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Gehrmann Sets World Indoor Record.

By Roberto L. Quercetani

Highlight of the American National Indoor Championships held at Madison Square Gardens, New York before a 12,000 crowd on Saturday February 16, was a new world mark in the 1000yards by miler Don Gehrmann. Passing up the chance of another clash with his arch rival Fred.Wilt, the bespectacled star from Wisconsin struck out from the gun to pass the 880yard post in the almost unbelievable time of 1min 51.6. Calling on his miling stamina, he held on through the blizzard of flashbulbs to snap the worsted in an all-time best of 2:08.2. This feat, which must bear on Olympic forecasts, broke the 12 year old record of 2:08.8 set by a 1:51.0 outdoor 800metre man the late John Borican. The only other man ever to have broken 2:10 over the 1000 yard route was Glen Cunningham back in 1939 while the outdoor top mark stands at 2:09.3 by C.Fenske in the same year.

A meet record was also set by the rangey 400m.hurdles ace Charles Moore, who negotiated the 600yards in 1:10.9 to oust Olle Sax and Olympic 800 metre champion Mal.Whitfield. Popular victories also were the come-backs of world record-holders Big Jim Fuchs, whose 56ft.3in. fixed his earlier vanquisher Bernie Mayer by over 3 inches, and Harrison Dillard, who took the 60 yard 'high's' in 7.4. (For other AAU results see below)

Despite the absence of European imported talent, the U.S. indoor meets of the 1952 campaign are turning into major financial successes. At the well known Millrose Games a sell-out crowd of over 15,000 was on hand. At other meets attendances were often over the 10,000 mark.

Hero of the floor has been the Vaulting Vicar from LaVerne, Calif. the Rev. Robert E. Richards. He cleared 15feet or higher 10 times in the last month with a top frequency of four clearances of the magic height in 24 hours! His amazing series is as listed below -:

15'4" ⁵ / ₈	Milwaukee	February	1
15'3"	Philadelphia	January	18
15'3"	New York	February	9
15'2" ⁷ / ₈	Boston	February	2
15'0" ⁷ / ₈	Milwaukee	February	1
15'0" ³ / ₈	Boston	February	2
15'0"	Philadelphia	January	18
15'0"	New York	January	26
15'0"	New York	February	9
15'0"	New York(AAU)	February	16

As of February 16 the 15foot level has been mastered (cont: Page 10)

Return of Indoor Athletics to Britain.

After a lapse of 13years a full scale indoor track meeting, sponsored by the 'News Chronicle', is to be put on at the huge Harringay Arena, North London on Friday and Saturday March 28th and 29th.

Before the war there were five AAA indoor Championships staged at the Wembley Empire Pool on a 142¹/₂ yards circuit which was 'flat-floor' in 1935 and 1936 but which was banked for the three last meetings of 1937-39.

At Harringay the track is to be 152 yards or 11.6 laps to the mile but will be unbanked.

The outstanding moments are likely to be found among the following events -:

- (1) **50 Yards Invitation.** E.McD.Bailey will clash with 24year old Peter A. Whaley who has been training indoors at Loughborough on a course.
- (2) **600 Yards Invitation.** Arthur Wint will have to hold off world record relay men Albert Webster and Frank Evans.
- (3) **1000 Yards Invitation.** Parlett has significantly performed this event to the 600yds and will tangle with Bill.Nankeville.
- (4) **High Jump.** AAA Champion Ron Pavitt becomes reunited with his 1949 rival Peter Well, newly returned from N.Z., and there is a 6'2" record to beat.
- (5) **Pole Vault.** Elliott, Gregor and Dr. Tim Anderson will make a combined assault on F.R.Webster's 1937 record of 12'9"¹/₂.
- (6) **Shot Putt.** Peter Hincks' pre-war mark of 45'1"³/₄ is like to be eclipsed by John Savidge by about 6 feet.
- (7) **Special Relay.** Oxford v Cambridge over 4x3x2x1 laps with Barmister possibly turning out for the Dark Blues.
- (8) **High Jump (Women).** Pre-war champion Dorothy Tyler (1936 (tie), 1937, 1938, & 1939) and record holder at 5'2"¹/₂ will attempt to remove 1932 Olympic Champ, Jean Shiley's (U.S.A.) 22 year old World mark of 5'3"¹/₂.



THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PICTURE OF THE YEAR

Vladimir Kazantsev (U.S.S.R.) is here seen in process of shattering the previous world's best time for the 3,000 metres steeplechase at Moscow on July 10th 1951. His 8:49.8 beat the former best performance of Erik Elmsäter (Sweden) by a margin of 9.8secs. In the opinion of Chief Coach Dyson the barriers appear to be less than the standard 3 feet in height. The wearing of socks in an event involving 7 water-jumps is puzzling ✓

No Surprises In District Cross Country Titles

There were no major surprises in the District Cross-Country Races run off on Saturday Feb.23rd. In the Northern at Port Sunlight, Cheshire, Walter Hesketh (M.A.C.) gained a seven secs. victory over International Champion G.B. Saunders who was another 15secs from his club-mate F.Norris (Bolton). Before the start Dr. Frank Emile Aaron, winner of the National in 1949, 1950 and 1951, announced his retirement on account of insufficient leisure to train. He finished a creditable 5th. At Shipston-on-Stour, Eddie Hardy just beat his fellow Birchfielder Ray Hatton in 57mins.48secs. with Frank Crookes (Sutton-in-Ashfield) a close up third. One thousand competitors gathered in the quagmire at Hadleigh, Essex for the Southern events. Gordon Pirie, in spite of an earlier foot sprain, skated the Senior event in 48:27 by 59secs. from Sando and Olney. Belgrave took the team title with 153pts. Walton's T.Keegan took the Junior from two sub 4¹/₂min.milers-P.B.Driver (S.L.H.) and George Knight.

Sand & Cinders

In this editorial of the first number of a new venture, we shall devote valuable space to a brief statement of the policy behind ATHLETICS WORLD.

First no apology is made that the magazine is printed by the photo-litho process. Our great 20cent (1s/5d) American contemporary "Track and Field News", first published in California in March 1948, abandoned ordinary printing after 4 issues because it was putting the price out of the reach of many 'track fans' and was causing long delays in getting out the news.

We feel that the new process is particularly suited to a track 'paper' not only because it is quite legible but because also the content and the type are what the printers call 'sympathetic'.

It will be our endeavour to provide our readers with a coverage of athletic news which is not otherwise obtainable in Britain without a series of expensive air mail subscriptions to American and Continental publications and a frequent interchange of correspondence with far-flung contributors who we wish to make it a rule to remunerate for their very considerable labours where possible. Apart from purely news we wish, over the course of time, to include much feature material which has never before been published such for example as the series on British All-Time Best Performances which starts on page 6 with the 100 plus best miles.

We intend also to do everything possible to remedy the lamentable dearth of information on women's and junior's athletics.

We shall try always to provide the pictures of the 'mystery' men or women of whom much has been heard but of whom pictorially little or nothing has been seen. In the April issue we hope to carry an action shot of Nina Pletnyeva, the formidable Russian girl who last August ran 800 metres in 2mins. 12.0 secs. We shall also include a photograph of B. Healion the 192 foot Irish hammer-thrower.

We shall have 12 issues in a year which will appear during the early part of the month. The number of pages in a given issue will depend partly on the pressure of material that must essentially be included. It will however never be less than 8 and will rarely exceed 12. In the track season predominance will be given to the results of meetings while in the winter there will be more room for features.

We hope in ATHLETICS WORLD to provide a publication which will give each reader something to look forward to each and every month.

Track Without Tears

This column is to be dedicated each month to those who wish to start their interest in athletics from scratch or slightly behind. It is dedicated then to track 'widows' trying to take 'some interest'; to fiancées of men who throw things and run round and round; to fiancés of girls who jump about; to the dear aunt who not only feels but says that first place in the local gasworks Sports is much better than say only third in the European Championships; to the junior's awful mother whose "Are you puffed dear?" is followed by an even louder aside "Isn't he marvellous" to the father who invariably ran 'evens' in his day. Most important of all perhaps it is dedicated to the new enthusiast.

Let us start then with a potted history of the Sport.

The first point to get straight is -When did it (athletics) all start? Historically the answer is very simple - July 22nd 776 B.C. or 2,728 years ago when a Greek youth called Coroebus recorded the first Olympic victory known to us over a distance known as a 'stade' which was 202 yards. It is from this word that the modern word stadium comes. The earliest beginnings of the Games are and seem likely to remain shrouded in the mists of ancient Greek mythology. The Games at Olympia reached their greatest in the 5th century B.C. The first year of our present era (A.D.1) was in the Olympic calendar the third and fourth year of the 194th Olympiad which is the term still used to describe the 4 yearly interval between each celebration of the Games.

As the Greek civilization declined so did the Games decline, until in A.D. 393 they were finally put out of their misery by decree of the Emperor Theodosius I. After the Olympic flame went out, it seemed also that man's glory and love of sport and joy in strength, skill and stamina also died.

In the Dark Ages we find only the occasional flicker of the old athletic spirit of the Greeks. It was not till the 19th century that the world again knew of amateur athletics. The sport's revival was cradled in England. The earliest recorded club event was a steeplechase over two miles and 24 jumps which was staged outside Oxford at Binsey in December 1850.

The man who organized it was an undergraduate, Halifax Wyatt of Exeter College. The Exeter College A.C. was the first athletic club in the world and still is going strong. Its President in 1935 was Jack Lovelock while its President in its 100th year was R.G. Bannister.

