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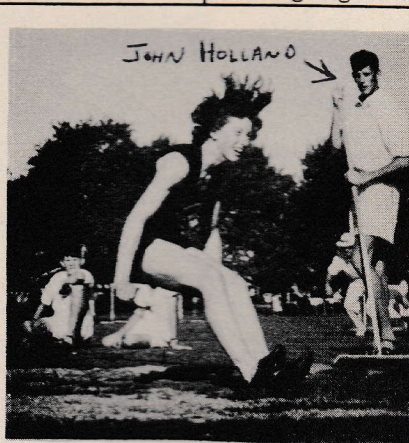
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Macmillan To Run in A.A.A. Mile

Four members of Australia's Olympic track team are to compete in the A.A.A. Championships at White City on June 20th and 21st. They are the 4:08.9 miler Don Macmillan; the 29:33.6 six-miler Les. Perry; the 14 secs. flat high hurdler Ray Weinberg and the 14.3 & 53.5 secs. hurdler K.L. Doubleday. The 47.0 secs 400 metre man M. Curotta of Championship memory in 1948 and the reigning British Empire discus champ. Ian Reed, who recently threw 162 feet 8 3/4 ins. at Stanford University, U.S.A. will complete the male representation. The only two girls chosen to make the trip, on account of the £700 fare are Majorie Jackson for the 100 and 200 metres and Shirley de la Hunty (née Strickland) for the 80 metres hurdles.

On March 8th at Sydney Miss Jackson recorded probably the fastest run ever set up by a woman. Her world record 10.4secs. 100 yards is regarded as slightly better than Helen Stephens amazing Olympic best of 11.5 for the 100 metres (109.36yd) in the West Australian Championships at Perth. Mrs. de la Hunty put up a great series of 11.5 for 100 metres, 24.3 for 220 yards and 11.2 for her speciality the 80 m. hurdles. All the marks had however to be disallowed due to wind-assistance.



Yvette Williams (N.Z.) is here seen making her 20ft. 7 1/2 in. leap. Ruled out because of slight wind assistance, she also made a valid jump of 19ft. 11 1/2 in. She will be one of 4 for New Zealand's Olympic team.

Indoor Marks Continue Good in U.S.A.

R. L. Quercetani

A great 1:51.0 half-mile by Don Gehrman and an 8:50.7 two miles by Fred Wilt—both American indoor bests were highlights in closing days of a great 1951-1952 indoor season. Wilt, first time out on a banked board 2 miles at New York on Feb. 23rd broke Greg Rice's 9 year old mark of 8:51.0 with a great 8:50.7 performance. Wilt was last until 6 laps from home; he then ran a last quarter in 63.6 to romp home ahead of Horace Ashenfelter (8:51.5) and Curtis Stone (8:54.7). This race altered the complexion of the best all-time indoor 2 miles thus:

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|---------|-------------|-----------|------|
| 8:50.7 | Wilt | New York | 1952 |
| 8:51.0 | Rice | Cleveland | 1943 |
| 8:51.1 | Rice | Chicago | 1941 |
| 8:51.4n | Ashenfelter | New York | 1952 |
| 8:52.0 | Rice | New York | 1942 |
| 8:52.7 | Rice | New York | 1943 |
| 8:52.8 | Rice | New York | 1942 |
| 8:52.9 | Rice | New York | 1942 |
| 8:53.2n | Dodds | New York | 1942 |
| 8:53.2 | Rice | New York | 1942 |
| 8:53.3n | Trutt | Chicago | 1941 |

It may be of interest to recall that Gunder Hägg four times got under 8:50.0 in outdoor races. (Cont: P.10.)

3 Indoor Records at Harringay Arena

Star turn of the indoor meeting at North London's Harringay Arena on March 28/29 was 24 year old schoolmaster Peter Whaley. His electric start carried him to a narrow win over Brian Shenton and a fast closing McDonald Bailey in the 50 yds. sprint in 5.5secs. In the 7 foot ring we had two records. Suzanne Farmer scattered Bevis Shergold's 1939 record and the photographers with a putt of 37'6". Joan Linsell also beat the old mark with her third putt by 3' 1/4 with 37'11 3/4. Sgt. Savidge R.M. set about Peter Hincks' 1937 A.A.A. indoor best of 45'11 3/4 with a series which read 48'7 1/4, 50'8 1/4, no putt, 50'9 1/4, no putt and 52'4 1/4. Arthur Wint took charge of the 600 yards and negotiated the 10 flat-floor turns in the not unimpressive time of 1:18.2 ahead of F. Evans (1:18.6) and F.P. Higgins (1:19.1). All three thus beat the 1:50.8 800 m. man, J.V. Powell's 1936 Wembley time of 1:19.5.

In the 1,000 yards Len Eyre, unlike Nankeville and Parlett, risked himself on the slippery bends and won from W.T. Paget in 2:22.8. Neither N.G.A. Gregor nor T.D. Anderson were fit enough to cope with F.R. Webster's pole vault record of 12'9 1/2 put up in 1937. The two mile team race, won by the Polytechnic Harriers, brought out the only really fit man in the meeting—the Marathoner Stan. Cox. Surging along out in front he seemed to have the race won when R.H. Dunkley (Poly.H.) came powerfully from behind to lift the tape off his chest in 9:28.6. In the high jump both Peter Wells and D.R. Cox went over 6 feet and Dorothy Tyler was unlucky not to clear 5'3". There were many impressive athletes among the boys and girls particularly B. Bodycomb (50yds. H..7.1); J. Rose (47'0 1/2, 12lb. shot) and Anne Pashley (50 yard sprint).



Herbert Scade, 29, Germany's Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metre hope. Best marks 14:15.4 & 29:42.2 (seen here).

