

## Cambridge - July 6-7

The trials were again held over two days, but were complicated by some events being held in Philadelphia two days earlier. Increasingly large fields meant that the programme was much fuller than before, as is evidenced by the 100 meters results.

100 Meters - July 6

1.	3. Frank Wykoff (Glendale, Ca. HS)	10 3/5
2.	2. Robert McAllister (CCKC)	10.7e
3.	5. Henry Russell (Penn AC)	10.7e
4.	3. Claude Bracey (Rice)	10.7e
5.	1. James Quinn (NYAC)	10.8e
6.	6. Jackson Scholz (NYAC)	10.8e

## Semi-finals - first 3 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. Quinn 10 3/5, 2. Scholz 10.7e, 3. Bracey 10.7e, 4. Charley Paddock (LAAC) 10.7e
<u>2/</u>	1. Wykoff 10 3/5, 2. Russell, 3. McAllister, 4. Frank Hussey (NYAC), 5. George Simpson (Ohio St)

## Quarter-finals - first 3 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. Simpson 10 4/5, 2. Paddock, 3. Quinn, 4. Karl Wildermuth (NYAC), also ran: Henry Cumming (NYAC), Folwell Scull (Penn)
<u>2/</u>	1. Bracey 10 3/5, 2. Scholz, 3. Hussey, also ran: Don Bennett (Libbey HS, Toledo), Eddie Tolan (DAC), Frank Lombardi (Cal HS/LAAC)
<u>3/</u>	1. Wykoff 10 3/5, 2. Russell, 3. McAllister, also ran: Aubrey Cockrell (HAC), Alfred Miller (BAA), Roland Locke (NYAC)

## Heats: - first 3 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. Simpson 10 3/5, 2. Bennett, 3. Hussey, also ran: Reginald "Pete" Bowen (PiAC), Weldon Draper (LAAC), Robert Reay (ChAA)
<u>2/</u>	1. Bracey 10 3/5, 2. McAllister, 3. Cockrell, also ran: Robert Winfrey (Tenn), Howard Jones (NYAC), Robert Leffler (SLAA)
<u>3/</u>	1. Wykoff 10 3/5, 2. Scull 10.8e, 3. Locke 10.8e, Chester Bowman (NAC) 10.9e, Virgil Albers (Den) 10.9e, Harold Adkinson (Okla) 11.0e
<u>4/</u>	1. Paddock 10 4/5, 2. Russell, 3. Wildermuth, also ran: Lou Clarke (NAC), Russell Sweet (SFOC), Arthur Engle (Iowa St)
<u>5/</u>	1. Scholz 11.0, 2. Cumming, 3. Lombardi, also ran: Owen Rowe (BYU), Einar Hermansen (N'Wn), Raymond Alf (Donne College)
<u>6/</u>	1. Miller 11.0, 2. Tolan, 3. Quinn, also ran: Nate George (Whittier), Howard Kriss (Ohio St), Russell Slocum (LAAC)

With 7 sprint races over 2 days, one might have expected preliminaries to be held on day 1 and finals on day 2. However, all 4 rounds of the 100m took place on the first afternoon. Frank Wykoff had beaten Paddock at the Far Western Tryouts in Los Angeles over both 100 and 200 meters with times of 10.6 and 20.8. Missing from the field due to sickness was Frank Lombardi, who had headed Wykoff with a 9.6 clocking for 101 yards in the California HS meet. It might have been reasonable to expect the 18 year-old schoolboy to wilt in the pressure of the FOT, but instead he dominated proceedings, winning all four of his races in 10 3/5, starting with a first round heat at 3.30pm easing up and losing out on a 10.4 according to US head coach Lawson Robertson, followed at 4.30pm, 6.00pm and 7.30pm - the last race in piercingly cold and windy conditions. They lined up with Quinn on the inside, and then McAllister, Wykoff, Bracey, Russell and Scholz. Wykoff led from the gun and was never threatened, though McAllister finished very strongly to pass Russell in the closing stages. The well regarded Bracey, after 2 earlier runs of 10.6 could not quite repeat such form, while Quinn who beat both Scholz and Paddock in his semi-final was also left for pace in this sprint war of attrition. George Simpson was challenging Wykoff for the lead in the semi-finals when he suffered a muscle pull and walked across the line. In the other semi, Paddock was first announced as third to a chorus of disapproval, but the judges had missed second placer Scholz. Photographic evidence (from the front) was not clear, but Paddock looked to have been correctly placed. The Boston Post, caught up in its own hyperbole described it as "the greatest sprint race ever run - possibly the greatest that ever will be run" (!)

200 Meters - July 7

1.	1. Charles Borah (LAAC)	21 2/5
2.	4. Charley Paddock (LAAC)	21.5e
3.	2. Jackson Scholz (NYAC)	21.5e
4.	3. Henry Cumming (NAC)	21.7e

5. 5. Roland Locke (NYAC) 21.7e  
 6. 6. Tom Sharkey (Unat - Dayton, Ohio) 21.7e

Semi-finals - first 2 qualify

- 1/ 1. Borah 21 2/5, 2. Scholz, also ran: John Cockrell (HAC), Russell Sweet (SFOC), Don Bennett (Libbey HS, Toledo)  
2/ 1. Sharkey 21 2/5, 2. Cumming, also ran: Eddie Tolan (DAC), Howard Jones (NYAC), Fred Alderman (Ill AC)  
3/ 1. Paddock 21 2/5, 2. Locke, also ran: Claude Bracey (Rice), Karl Wildermuth (NYAC), Ed Haynes (Den)

