

# Meet Ends Long P. A. L. Track Era

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A Peninsula track tradition begun nearly 50 years ago will be staged probably for the last time ever tomorrow afternoon at Stanford Stadium. The 43rd Annual—and last—Peninsula Athletic League Finals get underway in the big bowl at 1:30 p.m.

Actually, total-Peninsula competition was ended in the late 1920s when Mountain View, Santa Clara, Los Gatos and the other schools comprising the present Santa Clara Valley Athletic League pulled out of the P.A.L. to form their own circuit.

The first league finals which have been found from searching old newspaper files were held in April, 1910. There is evidence to indicate this was the first formal P.A.L. championship meet although there may well have been informal competition for at least 15 years before that.

Until about 1920, all Northern California high schools—there weren't too many—belonged to the Academic Athletic League, which comprised an area similar to the present North Coast Section. There were various sub-leagues and sometimes divisions within the sub-leagues.

The Peninsula sub-league was also called the Peninsula Athletic League—a combination of names which grew from shortening "Peninsula sub-league of the Academic Athletic League." Newspaper mention of this Peninsula circuit has been traced back as far as 1906, when there was competition in rugby and baseball.

The track championships in 1910 marked the first time all Peninsula high schools competed formally at one gathering. Six schools—Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Sequoia and Mountain View—were entered. Palo Alto won.

## Post-war individual track champions and their records in the Peninsula Athletic League finals:

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Bornie Sellers, Burlingame		1:59.4
55	Tom Blackwood, M.A.		1:58.7
54	Don Bowden, Lincoln		**1:53.2
53	Don Bowden, Lincoln		**1:57.0
52	Don Jahn, Burlingame		2:04.1
51	Bollinger, Jefferson		2:03.3
50	Larry Broeren, Sequoia		2:02.7
49	Bud Coffin, Lincoln		2:06.6
48	Herb Cohen, Lincoln		2:00.0
47	Herb Cohen, Lincoln		2:03.5
46	Wilbur, Lincoln		2:05.8
45	Bartholomew, Lincoln		2:06.4

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Ron Larrieu, Palo Alto		**4:29.2
55	Ron Larrieu, Palo Alto		4:31.3
54	Roger Stephens, Palo Alto		**4:30.5
53	Roger Stephens, Palo Alto		4:36.7
52	Jack Jones, Sequoia		4:46.5
51	Carroll Williams, Lincoln		4:45.8
50	Joe Zanobini, Jefferson		4:36.2
49	Bob Green, Lincoln		4:42.3
	Paul Bowen, Palo Alto		
48	John Kaufman, San Mateo		4:37.5
47	Tom Liston, Lincoln		4:41.1
46	McGarrity, Lincoln		4:42.6
45	Dore Purdy, Lincoln		4:39.0

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Ron Valentine, Carlmont		15.2
55	Reed Baird, Burlingame		15.0
54	Bob Newman, Burlingame		15.4
53	Chuck Henderson, SM		15.0
52	Jim Luttrell, Sequoia		14.9
51	Jim Luttrell, Sequoia		15.1w
50	Frank Harrison, San Jose		15.7w
49	Dick Welles, Lincoln		15.6
48	Melcher, Lincoln		16.1
47	Walt Miakenkoff, Burl.		15.4
46	Paul (Skip) Kent, Sequoia		15.5
45	Murer, San Mateo		15.9

(P.A.L. record — 14.3, Omar Cowles, Palo Alto, 1943.)

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Dick Brown, Lincoln		**09.9
55	Hank Olguin, Lincoln		10.1
54	John Tynan, Palo Alto		10.5
53	Hank Loumena, Burl.		*10.0
52	Bill Rupp, Sequoia		10.1

(Rupp tied record :10.0 in Trials.)

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
51	Loren Sorenson, Palo Alto		10.1w
50	Al Tinker, San Mateo		10.3w
49	Bill Botieff, San Mateo		10.8
48	Chester Lax, San Mateo		10.2
47	Chester Lax, San Mateo		10.3
46	Franklin Johnson Jr., PA.		10.7
45	Bob Wood, Palo Alto		10.2

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Dick Brown, Lincoln		22.2
55	Roger Peterson, Burl.		22.4
	Hank Olguin, Lincoln		
54	Bob Knott, Lincoln		23.1
53	Hank Loumena, Burl.		23.0
52	Art Hiatt, San Jose		22.6
51	Al Tinker, San Mateo		23.3w
50	Ron Dawson, Burl.		21.9w
49	Ted Murphy, Burl.		23.6
48	Chester Lax, San Mateo		22.9
47	Chester Lax, San Mateo		22.5
46	Chester Lax, San Mateo		23.9
45	Ted Marr, San Mateo		22.6

(220 P.A.L. records—21.8, Peterson, San Jose, 1939.)

