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NEWS

UNITED STATES Olympic Development meet at Eugene, Oregon, Sept. 3 was highlighted by Parry O'Brien's newest world record of 62-6 $\frac{3}{8}$. (Also 62-3 and 62-0.) Also, King 10.3; Lea 49.3; Bailey 1:48.8 from Spurrier by 5 yards; Bailey 3:49.2 by five yards from Walters and Bowden; Reiser 9:19; Dumas and Wilson 6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Allard and Shelton 6-6; Gutowski 14-8; Culbreath 53.2; Oerter 181-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, O'Brien 181-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; Held 254-1, Conley 251-1. All-comers meets: at San Diego, Aug. 25, Held 258-7 (series of 236-4, 251-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, foul about 260, 254, 258-7, 258-2 $\frac{1}{2}$); at Pasadena, Sept. 1, Feidler 6-7, Roubanis 14-0, Lewis 23-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, Humphreys 50-5, Lord 151-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; at New York, Aug. 23, Bright 48.7 and 52.9y; Pearman 48.8.

AUSTRALIA Gregory 1:52.1; Porter 6-6; Power 11 miles, 1650 yards, 9 inches in one hour; Lared 10.7; Almond 1:53.9; Plummer 14:19 meters; Goodacre 53.7m; Hanlin 50-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ SP; Price 48.9m; Lincoln 2:12.8 1000y;

ALSO, Butt, Pakistan, 10.3; in Canadian Championships and Olympic trials, Tobacco 47.9 from Coburn 47.9, Clement 48.0, Sloan 48.1, Mullins 48.2; Money 6-6; Kyle 30:30 (estimated, extra lap).

EUROPE Pirie broke 3000 meter world mark (jointly held by Pirie and Iharos at 7:55.6) with 7:52.8 on Sept. 4 at Malmo, Sweden. Outkicked Rozsavolgyi who did 7:53.4, second best ever and Hungarian record, with Iharos third in 8:05.8. Skobla again upped European shot record, this time to 58-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Ostrava, Aug. 25 (57-6 or better three other throws). Germar 10.3; Herssens, Belgium, 51-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, fourth best in world this year; Waern set Swedish national records of 2:20.9 and 1:48.9 in losing to Boysen, 2:20.5 and 1:48.3.

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Photographs of great races and performers are needed from time to time for publication in books and guides. Anyone having such photos to loan please write Track & Field News.

Statistics wanted on percentage of improvement over former mark by world record breakers. Also on margin of superiority, percentage-wise, of record holders over nearest rival.

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WIND SPRINTS

Hungarian coach Igloi has refuted critics' charges that his athletes train too hard by stating that "although my boys do run 30-40 kilometers daily, no bodily harm has been in evidence as the result of medical examinations. The training methods must therefore be the right ones."...Richtzenhain lowered his 1500m best from 4:01 to 3:45.6 in 1955...a comparison of marks in the AAU and Russian championships (Spartakiad) shows Russia had better winning marks in the three distances, hop-step-jump, hammer and javelin, and a tie at 1500m...Irish expert Fionnbarr Callanan does not pick Ron Delany to make the first six at Melbourne because he seems to be tired mentally. He figures Eamonn Kinsella will have a good chance to place in the highs if he

has an opportunity to train over regulation hurdles. Kinsella has been using an old fashioned set of hurdles with a T shaped base which rise up under the hurdler if touched at all. Since they come up and hit the hurdler Kinsella has been playing it safe by clearing with inches to spare. Callanan forecasts nine new world records...Britain's Olympic team includes Mike Ruddy, Roy Sandstrom, John Young, Brian Shenton in the sprints; Peter Higgins, Mike Wheeler, John Salisbury 400; Derek Johnson, Mike Rawson, 800; Ian Boyd, Brian Hewson, Ken Wood 1500; Chris Chataway, Derek Ibbotson, Gordon Pirie 5000; Ken Norris, Pirie, Frank Sando 10,000; Peter Hildreth, Jack Parker, highs; T.S. Farrell, R.D. Shaw, mediums; Chris Brasher, John Disley, Eric Shirley, steeplechase; Peter Wells, HJ; Roy Cruttendon, Ken Wilmshurst, BJ; Wilmshursts, HSJ; Barclay Palmer, SP; Mark Pharaoh, DT; Peter Cullen, JT; Peter Allday, Don Anthony, HT; Ronald Clark, Harry Hicks, Fred Norris, marathon...

