1953 Kansas Relays Summary

University Class

Quarter Mile Relay

Won by Houston (Kerby Jett, Sammy Mc-Whirter, S. M. Meeks, Larry McBride); 2. Oklahoma; 3. Texas; 4. Texas A&M; Time :41.8.

Half Mile Relay

Won by Kansas State (Jerry Mershon, Jim Loomis, Cecil Taylor, Thane Baker); 2. Oklahoma; 3. Kansas; 4. Texas. Time 1:26.4.

Mile Relay

Won by Oklahoma A&M (Brooks Rice, Fred Ashmore, Gene Firth, Bill Heard); 2. Kansas State; 3. Iowa; 4. Oklahoma. Time 3:17.4.

Two Mile Relay

Won by Oklahoma A&M (Ronald Appleman, Fred Ashmore, Fred Eckhoff, Bill Heard); 2. Texas; 3. Missouri; 4. Arkansas; Time 7:52.5.

Four Mile Relay

Won by Kansas (Dick Wilson, Lloyd Koby, Art Dalzell, Wes Santee); 2. Texas A&M; 3. Missouri; 4. Arkansas; Time 17:38.5.

Distance Medley

Won by Oklahoma (Derald Smith, Dick Woods, Warren Rouse, Bruce Drummond); 2. Texas A&M; 3. Arkansas; 4. Missouri; Time 10:26.7.

Sprint Medley

Won by Kansas (Don Smith, Frank Cindrich, Dick McGlinn, Wes Santee); 2. Iowa; 3. Missouri; (only three teams entered). Time 3:26.

College Class

Half Mile Relay

Won by Abilene Christian (Mack Clark, Buddy Garner, Don Smith, George Adrian); 2. Pittsburg (Kan.) State; 3. Howard Payne; 4. William Jewell. Time 1:29.3.

Mile Relay

Won by Abilene Christian (Mack Clark, Don Conder, Buddy Garner, George Adrian); 2. Pittsburg State; 3. Oklahoma Baptist; 4. Emporia State. Time 3:22.9.

Two Mile Relay

Won by San Diego State (Don Yaman, Tom Surak, Bennie Wilson, Don Balsely); 2. Loyola of Chicago; 3. North Texas State; 4. Howard Payne. Time 7:55.2.

Sprint Medley

Won by North Texas State (Walter Lindsay, Dale Imel, Fred Rodriguez, Paul Patterson); 2. Pittsburg State; 3. Fort Hays State; 4. Nebraska Wesleyan. Time 3:36.

Distance Medley

Won by Loyola (Vern Ellers, Bill Koehler, Bob Majeske, Bob Kelly); 2. San Diego; 3. North Texas State; 4. Compton. Time 10:29.9

Invitation Sprint Medley

Won by Ottawa (Bill Young, Bob Wheaton, Bill Butterworth, Gib Jurenka); 2. Kansas Wesleyan; 3. McPherson; 4. Drury. Time 3:41.0.

Junior College Sprint Medley

Won by Wright (Chicago) (James Nesbit, George Pinderski, Laurence Johnson, Don Santi); 2. Wentworth; 3. Highland (Kan.); 4. Independence. Time 3:41.

High School Class

Kansas High School Mile Relay

Won by Pittsburg (Kerley, Larry Stroup, Louis Stroup, Anderson); 2. Sumner; 3. Shawnee-Mission; 4. Hoisington. Time 3:32.0. Kansas City High School 880 Relay

Won by Southwest; 2. East; 3. Paseo; 4, Southeast. Time 1:32.6.

Individual Events

100 vd Dash

Won by Thane Baker, Kansas State; 2. Gene Buie, Pittsburg State; 3. Paul Wells, Oklahoma A&M; 4. Charles Thomas, Texas. Time :10.0.

120 yd. High Hurdles

Won by Bill Riberstein, Kansas; 2. Wendell Cole, Nebraska; 3. Bill Rigney, Loyola, Chicago; 4. Mike Reese, Drake. Time :15.3.

Won by Arnold Betton, Drake, 6'61/2"; 2-3-4-5. Bob Whiddon, Oklahoma; Kermit Hollingsworth, Kansas, Les Vanover, Abilene Christian; Phil Heidelk, Nebraska; and Bob Billings, Texas, 6'2".

