

Prep Star

Long Puts

Shot 61-½

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Call it pressure. Call it overeagerness. Whatever it was, it cost Australia's Herb Elliott a world mile record last night in the 19th renewal of the Compton Invitational meet.

The ambling Aussie trounced rival Ron Delany of Ireland but missed the accepted record by a tenth of a second as he hit the tape in 3:58.1.

Delany, after running a close-up third for three laps, fizzled badly and finished third. It was László Tabori, the exiled Hungarian, who gave the 20-year-old Herb a semblance of competition but he couldn't stay with the winner the last 200 yards.

Other Clockings

Tabori was clocked in 4:00.5 and Delany, the Olympic Games' 1500-meter champ who was unbeaten this year, a pulled-up 4:10. Jerome Walters of the Striders, who set the pace on the first lap, finished fourth in 4:12.5; SC's little Maxie Truex was fifth, 4:17, and Bob Shankland, another Trojan, was last, 4:19.3.

There may be all sorts of interpretations but we say it was the first lap that did the damage. Certainly all the ingredients for a world record were there.

But Walters and Shankland, who had agreed to set a hot early pace, perhaps overdid it. Walters led most of the first time around but Shank hit the line first, timed in 56.9, and Elliott was close behind, at 57.5, with Delany a couple of strides back at 57.9 and Tabori fourth at 58.2.

Pace Slackens

The pace slackened considerably and understandably on the second go-around. Shankland brought the field around at 1:59.3 with Elliott abreast and Delany just a tenth behind. But it was a 61.8 lap for Herb. The third came even harder as Elliott took command. He ran it in 62.1 for a total time of 3:01.4.

Rounding the first turn Delany poured it on and Tabori, surprisingly, was the one who stuck in there. Delany slowed down to a canter on the backstretch but Elliott and Tabori made a dazzling tandem, increasing the tempo.

Tabori lasted until the curve, when Elliott eased away to win by some 12 yards. So Elliott's mighty 56.7 last lap saved the race from going over the four-minute mark.

But John Landy's 3:58

world standard held up, as did the 3:57.2 run by England's Derek Ibbotson last summer and the 3:57.8 recorded by Elliott in the Coliseum Relays two weeks ago. The latter two marks are pending but their acceptance may be questioned due to the use of pacers.

Southern in 45.9

Eddie Southern of Texas was just 1/10 off the world 46 record with a blazing 45.9.

The Texas tornado also anchored the Longhorn mile relay team to a meet record 3:10.1 in the closing event. Southern was caught in 46 flat for this lap.

Parry O'Brien added almost two feet to his meet shot-put mark and won it at 63ft. 4 1/2 in. Dallas Long, the phenomenal prep from North Phoenix, pushed the ball an amazing 61ft. 5 in. for second and the third best put in history. Bill Nieder did 62ft. 2 in. last year and, of course, O'Brien holds the record of 63ft. 2 in.

NCAA Mark

Pear Davey Davis, the walking SC frosh. He was also over 60 feet, 60ft. 5 in. to be exact, good for only third. Davey did set two records, breaking the national collegiate standard of 60ft. 3 3/4 in. and also the old Trojan record of 59ft. 2 3/4 in.

Other meet marks fell in the discus and high school distance medley relay.

Long Jack Ellis, formerly of Yale now a Southland resident, surprised in the discus as Rink Babka fouled five times and wound up third. Ellis had a spin of 182ft. 9 in., and Jay Sylvester of Utah State, an eligible in next week's NCAA meet, was second at 180ft. 4 1/2 in. Babka's best was 174ft. 5 in.

100M—1. Elliott (Australia), 1:49.1 (new meet record; old mark, 1:50, by Deane, Williams, 1951); 2. Labor (NYC), 1:50.1; 3. Deane (California), 1:50; 4. Walters (Indiana), 1:51.1; 5. Tracy (CA), 1:51.4; 6. Stankard (CA), 1:51.4.

150 YARD HURDLES—1. Scherer (Princeton), 1:41.1; 2. Lawson (SC), 1:41.1; 3. Thompson (CAL), 1:42.1; 4. Johnson (State of CA), 1:42.1; 5. Lowe (Colorado), 1:43.1.

