

4:12.8 Fourth Fastest in History

Should Ruble Have Run Mile or 880?

By Fran Errota

Robin Ruble graduates from Los Altos High School Thursday night wondering perhaps if he shouldn't have run the mile in the big prep track and field meets the past season instead of the 880.

The talented Knight distance runner became the fourth fastest

prep miler in history Saturday when he ran 4:12.8, good enough for third place in the Pacific AAU championships under a broiling sun at Stanford's Angell Field.

Though a great 880 runner and one who enjoyed great success in the two-lapper, it is doubtful that any prep in the state would have beaten Robin in the mile this past season. His 1:53.0 the previous week netted him a fifth place in the State 880 finals, the only loss he suffered during the season, but his past week end's effort would have been hard for any prep to beat.

Though he graduates Thursday night, Ruble's season is far from over and he may yet prove the 880 was his best event.

He goes in the two-lapper Sat-

urday at the first annual Golden West Invitational in Los Angeles which will bring together the nation's outstanding senior athletes. Robin will try to reverse his only setback of the season as the 880 will include Bonita's Ray Van Asten, state champ in 1:51.9. It also will include Buena Park's Jan Underwood (1:52) and Larry Rhodes of Abilene, Tex., who has done 1:52.9.

The following week, the smooth-striding Knight will run the 800 or 1500-meter run in the National AAU championships in Bakersfield.

Saturday's mile romp gave Ruble the best distance triple ever by a prep. He boasts a 1:53.0 for the half, a 4:12.8 mile and 9:30.5 two-mile.

Only three high school boys

10 Fastest Miles

4:08.9n	Archie San Roman ¹	
	(East, Wichita, Kan.)	'59
4:11.0	Dale Story (Orange, Calif.)	'59
4:12.2n	Dyrol Burleson	
	(Cottage Grove, Ore.)	'58
4:12.8	ROBIN RUBLE (LOS ALTOS)	'60
4:14.3	Ben Tucker (Poly, (San Fran.)	'60
4:14.9	Joe Thomas (Uniontown, Pa.)	'60
4:15.5n	Mike Thornton	
	(Torrance, Calif.)	'60
4:15.6n	Harry McCalla	
	(Berkeley, Calif.)	'60
4:16.1	Jim Bowers (DeKalb, Ill.)	'56
4:16.7	Ralph Trimble	
	(Jefferson, Cedar Rapids, Ia.)	'59
4:16.7n	Jack Hudson (El Cajon, Calif.)	'59



TOP TRACK MEN TALK THINGS OVER AT STANFORD

Ernie Cunliffe (right), one of the best 880-yard runners in the world, talks with Los Altos High School senior Robin Ruble at the AAU meet

at Stanford. Ruble, who will attend Stanford next year, has a best of 1:53 for the half mile and 4:12.8 for the mile.



Speed to PA Track Titles

Willie 9.5, Beaten in 220--20.5

Sprint duels between California's Willie White and Jimmy Omagbeni, a 29-year-old San Jose State freshman from Nigeria, highlighted the 1960 Pacific Assn. Track and Field Championships.

White nipped the Nigerian speedster in the 100 Saturday, each clocked in 9.5. This equalled the meet record, set by Guy Blackburn of California nine years ago.

The order was reversed in the 220 when Omagbeni pulled ahead at the tape. Again, the sprinters had the same time—20.5.

A half mile duel between Stanford's Ernie Cunliffe and Jack Yerman of California didn't come about. Cunliffe was at an Air Force ROTC graduation ceremony and missed the race, easily won by Yerman in 1:50.2.

Cunliffe showed up in time for the mile and won it in 4:10.2.

Jerry Siebert, the other portion of Cal's Big Three, stepped down for speed work and clicked off a 440 in 47.8 with teammate Bob Karlstrud right behind in 48.2.

Siebert, White and Yerman will be in faster company this weekend in the NCAA Championships at Cal. White will go in both sprints, Yerman in the 400 meters and Siebert in the 800 meters.

Four athletes broke PA records. They were:

Buddy Edelen, Olympic Club, who ran the 10,000 meters in 30:58.0; Ned Sargent, Santa Clara Youth Village, who broke his own 3000 meters steeplechase mark with 9:15.8; Mike Brodie, a high school student from Pleasant Hill, who took the 1500 meter walk in 6:23.9, and two high jumpers, Vern Wyatt and Earl Williams of San Jose State, who cleared 6-10.