Best British Junior Performances

Below is a list of the best ever performances by British Junior athletes without restriction as to time or place. A "Junior", for these purposes, is an athlete who has not passed his 19th birthday. The Amateur Athletic Association does not accept for ratification Under 19 Records as do the governing bodies in some countries, for example Australia. All the performances listed here however would it is thought have conformed with the rules for records except that there were not three official watches on R. Scott's half mile.

100 yards	9.9n	G.S.Ellis	A.A.A.Championships	White City, London	July	14	1951
100 metres	10.5	J.C.M.Wilkinson	World Student Games	Paris	August	30	1947
200 metres	21.3	J.C.M.Wilkinson	O.U.A.C.v.N.W.German Univs:	Cologne	August	16	1947
	21.3	J.C.M.Wilkinson	Great Britain v.France	Paris	Sept.	7	1947
220 yards	21.8	G.S.Ellis	Schools A.A.Championships	Southampton	July	21	1951
440 yards	48.8	D.J.N.Johnson	Junior A.A.A.Championships	Port Sunlight	July	29	1950
880 yards	1m 53.9n	R.Scott	A.A.A.Championships	White City, London	July	13	1935
One Mile	4m 17.2	D.C.Seaman	Southern A.A.A.Championships	Reading	June	23	1951
120 yards(3'3")H.H.	14.8	J.A.Frampton	Junior A.A.A. Championships	Birmingham	July	28	1951
220 yards(2'6")L.H.	23.3	J.B.Duffy	Junior A.A.A. Championships	Birmingham	July	28	1951
High Jump	6ft 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in	A.S.Paterson	International Meeting	Antwerp	July	7	1946
Pole Vault	12ft 6 in	G.E.Broad	Inter Counties Championships	White City, London	May	12	1951
Long Jump	23ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	G.E.Broad	Sward Trophy	Chiswick, London	May	5	1951
Hop, Step and Jump	46ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	J.Frowan	Welsh Schools Meeting	Tonypany	July	1	1950
Shot Putt (12 lbs.)	51ft 4 in	A.G.I.Wood	Junior A.A.A. Championships	Birmingham	July	30	1949
Discus (3 lbs.5ozs.)	157ft 11 in	M.Pharaoch	Northern Junior A.A.Champs.	Skegness	July	8	1950
Javelin (1 lb.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.)	210ft 1 in	M.J.Dewley	Kinnaird Trophy Meeting	Chiswick, London	June	17	1950

(*) Note R.D.Shaw did 14.7 secs. at the same meeting with a 9.8.m.p.h. wind.)

British Rankings 1951

In the April issue of "Athletics World" will appear British Hurdles and Field Events Rankings for 1951.

Standard Notation :-

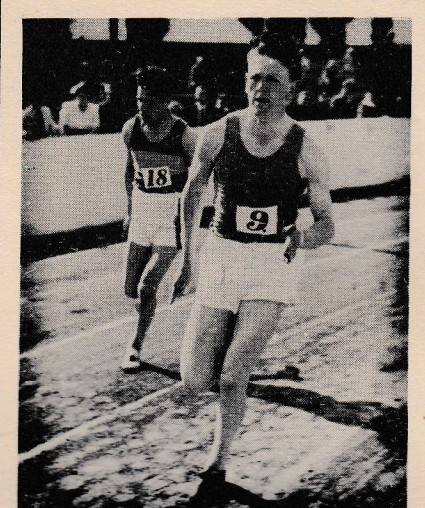
- y - mark made over linear distance
- m - mark made over metric distance
- // - straightaway track
- w - wind assisted mark
- ' - downhill

Brackets round beaten runner's name

100 YARDS (100 metres)

1. Emmanuel McDONALD BAILEY
 - 9.7 1st Leyton(Floodlit) 2/5
 - 10.6m 1st Amsterdam 3/6
 - 9.53 1st AAA v CUAC 5/6
 - 9.8 1st Kinnaird 16/6
 - 9.8 1st Southern 23/6
 - 9.7 1st AAA(heat) 13/7
 - 9.6 1st AAA(s-final)Br.Rec 14/7
 - 9.6 1st AAA(final)Br.Rec 14/7
 - 9.6 1st Waddilove(heat)Br.R. 21/7
 - 9.6 1st Waddilove(final)B.R. 21/7
 - 9.8 1st G.B. v France 6/8
 - 9.7 1st British Games 11/8
 - 10.2m 1st G.B. v Jugo.(eq.W.R.) 25/8
 - 10.5m 1st G.B. v Greece 29/8
 - (3 foot rise on track)
 - 10.4m 1st G.B. v Turkey(h.wind) 17/9
 - 9.8 1st City Charities 12/9
 - 9.9 2nd Dorking 22/9
 - 9.9 1st Lond. v Gothenburg 26/9
2. Brian SHENTON
 - 10.7m 1st Lahore 25/2
 - 9.9 1st Inter Counties 12/5
 - 9.9 1st Coventry 30/6
 - 9.8 1st Blackpool 7/7
 - 10.0 1st AAA(heat) (Ellis) 13/7
 - 9.9 2nd AAA(semi-final) 14/7
 - 9.8 2nd AAA(final)eq.E.N.R. 14/7
 - 10.2 1st Triangular Int. (head wind) 28/7
 - Disqual.G.B. v France 6/8
 - 6th British Games 11/8
 - 10.6m 2nd G.B. v Jugo. 25/8
 - 10.9m 2nd G.B. v Greece 29/8
 - (3 foot rise on track)
 - 10.7m 2nd G.B. v Turkey(h.wind) 17/9
 - 9.9 1st Edinburgh Highland Games (Stanfield) 8/9
 - 9.9 1st Dorking (McD.Bailey) 22/9
 - 9.9 2nd Lond. v Gothenburg 26/9
3. George Stuart ELLIS
 - 9.7 1st Keswick Sch.Sports 16/6
 - 2nd AAA (heat) 13/7
 - 9.9 3rd AAA (s-final) (Gregory) 14/7
 - 10.0 3rd AAA (fin.) (Pinnington) 14/7
4. John Arthur GREGORY
 - 10.0 3rd Inter C. (Pinnington) 12/5
 - 9.9 1st Midland CAAA 23/6
 - 9.9 1st AAA (heat) 13/7
 - 4th AAA (semi-final) 14/7
 - 3rd Brit.Games (Shenton) 11/8
 - 9.9 1st Birmingham Floodlit 3/10
5. AUSTIN ROBINETTE PINNINGTON
 - 10.1 1st Ox v Camb.(Wilkinson) 10/3
 - 6th Inter Counties 12/5
 - 10.2 2nd U.A.U. 19/5
 - 10.1 1st OUAC v AAA 22/5
 - 6th Kinnaird 16/6
 - 9.9 1st O/C v H/Y 23/6
 - 10.0 1st AAA (semi-final) 14/7
 - 6th AAA (final) 14/7
 - 11.2m 2nd Luxembourg 21/8
6. JOHN CHARLES MALCOLM WILKINSON
 - 10.3 3rd Oxford v Cambridge 10/3

- 9.9 1st Inter Counties (s-f) 12/5
 - 9.9 2nd Inter C.(f)(Gregory) 12/5
 - 4th Kinnaird(disputed) 16/6
 - 6th British Games 11/8
- 220 YARDS (200 metres)**
1. Emmanuel McDONALD BAILEY
 - 21.3 1st British Games 12/5
 - 21.1w 1st Inter Counties(semi-final) 14/5
 - 21.2 1st Inter Counties (final) 14/5
 - 21.5m 1st Amsterdam 3/6
 - 21.0m 1st AAA v CUAC(track short for 220 yards) 5/6
 - 21.1w 1st Glasgow 9/6
 - 20.5w 1st Imber Court(grass straight wind, 9.6 m.p.h.) 5/7
 - 21.5 1st AAA(heat) 13/7
 - 21.4 1st AAA(semi-final) 13/7
 - 21.4 1st AAA(final) 14/7
 - 21.1 1st G.B. v France (equals Brit. A-c.Rec.) 4/8
 - 21.4 1st Liverpool(McKenley) 8/8
 - 20.9m 1st G.B. v Jugoslavia 26/8
 - 21.0m 1st G.B. v Greece (rise of 5ft.7ins) 30/8
 - 21.1m 1st G.B. v Turkey(hd.w) 2/9



G.S. ELLIS, who 56 days before his 19th birthday, became the first Junior to beat 10.0secs. in a Championship.

2. Nicolas David STACEY
 - 22.1 1st Oxford v Cambridge 10/3
 - 22.2 1st Inter Counties (ht.) 12/5
 - 21.8w 2nd Inter Counties(sf.) 14/5
 - 21.8 2nd Inter C.(f) (Shenton) 14/5
 - 21.8 1st OUAC v Royal Navy 30/5
 - 22.2 2nd Kinnaird 16/6
 - 21.8 1st O/C v H/Y 23/6
 - 21.9 2nd AAA (final) (Ellis) 14/7
 - 4th Triangular(h.wind) 28/7
 - 21.6 2nd Birmingham 13/8
3. Brian SHENTON
 - 22.4 2nd AAA v ULAC 9/5
 - 22.0w 1st Inter Counties(sf.) 14/5
 - 22.0 3rd Inter Counties(f.) 14/5
 - 21.5 1st Yorks Ch. Bradford 2/6
 - 21.9 1st Coventry 30/6
 - retired AAA Championships
 - 21.9 2nd G.B. v France 4/8
 - 22.9 5th Brit.Games 11/8
 - 21.7m 2nd G.B. v Jugo. 26/8
 - 21.9m 2nd G.B. v Greece 30/8
 - 21.9m 2nd G.B. v Turkey 2/9
 - 22.0 1st City Charities 12/9

