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NEWS

NAIA, San Diego, June 7-8: 100-Morrow 9.5; Cassell 9.5; Bivins; Morris Brown, 9.7; Thomason, Oxy, 9.8; Alston, Oxy, 9.8; Harris, East Tex, 9.9; 220-Morrow 21.1t, -Cassell 21.2t, Bivins 21.5, Alston 21.5, Harris 21.6, Duncan, Seattle Pacific, 21.9. 440-McMurray, Morgan State, 46.7; Zetzman 47.5; Bambauer 47.8, Nini 47.9, all Oxy; Machamer, Linfield, 48.4, Evans, San Diego 48.8. 880 -Wray, Oxy, 1:51.9; Cole, Sacramento, 1:53.5; Reay, Oxy, 1:54.0; Galloway, Pasadena Lutherna, 1:55.5; Clark, Mo Valley, 1:57.1; Mile -Hadley Oxy 4:09.4; Collins, Santa Barbara, 4:10.5; White, Oxy, 4:13.6; Vanderheugel, Central Mich, 4:16.4. 2-mile -Kerr, Oxy, 9:19.5; Dunlap, Ft. Hays, State, 9:21.9; Cosco, West. Washington, 9:24; Lanterman, Oxy, 9:28.3; Osborne, East Tenn St, 9:30.6; Host, Central Mich, 9:31.0. 3000 St.-Osborn 9:46.8. 120H- Calhoun 13.6; Gilbert 13.6; Stevens, Tenn A&I, 14.1; McKee, East Texas, 14.3; Fannon, ACC, 14.7; Fuller, East Wash, 15.0; 220 H- turn, Gilbert 22.8 (American record); Calhoun 22.9; Thomason, Oxy, 24.0; Fannon 24.2; Bixler, Oxy, 24.2; Fuller, Redlands, 24.2. 440H-Klicker, Whitman, 53.1; Shropshire ACC, 53.2; Fuller 54.6; Gehring, San Diego, 54.7; Stevens, Mankato, 55.4; Oglesby, Okla Baptist, 55.5. HJ-Sims, Pepperdine, 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Barksdale, Morgan St, 6'6"; Dennis, Morgan and Haddon, Oxy, 6'4". Gutowski 14'7"; Janewicz, Redlands 13'6". BJ -Gamble, Prairie View, 24'9"; Wilson, Ottawa, 23'4" HSJ- Gutowski 46'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Whitney, Pepperdine, 46'7"; Jamison, Oxy, 46'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Shot -tie, Blansitt, East Texas and Lutjens, South Dakota St, 50'2"; Discus-Anderson, McPherson, 167'5"; Michelsen, Lewis & Clark, 163'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Lord, Oxy, 147'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Jav -Fromm, Pacific Lutheran, 243'11"; Jamison, Oxy, 213'5"; Crane, Linfield, 210'5"; Kelliher, Santa Barbara, 208'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Team winner, Oxy; 2nd, Abilene Christian.

MEET OF CHAMPIONS, Houston, June 8: 100-Gainey 9.6; Colleymore 9.6, Christianson, Utah, 9.7; Daugherty 9.7; 220 -Gainey 21.4; Bush, Tex Southern, 21.5; Colleymore 21.5; Daugherty 21.8. 440-Davis, OS, 46.8; Southern 47.2; Cotten, DentonAC, 47.3; Jackson, Georgia, 47.7. 880 -Delany 1:48.4, Courtney 1:48.5 (Delany had won mile; Courtney had run 4:23.9 on June, 4, was supposed to run half June 5 in army meet); Williams, TCU, 1:52.3; Greenfield, Colo, 1:52.6. Mile -Delany 4:05.4; Hodgson, Okla Frosh, 4:08.2; Villareal 4:09.2; Murphy, Tenn, 4:11.3; 3-mile-Macy 14:08.2; Smartt 14:25.2; Breckenridge 14:49.6. 120H-O'Connor 14.1; Perry 14.3; Hight 14.4; 220H-Davis 22.7; Perry 23.1; Thompson 23.2. Relay-Oklahoma 3:13; Kansas State 3:14.7; Denton AC 3:17.7. HJ -Reavis 6'8"; tie, Stewart, Stead, Moss, 6'6"; PV-Bragg 14'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "; Lyons, OS, 14'; BJ-Smyth 24'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; McGuire 23'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; HSJ -Smyth 48'3"; McCormick 46'6"; SP-Nieder 61'1"; Owen, Mich, 54'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Berman 53'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Delavan 51'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT-Tellar, Penn St, 155'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Yoder 154'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Pellant, Ill, 154'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Burch, NoTexSt, 154'1"; Javelin, Duckworth, Ga, 238'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Yob 224'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Quist, New Mexico, 221'3"; Parker, Tex, 209'4".