Broad Jump

Won by John Bennett, Marquette, 25'4"; 2. Bobby Ragsdale, Texas A&M, 25'1/2"; 3. Neville Price, Oklahoma, 24'934"; 4. Veryl Switzer, Kansas State, 24'71/4".

Pole Vault

Won by Malcolm Marks, Texas A&M, 13'83'4"; 2-3. Tie, Glenn Spradlin, Texas A&M and Norman Steanson, Kansas, 13'23/4"; 4. John Wilkin, Iowa State; Paul Erickson, Bradley; Frank Dickey, Missouri; 12'834".

Won by Darrow Hooper, Texas A&M, 55'3½"; 2. Ronald Salmons, Missouri, 49'10¼"; 3. Dan Pratt, Texas A&M, 49'4¾"; 4. Bobby Gross, Texas A&M, 49'4".

Won by Darrow Hooper, Texas A&M, 163'21/8"; 2. Cliff Dale, Nebraska, 147'11/2"; 3. Bobby Gross, Texas A&M, 146'534"; 4. Jim Robertson, Iowa State, 143'111/8".

Won by Wes Ritchey, Texas Christian, 189'6%"; 2. Pete Mayeaux, Texas A&M, 187'8¾"; 3. Jim Swim, Kansas, 183'11½"; 4. Ray Tripp, Pittsburg State, 178'5 1/2".

Special Events

Won by Bruce Drummond, Oklahoma; 2. Dick Ferguson, Iowa; 3. Sture Landqvist, Oklahoma A&M unattached; 4. Ted Baars, Marquette. Time 4:15.1.

400 Meter Hurdle

Won by Bill Williams, Oklahoma A&M: 2. Marion Shanchez, Chaffey Junior College; 3. Adolph Mueller, Kansas; 4. Dick Fowler, Iowa. Time:54.6.

3000 Meter Steeplechase

Won by Dick Ferguson, Iowa; 2. Henri Geller, Oklahoma A&M; 3. Lyn Kirkmeyer, unattached. (Only three entered). Time

Kansas dominated its first Relays in Me-

morial stadium, sweeping the 440 and 880

yard relays, finishing second in the mile ba-

ton event and third in the two-mile. Merwin

Graham and Tom Poor chipped in with indi-

vidual victories for the Jayhawkers, Graham bagging the broad jump at 22'11/2" and Poor

skimming over 6'1/4" in the high jump. Er-

win of Kansas State won his first of two 100-

yard dash crowns in :10.1 on a sloppy track

while McKown, Emporia Teachers' great pole

vaulter, was gathering the first of his three straight titles at 12'9". Illinois Angier, Amer-

ican record holder in the javelin, bagged his

specialty with a cast of 193'5". Frazier, Bay-

lor's National AAU hurdles king, finished

fourth in the 120-yard highs, which Craw-

ford of Iowa took in :15.5. Almost every

event was run in a steady rain.

Hop, Step & Jump

Won by Glenn Beerline, Nebraska, 48'434" (record disallowed because of wind); 2. Very Switzer, Kansas State, 44'101/2"; 3. Jim Kent, Iowa State, 43'7¾"; 4. Mickey Wilborn, Oklahoma A&M, 43'½". 400 Meter Run

52.5

52.7 52.9

53.3 54.4

55.0

55.1

16.3

16.4

118'1¾" 115'8¾" 110'9"

109'0"

106'81/3"

104'10¹/₄" 104'1¹/₂" 94'4¹/₂"

11'31/4"

11'31/4"

10'3"

9'81/2"

168'11 34"

155'4%"

147′5¼′ 145′¼″

134'61/4"

133'2 %

127'6½" 122'10¼"

