

Jim Returns to Competition With 8:29.8

BY AL WOLF

Jim Beatty, out of competition since March 31 because of a succession of leg troubles, returned to the races Friday night and wound up with a world record.

The 27-year-old Los Angeles Track Club runner hustled around the two-mile course in 8:29.8 at the SPAAU championship meet staged at Occidental College.

The existing mark is 8:32, set by Albert Thomas of Australia at Dublin in 1958. New Zealand's Murray Halberg did 8:30 last year at Stockholm, but that performance has yet to be recognized.

Second Record

It was Beatty's second world record of the year. In the Los Angeles Times Indoor Games of Feb. 10, he became the first to break 4 minutes for the mile on boards, being clocked in 3:58.9.

Jim made his 1962 outdoor debut in the Easter Relays at Santa Barbara on March 31, running a 4:02.6 leg in the 4-mile baton event, then suffered the first of three injuries in a workout two days later.

After two more setbacks, he was still a doubtful starter earlier this week, but treatments by UCLA coach Ducky Drake brought him around.

Sprints Last Lap

Jim sprinted the last lap in 59.8 after doing the first half in 2:06.1 and the mile in 4:15.4.

He had barely finished when his wife, Barbara, hurried out of the stands to smother him with hugs and kisses.

"I wouldn't have started if I hadn't thought I had a chance for the record," Beatty said afterward. "I was worried when my left calf cramped slightly on the

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third lap. It stayed that way through the sixth, but got no worse and then, in the excitement, it just went away. At least I didn't feel it any more."

Along the way, Jim bettered the American record for 3,000 meters. He was officially timed in 7:57.2, as compared to Max Truex's existing mark of 8:03.6 set in 1960.

Mark Breaker

Beatty holds American records of 3:40.2 for 1,500 meters and 13:51.8 for 5,000 meters, but the latter was eclipsed last week at Compton by Canada's Bruce Kidd and Truex. Jim formerly held the American citizen's outdoor mile mark of 3:58, since lowered to 3:57.6 by Dyrol Burleson.

Beatty is the first American to own the world two-mile record since 1936, when Don Lash briefly did.

Jim said his next race will come in the national AAU championships at Mt. San Antonio June 22-23. He will run the mile at that time.

Grelle Pushes

Jim Grelle, also of the LATC, pushed Beatty along in the early stages and finished in 8:36, although it was his first competitive race at the distance.

Dallas Long of USC, who recently bettered the world shot-put record, with a 65ft. 10½in. thrust, was in fine form again Friday.

Competing "just for kicks," the big senior got off the second and third best puts of his career, 65-2¾ and 65-¾.

Long's series for the evening averaged almost 64ft.—63-7½, 63-5¾, 64-2, 61-2¾, 65-¾, 65-2¾.

BROAD JUMP—1. Kirkpatrick (Striders), 23-4¼; 2. Yancy (Long Beach Wilson High), 22-6¼; 3. Taylor (Unaff.), 22-5¼; 4. Stokes (Striders), 21-11½.

100—1. Harville (Jefferson High), 9.6; 2. Morris (Striders), 9.7; 3. Carper (Santa Barbara AC), 9.8; 4. Hester (San Bernardino High), 9.9. (Steve Haas, Occidental, equalled meet record of 9.4 in heat but scratched from finals. Record held by Frank Wykoff, USC, 1930, and Bobby Morrow, Abilene Christian, 1958.)

MILE—1. Kozar (LATC), 4:10.3; 2. Neal (Oxy), 4:11.6; 3. Kirkwood (Pendleton Marines), 4:12.2; 4. Jones (Oxy), 4:13.6.

440—1. Hogan (USC), 46.6; 2. Larrabee (Striders), 47.1; 3. Freeman (Arizona St.), 47.2; 4. Carroll (San Diego Navy), 47.4. (New meet record, old record 46.9, Cliff Bourland, USC, 1942, and Bill Parker, Oxy, 1950.)

