

1954 Kansas Relays Summary

University Class

Quarter Mile Relay

Won by Texas (Dean Smith, Jerry Prewit, Al Frieden, Charles Thomas); 2. Houston (Doyle Jones, Dan Boone, Kirby Jett, Larry McBride); 3. Baylor (Bob Herod, Guayford Donaldson, Ray Vickery, Clyde Hart); 4. Minnesota (Burie Carmichael, John Trantman, Neil Hofland, Harry Nash). Time :40.3.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old record—:40.5, Iowa (Andrew Dooley, Wilson Briggs, Carl Nelson, Jim Owen) 1935. This time also is below World, American and Intercollegiate record of :40.5 by USC (Leland La Fond, William Anderson, Payton Jordan, Adrian Talley) Fresno, California, May 14, 1938.

Half Mile Relay

Won by Texas (Dean Smith, Jerry Prewit, Al Frieden, Charles Thomas); 2. Houston (Larry McBride, Charles Petkovsek, Doyle Jones, Kirby Jett); 3. Baylor (Bob Herod, Guayford Donaldson, Ray Vickery, Clyde

Harp); 4. Missouri (Barney Ebsworth, Tom Albert, Bob Massengale, Adam Fischer). Time 1:25.5.

Mile Relay

Won by Southern Methodist (Ad Bartek, Al Bartek, David Weaver, Don Morton); 2. Iowa (Les Stevens, Ira Dunsworth, LeRoy Ebert, Stan Levinson); 3. Missouri (Bob Massengale, Adam Fischer, Bill Campbell, Tom Albert); 4. Texas A&M (Gerald Stull, Carrol Libby, Frank Norris, Wallace Kleb. Time 3:15.8.

Two Mile Relay

Won by Oklahoma A&M (Fred Ashmore, Fred Eckhoff, Sture Lundqvist, Bill Heard); 2. Texas (Hulen Hale, Don Neighbors, Tom Rogers, Richard Foerster); 3. Oklahoma (Dick Woods, George Gilmour, Dick Shunatona, Don Reed); 4. Missouri (Morris McQuinn, Duane Kelley, Ken Hirshy, Harold Beard) Time 7:42.1.

Four Mile Relay

Won by Kansas (Al Frame, Dick Wilson, Lloyd Koby, Art Dalzell); 2. Texas A&M (William Cocke, Verlon Westmoreland, Dale DeRouen, Jim Blaine); 3. Missouri (Keith Bacon, Charles Williams, Lynn Romann, Ken Hirshey); 4. Oklahoma A&M (Ronald Appleman, Henri Geller, Melvin Moseley, Curtis Stover). Time 17:34.8.

Distance Medley

Won by Kansas (Frank Cindrich, Lloyd Koby, Art Dalzell, Wes Santee); 2. Missouri (Barney Ebsworth, Pete Beard, Lynn Romann, Jack Hodges); 3. Arkansas (Bill Diven, Reed Donnelly, Jim Tennison, Alan Eshbaugh); 4. Oklahoma A&M (Marion Muncrief, Charles Hollar, Ron Appleman, Henri Geller). Time 10:26.4.

Sprint Medley

Won by Southern Methodist (Don Morton, Ad Bartek, Tommy Armstrong, Dave Weaver):

2. Notre Dame (Dennis Malec, Jim Pitcavage, Al Pestrighella, Bill Squires); 3. Oklahoma A&M (Gene Firth, Jonny Surrell, Marion Muncrief, Fred Eckhoff); 4. Baylor (Ed Schroeder, Bill Womble, Bob Herod, Pasco Parker). Time 3:26.6.

College Class

Half Mile Relay

Won by Abilene Christian (Leondous Fry, Burl McCoy, Don Conder, George Adrian); 2. Compton College (Fred Schermerhorn, Art Outerbridge, Lionel Daniel, Fred Miller); 3. Louisiana Tech (Bill Leonir, Gene Jentz, John McMichael, Russell Rainbolt); 4. Pittsburg State (Gene Smith, Oliver Estes, Dave Suenram, Jim Buchanan). Time 1:26.8.

Mile Relay

Won by Abilene Christian (George Adrian, Burl McCoy, Don Conder, Leon Lepard); 2. Compton (Maynard Gentry, Lionel Daniels, Art Outerbridge, Fred Schermerhorn); 3. Emporia State (Don Blow, Clair Hutchinson, Dick Bliss, Henry Thompson); 4. Southwestern (Al Lundeen, Galen Palmer, Jim Poovey, Ellis Steele). Time 3:16.2.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old record—3:16.8 by Abilene Christian (S. S. Terry, Bob Beaty, Pete Ragus, Leon Lepard) 1950.

