1:51.1; 5. Orrer (Illinois), 1:56. Courtois, Fordham, finished first in 1:50.2 but was disqualified.

100—1. Golliday (Northwestern), 9.6; 2. Smith (Texas), 9.8; 3. Pellard (Penn State), 9.8; 4. Williams (unatt.), Illinois, 9.9.

SHOT-PUT—O'Brien (Travis AFB), 58ft. 3¼in.; 2. Martin (SC), 57ft. 6¼in.; 3. Meyer (Oxy), 57ft. 2¼in.; 4. Vick (UCLA), 53ft. 10¼in.; 5. Stallern (Cal), 53ft. 4¼in.

440 RELAY—1. Houston (Jones, Beck, Boone, McBride), 46.8; 2. Texas, 46.8; 3. SC, 41.4; 4. Occidental, 41.8.

120 HIGH HURDLES—1. Thomson (Illinois), 14; 2. Bell (UCLA), 14.2; 3. Youkers (Penn State), 14.3; 4. Woodson (Illinois), 14.3; 5. Wright (LAAC), 14.4.

BROAD JUMP—1. Range (Fl. Ord), 24ft. 7¼in.; 2. Andrews (Arizona), 24ft. 4¼in.; 3. Gamble (Prairie View A&M), 24ft. 3in.; 4. Brown (unatt., L.A.), 23ft. 9½; 5. Presber (Occidental), 23ft. 6in.

FRESHMAN ONE-MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (Graves, Goldstone, King, Johnson), 3:15.4 (New national fresh record; old mark, 3:15.9. UCLA, 1964); 2. SC, 3:17.4; 3. Occidental, 3:19.

HIGH JUMP—1. E. Shelton (SC), 6ft. 10in.; 2. Tie between Haddon (Oxy) and W. Shelton (LAAC), 6ft. 4in.; 4. Fendler (Pomona-Claremont), 6ft. 3in.

POLE VAULT—1. Tie between Richards (LAAC) and Lea (unatt., Champaign, Ill.), 14ft. 10in.; 3. Tie among Morris (SC), Gutowski (Oxy) and Smith (LAAC), 14ft. 6in.

880-YARD RELAY—1. Houston (Jones, Beck, Boone, McBride), 1:25; 2. Texas, 1:25.3; 3. Michigan State, 1:25.5; 4. Oklahoma A&M, 1:25.6; 5. SC, 1:25.9.

MIRACLE MILE—1. Santee (unatt., Lawrence, Kan.), 4:08.8; 2. Tidwell (Emporia State), 4:07.4; 3. Coleman (Chicago Track Club), 4:08; 4. Wing (SC), 4:08.2; 5. Hunt (UCLA), 4:09.5. (New meet record; old mark, 4:06.4. Johnson, 1963).

220 LOW HURDLES—1. Stanfield (N.Y. Pioneer Club), 23.3; 2. Thomson (Illinois), 23.3; 3. Roberts (unatt., Okla. A&M), 23.8; 4. Woodson (Illinois), 24; 5. Johnson (unatt., UCLA), 24.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP—1. Da Silva (Sao Paulo, Brazil), 50ft. 9¼in.; 2. Findley (SC), 46ft. 6in.; 3. Parker (Camp Pendleton), 46ft. 6¼in.; 4. Flores (Fl. Ord), 44ft. 10¼in.; 5. Weaver (Edwards AFB), 43ft. 5in.

MILE RELAY—1. Oklahoma A&M (Hays, Schermerhorn, Heard, Mashburn), 3:10.9; 2. UCLA, 3:13.5; 3. Oxy, 3:14.2; 4. Texas, 3:14.3; 5. SC, 3:14.4.