SHOT-PUT—1. O'Brien (unattached), 63ft. 4 1/2 in. (new meet record; old mark, 62ft. 2 in., by O'Brien, 1951); 2. Long (unatt.), 61ft. 5 in.; 3. Davis (CA), 61ft. 5 in. (new national intermediate record; old mark, 60ft. 3 in., by Nieder, 1951); 4. Hines (Indiana), 60ft. 2 3/4 in.; 5. Miller (CAL), 59ft. 5 in.

JAVELIN—1. Hines (Indiana), 207ft. 6 in.; 2. Hill (unatt.), 207ft. 6 in.; 3. Galt (New Mexico), 207ft. 7 in.; 4. Johnson (CAL), 207ft. 7 in.; 5. Page (CA), 207ft. 7 in.

DISCUS—1. Ellis (unatt.), 182ft. 9 in. (new meet record; old mark, 180ft. 7 in., by O'Brien, 1951); 2. Sylvester (Utah St.), 180ft. 4 1/2 in.; 3. Babka (SC), 174ft. 5 in.; 4. Ross (CA), 174ft. 5 in.; 5. Jennings (Indiana), 174ft. 5 in.

400—1. Southern (Texas), 45.9 (new meet record; old mark, 46.1, by Lee (Iowa), 1951); 2. Brown (San Diego St.), 46.1; 3. White (CA), 46.1.

500—1. White (California), 1:11.1; 2. Callaway (California), 1:11.1; 3. Hill (Indiana), 1:11.1; 4. Smith (San Diego St.).

800—1. Starbary (Michigan St.), 1:58.4; 2. Scorsone (CA), 1:58.4; 3. Wilson (Princeton St.), 1:58.4; 4. Lawson (CA).

1M—1. Callaway (California), 2:11.1 (new meet record; old by Callaway, Oakland Hills, 1951); 2. White (California), 2:11.1; 3. Smith (San Diego St.); 4. Clark (unatt.).

5000 YARD WALK—1. Gutowski (Indiana), 20:17.1; 2. Morris (Indiana), 20:17.1; 3. The group (Oregon St. Frosh, Casey (Indiana) and Charles (Arizona St.), 20:17.1.

100 YARD HURDLES—1. Robinson (Princeton St.), 1:24.1; 2. Howard (Colorado), 1:24.1; 3. Stone (Kan.), 1:24.1; 4. Hollingsworth (CA).

2000 YARD WALK—1. Smith (Kansas), 12:17.1; 2. White (LA), 12:17.1; 3. Jackson (Harvard St.), 12:17.1; 4. Ross (CAL), 12:17.1.

HIGH JUMP—1. Dumas (CA), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 2. The between Wilson (CAL) and Rickberry (unatt.), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 3. The group (Oregon St. Frosh), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 4. The group (Oregon St. Frosh), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 5. Perry (California), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 6. Asant (SC Frosh), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.; 7. Chicago (CA) and Kania (Illinois), 6ft. 7 1/2 in.

1 MILE RELAY—1. Texas (Texas St.), 3:10.1 (new meet record; old mark, 3:11.1, by Grand (Grand View Club, 1951); 2. SC (Harvard, Colorado, Iowa, Seattle), 3:11.1; 3. Columbia College (Maryland), 3:11.1; 4. University of California (California), 3:11.1; 5. University of California (California), 3:11.1; 6. University of California (California), 3:11.1; 7. University of California (California), 3:11.1.

2 MILE RELAY—1. Villars (Texas), 7:45.1; 2. Adams (Indiana), 7:45.1; 3. Brown (CA), 7:45.1; 4. Stankard (California), 7:45.1; 5. Stankard (California), 7:45.1.

5 MILE RELAY—1. Striders (Florida), 19:45.1 (new meet record; old mark, 19:46, by Striders, 1951); 2. SC; no third.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—1. Campbell (Williams, Pa.), 10:17 (new meet record; old mark, 10:21, by Campbell, 1951); 2. Smith (CA), 10:21.1; 3. Hill (CA); 4. Johnson (CA); 5. Johnson (CA).