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NEWS

As the season warms up, records are beginning to fall. Dave Sime ran 22.2 in the lows for a record one week, came back with 20.1 220 record the next. Parry O'Brien hit 61-1. Jim Bailey beat John Landy by a tenth in a near record 3:58.6. Agostini & King both 9.3 record ties.

FRESNO RELAYS, May 12. 100-King, Cal, 9.3; 5000, Hart, 14:28.4; Mile-Landy 3:59.1; HH-Davis 13.6, Campbell 13.7; 400H-Atterberry 52.5; 440R-SC 41.0; 880R-SC 1:25.0; MileR-3:11.5 UCLA; 2mileR-San Diego Navy 7:32; DisMedR--UCLA 9:56.7; HJ--Russell, USF & Dumas, Compton, 6-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; BJ--Johnson, UCLA, 25-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; PV--Richards & Gutowski 14-10; HSJ--West, Stanford, 49-3; SP-Vick, UCLA, 56-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; DT-Gordien, 178-7; JT-Bugge, 239-7 $\frac{1}{2}$

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE, Fayetteville, May 12--Whilden, Texas, 9.2w & 20.4w; Totz, Texas, 48.4; Spence, Rice, 1:54.9; Morton, Ark, 4:21.4; McNews, Tex, 10:01.2; Curtis, TCU, 14.0w; Thompson, Rice, 22.72; Baylor 41.0; Texas 3:16.6; Miller, SMU, 6-7; Thomas, TA&M, Novey, Texas, Clar, TA&M, 13-6; Vickery, Baylor, 24-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Gross, TA&M 53-8 & 164-5;

U.S. MARKS not previously reported: 100-Whilden, Texas, 9.4; Christian-son, Dixie JC, Utah, 9.5; Hazley, 9.5; Phillips, Montclair, NJ, HS, 9.5; Dennis, Valley JC, 9.6; Butler, Compton, 9.6; Prewitt, Texas, 9.4w; Gainey, Texas Frosh, 9.4w; Lewis, Houston, 9.5w; 220--Mashburn, OA&M, 20.6t; Lea, AF, 20.7t; Poynter, Pasadena HS, 20.8; Coyle, SC, 20.8; Haines, Penn, 20.7; Dennis 20.9; Butler 20.9n; Davis, Navy, 21.0tn; Johnson, UCLA, 21.0n; Southern, Texas Frosh, 20.5w; Harris, East Texas, 20.8w; 440--Mashburn 46.7; Lea 46.9; Atterberry, Compton, 47.2; Ellis, UCLA, 47.4; Baumbauer, Citrus, 47.5n; Haines, Penn, 47.6; Dorsey, Santa Monica, 47.6n; Cummins, MtSan Antonio, 47.6n; Zetzman, Oxy, 48.0; Leas, Maryland, 48.0; Cotten, North Texas, 48.1; Wilson, Texas Frosh, 48.2; Ward, Indiana, 48.2; Griffin, Rice, 47.9; 880--Kirkby, SC, 1:51.2; Foerster, San Diego Navy, 1:51.4; Casper, Fresno, 1:51.9n; Courtney, army, 1:52.1; Vielbig, Syracuse, 1:52.1; Sowell, Pitt, 1:52.6; Mile--Bailey, Oregon, 4:06.4; Seaman, UCLA, 4:07.4; Beatty, North Carolina, 4:09.4; Villarreal, Texas Frosh, 4:10.0 (new frosh record); Sowell 4:15; 2 mile--Dellinger, Oregon, 9:03.5; Zellers, OC, 9:10.3; McKenzie, NYPC, 9:11.3; Graves, Stanford, 9:18.0n; Rogers, San Diego Navy, 9:21.5; Tyler, San Diego Navy, 9:22.2; HH--Stevens, Iowa, 14.1; Roberts, OKA&M 13.8w; Curtis, TCU, 14.0w; Southern, Texas Frosh, 14.1w; Maynard, Texas Western, 14.3w; McKee, East Texas, 14.3w; 220IH--Roberts, 23.1; Barrow, LACC, 23.2; Machmer, MtSac, 23.3n; George, LA Valley, 23.3n; Fillman, WM&Mary, 23.2; Johnson, Striders, 23.4; Mathias, Camp Pendleton, 23.4; Williams, Southwest Texas, 23.1w; Johnson, UCLA, 22.6w; HJ--Stewart, SMU frosh, 6-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ (new frosh record) & 6-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; Mangham, New Castle HS, Penna, 6-9 3/4 (new interscholastic record); Shelton, LAAC, 6-10; Wyatt, SCYC, 6-9 & 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; Clark, Utah, 6-8; McCullough, N.C. Coll, 6-8; Barksdale, MorganState, 6-8; Russell, USF, 6-8; Phelon, Stanford, 6-73/4. BJ--Bennett, army, 25-5; Johnson, UCLA, 25-5 3/4; Brown, Striders, 25-3; Philmon, Iowa State, 25-0; Shelby, Pierce, 25-3; Arnett, SC, 25-0w; Troutman, Roanoke HS, 24-11; PV--Welbourn, Ohio TC, 14-9; Poucher, Fla, 14-8 3/4; Mattos, SCYC, 14-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Barnes, OC, 14-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mullison, Iowa State, 14-1; Anderson, Cal, 14-0; Kell & Mitchell, UCLA, 14-0. SP--O'Brien, 60-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Butt, Cal, 57-4; Cheney, Stanford, 55-7 3/4; Kahner, Cal, 54-8; Berman, Ga Tech, 54-6 $\frac{1}{4}$. DT--O'Brien, 185-3; Gordien 184-7; Butt, Cal, 174-6; Linn, SCYC, 170-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Hester, Oxy, 169-1; Egan, SC, 167-6; Mathias, Marines, 162-5 $\frac{1}{2}$. JT--Young, OC, 259-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Long, OC, 246-2; Garcia, Arizona State, 242-7 & 236-1; Alley, Syracuse, 242-6; Pearson, Wash. State, 225-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Held, OC, 233; Voiles, SC, 224-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; HT--Blair, Boston U, 201-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, new collegiate record; McWilliams, Bowdoin, 192-1 7/8.

