

Before 1906 no official US team was selected for the Olympics, though curiously, there was a selection race in 1900 for the marathon team. It was over 15 miles, and won by Arthur Newton, a 17 year-old from Upton, Mass. However, it was not until 1908 that a series of meetings were used as try-outs for Olympic team selection. In both 1908 and 1912 the Eastern Tryouts was the major meeting, with athletes from across the USA attempting to impress the selectors. Athletes who competed in London are marked with an asterisk

## 1908

Western: Stanford - May 9/ Central: Chicago - May 29

IC4A: Philadelphia - May 29-30/ Eastern: Philadelphia - June 6

IC4A events on May 30, unless otherwise specified.

### 100 Meters

Western: 1. Forrest Smithson (Multnomah) 11 1/5, 2. Peter Gerhardt (SFOC), 3. Seymour McAllister (Utah)  
Central: 1. Bill Hamilton\* (Ch AA) 11 1/5, 2. Robert Branham (Missouri), 3. James Wasson (US-A)  
IC4A: (100y - 5/29) 1. Nate Cartmell (Penn) 10 2/5, 2. Nate Sherman (Dartmouth), 3. Jay Whitham (Penn), 4. R.A.Gamble (Prin), 5. Cary  
Eastern: 1. Lawson Robertson\* (IAAC) 11.0, 2. James Rector\* (Va) 11.0e, 3. Nate Cartmell\* (Penn) 11.0e, also ran: Robert Cloughen\* (IAAC), Jay Whitham (Penn), Nate Sherman\* (Dart). Heats: 1 - 1. Rector 10 4/5 =AR, 2. Cloughen 11.1e, 3. Whitham 11.2e, 2 - 1. Robertson 11 1/5, 2. Cartmell, 3. Sherman.

In the Eastern trials, Rector, the favorite, was set back a yard after making a false start in the final, while another prospective team member - Fred Ramsdell (Texas) failed to qualify. Robertson led the final for 80 yards and was then caught by Cartmell and Rector. To most spectators it seemed that Cartmell had crossed the line just ahead, but the decision went to Robertson, who later became a celebrated coach. 100 yards record-holder Dan Kelly was injured and unable to run. Rector, who was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to Robertson was set back a yard for a false start, but was just over a foot behind Robertson at the finish. The IC4A was held in dreadful weather conditions with the result that most events were statistically very poor. In addition to those selected above, William May (Ill), a 9.8y man in 1907, Lester Stevens (NYAC), Harry Huff (Ch AA) and Edgar Kiralfy a resident of England, all competed under US colors in London.

The finish of the Eastern 100 - Left to right: - Robertson, Rector, Whitham, Sherman and Cartmell. Cloughen is hidden behind Robertson

### 200 Meters

Western: 1. Peter Gerhardt (SFOC) 22 2/5, 2. Seymour McAllister (Utah), 3. Bill Meyer (SFOC)  
Central: 1. Bill Hamilton\* (Ch AA) 22 2/5, 2. Robert Branham (Missouri), 3. Clinton Fuller (Ripon)  
IC4A: (220y) 1. Nate Cartmell (Penn) 22.0, 2. Jay Whitham (Penn), 3. Nate Sherman (Dartmouth), 4. T.S.Blumer (Harv)  
Eastern: 1. Nate Cartmell\* (Penn) 21.8, 2. Jay Whitham (Penn) 22.1e, 3. Nate Sherman\* (Dartmouth), also ran: Robert Cloughen\* (IAAC), H.W.Faraday (NYAC). Heats: 1 - 1. Cartmell 22 1/5, 2 - 1. Whitham 22 2/5

Sherman led for the first 60 yards, and then the two Penn runners drew even. It soon became clear that it would be a question of how big the winning margin for Cartmell would be; in the event, it was 3 yards. Robertson and May also ran in London, doubling up from the 100m.

#### 400 Meters

Western: 1. André Glarner (SFOC/FRA) 51 1/5, 2. Clarence Edmundson\* (Idaho), 3. Eugene Smith (Cal)  
Central: 1. Ned Merriam\* (Chicago) 49 3/5, 2. Richard Mason (Vand), 3. John Vickery (Ch AA)  
IC4A: (440y) 1. John Taylor (Penn) 52 1/5, 2. Fred de Selding (Harv), 3. John Carpenter\* (Corn), 4. Guy M. Henrie (Swarthmore), 5. John Atlee (Prin), 6. Edward Merrihew (Harv)  
Eastern: 1. John Taylor\* (Penn) 49 4/5, 2. John Atlee\* (Prin) 50.2e, 3. William Prout\* (BAA)

In the Eastern trials Atlee had a solid lead by 300m, but Taylor closed down the gap and went ahead 20 yards before the line, having escaped being boxed in late in the race. The Western event was won by André Glarner, who would become French 400m champion 2 years later. William Robbins (IAAC), Horace Ramey (Ch AA) and Paul Pilgrim, who had won the 400 and 800 in the 1906 Olympics, also competed in London, with Carpenter, Taylor and Robbins all running in the infamous London final, when Carpenter was disqualified for forcing Halswelle (GBR) out towards the outside of the track, and Taylor and Robbins refused to compete in the re-run as a gesture of sympathy for Carpenter.

