

U. S. Athletes to Face Severe Test in British Meet

America's leadership in world track and field competition which sustained a number of hard jolts in the 1928 Olympic games will again be put to a severe test in the International match with the British Empire team at Soldier Field in Chicago the night of August 27.

England and her dominions, ten in all, will invade the States with one of the greatest track and field teams ever assembled in one single group. In the past Olympic games the dominions all competed as separate units. In the coming meet the entire group will combine under the Union Jack with the express purpose of wresting the track championship from the Yankees.

The United States, however, was never in a better position to defend its track and field supremacy. Track talent never before equalled in this country is available for Uncle Sam's team this summer. Athletes capable of threatening world marks in every event are on hand. This army of track luminaries will descend on Pittsburgh August 22 to 25, where it will wage a night elimination battle for the right to represent this country in the International games with the visiting Empire stars.

Throughout the list of fourteen events America's standard bearers present a formidable front. In all departments including sprinters, middle distance runners, distance men, weight men, pole vaulters and high jumpers, the American team measures stronger than any team that has ever represented this country in International competition.

The sprint squad unquestionably is far ahead of the Olympic dash men of

1928. Absence of Frank Wykoff, who was withdrawn from competition because of illness will be felt, of course, but with such youths available as George Simpson, Eddie Tolan, Claude Bracey, and Ed Topino, the prospects are most heartening. This group has all come to the front within the past two years and is counted upon to give Percy Williams and his Canadian sprint associates plenty of concern.

Pete Bowen, winner of the National collegiate quarter in :48, leads the 440 aggregation which includes among others, Vic Williams, of Southern California; Charles Engle of Yale, who won the I. C. A. meet in :48.2; Ivan Fuqua, National interscholastic champion from Brazil, Ind., and W. Storie of the Olympic club of San Francisco.

In the two mile relay which replaces the 880 yard run, Orval Martin of Purdue, who set a new national collegiate meet record of 1:54.1 last spring, will probably run anchor. Other fine half milers available are Russell Chapman of Bates, winner of the eastern intercollegiate in 1:52.4, F. E. Blake of the Boston A. A., Dave Letts and Virgil Gist, former University of Chicago stars and Bill McGeath of Southern California.

Lord David Burghley, England's Olympic hurdle champion, will find competition worthy of his titled consideration in such youths as Steve Anderson of Washington, Lee Sentman of Illinois, Dick Rockaway of Ohio, Bob Maxwell of the Los Angeles A. C. and Monty Wells of the Boston A. A.

Such milers as Ray Conger of the I. A. C., Leo Lermond of the Los Angeles A. C., Joe Sivak of Butler, Harold Manning of Wichita, Ray Swartz of Kalamazoo and Kiser of Washington will be capable of lowering the world record in the four mile

relay. All can run the distance in 4:15 or better.

If the track outlook is encouraging the prospects in the field events are more so. The trials at Pittsburgh will bring together a group of shot putters, all capable of 51 feet or better. They include Herman Brix, Harlow Rother, Eric Krenz, John Kuck and Herbert Schwarze. The Empire strong men are not expected to bother the above named aggregation to any extent.

In the pole vault, Tom Warne of Northwestern, National collegiate champion, and Fred Sturdy of the Los Angeles A. C., head the list. Both are capable of 13 feet 9 inches or better. These two waged a merry dual at the National A. A. U. indoor meet which ended in a tie at 13 feet 9 inches. Last spring Warne soared 13 feet 11 inches at the Drake relays, which stands as the best performance in this country this year.

James DeMers of the Los Angeles A. C., heads the list in the javelin while the high jumpers include a large number headed by Henry Lasalette and James Stewart of the Los Angeles A. C. Both made 6 feet 5 inches during the spring competition. Ed Haman of Georgia Tech and Ed Gordon of Iowa will show the way among the broad jumpers, judging from past performances.

O. E. Schenk, 1601 Central avenue, flew out to Anaheim, Cal., and back to see his father, Christ Schenk, who was very ill but is now recovering.

CAR, TRUCK CRASH

An automobile which Mrs. H. H. Clark, 1501 Spencer avenue, Wilmette, was driving south on Prairie avenue collided head-on with a truck driven by E. Frenien, 5912 North Washtenaw avenue, Chicago, Wednesday noon on Prairie avenue between Catalpa place and Park avenue. Mrs. Clark was not hurt badly but her car was damaged.

Mrs. Peter J. Schaefer, 1501 Washington, and daughter, Sister Petronette, spent last week-end visiting relatives in Decatur, Ill.

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