4:46.1

4:48.6

4:50.9

4:52.8

4:59.2

6. Huntsman, Kanehl, Provose scratched

9. Philbee scratched after 5 events

525

465

593 540

523 428

346 228

519

501

450

432

419

548

488

371

371

310

310

480

436

423

339

345 327

313

262

1. Mashburn

2. Philbee

Smith

. Pryor

Stevens

Maijala

Kanehl

9. Huntsman

1. Mashburn

2. Maijala

3. Stevens

4. Smith

5. Prvor

6. Kanehl

7. Provose

8. Huntsman

1. Huntsman

4. Mashburn

5. Maijala

6. Kanehl

7. Provose

8. Stevens

Pole Vault

1. Kanehl

3. Prvor

4. Maijala

6. Provose

7. Stevens

Javelin

1. Majjala

3. Stevens

5. Kanehl

7. Smith

8. Provose

1. Maijala

3. Pryor

4. Smith

5. Stevens

2. Mashburn

1500 Meter Run

4. Huntsman

6. Mashburn

2. Pryor

2. Mashburn

5. Huntsman

3. Smith

110 Meter Hurdles

8. Provose

Decathlon Summary

Final Standing
1. J. W. Mashburn, Oklahoma6066
2. Russell Smith, Anderson, Ind. (unat.) 5252
3. Dean Pryor, Arkansas5191
4. Douglas Maijala, Riverside, Cal. Jr Col 5132
5. Lester Stevens, Iowa (unat.)5046

100 Yard Dash		
	Time or Distance	Pts.
1. Mashburn	10.8	986
2. Philbee	11.0	908
3. Stevens	11.6	706
4. Pryor	11.8	650
5. Smith	11.8	650
6. Huntsman	12.1	574
7. Provose	12.2	550
8. Kanehl	12.3	527
9. Maijala	12.4	505
Broad Jump	22′5″	734
1. Smith		645
2. Pryor	21'4¾"	629
3. Stevens	21′2½″	590
4. Kanehl	20′8½″	582
5. Mashburn	20'7 1/4"	577
6. Huntsman	20'6½"	
7. Maijala	19'11"	530
8. Philbee	19'11"	530
9. Provose	18'11 34"	461
16-pound Shot		
1. Huntsman	44'41/4"	721
2. Kanehl	37′11½″	544
3. Smith	35′8″	489
4. Pryor	35'71/2"	488
5. Mashburn	35'41/4"	481
6. Provose	33′5¾″	436
7. Maijala	33'1 3/4"	428
8. Philbee	31'101/2"	400
9. Stevens	31'43/4"	390
High Jump		
1. Smith	6'1/2"	819
2. Stevens	5'1134"	794
3. Maijala	5'11 34"	794
4. Kanehl	5'9 3/8"	722
5. Huntsman	5'71/2"	667
6. Mashburn	5'71/2"	667
7. Philbee	5'51/2"	615
	5'2½"	536
8. Pryor 9. Provose	4'111/4"	464
9. Provose	T 11/4	101

Kansas Relays Highlights

Little Occidental college came out of California to make one of the most wholesale sweeps in Kansas Relays history. Coach Joe Pipal's gang slammed all four baton events in the college class, the 880, mile, two mile and medley and invaded the University division for a triumph in the quartermile.

All four of its wins in the college class went for records, snapping marks made in the first relays in 1923. The Californians toured the half in 1:31.5, the mile in 3:23.3, the two mile in 8:12.0 and the medley in

This Relays was one of the most eventful on record. Kansas and Illinois smashed world records in the 440 and 880 yard relays, McKown of Emporia Teachers pole vaulted to a new intercollegiate record of 13'2%" and Schwarze of Wisconsin fired the shot 49'101/8" to erect a Relays mark which was to stand for eight years.

The Jayhawker quarter mile quartet of George Powers, Timluke Wongwai, Howard Rooney and Ray Fisher hung up: 42-flat for their effort. Illinois blazed a 1:27 with Schoch, Yarnell, Hughes and Evans.

The remainder of the University baton marks went by the boards also. Grinnell shattered the mile at 3:20.4, Iowa State became the first team to dip below 8 minutes in the two mile at 7:56.2; and Oregon State lowered the four mile standard to 18:07.8.

Ed Weir, Nebraska track and football great smashed the 120-yard high hurdles mark with a :15-flat performance. Crawford of Iowa had won the first two meets in :15.5.

Another Cornhusker, Roland Locke, equalled the 100-yard dash mark in :10-flat.

Big John Kuck, the Wilson, Kansas, behemoth, and Roland Locke, Nebraska's famed sprinter, shared honors at the fourth Relays. The massive Emporia Teachers weightman won the shot at 49'2½" and set a javelin mark that survived for 11 years with a heave of 206'6¼". Kuck, who was coached by Bill Hargiss, later K.U. track and football tutor, went on to win the shot put at the 1928 Olympic with a pitch over 52 feet.

Locke equalled the world's record for the 100 yard dash with a steaming :09.6, but it was disallowed because of the wind.

Frank Potts, present Colorado track coach, then an Oklahoma pole vaulter, tied for first in that event with Wirsig of Nebraska and Carter of Kansas State at 12'11%".

