

Santee (4:01.2) Nips Soph Seaman (4:01.4) in Spine-Tingling Mile

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It took an American record two-mile performance by the Olympic Games steeplechase champion, Horace Ashenfelter, to overshadow one of the great mile races of track and field history last night at the Compton Invitational meet.

Ashenfelter won the eight-lap grind in 8:49.6, which is not only the fastest ever by an American but also the swiftest ever stepped on U.S. soil.

Ashenfelter won the award as outstanding athlete of the evening but until that time it had appeared that Bobby Seaman, UCLA sophomore, was going to be acclaimed star of the evening for his feat in nearly catching Wes Santee in the featured mile and being timed in 4:01.4 to become the second fastest American on record.

Santee Wins

Santee won in 4:01.2 with Seaman just a step back, and gaining. Third was Fred Dwyer in 4:01.8, making this the fastest three-man mile in U.S. history.

Ashenfelter's stupendous performance topped an evening of superlative achievements on the track. Meet records were broken in the 880, 440 and two-mile and tied in the 100-yard dash and 220 low hurdles.

Mal Whitfield edged Lang Stanley in 1:48.9, fourth fastest 880 in U.S. history. And Chuck Kirkby, a Mt. San Antonio Jaysee boy, was third in 1:50.1.

46.5 Quarter Mile

J. W. Mashburn barely held off Bruin Sophomore Russ Ellis in a 46.5 quarter, best in the world this year with Ellis a 10th back and Mike Larrabee of SC third at 46.9. Jim Lea withdrew because of an injured leg.

Dean Smith of Texas tied Bob Boyd's 9.5 100-yard meet record and Rafer Johnson, UCLA freshman, stepped over the low hurdles in 22.9, tying Dick Attlesey's standard.

The high jump, rematching Ernie Shelton and prepster Charles Dumas, saw Shelton

win easily when Dumas failed at 6-8. Shelton cleared that, also 6-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Then he tried at world record height of 7ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in., and came close, but not close enough, on all three tries.

Fails to Qualify

The meet had one important casualty early in the balmy evening when world record holder Bud Held failed to qualify for the finals in the javelin. He had wasted one in a warmup, tossed one outside the legal area and did only 180ft. on his third and last preliminary pitch.

Ashenfelter was kept close company for more than seven laps of the two-mile grind by SC's Fernando Ledesma and the Trojan junior continued on for an 8:56.4 clocking of his own, fastest ever by an American collegian. As a non-winning mark it won't be counted as an NCAA record, however.

Ashenfelter raced the last lap in 63 seconds. The old U.S. mark was by Gunder Haegg, 8:51.3, and the best previous by a citizen was 8:54.5 by Fred Wilt.

Two Yards Ahead

Ashenfelter, representing New York A.C., is an FBI agent.

The mile was a classic of foot racing. Jim Terrill set the pace for two laps, at 2 flat, with Santee next, Dwyer third and Seaman fourth. Dwyer went out into the lead midway of the third lap and still was in front starting the last quarter.

The ex-Villanovan had about two yards on Santee at that point and Seaman was another step back.

Santee pulled up with Dwyer on the backstretch but Seaman lost ground on that next to last curve and was

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eight yards back of Santee with 220 yards to go.

The Bruin sophomore gained steadily on Santee during that final furlong and after passing Dwyer with 120 yards to go came within a yard of springing one of the track sport's greatest upsets.

Santee's lap times were 59, 62, 62.5 and 57.7. Seaman's were 59.5, 61.8, 62.7 and 57.4. Santee was timed at 3:45.3 for 1500 meters.

Seaman, who is only 19 years of age, had never previously run faster than 4:09.4 and was beaten in that race a week ago. Only Santee, when a senior at Kansas last year, has a faster collegiate mark (4:00.6) than Seaman's 4:01.4 of last evening.

COMPTON RESULTS

MILE—1. Santee (ex-Kansas), 4:01.2; 2. Seaman (UCLA), 4:01.4; 3. Dwyer (Ft. McArthur), 4:01.8; 4. Wing (SC), 4:08.8; 5. Montgomery (SC), 4:09.8.

JAVELIN — 1. Miller (unattached), 241ft. 8in.; 2. Young (Olympic Club), 238ft. 10in.; 3. Long (Olympic Club), 224ft. 10in.; 4. Conley (Caltech), 220ft. 9in.; 5. Smith (Pomona), 200ft.

