

## The Interscholastic Track and Field Program

By E. A. Thomas.

New national high school records were set during the season of 1939 in the high hurdles and the pole vault, but the significant results of the season are indicated in the increased number of high class performers turned in by boys all over the country. A glance at the Honor Roll will show that from New England to California, from Minnesota to Texas, and all states between, have come reports of championship marks set by boys in high schools large and small.

The remarkable hurdling and high jumping records of Joe Batiste of Tucson (Arizona), Negro athlete, stamp him as one of the greatest track and field athletes of all time, and few University men can equal the pole vault marks of Lintz, the Maheshie (Ohio), Vaulter. Lack of room prevents the inclusion of many really high class performances in the Honor Roll. When high school boys with marks of 9.9 and 22.0 in the dashes, 50 hat in the 40, 2:30 in the half, and 4:30 in the mile are not good enough for the list, it is evident that the material for college and university track teams is abundant.

Never has there been such interest in high school track and field athletics as there is at the present time. New tracks and stadia, better coaching, improved methods of staging meets, and more attractive environments, have all played their part in turning more boys into events which emphasize individual performance and in creating spectator and newspaper interest.

Last year was the first in which the new high school discs was the official implement for the discus throw. It is smaller and lighter than the collegiate discus and is much easier for high school boys to handle. The best records with the new discus compare favorably with those made by college stars with the heavier implement. Some coaches are not sold on it as yet and think the change was too radical. Tests and experiments indicate, however, that it is about right for the average high school boy. A few have suggested that both implements be used and in the more important meets provide opportunity for schools to enter contestants in the senior and junior discus events. Within a year or two we shall know considerably more about the advisability of any further changes.

The 39-inch high hurdle for high school boys has proved to be very popular and the number of prospective hurdlers has increased tremendously since the change in specifications was adopted. Just now we don't know exactly where we stand in regard to the 200 yards low hurdle race. Studies and experiments are under way now under the direction of university graduate departments and we hope to have something definite to present to the National Collegiate A.A. Pules committee at its next session. Many maintain that the distance of eighteen yards between hurdles is too short and that if any modification of the old distance is necessary, the best way will be to shorten the race to include only eight hurdles, but to keep the distance between them twenty yards. Claims are made that high school low hurdlers tire at the finish of the race and that the former space between hurdles will be found to be satisfactory if the distance of the whole race is lessened.

A few years ago there was some agitation to shorten many of the race distances and to eliminate the longer distances altogether. Improved training facilities apparently have removed most of the objection to distance running for high school boys. The solution seems to lie in better coaching and handling of boys rather than in changing the distances they run. It has been proved beyond reasonable doubt that those high school boys who have the proper background and training for distance running can do it without any detrimental effects.

Source material for the national Honor Roll appears to be plentiful now. State association executive officers have cooperated in sending results of their meets and other reliable material for the Honor Roll. In addition to these, scores of other reliable correspondents send information and material regularly from all sections of the country. College and university coaches are taking more interest in high school track and field activities and the outlook for the future is very promising.

### 1939 NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC HONOR ROLL

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The writer has endeavored to collect the results of all state high school meets and other important meets throughout the country and from these results has compiled an honor roll. The best recorded performances in each event during the 1939 season are listed. Performances worthy of record during the 1940 season should be reported to E. A. Thomas, 204 National Reserve Building, Topeka, Kansas.

It is difficult to compare the performances of boys in different sections of the country because of the variation in weather conditions. Some of the best performances recorded,

were made either under ideal conditions or when there was a slight wind blowing to aid the runners. In some events the records from certain sections do not show up so well because of adverse weather conditions on the dates of important meets. For these reasons perhaps some of the boys whose records do not show up so well are really better than some who show up better on paper. The following records should, therefore, not be taken too seriously, but the boys who made them are good performers just the same.

#### 100 YARDS DASH

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Neyer (Pottsville, Pa.)	State Meet	9.6f
Jenkins (Compton, Calif.)	Bay League	9.7f
Morris (Huntington Beach, Calif.)	Sunset League	9.7f
Caldwell (Brockton, Mass.)	Triangular Meet	9.8f
Davies (Poly HS, Long Beach, Calif.)	So Cal Divisional	9.8f
Dilley (Tower Hill, Ill.)	District Meet	9.8f
Lankford (Jefferson HS, Los Angeles)	Southern League	9.8f
Perdue (Riis HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	Eastern League	9.8f
Skafta (Compton, Calif.)	Bay League	9.8f
Towle (West HS, Milwaukee, Wis.)	State Meet	9.8f
Trout (Bakersfield, Calif.)	Fresno Relays	9.8f
Tucker (Baton Rouge, La.)	State Meet	9.8f

