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Lindgren (8:39.0), Matson (67'11") Star

Los Angeles, May 14--Gerry Lindgren, Randy Matson and Villanova's two-mile relay squad accounted for good performances in the 25th Coliseum Relays--but the meet sorely missed the post-collegians of previous years (and even the junior collegians) and feathered from a wholesale collection of last minute withdrawals: Southern and Texas Southern from the sprint relays, versatile Roy Hicks and Ray Saddler from open events, miler John Camien, long and triple jumper Clarence Robinson, and Stanford from the 440 relay following a leg injury to anchorman Larry Questad. In fact, the mile relay scratched down from nine teams to three.

Washington State freshman Gerry Lindgren trailed Southern Illinois freshman and Olympic teammate Oscar Moore for six laps of the two-mile before turning on the speed and romping off to his second national frosh record at the distance in six days: 8:39.0, lowering his West Coast Relays' time of 8:40.2. Moore finished second in 8:45.6 for a life-time best.

A tired Randy Matson pushed the shot 67'11" for his best effort-ever outside of Texas and spun the discus 186'5 1/2". Regarding the shot, he said, "It was colder tonight than I have been used to, since I've been competing in the afternoons. My real trouble from a technical standpoint was that the ball was slipping out of my hand. I only had one decent throw when I got behind it. The others, I knew, were not good as soon as they left my hand. I really didn't expect to hit anywhere near 70-feet tonight. I've been improving so much in the last three weeks that I knew a letdown had to come. Also, I've been concentrating more on the discus this week."

The two-mile relay was close almost the entire route--among Villanova, UCLA, and Southern California. Slow first legs spoiled a record attempt, the fastest being a 1:51.6 by Jim Orr of Villanova. UCLA's Dennis Breckow brought UCLA right back into contention with a 1:48.3 second leg, while Villanova's Al Adams ran 1:48.8 and Southern Cal's Dave Buck did 1:49.4. Southern Cal fell back in the third 880 when Bruce Bess could do only 1:51.0, UCLA's Arnd Kruger produced a 1:50.1 but faded badly down the home stretch while Tom Sullivan gave anchorman Noel Carroll a comfortable margin. UCLA's Bob Day decided to make up the 15 yard deficit in the first 220 yards but found the going tough in the final 220 yards as he ran his team into third place in 7:20.8. Southern Cal's Dennis Carr clipped off the best leg of 1:47.3 (announced to the fans as 1:45.6) but not enough to over take Carroll, who ran 1:49.4, as Villanova won by four-tenths in 7:19.0--exactly the same time the Villanova foursome ran last year.

San Jose State's Mike Gibeau whipped off the best time in the world in the 880 with a 1:48.7 clocking, ahead of Ohio U's Darnell Mitchell (1:49.1), teammate Joe Neff (1:49.3), Long Beach State's Ralph Lee (1:49.3), Cal freshman Devone Smith (1:49.4), and Ohio U's Barry Sugden (1:50.7).

Larry Questad barely overtook a fast-starting Norm Jackson as both were clocked in 9.5 over the Coliseum's slow sprint track. Grambling's Dick Stebbins registered a small surprise in the 220 turn when he held off San Jose State's Tommie Smith as both were timed in 20.9. Ulis Williams easily won the 440 in 46.6 and Paul Schlicke of Stanford turned on his kick to beat off Bill Cornell of Southern Illinois by six-tenths in 4:04.4.

One of the best fields was the high hurdles. Roger Morgan of Northeast Louisiana State won it by two-tenths from NCAA champ Bobby May of Rice in 13.9, while Paul Kerry, Paul Wilson and Roger Mann trailed.

California won its 22nd mile relay in 3:08.7 with the help of 46.2 and 46.3 legs by Forrest Beaty and Dave Archibald.

100, Questad (Stanford) 9.5; 2, Jackson (UCLA Fr) 9.5.

220t, Stebbins (Grambling) 20.9; 2, Smith (San Jose St) 20.9; 3, Roberts (N Car C) 21.0; 4, Jackson 21.0; 2, Hermen (San Jose) 21.2, 440, Williams (Ariz St) 46.6.

880, Gibeau (San Jose St) 1:48.7; 2, Mitchell (Ohio U) 1:49.1; 3, Neff (San Jose St) 1:49.3; 4, Lee (Long Beach St) 1:49.3; 5, Smith (Cal Fr) 1:49.4; 6, Sugden (Ohio U) 1:50.7; 7, Dunning (Oxy) 1:51.8, Mile, Schlicke (Stanford) 4:04.4; 2, Cornell (So Ill) 4:05.0; 3,

Hack (San Diego St) 4:05.3; 4, Link (So Cal Fr) 4:06.6. (Schlicke's lap times: 61.0, 2:03.2, 3:06.6.)

2Mile, Lindgren (Wash St Fr) 8:39.0; 2, Moore (So Ill) 8:45.6, HH, Morgan (NE La St) 13.9; 2, May (Rice) 14.1; 3, Kerry (So Cal) 14.3; 4, Wilson (N Car C) 14.4; 5, Mann (NE La St) 14.5, 440H, Johnson (UCLA) 51.5; 2, Godfrey (San Diego St) 51.5; 3, Burleson (Pepperdine) 52.1; 4, Mann (NE La St) 52.9; 5, Hahn (Oxy) 53.5. (Peterson of Oxy fell.)

