

Hal Davis Runs 100 in 9.4s. at Fresno

California Flash Equals World Record as
Bill Smith of San Jose Just Inches Behind

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RATCLIFFE STADIUM (Fresno) May 16.—Hal Davis sprouted wings here tonight and before he had finished with a full evening of high flying in the 16th annual West Coast relays he had tied the world's record of 9.4s. for the 100-yard dash and had led the California Bears to sensational upset victories in the quarter and mile relays.

The Golden Bear sophomore, who last year tied the world's 100-meter mark at Compton, stole the show from the 600 athletes who tried vainly down the line but could add no other record performance to the illustrious list of marks posted here at Ratcliffe Stadium down the avenue of years.

His performance trimmed a tenth of a second off the meet mark of 9.5s.

TROJANS ROMP

It also helped to submerge the otherwise one-sided victory of Southern California, which nevertheless went on to win the meet with a handsome point total of 73½ rolled up by the Trojans for their 12th triumph here in 16 years.

Thanks to Hal, the Bears wound up second with point total of 49, 25 of which could be directly attributed to the speeding Salinas youth.

Third was San Jose State with 20 and the rest finished as follows: Stanford, 17; Fresno State, 12½; U.C.L.A., 8; Arizona, 6; California Aggies, 2.

In the junior college division, Sacramento won with more ease than expected over Compton, which finished second and Los Angeles City College, which was third. The J.C. team scores were:

Sacramento, 4; Compton, 32½; Los Angeles City College, 21; Santa Ana, 11½; Pasadena, 10½; Reedley, 8; San Mateo, 8; Glendale, 5; Long Beach, 5; Salinas, 5; Santa Rosa, 4; Stockton, 3; Marin, 2; Santa Monica, 2; Modesto, ½.

BAKERSFIELD TOPS

These events came after Bakersfield High had captured the high school section of the meet in expected fashion with a total of 24 points.

After the meet Earl H. Wight, director of athletics at Fresno State, announced official sanction for Davis' record—tied mark would be sought. No record will be asked in the quarter-mile relay which equalled the recognized world's figure of 40.8s. since Southern California has a 40.5s. mark, set here, on application.

Davis' performance was the outstanding individual effort of the evening.

HAL AT BEST

Running in what experts agreed was the best form of his brilliant career, the California Winged Mercury put on two additional sterling exhibitions as he overcame great odds to carry the Golden Bears to surprise wins in the quarter and half-mile relays.

Hal overcame a 4-yard lead held by Cliff Bourland on the last lap of the 440-yard event and nipped the Trojan anchor man by scant inches at the tape in an event that was supposed to be in the bag for the Trojans. The time of 40.8s. equalled the world's record held by a Southern California team but was three-tenths of a second short of the 40.5s. mark established here by Coach Dean Cromwell's boys in 1938 for a meet record.

DAVIS REPEATS

Again, in the half-mile test, Davis poured it on and this time, although weary from his extensive efforts of the evening, closed a 2-yard gap on Bourland

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in the anchor tilt and just barely crossed the tape in front of Cliff. Here the Bear team's time was 1m. 26s., well behind the meet and world's record.

Coach Brutus Hamilton of California did not have a watch on Davis in the short relay, but clocked him in 20.5s. in the furlong of the 880-yard race.

Hal's century dash came as close to being an upset as his triumphs in the relays.

SMITH STARTS FAST

Bill Smith, the San Jose freshman, was off his mark, and a half stride in front of the comparatively slow starting Davis. At the 30-yard mark he had increased the edge to a good yard, when the California speedster started inching up.

He finally drew abreast of the former Belmont (Los Angeles) High School Negro at 90 yards and with a great closing burst of speed catapulted himself across the tape in front by six or eight inches. This performance put Davis into a tie for the world's record with such great sprinters as Frank Wykoff, Jesse Owens and Clyde Jeffries.

The old West Coast mark of 9.5s. was first set here by Wykoff in 1931 and was tied later by George Anderson, Adrian Talley and Clyde Jeffries.

WARMERDAM MISSES

Davis' performance took the play from Cornelius Warmerdam, the former Fresno State star, who makes 15-foot vaulting a common every day occurrence. Dutch cleared 15ft. 1in. tonight and barely missed 15ft. 5in.

Willard Schaefer won the varsity phase of this at 14ft. 6in. The event was not without tragedy. Malcolm Shields of Fresno State suffered an ankle dislocation when he fell on the edge of the vaulting pit.

TROY TRIUMPHS

While Southern California lost a lot of thunder in dropping the sprint relays the Trojans captured eight first places during the evening, including Carl Merritt's double triumph in taking the shot-put and discus throw.

Expected to get at least one relay mark here, S.C. fell short by seconds in all their efforts. They walked off with the medley, two-mile and mile relays and also tied for first in the high jump when Gil Greene cleared 6ft. 4in. with Smith of Stanford.

