

The Interscholastic Track and Field Program

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A glance at the new Honor Roll containing performances by the high school youngsters of the 1940 season will prove to the most skeptical that intercollegiate athletics has never made a more dramatic advance. The Honor Roll of ten years ago could not compare with the list of this year, so far as the general performance of the best high school athletes is concerned.

Track and field athletes among high schools have received a new impetus through the construction of hundreds of new cinder tracks throughout the United States and the improved performances of a larger number of athletes reflect the importance of these better facilities.

At the track and field clinic held in connection with the meeting of the N.C.A.A. rules committee at the University of Minnesota last June, a great deal of time was devoted to a discussion of the high school program. Coach Karl Schlaedeman of Washington State was in charge and he prepared a very stimulating and educational program. The high school hurdle races came in for much discussion. Nearly all were agreed that the new 39-inch high hurdle is better for high school boys. It was also pretty well agreed that the 20 yard hurdle race, with hurdles 18 yards apart, is not a present low hurdle race. In the college program it is right the opinion seemed to prevail that a complete study should be made of both low hurdle races and a report should be made concerning the advisability of changing both. There is strong sentiment against the present 220 yards low hurdle race for college athletes, the argument being that it is not a hurdle race at all and that any good sprinter can beat a good hurdler who is not also a real sprinter. In other words, hurdling technique plays very little, if any, part in winning races in the low hurdles. The final outcome might be that the high schools will go back to the 20 yards distance between hurdles, with the race shortened, and the colleges will adopt a hurdle three feet high.

The friendly co-operation of the college and university coaches who are members of the rules committee has been helpful and a continuation of the present policy will do much to increase still further the universal interest in track and field sports. The states which have shown the universal interest in track and field athletics, Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, and others track and field athletes hold second position as the most important high school sport. That is, there are more high schools participating in track than in any other sport, probably with the exception of basketball in most states and perhaps football in such a state as Texas.

There is considerable agitation among the high school coaches of some sections to discontinue the discus and javelin events. At present there are too few events in which the strong and heavy boys can compete. Safety in the discus and javelin events is largely a matter of supervision and local management. In practice sessions and meets in which those in charge make the necessary preparations and provide the required safeguards, there is no call for elimination of these events. The slipshod manner in which a very large number of these events are handled in many meets and practice sessions is the cause of the agitation for discontinuance. The high school coaches who are interested among sports lovers in those boys who are not able to win points by running or jumping. The trend seems to be to eliminate any event that will develop the upper part of the body, all others except the shot put being leg events. Why not devote a little attention to the creation of an all-round program that will include boys of all types?

1940 NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC HONOR ROLL

Compiled by E. A. Thomas.

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 1940 season are listed. Performances worthy of record during the 1941 season should be reported to E. A. Thomas, 409 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.
Morris (Huntington Beach, Calif.)	CIF Divisional	9.6s
Jenkins (Compton, Calif.)	Bay League	9.7s
Alkon (Northern HS, Detroit, Mich.)	Wayne Relays	9.8s
Pailor (Hamilton HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	Dual Meet	9.8s
Knie (Bulkeley HS, New London, Conn.)	State Meet	9.8s
Mash (East HS, Des Moines, Iowa)	State Meet	9.8s
Mitchell (Cloud Chief, Okla.)	Okla. A&M Relays	9.8s
White (Austin HS, El Paso, Tex.)	State Meet	9.8s

220 YARDS DASH

Morris (Huntington Beach, Calif.)	CIF Divisional	20.7s
Tracy (Christian Bros., St Louis, Mo.)	State Meet	21.1s
Reimers (Tulsa Central, Tulsa, Okla.)	Okla. Interscholastics	21.4s
Fallor (Hamilton HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	Dual Meet	21.5s
Fitzhugh (Jordan HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	Eastern League	21.6s
Folles (Loveland, Colo.)	State Meet	21.6s
McCollum (Huntington Park, Calif.)	Dual Meet	21.6s
Minor (Tahoka, Tex.)	State Meet	21.6s

440 YARDS DASH

Lewis (Compton, Calif.)	State Meet	48.8s
Morris (Huntington Beach, Calif.)	Dual Meet	49.4s
Canfield (Lowell HS, San Francisco, Calif.)	AAA Meet	49.5s
Johnson (Medford, Ore.)	State Meet	49.5s
Owen (Ciffin Jr. Order, Ohio)	State Meet	49.5s
Short (Hillside, NJ)	State Meet	49.5s
Thomas (Corona, Calif.)	So Counties	49.6s
Kegans (Pomona, Calif.)	Chaffey Inv	49.6s
Kirk (Swathmore, Pa.)	Delaware Co	49.6s

