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NEWS

INDOORS Millrose Games, New York, Feb. 9: 60 - Murchison 6.2, Cave, Sydnor; 600 - Pearman 1:11, Jenkins 1:11.2, McMurray 1:11.6, Gatto 1:11.8, Gaffney 1:12.3; 880 - Sowell 1:50.3, indoor world record (also 1:49.7 for 800), Courtney 1:50.8, Bright 1:52.6, Matza 1:53.7; Brew 1:54.1; Mile - Delany 4:06.7, Tabori 4:07.6, Seaman 4:08.3, Beatty 4:10.9, Grim 4:11.6, (Delany 3:51 at 1500); 2 mile - Ashenfelter 9:02.3, Coleman 9:12.9, Breckenridge 9:13, Kopil 9:30.5, Timon 9:40.1; 60HH - Campbell 7.0, world record, Calhoun, Pratt; Mile relay NY Pioneer Club 3:18 (Pearman 47.9), NYAC 3:18.2 (Courtney 47.8); PV - Gutowski and Richards 15'6", tie Schwarz and Welbourn; HJ - Reavis and Stead 6'8", tie Barksdale, Harmon, Dennis. 2 mile relay - Georgetown 7:43.3.

Michigan AAU, Ann Arbor, Feb. 9 - Murchison 6.1; Owen 59'; Atterberry 1:12.5; Jones 7.5 and 8.1 for 65 L & HH;

New York AC Games, NY, Feb. 16: 60 - Williams 6.2, Sydnor, Kave, Gordon; 500 - Jenkins 57.0, Pearman (3), Gatto, Gaffney; 880 - Sowell 1:50.7, Courtney (10), Bright, Lockerbie; Mile - Delany 4:06.8, Dwyer (8), Beatty, Grim; 2 mile - Tabori 8:53.4, Mach (25), Ashenfelter; 60HH - Calhoun 7.1, Campbell (1½), Knight, Holup; Mile relay - Villanova 3:19.6; 2 mile relay Georgetown 7:46.5. HJ - Reavis 6'9¾", Dennis, tie Barksdale, Herman, Gardner; PV - Richards 15'4", Gutowski 15'1", Bragg and Welbourn 14'9";

Also A new 35 pound world record of 67'9½" by All Hall at Medford, Mass., Feb. 16. Former best was 66'7½" by Hal Connolly this year. Backus was second with 66'6¾". Ted Wheeler tied indoor 1320 record with 3:01.2 on Feb. 6 at Chicago. Coleman second in 3:10.7; Kelly 1½ miles in 6:48.9. Kansas downed Michigan State 88 to 53, headed by Jerry McNeal's 9:06.1; also 4:15.4 by Gay, 48.4 by Lean, 2:13.1 by Janzen, 53'2" by Oerter, Greg Bell jumped 24'10½" and Jerry Lane put 52'9¾" for Indiana, Deacon Jones scored a 4:15.7, 9:23.6 double against Missouri. Dick DiCamillo ran 4:15.4 and Aubrey Lewis won three as Notre Dame beat Marquette. Michigan State downed Ohio State despite four firsts, a second, a third and a winning relay anchor by Glenn Davis; Selwyn Jones had 4+14.2.

AUSTRALIA Chilla Porter's first competition since Olympics resulted in 6'10¼" on grass, 2/9. Herb Elliott ran 4:06.2 2/9 from Less Trigg 4:13 and Bill Baillie 4:13.4. Landy ran interclub 880 in 1:54.3. Colin Rutherford, HSJ, 49'7". Ron Clarke 14:07.8 3 miles; Graham Gipson 9.7. Agostini 9.4 from Hogan, with 11.5 fps wind, on 2/14 and 10.1 against wind on 2/16. Baillie 4:11.0 from Murray 4:11.2 and Clarke 4:12.6 on 2/14.

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Next Newsletters March 5 & 19. February T&FN mailed Feb. 28.

