

Win in Last Event, 220, Shades Holy Cross and Rhode Island State

B. U. Produces 3 Surprise Winners; M. I. T. Is Far Back

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The day was bitter cold but Tufts was piping hot.

And with Phil Barnhardt, 20-year-old Navy ROTC junior driving in the last rivet, Tufts yesterday put together its first New England intercollegiate track championship in 59 years.

The margin was tight-lipped. So was the determined Barnhardt who, competitively ablaze in concluding his first season of racing, won the final event the 220 dash—after a bristling spring over the cold, sodden cinders of Briggs Field, M. I. T.

Thus the Jumbos, who missed the 1944 team title by half a point, won a photo-finish championship. They scored 24 points. Holy Cross, cleverly maneuvered by Bart Sullivan, had 23. Rhode Island State was only a step away with 20.

And Holy Cross had two finalists in the 220, with the team title on the line—Walter Majsak, who'd taken the 440 under wraps, and Joe Gilmartin. The versatile Barnhardt, a West Springfield young man who stars in football and basket ball at Tufts, beat 'em both in 21.8s. His most serious opposition was

entitled Bill Brooks, of Wesleyan. In a ding-dong drama he held Brooks off at the end and saved the championship for Tufts.

He had to win! There was no alternative. Tufts would stand or fall with him. As a runnerup Barnhardt would allow Holy Cross to sneak into control, 23 points to 22 for first place pays off with five points, second with only three.

That was the story-book finish to yesterday's o-mi-gosh meet.

Tech, host and defending champion, collapsed all over its own premises. Its ride down the chute commenced in the morning trials when it was obvious that Bob Meny, its favorite in both dashes, was so sorely harassed by a fallen arch that his output would be meager.

And so it was. Tech finished far back in sixth position, with 14½ points—about half its anticipated total. Meny, although he fought bravely to overcome his impost, scored merely a lonely point instead of a dozen.

Spectacular Meet

Although virtually nobody witnessed it, the meet was one of the most spectacular ever conducted in the association's history. The wild finish of the team battle, the unexpectedly fine individual efforts on a goose-pimples day, the mettle of the competition were superb.

Ding Duasault, who'd privately conceded the meet to Tech, had Tufts alerted. They leaped in to capitalize on sundry misadventures suffered by the opposition. Ted Sparrow, a returnee, got 'em off rolling with a fine run of 18.4s over the high hurdles, the first event.

Barnhardt brought their cause to a tumultuous conclusion in the final event—the 220. In between Tufts won nothing, but it was battling diligently on the track for the top spots. Frank Cassidy made a great rush from 30 yards back to lose the mile by merely eight yards to favorite John Serrie of Tech, in 4:30.7.

The canny Sullivan of Holy Cross switched Jimmy O'Leary, a 101st Airborne fighter, who'd jumped in Normandy and Holland, to the two miles from the 880. It was Salem Jimmy's first start at the distance. He won in a gallop, but Tufts got another lift when Arthur Dickson came on for second place.

Barnhardt took third in the 100, Cassidy ditto in the 880, and unknown Gordie Johnson the same in the mile. Sparrow kicked in with a valuable point in the low hurdles, and had to fight to clinch it. And Bill Rohrs, the footballer won a point in the discus—only digit the Jumbos won afield.

That's how Tufts pulled it off.

B. U. Surprises

Boston University, with Russ Peterson, the football coach, assuming the mentorship, had a veritable field day—for them. B. U. hasn't won an individual N. E. title in something like 10 years. Yesterday it won no less than three.

Bob Miller, 27, a freshman from Warwick, R. I., gave out with two great competitive efforts, both last-ditch. He hurled the shot 44 ft. 9¾ in. and twirled the hammer 147-3¼. He served on a Pacific sub chaser

during the war, attended Rhode Island prior to that.

The other B. U. beauty was young Budd Knapp, only 19, out of Delta, Ohio. Mr. Knapp, given no consideration in the advance notices, hung back of John Serrie, Tech's 880 favorite, until the last 70 yards. Then he whipped past John and ran to the title in 2:00.9.

