

for Track & Field News

lead Cleveland K. of C. indoor meet

Ohio
By Jack Clowser

CLEVELAND, Feb. 22-- During a meet marked by generally stiff competition but a paucity of record-cracking, The Philadelphia Pioneer Club nipped arch-rival Sports International to record a swift 3:16.2 *mile relay* in the Cleveland Knights of Columbus' 29th annual indoor meet tonight.

A sellout throng of 9,985 saw the Pioneers account for the only meet record as they brought it down from Morgan State's 1959 clocking of ~~3:18.0~~ for this 12-lap to the mile oval. The Sports International Club ran 3:16.6, and now these two teams have met eight times this winter, with only 1.4 seconds separating them in total time for all their clashes.

For the Pioneers, Chuck McPherson began with ~~50.0~~ Craig Nation ran 49.4, Pete Schuder 48.6 and Jim Burnett 48.2. Sports International was in close contention with John Collins, Mark Young, Andy Bell and Olympian Ed Roberts until the latter, who had previously run the open 440, faced a triple although he clocked 48.3. Best leg in the race, however, was a 47.3 by the Ann Arbor Track Club's Kent Bernard, who was closing well in the last 150 yards. ~~Bernard, like Roberts, was a member of the Trinidad-Tobago mile relay team that set the world outdoor record of 3:02.8 in 1966.~~

~~One meet record was equaled as Capt. Mel Pender of the Army got one of his patented jet starts to win the 50 in 5.2, ~~seconds~~. Pender won here five years ago. Herb Washington, who won last year and now is a Michigan State freshman, lost his first race of the season, finishing fourth and declaring, "I thought Pender had ~~jumped~~ jumped and we'd be recalled."~~

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~~The problem of "no shows" cropped up again as two hurdlers seeded ~~the~~ No. 1 in the trials failed to appear. They were Olympian Leon Coleman and ex-Michigan Stater Bob Steele. Villanova's Erv Hall retained his meet title with 6.1. ~~for~~ ^{in the} the 50 yard highs. It was a blanket finish with Bill Tipton of Eastern Michigan, Bob ~~Barber~~ Green of Sports International and Ohio State's Jim ~~Barber~~ Barber.~~

best as The pole vault ~~was disappointing as nobody managed 17 feet~~ ^{went to a newcomer with a life-time} ~~and~~ world champion Bob Seagren wound up third ~~on more misses~~. Sharply-improving southpaw ~~Bob~~ ^{Robert} Sprung of Tennessee, Miami of Ohio's Les Smith, Seagren, and British champion Mike Bull all did ~~16-6~~ 16-6". It was an indoor best for Bull, whose father's name, believe it or not, is Johnny.

? Sprung and Smith had the same number of misses, but Sprung took fewer attempts. *after an improvement of three inches over the last night's best - ever by three inches*

Phil Tobin's 1:51.0 anchor helped St. John's to a two-mile relay triumph in 7:38.0 over the tough Tennessee team. Texas, which had run 3:08.4 on the Astradome's five-to-the mile track, had difficulty with the sharp banked turns, and finished third in the mile relay behind Villanova's 3:20.3 and Tennessee's 3:21.0.

Kent State's Sammy Bair, ~~who had on the mile here three years~~ ^{stall} ~~at~~ didn't have it after a week's layoff to nurse ulcer trouble. Ole Oleson of Southern California led from gun to tape, in 4:06.7. Polan's Henry Szordikowski, who had miled in New York the night before, was close up.