PA Track Results

HAMMER THROW—1. Stan Dofen (Harvard), 191-9; 2. Roger Wilson (Harvard), 178-7; 3. *Al Jongwaard (SCVYV), 168-2½; 4. Ed Burke (San Jose State), 159-11½; 5. Tom Montgomery (OC), 149-8.

440 HURDLES—1. Dick Cephas (Michigan), 53.2; 2. Jim Thomas (New Mexico State), 54.1; 3. Bill Toomey (un.), 54.5; 4. Bob Rittenburg (un.), 55.1; 5. Dean Johnson (SCVYV), 55.3; 6. Bab Karlstrud (Cal), 55.4.

MILE—1. Ernie Cunliffe (Stanford), 4:10.2; 2. Fred Abington (SCVYV), 4:12.0; 3. Robin Ruble (Los Altos HS), 4:12.8; 4. Tom Brown (SCVYV), 4:12.9; 5. Frank Wulftang (San Jose State), 4:15.2.

SP—1. Jerry Winter (Stanford), 57-3½; 2. Fred Locke (Michigan), 52-11½; 3. John Ross (San Jose State), 49-5½; 4. Larry Kennedy (un.), 45-5; 5. Dan Studney (SJS frosh), 43-7½.

JAVELIN—1. John Kitching (SCVYV), 244-7½; 2. Dan Studney (SJS frosh), 225-1½; 3. Art Batchelder (SCVYV), 222-2½; 4. Tom Clark (SCVYV), 207-3; 5. Ed Chynoweth (OC), 179-0.

HOP-STEP-JUMP—1. Joe Gambini (SCVYV), 47-0¼; 2. Tie between Tom Cousy (un.), and Fred Faucet (SCVYV), 44-11; 4. John Kelly (Stanford), 44-9½; 5. Sheridan Downey (St. frosh), 44-8.

HJ—(Winner based on fewer misses)—1. Hern Wyatt (SCVYV), 6-10; 2. Earl Williams (SJS), 6-10; 3. Dick Daley (Cal), 6-6; 4. Steve Williams (Mich.), 6-6; 5. Vern Wilson (SCVYV). (New meet record, old mark 6-9¼ by Williams, 1959.)

440—1. Jerry Siebert (Cal), 47.8; 2. Bob Karlstrud (Cal), 48.2; 3. Al Godon (SCVYV), 48.5; 4. Ron Whitney (Downey HS), 49.0; 5. Dick Lassen (Stanford), 49.1.

DISCUS—1. Tom Daniels (SJS), 168-8; 2. Dave Weill (Stan. frosh), 156-3½; 3. John Ross (SJS), 155-8½; 4. Don Bell (Stan.), 155-0½; 5. Larry Collier (SJS), 153-7; 6. Alex Darnes (Poly HS), 149-3.

3000 METER STEEPLECHASE—1. Ned Sargent (SCVYV), 9:15.8; 2. Berry Crawford (Philadelphia), 9:28.4; 3. Jim Chettler (SCVYV), 9:37.6; 4. Dave Martin (Michigan), 9:38.5; 5. Ernie Tracy (Pennsylvania), 9:59.6. (New meet record, old record 9:18.1, Sargent, 1959.)

HIGH SCHOOL MILE RELAY—1. Castlemont (Evans, Ellis, Hurtes, Sadler), 3:18.2; 2. Menlo-Atherton, 3:21.5; 3. Hayward, 3:44.1.

100—1. Willie White (Cal), 9.5; 2. Jimmy Omagbeni (SJS frosh), 9.5; 3. Bill Palmer (SJS), 9.6; 4. Tom Webb (Pleasant Hill), 9.7; 5. Dick Burns (un.), 9.9. (Ties meet record set by Guy Blackburn, Cal. frosh, 1951.)

BJ—1. Mac Burton (SJS), 23-7; 2. Ron Palmer (un.), 23-0½; 3. John Kelly (Stanford), 22-4½; 4. Jim Swindle (Utah State), 22-1¼; 5. Kermit Walker (SCVYV), 21-10¼.

