

AMERICAN MILER FINALLY BREAKS FOUR MINUTE BARRIER

Don Bowden Runs Mile In 3:58.7

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Stockton, Calif.—Don Bowden, University of California middle distance star, ran the mile in 3:58.7 Saturday night to become the first American to break the four minute barrier.

Bowden broke the American record of 4:00.5 set by Wes Santee of Kansas three years ago in the Texas relay at Austin. He also became the 12th man to ever better four minutes.

Bowden, who took a final examination at Berkeley Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, arrived here just in time for the mile event. He barely had an opportunity to warm up and was an added starter, moving up to the starting line only a few seconds before the gun.

Holds Advantage
He won as he pleased. He took the lead at the gun and held an eight yard advantage at the end of the first lap—which he ran in 59.7.

Running in a five man field he opened up a 20 yard advantage over Maury Graves of Stanford at the half mile point, clocking 2:00.8 for the 880. At the end of the third lap he had a 40 yard advantage over second place Jack Wilcox of Fresno State who had moved ahead of Graves as they crossed the line ending the third lap.

Running under perfect conditions, Bowden crossed the line a good 60 yards in front of Wilcox who finished second. The weather was ideal, in the low 70s, and with just a slight breeze rustling the flags at both end of Stockton's Baxter stadium, the scene of the Pacific Association AAU track meet.

As Bowden crossed the finish line the sun dipped below the horizon and the field lights were turned on almost simultaneously with his finish.

Bowden Near Record
His lap times were 59.7, 61.1, 59.8 and a fast final 44.0 of 38.1. Bowden's winning time was only seven tenths of a second off the world record set by Australia's John Landy in 1954.

Bowden's previous best mile from a standing start was 4:09.9, posted earlier in the season against Stanford. He was clocked in 4:01.6 in running the final lap on the University of California distance medley team at the West Coast Relays in Fresno

SPORTS

Coast Loop Heads Meet

Sacramento — The Pacific Coast league which once clamored for major league status, meets in emergency session Saturday to decide how much damages to yell for if it is put out of business by a National league invasion.

PCL President Leslie O'Connor, in a bitter mood, called the meeting last Thursday after saying that proposed extension of the Dodgers and Giants franchises to Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively, "inevitably will destroy" the 55-year-old circuit.

O'Connor also took a slap at "brutal actions of politicians" when he has been involved in the woeing of the two historic National league clubs to the West Coast.

In the meantime four PCL teams have said they will seek indemnities totaling \$6,700,000.

Giants Recall Burnside, Send Consuegra to PCL

Pittsburgh — The New York Giants Saturday recalled left handed pitcher Pete Burnside from Minneapolis and sold right hander Sandy Consuegra to Vancouver of the Pacific Coast league.

Burnside had been optioned to Minneapolis of American association last May 15, the day after New York had purchased Consuegra from Baltimore in the American league Consuegra appeared in four games in New York, but did not figure in any decisions.

Burnside, who had 12 records with the Giants early this season, recorded 3-0 mark for Minneapolis.

three weeks ago. However, he had a running start in clocking that time.

He also has the second best 880 mark of the season, a 1:47.8 time made in the mud during the Pacific Coast conference meet at Eugene, Oregon two weeks ago.

His mile mark Saturday was the third all-time best, behind Landy's 3:58, and Jim Bailey's 3:58.6. Bailey, another Australian, marked up his fast time while running for the University of Oregon last year.



FINALLY BECOMES CHAMP—Sam Hanks, 42, of Pacific Palisades, Calif., gets victory kisses from his wife, Alice (left) and actress Cyd Charisse after winning the 500-mile auto classic at Indianapolis. It was his first win for the famed race in 12 tries and he throttled his horizontal-engineered racer to a record 135.601 miles per hour average over the 200 laps.

NCAA Penalizes Montana School for Rule Violation

Chicago — The National Collegiate Athletic association's policy setting council voted Saturday to restore full rights to Texas A and M, but to take away all rights from Montana State college and to place the University of Omaha on probation.

The 15-man council, winding up its two-day annual spring meeting, returned full "rights and privileges" to the Texas Aggies, who had been put on probation and ineligible for all NCAA events and cooperating events in May, 1956.