FOREIGN Macquet, France, 259-4 5/8; Turton, Trinidad, 9.6; Hopkins, North Ireland, 5-8 1/2, new women's record; Aparicio, Columbia, 47.7m & 52.0m; Sandoval, Chile, 3:48.4; Squarez, Argentina, 14:30.8 & 30:12.2; Samotsvetov, USSR, 211-3 7/8 (2nd on all time list); Nikulin, USSR, 205-11 5/8; Ryedkin, USSR, 202-0 3/4; Yegorov, USSR, 201-11 1/4; Tkachev, USSR, 200-1 1/8; Kuts 14:19.4 & 29:32.0; Lituyev 51.3 & 14.4; Vlasenko 8:55.6; Bulatov 14-5 1/4; Popov 24-6 7/8; Sheherbakov 52-4 3/8; Tyerkel, 50-9; Torf 59-8 5/8; Tsibulonko 245-1 3/4, all USSR; Consolini 186-6 1/8; Foord, GB, 28:38.6 (6miles), Perkins 28:42.8n; Palmer, GB, 54-1; Krumov, Bulgaria, 191-1 1/8; Todoroff-Artarski, Bulgaria, 172-1; Gurgushinov, Bulgaria, 51-2 1/8 HSJ (all Bulgarian national records); Lingnau, Germany, 53-11 1/4;

