

By Ed Chay

Bowling Green's twin distance dandies—Dave Wottle and Sid Sink—and high jumpers Dave White and Reynaldo Brown provided the biggest splash as records failed to materialize as expected last night at the 32d Knights of Columbus track meet at Public Hall.

White, from Penn Athletic Club, and Brown, California International star and holder of the American indoor record at 7-4, saved the K. of C. some embarrasement by setting the only meet record.

BOTH CLEARED 7-2 TO BREAK CLEVELANDER Stan Albright's mark of 7-1, set last year, with White getting the victory on fewer misses. And that, friends, was about the extent of the record-breaking, although Wottle and Sink turned in strong performances in their specialties. Wottle winning the one-mile run in a slow 4:06.7 and Sink the twomile in a stirring comeback with a time of 6:45.0. There was a record in the 50-yard dash preliminaries with Gerald Tinker clocking 5.1 in his heat victory.

"I can't believe Sink's time was that slow. It looked like he ran faster," Wottle said after Sid's time was announced.

That was pretty much the tone echoed by track buffs, coaches and some officials who were expecting fast performances because of the new Pro-West track, but there were none except on the flat races.

Smoe runners complained the curves were too sharp and the dust which settled on the red enameled surface made footing difficult and as a result there were spills galore.

ONE CAME EARLY IN THE MEET WHEN defending 600-yard champion Tommie Turner of Sports International took a wicked spill on the first turn.

With Turner out, the 600 became a duel between Olympian Lee Evans and Martin McGrady, with McGrady prevailing in 1:10.7, seven-tenths of a second off his meet record. Evans faded in the stretch and clocked 1:11.2. Adelphi University, which had thoughts of breaking its world record of 3:12.2 in the mile relay, ran a disappointing 3:24.0. Earlier it was revealed that the Panthers do not own a global mark because their 3:12.2 performance at Philadelphit two weeks ago was run on a track eight-feet short.

But the Public Hall's new \$20,000 oval was legal. The only trouble was the runners had a hard time negotiating the curves. Villinova assistant coach Jack Praha was the first to notice how difficult it was after Brian McElroy of the Wildcats steamed past Joe Savage of Manhattan to take the university two-mile relay in 7:36.4.

McELROY, WHO HAD A 1:53.3 HALF-MILE split but

has run faster, told Praha that he almost fell twice trying to negotiate the turns. "Brian ran fast enough and had enough of a kick on the last turn to give us the victory," said Praha.

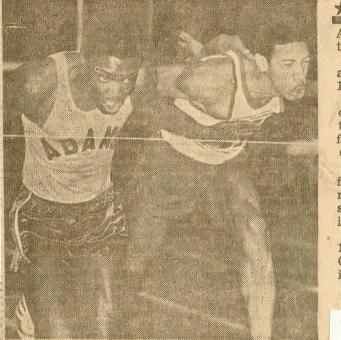
Sink, who also needed a strong finishing kick to beat Barry Brown, said the victory felt good because he retired the Columbian trophy with his second straight triumph. "I didn't know I had Brown until the last 20 yards," Sink stated.

Wottle beat two veteran campaigners, Chris Mason and Frank Murphy. Wottle then came back and anchored the Falcons' section winning mile relay. Russia's Yevgeniy

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B-G Distance Runners Wottle and Sink Win



GANGWAY! Calvin Johns of Glenville reaches the tape first in the High School 50-yard dash as Wayne Childs of John Adams huffs and puffs to second. Plain Dealer Photo (Robert E. Dorksen)

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Arahanov was fifth in a field of six and was never in contention.

Byron Dyce, the Olympian from Jamaica, also retired a trophy-the McHugh Memorial Cup-for his winning 1,000-yard victory.

Clevelander Madeline Manning Jackson showed she can win the 440, too. The 25-year-old mother and receptionist for a Columbus firm, nipped Jarvus Scott as both finished in a virtual heat. They were timed in 57.4 seconds.

THE RUSSIANS, EMBARKING ON A U.S. TOUR, fizzled. Arzhanov, the world's top-ranked 800-meter runner, was out of it from the start. Their sprinter did not survive the dash trials and Tamara Kazachkova was fifth in the 880.

Some trackside observers felt the first two places in the 1,000 should have been reversed, but Dyce got the victory. Czeck Jozef Placy appeared to be the winner with a lunging finish.

Olympic champion Willie Davenport scored his fourth

meet victory in the 50-yard high hurdles and defeated Leon Coleman for the first time this season when the former Warren Howland High ace hit the tape in six sconds flat. Colman was one-tenth of a second back and Olympic silver medalist Erv Hall was third.

MUSCULAR GERALD TINKER OF KENT STATE Track Club, an outstanding football prospect who resembles swift Bob Hayes, scored an upset victory in the 50-yard.

Tinker, a transfer student from Memphis State blasted out of the blocks in the four-man final field and outlasted Clevelander Bob Ware and Dr. Del Meriwether in a tight finish.

Tinker's time was 5.2, but his time of 5.1 seconds in the preliminaries equalled the meet record.

There were two big surprises in the dash. Defender Charlie Greene of the U.S. Army was eliminated in the trials. Olympian Mel Pender, co-holder of the world record in the 50, and former Ohio State dashman Jerry Hill were both disqualified for false starts in the finals. On the fifth try, Tinker took command early and won by a half-yard.

The 440 went to Kent Bernard of Ann Arbor Track Club as he surged past Bill Barrow of Sports International in the final strides to win by one tenth of a second in 50.4. Defender Ed Roberts did not show up.

Davenport, now director of the mayor's youth council in Baton Rouge, La., was pleased with his victory. "I'm still 10 pounds overweight at 195 but I'm getting there," Davenport said.

THE FORMER SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY standout, a winner Friday night in Toronto, gave an unqualified endorsement of the infield surface at the Hall. "It's a little spongy in spots but so much better than the one at the Arena," Davenport said.

Tinker also enjoyed his jaunt on the bright-red boards. The 21-year-old Kent State student celebrated his first at 50 yards by beating an impressive field. Tinker said he had a bad start, but Greene, who was watching from the sidelines, said "that I won the race in the last five yards." Tinker was out of track competition last season with an infection of the spine.

"Tonight I ran to the best of my ability, but I really don't know how fast I can go." Tinker has two years' eligibility left as a football blanker and dashman.

"The Olympics is my highest goal, but you can't make the Olympics indoors," added Tinker.

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