HJ, Burrell (Nev) 6'8 1/2"; 2, tie Hoyt (So Cal) and Carter (Cal) 6'8 1/2"; 4, Rambo (Long Beach St) 6'8 1/2"; 5, Higgins (Pasadena) 6'8 1/2".

PV, Savage (unat) 16'0"; 2, Fosdick (So Cal) 16'0"; 3, Graves (Oxy) 16'0"; 4, Eshelman (Stanford) 15'6".

HS PV, Wilson (Warren, Downey, Calif) 15'6".

LJ, Stenius (LA St) 25'6 1/2"; 2, Clayton (So Cal) 25'2".

TJ, Samuels (So Cal) 51'1 1/4"; 2, Bond (San Jose St) 49'8"; 3,

Craig (Fres St) 49'3 1/2"; 4, Fergus (San Jose St) 48'7 1/2"; 5, Tate (N Car C) 48'4 1/2".

SP, Matson (Tex A&M) 67'11" (67'3 1/2", 63'4 1/2", 67'11", F, 63'11 1/2", 63'5 1/2"); 2, Steinhauer (Ore) 61'3 1/2"; 3, Price (Cal Western) 59'2 1/2"; 4, Smith (So Cal) 57'8 1/2"; 5, Kennedy (NM) 55'10 1/2".

DT, Matson 186'5 1/2"; 2, Stoecker (Stanford) 183'10 1/2"; 3, Kennedy (NM) 168'8".

440R, New Mexico 40.5 (Cartet, Caminiti, Matson, Rivers); 2, San Jose State 40.6; 3, North Carolina College 40.8; 4, Grambling 40.9.

880R, North Carolina College 1:23.6 (Roberts, Wilson, Tate, Johnson); 2, Grambling 1:24.0; 3, New Mexico 1:24.1; 4, San Jose State 1:24.2; 5, Texas A&M 1:25.4.

1MileR, Long Beach State 3:12.8 (Wright, Davis, Clements, Lee); 2, San Diego State 3:13.3; 3, LA State 3:13.4.

2MileR, California 3:08.7 (Courchesne 49.2, Fishback 47.0, Beaty 46.2, Archibald 46.3); 2, New Mexico 3:11.4; 3, Southern Cal 3:12.0.

2MileR, Villanova 7:19.0 (Orr 1:51.6, Adams 1:48.8, Sullivan 1:49.2, Carroll 1:49.4); 2, Southern California 7:19.4 (Oakley 1:51.8, Buck 1:49.4, Bess 1:51.0, Carr 1:47.3); 3, UCLA 7:20.8 (Klein 1:53.0, Breckow 1:48.3, Kruger 1:50.1, Day 1:49.4); 4, LA State 7:36.0

Tennessee Runs Away With SEC

Baton Rouge, La., May 14-15--Tennessee completely ran away with the Southeast Conference meet, scoring 72 points to runner-up Florida's 38 1/2.

Led by a double by hurdler Pat Pomphrey (14.5 into 10mph wind and 37.1) Tennessee scored in every race except the 440. Bill Shapiro of Tulane won the 440 when LSU's Leland Albright, leading by three yards with 20 to go, suffered a leg cramp and placed second. Albright, who has the nation's fastest 440 intermediate hurdle time, was forced to withdraw from the 330 intermediates, but came back to place fourth in the 220 and run a 46.8 leg on the winning mile relay.

Jumping with no wind, three men bettered 24'6" in the long jump, and two went past 49-feet in the triple jump--plus a 6'10 1/2" high jump by LSU's Randy Geyer.

440, Shipro (Tulane) 47.3, 880, Terrell (Ala) 1:51.4. MileR, LSU 3:13.3 (Porter, Dougherty, Cavanaugh, Albright).

HJ, Geyer (LSU) 6'10 1/2". LJ, Gainey (Ga) 24'9 1/2"; 2, Clay (Miss) 24'6 1/2"; 3, Mitchell (Auburn) 24'6 1/2". TJ, Measows (Auburn) 49'2 1/2"; 2, Gainey 49'1 1/2"; 3, Mitchell 48'1". DT, Hardy (Ala) 169'3 1/2".

Freshman Division: Mile, Russell (Tenn) 4:09.5. LJ, Jay (Tu) 24'3 1/2".

Greene Stars, as Kansas Wins Title

Lincoln, Nebr., May 14-15--Nebraska sophomore Charlie Greene ran the sprint finals in 9.8 and 21.4 into a stiff wind, after trial times of 9.5 and 20.8, and anchored his 440 relay team to a 40.5 victory during the Big 8 Conference finals.

Kansas gave fired Coach Bill Easton its 12th team crown in

14 years.