Heats: - first 3 qualify

- 1/ 1. Borah 21 1/5, 2. Cumming, 3. Wildermuth, also ran: Nate George (Whittier), Charles "Rut" Walter (Nwn), Robert Leffler (SLAA)  
2/ 1. Paddock 21 2/5, 2. H.Jones, 3. Tolan, also ran: Owen Rowe (BYU), Howard Kriss (Ohio State), Reginald Bowen (PiAC)  
3/ 1. Sharkey 21 2/5, 2. Locke, 3. Bennett, also ran: Russell Slocum (LAAC), Louis Clarke (NAC), Einar Hermansen (Nwn)  
4/ 1. Bracey 21 3/5, 2. Sweet 21.7e, 3. Alderman, also ran: Folwell Scull (Penn), Robert Reay (ChAA), Frank Lombardi (LA Cal HS)  
5/ 1. Scholz 21 3/5, 2. Cockrell, 3. Haynes, also ran: Arthur Engle (Iowa State), Weldon Draper (LAAC), Raymond Alf (Doane College)

Although the Olympic final had been run over a course starting on a curve since 1908, the FOT continued to be on a straight course. Not surprisingly, Scholz's 1924 Olympic time of 21.6, run on the gentle curve of the Colombes 500m track was bettered in 7 of the 9 metric furlongs, all run on the second day. Borah had passed up the 100m after an early season injury had meant he would focus his energies on the 200m, and he was clearly ready for the fray. Paddock in his autobiography noted that in the dressing room before the race Borah "walked to a corner of the room...and went through the most peculiar manoeuvres with his back to Paddock. (Paddock) yelled "what are you doing ?" Borah turned round and said "I'm giving myself a fight talk !" and concluded the ceremony. Borah was clearly the man in form and aided by this self-psyching took the lead from Paddock 30 yards from home to finish a clear winner, after Cummings had led by a yard at halfway. Again, victory went to the best prepared as the rigours of 7 races in 2 days for those attempting to double was clearly too much. The demands of the Olympic schedule were less harsh, with 8 races in 4 days, but the heavy Amsterdam track or the delayed reaction to crossing the Atlantic resulted in just 3 US finalists over the 2 sprint events, with Wykoff (4th) and McAllister (6th) in the 100m, and Scholz (4th) in the 200. Even when not winning Paddock stayed in the spotlight. In June he had been cleared of professionalism by the Southern Pacific AAU after an investigation into his appearance in a movie called "The Olympic Hero" [he wins both a race and the heroine]. After the OT 200 the AAU voted 5-3 and the USOC 8-1 to keep him off the team. Robert S.Weaver of the SPAAU then made it clear that the 12 members of the LAAC would be withdrawn from the team unless Paddock was given a fair hearing, and he was then included in the team.

The dominant characters of the sprints in the 1920's were Paddock and Scholz, with Scholz holding a slim lead (5-4) in head-to-head competition; their career progressions were as follows:

Charles William Paddock b.11 Aug 1900 5'8" 170				Jackson Volney Scholz b.15 Mar 1897 5'8" 135	
		OG	FOT		
1916	10.0y/21.8*				
1917	10.0y/22.0ys			10.0y	
1918	10.2y/22.4ys			9.8y	
1919	9.8y/21.6				
1920	9.8y-10.8/21.4ys	1/2	3/1	9.8y-10.6/21.5*	4/- 2/-
1921	10.2/20.8ys				
1922	9.4yu, 9.6/21.5*dh				
1923	10.4/21.0				
1924	9.6y, 9.5w/21.4, 20.8ys	5/2	=2/6	10.5/21.4	2/1 =2/1
1925	10.6/21.8			9.5y/20.8yws	
1926	9.5y			9.7y, 9.5w/21.3*, 20.9ys	
1927	9.8y/21.4ys			9.7ye, 10.7/21.7	
1928	9.6y, 10.7e/21.8, 21.1s	-4sf	4sf/2	10.7e/21.8, 21.4s	-/4 6/3

OG = Olympic Games, FOT = Final Olympic Trials. For Paddock 1920's record is OG 1/2 (1st in 100m, 2nd in 200m), FOT 3/1 (3rd in 100m, 1st in 200m).

dh = Downhill course, e = estimated time, s = straight, u = unsanctioned race, y = 220 yards, \* = 220 yards turn less 0.1 seconds

400 Meters - Philadelphia, July 4

1. Ray Barbuti (NYAC) 51 3/5  
 2. Emil "Snitz" Snyder (Alabama Poly) 52.4e  
 3. Herman Phillips (Ill AC)

4. Joe Tierney (NYAC)  
 5. Emerson "Bud" Spencer (Stanford)  
 Fred Alderman (Ill AC)

Dnf

Semi-finals:

- 1/ 1. Barbuti 48.0, 2. Tierney 48.6e, 3. Phillips 48.8e, 4. Charles "Rut" Walter (NWn)  
2/ 1. Snyder 48.0, 2. Alderman 48.3e, 3. Spencer 48.4e

Quarter-finals: July 3, first 4 qualify

- 1/ 1. Barbuti 48 3/5, 2. Phillips, 3. Lewis, 4. Walter  
2/ 1. Snider 48 2/5, 2. Bowen, 3. Kennedy, 4. Gerald Swope (NYAC)  
3/ 1. Tierney 49.0, 2. Baird, 3. Alderman, 4. Norman St Clair (RoAC)

Heats: July 3, first 4 qualify [32 started]

- 1/ 1. Barbuti 48 3/5, 2. Ken Kennedy (Ill AC) 48.8e, 3. John Lewis (Detroit YMCA) 49.5e  
2/ 1. Spencer 49 3/5, 2. Kelsey Denton (NYAC), 3. Horatio Fitch (ChAA)  
3/ 1. Bowen 49 1/5, 2. Fred Alderman (Ill AC) 49.4e, 3. Edwin Roll (BL) 49.4e, 4. James Abramson (Ind) 50.0e  
4/ 1. Snider 48 3/5, 2. Phillips, 3. Walter  
5/ 1. Baird 48 3/5, 2. Tierney, 3. Raymond Metcalf (Doane)