It has been a long, long time since B. U. has been heard from in this meet. Only Holy Cross matched B. U.'s three first yesterday. The Hoyas cashed in with Walter Majsak in the 400 (a cinch); ex-paratrooper O'Leary, a switch entry in the two miles, and Frank Calabrese of Lawrence, a wounded veteran of the Remagen Bridge fight, who still carries shrapnel in his chest—winner of the vault at 12 feet.

SPIKE—ULATIONS

Double winners were Bill Dwyer of Brown, with a 9.8s "century" and a remarkable run of 24.5s in the low hurdles; Miller of B. U. in the two muscle events; and nobody else. . . . Serrie of Tech, for the second year, was upset in the 880 (by B. U.'s Knapp) to miss scoring a double. . . . Dwyer of Brown, smallest man in all the running events, is a bespectacled, 23-year-old ex-soldier who competed in the Army Olympics at Manila last Fall. Although his 9.8s in the 100 final matched the record yesterday, it was disallowed because of a tail wind.

Holy Cross came within a whisker of winning the meet when large Francis Rameka barely fouled a prodigious throw of 155 feet in the hammer. He finally finished third. . . . Johnny Magee of Bowdoin after bringing along some Maine weather with him, ran afoul of tough breaks. His fleet Matty Branche, formerly of Public Latin School, first, fell on the second flight of a high hurdles final, then tripped over the last flight in a low hurdles semi, and went sprawling. . . . Even his opponent figured him one-two in both events. . . . Finally, Matt won the broad jump at 21 5¼, and got a tie for second in the high jump.

Dwyer, the wee Brown sprinter-hurdler, swept to a big early lead in the low hurdles, then saved it at the end from long-gaited Bob Kennedy of Conn, a freshman who has been converted from the 440. . . . New Hampshire, which will be heard from in 1947 (Morcom and Styra will be back) sneaked one in when Sheldon Varney copped the high jump at 5-10¼. . . . The discus field fell apart in the morning and Paul Flick of Brown, handsome as a movie star, pegged the plate 130¼—not gully, but ho-hum win for him. . . . Maine's occasional stronghold, the javelin, produced another winner for the Stein Songers when Earle Vickery easily outcast his field with 175-5¼, against a stiff wind. . . . Majsak, Holy Cross' 440 winner, broke his back playing high school football at Plainville, Conn., which accounts for his 4-F status during the war.

New England College Track Summaries

TRACK EVENTS

100-YARD DASH

Semifinal Heats

First—Won by Barnhardt, Tufts; 2. Brooks, Wesleyan; 3. Britton, Rhode Island. Time, 10.1a.

Second—Won by Dwyer, Brown; 2. Menz, M. I. T.; 3. Walker, B. C. Time, 10a.

Final Heat

Won by William Dwyer, Brown; 2. William Brooks, Wesleyan; 3. Paul Barnhardt, Tufts; 4. Robert Menz, M. I. T. Time, 9.8a. (Equals record, disallowed, following wind.)

440-YARD RUN

Trial Heats

First—Won by Taylor, Bowdoin; 2. Mills, S. U.; 3. Brown, Maine; 4. Parsons, B. C. Time, 52.4a.

Second—Won by Majsak, Holy Cross; 2. Ingraham, M. I. T.; 3. Robinson, Bowdoin; 4. Slator, Maine. Time, 51.4a.

Final Heat

Won by Walter Majsak, Holy Cross; 2. Gerald Goldstein, Rhode Island; 3. Neil Taylor, Bowdoin; 4. Ernest Mills, Northeastern. Time, 50.8a.

880-YARD RUN

Trial Heats

First—Won by Serris, M. I. T.; 2. Ray Hinkle, S. I. State; 3. Brooks, Brown; 4. Finn, Holy Cross. Time, 2:01.3.

Second—Won by Rice, Conn.; 2. Cleworth, M. I. T.; 3. Taylor, Bowdoin. Time, 2:04.4.

Third—Won by Cassidy, Tufts; 2. Knapp, Boston U.; 3. Levi, M. I. T. Time, 2:06.7.

Final Heat

Won by Budd Knapp, Boston U.; 2. John Serris, M. I. T.; 3. Francis Cassidy, Tufts; 4. Steven Brooks, Brown. Time, 2:06.9.