CALIFORNIA AAU, Bakersfield, June 8: 100-King 9.7; White 9.8; 220 -Griffin, Centennial High, 21.2; Smith, Taft High, 21.2; Noles, SCYC, 21.3; 440 -Larrabee, 47.5; Yerman, Cal Fr, 48.0; Phillips, Bakersfield JC, 48.3; White, MSAC, 48.3; 880 -Bowden 1:49.2; Sowell 1:49.8; Anderson 1:51.9; Foerster 1:52.6, J. Seaman 1:53.8. Mile-Lincoln 4:04.4; Tabori 4:05.4; Seaman 4:05.5; Wilcox 4:11.0; 3-mile -Adams, Compton, Colt, 14:32.8; Woods, Marines, 14:34.8; House 14:41.6; Larrieu, MSAC, 14:49.5. 6-mile-Robertson, SC, 30:30.5 & 10,000m in 31:28.6. 120H-Robinson 14.0; Cobb 14.1, Ball 14.2, Lawson 14.5; 220H-Robinson 22.8; White 23.1, Redus, San Jose, 23.3; Selby, Striders, 23.4; 440H-Culbreath 51.9, Smith 55.2; HJ -Avant, -Wyatt, Fendler 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Wilson, Shells & Jackson, 6'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; BJ-Shelby 24'3", Bean 23'3"; PV -Mattos & Kenly 14'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Morris, Brewer, Poucher, Rose, 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; HSJ-Andrews 49'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2-mile St -Rodriguez 10:20.7. SP-Vick 55'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Davis 54'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Humphreys 53'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Robertson 53'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Cheney 51'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". JT-Voiles 244'6"; Conley 243'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; Cntello; Garcia 225'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

NEW ENGLAND AAU, Arlington, Mass, June 5-6: HT-Connolly 205'11"; Lawler, Boston U, -197'6"; SP-Cafarella, BU, 51'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; DT-Lindroos, Vt., 157'8"; HSJ -Lochiato 47'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 6-mile -Kelley 30:16.7;

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AAU, Seattle, June 8--Pulford 155'3"; Wyborney 6'5"; Anderson & Horn, 23'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Larson, Wash. Frosh, 1:52.9; Moser, Wash, 1:54.0;

UNIV. OF CHICAGO TRACK CLUB INVITATIONAL, Chicago, June 8: 6-mile, Kelly, 31:31.6; John Bennett (out of retirement)-25'¹/₂"; Hoyle, Marquette, 14'; Caffey 21.3; 3-mile, Coleman 13:59.3, Jones 14:25.7; 3000 St-Higdon 9:28.4; McNulty 14.3; Mathews 14.7 & 23.4; Wheeler 4:17.8; Robertson, Drake, 1:54.7.

N. Y. A. C. SPRING GAMES, Pelham Manor, June 8: Bob Backus 45'2" with 56 pound weight for new American record; Al Hall 213' from Al Connolly 207'1"; Oerter 177'1¹/₂"; Ashenfelter 9:10.4 for 2-miles; Bantum 55'10¹/₂"; Murphy 1:53.1; Moran 4:11.2.

MISC. First Army championships, Fort Devens, June 5: Courtney, 4:23.9; Pratt 9.6; Baltimore Municipal Games, June 8: Kave 9.8 from Williams, Waters and Cager; Party 4:16.4; Browning Ross 29:35.3 for six miles; Schwarz 13'6".

ASIA. Nunogami 30:22.0, Jananese national record for 10,000 from Baba 30:25.8; Miki 227'6³/₄", national record; Yoshioka 189'8³/₄", HT; Kogake 50'9¹/₂" from Sakurai 50'4³/₈"; Shibata 50'3⁷/₈"; Weeratunga, Ceylon, 24'2¹/₂".

