

World 100-Meter Mark Tied, 9 Meet Records Shattered at Compton

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The four-minute mile was broken by an Irishman and a Dane last night, the world record for 100 meters was equaled by a former Iowan and meet records collapsed all over the place in the 17th annual Compton Invitational track and field frolic.

Ron Delany, the 21-year-old Villanova sophomore from Dublin, beat Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark, the world record holder for 1500 meters, in a 3:59 mile run.

Delany uncorked a furious final-lap sprint, almost caught Nielsen at the 1500-meter mark and then forced his way to the front to win by a step with Nielsen timed in 3:59.1.

Only Three Faster

Delany and Nielsen thus became the seventh and eighth men in history to break four minutes and only three men, John Landy, Jim Bailey and Roger Bannister, have covered the distance any faster.

For the black-haired Villanova student it was a sweet change of fortunes after his disappointing races at the Coliseum and Fresno in pursuit of Landy. In the first instance he had set an early pace and folded and at Fresno he had lagged far back.

Seaman Fourth

But last night he stayed within striking distance of the leaders and starting the last lap was fighting with Bob Seaman of UCLA for second. He had to cut his stride when he appeared to stumble shortly before the 1500-meter mark but then took off in earnest and with his short chopping steps and his arms digging furiously, he passed Nielsen.

Fred Dwyer of the Army beat Seaman for third spot with a 4:00.8 mark while Seaman was clocked in 4:01.4.

Lowell Zellers was the first 440 leader at 58.5, Danny Schweikart took over the pacing chores at 880 in 2:01.6 but Nielsen went ahead midway in that lap and had a 3:02.5 mark for 1320. Delany was timed in 3:02.9 for 1320, making his final lap 56.1. Nielsen was never worse than second and Delany never farther back than fourth.

Ties World Mark

Ira Murchison, who attended University of Iowa as a frosh and competed there, then transferred to Western Michigan College and thence to the Army, ran a 10.2 100 meters to equal the world

MEET RECORDS

Mile—Delany, 3:59.

*100 Meters — Murchison, 10.2.

440—Lea, 48.2.

400-Meter Hurdles — Atterberry, 51.9.

110-Meter High Hurdles—Davis, 13.6.

3000-Meter Steeplechase — Ashenfelter, 9:03.4.

200-Meter Low Hurdles—Johnson, 22.5.

5000 Meters—Tyler, 14:40.4.

Shot—O'Brien, 60ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

*—Ties world record.

mark shared by five sprinters.

Murchison, stationed in Europe, had won the theater championship there with a 10.4 mark and last night flashed impressive speed in his heat with a 10.3 time.

The strong-striding Murchison, a prep product of Chicago, built up a slight early lead over Willie Williams, former Illini runner, in the finals and lengthened it to a full yard at the tape. There was no measurable wind.

Courtney Victor

The crowd of 8500 fans was saving its biggest cheers for the featured 880 but this proved anticlimactic.

Tom Courtney, the strong boy from Fordham who is now in the Army, surprised the field by building up a big lead and only Roger Moens, the Belgian, could get close. Courtney won in 1:49 flat with the fast-closing Moens given the same time.

Moens, the world record holder for 800 meters, was caught in a bad jam on the first turn and was last. He only had one man beaten after 440 yards and it was only in the final 100 yards that he started moving up.

Mal Whitfield and Lang Stanley had been battling for second most of the way but Mal faded completely at the finish and Stanley got third.

The first six events com-

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pleted produced meet records and when the evening ended there were new Compton standards in nine events.

Nine New Marks

Jim Lea, who sprinted to a world record 440 a week ago, came up with another finish of the same nature as he ran away from his foes in the last 100 yards last night. His 400 meter clocking, 45.7, is the fastest ever on American soil and is surpassed only by the world 45.4 record of Lou Jones set in Mexico City.

Lea appeared to ease up when he hit the first tape and was timed in "only" 46.2 for the 440 yards, three yards longer.

Close Miss

Jack Davis again missed the world high hurdle record by only a tenth second and other meet records were broken in the 400-meter hurdles, shot-put, 3000-meter steeplechase, 220 low hurdles and 5000-meter run.

And Ron Morris of SC negotiated 15ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. for a new Trojan record, tying with Bob Richards for first. Morris is the fifth collegian in history to make 15ft.

100 METERS: First heat—1. Williams (2nd Army); 2. Burt (Pl. Ord); 3. Butler (Compton Col.); 4. Swischhelm (SC), 10.3. Second heat—1. Murchison (Army, European Theater); 2. Dennis (Valley JC); 3. Corle (SC); 4. Burks (L.A. State), 10.3.

FINALS—1. Murchison, 10.3. (Tie world and meet record; meet record set by Hal Davis, S.F. Olympic Club, 1941, and tied by Lloyd LaBench, Oakland Bitners, 1948. Other holders: Jesse Owens, 1935; Norwood Ewell, 1948; McDonald Bailey, 1951; Bob Morrow, 1955). 2. Williams, 10.3; 3. Burt, 10.4; 4. Dennis, 10.4.