220-YARD DASH

Semifinal Heats

First—Won by Barnhardt, Tufts; 2. Brooks, Wesleyan; 3. Kilmartin, Holy Cross. Time, 22.1a.

Second—Won by Majsak, Holy Cross; 2. Menz, M. I. T.; 3. Kennett, R. I. Time, 22.5a.

Final Heat

Won by Philip Barnhardt, Tufts; 2. William Brooks, Wesleyan; 3. Walter Majsak, Holy Cross; 4. Joseph Kilmartin, Holy Cross. Time, 21.8a.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

Semifinal Heats

First—Won by Anderson, M. I. T.; 2. White, W. P. L.; 3. Edwards, Wesleyan. Time, 18.1a.

Second—Won by Sparrow, Tufts; 2. Branche, Bowdoin; 3. Kennedy, Conn. Time, 18.5a.

Final Heat

Won by Edwin Sparrow, Tufts; 2. Frank Anderson, M. I. T.; 3. Malcolm White, W. P. L.; 4. Robert Kennedy, Conn. Time, 18.4a.

MILE RUN

Won by John Serris, M. I. T.; 2. Francis Cassidy, Tufts; 3. Gordon Johnson, Tufts; 4. Daniel Cushman, Rhode Island. Time, 4m. 30.7a.

220-YARD LOW HURDLES

Semifinal Heats

First—Won by Petorella, Rhode Island; 2. Anderson, M. I. T.; 3. Porter, Tufts. Time, 25.2a.

Second—Won by Kennedy, Conn.; 2. Dwyer, Brown; 3. Sparrow, Tufts. Time, 25a.

Final Heat

Won by William Dwyer, Brown; 2. Robert Kennedy, Conn.; 3. Edmund Petorella, Rhode Island; 4. Edwin Sparrow, Tufts. Time, 24.5a.

TWO-MILE RUN

Won by James O'Leary, Holy Cross; 2. Arthur Dickson, M. I. T.; 3. Bernard Giza, Wesleyan; 4. Michael Tarasovich, Rhode Island. Time, 9m. 57.2a.

FIELD EVENTS

DISCUS THROW

Won by Paul Flick, Brown, distance, 120ft. 5/8in.; 2. Solis Barton, Wesleyan, 120ft. 2 1/2in.; 3. Carl Lauro, Rhode Island, 120ft. 1 1/8in.; 4. William Rohrs, Tufts, 120ft. 8 1/2in.

SHOT PUT

Won by Robert Miller, Boston U., distance, 44ft. 9 3/4in.; 2. Bernard Scurranza, Holy Cross, 44ft. 1 1/2in.; 3. Carl Lauro, Rhode Island, 43ft. 4 1/2in.; 4. Paul Flick, Brown, 43ft. 1 1/2in.

HAMMER THROW

Won by Robert Miller, Boston U., distance, 147ft. 3 1/2in.; 2. Gale Foeter, Northeastern, 146ft. 3 1/2in.; 3. Francis Hamels, Holy Cross, 142ft. 11 1/2in.; 4. James Dubee, Rhode Island, 141ft. 5in.

JAVELIN THROW

Won by Earle Vickery, Maine, distance 176ft. 5 1/2in.; 2. Robert Hanna, Rhode Island, 169ft. 8 1/2in.; 3. Barton Cram, New Hampshire, 157ft. 3 1/2in.; 4. Carl Coe, Springfield, 157ft. 1/2in.

POLE VAULT

Won by Francis Calabrese, Holy Cross height, 13ft. Tie for second between Jack Pennington, Springfield, and Ezequiel Urevar, M. I. T., 11ft. 6in.; 4. Sidney Anderson, Conn., 11ft. 3in.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP

Won by Sheldon Varney, New Hampshire, height, 5ft. 10 1/2in.; 2. Tie among Matthew Branche, Bowdoin; Harry Eggleston, Conn.; and Warren Willets, Northeastern, 5ft. 9 1/2in.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP

Won by Matthew Branche, Bowdoin distance, 21ft. 5 1/2in.; 2. Paul Kennett, Rhode Island, 21ft. 4 1/2in.; 3. William Bernsch, Rhode Island, 20ft. 9 1/2in.; 4. William Mace, Boston U., 20ft. 7 3/4in.