Hungarian friend, track coach and sports writer was wiped out in revolution, would much appreciate clothes for himself, wife and 12 and 19 year old daughters. Also coffee, tea or cocoa. Send to: Jozsef Kepessy, Kisstacio utca 13, Budapest VIII, Hungary.

West Coast Relays unofficial TN headquarters will be the Hacienda Motel. Earliest reservations need. Meet is May 11.

Monitor continues to carry four or five events from NY track meets, beginning about 7 p.m. PST. Our letters of appreciation to NBC Sports, Rockefeller Center, NYC, will help.

International Track & Field Digest, a large report on the International Coaches Clinic at Berkeley last spring, is now available from us. \$5.00, and worth every cent if you are interested in any of the technical sides of track and field.

POET'S (?) CORNER

There are TNs in the East
 There are TNs in the West
 But we'Ns in the country
 Love track the best!

"The Track and Field News"
 And the Newsletter
 Scratches our itch
 Makes a good life better.

Big meets in the cities we seldom see
 We get our thrills vicariously.

TN Tom Snodgrass,
 Jefferson City, Mo.

Lets have your comments, gripes, predictions, opinions. Yes, even your poetry.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Results of the third annual Track Nuts poll. All questions refer to the 1956 season, unless otherwise stated. Results are given in terms of total vote, except in cases where only one vote was cast for a person or event that result is indicated as "1". Many performances in questions 11, 12 and 13 had to be thrown out as they were not single performances, as called for. Likewise, when answers were complicated by ties, or tomfoolery answers, they also had to be left out of the counting. For example, one TN answered question 22 "Yes & No" and then for 23 wrote: "Morrow soundest bet, but I expect an upset by Sime or King."

1. Predictions for 1960 Olympic Games winners:

100-King 55, Morrow 27, Sime 16, Germar 1, Jacobs 1.

200-Morrow 77, Sime 20, Poynter 1, King 1, Germar 1.

400-White 60, Southern 16, Lea 8, Jenkins 6, Courtney 6, Robinson, Tobbaco, Ignatyev, Jones

800-Courtney 44, Sowell 35, Johnson 8, Bowden 4, Farrell, Waern, Bailey, Butchart, Szentgali, Atterberry & Herrmann, 1 each. 7

1500-Delany 46, Bowden 18, Waern 12, Rozsavolgyi, Richtzenhain 4, Lincoln 4, Scott 4, Hewson, Hollfelder, Ibbotson, Mullins & Herrman 1 each.

3000 St. -Larsen 22, Jones 22, Rzhishchin 10, Rozsnyoi 14, Auer 5, Kennedy 5, Laufer 5, Chromik 5, Disley 5, Higdon, Jeszenszky, Wood, Vlasenko, Dunkley, Shirley, Clarke ea. 1

5000-Kuts 27, Ibbotson 18, Zimny 15, Pirie 10, Truex 7, Richtzenhain 7, Iharos 4, Dellinger 4, Thomas 4, Tabori, Delany, Mugosa, Bowers, Thogersen, Lawrence each 1.

10,000-Kuts 54, Lawrence 11, Truex 9, Stephens 7, Norris 7, Zimny 4, Pirie 4, Iharos 1, Thomas 1, Chromik 1, Kennedy 1.

Marathon- Kuts 45, Kelley 18, Mimoun 7, Karvonen 7, Mihalic 5, Kovacs 5, Thackwray 5, Ollerenshaw, Lawrence, Hamamura, Norris, Costes, Lee, Oksanen and Mendez 1 each.

110 hurdles- Calhoun 82, Campbell 8, Gilbert 8, Johnson 1, Kinsella 1.

400 hurdles- Southern 76, Davis 21, Lean 1, Potgeiter 1, Atterberry 1.

Decathlon- Johnson 82, Campbell 8, Lauer 6, Lawson 4.

HJ- Dumas 93, Mangham 4, Porter 1, Shelton 1, Smith 1.

BJ- Bell 42, Bean 23, Shelby 13, Johnson 11, Troutman 4, Ter-Ovanesyan 4, Grabowski, Phillips, Valkama 1 each.

