

# HUNDREYARDS IN NINE SECONDS

## Speedy Arthur Duffey Makes This Prediction for Sprinters.

Before many years have gone by we shall see the world's record for running 100 yards put to 9 seconds flat. Such is the prediction of Arthur Duffey, one of the greatest sprinters the world has ever seen, and the first man to be officially timed in 9 seconds. Up to a few years ago 9.4 seconds was considered the limit of human speed, and even when Duffey, at the Intercollegiate championship, established a record of 9.3 seconds, it was regarded as a freak performance that even Duffey himself would never again equal. But Duffey did equal it on several occasions, and since then one after another man has been timed in 9.3 seconds. Dan J. Kelly of Oregon.

There are many men now capable of reaching the 9.4-second mark, and the world is full of sprinters that can do even better when keyed up to their best place. In fact, a man must now be good for 9.4 seconds to stand a reasonable chance of winning a championship. With this in mind, it does not seem preposterous to predict that a speed record will be developed in this country who will take the world's figures at nine seconds flat. Duffey thinks that when this wonder arrives he will be found to be a man with a tall, rangy type, with a stride of ten feet without stretching himself. Some experts in sprinting even say that it will take a man at least six feet six inches in height to accomplish the task.

**LITTLE FELLOW MAY DO IT.**  
Yet the marvel may turn out to be a little fellow of some five feet seven inches, with a tremendous bound in his speedy limbs. It has been proven time and time again in athletics that the build of an athlete has nothing to do with his ability, except in weight throwing. Little fellows have frequently outwitted tall opponents with great strides, and 200-pound sprinters have run away from skinny bundles of nerves. Tommy Conner, the holder of the Olympic amateur record of 4 minutes 15.3 seconds, is a little, chunky built chap, while Charley Kilpatrick, the half-mile record holder, is tall and lanky.

Duffey himself is short and thick set, and yet he was the man to beat the old record set by B. J. Wefers and John Owens, both of whom are tall. Duffey was the greatest specialist that athletes ever saw. He could run 100 yards at a wonderful rate, but under or above that distance he was not exceptionally fast. He was a specialist in the 100-yard dash, and he was more consistently fast than any of whom there is record. For this reason, he was called "The 100-yard man" and he was the greatest sprinter America ever produced, for he was lightning fast all the way up to 400 yards.

**SPECIALIST WILL DO IT.**  
Owing to his success in concentrating his efforts entire on one distance Duffey believes that the man that does 9 seconds flat will be the same kind of a specialist. It is plain that this will be the case, for only by educating the muscles to do all they are capable of in 100 yards will the object be attained.

Only three men have ever attained even a claim of bettering 9.3 seconds. Duffey himself is one of these, for he justly says that he must have run close to 9.2 seconds to have had four watches catch him in 9.3 seconds. In such a race, however, he did register 9.3 seconds, and perhaps this is the only case where a man was caught in 9.3 seconds in such a race.

Back in 1880, Luther Carey, the famous Princeton flyer, was timed in 9.3 seconds, and he was regarded as a record for no one at that time believed it possible for a man to travel so fast. There were many things in connection with the trial that hurt the authenticity of the record, and it was simply considered a joke by the Amateur Athletic Union authorities. Then, again, Carey lost to John Owens Jr. the same year in 9.4 seconds.

Before the days that records were carefully looked into, George Seward, a Yankee professional, was credited with having run 100 yards in 9.4 seconds on the Hammondsmith road in England. This was way back in 1881. Englishmen say now that Seward must have been timed by the Bow Bell clock of Westminster Abbey.

**WILMER FIRST 10-SECOND MAN.**  
Few of the present day athletes realize the years it has taken to develop 9-second sprinters. Back in 1875, at the first amateur championships, F. C. Sargent of New York won the 100 in 10.6 seconds. The first man to run the distance in 10 seconds was W. C. Wilmer, who won the 100 in 10 seconds at the C. L. Montague made the same time in the same year, and there has been a slight improvement since then. The record of 10 seconds, which was held by Wilmer and Harward was the first of the college men.

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## OWEN HANGS UP 9.4 SECONDS.

By 1890 the craze of athletics had become acute, and there was tremendous enthusiasm throughout the country when John Owens Jr., of the Detroit Athletic Club, won the amateur championship at the American championships in 1890. Owens, the new world's record time of 9.4 seconds. It was in this race that Owens took the measure of Luther Carey, who was alleged to have done 9.3 seconds. Owens had been specially trained for the race by Mike Murphy, and when Owens ran a new 100-yard record, he was the first man to do it since Murphy's time as a trainer began. Since then Murphy has developed hundreds of sprinters and has become one of the great trainers of the era. In the championships of 1897, Wefers equaled Owens' performance, but the New York A. C. man had done it long before in ordinary races. In fact, in 1888, Wefers put the record at 9.4 seconds.

The record stood at 9.4 seconds until 1902 when Arthur Duffey started the world by running the distance in 9.3 seconds at the Intercollegiate championships. Then Duffey went to England and was again given credit for this remarkable time. Duffey set the record with the A. C. T. and his great personal record has been removed from the official record book. Dan Kelly has therefore become the official holder of the 9.3-second record.