PV—(Based on fewest misses)—1. George Matfos (SCVYV), 14-9; 2. Dick Kimmel (SJS), 14-0¼; 3. Chuck Hightower (SCVYV), 14-0¼; 4. Curtis Chappe (SJS), 14-0¼; 5. Mike Brunelle (Clayton Valley), 13-0.

120HH—1. Blaine Lindgren (Utah), 14-6; 2. *Bill Archer (Alameda Coast Guard), 14-6; 3. Jim Swindle (Utah State), 14-9; 4. Joe Wilkerson (SCVYV), 15-3; 5. James Thomas (New Mexico), 15-3.

TWO MILE—1. Charlie Clark (SJS), 9:04.6; 2. Mike O'Riordan (Idaho State), 9:07.1; 3. Bob House (OC), 9:18.8; 4. Harry McCalla (Berkeley HS), 9:22.4; 5. Al Gaylord (Cal), 9:26.3.

880—1. Jack Yerman (Cal), 1:50.5; 2. Maynard Orme (SCVYV), 1:51.2; 3. Rich Klier (Stanford), 1:51.9; 5. Dave Dunbar (SJS frosh), 1:53.1.

220—1. Jimmy Omagbeni (SJS frosh), 20.5; 2. Willie White (Cal), 20.5; 3. Jim Dotson (SCVYV), 21.2; 4. Tie: Dick Burns (un.) and Ray Sadler (Castlemont), 21.6. (Ties meet record, set by Hal Davis, Salinas JC, 1941.)

HIGH SCHOOL TWO MILE RELAY—1. Clayton Valley (B. Cooper, McGrath, N. Cooper, Vick), 8:04.2; 2. Hayward, 8:21.0; 3. Carlmont, 8:24.4.

220 LH—1. Sid Nickolas (Vallée High), 23.6; 2. Dick Cephas (Michigan), 23.7; 3. Jim Thomas, 23.9; 4. Blaine Lindgren (Utah), 24.4; 5. Dean Johnson (SCVYV). (The meet was open to guest competitors. The * symbol denotes the Pacific Association Champion in events won by guests.)

McCalla Clips Off Fastest Prep 2 Mile

Berkeley High's Harry McCalla, who'll graduate this week, has the fastest two mile ever run by a prep.

Competing in the West Pacific Assn. Meet at Stanford's Angell Field Saturday, Harry took on a solid two-mile field and, under the circumstances, came through with flying red and yellow colors.

McCalla finished fourth, but his time of 9:22.4 was the fastest ever run by a high schooler by nearly four seconds. Dave Boore of Los Altos had the previous best with 9:26.5 this past cross country season.

Tom Laris of Washington High, New York City, in 1958 ran 9:21.4, but it was in August, after graduating from high school. Before Boore's mark, Dale Story of Orange, the national mile record holder, had the fastest prep two mile with 9:28.2.

McCalla barely lost third to Bob House of the Olympic Club and formerly of Cal, and was well ahead of the Bears' top two-miler, Alan Gaylord. House clocked 9:18.8 and Gaylord came in at 9:26.3.

Charlie Clark of San Jose won with a good 9:04.6.

The circumstances under which McCalla ran certainly were all against him. He attended Berkeley High's Senior Ball Friday night and didn't get to bed until 3 the next morning. He was up at 9 a.m., gulped down a bowl of Wheaties and rushed off with Coach Rich Hacker to Stanford.

McCalla started with a 67.9 lap, was 2:16.2 at the half, 3:25 at 1320 and 4:36.2 for his first mile. The pace, according to Hacker, was well ahead of their planned race. After a mile and a half, Harry timed 6:58, two seconds ahead of schedule.

His last lap, which gave him a 4:46.2 second mile, was 69.6. Hacker stated that the seventh lap, in

which McCalla fought House for the lead, was a slow 74.2 and probably cost Harry third place.

Actually, McCalla was third, since Mike O'Riordan of Idaho, runnerup in 9:07.1, was a guest competitor and didn't count in official placing.

There were some very good track performances also, most amazing of which, to me at least, was Robin Ruble's third place in the mile with a time of 4:12.8. How this Los Altos youngster could step up from his 1:53 half mile time, and finish with so much speed, is a mystery.