#### 800 Meters

Western: 1. Hec Edmundson (Idaho) 1:59 1/5, 2. André Glarner (SFOC/FRA) , 3. Eugene Smith (Cal)  
Central: 1. Horace Ramey\* (Ch AA) 1:57.0, 2. James Lightbody\* (Ch AA), 3. Walter Comstock (Chicago)  
IC4A: (880y) 1. Lloyd Jones\* (Penn) 2:02.0, 2. Charles French\* (Corn), 3. Meyer Kirjasoff (Yale), 4. Louis Frantz (Prin) - 10 starters  
Eastern: 1. Mel Sheppard\* (IAAC) 1:54.0, 2. Joseph Bromilow\* (IAAC) 1:54.4e, 3. Lloyd Jones (Penn) 1:55.3e, also ran: F.P. Sheehan (Sth Bos AC), Eli B. Parsons (Yale)

Sheppard, having dominated the EOT race, went on to win the Olympic title by 10 yards. Clarke Beard (Ia St) and John Halstead (Corn) made the final, and Harry Coe (Mich) ran in the heats.

#### 1500 Meters

Western: (Mile) 1. William Richardson (SFOC) 4:25 3/5, 2. Lloyd Sweet (Stan), 3. William Garvin (SFOC)  
Central: 1. James Lightbody\* (Ch AA) 4:11 3/5, 2. Walter Comstock (Chicago), 3. Charles Murphy (Ch AA)  
IC4A: (Mile) 1. John Halstead (Corn) 4:30.0, 2. Floyd Rowe (Mich) 4:30.2e, 3. George Hoynes (Columbia), 4. Roland Spitzer (Yale)  
Eastern: 1. John Halstead\* (Corn) 4:01 1/5 AR, 2. James Sullivan\* (IAAC) 4:03.0e, 3. Frank Riley (IAAC), 4. Roland Spitzer (Yale)

In the Eastern meeting Halstead was 4th with a lap to go in a race which had been led by Beck (Penn), and Halstead began his kick shortly after passing the bell. He went 12 yards clear by the finish, and looked as though he could have run faster if necessary. As it was, he broke James Lightbody's US record by more than 4 seconds. Sheppard had to

choose between the 800 and 1500 at the trials, but was nevertheless selected for the Olympic 1500, which he won. 800m Olympian Coe doubled up in the 1500, and Frank Riley (IAAC) also ran in the Olympic 1500.

### 3200 Meters Steeplechase

Eastern: 1. John Eisele\* (NYAC) 10:47.0, 2. Edward Carr\* (Xavier AA), 3. Stanley Root (Penn).

Roland Spitzner (Yale), George Bonhag (NYAC), Gale Dull (Pitt AA), James Lightbody (Ch AA) all ran in London, but only Eisele made the final, where he won a bronze medal.

### Marathon

a/ Boston, 20 April

1. Thomas Morrissey\* 2:25:43.2  
2. John Hayes\* 2:26:04  
3. Robert Fowler\* 2:26:42  
4. Michael Ryan\* 2:27:08

b/St Louis, 2 May

1. Sydney Hatch\* 2:29:56.4  
2. Joseph Forshaw\* 2:30:00.4

Hayes went on to win the most famous marathon of all in London where Italian Dorando Pietri was disqualified after being helped over the line. Forshaw placed 3rd, Alton Welton (Unat) placed 4th, and Louis Tewanima (Carlisle), a Hopi Indian, was 9th at the age of 20.

### 110 Meters Hurdles

Western: 1. Forrest Smithson\* (Multnomah) 15 2/5 =AR, 2. William Edwards (Cal)

Central: 1. John Garrels\* (Ch AA) 15 4/5, 2. Walter Steffens (Chicago), 3. William Crowley (Chicago)

IC4A: (120yH) 1. Arthur Shaw\* (Dart) 15 3/5, 2. John Talcott (Corn) 16.0e, 3. Douglas Robbins (Yale), 4. Leonard Howe\* (Yale)

Eastern: 1. Leonard Howe (Yale) 15 4/5, 2. Douglas Robbins (Yale), 3. Carl Christiani (Penn)

Smithson won the WOT easily, equalling the US record with 15 2/5, while Shaw won the EOT after being described in the Boston Post as "being in a class by himself" - this in the paper prior to the race. Smithson, who had won the 100m in the Western trials, concentrated on the hurdles for the Olympics, and won by 5 meters from Garrels in a WR 15.0, with Shaw 3rd and William Rand (Harv) 4th. Afterwards, as a protest against having to run on a Sunday, Smithson posed for photos with a Bible in his left hand while hurdling - contrary to some accounts, he did not win the Gold with the Bible in his hands. He later became a Baptist minister.

### 400 Meters Hurdles

Western: 1. André Glarner (SFOC/FRA) 59 2/5, 2. Greg Padilla (CSMA), 3. Eugene Smith (Cal)

Central/IC4A - event not held

Eastern: 1. Charles Bacon\* (IAAC) 55 4/5 AR, 2. Harry Hillman\* (NYAC), 3. James Mulligan (Aquinas AC), 4. Leonard V. Howe (Yale)

Hillman was the favorite to win the EOT, and led to the final hurdle, but was passed by Bacon, a strong half-miler type, on the run-in. The race was run over 3 foot hurdles rather than the usual 2'6" barriers, in order to get used to the height of hurdle that would apply at the London Games, so Bacon's mark was a US record. The third team selection for London was Harry Coe (Mich) who was the second fastest man in the 4 semi-finals, but failed to qualify, as only the winners got through. Hillman won that semi, but placed 2nd to Bacon's WR 55.0 in the final, and later attended 3 Olympics as a member of the US coaching staff.

