

ADDOCK GREAT TEST SPRINTER OF ALL TIME

THE GREATEST OF ALL SPRINTERS

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CHARLIE PADDOCK'S WORLD'S RECORD 100-YARD SPRINTING FEAT.

RECENT RECORD RACES BEYOND QUESTION

Adcock, a Perfect Running Machine, Trained Two Months Expressly for Record-Breaking Feats on University of California's Track, Which Is Best Running Course in This Country.

By Robert Edgren.

THE East always is incredulous about anything good that comes out of the West. New York, for instance, can't believe that it's possible to make a world's record anywhere but on Manhattan Island. Hence the "doubt" about Charles Paddock's two world sprinting records, said "doubt" having originated in New York, 3,000 miles away from where Paddock ran.

I happen to know Paddock rather well, and to know that he has been busy all through an unusually warm and sunny winter in Southern California improving his running form with the intention of trying to make now world sprinting records in what may be his last year of track competition.

Paddock is the fastest sprinter ever seen in spikes, according to no less an authority than Bernard J. (Bernie) Wefers. He has amazing natural speed. He won the Inter-Allied sprints, the National championship and an Olympic championship, always running very close to world record time, and all without a perfect sprinting form. Wefers told me last year that if Paddock perfected his form he would break all world records with ease. It seems he's doing it.

Paddock's magnificent 220-yard run in 29.45 seconds, two-fifths of a second faster than Wefers' record made a quarter of a century ago and three times equaled by other runners, may seem odd at a time that is considered early season in the East. But this is the athlete's best time for top-notch form in California. He has had two months of warm, dry weather—perfect training weather. It would be harder for him to reach record form later, with summer heat as a handicap.

Paddock also ran the 100 yards in record time, 9.55 seconds, equalling the mark reached by Drew, Kelly and Arthur Duff. As comment on the probable worth of the performance let me add that the University of California track, where the races were run in a dual meet between California and Southern California, is one of the best tracks in the country. It is a track that has been used for more than thirty years and that always has been well sheltered from all winds by a large grove of eucalyptus trees, as well as by hills and a high grandstand. It is the best sheltered track ever seen in this country. Many world records have been made on that track, including the 100-yard record of 9.55 seconds by Drew. The times at that track for many years, and are accustomed to timing championships as experienced as any in the country.

Paddock earned and will no doubt be credited with two of the best marks on the record books.

UNPRECEDENTED PERFORMANCE

If any support for Paddock's record claims was needed he furnished it himself the next week when he ran in a dual meet at Stanford University, winning the 100-yard dash in record time, 9.55 seconds, and winning the 220 in 29.45 seconds flat, a fifth of a second under the old record.

I consider this the most remarkable performance in any known long-distance athletic career. Competing myself on track and field for twenty-four years, I have known all of the great champions of the last quarter century and have seen many record-breaking performances.

But no champion has ever before run as consistently in record time as this boy from Pasadena. His form was remarkable enough for a champion to break a twenty-five-year-old record in the 220-yard dash and equal the world's figure in a 100-yard dash, but to repeat such a marvelous performance within a week is little short of a miracle. It marks Charlie Paddock as incomparably the greatest short distance runner the world has seen since stop watches were invented.

Perhaps the ancient Greeks produced his equal. For the Greeks held their Olympic Games at regular intervals for over a thousand years. Ancient Greeks were tall, blond men in ancient times, well proportioned, well trained athletes through generations after generation, and athletic competition was an important part of their daily life and considered necessary to the training of warriors for defense of the state against foreign invasion.

History tells of feats of strength, speed and endurance unequalled in modern times. Greek strength in carrying men of Iberian invasion crossed the mountains, about covering approximately 100 miles a day. When the Persian king was held by the Spartans at Thermopylae a messenger sent to Athens for help traveled so fast that the Greek tradition said he had been picked up and carried to the gates.

ORIGINAL MARATHON.

Taking something of a student's interest in ancient athletic performances, I visited the museums at Athens and the ancient athletic fields while competing in the Olympic Games of 1906. In the Greek Museum on the Acropolis there was a section devoted to remains from the battlefield at Marathon. It was the Plain of Marathon that the defeated anavahid Persian with tremendous slaughter, the Persians into the sea and their ships. The Greek loss

was comparatively small—a few hundred men. Marathon is famous because of the tradition of the Greek messenger who ran back to Athens with the news of victory and fell dead in the market place after delivering his message.