Earlier in the afternoon the world 400h record was broken, but the world record application noted "the weather was threatening but there was no wind during the race". By the time the 400m began the monsoon season had set in. Barbuti, a tough football player was best able to withstand the conditions, but might not have won if "Bud" Spencer had realised that the race was not a heat ! Spencer had run a world record 47.0 on the west coast in mid-may, and was a clear favorite to win the FOT race. The programme listed the heats at 2.20 pm, with the final at 4.20 pm, so there was no real excuse for Spencer's confusion. Indeed, the day before he had finished 5th in his quarter-final and was given special dispensation to run in the semis. Nevertheless he did, at least, get selected for the 4 x 400m and returned home with a gold medal after the foursome of George Baird, Spencer, Alderman and Barbuti ran a WR 3:14.2 in the Amsterdam final. Barbuti won the 400 in 47.8 - this was the only men's individual gold medal the USA won on the track in 1928, the poorest showing in its history. Baird's selection for the relay was on the basis of a run-off on July 4th, which the Iowa junior won in 48 4/5 from John Lewis, and Rut Walter.

#### 800 Meters - July 7

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|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Lloyd Hahn (BAA)    | (1:52 2/5 - 880y) | 1:51 2/5 WR |
| 2. Earl Fuller (SFOC)  |                   | 1:51.9e     |
| 3. Ray Watson (Ill AC) |                   | 1:52.3e     |
| 4. John Sittig (ChAA)  |                   | 1:53.4e     |

Also ran: John Burton (Utah), George Leness (NYAC), William Gess (Ken), William McGeach (LAAC), Virgil Gist (Chicago), Russell Chapman (BoAA)

Heats: - July 6

- 1/ 1. Hahn 1:53 1/5, 2. Burton, 3. Leness, also ran: Percy Niersbach (LAAC), Joseph Gunn (Iowa), Schuyler Enck (MeAC), L.T.Bagwell (West Texas)  
2/ 1. Fuller 1:53 2/5, 2. Gess, 3. McGeach, also ran: Sam Martin (BAA), George Offenhauser (Penn St), Hal White (Illinois), Bernard McCafferty (MeAC), James Burke (ChAA)  
3/ 1. Watson 1:54 1/5, 2. Gist 1:54 .2e, =3. Sittig and Chapman 1:54.3e, also ran: Eddie Swinburne (NYAC), James Charteris (SFOC), Pincus Sober (HNC)

Lloyd Hahn had begun his career as a sprinter but had developed his stamina sufficiently by 1924 to place 6th in the Olympic 1500m, but in 1928 he quickly emerged as America's best. In February he ran 1:51 2/5 for an indoor record over 880y, better than the outdoor record, and warmed up for the FOT with a US leading 1:52 1/5 in the Eastern Tryouts in New York on June 16. He duly controlled the FOT race, running 1:53.2 for an AAU championship record in his heat, and duplicated his indoor time, to set an unratified WR 3-4 meters ahead of Fuller. During the race he built up a lead which reached 10 yards after 500 meters, but first Watson, and then Fuller in the last 25 meters cut into Hahn's lead. Like so many Americans, Hahn had a less happy time in Amsterdam, finishing 5th with Fuller 7th and Watson 9th. Pincus Sober, eliminated in an FOT heat, later became a senior AAU official.

#### 1500 Meters - July 7

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ray Conger (Ill AC) | 3:55.0 AR |
| 2. Sid Robinson (NYAC) | 3:55.6e   |

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| 3. Nick Carter (LAAC)                   | 3:55.8e |
| 4. Orval Martin (Purdue)                | 3:55.9e |
| 5. Joseph Sivak (Butler)                | 3:58e   |
| 6. Galen Elliott (NC)                   |         |
| 7. Rufus Kiser (Washington)             |         |
| 8. Emmett Brunson (Rice)                |         |
| 9. Bill McKniff (West Catholic Phil.HS) |         |

Heats: - July 6

- 1/ 1. Robinson 3:59 4/5, 2. Kiser, 3. Brunson, also ran: William Getz (Alfred), Charles Sansone (BAA), Earl Callahan (LAAC), Carl Coan (Marple Newton HS, Pa.)
- 2/ 1. Martin 4:00 3/5, 2. Conger, 3. McKniff, also ran: Bill Cox (Penn St), Robert Hooper (SMU), Leo Hansen (LAAC), Johnny Holden (NYAC), Ralph Luttman (Harv), Harold Cutbill (BAA)
- 3/ 1. Sivak 4:01 1/5, 2. Elliott, 3. Carter, also ran: Maurice Abbott (Fresno St), Melvin Burke (Utah St), Leroy Potter (Mich Normal), Edward Kirby (NAC), Forrest Harvey (F.Collins HS), Jimmy Connolly (NYAC)

The pace followed the usual progression of the time with a solid first lap (61 2/5), a much slower second lap (67 4/5 - 880y: 2:09 1/5) and a quicker third circuit (62 2/5 - 3/4 Mile: 3:11 3/5). Ray Conger ran a cunning race, staying off the pace until the last half lap when he burst clear of the field to win by 4 yards, covering the last 400m in about 59 seconds. He thus broke the 3:55 4/5 US mark of Kiviat and Buker. Conger was the best placed American runner in the Olympic 1500....in 10th place.