HAMMER—1. Connolly (Unaff.), 217ft. 8½in.; 2. Papani (San Luis Obispo), 187-11½; 3. Pryde (Santa Barbara AC), 181-1½; 4. Frenn (Abilene Christian), 174-3.

2-MILE WALK—1. Bowman (Striders), 16:48.4; 2. Sjogren (Finnish American AC), 16:50.9; 3. Bullington (Unaff.), 16:55.4; 4. Klamm (Culver City AC), 17:03.2 (sets meet record for new event).

6 MILES—1. Smartt (Striders), 29:53.4; 2. Drake (Culver City AC), 30:04.2; 3. Gar-

rett (Unaff.), 32:22.0; 4. Kidnay (Mt. SAC), 32:47.6 (sets meet record for new event).

SHOT-PUT—1. Long (USC), 65-2¼; 2. Davis (Pendleton Marines), 60-2¼; 3. Wynn (L.B. CC), 55-8¼; 4. Hiscok (Striders), 54-7 (new meet record, old record 64-7¼, Lund, 1961).

440 HURDLES—1. Cawley (USC), 51.5; 2. Afterberry (L.A.T.C.), 51.8; 3. Karlstrud (Striders), 53.0; 4. Houser (Unaff.), 57.4 (new meet record, old record 53.6, Josh Culbreth, Oregon State, 1955).

120 MH—1. Polkinothorne (USC), 14.0; 2. Emberger (Camp Pendleton Marines), 14.3; 3. Pierce (USC), 14.3; 4. Patterson (Long Beach St.), 14.5.

JAVELIN—1. Ulrich (Pasadena TC), 240ft. 4in.; 2. Frye (Camp Pendleton Marines), 224-7½; 3. Poizzi (Striders), 223-5½; 4. Stuart (Striders), 222-2½.

POLE VAULT—1. Morris (Striders), 15ft. 8¼in.; 2. Rose (Ariz. St.), 14-11½; 3. Olson (Striders), 14-11½; 4. Hein (USC), 14-6 (new meet record; old record, 15-1, Morris, 1960).

HOP-STEP-JUMP—1. Stokes (Striders), 49ft. ¾in.; 2. Andrews (Striders), 48-1; 3. Thomas (Los Angeles St.), 47-10¼; 4. Taylor (Striders), 46-8¼.

THREE-MILE—1. Larrieu (Culver City AC), 14:01.6; 2. Muller (Glendale), 14:55.4; 3. Drake (Culver City AC), 14:59.7; 4. Duarte (unaff.), 15:12.4 (new meet record; old record, 14:09.9, Burr Grim, Baltimore AC, 1958).

TWO-MILE—1. Beatty (Los Angeles TC), 8:29.8; 2. Grelle (Los Angeles TC), 8:36; 3. Schul (Los Angeles TC), 8:57.3; 4. Robertson (unaff.), 8:59.3 (new world record; old record, 8:32, Albert Thomas, Australia, 1958).

880—1. Wayne Farlow (USC), 1:50.9; 2. Warren Farlow (USC), 1:51; 3. Seaman (Unaff.), 1:51.2; 4. Mellady (Camp Pendleton Marines), 1:51.3.

220 LH—1. Hester (San Bernardino High), 23.6; 2. Patterson (Long Beach St.), 23.9; 3. Hehn (Aviation High), 24.1; 4. Gronling (Cerritos), 25.1.

DISCUS—1. Babka (Pasadena TC), 194ft. 10in.; 2. Humphreys (Pasadena TC), 185-9; 3. O'Brien (Pasadena TC), 178-1; 4. Wade (USC), 167-5 (new meet record, old record 184-6½, Babka, 1961).

HIGH JUMP—1. Avant (Unaff.), 6ft. 10in.; 2. Faust (Mt. SAC), 6-10; 3. Grundy (USC), 6-10; 4. Jones (Cal Poly SLO), 6-8 (first three places decided on number of misses).

220—1. Haas (Occidental), 21.1; 2. Collymore (Camp Pendleton Marines), 21.2; 3. Williams (Ariz. St.), 21.5; 4. Morris (Striders), 21.9.