RESULTS

(Collegiate Events)

Medley relay—Junior college class (440-880-1120-miles)—Won by Compton (Carter, Gervel, Pyndel); no other finishers. Time, 12m. 21.7s.

Medley relay—Intercollegiate class (440-880-1120-miles)—Won by S.C. (Crane, Smith, Lane, Wood); second, 18 yards back, Fresno State; third, 118 yards back, U.C.L.A.; no fourth. Time, 12m. 8.4s.

100-yard dash (varsity men's)—Won by Brumback (Sequoia Field, Visalia); second, one yard back, Mason (Daguerre Field, T.H.); third, four feet back, Greene (Sequoia Field); fourth, one foot back, Greenwood (Sequoia Field). Time, 15.4s.

100-yard dash (college class)—Won by Kaiser (Stanford); second, two yards back, Bingham (Sacramento); third, one foot back, Ward (Berkeley); fourth, one yard back, Chalmers (S.A.C.C.). Time, 9.5s.

100-yard dash (college class)—Won by Davis (California); second, one foot back, Smith (San Jose State); third, three yards back, Browning (S.C.); fourth, one yard back, Frost (S.C.). Time 9.4s. (The world record, made by Fred Wykoff and Jesse Owens.) (New West Coast Relay record, set mark 9.5s. by Frank Wykoff, George Anderson, Adrian Talley and Clyde Jeffries.)

Two-mile relay (varsity relay class)—Won by Compton (Carter, Pollock, Gervel, Stone); second, one foot back, Santa Ana; third, 30 yards back, San Mateo; fourth, 24 yards back, Los Angeles C.C. Time, 3m. 2s.

880-yard relay (varsity college class)—Won by Sacramento (Baker, Bingham, Franks, Kaiser); second, four yards back, Los Angeles C.C.; third, 18 yards back, Pasadena J.C.; fourth, 12 yards back, Redley J.C. Time, 1m. 29.3s.

440-yard relay (college class)—Won by California (Shades, Pugh, Stappach, Dennis); second, one foot back, S.C.; third, 14 yards back, Stanford. No fourth. Time, 40.8s.

High jump (intercollegiate class)—Tie for first between Smith, Stanford, and Greene, Southern California, 18 ft. 4in.; tie for second between Caldwell, Fresno, and Tally, Southern California, 16ft. 11in.

880-yard relay (varsity men's class)—Won by Sequoia Field (Greenman, Greene, Johnson, Brumback); second, 25 yards back, Daguerre Field; third, 15 yards back, Ft. Ord; fourth, 11 yards back, 128th Infantry. Time, 1m. 33.6s.

Two-mile relay (intercollegiate class)—Won by S.C. (Lynn, Lane, Wood, Smith); second, 18 yards back, California; third, 200 yards back, San Jose State. Time, 1m. 48.2s.

Discus three (intercollegiate class)—

Won by Merritt, S.C. (1400, 57m.); second, Jones, Arizona State of Tempe (1800, 57m.); third, Merritt, San Jose State (1420, 57 1/2 m.); fourth, Mena, California (1420, 57m.)

Broad jump (intercollegiate class)—Won by Willard Smith, San Jose State (240, 57m.); second, Bill Smith, San Jose State (230, 18m.); third, Bunker, S.C. (220, 57m.); fourth, Kern, Stanford (231, 48.)

Shot-put, intercollegiate class—Won by Merritt, S.C. (510, 57m.); second, Thompson, S.C. (500, 57m.); third, Stamm, Stanford (480); fourth, Merritt, San Jose (480, 57m.)

Justin three, intercollegiate class—Won by Bill, California (200, 15.1s.); second, Jones, Arizona State of Tempe (1800, 18m.); third, Weber, California State (1800), 18m.; fourth, Gaines, Fresno State (1800, 17m.)

High hurdles (college class)—Won by Havel (Stanford); second, five yards back, Browning (S.C.); third, 100 yards back, Jewell (San Jose); fourth, one yard back, Anselm (California). Time, 18.3s.

Four yard (intercollegiate class)—Won by Schaefer, S.C. (141, 4m.); second, Glenn Smith, California (140); tie for third among Peck, Stanford, and MacCroskey and Nichols, both California (130, 4m.) (Warmerdam cleared 15 feet but not credited with points as represented Olympic Club in invitational event.)

Five relay (varsity college class)—Won by Sacramento (Baker, Frank, Lottfeld, Kaiser); second, seven yards back, Los Angeles City College; third, three yards back, San Mateo; fourth, two yards back, Compton. Time, 1m. 22.5s.

Five relay (varsity college class)—Won by S.C. (Kern, Thomas, Wachtel, Morrison); average, 48 yards back, California; third, 28 yards back, U.C.L.A.; no fourth. Time, 1m. 11.7s.

JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION

(Enrollment under 1000)

Medley relay (440-880-1120-miles)—Won by Santa Ana (Christman, Berry, Salinas, Meadows); second, Redley; third, Visalia; fourth, Bakersfield. Time, 12m. 55.3s.

880-yard relay—Won by Santa Ana (Morgan, Wala, Porter, Beck); second, Redley; no other entries. Time, 1m. 30.9s.

Five relay—Won by Santa Ana (Miller, Brown, Wala, Porter); second, Visalia; third, Redley. Time, 1m. 31s.

JUNIOR COLLEGE FIELD EVENTS

(Open)

Shot-put (16 pounds)—Won by Schupp, Sacramento; second, Strider, Compton; third, Steel, Santa Ana; fourth, Greenwood, Santa Rosa. Distance, 50ft. 5 1/2 in.

Broad jump—Won by Freeman, Redley; second, Baker, Sacramento; third, Williams, Redley; fourth, Hueston, Los Angeles. Distance, 23ft. 10 1/2 in.

High jump—Won by White, Los Angeles; second, MacLean, Pasadena; third, three-way tie, Bruce (Redley), Wilson (Marin) and Harvick (Marin). Winning height, 6ft. 4in.

Pole vault—Three-way tie among Ferguson (Compton), Cook (Pasadena) and Winter (Compton); tie for fourth between Beck (Santa Ana) and Johnson (Modesto). Height, 12ft. 9in.

Discus—Won by Denmark, Long Beach; Kery, Berkeley; Balgo, Sacramento; Stone, Santa Rosa. Winning distance, 270ft. 1 1/2 in.

Javelin—Won by Lizka, Glendale; Kaiser, Santa Ana; Miller, Santa Monica; Prodanow, Whittier. Distance, 297ft. 10 1/2 in.

High hurdles (college class)—Won by Redley (Sacramento); second, three yards back, O'Keefe (Sacramento); third, one yard back, Porter (Santa Ana); fourth, one foot back, Eshelman (Compton). Time, 14.5s.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK EVENTS

(High school class for high schools with enrollment under 1000)

Medley relay (440-880-1120-miles)—Won by Brown, Fresno (Dobson, Yaman, Ross, Hutter); second, Waco; third, Central, Fresno; fourth, Green. Time, 1m. 44.7s. (New West Coast Relay record.)

880-yard relay—Won by Maricopa (Brockman, Thomson, Golderman, Wilson); second, Lemoore; third, Los Banos; fourth, Lemoore. Time, 1m. 33.7s.

440-yard relay—Won by Madera (Miller, Nove, Robinson, Garbinate); second, Redley; third, Glendale; fourth, Facer. Time, 1m. 32.8s.

(High School Open Division)

100-yard high hurdles—Won by Murray, Bakersfield; second, Chandler, Fresno; third, Martin, Fresno; fourth, Hughes, Waco. Time, 15s.

100-yard dash—Won by Murphy, Yuba City; second, Ward, Redwood; Fresno; third, Duffy, Redford; fourth, Robbins, Madera. Time, 10s.

Medley relay (440-880-1120-miles)—Won by Bakersfield (Jackson, Marlock, Peral, Brown); second, Facer; third, East Bakersfield; fourth, Redford. Time, 1m. 4.8s.

880-yard relay—Won by Redwood, Fresno (Brockman, Godwin, Whipple, Ware); second, Bakersfield; third, Redford; fourth, Lodi. Time, 1m. 32s.

HIGH SCHOOL FIELD EVENTS

Broad jump—Won by Carfield, Fresno; second, Pugh, Bakersfield; third, Jurkovich, Fresno; fourth, Collins, Colton, Redwood; Fresno. Winning distance, 23ft. 5 1/2 in.

High jump—Won by Hopkins, Delano; second, tie, Beaumont, Lodi, and Pugh, Madera; fourth, Jarvis, Eureka. Winning height, 6ft. 7in.

Discus—Won by Lovell, Ukiah; second, Keller, Kettle; third, Jurkovich, Fresno; fourth, Paul, Pittsburg. Distance, 128ft. 9 1/2 in.

Shot-put (12 pounds)—Won by Heist, Turlock; second, Jurkovich, Fresno; third, Phillips, Turlock; fourth, Ross, Fresno. Distance, 51ft. 5 1/2 in.

Pole vault—Won by Carlson, Redwood; second, Brown, Turlock; third, Choverton, St. Stanisley, Redwood; Kern, Stockton, and Cannon, Lodi. Height, 13ft. 2 1/2 in.

Final scores—Bakersfield, 34; Beaumont, Fresno, 25; Fresno, 18; Turlock, 22; Hanford, 8; Facer, 4; Lodi, 3; Yuba City, 2; Delano, 2; Ukiah, 2; San Bakersfield, 2; Madera, 2; Eureka, 2; Stockton, 2; Waco, 1; Maricopa, 1; Pittsburg, 1.