#### 220 YARDS DASH

Morris (Huntington Beach, Calif.)	Southern Counties	21.0s
Caldwell (Brockton, Mass.)	Triangular Meet	21.1s
Cooley (Kaufman, Tex.)	State Meet	21.3s
Lankford (Jefferson HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	21.3s
Trout (Bakersfield, Calif.)	State Meet	21.5s
Carter (Antelope Valley, Calif.)	Ventura County	21.6f
Jenkins (Compton, Calif.)	Bay League	21.6f
Callahan (Loyola HS, Los Angeles)	So Calif Parochial	21.7f
Nichols (Covina, Calif.)	El Monte Dual	21.7f

#### 440 YARDS DASH

Stroemple (Cleveland John Marshall, Ohio)	State Meet	48.7s
Samonett (Fremont HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	49.0s
Calley (Brady, Tex.)	State Meet	49.5s
Klemer (Galileo HS, San Francisco)	City Meet	49.5s
Antunez (Glendale, Calif.)	So Calif Meet	49.6f
Gasparola (Bryant HS, New York)	PSAL Meet	49.6f
Dickenson (Orono, Maine)	Univ of Maine Inter	49.8s
O'Reilly (Beverly Hills, Calif.)	Leuzinger Meet	49.8s
Thomas (Covina, Calif.)	So Calif Meet	49.8s

#### 880 YARDS RUN

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Burnham (Lebanon, NH)	Interstate Meet	1m.56.6f
Smith (Manual Arts HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	1m.57.1f
Martin (Burlington, N.J.)	South Jersey Champs	1m.58.5f
Rish (Cleveland Est., Ohio)	State Meet	1m.58.5f
Yates (Anderson, Ind.)	State Meet	1m.58.5f
Christensen (Beverly Hills, Calif.)	So Calif Meet	1m.58.6f
Brewer (San Diego, Calif.)	So Calif Meet	1m.59.0f

#### ONE MILE RUN

Doyle (East HS, Denver, Col.)	State Meet	4m.25.2f
Hunter (Strong-Vincent HS, Erie, Pa.)	State Meet	4m.26.7f
Martin (Strong-Vincent HS, Erie, Pa.)	State Meet	4m.26.7f
Hall (Torrance, Calif.)	State Meet	4m.26.8f
Heredia (San Diego, Calif.)	State Meet	4m.26.8f
Crump (Bremerton, Wash.)	State Meet	4m.27.5f
Stanfill (Montebello, Calif.)	State Meet	4m.27.5f
Mitchell (Anderson, Ind.)	State Meet	4m.27.6f

#### 120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES

Batiste (Tucson, Ariz.)	State Meet	14.0s
Brown (Morton HS, Cicero, Ill.)	State Meet	14.5f
Wright (Huntington, West Va.)	State Meet	14.5f
Collins (Los Angeles)	City Meet	14.7f
McLaughlin (Cathedral HS, Los Angeles)	Catholic Prep	14.7f
DeWan (Central HS, Pueblo, Col.)	State Meet	14.8f
Diez (Lincoln HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	14.8f
Hoeflinger (Columbus North, Ohio)	State Meet	14.8f

#### 200 YARDS LOW HURDLES

Shaner (Altoona, Pa.)	State Meet	22.4f
Schlesinger (University City, Mo.)	State Meet	22.5f
Barron (Compton, Calif.)	Beverly Hills-Santa Monica	22.6f
Wahby (Evanson, Ill.)	District Meet	22.6f
Cox (Wichita East, Kan.)	Baker Relays	22.7f
So er (Stadium HS, Tacoma, Wash.)	State Meet	22.7f
Walker (Cleveland, Okla.)	Univ Okla Meet	22.7f

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC HONOR ROLL—Continued  
JAVELIN THROW

Competitor and School	Meet	Distance
Stevens (Mexico, Tex.)	Regional Meet	203ft. 7in
Erickson (Praer, Iowa)	State Meet	195ft. 8 3/4 in
Whitmore (Mendota, Ill.)	State Meet	194ft. 3in
Passett (White Salmon, Wash.)	State Meet	188ft. 4in
Olson (Lower Merion, Pa.)	Ursinus Inter	185ft. 4in
Piedmont (Lava Hot Springs, Idaho)	District Meet	184ft. 9in
Yarzer (Surprise, Neb)	State Meet	183ft. 5in
Gast (Osage, Iowa)	State Meet	183ft. 3in