Omaha was placed on one year probation for allowing two "professional athletes" to play football. The NCAA said both youths had signed professional baseball contracts.

The NCAA threw the book at Montana state, located at Bozeman, Mont., for participating in a non-sanctioned post-season bowl game last December. At that time, Montana State played in the Aluminum Bowl game at Little Rock, Ark.

Bowl Off-Limits
The NCAA said it was informed Montana State that the Aluminum bowl was not certified and this was off-limits to association members.

Montana State's conference, the Rocky Mountain conference, told the school that it could not participate in the game because of a Rocky Mountain ruling that "no football games shall be played... after the first Saturday following Thanksgiving."

The conference gave Montana State the choice of either turning down the bowl bid or leaving the fifth inning and was forced to leave the game. Officials said he suffered a one-inch laceration on the leg, but no stitches were required and he was expected to be in action again during Sunday's doubleheader.

Vancouver, B. C. — The Hollywood Stars squared their series with the Vancouver Mounties at three games apiece at Capilano stadium Saturday with a 7-3 victory which dropped the Mounties to second place in the Pacific Coast league standings.

Young lefthander Don Rowe pitched his second victory of the season allowing only seven hits, but he required some ninth inning help from Chuck Churn before the game was officially put on record.

The losing pitcher was George Bamberger who recorded his fifth loss of the season and broke a four game winning streak for himself.

LINE-UP:
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Vancouver — 08 09 10 — 8 9 3
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None on roster Van. 01 1 on in San Diego — 00 01 02 — 3 11 4
Los Angeles — 03 04 05 — 2 1 0
Wiggins, Boyer (1) and Gargano, Spring and Torrey.

Sacramento — 06 07 08 — 3 11 4
San Francisco — 09 10 11 — 2 1 0
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Letters Go To Baseball, Track Men

Letters were awarded to 57 members of Coach Bob Newland's track squad and to 14 players of Coach John Kovenski's baseball crew at a Medford Senior High school award assembly last week.

Members of track squad presented Newland with a transistor radio. He leaves Medford to become vice-principal next year at new North Eugene High school.

Track awards went to 14 seniors, 10 juniors and 11 sophomores. Lettermen in baseball included eight seniors, two juniors and four sophomores. Dick McLaughlin received his fourth varsity baseball award.

Pot of Gold Waiting for NY, Brooklyn

New York — There's a huge pot of gold in the form of a multi-million-dollar pay-off waiting for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants in California.

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Hallmark Wins Am at Roseburg

Roseburg — Joe Hallmark, a star of the home course, took the championship yesterday in the Roseburg Amateur Golf tournament.

The Roseburg Country club linksman carded an "about par" game in a 3 and 1 verdict over Woody Ball, Laurelwood, Eugene, in the afternoon finals.

In the morning semi-finals Hallmark downed Bennie Hughes, Portland, 3 and 2, and Bill won from Beighton Tuttle, Eugene.

Gene Hebrard was the only member from Medford's Rogue Valley Country club, to claim a trophy in the tournament. He was runner-up in the fourth flight, losing to Hugh Roberts, Cottage Grove, 2 up after edging Paul Sowers, Eugene, 1 up in the 6th.

Only other RVCC player to advance to Saturday play was Dean Lambert. He lost to M. L. Hallmark in a second flight semi-final.

Lambert beat Bob Hamilton, Eugene, and R. D. Bridges, Roseburg, 1 up in Friday matches. In the fourth flight Hebrard moved up with a 5 and 4 verdict over Jerry Coen, Roseburg, and a similar count over Bill Kuhlwein, Ashland.

Marvin Clark, Grants Pass, who holds the Rogue Valley Country club senior title, and Mike Lynch, Eugene, non-resident RVCC member, met in the first round of the championship flight with Lynch the victor in a gruelling 25-hole grind.

In the next round Lynch lost 6 and 5 to Joe Hallmark. Clark dropped a first flight match 3 and 2 to Pete Geertson, Eugene. Ed Hall, RVCC, lost in the second flight 6 and 5 to Ward Cummings Sr., Roseburg, and in the third flight to Gordy Bierlitt, Eugene, 2 and 1 on Friday. Charley Brown, RVCC, lost to Brian 3 and 1 in the second bracket and to Hamilton 1 up in the third.