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Don Wetteland, Burl.		50.8
55	Roger Peterson, Burl.		*50.0

54	Floyd Arterburn, SM		50.5
53	Lloyd Carter, Palo Alto		50.7
52	Bill Rupp, Sequoia		50.1

(Rupp set record of :50.0 in Trials.)

51	Bill Rupp, Sequoia		51.8
50	Dick Rittenmeyer, Burl.		52.4
49	Ed Craddock, Lincoln		52.6
48	Ed Craddock, Lincoln		52.2
47	Salvatore, Jefferson		52.0
46	Dick Webster, Lincoln		51.6
45	Franklin Johnson Jr., PA.		51.3

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Ron Valentino, Carl.		19.6
55	Dennis Ballam, Seq.		20.4
54	Bob Newman, Burl.		19.9
53	Del Kephart, Lin.		20.7
	Chuck Henderson, SM		k
52	Jim Luttrell, Seq.		**19.4

(Luttrell also set P.A.L. record of :19.7 in trials.)

51	Jim Luttrell, Seq.		20.1w
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(Luttrell set P.A.L. record of :20.4 in trials.)

50	Dave Conway, Seq.		20.4w
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(Frank Harrison, SJ, set P.A.L. record of :20.8 in trials. Dick VanderBeets, Burlingame, tied record :20.9 in earlier heat of trials.)

49	Fitch, SM		21.5
48	Hatzenpiller, Lin		21.0
47	Walt Miakenkoff, Burl.		20.9

200-yard low hurdles

46	Paul (Skip) Kent, Seq.		24.5
45	Sam Thornton, PA		24.0

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Jim Caddle, SJ		52-1 1/2
55	Gino Della Libera, SM		52-6 3/4
54	Gino Della Libera, SM		53-6 3/4
53	Andy Anderson, SM		53-4 1/2
52	Don Sonnfchson, PA		51-7
51	Welfrid Anderson, SM		50-5 1/2
50	Ron Gile, SM		51-4 1/2
49	Rudy Feldman, PA		50-10
48	Jim Brown, Seq.		49-7
47	George Cross, SM		**55-5 3/4

(Cross also set P.A.L. record of 52-8 in trials.)

46	Paul Giansiracussa, SJ		48-3 1/4
45	Dick Bischoff, Linc.		46-8 3/4

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Rich Bortolin, SM		138-6 3/4
55	Leon Krueger, Burl.		138-4
54	Rich Babbia, PA		140-4
53	Del Kephart, Linc.		129-5 3/4
52	Don Malinoff, PA		**147-4
51	Baher, Jeff.		129-10 3/4
50	Jack Herring, Linc.		130-3 3/4
49	Bill Mills, SM		125-4
48	Jones, Linc.		122-9
47	Lipsky, Linc.		127-0
46	Ivan Allain, Seq.		130-10
45	Elgin Martin, Linc.		126-5

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Ron Valentine, Carl.		21-0
55	Kermit Walker, Seq.		21-1 1/2
54	Bergesen, Cap.		21-3 1/2
53	Frank Herrmann, WG		22-2
52	Frank Herrmann, WG		**23-2
51	Lou Bortolin, SM		22-1 1/2w
50	Bob Hamilton, Burl.		21-6 3/4w
49	Skip Hill, Linc.		21-2 3/4
48	Roger Redig, Burl.		21-7 1/2
47	Goff, Linc.		21-5
46	Eddie Mack, SM		20-9 3/4
45	Donny Carroll, Linc.		21-10 3/4

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Gary Estabrook, Cap.		5-11 1/2
55	Jack Seafross, Linc.		5-10 3/4
54	Jack Seafross, Linc.		5-8
	Gary Houser, Seq.		
53	Frank Herrmann, WG		6-0
52	John Stewart, PA		6-2 1/2
51	John Stewart, PA		5-11 1/2
	Kelly, Linc.		
50	Vern Wilson, SJ		6-3 3/4
49	Dick Welles, Linc.		6-1 3/4
48	Chester Lax, SM		5-8

47	George Weins, SJ		5-9
46	Brent Anderson, SJ		5-11
45	Gas Gultert, Linc.		5-7 1/2

(P.A.L. record—Les Steers, Palo Alto, 6-5 1/2 in 1937.)