4. George Stuart ELLIS.
 - 21.7' 1st Keswick Sch.Sports 16/6
 - 22.2 1st AAA (heat) 13/7
 - 22.0 3rd AAA (final) 14/7
 - 22.0 1st Schools AA (s.final) 21/7
 - 21.8 1st Schools AA (hd.wind) 21/7
 - 21.9 1st Junior AAA (heat) 28/7
 - 21.9 1st Junior AAA (final) 28/7
 - 22.4 3rd Liverpool 8/8
 5. John Charles Malcolm WILKINSON
 - 22.4 2nd Oxford v Cambridge 10/3
 - 22.0 1st OUAC v ULAC 5/5
 - 21.3w 2nd Glasgow 9/6
 - 4th Kinnaird 16/6
 - 22.3m 3rd Amsterdam 17/6
 - 22.2 2nd O/C v H/Y 23/6
 - 23.0 6th British Games 11/8
 6. Leslie Charles LEWIS
 - 22.3 1st AAA v ULAC (Shenton) 9/5
 - 22.1m 1st Paris 27/5
 - 22.4 3rd Kinnaird(Wilkinson) 16/6
 - 21.5w 2nd Imber Court 5/7
- 440 YARDS (400 metres)**
1. Arthur Stanley WINT
 - 48.2 1st Inter Counties (sf.) 12/5
 - 48.7 1st Inter Counties (f.) 12/5
 - 47.9 1st British Games (Whitfield & McKenley) 14/5
 - 48.5 1st ULAC Champs. 19/5
 - 47.3m 1st Amsterdam 3/6
 - 47.7 1st Hospitals Champs. 9/6
 - 48.4 1st Waddilove Trophy 21/7
 - 47.9 1st Kodak Sports 28/7
 - 47.2 1st G.B. v Fr.(eq.B.Rec) 4/8
 - 47.9 1st Liverpool(McKenley) 8/8
 - 47.2m 1st G.B. v Jugo. 25/8
 - 70.7(600yds) Chiswick 5/5
 - 69.7(600yds) Motpur Park 20/6
 - 69.0(600yds) Darlington(track, 16/7 2ft.long, unofficial W.R.)
 2. Derek Charles PUGH
 - 49.3m 1st Paris 29/4
 - 49.0m 1st Paris 27/5
 - 48.0m 1st Paris 3/6
 - 48.7 1st Kinnaird 16/6
 - 48.3m 1st Amsterdam 17/6
 - 49.7 2nd Southern 23/6
 - 48.7 1st Coventry 30/6
 - 48.5 1st Ryder Trophy 7/7
 - 47.9 1st AAA(final) Eng.N.R. 14/7
 - 49.5 1st Triangular(gale) 28/7
 - 48.0 2nd G.B. v France 4/8
 3. Terrance Langley HIGGINS
 - 49.0 1st Brockman Trophy 26/5
 - 49.0m 2nd Amsterdam 3/6
 - 48.9 1st London Shipping AA 21/6
 - 48.6 2nd AAA (final) 14/7
 - 50.1 2nd Triangular(gale) 28/7
 - 48.5 2nd British Games II 11/8
 - 47.8m 2nd G.B. v Jugoslavia 25/8
 - 48.6m 1st G.B. v Turkey 1/9
 - 48.8 1st Jamaica Relief 19/9
 - 2nd Dorking 22/9
 - 49.3 1st London v Gothenburg 26/9
 - 48.5 1st Birmingham Floodlit 3/10
 4. Francis Peter HIGGINS
 - 50.5 3rd Inter-County 14/5
 - 49.2 1st NCAA 7/7
 - 48.8 4th AAA (final) 14/7
 - 49.0 3rd British Games 11/8
 - 48.8 1st Newport 18/8
 - 49.5 1st Dorking(Higgins) 22/9
 5. Leslie Charles LEWIS
 - 48.8 3rd AAA(final) 14/7
 - 51.0 2nd Newport 18/8
 - 50.6m 3rd G.B. v Turkey 1/9
 6. Derek James Neville JOHNSON
 - 49.1 1st Southern Junior 7/7
 - 49.1 1st Schools' A.A. 21/7
 - 49.1 1st Junior AAA 28/7
 - 48.9 2nd Birmingham 13/8

880 YARDS (800 metres)

- Arthur Stanley WINT
 - 1:55.4 2nd Timaru, N.Z. 1/1
 - 1:54.5 1st Kinnaird(rec.) 16/6
 - 1:50.8m 1st Brussels 30/6
 - 1:49.6 1st AAA (Champ.best) 14/7
 - 1:52.1 1st G.B.v France 6/8
 - 1:51.7 1st British Games II 11/8
 - 1:49.7m 1st G.B.v Yugoslavia 26/8
 - 1:54.8 1st Edin:H.Gms(Browne) 8/9
 - 1:51.6 tie City Charities 12/9
 - 1:54.1 1st London v Goth. 26/9
 - 1:54.1 1st Birmingham Fl-lit 3/10
- Harold John PARLETT
 - 1:55.0m 1st Amsterdam 3/6
 - 1:55.5 1st Glasgow(Browne) 9/6
 - 2:00.9 3rd Liverpool 8/8
 - 1:51.6 tie City Ch.(Wint) 12/9
- Roger Gilbert BANNISTER
 - 1:55.2n 1st Timaru, N.Z. 1/1
 - 1:56.4 1st Bradford(Evans) 9/6
 - 1:53.6 1st Southgate Invit. 30/6
 - 1:58.3 1st Triangular 28/7
 - 1:52.9 2nd G.B.v France 6/8
 - 2:05.2 4th G.B.v Turkey 1/9
- Frank EVANS
 - 1:58.3 3rd Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 1:54.7 1st NCAA 23/6
 - 1:53.4 1st Coventry(Webster) 30/6
 - 1:53.2 2nd AAA (Webster) 14/7
 - 1:57.3 1st Triang.(Bannister) 28/7
 - 1:53.7 3rd British Games II (Webster) 11/8
 - 1:52.6m 2nd G.B.v Yugoslavia 26/8
- Albert WEBSTER
 - 1:56.7 1st Inter C.(Evans) 14/5
 - 1:55.4m 2nd Amsterdam 3/6
 - 1:52.8 2nd Middlesbrough 11/6
 - 1:56.2m 2nd Oslo 19/6
 - 1:57.7 1st MCAAA 23/6
 - 1:53.4 2nd Coventry(Morley) 30/6
 - 1:53.7 4th AAA 14/7
 - 1:54.5 4th British Games II 11/8
 - (1:52.3) 2nd Birm.(track 60ft. short)
 - 1:57.4m 1st G.B.v Greece 29/8
 - 1:54.7m 1st G.B.v Turkey 1/9
- Roy Anthony MORLEY
 - 1:55.3m 1st Amsterdam 17/6
 - 1:57.6e 3rd Southern 23/6
 - 1:53.8 3rd Coventry 30/6
 - 1:54.4m 2nd Helsinki 4/7
 - 1:55.5 1st AAA(heat)(Evans) 13/7
 - AAA(final) fell 14/7
 - 1:54.8 1st Newport 18/8

ONE MILE (1500 metres)

- Roger Gilbert BANNISTER
 - 4:08.3 1st Penn. Relays 28/4
 - 4:09.2 1st British Games I (Otenhajmer) 12/5
 - 4:16.2 1st Kinnaird 16/6
 - 3:59.0m 1st Oslo 20/6
 - 3:52.4m 1st Helsinki(Taipale) 4/7
 - 4:07.8 1st AAA (Champ.best) 14/7
 - 3:48.4m 2nd G.B.v Yugoslavia 25/8
- George William NANKEVILLE
 - 4:16.2 1st Glasgow(Landqvist) 9/6
 - 4:08.6 2nd AAA 14/7
 - 4:11.0 1st G.B. v France 4/8
 - 4:10.8 1st British Games II 11/8
 - 4:09.6 1st City Charities 12/9
 - 4:14.2 1st Jamaica Relief 19/9
 - 4:12.2 1st Birmingham Fl-lit 3/10
- Harold John PARLETT
 - 3:53.6 1st Paris 29/4
 - 4:12.0 1st ULAC v OUAC 5/5
 - 4:09.2 2nd Paris(3:53.0m) 27/5
 - 4:11.2 1st Surrey 2/6
 - 4:09.2 3rd AAA 14/7
 - 4:12.0 2nd G.B. v France (El Mabrouk) 4/8

- Leonard EYRE
 - 4:17.8 1st Edinburgh H.Gms 8/9
 - 4:16.4 1st Dorking 22/9
 - 4:18.6 3rd Inter Counties 14/5
 - 4:17.6 1st Yorkshire 2/6
 - 3:53.2m 3rd Amsterdam 17/6
 - 4:17.6 1st NCAA 23/6
 - 4:11.8 1st Stockton 30/6
 - 4:10.6 4th AAA 14/7
 - 4:21.8 3rd Triangular 28/7
 - 4:11.6 1st Glasgow 4/8
 - 4:12.6 2nd British Games II 11/8
 - 3:50.0m 3rd G.B.v Yugoslavia 25/8
 - 4:03.0m 1st G.B.v Greece 29/8
 - 3:52.9m 1st G.B.v Turkey 2/9
 - 4:12.8 2nd Birmingham Fl-lit 3/10
- Alan Bunyard PARKER
 - 4:18.0 2nd Inter Counties 14/5
 - 2nd NCAA 23/6
 - 4:12.4 5th AAA 14/7
 - 4:16.8 1st Triang.(Eyre) 28/7
 - 4:14.8 2nd Glasgow 4/8
 - 4:11.4 2nd City Charities 12/9
- Christopher John CHATAWAY
 - 4:19.4 1st OUAC Sports 24/2
 - 4:16.4 1st Oxford v Camb. 10/3
 - 4:12.0 2nd OUAC v ULAC 5/5
 - 3:57.0m 2nd Amsterdam 3/6
 - 4:17.2 3rd Kinnaird 16/6
 - 4:15.0 1st O/C v H/Y 23/6
 - 4:03.0m 2nd G.B.v Greece 29/8



C.M. GRAY 7th man to beat the 1/2 hour.