THE GREAT John Paul Jones held the record for years at 4:14.6. It was almost unbelievable when the mighty Norman Tabor cut it down to 4:12.8, and as a matter of fact, other milers and particularly Joie Ray of Chicago, didn't believe it, and said so.

Yet here is pink cheeked Robin running that same time from high school when it isn't even his regular event.

Willie White, Cal sprinter, proved that he's in the front rank of the Olympic contenders. His 100 heat was 9.6, and though he was nosed out

HE TIED THE national freshman record for the 220-yard dash by edging California's Willie White in 20.5. Omagbemi was clocked in 9.5 for the 100-yard dash but White, recording the same time, was given the edge in that one.

Prep runners stole much of the other acclaim at the meet. Robin Ruble of Los Altos High School forgot about his pet event—the 880-yard run—and recorded the fourth fastest mile in prep history.

He finished third behind Stanford's Ernie Cunliffe and Bill Abbington of the Santa Clara Youth Village in 4:12.8. Cunliffe was clocked in 4:10.

Harry McCalla, Berkeley High School's long-legged distance ace, was fourth in the two-mile run but his time of 9:22.4 was the second fastest in high school history.

ONLY TOM LARIS of New York's 9:21.7 is faster.

Two meet records fell on the sultry afternoon. Ned Sargent of Santa Clara Youth Village whipped through the 3,000 meter steeplechase in 9:15.8.

Mike Brodie "walked away" with the 1,500 meter walk. He won by almost a full minute in record time of 6:23.

Best performance in the field events was a pair of 6-10 leaps in the high jump. Herm Wyatt of the Santa Clara Youth Village was given first place over San Jose State's Errol Williams on the basis of fewer misses at the winning height.

The results:

Hammer throw—Doten (Harvard), Wilson (Harvard), Jongward (SCYV), 191-9.

10,000 meter run — Edelen (OC), Allen (SSYV), Branham (Marin), 30:58.0.

440-yard hurdles—Sephias (Michigan), Thomas (New Mexico), Toomey (Colorado), 53.2.

Mile run — Cunliffe (Stanford), Abbington (SCYV), Ruble (Unt.), 4:10.2.

100-yard dash—White (California), Omagbemi (SJS frosh), Palmer (SJS frosh), Palmer (SJS frosh), 9.5.

Shot-put—Winter (Stanford), Ross (SJS), Kennedy (Unt.), 57-3½.

Javelin—Kitching (SCYV), Studney (SJS), Batcholder (Stanford), 244-7½.

High hurdles — Lindgren (Utah), Archer (Coast Guard), Swindle (Utah State), 14.6.

440-yard dash — Siebert (California), Karlruud (California), Gordon (SCYV), 47.8.

Hop-step-jump—Gambini (SCYV), Fawcett (SCYV), Cousey (Unt.), 47-0¼.

56-pound weight throw — Montgomery (OC), Jongward (SCYV), Longlois (SCYV), 35-11.

1500 meter walk—Brodie (Pleasant Hill), Mooers (SCYV), Burgess (SCYV), 6:23 (new meet record).

High jump—Wyatt (SCYV), Williams (SJS), Dailey (California), 6-10.

Steeplechase — Sargent (SCYV), Crawford (Shanahan Club), Shetler (SCYV) 9:15.8 (new meet record).

Discus—Daniels (SJS), Weill (SJS frosh), Ross (SJS), 166-8.

Two mile run — Clark (SJS), O'Riordan (Idaho State), House (OC), 9:04.6.

High school mile relay—Castlemont (Ellis, Evans, Hirts and Peoples), Menlo-Atherton, Hayward, 3:18.2.

Pole vault—Mattos (SCYV), Kimmell (SJS), Hightower (SCYV), 14-9.

880-yard run—Yerman (California), Orme (SCYV), Klier (Stanford), 1:50.5.

Broad jump—Burton (SJS), Palmer (Unt.), Kelley (Stanford), 23-7.

220-yard dash—Omagbemi (SJS frosh), White (California), Dotson (SCYV), 20.5 (ties meet record).

High school two mile relay—Clayton Valley (R. Cooper, McGrath, N. Cooper and Vick), Hayward, Castlemont, 8:04.4.

220-yard low hurdles — Nicholas (Vallejo), Sephas (Michigan), Thomas (New Mexico), 23.6.