

Klamath's Walt Smith Captures State Javelin Crown Despite Bad Day

KBAA's First Annual Track Meet Success

By JERRY WAGGONER

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The first annual Klamath Basin Athletic Association Invitational Track and Field Meet was a roaring success in an all-day affair Saturday at Modoc Field.

It was the largest meet ever held at Modoc with over 350 entrants sweating through events during the meet which was held in three segments ranging from 9 o'clock in the morning to 6:30 in the evening.

The first segment pitted the sixth and seventh grade track aspirants. The second portion had the eighth and ninth grade neophyte cindersmen and the evening portion pitted the high school and open event athletes going for ribbons.

The prime concern of officials of the meet was dependent upon the running of the meets. All went off with such clockwork precision that all three finished a little ahead of the allotted schedule. This made the meet a success within itself, even disregarding some top marks recorded.

The success of the meet got a great boost from the Linkville Kiwanis Club which pitched in to help run the meet off. That club, coupled with the Circle K Club of Oregan Tech and the KBAA members themselves, had the meet running smoothly.

This precision made for some good records and a well-rounded final open meet. The meet was so equal that there was only one double winner in the high school-open division.

That double winner was Bill Mills of KU who just returned from the state track meet after failing to qualify for the discus finals. Had he thrown at the state meet the way he did Saturday, he probably would have qualified. He won the high school discus with a throw of 150-4 1/2. He also won the shot put at 49-6 1/2. He was second in the open discus with a college sized disc on a throw of 130-8 1/2.

Willie Anderson won the broad jump with a below par (for him) jump of 21-9 1/2. KBAA members from OTI swept this meet. Bob Bryant second at 20-11 and John Marichich third at 20-2. Bryant also copped the 330-yard

intermediate hurdles in a respectable 42.3. Ernie Badger of KU was second in a fine 42.9 and Charles Church third in 44.3.

Larry Dow pulled down the javelin ribbon with a heave of 161-7. Tony Wilder was second at 149-11 and Les Thurman third at 145-4 1/2. Bob Scholl put on a very fine finishing kick to edge out KU teammates to win the mile run in 4:51.5. Steve Lawrence and Dave Vaagen hit the tape simultaneously for second place and right on the heels of Scholl.

Tom Rowe, an independent, won the high jump with a height of 5-10. He nosed out sophomore and freshman Terry Eccles and Curt Petersteiner at 5-8.

Gerritt DeGroot had to hang on in the stretch but he did to win the 440-yard dash in 52.7. He nosed out Kim Hale who was clocked only one-tenth of a second behind in 52.8. Bob Bryant was third.

Fred Kelley captured the 120-yard high hurdles in the mediocre time of 16.9 with Matt Koski finishing second in 17.2. Tony DiUlio was third.

Monte Burnett was a surprise winner in the 220-yard dash. He won the race in 22.9 to nose out teammate Bob Rice and Arle DeGroot who tied for second at 23.0.

John Marichich clocked the fastest local time this season in the century to win in 9.8. Willie Anderson was second in 10 flat and Arle DeGroot third in 10.2.

Gary Randall won the 800-yard run in 2:07.6. Walt Ash was second in 2:12 flat and Mike Seck third in 2:15.3.

The 800-yard relay was won by KU with Badger, Arle and Gerritt DeGroot and Randy Howard running it in 1:36.1. Bonanza was second in 1:38.4, and KBAA third in 1:39.4.

The highlight of the meet was a special 440-yard relay called, and appropriately enough, the fat man's relay. This race was captured by a foursome of KBAA members in the astonishingly good time of 49.3. The four members were Jerry Bennett, Jerry Waggoner, Gary Dawes and Bob Freich. Frich coaches Bonanza and Bennett is the Gilchrist mentor.

All records recorded Saturday are the meet records. This was the first meet and these records will be used until broken in future meets. Keep watching the Herald and News for the next meet time.

