

By JERRY NASON

An electrifying 1m 51.5s explosion by 22-year-old Lew Thorgersen of Wesleyan, swiftest halfmile ever raced by a collegian on a New England track, caught the experts looking the other way yesterday afternoon.

Busy Boston U., harvesting 32½ points and its first N. E. college team championship, fought off a stunning bid from a "sleeper." Springfield (24 pts.), on M. I. T.'s sodden premises.

Everybody was so engrossed in this struggle, and record-crushing efforts of 4:13.8 for the mile and 9:18.9, respectively, by Northeastern's Dick Ollen and Ed Shea, that Thorgersen's brilliant 880 caught 'em with their superlatives down.

The big (6ft. 3in.), long-gaited Wesleyan junior from Irvington, N. Y., son of Ed, the famous sportscaster, powered on top of his field instantly and kept pouring kerosene on the fire all the way.

It suddenly occurred to the delegates, when Lew thundered off the final turn 30 yards ahead of defender Billy Smith, B. U., that he was up to something extraordinary.

He was! His 1:51.5 was almost three seconds under the 24-year-old New England meet record made by immortal Russell Chapman of Bates, and matched in 1938 by Don Smith of Maine.

Thorgersen, Ollen, Shea Set N. E. Records

N. E. TRACK

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No New England college runner has ever unloaded an 880 that fast on cinders. Harvard's Jim Lightbody fled to a 4:52.1 in the 1940 Ivy League meet, and Chapman himself had nailed down an I. C. 4-A. title with a 1:52.4 in 1931.

Only one collegiate 880 has been run this fast in 1954—by Wes Santee of Kansas, who logged 1:51.5 in a recent dual meet.

Thorgersen, 171-pound art history major, said he had no particular plans going to the starting line, except to "Beat Smith" He outmaneuvered me last year!"

His only tactical plan was to get going fast, early and often. He had an 11-yard lead at the quarter in 53.5 seconds, and finally won by 25, fading slightly toward the end of his terrific effort.

Exams will prevent his attempting to shoot down the aging 1:51.2 record for the I. C. 4-A race in New York next week.

Ollen, Shea Terrific

Until Thorgersen pulled the trigger on his terrific 880, everybody was completely enthralled by Ollen's spectacular run below the 41-year-old mile mark of 4:18.6, made in 1913 by Norman Taber of Brown (and probably the oldest existing track record anywhere.)

And Ollen's mechanical-motion teammate, Ed Shea, had slashed 10 full seconds off his own two-mile record with a stunning 9m. 18.8s. solo.

Briggs Field was buzzing with these pertinent performances by Jerry Tatton's duet of indoor I. C. 4-A champions when Thorgersen came hurtling out from the overcast with his herculean half-mile.

Ollen is a 21-year-old, 6 foot N. U. senior from Cranston, R. I. who had beaten Josy Barthel in a contest of finishing sprints at the end of a slow mile in April.



OLLEN



SHEA

He had his heart set on pulling the rug from under Taber's ancient meet record. He did so with a 62s, 2:04.7, and 3:08 pace. He had to make that pace himself, because he had run everybody else groggy halfway through the race.

The track was heavy from Friday's deluge, which had postponed the trials, and there was an annoying head wind on the stretch. Tatton said they'd pointed for "something under 4.14. I suspect Dick might have gone 4:11 with better conditions."

Shea by 140 Yards

Teammate Shea pumped Ollen's hand in the traditional manner, then went out on the track and

whirled his 9:18.9 two miles, winning by at least 140 yards from Paul Firlotte of Maine.

Capturing its first major team title for Doug Raymond, after missing the coveted indoor I. C. 4-A cup by half a point, Boston U. survived several form-letdowns by its own personnel and a lusty challenge from Springfield.

The Terriers had too much good stuff going for them to be taken, although Springfield had a 24-19 lead with the 220 and vault to come. Bill Shearer smashed home in 21.5s in the 220, completing a sprint double, and Bruce Heseock and Jim Miner took away seven points from the vault. Exit Springfield.

Springfield had 'em frightened, though. Big (6-2, 200) Curt Guild, senior from Springfield itself, hurled the hammer 17 feet farther than he ever had in his life (178ft. 5 1/2 in) and performed like the favorite he was to also win the discs (150ft. 3 1/2 in.).

Behind his 10 digits, the Scarlet mounted eight more in the javelin when Jim Granberry of Princeton, N. J., and Bill Eaton of Nantasket Beach finished 1-2.

B. U. was alarmed by this time, but when Ralph Muzey outfought the high jump field at 6-4 and

added a 24th point in the broad jump, the Bee Yews were frantic. Springfield, however, had no running points to append to this mass of "field" strength and died on the vine.

Rhode Island suffered several setbacks, for 16 1/2 points, and third place. M. I. T. was fourth, scoring 15 1/2 on its home track—its blue-ribbon winner being Warren Lattoff in the high hurdles. (15s.).

