

# Mile Won by Snell in 3:55

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Tall Brian Sternberg, Washington sophomore pole vaulter, and Ullis Williams, Arizona State quarter-miler, shared world record breaking honors at the Compton Invitational Friday night.

In doing so, they took only a slight edge off the featured mile in which, for the first time ever, the first six finishers broke the 4 min. barrier as Peter Snell chalked up a 3:55 victory.

Sternberg cleared 16 ft., 8 in. in the trapeze act and Williams was clocked in 45.6s. for the quarter as he beat Adolph Plummer of New Mexico by inches in his lunge for the tape.

## Tops Own Mark

The youthful Husky vaulter bettered his own Modesto mark of 16.7, and went almost a half foot above the recognized world record. He cleared his record height on his second try.

While Williams trimmed a tenth of a second off Glen Davis' recognized world 440-yd. record, he was short of the fantastic 44.9s. turned in by Plummer two weeks ago.

Ten Compton meet records fell during the torrid competition of the evening that had the overflow crowd of 9,000 in an uproar. Another mark was tied.

## Beatty Close

Although Snell won by only two strides over a fast closing Jim Beatty, he twice looked over his shoulder on the stretch run to ease the field as he sputtered to the cave.

Beatty, clocked in 3:55.3, turned in the fastest American citizen's mile ever. Cary Weisiger, U.S. Marine, was officially timed in an American 1,500-meters record of 3:39.3, but got no better than fifth in the race.

Behind Beatty came Dvornol Burleson in 3:55.6; followed by Jim Grelle, in 3:56.4. Weisiger's mile time was 3:57.1 and Bob Seaman, sixth, did 3:59.1.

## Co-Stars Named

Morgan Groth of Oregon State, the early pace setter in the torrid mile, was given a mark of 4:00.8 for seventh.

Never, in the history of track and field have so many great milers surpassed 4 min. in one race.

Snell and Sternberg, who narrowly missed clearing 17 ft., were named co-athletes of the meet.

Snell was next to last as Groth hit a 57.8 pace for the first quarter with Beatty second and Grelle third.

The world record holder

(3:54.4) moved up to fourth at the half, which Beatty led in 1:59, with Grelle and Weisiger ahead of Snell.

As the field swing into the final lap after a 2:57.8 three-quarters by the Marine, Snell forged to the front with Grelle and now Burleson was breathing down his neck and Beatty dropping back.

### Kidd Third

Snell pulled away on the last turn, with Burleson giving futile chase. Beatty came roaring down the stretch to pass Grelle and just nip Burleson at the tape.

The amazing New Zealander apparently didn't have his great kick, but had the race in the bag once he hit the home run.

To make it a great night for the athletes from Down Under, Murray Halberg ran away with the 5,000 in 13:52 while Pat Clohessy, an Australian student at Houston, took second. Bruce Kidd of Canada was a distant third.

### Oerter Upset

The meet record onslaught started early when Jay Silvester spun the discus out 204 ft., 4 in., as he handed world record holder Al Oerter his first defeat since 1961.

Ralph Boston of the Striders came along shortly thereafter to take the long jump with a leap of 26 ft., 3 in., as he defeated Phil Shinnick, the Washington sophomore who had negotiated 27 ft., 4 in. at Modesto. Like Silvester in the discus, Boston remodeled his own mark set here last year.

Bob Hayes, the world's current fastest human, shattered the Compton record for the 100-yd. dash twice as he ran away from his field in both the preliminaries and finals in 9.3s. One watch caught him in 9.2s as he won from John Gilbert of the Striders by four strides.

The first foreign influence was felt in the 880-yd. run which Bill Crothers of Canada took by 10-yd. in 1:47.1 for another meet mark. Dennis Carr, the prep sensation from Lowell High, Whittier, also drew a great round of applause when it was announced that, in finishing fourth, he had run the half in 1:49.2, the fastest time

ever for a high school boy.

Williams, a former Compton youth, nipped Plummer with his lunge at the tape in the quarter mile coming from behind on the home stretch, as his New Mexico opponent tied up at the finish, in the world record breaking time of 45.6s.

**HAMMER THROW**—1. Frens (Pasadena AA), 193-11; 2. Burke (Santa Clara VV), 193-3; 3. Pryde (Santa Barbara AC), 191-3; 4. Lannon (Cal Poly Pomona), 179-1.

**JAVELIN**—1. Covelli (Arizona State), 256-3/4; 2. Stuart (USC), 254-10/16; 3. Ulrich (Pasadena AA), 234-9/16; 4. Beucher (Mitchell AFB), 234-2/16.

**DISCUS**—1. Silvester (Tremonton, Utah), 204-4; 2. Oerter (New York AC), 202-8/16; 3. Babke (Pasadena AA), 194-10; 4. Humphreys (Pasadena AA), 192-10/16.

**880**—1. Crothers (East York T.C.), 1:47.1; 2. Haas (Occidental), 1:48.7; 3. Tucker (San Jose State), 1:49.1; 4. Carr (Lowell High School), 1:49.2.