Competitor and School	Meet	Height
Batiste (Tucson, Ariz.)	Greenway Inv	6ft. 6 7/8 in
Stewart (Forrance, Calif.)	Marine League	6ft. 6 1/2 in
Rogers (Independence, Kan.)	Kan Univ Relays	6ft. 5 7/8 in
Keewick (Phoenix, Ariz.)	Greenway Inv	6ft. 5in
Lee (Northfield, Minn.)	Triangular Meet	6ft. 4 7/8 in
Moreau (New Trier HS, Winnetka, Ill.)	State Meet	6ft. 4in
Hart (Narbonne, Lomita, Calif.)	Marine League	6ft. 3 7/8 in
Hornecker (LaSalle, Ill.)	State Meet	6ft. 3 1/2 in

**440 YARDS RELAY**

Competitor and School	Meet	Time
West HS, Minneapolis, Minn.	Drake Relays	43.3s
Compton, Calif.	Compton Inv	43.6s
East HS, Des Moines, Iowa	State Meet	44.0s
Fort Madison, Iowa	State Meet	44.3s
Barringer HS, Newark, NJ	Penn Relays	44.4s
Katon Rouge, La.	Southwestern Relays	44.4s
Davenport, Iowa	State Meet	44.4s
Manual High, Louisville, Ky.	State Meet	44.5s

**BROAD JUMP**

Competitor and School	Meet	Distance
Jurkovich (Fresno, Calif.)	State Meet	24ft. 1/2 in
Christopher (Baton Rouge, La)	Southwestern Relays	23ft. 10in
Freeman (Sonoma, Calif.)	State Meet	23ft. 10in
McCoy (Jefferson HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	23ft. 4 1/4 in
Goynes (Freer, Texas)	State Meet	23ft. 4in
McDonald (Rilis HS, Los Angeles)	Eastern League	23ft. 3 1/2 in
Garvey (Abtatabula Harbor, Ohio)	State Meet	23ft. 2 3/4 in
W. Bledsoe (Great Bend, Kan)	State Meet	23ft. 2in

**880 YARDS RELAY**

Competitor and School	Meet	Time
Compton, Calif.	Footbll League	3m.28.9s
Hoover HS, Glendale, Calif.	State Meet	3m.29.2s
Cleveland East Tech	State Meet	3m.29.4s
West High, Minneapolis, Minn.	Drake Relays	3m.29.7s
East High, Des Moines, Iowa	State Meet	3m.30.0s
Santa Ana, Calif.	Citrus Belt League	3m.30.1s
East High, Denver, Cal.	State Meet	3m.30.3s
Elkhornburg, Wash.	State Meet	3m.30.6s
	State Meet	3m.30.7s

**POLE VAULT**

Competitor and School	Meet	Height
Linta (Mansfield, Ohio)	State Meet	13ft. 9 3/4 in
Humberger (Glendale, Calif.)	Footbll League	13ft. 4 3/4 in
Ferguson (Inglewood, Calif.)	State Meet	13ft. 3 3/4 in
Johnson (Oakdale, Calif)	Gen Calif HSAL	13ft.
Legren (Hoover HS, Glendale, Cal)	Alhambra Dual	13ft.
Margard (Lincoln HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	13ft.
Stavras (McClatchy HS, Sacramento)	North CIF	13ft.

**ONE-MILE RELAY**

Competitor and School	Meet	Time
West Catholic HS, Philadelphia, Pa.	Univ. of Pa. Inv	3m.21.9s
Altoona, Pa.	State Meet	3m.22.0s
Brady, Texas	State Meet	3m.22.8s
Central High, Cleveland, Ohio	State Meet	3m.23.8s
Hammond, Ind.	State Meet	3m.25.1s
Hickwood, N.J.	Penn Relays	3m.28.0s
Hutchinson, Kan.	State Meet	3m.29.2s

**SHOT PUT**

Competitor and School	Meet	Distance
Delaney (Sacred Heart HS, San Francisco)	Dual Meet	58ft. 6in
Rubbraut (W.Tech HS, Cleveland, Ohio)	District Meet	58ft. 9 1/2 in
Elliott (Eugene, Oregon)	State Meet	54ft. 1 1/2 in
Minni (Paso Robles, Calif)	State Meet	54ft. 1in
Thomas (Manual Arts HS, Los Angeles)	City Meet	54ft. 1 1/4 in
Champion (Rockford, Ill.)	State Meet	53ft. 9 1/2 in
Lukascky (Vinceland, N.J.)	District Meet	53ft. 8 1/2 in
	State Meet	53ft. 7 1/2 in

