

# Prepsters Milburn, Thomas Top Stars in Pelican Relay

*from Paul Adams*

**Advocate Sports Writer**  
 Prepsters Rodney Milburn and Spencer Thomas held the spotlight as the Pelican Relays came to a close Saturday night at Southern.  
 Both Milburn, from Opelousas Clark, and Thomas, Carver of New Orleans, turned in performances which bettered the winning college division efforts in the same events.  
 Running over the 42-inch collegiate hurdles, Milburn was clocked in 14.1 seconds while Thomas was a step back in 14.2. The collegiate winner, William Simples of Texas Southern, had 14.4. Earlier in the day Thomas won the long jump in 22-3½, five inches better than the winning college jump of 21-10.  
 Milburn earlier this year went 13.5 over the 39-inch prep highs on a course laid out down the center of a football field. That was the nation's best time by a prepster this spring and only a tenth of a second over the best time ever by a high schooler.  
 Thomas also won the triple jump at 48-2½, 2½-inches better than his own state's best this spring. Friday night Thomas won the intermediate hurdles in 37.7, turning in the nation's best time this spring. Thomas earlier this spring long jumped 23-feet.  
 Ex-LSU star Delman McNabb of the Houston Striders set a javelin record at 228-5 and Ronald Carter of the Striders established a new pole vault mark at 15-0.  
 William Simples of Texas Southern won the college highs with a 14.4 effort. He nipped Russell Mitchell of Grambling at 14.5.  
 Southern got a tremendous opening leg from Robert Collins and breezed to a 40-3 440-relay victory. Bernard Austin and Ira Gordon handled the stick in the middle legs and Oliver Ford anchored. The Houston Striders were a distant second at 41-flat.  
 Long striding Felix Johnson increased a five-yard buige to a walkaway in the two-mile relay as he anchored Prairie View to a 7:37.3 decision. Southern

placed second at 7:45.8.  
 The open quarter went to Harold Francis of Arkansas AM&N with 47.1. He came on strong in the second 220 yards for a 10-yard win over second place Harold Johnson from Southern.  
 Robert Taylor of Texas Southern copped the 100 yard dash in 9.5 but Ford of Southern had a better idea. Coming on like a pickup truck in the final 30 yards, Ford just missed the tape as he was also credited with 9.5.  
 Only two entries showed in the Anchorman Henry Smothers opened a huge lead in the mile relay and held off a strong bid by Felix Johnson of Prairie View to give Arkansas AM&N a 3:11.0 mile relay victory. Smothers was clocked in 46.0 for his leg. Johnson's time was unavailable but he managed to pick up 10 yards on Smothers.  
 Lloyd Wills of Carver High New Orleans, a long legged, smooth runner, ran the best prep quarter in the state so far this spring with a 48.1 effort. He

high jump but the winning height was a good one. Texas Southern's John Robinson went 6-9 for first and William McClellan of Southern, who Friday night won the triple jump, cleared 6-7.  
 Tim Duex of the Cameron Track Club moved into the lead on the second lap of the open mile and won easily in 4:14.7. Texas Southern's George Harrison made a bid in the third leg but got no closer than five yards in the backstretch.  
 later came back to anchor Carver to a 3:22.1 mile relay win with a 48.2 leg.  
 The high school century was a thriller. After three false starts, Charles Stewart of Shreveport B. T. Washington broke first and stayed in front for a 9.6 victory. Joe Sincere of New Orleans Martyn made a late bid and the two crossed the finish almost simultaneously. Sincere was given a 9.7 clocking but he looked close enough to also earn the same time as the winner.

**SUMMARY**  
 (College Division)

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. William Simples (Texas Southern) 14.4; 2. Russell Mitchell (Grambling) 14.5; 3. Sidney Hollens (Grambling) 14.9; 4. Don Armstead (Southern U.) 14.9; 5. Joseph Wilem (Miss. Valley) 15.1.

COLLEGE-OPEN JAVELIN — 1. Delmon McNabb (Houston Striders) 228'5"; 2. Milton Givens (Grambling) 189'1"; 3. William Smith (Grambling) 164'9"; 4. Curtis Irvin (Texas Southern) 164'5"; 5. McKinley Colenan (Southern) 150'10".

440-YARD RELAY — 1. Southern U. (Robert Collins, Bernard Austin, Ira Gordon, Oliver Ford) 40.3; 2. Houston Striders (Ira Gordon, Alcorn College, 42.1; 4. Mississippi Valley, 42.5; 5. Grambling, 42.7).

TWO MILE RELAY — 1. Prairie View (J. B. Haggerty, Elton Conger, David Hall, Felix Johnson) 7:37.3; 2. Southern University 45.8; 3. Grambling, 7:49.8; 4. Alcorn, 8:11.6; 5. Mississippi Valley, 8:12.0.

LONG JUMP — 1. Robert King (Grambling) 21'10"; 2. Larry Smith (Prairie View) 21'7"; 3. Don Bell (Alcorn) 21'2"; 4. Edward Dixon (Grambling) 21'2"; 5. James Rose (Grambling) 20'8".

440-YARD DASH (College-Open) — 1. Harold Francis (Arkansas) 47.1; 2. Harold Johnson (Southern) 48.2; 3. Herman Blake (Southern) 48.4; 4. Renna Gikes (Southern) 48.4; 5. J. B. Haggerty (Prairie View) 48.6.

100-YARD DASH (College-Open) — 1. Robert Taylor (Texas Southern) 9.5; 2. Oliver Ford (Southern) 9.5; 3. Jack Phillips (Grambling) 9.7; 4. Andrew Hopkins (Houston Striders) 9.8; 5. Dock Mosley (Alcorn) 9.9.

HIGH JUMP — 1. John Robinson (Texas Southern) 6'9"; 2. William McClellan (Southern) 6'7". (Only entries)

ONE MILE RUN — Tim Duex (Cameron Track Club) 4:13.7; 2. George Harrison (Texas Southern) 4:55.9; 3. Otis Martin (Southern) 4:22.2; 4. Thomas Foster (Texas Southern) 4:23.5; 5. Elton Conger (Prairie View) 4:24.0.

MILE RELAY — Arkansas AM&N (Harold Francis, Francis McAnchin, Carl Goldman, Henry Smothers) 3:11.0; 2. Prairie View 3:11.2; 3. Grambling, 3:14.8; 4. Southern 3:15.1; 5. Mississippi Valley.

**SUMMARY**  
 (Women's College Division)

440-YARD RELAY — 1. Alcorn College (Molly Hence, Ivy Davis, Archie Rhodes, Mildred Netter) 47.8; 2. Prairie View, 51.5; 3. Southern U., 54.1.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn) 10.9; 2. Molly Hence (Alcorn) 11.2; 3. Shirley Thomas (Alcorn) 11.5; 4. Willie M. Franklin (Prairie View) 12.0; Catherine Alford (Prairie View) 12.4.

220-YARD DASH — 1. Molly Hence (Alcorn) 25.0; 2. Archie Rhodes (Alcorn) 25.3; 3. Shirley Thomas (Alcorn) 25.7; 4. Willie M. Franklin (Prairie View) 27.0; 5. Catherine Alford (Prairie View) 27.3.

*- Smothers 46.0*

FEATHER, SPRINTS: HURDLES (INTO) 3-5 MPH WIND SUMMARY CROWD 3,000

Robert Collins, Bernard Austin, Ira Gordon, 3. Grambling, 1:26.2; Arkansas A M & N

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