

# Jim Lea Sets World Record

## Ex-Trojan Star Timed at 45.8 in Modesto

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MODESTO, May 29 — Bronzed from 10 days on the beaches of Hawaii and complaining of a sore leg, slender Jim Lea ran the fastest 440 yards in the history of track and field today with an astounding 45.8s. time.

The former Trojan, he was NCAA champion in 1953 and 1954, thus chopped a full fifth of a second off the world record of 46 flat set by Jamaica's Herb McKenley in 1948.

Lea conquered J. W. Mashburn of Oklahoma A&M by a full four yards in their battle tonight which took the spotlight in the 15th annual California Relays before 10,000 fans including hundreds of standees.

World records were tied by Abilene Christian College of Texas in both the 440 and 880 relay events at 40.2 and 1:24, respectively, and the first three teams in the two-mile relay shattered the world record in this event. The winner, a SPAAU team of unattached athletes, was clocked in 7:25.2.

### Honolulu Meet

Lea returned only last week from Honolulu. He had gone there to perform, along with several other Air Force athletes, in a relay meet.

Earlier today he had said it was a wonderful trip but terrible for staying in top condition. Much of his spare time was spent in body surfing. And he came up with a slightly sore leg.

The field in the 440 tonight included some of the country's top quarter-milers. The race was run out of a 220 chute and around one turn, with the runners aided by a 2.9 m.p.h. wind on the straightaway.

For the first 220 it appeared Mashburn and Eddie Southern, the Texas frosh, had the race in hand with Southern the pace setter in a speedy 22.2.

But Mashburn forged ahead of Southern and then with no more than 120 yards to go, Lea made a startlingly

swift move. In that final stretch, where the runners were bucking the slight wind, Lea made up some 6 yards on the Oklahoman.

Mashburn was clocked at 46.2. Southern finished third in 47.1, Lon Spurrier fourth in 47.6 and Ivan Rodriguez of Puerto Rico fifth in 47.8.

### Koch on Sidelines

Lea, who came to SC from Seattle, is 23, weighs 155 pounds and stands 5ft. 11in. He was beaten out by Mashburn for the last spot on the U.S. Olympic squad in 1952.

He said that at the 330-yard point Des Koch, his former SC teammate, shouted at him from the infield to get moving and that's what he did.

The leg injury was a nerve in the right calf which didn't bother him during the race but gave him some pain later.

### In Air Force

Lea is a second lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Edwards AFB, Victorville. He graduated from SC in 1954. His fastest previous mark was 46.6.

Of five watches on him tonight four had 45.8 and one 45.9.

Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian ran two 9.4 century dashes in his heat and the finals, to equal the meet record in each case as he raced powerfully to the front in the last 50 yards of each test. Bobby Whilden of Texas edged Mike Agostini of Fresno for second.

Fortune Gordien and Parry O'Brien each cracked a meet record in his specialty, discus and shot, Gordien hitting 178ft. 7½in. and O'Brien 59ft. 8in.

Raymond Griggs, Bill Woodhouse, James Segrest

and Morrow were the swift Texans who matched the sprint relay records with Morrow anchoring in each case.

The SPAAU relay group was composed of Jerome Walters (1:52.7), Hal Butler (1:52.3), Dan Schweikart (1:50.4) and Bill Weiss (1:49.8). Oxy, second at 7:26.6, was anchored by Ty Hadley in 1:48.8 as he beat out SC's Chuck Kirkby. SC's time was 7:26.7, also well under Fordham's 7:27.3 set at the Coliseum two years ago.

**HIGH HURDLES** (first heat)—1. Davis (SDNTC); 2. Wright (LAAC); 3. Daniels (SDNTC); 4. Biss (Oxy), 13.9.

Second Heat—1. Johnson (UCLA); 2. Roberts (Oklahoma A&M); 3. Nelson (Stanford); 4. Vann (Santa Clara Youth Center), 14.6.

100 (first heat)—1. Morrow (Abilene Christian); 2. Agostine (Fresno); 3. Alston (Oxy); 4. Thomason (Oxy), 9.4. (Ties meet record by Patton, SC, 1947 and King, Calif., 1955).

Second Heat—1. Whilden (Texas); 2. Stanfield (New York Pioneer Club); 3. James (SC Striders); 4. Saras (Stanford), 9.8.

**DISCUS**—1. Gordien (unatt.), 178ft. 7½in.; 2. O'Brien (Travis AFB), 174ft. 2in.; 3. Babka (SC), 170ft. 6in.; 4. Koch (unatt.), 168ft. 9½in.; 5. Drummond (UCLA), 165ft. 11½in. (new meet record, old mark 178ft. 4½in., O'Brien, LAAC, 1954).

100—1. Morrow (Abilene Christian), 9.4; 2. Whilden (Texas), 9.6; 3. Agostini (Fresno), 9.6; 4. Stanfield (New Jersey), 9.8; 5. Saras (Stanford), 9.8 (equals meet record, previously tied by Morrow in heat).

**HIGH HURDLES**—1. Davis (SDNTC), 13.8; 2. Johnson (UCLA), 14.3; 3. Wright (LAAC), 14.4; 4. Nelson (Stanford), 14.5; 5. Roberts (Oklahoma A&M), 14.5; 6. Daniels (SDNTC), 14.9.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY** — 1. Olympic Club (Peterosa, Foster, Pratt, Simpson), 10:07.1; 2. SC, 10:11.4; 3. UCLA, 10:21.6. (only starters).

440—1. Lea (Southern California Striders), 45.8; 2. Mashburn (Oklahoma A&M), 46.2; 3. Southern (Texas Frosh), 47.1; 4. Spurrier (Olympic Club), 47.6; 5. Rodriguez (Pueblo Rico), 47.8; 6. Lopez (SC Frosh), 49.2. (Bettors world record of 46 by Herbert McKenley, Jamaica, 1948. Also betters American record of 46 by McKenley, New meet record, Old mark 46.9, Matson, USF, 1952.)

440: Second section — 1. Gilmore (SDNTC), 48.7; 2. Smith (Striders), 49; 3. Ince (Stanford), 49.1; 4. Washington (Striders), 49.2.

**SPRINT MEDLEY**: 440, 220, 220, 880 —1. UCLA (Ella, King, Johnson, Seaman), 3:21; 2. Los Angeles State, 3:21.1; 3. San Jose State, 3:24.

**SHOT-PUT**—1. O'Brien (Travis AFB), 59ft. 8in.; 2. Vick (UCLA), 55ft. ½in.; 3. Cheney (Stanford), 53ft. 3in.; 4. Thompson (SDNTC), 52ft. 7in. (New meet record, Old mark 58 ft. 3in., by O'Brien, 1954.)

440 RELAY — 1. Abilene Christian (Grigg, Woodhouse, Sequest, Morrow), 40.2; 2. San Diego Navy, 41.3; 3. SC, 41.4; 4. San Jose, 42 (equals world and meet record set by Texas, 1955). (Texas finished second in 40.3 and Baylor third in 40.7 but both disqualified for passing batons out of zones).

**TWO-MILE RELAY**—1. Southern Pacific AAU (Walters, Butler, Schweikart, Weiss), 7:25.2; 2. Occidental, 7:26.6; 3. SC, 7:28.7; 4. UCLA, 7:34 (betters world record of 7:27.3, Fordham, 1954, new meet record, old mark 7:33.5, Texas, 1955).