

1936

MEN

Randalls Island, N.Y. - July 11-12

The principal facets of the 1936 FOT were the weather, which hindered the distance runners with 100°F temperatures, the \$60 million traffic scheme near the stadium which created horrendous vehicle jams, and the flowering of black athletic talent. The emergence of black athletes was a key factor in the evolution of track and field in America, and the 1936 trials exemplified this development. This was not an easy time for black athletes. Willis Ward, who had placed 4th in the FOT high jump in 1932, and was a 25 ft long jumper and an All-American football player at Michigan, was persuaded not to play in a college football game against a southern college which had stated that it would refuse to play a team with any black players ! Black athletes were limited to major colleges in the East, West and Midwest, and yet they won every event from 100m to 800m at the 1936 FOT (and Olympic Games). Prior to 1936 the Afro-Americans who had made the Olympic team were:

Pre-FOT (1908-12)

1908	John B. Taylor	(1st	-	Medley Relay)
1912	Howard Drew	(Dnc/Injured	-	100m final)

1920-32

1920	Sol Butler	(7th/Injured	-	Long Jump)
1920	Earle Johnson	(Elim.Heat	-	10000)
1924	Earle Johnson	(2nd/3rd	-	Team/Ind. X-Country)
1924	W. DeHart Hubbard	(1st	-	Long Jump)
1924	Edward Gourdin	(2nd	-	Long Jump)
1932	Eddie Tolan	(1st	-	100/200)
1932	Ralph Metcalfe	(2nd/3rd	-	100m/200)
1932	Ed Gordon	(1st	-	Long Jump)
1932	Cornelius Johnson	(4th	-	High Jump)

Between 1908 and 1932 the total number of black athletes to make the team was 10 - the same number as qualified in 1936.

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Jesse Owens	(1st	-	100/200/400R/LJ)
Ralph Metcalfe	(1st/2nd	-	400R/100)
Mack Robinson	(2nd	-	200)
Archie Williams	(1st	-	400)
James LuValle	(3rd	-	400)
John Woodruff	(1st	-	800)
Fred Pollard	(3rd	-	110h)
Cornelius Johnson	(1st	-	High Jump)
Dave Albritton	(2nd	-	High Jump)
John Brooks	(7th	-	Long Jump)

100 Meters - July 11

1.	4. Jesse Owens (Ohio St)	10.4
2.	2. Ralph Metcalfe (Marquette Club)	10.6e
3.	5. Frank Wykoff (Unat. Glendale, Ca.)	10.7e
4.	6. Foy Draper (USC)	10.7e
5.	3. Marty Glickman (GSB)	10.7e
6.	1. Sam Stoller (Michigan)	10.8e
7.	7. Mack Robinson (Pasadena JC)	10.8e

Heats - first 3 qualify

- 1/ 1. Owens 10.5, 2. Stoller 10.6e, 3. Glickman 10.7e, 4. Wykoff, 5. George Boone (USC), 6. William Hopkins (Va), Ben Johnson (Columbia) - Dnf.
- 2/ 1. Metcalfe 10.6, 2. Draper 10.6e, 3. Robinson 10.6e, 4. Harvey "Chink" Wallender (Texas), 5. Edgar "Dick" Mason (Pitt), 6. Perrin Walker (GaT), 7. Eulace Peacock (Temple)

Extra Heat - To qualify 7th man for final: 1. Wykoff 10.7, 2. Wallender, 3. Boone, 4. Mason

Injuries claimed one of the principal contenders for the US team before the meet began. 1935 AAU champion Eulace Peacock pulled a thigh muscle in the Penn Relays in April and missed the remainder of the outdoor season prior to the trials, and was allowed to compete after an appeal to the USOC. A poll of 12 journalists to pick the US team which was included in the AAU championships programme for that year showed 12 votes for Owens, and 11 for Peacock and Metcalfe. Less fancied, but destined to be the best in the world in 1938 was Ben Johnson, who pulled a muscle in the AAU final a week before the FOT while in 3rd place.

In the heats Peacock reinjured himself at the 50m mark, and jogged in, while Johnson failed to finish in his heat. Owens was left at the start in heat 1 and had to work hard to catch Stoller, while Wykoff was caught at the finish by Glickman and had to run an extra round to claim the last spot in the final. In the second heat Draper looked like the winner with 20 meters to go, but Metcalfe and Robinson finished powerfully to catch the diminutive USC star on the line. In the final Owens and Glickman started best, but Owens with his smooth fluid stride quickly pulled clear, and by 50 metres was a meter ahead of the field. Wykoff was by now in second just ahead of Metcalfe, but the veteran from California was soon passed by the Olympic silver medalist. Metcalfe failed to dent Owens' lead and the Ohio State star won by 1 1/2 meters, with Metcalfe just over a meter ahead of Wykoff. Wykoff thus made his 3rd consecutive team and went on to win a 3rd successive Olympic relay gold medal. Draper officially was placed 4th, and also went on to win a relay gold in Berlin, but film of the race shows clearly that fast finishing Marty Glickman passed Draper in the last 10 meters and almost caught Wykoff. Glickman, who was selected for the relay, but dropped when Owens and Metcalfe were correctly put on the team (initially they were not going to be on the relay squad) thus twice missed a possible relay gold. The athletes were hindered by a cross-wind of 4-5 miles per hour.

