

TROY SPIKERS TOP STRIDERS, 68-63

Relay Victory by Inches Preserves Long Meet String; Staten Wins 220, 440, Lows

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By the agonizingly narrow margin of a six-inch victory in the mile relay, closing event on the program, SC yesterday made it 80 consecutive dual track meets without defeat.

That photo finish win in the baton race converted a 63-63 tie into a 68-63 decision over the Southern California Striders before 1,500 screaming fans at Cromwell Field.

It was Mike Larrabee, former Trojan, who dreaded being put on this spot against Tom Anderson in the anchor lap. Larrabee, who earlier had run the 440 in 48.2, was given a two-yard jump. But Anderson, who clocked in 49.2, overhauled him.

Staten Wins Three

As the pair rounded into the stretch abreast, hundreds of spectators burst from the stands and ran yelling across the infield toward the finish line for a closer glimpse of the storybook ending.

Anderson, of course, was the hero of the moment. But for the entire afternoon, top honors went to Bobby Staten.

Staten, the sophomore transfer from San Diego JC, became the first Trojan ever to score three firsts in running events. He took the 440 in 48.1, the 220 in 21.8 and the 220 hurdles in 24.5. The furlong tests were run around a curve.

Coach Jess Mortensen took no chance of burning out his 20-year prodigy so early in the season and kept him out of the relay.

Walters Disqualified

Actually, SC's triumph gave off somewhat of a hollow ring.

For assorted reasons, several Striders who are Trojan grads didn't compete—Bob Lawson, Ron Morris, Mal Robertson and Bob Harmon.

Another Strider stalwart, Karl Schreiner, likewise was absent.

And a disqualification of Jerome Walters, first place finisher in the 880, took three points away from the

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DETROIT GETS TRIBE'S DOBY

LAKE LAND, Fla., March 21 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers tonight traded outfielder Tito Francona to the Cleveland Indians in a straight swap for veteran slugger Larry Doby.

The trade obviously was a quick reply to a demand two days ago by the 25-year-old Francona that he be used as a regular or traded to another club.

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Striders and gave them to the Trojans.

Walters, member of the U.S. 1936 Olympic Games team, and winner of the mile in 4:14.4 earlier yesterday, was ruled out for blocking Gary Irons on the backstretch of the second lap. Boxed on the rail by three Trojans, including Irons, Walters wormed his way free and ran away from the field to hit the tape in 1:52.8.

Anderson Gets Win

His disqualification moved Troy's Tom Anderson, 1:54.2, into the 5-point spot, advanced Larry Wray of the Striders to second and Ted Smith of SC, previously unplaced, to third.

Boos and cheers were

about equal in volume when the ruling was announced.

Had the Striders won the deciding relay, they might have been disqualified. There was conjecture that Willie Jones might have cut in on Ramon Lopez on a third-lap turn.

Troy encountered trouble in the dashes. Dave Hollingsworth was unable to compete in the 100 because of illness and Angie Cois pulled up lame in that event and then scratched from the 220.

Records Toppie

Four meet records fell.

Charlie Butt of the Striders put the shot 58ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Pres Griffin of the Striders streaked the 100 in 9.7, Charlie Dumas of SC did

the high hurdles in 14.3 and Staten's 48.1 for the quarter also set a new standard.

Dumas, who also won the high jump with 6ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., ran a picture flight in the hurdle event. He simply flowed over the barriers.

A slam in the century, the fourth event contested, helped put the Striders comfortably in front by 26-10. But the Trojans kept trimming that lead and finally forged ahead by sweeping the pole vault.

Seven Strider points in the discus, however, equalized the score and left all the chips on the relay.

Walters edged Dean Balzareth by a yard in the first lap, but Bob Shankland put SC two yards to the good at the expense of Howard Smith in the second lap. Willie Jones, however, again put the Striders in front as he passed the baton along to Larrabee for a two-yard lead in his lap against Ramon Lopez. Then came Anderson's rally for victory.

SHOT-PUT—1, Bull (S), 58ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2, Humphreys (S), 57ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3, MacNickever (SC), 56ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

MILE—1, Walters (S), 4:14.4; 2, Shankland (SC), 4:17.4; 3, Soth (S), 4:23.9; 4th—1, Staten (SC), 48.1; 2, Larrabee (S), 48.2; 3, Balzareth (SC), 48.4; 4th—1, Griffin (S), 9.7; 2, Burks (S), 9.8; 3, Simmons (S), 9.9.

HIGH JUMP—1, Dumas (SC), 6ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2, Tie among Avant (SC), Shelton (S), Fendler (S) and Barnes (S), 6ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3, 129 HM—1, Dumas (SC), 14.3; 2, Johnson (S), 14.9; 3, Washington (S), 15.

BROAD JUMP—1, Jackson (SC), 20ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2, Lindsay (SC), 20ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3, Van Kirk (S), 20ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

JAVELIN—1, Pace (SC), 220ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2, Harlow (S), 216ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3, Jamison (S), 212ft.

100—1, Anderson (SC), 1:54.2; 2, Wray (S), 1:55; 3, Smith (SC), 1:58.5 (Walters, Striders, won in 1:52.8 but was disqualified).

220—1, Staten (SC), 21.8; 2, Burks (S), 22.4; 3, Simmons (S), 22.7.

POLE VAULT—1, Tie between Freudenthal (SC) and Bullard (SC), 14ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2, Brewer (S), 13ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

TWO-MILE—1, McLeod (S), 9:15.9; 2, Soth (S), 9:19.8; 3, Rogers (SC), 9:20.4.

220 LOW HURDLES (curve)—1, Staten (SC), 24.5; 2, Curry (S), 24.9; 3, Hollingsworth (SC), 25.3.

DISCUS—1, Humphreys (S), 162ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

2, Tie between Ibarra (SC) and Wray (S), 161ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
MILE RELAY—1, SC (Balzareth, 48.4; Shankland, 50; Lopez, 48.1; Anderson, 48.2); 2, Striders (Walters, Smith, Jones, Larrabee), 3:17.7.
FINAL SCORE—SC, 43; Southern California Striders, 63.