### High Jump

Western: 1. Dave Martin (Stan) 5'7 3/4", 2. Ed Bull (Cal) 5'6 3/4"  
Central: 1. John Neil Patterson\* (Ch AA) 5'11 1/2", 2. Lynn Miller (Ind), =3. Fred Degenhardt (Chicago), John Schommer (Chicago), Charles Bacon (Chicago) 5'9"  
IC4A: 1=. Earl Palmer and Richard Harwood (Harv) 5'6 1/2", 3. Ruel Pope (Harv)  
Eastern: 1. Harry Porter\* (IAAC) 6'2", 2. Tom Moffitt\* (Penn) 6'0", 3. Herbert Gidney\* (BAA) 5'11", 4. W.C.Fielding (NYAC) 5'10"

The highest jumper in the Trials meets, Harry Porter, went on to lift his 6'2 1/2" frame over 6'2 3/4" in the Olympics to take the gold medal.

### Pole Vault

Western: 1. Sam Bellah\* (Stan) 12'2", 2. Fred Lanagan (Stan), 3. Ed Bull (Cal)  
Central: 1. Charles Jacobs\* (Chicago) 11'8" (only competitor)  
IC4A: 1=. Alfred Gilbert\* (Yale), Walter Dray (Yale), Frank Nelson (Yale), Charles Campbell (Yale) 11'0"  
Eastern: 1. "A.C." Gilbert (Yale) 12'7 3/4" AR, =2. Walter Dray (Yale), Frank Nelson (Yale) 12'2 1/2"

Edward Cook (Corn), the 1907 AAU champion, and already selected for the long jump, was added to the imposing US squad for London, and tied for gold with Gilbert, after placing 4th in the Olympic long jump. In fact, he was the prototype vaulter, with quality PRs in a range of events, including 21.6 for 220y, 15.6 in the Hurdles and 6'2" in the HJ. Gilbert was more the gymnastic type, with college credentials in both wrestling and gymnastics.

### Long Jump

Western: 1. Sam Bellah\* (Stan) 22'5 1/4", 2. Ted Vandervoort (Stan) 22'4 1/2"  
Central: 1. Frank Irons\* (Ch AA) 22'6 3/4", 2. John Brennan\* (Marq) 21'11 1/8", 3. Ed Nichol (Ch AA) 21'10"  
IC4A: 1. Edward Cook\* (Corn) 22'8 1/2", 2. Homer Heath (Mich) 22'2 1/2", 3. Louis Talcott (Penn) 21'11 1/2", 4. Nate Sherman (Dart) 21'4 1/2"  
Eastern: 1. Edward Cook (Corn) 23'2 1/2", 2. Frank Mount Pleasant\* (Carlisle) 23'2 1/4", 3. John O'Connell\* (NYAC) 23'1"

Dan Kelly, 100 yard US record-holder - at 9 3/5, was added to the team. The AAU winner in 1907, Kelly went on to place second in London with 23'3 1/4", some distance behind Irons, who leaped 24'6 1/2", a long way ahead of his previous form. Irons was the smallest man ever to win Olympic gold in the long jump at 5'5 1/2"/135

### Triple Jump

Central: 1. John Brennan\* (Marq) 45'4 7/8", 2. Frank Irons (Ch AA) 43'3 3/4", 3. Forest Fletcher (US-A) 41'9 1/2"  
Western/IC4A: Event not held  
Eastern: 1. Platt Adams\* (NYAC) 46'11", 2. John O'Connell (NYAC) 44'6 1/2", 3. Frank Frissell (Unat) 40'9 1/2"

The following also competed in the Olympic triple jump: Frank Mount Pleasant (Carlisle), Martin Sheridan (IAAC), Sam Bellah (Stan), Frank Irons (Ch AA), Nate Sherman (Dart). Adams went on to be the best placed American, finishing 5th, while Sheridan carried his 6'3/195 frame to 9th place.

### Shot Put

Western: 1. Ralph Rose\* (SFOC) 47'0", 2. Harry Horton (Stan) 43'8 3/4", 3. Ted Vandervoort (Stan) 36'10 3/8"

Central: 1. John Garrells\* (Ch AA) 45'7 3/4", 2. Wilbur Burroughs\* (Ch AA) 43'10 1/2", 3. Fred Prather (Ch AA) 42'8 3/4", 4. Benjamin Stephenson (Harv) 42'0 1/2"

IC4A: 1. William Krueger (Swarthmore) 44'0", 2. Lester Bangs (Harv) 43'4 1/4", 3. Clarence Little (Harv) 42'9 3/4"

Eastern: 1. Wesley Coe\* (BAA) 45'10 1/2", 2. William Krueger (Swarthmore) 44'2 3/4", 3. Marquis Horr\* (Syr) 42'10"

Lee Talbott (Corn), Martin Sheridan (IAAC) also competed in the London event, which was won by Rose with 46'8", nearly 2 ft clear of the opposition. Rose would end up with 2 gold medals (1904-8) and one silver medal (1912) - an Olympic shot career bettered only by Parry O'Brien, and Rose added silver and bronze in 1904 in the Discus and Hammer, to become the only man to win medals in 3 current Olympic throwing events. Rose was a giant of a man, standing 6'5 1/2", and weighing 235 pounds early in his career, before ballooning up to 287 by 1909. Tragically, Rose died in 1913, aged 28, of typhoid fever.