100, Greene (Nebr) 9.8 (9.5b). 220t, Greene 21.4 (20.8h). 440, B. Calhoun (Okla) 46.7; 2. Payne (Kan St) 47.2; 3. Selbe (Kan St) 47.3. 880, J. Perry (Okla St) 1:49.6; 2. D. Perry (Okla St) 1:49.6; 3. Wendt (Nebr) 1:49.8. Mile, Lingle (Mo) 4:06.1; 2. Von Ruden (Okla St) 4:07.1; 3. Conrad (Mo) 4:08.6. 3Mile, Lawson (Kan) 14:09.6; 2. McCubbins (Okla St) 14:14.8; 3. Lingle 14:26.2. 330IH, Miller (Colo) 36.4; 2. Peters (Mo) 37.2; 3. Tier (Okla St) 37.3.

HJ, Hearndon (Mo) 6'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". LJ, Baker (Colo) 24'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Ellis (Okla) 24'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". TJ, Martin (Kan) 48'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Baker (Colo) 48'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". SP, Crews (Mo) 57'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Schwartz (Kan) 170'9". JT, Floerke (Kan St) 246'7".

440R, Nebraska 40.5 (Millsap, Crook, Headley, Greene); 2. Oklahoma 40.8; 3. Missouri 41.3. MileR, Oklahoma 3:11.4 (Hamilton, Young, L. Calhoun, B. Calhoun); 2. Kansas 3:12.0; 3. Oklahoma State 3:12.2.

Team Scores: Kansas 100; Oklahoma 91; Missouri 84; Oklahoma State 70; Nebraska 64; Colorado 63; Kansas State 42; Iowa State 13.

Steinhauer Pushes Shot 63'2"

Eugene, Ore., May 15--Oregon, given closer competition than usual, won its 12th straight Northern Division of the AAUW title as it captured seven first places and was blanked only in the horizontal jumps. Most impressive was Neal Steinhauer as he won the shot and discus, his shot mark of 63'2" being only one inch short of his best and reaffirming his position as the number two putter in the world this year.

880, Willie (Wash) 1:51.1. Mile, Groth (Ore St) 4:06.1; 2. Bell (Ore) 4:06.7; 3. Clarke (Ore) 4:07.7. 3Mile, Westman (Wash St) 14:02.4; Moore (Ore) 14:09.4; 3. Wright (Wash St) 14:30.0. 3000St, Mortenson (Ore) 9:03.0; 2. Tracy Smith (Ore St) 9:08.6; 3. Talent (Wash St) 9:21.6; 4. Williams (Ore) 9:24.0. HH, Williams (Wash) 14.2; 2. Bleakney (Wash St) 14.2. 440IH, Wyatt (Ore St) 52.0; 2. Talbott (Wash St) 52.8; 3. Macy (Ore St) 53.0; 4. Williams 53.1. 440R, Oregon 41.0 (Wood, Payne, O'Leary, Blunt); 2. Oregon State 41.1.

HJ, Keppel (Wash St) 6'8". FV, Self (Wash St) 15'10"; 2. Moro (Ore) 15'4"; 3. Radloff (Ore St) 15'0". LJ, West (Wash) 24'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Shinnick (Wash) 24'7". SP, Steinhauer (Ore) 63'2"; 2. Samsam (Ore St) 57'7"; 3. Roberts (Ore St) 57'1"; 4. Lorentzen (Wash St) 56'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Steinhauer 170'11"; 2. Pemberton (Wash) 166'7". JT, Heikkila (Ore) 229'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Team Scores: 1. Oregon 60 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Washington State 51; 3. Oregon State 44; 4. Washington 40 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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VANCOUVER RELAYS, Vancouver, B. C., May 7--3000St, Talent (Wash St) 9:22.0; 2. Wright (Wash St) 9:37.4. DistMedR, Washington State 10:02.6. 100, Jerome (unat) 9.5. 3Mile, Valiant (unat) 14:23.2; 2. Wright (Wash St) 14:23.6. DT, Steen (EEAA) 170'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Lorentzen (Wash St) 167'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

MARYLAND FROSH, BALTIMORE OLYMPIC CLUB, College Park, Md., May 8--JT, Donolon (Md Fr) 240'0". TJ, Marks (Md Fr) 47'10".

WESTERN MICHIGAN 70, MICHIGAN STATE 69, MIAMI, O 34, Kalamazoo, Mich., May 8--Mile, Cunningham (M) 4:07.5; 2. Coastes (MS) 4:09.7. HH, Washington (MS) 14.1; 2. Jones (MS) 14.2. LJ, Holland (WM) 25'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Garrett (MS) 25'4" (no wind). 330IH, Washington (MS) 36.8; 2. Vogler (WM) 37.4; 3. Leek (WM) 37.6; 4. Stratton (WM) 38.0. FV, Seeley (WM) 15'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". TJ, Garrett (MS) 48'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". MileR, Western Michigan 3:14.5.

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BIG STATE MEET, Terre Haute, Ind., May 8--LJ, Moore (Purdue) 25'0".

MANHATTAN 79, ARMY 75, Wt Point, N. Y., May 8--HT, Mead (M) 174'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Norris (A) 168'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Graham (A) 167'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

BYU 110, UTAH STATE 35, Logan, Utah, May 11--100, Russell (BYU) 9.5. 220t, Russell (BYU) 21.1; 2. Turner (BYU) 21.2. HH, Cerulla (Utah St) 13.5; 2. Rockwell (BYU) 13.6; 3. DeVries (Utah St) 14.1. 440R, BYU 41.2 (Reeves, Tobler, Turner, Russell). SP, Bianco (BYU) 57'5".