#### 3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 7

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| 1. William Spencer (ChAA)                   | 9:35 4/5      |
| 2. Jesse "Jack" Montgomery (Penn)           | 9:37.5e (10y) |
| 3. Mel Dalton (SH)                          |               |
| 4. Walter Gegan (NYAC)                      |               |
| Also ran:                                   |               |
| Russell Payne (MiAA), P.L. Little (Indiana) |               |

Heats: - First 3 qualify - July 6

- 1/ 1. Dalton 9:53 1/5, 2. Payne, 3. Little, also ran: Julius Gilbert (BAA), Harold Keith (Okla), Maurice Spears (Iowa), Marvin Rick (NYAC)
- 2/ 1. Montgomery 9:48 4/5, 2. Spencer, 3. Gegan, 4. Robert Young (Georgia), 5. John Bell (MiAA), 6. Leonard Huhn (Iowa)

No official US records existed for this event before 1932 - if this seems a little slow to catch on to record possibilities in an Olympic event, bear in mind that there was no official IAAF world record until 1954. The previous USA best performance of 9:56 2/5 by Marvin Rick in the 1924 Paris Games was beaten in both heats as well as the final. Dalton was the favorite and led until the bell, when Montgomery and Spencer went by, Spencer taking the lead after the final water-jump.

#### 5000 Meters - July 7

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Leo Lermond (BAA)              | 14:52 4/5 |
| 2. John Macauley Smith (BAA)      | 14:56e    |
| 3. David Abbott (Illinois)        | 14:56e    |
| 4. Charles Haworth (Penn C, Iowa) | 15:03e    |

Also ran: Robert Hooper (SMU), Raymond Hall (Lv), Melvin Shimek (Ill AC), Charles Bullamore (Wisc), George Lermond (Army), Charles Sansome (BAA), Leslie Niblack (Okla), Henry Coe (Stan), Ralph Luttman (NYAC), Dolphus Stroud (Colored Boys Industrial Club)

Smith and Abbott set the pace, passing 1 mile in 4:42 and slowing to 9:42 2/5 at 2 miles before picking up the pace to reach 3 miles in 14:27. Lermond waited in third place until a furlong to go and won going away with 25 yards to spare over Smith and Abbott who finished together. Lermond went on to an excellent 4th place in Amsterdam.

#### 10000 Meters - July 7

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| 1. Joie Ray (Ill AC)  | 31:28 2/5 AR  |
| 2. John Romig (MeAC)  | 31:48e (120y) |
| 3. Verne Booth (MiAA) | 31:50e (10y)  |
| 4. John Zola (ChAA)   | 32:10e (90y)  |

Also ran: Frank Titterton (MiAA), Phil Silverman (BH), Russell Hobbs (NM), George Lermond (US-A), Fred Ward (MiAA), Glenn

Dawson (Central State), Bernard Frazier (Kansas), William Cox (Penn St)

Joie Ray was one of the most prodigious and durable talents in American distance running history with a remarkable range of talents. In 1919 he was the AAU 880 yards champion. Nine years later he finished 5th in the Olympic marathon in 1928, and at 6 Miles/10k first placed in the AAU with a runner-up spot in 1913. Ray's run at the 1928 FOT broke the previous USA record by more than 15 seconds (Willie Kramer's 31:43 3/5 at the 1912 Eastern Olympic Tryouts). Ray's mile splits here were: 4:39 - 4:58 (9:37) - 5:09 1/5 (14:46 1/5) - 5:10 1/5 (19:56 2/5) - 5:17 4/5 (25:14 1/5) - 5:12 (30:26 1/5). Bernard "Poco" Frazier later became a highly respected sculptor in his native Kansas.

### Marathon

#### a) Boston, 19 April

1. <u>Clarence DeMar</u>	2:37:07.8
2. <u>James Henigan</u>	2:41:01
3. <u>Joie Ray</u>	2:41:56.8
4. J.K. Mullan	2:46:54
5. Harvey Frick	2:48:28
6. Carl Linder	2:50:13.4

#### b) New York, 19 May

1. <u>Joie Ray</u>	2:34:13.4
2. <u>Albert Michelsen</u>	2:35:23
3. Fred Ward	2:41:50
4. Arthur Gavrin	2:44:34
5. Joseph Harvey	2:44:45
6. Harvey Frick	2:47:14

#### c) Baltimore, 2 June

1. <u>William Agee</u>	2:57:04.4
2. <u>Harvey Frick</u>	3:00:11.4
3. <u>Albert Michelsen</u>	3:01:46.2
4. William Kennedy	3:07:26.8
5. Max Lamp	3:09:23
6. Russell Jekel	3:16:30.2

6 athletes (underlined) made the US team in 1928. Michelsen had run the first sub 2:30 race over the full 26 miles 385y in 1925 and made the team after his second place in the NY to Long Beach race on May 19. Ray, the winner of that selection race had finished 3rd at Boston with bleeding blistered feet in his debut race, and finished 5th in Amsterdam after vying for the lead up to the 30km mark. Michelsen finished 9th and DeMar 27th, 16 years after his first Olympic appearance, while Henigan was 39th (2:56:50), Frick 41st (2:57:24), and Agee 44th (2:58:50).

### 110 Meters Hurdles - July 7

1. Steve Anderson (Wash)	14 4/5 =WR
2. John Collier (Brown)	14.8e
3. Leighton Dye (LAAC)	14.9e
4. Carl Ring (NYAC)	15.0e
5. Ross Nichols (Stan)	

#### Semi-finals - first 3 qualify - July 6

<u>1/</u>	1. Dye 15.0, 2. Collier 15.0, 3. Baskin 15 1/5, also ran: Charles Werner (Ill AC), Morris Penquite (Drake)
<u>2/</u>	1. Nichols 14 4/5 =WR, 2. Anderson 15.0, 3. Ring 15.0, also ran: Dan Kinsey (ChAA), Eber Wells (Dart)

#### Quarter-finals: - first 2 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. Nichols 15 1/5, 2. Dye, also ran: Ed McDonald (BAA), Charles Kaster (Fresno St)
<u>2/</u>	1. Collier 15.0, 2. Wells, also ran: Harold Trumble (Nebraska), Charles Weber (LAAC)
<u>3/</u>	1. Baskin 15.0, 2. Penquite, also ran: Clarence West (Stan), Dwight Kane (OhW)
<u>4/</u>	1. Anderson 15 1/5, 2. Kinsey, also ran: Lee Sentman (Decatur AC), Elmo Caruthers (Corn), Donald Cooper (Cad AC) did not finish.
<u>5/</u>	1. Ring 15.0, 2. Werner, also ran: Jed Welsh (LAAC), Frank Sheldon (Yale)