A question frequently asked more than 50 years on is how would Owens have fared in the modern era. The answer - probably very well indeed. Having retired from the sport at the tender age of 22 he may well have had his best years ahead of him - Carl Lewis's PRs occurred at the age of 30 over 100m/LJ (9.86 and 8.87/1991) and 21 at 200m (19.75/1983). Certainly what he had achieved by 1936 was enough for Italian expert Roberto Quercetani in his 1963 series of mythical races in "World Sports" magazine to rate him 3rd behind Bob Hayes (10.05) and Bobby Morrow (10.08) in 10.12, and 4th over 200 in 20.36 (Carr 20.28, Morrow 20.31 and Hal Davis 20.35). Just 10 months later the Olympic titles were taken by Hayes in 10.06 and Carr (20.36 - but with a headwind of -0.78 m/s).

200 Meters - July 12

Lane

2	1. Jesse Owens (Ohio St)	21.0	AR
5	2. Mack Robinson (Pasadena JC)	21.2e	
3	3. Robert Packard	21.3e	
4	5. Ralph Metcalfe (Marquette Club)	21.3e	
6	4. Foy Draper (USC)	21.3e	
1	6. Harvey "Chink" Wallender (Texas)	21.4e	
7	7. Jack Weiershauser (Stan)	22.5e	

Heats: - first 3 qualify, July 11

- 1/ 1. Owens 21.2, 2. Packard, 3. Wallender, 4. Perrin Walker (GaT), 5. Robert Graham (Whitman)
- 2/ 1. Draper 21.3, 2. Robinson, 3. Metcalfe, 4. Weiershauser, 5. Edgar "Dick" Mason (Pitt), 6. Robert Scallan (NYAC)

Extra Heat - To qualify 7th man for final: 1. Weiershauser 21.7, 2. Walker, 3. Mason

For the first time the FOT 200 was run around a turn, finally emulating the Olympic race. Owens started poorly, as he had done in his 100 heat, and it was Metcalfe who led into the straight. Robinson caught Metcalfe with 75 meters to go and led until Owens caught him 40m from the finish. The Buckeye star won his first major 200m curve title in an unratified US best of 21.0 with just under a meter to spare from Robinson, but Metcalfe was surprisingly caught on the line by stocky Bob Packard. Draper, given 5th place actually beat Metcalfe by inches, while Wallender, who had wandered into Owens lane from lane 1 was a metre behind this trio.

400 Meters - July 12

5	1. Archie Williams (Cal)	46.6
4	2. Harold Smallwood (USC)	46.7e
1	3. James LuValle (UCLA)	46.9e
6	4. Al Fitch (USC)	47.0e
3	5. Robert Young (UCLA)	47.3e
7	6. Harold Cagle (OB)	47.3e
2	7. Eddie O'Brien (Syr)	47.8e

Heats: - July 11 - first 3 qualify, plus fastest loser

1/ 1. Williams 46.7, 2. Fitch 47.3e, 3. Young 47.5e, 4. O'Brien 47.6, 5. Richard Gill (BC), 6. James Cassin (USC), 7. George Arnold (MiAA)

2/ 1. LuValle 47.3, 2. Smallwood 48.0e, 3. Cagle, 4. Jack Weiershauser (Stan), 5. John Hofstetter (NYAC), 6. Erwin Miller (Fullerton JC), 7. John Wolff (NYAC)

Williams had ranked =48th in the USA in 1935 with a 440 yards best of 49.7, while Edward O'Brien had ranked 1st in the world with 46.8m, and was a unanimous pick of the press to make the team. No-one could have prognosticated an FOT race with Williams winning and O'Brien 7th and last. In fact Williams was quicker in 1935 than is generally thought. He himself later noted his spring 49.7 (San Francisco - May 25), and added "in fall track I got down to 48.5". The race was run in lanes, unusual in domestic races at that time, and Williams got out quickly as was his wont, and led from Smallwood as they came into the straight. Smallwood, who had won the AAU final (in 47.3) the previous week in a desperately close finish with LuValle and Williams, held onto second as LuValle, in the inside lane, closed with a tremendous finish to relegate Fitch to the relay squad. Williams went on to win gold (in 46.66) by 2/100th's of a second from Britain's Godfrey Brown, with LuValle 3rd in 46.84, just ahead of Britain's Bill Roberts. Alarm bells should have rung here, because the top-3 Americans were not selected for the relay, and the excess confidence in the USA's depth in this event was punished by the GBR team (3:09.0 to 3:11.0).

800 Meters - July 12

1.	John Woodruff (Pitt)	1:51.0
2.	Chuck Hornbostel (Ind)	1:51.3
3.	Henry Williamson (NC)	1:51.4
4.	Abraham Rosenkrantz (Mich St)	1:51.5e
5.	Ross Bush (USC)	1:51.8e
6.	Ben Eastman (SFOC)	1:52.4e
7.	Marmaduke Hobbs (Ind)	
	Charles Beetham (Ohio St)	Dnf

Heats: - July 11 (First 4 qualify)

1/ 1. Woodruff 1:49.9, 2. Rosenkrantz 1:50.3, 3. Eastman 1:50.7, 4. Hobbs 1:51.2, 5. Lou Burns (Man), 6. James Miller (UCLA)

2/ 1. Bush 1:51.8, 2. Hornbostel 1:52.1e, 3. Williamson, 4. Beetham, 5. John Graves (Unat.- Iowa), 6. Howard Borck (69th Regiment AA), 7. William Gill (Fresno St)

Woodruff and Beetham were the favorites here, and both held back from the initial pace, as Williamson, and then Bush took up the lead. Bush led through the halfway point in 55.6, followed by Woodruff and Rosenkrantz. Eastman, who sadly was never a factor in the race, was at the back, preceded by Hobbs and Beetham. With 300 yards to go Beetham, who had beaten Woodruff (1:50.3 to 1:50.4) in the AAU the week before, fell after a collision with Hobbs, and almost simultaneously Rosenkrantz made a break. Woodruff stayed close and passed Rosenkrantz as they headed for home off the final curve. Hornbostel closed quickly to take his second straight FOT 2nd place 2 yards behind the giant Woodruff, and Williamson finished with a tremendous rush to pass Rosenkrantz in the last couple of strides. Beetham made an appeal and requested to run a time trial, but this was refused.

