

# Metcalfe and Owens Blaze to World's Record

## Records For Century and Furlong Wilt Before The Onslaught Of Sprint Duo

### Marvelous Marquette Flyer Does 9.4 and 20.4 in Sprints

### Willis Ward Disappoints Jesse Owens Turns in 9.4 and 20.7 in the Prep Division

### Brooks Wins High Jump

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SOLDIERS FIELD, Chicago.—Before a crowd of track fans and visitors to a Century of Progress exposition, Jesse Owens, the 18-year-old East Technical High School star of Cleveland, Ohio, jumped off with all the glory in the national interscholastic track and field championships Saturday afternoon, June 17.

Saturday night, Ralph Metcalfe, always a show by himself, electrified the crowd by essaying the hundred yards dash to equal the world's record. He was running on a track that was soft and under the glare of electric lights. There was no wind at his back. Metcalfe came back to smash the world record in the furlong dash.

In the afternoon, Jesse Owens equaled the world record for the 100-yard dash made by Frank Wycoff of the University of Southern California. He set a new world's interscholastic record which most likely will stand for many years. The time was 9.4.

Won Day Before  
The day before in the preliminaries of the same event Owens ran the century distance in 9.7 to win his heat and came right back to run the 220-yard event in 22 and 1-10 seconds to share honors in that event with a white boy named Hebling of Fort Worth, Texas. To make it a good day's work he galloped across the finish line in the half-mile relay to give his team first place in the qualifying heat and establish a new meet record.

The Cleveland quartet was timed in 30 and 5-10 seconds. It bettered the old time by 8-10 seconds, held by the Columbus, Ohio, Central High School made in 1930 when three Negroes and one white boy made up the championship relay team.

Owens ran the last lap on the East Tech relay team. He took the baton behind and came through to win with ease as the stands applauded his fine exhibition.

K. V. S. Boy Wins  
Owens, quiet and unassuming, received the plaudits of the crowd and hustled to the dressing room. This youngster, for whom track coaches and critics predict a great future, enters college this fall. While he hasn't exactly decided what school he will attend it has been rumored that the University of Michigan will be his choice. Hubbard, Tolman and Ward are all Michigan boys.

Saturday, Dave Albritton, another Negro youth of East Tech high of Cleveland, won the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 2 inches. He placed third in the 120-high hurdles.

Ralph Brown, Kansas Vocational School of Topeka, clipped a tenth of a second off the meet record when he won the first race of the 440-yard run which was split into three sections due to the heavy entry list. Brown won in 1:3 seconds. He trailed for the first 100 yards, then moved into third place which he held until the final 80 yards when he let out all his reserve and challenged the first two runners. Twenty yards from the finish line he was on a par with O'Brien, a white youth from Boys Technical High, Milwaukee, and what a fight it was to the tape. The thousands that banked the huge stands arose and screamed as the two matched strides. Then Brown had the speed that it took to win. He flashed across the line, two strides ahead of O'Brien, with enough white light behind the two to keep the judges from mistaking the winner.

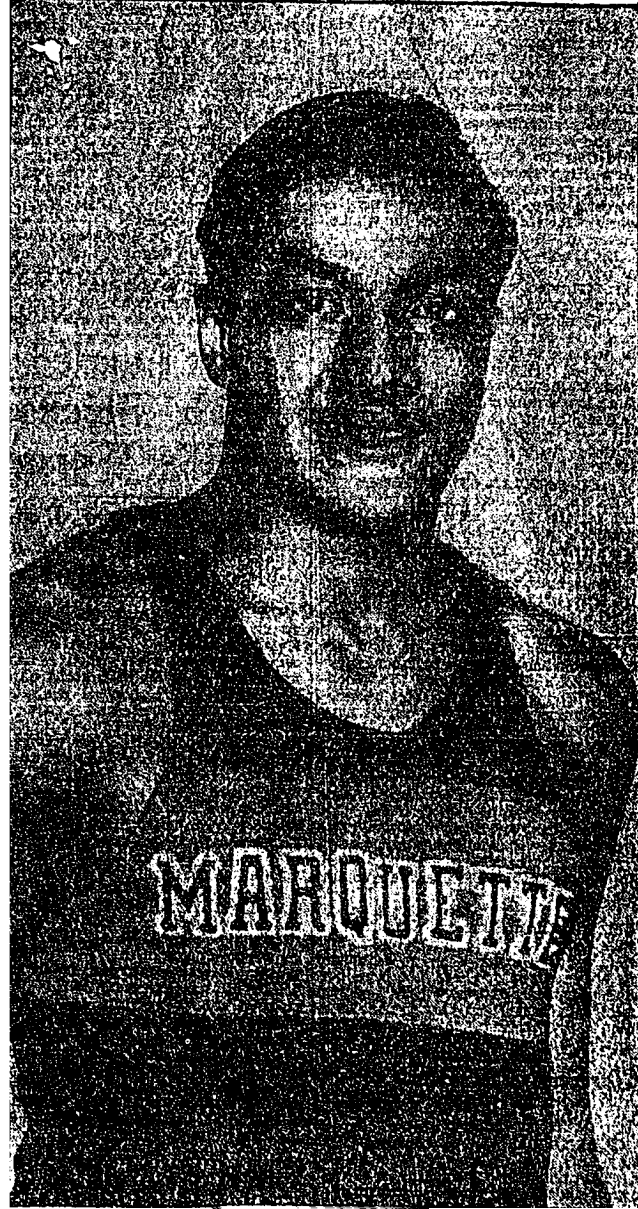
Negroes on Wichita Team  
North high school of Wichita brought home the bacon in the one-mile relay. There were three Negroes on this team. James Thompson was lead off man, Crawford ran the second lap and Turner closed third. The anchor man was a white boy, McCaskill.

