

Davis Also Better World Record With Mighty 63-10½ Toss

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The two greatest shot-puts of all time came within a matter of minutes yesterday on SC's Cromwell Field.

A relay meet between the Trojans and the Striders brought together Dave Davis and Dallas Long—and this battle of 250-pounders made track and field history.

First, Davis, 22-year-old San Fernando Valley State student competing for the Striders, did 63ft. 10½in., a distance never before achieved. He enjoyed only moments of glory, though. For Long, 19-year-old sophomore, strode grim-faced into the circle three tosses later and got off a prodigious thrust of 64ft. 6½in.

The recognized world record is 63ft. 2in., held by Parry O'Brien, who also has a 63ft. 4in. performance pending for acceptance.

Parry Now Fourth!

But in the brief span of eight days, O'Brien has dropped to fourth place in the all-time list, what with Bill Nieder having done 63ft. 10in. in a meet at Palo Alto, March 13.

Long's blast appears to be gremlin-proof.

The SC putting surface was filled in and surveyed level before yesterday's meet. Moreover, a re-check afterward showed that the point of impact actually was 1.692-in. higher than the ring. The toeboard and ring met specifications. And the shot itself, which was impounded for official weighing by the city department of weights and measures tomorrow, is the same which hefted an ounce over the 16-lb. minimum two weeks ago when Long made a 63ft.-7in. put at the SPAAU Relays.

The shot Davis used also was impounded, but Dave said it probably will weigh light by a fraction of an ounce, as was the case when he had a check made recently.

Average Over 62ft.

Long and Davis were consistent as well as terrific. Except for a foul by the latter on his first attempt, both averaged more than 62ft., with no toss under 61 ft. Long also had a 63ft. 5in., better than the record.

The reaction of the pair to their great tosses was in stark contrast.

Davis, waiting to read the tape with the officials, jumped into the air and yelled, "It's a new world record—but I can do better!" His previous high, set a week ago, was 62-8½.

Long left the ring imme-

LONG, DAVIS SHOT SERIES

DALLAS LONG

Trials

First—61ft. 3½in.
Second—63ft. 5¼in.
Third—64ft. 6½in.

Finals

First—62ft. 2in.
Second—62ft. 1¾in.
Third—61ft. 1½in.

DAVE DAVIS

Trials

First—Foul
Second—63ft. 10½in.
Third—61ft. ½in.

Finals

First—62ft. 2¾in.
Second—62ft. 10in.
Third—62ft. 2½in.

Long Ruins Mark--64-6 1/2

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diately and sat on the grass some distance away, cross-legged, head down, hands over his face, already deep in concentration over his next throw. He didn't appear to hear the announcement, but finally arose, grinning, to accept a flood of congratulations.

'Felt Like Record'

"I didn't know whether it would be a record," he said. "It felt like a good one, but I knew my form was a little off. I think I can do better and I think I'll have to. Two or three putters will go over 65ft. this year, the way things are going."

By July 1-2, when tryouts for the United States Olympics team are held, it may take 65ft. even to qualify.

Coach Jess Mortensen called it Long's most formidable put of the year, but not a perfect one.

"Dallas still has a problem of ducking his head and throwing too much to the right. Working with the big indoor shot hurt his form, but he's coming around and should go over 65ft. right soon," Mort said.

Long laughingly denied that a change of hair-do, from

shaggy to butch, helped him add distance.

As for the rest of the meet, there was no scoring. But on an unofficial 5-3-1 basis, SC finished in front, 60-55.

Several other fine performances materialized.

Best in Javelin

Bob Sbordone whipped the javelin 250ft. 2 1/2 in., best in the country this year. Luther Hayes broad - jumped 24ft. 10 3/4 in., equaling the No. 1 effort of 1960 made recently by his Trojan teammate, Bill Jackson. Ron Morris vaulted 15ft. 1/2 in., Fortune Gordien wafted the discus 180ft. 4 1/2 in., Mal Robertson ran two miles in 9:17.6 and the Trojan 880 relay quartet of Jim Bates, Bruce Munn, Rusty Weeks and Bobby Staten was clocked in 1:25.3.

