

North Carolina Central, Bolding Eclipse Records

By Fred Schwartz

The North Carolina Central mile relay team and Oklahoma State's Jim Bolding set meet records, while the wind deprived Southern University's Rod Milburn of equalling the world mark in the 120-yard high hurdles in yesterday's 31st annual California Relays held before nearly 10,000 fans at Modesto Junior College.

The North Carolina team of Melvin Bassett, Larry Black, Julius Sang and Robert Ouko stepped off a 3 minute, 39/2-second clocking to best the 3:04.5 set by Southern University in 1965.

Sang ran a strong third leg that gave the North Carolinian squad its big edge over the Bay Area Striders.

Bolding stepped off a 50.2 clocking in the 440-yard high hurdles to eclipse the previous mark of ex-Modesto prep Ron Whitney, who did 50.4 in '67.

And the sensational Milburn, ran a 13-flat which equalled his own world mark but a 5.4 mile an hour wind disallowed the effort from record consideration. The allowable wind is 4.47 m.p.h.

All The Way

The merciful Milburn, who tied a Cal Relays record in the 120 highs last year at 13.5, burst from the blocks and led all the way to win the star-studded race.

He qualified with a 13.3 but that time, too, was not acceptable for a meet mark due to an 8 m.p.h. breeze.

Olympic champion Willie Davenport came in second and Tom Hill of Arkansas State third, although both had 13.5 clockings.

Tommie Lee White of the Southern California Striders, the world indoor record holder who ran 13.7 in the trials, had the misfortune of hitting the seventh hurdle and took a hard tumble. White was treated on the field for a sprained right foot and a pulled thigh muscle in his left leg.

The smooth-running Milburn was pleased about his crowd pleasing performance in the highs, but was not overwhelmed

as much as expected of someone who had run a 13-flat.

"I've done that time before," said Milburn, who has run that time once before in an unallowable wind. "Actually I did a 12.9, but it was time on an electronic gismo and they had to raise it a tenth."

Shooting For Gold

Milburn said he is very pleased with his form and is just shooting for that gold medal in the Olympics.

"I feel I can run a 12.8," Milburn said confidently when asked about how fast he thought he could eventually run. "It depends on the competition and the conditions," he added.

Milburn said he is also interested in playing pro football as a wide receiver.

Both the 100-meter dashes — open and invitational — were extremely close, as expected.

Isaac Curtis, the controversial ex-UC Berkeley football-track star who transferred to San Diego State this spring, won the open division with a 10.2-second time.

Clocked 10.2

Harrington Jackson of Texas — El Paso, Earl Harris of the Army and Herbert Klein of the Air Force came in second, third and fourth, respectively, also clocked in 10.2.

In the invitational sprint, Madagascar's Jean Louis Ravelomanantsoa, who won the 100-yard race here a year ago, just did nip Florida A&M's Ray Robinson at the wire. Both were timed in 10.1, with the next four — Eddie Hart, Bay Area Striders; Gerald Tinker, unattached; Chuck Smith, Southern California Striders; and two-time Olympian Mel Pender of the Army — all coming in at 10.2.

Ravelomanantsoa, a squat 5-7, 170-pounder, who attends Westmont College in Santa Barbara, did 9.3 in the 100-yard dash in the 1971 Cal Relays and his name has been a household word ever since.

Although Curtis is probably better known for his football pursuits, he admitted he is thinking about the Olympics.

"I would miss one football game if I made the Olympic

team, but I would like to have the decision when the Olympics come around this summer," he added.

Happy At San Diego

Curtis said he is happy at San Diego State and now does not have to worry about the "hassle" at Cal over the school's NCAA probation.

North Carolina Central's 440-yard relay team, used Sang's strong anchor leg, to clock a 39.7, edging Memphis State, 39.9.

The North Carolina quintet of Melvin Bassett, Jeff Horsley, Larry Black and Sang, had been figured to have a good chance at USC's global mark of 38.6. The Cal Relays standard is shared by the '71 USC team and the Texas-El Paso Club of '70 at 39.4.

Great Split

Bob Smith, the Louisiana State anchor man in the two-mile relay, gave the fans a thrill with a fine 1:48.9 split that made up nearly all of a 20-yard deficit but Oregon State held on to win.