**SHOT**—1. Davies (Camp Pendleton Marines), 62-5; 2. O'Brien (Pasadena A.A.), 61-2; 3. Gubner (New York A.C.), 60-9/16; 4. Silvester (Tremonton, Utah), 59-2/16.

**120-YD. HURDLES**—1. Jones (Detroit), 13.6; 2. Boston (Striders), 14.2; 3. Emberger (Camp Pendleton Marines), 14.3; 4. Pierce (USC), 14.3.

**440**—1. Williams (Arizona State), 45.6 (betters listed world record of 45.7, Glen Davis, Berkeley, June 14, 1958); 2. Plummer (New Mexico), 45.6; 3. Cawley (USC), 46.4; 4. Tobler (Brigham Young University), 46.8.

**100 (1st Heat)**—1. Hayes (unat., Florida A&M), 9.3; Meet record, old mark, 9.4, Willie White, 1957, Frank Budd, 1962; 2. Drayton (unat., Philadelphia), 9.7; 3. Cowings (College of Sequoias), 9.7; 4. Russell (Long Beach CC), 9.7.

**100 (2nd Heat)**—1. Gilbert (Striders), 9.5; 2. Morris (USC), 9.7; 3. Harris (unat., Florida), 9.7; 4. Beatty (California Fresh), 9.7.

**100 (Finals)**—1. Hayes (unat., Florida A&M), 9.3; Equals meet record set in preliminaries by Hayes; 2. Gilbert (Striders), 9.5; 3. Russell (Long Beach CC), 9.6; 4. Morris (USC), 9.6.

**OPEN 880-YD. RELAY**—1. Striders (Gilbert, Williams, Comer, Young), 1:23.8; New meet record, old record 1:24.5, Striders, 1958; 2. Pasadena A.A., 1:24.6; 3. U.C.L.A., 1:25.8.

**BROAD JUMP**—1. Boston (Striders), 26-3; Meet record, old mark, Boston, 25-10/16, 1962; 2. Shinnick (Washington), 25-3/16; 3. Clayton (Striders), 24-4/16; 4. Hopkins (Arizona), 24-2/16.

**5,000-METER RUN**—1. Halberg (New Zealand), 13:52.0; 2. Clohessy (Houston), 13:52.2; 3. Kidd (East York, Canada T.C.), 14:00.; 4. Clark (Striders), 14:02.0.

**POLE VAULT**—1. Sternberg (Washington), 16-8; (betters pending world record, 16-7, set by Sternberg at Modesto, May 25); 2. Pannel (Northeast Louisiana); 16-4/16; 3. Yang (UCLA), 16-1/16; 4. Morris (Striders), 16-1/16.

**OPEN MILE RELAY**—1. Arizona State (Barrick, Carr, Freeman, Williams), 3:08.3; 2. Occidental, 3:13.9; No third.

**220**—1. Plummer (New Mexico), 20.4; 2. Hayes (unat., Florida A&M), 20.7; 3. Drayton (Philadelphia), 21.1; 4. Cowings (College of Sequoias), 21.2.

**440-YD. HURDLES**—1. Cawley (USC), 50.8; 2. Atterberry (Los Angeles T.C.), 51.2; 3. Whitney (Occidental), 51.4; 4. Driskill (Striders), no time.

**MILE**—1. Snell (New Zealand), 3:55.0; 2. Beatty (Los Angeles TC), 3:55.5; 3. Burleson (Oregon Emerald Empire AA), 3:55.6; 4. Grelle (Los Angeles TC), 3:56.4.

**HIGH JUMP**—1. Thomas (Boston), 6-10; 2. Faust (Striders), 6-8; 3. Johnson (Berkeley), 6-8; 4. Rambo (Long Beach CC), 6-8.

**TRIPLE JUMP**—1. Samuels (Santa Clara VV), 50-2/16; 2. Stokes (Striders), 49-2; 3. Jackson (Striders), 48-2/16; 4. Andrews (Striders), 47-8/16.

**COLLEGE MILE RELAY**—1. Long Beach State (Shirley, Johannes, Richardson, Clements), 3:13.0; 2. Glendale City College, 3:15.4; 3. Los Angeles State, 3:18.4; 4. Cerritos College, 3:16.9.

**WOMEN'S 440 RELAY**—1. L.A. Mercurettes (Wilson, Lawson, Billingsley, White), :47.8; 2. Compton Track Club, :48.2; 3. Chipettes, :48.4; 4. San Diego Track Club, :51.1.

**WOMEN'S 100**—1. Marilyn White (L.A. Mercurettes), 10.9 (ties meet record set by Irene Obers, Laurel T.C., 1962); 2. Rosie Bonds (Chipettes), 11.0; 3. Diane Wilson (L.A. Mercurettes), 11.1; 4. Charlotte Cook (Compton TC), 11.1.

**WOMEN'S 440**—1. Wilson (Compton T.C.), 57.1; 2. Mastronarde (L.A. Mercurettes), 58.9; 3. Shapiro (Chipettes), 59.2; 4. Lawson (L.A. Mercurettes), 59.7; 5. Smith (Chipettes), 60.5.