HOLY CROSS, MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, Mass., May 11--330IH, O'Brien (HC) 37.6.

MOREHEAD 76, CINCINNATI 60, Cincinnati, O., May 11--HH, Betts (M) 14.1.

ENGLEWOOD MEMORIAL, Englewood, N. J., HJ, McClellon (Clinton, NYC HS) 6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

COLORADO 89 $\frac{1}{2}$, COLORADO STATE 64, DENVER 26 $\frac{1}{2}$, Denver, Colo., May 10--PV, Nelson (CS) 15'0".

EVERGREEN CONFERENCE, Spokane, Wash., May 14-15--TJ, Johnsson (Pacific Lutheran) 48'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE, Raleigh, N. C., May 14-15--330, Lamb (Md) 47.6; 2. McGuinness (SC) 47.6. Mile, Crombie (SC) 4:06.1; 2. Little (NC) 4:07.5; 3. Henry (Md) 4:08.4. 330IH, Gatch (SC) 37.6. HJ, Costello (Md) 6'10". SP, Stewart (Duke) 57'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Swarts (SC) 175'1". JT, White (Md) 239'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". MileR, Maryland 3:12.7 (Hunter, Bickley, Thomas 47.5, Lamb). Team Scores: Maryland 95; Clemson 38; North Carolina 34 $\frac{1}{2}$; South Carolina 32; Duke 20; North Carolina State 17; Wake Forest 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Virginia 8.

VALLEY OF THE FLOWERS, Lompoc, Calif., May 16--880, Garrison (LATC) 1:50.5. Mile, Larriue (LATC) 4:09.4. 3Mile, Morgan (GGTC) 13:55.2; 2. Rustad (GGTC) 14:04.0; 3. Hughes (unat) 14:08.0; 4. Kimball (Santa Barbara) 14:12.0. HJ, Dobroth (Strid) 6'9"; 2. Hartnett (Strid) 6'9". FV, Rose (PAA) 15'6"; 2. White (PAA) 15'0"; 3. Manning (Strid) 15'0". TJ, Jackson (Strid) 49'13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". SP, McGrath (PAA) 60'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Ludecke (Cal Poly) 56'11"; 3. Clark (Cal Poly) 56'8". DT, Weill (Indian TC) 197'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Humphreys (PAA) 194'5"; 3. O'Brien (PAA) 188'3"; 4. McGrath (PAA) 185'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 5. Clark (Cal Poly) 184'13"; 6. Petrocelli (unat) 183'1"; 7. Harper (Strid) 181'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". JT, Conley (SCVYU) 237'0"; 2. Frye (Cal Poly) 236'6".

ARMY FROSH 89, PRINCETON 65, West Point, N. Y., May 15--JT, Bennett (A) 239'4".

IOWA 70, MINNESOTA 29, Ames, Ia., May 15--HH, Gigler (I) 14.1. SP, Barnes (M) 56'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

AKRON 71, OHIO WESLEYAN 54, BALDWIN-WALLACE 45, Delaware, O., May 15--PV, Burnett (BW) 15'0".

MT UNION 94, WOOSTER 42, Wooster, O., May 15--PV, Rhodes (M Fr) 15'6". TJ, Graves (M) 49'4".

KENT STATE 69, BOWLING GREEN 67, Kent, O., May 15--440R, Bowling Green 41.7. DT, Eisner (BG) 167'8". HJ, Curry (K) 6'8".

MICHIGAN 71, NORTHWESTERN 41, INDIANA 34, PURDUE 27, Lafayette, Ind., May 15--PV, Canamare (M) 15'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE, Worcester, Mass., May 15--HT, Schulten (Bowdoin) 190'6".

BALTIMORE OLYMPIC CLUB, CAMP LEJEUNE MARINES, QUANTICO MARINES, Quantico, Va., May 15--2Mile, Brouillett (Q) 8:59.4.

BEEHIVE INVITATIONAL, Provo, Utah, May 15--440R, BYU 41.1 (Reeves, Douglas, Turner, Russell); 2. Arizona 41.4. SP, Bianco (BYU) 56'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Anderson (BYU) 55'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". 440, Tobler (BYU) 47.2. HH, Cerulla (Utah St) 13.8; 2. Rockwell (BYU) 13.9; 3. Frederick (Ariz) 14.1. 220t, Russell (BYU) 21.0. 440IH, Douglas (BYU) 52.2; 2. Teila (Ariz) 53.5. LJ, Thomas (Wyo) 24'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". JT, Tushaus (Ariz) 252'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Thatcher (unat) 240'4". MileR, BYU 3:12.6 (Reeves, Cramm, Turner, Russell). FV, Skowron (BYU) 15'6"; 2. Flockhart (Colo St) 15'0"; 3. Martensen (Ariz) 15'0". TJ, Stowell (Utah) 48'11". Team Scores: Brigham Young 91 $\frac{1}{2}$; Arizona 46; Utah 41; Colorado State 23 $\frac{1}{2}$; Utah State 21; Wyoming 21.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE, Jonesboro, Ark., May 14-15--HJ, Spencer (Ark St) 6'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Orrell (ACC) 168'9". 440R, Lamar Tech 41.2 (Guidry, Brown, Harrison, Buteaud); 2. Arlington St 41.4; 3. ACC 41.5. 440, Johnson (Arlntn V) 46.8; 2. Davis (Lamar) 47.2; 3. Saunders (ACC) 47.6. 220t, Harrison (ACC) 21.2. MileR, Lamar Tech 3:10.2 (Guidry, McCloud, Harrison, Davis); 2. ACC 3:10.4. Team Scores: Abilene Christian 111; Lamar Tech 91; Arkansas State 50; Arlington State 37; Trinity 11.