## MANAGEMENT OF RACES HAS BEEN DECIDED.

The question as to the management and the future of the forthcoming Ormond-Beach races has been decided. The Automobile Club of America directors voted to join hands with the Florida East Coast Automobile association in the promotion and management of the Sixth Annual meet, which has been scheduled to take place in March. The meet is to be held on the fast course in Florida East Coast, which has been built by the Florida East Coast Automobile association, which built a club house at Daytona and which means have been productive of recording world's records from one to two hundred miles. The Florida East Coast Automobile association is an international in character than formerly, the F. E. C. A. desired to secure the co-operation of some powerful motoring body and through negotiations by its New York representative, W. J. Proming, a proposition was made to the Automobile Club of America, the pioneer automobile organization of the country, and who conducted the first automobile shows, endurance runs and race meets ever given in America. The Automobile Club of America is internationally known and is the only organization that receives the full recognition of the Imperial Clubs of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and the Automobile club of France.

The arrangements for the meet in March will be entirely in the hands of the Committee of the Automobile Club of America of which Robert Lee Morris is chairman. The program of events will include long and short distance races, including long and short distance races, one for gentlemen amateur drivers, one for ladies racing cars and one for stock cars.

The mile race for the Sir Thomas Dewar trophy will take place as usual. In order to prevent the entry of what has been known as "freak" cars, the committee will insist that all cars entered for the mile and two-mile races will have to qualify by going at least twenty miles at minimum speed of about 40 seconds to the mile.

Cablegrams have been despatched to the principal clubs of Europe and the entries of famous European drivers are assured. A member of the A. C. A. committee and W. J. Morgan, is now in Florida completing the arrangements for the meet and acting in the interests of both the above organizations.

## MOVING STARTS.

New System to be Tried on Race Track Next Season.

Race horses next season will be sent away from a moving start. This has been definitely decided upon by the turf authorities. This move has been under discussion a long while, but the advocates of the system have eventually triumphed, and the old system of starting horses from a standstill will be abolished, says the Denver Post.

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## LAWSON SIGNS AGREEMENT.

Speedy Swede Will Ride for Jack Prince Next Season.

Iver Lawson, the speedy Swede bike rider, has signed to ride for Jack Prince in the east next season, according to information that reached the city by a special messenger. It is reported that Prince has secured an eastern track and that immediately after the season he signed over as the star attraction.

Hardy Downing, returned from New York last evening still feeling a bit sore from his hard grind from a severe cold he contracted while in the metropolis. Downing said the New York papers printed some lurid tales about some of the races. One of the papers said Downing was riding in the six-day race merely for the fun of the thing, but was a California millionaire, owned many costly automobiles, owned a racing stable, etc. The paper printed a picture of Downing in one of the high priced machines. Downing says he only wishes the story was true.

## BASKETBALL AT MANTI.

In a fast and clean basketball game at Manti last evening the Lehigh high school team defeated local Manti by a score of 20 to 12. The game was fast and furious from start to finish and was one of the most exciting contests ever seen in Sanpete county. The teams lined up as follows:

## COLLEGE TRACK MEN EXPECT NEW RECORDS.

Eastern college track teams have begun their indoor training stunts, and from the quality of the men at work and unusually good showing for the early season the trainers declare that new records will be hung up in the coming months. Not in years have such favorable reports been received from all the colleges.

Columbia track athletes get into their real work today when Josh Crooks, assisted by George Bonham of the Irish-American Athletic Club, will get the candidates down to hard practice. One man who is the intercollegiate champion lay team of last season has been graduated, but the material with which to fill the vacancy is very promising. Zink and Sanders of the half-milers, Paulsen, Boorman and Howes, who is in training again, in the sprints, and a number of the cross-country men, such as Hall, Wheeler and Montgomery, add strength to the distance team.

Murray, McKenzie and Hegaman, in the hurdles, Ryan, in the high jump, Babcock, pole vaulter, and Pollock and Hecard, in the hammer and shot events are the nucleus for the rest of the team, from which most of the spring team is expected to be selected.

Yale is strong in new sprinters, among them L. Montague, a freshman last year, while Stevens, Burch, Butler or Cary may replace Parsons, Tilson, Villa, and Robinson. Butters, Hoskins and Brown are other good men. Robbins of the freshmen's team last year is a good hurdler and with Howe and Dupuy makes a strong trio. Hall, a new man, is a good broad jumper, while Courcy, Day and Oscheb will do well with the weights. Dray, the record holder, is back for the pole vault events.

Cornell gets a good all-round man in Cook from Chicago, and Harvard is quietly getting a lot of strong men together. Pennsylvania has a squad of twenty men in actual training and among them a number of new ones, of whom Captain Cartwell has the greatest expectations of developing good material for his track team. In fact, old Penn. has probably the brightest outlook for track honors of any of the big eastern colleges, but at that Yale hopes for championship honors, and Cornell has some good men. Both are keeping an eye on the men whom Fitzpatrick is quietly developing at Michigan.

## HEROIC ATHLETES.

St. Louis University Football Players Give Aid in Wreck.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—St. Louis university's football athletes made heroes of themselves before daylight this morning, near Brackett station, on the Canadian Pacific, when they arrived on their way to the coast, twenty minutes after a head-on collision between two freight trains. The engine crews and trainmen were under the debris, some of them scalded frightfully by escaping steam.

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