Lattoff, 6ft. 2in junior from Arlington Heights, Ill., already is the indoor I. C. 4-A champion. His coach, Oscar Hedlund, had recently laid him off due to a leg injury, which must have retarded—because his entry had complete control of the race and hurdled brilliantly throughout.

There was a big surprise in the broad jump, where football half-back Gerry Jackson of Holy Cross outlathered the I. C. 4-A champion, Barney Bruce of B. U., by three-quarters of an inch.

Bill Ranscht, Wesleyan, finishing aggressively, upset the low hurdles field (24.5s.) in which favored Bill Calkin of Maine muscle-pulled in the trials. The shotput was formful, Kazar Aparkarian of R. I. repeating at 50ft. 8in.

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N. E. College Track Summary

High Hurdles—Won by Warren Lattof, Harvard Dandley, Prov; Stuart Smith, RI; Joseph Devane, Holy Cross.
220-yard Low Hurdles—Won by William Ranscht, Wesleyan; 2, Pat Locchiato, BC; 3, Richard Sturtevant, Amherst; 4, William Morris, RI. 24.5.

220-yard Dash—Won by William Shearer, BU; 2, Robert Behr, Williams; 3, Lloyd Bell, BU; 4, Robert McAllister, BC. 21.5s. Also ran—William Kelleher, Conn; Robert Behr, Williams; Sydney Klein, MIT; Charles Guber, RI.

100-yard Dash—Won by William Shearer, BU; 2, Robert McAllister, BC; 3, Robert Sands, RI; 4, Charles Guber, RI. 10s. Also ran—Robert Travers, HC; R. A. Seymour, Wesleyan.

1-mile Run—Won by Richard Ollen, Northeastern; 2, William MacQuattie, RI; 3, William Redman, Williams; 4, Sture Bangsten, MIT. 4:13.8. (New meet and field record; old record, 4:18.6. Normak Taber, Brown, 1913.)

440-yard Run—Won by Bruce McConnachie, HC; 2, Steven Wilkey, Tufts; 3, Ian Williams, MIT; 4, Joseph Pizzo, RI. 48.3s. Also ran—Parker Calkin, Tufts; Bernard Campbell, NH.

Two-mile Run—Won by Edward Shea, Northeastern; 2, Paul Firlotte, Maine; 3, Robert Horn, Mass; 4, Joseph Madden, Providence. 9:18.9. (New meet and field record; old record, 9:28.9, Edward Shea, 1953.)

880-yard Run—Won by Lewis Thorgensen, Wesleyan; 2, William Smith, BU; 3, John Farquhar, MIT; 4, Charles Schreiber, MIT. 1:51.5. (New meet and field record; old record, 1:54.4, Russell Chapman, Bates, 1930.) Also ran—Ber-

FIELD EVENTS

Hammer—Won by Curtis Guild (Spr) 178ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2, Donald Seifert (Brown) 174ft. 4in.; 3, Robert Taylor (RI) 172ft. 5in.; 4, Nathaniel Baker (BU) 171ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Discus—Won by Curtis Guild (Spr) 150ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2, Francis Morze (BC) 142ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3, Edgar Holmes (Bates) 139ft. 4in.; 4, Nathaniel Baker (BU) 137ft. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Broad Jump—Won by Gerard Jackson (HC) 23ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2, Bernard Bruce (BU) 23ft. lin.; 3, Malcolm Brickett (Amh) 23ft. $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 4, Ralph Muzzey (Spr) 22ft. 11in.

Shot Put—Won by Kazar Apkarian (RI) 50 ft. 8in.; 2, John Morefield (MIT) 48ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 3, Richard Bates (BU) 47ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 4, Frank Morze (BC) 47ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

High Jump—Won by Ralph Muzzey (Spr) 6ft. 4in.; 2, Bruce Hescoock (BU) 6ft. 3in.; 3, tie between John Parke (NH) and Donald Vollmer (Col) 5ft. 11in.

Javelin—Won by James Granberry (Spr) 186ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 2, William Eaton (Spr) 185ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 3, Edward Kent (Bates) 183ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; 4, Edwin Allen (BU) 178ft. 8in.

Pole Vault—Won by Bruce Hescoock (BU) 13ft.; 2, four-way tie among James Miner (BU), Chellis Smith (Me), Edwin Hale (MIT), Victor Nerses (RI) 12ft. 6in.

POINT SCORING

Boston University 32 $\frac{1}{2}$, Springfield 24, Rhode Island 16 $\frac{1}{2}$, MIT 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, Wesleyan 13, Boston College 11, Holy Cross and Northeastern 10, Williams 5, Maine 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Amherst, Bates and Tufts 4, New Hampshire 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Brown 3, Massachusetts 2, Colby 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, Providence 1.



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