The heats had shown some splendid running. Eastman, who had run the world's fastest time of the year of 1:50.1 in Los Angeles on June 27, led until the home straight, when Woodruff strode past to run his first ever sub-1:50 time. Eastman, exhausted by

his pacesetter, had to give way to Rosenkrantz, but held on to 3rd place, but had clearly shot his bolt for the final to come. Bush won the second heat in a tactical battle with a time slower than that of Hobbs, the slowest qualifier from the first heat.

1500 Meters - July 12

1. Glen Cunningham (Kansas)	3:49.9
2. Archie San Romani (KS)	3:49.9
3. Gene Venzke (NYAC)	3:52.2
4. Bill Bonthron (NYAC)	3:53.7
5. Chuck Fenske (Wisc)	
6. Ernie Federoff (MiAA)	

7. Thomas Sexton (Ohio St), 8. Joseph Alexander (Unat.- Philadelphia), 9. Cecil Cole (San Mateo JC). Also ran: Waldo Sweet (NYAC), Clayton Breisford (Mich), John McNab (LAAC), William Daly (Detroit AC)

The principal contenders were Cunningham, the AAU champion, Archie San Romani, the NCAA winner, Bill Bonthron the world record holder and winner of the Eastern semi-final tryouts, and Venzke, the AAU indoor champion and winner over Cunningham and Bonthron at the prestigious Princeton Invitational.

Sweet took out the pace from the gun, leading the field by 10 yards after one lap with Venzke and Bonthron prominent, Cunningham buried in the middle of the field and San Romani at the back. Bonthron, lacking confidence in his condition, took the lead at 600 yards, followed by Venzke, Cunningham, San Romani and Fenske, the NCAA runner-up. In the middle of the 3rd lap Bonthron dropped to 5th as first Venzke and then San Romani went to the front. Little changed until just under 300m to go, when Cunningham began a drive from 4th place to San Romani's shoulder. Venzke tailed by 4 yards around the final turn, with Bonthron out of things 10 yards back. Cunningham, who had had his legs badly burnt as a child, and San Romani, who similarly had been damaged as a boy when a truck had crushed his legs, battled for the lead the whole way to the tape with Cunningham winning the battle by inches, while Venzke finished 10 yards back.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 12

1. Harold Manning (Unat.- Wichita)	9:08.2 WR/AR
2. Joseph McCluskey (NYAC)	9:16.8
3. Glen Dawson (Tulsa Skelly AC)	9:23.2
4. Walter Stone (Unat. - New York)	
5. Herbert Cornell (NYAC)	
6. Eldridge Rice (Fresno St)	
7. Michael Portanova (Unat.- California)	

Despite the heat Manning broke his US best of 9:13.1 from the 1934 AAU with a World best and official AAU record. As the event was not an accepted IAAF record distance, Manning's time could not be recognized as a WR. Manning had run 9:15.1 in winning the AAU, and went on to place 5th in Berlin with 9:11.2

5000 Meters - July 12

1. Don Lash (Ind)	15:04.2
1. Louis Zamperini (Torrance HS, Los Angeles)	15:04.2
3. Thomas Deckard (Ind)	15:06.5e (12y behind)
4. Barney Gedwillas (WV)	15:16.0e (50y)
5. Norman Bright (SFOC)	15:26.0e (50y)
6. Richard Frey (Mich St)	
7. Louis Gregory (MiAA)	
8. Paul Mundy (MiAA)	

Floyd Lochner (Okla), Tom Ottey (Penn AC), Paul Rikers (NYAC) and Walter Nachoney (Temple) all failed to finish.

The weather played an important part in this race, as 1/3 of the field failed to finish. Lash, who had won the AAU Olympic qualifying 10000 race the week before, set a solid pace for the first two miles (4:42 at 1 mile, 9:39 at 2 miles) and then slowed down, seemingly hit

by the heat, which he was reputed to dislike. However, he had a strategy - to help his college teammate Deckard. With 3 laps to go there were 5 athletes in contention - Lash, Deckard, Zamperini the 19 year-old schoolboy who had run a 4:21.3 mile as a high school soph in 1934, Norman Bright who had finished 2nd to Lash in the AAU 5000, and Barney Gedwillas with only a couple of 9:35 races over 2 miles to his credit. Bright was the first to lose touch after twisting an ankle, and when Deckard was a clear 3rd Lash realized that there was a race to be won and set out after Zamperini. The two raced side by side down the finishing straight, with Lash just catching Zamperini as they went across the line. In doing so, the Indiana junior became the only man ever to win the NCAA-AAU-FOT treble over 5000m. Not only was Zamperini the youngest male athlete on the team, but, according to other team members, the biggest eater.

10000 Meters - Princeton, N.J. - July 3

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| 1. Don Lash (Ind) | 31:06.9 |
| 2. Eino Pentti (MiAA) | |
| 3. Stan Wudyka (Unat.- Philadelphia) | |
| 4. Thomas Deckard (Ind) | |

Lash's mark eclipsed Tom McDonough's US record 31:24 from the 1924 EOT. His mile splits were 4:43.8/9:37/14:41.8/19:54.6/25:01/30:09.6, and his last lap was 66.3

Marathon

a) Boston, 20 April

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| 1. Ellison Brown | 2:33:40.8 |
| 2. William McMahon | 2:35:27.6 |
| 3. Mel Porter | 2:36:48 |
| 4. Leo Giard | 2:37:16.4 |
| 5. John A. Kelley | 2:38:49 |
| 6. Alex Burnside (CAN) | 2:39:05 |

b) Washington (AAU), 30 May

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| 1. William McMahon | 2:38:14.2 |
| 2. John A. Kelley | 2:40:07 |
| 3. Mel Porter | 2:43:49 |
| 4. Augustus Johnson | 2:44:49 |
| 5. Fred Ward | 2:45:02 |
| 6. Joseph Mundy | 2:50:35 |

The winner of the Boston race, Ellison "Tarzan" Brown was automatically selected for Berlin, while other contenders had to try their luck again the following month in the AAU race. McMahon was a clear choice for the Olympic team, but the selectors had a slight problem with the third berth as Kelley and Porter had almost equal records in the 2 races. The selectors went for Kelley, who won selection again 12 years later. Kelley placed 18th in Berlin, while Brown and McMahon failed to finish.

