

Dash Still Safe

In those days runners were cutting the record for the mile fairly fast and they first started talking about a four-minute job.

Hamilton, in 1935, predicted the top would be reached when the mark got to 4:01.66. Arne Andersen, the Swedish swiftie, negotiated the distance in 4:01.6 last year.

And he thought he was safe in predicting no runner would do better than :09.13 in the 100-yard dash, but he still has this one to be topped, for the present world record, held jointly by Jesse Owens and Frank Wykoff, is :09.4.

The javelin tossers made an awful sucker out of him in the wand throwing event. When he came out with his figures he surmised the ultimate would be reached when the mark got to 256 feet, 10 32/100 inches, but three years after he made that long range forecast a Finn by the name of Yrjo Kikkanen heaved the spear 258 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

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Jump Figure Good

However, the 100-yard dash prediction made by the California mentor is not the only one that has yet to be topped. His broad jump figure of 27 feet, 74/100 inches still is good, for the mark today is 26 feet 8 1/4 inches, held by Owens, one of America's greatest tracksters.

There are others that have withstood the world's best and are still standing. Here are his forecasts and today's records (he passed over the hurdle races):

Hamilton's Ultimate	Today's World Records
57' 1", Shot put	57' 1"
256' 10 32/100", Javelin	258' 2 1/2"
6' 11 22/100", High jump	6' 11"
182' 1 44/100", Discus	175' 7/64"
15' 1 8/100", Pole vault	15' 5 3/4"
27' 4 74/100", Broad jump	26' 8 1/4"
:09.13, 100-yard dash	:09.4
:20.18, 220-yard dash	20.3
:46.45, 440-yard dash	46.4
1:47.35, 880 yards	1:49.2
4:01.66, Mile	4:01.6
8:44.2, Two miles	8:53