PV- Bragg 49, Gutowski 38, Brewer 12, Richards 1.

HSJ- Einarsson 25, Kogake 23, da Silva 17, Troutman 15, Shcherbakov 12, Sharpe 4, Gurgushanov, Kreer, Devonish, Sakurai 1 each.

SP-Nieder 35, O'Brien 33, Bantum 22, Davis 3, Vick 3, Robertson 3, Winterbauer 1.

DT- Oerter 96, Babka 1, Consolini 1, Scarbrough 1, Uddebom 1.

JT- Danielson 67, Held 14, Sidlo 14, Majjala, McGorty, Nikkinen, Kopyto, Conley 1 each.

HT- Hall 43, Connolly 23, Samotsvetov 14, Krivonosov 14, Morefield 4, McWill. & Racic 1.

400 relay- USA 99, Germany 1; 1600 R-USA 96.

Most favored: USA 400 team 99; USA 1600 team 96; Oerter 96, Dumas 93, Johnson 82,

Calhoun 82, Morrow (200) 77, Southern 76, Danielson 67, White 60, King 55, Kuts 54.

2-- World's greatest track or field athlete: Kuts 48, O'Brien 26, Morrow 15, Sime 7.

3--World's greatest trackman: Kuts 65, Morrow 20, Landy 6, Sime 4, Iharos 4, Courtney 1

4--World's greatest fieldman: O'Brien 79, Dumas 12, Danielson 7, Richards & Connolly 1.

5--U.S. greatest track or field: O'Brien 49, Morrow 35, Sime 7, Dumas 5, 4 others.

6--Collegiate greatest track or field: Morrow 64, Davis 10, Dumas 10, Sime 8, Johnson 4.

7--High school greatest track or field: White 81, Brewer 7, Bowers 5, Bean 4, 3 others.

8--European greatest track or field: Kuts 86, Iharos 7, Danielson 5, Pirie & Brasher 1.

9--Most improved world athlete: Delany 30, Davis 10, Sime 10, Danielson 10, Calhoun 8, Brasher 7, Porter 4, Pirie 4, & 13 others.

10--Most improved U.S. athletes: Calhoun 18, Davis 16, O'Brien 12, Sime 12, Oerter 6, Connolly, Sharpe, Graham, Courtney 4 each, and Murchison 4. 10 others.

11--Greatest single performance, world: O'Brien 63'2", 22; Dumas 7'⁵/₈", 14; Kuts 28:30.4, 14; Kuts OG 10,000, 8; Danielson 281'2¹/₂", 6; Davis 13.3, 6; Pirie 7:52.8; Jones 45.2; Davis 49.5; Bailey 3:58.6, each 4; 7 others.

12--Greatest single performance, U.S.: O'Brien 63'2", 28; Dumas 7'⁵/₈" 20, Davis 49.5, 18; Sime 20.0, 16; Connolly 224'10¹/₂", 6; Courtney OG, 4; Davis 13.3, 4; 5 others.

13--Greatest single performance, Olympics: Danielson 30; Kuts 10,000, 28; Delany 12, Courtney 8, Calhoun 6, Kuts 5000, 4, Morrow 4, Dumas 4; 6 others.