THREE MILES (5000 metres)

- William Roy BECKETT
 - 14:19.4 1st Southern 23/6
 - 14:02.6 1st AAA 14/7
 - 14:34.6 1st Triangular 28/7
 - 14:12.4 2nd G.B. v France 4/8
 - 3rd G.B. v Yugoslavia 26/8
- Christopher John CHATAWAY
 - 14:47.6m 3rd Paris 27/5
 - 14:02.6 2nd AAA 14/7
 - 14:50.6m 1st G.B. v Yugoslavia 26/8
 - 14:56.6m 1st G.B. v Turkey 1/9
- Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE
 - 14:12.0 4th AAA 14/7
 - 14:03.0 2nd Brit.Gms.(Parker) 11/8
 - 15:08.3m 1st G.B. v Greece 29/8
- Alan Bunyard PARKER
 - 14:06.0 1st Darlington 16/7
 - 14:19.0 1st Liverpool 8/8
 - 14:04.4 3rd British Games II 11/8
- Henry John HICKS
 - 14:31.0 2nd Caledonian Gms. 26/5
 - 6th Southern 23/6
 - 14:10.0 3rd AAA 14/7
 - 14:34.8 2nd Triangular 28/7
 - 14:41.4 4th G.B. v France 4/8

- Philip Richard Llewellyn MORGAN
 - 14:38.0 1st OUAC Sports 24/2
 - 14:25.4 1st Oxford v Camb. 10/3
 - 6th Inter Counties 12/5
 - 14:38.2 1st U.A.U. 19/5
 - 14:19.0 1st Essex 2/6
 - 14:32.4 3rd Kinnaird 16/6
 - 14:12.4 1st O/C v H/Y 23/6
 - 14:38.0 1st Ryder Trophy 7/7
 - AAA (unplaced) 14/7
 - 14:27.8 6th British Games II 11/8
 - 14:23.8 1st Birmingham Fl-lit 3/10

SIX MILES (10,000 metres)

- Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE
 - 29:32.0 1st AAA (B(N)R) 13/7
 - 29:33.8 2nd G.B. v France 6/8
 - 31:11.2m 1st G.B. v Yugoslavia 25/8
 - 32:28.6m 1st G.B. v Turkey 2/9
- Walter HESKETH
 - 30:21.2 1st NCAA 30/6
 - 29:50.0 2nd AAA 13/7
 - 29:13.8 1st G.B. v France (Pirie) (B.A.-C.R) 6/8
 - 31:52.8m 3rd G.B. v Yugoslavia 25/8
 - 33:55.6m 3rd G.B. v Turkey 2/9
- Colin M. GRAY
 - 30:48.2 1st MCAAA 23/5
 - 30:12.4 3rd AAA 13/7
 - 29:56.2 1st Dublin 9/8
 - 32:41.0m 1st G.B. v Greece 29/8
- Desmond Connell BIRCD
 - 31:51.6 5th NCAA 30/6
 - 30:19.8 4th AAA 13/7
- Reginald Frank ROBINS
 - 31:00.8 1st Southern 9/6
 - 30:25.2 6th AAA 13/7
- Frank Emile AARON
 - 30:53.0 3rd NCAA 30/6
 - 24:45.6 1st (5 miles) Chesterfield 16/6
 - AAA 13/7

Retrospect 1951

THE WORLD

ATHLETE of the Year - 29 year old Emil Zátopek / **SENSATION** of the Year - Not a solitary American world record and the first miss since 1907 / **DUEL** of the Year - Németh v. Strandli the top ball and chain specialists, 4 clashes, 2 wins each and worst mark over 188 feet. **UPSET** of the Year - James Emanuel Fuchs beaten at the A.A.U. meet after 35!!! straight wins. **EVENT** of the Year-(Men) - High Jump with four 'unknowns' over 6ft. 9ins. (Women) - 800 metres with 8 under 2 mins. 15secs. **SUSPICION** of the Year Vladimir 'call me Waterproof' KAZANTSEV Soviet steeplechaser with a series of 8:49.8, 8:51.2, 8:56.4.

THE UNITED KINGDOM

ATHLETE of the Year - Emmanuel McD.Bailey, a world's record, a fifth AAA sprint double. **RACE** of the Year - Beckett v. Chataway 3 miles with an unprecedented 57.6 secs. last lap. **METEOR** of the Year (Seniors) - Dick Millar of Ulster with a 206ft. 7 1/2 ins. javelin throw. (Junior) George Ellis of Cumberland from 22.4(1950) to 21.8 21.9 and 21.9. **DUEL** of the Year - Hildreth(8) v. Parker(6) in 14 high hurdle races. **MEETING** of the Year - "Evening News" London v. Gothenburg.

Who Is The Greatest Spectator of All Time?

A new game for track enthusiasts has been started. It is to find out who in your school or club has witnessed the best collection of great track and field performances.

It is amazing how easy it is to settle in each case which is the top mark that you have personally witnessed. Corder Nelson, Editor of the American TRACK AND FIELD NEWS, recently provoked his readers into action with a challenge to beat his string which included the 9.3secs. 100 yards, the 46.0secs. 440 yards, a 13.6 s. high hurdles, the second best high jump of 6ft 10 1/2 ins and a 58ft. 5 1/2 ins shot-putt. In our turn we are listing the top performances jointly witnessed by the Editors. For every mark you have seen bettered score plus 1 but for every one that you have not seen as good score minus 1.

Just to show that the standard is not all that high, we invited 1924 Olympic 100 metre Champion Harold Abrahams to see what he could do. By return post back came the answer. Score - Plus 15 !! Here then are the two lists.

EVENT	EDITORS	ABRAHAMS
100yds	9.6	9.6
100m	10.3	10.2
200m(turn)	20.8	20.7
220y(turn)	21.1	21.1
400m	46.2	46.2
440yds	47.2	47.2
800m	1:49.2	1:48.4
880yds	1:49.6	1:49.2
1500m	3:47.2	3:47.0
1 mile	4:07.8	4:07.4
2 miles	9:00.6	9:00.6
3 miles	14:00.8	13:53.2
5000m	14:03.0	14:03.0
6 miles	29:12.0m	29:12.0m
10000m	29:12.0	29:12.0

EVENT	EDITORS	ABRAHAMS
Marathon	2H29:28.0	2H29:19.2
120/110 HH	13.9	13.9
200/220 LH(turn)	24.0	24.0
400m MH	51.1	51.1
440yds MH	53.4	52.7
3000m S/Ch.	9:04.6	9:03.8
2 mile S/Ch.	9:58.6	9:58.6
High Jump	6ft. 7 1/2 in	6ft. 9 1/2 in
Pole Vault	14ft. 9 1/2 in	14ft. 3 1/2 in
Long Jump	25ft. 8 in	26ft. 5 1/2 in
Hop, Step & Jump	50ft. 6 1/2 in	52ft. 5 1/2 in
Shot-putt	56ft. 2 in	56ft. 2 in
Discus-Throw	176ft. 4 1/2 in	176ft. 4 1/2 in
Hammer-Throw	183ft. 11 1/2 in	185ft. 2 in
Javelin-Throw	232ft. 1 1/2 in	250ft. 10 1/2 in
Decathlon(1934)	7,139 pts.	7,900 pts.

It is not impossible that there are several people in the British Isles who may have witnessed a list of performances superior to Harold Abrahams. Joe Binks, Lord Burghley, Jack Crump, 'Billy' Holt, Larry Montague and Jack Oaten all come to mind. Once we can establish who has the best score in Britain, we shall challenge the winner of the American competition. Though untouchable in some departments, even Corder Nelson has to admit to a best 2 miles at only 9:02.0 and a sub par half-mile at 1:50.1.

Another amusing game played by real American 'track nuts' is each to cite a letter of the alphabet and select the greatest possible relay team from all the athletes whose surnames start with that letter.

During a long train journey one nut thought he was on a good thing. The relay was the 4 x 800 m. and he had dubbed a 'W'. Starting with the two world record holders at 880 yards Wooderson and Whitfield he added 1936 Olympic champion Woodruff and completed his team with Arthur Wint. Imagine then his disgust when a super-nut in the corner rapped out Harbig, Hansenne, Holst-Sbrensen and Doug. Harris for a 2.5 secs. win in the 'handy' aggregate time of 7mins. 13.2secs.

WHICHEVER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT

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British Best Performances No. 1 - Mile

by Norris McWhirter

British All-Time Best Performers Lists were published for the first time in 1951. However British All-Time Best Performance Lists have never, until now seen the light of print. ATHLETICS WORLD intends to present its readers with these unique compilations in series form event by event starting in this first issue with the one mile. In the next issue we shall follow with British Best Performances No.2 - Half Mile.