Sand and Cinders

Before the second number of "ATHLETICS WORLD" went to the printer we had received not only from many counties in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales but from France, Holland, Germany, Sweden, America, New Zealand and Hong Kong letters welcoming the first issue. Particularly gratifying has been the number of active athletes and well known coaches who have subscribed. Our circulation has still a long way to go before it will be possible to say the "ATHLETICS WORLD" has come to stay but the start of the venture has been encouraging.

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PRESS ON REGARDLESS. One of the most worthy qualities of the athlete through the ages has been his or her refusal to be deterred by the unfortunate mishap. E.J. Colbeck (London Athletic Club) set a 'British Best Amateur Performance on Record' way back on 20 June, 1868 at Beaufort House, London for a Quarter mile with a time of 50.4 seconds. In the middle of the race, which was for the English Championship, Colbeck stumbled into a straying sheep, breaking the animal's leg, whereby "he lost 8 yards". Nonetheless Colbeck's mark stood also as a World's best performance for 13 years. **UNB** Charles W. Paddock, the famous American sprinter whose name appears on the I.A.A.F. list 12 times, in 1928 ran a special race at the odd distance of 175 yards at the Penn Relays. The eager spectators were so anxious for a glimpse of California's sprint wonder that they jammed against the rail on top of the brick wall that lined the course. Away went Paddock but half way the wall rumbled ominously and then collapsed, spilling rubble and humans onto the track. Paddock calmly hurled a man, swerved and broke the old record by .4 of a sec.

Track without Tears

Having, we hope, disposed in the last issue of the history of athletics, we arrive at the question of tracks. One question often posed is "Are cinder tracks faster than grass tracks?" The answer must be that only a good cinder track is faster than a middling grass track. The British Isles are poorly off for either variety. For a 100 yards sprint perhaps the fastest in the country is the rock hard red marl stretch at Perry Barr, Birmingham though the less harsh Eton College track is almost as fast. For middle-distances Motspur Park, Surrey, scene of Wooderson's world record half-mile and one mile races, is probably the best.

According to 'Hustling Herb' McKenley, world's record-holder for the 440 yards (quarter-mile), the fastest track in the world is that at Eskilstuna in Sweden with Berkeley, California a close second. According to McDonald Bailey the fastest track is one made of rammed larva in Reykjavik in Iceland and the second best is the one at Belgrade where he equalled the world's 100 metres (109.36 yards) record last August. If however it is world records that count the palm must go to the Fresno track again in California on which Melvin Patton's 9.3 second 100 yards of 1948 was but one of many made there.

Probably the first cinder track ever laid down was that at Fenner's, Cambridge c. 1857. It was and still is a third of a mile 'round'. With that typically English liking for curious sub-divisions such as farthings and stones; the standard distances became the 100, 440 and 880 yards, the one and the three miles. Although these distances were quite exasperating to the decimally-minded continentals they fell into line with their nearest metric equivalents namely the 100 metres (9.36 yards more than a 100 yards); 400 metres (2.56 yards less than a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile); 800 metres (5.11 yards less than a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile) and 1,500 m. (119.85 yards less than a full mile) and 5,000 metres (188.06 yards more than three miles).

A point which worries some people is "Why do they always run round anti-clockwise?" On this point it is interesting to note that those two pioneering centres in the 1860's - Oxford and Cambridge - they actually always ran clockwise. This was so till 1948 at Oxford and is still so at that real home of lost causes Cambridge. Some say that it is natural to have one's heart on the inside. Really and truly it is very doubtful whether it makes a jot of difference. Nature has decreed, however, that in the northern hemisphere all runners (of the scarlet variety) shall twine themselves around their beansticks in a clockwise direction.

English National Cross Country 1952 Results (see report page 9)