880 YARDS RUN

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Burnham (Lebanon, NH)	NH-Ver Meet	1m.54.9s
Lane (San Rafael, Calif.)	State Meet	1m.57.5s
Short (Hillside, NJ)	Newark Acad Inv	1m.58.5s
Browne (Washington HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	City Meet	1m.58.6s
Schmierer (Lodi, Calif.)	NSCIF Meet	1m.58.6s
Foslein (Marshall HS, Minneapolis, Minn.)	State Meet	1m.58.8s
Pohland (Marshall HS, Minneapolis, Minn.)	State Meet	1m.58.8s
Carpenter (Royal Oak, Mich.)	State Meet	1m.59.0s
Schrimpf (Highland Park HS, Dallas, Tex.)	State Meet	1m.59.0s

ONE MILE RUN

Hart (Northeast HS, Phila, Pa)	Phila Pub League	4m.25.6s
Hillman (Barside HS, Long Isl, NY)	DeLaSalle Inter	4m.26.3s
Lux (Cooley HS, Detroit, Mich.)	City Meet	4m.26.6s
Gibson (Blairsville, Pa)	District Meet	4m.27.1s
Carver (Boyetown, Pa)	State Meet	4m.27.6s
Jordan (South HS, Akron, Ohio)	State Meet	4m.28.0s
Brackrog (Mt Morris, Mich)	State Meet	4m.28.2s
Clark (Lowell HS, San Francisco, Calif.)	AAA Meet	4m.28.0s

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES

Smith (Maine Des Plaines, Ill.)	District Meet	14.4s
Fruitt (Independence, Kans)	Regional Meet	14.6s
Reiss (Burlingame, Calif)	PAL Meet	14.6s
Satterfield (Manual Arts HS, Los Angeles, Calif)	City Meet	14.6s
Hale (Bakersfield, Calif)	State Meet	14.7s
Ferguson (McKinley HS, Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	State Meet	14.8s
Junhans (Oakland, Calif)	Oakland Ath L	14.8s
Perris (Garfield HS, Los Angeles, Calif)	Eastern League	14.8s

200 YARDS LOW HURDLES

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Smith (Maine Des Plaines, Ill.)	W Suburban Conf	22.1s
Pratt (Emporia, Kans.)	Eastern Kans Conf	22.2s
Pruitt (Independence, Kans.)	Regional Meet	22.2s
Tevis (Beaumont HS, St Louis, Mo.)	State Meet	22.2s
Morris (Claxton, Iowa)	State Meet	22.4s
Stackhouse (Oshkosh, Nebr.)	State Meet	22.4s
Faccioli (West Chester, Pa.)	Penn Inv Meet	22.5s
Ferguson (Loveland, Colo.)	State Meet	22.5s
Bartlett (Ogden, Utah)	State Meet	22.6s
Brantley (Charlotte, NC)	State Meet	22.6s
Hodges (Enid, Okla.)	Okla Interscholastics	22.6s
Peerson (Ramsay HS, Birmingham, Ala.)	State Meet	22.6s

HIGH JUMP

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Height.
Smith (Belmont HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	LA Industrial	6ft. 6in
Newman (Long Beach, Calif.)	State Meet	6ft. 4 1/2 in
Peterson (Lawrence, Kan.)	KU Relays	6ft. 4in
Sims (San Pedro, Calif.)	Dual Meet	6ft. 4in
Baker (Collingswood, N.J.)	Delaware Univ Meet	6ft. 3 1/2 in
Meyer (Froebel HS, Gary, Ind.)	No Ind Conf	6ft. 3 1/4 in
Watson (Roosevelt HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	Dual Meet	6ft. 3 1/4 in
Marshall (Santa Rosa, Calif.)	PAL Meet	6ft. 3in
Muchmore (Drummond, Mont.)	State Meet	6ft. 3in

