

BOWDEN CAPTURES 'SLOW' HALF MILE

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BAKERSFIELD, June 8—

Lanky Don Bowden out-kicked Arnie Sowell to win the featured half-mile in the first annual California AAU track and field meet here tonight but a slow first lap spoiled any chance for the hoped-for world record. The time was 1:49.2 and the first lap time was 54.8.

It was virtually a two-man race after the first 220. Bowden took over from long Bill Weiss of the Striders entering the second turn and was never headed. Sowell, ex-Pittsburgh star, hung on closely but couldn't match the California junior's mighty finish. He was four yards back, clocked in 1:49.8.

Third place went to Tom Anderson, SC soph, in 1:51.9. Dick Foerster of the San Diego Navy was fourth at 1:52.6.

Bowden was gunning for the 1:46.8 world record set at the Coliseum Relays two weeks ago by Tom Courtney. He made headlines a week ago tonight when he stepped the mile in 3:58.7 at Stockton to become the first American to break four minutes.

Persistent Merv Lincoln of Australia made it three victories in four U.S. starts in taking the mile but the time was again disappointing—4:04.4. The Melbourne teacher followed the same pattern, hawking the field until they

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came off the final turn and then flowing away.

Bobby Seaman of UCLA gave Laszlo Tabori, the transplanted Hungarian, a terrific battle for second but lost out by inches. Tabori was credited with 4:05.5, Seaman, 4:05.5.

Danny Schweikart of L.A. State set the first lap pace in 60.7 and then Tabori took over for the next two laps. He was timed in 2:01.9 and 3:05.5.

Lincoln stayed back until the latter part of the third lap, when he came up to push Tabori. Lincoln was content to trail Tabori on the final go-around, with Seaman making it a three-man race. But when Lincoln jumped Tabori coming into the stretch the race was in the bag.

So Lincoln, who won the Coliseum mile in 4.01 and at Compton in 4.05.4, now heads for Dayton, Ohio, where he will train for the National AAU meet June 21-22. His lone loss was to Britisher Derek Ibbotson at Modesto, in 4.06.4.

King Wins

Classy Leamon King was an easy victor in the 100-yard dash finals, but the time was only 9.7. Willie White, who edged the great Bobby Morrow last week, was a weak second at 9.8.

Ancil Robinson of Fresno State led all the way to take the 120 high hurdles in 14 flat. Chuck Cobb of Stanford was second and Jim Ball, third, both caught in 14.1.

Maxie Truex's scheduled assault on the American 10,000 meter and 6-mile records fell flat. Maxie jogged around for two and a half miles well behind his expected pace and then suddenly dropped out. It was the fourth time in five times he has started the distance that the SC junior has failed to finish it. Mal Robertson, Truex's teammate, went on to win the 10,000 in 31:28.6, almost a minute behind Joe Tyler's U.S. mark.

Josh Culbreath won his specialty, the 440-yard medium hurdles, in 51.9, 4 over the American record.

Favored Mike Larrabee of the Striders came through to cop the 440 in 47.5. Mike shot out to avoid trouble in the

12-man field and won going away. Jack Yermin, California freshman, won the rough-house struggle for second. He was timed in 48 flat.

Ernie Shelby, who jumped 26ft. 1in. on this pit to win the National AAU last year, triumphed again but his 12-man field and won going tance-fell off to 24ft. 3in. He now attends Kansas but was ineligible this season.

King scratched out of the 220 due to a muscle twinge so it became an all-prep finish. Preston Griffin of Centennial, who had pulled up in the 100, led all the way and held off Taft's Doug Smith, both being clocked in 21.2.

BROAD JUMP—1. Shelby (unatt.), 24ft. 1in.; 2. Bean (San Diego Navy), 23ft. 7in.; 3. The between Lawson (SC), 23ft. 1in.; 4. St., 22ft. 1 1/2in.

HIGH JUMP—1. The among Avant (Striders), Wratt (Santa Clara YC) and Foerster (Striders), 6ft. 6 1/2in.; 4. The among Wilson (Santa Clara YC), Shells (Army) and Jackson (unatt.), 6ft. 5 1/2in.

440—1. Larrabee (Striders), 47.5; 2. Yermin (Cal. frosh), 48.0; 3. Phillips (unatt.), 48.3; 4. White (Mt. San Antonio), 48.3.

3-MILE RUN—1. Adams (unatt.), 14:32.8; 2. Woods (Marines), 14:34.8; 3. House (Cal. unatt.), 14:41.5; 4. Larrabee (Mt. San Antonio), 14:49.5.

POLE VAULT—1. Tie between Mattos (Santa Clara YC) and Kenly (Striders), 14ft. 7 1/2in.; 3. The among Morris (SC), Brewer (G. Phoenix High) and Poucher (Marines) and Rose (Ark. St.), 14ft. 1 1/2in.

220—Griffin (unatt.), 21.2; 2. Smith (Taft High), 21.2; 3. Noles (Santa Clara YC), 21.3; 4. Clipper (Striders), 21.4.

880—1. Bowden (Cal.), 1:49.2; 2. Sowell (unatt.), 1:49.5; 3. Anderson (SC), 1:51.9; 4. Foerster (S.D. Navy), 1:52.6.