WIND SPRINTS

Dumas had an extra trials 6-10 10 days ago...Ike Matza ran 4:11.7.. Dick Hart lowered the American five-mile mark to 24:23.9...UCLA coach Ducky Drake has been criticized for running Russ Ellis in the half against SC. Could the critics have forgotten Ellis' 1:51.2 relay leg of last season?...Dave Sime is coming to the west coast early, with his first meet in the Pacific AAU at Stockton June 2. He'll face Ancel Robinson in the lows and probably Leamon King in the 100...Lea and Mashburn will tangle there too...Willie Williams came up with a muscle strain while he and Joel Shankle were competing in Trinidad...Fred Dwyer was to run against Landy at Fresno, but had to cancel with more muscle trouble...Bailey said before the Landy race that he thought he was capable of 4:04 now and should improve later...Don Bragg weighs 188, the heaviest of the seven 15 footers...Sime was voted the outstanding athlete at Drake, with 22 of 24 votes...the annual comparison of Drake & Penn marks shows one tie, 10 for Penn and 6 for Drake...other splits on the Villanova distance medley at Penn were Jenkins 1:56, Simpson 48.3, Breckenridge 3:04.2...Oxford had Gorrie 1:55.6, Johnson 49.2, Gordon 3:03.5, Boyd 4:13.3...Courtney had a 1:52.0 leg...Yoshiaki Kawashima and Kurao Hiroshima will represent Japan in the Olympic marathon...Burr Grim, ICAA champ from Maryland, has begun his comeback after a serious spinal operation, has a best time of 4:15.2...Don Stewart, the SMU frosh whiz, will compete at the Modesto Relays...despite all its publicity, the Held javelin apparently is a thing of mystery abroad. Michel Macquet, France's 259 footer, thinks it is made of plastic...on the other hand, Held has heard that the French are using plastic javelins, has wondered what Macquet uses...O'Brien's 185-3 and 60-8 1/2 of last weekend (Hawaii) is the best double ever, according to the IAAF scoring tables, with 2766 points. It's the fourth time this year he has improved on the world's best ever shot-discus double...Drake coach Bob Karnes spotted a shot prospect when Warren Glann, 240pound trumpet player, took one try, heaved 44 feet in band uniform...Kansas discus star Al Oerter started as a sprinter, ran 10.2 last year. He says speed and balance-in-mption are the two big things in discus throwing, that he has never had trouble with either, and that his problem is to get more height on his throws. Oerter throw 118 as a sophomore in high school, 153 as a junior, and broke the interscholastic record with 184-2 3/4 as a senior...Landy says one out of every 30 high school graduates has the physical attributes necessary to run a four-minute or better mile. But very few will realize that potentiality because they won't work hard enough. John thinks Santee was a 3:55 prospect, but says "outside influences" always thwarted Santee...Landy has had a coach since 1952, believes coaching is good for the beginner, but that a mature athlete should think for himself. "How can anyone know a runner better than himself" asks Landy? "A coach can never coach a world champion right to the top. It's impossible to keep that close tab on a runner."

STATS

SOUTH AMERICAN RECORDS (best marks made by a South American, anywhere)

10.3 Mario Payos, Uruguay, 1949	9:09.0 Santiago Nova, Chile, 1956
Gerardo Bonhoff, Argentina, 45	6-6 3/4 J. da Conceicao, Brazil, 54
20.8 Jose da Conceicao, Brazil, 55	25-8 5/8 Ary da Sa, Brazil, 1955
47.6 Jose de Assis, Brazil, 1941	54-4 Adhemar da Silva, Brazil, 55
1:49.0 Ramon Sandoval, Chile, 1956	13-6 1/4 Lucio de Castro, Brazil, 41
3:48.4 Ramon Sandoval, Chile, 1956	53-5 Alcides Dambros, Brazil, 53
14:20.8 Oswaldo Suarez, Arg., 1956	161-6 5/8 Herman Haddad, Chile, 55
30:10.2 Walter Lomos, Arg., 1956	233-0 7/8 Ricardo Heber, Arg., 51
2:26:42.4 Delfo Cabrera, Arg., 1952	174-6 5/8 Federico Kleger, Arg., 33
14.0 Alberto Triulzi, Arg., 1947	40.8 Brazil, 1954
24.3 Alberto Triulzi, Arg., 1949	3:14.6 Columbia, 1956
51.9 Wilson Carneiro, Brazil, 53	6424 Enrique Kistenmacher, Arg., 49

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Scheduled May 19--Big 7; Pacific Coast Conference; Southern U.S. Ch.

May 26: Big 10; IC44; California Relays; Mo. Valley AAU.

Meet programs for the big meets in California are wanted by Track Nut Stephen Fay, The Lady Beaverbrook Res., U.N.B., Fredericton, N.B., Canada. Anyone able to help please write him.

SO THEY SAY

TN BILL JIMESON, Baltimore: "Each year, in all levels of track, California and Texas come up with lots of great performances and times. The East doesn't get into the act. I have always said this is due to our poor weather. We don't have any good days until June, and by that time the colleges and high schools are all finished. However, when East meets West face to face, I think both come off about even in the win column.

A great Eastern triumph, however, was Sime over Morrow. On paper Morrow looked the better man. His Texas times, made in a good warm climate, are much better than Sime's (were, anyway). As you know, I am not one of those that say sprint times in Texas are phoney. I say that conditions there are about perfect, and that if some of our great Eastern sprinters lived down there, the world records would not be what they are."