Finnish marathon ace Viskari has done 30:09 for 10,000m and Franjo Mihalic, Yugoslavia's 29:37.6 man has a 2:16:26 marathon, which prompts editor Browning Ross to predict that a lot of good 10,000 men will be stepping up to the marathon...Vladimir Kuts says he has time for only two sensations in a race--first the tiredness and then the determination to win and break a record...Emil Zola Berman, famed trial lawyer, says he is the only miler and cross country runner in the history of his high school who also was captain of the chess team...Iharos says he and his teammates have surpassed Zatopek's amount of running, which was considered unreachable. But he feels Zatopek still must be considered seriously at Melbourne...Zatopek's first workout after his operation reportedly was impressive enough to indicate a quick return to top condition...Fred Wilt reports the training schedule for 4:16.2 prep miler Jim Bowers: Monday, 10x1/40 at 62-65 seconds with 2 1/2 minute walk between; Tuesday, 3 x880 at 2 seconds faster than racing speed, with 5-10 minute walk between; Wednesday, 3/4 mile at racing speed, walk 10 minutes, 2x1/40 under 60; Thursday, 2 or 3x1/40 at 63 to 64. Maximum 1/40 speed thought to be 52 to 53 seconds...Percy Cerutti reports that Dave Stephens apparently has recovered from the slump which followed his 6 mile record and that he has learned his lesson. He has recovered his drives and is commencing the first part of his planned preparation for the Games by 4 hour sessions of fartlek training mixed with some speed work at a later session in the day....

A.L. Monteverde of Los Angeles, who claims to have the largest sports book collection on record, has had quite an athletic history in his 88 years. He walked from New York to San Francisco in 79 days, 10 hours and 10 minutes, won walking prizes from 10,000 to 50,000m, finished 126 full distance marathons. Member and coach of 12th Regt. team, second place winner in Military Tournament at Madison Square Garden 1902-3-4. Developed winner of wall scurrying and two-of-war. Organized the So. Calif. A.A. in 1938, second in AAU and won junior AAU at Philadelphia 1941. Coached 12 amateur boxing champs, 8 wrestling champs, distance runners Pat Dengis, John Semple, John Hayes, track champions Bill Stewart, Hubie Kerns, Cliff Bourland and Lou Zamperini. Coached and advised Johnny Kelley, the elder, and advised and trained with Hans Kohlemainen through his marathon win at Amsterdam...

Distance runner Dr. Charlie Robbins staged a 9 mile race at Lake Chaffee, Ashford, Conn., starting as a small outing with hopes of 15 or so runners and promises of hot dogs, beer and soda. Ended with 37 starters, eating nine pounds of hot dogs, consuming cases of beer and pop, and dressing in a roofless building, which caused a mad scramble for clothes when it began to rain. Next year he plans to skip the hot dogs and emphasize the beer and soda. Officials were mostly relatives.

SO THEY TELL US

TN PETER MAY, Los Angeles: "The AAA Championships 3-miles was interesting, for look where it puts Chris Chataway:

1951-- 1st, Beckett	14:02.6;	2nd, Chataway	14:02.6	(55.6)
1952-- 1st, Chataway	13:59.6;	2nd, Parker	14:00.8	(58.0)
1953-- 1st, Pirie	13:43.4;	2nd Green	13:46.0	
1954-- 1st, Green	13:32.2;	2nd, Chataway	13:32.2	(61.2)
1955-- 1st, Chataway	13:33.6;	2nd, Ibbottson	13:37.0	(56.4)
1956-- 1st, Ibbottson	13:32.6;	2nd, Chataway	13:32.6	(59.4)

Except for 1953, the second man always won the following year. Five times Chataway has raced, with two wins and three losses, the last two being to men who were second the previous year. Finally, if Chataway does the same time as his opponent he always loses. Yet of all the men to beat him not one has such a good record. He is a great competitor and fighter, and great things should be expected of him at Melbourne."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Ohio: "It's too bad we can't field three 4x400 relay teams at Melbourne. Our team of Jones, Mashburn, Jenkins and Lea is of course a cinch to win and would easily break Jamaica's record if there were someone to push them. If all four members could hit their best times, and allowing a conservative half second for each running start, this team is capable of 3:01. A number two team of Glenn Davis, Southern, Sowell and Courtney could beat anything any other national team and is capable of 3:06 or better. A number three team of Morrow, Spurrier, Johnson and Baker could give Great Britain a fight for third. And we still have Bowden and Culbreath in reserve. ...The recent selection of John Landy as track man of the decade in Sport magazine's poll certainly shows the lack of knowledge most sport writers have of track. Zatopek is the obvious choice. And I personally would pick Whitfield and Dillard before Landy, if only because they span the decade."

V. V. KOLATCHOFF, Hongkong: "It seems Japan is slowly giving way as Asia's leading power. Red China's regimented athletics is beginning to show results as these new records of the Chinese People's Republic suggest: 1:51.6 by Li Chung-lin; 6-4 3/4 by Li Ta-pei; 21.7 by Liu Ching-jen; 216-11 by Ma Chung-lu; 14.9 by Chou Lien-li; 28-8 5/8 by Chang Chi-shan; 31:53.6 by Fu Sheng-hai; and 13-6 1/8 by Tsai Yi-shu. All of these, plus several other national records of lesser merit, were set at different meetings at the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Though European nations are used to seeing their athletes setting national records in foreign lands, no country can equal the Chinese People's Republic's success in having practically its whole national record list revised in one foreign city thousands of miles away over the ancient caravan routes."