METROPOLITAN INTERCOLLEGIATE, N. Y. C., May 15--3000St, Mulligan (St John's) 9:37.2. HT, Mead (Man) 186'10"; 2. Mathews (SJ) 171'10"; 3. Pollock (SJ) 168'11". LJ, Bell (SJ) 24'13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

YANKEE CONFERENCE, Storrs, Conn., May 15--HT, Narcesson (Rhode Island) 176'7".

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE, Bethlehem, Pa., May 15--100, Ardinger (Gettysburg) 9.5 (9.5h). 220t, Ardinger 21.3. 440, Duryee (LaSalle) 47.4. FV, Uelses (LaSalle) 15'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL MEET, Wichita, Kan., May 15--
 Mile, Ryan (East Wichita, Wichita, Kan., HS) 3:58.3 (55.7 last lap!)
 HEPTAGONALS, New Haven, Conn., May 15--HT, Gage (C)
 196'7"; 2. Croasdale (H) 185'9"; 3. Brown (Col) 169'2"; 4. Graham
 (A) 167'6"; 5. Hopkins (Y) 165'11". DT, Bakkensen (H) 177'8". 440IH,
 Gray (N) 51.8; 2. Lynch (H) 51.9; 3. Westfield (C) 53.5. 440, Jen-
 kins (A) 47.6. TJ, Branch (P) 48'2½". HJ, Pardee (H) 6'9". SP, Gage
 (C) 56'7". Team Scores: Harvard 83; Navy 54; Cornell 39½, Army
 36; Yale 31½; Princeton 28; Brown 10; Columbia 3; Pennsylvania
 2; Dartmouth 1.
 MADRID, SPAIN, May 14--PV, Hein 15'5". LJ, Boston 27'2".
 HJ, Czernik (Pol) 6'10"; 2. Thomas 6'10".
 PACIFIC COAST NCAA REGIONAL, Hayward, Calif., May 15--
 SP, Johnson (Redlands) 58'11½". HH, Walker (Cal Poly, SLO) 14.2.
 HJ, Nordyke (San Fernando Valley) 6'8".
 OREGON COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE, Klamath Falls, Ore.,
 May 15--PV, Gordon (Southern Oregon C) 15'½".
 MICHIGAN STATE 98, NOTRE DAME 43, East Lansing, Mich.,
 May 15--440, Campbell (MS) 47.4; 2. Boyle (ND) 47.5. 880, Conroy
 (ND) 1:51.3; 2. Dean (ND) 1:51.5. 330IH, Washington (MS) 38.0.
 2Mile, Clark (ND) 8:59.6.
 NORHTERN CALIFORNIA JC TRIALS, Modesto, May 15--HJ,
 Lowe (Foothill) 6'8". LJ, Thompson (Fres S) 24'2½". TJ, Frazier
 (College of Sequoias) 48'2½".

Jim Beatty: Lots of Records

by Melyvn Watman

(Reprinted from Athletics Weekly)

Jim Beatty, who announced his retirement after failing to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team at 5000 meters, will be remembered as one of those distinguished yet unfulfilled athletes who managed to set world records without ever winning a major international title. In this he joins such fellow Igloi proteges as Sandor Iharos, Istvan Rozsavolgyi and Laszlo Tabori.

Beatty is unlikely to go down in track history as one of the international all-time greats, for he was never undisputed number one at either 1500 or 5000 meters; his chief claim to fame is that he was the man who led American middle-distance runners to their present eminent position. He showed his countrymen that a man's athletic career ought not to end at college graduation and that Americans could shine just as brilliantly in the longer track events as in such traditional "specialties" as the sprints, high hurdles and pole vault.

Born of Irish-Italian descent in New York City on October 28th 1934, James Tully Beatty (pronounced Bay-tee) grew into a short but sturdy young man of 5'6" and 128 lb. A 4:31 miler in high school, he developed into a useful college runner, placing second (for the University of North Carolina) in the 1955 NCAA 2 miles in 9:07.6 and the 1956 NCAA 5000 meters in 14.51.1. He competed in the Olympic 5000 meters trial but was nowhere near, finishing 10th in 15:36.4.

He drew attention to himself for the first time in 1957 with a 4:06.5 mile and 9:01.7 2 miles but--and he was to be plagued by such mishaps until the end--a foot injury cost him most of the season. The following year was a barren one (4:13.4 for the mile) and he sat out the 1959 season.