~~But two other Pol's won. Andrezj Badzinski took the 440 in 49.5, the heavily bearded Bernard, nipping ~~and~~ and Olympic 200 meters champion Irene Kirzenstain-Szewinski took the women's 50. Southern Illinois freshman from Australia, Alan Robinson, ran away from ^{from all but} Canadian Olympian Dave Ellis in the two-mile, 8:52.1 to 8:53. Oregon State's John Lilly outkicked John Lawson of the Pacific Coast club in a 2:11.7 for the 1000. Villanova's Larry James, off slowly in the 600, rallied to beat his 1968 conqueror here, Marty McGrady.~~

SUMMARIES

(12-lap banked board track)

50- Pender (Army) 5.2; 2-Hill, (unat.) 5.3; 3-Ware (unat.) 5.4;
 4- Washington (unat.) 5.7. 440-Badenski, Poland, 49.5; 2- ~~unat.~~
~~unat.~~ Bernard, AATC, 49.6; 3- Roberts, Spts. Int. TC, 49.6; ?
 600- James, Villa., 1:11.1; 2- McGrady (unat.) 1:11.8; 3- Stevenson,
 AATC, 1:12.3; 1000- 1- Lilly, Ore. St., 2:11.7; 2- Lawson, PCC, 2:13;
 3- O'Reilly, Villa. 2:13.1; 4- Sparks, Chi. TC, 2:13.1; Mile- 1- Olesson,
 USC, 4:06.7; 2- Szordikowski Poland 4:07; 3- Murphy, Villa, 4:07.6; 4-
 Bair (unat.) 4:09.7; 2-Mile- 1-Robinson (unat.) 8:52.1; 2- Ellis, E. Mich.,
 8:53; 50 HH1 1- Hall, Villa., 6.1; 2- Tipson, E. Mich., 6.2; 3-Green,
 Spts. Int., 6.2; 4- Barber (unat.) 6.2. Univ. 2-M. relay- St. John's
 McBride, Rowe, Schroeter, Tobin) 7:38; ~~unat.~~ 2- Tenn., ~~unat.~~ 7:39.1; ~~unat.~~
 Univ. 1-M relay- 1- Villad. (Whitehead, Hyman, Davis, James) 3:20.3;
 2-Tenn. 3:21; 3- Texas 3:21.3; 4- Catholic U., 3:22.4; PV- 1- Sprung,
 Tenn., 2- Smith, Miami of Ohio; 3- Seagren, USC; 4- Bull, England. All
 cleared 16-6, places decided on misses and number of attempts.); HJ- 1-
~~unat.~~ Hanoe, Tenn., 6' 8"; 2-Kremser, Tenn., 6-6; Tull, PCC,
 6-8; 4- Flores, Cleve. St., 6-6. College 1-M. Relay (Div. 1) 1-Cleve.
 St., 3:27.1; 2- Ashland 3:28; B-W 3:29.4. Div. II- 1- Cent. St., 3:29.4;
 2- Wayne St., 3:29.7; Div. III- 1- Case Tech 3:34.1.

Open mile R, Philadelphia PC 3:16.2 (McPherson 50.0, Nathan 49.4, Schuler 48.6, Burnett 48.2)
 2. Sports International 3:16.8 (Collins, Young, Bell, Roberts 48.3)
 3. Ann Arbor TC 3:17.1 (Crawford 52.1, Williams 49.3, Stephenson 48.3, Bernard 47.3)

(Note to Dick: I didn't list four places in each event, since I note the Newsletter has not been doing so in cases where the other performances aren't much good;

For your information, Seagren didn't start to vault until 16 feet, and almost failed to get any height. Last year in our meet, when Jon Vaughn won, Seagren failed completely to get his starting height, and I was really holding my breath this time. Bob did not look really good on any of his vaults, and says he's tired. This vaulting two nights in a row (as well as running for many of our stars) is detracting from their performances, I think. Bob will have to be good at Detroit for the NCAA's next month or USC won't win the team title from Kansas and Villanova.

Explaining our poor high jump-- we had four 7-foot plus men, including Steve Kelly, but the boards here are laid right over the top of the ice of the hockey rink, and they create a damp condition on flat, which makes the jumpers slip.

You will note I did not include the women's events, except mentioning Kirzenstein-Szewinski's win, but I still regret T&FN's refusal to do this. Women can but your publication too - especially now it is so vastly improved in the last two or three years.

Regards--Jack Clowser

Heats:
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 (En mile)
 5.2