THE ONE MILE

4:04.2n	S.C.Wooderson	Gothenberg	Sept. 9 1945
4:06.4	S.C.Wooderson	Motspur Park	Aug. 28 1937
4:07.4	S.C.Wooderson	White City	May 29 1939
4:07.8	R.G.Bannister	White City	July 14 1951
4:08.3	R.G.Bannister	Philadelphia	Apr. 28 1951
4:08.6n	G.W.Nankeville	White City	July 14 1951
4:08.8	G.W.Nankeville	White City	July 16 1949
4:09.2n	S.C.Wooderson	White City	Aug. 6 1945
4:09.2	R.G.Bannister	White City	May 12 1951
4:09.2n	H.J.Parlett	Paris	May 27 1951
4:09.2n	H.J.Parlett	White City	July 14 1951
4:09.6	G.W.Nankeville	White City	Sept.12 1951
4:09.9	R.G.Bannister	Christchurch N.Z	Dec. 30 1950
4:10.4n	G.W.Nankeville	White City	Aug. 1 1949
4:10.6n	L.Eyre	White City	July 14 1951
4:10.8	S.C.Wooderson	Chelmsford	June 20 1936
4:10.8	G.W.Nankeville	White City	Aug. 11 1951
4:11.0	S.C.Wooderson	Glasgow	Aug. 3 1940
4:11.0	G.W.Nankeville	White City	Aug. 4 1951
4:11.1	R.G.Bannister	Princeton	June 11 1949
4:11.2	S.C.Wooderson	Manchester	June 26 1943
4:11.2	H.J.Parlett	Motspur Park	June 2 1951
4:11.4	D.G.Wilson	Cowley	Aug. 11 1945
4:11.4n	A.B.Parker	White City	Sept.12 1951
4:11.6	J.W.Ll.Alford	Sydney	Feb. 12 1938
4:11.6	L.Eyre	Glasgow	Aug. 4 1951
4:11.8	S.C.Wooderson	White City	July 8 1939
4:11.8	S.C.Wooderson	White City	Aug. 2 1943
4:11.8n	R.A.Morris	White City	July 16 1949
4:11.8n	L.Eyre	Auckland	Feb. 11 1950
4:11.8	L.Eyre	Stockton	June 30 1951
4:11.9	R.G.Bannister	Cambridge, Mass.	June 20 1949
4:12.0	R.Graham	Glasgow	Aug. 20 1935
4:12.0	S.C.Wooderson	Birmingham	May 20 1939
4:12.0n	D.B.Pell	White City	July 8 1939
4:12.0	H.J.Parlett	Oxford	May 5 1951
4:12.0n	C.J.Chataway	Oxford	May 5 1951
4:12.0n	H.J.Parlett	White City	Aug. 4 1951
4:12.2	S.C.Wooderson	White City	July 17 1937
4:12.2	L.Eyre	Belfast	June 12 1950
4:12.2	G.W.Nankeville	White City	July 15 1950
4:12.2	G.W.Nankeville	Birmingham	Oct. 3 1951
4:12.4	L.Eyre	Uxbridge	Aug. 2 1950
4:12.4n	A.B.Parker	White City	July 14 1951
4:12.5	R.Graham	Glasgow	June 27 1936
4:12.6n	L.Eyre	White City	Aug. 11 1951
4:12.7	S.C.Wooderson	Glasgow	Aug. 3 1935
4:12.8	S.C.Wooderson	Manchester	June 24 1944
4:12.8n	L.Eyre	Birmingham	Oct. 3 1951
4:13.0n	S.C.Wooderson	Princeton	June 17 1939
4:13.0	L.Eyre	Dublin	May 31 1950
4:13.0	R.G.Bannister	White City	July 1 1950
4:13.0n	L.Eyre	White City	Sept.12 1951
4:13.2n	G.W.Nankeville	White City	June 6 1949
4:13.2n	L.Eyre	White City	July 15 1950
4:13.4	R.H.Thomas	Stamford Bridge	May 25 1931
4:13.4u	S.C.Wooderson	White City	Aug. 7 1934
4:13.4	S.C.Wooderson	White City	July 16 1938
4:13.4	S.C.Wooderson	Tooting	July 20 1940
4:13.4	D.G.Wilson	Glasgow	Aug. 5 1944
4:13.4	D.G.Wilson	White City	July 2 1949
4:13.4n	D.G.Wilson	White City	July 16 1949

4:13.6u	J.F.Cornes	White City	Aug. 7 1934
4:13.7n	D.G.Wilson	Manchester	June 24 1944
4:13.8	A.G.Hill	Stamford Bridge	July 2 1921
4:13.8	C.A.J.Emery	Cambridge Mass.	July 10 1937
4:13.8	S.C.Wooderson	White City	June 14 1943
4:13.8	S.C.Wooderson	Epsom	July 24 1943
4:13.8n	R.A.Morley	White City	Aug. 6 1949
4:13.8n	R.A.Morley	White City	May 12 1951
4:14.0	R.H.Thomas	Hamilton	Aug. 23 1930
4:14.0n	D.G.Wilson	White City	June 14 1943
4:14.0	L.Eyre	Uxbridge	July 19 1949
4:14.0n	A.B.Parker	White City	July 15 1950
4:14.0	F.Evans	Manchester	Aug. 4 1951
4:14.2n	H.B.Stallard	Stamford Bridge	July 2 1921
4:14.2	J.F.Cornes	White City	July 2 1932
4:14.2n	R.H.Thomas	Glasgow	Aug. 5 1933
4:14.2n	D.B.Pell	White City	July 16 1938
4:14.2	G.W.Nankeville	White City	July 3 1948
4:14.2n	R.G.Bannister	White City	Aug. 6 1949
4:14.2n	G.W.Nankeville	White City	May 29 1950
4:14.2n	G.W.Nankeville	Motspur Park	Sept.19 1951
4:14.4	D.A.G.Pirie	Southampton	July 7 1951
4:14.6	S.C.Wooderson	Brighton	June 26 1937
4:14.6	S.C.Wooderson	Charlton Park	May 10 1939
4:14.8	A.V.Reeve	Guildford	June 30 1934
4:14.8	S.C.Wooderson	Sandhurst	Apr. 29 1939
4:14.8	S.C.Wooderson	Imber Court	Aug. 21 1943
4:14.8	D.G.Wilson	White City	Sept.23 1943
4:14.8	S.C.Wooderson	Aldershot	July 21 1945
4:14.8	D.G.Wilson	Watford	Aug. 18 1945
4:14.8	D.G.Wilson	Chiswick	July 22 1948
4:14.8n	A.B.Parker	White City	July 16 1949
4:14.8	R.G.Bannister	White City	Mar. 18 1950
4:14.8	J.Ashby	Coventry	June 30 1951
4:14.9u	S.C.Wooderson	Guildford	June 30 1934
4:15.0n	C.Ellis	White City	July 2 1932
4:15.0n	T.M.Riddell	Glasgow	Aug. 5 1933
4:15.0	S.C.Wooderson	White City	July 11 1936
4:15.0n	A.J.Collyer	White City	July 8 1939
4:15.0	S.C.Wooderson	Newcastle	July 26 1939
4:15.0n	C.T.White	Auckland	Feb. 11 1950
4:15.0	D.G.Wilson	Liverpool	July 1 1950
4:15.0	J.Ashby	Bristol	July 8 1950
4:15.0	C.J.Chataway	White City	June 23 1951

SUMMARY

Twenty six milers have qualified for inclusion in this list comprising 106 separate marks. The individual record is as follows:-

Sydney Charles Wooderson(Blackheath H.)	27 marks
George William Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	12 marks
Leonard Eyre(Harehill Liberal H. & A.C.)	12 marks
Douglas Gordon Wilson(Polytechnic H.)	10 marks
Roger Gilbert Bannister(Achilles Club)	9 marks
Harold John Parlett(Dorking St.Paul's A.C.)	5 marks

Vintage years are significant in that they proof that new wine is best:- 1951(28 marks),1950 (14 marks),1949(12) and 1939(9). The fastest times made on grass tracks are Bannister's 4:09.9 then Wooderson's 4:10.8,Wilson's 4:11.4 and Alford's 4:11.6. All but 12 of the listed performances were achieved within the United Kingdom. It is perhaps also of interest to note that when Hill and Stallard set their best marks in 1921 that they were the second and third fastest amateur miles of All-time.

The only two 'foreigners' who have so far managed to beat 4mins. 10secs.on a British track are Arne Andersson(Sweden)with 4:08.8 and Marcel Hansenne(France) with 4:09.8 both at the White City.

CAUTION PLEASE !!

All American mile times should be treated with great suspicion.The American Standard mile is nearly $\frac{1}{8}$ inch shorter than our Statute mile.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTES.

With the League and Counties' races behind us and the 'National' only a few days away, three inescapable facts have come to light:- 1) Gordon Pirie, 21 last month, is far faster than anyone else; 2) the 'National' Junior is a very open race; 3) the modern marthoner is faster over the country than he used to be.

Of the Leagues, the 'Birmingham' produced some fine racing between Ray Hatton (Birchfield) and Bill Gray (Small Heath). In the Northern Leagues all the promising material of last year was fulfilling that promise, but Walter Hesketh did not quite live up to the brilliance of his summer track performances. E. McCwen of Rochdale was unbeaten in the S.E. Lincs. League - the only runner to obtain this distinction.

At Oxford and Cambridge, Chataway and David H. Gilbert remained the leading lights, finishing one-two in the Inter-'Varsity, while at London the matching of K.L. Norris (T.V.H.) and T.E. Keegan (Walton) modernised course records.

The South of the Thames Junior Team Race was a victory for Herne Hill and D.E. Brooker (Dartford). On the 'other side' Essex Beagles and H.A. Woolard took the title. Track internationals Harry Hicks and A.T. Ferguson shared the various Trophy races and Len Eyre swooped from his native Yorkshire to retain his Civil Service title from John Stone. Pirie had a comfortable win in the Inter-Banks with J.D. Wood (Surrey A.C.) showing great improvement in filling the second berth.

Abroad England won the Criterium des As run in Brussels around an airfield. Pirie ran with Lucien Theys but was shed by 11 secs. over the last 500 yards. This was on Sunday November 25th. On Jan. 13th Pirie made very sure of the Cross International de Mezidon in Normandy with a 35 secs. win over Driss (France). At Hannut on February 3rd Pirie struck the Belgian Van de Wattyne in irresistible form and had to yield 18secs. in the latter stages. The rest of the team was made up from Saunders (5th), Hesketh (6th) and Hardy (10th) all of whom had already been across to the continent twice before.