The modern Marathon race is run over the mountainous course supposed to have been covered by that ancient athlete.

After the battle the dead Greeks were buried on the Plain, and a mound of earth built over them. In the Museum are the skeletons of scores of Greek fighting men—all trained athletes.

The tremendous blows struck by ancient fighters with sword and axe are evidenced by scores of arm and hand bones topped off with a single stroke as cleanly as if cut by a surgeon's saw. Most interesting were two complete skeletons, articulated and lying beside each other in a glass case. They were of men above six feet six inches in height, and the large protruberance of bone where tendons were attached show that they must have been muscled like Hercules himself.

Charlie Paddock is a small man compared with these ancients, but he is built for speed. Like all successful sprinters Paddock is very sturdy. He is of moderate height, but deep chested, broad shouldered, with good arms, a strong neck and exceptionally thick and muscular legs. He lives in Pasadena, studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, goes back and forth between the two cities in a car that he always drives himself, and spends just about the average amount of time in athletic training. He is a bundle of nerves, always smiling pleasantly, follows always in good humor, yet under the surface he is always at high tension before a race, even while in training.

He is no relative as a Frenchman, exuberant one moment and thoughtful the next. A "hunch" has him dancing all over the place. He broods in "hunches" in a car that he has bought for the last Olympics his trainer told me.

"It's all right, Charlie will win sure," he told his father, he has a "hunch" he'll win, and nothing in the world can beat him. When he ran against Kirkley last spring at Stanford he and a "hunch" he ought to go up a hill ahead of the team. I sent him. I knew if he didn't go he'd spend the day worrying over not following his "hunch," and he'd be on edge and might not run his best. He went when he wanted to, and ran a record race."

STARTS SLOWLY.

Whenever Paddock goes on the track he raps his knuckles against a piece of wood. Whether he does it to offset any possible hoodoo, or for a "hunch" word he steps to the starting line with a clear mind.

Buff Defends Flyweight Title Against Zulu Kid in Brooklyn Bout

Champion Will Meet Contender in Fifteen-Round Match at Arena Club.

By John Pollock.

Johnny Buff of Jersey City, who recently won the flyweight championship title of this country by knocking out Abe Goldstein in two rounds, will defend his title in a fifteen-round go with Young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn at the Brooklyn Arena, at Bedford and Atlantic Avenues, Brooklyn, to-night. Zulu Kid has fought Jimmie Wildie and many of the other good youngsters, and he will fight his hardest in order to get the verdict over Buff. In the other bouts K. O. Phil Kaplan vs. Frankie Ryan for ten rounds, and Hartling Kiddy and Leo Delaney and Charlie Price and Ned Kid Cowler battle in six-round contests.

The full card of bouts for the big boxing event to be staged at Madison Square Garden on May 2 by Tex Rickard is as follows: Midge Smith versus Dick Sharpe in the feature bout. Jerry Charles versus Sammy Sanger, Johnny Felt, the favorite champion, versus Ed O'Dowd, of Columbia, and Eddie O'Hare, the promising local light heavyweight, will meet Johnny Howard of Bayonne. All four bouts will be twelve round affairs.

Tris Paddock, former of St. Louis, who knocked out Young Howard in the first round at the Brooklyn Arena a few nights ago, will meet Vince Coffey, the named-as-State welterweight, in the feature bout of fifteen rounds at the Brooklyn Arena. Paddock is the favorite to win.

Tom O'Rourke is now the manager of Maxie Lerner, the light heavyweight champion of the A. A. U. O'Rourke is the manager of Lerner's former manager, and he has decided to join the professional ranks. O'Rourke expects to sign him up in a few days for his first professional bout.

Paul Rosenberg, the former amateur champion, and former St. Louis fighter, will meet Dan McManis in a twelve-round bout at the Brooklyn Arena, Atlantic and Bedford Avenues, Brooklyn, on Tuesday night.