Two Mile Relay

Won by North Texas State (Walter Abbey, Vic Rodriguez, Dale Imel, Paul Patterson); 2. Howard Payne (Allen Tipp, Berna Allen, Earl Nexes, Dan Owens); 3. South Dakota State (Don McCaskell, Arlin Patrick, Jack Pearson, Russell Nash); 4. Oklahoma Baptist (Jim Gaddy, Burch Oglesvy, Logan Wright, Bill Miller); 5. Fort Hayes (Don Dwyer, Rex Moore, Charles Owens, Frank Rose). Time 7:49.3.

Sprint Medley

Won by North Texas State (W. L. Clancy, Dean Renfro, Boyd Dollar, Paul Patterson); 2. Emporia State (Henry Thompson, Don LeVieuz, R. L. Coberly, Dick Bliss); 3. Compton College (Lafayette Beamon, Lionel Daniel, Fred Miller, Fred Schermerhorn); 4. Pittsburg State (David Suenram, Gene Smyth, Jim Buchanan, Lee Crawford). Time 3:32.8.

Distance Medley

Won by South Dakota State (Don McCaskill, Arlin Patrick, Jack Pearson, Russ Nash); 2. Compton (Maynard Gentry, Jerry Thompson, Don Capps, Art Andrew); 3. Howard Payne (Alen Tipps, Dan Owens, Earl Neeves, Berna Allen); 4. Pittsburg State (Oliver Estes, Ben Wheat, Joe Underwood, Andy Hornbaker). Time 10:42.9.

Invitation Sprint Medley

Won by College of Emporia (Willie Gaines, Norman Smith, Harold Strader, Gary Rogers); 2. Kansas Wesleyan; 3. Bethel; 4. William Jewell. Time 3:40.0.

Junior College Sprint Medley

Won by Hutchinson (Don Walters, Bill Rewsey, Duane Zeiger, Marion Valdois); 2. Wright; 3. Wentworth; 4. Garden City. Time 3:39.9.

High School Class

Kansas High School Mile Relay

Won by Wichita East (Chuck Bonwell, Buddy Hardwick, Bob McDowell, Gene Ekiss); 2. Shawnee Mission; 3. Rosedale; 4. Highland Park. Time 3:29.5.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old record—3:31.4 by Wichita East (Dunlap, Valadoz, Roper, Peters), 1949.

Kansas City High School 880 Relay

Won by Southwest (Bob Nickel, Ted Hoppe, Bob Wallis, Mick McHugh); 2. East; 3. Southeast; 4. Northeast. Time 1:30.5.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old Record—1:31.0 Southwest (Danneberg, Leonard, Nearing, Schutzel) 1946.

Individual Events

100 yard dash

Won by Dean Smith, Texas; 2. Alvin Frieden, Texas; 3. Charlie Thomas, Texas; 4. Kirby Jett, Houston. Time :9.6.

120 yard high hurdles

Won by Bill Curtis, Texas Christian; 2. Bill Biberstein, Kansas; 3. Ronnie Pruitt, Houston; 4. Arnold Hudson, SMU. Time :14.6.

High Jump

Tie, Leon Wells, Kansas and Bob Billings, Texas, 6'6¼"; 3-4 Bernard Allard, Notre Dame and Jack Razzeto, San Diego State and Marion Hudson, Dana, 6'4¾".

Broad Jump

Won by Neville Price, Oklahoma, 24'9½"; 2. John Bennett, Marquette, 24'6¼"; 3. Earl Smith, Iowa, 23'10"; 4. Bob Smith, Kansas, 23'9½".

Pole Vault

Won by Fred Barnes, Fresno State, 14'; 2, 3, and 4. Nick Piper, Iowa, Frank Dickey, Missouri, Jim Harrington, Notre Dame, Joe Springer, Notre Dame, 13'1¼".

Shot Put

Won by Gordon Holz, Minnesota, 51'5"; 2. Bobby Gross, Texas A&M, 51'¾"; 3. Bill Nieder, Kansas, 50'7"; 4. Ken Reiners, Nebraska, 50'2¼".

Discus Throw

Won by Robert Van Dee, Oklahoma, 153'9¼"; 2. Bobby Gross, Texas A&M, 152'2¼"; 3. Jerry Helgeson, Minnesota, 150'3½"; 4. Bob Thamm, Drake, 147'¾".

Javelin Throw

Won by Don Sneeegas, Kansas, 196'9¾"; 2. Marion Hudson, Dana, 192'5 1/16"; 3. Pete Mayeaux, Texas A&M, 191'8 1/16"; 4. Wes Ritchey, TCU, 191'1".

Special Events

Glenn Cunningham Mile

Won by Wes Santee, Kansas; 2. Bjorn Bogerud, Oklahoma A&M; 3. Bruce Drummond, Oklahoma; 4. Ray McConnell, Drake. Time 4:03.1.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old record—4:10.1, Blaine Reidmont, North Texas State, 1940 and Don Gehrman, Wisconsin, 1949.

