

FRANKLIN "BUD" HELD



Born: October 25, 1927 Los Angeles, CA

Grossmont High School, La Mesa, CA (graduated 1946)

- 1946 CIF pole vault 4th place tie
- 1946 State pole vault 4th place tie
- 4-year tennis letterman

Stanford

- Three-time NCAA javelin champion -- 1948, 1949, 1950
- Stanford Hall of Fame

Olympic Club

- USATF Hall of Fame
- 1952 US Olympian
- 1955 Pan American Games javelin champion
- Six-time AAU javelin champion -- 1949, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958
- 2-time World Record holder
- First man over 80 meters (263-10 in 1953)
- Broke American record six times

Master's Competition

- USATF Masters Hall of Fame
- Master's 75+ pole vault record 9-10
- Master's 80+ pole vault record 9-0 1/4

1946 Grossmont HS	PV 12-4 3/4	1954 Olympic Club	JT 249-8
1947 Stanford	JT 212-10	1955 Olympic Club	JT 268-2
1948 Stanford	JT 213-8	1956 Olympic Club	JT 270-0
1949 Stanford	JT 232-2	1957 Olympic Club	JT 267-3
1950 Stanford	JT 233-4	1958 Olympic Club	JT 252-0
1951 Olympic Club	JT 249-8	1959 unatt.	JT 261-3
1952 Olympic Club	JT 224-2	1962 unatt	JT 236-8
1953 Olympic Club	JT 263-10	1963 unatt	JT 234-0
		1964 unatt	JT 238-7
		1965 unatt	JT 233-5

<p><u>High School</u> 1946 SoCounties PV 1tie 12-0 1946 CIF PV 4tie --- 1946 State PV 4tie ---</p>	<p><u>Open</u> 1960 Pac SW AAU PV 2nd ---</p> <p>1947 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 212-10 1948 West Coast Rlys JT 3rd 213-8 1948 Coliseum Relays JT 3rd 195-0 1948 Calif Rlys JT 2nd 212-1 1948 NCAA JT 1st 209-8 1948 Olympic Trials JT 10th 176-7 1949 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 222-4 1949 Calif Rlys JT 2nd 220-10 1949 NCAA JT 1st 224-8 1949 AAU JT 1st 232-2 1950 LB Relays JT 1st 231-10 1950 West Coast Rlys JT 3rd 214-9 1950 Coliseum Relays JT 1st 214-11 1950 Calif Rlys JT 1st 217-7 1950 NCAA JT 1st 216-8 1950 AAU JT 4th 213-10 1951 LB Relays JT 3rd 216-2 1951 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 230-5 1951 Calif Rlys JT 4th 210-11 1951 Pac Assn AAU JT 1st 230-11 1951 AAU JT 1st 241-0 1952 West Coast Rlys JT 4th 214-11 1952 Pac Assn AAU JT 1st 219-1 1952 AAU JT 4th 218-7 1952 Olympic Trials JT 3rd 224-2 1952 Olympics JT 9th 224-6 1953 LB Relays JT 2nd --- 1952 West Coast Rlys JT 2nd 241-8 1953 Calif Rlys JT 1st 233-8 1953 Pac Assn AAU JT 1st 246-1 1953 AAU JT 1st 242-7</p>	<p><u>Open cont.,</u> 1954 West Coast Rlys JT 3rd 231-5 1954 Calif Rlys JT 2nd 243-4 1954 Pac Assn AAU JT 2nd 142-0 1954 AAU JT 1st 249-8 1955 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 262-2 1955 Calif Rlys JT 1st 268-2 1955 AAU JT 1st 260-3 1955 Pan Am Games JT 1st 228-10 1956 West Coast Rlyst JT 3rd 235-0 1956 Olympic trials JT 4th 234-4 1956 Eugene preOly JT 1st 254-1 1957 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 255-5 1957 Coliseum Relays JT 1st 253-8 1957 Calif Rlys JT 1st 267-3 1957 AAU JT 2nd 248-6 1958 Apple Valley Rlys JT 1st 245-3 1958 Oxy Invit JT 1st 232-11 1958 West Coast Rlys JT 3rd 233-3 1958 Calif Rlys JT 1st 244-8 1958 AAU JT 1st 252-0 1958 vs USSR JT 4th 237-5 1959 SPA AAU Rlys JT 3rd 224-8 1959 Mt.SAC Relays JT 1st 241-6 1959 West Coast Rlys JT 1st 261-3 1959 Calif Rlys JT 4th 240-6 1963 Pacific SW AAU JT 1st 234-0 1964 LB Relays JT 4th 238-7 1965 AAU JT 6th 233-5</p>
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Miscellaneous

- Career spanned eras using wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass and carbon fiber javelins
- Started making his own javelin's while in college
- Started company with his brother Dick Held to manufacture javelins
- Founder of Ekleton, makers of revolutionary tennis and racquetball equipment
- Inducted into Outdoor Racquetball Hall of Fame in 2016
- Reverend Franklin Held served as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Diego
- Over 90 years old and still making javelins in his Del Mar, CA garage