BROAD JUMP

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Distance.
Woods (Coffeyville, Kans.)	Southeast Kans L	24ft. 4in
Farmer (Proviso Maywood, Ill.)	State Meet	24ft. 3/4 in
Smith (Belmont HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	LA Industrial	24ft. 1/2 in
Johnson (Oakdale, Calif.)	COHSAL	23ft. 11 1/4 in
Thomas (East Tech HS, Cleveland, Ohio)	State Meet	23ft. 10in
Denton (Jefferson HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	City Meet	23ft. 4 1/2 in
Jefferson (McClatchy HS, Sacra, Calif.)	Big Four Meet	23ft. 2 1/2 in
Lindow (Reagan HS, Houston, Tex.)	State Meet	23ft. 2 1/2 in

POLE VAULT

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Height.
Ferguson (Inglewood, Calif.)	Bay League	13ft. 4 1/2 in
Johnson (Oakdale, Calif.)	NSCIF Meet	13ft. 1 1/2 in
Corwin (Burbank, Calif.)	So Calif Meet	13ft.
Gibson (San Diego, Calif.)	AAU Meet	13ft.
Meyer (Froebel HS, Gary, Ind.)	State Meet	13ft.
J. Smith (St Ignatius HS, San Fran, Calif.)	Cal Cath Meet	13ft.
Graham (Huntington Park, Calif.)	Los Angeles Relays	12ft. 9 1/2 in
Carr (Horace Mann HS, Gary, Ind.)	State Meet	12ft. 9in

SHOT PUT

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Distance.
Robart (Rindge Tech, Cambridge, Mass.)	Quad Meet	56ft. 9 1/2 in
Minini (Paso Robles, Calif.)	Lompoc Relays	56ft. 14in
Gantt (Durham, NC)	Cent Inter	55ft. 5in
Sabin (La Grange, Ill.)	W Suburban Conf	54ft. 9 1/4 in
Murrow (Lanier HS, Macon, Ga.)	State Meet	54ft. 8in
Steele (Santa Rosa, Calif.)	State Meet	54ft. 4 1/2 in
Garland (Greenough HS, Cambridge, Mass.)	Dual Meet	54ft. 4in
Phillips (Fremont HS, Los Angeles, Calif.)	City Meet	54ft. 3 1/2 in

DISCUS

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Distance.
Debus (Lincoln, Nebr.)	York Inv	174ft. 2 1/2 in
Weber (Janesville, Wis.)	State Meet	160ft. 6in
Fowler (Woodlawn HS, Birmingham, Ala.)	State Meet	155ft. 4 1/2 in
Gayton (Hominy, Okla.)	Okla A&M Relays	150ft. 6in
Strong (Lower Merion, Pa.)	State Meet	150ft. 6in
Enderle (Hampton, Nebr.)	State Meet	148ft. 11 1/4 in
Fiedler (Enterprise, Kans.)	Cent Kans Inv	148ft. 10in
Cifers (Kingsport, Tenn.)	State Meet	147ft. 10 1/2 in

JAVELIN

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Distance.
Moran (Tucson, Ariz.)	Greenway Meet	204ft. 11in
Batts (San Antonio Tech HS, Tex.)	State Meet	201ft. 5 1/2 in
Boathoom (Great Falls, Mont.)	State Meet	195ft. 11 1/2 in
Gast (Osage, Iowa)	Iowa Thr Coll	194ft. 10in
Shaw (Brady, Tex.)	State Meet	194ft. 2in
Castrielli (Bernardsville, N.J.)	State Meet	189ft. 8 1/2 in
Webb (Big Lake, Tex.)	State Meet	187ft. 6in
Petty (Baton Rouge, La.)	State Meet	187ft. 3in

440-YARD RELAY

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
East HS, Des Moines, Iowa	State Meet	43.7s
Compton, Calif.	Inglewood Relays	43.8s
Woodrow Wilson HS, Long Beach, Calif.	Long Beach Relays	43.9s
Central HS, Tulsa, Okla.	Okla A&M Relays	44.0s
Davenport, Iowa	Drake Relays	44.0s

880-YARD RELAY

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Compton, Calif.	So Calif Meet	1m.29.5s
Hoover HS, Glendale, Calif.	State Meet	1m.30.0s
San Diego, Calif.	Dual Meet	1m.30.0s
Hollywood, Calif.	LA Relays	1m.30.1s
Jordan HS, Long Beach, Calif.	CIF Divisional	1m.30.6s
Ekersfield, Calif.	West Coast Relays	1m.30.8s
Hatchinson, Kansas	State Meet	1m.30.8s
East Tech HS, Cleveland, Ohio	State Meet	1m.30.9s
University HS, Los Angeles, Calif.	LA Relays	1m.30.9s