50 Kilometer Walk - Cincinnati, Ohio - May 24

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| 1. Ernest Crosbie (Detroit TC) | 5:16:16 |
| 2. Albert Mangan (Unat. - Lowell, Mass.) | 5:18:55 |
| 3. Ernest Koehler (GAAC) | 5:19:50 |
| 4. John Deni (MetC) | 5:19:51 |
| 5. Harry Cieman (Unat. Toronto, CAN.) | 5:23:37 |
| 6. Harry Clark (Unat.) | 5:27:38 |

Mangan was the best placed of the US team in Berlin, finishing 21st in 5:12:00.2

110 Meters Hurdles - July 12

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| 1. 3. Forrest Towns (Ga) | 14.3 |
| 2. 5. Fred Pollard (North Dakota) | 14.4e |
| 3. 7. Roy Staley (USC) | 14.5e |
| 4. 4. Phil Good (Bowdoin) | 14.5e |
| 5. 1. Leroy Kirkpatrick (SFOC) | 14.6e |
| 6. 2. Al Moreau (Opelousas K. of C.) | 14.6e |
| 7. 6. Sam Allen (OB) | 14.7e |

Heats: July 11 - first 3 qualify

- 1/ 1. Towns 14.3, 2. Pollard, 3. Kirkpatrick, 4. John Morriss (Unat. - New Orleans), 5. Good, 6. Phil Cope (Unat.- Denver)
2/ 1. Staley 14.7, 2. Moreau, 3. Allen, 4. Sam Klopstock (Stan), 5. Harvey Woodstra (Grand Rapids JC), 6. Dan Caldemeyer (Ind)

Extra Heat - To qualify 7th man for final: 1. Good 14.5, 2. Cope, 3. Morriss, 4. Klopstock, 5. Caldemeyer, 6. Woodstra

The move to the L-shaped hurdle in 1935 meant that hurdlers could take a little more risk in the event. Almost at the same time Forrest Towns emerged as a revolutionary figure in the event. Before 1936 there had been 1 mark of 14.1 (Jack Keller - 1933), but by the end of that year there had been 12 such clockings - 10 by Towns. In his heat Towns started so badly that he was 5th at the 3rd hurdle, and then proceeded to gain some 4 yards on the field to win handily in 14.3. In the final Sam Allen, hindered by a broken toe, started fastest and led until the 5th hurdle when Pollard sped by. He, in turn, was caught by Towns coming off the 8th barrier, and the Georgian went on to a clear win, repeating his heat time of 14.3. Pollard, whose father had been a star college and pro football player, was an isolated second 1 1/2 yards behind Towns, and Staley finished quickly to edge Good for the third spot.

400 Meters Hurdles - July 12

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| 1. Glenn Hardin (LSU) | 51.4 |
| 2. Joe Patterson (USN) | 51.6 |
| 3. Dale Schofield (BYU) | 51.7 |
| 4. Estel Johnson (USC) | 51.9e |
| 5. Philip Doherty (Unat.- Evanston) | |
| 6. James "Ham" Hucker (NYAC) | |
| 7. Bob Osgood (Mich) [after falling at last hurdle] | |

Heats: - July 11 - first 3 qualify, plus fastest loser.

- 1/ 1. Hardin 52.9, 2. Osgood 53.1e, 3. Hucker 53.1e, 4. Johnson 53.2e, 5. John Borican (Va St) 53.5e, 6. William Schuhle (WmL) 53.6e
2/ 1. Schofield 52.8, 2. Patterson 52.9e, 3. Doherty 53.0e, 4. Lorin Benke (WSU), 5. Ben Stout (Ball St), 6. Oliver Duggins (Unat.- Evanston), 7. Herman Nelson (Okla)

Hardin was probably the most prohibitive favourite of the meeting, undefeated in the event since the 1932 Olympics, and with a WR of 50.6 in 1934 which gave him a 1.8 seconds advantage over Benke and Johnson, the next fastest in the field. As it transpired, Benke did not make the final, being edged for the fastest loser spot by Johnson, who finished 4th in 53.2 in Hardin's heat. Hardin duly won the final, but he only just held off Patterson and Schofield in a desperate finish with his 7th and final sub-52 second clocking. Patterson had been 4th off the last hurdle, but closed fast going past Johnson and Schofield. Johnson was reported by the LA Times to have "failed by a foot or so to make the team", and is shown at 51.9 (versus a listed lifetime best of 52.2). Hardin went on to win Olympic gold in a relatively modest 52.4, with Patterson 4th in 53.0. Schofield missed qualifying by 0.01 running 53.55 in his semi-final.