#### Discus Throw

Western: 1. Ralph Rose (SFOC) 120'10", 2. Harry Horton (Stan) 108'5"

Central: 1. Wilbur Burroughs\* (Ch AA) 132'5 5/8", 2. Merritt Giffin\* (Ch AA) 139'6 1/2", 3. John Garrells\* (Ch AA) 127'6 3/4"

IC4A: - Event not held

Eastern: 1. Arthur Dearborn\* (NYAC) 139'11" AR, 2. Martin Sheridan\* (IAAC) 139'6 1/2", 3. Bill Horr\* 133'5 1/2"

Sheridan broke his 1907 US record of 136'10" with a throw of 139'6 1/2", but was upstaged by Dearborn's 139'11". Hammer throwers Simon Gillis and John Flanagan also competed in London. Sheridan won the Olympic title in 1904-06-08 and was a superb athlete, winning the AAU all-round title 3 times.

#### Hammer Throw

Western: 1. Ralph Rose (SFOC) 146'3", 2. Harry Horton (Stan) 111'8", 3. Malcolm Youker (Stan) 105'0"

Central: 1. Wilbur Burroughs (Ch AA) 150'3", 2. Ivan Prather (Ch AA) 124'3", 3. Oscar Worthwine (Ch AA) 123'0"

IC4A: 1. Joseph Pew (Corn) 155'2 1/2", 2. Marquis Horr\* (Syr) 151'6 1/2", 3. Thomas Baker (Corn) 150'9 1/2", 4. Bob Folwell (Penn) 145'10"

Eastern: 1. Lee Talbott\* (Corn) 166'9", 2. Bob Folwell (Penn) 143'5 3/4", Bill Horr (Syr) - 3 Fouls, no other competitors

The Boston Post listed the contenders in each event, and Matt McGrath and John Flanagan were 10 ft ahead of the rest. Neither athlete competed in the trials, but both were selected for London, where Flanagan duly won his third straight title, with McGrath second.

#### Javelin Throw

Western, Central, IC4A - Event not held.

Eastern: 1. Platt Adams (NYAC) 131'6", 2. Martin Sheridan (IAAC) 120'3", 3. Warren Fielding (NYAC) 116'3".

No American was selected for the Olympics, and the Eastern event was contested by specialists from other events.

## 1912

As in 1908, Olympic team selections are marked with an asterisk.

Western: Stanford - May 17, Central: Evanston - June 8

Eastern: Cambridge - June 8

### 100 Meters

Western: 1. Ira Courtney\* (Seattle AC) 10 4/5 =AR, 2. Peter Gerhardt\* (SFOC) 10.9e

Central: 1. Clement Wilson\* (Coe) 11 1/5, 2. Frank Belote\* (Ch AA) 11.3e, 3. James Wasson (Notre Dame), also ran: Guy Reed (Neb), Alfred Bergman (Notre Dame), John Lanyon (Chicago). Heats: 1 - Belote 11 1/5, 2 - Wilson 10 4/5 =AR, 3 - Reed 11 1/5

Eastern: 1. Howard Drew\* (Springfield, Mass. HS) 10 4/5 =AR, 2. Ralph Craig\* (Detroit AC) 10.9e, 3. Charles Rice (Powder Point, Mass. HS) 11.0e, 4. Don Lippincott\* (Penn) 11.0e, 5. Frank Nardini (Bos AA) 11.1e, 6. Francis O'Hara (Bos AA) 11.2e. **Lanes: Drew, Rice, O'Hara, Nardini, Craig, Lippincott**

Semi-finals: 1 - Drew 11.0, 2. Craig 11.1e, 3. Rice 11.1e, 2 - Lippincott 11.0, 2. O'Hara 11.1e, 3. Nardini 11.1e. Heats: 1 - Craig 10 4/5 =AR, 2. Rice 11.0e, 2 - Nardini 11 1/5, 3 - Drew 11.0, 4 - Hal Heiland\* (Xavier) 11.0, 2. Jim Patterson (Penn) 11.0e, 5 - Alvah Meyer\* (IAAC) 11.0, 2. Lippincott 11.0e

Craig was the pre-race favorite along with disappointing Alvah Meyer who didn't make the final. Drew, the 21 year-old high schooler, beat Craig in the semis, and jetted out to a yard lead in the first 10 of the final, and held all of the margin to the tape. Arthur Duffy, writing in the Boston Post, considered that Drew was "one of the greatest ever sprinters produced in this section of the country and I do not know any sprinter who can beat him". Drew injured himself while winning his Olympic semi-final, leaving the way open for Craig to win the first of his 2 Olympic Gold medals.

