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ANAHEIM HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST SPORTS HERO

CLARENCE "BUCK" BEEBE
(1913-1914)

Anaheim High School (opened 1898) was one of the original members of the CIFSS when it was founded on May 15, 1913. Anaheim High School belonged to one of the original five leagues in the CIFSS...the Orange League. The Colonists of Anaheim have a rich athletic tradition highlighted by the famous football teams of the 1950's led by the legendary football coach Clare Van Hoorebeke. They still have the highest attendance mark to watch a CIFSS Championship football game in 1956 when they played Downey High School to a 13-13 tie in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum before 50,000 fans. The Colonists were led by the "Galloping Ghost of La Palma Park," Mickey Flynn.



"Buck" Beebe
Front row center
1914 Anaheim H.S.

Perhaps the “Noblest Colonist” of all time was a short little skinny youngster who ran the mile and ½ mile during the track seasons of 1913 and 1914. During those formative sports days for Anaheim High School they were dominated by Orange League teams and even had to cancel their football season in 1911 because they could not find enough “willing young men” to play. But, in track and field, the Colonist dominated. Led by Coach Hall, the Anaheim track team beat most of their competition including local college teams. Clarence “Buck” Beebe was an exceptional athlete who also was a star on the basketball team. He ran as fast as a “buck,” thus his nickname, and enjoyed hard work outs. When he wanted to run both the mile and ½ mile he was questioned by many, but just laughed because, “he just does this little stunt about six times a week.”



As a junior, Clarence ran in the Stanford Invitational Meet (1913). This meet was considered the unofficial State Championships (first State CIF Track Meet was held in 1915). Clarence won both the mile and half mile and helped Anaheim High School place 3rd in the whole state of California. The following year at the first ever CIFSS Track Championships held at the YMCA field on March 28, 1913, he again won both the mile and half mile helping Anaheim High School place second in Southern California. In the Stanford Meet of 1914, he ran the mile and was just beaten at the tape, but broke the World Interscholastic mile record.

Clarence "Buck" Beebe was truly a sensational athlete who took on all comers including college man and had a phenomenal career. It is interesting to note his best times during the 1913-1914 track seasons would be excellent today and even qualify him for the current State CIF Track meet. It must also be remembered that he ran on very uneven hard dirt tracks with poor shoes and minimal training knowledge.

Mile Run.....4:26.4 minutes

½ Mile Run.....1:58.3

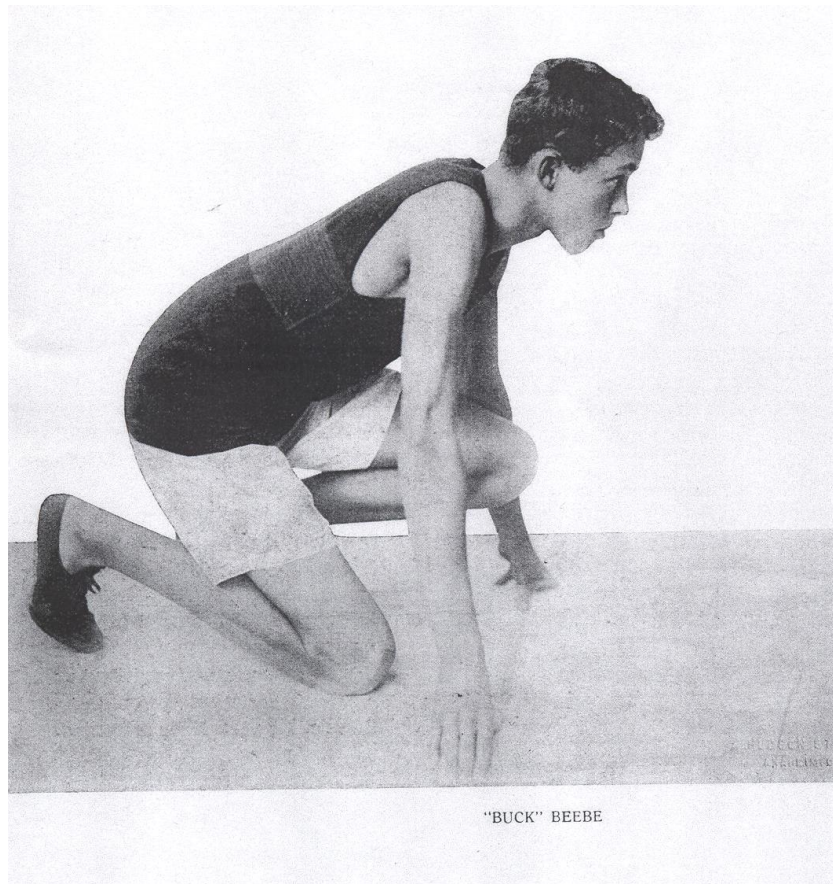
AMAZING!

"The Noblest Colonist of all time"





Members of the Anaheim High School basketball team in 1914 included, from left to right, Coe Wellman, Jack Spencer, Clarence Beebe, Morris W. Martenet Jr., Edwin Miller, Clark Chamberlain, and Coach Benjamin Milliken. These athletes are standing on the grounds of the two-year-old



"BUCK" BEEBE



*Beebe winning the mile in the 1914 CIFSS Track Championship
4:39.4 – second year in a row
("Los Angeles Tribune" – March 29, 1914)*

High School Meet.

LONG BEACH WINS A CHAMPIONSHIP.

MANUAL ARTS AND ANAHEIM TIE
FOR SECOND.