Occidental ran off with the half mile and mile titles in the college class relays.

Notre Dame equalled the world's record for the quarter-mile relay with a blazing :41.6. This stood as a Kansas Relays mark for three years. Iowa took the half mile baton event in 1:28.3 when Kansas, which finished in front, was disqualified. The Hawkeyes also won the mile in 3:20.1, a tenth of a second off the record they had set the previous season.

Whitlock came all the way from Oregon State to win the javelin throw but his distance of 190'3" was the lowest on record up to that time

lack Elder, Notre Dame's famous halfback, won the 100 yard dash in :10.-flat.

Kansas won the quartermile relay in :42. and Missouri broke through for its first baton triumph by waltzing a 8:03 triumph in the two mile event. Oklahoma won the newly inaugurated distance medley in 10:37.2.

Howell of the Sooners set a new discus record with a fling of 141'9". Tom Churchill, also of O.U., won the first Relays decathlon with a total of 7384.85.

Tom Churchill, Cklahoma's great all-round athlete, returned to snare his second successive decathlon crown, defeating the talented Oneida, Wilson "Buster" Charles of Haskell by 24 points on a score of 7422. Charles led until the last event in an afternoon of heavy rain.

Despite the downpour two records went down. George Otterness of Minnesota and Tom Warne, Northwestern, climbed over 13'43/4" to share the pole vault title while Beattie of Colorado Aggies was breaking Howell's discus standard at 146'91/2".

Jack Elder, who was destined to beat Army the following fall with his storied interception of a Chris Cagle pass, won his second 100 yard dash medal in :09.8.

Leas of Indiana whipped K.U.'s distance star, Poco Frazier, in the 3000 meters after trailing the Jayhawker until the final 220 vards.

1930

Cy Leland, Texas Christian's most famous speed king, smoked to a Kansas Relays record of :09.4 in the 100 yard dash, whipping such noted figures as Claude Bracey of Rice and Michigan's Eddie Tolan, in that order. This record still stands on the Kansas Relays

Tolan, who later won the 100 and 200 meters for the United States in the 1932 Olympics, anchored the Wolverines to a win in the

880 yard relay at 1:26.7, a tenth of a second above the record. His teammates were Seymour, Smith and Campbell.

Illinois set a new Relays record of :41-flat in the quartermile relay, a figure which also tied the world mark for that distance. Useman, Dickenson, Cave and Paterson were the Illini runners.

Indiana snapped the four mile record at 18:03.4 with Brocksmith, Kemp, Leas, and Clophorn while Marquette was establishing a new standard for the distance medley at 10:-28.7 with Moyan, Sweeney, P. Walter and J. Walter.

Lee Sentman, lean Lurdler from Illinois, won his second 120 yard high hurdles crown the first man to accomplish the feat since Crawford's opening two victories. Hugh Rhea, Nebraska tackle, bested a field of other renowned footballers in the shot put at 48'6". K.U.'s Jim Bausch was second and Clarence Munn of Minnesota fourth.

The discus record was fractured for the third consecutive year when Kansas' Mutt Thornhill unfurled a throw of 153'71/4". Shaw of Wisconsin set a new ceiling of 6'-63/10" on the high jump while Buster Charles was hanging up a new mark of 7543 in winning the decathlon.

Six records went by the boards in one of the top Kansas carnivals of all-time. Jim Bausch, Kansas' brawny gridder-track performer, led the parade when he set a new Relays and American mark in the decathlon at 7846, surpassing the old record set by Ken Doherty in 1929.

Lee Sentman won his third 120-yard high hurdles championship for Illinois to become the first man in the history of the Mt. Oread Games to turn the trick. He beat such talented performers as Iowa State's Bob Hager and George Saling of Iowa in skimming home in :14.6. Saling won the Olympic title in the 110 meter highs the following year.

Ed Gordon, Iowa's great Negro broad jumper, established a mark still on the books with a leap of 25'43%". He also won an Olympic laurel wreath the following sea-

son.

Illinois set a four mile relay standard that stood at 17:37.8 for 12 years.

Kansas set a new record for the 880 yard baton whirl at 1:26.5, clipping a tenth of a second off Nebraska's 1926 time. Clyde Coffman, another of the Jayhawkers fine allaround stars, interrupted his efforts in the pole vault to run the first leg of this race as well as the 440 relay. He then tied for first in the bamboo event with Lennington of Illinois at 13'6".