It was in November 1959, at an age (25) when most American runners have already hung up their spikes, that Jim Beatty embarked on the second phase of his career. Convinced that he could make the Olympic team this time, he moved from Charlotte, N. Carolina, to the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village in California in order to train under the celebrated Hungarian coach, Mihaly Igloi. "I had first met him in January 1957," Beatty told me when I interviewed him in London two years ago, "and I recognized his great coaching ability."

The ruthless training regime demanded by Igloi was not slow to pay dividends. Racing indoors for the first time in two years, Beatty scored a handsome 2 miles victory in Los Angeles on January 22nd 1960. Bert Nelson wrote in *Track & Field News*: "With one lap to go Beatty still had 15 yards to make up, but he turned into a sprinter, roared down the back stretch, collared Max Truex on the last turn and won going away. His 8:57 was by far Beatty's best ever yet could be only the beginning. Jim did not train for a full year and has been at track only since September. Youth Village coach Mihaly Igloi has shortened Beatty's stride and poured on the hard training with noticeable results."

Beatty's deadly kick was in evidence again three weeks later in New York as he nipped Dyrol Burleson in a 4:05.4 mile, another personal best. Indoor track buffs had a new star to rave over. So important was running to Beatty now that, although he married in March, he put off his honeymoon until after the Olympics in September.

He experienced mixed fortunes outdoors. He started promisingly with a 4:06.1 mile and 14:13.0 5000 meters in April but in his first major test, a 5000 meter at the Coliseum Relays on May 20th, he dropped out halfway with a toe injury. Just eight days later, though, his name reverberated around the world, for at Modesto he not only defeated Burleson but succeeded also in confiscating the Oregonian's American mile record with a sparkling 3:58.0--almost 7½ seconds faster than anything he had achieved previously! Assisted by clubmate Tabori, who drew the sting from Burleson's renowned finish with laps of 57.7, 1:58.0 and 2:59.7, Beatty pulled cleanly away in the home straight to score by eight yards. When the time was announced Beatty, literally crying with joy, rushed over to hug Igloi--the man who had made it all possible.

Six days later he boosted his Olympic prospects still further with U.S. records of 13:28.0 for 3 miles and 13:51.7 for 5000 meters. Beatty took turns at the pace-setting with his side-kick Tabori before streaking to a 10 yard win with a 59.2 last lap. Beatty made it known that his Olympic target would be the 5000 meter and prognosticators the world over began wondering where to place this swarthy little fellow of whom few had heard before that season. He might not have the background of Halberg and Pirie but he was improving so rapidly that there was no telling what he might achieve in Rome.

Unhappily, a sore arch that had been bothering him on and off all season, ruined his Olympic chances. He made the team all right, winning the trial in 14:13.6, but--short of training as a result of the injury--he went the way of Pirie in the Olympic heats: a humiliating 9th in 14:43.8. Still only a shadow of his true self, Beatty made his first appearance at London's White City during the U.S.A. v. Commonwealth match. He finished 6th in 9:08.6, far behind Murry Halberg (8:41.8) and Bill Dellinger, who set an American record of 8:43.8 in second place.

Jim had, it was true, achieved his initial ambition of Olympic selection but there was no question of retreat now. He had three other goals to fulfill in the next four years. These targets were, as he told me later: "Firstly, to help put America on top in middle-distance running. Secondly, to set world records at all distances from 1500-meters to 5000-meters. Thirdly, a gold medal in Tokyo--5000-meters probably."

Beatty carried all before him during the 1961 indoor season. On Igloi's orders he did not force the pace in any of his races--his job was to stay with the leader and kick home on the last lap. He won all five of his competitions--a 4:07.4 mile ten yards ahead of Burleson, a 4:06.4 mile without serious opposition, a 9:05.7 2 miles a dozen yards clear of 17-year-old Bruce Kidd (Jim's final lap of 160 yards was covered in 18.0!); the AAU mile title in 4:09.3 ten yards in front of Istvan Rozsavolgyi (Hungary), and a 2:09.5 1000 yard victory over Ernie Cunliffe.

His first outdoor race was a comfortable 4:04.9 mile in late April, followed a few weeks later by a sizzling 1:49.6 880 yards--formidable speed for a world class three miler. His next race resulted in a 3:58.8 mile win after leading practically all the way through laps of 58.3, 2:00.2 and 3:02.2--1.2 seconds outside the U.S. record set by Burleson three days earlier. The AAU championship in New York on June 25th brought these runners together, but the race was a disappointment. A first lap of 67.2 ruined all hope of a fast time and once Burleson took off before the bell Beatty never managed to get on terms. Burleson won in 4:04.9, with Beatty a soundly beaten runner-up in 4:06.5. "I ran a stupid race," he admitted--also complaining that he had been boxed in at the crucial moment.

He did much better on his European tour, winning all six of his races at 1500-meters or the mile. He twice beat Sweden's Dan Waern over 1500-meters and in his final race of the season, at Oslo on August 7th, he snatched the US record from Burleson with a time of 3:40.2 in a race in which he led throughout. A couple of weeks earlier he had made a strong impression at the White City in the Britain v. U.S.A. match. He had romped home 15 yards ahead in 3:59.7, followed by Mike Berisford (4:02.1), Jim Grelle (4:03.7) and Derek Haith (4:07.0). His one defeat came at 5000-meters in the Polish match; he was second in 14:16.8 behind Kazimierz Zimny (14:11.6) but ahead of Lech Boguszewicz (14:18.8)... and one Bob Schul (15:04.8). It should be noted, though, that Jim had won the 1500-meter the previous day in 3:40.9.