220 LOW HURDLES—1. Robinson (Fresno St.), 28.5; 2. White (Striders), 28.1; 3. Radus (San Jose St.), 23.3; 4. Shelby (Striders), 23.4.

MILE—1. Lincoln (Australia), 4:04.4; 2. Tabori (Hungary), 4:05.4; 3. Seaman (unatt.), 4:05.5; Wilson (unatt.), 4:11.0.

440 YARD HURDLES—1. Culbreath (Marines), 51.9; 2. Smith (L.A. Striders), 52.5; 3. Crooms (Marines), 55.5; 4. Davis (Bakersfield Coll.), 56.4.

100—1. King (unatt.), 9.7; 2. White (L.A. Striders), 9.8; 3. James (Striders), 9.9; 4. Dennis (Striders), 9.9.

SHOT PUT—1. Visk (unatt.), 58ft. 4 1/2in.; 2. Davis (unatt.), 54ft. 1 1/2in.; 3. Humphreys (Striders), 53ft. 10 1/2in.; 4. Robertson (Striders), 53ft. 3 1/2in.

HAMMER THROW—1. York (Pendleton Marines), 122ft. 2. Swink (Santa Clara YC), 119ft. 9in.; 3. Williams (Olympic Club), 119ft. 3in.; 4. Stark (Pendleton Marines), 93ft.

JAVELIN—1. Volles (SC), 244ft. 6in.; 2. Conyer (LAAC), 243ft. 3in.; 3. Castello (Marines), 231ft. 6in.; 4. Garcia (San Diego Navy), 225ft. 5 1/2in.

6-MILE RUN—1. Robertson (SC), 30:30.5; 2. Coos (Ouliver City AC), 32:51.7; 3. Flora (unatt.), 35:04.2.

(Truex, SC, dropped out 2 1/2 miles.) (Robertson's time betters American citizens record, 30:31.9, by Joe Tyler, Los Angeles.)

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Robinson (unatt.), 14.0; 2. Cobb (Stan.), 14.1; 3. Hall (unatt.), 14.1; 4. Lawson (SC), 14.5.

MILE WALK—1. Moore (Santa Clara YC), 8:19.7; 2. McMillen (Striders), 8:19.7.

HIGH SCHOOL TWO-MILE RELAY—1. Morrisville (Kingsland), 2:02.3; Baldwin, 1:59.8; Mcowan, 1:55.8; Gardner, 1:56.7; 7-45.5. (Betters national prep record of 7:56 set by Bellflower, 1943, but will not be accepted because only two teams were entered); 2. Fresno, 8:11.4.

DISCUS—1. O'Brien (Olympic Club), 176ft. 5in.; 2. Gordien (Striders), 172ft. 9 1/2in.; 3. Eagan (SC), 172ft. 6in.; 4. Baker (SC), 170ft. 6 1/2in.

HOP-STEP-JUMP—1. Andrews (Striders), 45ft. 1 1/2in.; 2. Bean (S.D. Navy), 47ft. 1 1/2in.; 3. Gambini (Army), 46ft. 5 1/2in.; Wilson (Striders), 45ft. 3 1/2in.

34-POUND WEIGHT—1. Schwenk (Santa Clara YC), 21ft. 9in.; 2. Humphreys (Striders), 20ft. 8 1/2in.; 3. Jones (San Jose St.), 20ft. 8in.; 4. H. Robertson (Striders), 20ft. 5 1/2in.

880 (second section)—1. Seaman (Striders), 1:53.8; 2. Butler (Striders), 1:54.1; 3. Howell (Vallejo), 1:55.3; 4. Williams (L.A. St.), 1:55.7.

2-MILE STEEPCHASE—1. Rodriguez (Striders), 10:29.7; 2. Tracy (Marines), 11:07.1; 3. Huzhes (Mt. San Antonio), 11:11.8; 4. Gross (San Jose St.), 11:21.7.

STAM SCORES—1. SC Striders, 45.4; 2. Marines, 18.4; 3. Santa Clara Youth Center, 18.4; 4. SC, 16.4; 5. Olympic Club, 7.6; San Diego Navy, 6.7; Bakersfield Coll., 4.8; Mt. San Antonio College, 4.9; Army, 2.5; 10. Los Angeles State, 1.4.

PRELIMINARIES

100: First heat—1. Smith (Taft High), 9.7; 2. King (Cal.), 9.7; 3. Randall (San Jose St.), 9.8; 4. Noles (Santa Clara YC), 9.8. Second heat—1. Dennis (Striders), 10.0; Griffin (Centennial High), 10.3; 3. James (Striders), 10.1; 4. White (Striders), 10.1.

220: First heat—1. Clipper (Striders), 21.7; 2. Griffin (Centennial High), 21.7; 3. Smith (Taft High), 21.7; 4. Anderson (Marines), 22.1. Second heat—1. King (Cal.), 22.3; 2. James (Striders), 22.3; 3. Randall (Fresno St.), 22.3; 4. Noles (Santa Clara YC), 22.3.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 METERS—1. Robertson (Los Angeles), 13.2; 2. Nelson (Bakersfield), 13.2; 3. Walsh-Glison (No. Hollywood), 13.3; 4. Griffin (San Francisco), 13.5.

88-METERS LOW HURDLES—1. Robertson (Los Angeles), 12.1; 2. Davis (Burbank), 13.6; 3. Deskerwill (Oakland), 14.1.

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