### 200 Meters

Western: 1. Ira Courtney (Seattle AC) 21 4/5, 2. Peter Gerhardt\* (SFOC), 3. Fred Kelly (USC)

Central: 1. Carl Cook\* (Cleveland AC) 21 3/5, 2. Guy Reed (Neb), 3 James McCawley (Missouri AC), also ran: Clement Wilson\* (Coe), Alfred Bergman (Notre Dame), Coe (Cleveland AC)

Heats: 1 - Wilson 22 2/5, 2 - Cook 22.0

Eastern: 1. Ralph Craig\* (Detroit AC) 22.0, 2. Don Lippincott\* (Penn), 3. Hal Heiland\* (Xavier AA), also ran: Charles Rice (Powder Point, Mass. HS), Fred Burns (Brown), C.A.Olson (Dart)

Semi-finals: 1 - Craig 22 2/5, 2. Rice 22.6e, 3. C.A.Olson, 2 - Lippincott 22 2/5, 2. Burns 22.5e, 3. Heiland. Heats: 1. Olson 22 1/5, 2. Alvah Meyer\* (IAAC) 22.3e, 2- Lippincott 22 2/5, 2. Rice 22.4e, 3 - Craig 22 2/5, 2. Burns 22.5e, 4 - Heiland 22.0, 2. Jim Patterson (Penn) 22.5e

Craig showed great resilience taking the 200m easily in his 6th (!) race of the day, taking the time to look round at his opposition at the finish. Quarter-milers Charles Reidpath (NYAC) and Donnell Young (Bos AA) also were selected and placed 5th

and 6th in the Olympic final running 22.3 behind the winning 21.7 of Craig, while Lippincott was second in 21.8.

#### 400 Meters

Western - Event not held.

Central: 1. Edward Lindberg\* (Ch AA) 48 3/5, 2. Fred Cortis (Ill) 50.0e (10y), 3. Ralph Sanders (Ill)

Eastern: 1. Donnell Young\* (BAA) 49 1/5, 2. Irving Howe (Bos English HS) 49.5e, 3. Edward Merrihew (Bos AA) 49.9e, 4. William Hayes (Aquinas AC) 50.5e, 5. Gus Bowzer (Unat) 50.5e - 10 started.

Here the trials played a small role, as Olympic winner Charles Reidpath, 4th placer Ted Meredith (Mercersburg Academy) and Carroll Haff (Mich) who placed 5th in Stockholm all missed the Olympic trials, though Reidpath tried to get to Cambridge but was delayed after school exams.

#### 800 Meters

Western: 1. Hec Edmundson\* (Seattle AC) 1:59 1/5, 2. Edward Bonnett (Stan), 3. A.F.Gates (Pastime AC)

Central: 1. Ira Davenport\* (Ch AA) 1:54 1/5, 2. Dale Bermond (Missouri), 3. Howard Osborne (Nwn)

Eastern: 1. Mel Sheppard\* (IAAC) 1:55.0, 2. David Caldwell\* (Mass) 1:55.3e, 3. Ted Meredith\* (Mercersburg Academy, Pa) 1:55.6e, also ran: Harry Gissing (IAAC), Thomas Halpin (Bos AA), Harland Holden (Bos AA)

Heats: 1 - Meredith 1:53 4/5 (880y - 1:54 2/5), 2. Gissing 1:54.6e, 3. Holden\* 1:54.7e, 4. I. de Gruchy (NYAC) 1:55.0e. 2 - Sheppard 1:53 2/5 (880y - 1:54 2/5), 2. Caldwell 1:53.7e, 3. Halpin

Sheppard was aiming for the WR of 1:52 4/5 in the EOT, saying the day before "I believe I will have to break my record to stay in front at the finish... from what I hear of young Meredith I figure him in the going all the way". Sheppard considered Kiviat his biggest rival, but Kiviat had the 1500m on his mind. Sheppard won his preliminary with 1:54 2/5, emulating Meredith's time from the first heat. In the final, Halpin and Meredith shared the pacemaking until the final backstraight, when Sheppard briefly led, only to be passed by Caldwell, who took a five yard lead into the homestretch. Sheppard slowly gained on Caldwell, and passed him with 20 yards to go, winning by 5 feet, with Meredith 2 yards back. John Paul Jones (Corn) and Herbert Putnam (Corn) both were added to the team after the trials. In Stockholm Sheppard ran under his WR with 1:52.0, but was preceded by Meredith who clocked 1:51.9

#### 1500 Meters

Western: 1. Walter McClure\* (Multnomah AC) 4:03 3/5, 2. John Burke (SFOC), 3. Charles Murphy (Unat)

Central: 1. Norman Patterson\* (Ch AA) 4:02 2/5, 2. Lewis Anderson\* (Neb), 3. John Taylor (Ch AA)

Eastern: 1. Abel Kiviat\* (IAAC) 3:55 4/5 WR (4:15 3/5 Mile), 2. Norman Taber\* (Brown) 3:56.4e, 3. Oscar Hedlund\* (BAA) 3:59.4e, also ran: Hunger (Corn), Driscoll (Buffalo) and 4 others.

Kiviat, who had twice beaten the US record in the previous 2 weeks, took on the pace from the outset and passed 1 lap in 59.0 and 1/2 mile in 2:03 3/5, with the pace easing to 3:09 1/5 at 3/4 mile. Taber passed Hedlund at the end of 3 laps, and strained mightily to catch Kiviat, but to no avail; Taber reached the 1500m mark 10 ft behind Kiviat, who continued on to the mile mark, missing Jones' mile record by

1/5th of a second. Sheppard, Putnam and Jones, who ran in the Olympic 800, also took part in the 1500, Jones placing 4th, 5 spots ahead of Sheppard.