Outstanding in County Championships dominated by favourites were Pirie's 'street' win in the Surrey; Peters' victory in the Essex and Ferguson's in the Middlesex. The surprises were Hatton's defeat by Binder in the Staffs. and Eastham's win over Saunders in the Lincs.

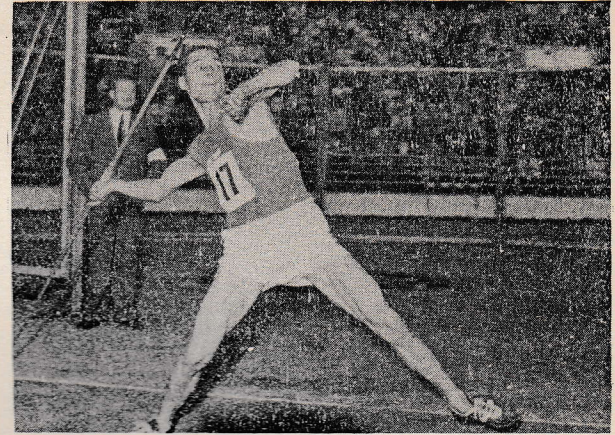
At York on January 19, Pirie came in 400 yards in front of Eyre and Saunders and the 235 other starters. Crooks (Notts.) was a surprise fourth and 3 Juniors, Hatton Sando and Wilde were all well placed; Peters ran the last lap wide open so carrying himself from the sixties to 11th. Lancashire again took the team honours in a field in only 2min. 18secs. separated 2nd from 100th! Middlesex in gold and red were second and Kent in blue were third. That it was Bolton U.H. who supplied most of Lincs. scorers did not go unnoticed among Sutton supporters. (A which)

The National & the International.

Even if Dr. Aaron ran his best, it is difficult to look past Pirie for the 'National' at Great Barr on March 8th. Saunders, Hesketh, Gray, R. Williams, Olney, Crooks, Hicks, Ferguson and W. Boak should all be there with Hardy the potential surprise packet. The team race must remain very open but Bolton must stand a chance.

In the 'Junior' it is at least certain that whoever wins won't be lonely and will have to run very fast. Frank Sando is running extremely well, Keegan has been most consistent, Wilde has that ability to rise to the occasion, K.L. Norris is running well, Knight is wearing dark-coloured armour but Hatton has the supreme advantage of being on his home course. The Northerners will dominate the 'Youths'!

England's chances of retaining the International title can not be described as 'less rosy' than at the time of her unpredicted victory at Caerleon in March 1951. Even now there are signs that there is defection in the French and Belgian ranks. Olympic Year or not our Cross Country men are running Cross Country, are training harder and are running better than before. General verdict is that the overall national standard is still rising and that the number of 'Zátopek-minded' recruits is fast increasing.



An action shot of Finland's great new javelin man SOINI NIKKINEN. He is not to be confused with his near name-sake Yrjö Nikkanen who is now 37. Soini was 12th at Wembley in 1948 with 190ft. 5in. but last year he reached 249ft. 1in. and a week before set a mark of 252ft. 4 1/2 ins. with an exhibition throw at Imatra.

"Medley Relay" conducted by 'Baton'

It happened in MARCH

March, 1st. 1914. Viljo Akseli Heino born. Former holder of the world records for 10,000 metres, 10 miles 1 hour and 20,000 metres. He still holds the six miles record at 28mins. 30.8secs.

March, 4th. 1893. Charles Burgess Fry (aged 20) cleared 23ft. 6 1/2 ins. at Iffley Road, Oxford. This equalled the existing world record made by C.S. Reber (U.S.A.) on July 4th 1891. He is also a Cricket & Football Blue.

March, 9th. 1888. Also at Iffley Road, F.J.K. Cross ran 880 yards in 1min. 54.4secs., a world and British record. This mark was not beaten until at New York. 7 1/2 years later C.H. Kilpatrick ran 1m. 53.4s for N.Y.A.C. v the L.A.C. As a British record it stood for another 13 years until the 1908 Games when Melvin Sheppard having won the 800 metre title in 1:52.8 carried on to the 1/2 mile post in 1:54.0. The mark is still a joint record for the Iffley Rd. track which was remade in 1948.

March, 13th. 1907. 'Jack' Holden was born and on March, 15th. three years later another great man over the Marathon, Tommy Richards, first saw the light of day.

March, 23rd and March, 24th are (as the astrologers say) important days for milers. On the former day in 1910 J.F. Cornes, 2nd Olympic 1,500m. in 1932 and 6th in 1936, was born; while 19 years later Roger Bannister was born. On the latter date in 1889 Albert Hill, dual Olympic Champion at Antwerp in 1920 was born. On the same date but 36 years later Bill Nankeville was born. Is this an omen for Helsinki?

Fifty Years Ago

On March 21st. 1902, an American W.W. Coe won the Inter-'Varsity' shot putt with a record 43ft. 10ins. Coe had won the first ever American Junior Championship in 1900 and our AAA title in 1901. In 1905 Coe set up a world record of 49ft. 6ins. back in the States. In 1920 when back in England though in his 42nd year he entered for the AAA 56lb. weight throw. He won.

Did You Know?

The rule that a competitor knocking down three or more hurdles is disqualified was not introduced till 1922. It was abolished when the International type hurdle was introduced in 1934. Up to 1938 a competitor knocking down even one hurdle could not claim a new world record, it will be remembered Robert Tisdall in 1932 in winning the Olympic title for 400 metres in 51.8s. knocked down the 10th hurdle. ✓

World's Olympic, and British Records compared

In the following list 3 marks for each of the 24 standard Olympic events for men are shown in the following order - World's record (accepted by the I.A.A.F. as at 1.3.52.); the Olympic Record or best performance; and the best recorded performance by a home athlete.

100 metres	10.2s	J.C.Owens (USA) '36, H.Davis (USA) '41, L.B.LaBeach (Panama) '48, H.N.Ewell (USA) '48, E.McDonald Bailey (Trinidad/GB) '51.
	10.3s	E.Tolan (USA) '32, J.C.Owens (USA) '36, H.Dillard (USA) '48.
	10.4s	(10.2s by Owens '36 wind assisted) A.W.Sweeney Wuppertal 3.7.37.
200 metres	20.2s	M.E.Patton (USA) '49 (Straight)
	20.7s	J.C.Owens (USA) '36 (turn)
	21.2s	W.R.Applegarth London 4.7.14 C.B.Holmes Sydney 10.2.38 (both marks over 220 yards (turn))
400 metres	45.8s	V.G.Rhoden (Jamaica) '50
	46.2s	W.A.Carr (USA) '32, A.S.Wint (Jamaica) '48
	46.7s	A.G.K.Brown Berlin 7.8.36
800 metres	1m46.6s	R.Harbig (Germany) '39
	1m49.2s	M.G.Whitfield (USA) '48
	1m48.4s	S.C.Wooderson London 20.8.38
1,500 metres	3m43.0s	G.Hagg (Sweden) '44
		L.Strand (Sweden) '47
	3m47.8s	J.E.Lovell (New Zealand) '36
	3m48.0s	G.W.Nankeville Brussels 27.8.50.
5,000 metres	13m58.2s	G.Hagg (Sweden) '42
	14m17.6s	G.E.G.Reiff (Belgium) '48
	14m08.6s	S.C.Wooderson Oslo 23.8.46.
10,000 metres	29m02.6s	E.Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) '50
	29m59.6s	E.Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) '48
	30m31.6s	F.E.Aaron Brussels 23.8.50.
Marathon	-	No official world's record
	2H29m19.2s	K.Son (Japan), now Son Ki Chung (Korea), '36
	2H29m28.0s	J.H.Peters London 16.6.51.
4x100 metres Relay	39.8s	USA Team (J.C.Owens, R.H.Metcalf, F.Draper, F.C.Wyckoff) '36
	39.8s	USA Team as above
	41.2s	GB Team (M.M.Scarr, A.G.K.Brown, A.W.Sweeney, E.L.Page) Paris 5.9.38 GB Team (E.McD Bailey, N.D.Stacey, JCM.Wilkinson, B.Shenton) Belgrade 26.8.51.
4x400 metres Relay	3mo8.2s	USA Team (I.Fuqua, E.A.Ablowich, K.D.Warner, W.A.Carr) '32
	3mo8.2s	USA Team as above
	3mo9.0s	GB Team (F.F.Wolff, G.L.Rampling, W.Roberts, A.G.K.Brown) Berlin 9.8.36.
110 metres Hurdles	13.6s	R.H.Attlesey (USA) '50
	13.9s	W.F.Porter (USA) '48
	14.3s	D.O.Finlay Paris 4.9.38.
400 metres Hurdles	50.6s	G.F.Hardin (USA) '34
	51.1s	L.B.Cochran (USA) '48
	52.3s	Lord Burghley Los Angeles 1.8.32.
3,000m. Steeple-chase	-	No official world's record
	9mo3.8s	V.Iso Hollo (Finland) '36
	9m11.6s	J.I.Disley London 26.9.51.

Metric Conversions

To appreciate metric and hence Olympic performances on the track, it is necessary to arrive at the equivalent time for the appropriate 'English' distance as follows -:

100m.	is 9.36yds further than	100 yds so subtract 0.8s
200m.	is 1.28yds shorter than	220 yds so add 0.1s
400m.	is 2.56yds shorter than	440 yds so add 0.3s
800m.	is 5.11yds shorter than	880 yds so add 0.7s
1500m.	is 119.8yd shorter than	1 mile so (approx) add 18-19 secs.
For 5000m (3 miles 138.1yds) & 10,000m (6m.376.1yds) subtract 30 and 60 secs respectively.		



