

Dodds Shadows Haegg Until Last Lap, Loses by 20 Yards

CHICAGO, July 3 (AP).—Sweden's thin man, Gunder Haegg, rested in a hotel room Saturday before taking off for the West Coast for another two-mile race with Gil Dodds, who made the great runner exert himself considerably Friday night to win his second start on American soil.

Haegg posted the third fastest outdoor two-mile ever run in this country in beating the Boston divinity student—competing at this distance for the first time in two years—by 20 yards at Soldier Field. His time was 9:02.08, which was regarded as remarkably fast on a track which he described as soft as a "potato field."

There was a turnout of 12,000 to see Haegg perform—and after the race he was besieged by Swedish admirers who demanded his autograph. After signing a few, he dashed to a taxi cab and was taken to his hotel still wearing his yellow and blue sweat suit. No one thought to hold a clock on him during this sprint to avoid interviewers and late arriving name-seekers, but he may have broken the 100-yard dash record.

Roy Phillips of Tufts College,

Forest Efav of Oklahoma Aggies and Jerry Thompson of Texas trailed Dodds and Haegg by 150 yards at the finish of the two-mile run, feature of the Central AAU track program.

Dodds shadowed gaunt Gunder through seven laps of the eight-lap route, literally breathing down his neck and once passing him—on the first turn of the second heat. Twice Dodds challenged for the lead on the back stretch of the final lap, but Haegg pressed down the throttle finally to bolt well ahead and stay there.

Gunder averaged :67.8 on each quarter mile, posting :69 on the first, :65 on the second and then a :66, gradually working up to his slowest pace of :71 on the fifth lap. With Dodds still hugging his heels, he stepped up to :65 on the seventh then finished with :66.8—revealing his closing bursts to throw off the tenacious Dodds.

Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam, co-featured with Haegg, reached the 15 foot 4 inch mark in the pole vault, but failed in three attempts to clear 15 feet 9 inches, which would have bettered his record of 15 feet 8½ inches set in the Chicago Relays last March.