HIGH SCHOOL 120 HIGH HURDLES (39-inch)—1. Thompson (Centennial); 2. Chucky (Narbonne); 3. Owens (Fullerton); 4. Jones (Burbank), 14.1.

OPEN 120 HIGH HURDLES—1. Wright (IACC), 14.2; 2. Ball (UCLA), 14.3; 3. Johnson (UCLA Frosh), 14.5; 4. Davis (Bremerton Navy), 14.5.

SHOT-PUT—1. O'Brien (Travis AFB), 57ft. 11in.; 2. Martin (SC), 56ft. 1in.; 3. Vick (UCLA), 55ft. 11in.; 4. Meyer (Occidental), 55ft. 10in.

440—1. Mashburn (Oklahoma A&M), 46.5 (new meet record, old mark 46.8; Herb McKenley Shore AC 1938); 2. Elmer (UCLA), 46.9; 3. Lattaber (SC), 46.9; 4. Shermerhorn (Oklahoma A&M), 46.3.

100—1. Smith (Texas), 9.8 (ties meet record set by Bob Boyd, Loyola, 1950); 2. McBride (Houston), 9.9; 3. Dorsey (Santa Monica CC), 9.7; 4. Dennis (Centennial), 9.8.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY (40-70-70-80)—1. Centennial (Cal. St. Coll. Coach, Blount), 3:18; 2. Comp. 100, 3:36; 3. Chaffey, 3:37; 4. No fourth, Loyola disqualified, 3:38.

BROAD JUMP—1. Anderson (Arizona), 24ft. 11in.; 2. Givens (Ft. Ord), 24ft. 1in.; 3. Miller (unattached), 23ft. 10in.; 4. Dancy (Fishing Vils A&M), 23ft. 7in.

DISCUS—1. Koch (SC), 173ft. 10in.; 2. O'Brien (Travis AFB), 168ft. 8in.

3. Drummond (UCLA), 161ft. 10in.; 4. Mathias (Occidental), 160ft. 1in.

880—Whitfield (LAAC), 1:48.9. (New meet record. Old mark, 1:49.4. Whitfield, 1953); 2. Stanley (Ft. McArthur), 1:49; 3. Kirkby (Mt. San Antonio), 1:50.1; 4. Heard (Oklahoma A.M.), 1:50.2.

220—1. Smith (Texas), 20.9; 2. Dorsey (Santa Monica CC), 21; 3. McBride (Houston), 21.2; 4. Eisenberg (Harbor JC).

HIGH SCHOOL 880 RELAY—1. Centennial (Thompson, Lowe, Andrew, Dennis), 1:29; 2. Long Beach Wilson, 1:30; 3. Long Beach Poly, 1:31.6; 4. No fourth, Santa Ana disqualified.

TWO-MILE—1. Ashenfelter (New York AC), 8:49.6 (New meet, American and American citizen's record. Old meet mark 8:58. Will, NYAC, 1954; Old American record, 8:51.3. Hagg, Sweden, 1943. Old American citizen's record, 8:54.5. Will, 1951); 2. Ladroma (SC), 8:56.4; 3. Hunt (UCLA), 9:05; 4. Trues (SC Frosh), 9:16.

220 LOW HURDLES—1. Peter Johnson (UCLA Frosh), 22.9 (Ties meet record set by Dick Atterley, LAAC, 1951); 2. Kriehelm (Santa Ana JC), 23.0; 3. Bill Johnson (So. Pa. A.S.), 23.7; 4. Clark (SC).

HIGH JUMP—1. F. Shelton (SC), 6ft. 10in.; 2. Tie between Thomas (Centennial Dist High), and Dear (UCLA), 6ft. 6in.; 3. Tie between Fendley (Pomona), W. Shelton (LAAC), and Madole (Occidental), 6ft. 5in.

MILE RELAY (Oklahoma A&M, Harp, Schermerhorn, Heat, Maxfield), 8:13.9; 2. Los Angeles AC, 8:17; 3. UCLA, 8:13.5; 4. No 4th.

POLE VAULT—1. Bursida (LAAC), 11ft. 3in.; 2. Tie between Fay (Occidental) and Harris (SC), 11ft. 2in.; 3. Latta (SC), 11ft. 2in.