#### Heats: - first 3 qualify

- 1/ 1. Collier 15.0, 2. Dye, 3. Penquite, also ran: William Edwards (Yale), Albert Petersilge (Ohio St)  
2/ 1. Baskin 15.0, 2. Cooper, 3. Welsh, also ran: Richard Game (Yale), Jack Carmen (Okla)  
3/ 1. Nichols 15 1/5, 2. Kane, 3. Kaster, also ran: Hugh Alcorn (BAA), Paul Toolin (BAA)  
4/ 1. Anderson 15 1/5, 2. Wells, 3. Kinsey, also ran: Mark Eubanks (Oglethorpe), William Stokes (Baton Rouge HS)  
5/ 1. Werner 15 2/5, 2. West, 3. McDonald, 4. Sol Furth (NYU)  
6/ 1. Weber 15 2/5, 2. Sentman, 3. Sheldon, Hugo Leistner (SFOC) - Dnf  
7/ 1. Trumble 15 2/5, 2. Ring, 3. Caruthers, 4. Walter Lauritsen (Doane)

The biggest surprise of the heats was the elimination of Hugo Leistner. The 1927 AAU runner-up was the 5th fastest entrant at 14.8 (the top-4 were Anderson 14.4y/ Dye 14.6/ Welsh 14.6y and Kane 14.7y), and fell at the 5th hurdle while leading heat 6. The inverted-T shaped hurdle, designed just after the turn of the century, tended to rise up slightly when hit, resulting in unpleasant injuries, and Leistner's fall was spectacular as he turned a full somersault. The qualifying for the final was the first 2 in each semi, plus the fastest loser, and 5 competed in the final, rather than the previously reported 6. Newsreel film shows Nichols leading for over half the race, but an error at the 8<sup>th</sup> meant that he was in second place behind Dye at the ninth hurdle and there he stumbled, with Anderson zipping by to win by inches ahead of Collier and Dye, equaling the official WR. Claims that Nichols' hurdle was misplaced were refuted by the chief official William Bingham, who stated that Nichols had "brushed the hurdle,..and when it returned to its upright position part of the base of the hurdle was resting in the next lane. The world best marks for Nichols and Anderson were cases of cheap records as Thomson's 120 yard record was 14.4 (at worst equivalent to 14.5 for the metric distance - 27cm/11 inches longer) which had been equaled by Guthrie in 1926 and Anderson earlier in 1928.

#### 400 Meters Hurdles - July 4 Philadelphia

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. F. Morgan Taylor (Ill AC)        | 52.0 WR |
| 2. Frank Cuhel (Iowa)               | 52.1e   |
| 3. John Gibson (Bloomfield Cath.AC) | 52.5e   |
| 4. Robert Maxwell (LAAC)            | 52.6e   |
| 5. Kenneth Grumbles (LAAC)          |         |
| 6. Gordon Allott (Denver AC)        |         |
| 7. Palmer Wright (NYAC)             |         |

Semi-finals: July 3, first 3 qualify, plus fastest loser

- 1/ 1. Taylor 53 3/5, 2. Gibson, 3. Grumbles, 4. Wright  
2/ 1. Cuhel 53 2/5, 2. Maxwell, 3. Allott

Heats: July 3, first 3 qualify, plus fastest loser [20 started]

- 1/ 1. Taylor 53 4/5, 2. Wright, 3. JR Kennedy (Texas A&M)  
2/ 1. Gibson 54 3/5, 2. Clyde Blanchard (LAAC), 3. Alan Graning (NYAC)  
3/ 1. Cuhel 54.0, 2. Maxwell, 3. Warner Taylor (Grinnell)  
4/ 1. Paul Toolin (BAA) 54 1/5, 2. Grumbles, 3. Allott

Taylor showed himself to be one of the most successful FOT athletes of all-time, setting his third WR in the same event at the trials in a timely run in Philadelphia. The weather conditions changed from threatening for the 400h to horrendous shortly afterwards. The lane draw from the inside was Taylor, Allott, Maxwell, Gibson, Wright, Grumbles and Cuhel. Taylor did not touch a single hurdle on the way to his record, but only just held off Cuhel, with Gibson (who had set a 52.6 WR for 440yh in taking the '27 AAU) third two yards behind Cuhel barely ahead of Maxwell. The order at the final hurdle was Gibson, Cuhel, Maxwell, Allott, Grumbles, Wright and Gibson, with the last named finishing much quicker than the rest of the field. The Philadelphia Inquirer noted that all 7 finished faster than the listed WR of 53.8 by Sten Petterson

#### High Jump - July 7

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|----------------------------|------|---------|
| 1. Bob King (Stan)         | 6'5" | (1.96)  |
| 2. Charles McGinnis (ChAA) | 6'5" | (1.96)  |
| 3. Harold Osborn (Ill AC)  | 6'4" | (1.93)  |
| 4. Ben Hedges (Prin)       | 6'3" | (1.905) |
| 20 cleared 6'0"            |      |         |

King went on to Olympic gold (with 1.94m) ahead of Hedges, with defending champion Osborn in 5th place.

### Pole Vault - July 7

1. Lee Barnes (LAAC)	13'9"	(4.19)
2. William Droegemuller (Nwn)	13'9"	(4.19)
3. Sabin Carr (Yale)	13'9"	(4.19)
4. Charles McGinnis (ChAA)	13'6"	(4.11)
4. Jack Williams (LAAC)	13'6"	(4.11)

Barnes won the competition at 13'9", with Droegemuller and Carr clearing 13'6". They both then cleared 13'9" in a jump-off, but Carr declined to jump further, so second place went to Droegemuller. The favored Ward Edmonds (14'0" at Fresno on April 28) and Fred Sturdy, Carr's back-up at Yale, failed to make 13'6". Both would have been automatic selections for any other country. McGinnis, who went on to win bronze in Amsterdam with 3.95m behind Carr (4.20m) and Droegemuller (4.10), was unusual in that he was also selected for the High Jump, finishing =7th in the Olympic final. No athlete has since qualified for both vertical jumps.