HIGH SCHOOL-OPEN MEET
Discus—Walt Smith 161-7, 2. Wade Patterson 154-0, 3. Les Thurman 145-4 1/2.
Shot Put—1. Bill Mills 49-6 1/2, 2. Tony Wilder 47-0, 3. Conley 45-0.
Javelin—1. Larry Dow 161-7, 2. Tony Wilder 149-11, 3. Les Thurman 145-4 1/2.
Mile Run—1. Bob Scholl 4:51.5, 2. Steve Lawrence 4:51.5, 3. Dave Vaagen 4:51.5.
440-Yard Dash—1. Gerritt DeGroot 52.7, 2. Kim Hale 52.8, 3. Bob Bryant 52.8.
120-Yard High Hurdles—1. Fred Kelley 16.9, 2. Matt Koski 17.2, 3. Tony DiUlio 17.2.
220-Yard Dash—1. Monte Burnett 22.9, 2. Bob Rice 23.0, 3. Arle DeGroot 23.0.
800-Yard Run—1. Gary Randall 2:07.6, 2. Walt Ash 2:12.0, 3. Mike Seck 2:15.3.
440-Yard Relay—1. KU 1:36.1, 2. Bonanza 1:38.4, 3. KBAA 1:39.4.
Pole Vault—1. Bud Lummus 12-0, 2. Jerry Bennett 11-4, 3. Ray Thorne 11-0.
100-Yard Dash—1. John Marichich 9.8, 2. Willie Anderson 10.0, 3. Arle DeGroot 10.2.
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LEGION BASEBALL
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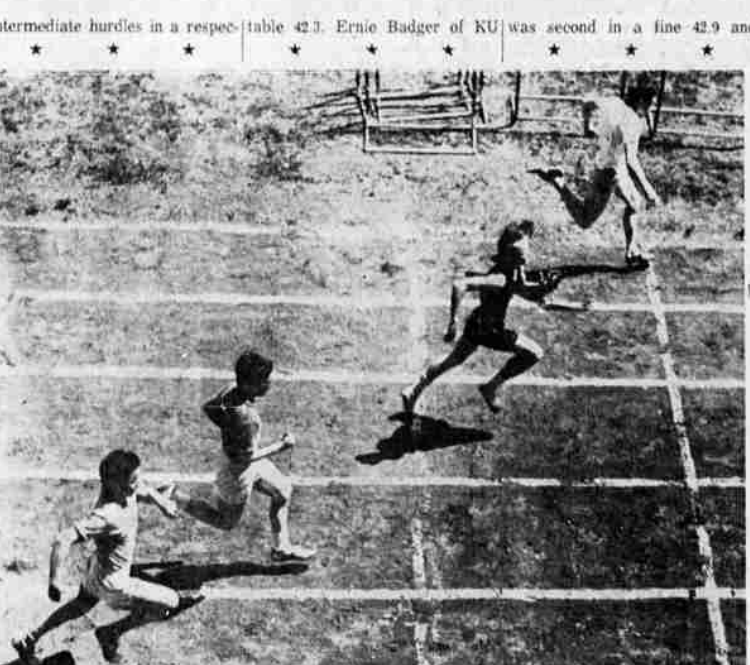
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HIGH VIEW OF 100-YARD DASH — This is a bird's-eye view of the 100-yard dash in the sixth and seventh grade track meet at Modoc Field Saturday morning. The picture was taken from the press box overlooking the track. Ron Moore, top, won the event in 12.5. Second from top, Steve Lynn, was second in 12.6. The other two runners are unidentified.

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Beavers Defeat Alumni

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Oregon State scored two touchdowns in the final minute and a half to defeat its alumni 35-28 despite a brilliant passing performance by Terry Baker Saturday.

Baker, the Beavers' Heisman trophy winning quarterback of last season who has signed to play with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League, passed for 337 yards.

He hit 22 of 46 passes attempted, two for touchdowns. He also ran for a score.

Doug McDougall scored on a three-yard pass from Gordon Queen with 1:20 left and Wayne Drake tallied on a 24-yard run with 31 seconds remaining for the varsity.

The alumni was ahead 28-22 before the last two varsity touchdowns and led 21-14 at halftime. Queen, who is expected to be Baker's successor next season, passed for three touchdowns. He completed 12 of 19 passes for 261 yards.

The annual spring game was played before 7,320 persons.

SUMMARY:
Alumni 7 14 0 7-28
Oregon State 7 7 0 22-36
Alum—Thomas 13 pass from T. Baker (S. Baker kick).
OSU—McDougall 69 pass from Queen (Winton kick).
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OSU—Woodworth 1 run (Winton kick).
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Alum—Marsh 17 run (S. Baker kick).
OSU—McDougall three pass from Queen (Winton kick).
OSU—Drake 24 run (Winton kick).
Attendance—7,320.