**TWO-MILE RELAY**

Competitor and School	Meet	Time
West Catholic HS, Philadelphia, Pa.	AR City Relays	8m.16.9s
Long Branch, N.J.	Penn Relays	8m.17.3s
Clinton, Iowa	State Meet	8m.17.7s
Washington HS, Sioux Falls, Iowa	Drake Relays	8m.19.2s

**DISCUS THROW**

Competitor and School	Meet	Distance
Freedman (Allentown, Pa.)	State Meet	146ft. 3 1/2 in
Delmas (Lincoln, Neb)	Central Nebraska	150ft. 11in
Johnson (Poland, Ohio)	State Meet	155ft. 6 1/2 in
Shadi (Fort Morgan, Col)	State Meet	153ft. 7in
Whitney (Lower Merion, Pa.)	Phila Sub Champs	152ft. 7 1/4 in
Baugman (Garfield HS, Akron, Ohio)	Salem Relays	152ft. 4 1/2 in
Goldenberz (Weaver, Conn)	State Meet	149ft. 7 1/4 in
	State Meet	148ft. 10in

National Interscholastic Records

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations has appointed a committee on interscholastic records. This committee will receive claims for all interscholastic records in track and field events. For the present the committee recognizes the records herewith, but reserves the right to make any necessary changes. Claims for records should be sent to the committee secretary, C. W. Whitten, Manager Illinois High School Athletic Association, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill., who will upon request furnish official blanks for the presentation of the claims.

	SCHOOL.	HELD AT	DATE.
100 YARDS DASH—9.4s.	East Tech, Cleveland	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933
220 YARDS DASH (straightaway)—20.7s.	East Tech, Cleveland	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933
220 YARDS DASH (around one turn)—21.4s.	Chicago Univ. H.S.	Urbana, Ill.	May 19, 1923
440 YARDS RUN (straightaway)—48.2s.	Polytechnic H.S.	San Francisco, Calif.	Oct. 16, 1915
440 YARDS RUN (around turn)—48.2s.	Central H.S.	Columbus, Ohio	May 26, 1928
880 YARDS RUN—1m. 54.4s.	Sunset H. S., Dallas	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933
1-MILE RUN—4m. 21.3s	Torrance (Calif.) H.S.	Los Angeles	May 19, 1934
120 YARDS HURDLES—14s.	Tucson H.S.	Tucson, Arizona	May 6, 1939
200 YARDS LOW HURDLES—22.1s.	Topeka (Kan.) H.S.	Lawrence, Kan.	Apr. 15, 1938
RUNNING HIGH JUMP—6ft. 7 1/4 in.	Beverly Hills (Calif.) H.S.	Hollister, Calif.	May 28, 1938
RUNNING BROAD JUMP—24 ft. 11 1-4 in.	East Tech, Cleveland	Cleveland, Ohio	June 3, 1933
POLE VAULT—13 ft. 2 in. (indoor)	Froebel H.S., Gary	Columbus, Ohio	May 3, 1930
POLE VAULT—13ft. 9 3/4 in.	Mansfield (Ohio) H.S.	Columbus, Ohio	May 27, 1939
12-POUND SHOT PUT—58ft. 10in.	Lorraine (Kan.) H.S.	Lawrence, Kan.	Apr. 18, 1930
DISCUS THROW (8ft. 2 1-2in. circle)—154ft. 9in.	Wolbach (Neb.) H.S.	Kearney, Neb.	April 30, 1937
JAVELIN THROW—210ft.	Classen H.S., Okla City	Stillwater, Okla.	May 8, 1937

RELAYS.

440 YARDS, 42.4s.—Glendale (Calif.) High School (Frank Wykoff, Dave Zaun, Fulton Beaty, Rus Slocum). Los Angeles, Calif., March 10, 1928.
880 YARDS, 1m 28.2s.—Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles (Walter Hopson, Ralph Olson, Clifford Ritchie, James LuValle), Los Angeles, Calif., May 16, 1931.
1-MILE, 3m. 21.4s.—Hollywood (Calif.) High School (Emmett Jones, Ernest Oswald Thornwall Rogers, Rudolph Oberfall). Los Angeles, Calif., May 4, 1929.
2-MILE, 8m. 5.5s.—Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, Iowa (Eugene Hogan, Lowell Baol, Robert Cramer, Kenneth Reesman), Ames, Iowa, May 28, 1938.