### Long Jump - July 7

1. Ed Hamm (Georgia Tech)	25'11 1/8"	(7.90) WR
2. Al Bates (Penn St)	24'2 1/2"	(7.38)
3. DeHart Hubbard (Unat.- Cincinnati)	23'11 1/2"	(7.30)
4. Ed Gordon (Unat.- Iowa City)	23'6 3/8"	(7.17)
5. Charles Anson (Ohio St)	23'3 3/4"	(7.10)

Hamm set his WR in round one, and then jumped 25'3 3/8" before calling it a day, hoping to save a 26-ft effort for Amsterdam. He had led the qualifiers with 25'2 5/8" on July 6. Bates, IC4A champion and eventual OG bronze medalist, edged reigning Olympic champion Hubbard for third. Hubbard finished =11th in Amsterdam due to an injury, which occurred early in 1928 when playing volleyball. The FOT was one of the few occasions when 3 of the 4 selected were all Olympic champions in that event.

### Triple Jump - July 7

1. Levi Casey (LAAC)	48'10 1/8"	(14.89)
2. Sidney Bowman (Hammond HS, La.)	48'4 7/8"	(14.76)
3. Bob Kelley (SFOC)	47'10 3/4"	(14.60)
4. Lloyd Bourgeois (South Pacific AA)	47'5 5/8"	(14.47)
5. Charles Anson (Ohio St)	46'8 3/4"	(14.24)

The marks of Bowman, Bourgeois and Anson were carried forward from the qualifying round on July 6. Casey went on to set a PR in Amsterdam with 49'9 1/4" (15.17m) in taking Olympic silver. No American was to do as well for 48 years, until James Butts won a silver medal in Montreal.

### Shot Put - July 7

1. Herman Brix (Wash)	50'11 3/4"	(15.54)
2. Harlow Rothert (Stan)	49'8 1/4"	(15.14)
3. John Kuck (LAAC)	49'4 3/4"	(15.05)
4. Eric Krenz (Stan)	49'2 3/4"	(15.00)
5. Herb Schwarze (Ill AC)	48'9"	(14.86)

Brix broke the AAU championship record in the qualifying round on Friday with 50'3 1/2" and went 8 1/4" better on the Saturday. Although all of the top 4 had thrown over 50 ft in 1928, only Brix could do so on the day. Kuck threw almost a meter further in Amsterdam with 52'0 3/4" (15.87m) to win gold from Brix (51'8 1/8" - 15.75m)

### Discus Throw - July 7

1. Clarence "Bud" Houser (LAAC)	153'6 1/4"	(46.79)
2. Fred Wiecker (NYAC)	150'3 3/4"	(45.81)
3. James Corson (SFOC)	147'10 3/4"	(45.08)
4. John Anderson (Corn)	145'7"	(44.40)
5. Alfred Howell (Okla)	143'1"	(43.61)

Houser concentrated almost exclusively on the discus in 1928 (his Shot best was 46'0 7/8" in a February Los Angeles meeting), and he prepared for the FOT with a 156'6" win at the Southwestern Tryouts in LA in mid-June. In the trials he led qualifiers on the first day with 151'1 3/4", and came back on the second day with 153'6 1/4"; the only other thrower to improve on finals day was Corson (146'6

3/4" on day 1). Houser went on to take his second Olympic discus title with 155'3" (47.32m).

**Hammer Throw - July 7**

1. Ed Black (Maine/NAC)	166'4 1/4" (50.70)
2. Ken Caskey (NAC)	162'9 3/4" (49.62)
3. Don Gwinn (Pitt/III AC)	161'3 7/8" (49.17)
4. Frank Connor (Yale)	159'6 7/8" (48.63)
5. Matt McGrath (NYAC)	158'9 1/4" (48.39)

Black languished in 5th place after the qualifying round with 158'7 1/4", but booked his Olympic berth with a booming 166'4 1/4". Failing to make the final were veteran Jack Merchant, Big-10 champion Wilfred Ketz and Norwood Wright, Eastern Intercollegiate winner, all of whom were expected to vie for the Olympic team. Places from second to fifth were determined by throws made on July 6. All four US throwers made the Olympic final, with Black 3rd (160'10"), Gwinn 5th (154'8"), Connor 6th (153'4") and Caskey 12th (147'0")

**Javelin Throw - July 7**

1. Creth Hines (Gtn)	202'1 3/4" (61.60)
2. Charles Harlow (LAAC)	201'3 7/8" (61.35)
3. Arthur Sager (BAA)	200'3" (61.04)
4. Lee Bartlett (Albion)	198'10 3/4" (60.62)
5. James DeMers (Eugene HS, Or.)	196'6 3/4" (59.92)

The ranking list prior to the FOT looked as follows:

216'7"	Lee Bartlett	Chicago	9 Jun
215'4"	Wilmer Rinehart	Evanston	5 May
213'6"	James DeMers	Portland	25 May
209'8 3/4"	Ray Goode	Chicago	9 Jun
209'7"	Charles Harlow	Pomona	12 May
209'6 3/4"	Arthur Sager	New York	17 Jun
209'0"	Leo Kibby	New York	2 Jun
208'2 1/4"	Creth Hines	New York	17 Jun

Although only 8th on the list, Hines had won the IC4A title, but Bartlett was the favorite to win after his NCAA victory. Bartlett just made it into the final, after throwing 188'3 1/2" in the preliminary round, which was led by Sager (200'3") from Hines (195'1"), Harlow (194'11 3/4") and DeMers (191'7"). All but Sager improved in the final, with Hines edging Harlow, winner of the Southwest Tryouts. The Americans had a dismal time in Amsterdam, with Sager the best placed in 10th with 198'4 1/2" (60.46m).