| SENIORS Individual Placings | | JUNIOR Individual Placings | | YOUTHS Individuals Placings | |
|--|-------------|--|------------|---|-------------|
| 1. W. Hesketh (Manchester A&CC) | 55.32 | 1. J. Wild (E. Cheshire H.) | 33.16 | 1. D. J. Richards (Barry G.S.) | 17.02 |
| 2. D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.) | 56.28 | 2. P. Thompson (Manchester A&CC) | 34.18 | 2. T. Anderson (North Shields Poly) | 17.16 |
| 3. F. Norris (Bolton Un. H.A.C.) | 56.42 | 3. B. Heatley (Godiva Harriers) | 34.34 | 3. J. Fairchild (Sheffield U.H.) | 17.17 |
| 4. J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles) | 56.50 | 4. A. Stocks (Sheffield U.H.) | 34.42 | 4. J. Barton (Southgate Harriers) | 17.18 |
| 5. F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.) | 56.50 | 5. K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.) | 34.47 | 5. D. G. Plater (Ilford A.C.) | 17.25 |
| 6. E. Bannon (Shettleston H.) | 57.00 | 6. P. D. Barber (Darnley A.C.) | 34.49 | 6. R. J. Doe (Ilford A.C.) | 17.28 |
| 7. C. Owens (East Antrim H.) | 57.04 | 7. R. G. Beechcroft (Clayton) | 34.59 | 7. F. J. Wright (Belgrave H.) | 17.29 |
| 8. E. L. Hardy (Derby and C.) | 57.06 | 8. R. L. Rowland (Leicester C.A.T.) | 35.05 | 8. A. Bargh (Sheffield U.H. & A.C.) | 17.29 |
| 9. R. C. Adams (City of Rochester) | 57.09 | 9. D. R. Spencer (Reading A.C.) | 35.06 | 9. J. R. Crumpler (Bristol South H.) | 17.30 |
| 10. F. E. Aaron (Leeds St. Marks) | 57.25 | 10. M. W. Firth (South London H.) | 35.09 | 10. A. Liley (Hallamshire H.) | 17.31 |
| 11. A. Forbes (Victoria Pk. A.A.C.) | 57.44 | 11. P. B. Driver (South London H.) | 35.09 | 11. N. F. Everard (Blackheath H.) | 17.33 |
| 12. W. McMinis (Sutton Harriers) | 57.49 | 12. M. L. Barratt (67th Regt. R.A.) | 35.12 | 12. A. Bolton (Horwich R.M.I.H.) | 17.34 |
| 13. R. Hatton (Birchfield H.) | 57.54 | 13. N. Austin (Mitcham A.C.) | 35.15 | 13. F. E. Spenser (South Wigston) | 17.35 |
| 14. A. E. Binder (Wolverhampton) | 57.55 | 14. A. S. Jackson (Leeds St. Marks) | 35.18 | 14. P. Graham (Bolton Un. H.A.C.) | 17.42 |
| 15. W. A. Tawn (Wakefield H.) | 57.58 | 15. M. Rainford (Preston H.) | 35.23 | 15. J. R. Loader (Thames Valley H.) | 17.46 |
| Team Placings | | Team Placings | | Team Placings | |
| 1st. VICTORIA PARK A.A.C. (Glasgow) | 241 | 1st. COVENTRY GODIVA HARRIERS | 54 pts. | 1st. ILFORD ATHLETIC CLUB | 50 points. |
| 11. A. Forbes; 32. J. Ellis; 41. I. Binnie; | | 3. B. Heatley; 16. T. Wyer; 17. D. Kennedy; 18 | | 5. D. G. Plater; 6. R. J. Doe; 18. B. G. Lucas; | |
| 51. C. Forbes; 52. R. Kane; 54. J. Stirling. | | A. Humphrey. | | 21. R. G. Shuttleworth. | |
| 2nd. BOLTON UNITED H.A.C. | 255 points- | 2nd. EAST CHESHIRE HARRIERS | 139 points | 2nd. SHEFFIELD UNITED HARRIERS A.C. | |
| (3-13-20-28-73-113.) | | (1-28-44-66.) | | 68 points. (3-8-17-40.) | |
| 3rd. MANCHESTER A. and C.C. | 288 points- | 3rd. SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS | 151 points | 3rd. SOUTHGATE HARRIERS | 112 points. |
| (1-22-29-31-89-116.) | | (10-11-19-111.) | | (4-22-36-50.) | |

Five in a row for Oxford

Five wins behind (33-38) in the world's oldest dual meeting, Oxford gained their fifth successive post-war victory over Cambridge at the White City, London on March 15th.

Highlight of this 78th meeting was Chapter II in the story of Chataway v. Robinson. Back in 1949 on April 23rd Peter J. Robinson (King's College, Taunton), despite casting a shoe in the last lap beat Wooderson's 1933 Public Schools' record with a 4:25.2 mile. Runner up was auburn haired Christopher Chataway (Sherborne) in 4:27.2. In between chapters 2nd/Lt. Chataway had won the Inter-Services mile in 4:15.6 followed by 4:12.0 on and 4:14.5 miles at Oxford while ex P/O. Robinson had run 4:19.0 behind Pirie in the 1951 R.A.F. Championships.

Trying in vain to exhaust the 'Iron Man', Robinson toured the track with laps of 59.6, 64.6 and 66.6 secs. Straightening out into the back stretch the Oxford man struck fiercely and went away for 59.3 last lap to win in a sterling 4:10.2 or 4.6 secs. ahead of R.G. Bannister's solo run of 4:14.8 in 1949. Robinson came home in a great 4:13.0 with New Zealander J.C. Hawke third in 4:20.0 secs.

Thirty-five minutes later Chataway lined up as the Dark Blue's 3rd string for the 3 miles. D.C. Law unrecovered from his earlier 14:19.2 in the trials blew up to leave Chataway the choice of pulverizing the late Rev. W. Pollock Hill's 1890 'double' of 4:21.6 & 15:20.6 with two records or to let his college and J.H. Scott-Wilson (also Magdalen) share the honours. As it happened he chose the latter and in doing so pulled out the 1948 Cross Country winner to a personal best of 14:33.8 for 8th dead heat and only 3rd deliberate one in these sports since 1900.

The only other record came in the pole vault won at 13ft.1 in. by Andreas Johannes Burger (Oxford), who before leaving South Africa registered a 6,220 pt. decathlon. In the 7 foot ring John Boris Banes got his closest yet (44ft 6 1/2 ins) with the 16lb. shot to his junior mark of 48'3" back in 1947. In the Javelin Brian Callaway's 182'3", 182'3 1/2", 183'8 1/2", 180'3 1/2" grouping indicated that perhaps Alan Malcolm's 200 foot prediction is not far off. The first place was however grabbed by D.E. Tucker (Ox) who came through with throws of 187'8 1/2" and 186'7 1/2".

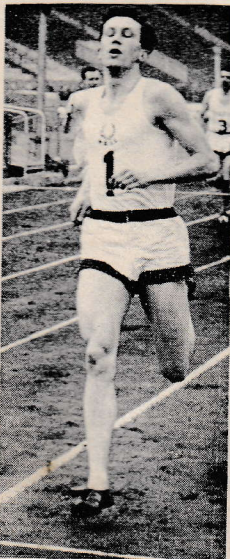


Photo - G. H. W. Neale.

Alan Dick breaking the tape for Oxford's fastest 440yds of 48.8s. Only 5 Dark Blues have run faster.

The 9,000 crowd rose to Alan Dick in a last stirring furlong to his 48.8 secs. 440 yards. His fluent power confirmed the little publicized 47.5 and 47.7 metric relay legs run by him in Luxembourg in August of last year.

At the dinner after the match, attended incidentally by former double Olympic Champion D.G.A. Lowe, the 1906 and 1912 Olympian and 23 foot long jumper Sir Sidney Abrahams presented nine winners medals to Dark Blues and four to Light Blues. The Cup was presented to P.R. Llewellyn Morgan, Oxford's non-competing President, for his sides 68-58 point victory.