The first picture ever published in this country of the 10st.3lb. Brazilian A.F. da Silva, 24, who was the only man in 1951 to better a World mark in a standard event.

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N.B. Field Events measurements are given to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch below for distances under 100 feet and above that distances to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, below.

10,000 m.	42m39.6s	W.Hardmo (Sweden) '45
Walk	45m03.0s	J.F.Mikaellsson (Sweden) '48 (heat)
	44m37.4s	R.Hardy London 15.7.50.
50,000 m.	-	No official world's record
Road	4H30m41.4s	H.H.Whitlock (GB) '36
Walk	4H30m41.4s	H.H.Whitlock Berlin 5.8.36.
High Jump	6ft 11 in	L.Steers (USA) '41
	6ft 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in	C.C.Johnson (USA) '36
	6ft 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	A.S.Paterson Glasgow 2.8.47.
Pole Vault	15ft 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in	C.A.Warmerdam (USA) '42
	14ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	E.Meadows (USA) '36
	13ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	F.R.Webster Berlin 5.8.36
Long Jump	26ft 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	J.C.Owens (USA) '35
	26ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	J.C.Owens '36 (wind aid reported)
	24ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	H.M.Abrahams London 7.7.24.
Hop, Step and Jump	52ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	A.F.da Silva (Brazil) '51
	52ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	N.Tajima (Japan) '36
	48ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	E.Boyce Belfast 4.7.34.
Shot Putt	58ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	J.E.Fuchs (USA) '50
	56ft 2 in	W.M.Thompson (USA) '48
	54ft 5 in	J.A.Savidge Rainworth 2.6.51.
Discus Throw	186ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	F.E.Gordien (USA) '49
	173ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	A.Consolini (Italy) '48
	155ft 3 in	H.I.Duguid Edinburgh 12.5.51.
Hammer Throw	196ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	I.Nemeth (Hungary) '50
	185ft 4 in	K.Hein (Germany) '36
	180ft 1 in	D.McD, M.Clark Christch. 21.2.50.
Javelin Throw	258ft 2 in	Y.Nikkonen (Finland) '38
	238ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	M.H.Jarvinen (Finland) '32
	210ft 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in	M.J.W.Balrymple Chesterfld. 6.6.48
Decathlon	7,563 pts	R.B.Mattias (USA) '50
(New Table)	7,388 pts	G.E.Morris (USA) '36
	5,589 pts	G.M.Elliott London 27/28.7.51.
RECORD AWAITING APPROVAL		
110m Hurdles	13.5s	R.H.Attlesey (USA) Helsinki 10.7.51.

Olympic Prospects No. 1. Women's High & Long Jumps.

Field Events for women were the last category of standard events to win admission to the Games. The High Jump and Discus came in with the feminine debut in 1928 at Amsterdam. Four years later the Americans added the Javelin at Los Angeles while the long jump and shot-putt came in for the first time at the Wembley Celebration in 1948.

HIGH JUMP

World Record	5'7 ⁵ / ₈ "	Sheila Lerwill(G.B.)	London	1951
Olympic Record	5'6 ³ / ₈ "	Alice Coachman(U.S.A.)	London	1948
	5'6 ³ / ₈ "	Dorothy Tyler (G.B.)	London	1948
Previous Olympic	5'2 ¹ / ₂ "	Ethel Catherwood(Canada)		1928
Winners	5'5 ¹ / ₂ "	Jean Shiley(U.S.A.)		1932
	5'3"	Ibolya Csak(Hungary)		1936
	5'6 ¹ / ₈ "	Alice Coachman(U.S.A.)		1948

Last season(1951)eleven girls cleared 5'3" or over. Top of the list was,of course,Sheila Lerwill,who apart from her world record leap when winning the WAAA title at White City on July 7th,also had jumps of 5'6" and two more at 5'4". Between her and co-holder of the Olympic record,Dorothy Beatrice Jennie Tyler,at 5'4", come three others. They are 29 year old Russian quintuple Master of Sport Aleksandra Georginavitch Chudina at 5 ft 5³/₈ins;Eta Brand(South Africa)at 5'4³/₈ and the blonde Countess Feodora zu Solms(now Frau Schenk)of Germany at 5'4¹/₈.

Of these top five the only one who is not a veteran is Sheila Lerwill who in 1952 will enter her 6th season. Most consistent is Dorothy Tyler who,though in the throes of changing from the 'scissors' to the more helpful 'Western roll',four times cleared 5'4" last season. It is generally expected that Chudina who works as a chauffeuse will fail,as at Brussels,to show up at Helsinki. Schenk made her personal best mark of 5'4⁵/₈ 14 years ago at the European Women's Championships at Vienna in September 1938 and with absence of pressure from second strings is unlikely to go beyond that again. Brand too registered her best mark a long time ago - to be precise 11 years ago when under her maiden name of Van Heerden she cleared 5ft 5³/₈ins at Stellenbosch for the South African record.

In the circumstances it is perhaps best to look elsewhere to find the challenge to Britain's formidable duo. It comes in the person of Russia's inscrutable human calculating machine Galina Ganeker,who sits on the curb in her dark blue track suit keeping track of every failure on the part of her opponents.Let it not be forgotten that this petite stylist tied Lerwill(European Champion) and Tyler(runner-up) at Brussels at the winning height of 5'4¹/₈. Like Tyler her best mark was 3 seasons ago when she did 5'4³/₈ in Kharkov in September 1948. One other 'dark mare' is the holder Coachman of America who comes from the land where comebacks are strictly in fashion in Olympic years.

At this range prediction is difficult.If one were more certain that Tyler under pressure might not fall between two stools labelled 'Western Roll' and 'Good Old Scissors',then the safest bet would be her proving the old saying about 'third time lucky'. But because she is a one groove girl Sheila Lerwill must be world favourite.She also has the advantage of knowing what the top side of a bar at a new Olympic record of 1.69metres(5'6³/₈") looks like not once but twice. All in all Great Britain has a souper prospect of a Gold Medal in this event than in any men's event.One can fail but hardly both.

LONG JUMP

World Record	Francina Blankers-Koen@	20'6"	1948
Olympic Record	Olga Gyarmati(Hungary)	18'8 ¹ / ₂ "	1948
Previous Olympic	Olga Gyarmati(Hungary)	18'8 ¹ / ₂ "	1948
Winner			

@ made at Leiden,Holland

Never has there been a season like 1951 for women broad jumpers. No fewer than nine surpassed the 19 foot mark. Three 1948 Olympians are in the select group. Blonde Olympic Champion from Hungary Olga Gyarmati registered 19'7³/₄" very late in the season in her native Budapest in October. Australian Judy Canty got within 5¹/₂" of her best ever 19'8¹/₂"(1950) while 'Fanny' Blankers-Koen showed that at 32 she is still good for 19'4¹/₂". As regards Helsinki it is not felt that the top favourites come from this trio. At the Russian national Championships in Minsk last August,Chudina(see above) became the fifth person in women's athletics to better twenty feet. This she did by a margin of ¹/₂inch.The Russians to bother about however are the sprint star Nadeshda Khnykina,who in July cleared 19'4¹/₂" at Moscow and Valentina Bogdanova, the European Champion,who was out of competition in 1951.

Germany has a bevy of 'hang-style'exponents led by the hefty pentathlon champion Lena Stumpf at 19ft. 8³/₄ins. and 1951 National Champion Lore Fauth at 19'0¹/₂". Lurking in the background is dark-haired Elfriede von Nitzsch-Brünemann whose 20'4¹/₂" in 1949 is the nearest competition approach to 'Fanny's' world mark in 9 years. Another country re-establishing a pre-war tradition is Japan. Successor to the 1928-1939 world record holder Kinui Hitomi(19'7¹/₂") is Mlle. K.Sugimura who at Niigata on August 6 last broke the Nipponese record with a leap of 19'10³/₈".

If she is a good traveller then however the British Empire provides the answer to the forecaster's problem in the person of Yvette Williams of New Zealand. This newly engaged 22 year-old on January 21st put up 1951's best mark of 20'1¹/₂" at Melbourne. On top of that her "2¹/₂" hitch" has carried her over 19 feet eight times and in exhibition she once achieved 20ft.6ins.

Of our own girls in 1951 Dorothy Tyler led the field with 18'9¹/₂" which is better than the sadly out-moded Olympic best.She was followed by Paddy Gunn (18'6³/₈"),who has departed to Canada as Mrs O'Brien,and Chief Coach Dyson's only feminine protegé Shirley Cawley at 18'2¹/₂".

QUIZ

1. Who was the next man after Warmerdam to clear 15 feet in the Pole Vault outdoors?
2. A brother and sister both won silver medals at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Names please?
3. Place in order of merit the High Jump records of (a) South Africa, (b)Scotland, (c)Australia.
4. The oldest official World's Record is Hardin's 400 m. Hurdles in 50.6 sec.done at Stockholm in 1934. True?
5. What were Paavo Nurmi's first and last World records?
6. An Englishman has never won an American Pole Vault National title.True or False?
7. Wooderson was the last English runner to set a World's mile record (4min.06.4s in1937).Who was last previous English athlete to set a world's best for the mile?
8. Which country has won most Women's Olympic titles?
9. Britain set a world's record for the 4x880 yds.Relay in 1951.WHEN was the last previous occasion our male athletes broke a world record over any distance(relay)?
10. Brutus Hamilton, the Chief Coach of the 1952 USA Olympic Team,himself won a silver medal.When?What event?

A N S W E R S.