400 Meter Hurdles

Won by Jay Chance, Oklahoma Baptist; 2. Bob Miller, Drake; 3. Ray Russell, Kansas State; 4. Jerry Mills, Drake. Time :53.9.

3000 Meter Steeplechase

Won by Rich Ferguson, Iowa; 2. Bruce Drummond, Oklahoma; 3. Eugene Hart, Iowa State; 4. Tom Rupp, Kansas. Time 9:20.4.

New Kansas Relays Record. Old record—9:27.0 Tom Deckard, Indiana, 1937.

Hop, Step & Jump

Won by Erwin Cook, Oklahoma, 46'8½"; 2. Roy Vallery, Louisiana Tech, 45'7"; 3. Glenn Beerline, Unattached (Fort Hood), 45'6"; 4. Quannah Cox, Oklahoma, 44'8¾".

Decathlon Summary

Final Standings

1. Jim Podoley, Central Michigan6128*
2. Roger Ruth, Emporia State K-Club ..5460
3. Bob Kemp, Beloit5258
4. Neil Moore, Dana4881
5. John Wilkinson, Fort Sill4574

100 Meter Run

	Time or Distance	Pts.
Podoley	10.5	1125
Ruth	10.9	946
Wilkinson	11.0	908
Moore	11.1	871
Kemp	11.4	767

Broad Jump

Podoley	23'4½"	825
Ruth	23'4"	821
Wilkinson	20'5"	567
Kemp	20'2½"	550
Moore	18'6"	428

Shot Put

Kemp	41'4½"	636
Wilkinson	39'9"	591
Podoley	38'11"	569
Ruth	37"	521
Moore	34'9"	467

High Jump

Podoley	6'1"	832
Wilkinson	6'0"	794
Kemp	5'10"	734
Ruth	5'10"	734
Moore	5'4¾"	585

400 Meter Run

Podoley	51.9	709
Moore	53.8	594
Ruth	55.0	530
Wilkinson	55.8	490
Kemp	57.1	428

110 Meter High Hurdles

Podoley	15.9	612
Moore	16.5	506
Wilkinson	16.9	443
Ruth	17.8	320
Kemp	18.0	294

Discus Throw

Kemp	126'2¾"	583
Wilkinson	114'5¾"	492
Ruth	103'1"	407
Podoley	101'6¼"	397
Moore	85'1"	288

Pole Vault

Ruth	13'0"	725
Podoley	12'6"	650
Kemp	12'3½"	615
Moore	10'3"	371
Wilkinson—pulled leg muscle	9'6"	289

Javelin Throw

Kemp	153'2¼"	468
Moore	150'4"	452
Ruth	148'5¾"	442
Podoley	139'2"	395
Wilkinson scratched	after 8 events	

1500 Meter Run

Moore	4:51.9	319
Kemp	5:13.0	183
Podoley	5:45.9	14
Ruth	5:46.0	14

*New Kansas Relays Record. Old record by J. W. Mashburn, Oklahoma, 6066 pts., 1953.

Kansas Relays Highlights

1923

Kansas dominated its first Relays in Memorial stadium, sweeping the 440 and 880 yard relays, finishing second in the mile baton event and third in the two-mile. Merwin Graham and Tom Poor chipped in with individual victories for the Jayhawkers, Graham bagging the broad jump at 22'1½" and Poor skimming over 6'¼" in the high jump. Erwin 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, American record holder in the javelin, bagged his specialty with a cast of 193'5". Frazier, Baylor's National AAU hurdles king, finished fourth in the 120-yard highs, which Crawford of Iowa took in :15.5. Almost every event was run in a steady rain.

1924

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 7:48.0.

1925

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 13'2¾" and Schwarze of Wisconsin fired the shot 49'10½" 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 to win the 880.

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.

1926

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 12'11¼".

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

1927

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.

1928

Jack 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.

1929

Tom Churchill, Oklahoma'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 13'4¾" to share the pole vault title while Beattie of Colorado Aggies was breaking Howell's discus standard at 146'9½".

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 yards.

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 books.

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 Claphorn 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 turdler 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 153'7¼". 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.

1931

Six records went by the boards in one of the top Kansas carnivals of all-time. Jim Bausch, Kansas' brawny griddy-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 25'4¾". He also won an Olympic laurel wreath the following season.

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 all-around 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-fighters as Peyton Glass, Oklahoma A. & M., Sickel and Lee of Nebraska.

Frank Purma, an Ellsworth, Kansas, boy, won the discus throw for Illinois at 139'6¼". 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 Relays.

1932

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 duty.