SUMMARY: 100 Yards: J.M.K. Finley (C) 10.2, J.H. Turner (C) 10.3, A.D. Sexton (C) 10.5. 220 Yards: Finley 22.4, A. Dick (C) 22.8, Sexton 23.0.

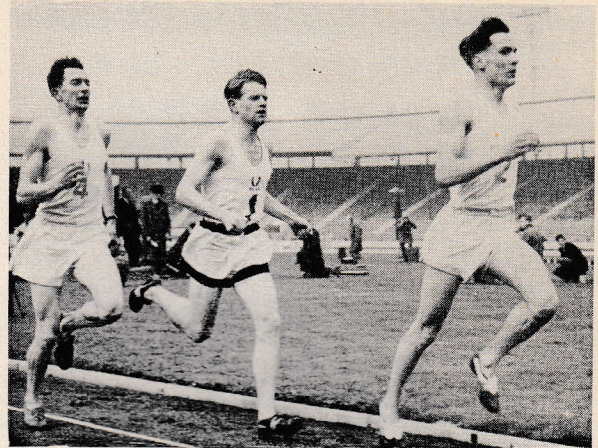


Photo - G. H. W. Neale.

The mile field at the bell. Left to right - J.C. Hawke (C) 3rd in 4:20.0, C.J. Chataway (O) 1st in 4:10.2 (record) and P.J. Robinson (C) 2nd in 4:13.0 (also beats old record).

SUMMARY cont: 440 Yards: Dick 48.8, J.D. Lloyd (C) 50.1, M.H. Draper (C) 51.2. 880 Yards: R.T.G. Day (C) 1:56.5, S.J. Bryant (O) 1:56.5, K. Marsden (C) 1:56.6. Mile: C.J. Chataway (O) 4:10.2 (record), P.J. Robinson (C) 4:13.0, J.C. Hawke (C) 4:20.0. Three Miles: Chataway and J.H. Scott-Wilson (O) tie 14:33.8, D.C. Law (C) 14:51.4. 120 Yds High Hurdles: F.A.L. Vine (O) 15.1, S.J.Q. Robinson (O) 15.4, T.E.W. Clarke (C) 15.8. 220 Yds Low Hurdles: Vine 25.3, D.M. Woodford (O) 26.4, Clarke 26.8. High Jump: H.W. Leader (C) 5'11", I.L.L. Jones (C) 5'10", J.B. Job (O) and J. Bentley-Williams (O) tie 5'8". Pole Vault: A.J. Burger (O) 13'1" (record), M.L. Jackson (C) 11'6", J. Lyons (C) 11'3". Long Jump: G.E. Villers (O) 21'11 3/4", A.C.L. Wood (C) 21'9 3/4", I.G.H. Walker (O) 21'9". Shot Putt: J. Banes (C) 44'6 1/2", W.M.T. Holland (C) 44'0", N.R. Hanson (O) 41'9". Discus Throw: W. Thomas (O) 130'1", D.E.L. Slater (C) 116'11", N.R. Hanson 116'2". Javelin Throw: D.E. Tucker (O) 187'8 1/2", B.L. Callaway (C) 183'8 1/2", K.J. Brookman (C) 174'7" (incorrectly reported as 179'7").

QUIZ

- The javelin has been thrown 245ft. from a grass runway. True or False?
- Who was the first man to run 100 metres in 10.2 secs.?
- What two married couples will compete at Helsinki?
- What athletic distinction did the Lord Chief Justice of England attain in his youth?
- When did the A.A.A. decide that egg and spoon races no longer came under their jurisdiction? 1898, 1921, 1951.
- What is the world record for women for the 440 yards?
- What British Olympic athlete won the V.C. and bar?
- Has an Irishman ever won an Olympic sprint title?
- What was the athletic distinction of R.A. Gardner, U.S.A. Amateur Golf Champion of 1909 and 1915?
- No track athlete has ever won more A.A.A. titles than E. McDonald Bailey. True or False?

ANSWERS

- True but W.M. George and A. Shrubbs also won 10 each.
- First man ever to run 100 metres in 10.2 secs. (1912).
- W. Raker, 1st 1908 200m, was b. at Enniscorthy.
- 400 metres, W.A. C. Barber, and M.C. Killead.
- Noel Godfrey Chavasse of Oxford who ran in the 1908.
- Not listed, best is N. Halsstead's (S.B.) 56.8 secs. (1932).
- 5,189.
- 4 ran 2nd string for Oxford v. Cambridge in 1898.
3. Mill & Dama Zatepek and Daphne & Dennis Hassenlager.
2. O.W. Paddock (USA) ran 110yds. in 10.2 secs. in 1921.
1. True. Matt Mikola, 248'0 1/2" at Budapest in 1940.

Olympic Prospects No. 2. Women's Track and Throwing Events.

100 METRES

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 11.5 Helen Stephens(U.S.A.) | 1936 |
| | 11.5 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |
| Olympic Record | 11.5 Helen Stephens(U.S.A.) | 1936 |
| Previous Olympic | 12.2 E.Robinson(U.S.A.) | 1928 |
| Winners | 11.9 Stella Walasiewiczzowna(Poland) | 1932 |
| | 11.5 Helen Stephens(U.S.A.) | 1936 |
| | 11.9 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |

200 METRES

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 23.6 Stella Walasiewiczzowna(Poland) | 1935 |
| Olympic Record | 24.4 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |
| Previous Olympic | 24.4 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |
| Winner | | |

In the women's 100 and 200 metres at Helsinki it is a clear case of "Can anyone stop Australia's 20 year old Majorie Jackson?". This trim 5ft.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 10stone 6 lb. outdoor girl from Lithgow, New South Wales on March 8th 1952 broke her own world's 100 yards record at the Sydney Sports Ground with a truly great 10.4 secs. Then thirty minutes later she was clocked at 10.5 secs. in a handicap race. Such form is ahead of Helen Herring Stephens' superlative Olympic record made over the 109.3 yards metric route at Berlin. The only reason for any restraint in dubbing Miss Jackson the grand favourite is the irking memory of something she said on May 19 1949. This was after she had surprisingly been beaten by Jean Patton (no relation) in an 11.2 secs. 100 yards at the Coliseum, Los Angeles. It was "I was tired out after too much travelling". There is however reason to believe that her travelling form has also improved. The way she came through the accident last February, when her father put the family truck through a somersault, suggests that she might not be afflicted with the 'antipoditis' which so upset our girls in New Zealand in 1950.