High Jump - July 12

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| 1. Cornelius "Corny" Johnson (Compton JC) | 6'9 3/4" (2.076) WR |
| 1. Dave Albritton (Ohio St) | 6'9 3/4" (2.076) WR |
| 3. Delos Thurber (USC) | 6'6" (1.981) |
| 4. Ted Leonis (Lake Shore AC) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. Edward Burke (Marquette) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. Walter Marty (SFOC) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. Vernon Nelson (NHH) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. Al Threadgill (Temple) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. George Spitz (NYAC) | 6'4" (1.930) |
| 4. Mel Walker (Ohio St) | 6'4" (1.930) |

The team was set when only Thurber, Johnson and Albritton could clear 6'6". As a baker's dozen of Americans had made that height in '36, it was somewhat surprising that only the Olympics-bound trio could do so. At 6'8" both Johnson and Albritton went clear on their

first jumps, but Thurber bowed out at this height. The bar was then set at 6'9 3/4", a quarter of an inch above Walter Marty's record. Marty and the man destined to be world record holder in 1937 - Mel Walker - watched as both men failed with their first jumps. Then Johnson made a clean clearance with his panther-like western roll, taking off well in front of the bar. The man who would have won a silver medal in the 1932 Olympics had the modern countback rules been in operation finally set the world record which had been expected of him. The officials then remeasured the bar after Johnson and all around had celebrated, after which the crowd settled. Albritton then approached the bar and took off with his individualistic style, starting out as a western roll and turning into a bellyroll across the bar. To the surprise of almost everyone present Albritton cleared, making the bar shudder slightly, but it was in no danger of falling off. Johnson went on to win Olympic gold with almost nonchalant ease, with Albritton and Thurber taking the other medals. Until the medal height of 6'6 3/4" Johnson jumped without taking his sweatsuit trousers off.

Pole Vault - July 12

1. Bill Graber (Unat.- Los Angeles)	14'3" (4.34)
1. Bill Sefton (USC)	14'3" (4.34)
1. Earle Meadows (USC)	14'3" (4.34)
4. George Varoff (SFOC)	14'0" (4.26)

Also competed:

Loring Day (USC), Bud Deacon (OC), Albert Haller (Wisc), John Hooker (USC), Jack Rand (Unat, Cal), Richard Valentine (UCLA), David Weichert (Rice)

The week prior to the trials Varoff had set a WR of 14'6 1/2" when winning the AAU title from Meadows, and he had tied with Graber and Sefton in winning the Western semi-final trials with 14'3" on June 27 in Los Angeles. After clearing 14'0", Varoff saw Graber and Meadows go over 14'3" on their first jumps and Sefton on his second. The zest which had helped him the previous week had left him, and the world record-holder was left at home, while Meadows went on to Olympic glory, winning in Berlin (with 14'3 1/4"), Sefton finished 4th and Graber slipped on one place to 5th from his 1932 Olympic placing. It was the first time that an OT event had seen the top-3 all being from one college, even if one (Graber) was a graduate. All newspaper accounts gave only the top-4 places.

Long Jump - July 11

1. Jesse Owens (Ohio St)	25'10 3/4"	(7.89)
2. John Brooks (Chicago Parks)	25'3 3/8"	(7.70)
3. Robert Clark (SFOC)	25'2 3/4"	(7.69)
4. Kermit King (KST)	24'11 1/2"	(7.60)
5. Al Olson (Unat.- Los Angeles)	24'6 3/4"	(7.49)
6. Ed Gordon (Unat.- Iowa City)	24'0 1/4"	(7.32)
7. H. Moncure "Monk" Little (Unat.)	23'7 1/4"	(7.19)
8. Richard Brunton (Ill)	23'3 3/4"	(7.10)
9. Eulace Peacock (Temple) 23'3" (7.08), 10. Bill Fackert (Princeton) 22'6 1/8" (6.86), 11. George Hansert (Cleveland AC) 21'6 1/4" (6.56)		

There was never any doubt about Owens qualifying. The previous week he had won the AAU jumping 26'3", with a supporting mark of 26'1" and 4 fouls of 26' - one of which was measured at 26'7 1/2". Here he opened with 25'7 1/2", jumped the winner in the second round and then called it a day. The surprise of the competition was that Kermit King did not make the team; he had finished second in the AAU (25'5") and the NCAA (25'2 1/8"), but was edged out by veteran Brooks, winner of the Central semi-final tryouts and 4th placed 4 years before, and Clark, 4th placer at the AAU, who was to win Olympic silver in the decathlon. Clark initially announced that he would withdraw in favor of King because of the decathlon, but the withdrawal was not accepted. Peacock, who had beaten Owens 26'3" to 26'2 1/4" at the AAU the previous year was a sad 9th, unsuccessfully trying to recover from injury.

Triple Jump - July 12

1. Rolland Romero (Unat.- Welsh, La.)	49'9" (15.16)
2. Dudley Wilkins (SwLa AC)	49'1 1/2" (14.97)
3. Billy Brown (Baker HS, La.)	49'1" (14.96)
4. Herschel Neil (Maryville St, Mo.)	48'4" (14.74)

5. Stanley Johnson (Posse Gym, Boston) 47'8" (14.53)

Brown, the speedy high school star had won the AAU with a Junior US record of 49'2", but here had to bow to his fellow Louisianans. While none were able to break 50'0" (Romero had done so with 50'8 3/8" at Houston on June 5), all 3 went over 49'0", and Romero finished an excellent 5th in Berlin with 49'5 1/2" (15.08).