**Decathlon July 3-5**

1. Ken Doherty (Cad AC)	7600.52
11.6/6.76/12.25/1.83/52.6/(3893.66)16.2/37.13/3.32/53.72/4:52.0	
2. James Stewart (LAAC)	7533.25
11.4/6.63/12.55/1.83/52.8/(3997.48)16.0/37.04/3.17/51.74/5:05.0	
3. Bernard Berlinger (Penn)	7362.195
11.6/6.98/13.03/1.86/55.2/(3971.52)16.6/32.72/3.86/52.41/5:53.2	
4. Thomas Churchill (Okla)	7203.20
11.6/6.66/10.84/1.68/52.6/(3516.21)16.6/36.60/3.56/49.22/4:48.8	
5. Weert "Wes" Englemann (South Dakota St)	7091.48
11.2/6.68/10.98/1.70/54.8/(3745.44)16.4/38.31/3.17/42.41/4:51.8	
6. Jesse Mortensen (LAAC)	7090.28
11.6/6.52/12.18/1.73/52.8/(3669.79)16.4/35.10/3.02/52.08/4:51.8	
7. Vernon Kennedy (Central Missouri St)	7080.62
12.2/6.34/12.25/1.73/54.6/(3502.36)17.4/35.45/3.42/55.33/4:58.2	
8. Harry Frieda (Ill AC)	6683.96
12.0/6.32/11.60/1.65/54.6/(3338.31)20.0/37.58/3.42/55.27/5:10.0	
9. Albert Stratton (Penn)	6667.082
12.0/6.40/11.81/1.76/54.4/(3551.13)17.6/33.65/3.42/42.15/5:01.8	
10. Robert Todd (Indiana)	6558.96
12.0/6.66/11.80/1.55/54.4/(3257.33)17.6/32.06/3.86/47.58/5:22.2	
11. Tony Plansky (St Alphonse AA)	(9) 6364.85
11.6/6.74/13.13/1.65/54.4/(3668.58)/17.4/33.46/3.32/50.58/	
12. Victor Wetzel (Oregon)	(9) 5769.80



12.0/6.40/12.05/1.55/55.4/(3180.53)/17.8/33.00/3.02/54.82/  
 13. Paul Heydrick (Unat. Charleston, W.Va) (9) 5337.925  
 12.4/6.30/11.02/1.62/52.4/(2952.45)/20.6/36.92/3.42/43.60/

14. Leo Sexton (NAC) (7) 5116.21// 11.6/6.80/12.37/1.78/54.4/(3792.73)/17.8/36.16  
 15. Al Lefebre (LAAC) (7) 5051.20// 11.6/6.80/10.80/1.78/52.4/(3708.98)/16.6/31.95  
 16. Harry Flippen (NYAC) (7) 4898.54// 11.4/6.93/10.19/1.68/54.6/(3534.36)/16.0/31.52  
 17. Norman Hall (NYAC) (7) 4786.15// 11.6/6.00/12.06/1.62/52.4/(3392.93)/16.6/33.26  
 18. Robert Lee (BAA) (7) 4358.52// 11.6/5.85/11.44/1.65/55.2/(3219.34)/18.4/31.32  
 19. Dan Kinsey (ChAA) (6) 4230.56// 11.6/6.42/ 9.74/1.68/52.8/(3344.56)/16.2/  
 20. "Frosty" Peters (ChAA) (5) 3271.48// 11.4/6.08/10.94/1.62/55.4/  
 21. James Dearing (Unat) (4) 2212.85// 12.4/5.84/10.59/1.62  
 22. Fait Elkins (Haskell) (2) 1310.20 // 12.2/ 0 /12.29

The event was held over 3 days due to the torrential downpour which took place towards the end of the discus. The final 3 events had to be held over to the third day. The favorite to win was Fait Elkins, America's best in 1927, and, like Jim Thorpe, of Indian extraction. Leading his heat in the 100m by 2 yards, Elkins suffered a severe tendon injury, but nevertheless limped home in 12.2. He withdrew from the long jump, returning for the shot, but by then it was too late, and he'd lost his chance. Stewart led from Berlinger on the first day, with Doherty in third ahead of top thrower Leo Sexton. Berlinger dropped from 2nd to 4th after a poor discus, and all the remaining athletes had to take an enforced rest when the pole vault was halted because of the dreadful weather conditions. Out they came for a 3rd day, and Berlinger won the event with a fine 12'8", and still led after the javelin. Doherty was now in second 19 points ahead of Stewart, and when he beat Stewart by 13 seconds, with Berlinger running a remarkably slow 5:53.2, Doherty had the victory. Stewart, Berlinger and Thomas Churchill rounded out the team. Between them the 4 qualifiers had lost 50 lb in weight over the 3 days. Both Ken Doherty and Jesse Mortensen became renowned coaches. Doherty coached at Michigan from 1940 to 1948, and later at Penn, while Mortensen won 7 NCAA titles while coaching USC between 1951 and 1961. Doherty, Stewart and Churchill took places 3-5 in Amsterdam, while Berlinger had a poor competition, and finished 18th. Stewart was allegedly the inventor of the straddle, which style he developed while jumping over barbed wire farm fences, while the burly (6'1/200) Berlinger was a star football player at Penn and won the Sullivan award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the USA in 1931.