The auburn-haired 20 year old's chief rival will be the holder - Holland's redoubtable Francina Elsjje Blankers-Koen who celebrates her 34th birthday on April 26th. Last year 'Fanny', a veteran from the 1936 Games, hit 10.8 for a 100 yards, 11.9 for 100 metres and 24.4 for 200 metres. Even however if she decides to limit herself to the hurdles and an anchor leg in the sprint relay, the world has many other girls to make it hot for Miss Jackson.

Fastest time over 100 metres last year was the 11.7 secs. by Russia's Nadeshda Knhykina when she downed the 1946 European Champion Yevgeniya Sechenova at Bucharest on Sept. 23. Jean Patton returned 11.8 in a meeting at Santiago, Chile in March 1951 at which Jimmy Fuchs incidentally ran 9.8 secs for a 100 yards. Other girls to be contended with are the Springbok quartette especially Edna Maskell and Louise Burger who both did 10.8 secs. last year. On the 1951 rankings June Foulds came 10th equal with 7 other girls at 12.0 secs. Her winning margin at the last W.A.A.A. Championships would suggest that she alone is a certainty to reach the 100 metre final though her real metier seems obviously to be the 200 metres.

Heading the 1951 list for the long sprint is American Mary McNabb with 23.7 secs. Needless to say the Tuskagee 'Tornado' achieved this amazing time on a wind-swept straightaway. Second and third berths in this race at Waterbury on Aug. 11 were Josephine Dilmore and Evelyn Lawlor at 24.4n and 24.5n. With Majorie Jackson, winner of the British Empire 220 yards (24.3 secs.), out of the running with injury, the top bend marks in 1951 were the 24.4m by Blankers-Koen and the 24.6y by Daphne Robb now Mrs. Denis Hasenjager. Fourth on the list is Sylvia Cheeseman (24.9y) and seventh is Dorothy Hall at 25.0y.

80 METRES HURDLES

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|------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 11.0 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |
| Olympic Record | 11.2 B-Koen & M.A.J.Gardner(G.B.) | 1948 |
| Previous Olympic | 11.7 M.Didrickson(U.S.A.) | 1932 |
| Winners | 11.7 T.Valla (Italy) | 1936 |
| | 11.2 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Holland) | 1948 |

Still undisputed champion of the 2'6" barrier is the 'Flying Dutchwoman' who gave us 11.1 secs. at Groningen on July 8 last. Closest challenger is Mrs. de la Hunty B.Sc. (better known as Shirley Strickland), who has already run an 11.2 this year. Her top sprint marks in 1951 were identical with Fanny's namely 10.8y and 11.9m. Next in merit are Germany's chunky Maria Sander-Domagalla, who rapped out an 11.2 at Wetzlar and an 11.3 in Berlin; America's Evelyn Lawlor and the tawny-maned reigning long jump champion Olga Gyarmati (Hungary) both at 11.3. The Russians follow up with Chudina at 11.4 and Yakusheva, Yeryukhina, Aleksandrova and the stoney-faced Yelena Gokieli all at 11.5. Add the Empire talent of June Schoch (N.Z.) and Edna Maskell (South Africa) both at 11.5 and one sees a phalanx that Jean Desforges and Sheila Sewell will find tough to break through for a place in the final line-up.

400 METRES RELAY

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|------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 46.4 German Olympic Team | 1936 |
| Olympic Record | 46.4 German Team | 1936 |
| Previous Olympic | 48.4 Canada | 1928 |
| Winners | 47.0 United States of America | 1932 |
| | 46.9 United States of America | 1936 |
| | 47.5 Netherlands | 1948 |

On paper nothing can stop the South African 'Stringbok Quartette' taking this event at Helsinki for they are some 10 yards faster than the world's next best team - the U.S.S.R. National squad who returned 47.7 in Bucharest last September.

The real team to beat however will be neither of these but the Germans. Still smarting under the 1936 baton dropping incident and drilled with teutonic efficiency they will be guaranteed to go under 47 secs. Both Holland and Hungary have good teams but the Great Britain four have the natural speed to repeat their success at Brussels over such teams. In the sterner competition at Helsinki the bronze medals won by them in 1932 and the silver ones won in 1936 could only be raised to golden ones if their baton passing was grooved in as never before.