- 14--Greatest win: Courtney OG 35; Delany OG 26; Calhoun OG 12; Mimoun OG 10; Kuts OG and Jenkins OG 6 each; 7 others.
- 15--Greatest upset: Jenkins OG 31; Brasher OG 25, Bailey over Landy 23, Delany OG 8, Calhoun OG 6, Oerter OG 4, 3 others.
- 16--Biggest comeback: Landy 30, Mimoun 15, Stanfield 15, Delany 6, Ericsson 6, Richards Hogan, Courtney, Baker 4 each; 8 others.
- 17--Biggest flop: Jones 42, USSR Olympic squad 14, Seaman 6, Shelton, Bailey, Stephens, Johnson, Rozsavolgyi and Richards (decathlon) 4 each; 18 others.
- 18--Event most liked to have seen: OG 1500, 31; OG 800, 16; 7'⁵/₈", 16; OG high hurdles 8; OG 10,000, 10; 49.5, 6; Bailey-Landy 4; 9 others.
- 19--Discovery of the year: Sime 39, G. Davis 35, Einarsson, White, Southern, Oerter 4 ea.
- 20--U.S. coach of the year: Ducky Drake 28, Jim Kelly 18, Oliver Jackson 16, Bill Easton and Jim Elliott 10, 8 others.
- 21--What single change would you most like to see in track:
- 34, adopt Olympic program in U.S. colleges.
 - 22, change to meters.
 - 10, official electric timing.
 - 5, more AAU competition, all events, all districts.
 - 5, hop-step-jump in college.
 - 8, 400 hurdles in college.
- 1 each for: timing in 100ths; standardize on either meters or yards; move NCAA cross country to warmer state; fewer events going on at one time; annual world championships; only one field event at a time; more distance runs in US; longer US season; sound post-graduate program in the US; 200 hurdles in Olympic Games; U.S. international dual meets; complete press listings of all telecast and broadcast meets; elimination of obstinate, stupid and egocentric AAU officials that are senile; more newspapers with reporters that know track; less emphasis on political aspects of the athletes; more eastern outdoor meets.
- 22--Now that it is over, do you feel the U.S. Olympic trials should have been held later?
Yes 72%, No 28%. (This question drew the most emphatic answers. Lots of !!!!!)
- 23--Who will be the NCAA sprint king, Morrow, King or Sime: Morrow 40, King 33, Sime 28. On split votes King was favored in the 100, Sime in the 200.

ON THE INDOOR CIRCUIT

Parry O. bids to become the first man ever to win the indoor AAU shot title 5 years in a row. Herbert Schwarze of Illinois AC won four 1926-9. Pat McDonald won five titles but not in a row. O'Brien has broken the world record three AAUs in a row, . . . British shot champ Tiny Palmer, a 56 footer, will compete. . . an 1885 Harvard report credits C.H. Atkinson with having vaulted 7'1", within an inch of the American amateur record, and C.H. Kp with an American collegiate hammer record of 88'11" . . . the Percy Beard Jr. of the Naval Academy who is running the indoor highs is the son of Percy Beard Sr., one time world record holder at 14.2 and now athletic director at Florida. young Beard's coach, Earl Thomson, held the record that the elder Beard broke. . . Dan Ferris was undecided whether to okay Milt Campbell's 7.0 for 60 highs, as he suspected that the starter's gun did not flash. . . no miler has won the AAU indoor title for two straight years since Cunningham in 1938-9. Only Gil Dodds, with wins in 1942, 44 and 47, has won it more than once in the last 18 years. . . Ron Delany was running 10 to 13 miles a day when getting in shape for the Olympics, now has cut it down to 7 a day as he doesn't believe one can keep up the longer work. At one time he was doing 120 push-ups a night. . .

Indoor quotes: FRED DWYER: "I had been pointing for the AAU as my first mile and I figured I'd take about ten days to change from my two mile training. Now that I am running in the NYAC meet I'll have to rush things. This week I'll do two miles of jogging tuning up on Monday, followed by ten fast quarters to pick up speed, then two miles for the purpose of unwinding; Tuesday, it will be two miles up, five fast half miles, two miles down; Wednesday will be the same as Monday; Thursday will be five or six miles of jogging only. I don't know why I got sick in the Millrose Games. I did all the things I normally do, nothing different. I ate a big steak at four in the afternoon, which is par for me. But once the race started, I began hiccuping, my stomach started doing tracks and I figured there was no sense going on."

