

Sea Hawk track fans,

Statman Crothers speaks... through the stats of course. Despite missing the Parlauf Relays for the first time since 2007, the Statman was provided with the splits for all the athletes in all the races. So, the Redondo-Union-centric results, splits, stats, rankings and records for the 2014 Parlauf Relays have been assembled.

Race by race, first the girls teams then the boys, have each been documented, dissected, examined and cataloged. From the 200 meter splits captured live at the meet, all manner of information was extrapolated, extracted and exacted. Keep in mind that this may be a relay broken down into 200 meter pieces, but in actuality it is a 1600 meter race run piecemeal. The nature of this event begs us to look at it from every angle. Getting an opportunity to examine it in all the ways it can be sectioned-up makes for a much greater appreciation of what it takes to survive this athletic challenge.

**Before you go head-long into 14 pages of numbers (yes 14, sorry), here is a brief overview of what you will find as you work your way through it:**

In each team's section there is first an opportunity to compare this year's team with the finishes of our teams in prior years. Then you'll see the breakdowns of each runner's 200 meter splits. As you look to the right of the splits, each runner's cumulative times for the first and second half of the race are compared, both at the 800 meter distance and the 200 meter distance, with a totaling of all 8 splits into a cumulative 1600 meter time.

Below the individual splits is an analysis of the team's times per 200 meter leg, and below that are listed the main statistics for each runner.

To the right of this is a section comparing each team's performance in the first half of the race to the second half.

In the lower right corner of each team's results is a time labeled "Team's 8,000m Time". This is the total of all 40 splits taken in the race for that team, and if you compare this to the official results at the top of the section, they match up pretty well. Due to various rounding issues, and the nature of hand-timing, some slight variance here is expected. Split times recorded with 2 decimal places tended to be closer to the official time when added together.

After the 9 team sections, you will find a section showing the averages of each leg, the team's average time per leg and other statistics. Here you can see what the averages are when all the Boys and Girls teams are combined, as well as when just the Boys or just the Girls teams are combined. Although they appear individually above this in each team's section, the average team 200 meter split for each leg is shown here grouped with all the other teams for easier comparison.

Below this you will find the various ranking lists. First are the Girls, then Boys, 15 All-Time fastest teams. This year saw 3 new entrants to the Girls list, and one for the Boys list. The 2014 Boys A team now tops their list with a new meet record of 18:25.5 eclipsing the 2013 Redondo Boys A Team's previous record of 18:36.9.

Below this, is a table which shows all 45 runners ranked in order of the accumulation of their eight 200 meter times into a 1600 meter time. And below that are tables similarly ranking everyone by fastest average 200 meter time, and by fastest 200 meter time.

Next are the records sections. But, first you'll see a listing of the fastest times, stats, and race-sections of the day.

The individual records shown in the next section also show who had the record previously, and when. This year Amber Gore set 3 new records, and Nick Wells set one. New record holders are highlighted in bold.

The All-Time lists that follow show the top 10 individual performances at each distance segment. Here we are interested in seeing what the fastest times have been over the years, so don't be surprised to find some names on the same list more than once. For example, Evan Malone-White still holds the 3 fastest times for the 1<sup>st</sup> 800 meters of the race. There were 19 new entrants (highlighted in bold) to these lists this year, pushing 19 former marks off the lists.

Last, but not least, comes The Sub-4 Minute Mile Club (OK, 1600 meters. Close enough).

This is a list of everyone whose splits have added up to a time under 4 minutes since 2008. Like the All-Time Lists, some runners can be found on it multiple times, but unlike the All-Time Lists, it's a club with lifetime membership. Since it includes all those who have broken the 4-minute mile barrier, the list only gets longer as time goes on. With eleven new members (highlighted in bold), the club is now 68 strong. A new name now tops the club roster, with Nick Wells clocking a blazing 3:35.3 time, putting together nearly identical back-to-back 800 meter splits of 1:47.6 and 1:47.7, and averaging 26.91 per 200 meters. Of special note this year, a landmark achievement was recorded as Amber Gore became the first girl to make the cut-off with her 3:57.5 time; running a record time for the first-800 meters of 1:57.3, followed by another record breaking time for the second-800 meters of 2:00.2. Congratulations Amber, congratulations Nick, congratulations everyone!

This is going to be a great track & field season.

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