THROWING EVENTS

SHOT-PUTT

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 49'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | A.S.Andreeva(USSR) | 1950 |
| Olympic Record and | 45'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | M.O.M.Ostermeyer(France) | 1948 |
| Previous Winner | 45'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | M.O.M.Ostermeyer(France) | 1948 |

DISCUS-THROW

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|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| World's Record | 175'1" | N.Dumbadze(USSR) | 1951 |
| Olympic Record | 156'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | G.Mauermeyer(Germany) | 1936 |
| Previous Olympic | 129'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | H.Konopacka(Poland) | 1928 |
| Winners | 133'2" | L.Copeland(U.S.A.) | 1932 |
| | 156'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | G.Mauermeyer(Germany) | 1936 |
| | 137'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | M.O.M.Ostermeyer(France) | 1948 |

JAVELIN-THROW

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|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|
| World's Record | 175'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | N.V.Smirniskaia(USSR) | 1949 |
| Olympic Record | 149'6" | H.Bauma(Austria) | 1948 |
| Previous Olympic | 143'4" | M.Didrikson(U.S.A.) | 1932 |
| Winners | 148'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | T.Fleischer(Germany) | 1936 |
| | 149'6" | H.Bauma(Austria) | 1948 |

Coming to the three Women's throwing events the big question is - Can anyone prevent the girls in red occupying all three 'steppes' on the dais in each case? In the shot-putt the Russians have the top five exponents in the world. Head girl is the husky blonde world record holder Anna Andreyeva followed closely by the Queen of Explosion Klavdiya Tochenova and the aging 9 stone muscle woman Tatyana Sevryukova who set a Soviet record of 48'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " back in 1945. The only challenger to the 'Big Three' is the little fair-haired (Continued P.9)

British Rankings 1951

Rankings for the seven standard running events appeared on Pages 3 and 4 of the March issue.

Standard Notation :- m - mark made over metric distance. - straightaway track. w - wind assisted mark.N.B. brackets round a beaten competitor's name.

120 YARDS HURDLES (110 metres hurdles)

- Peter Burke HILDRETH
 - 15.3 1st Oxford v. Cambridge 10/3
 - 15.0 1st Achilles v. Eton 17/3
 - 14.9 1st C.U.A.C. v. U.L.A.C. 2/5
 - 15.6 1st Sward T. (d.h. Parker) 5/5
 - 14.9 1st Inter-Counties (Parker) 14/5
 - 14.9 2nd C.U.A.C. v. A.A.A. 5/6
 - 15.1 1st Kinnaird T. (Parker) 16/6
 - 14.8 1st O/C v. H/Y 23/6
 - 14.9 1st A.A.A. (heat) 14/7
 - 14.9 2nd A.A.A. 14/7
 - 2nd Triangular Int. 28/7
 - 15.1 2nd G.B. v. France (Parker) 4/8
 - 15.6 4th British Games 11/8
 - 15.0m 2nd G.B. v. Yugoslavia 25/8
 - 14.9m 1st G.B. v. Greece (Parker) 29/8
 - 15.0m 2nd G.B. v. Turkey (Parker) 1/9
 - 15.2 1st London v. Gothenburg (Parker) 26/9
 - 14.9 1st Birmingham Fldlit. 3/10

- Frederick John PARKER
 - 15.6 1st Sward T. (d.h. Hildreth) 5/5
 - 15.1 2nd Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 14.9 1st A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C. (Hildreth) 5/6
 - 15.2 2nd Kinnaird Trophy 16/6
 - 15.2 1st Southern Champs. 23/6
 - 15.0 1st Coventry 30/6
 - 15.0 1st A.A.A. (heat) 14/7
 - 14.8 1st A.A.A. (Hildreth) 14/7
 - 15.0 1st Triangular Int. 28/7
 - 15.1 3rd G.B. v. France 4/8
 - 15.3 3rd British Games (Hildreth) 11/8
 - 14.9m 1st G.B. v. Jugo. (Hildreth) 25/8
 - 15.5m 3rd G.B. v. Greece 29/8
 - 15.3m 3rd G.B. v. Turkey 1/9
 - 15.4 3rd London v. Gothenburg 26/9

- Donald Osborne FINLAY
 - 14.9 1st R.A.F. Championships 4/7
 - 15.1 1st Sefton Brancker T. 18/7
 - 15.8 4th Internat. Mil. Champs. 24/9

- Paul Ashley Lawrence VINE
 - 15.7 2nd Ox. v. Camb. (Robinson) 10/3
 - 15.2 1st O.U.A.C. v. U.L.A.C. 5/5
 - 15.5e 5th Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 15.5 2nd U.A.U. Champs. 19/5
 - 4th Kinnaird Trophy 16/6
 - 15.1 4th A.A.A. 14/7
 - 15.6 5th British Games 11/8
 - 15.3m 2nd Luxembourg 22/8
 - 15.1 2nd Birmingham Floodlit 3/10

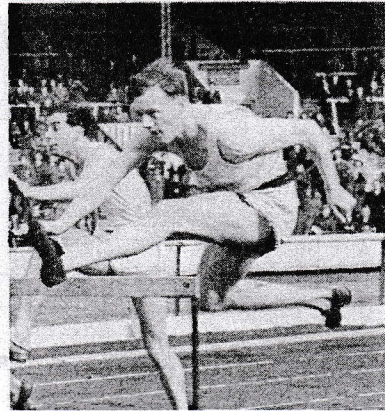
- Raymond Charles BARKWAY
 - 3rd Kinnaird Trophy 16/6
 - 15.3 2nd Southern Champs. 23/6
 - 15.1 5th A.A.A. 14/7
 - 15.7 6th British Games 11/8
 - 15.5m 3rd Luxembourg 22/8

- Joseph Robert BIRRELL
 - 15.4 3rd Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 15.5 1st U.A.U. Champs. (Vine) 19/5
 - 15.0 1st Lancashire Champs. 2/6

- 15.0 1st N.Univ. Champs. 6/6
- 15.7 1st N.C.A.A. Champs. 23/6

220 YARDS HURDLES (200 metres hurdles)

- Frederick John PARKER
 - 25.0 1st Surrey Championships 2/6
 - 24.0m 1st A.A.A. v. CUAC (Hildreth) 5/6
 - 24.6 2nd Southern Champs. 16/6
 - 24.0w 1st Imber Court (23.6m) (Hildreth) 5/7
 - 24.9 2nd British Games (Hildreth) 11/8
- Peter Burke HILDRETH
 - 25.1 1st C.U.A.C. Sports 1/3
 - 24.6 1st Oxford v. Cambridge 10/3
 - 24.2m 2nd A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C. 5/6
 - 24.6 1st Southern Ch. (Parker) 16/6
 - 24.1 1st O & C v. H & Y (E.N.R.) 23/6
 - 24.0w 2nd Imber Court (23.6m) 5/7
 - 25.0 3rd British Games 11/8