120 HIGH HURDLES (first race)—1. Andrews (Str.), 14.7; 2. Waldron (SC); 3. Ross (Str.). (Second race)—1. McConnell (SC), 15.3; 2. Rognavldson (Str.); 3. Kuhns (SC).
SHOT PUT—1. Long (SC), 64ft. 6 1/2 in.; 2. Davis (Str.), 63ft. 10 1/2 in.; 3. Mar. McKeever (SC), 53ft. 11 in. (New world record. Old record, 63ft. 2 in. set by Parry O'Brien, 1956. New meet record,

Old record of 58ft. 10 1/4 in. set by Butt (Str.), 1958).

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY (440-880-1320-mile)—1. Striders (Larrabee, 48.8; Kirkby, 1:53.1; Petersens, 3:05.8; Walters, 4:30.5); 10:18.0; 2. SC (Smith, 48.7; Warren Farlow, 1:54.9; Lemons, 3:07.3; Rogers, 4:27.7); 10:18.6.

440 RELAY—1. SC (Bates, Munn, Weeks, Staten), 41.6; 2. SC Unattached (Holman, Kuhns, Lindsay, Waldron), 42.2; 3. Striders (Burks, Wilson, Presber, Richard), 42.2.

JAVELIN—1. Sbordone (SC), 250ft. 2 1/2 in. (New meet record. Old record 225ft. 11 in. set by Bob Voiles, Striders, 1958); 2. Frye (Str.), 222ft. 9 in.; 3. Voiles (Str.), 221ft. 7 in.

TWO MILE—1. Robertson (Str.), 9:17.6; 2. Mundle (Str.), 9:18.5; 3. Beaman (Str.), 9:37.1.

HIGH JUMP—1. Dumas (SC), 6ft. 8 in.; 2. Avant (SC), 6ft. 6 in.; 3. Fendler (Str.), 6ft. 6 in.

880 RELAY—1. SC (Bates, Munn, Weeks, Staten), 1:25.3; 2. Striders (Presber, Burks, Wilson, Larrabee), 1:27.2.

POLE VAULT—1. Morris (Str.), 15ft. 1/2 in.; 2. Freudenthal (Str.), 14ft. 4 in.; 3. Brewer (SC), 14ft. (New meet record. Old record, 14ft. 6 in., Morris (Str.), 1958).

BROAD JUMP—1. Hayes (SC), 24ft. 10 3/4 in.; 2. Jackson (SC), 24ft. 4 1/4 in.; 3. Van Kirk (Str.), 24ft. 1/2 in. (New meet record. Old record, 24ft. 10 1/2 in., Roy Range (Str.), 1958).

DISCUS—1. Gordien (Str.), 180ft. 4 1/2 in.; 2. Wade (SC), 177ft. 3 in.; 3. Fieca (Str.), 164ft. 8 in.

MILE RELAY—1. SC (Baltzareth, 49.6; Lemons, 49.8; Coia, 48.7; Smith, 48.1), 3:16.2; 2. Striders (Colpitts, Wilson, Smith, Larrabee), 3:24.0.

TWO-MILE RELAY—1. Striders (Shankland, 1:56.3; Petersens, 1:57.1; Walters, 1:54.6; Clark, 1:54.3), 7:42.3; 2. SC (Rogers, 1:58.8; Warren Farlow, 1:57.6; Irons, 1:58.6; Wayne Farlow, 1:57.7), 7:51.7.

160 LOW HURDLES—1. Waldron (SC), 16.8; 2. Staten (SC), 16.8; 3. Holman (SC), 17.2. (New meet record. Old record, 17.0, Dave Hollingsworth (SC), 1958).

HOP-STEP, JUMP—1. Andrews (Str.), 49ft. 4 1/2 in.; 2. Stokes (SC), 49ft. 4 1/4 in.; 3. Hayes (SC), 48ft. 9 1/4 in.