Georgia Peach Returns Home

Atlanta — Ty Cobb, the legendary "Georgia Peach" of baseball, came home to Boynton, Ga., today to live out his life where it began.

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STUDS TUSSLE YREKANS TUESDAY; RVL BEGINS

Semi-pro baseball goes into full swing in this area today with the first counting action among the Rogue Valley leagues. The game starts in Medford on Tuesday night when the Chemsy Stars battle Yreka, Calif., and introduce drive-in facilities for spectators at the fairgrounds.

The Studs go to Glendale this afternoon in the RVL tussle. Cave Junction is to visit Grand Prairie and Butte Falls at Talent. Medford's game with Yreka's Indians will be a non-league affair. The Indians are members of the Northern California circuit. Game time Tuesday will be 8 p.m.

Spectator capacity at the fairgrounds field has been boosted to more than 2,000 persons by the drive-in arrangement. Fans now are able to park their cars along the first and third base and outfield foul lines and behind the right and left fields. They can watch the games from their cars. Wire fencing has replaced the old board fences, enabling parking of cars at vantage points almost all the way around the field. Spectators will be charged admission by a tagging system.

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Technically Feasible
"It is a complicated problem, but technically it is feasible and we think arrangements could be worked out that would be mutually satisfactory," Sullivan said.

Stratron already had applied to the federal communications commission for permission to set in operation pay-as-you-see TV.

The FCC shortly will authorize testing of the various pay-TV plans in certain areas of the country. Coinbox TV has not been approved by the government as yet.

The San Francisco Examiner reported that Dodger President Walter O'Malley already has accepted two million dollars as pre payment for the closed circuit TV rights at Los Angeles. The Examiner said O'Malley used the money to purchase the Los Angeles franchise in the Pacific Coast League last year.

Sam Hanks Gets \$103,844 Check

Indianapolis, Ind. — Smiling Sam Hanks was richer by \$103,844 as the winner of Thursday's Memorial Day auto classic.

Hanks drew the money in the form of a paycheck Friday, which included a total of \$58,250 in race and qualifying money, \$24,375 in accessory awards and \$20,400 in lap prizes.

Having previously announced his retirement, he declined a bid to lead nine other American racers in the Italian 500-mile at Monza June 29.

Hanks' payoff came from a total purse of \$300,252, which was well above last year's \$282,505. He also topped the personal receipts of \$9,019, which went to Pat Flaherty, winner of the 1956 speedway grind.

Skating Tourney Portland Event

Portland — A contract was approved Friday between the city of Washington and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service for construction of the Beaver Creek fish hatchery near Cathlamet, Wash., Leo L. Laythe, fish and wildlife service regional director, announced here.

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Seals Take 1st Place In PCL, Beat Solons

San Francisco — The San Francisco Seals took over first place in the Pacific Coast league Saturday by beating Sacramento 9-3 for their sixth victory in a row.

The win, coupled with Hollywood's victory over Vancouver, lifted the Seals into first place by a full game.

Timely hitting plus the strong pitching of young Jack Spring gave the Seals the victory.

The win was the 14th for the Seals in their last 18 games and was accomplished with ease as the Seals scored early and often and Spring held the Solons well in check until his mates got him a fat lead.

The victory gave San Francisco a 6-0 lead in the eight game series.

Los Angeles — John Janice pitched a six-hit shut-out game Saturday and singled in a run to pace the Los Angeles Angels to a 2 to 0 victory over the San Diego Padres at Wrigley field.

The victory gave the Angels a 3-3 split with the Padres in the current series.

The mound victory was Janice's third this season against three losses. The Padre's Ed Gasque (2-3) took the loss.

Angel first baseman and home-run king Steve Bilko was spiked on the left foot by Gasque in

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CITY LEAGUE
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La Bar	80	Morrison	802
De Groot	87	Lubner	802
Burns	87	Simmons	802
Newton	81	Porter	802
Dimick	86	Vesley	802
Handicap	60	Handicap	60
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Brian	808
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Valley	797
Sheld	807
Speed	815
Handicap	500
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