

A SPEEDY CARR

TEMPE — When Henry Carr was eight years old he was the fastest kid in the block. Today he very likely could be the fastest man in the world.

A short time ago Henry was not widely known. Then came the night of March 19 and a dual track meet between Utah and Arizona State University. The 6-3, 190-pound Sun Devil sophomore ran the 220 around a curve in 20.4 seconds, or one-tenth of a second under the world record.

Unfortunately, however, although Carr was in world record form, ASU's Goodwin Stadium was not. Officials had not anticipated any world record efforts and as a result the wind gauge was not properly positioned, the starting line was not in the right place and the track had not been surveyed.

Nonplused, Carr did it again. Saturday night in a triangular meet between the Sun Devils, University of Southern California and Arizona, Carr ran a 20.3 in the 220 around a full curve. This time the wind gauge was properly positioned and showed no wind, the starting line was correct and the track had been surveyed.

It appears Henry will get his world record. The former mark of 20.5 was held jointly by Stone Johnson of Grambling, Paul Drayton of Villanova and Ray Norton of the Santa Clara Youth Village.

"There's no telling how fast Carr can run," is the statement of ASU Coach Senon (Baldy) Castillo. "I think he's a world record threat in three events—the 100, 220 and 440."

Carr's track career started in a most unassuming manner. As a sophomore at Northwestern High School in Detroit, Henry answered the first track call of the spring. His events—the high jump and cross country.

Fortunately for Henry, his coach—Tom Hendricks—had all his track prospects take time trials in the sprints. One look at the watch after a sprint and Henry was converted from 26-mile to 100 yard races.

Carr's track career in high school was fabulous. Three times he won the state title in the 100 and 220. Twice he was state broad jump champion.

He was equally impressive in football. In one game he scored seven touchdowns. He won all-city, all-state and all-America honors in football and track. He also was a standout in basketball.

It was football, however, that brought him to Arizona State University. Frank Kush, ASU head coach, corralled Henry, and maintains his football potential is equal to his track.

"If you get 'Coach of the Year', Kush tells Castillo, "I'm expecting you to acknowledge me in the audience." Kush did not require Henry to participate in

spring football drills, thus stepping up his pace in training for track.

Henry's plans for the future are clearly defined. He hopes to qualify and participate in the 1964 Olympics in Japan. He also hopes to make the U.S. team which will compete against the Russians in Moscow this summer.

Other insights into 20 year old Henry Carr:

—Name: "That's it, just plain Henry Carr. When you're the ninth of 12 children your parents don't have many choices left"



—Favorite Race: "The 220 around a curve. It psyches out some of the runners, but I like it. There's more to it than just running as hard as you can."

—Nicknames: "I've had a bundle. In high school it was 'gray ghost.' And a writer in California called me 'The Flying Man.' Then there was 'Hurrying Henry.' I don't mind them but I don't like 'Hank,' and that's what most people call me."

Plans for the future: "I'd like to coach or teach, but mainly I want a good job. It doesn't have to be in teaching either, just as long as it's a good, steady job."

His takeoff: "Everyone says I have a bad takeoff. I don't agree. Seems to me I get away from the blocks as fast as anyone else. Just because I'm big I guess I'm supposed to have a bad takeoff."

Training: "Here's another thing I don't understand. I hear on all sides that I'm fast because I'm a natural athlete. Let me tell you that I worked hard in high school to develop my ability, and I'm still working hard. Coach Ferguson in high school taught me the values of sacrifice and self discipline. I worked very hard for that man, and credit him with developing me into a sprinter. Coach Castillo has continued this coaching, and has been a big help in smoothing out the rough spots. But I just didn't step out on the track and run 20.3. I worked at it, and I worked hard."

The World Record: "It's real funny. As a kid I dreamed of such things. Now it's come true and it doesn't seem real. I wake up at night and realize what's happened and tell myself, "Hey old Henry Carr, how about that?"

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Teams with players 18 and under still have five weeks to enter. The league will close with 8 teams so time is limited.
For further information call the Detroit Amateur Baseball Federation office, 935-0088.