In order to make sure that the Writings and Peter Harty will be in the ring to handle the fight between Dan McManis and Paul Rosenberg on Tuesday night, Matthews' Club House has made each of the men post a forfeit for their appearance and also at the required weight.

The officials of the Olympic Park A. A. of Long Beach, which staged its state championship bouts at the summer meet last year, will again hold a meet at the same place this year, the first meet to be held in the middle of May. The club is looking for the quota which the Olympic Park A. A. will receive for the 1924 Olympic Games.

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Novel Schoolboy Aquatic Meets Are Big Success

After the fourth series of dual swimming meets between the high schools of Greater New York to decide the Junior supremacy, Townsend Harris Hall and the High School of Commerce are tied for first place with six points each. Both schools had competed in three dual meets, winning all of them. DeWitt Clinton and Stuyvesant are tied for second honors, each having won two and lost one.

In the fourth meet held in the New York Athletic Club Pool, Stuyvesant defeated Evander Childs by a score of 47 to 15. Erasmus High lost to DeWitt Clinton by the score of 36 to 24. Townsend Harris Hall won by default from Manual Training High, who failed to appear.

Earl S. Hopping May Be Barred From Polo Match

With the international polo match in England less than two months away a question has come up involving the amateur status of Earl G. Hopping, who is included among the seven players from whom the team finally will be chosen.

Just at this time the matter is largely in the rumor stage and because of the ethics of the game not easily substantiated. But it has been represented that the Polo Association here the question of playing Hopping on the international team on the ground that he has been a breaker, handler and trainer of polo ponies.

Friends of Hopping resent any implication that his standards of play are affected by his lack of money which compels him to work. They insist that in addition to being a very good polo player he is an amateur and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

While no action has been announced, it is practically certain that Hopping will not be among the Big Four.

Americans Out on Polo Field Abroad. Copyright, 1921, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) LONDON, April 16.—Four members of the American polo team, which is in England for the international matches engaged to-day in practice at Sunbury. Weather conditions were bad, snow falling during the progress of play.

The players were Strawbridge and Fitzcheck on one side against C. C. Runcey and J. Watson Webb on the other. The last named made a big impression, although he was short of practice. Each player used four ponies and the trial was fought out with the strenuousness of an international match.

As to the rumor that an American player's amateur status has been called into question, The Evening World correspondent was unable to secure an authoritative statement.

ABOUT FISH AND FISHERMEN

By William E. Simmons.

HIGH WATER.

The Anglers' Club of New York will hold a fly casting tournament for members only on the big lake of Central Park next Wednesday afternoon. At the end of the month the club will make a two-days excursion up-State in quest of trout.

The late Russell Williams Woodward, who died in Elizabeth, N. J., recently, aged eighty, left a remarkable collection of fishing literature, including twenty editions of Isaac Walton's Complete Angler.

A dissatisfied angler who signs himself John D. Williams complains that New York commits an injustice in requiring a non-resident license of persons who do business in and pay an income tax to the State.

A brook trout twenty inches long and weighing three pounds and three-quarters was caught last Thursday near Carmel, N. Y., by Coleman S. Townsend, watershed patrolman. That was a fine fish, but better prizes were taken near Rome at the opening of the season. The Mohawk is said to have yielded up one or two six and seven pounders.

Flounders are biting in Oyster Bay, as well as in more contiguous waters. A father and son who went there last Saturday caught 152, the former 95 and the latter 56, so the old man was beaten by the boy.

The fresh water angler sometimes turns to salt water. More rarely the salt water angler turns to fresh. Robert Fridenberg, an inveterate salt water devotee, went with a party of friends yesterday for a three-day trout fishing trip in the upper part of the State.

A few blue-claw crabs were caught in Jamaica Bay this week. The fact is noteworthy because it is unusually early. Old Baymen consider it an augury of a good crab season. Last season very few blue-claws were caught. Crabs bury themselves in the mud to pass the winter. The extreme cold of winter before last is supposed to have frozen the crabs in the mud, hence their scarcity last summer.

According to the Rocky Mountain News more than 150,000 mountain trout were recently poisoned at the commercial hatchery of Andrew J. Hill, nine miles north of Denver, Col.

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