HONORABLE MENTION
Catchers — Jim Christianson, Eastern Oregon College; Bruce Blackman, Oregon College of Education; Pitchers — Jim Keller, Oregon Technical Institute; Bob King, Southern Oregon College; Don Johnson, Southern Oregon College; Al Raschio, Portland State College; Gary Morton, Oregon College of Education; Rick Reed, Oregon College of Education; Infielders — Curt Graf, Oregon Technical Institute; Harley Dickerson, Southern Oregon College; Don Jacquette, Southern Oregon College; Jim Lake, Oregon College of Education; Duke Feigener, Eastern Oregon College; Outfielders — Gary Linn, Portland State College; John Woodward, Portland State College.

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Don Piper Fifth In Half Mile Try

PORTLAND — Walt Smith, Klamath Union's premier javelin tosser and only a junior, Saturday captured the state championship in his specialty despite one of his worst days of the season. He won the event with a throw of 195-4, his preliminary toss.

Don Piper, the second KU athlete in the state A-1 meet, finished fifth in the half-mile run, Bill Mills, the third Pelican, failed to make the finals in the discus Friday in the preliminaries and returned home for the KBAA meet.

Smith tossed his winning throw in the preliminaries Friday which got him into the finals. That throw was good enough to win the meet for him and the state tiara, but it was close. The first six finishers came with a 20-inch distance.

There was, however, some cause for the bad day Smith had Saturday. He had one of the worst days of his career Saturday and had to rely on his prelim throw to win for him. Smith, while in Corvallis Saturday morning with his parents, felt something on his head and reached to knock it off. A bee stung him on the index finger of his throwing hand and that undoubtedly threw him off. He still was soaking the hand at noon before the finals began.

Piper was fifth in the half mile. He ran in the same heat which was won by the state champion, Mike Curtis in 1:54.4. Piper's fifth place time was 2:02 flat. It was below his district time of 1:59.8.

Mills missed getting into the finals by about a foot. But he wasn't the only discus thrower scratched from the finals. Alan Richards, the holder of the best throw in the state with a throw of 165-6 1/2, failed to make the finals.

Leon Lincoln finished first in two events as Jefferson rolled up 46 points to capture the Oregon High School Class A-1 track championship.

Myrtle Creek won the Class A-2 title. Lincoln took first places in the 100-yard dash in 9.9 and in the 220 in 21.6. He also ran the anchor leg on the Jefferson's winning 800-yard relay team, which was timed in 1:29.8.

Defending champion North Eugene was second with 41 points and pre-meet favorite Grants Pass finished third with 35.

Other top schools were Hillsboro with 26, Medford and Marshfield with 24 each, South Salem with 23, Cottage Grove and Bend with 18 apiece and Lincoln, North Salem and Albany with 16 each.

Jefferson's other points came from Larry Casey with a second place in the high jump, Jim Johnson's third in the broad jump and a fifth by Paul Green in the 800-yard run.

Lincoln's time in the 220 tied the state meet record he set in Friday's preliminaries.

Gary Van Koten of Grants Pass and Mark Henningsgaard of Cottage Grove shattered the pole vault record with vaults of 13-7 1/2. Van Koten was awarded first place on the basis of fewer attempts.

The old record was 13-1 1/2 set by Sam Whitney of Benson in 1954.

In other top events, Wendell Cox of Hillsboro won the mile in 4:16.8 and Mike Curtis captured the 800-yard run in 1:54.4.

Bud Walsh of Marshfield took first places in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 100-yard low hurdles events. Grants Pass' Bob Shipard was second in the low hurdles, third in the 100, fourth in the high jump and ran a leg on his team's fourth-place 800-yard relay team.

In Class A-2, Myrtle Creek scored 36 points to edge Central Linn with 34 and Reedsport with 32.

Defending champion Creswell scored 30 points on three first places by Alan Fowler.

He won the high hurdles in 14.9, the low hurdles in 21.1 and the broad jump with a leap of 22-6 1/2.

Fowler's effort in the broad jump was one of two records broken. The old mark was 22-4 1/2 set by Mike Rosa of Reedsport in the preliminaries.

The only other record was set by Central Linn's 800-yard relay team in 1:32.2. The old mark was 1:32.6 by Coquille last year.

Other top A-2 schools were Rogue River with 29 points, St. Mary's with 28, Burns with 18 and St. Francis with 16.

Unser Makes Qualification

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI) — Bobby Unser of Albuquerque, N.M., became the first qualifier today in the third of four days of qualifications for the 500-mile Memorial Day auto race.

Perfect racing weather greeted Unser and other candidates for starting berths in the 35-car field. Unser toured the oval at an average speed of 149.421 miles per hour in a car owned by Anthony Granatelli of Santa Monica, Calif.