P.A.L. Vine in action over the 120 yards High Hurdles

- Paul Ashley Lawrence VINE
 - 25.2 1st O.U.A.C. Sports 24/2
 - 24.8 3rd Oxford v. Cambridge 10/3
 - 25.5 1st Caledonian G. (White) 26/5
 - 25.3 3rd Southern Champs. 16/6
 - 24.6w 3rd Imber Court 5/7
- Simon BROOKS
 - 24.3 1st Camb. Inter Coll. 9/2
 - 24.0 1st Camb. Inter C. (final) 13/2
 - 24.7 2nd Ox. v. Camb. (injured) 10/3

440 YARDS HURDLES (400 metres hurdles)

- Harry WHITTLE
 - 57.8 1st Sward Trophy 5/5
 - 56.0 2nd Inter-Counties 12/5
 - 55.2 1st Lancashire Ch. 2/6
 - 55.7 1st Northern Champs. 23/6
 - 54.2 1st A.A.A. 14/7
 - 54.7 1st Reading 30/6
 - 54.5 1st G.B. v. France 6/8
 - 54.6 2nd Liverpool 8/8
 - 53.6 1st British Games 11/8
 - 53.4m 1st G.B. v. Yugoslavia 26/8
 - 54.6m 1st G.B. v. Greece 30/8
 - 54.3m 1st G.B. v. Turkey 2/9

- Angus Weatheritt SCOTT
 - 56.6 3rd Inter-C. (lost shoe) 12/5
 - 55.8 1st Yorks. Champs. 2/6
 - 55.7 2nd Northern Champs. 23/6
 - 54.7 2nd Reading 30/6
 - 54.7 2nd A.A.A. 14/7

- 57.5 4th G.B. v. France (fell) 6/8
- 55.4 3rd Liverpool 8/8
- 54.2 2nd British Games 11/8
- 3rd G.B. v. Yugoslavia 26/8
- 56.0m 3rd G.B. v. Greece 30/8
- 55.1m 2nd G.B. v. Turkey 2/9

- Frederick John PARKER
 - 58.4 1st Surrey Champs. 2/6
 - 56.5 1st Southern Ch. (Davis) 23/6
 - 55.2 3rd A.A.A. 14/7

- John DAVIS
 - 55.9 1st Inter-C. (Whittle, Scott) 12/5
 - 56.8e 2nd Southern Ch. 23/6
 - 55.5 4th A.A.A. 14/7
 - 56.1 3rd British Games 11/8

- David Keir GRACIE
 - 58.3 1st Glasgow UAC Champs. 26/5
 - 56.5 1st Glasgow 2/6
 - 56.5 1st Scottish Univ. Champs. 9/6
 - 56.7 1st Scottish Champs. 23/6
 - 55.5 5th A.A.A. 14/7

- William H. CLEPHAN
 - 57.9 2nd Scottish Champs. 23/6
 - 55.6 Birmingham Floodlit. 3/10

TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE (3,000 metres)

- John Ivor DISLEY
 - 10:22.2 1st Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 9:28.8m 1st Caledonian Gms. 26/5
 - 10:04.0 2nd A.A.A. 14/7
 - 10:18.8 2nd G.B. v. France 6/8
 - 9:21.2m 3rd British Games 11/8
 - 9:40. m 3rd G.B. v. Yugoslavia 26/8
 - 9:11.6m 1st London v. Gothenbg. 26/9

- Christopher William BRASHER
 - 9:37.0m 2nd Leyton Fldlit. 2/5
 - 9:27.2m 4th British Games 11/8
 - 9:21.8m 5th London v. Gothenbg. 26/9

- Michael George BARRATT
 - 10:35.8 1st U.L.A.C. Champs. 19/5
 - 10:34.8 1st Middlesex Champs. 2/6
 - 10:24.0 1st Southern Champs. 23/6
 - 10:34.0 5th A.A.A. 14/7

- Rene William HOWELL
 - 10:31.2 2nd Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 9:39.8m 2nd Caledonian Gms. 26/5
 - 2nd Southern Champs. 23/6
 - (40 yds down on Barratt)
 - 10:25.0 3rd A.A.A. (Barratt) 14/7
 - 10:58.2 4th G.B. v. France 6/8
 - 9:44.6 6th British Games 11/8

- Walter BERRY
 - 10:32.6 3rd Inter-Counties 14/5
 - 10:37.4 1st Northern Champs. 23/6
 - 10:29.8 1st Liverpool 8/8

- (equal) Cyril Ernest PUDDICOMBE
 - 4th Southern Champs. 23/6
 - 10:27.6 4th A.A.A. 14/7

- (equal) John BROMLEY
 - 5th Southern Champs. 23/6
 - 10:35.8u 7th A.A.A. 14/7
 - 9:37.4m 5th British Games 11/8
 - 9:25.0e 6th London v. Gothenbg. 23/9

HIGH JUMP

- Alan Sinclair PATERSON
 - 6' 6" 1st St. Modan's Stirling 12/5
 - 6' 5" 1st Caledonian Games 26/5
 - 6' 6" 1st Glasgow 9/6
 - 6' 4" 1st Edinburgh 16/6

High Jump(A.S.Paterson)continued from Page 5.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 6' 2" | 1st Scottish Champs. | 23/6 |
| 6' 4" | 4th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 6' 5" | 1st Helensburgh | 21/7 |
| 6' 5 ³ / ₈ " | 1st Triangular Int.(Pavitt) | 28/7 |
| 6' 6 ³ / ₈ " | 2nd Glasgow | 4/8 |
| 6' 4" | 1st Edinburgh | 8/9 |