Another landmark in Beatty's career was the foundation of the Los Angeles Track Club on September 1st, 1961, with Igloi as coach. Beatty's training became even more rigorous. Dick Bank wrote in *World Athletics*: "His (Igloi's) athletes train twice a day. Beatty for instance, reports at 5:30 each morning and runs for an hour. Then it's home to shower, dress, eat and off to an eight hour day as an insurance claims adjuster. At 5 p.m. he's back on the track for 2½ hours at night. This is every day except Sunday,

when it's only a single stiff morning session at the 'late' hour of 9 a.m."

The 1962 season saw Jim Beatty at the height of his powers. He won all of his races (with the exception of that infamous White City 2000-meter event which he failed to finish), set world records at the indoor 1500-meter, indoor mile and outdoor 2 miles, and posted six American records from 1500-meters to 5000-meters in the space of 15 days. Beatty really hit the heights from a stop watch point of view but, unfortunately was unable to test himself against the two other great milers of that year, Peter Snell and Michel Jazy.

Beatty and Jazy actually did clash in January, 1962 at Los Angeles, but, as Jazy had never raced indoors before the result--an inches win for Beatty in 4:04.8--was of no profound significance. Beatty's next outing on the boards was again at Los Angeles on February 10th and he thrilled the packed stadium with the first indoor four-minute mile, a 3:58.9 effort. On the way he was timed at 3:43.2 for 1500 meters, another best on record. Six days later he ran 4:00.9 but the raves were reserved for a young redhead from Chicago, name of Tom O'Hara, who chopped over six seconds from his best in clocking 4:02.3. Beatty completed his all-conquering indoor campaign with a 4:00.2 victory in the AAU and a 3:59.7 (in which he led every step of the way) ahead of O'Hara's 4:01.7.

Later in March Beatty went on record as saying: "I don't know how much longer I'll run. I may last to 1964, but it's not a goal of mine. I know I can run 5000-meters in 13:25 by then. But that's not a goal, just something I could do. I may quit after this year, but then I said that two years ago and last year."

He made his outdoor debut on March 31st with a 4:02.6 relay leg. It was not until June 8th that he made his second appearance--but what an appearance! He clipped a fifth of a second from Murry Halberg's world record with a time of 8:29.8 for 2 miles. Yet, six days earlier, a pulled muscle high in the back of his right thigh had caused him to withdraw from the Compton Invitational 5000-meters (in which clubmate Max Truex broke Beatty's U.S. record though beaten by Bruce Kidd).

Ducky Drake, the world famous trainer, got to work on him and, as the record books show, was successful in nursing Beatty back into top shape. Said a grateful Beatty: "Last week I was unable to run one lap. But Drake treated me as intelligently as any man could. He told me to go all out and not be afraid. That's just what I did."

The record attempt had been planned by Igloi as far in advance as March. "All of his training since then was aimed at this meet," he revealed. Igloi's plan was for Beatty to run the laps in 61.4, 2:04, 3:07, 4:11, 5:17, 6:23, 7:28.8 and 8:29.0. Assisted for the first six laps by Jim Grelle and Bob Schul, Jim clocked 60.7, 2:06.1, 3:11.5, 4:15.4, 5:20.5, 6:25.8, 7:30.2 and 8:29.8. He also collected an American record of 7:57.2 at 3000-meters. Grelle, running the distance for the first time, was a brilliant second in 8:36.0 and Schul was timed in 8:57.3. Beatty's previous best was curiously enough, only 8:58.3!

Beatty, by now the most glamorous track star in the United States, had three more races at home before flying to Europe with the Los Angeles Track Club. He won the AAU mile as expected but only after a really tough fight with Grelle, who returned 3:58.1 to Beatty's 3:57.9. Grelle led into the final straight and it took Beatty 30 yards of lung-searing effort to edge his way past. As he said afterwards: "I had planned a 3:55 effort, but I didn't have my usual zip on the last straightaway and I was laboring. I could hear him (Grelle) coming back up to me and man, I was scared." He won the 1500-meter against Polant in 3:41.9 and against the USSR in a US record of 3:39.9.

The Continental junket started none too auspiciously in London on August 6th. The oval shaped paddling pool that passed for the White City track that afternoon was not to the liking of the Americans, and to the crowd's consternation Beatty, Grelle and Tabori dropped out during the 2000-meter. The excuse was that they were not prepared to risk injury running in such conditions and thereby jeopardize the remainder of the tour.