Big Track Meet at Y.M.C.A. Field.
Participated in by Twenty-three
High Schools. Proved to Be a Con-
tinued Succession of Surprises.
Beebe, Bagnard and House Stars.

On the far side of the Y.M.C.A. track, two runners danced around in nervous excitement as they eyed the third lap men tearing around the turn. It was the last event of the day and upon it rested the honors of the meet.

Through the first two laps in the relay, the Manual Arts' men established a two-yard lead. Hughes streaked around the third lap with Mosley, the Long Beach flyer, on his heels. Slowly the Manual boy pulled ahead and Repath was sent off with a five-yard lead. Around the turn he held this lead, but as they hit the straightaway, the splendid burst of speed threw Wark across the tape ahead of Repath and Long Beach had won the track championship of the Southern California High Schools.

Never was a meet more crowded with surprises, never were more old stars and favorites crushed and left by the wayside as new and greater stars leaped into points and the glory of winning. The Long Beach team won. They had hardly been figured and entered the meet almost unknown in class and ability. To them must go the high honors with due credit. They were battled all the way

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by the Manual team, but when little Wark broke the tape in the relay, everyone knew that the best team had won. It was the unexpected, but even the favorites take hats off to the new champs.

Beebe ran true to form, winning the mile and half miles without apparent effort. Yerkes ran him a good race in the mile, but the lanky Anaheim boy had a powerful finish tucked away in his slender legs that denied defeat. The muddy track and raw day prohibited records, but his time was good at that.

The 100-yard dash brought the first big surprise, when Jones, an awkward speeder from Whittier High, beat the favorites to the tape in good time considering the condition of the track. He had absolutely no form winning his race solely on a terrific flash of speed in the final twenty-five yards. He did not fare so well in the furlong, finishing second to Wark, who ran like a frightened deer all the way.

Murray, the Orange climber, loped away with the high hurdles, but was forced out of the low sticks when he fell in the trial heats. His time of 16s. was remarkable for that track. House came back strong over the low barriers, covering them in 26s. He also captured the broad jump with a fair leap.

Bagnard had things all his way in both the shot and discus. Pete won the shot with a put that taped 51ft and 1 inch. His discus efforts were way below standard, barely passing the 115ft. mark.

Grieve of Hollywood surprised when he won the pole vault at 11ft 9in., defeating Hall, the Santa Paul bear, who won the event last year. Creighton took a first place for Manual Arts in the high jump when he sailed over the bar at 5ft 11in.

The time for the track events was slow on an average on account of the mud and wind. Taken as a whole the meet was a big success and a splendid boost to Mr. Van Patten, the manager.

Points scored—Long Beach, 16; Manual Arts, 14; Anaheim, 14; Pasadena, 13; Riverside, 10; Santa Paula, 8; Whittier, 8; Santa Ana, 7; Hollywood, 7; Orange, 5; Pomona, 4; Hemet, 3; Harvard, 3; San Diego, 3; Monrovia, 1; Glendale, 1.

SUMMARY FINALS.

One-mile run—Beebe (Anaheim) first, Yerkes (M.A.) second, Lester (S.D.) third; time, 4m. 39.4s.

The 100-yard dash—Jones (Whittier) first, Webster (S.P.) second, Wark (L.B.) third; time, 10.3s.

The 120-yard high hurdles—Murray (Orange) first, Nourse (Harvard) second, King (L.B.) third; time, 16s. Shot put—Bagnard (Pasadena) first, Brubaker (Hemet) second, Richardson (Hollywood) third; distance, 51ft. 1in.

The 440-yard dash—Lupher (L.B.) and Douglass (Anaheim) tied for first, Boyles (Monrovia) third; time, 52.4s.

Discus throw—Bagnard (Pasadena) first, Hall (S.P.) second, Earl (Hollywood) third; distance, 115ft. 6in.

The 220-yard dash—Wark (L.B.) first, Jones (Whittier) second, Webster (S.P.) third; time, 23.3s.

Broad jump—House (Riverside) first, Plavans (S.A.) second, Bidwell (Glendale) third; distance, 21ft. 3½in.

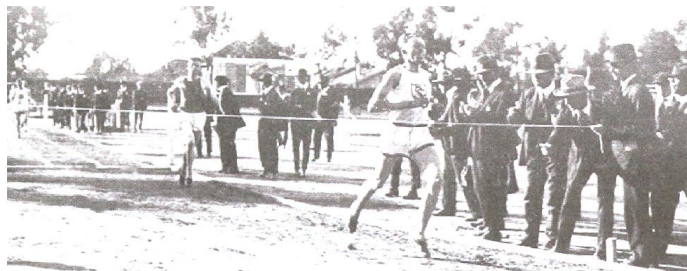
The 220-yard low hurdles—House (Riverside) first, Strehle (S.D.) and H. Lampport (Pomona) tied for second; time, 26s.

Pole vault—Grieve (Hollywood) first, Mauer (M.A.) second, Wilcox (L.B.) third; height, 11ft. 9in.

The 880-yard run—Beebe (Anaheim) first, Conn (Pasadena) second, Keech (S.A.) third; time, 2m. 4s.

High jump—Creighton (M.A.) first, Anderson (S.A.) second, Webster (S.P.) third; height, 5ft. 11in.

Relay—Long Beach first, Manual Arts second, Pomona third; time, 1m. 34.4s.



CAPTAIN BEEBE IN THE 880—CALIFORNIA MEET

Beebe continued his track career at USC and was the Captain of the track team