Ottawa high of Kansas nosed out East Tech in the finals of the half-mile relay due to some interference with Owens on the last lap. The officials failed to disqualify the guilty runner. Ottawa pulled up second for his team.

Kansas Vocational team lost a chance of breaking Friday in the trials of the two-mile relay. As the age limit was placed at 20 years, Collier, the anchor man of K. V. S., was ineligible. The forced Coach Stevens to reassemble a quartet. The Negro quartet ran the last lap and then—victoriously—glittering. They finished the Cherokee, Iowa, team to receive the distance in 8:10.3. Another man ran the last lap in 1:58. Cherokee won the one-mile relay at the Drake relays.

Owens was jumping in the pit when he came for the 220-yard dash. He left to enter this race, shattered the record and then returned to the 100-yard dash. He was out in 9.4 seconds. He was out in 20.4 seconds. The nearest competitor behind him was Willis Ward. Then Owens tried to break the world record in the 200-yard dash. He was out in 20.7 seconds. The high jumper, John Brooks, was out in 24 feet 2 and 3-4 inches.

### PREMIERE SPACE ANNIHILATOR



RALPH METCALFE

The marvelous man from Marquette University, whose masterful work Saturday in the N. A. A. C. track meet stamps him as the greatest sprinter of all annals. Metcalfe has bettered world's records at 40, 60, 100 and 220 yards; 100 meters and 200 meters; and has equaled the world's record for 70 yards during his meteoric career.

Hart Hubbard's feat in that event. Speaking of records, when Owens broke the 220-yard high school record on Saturday he lowered his own record established in the preliminaries. His preliminary time lopped a tenth of a second off the quarter mile run, he broke the record established by Fuqua of Brazil, Indiana, high school in 1929. Fuqua is now the quarter mile star at the University of Indiana.

Thus the twenty-ninth annual national interscholastic track and field championship is history and the feat of Jesse Owens will go down in history along with those of other stars who have come here during the last quarter of a century to walk off, practically single handed, with track championships.

Cleveland Tech won the championship with 54 points. North high of Wichita was second with 35 points. Old timers recalled the meet held at the University of Chicago years ago and the picture of Sol Butler, then of Rock Island high school, loomed in their minds. Sol came and walked off with the meet—all by himself.

But today the met has grown. Entries come from far and near. Mississippi was represented by Greenville, Belzoni and other towns. There were youths from Atlanta, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas as well as from Oklahoma.

Metcalfe the Star  
In the college events of Saturday night, Metcalfe was the shining star. This popular athlete, a graduate of Tilden Technical high school at Forty-eighth and Union ave., was the center of attraction.

In the finals of the hundred yard dash he came down the lane and was abreast at 50 yards. In the last 35 yards he picked up six feet to win. "Nine and four-tenths, equaling the world's record" was the announcement of Ted Canty. Then Major Griffith, who superintends athletics in the Big Ten, came to the microphone and announced the track was "slow" due to recent rolling. It does look like Metcalfe, on an ideal track will break the 9.4 seconds record for the 100-yard distance.

Metcalfe won from George Starr of Oregon. James Johnson, the Negro flash from Illinois State Normal college, was third.

But Metcalfe was not through. He won the finals of the 220-yard dash in 20.4 seconds with James Johnson second. The accepted world's record for this event is 20.5 seconds and was made by Roland Locke of the University of Nebraska. The National Collegiate A. A. mark is, however, 20.5 which was made by Metcalfe last year.

Brooks Wins Broad Jump  
Delbert White, Kansas State Teachers college of Pittsburg, Kan., heaved the discus 151 feet for third place. John Brooks, holder of the Drake relay record, serving his final year as a member of the University of Chicago track team, was winner in the broad jump. His leap was 24 feet, 2 and 3-4 inches.