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THE BOWDEN STORY

Jim Scott, sports editor of the Berkeley Gazette, has provided such extensive and interesting background and sidelights on Don Bowden's 3:58.7 that we are reprinting most of his recent column herewith:

Brutus Hamilton, stopwatch in hand, stood on the backstretch, and as Bowden swept toward him and into the final turn, the kindly coach called out: "You've got it don. Go all out." Brutus knew that Bowden now could break four minutes by running the final 220 yards under 30 seconds. Don nodded his acceptance of the challenge and accelerated to a sprinter's pace. Sure that he had it, Hamilton hurried across the infield to be in on the festivities at the tape. Neither could there be any doubt in the minds of the crowd of some 3000 for Bowden was about 100 yards in front when he steamed across the tape. As he did, the excited announcer, H.D. Thoreau, broke out with: "Folks, I'm sure he's under four minutes." Far from exhausted, Don jogged to a stop 100 yards down the track. He said he had felt much worse after his 4:01.6 effort in the distance medley relay at Fresno, when he was not quite in shape.

Gratefully, he accepted the congratulations of Hamilton and track officials, and then trotted over to thank Jack Williamson, Cal trainer, for "taking so good care of me." Don's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bowden of San Jose, along with his Lincoln High coach, Lee Cox and Mrs. Cox, were down on the track now and, with Don temporarily unavailable while talking to Williamson, Mrs. Bowden threw her arms around the abashed Hamilton and gave him a kiss. Bowden bounced into the happy circle, which now included his sister, Ann, and her Delta Gamma sorority sister, Bobby Galvan, who had driven with Don to Stockton in his new Plymouth, a gift from his father. Don dates Bobby occasionally. Mrs. Bowden bussed her son. Mrs. Cox followed suit. But Bowden was called away to pose for the photographers and to talk to the reporters.

Of Hamilton he said: "I have the greatest middle distance coach in the world." Hamilton told the writers that "never in all my track years have I had a greater thrill." But Brutus wasn't surprised. In Don's freshman year he had referred to him as divinely gifted, and had said he'd do amazing things before he was through. A garland of roses now around his lean neck, Bowden said the plan was for him to do the first half of the race in 2:01 and then, if he felt right, to pour it on. Don actually reached the 830 mark in 2:00.8 and "since I felt real good, I just went all out to beat four minutes."

That he made it is the more remarkable in that Don won't be 21 till August 8. No other runner ever broke four minutes at so tender an age. Nor after so few tries, either. This was only the fifth open mile of his life. Still only two men ever ran faster. Moreover, Bowden, an affable youth of serious intent, had been occupied by final examinations all week. Infact he had been involved with an Econ exam from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. But this is not to say that Don wasn't in shape. Only his sleep suffered. On Monday he had worked three quarters against Tom Courtney. Tuesday he ran three slow fast 380s, doing the first half in 62 and the second in 57. Wednesday he swung easily through six laps, followed by a fast quarter. Thursday he merely loosened up, then tried a few speed bursts. Friday he

he rested--if that's the word for two tough exams.

It wasn't certain whether he'd run the mile or 880. But, if he did run a mile again this season, it had to be that night. Don's parents wanted to be on hand for the mile attempt. They offered to drive him over. But, when Mr. and Mrs. Cox joined their party, Don feared it would make things too crowded so he had sister Ann, a pretty UC freshman, drive him and Bobby to Stockton in his own car. Ann dropped Don off at the stadium at 7 p. m., and he was on the track warming up at 7:25. Hamilton arrived shortly after and he conferred with Don at 7:45, 15 minutes before the historic mile. The night was warm but not muggy. Just right for distance running. The hard clay track seemed to bring new spring to his feet. "I feel real good, coach" Don said. "Shall we go for it?" "Yes" replied Hamilton. "I think this will be your night, Don." Bob House, Cal two-miler, was scheduled to provide the pace but he was ill and unavailable. So Don proceeded to set his own pace.

Despite pressure from the press and fans, Hamilton had been holding Don off the long run except when he deemed the conditions right. They were right only twice--at Fresno and in the Stanford meet here. "Sure" he said, "it would be nice for Don to be the first American to break four minutes. But still I don't intend to take any chance with the kid. He has plenty of time yet to show the world." And Don felt the same way.

