

94th IC4A Championships
May 31 - June 1, 1968
Franklin Field, Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia, Pa., May 31-June 1 (by Bob Hersh)--A brilliant mile race highlighted the 94th annual IC4A championships held, for the first time, on the Tartan track of Franklin Field. Dave Patrick's winning time of 3:56.8 was the fastest mile in the world this year and the best ever run in the east outdoors. It was also the fastest ever in an all-collegiate race.

Even more startling, though, was the mass finish which yielded the remarkable non-winning performances of Manhattan junior Brian Kivlan (3:57.4), Pitt soph Jerry Richey (3:58.4), Villanova junior Frank Murphy (3:58.6) and Fordham senior Jack Fath (3:59.5). It was the first occasion five collegians finished under four-minutes in one race. It was also the first race in which any five men ran their first outdoor four-minute mile. Each of the five lowered his personal record by more than four seconds (Patrick's indoor races excepted) Harvard's Jim Baker also reduced his best time to 4:00.2, which was 4.7 seconds under the meet record but not good enough to score.

Following the Villanova plan for the race, Charlie Messenger led for the first lap, Patrick the second and Murphy the third. Their attempt to set a 59, 2:00 and 3:01 pace was nearly perfectly executed, as the quarters were passed by the leaders in 58.9, 2:00.5 and 3:00.7. At the gun, it was every man for himself. Patrick closed in 55.4, pulling away from the field which had run as a bunch for the first three-quarters.

Erv Hall and Larry James ran eight and seven races respectively, including trials and finals, in the two-day meet to lead Villanova's team victory. Each won his specialty in outstanding time after performing creditably in other events. James dashed a 45.5 quarter 20 minutes after anchoring his team's 41.0 440-yard relay win. He later turned in a 45.9 anchor leg as Villanova's 3:09.1 defeated Rutgers (3:09.5) in the mile relay. Hall also assisted on the 440 relay, then beat Maryland junior Roland Merritt in a photo finish 9.5 100 before skimming the high hurdles in 13.5. James' quarter, incidentally, was the fastest ever run north of the Mason-Dixon line. He did it in the outside lane.

In the 880, the favored Byron Dyce, NYU's Jamaican junior, breezed past Ian Hamilton on the third turn and led a good field entering the homestretch. But he hadn't saved enough toward off the kick of Georgetown's Bob Zieminski, whose 1:48.3 broke Arnie Sowell's 13-year-old meet record. In fact, the only running event meet record which survived the switch to Tartan was Olympic champion Andy Stanfield's 20.6 furlong.

For the third time this spring, Boston U senior Dave Hemery lowered his English national record in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles by one-tenth with a 50.4 effort, he defeated last year's NCAA runner-up Andy Bell by eight-tenths. In other outstanding running competition, Terry Donnelly, a senior at William and Mary, took the steeplechase decisively in 8:46.2, Georgetown senior Steve Stageburg won the three-mile by a wide margin with a 13:32.6 after setting a brisk pace (4:22 8, 8:54.8) which left the opposition far back, and Maryland junior Roland Merritt (who ran a 9.4 in the semis of the 100 before losing to Hall in the finals) captured the 220 in 21.0 but apparently suffered a slight pull about 15 yards from the tape

The best field event performances came in the hammer throw, which Rhode Island's Bob Narcessian took with a 201'10" toss. Next came the personal best performance of Jim Kavanagh (199'7"), Charlie Ajootian (193'11") and soph Dick Narcessian (190'5"). Bob N. fouled on his first two throws, still took a fast three turns on his third and came very close to fouling again. He had only two fair throws in competition but his best, the fifth, was the winner

Vince Bizzarro, restored to the Villanova squad this past Monday by a team vote after having been dropped for missing a meet to get married, vaulted 16'4", one-half inch better than Rolando Cruz' meet record. In the absence of Yale's Cal Hill, who remained in New Haven writing a term paper, the horizontal jumps went to seniors Del Benjamin of Manhattan (24'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") and Ed Marks of Maryland (50'1") Rutgers' Elijah Miller continued his consistency by jumping 7-feet, which sufficed to edge Maryland's ex-NCAA champ Frank Costello (6'11").

For the ninth time in the last 12 years, Villanova carried home the team trophy. Scoring in every running event save the 220, they totaled 63 points, 20 more than Maryland. The team competition was actually decided before the runners stepped on the track. Any slim chances Maryland might have had disappeared in an early field event when their two javelin throwers lost to Villanova's Jim Shillow, who, like Narcessian, fouled on his first two throws. His third went 234'6", which held up as the winner.

As always, there were some notable absences from the meet due mainly to the proximity to college exam periods. The prominent no-shows, in addition to Hill, included Royce Shaw of Harvard, Art Dulong of Holy Cross, Amby Burfoot of Wesleyan and the Army and Navy teams, which scheduled their dual meet on Friday. No one absent was missed, however, as performances glittered.

Other highlights: 220t, Heats: I (wind ok)-1. Merritt 20.8. 440, 2. John Collins (H Cross) 46.5; 3. Mark Young (Yale) 46.8; 4. Pete Schuder (Rutgers) 46.8. 880, 2. Dyce 1:48.7, 3. Jack Endrikat (Prince) 1:48.8; 4. Craig Nation (Vill) 1:49.6, 5. Roger Holly (Pitt) 1:49.7; 6. Ian Hamilton (Vill) 1:50.0. Mile, 7. George Wisniewski (NYU) 4:03.6. 3Mile, 2. Ed Stenberg (Duke) 13:49.2; 3. Dave Starnes (Md) 13:50.6, 4. Ben Wilson (MIT) 13:50.6; 5. Dick Buerkle (Vill) 13:52.2, 6. Frank Shorter (Yale) 13:58.0; 7. Doug Hardin (Harv) 14:02.2. 3000mSt, 2. Jim Dare (Navy) 9:00.6; 3. Tom Donnelly (Vill) 9:00.8; 4. Des McCormack (Vill) 9:10.2; 5. Phil Peterson (Penn St) 9:10.4. 120HH (0.4 mph wind), 2. Jeff Howser (Duke) 14.0. Heats: I (wind ok)-1. Hall 13.9. Semis: I (wind ok)-1. Hall 13.9, II (wind ok)-1. Howser 13.9. 440IH, 3. John Hanley (Rutgers) 51.7; 4. Bill McGuire (Ford) 51.9; 5. Harold Nichter (Vill) 51.9. HJ, 3. Wayne Gustafson (Cornell) 6'10". PV, 2. Peter Chen (American U) 15'8". SP, George Allen (St John's) 57'½". DT, Richard Drescher (Md) 170'5". HT, 5. Ron Wilson (Harv) 186'8", 6. Rich Sherman (St John's) 181'6". MileR, Villanova 3:09.1 (Davis 48.7, Nichter 47.3, Prince 47.2, James 45.9), 2. Rutgers 3:09.5 (Schuder 45.9), 3. Yale 3:10.1 (Young 46.1). Other team scores: 3. Rutgers 18, 4. Harvard 15; 5. Boston C 14; 6. Yale and Georgetown 12; 8. Manhattan and Penn State 11, 10. Pittsburgh 10.