TN SIDNEY CLAIRE, Minneapolis: "I should like to make two observations about the continued poisoned barbs directed toward the Russian athletes: 1st, I have never read any quotations of the Russians making derogatory remarks about or minimizing the achievements of the U.S. in track (and boy, could they have made Capital out of 'amateur' Santee's case): and, 2nd, I have never read that the Russians boasted that they were going to win the track program in the Olympics. Do we resent having a little closer competition, so we can't spread-eagle the field (which is adding 100% to the interest in world track)? Must we always gloat when we are winning? It seems to display a certain lack of sportsmanship."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis: "'My Boy' Roz is coming along nicely in preparation for his Olympic 1500 victory, though my real preference would be the diplomatic Landy...Oddity among record-holders of the past was the 50.4 quarter run by Colbeck in 1864. While enroute

he fell over a sheep which wandered onto the track and hobbled off it with a broken leg as the Englishman kept on...I think Don Potts or some such would be very interesting on the \$64,000 Question TV show. I think the subject would meet with more crowd appeal than is commonly supposed. All the T&FN staff would be rough challengers for him if he won and tried that Challenge Round later on."

TN AL BUEHLER, Duke U.: "Dave Sime is again working out and his leg injury does not seem to both him as such. He attended the 2nd session of summer school and is now slowly rounding into shape. He has been invited to make an AAU tour to England-Scotland, but his running in this meets depends entirely on his recovery from the pull. At present he has done a lot of easy striding at 7/8th effort, but as yet has not taken any all-out starts or pick-up work. Dave has taken this bad break like a champion and is very anxious to compete with Morrow and others on the West Coast again. He is a tremendous competitor and thrives on tough competition. He has fabulous pickup and is a powerful runner. His start no doubt could be improved, although his size may handicap him. Morrow's experience, knowhow, and smoothness came from years of running and if Dave stays with track that long he will be one of the greatest. Nevertheless, his rise to track near-greatness in a few short months is almost unbelievable. Joel Shankle is working out regularly and looking good. Lee Calhoun is expected back shortly and they will work together. This may give them an edge on Davis and should insure a great race in Australia. Shankle's success and Olympic berth was the result of many years of hard work--no one deserves it more. Jim Beatty should learn a lot about European training ideas on his current tour. He's a good boy also, but 'choked-up' in the trials. Needs more experience, but could be a great runner in 5 years."

TN JOE GALLI, Australia: "I still think Dave Stephens our best Olympic winning hope. I'm sure he will hold any pace and finish over anybody else, even though he is no sprinter (i.e., miler). If he goes to the post in that Jan. 25 (27:54) frame of mind, and as beautifully conditioned, then he'll take the 10,000 for sure. Landy can win, too--he always could. But only if he goes out to win it, and not be content running his usual negative way. Bailey, too, must be reckoned with, but there is nobody else. The women's sprint supremacy looks gone."

STATS

Lap times in fast 1500m runs, plus last 300m time:

Rozsavolgyi, Hungary, Aug. 3, 1956:	55.7	63.3	60.6	40.8	3:40.6
Iharos, Hungary, July 28, 1955:	56.9	58.8	59.3	45.8	3:40.8
Tabori, Hungary, Sept. 6, 1955:	58.0	62.0	60.0	40.8	3:40.8
Nielsen, Denmark, Sept. 6, 1955:	57.6	61.6	60.0	41.6	3:40.8n
Rozsavolgyi, Sept. 10, 1955:	57.8	59.5	61.5	42.4	3:41.2
Tabori, August 6, 1955:	56.0	60.0	62.4	43.2	3:41.6

Evolution 4x800 meter relay record:

S.C. Teutonia-Berlin (Schmidt, Isemann, Walpert, Bocher) 8:01, 1927, Berlin
 Boston A.A. (Martin, Sansone, Welch, Hahn) 7:41.4, 1926, Philadelphia
 U.S.A. (Hornbostel, Young, Williamson, Woodruff) 7:35.8, 1936, London
 Germany (Seibert, Grau, Kaindl, Harbig) 7:30.4, 1941 Braunschweig
 Sweden (Sten, Linder, Lindgard, Strand) 7:29.0, 1946, Stockholm
 USSR (Byelokurov, Archarov, Chewgun, Modoj) 7:27.4, 1951, Moscow
 Fordham (Foley, Tarsney, Persichetty, Courtney) 7:27.3*, 1954, Los Ang.
 USSR Army (Agejev, Ivakin, Sokolov, Modoj) 7:26.4, 1955, Riga
 Moscow Team (Kovaljev, Gomez, Govorow, Osminikin) 7:26.2, 1956, Moscow
 So. Cal. AAU (Walters, Butler, Schweikart, Weiss) 7:25.2*, 1956, Modesto
 Belgium (Ballieux, Langenus, Leva, Moens) 7:15.8, 1956, Brussels

* made at 2 miles