TN DICK BANK, Los Angeles: "Here's the straight dope on how Wasley McLeod got to SC. Mal Golden, a sprinter from Toronto got a grant-in-aid, but never broke 10.7 the one year he was at SC. Murray Coburn and Chuck Tobias heard about it, figured if Golden could they could, and contacted SC. When SC failed to get Danny Schweikart or Bob Seaman they took Tobias. Tobias then helped pave the way for Coburn. And Coburn sold McLeod. And that's how the 4:09.1 SC soph miler arrived."

JOHN LANDY, Melbourne: "I will try both the 1500 and 5000 in the Australian trials in October. If I can handle both I will go for both in the Olympics. Otherwise I will have to choose one...Merv Lincoln is a real prospect. He got down to 4:00.6 in a remarkably short time, but then became over trained, lost more than 10 pounds, and his performances suffered...the four-minute mile is vastly over-rated. It really isn't any harder than a 1:51 half. It's simply a matter of conditioning...the key to one's miling ability is how fast he can run three miles...running barefooted is faster from two miles on up, providing, of course, the surface is not hard on the feet...I have had some trouble with my Achilles tendon, a plague of old age in runners. It has killed off some of the best. Dave Stephens, for instance, is bothered badly."

NOTED WITH INTEREST

BOSTON MARATHON (writes John Willis in Athletics Weekly) originated in 1897 when John Graham of Boston AA, having watched the marathon at the Olympic Games the year before, decided America should have a marathon of its own. Fifteen started the first race, April 19, 1897. It is the oldest continuously held long distance race in America, and no commercialization is allowed. Even television is excluded. It takes more than \$3000 to stage the race. The race starts at noon, with all competitors undergoing a physical examination first. The course is downhill for the first 16 miles or so. Then come the dreaded Newton Hills, where the race usually is won or lost, followed by six more downhill miles to the finish, where, in the evening, the traditional beef stew is served at Boston University. Top personalities have included: Clarence de Mar, who won the event seven times and competed until after his 60th birthday; Peter Foley, who didn't start until he was 40, but ran for another 40 years. At 55 he was ruled out for medical reasons, but ran unofficially, starting behind the others and passing some; and Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, who once gained a big lead when he beat a train to a crossing, leaving the others waiting."

JACKSON SCHOLZ, well known juvenile book and pulp fiction writer, recalled some of the highlights of his sprint career. Scholz was 4th in the 1920 Olympic 100 after graduating from Missouri. Competition between Olympics was a bit slow, and Scholz wasn't in very good shape come 1924. But he had been commissioned to write a 100,000 word auto-biography of Mel Sheppard and that gave him the backlog he needed, so he resumed competition in 1924. He won the Olympic trials in 20.9, bettering the world record, then was second in the 100 behind Harold Abrahams, as Charlie Paddock faded to fifth. Paddock had to win the 200 as some fat lecturing contracts were in the offing for "the world's fastest human". So he watched Abrahams as Scholz streaked by on the other side, equaling the Olympic record of 21.6. "Congratulations, Jack", said Paddock, "you just cost me \$25,000". Scholz still snickers about Paddock's title of "World's fastest human". "We raced each other 17 times. We ran one dead heat. I beat him 12 of the other 16 times. I've often wondered what that made me." Scholz tied for third in the 1928 Olympic 200 and immediately broke training, only to learn the next day that he was supposed to run off with Holmuth Kornig for the medal. So he went to the president of the Olympic committee, Gen. MacArthur, and arranged to cancel the run-off with the medal going to Kornig.

TEXAS RECORD BREAKERS in 440 relay have amazed observers, says columnist Verne Boatner. "This wasn't the smooth, well co-ordinated foursome of last year that was a threat to the record book every time they took to the cinders. That combo was composed of four athletes who were fine sprinters in their own right. This foursome at Kansas was what could be called a 'rag knot' team. True, both Prewit and Whilden ran on the team last year, but Prewit has been hampered by an injury. Neither Daugherty nor Schneider could make the team, last year. Schneider simply is not a fast sprinter. Daugherty, after a phenomenal frosh season, had been a big disappointment for three years with leg injuries. ..And as much as we admire Coach Littlefield we would not hesitate a moment in voting for our coach of the year in conference track. He is lanky, greying Jack Patterson of Baylor, who has taken a motley group that was nothing last spring and turned them into one of the nation's fastest sprint corps. The official's failure to time Texas in the two-mile relay at Kansas cost Texas a relay record. When Iowa was disqualified Texas was awarded the victory. The time was adjusted to 7:41.1, just .1 off the record, but most observers thought this too slow as the Steers were just behind Iowa's 7:40.5."