Shot Put - July 12

1. Jack Torrance (LSU)	51'6 3/8"	(15.70)
2. Sam Francis (Neb)	50'4"	(15.34)
3. Dimitri "Dimmy" Zaitz (BC)	50'3 1/8"	(15.31)
4. Gordon "Slinger" Dunn (SFOC)	50'1 1/4"	(15.27)
5. Jim Reynolds (Stan)	49'10 5/8"	(15.20)
6. Elwyn Dees (Unat.- Lawrence)	49'4 5/8"	(15.05)

Qualifying round, July 11 (Top-6 qualify): Francis 50'4", Reynolds 49'10 5/8", Dunn 49'8" (15.14), Dees 49'4 5/8", Torrance 49'3 3/4" (15.03), Zaitz 48'9 3/4" (14.88). Non-qualifiers: Ray Allee (SFOC) 48'6" (14.78), George Mackey (Cal) 47'4 3/4" (14.45), Daniel Taylor (Columbia) 47'4 1/4" (14.44), Walter Hammala (Unat.- New Haven) 46'3 3/4" (14.11), Frank Ryan (NYAC) 45'8 1/4" (13.92), Ed Swenson (Unat.- Boston) 40'11 1/2" (12.49)

Torrance was the favourite to win the FOT event, although a shadow of his former self, in athletic terms if not literally (for he weighed 325 lb in 1936, some 15 lb over his best throwing weight), and after lagging in 5th place in the qualifying round, obliged with a winning effort of 51'6 3/8" with his first throw in the finals. In 1934 Torrance had thrown 16.45/53'11 1/2" in 10 competitions. By 1936 he did so just once, having cut back on training, so it was no great surprise when he did not win in Berlin; but he managed only 15.38m (50'5 1/2") for 5th, and was edged by Francis (4th - 50'8 1/4") as the top American. Third placer "Dimmy" Zaitz never improved after 1936 but set junior WRs of 52'7 1/2" and 52'5" as an 18 year-old, beat Torrance at the AAU and placed 6th in Berlin

Discus Throw - July 12

1. Gordon "Slinger" Dunn (SFOC)	157'7 1/2"	(48.05)
2. Ken Carpenter (USC)	156'2 1/4"	(47.60)
3. Walter "Duke" Wood (Newark AC)	156'0"	(47.54)
4. Phil Halleck (Ohio U.)	155'5 1/2"	(47.28)
5. Phil Levy (Stanford)	152'11 1/8"	(46.60)
6. Hugh Cannon (BYU)	148'0 1/4"	(45.11)

Qualifying round, July 11 (Top-6 qualify): Dunn 157'7 1/2" (48.04), Carpenter 152'11 3/8" (46.62), Halleck 149'7 1/2" (45.60), Wood 148'6 3/4" (45.27), Levy 146'7 5/8" (44.69), Cannon 141'9 1/2" (43.23). Non-qualifiers: Archie Harris (Ocean City HS, NJ) 141'2" (43.04), John Anderson (NYAC) 138'11 1/4" (42.34), Adrian Davis (Compton JC) 132'5 1/4" (40.36)

Dunn was the only thrower to have his qualifying mark carried over to the final, and it was sufficient to win the FOT. Having been runner-up to Carpenter at the AAU in both '35 and '36, it was Dunn's turn to win a big one, but it was Carpenter who had the last laugh, taking the Olympic title, to add to his NCAA/AAU double. Wood, who had been 2nd to Olympic champion John Anderson in the Eastern semi-final tryouts, was a surprise 3rd placer, as Levy, second in the NCAA, and Halleck 3rd in both the NCAA and AAU, were favored to fight out 3rd place with Anderson. The Olympic champion from 1932 was below par as he was just out of hospital after a nasty bout of flu.

Hammer Throw - July 12

1. Henry Dreyer (NYAC)	171'11 1/2"	(52.41)
2. William Rowe (Rhode Island State)	171'9 1/2"	(52.36)
3. Donald Favor (Unat.- Portland, Me.)	167'6"	(51.05)
4. Chester Cruickshank (Denver AC)	166'10 5/8"	(50.87)
5. Peter Zaremba (NYAC)	165'4 1/2"	(50.40)
6. Irving Folsworthy (Rhode Island State)	157'3 1/4"	(47.93)

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| 7. Anton Kishon (Bates) | 156'1 1/4" | (47.58) |
| 8. John McLaughry (Providence) | 154'7" | (47.01) |
9. Louis Lepis (NYAC) 152'8 7/8" (46.55), 10. Gantt Miller (Unat.- Chicago) 152'8 1/2" (46.54), 11. Lawrence Johnson (Unat.- New Brunswick) 149'0 1/8" (45.42)

Rowe had won the AAU title with 175'7 by more than 8 ft from Folwartshny (who later changed his name to Folsworth), and was barely edged by Dreyer. Henry Dreyer won the NCAA title in 1934, and the AAU championship in 1935, and was top of the US rankings with 180'3" when winning the Eastern Tryouts; he was one of the most durable hammer throwers in US history (managing to finish 6th in the FOT 16 years later). Dreyer finished 9th in Berlin (and took the same position 12 years after in London) but was the 3rd American in the Olympics, as Rowe and Favor placed 5th and 6th

Javelin Throw - July 12

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| 1. Lee Bartlett (Unat.- Detroit) | 223'3 1/4" | (68.05) |
| 2. Malcolm Metcalf (Unat.- Los Angeles) | 215'3 3/4" | (65.63) |
| 3. Alton Terry (Hardin Simmons) | 213'11" | (65.20) |
| 4. Bob Peoples (Classen HS, Oklahoma City) | 211'0" | (64.30) |
| 5. Ralston Legore (Unat.- Md) | 205'4" | (62.58) |
| 6. Clarence Rowland (SFOC) | 202'8 3/4" | (61.78) |

Qualifying round, July 11 (Top-6 qualify): Bartlett 223'3 1/4", Metcalf 215'3 3/4", Terry 213'11", Peoples 211'0", Legore 205'4", Rowland 202'8 3/4".