ONE MILE RELAY

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Bishop Loughlin HS, New York	Penn Relays	3m.23.2s
Port Arthur, Tex.	State Meet	3m.23.2s
West Catholic HS, Philadelphia, Pa.	Penn Relays	3m.27.5s
Compton, Calif.	Inglewood Relays	3m.28.3s
Hillside, N.J.	Penn Relays	3m.28.4s
East HS, Cleveland, Ohio	State Meet	3m.29.8s

TWO-MILE RELAY

Competitor and School.	Meet.	Time.
Lincoln HS, Des Moines, Iowa	State Meet	8m.13.2s
Bishop Loughlin HS, New York	AAU Inter	8m.13.6s
DeLaSalle, New York	AAU Inter	8m.16.2s
Central HS, Duluth, Minn.	Drake Relays	8m.16.6s
Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY	Penn Relays	8m.17.8s

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 and the committee recognizes for records herewith, but reserves the right to make any necessary changes. Claims for records should be sent to the committee secretary, H. V. Torrey, 7 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., who will upon request furnish official blanks for the presentation of the claims.

Event	Competitor and School	Time/Distance	Date	
100 YARDS DASH—9.4s.	SCHOOL. Head AT			
220 YARDS DASH (straightaway)—20.7s.	East Tech, Cleveland	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933	
220 YARDS DASH (straightaway)—20.7s.	Jesse Owens	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933	
220 YARDS DASH (around one turn)—21.4s.	Burgess Goodville	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933	
440 YARDS RUN (straightaway)—48.2s.	Frank Stoman	Urbana, Ill.	May 19, 1923	
440 YARDS RUN (around turn)—48.2s.	Herbert Moskley	San Francisco, Calif.	Oct. 16, 1915	
880 YARDS RUN—1m. 54.4s.	K. L. Bush	Columbus, Ohio	May 26, 1928	
1-MILE RUN—4m. 21.3s.	Louis Zamperini	Sumner H. S., Dallas	Chicago, Ill.	June 17, 1933
150 YARDS HURDLES—11s.	Joe Bauliste	Torrance (Calif.) H.S.	Los Angeles	May 19, 1934
200 YARDS LOW HURDLES—22.1s.	Don Polton	Tucson H.S.	Tucson, Arizona	May 6, 1939
RUNNING HIGH JUMP—6ft. 7 1/4 in.	Gilbert Lagova	Beverly Hills (Calif.) H.S.	Hollister, Calif.	May 28, 1938
RUNNING BROAD JUMP—24 ft. 11 1/4 in.	Jesse Owens	East Tech, Cleveland	Cleveland, Ohio	June 3, 1933
POLE VAULT—13 ft. 2 in. (indoor)	John Wonsowicz	Froebel H.S., Gary	Columbus, Ohio	May 3, 1930
POLE VAULT—13ft. 9 1/4 in.	John Lanna	Mansfield (Ohio) H.S.	Columbus, Ohio	May 27, 1939
12-POUND SHOT PUT—88ft. 10in.	Elwyn Dees	Lorrains (Kan.) H.S.	Lawrence, Kan.	Apr. 18, 1930
JAVELIN THROW (High School Discus, 8ft. 2 1/2 in. circle)—174ft. 2 1/2 in.	Howard Debus	Lincoln (Nebr.) H.S.	York, Neb.	Apr. 27, 1940
JAVELIN THROW—210ft.	Robert Peoples	Classen H.S., Okla City	Stillwater, Okla.	May 8, 1937
440 YARDS, 42.4s.—Glendale (Calif.) High School (Frank W. York, Dave Zaun, Fulton Beatty, Rus Stroman), Los Angeles, Calif., March 10, 1928.				
880 YARDS, 1m 28.2s.—Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles (Walter Hopson, Ralph Olson, Clifford Ritchie, James Luvallie), Los Angeles, Calif., May 16, 1931.				
1-MILE, 3m. 21.4s.—Hollywood (Calif.) High School (Emmett Jones, Ernest Oswald Thorwall Rogers, Rudolph Obertrald), Los Angeles, Calif., May 4, 1929.				
2-MILE, 8m. 6.5s.—Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, Iowa (Eugene Hogan, Lowell Baul, Robert Cramer, Kenneth Heesman), Ames, Iowa, May 28, 1938.				