

Boys' 50 Yard Dash in the PCL Meet

Year	Best Time this Specific Year		Runner	School	Record Holder in the PCL	School
1920	NR	6.2	Jesse Lehman	Pandora	Jesse Lehman	Pandora
1921	NR	5.4	Jesse Lehman	Pandora	Jesse Lehman	Pandora
1922	TR	5.4	Jesse Lehman	Pandora	Jesse Lehman	Pandora
1923	NR	5.2	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1924		5.8	Harold Wells	Continental	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1925		5.8	Ray Moore	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1926		5.6	Everett Seitz	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1927		5.6	Dick Allen	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1928		5.6	Dick Allen	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1929					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1930					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1931					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1932					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1933					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1934					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1935					Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1936			Hamilton	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public
1937		6.0	Hamilton	Ottawa Public	Harry Recker	Ottawa Public

In 1920, Jesse Lehman of Pandora won the 50 yard dash establishing the PCL Meet record with a time of 6.2 seconds and in 1921, he ran it even better with a time of 5.4 seconds. In 1923, Harry Recker of Ottawa Public broke the record with new time of 5.2 seconds, but for some unknown reason, it was not recognized in the Putnam County newspapers. In 1924 the PC newspapers made another crucial mistake and incorrectly listed Lehman's time as 5.6 seconds instead of 5.4 seconds as the PCL Meet record. As a result, when Everett Seitz of Ottawa Public and Dick Allen of Ottawa Public ran the dash in 5.6 seconds in 1926 and 1927 respectively, they were commended for tying Lehman's time of 5.6 seconds. However, the real record was not held by Lehman, Seitz or Allen but by Harry Recker. The last 50 yard dash was held in 1937. Its record was retired by Harry Recker of Ottawa Public with a time of 5.2 seconds.