Alton Terry was the listed US record holder at the time of the trials, having thrown 222'7 3/4" at the Drake Relays, but he had a better unlisted mark of 226'2 3/4" achieved when winning the NCAA title, and with John Mottram, the AAU winner, was fancied to make the team. Lee Bartlett, who had himself beaten the USA record with an unlisted 223'7" at Grand Rapids, Mich. on June 13, Robert Parke (222'7 1/4") and Malcolm Metcalf (219'6 1/2") were also serious contenders. Anticlimactically, the team was determined on the first day, as positions and distances changed not a whit on the finals day. Mottram and Parke failed to qualify, and Bartlett and Metcalf made the team for the second time, with Terry edging out Peoples - who was to become USA's best at the end of the decade. Terry was to be the top US thrower in Berlin, finishing 6th with 220'3" - just one place behind world record holder Matti Järvinen.

Decathlon - Milwaukee, June 26-27

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| 1. Glenn Morris (Denver AC) | 7875 | WR |
| 10.7/6.86/14.45/1.86/50.7/14.9/43.10/3.45/56.06/4:48.1 | | |
| 2. Robert Clark (SFOC) | 7595 | |
| 10.7/7.91/12.65/1.76/51.6/15.7/36.13/3.86/52.85/4:47.9 | | |
| 3. Jack Parker (Sacramento JC) | 7281 | |
| 11.1/7.23/12.89/1.81/52.9/14.9/40.84/3.54/54.94/5:20.6 | | |
| 4. Clyde Coffman (Kansas) | 7175 | |
| 11.1/7.26/12.37/1.81/51.9/16.9/36.63/3.95/51.30/4:47.3 | | |
| 5. George Mackey (Cal) | 6910 | |
| 11.7/6.56/14.33/1.87/54.6/15.7/38.44/3.54/53.60/5:12.3 | | |
| 6. Runar Stone (SF St) | 6754 | |
| 11.4/6.78/12.16/1.76/54.0/15.8/35.94/3.65/57.40/5:12.3 | | |
| 7. Don Elser (Notre Dame) | 6614 | |
| 10.8/6.76/13.72/1.66/50.7/16.1/40.08/3.04/35.90/5:05.8 | | |
| 8. Loyette Burke (Okla) | 6326 | |
| 11.3/6.81/11.91/1.76/57.0/16.0/35.75/3.54/44.25/5:11.6 | | |
| 9. Harry Anderson (Tenn) | 6249 | |
| 10.9/7.01/12.05/1.76/53.0/16.7/32.02/3.24/38.95/5:16.2 | | |
| 10. Joseph Hall (Atlantic Seaboard Association) | 6090 | |
| 11.7/6.52/13.48/1.71/55.1/16.6/36.37/3.04/49.20/5:25.2 | | |
| 11. Arnold Preheim (DAAC) | 5763 | |
| 11.7/6.16/12.20/1.66/58.4/18.3/34.49/3.54/54.46/5:24.7 | | |
| 12. Aaron Philips (Unat.- Los Angeles) | 5703 | |

	11.7/5.34/12.54/1.61/56.2/17.1/37.70/3.24/49.28/5:10.1	
13. Robert Fletcher (WSU)	9 events -	5622
	11.2/6.62/12.45/1.61/54.1/19.4/38.50/3.45/42.76/ -	
14. John Sniscak (DAAC)		5067
	12.0/6.05/10.87/1.57/60.1/20.0/38.87/3.14/45.40/5:25.3	
15. Anthony Mannino (Unat. - New York)		4352
	12.1/5.93/ 9.07/1.71/60.1/21.7/21.95/3.33/37.12/5:43.0	
16. Delbert White (Unat)	5 events	3505
	11.8/6.92/12.62/1.72/55.0	
17. John Hayward (Grinnell)	2 events -	1216
	11.6/5.89/-	

The decathlon was held in conjunction with the Central semi-final trials at Marquette University's stadium, which had hosted the 1934 AAU. Morris broke the WR, but it was not put forward for ratification, and was superceded by Morris's Olympic win with 7900. The highlights of the first day were the remarkable jumping of Clark, which saw a decathlon WR of 7.91m, and the fact that Morris was still able to head the field at the end of the day with a best on record 4269pts, ahead of Clark's 4203. Coffman was in 3rd with 3912, just ahead of Parker (3912) and Elser (3891). Clark's threat died away in the first 2 events of the second day as Morris gained 334 points. The 110h settled 3rd place, as Parker ran 14.9 to Elser's 16.1 and Coffman's 16.9, gaining 184 and 284 points respectively. Official points were incorrectly derived by taken fractions of centimeters, with scores shown as 7884/7598/7290/7182/6908/6757/6618/6330/6255/6090/5766/ 5709/5626/5067/4352. Morris's marks in the LJ/SP/HJ/DT were 6.858/14.456/ 1.868/43.108. Lost in the results was injured Delbert White, who was the first African American to win a decathlon [7677.645/6308 on 1985 tables] when taking the 1934 Kansas Relays. White's immediate successor was Bill Watson, the world's best at the end of the decade.