HOP, STEP, JUMP—1. Davis (Army, European Command), 47ft. 8in.; 2. Pindley (SC), 46ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 3. Andrews (unattached), 46ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 4. Jamison (Occidental), 45ft. $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

JAVELIN—1. Conley (Caltech), 236ft. $\frac{7}{8}$ in.; 2. Long (Olympic Club, S.F.), 230ft. $\frac{6}{8}$ in.; 3. Volles (SC), 226ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Madala (SC), 223ft. $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES—1. Davis (S.D. Navy), 13.6 (new meet record, old mark 13.8, Dixon, UCLA, 1948); 2. Calhoun (No. Carolina Col.), 13.7; 3. Campbell (S.D. Navy), 13.8; 4. Johnson (UCLA), 14.

400-METER HURDLES—1. Attarberry (Compton Col.), 51.9 (new meet record, old mark 52.7, Carl McBain, UCLA, 1949); 2. Allen (Mt. San Antonio), 52.8; 3. Barrow (Los Angeles CC), 53.6; 4. Davis (S.D. Navy), 53.7.

SHOT-PUT—1. O'Brien (Air Force and S.F. Olympic Club), 50ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (new meet record, old mark 50ft. $\frac{6}{8}$ in., O'Brien, LAAC, 1954); 2. Vick (UCLA), 37ft. $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3. Everage (SC Striders), 36ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Thompson (S.D. Navy), 33ft. 1in.

440—1. Lea (Air Force and SC Striders), 45.2 (new meet record; old mark, 46.5, Mashburn, Oklahoma A&M, 1955. Lea also bettered meet 400-meter record of 46.1 with time of 45.7); 2. Jenkins (Villanova), 46.9; 3. Larrabee (SC), 47; 4. Ellis (UCLA), 47.2; 5. Mashburn (Oklahoma A&M), 47.3.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRINT MEDLEY (440-220-220-880)—1. Long Beach Poly (Shipp, Walker, Duke, Ellis), 3:26.8; 2. Compton, 3:28.3; 3. Mira Costa; 4. Long Beach Wilson.

MILE—1. Delany (Villanova), 3:59 (New meet record; old mark, 4:00.8, Santee, Kansas, 1954); 2. Nielsen (Denmark), 3:59.1; 3. Dwyer (New York AC), 4:00.8; 4. Seaman (UCLA), 4:01.4; 5. Wheeler (Iowa), 4:04.7; 6. Walter (SC Striders), 4:04.8; 7. Schweikart (unattached), 4:09.3.

OPEN 880 RELAY—1. Southern California Striders (Brown, Bragg, James, Lea), 1:35.1; 2. San Diego Navy, 1:35.6; 3. Occidental, 1:37.1.

BROAD JUMP—1. Bennett (Pl. Ord), 23ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2. Range (Harbor JC), 22ft. $\frac{4}{8}$ in.; 3. Shelby (Pierce JC), 24ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 4. Brown (SC Striders), 24ft. $\frac{8}{8}$ in.

3000 METERS STEEPLECHASE—1. Achenfeller (New York AC), 9:03.4 (New meet record; old mark, 9:28.3, Ehaw, Oklahoma, 1941); 2. Reiser (6th Army), 9:23.5; 3. Walmsley (SD Navy), 9:40.9; 4. Leach (SD Navy), 9:41.3.

880: First race—1. Foerster (S.D. Navy), 1:49.5; 2. Terrill (U.S. Air Force), 1:49.6; 3. Attarberry (Compton Col.), 1:50.5; 4. Hadley (Occidental), 1:51.5. **Second race**—1. Courtney (U.S. Army), 1:49; 2. Moens (Belgium), 1:49; 3. Stanley (San Jose St.), 1:50.5; 4. Spurrier (S.F. Olympic Club), 1:51.5.

HIGH JUMP—1. Tie between Wilson (Santa Clara JC) and Dumas (Compton), 6ft. $\frac{8}{8}$ in.; 2. Tie among Shelton (LAAC), Russell (SFD), Hadden (Oxy) and Fendler (Pomona-Clairemont), 6ft. $\frac{6}{8}$ in.

220—1. Lea (Air Force and SC Striders), 21; 2. Burt (Pl. Ord), 21.1; 3. Stanfield (Unatt.), 21.2; 4. Corle (SC), 21.3.

POLE VAULT—1. Tie between Richards (Los Angeles AC) and Morris (SC), 15ft.; 2. Tie between Gutowski (Oxy) and Bragg (Villanova), 14ft. 8in.

5000 METERS—1. Tyler (San Diego Navy), 14:40.4 (new meet record, old mark, 14:32.5, Curt Stone, 1948); 2. Trax (SC), 14:44.8; 3. Higgin (U.S. Army, Europe), 14:54.1; 4. Robertson (S.C. Striders), 14:57.5.

OPEN MILE RELAY—1. SC (Guisley, Kirkby, Coburn, Larrabee), 3:11.7; 2. Occidental, 3:12.5; 3. Los Angeles St., 3:14.1; 4. U.S. Army, Europe, 3:15.

DISCUS—1. Gorden (Striders), 181ft. $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2. O'Brien (USAF), 175ft. 7in.; 3. Koch (Striders), 170ft. $\frac{8}{8}$ in.; 4. Babka (SC), 170ft. 8in.

220 LOW HURDLES—1. Johnson (UCLA), 22.8 (equals meet record); 2. Calhoun (No. Carolina Col.), 22.9; 3. Machamer (Mt. San Antonio), 23.1; 4. Roberts (Oklahoma A&M), 23.5. (Johnson timed in 22.5 for 200 meters, breaking meet record of 22.8 by Dixon, UCLA, 1949.)