Beatty never looked back after that. At Oslo on August 9th he ran 1500-meters in 3:39.4 (U.S. record) with lap times of 56.5, 1:57.0 and 2:57.0; at Avranches on August 15th he ran 3000-meters in 7:54.2 (U.S. record) after leading from 800-meters onwards--Jazy chose to run the mile instead; at the White City on August 18th he made amends with a 3:56.5 mile (U.S. record) in that well remembered race that saw four other men, Stan Taylor and Mike Berisford among them, duck under four minutes; at Helsinki on August 21st he ran a 3:56.3 mile (U.S. record) after passing 440 yards in 55.5 and 880 yards in 1:55.6(!) at Turku on August 24th he ran 13:19.2 for 3 miles and 13:45.0 for 5000-meters (both U.S. records), leading from the third lap; and at Borlange (Sweden) on August 29th he cruised to 5:10.9 for 2000 meters. But for the unfavorable weather conditions he met practically everywhere he

might have come home with a world record or two. Nevertheless, the tour was a success, but for in Beatty's words: "it's important for me to break records because American distance running is in a transitional stage and other runners will be encouraged if our results are good."

Jim enjoyed another brilliant indoor season in 1963. He reduced the mile record to 3:58.6, led all the way to win the AAU title in 3:59.0 (after which Igloi predicted: "Jim definitely can run the mile in 3:54 under proper conditions outdoors"), and set a global 2 miles mark of 8:30.7 ahead of Schul (8:37.5) and an off-form Kidd (8:55.4). In this latter race Beatty once again made all his own running. Watching him dash off a 61.5 first lap prompted Tom O'Hara (the mile winner in 3:59.5) to gasp: "My gosh, he's running the two mile and he might break my own mile time" Beatty said: "The first quarter gave me the most concern. I've been running the mile and I don't know what a 62 quarter feels like." His quarter-mile times were 61.5, 2:05.3, 3:08.9, 4:13.5, 5:18.5, 6:23.7, 7:29.0, and 8:30.7.

The outdoor season's results did not live up to the promise of this resounding display. It began badly when, in the Pan-American Games 1500-meters at Sao Paulo, he lost to Grelle for the first time--3:43.6 against 3:43.5. Things looked up when he produced a 56.1 last lap to defeat Murray Halberg in a 13:57.4 5000-meter in mid-May but the following week he finished no higher than third in a mile race won by Peter Snell in 3:54.9. Cary Weisiger was second in 3:57.3; Beatty third in 3:58.0--same time as Grelle. The pace was not all that fast (2:59.4 at the bell) but Beatty's expected kick failed to materialize and Snell--who took the lead just before the final turn--stormed home to a 15 yards win. Snell commented: "Beatty was in trouble down the back straight. I had him boxed in. I kept waiting and when nothing happened I had to change my plans. That race must have sent Beatty's mile reputation downhill quite a lot."

The return match a fortnight later ended in another untroubled win for the New Zealander in 3:55.0, although Beatty gained some consolation by taking second in an American record of 3:55.5 ahead of Burlerson (3:55.6), Grelle (3:56.4), Weisiger (3:56.6) and Bob Seaman (3:59.1). Weisiger led at 1500-meters, 120 yards from the finish in 3:39.3 (breaking Beatty's national record) but only Burlerson went with Snell when he took off shortly afterwards. Beatty was taken by surprise and only grabbed second place because Burlerson eased up just before the tape. Jim told reporters: "When the pace picked up I was long striding and couldn't change my stride soon enough. I fell way behind. Then I managed to get into my short sprint stride and I started to move. If the race had been ten yards longer I could have won."

Later in June, at the AAU Championships, he would up fourth in 3:59.2 behind Burlerson (3:56.7), O'Hara (3:56.9) and Weisiger (3:58.5). He blamed a knee injury...yet just three days later in Toronto he led all the way for a 3:56.0 clocking and stated that he could have run about 3:52.5 if there had been a pace-setter in the middle of the race. A couple of weeks later he returned to Toronto but was shunted into fourth spot in 3:59.7 behind Weisiger (3:58.8), Poland's Witold Baran (3:59.2) and Grelle (3:59.3). Again he claimed he was handicapped by his knee. He travelled with the U.S. team to Moscow but did not run.

Was it just a knee injury that caused Beatty's form to fluctuate so wildly? Cary Weisiger thought otherwise. "I am utterly incapable of taking on a training program too severe and too monotonous like that which is so confining, under the direction of Igloi, to Beatty and his team--mates of the LATC. At Moscow Beatty was weary. His nerves had given in."

Perhaps they had, for Beatty was never again to strike the scintillating form of old--the magic had gone. He left Igloi and returned to North Carolina towards the end of 1963. His target: the 5000-meter gold medal in Tokyo. He said he might also go for the 10,000-meter but not the 1500-meter. As events turned out, he did not even get to Tokyo. Hindered by yet another foot injury, he had only four races this year. In May he clocked 8:41.0 for 2 miles behind Bill Baillie and Bruce Kidd; in the AAU 5000-meters in June he took third place in 14:06.0 a long way behind Schul and Gerry Lindgren (11 years his junior); in July he dropped out of the New York Olympic 5000-meter trial; and the end of the road was reached September in Los Angeles when he came in fifth in 14:21.6. A disappointing finale to the career of a man who has done so much to boost middle distance standards in his own country.

Indoor Track Meets

The world's first indoor meeting was promoted by the New York Athletic Club on November 11, 1968, but it was not until 1906 that the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States instituted national championships

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