WOMEN

Providence, Rhode Island - July 4

100 Meters

1.	8. Helen Stephens (Fulton, Mo.)	11.7
2.	4. Annette Rogers (IWAC)	12.1e
3.	5. Harriet Bland (SLAA)	12.2e
4.	7. Olive Hasenus (BSA)	12.4e
5.	6. Elizabeth Robinson (IWAC)	12.5e
6.	2. Louise Stokes (Unat.- Malden, Mass.)	

also ran: Josephine Warren (BSA), Dorothy Dunphy (LAAC)

Heats: first 3 qualify for semi-finals

<u>1/</u>	1. Stephens 11.7, 2. May Brady (SLAC) 12.0e, 3. Ethel Harrington (IWAC)
<u>2/</u>	1. Stokes 12.2, 2. Miriam Nelson (BSA), 3. Dunphy
<u>3/</u>	1. Warren 12.0, 2. Robinson, 3. Beverly Hobbs (Greenwood, Miss.)
<u>4/</u>	1. Rogers 12.2, 2. Hasenus, 3. Gertrude Johnson (Mer)
<u>5/</u>	1. Mary Terwilliger (IWAC) 12.2, 2. Bland, 3. Mary Gipson (Tus)
<u>6/</u>	1. Marguerite Caswell (LAAC) 12.4, 2. Gertrude Webb (Tus), 3. Edna Gustavson (SLAC)

Semi-finals: first 2 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. Rogers 12.4, 2. Warren, 3. Brady
<u>2/</u>	1. Stephens 11.8, 2. Hasenus 12.4e, 3. Terwilliger 12.4e
<u>3/</u>	1. Stokes 12.2, 2. Dunphy, 3. Johnson
<u>4/</u>	1. Bland 12.4, 2. Robinson, 3. Nelson

Helen Stephens was an athlete out of her time. She recounted many years after retiring from track that she ran her first ever race as a 15 year-old sophomore in high school, and in a time trial ran 50 yards in 5.8 (timed with one watch by her coach Burt Moore), and when he didn't believe his watch, ran 5.9 in a re-run. No-one had beaten 6.0 at the time. By the time of the FOT Stephens was clearly the best in the world. She had won both the 1935 AAU 50m (beating Stella Walsh in the only meeting they had before the Berlin Olympics) and 100m, and recorded world 100m bests of 11.6 twice in 1935, and 11.5 at Memphis on May 15 of the Olympic year. In that Olympic year she ran 11.7 or better 10 times including wind-assisted races. Stephens was the biggest ever top class female sprinter at 5'11"/165, and she won the FOT as she pleased, with Rogers heading Bland, Hasenus and Robinson in a blanket finish. Stephens won the Olympic title in 11.5w by a clear 2m from Walsh, and Rogers finished 5th. They then teamed up with Bland and Robinson to win the 400m relay.

80 Meters Hurdles

1.	Anne O'Brien (LAAC)	12.0
2.	Tidye Pickett (CPD)	
3.	Simone Schaller (LAAC)	
4.	Evelyn Hall (CPD)	

Also ran: Harriet Le Mertha (University City AC, St Louis)
Marie Cottrell (GAAC)

Semi-finals: first 3 qualify

<u>1/</u>	1. O'Brien 12.1, 2. Le Mertha, 3. Cottrell
<u>2/</u>	1. Schaller 11.8, 2. Pickett, 3. Hall

Heats: first 3 qualify for semi-finals

- 1/ 1. Le Mertha, 2. Cottrell, 3. Leora Johnson (IWAC)
2/ 1. O'Brien 12.2, 2. Sybil Tabachnikoff (GAAC), 3. Dorothy Lyford (BSA)
3/ 1. Cora Gaines (Tus) 12.6, 2. Pickett, 3. Aniele Sharks (NAC)
4/ 1. Schaller 12.2, 2. Hall, 3. Sylvia Broman (Unat.- Brockton, Mass.)

Under her maiden name of Vrana, O'Brien ran in the 1928 Olympic 100m, and after not making the 1932 team retired to have a baby. With a 2 year-old daughter she returned to win the trials from Pickett who had finished 6th in the 1932 FOT 100. Schaller, 4th in the Los Angeles Games, edged Hall, the silver medalist from 1932, for the final team spot. None of the US girls made the final, all being eliminated in the semis, with Pickett, the first black female Olympian, suffering a broken foot in her race.

High Jump

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| 1. Annette Rogers (IWAC) | 5'2 1/2" (1.59) |
| 2. Alice Arden (St George's Dragon, Brooklyn) | 5'1 1/2" (1.56) |
| 3. Kathlyn Kelly (Keowee HS, S.C) | 5'0 1/2" (1.54) |
| Ida Myers (CPD) | 5'0 1/2" (1.54) |

Rogers had finished an overshadowed 3rd in the 1932 FOT behind Shiley and Didriksen, and was the only one of the 3 to attempt to make the US team again; she was a clear winner, being the only jumper to make 5'2 1/2". She was 6th in both the 1932 and 1936 Olympics, but won gold in the relay on both occasions. Kelly, a lean 5'9" tall high schooler, tied for third place with Myers, but made the team when she cleared 5'0 1/2 in the jump-off.

Discus Throw

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| 1. Helen Stephens (Fulton, Mo.) | 121'6 1/2"(37.05) |
| 2. Gertrude Wilhelmsen (Wash AC) | 116'9" (35.59) |
| 3. Evelyn Ferrara (CPD) | 116'1 3/4"(35.40) |
| 4. Margaret Wright (Unat.- Brockton, Mass.) | 113'8 3/4"(34.67) |
| 5. Amey Dryer (Providence) | |

Wilhelmsen led the qualifying with her best of 116'9", but Stephens overtook her with her first throw after winning the 100m. Wilhelmsen obtained a slight measure of revenge when she edged Stephens 34.43m to 34.33m for 8th place in the Olympic final.

Javelin Throw

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| 1. Martha Worst (Metropolitan SAA) | 125'0 1/4" (38.10) |
| 2. Betty Burch (Boston Swimming Assn) | 119'7 1/2" (36.46) |
| 3. Gertrude Wilhelmsen (Washington AC) | 119'3" (36.35) |
| 4. Nan Gindele (Chicago Park District) | 118'2 1/2" (36.04) |

Wilhelmsen was to be the best placed American in Berlin in this throwing discipline too, with 37.35m for 7th, but made the team only by a foot, edging former world record holder Gindele for the final spot in a close but uninspiring competition.