### 5000 Meters

Western - Event not held

Central: 1. Garnett Wikoff\* (Ohio St) 15:37 1/5, 2. A.M.Durey (Des Moines U), 3. Gale Dull (Pitt)

Eastern: 1. Tell Berna\* (Corn) 15:08 2/5, 2. Louis Scott\* (Sth Patterson AC) 15:11.5e, 3. George Bonhag\* (IAAC) 15:12.0e, 4. Eddie Fitzgerald\* (NYAC) 15:16.0e

Berna ran a cautious race, following the pace of Scott - who had set a US record of 15:06 2/5 a fortnight earlier. Scott led for 2 miles, and then Bonhag took over until the last furlong when Berna sped away to a 12 yard win. Wallace McCurdy (Penn) was added to the team after the trials.

### 10000 Meters

Western: 1. Oliver Millard (SFOC) 35:37 4/5, 2. Paul Westerlund (SFOC) - No other competitors

Central: 1. D.H.Davis (Lake Forest U) 35:56 2/5, 2. Morris Midkiff (Ch AA), 3. Sidney Hatch (Ch AA)

Eastern: 1. William Kramer\* (Long Island AC) 31:43 3/5 AR, 2. Hugh Maguire\* (Unat) 32:30e (250y), 3. John Daly (GBR) 33:00e

Kramer beat his previous best of 32:12 4/5 quite handily, passing 6 miles in a USA best of 30:43. Reportedly, he passed 1 mile in 4:29 1/5, which seems implausibly quick - as he continued through 2 miles in 9:52 4/5 and 3 miles in 15:04. At that point he had company, as Maguire was on his heels until the 16th lap. From that point on Maguire was struggling, and Kramer gained more than 25 yards a lap. Kramer went through 4 miles in 20:05, and 5m in 25:31 1/5. At the time US records were maintained for every 1/4 mile from 5 miles, and Kramer duly broke all these. Kramer and Harry Hellawell (NYAC), an addition to the team, did not make the Olympic final, but Maguire and selections for other events - Louis Scott (5k) and Louis Tewanima (Mar) - did get to the final, with Tewanima winning a silver medal - the only US Olympic medal in the event prior to Billy Mills.

### Marathon

a/ Boston, 19 April (24m 1232y)

1. Mike Ryan*	2:21:18.2
2. Andrew Sockalexis*	2:21:52.6
3. Festus J.Madden	2:23:34
4. Thomas Lilley*	2:23:50.8
5. Fritz Colson	2:25:38.8
6. Harry Jensen	2:25:50
7. Richard Piggott*	2:26:07
8. Ed Fabre (CAN)	2:26:23.8
9. William Galvin	2:26:50
10. Harry Smith*	2:27:46

b/New York (12 Miles)

1. Louis Tewanina*	1:09:16
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c/St Louis, 4 May

1. Joseph Erxleben*	2:36:30
2. Joseph Forshaw*	2:37:32
3. Sidney Hatch	2:38:12

The principal selection race was the Boston marathon. Ryan took the lead in the 25th mile and set a course record - over the recognised marathon distance of 26m 385y Ryan's time converts (at even pace) to 2:29:59.6 ! In addition to the asterisked athletes, Clarence DeMar - the Boston winner in 1911, Gaston Strobino - a relatively unknown 20 year-old, and John Gallagher - who led the 1912 Boston race until 21 miles, were added to the US team. Strobino finished 3rd in Stockholm, with

Sockalexis 4th and 5 other Americans finished in the top-12.

### 110 Meters Hurdles

Western: 1. Fred Kelly\* (USC) 15 2/5, 2. Martin Hawkins\* (Multnomah) 15.6e, 3. Forrest Smithson (Unat), Ben Ward (LAAC), Charles Morris (SFOC), Ric Templeton (SFOC) also ran.  
Heats: 1 - Kelly 15 3/5, 2. Smithson, 3. Morris. 2 - Ward 15 4/5, 2. Hawkins, 3. Templeton

Central: 1. John Case\* (Ill) 15 2/5, John Nicholson\* (Missouri) - Dnf. No other competitors

Eastern: 1. Vaughn Blanchard\* (BAA) 15 3/5, 2. Edwin Pritchard\* (IAAC) 15.7e, 3. George Chisholm\* (BAA), DQ. John Eller\* (IAAC)  
Semi-finals: 1 - Pritchard 15 4/5, 2. Chisholm. 2 - Blanchard 15 4/5, 2. Eller 15.9e  
Heats: 1 - Pritchard 15 3/5, 2. Chisholm. 2 - James Wendell\* (NYAC) 15 4/5, 2. Blanchard. 3 - Eller 15 3/5, 2. William Edwards (Penn)

Nicholson fell in the Central tryouts after losing a shoe in the early going. In the Eastern trials, Pritchard looked the most impressive hurdler during the prelims, but it was Blanchard who led the whole way in the final, winning by less than a yard from Pritchard. Eller was third across the line, but was disqualified for knocking down 3 hurdles - which with the sturdiness of the barriers in those days should have been sufficient punishment in itself. Kelly went on to win the Olympic final in 15.1 from Wendell (15.2), Hawkins and Case (both 15.3).