10. In the Decathlon at Antwerp in 1920.
- 15m 56.68(A.A.Harris),H.W.Hedges,J.F.Cornes,H.H.Thomas
9. At Cologne on Aug.30 1931 G.B.V.Germany & x 1,500m in 7. F.E.Bacon(Heading A.C.C.) 4min.17.0s on July 6th 1895.
- including F.E.Blankers-Koen in 1948).
8. U.S.A. 9 out of 26.Next the Netherlands with 4 (all E.L.Stone,also from Liverston,won in 1889
6. False.T.Hay won in 1887 at Litt.Ogden(a record)and 5.0,000m.40.2s time 1921. 2miles 8m.59.6s July 1931
- 4.Raise. 4x400m.Relay USA 1932 & 60m.women S.Walsh 1932 and (c) J.A.Winter 6ft.7¹/₂in.
3. (a)C.T.deGonzgh 6ft.7¹/₂in. (b)A.S.Paterson 6ft.7¹/₂in.
2. Godfrey Brown(400m.) and Audrey Brown(400m.Relay) vaulting at Los Angeles.Hitchards did not do it till 11.69
- beat Don Laz (16'1¹/₂") to it by two inches.Liz was 1. Don Cooper 19ft.0¹/₂" on April 21 at Lawrence Kansas.He

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on 67 occasions. Warmerdam still has the lion's share with 43, then follows Richards with 19, Don Laz with 4 and Don Cooper of Nebraska closing up the rear with 1. The blond Laz, 22 from Illinois, actually beat Richards at Washington on January 12 with a great 15'3" but later suffered from a tender knee and had to wait until February 1 to stage a come-back at Milwaukee when he managed 15'0" to finish three and a half inches below the high-flying parson who had been declared winner of the Sullivan Award for 1951.

Gehrmann has been under 4:10 three times with a best of 4:08.4 on Feb. 1 at Milwaukee. Fred Wilt, the FBI man, has only managed one decision over Gehrmann, a real master on the boards. At New York on Feb. 9 on a 45 min. delayed and reversed 2-1 decision Wilt was given the winner, both rivals clocked 4:10.4s.

Fred Dwyer of Villanova, aged 20, produced an amazing 4:10.9 in the Boston AA Games, while Denis Johansson, Finland's sub 3:50.1, 500m man, now at Purdue University, did 4:11.3 and 4:11.6s.

J. Lewis "Papa" Hall of Florida, a prime favourite for the Olympic gold medal in the high jump, made a successful indoor debut, winning three in a row, with a best effort of 6'7" at New York on February 9.

Andy Stanfield again had leg injuries as his most serious adversary, yet he ran the 60 yard dash in 6.2s. Harrison Dillard, again a dominant figure in the short hurdle races, has announced that he will pass up defence of his sprint title and concentrate instead on the 110 metre hurdles race at Helsinki. Referring to sprint form over 100 yards the 29 year old champion claims he can still do 9.7 but "There are too many running it in 9.6".

Jim Fuchs got out of a sick bed to turn in his 54' 10" effort at Washington on Jan. 12, but on Feb. 9 at New York he was beaten by Bernie Mayer with 55'11" and a personal best, and by Stan Lampert with 54'8" and poor Jim had to settle for third with "only" 54'2".

SUMMARIES

Brooklyn, January 5 -- 2 miles, F. Wilt 8:59.5 (mile in 4:28.9, last 440y 62.9).

Washington, D.C. January 12 -- 70 yards hurdles, R.H. Attlesey 8.4 (set a new World record of 8.3 in heat), Pole Vault, D. Laz 15'3" (also 14'11"), R.E. Richards 14'8", D. Cooper 14'4".

Philadelphia, January 18 -- 'The Inquirer Meet'. Pole Vault, Richards 15'3" (also 15'0"), Cooper 14'8", Laz 14'0". 600 yards, Rhoden 1:13.0, Moore 2nd, McKenley 3rd, Whitfield 4th.

Boston, January 19 -- 'The Knights of Columbus Meet', Mile, Gehrmann 4:09.3, Wilt (1 yd.) (last lap 58 secs.), 600 yards, Rhoden 1:12.7, Whitfield 2nd. 50 yards, Art. Bragg 5.5, 45 yds Hurdles, H. Dillard 5.6.

New York, January 26 -- 'The Millrose Games', 1 mile Gehrmann 4:11.2, Wilt 4:11.2, D. Johansson (Finland) 4:11.6., Pole Vault, Richards 15'0", Cooper 14'0", 60 yards L. Remigino 6.2, Conwell 2nd. (A.W. Stanfield did 6.2 in a heat but stratched from the final because of a leg twinge).

Milwaukee, February 1 -- 1 mile, Gehrmann 4:08.4, Wilt 2nd (12 yds.), Pole Vault, Richards 15'4" (also 15'0"), Laz 15'0", R. Coleman (negro) 14'4". 50 yards, Golliday 5.2, 2 miles D. McEwen (Canada) 9:15.7.

Boston, February 2 -- 1 mile Gehrmann 4:08.9, Wilt 2nd (10yds.), F. Dwyer 4:10.9. Pole Vault, Richards 15'2" (also 15'0").

New York, February 9 -- 1 mile, Wilt 4:10.4, Gehrmann 4:10.4 (inches), High Jump J.L. Hall 6'7", Shot Putt B. Mayer 55'11", S. Lampert 54'8", J.E. Fuchs (Ill) 54'2". Pole Vault, Richards 15'3" (also 15'0"), 500 yards, O. Sax 57.2, Moore 2nd.

New York, February 16 -- 'National AAU Indoor Champs' 60yds. J.O. Connell 6.3, Bragg; 600yds. Moore 1:10.9 (rec.), Sax, Whitfield; 1000yds. Gehrmann 2:08.2 (W.R.) Fearman; Mile W. Mack 4:11.4, Wilt; 3 miles Ashenfelter 14:02.0, Stone; 60yds H. Dillard 7.4; H.J. Hall 6'6", L.J. Wright, 23'9", P.V. Richards 15'0", Shot Fuchs 56'2".

News from the Continent.

By Roberto L. Quercetani

Two meetings produced good marks in Germany's indoor season. On the 196yd. Westfalenhalle track at Dortmund on February 3, Hans Geister of AAA Mile relay fame ran 400 metres in 48.8 beating hurdler Georg Sallen (49.2). In the sprints Geister defeated Heinz Fütterer, Germany's 100 metre champion, in 6.7 secs!

In the International meeting at Frankfurt—one of Germany's oldest indoor festivals—Armin Scheurer of Switzerland won the pole vault at 13'6" from Franz Fritz of Austria (13'1") and winner of the Yugoslav match at Belgrade last August, Milan Milakov (13'1"). Rugged Heinz Ulzheimer got around the 8 turns to clock 1:55.2 for 800 metres. Fütterer got his own back on Geister with brilliant series in the sprints—150 metres 5.7, 60 metres 6.7, 70 metres 7.7.

Leningrad was the scene on January 12/13 of a giant indoor promotion involving 700 athletes. The 100 metres (partly round a turn) was won in 11.1 by Golubyev from the long-jumper L. Grigoryev. N. Banchenko won the shot with 48'11".

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

(H.F. Watts)

Recent outstanding performances include National records in the 440y Hurdles, 1,2 and 6 miles.

John M. Holland won the N.Z. title at Hamilton on Feb. 23 in 52.2s—the equal second best of all time and a new British Empire Record. Also at the Championships Maurice Marshall won the mile in 4m.12.0 secs.

J.C. Daly on Feb. 2 at Christchurch set new figures for the 2 miles with 9m.06.0secs. This confirmed his form of a week earlier when he ran a mile in 4m.13.8s.

Colin Lousich at Otahuhu beat W.H. Nelson's mark by 9.4secs with 29m.48.0secs. The track was checked and found to be correct. Lousich covered the first 3 miles in 14m.50.0secs.

Miss Yvette W. Williams has been informed that her Discus performance of 134ft.4in. has been accepted. The record, made at Basin Reserve, Wellington on Dec. 8th last, will now go forward as a British Empire Record.

CORRECTIONS TO WORLD'S RECORDS BY ZÁTOPEK.

The World's Record for the new distance of 15,000 metres by Emil Zátopek in the course of his One Hour record run on 29.9.51 was published in error by the I.A.A.F. Office. Zátopek's times for the 20,000m. have been corrected to the nearest fifth of a second above the time recorded, so now read 1hr.1min.16.0s on 15.9.51 at Prague and 59min.51.8s at Stara-Boleslav on 29.9.51.

YVETTE WILLIAMS 20FEET 7½INS - NEW RECORD.

At Hamilton on Saturday Feb. 23rd, Yvette Williams achieved her ambition with a magnificent long jump of 20ft. 7½ins so breaking Fanny Blankers-Koen's 1943 mark by ½ins. There was a light following wind but there is not yet any confirmation that it was over the limit of 4.473 m.p.h. (2 metres per second).

MARKS AT CAMBRIDGE AUGUR WELL FOR MARCH 15th.

Light Blue President Keith Finley took his 7th and 8th C.U.A.C. Sports titles on Feb. 23rd with wins in 10.1 and 22.1. Champion of All Ireland Henry Leader had a share in the winning height of 6ft. 2ins in the High Jump but was second to Ivor Ll. Jones. The pole vault indicated that an 11ft. performer is going to be left out of the team for the 78th Sports at the White City on Saturday March 15th. Good field event marks included a 44ft. 2½ putt by W.M.T. Holland (holder) and a 187ft 4ins. javelin throw by B. Callaway. Oxford are however all out for their 5th consecutive victory. The only glimpse of form so far was a 140ft. 7in discus throw by Utah's Bill Thomas (winner of the 120H.H. in 1946!) and a 176ft 8in. javelin throw by Huw Griffiths, nephew of the Rt. Hon. Aneurin Bevan.

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