GEORGE EASTMENT, Manhattan coach: "It wouldn't surprise me one bit if Ira Murchison runs the first board track six flat sixty some time in Madison Square Garden this year. That little guy has a fantastic start, and what a pickup at 40 yards. I'd say he has the best chance of anyone of getting the record down to 6.0. I became convinced it could be done when Milt Campbell hit 7.0 in the high hurdles. I think the big point in favor of the sprinters is the new runway they have installed in the Garden for the sprints and hurdles. The old one slowed down the runners somewhat near the end."

ARNIE SOWELL, following his indoor 880 record: "I didn't expect a record. I couldn't tell the exact speed at which we were going. I just wanted to beat Courtney. I knew, off his great race at Boston, that he was ready. When I took a short lead I could tell from the roar of the crowd Tom was getting closer to me. I managed to hang on. I haven't been training especially for the half mile. I'm looking forward to the AAU 1000. I feel a bit stronger this season. I've gained five pounds since last year, and am 140 now. I think that extra weight helps me."

MILT CAMPBELL, after his record: "I didn't figure it was that fast. I hadn't gone all out in the semis, so I had a bit left in the finals. I wanted to win, and win big, for today is my father's birthday."

REGGIE PEARMAN, after beating Jenkins in 1:11: "I don't give a darn about being 32; it doesn't show. I still train as I did when I started running in the big races years ago."

TOM COURTNEY, after losing to Sowell: "Naturally I think I'll beat Sowell indoors. If I didn't I'd quit racing him. I can beat him indoors or outdoors."

RON DELANY: "Let them boo if they like. But that's not going to make me speed up. The only thing that may be is if the field goes out faster. I win the races the way it is. Why should I change? Maybe the ones who are getting beaten ought to step things up. That way they might have a better chance. But if they don't want to, that is okay with me, too."

SO THEY TELL US

TN SYD DERONER, one of the Oranges, N.J.: "The pole vaulting at the Millrose Games was tremendous. Especially when you think about the conditions. The vaulters run down the runway with all sorts of confusion within a few yards of them. While Gutowski was running up to try 15'3", a whistle blew, the band started to play and he missed badly. At 15' Guts was over cleanly on his first attempt but the pole fell against the bar. On his third try he made 15'3" and then after Richards had sailed over 15'6" on his first try, Gutowski duplicated it. Bragg wore a bandage on his right thigh and did not look good going out when he missed 14'4". Murchison showed us something different for him. He was off poorly in the 60 final, but came on very well in the last 20 to win cleanly. In the mile Seaman looked much better than he did in Philly and may do better in the coming meets. I hear Max Truex may be in the AAU."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Bowling Green, O.: "It looks as if Courtney just cannot beat Arnie on the boards. From all I read he really wanted the one at the Millrose, and was confidently predicting a record, and yet Sowell, who confessed he is rather short on training, takes both the race and the record. Actually Arnie's style of running is much better adapted to the boards than Courtney's. Sowell's smooth easy stride and his quick acceleration are perfectly suited to the boards, and he seems to be even more beautiful to watch indoors than out. Courtney's power running just isn't built for indoors. So it looks to me as if Sowell will continue his mastery indoors, but I'll still stick with Courtney outdoors."

WES SANTEE (remember him?): "I don't see why Fred Dwyer shouldn't run a 4 minute mile this year. He is in fabulous shape, the best I have ever seen him. He is conditioning himself well. It's smart to start with those long races, building up stamina. Now he's ready for speed."

TOM COURTNEY, re the Olympic 800: "I ran out of gas 30 yards from the tape. And the Lord really helped me the rest of the way. I didn't seem able to gather myself for my usual stretch drive, I could see the tape ahead and I kept lunging for it with every step. The horrifying part about it was that the tape never seemed to get any closer. I was completely fagged out. My legs were like rubber. I didn't pass out but I could hardly stand up. I knew rather vaguely that I had hit the tape. But to make sure I had won I asked Johnson."

TN BERT NELSON: "On June 5, 1954, following the Compton Invitational TN UanRasey and I made our picks for the 1956 U.S. Olympic team. Uan had only 12 right and I had but 11. At least the change and progress keeps track an ever interesting sport."