### High Jump

Western: 1. George Horine\* (SFOC) 6'7" WR, 2. Ed Beeson (Cal) 6'4 1/2", 3. Walter Thomassen (Seattle AC)

Central: 1. Alma Richards\* (BYU) 6'1", 2. Earl Palmer (Ch AA) 5'11", 3. Edward Nixon (Ch AA) 5'10"

Eastern: 1. Egon Erickson\* (Mott Haven AC) 6'2 5/8", =2. John Johnstone\* (BAA) and Harold Enright (BAA) 6'1 1/2"...5. George Horine\* (SFOC) 6'0 1/2"

George Horine had cleared 6'8 1/4" a few days before leaving the west coast, and so his inability to jump higher than 6'0 1/2" was an immense surprise, though added fuel to the innate rivalry between athletes from the East and West coasts. On the day Horine's failure was due to illness. Erickson was a clear winner, and Johnstone actually beat Enright in a jump-off (at 6'1 1/2"). Harry Grumpelt (NYAC), Wesley Oler (Yale), Jervis Burdick (Pitt AA), and Jim Thorpe were all added to the team, but it was the COT winner Richards, who took gold in the Olympic event.

### Pole Vault

Western: 1. Sam Bellah\* (Multnomah AC) 12'9 5/8", =2. Ric Templeton (SFOC) and Clark Bulware (Stan)  
Bellah reportedly cleared the winning height with a foot to spare !

Central: 1. Frank Murphy\* (Ch AA) 11'11", 2. Frank Coyle\* (SFOC) 11'8", 3. John Gold (Wisc) 11'8"

Eastern: 1. Marc Wright\* (Dart) 13'2 1/4" WR, 2. Frank Nelson\* (Harv Law) 12'6", =3. Barton Haggard (Harv), Jay Camp (Harv) and Paul Maxon (Unat) 12'0"

Wright cleared the record height on his second attempt, reportedly with 8" of daylight between him and the bar. He was mobbed by friends, but Wright himself calmed them down, pointing out that Nelson still had 2 attempts at the record height. AAU champion Henry Babcock (Columbia), together with Gordon Dukes (NYAC) -

1911 indoor AAU winner, and William Fritz (Corn) were added to the impressive list of athletes for Stockholm, with the result that 8 of the top-10 places were taken by Americans, headed by Babcock.

#### Long Jump

Western: 1. Fred Allen\* (Cal) 22'3", 2. Harold Morrison (Stan) 22'1 1/2", 3. Sam Bellah (Multnomah AC) 21'4 3/4"  
Central: 1. Francis Irons\* (Ch AA) 22'9 1/2", 2. James Wasson (Notre Dame) 22'3 1/2", 3. Carl Cook (Cleveland AC) 21'5 1/2"  
Eastern: 1. Harry Worthington\* (BAA) 23'10", 2. Albert Gutterson\* (BAA) 23'2 3/4", 3. Ted Cable (Harv) 22'11 1/2", 4. Robert Gooch (Va) 22'3"

Worthington, a junior at Exeter Academy - although 20 years old at the time - won over Gutterson, who would go on to set a US record when winning in Stockholm. Decathlete Roy Mercer and triple jumper Eddie Farrell also competed in the Olympic long jump

#### Triple Jump

Western - Event not held  
Central: 1. Frank Holmes (Ch AA) 44'5 3/4", 2. Arthur Collins (Ch AA) 43'9 5/8", 3. H.J. Ratican (St Louis) 42'5 3/4"  
Eastern: 1. Charles Brickley\* (Harv) 47'5", 2. Eddie Farrell\* (BAA) 45'11", 3. J.F. McLaughlin (Unat) 43'10"

Platt Adams, who won the 1912 Olympic standing high jump, also competed in the triple jump, finishing as the highest placed American in 4th place.

#### Shot Put

Western: 1. Ralph Rose\* (SFOC) 49'7 1/8", 2. Floyd Rice (SFOC) 45'11 1/4" - No other competitors.  
Central: 1. George Philbrook\* (Notre Dame) 41'7", 2. Arlie Mucks (Ch AA) 40'4", 3. Avery Brundage (Ch AA) 40'0"  
Eastern: 1. Pat McDonald\* (IAAC) 47'5 1/4", 2. Arthur Bartlett (Brown) 44'4", 3. Larry Whitney\* (BAA) 44'2"

Rose was the leading competitor, and gained selection without having to make the trip to the Eastern trials, which were won by McDonald, who would edge Rose 50'4" to 50'0 1/2" in Stockholm. The Eastern event was part of the 2-hands event, won by McDonald - though here Rose gained revenge in Stockholm beating his great rival 90'10 3/4" to 90'4".

#### Discus Throw

Western: 1. Merle Alderman (Stan) 132'11 1/4", 2. Ralph Rose\* (SFOC) 128'6 3/8" - No other competitors.  
Central: 1. Arlie Mucks\* (Ch AA) 135'6", 2. George Philbrook\* (Notre Dame) 133'9 1/2", 3. Richard Byrd\* (Adrian Coll) 131'7 1/2"  
Eastern: 1. James Duncan\* (Unat) 138'1 2/10", 2. Emil Muller\* (IAAC) 137'8 4/10", 3. Larry Whitney\* (BAA) 130'2 4/10"

The event was actually measured in tenths of a foot, and marks were the best hand during the two-hands event. The august figure of Avery Brundage, who placed 6th in the Olympic pentathlon, was added to the discus squad for Stockholm.