**WOMEN** Newark, NJ - July 4

100 Meters

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|------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Elta Cartwright (NCAC)    | 12 2/5 |
| 2. Elizabeth Robinson (IWAC) | 12.5e  |
| 3. Anna Vrana (PACC)         |        |
| 4. Mary Washburn (MiAA)      |        |
| 5. Jessie Cross (MiAA)       |        |
| 6. Olive Hasenfus (BSA)      |        |
| 7. Loretta McNeil (MiAA)     |        |
| 8. Edna Sayer (BEC)          |        |

**Semi-finals: - First 2 qualify**

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| <u>1/</u> | 1. Cross 12 2/5, 2. Sayer, 3. Helen Filkey (IWAC)               |
| <u>2/</u> | 1. Vrana 12 4/5, 2. McNeil, 3. Alta Huber (NCAC)                |
| <u>3/</u> | 1. Robinson 12 3/5, 2. Hasenfus, 3. Ruth Waldner (Penn AA)      |
| <u>4/</u> | 1. Cartwright 12 2/5, 2. Washburn, 3. Stella Walasiewicz (Unat) |

Heats:

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| <u>1/</u> | 1. Filkey 13.0, 2. Josephine Farnsworth (CWAC), 3. Margaret Ritchie (SBL)  |
| <u>2/</u> | 1. Cross 12 4/5, 2. Sayer, 3. Florence Koepsen (Unat)                      |
| <u>3/</u> | 1. Vrana 13.0, 2. Helen Grapes (SBL), 3. Panay Maderia (BSA)               |
| <u>4/</u> | 1. McNeil 12 4/5, 2. Huber, 3. Mabel Morrissey (BSA)                       |
| <u>5/</u> | 1. Robinson 12 3/5, 2. Waldner, 3. Myra Parsons (NCAC)                     |
| <u>6/</u> | 1. Hasenfus 12 4/5, 2. Dolores Henders (NCAC), 3. Maybelle Gilliland (PRC) |
| <u>7/</u> | 1. Cartwright 12 3/5, 2. Katherine Mearls (BSA), 3. Isabella Bell (Unat)   |
| <u>8/</u> | =1. Walsh and Washburn 12 3/5, 3. Minnie Meyers (NCAC)                     |

The WAAU championships were held in conjunction with the WFOT, and Elta Cartwright supported her 100 meters win with wins in

the 50 yards and Long Jump (16'10 3/4"). Cartwright had set a US record of 12.3 in Sacramento 2 months before the FOT in a losing effort against Minnie Myers. Myers was injured at the time of the trials, so Elizabeth Robinson and Anna Vrana supplied the principal opposition to the Californian, though Easterner Jessie Cross ran 12 2/5 in winning her semi, but could not repeat that performance in the final. 17 year-old Stella Walsh just missed making the final, being edged out in her semi-final by Mary Washburn (with whom she had tied in her heat). She spent most of the 1930's competing in her native Poland under her given name of Stanislawa Walasiewicz, and won the 1932 Olympic 100m, plus silver in 1936. In Amsterdam, Cartwright finished 4th in her semi, Washburn 5th in hers, and Vrana was 3rd in her first round heat, but petite Elizabeth Robinson ran a pb 12.2 in winning the first Olympic track event in the history of women's athletics at the ripe old age of 16 years and 11 months. Robinson had run 2 clockings of 12.0 in Chicago early in June, but both are thought to have been wind assisted. She was seriously injured in a plane crash in 1931, but returned to win a relay gold medal in 1936

### 800 Meters

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rayma Wilson (PACC)       | 2:32 3/5 AR |
| 2. Dee Boeckman (HAC)        | 2:33.6e     |
| 3. Florence MacDonald (BSA)  |             |
| 4. Ruth Martin (SF Girls AC) |             |
| 4. Alice Roose (Iowa)        |             |

The New York Times noted that Wilson kept off the pace until the finishing straight when she went by Boeckman to win by 5 yards with a US record. However, Eric Cowe, in his excellent "Early Women's Athletics" (volume 2 – covering US Track and Field), notes that "selection for the 800 metres was bizarrely achieved by the winners of time trials run as heat". The previous best had been held by Lucille Godbold with 2:35.0 (during a 1000m) at the First Women's World Games in 1922. Boeckman and Wilson failed to qualify in Amsterdam, but McDonald improved the US record to 2:22.6 in finishing 6th - a national record which lasted until 1958.

### High Jump

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| 1. Mildred Wiley (BSA)             | 4'11 3/4" (1.52) |
| 2. Jean Shiley (Haverford, HS Pa.) | 4'11 3/4" (1.52) |
| 3. Catherine Maguire (HAC)         | 4'10 3/4" (1.49) |
| 3. Marion Holley (NCAC)            | 4'10 3/4" (1.49) |

Wiley won in a jump-off, when she cleared 4'11 3/4" for a second time. Shiley had cleared 5 ft in practice, but the OT event was her first ever competition ! Wiley again beat Shiley in the Olympics, but more substantially on that occasion, 1.56m to 1.48m - if only by one place, 3rd as against 4th for the high schooler. Maguire and Holley also cleared 1.48, in 8th and 9th places.

### Discus Throw

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| 1. Maybelle Reichardt (PACC) | 116'9 1/4" (35.58) |
| 2. Lillian Copeland (PACC)   | 115'1 1/2" (35.09) |
| 3. Margaret Jenkins (NCAC)   | 107'6 " (32.77)    |
| 4. Rena MacDonald (BSA)      | 102'5 1/4" (31.22) |

Until the end of 1927 the discus used in the USA weighed 2 3/4 lb (1.255 Kg), and the international 1 Kg implement was only taken up in Olympic year. The best mark prior to the FOT was Copeland's 115'6 1/2" (35.21m) set in Los Angeles in February, though the New York Times in reporting the event claimed that this was an inaugural national record as it was the "first time..that the European discus..was hurled in official competition in America". Copeland also won the 4lb Shot in Newark with 40'4 1/2", while 3<sup>rd</sup> placer Jenkins won the Javelin with 112'5 3/8" (34.27m). Copeland recovered her US record in the Olympics with a throw of 121'7 7/8" (37.08m) when taking the silver medal.