The Beavers were clocked in 7:23.8, with the LSU squad right behind at 7:24.2 in the eight-times-around-the-track event.

It was strictly a two-team duel as the third place Army team was well behind at 7:34.8.

Long-time Cal Relays favorite Lee Evans, who owns a meet

record in the 440-yard run, put on a strong stretch drive to edge Vince Mathews of Brooklyn's Boys Over the Hill Athletic Association.

Both were timed in 45.7 seconds but Evans, who now represents the Bay Area Striders, just managed to get his chest into the tape before his challenger from New York.

Think Mechanics

"I was thinking mechanics the while way down the home stretch," said Evans of his come-from-behind win. "I passed him with about 10 feet to go."

Evans, considered probably the strongest runner to ever put on a pair of track shoes, said Mathews told him after the race that the race "was just like the 80's," referring to some of the duels he and Mathews had during their college days and right down to the Olympic Games.

"I'm pleased with the win, I ran real strong, but I didn't have the quickness I wanted through the whole race," Evans remarked of his form. "I always think mechanics during the race, because I have to be able to control my whole body and keep my arms and legs where I want them."

"Naturally, I'm pointing toward the Olympic trials in Eugene and I feel I'm right on schedule."

He noted that he will be facing world record holder John Smith in the Coliseum Games in LA this coming June and is looking forward to it.

South Africa's Fanie Van Zijl proved a hit with the fans for his spirited victory in the mile. The little foreign distance man easily won the event in 3 minutes, 56 seconds—the fastest mile in the world this year.

Van Zijl, whose South African team was barred from Olympic competition this year because of that country's apartheid policy, has been a terror on American soil this season.

He had done 3:56.4 previously, so yesterday's mile was the best ever for the 23-year-old law student. He has one more meet left in Los Angeles before returning to South Africa.

His time yesterday was the fastest Cal Relays effort since New Zealand's legendary Peter Snell won the mile with a 3:54.9 in '63. It also was the second fastest mile in Cal Relays history.

In the 880 relay, the Army team of Earl Harris, Fred Newhouse, Jerry Bright and D. Kline took the first place medal, timed in 1:22.5. The Bay Area Striders were second at 1:24.2 and North Carolina Central, which fumbled a baton pass, still got up for third with a 1:24.3.



Hines Does Third Best Long Jump Of All Time

Sacramento's Henry Hines, competing unattached, highlighted yesterday's field events segment of the California Relays with a 27-foot, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch winning effort in the long jump.

Finding the Modesto Junior College tartan runway to his liking, Hines turned in the third best leap of all time and outdistanced the second place finisher — Cal Lutheran's Stan Whitley at 26-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ — by nearly a foot.

Only Bob Beamon's spectacular 29-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ at the Mexico City Olympic Games in 1968 and Ralph Boston's wind-aided 27-10 several years ago were better.

Hines' leap also established a Cal Relays meet record, erasing Boston's best of 27-5 done in 1965.

Bob Seagren, who earlier in the week bettered the world record in the pole vault by clearing 18-feet, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in El Paso, Tex., won yesterday at 17-4 $\frac{3}{4}$.

He missed all three attempts at 18 feet and missed the meet mark of 17-5, turned in by Southern California Striders teammate John Pennell in '70.

Seagren did not like the feel of the vaulting box, which he described as "bad and it stopped the bend of my pole."

The one-time USC vaulter said, "I had to switch to a lighter pole with a shorter grip and it affected me."

"I've been training awfully hard lately, when I'm not doing television commercials. This gives me lots of time to train."

"Now that I've gotten past the psychological barrier of 18 feet, I think I can do real well," he concluded.

Muscular George Frenn of the Pacific Coast Track Club opened the field event portion of the meet by winning the hammer throw with an excellent 231-feet, one-inch effort.

It was the third year in a row Frenn captured top honors in his specialty and also was the best throw ever at the MJC Stadium, although not a meet record.

That is because 41-year-old Harold Connolly of the South-

ern California Striders, who placed third yesterday at 222 feet, did 233-2 in the 1965 Relays when the hammer throw was held on the Ceres High School athletic field.

Fouled Twice

Frenn fouled on his first two efforts in the finals before uncorking his mighty, winning toss. He qualified for the final with a 222-11 in the preliminary flights.