### Hammer Throw

- Western: 1. Karl Shattuck (Cal) 159'6 1/2", 2. Merle Alderman (Stan) 157'6 1/4",  
3. Floyd Rice (SFOC) 146'1 1/2"
- Central: 1. John Hooker (Ch AA) 159'6", 2. Abbott Fletcher (Nwn) 126'7", 3.  
William Schroeder (Wilmette) 106'9"  
Hooker had an exhibition throw after the competition which reached  
163'10".
- Eastern: 1. Clarence Childs\* (NYAC) 160'5", 2. Ted Cable (Harv) 157'8", 3. Harold  
Marden (Dart) 154'9", 4. Arthur McDougall (IAAC) 154'5", 5. Alfred  
Tilley (Dart) 153'1 1/2"

Simon Gillis was expected to make the team as he had done in 1908, but couldn't stay in the circle, fouling a measured throw of 163'1 1/2". Matt McGrath didn't compete in the trials - the same as in 1908, but was sensibly added to the team. He duly won the Olympic title by 6 meters. Ralph Rose and Ben Sherman (NYAC) also competed in the Stockholm event. Cable, the Afro-American Harvard student, didn't make the team, but achieved a rare double by placing third in the Eastern Long Jump as well as second in the Hammer.

### Javelin Throw

- Western: 1. Sam Bellah (Multnomah AC) 150'10 1/2", 2. Charles Morris (SFOC) 135'8  
1/2", 3. Martin Hawkins (Multnomah) 133'8 1/2"
- Central: 1. George Philbrook (Notre Dame) 147'10 1/2", 2. Avery Brundage (Ch AA)  
136'5", 3. Leslie Byrd (Adrian Coll) 129'10"
- Eastern: 1. Harry Lott (Mohawk AC) 166'1 1/2", 2. Thomas Lund (IAAC) 149'3", 3.  
Wilbur Ross (NYAC) 141'3"

Again, no-one was selected for the Olympics in this event. The interest in the javelin was such that (as the Boston Post described it) "this was the last event of the day..and was not finished until the throng of spectators had vacated their seats".

### Pentathlon

- Western: Berkeley, May 21: 1. James Donahue\* (LAAC) 5 pts (21'11" - 137'1" - 23.2  
- 89'2" - 5:00.0) 3386.885 (on 1912 Tables prepared by the Olympic  
organising committee, which were updated, with the newer tables used for  
the 1912 Olympic event)/2920 on 1985 tables. Donahue, a small (5'6"/135)  
hurdler competed without opposition.
- Central: Evanston, May 16: 1. Avery Brundage\* (Ch AA) 7 pts (21'4 1/2" - 137'6" -  
23.6 - 121'11" - 5:45.8) 3409.525/2809, 2. J. Austin Menaul\* (Chicago) 8  
pts (20'11 1/4" - 136'11 3/4" - 22.8 - 100'1" - 4:51.2) 3535.52 WR /  
3044.
- Only these two athletes competed and the official scores were on the points for  
places system.
- Eastern: Celtic Park, New York, May 18: 1. Jim Thorpe\* (Carlisle) 7 pts (21'8  
3/8" - 136'7 1/2" - 23.6 - 115'4 1/2" - 4:49.8) 3686.98 WR /3098, Thomas  
McLaughlin (Loughlon Lyceum) 13 pts (18'6" - no mark - 2nd in 200 -  
107'2 1/2" - 4:49.0), 3. Henry Klages (NYAC) 15 pts, 4. Bruno Brodd  
(IAAC) 15 pts

In addition to the above, hurdler John Eller also competed in the Olympic pentathlon, but failed to finish. In the Olympics Thorpe won brilliantly, finishing first in 4 of the 5 events, with Donahue third, Menaul 5th and Brundage sixth.

## Decathlon

- Western: Berkeley, May 24/25: James Donahue\* (LAAC) was the sole competitor, being "paced" by competing against specialists in each event. Donahue was on WR pace after he first day, but decided not to compete due to the poor weather on DAY 2. Nevertheless he was selected for Stockholm, and finished 5th in the decathlon and 3rd in the pentathlon.
- Central: Evanston, May 22/23: 1. J.Austin Menaull\* (Chicago) 24 1/2 pts (11.4/19'10 1/2"/41'8 1/4"/5'10"/53.8/16.6/108'3"/9'6"/132'10"/4:37.2 - 7414.555 WR /5867 on 1985 tables), 2. Avery Brundage\* (Ch AA) 29 pts, 3. George Philbrook\* (Notre Dame) 29 1/2 pts, 4. Eugene Schobinger (Ill) 30, 5. Leslie Byrd (Adrian C) 37 pts
- Eastern: The event was scheduled for May 24/25 in New York, but cancelled when only Jim Thorpe\* and one other competitor turned up.

Roy [Eugene LeRoy] Mercer (Penn), an all-American footballer, was added to the Olympic squad, and placed 6th in Stockholm, 1 place behind Donahue. In 4 of the events in Stockholm not won by Thorpe (who was first in 5 of the 10 events), Mercer took the honors.