Yr.	Name	School	Mark
56	Jim Matejks, Seq.		**13-3
55	Jess Undlin, Burl.		**13-4
54	Jess Undlin, Burl.		12-6
	Dick Stein, Burl.		12-6
53	Chuck Hightower, SJ		12-6
52	Bill Garner, SM		11-8
51	Roger Weizel, Seq.		11-6
50	Jim McIndoo, Burl.		11-6
	Dick VanderBeets, Burl.		
49	Danny Allen, PA		11-10 1/2
48	Egderly, SM		11-8
47	Russell, SM		11-3 1/4
46	Bob Radcliff, SM		11-0
45	Bob Simpson, Seq.		10-9 1/2

Yr.	School	Team	Mark
56	Burlingame (Don Wetteland, John Kimball, Stu Welch, Bill Bevilacqua)		1:31.0
55	Sequoia (Ralph Franzen, Ken Crawford, Dennis Ballam, Fred Pinetti)		**1:30.5
54	Burlingame (Bob Newman, Pete Altieri, Moher, Roger, Peterson)		1:32.6
53	San Mateo		1:33.1
52	Sequoia (Ed Baume, John Byrne, Jim Luttrell, Bill Rupp)		1:33.3
51	San Mateo (Al Tinker, Mick-ey Lax, Lou Bortolin, Durham)		1:34.0
50	Burlingame		1:34.0
49	Lincoln (Robinson, Griffith, Ed Craddock, Skip Hill)		1:34.9
48	San Mateo (Chester Lax, Jurgston, Mitchell, Egderly)		1:32.7
47	San Mateo (Chester Lax, Tyo, Jungsten, Stillman)		1:32.8
46	Palo Alto (Rich Redeker, Franklin Johnson Jr., Gene Arnold, John Walker)		1:35.4
45	Palo Alto (Don Martin, Al Reynolds, Sam Thornton, Bob Wood)		1:32.8

(Marks made in trials were not considered for league records after trials were split into Northern and Southern qualifying meets in 1953.)

\*\* New P.A.L. record  
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TEAM WINNERS			
VARSITY		CLASS B	
Yr.	Team	Yr.	Team
34	Palo Alto	34	Sequoia
35	Sequoia	35	Sequoia
36	San Jose	36	San Jose
37	Palo Alto	37	San Jose
38	San Jose	38	San Jose
39	San Jose	39	San Jose
40	Palo Alto	40	Burlingame
41	San Jose	41	Burlingame
42	San Jose	42	San Mateo
43	Palo Alto	43	San Mateo
44	Lincoln	44	Palo Alto
45	Lincoln	45	Sequoia
46	Lincoln	46	Lincoln
47	Lincoln	47	Burlingame
48	Lincoln	48	San Jose
49	Lincoln	49	Burlingame
50	Burlingame	50	Palo Alto
51	Palo Alto	51	Sequoia
52	Sequoia	52	San Mateo
53	San Mateo	53	Menlo-Ath.
54	Burlingame	54	Sequoia
55	Burlingame	55	San Mateo
56	Burlingame	56	San Mateo

CLASS C				CLASS D			
Yr.		Team		Yr.		Team	
34	Burlingame	34	San Jose	34	San Jose	34	San Jose
35	San Mateo	35	Palo Alto	35	Palo Alto	35	Palo Alto
36	Palo Alto	36	San Jose	36	San Jose	36	San Jose
37	Palo Alto	37	Palo Alto	37	Palo Alto	37	Palo Alto
38	San Jose	38	San Jose	38	San Jose	38	San Jose
39	San Jose	39	San Jose	39	San Jose	39	San Jose
40	San Jose	40	Sequoia	40	Sequoia	40	Sequoia
41	San Jose	41	San Mateo	41	San Mateo	41	San Mateo
42	San Jose	42	Sequoia	42	Sequoia	42	Sequoia
43	Palo Alto	43	San Mateo	43	San Mateo	43	San Mateo
44	Sequoia	44	San Jose	44	San Jose	44	San Jose
45	Sequoia	45	Burlingame	45	Burlingame	45	Burlingame
46	Sequoia	46	Sequoia	46	Sequoia	46	Sequoia
47	San Mateo	47	San Mateo	47	San Mateo	47	San Mateo
48	Sequoia	48	San Jose	48	San Jose	48	San Jose
49	San Mateo	49	San Mateo	49	San Mateo	49	San Mateo
50	San Mateo	50	San Jose	50	San Jose	50	San Jose
51	San Jose	51	San Jose	51	San Jose	51	San Jose
52	San Mateo	52	San Jose	52	San Jose	52	San Jose
53	Capuchino	53	Capuchino	53	Capuchino	53	Capuchino
54	Menlo-Ath.	54	Menlo-Ath.	54	Menlo-Ath.	54	Menlo-Ath.
55	Palo Alto	55	Palo Alto	55	Palo Alto	55	Palo Alto
56	Menlo-Ath.	56	Menlo-Ath.				