

Record Toss at Relays May Not Be Accepted

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VICTORVILLE, March 22—Rink Babka, SC's giant weight man, got off the longest discus throw in history in the first annual Apple Valley Relays here today, but the exact measurement will never be known.

It was well past the world record of 194ft. 6in., yet conditions were such that it is doubtful that it will ever be accepted.

Throwing against a strong wind, the 6-foot 5-inch, 245-pound junior spun the platter completely over the running track and some six feet past into a small ditch, where it stuck in the mud.

Officials measured it several times and came up with a figure of 198ft. 10in.

Other Technicalities

The actual distance from the ring to where the platter lay was 201ft., but, allowing for the drop of about two feet and the descending trajectory, Head Field Judge Jim Reinhard figured out what had been 2 feet 2 inches less on level ground, hence the 198ft. 10in.

However, two technicalities further complicated a formal world-record application.

A survey of the entire throwing course revealed that it was slightly downhill. And the concrete throw-

ing circle did not have the required wood or metal restraining line.

It was simply painted in white.

Throw Fair

But there was no question that Rink's throw was fair. It sailed low and strong, clear over the officials' heads. The platter was left there while bigwigs huddled and decided what to do about the unique situation.

Later Babka put another into the middle of the 2-foot-wide creek, further to the left. It was estimated this one was a 195-footer.

Although any world record must come as a surprise, track bugs had long conceded that big Rink would one day erase Fortune Gordien's listed mark. Babka did 185ft. 1in. on a European trip in Stockholm last Aug. 7 and this year had already done 183ft. 11in.

His other throws today were between 178 and 185.

Incidentally Gordien was

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on hand today but didn't compete because he's not in shape. He congratulated Babka and posed for pictures but was forced to admit that it is questionable that the record will be accepted.

It should be mentioned here that although the head winds hamper almost all track and field efforts, they help the discus if thrown low. The wind keeps it from coming down as soon.

Aside from the discus, the meet was marked by gallant efforts on the part of the 475 athletes to battle against the currents. There was no wind gauge on hand but we estimated the blow at between 8 and 15 m.p.h. And it was cold!

Lawson Times 14.1

Bob Lawson of SC did take advantage of the wind to clock 14.1 in a come-from-behind win in the high hurdles over UCLA's Ken Thompson.

The latter was credited with only 14.4 but he was only 2 feet behind.

Charley Dumas, SC's world record holder in the high jump, once more showed his class by clearing 6ft. 10in. despite the adverse conditions. That old-timer, Bud Held, exhibited his know-how in throwing against the wind as he threw the javelin 245ft. 3in.

All the relay clockings were naturally off. Probably the best individual effort was contributed by Oxy's Ty Hadley, who made up 30 yards on Trojan Tom Anderson on the last lap of the two-mile relay. But he lost by six yards. Hadley was timed in 1:54.8, Anderson 1:57.5.

Johnson Anchors

Big Rafer Johnson anchored the 440 relay to an inches decision over Rudy Alston and the Oxy quartet, but the latter was disqualified for passing out of the zone. The time was 42.8. The Striders easily took the 880 relay in 1:28.3 and also triumphed in the mile relay as Mike Larrabee held off Anderson in 3:19.2. And Arizona State took the distance medley in 10:25.7 over Oxy.

In the JC-freshman division, two Trobables stole the limelight. Jim Brewer set a national freshman pole-vault record by clearing 14ft. 5in. and Bobby Avant high-jumped 6ft. 7in. for an SC yearling mark.

John Rose of Glendale Hoover bested State Champion Charles Breck of Santa Barbara while winning the pole vault at 13ft. 10 1/2 in. and Junior Howard of San Bernardino took the prep 100 in 9.7 over Hoover's Stan Rhodes.

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100 HIGH HURDLES (Three races, on basis of best time)—1. Lawson (SC), 14.1; 2. Thompson (UCLA), 14.4; 3. Robinson (Fresno St.), 14.5; 4. Traylor (Oxy), 14.7; 5. Love (Cornell), 14.7.
 440 RELAY—1. UCLA (Rich Johnson, Thompson, David James, Rater Johnson), 42.8; 2. Fresno St., 43.1; 3. Striders, 43.4; 4. SC (Occidental's record in 42.9 but disqualified).
 880 RELAY—1. SC (Lawson), 1:27.8; McLeod, 1:28.1; Shankland, 1:29.2; Anderson, 1:27.3; 7:32.4; 2. Occidental (Archie), 1:29.8; 7:30.6; 3. Alabard, 1:30.4; Hadley, 1:31.8; 7:33.4; 3. UCLA, 1:31.4; Fresno St., 1:31.9; San Diego State, 1:32.1.
 JAVELIN—1. Held (Unattached), 249.0; 2. Seymour (Striders), 217.0; 3. Hollis (Oxy), 210.0; 4. Jamison (Oxy), 211.0; 5. Volle (Striders), 201.0.
 SHOT-PUT—1. Humphreys (Striders), 59.0; 2. Davis (SC), 58.0; 3. Hixon (Arizona), 56.0; 4. Mc-

LEWIS (UCLA), 56.0; 5. Martin (SC), 55.0; 6. 5th.
 HIGH JUMP—1. Dumas (SC), 6ft. 10in.; 2. Tie among Sims (Pasadena), Fawcett (Unattached), Whittome (Arizona State) and Robertson (Arizona State), 6ft. 6in.
 BROAD JUMP—1. Winer (L.A. State), 10ft. 5in.; 2. Lawson (SC), 10ft. 4in.; 3. Schmitt (Oxy), 10ft. 3in.; 4. Tave (Pasadena), 10ft. 2in.