After an autographing session at Stockton, Don returned to Berkeley with his sister and Bobby. That night he got his full eight hours sleep for the first time in three weeks. Arising late yesterday, he joined Hamilton for a quiet breakfast in the dimly lit recesses of Blake's, an off-campus restaurant. None of the few students and townfolks present recognized Don. Though a buoyant extrovert, Don doesn't care for adoration. Following the breakfast, at which he and his coach discussed the exciting days ahead, Bowden left for San Jose to spend the rest of the day with his parents. Papa Bowden is a well to do San Jose dentist. Hamilton returned home to find his phone ringing. And it continued to tingle throughout the morning. It seemed strange to the erudite Olympic Games coach of 1952, who now spends most of his time in the dean's office. For he practically had been forgotten through most of the season by Bayville writers in their crush on Payton Jordan, the dynamic new Stanford coach. But now Brutus was getting calls from newspapers, press associations, Old Blues and assorted track nuts. Sports Illustrated Mag even foned from New York. Television producers wanted to know where Bowden could be reached.

He accepted an invitation to appear on the Dave Garroway show Wednesday morning. Don enplanes for New York tomorrow morning and will fly back Thursday. That afternoon he'll resume workouts at Edwards. Leaving Rowena at home to answer the phone, Brutus left early yesterday afternoon to visit with track and field friends down the Peninsula. Before leaving, however, he arranged with Don to pose for photogs at noon today at Don's Beta house.

A slender 6-3 loper who's been likened to Ichabod Crane in flight, Bowden, only a junior, is pointing for the 1500 meters in the 1960 Olympics. And Hamilton is certain he will be America's first ever truly great distance runner, if he isn't already. However, track is not the dark-eyed youth's main concern. Rather, he's more interested in qualifying for law school. And he's currently traveling at the B pace required for admittance. There's a serious side under Don's exterior light-heartedness. Along with Monte Upshaw, a national interscholastic record holder like himself, and gridder Ron Wheatcroft, he's an active member at Berkeley's First Presbyterian Church. He goes to church regularly, takes part in its youth activities but never flaunts his religion on others.

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MORE BOWDENANIA A former high school student body president, Don made a nice little speech to the crowd at Stockton...meet director Jack Dozier, who hasn't had many Cal athletes compete in past years, was unhappy when he heard that Bowden was going for the mile. "But we've set up this special half. We brought Stanley and Seaman up from Los Angeles to run against Bowden" he told Hamilton. "You wouldn't mind if he ran 4 minutes, would you" asked Hamilton. Now, all is forgiven...Bowden said "the pace worked out exactly right. I had perfect conditions."...Bob Seaman, shook his head and only half-joked, "I'm hanging 'em up."...Payton Jordan enthused "there's a boy who has everything. I was so excited I felt like a boy with four suckers not knowing which one to lick first."... Bowden gave credit for his pacing ability to his high school coach, Lee Cox....Bowden hopes to run in Europe this summer. He would like to meet the best Europeans under good con-

ditions. His long term goals include world records in the 880, 1500 and mile, and a good performance in the 1960 Olympic 1500. . . He's not adverse to taking a crack at two miles, either. . . Don was allowed to take a guest to New York for the television appearance, which had to be cleared with the AAU. Hamilton had to decline, but suggested sister Ann, who eagerly accepted. . . a NBC executive telephoned Hamilton to report that Don completely captured everyone he met, and that they had never seen two finer examples of American youth than Don and Ann. . . Don made three different appearances on the show, and once was paired with Tom Carroll, the 1:50.6 prep half-miler. . .

Telegrams came from Lon Spurrier, a close friend, and who, like Bowden, had also caught most of the track world by surprise with a Hamilton engineered world's record, and from Wes Santee, who should have been the first Yank to get into the 3s. . . both Hamilton and Bowden received lots of mail. . . some of Brutus' letters were from coaching colleagues who wondered how he did it. . . Bob Rubin, Cal sports publicity director, had the busiest few days of his career, answering requests for information, pictures, etc. But Bob was sad, for this track nut and ardent follower of Bowden had missed the race, deciding to stay home with some friends who had always considered themselves real track fans. . . right away the California AAU directors tried to get Bowden to switch from the half to the mile. . . the Bakersfield press dug for the local angle, came up with the fact that Don's mother had attended high school in Bakersfield. . . Don adopted some superstitions, hanging on to his track suit to do the laundering personally to make certain he had the same one next time. And at Bakersfield he had the same pre-race diet, a hamburger nine hours before race time. . . the excitement of the finish caused veteran head timer Snort Winstead to keep his eyes on the watch, rather than on the runner. . .

