

# CALLING THE SHOTS

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What is the limit of human endurance as far as track and field performances go?

Some of the smartest minds in the sport have given that one more than a once over lightly in the past and have been far off the mark in their prognostications.

Take the case of Brutus Hamilton, for instance. Hamilton, track and field coach at the University of California, more than 10 years ago stuck out his neck and forecast the ultimate, in his opinion, that the thinclads would attain.

An astute student of the sport, Brutus the Bear got out his slide rule, figured all the angles and came up with his announcement.

If anyone should come close to predicting the ultimate in track and field performing, it should be Hamilton, as this is one vet who know his stuff.

But, although we haven't had much doings in track and field for the past four years, his forecasts today, 10 years after they were made, could stand some revision.

He didn't set his sights high enough.

Most of his ultimates either already have been exceeded or the present world's record is creeping perilously upon them.

Some of them, however, still are above the present record.

For instance, Hamilton thought no pole vaulter ever would top 15 feet 18-100 inches then. In 1941 Cornelius Warmerdam, the Fresno ace, was credited with a leap of 15 feet 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches and no less than 14 times has bettered Hamilton's figure!

And in the high jump he thought the ceiling would be 6 feet 11 22-100 inches. (Note that he cut it right down to fractions.) The present official world mark is 6 feet 11 inches.

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