2-MILE RELAY—1. Striders (Larabee, Hall, Burke, Richard), 1:28.3; 2. UCLA (King, Rich Johnson, James, Rater Johnson), 1:29.8; 3. SC (Gilbert, Lopez, Klymen, McQuinn), 1:31.4; 4. Fresno State (McQuinn), 1:31.4; 5. Pasadena, 1:32.1.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—1. Arizona State (Mal Seaman, Mel Seaman, McGowan, Henderson), 10:23.7; 2. Oxy (Lutzman, White, Reibart, Hadley), 10:25.8; 3. SC (Kitchan, Cookburn, Robertson, Truax), 10:40; 4. Striders (Moore, Wray, Schaeffer, Mendenhall), 10:41.4.

5-MILE RELAY—1. Striders (Hall, Mike Smith, 4.1; Moore, 3.4; Larabee, 4.2); 2. SC (Lopez, Herman, Smith, Anderson), 3:19.4; 3. UCLA (King, Jim Fisher, Pelton), 3:24.1; 4. Fresno State, 3:24.5.

DISCUS—1. Babka (SC), 198.0; 10in. (officially before world record of 194.0 set by Barton Gordon, 1931); 2. Jennings (Striders), 179.0; 3. East (SC), 178.0; 4. Anderson (Fresno St.), 169.0; 5. Humphreys (Striders), 167.0; 6. 5th.

POLE VAULT—1. Tie between Buz-Sacks (UCLA) and Harris (Striders), 14ft. 5in.; 2. Tie among Bullard (SC), Hran (SC) and Brod (Fresno St.), 14ft.

JUNIOR COLLEGE-FRESHMAN BROAD JUMP—1. Thomas (L.A.), 29ft. 10in.; 2. Smith (Cornell), 29ft. 7in.; 3. Stevens (SC Fresh), 29ft. 6in.; 4. Lyons (MS. San Antonio), 29ft. 10in.

HIGH JUMP—1. Avert (SC Fresh), 6ft. 7in.; 2. Perry (Cornell), 6ft. 5in.; 3. Tie among Thompson (Cornell), Schoeffel (Oxy Fresh) and Brinkham (MS. San Antonio), 6ft.

2-MILE RELAY—1. MS. San Antonio (Housham, Susan, Talyers, Larrick), 3:14.0; 2. Los Angeles (E.H.), 3:14.0; 3. Glendale (E.H.), 3:14.0; 4. Long Beach (E.H.), 3:14.0.

440 RELAY—1. Los Angeles (Peltor, Davis, Williams, Curtis), 42.8; 2. Glendale, 43.7; 3. Valley, 43.8; 4. MS. San Antonio.

JAVELIN—1. Shordone (San Bernardino), 249.0; 2. Mead (MS. San Antonio), 189.0; 3. Lippincott (Long Beach), 178.0; 4. Tie among (Santa Ana), 169.0; 5. K. K. Baker (SC Fresh), 167.0; 6. 5th.

SHOT-PUT—1. Robertson (San Bernardino), 59.0; 2. Mike McKeever (SC Fresh), 58.0; 3. Martin McKeever (SC Fresh), 57.0; 4. Carey (Glendale), 56.0; 5. Mead (MS. San Antonio), 55.0; 6. 5th.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—1. MS. San Antonio (Housham, Williams, Maxwell, Larrick), 10:23.7; 2. Santa Ana, 11:10; 3. Los Angeles, 11:23.8; 4. Fresno, 11:27.2.

2-MILE RELAY—1. Glendale (Malley, Babcock, Hess, Jordan), 3:29.4; 2. Los Angeles, 3:31.4; 3. MS. San Antonio, 3:31.4; 4. Valley, 3:31.4; 5. Santa Ana, no time.
 440 MILE RELAY—1. Oxy (Haley, Cook, Curran, Smith, Curran), 3:13.7; 2. Weller, 3:13.7; 3. UCLA, 3:22.4; 4. SC, 3:26.7.

JC MILE RELAY—1. MS. San Antonio (Martin, Cross, Stevie, White), 3:21.1; 2. Glendale, 3:21.4; 3. Long Beach, 3:28.7; 4. 5th.

POLE VAULT—1. Brewer (SC), 14ft. 5in. (new national freshman record; old mark, 14ft. 5in., Kearnussen, Oregon, 1921); 2. Tie among Dwyer (Cornell), Lewis (Oxy) and Harris (L.A.), 13ft. 10in.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

SHOT-PUT—1. Stoccombe (Millikan), 59.0; 2. Chamberlain (Beverly), 57.0; 3. Long (LA Harbor), 57.0; 4. 5th (Bellflower), 56.0; 5th, 5th, 5th, 5th, 5th.

440 RELAY—1. Glendale Hoover (Horton, Edging, McGill, Rhoads), 42.7; 2. Mira Costa, 43.7; 3. Pomona, 43.7; 4. La Puente, 43.7.

440 RELAY—1. Bellflower (Stowe, Mann, Lawton, Myler), 44.2; 2. San Bernardino, 44.8; 3. Glendale Hoover, 45; 4. Santa Ana (LA Habs finished second but disqualified).

2-MILE RELAY—1. La Habra (Ashby, Eastman, Knight, Moore), 3:23.1; 2. Glendale Hoover, 3:23.9; 3. Pomona, 3:24.3; 4. La Puente, 3:24.4.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—1. Santa Ana (Carroll, Morley, Graham, Dahl), 11:14.7; 2. Bellflower, 11:20.4; 3. La Puente, 11:24.7; 4. Mira Costa, 11:25.4.