His teammates were Ralph Sickel, George Jones and Joe Klaner for the short race; Sickel, Bernie Gridley and Klaner for the record breaker.

Swift of Washington State won the 100 yard dash beating such top-flighters as Peyton Glass, Oklahoma A. & M., Sickel and Lee of Nebraska.

Frank Purma, an Ellsworth, Kansas, boy, won the discus throw for Illinois at 139'61/2" Glenn Dawson of Oklahoma won the 3000 meters at 8:53.5.

The crowd observed a minute of silence for Knute Rockne, killed in a plane crash near Emporia just the month before the relays. The great Notre Dame coach had refereed the 1925

Dr. Garfield Weede's Pittsburg Teachers ran off with most of the honors in the tenth Relays, sweeping every one of the four college class relay events. The Gorillas won the 880 in 1:28.7, the mile in 3:23.9, the two mile in 8:07.4, and the distance medley 10:43.5.

Thompton of Minnesota boiled to a :09.7 win in the century whipping Joe Klaner, of Kansas, who finished second. Iowa's George Saling clipped another Jayhawker, Ray Flick, in the 120 yard high hurdles in :14.7.

K.U.'s Glenn Cunningham won the first 1500 meters easily in 4:02.5. Brocksmith of Indiana, who was supposed to run against Glenn, dropped out to save himself for relay

Jayhawker Mutt Thornhill returned as discus king on a pitch of 139'61/4".

Rain kept all records safe.

Four new relay records were hoisted in the eleventh Mt. Oread Olympics. Minnesota's foursome of Kilborn, LaRogue, Koblauch and Scheifley won the 480 yard shuttle hurdles in

Indiana set a splendid mark of 3:17.2 in the mile with Caroll, Christiansen, Kennicott and Hellmich while Kansas State was re-writing the distance medley in 10:27.4 with Costello, Darnell, McNeal, and Landon.

Pittsburg Teachers established a new college mile relay mark which stood at 3:17.3 for 13 years. Emporia Teachers snapped the old two mile college standard at 7:50.5.

K.U.'s Ed Hall bested Peyton Glass of Oklahoma Aggies in the 100 yard dash at :10flat. The Javhawkers' Glenn Cunningham registered his second 1500 meters win, beating Oklahoma's Glenn Dawson in 3:53.7.

Kansas State's crack hurdling corps of Doug Russell, Oren Stoner, Larry Schmutz and Joe Knappenberger set a new world's record in the 480-yard shuttle timbers to feature the twelfth Kansas Relays. Their time was 1:01.7.

B. M. Erwin, hefty Texas Aggie weightman, smashed a nine-year-old standard in the shot put with a toss of 50'3½" to erase John Kuck's old mark of 49'2½" set in 1926. Kansas' Elwyn Dees, who bagged the NCAA title the next year, was only an inch and a half behind. Erwin also won the discus throw

Glenn Cunningham downed his most persistent rival, Penn's Gene Venzke, by 20 vards with a fine 4:12.7 performance in the special mile run. Ray Sears, Butler's NCAA two-mile king, grabbed the 1500 meters in

Sam Allen, Oklahoma Baptist's brilliant hurdler, won his first of three 120-yard Relays timber crown in :14.6, equalling the record established by Illinois' Lee Sentman and Iowa's George Saling.

Duward Crooms, Emporia Teachers Negro

halfback, upset KU's Ed Hall, in the 100 yard dash with a .09.8 performance.

Eight records went by the board in this Relays to make it one of the best in the history of the Javhawker Games.

Iowa showed the way by snapping meet marks in the 440 and 880 yard relays in :40.5 and 1:25.2, respectively. Both performances also bettered world's record, the quarter by three-tenths of a second, the half by sixtenths. Both still are on the Kansas Relays books. The same foursome wrote both of the marks-Dooley, Briggs, Nelson and Owen. Nelson anchored the 880 team instead of running the No. 3 spot.

Texas and Kansas State also set records which stood up for 12 years, the Longhorns galloping home in 3:16.1 for the mile and the Wildcats notching 7:45.7 for the two mile. Texas' quartet was Austin, Gruneisen, Edwards and Harvey Wallender. State's foursome featured Nixon, Eberhardt, Dill and O'Reilly.