He was the 19th qualifier.

Earlier, rookie Bob Harkey, 32, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., hit the wall during a practice spin.

Harkey apparently lost control in the southwest turn and his car smashed the outside retaining wall. He climbed out of the car uninjured but the track was closed while emergency crews towed the car to the garage area.

The action came during preparations for filling 15 spots left in the 33-car starting lineup as the day dawned mild and sunny with only a gentle breeze—perfect conditions for speed.

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Snell Wins Mile Easily But Shinnick Sets Record

By HAL WOOD

UPI Sports Writer

MODESTO (UPI)—Peter Snell of New Zealand won the so-called "miracle mile" in a blazing 3:54.9 Saturday night but unheralded Phil Shinnick was the hero of the California relays Saturday night

with a world record in the broad jump.

A half hour after Snell had vanquished the American record in a race in which four men broke the four-minute barrier, Shinnick, a slender University of Washington sophomore, leaped 27 feet

4 inches in the broad jump.

That cracked the 1962 world record of 27 feet 3 1/4 inches set by Igor Ter-ovanesyan of Russia.

Until Saturday, Shinnick never had jumped further than 25 feet, five inches.

The sellout crowd of 10,000 happened to have their eyes focused on Shinnick as he made the jump and let out a tremendous roar. When the officials measured his leap and announced the world record, Shinnick jumped up and down with joy.

Though he failed to crack his own world mark of 3:54.4, Snell did better his American record of 3:56.1 set last year.

The heralded duel between Snell and the United States' Jim Beatty failed to materialize. Cary Weisiger of the Camp Pendleton Marines finished second, Beatty third and Jim Grelle was fourth.

All four men broke the once-upon-a-time four-minute barrier. Weisiger was clocked in 3:57.3, and Beatty and Grelle both in 3:58. George Jessup of Los Angeles State was put into the race as the "rabbit" to set the pace.

Jessup ran the first quarter in 58 seconds with Snell in sixth place and Beatty in fifth. Beatty moved into the lead at the half and the time was 1:30.

Midway in the third quarter, Weisiger took over and opened up a gap of about five yards on the field and the time was 2:39.3. Grelle was running in second place, followed by Beatty and Snell.

The foursome stayed that way until the far turn, about 200 yards from home. Then Snell turned on a terrific burst of speed and left the other three as though they were standing still. He finished at least 10 yards in front of his rivals.

The race was run on the exceptionally fast Modesto Junior College track. The weather was balmy with a slight breeze of about five or six miles an hour.

Earlier, rugged Robert Hayes of the Florida A&M Track Club ran the world's easiest 9.3 100-yard dash to win his heat and get the 22nd annual relays under way.

Hayes, running with a following wind of 7.3 miles per hour, finished at least 20 feet in front of his opponents in the first heat and actually jogged across the final tape.

The javelin throw went to Gary Stenlund of Oregon State with a solid toss of 251 feet nine inches, which barely edged Ron Ulrich of the Pasadena A.A., who had a toss of 250 feet 3/4 inches.

George Frenn of the Pasadena Athletic Association won the hammer throw with a swing of 491 feet 8 1/2 inches.

"I had been pointing for this race for a year," said Snell. "I had really been worked up about it though I am still not in my best physical condition."

"But when they played the New Zealand National Anthem as the relays opened, it really inspired me."

San Jose State's distance medley relay team of Larry Lefall, Jim Grootholm, Juan Azevedo and Ben Tucker, upset the Southern California Striders and Occidental to win in 9:49.

The mile walk, a new event here, was won by Mike Brodie of Sacramento State in 7:01.

Al Gertler of New York Athletic Club won the discus with a tremendous heave of 202 feet, 11 inches and Jay Silverstein, unattached, also passed the 200-foot barrier with a throw of 201 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Gertler holds the pending world record of 202 feet 3 1/4 inches.



GRUNT AND A PUSH — Chester Aubrey has just unleashed a shot put at Modoc Field during the afternoon session involving eighth and ninth graders in the KBAA Invitational Track and Field Meet. He was one of over 350 contestants to enter the meet, the biggest one ever held at Modoc Field.

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Plummer Sets World Mark
TEMPE (UPI)—Adolph Plummer of New Mexico University smashed the existing world record in the 440 yard dash with a brilliant 44.9 clocking in the Western Athletic Conference track and field meet tonight.
Glen Davis held the old mark of 45.7, which he set back in 1958.

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