George Gage, representing the New York Athletic Club, finished second in the 13-man field at 230-3, marking the first time that two American hammer throwers had surpassed 230 feet in the same meet.

The University of Washington's Fred Luke won the javelin at 265 feet, seven inches, well off the meet mark of North Texas State's Bill Schmidt, who did 280-7 two years ago.

Schmidt, who now competes for the United States Army, finished fifth in yesterday's competition at 248-3.

The discus proved a surprise as world record holder Jay Silvester did not qualify for the finals. John Van Reener of the California Track Club took top honors, spinning the platter 213-feet, 2-inches.

He was the only participant over 200 feet as second place Tim Vollmer of the US Army did 198 and Jim Penrose, the University of California stand-out, was next at 196-1.

Silvester arrived late for the meet and that affected his performance. "I had three bad throws in the trials and just wasn't warmed up enough," he explained.

"I threw twice in the trials before I knew I was late. Meet Director Tom Moore said it would be okay if I competed in the finals, anyway." Silvester's best toss was a 209-4.

With world record holder Randy Matson skipping yesterday's meet, the shot put was a wide-open scramble and the Army's Bruce Wilhelm captured first place with a toss of 65-feet.

Fred DeBarnardi, one of two Texas-El Paso shot putters in the finals, was a close second

at 64-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. Richard Marks, competing unattached, was third at 63-10 and Hans Høglund, the other El Paso entry, was next at 63-5 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Matson's world mark of 71-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ was not threatened nor was his Cal Relays record of 69-8, set two years ago.

Canada's John Beers won the high jump at 7 feet, one inch, with defending champion Reynaldo Brown of Cal International third at 6-10.

Art Walker of the Southern Cal Striders took the triple jump as he hopped, skipped and jumped 53-feet, 10 inches.

Relays

Summaries of open events Saturday in the 21st California Relays:

Hammer throw — 1, George Frenn, Pacific Coast Club, 231-1. 2, Tom Gage, NYAC, 230-3. 3, Harold Connolly, So. Calif. Striders, 222-0. 4, Al Hall, Unaff. 214-3.

Javelin — 1, Fred Luke, Husky spike club, 265-7. 2, Mark Murray, PCC, 259-4. 3, Bob Wallis, Army, 251-4. 4, Ben Laville, SC Striders, 250-110.

Discus — 1, John Van Reener, Cal TC, 213-2. 2, Tom Vollmer, Army, 198-0. 3, Jim Penrose, Cal, 196-1. 4, Gary Carlson, SC Striders, 193-9.

120 High Hurdles — 1, Rod Milburn, Southern Univ., 13.0 (wind aided) 2, Willie Davenport, Baton Rouge TC, 13-5. 3,

Long Jump M

National

By Fred Herman

One American women's record was smashed and another was tied during yesterday's California Relays in what must have been Modesto's greatest day for feminism since the local junior college went coeducational.

Olga Fikotova Connolly, who won the Olympic discus for Czechoslovakia in the pre-Sputnik Melbourne Olympics of 1956, smashed the nation's discus mark for women to smithereens.

With practically no one watching at the north end of the Modesto Junior College stadium, she heaved the plate 185 feet 3 inches into the setting sun, eclipsing the 176-10 record achieved by Los Angeles' gigantic Earlene Brown

Relays Summary

Summaries of open events Saturday in the 31st California Relays:

Hammer throw — 1, George Frenn, Pacific Coast Club, 231-1. 2, Tom Gage, NYAC, 230-3. 3, Harold Connolly, So. Calif. Striders, 222-0. 4, Al Hall Unatt., 214.3.

Javelin—1, Fred Luke, Husky spike club, 265-7. 2, Mark Murro, PCC, 259-6. 3, Bob Wallic, Army, 251-6. 4, Ben Laville, SC Striders, 250-110.

Discus — 1, John Van Reenen, Cal TC, 213-2. 2, Tom Vollmer, Army, 198-0. 3, Jim Penrose, Cal, 196-1. 4, Gary Carlson, SC Striders, 195-9.