MORE NEWS

Jim Klein of the Striders won the Southern Pacific AAU decathlon with 6793 points to 6527 for Bob Lawson and 6058 for Henry Ketels. . . Josh Culbreath won the Marine 440 title in 48.1. . . at Houston, Courtney led in 53, to 54 for Delany, who took the lead 50 yards from the end. The 800m time was 1:47.8. Delany's last lap in the 4:05.4 mile was 56:3. . .

COMPTON INVITATIONAL, May 31--White, Harbor JC, 9.4, Morrow 9.4, Agostini 59.5, Hazley 9.5; Morrow 20.6, Agostini 20.7; Larabee 46.5, Atterberry 47.1; Sowell 1:48.9, Stanley 1:49.0, Hadley 1:49.8, Wilcox 1:50.2; Lincoln 4:05; Seaman 4:05.4, Tabori 4:06.3 Courtney 4:07.3; Trues 14:04.2 for 5000 and 13:35.7 for three miles, both American records; Macy 14:24.1, Ashenfelter 14:35.6; Campbell 13.4, Gilbert 13.4, Calhoun 13.5, Cobb 14.1; White 22.6, Robinson 22.7, Calhoun 22.8, Cobb 23.1; Dumas 6'10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Wilson, Wyatt, Shelton 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Gutowski 15'4, Mattos, Morris 14'6, Richards, Roubanis, Rose, Kenly 14'; Shelby 25'6 $\frac{1}{2}$, Lindsay and Herrmann 24'6 $\frac{3}{4}$, Bean 24'1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Andrews 48'7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Seymour 233'1, Conley 232'6, Held 230'10 $\frac{5}{8}$, Voiles 228'3 $\frac{1}{4}$; Nieder 59'10, Vick 58'7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Robertson 54'8 $\frac{1}{2}$, Milleman 54'5; O'Brien 182'7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Babaka 181'1, Gordien 178'7, Oerter 176'7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Peters 173'6. PACIFIC ASSOCIATION, AAU, June 1, Stockton: Bowden 3:58.7; O'Brien 179'1 $\frac{1}{4}$, Peters 171'11; Calhoun 14.0, Gilbert 14.1, Cobb 14.2, Redus 14.3, Smith 14.4; Hazley 9.8; Chesarek 47.7.

I. C. A. A. A. A., New York, June 1: Collymore, Villanova, 9.7 & 21.0; Jenkins 47.4; Delany 1:49.5 and 4:08.4 (best double in history); Stieglitz 9:05.6; Perry 14.2 and 22.9; Reavis-6'8, Stead 6'4; Herman 24'3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bragg 14'4; Bantum 56'5; Tullar, Penn State, 166'4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bantum 163'1 $\frac{1}{2}$; McGorty 209'3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Harpel 178'8. Team: Villanova 48, Manhattan 41, R-Man 3:13.1

CENTRAL COLLEGIATES, Milwaukee, June 1: Lyles 9.6 from Murchison; Jacobs 21.5; Nixon 47.6 from Lewis & Orr; Janzen 1:50.9; Long 4:13.2; McNeal 9:06.7; O'Connor 14.7; Batch 24.1; Kansas 3:13.9; Mylin 6'4; Tams 14'3 $\frac{1}{2}$, McGrath, Hoyle, Jones 14'; Hollinger 23'11 $\frac{3}{4}$; Oerter 166'9 $\frac{1}{2}$; Willard 190'7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Owen 56'2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Delavan 54'9 $\frac{1}{2}$;

HIGH SCHOOL Clark Branson, Pasadena, Calif., 64'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for 12 pound shot; Mike McKeever, Mt. Carmel, Los Angeles, 53'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " with 16 pound shot; Tom Carroll, Fordham Prep, New York, 1:50.6--all interscholastic records. Also, Morningside High, Inglewood, Cal, 7:54.6 for two-mile relay record.

NCAA HIGHLIGHTS

Morrow-Sime-King in 100, plus Morrow-Sime in 220; Delany vs. Bowden in half as Delany tries double; Calhoun vs. Gilbert in highs, and these two plus Robinson in lows; Bell after record on fast Austin pit; Jenkins, who failed to place at Houston, against McMurray, Southern and others; Gutowski after record; Jones after NCAA 2-mile mark.