120 High Hurdles — 1, Rod Milburn, Southern Univ., 13.0 (wind aided) 2, Willie Davenport, Baton Rouge TC, 13-5. 3,

Thomas Hill, Arkansas St., 13.5. 4, Paul Gibson, Unatt., 13.8.

Pole vault — 1, Bob Seagren, SC Striders, 17-4 $\frac{3}{4}$. 2, Bruce Simpson, SC Striders, 17-0 $\frac{1}{4}$. 3, Sam Caruthers, Cal Int., 16-6 4, Kirk Bryde, U of Wash., 16-6.

High jump — 1, John Beers, Canada, 7-1. 2, Clarene Johnson, BA Striders, 7-1. 3, Reynald Brown, Cal Int., 6-10 4, Jerry Culp, Cal Int., 6-10.

Mile — 1, Fanie Van Zil, So. Africa, 3:56.0 2, Juris Luzins, Marines, 3:58.2 3, Duncan McDonald, West Valley Tc, 3-58.4. 4, Bob Maplestone, E Wash. St 4:00.4.

Triple jump—1, Art Walker, SC Striders, 53-10, 2, Robert Reader, BA Striders, 52-61-4. 3, Chuck Steffes, U New Mexico, 52-4 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4, Jim Fraser, Ba Stri-

ders, 51-7.

Two mile—1, Tony Benson, Australia, 8:33.0. 2, John Halberstadt, Oklahoma State, 8:33.8. 3, Mike Manley, Oregon TC, 8:34.8. 4, Len Hilton, unattached, 8:35.6.

880 — 1, Tom Von Ruden, Pac CC, 1:48.0. 2, Steve Straub, huskey SC, 1:48.2. 3, Cliff West, Cal, 1:48.8. 4, Bob Smith, LSU, 1:49.2.

220—1, Eddie Hart, Ba Striders, 20.5. 2, Chuck Smith, SC Striders, 20.6. 3, Jim Kemp, SC Striders, 20.9. 4, Gerald Tinker, unat 21.0.

Mile relay — 1, North Carolina Central (Glenn Bassett, Julius Sang, Robert Ouko, Larry Black) 3.03.5. 2, Ba Strider 3.09.03, SC Striders, 3:10.8. 4, LSU, 3:12.3.

Comparison Of 1972 Major Relays

Events	Texas	Kansas	Penn.	Drake	Mt. Sac.	Fresno	Modesto
100 M	9.6Y	9.2Y	9.3Y	10.5M	10.1M	10.0	10.1
120 Highs	13.9	14.0	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.6	13.0
440 Hurdles	50.3	50.4	50.8	51.0	51.4	50.8	50.2
440 Relay	40.0	40.1	39.9	40.1	39.5	39.2	39.7
880 Relay	1:23.7	1:23.3	1:21.8	1:23.1	1:22.0	1:20.7	1:22.5
Mile Relay	3:07.8	3:06.8	3:03.1	3:07.1	3:04.8	3:04.4	3:03.5
Two Mile Relay	7:25.2	7:23.2	7:23.4	7:21.0	7:34.4	7:26.4	7:23.8
Mile Run	4:06.7	3:57.1	—	4:00.4	4:04.9	3:39.7M	3:56.0

(Approx. 3:57.7)

Two Mile Run	8:46.5	—	—	—	—	8:40.7	8:33.0
Long Jump	25' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	25' 7"	25' 7"	25' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	26' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	26' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	27-6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Triple Jump	—	50' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	50' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	52' 9"	53' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	53' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	53-10
High Jump	7' 1"	7' 1"	7' 2"	7' 0"	7' 2"	7' 0"	7-1
Discus	206' 11"	173' 10"	175' 0"	186' 1"	224' 7"	206' 11"	213' 2"
Javelin	260' 1"	254' 0"	247' 2"	254' 3"	265' 3"	265' 0"	265' 7"
Pole Vault	18'	17' 5"	16' 0"	17' 5"	17' 5"	17' 0"	17-4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Shot Put	69' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	60' 1"	62' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	69' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	66' 3"	69' 0"	65-0
Hammer Throw	—	188' 7"	221' 0"	213' 7"	212' 10"	219' 2"	231' 1"
880 Yard Run	1:48.1	—	—	1:46.4	1:50.2	—	1:48.0
440 Yard Run	—	—	—	—	46.0	45.2	45.7