2.Ronald Cecil PAVITT

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| 6' 1" | 1st Inter-Counties | 14/5 |
| 6' 0" | 1st Kilmaird Trophy | 16/6 |
| 6' 5" | 1st New Eltham | 30/6 |
| 6' 5" | 1st A.A.A.(Paterson) | 14/7 |
| 6' 2" | 2nd Triangular Internat. | 28/7 |
| 6' 0" | 3rd G.B.v.France | 6/8 |
| 6' 2" | 2nd G.B.v.Jugoslavia | 25/8 |
| 6' 0 ⁷ / ₈ " | 2nd G.B.v.Greece | 29/8 |
| 5' 9" | 3rd G.B.v.Turkey | 2/9 |

3.Norman George Allan GREGOR

| | | |
|-------|------------------------|------|
| 6' 0" | 3rd Inter-Counties | 14/5 |
| 6' 0" | 1st Kent Championships | 2/6 |
| 6' 3" | 1st Maidstone | 16/6 |
| 5' 8" | 3rd Liverpool | 8/8 |

4.Henry William LEADER

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| 6' 2" | 1st Inter Coll.sps.Camb. | 12/2 |
| 5'10" | 1st Oxford v.Cambridge | 10/3 |
| 5'10" | 1st Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 6' 0" | 1st CUAC v AAA (Freeman) | 5/6 |
| 5'11" | 3rd Kinnaird Trophy | 16/6 |
| 6' 1" | 3rd O & C v.H & Y | 23/6 |
| 6' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd Luxembourg | 21/8 |

5.Sidney John L.FREEMAN

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 6' 0" | 4th Inter Counties | 14/5 |
| 6' 0" | 2nd C.U.A.C. v. A.A.A. | 5/6 |
| 5'10" | 3rd Southern Champs. | 23/6 |
| 6' 2" | 2nd East Moseley | 7/7 |
| 5'10" | 5th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 5'10" | 4th G.B. v France | 6/8 |
| 6' 0" | 3rd Triangular Int. | 28/7 |
| 5'10 ⁷ / ₈ " | 4th G.B. v Jugoslavia | 25/8 |
| 5'10 ⁷ / ₈ " | 4th G.B. v Greece | 29/8 |
| 5'10 ⁹ / ₈ " | 1st G.B. v Turkey | 2/9 |

6.Alan George RAMSAY

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 6' 0" | 2nd Craiglochart | 12/5 |
| 6' 0" | 1st U.A.U.Championships | 19/5 |
| 6' 0" | 2nd Scottish Champs. | 23/6 |
| 5'10" | 5th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 6' 0" | 3rd Glasgow | 4/8 |
| 6' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Dunoon | 24/8 |
| 6' 0" | 2nd Edinburgh (Gregor) | 8/9 |

POLE VAULT

1.Norman George Allan GREGOR

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|
| 12' 0" | 1st Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 12' 6" | 2nd Inter-Counties | 12/5 |
| 12'11 ¹ / ₂ " | hcp.Glasgow (Scot.N.R.) | 19/5 |
| 12' 6" | 1st A.A.A.v.O.U.A.C. | 22/5 |
| 12' 3" | 1st Liverpool | 26/5 |
| 12'10" | 1st Kent County Champs. | 2/6 |
| 13' 0" | 3rd Glasgow Rangers Sps. (Scottish Native R.) | 9/6 |
| 12' 7" | 1st Southern Champs. | 23/6 |
| 13' 6" | 1st Maidstone (downhill) | 30/6 |
| 12' 6" | 3rd A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 12' 6" | 1st Gillingham | 25/7 |
| 12' 6" | 2nd Glasgow | 4/8 |
| 12' 0" | 2nd Liverpool | 8/8 |
| 13' 0" | 4th British Games | 11/8 |

2.Timothy Donald ANDERSON

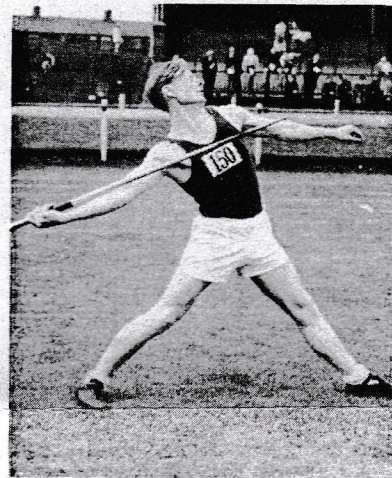
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| 12' 0" | 1st A.A.A.v.U.L.A.C. | 9/5 |
| 12' 6" | 1st U.L.A.C.Champs. | 19/5 |
| 12' 6" | 1st Motspur Park | 23/5 |
| 12' 8 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Dublin | - /7 |

3.Geoffrey Michael ELLIOTT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|
| 12' 0" | 1st U.L.A.C.v O.U.A.C. | 5/5 |
| 12' 6" | 3rd Inter-Counties | 12/5 |
| 11' 6" | 2nd Caledonian Games | 26/5 |
| 11' 0" | 2nd Southern Champs. | 23/6 |
| 12' 0" | 4th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 12' 6" | 1st Southern Decathlon | 28/7 |
| 12' 0" | G.B.v France(3rd.) | 4/8 |
| 12' 6" | 5th British Games | 11/8 |
| 12' 8 ¹ / ₂ " | 2nd G.B.v.Jugoslavia | 26/8 |
| 12' 9 ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd G.B.v Greece | 30/8 |
| 13' 0" | 1st Newport(run up was partly downhill) | 18/8 |
| 12' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st G.B. v Turkey | 1/9 |

4.George Edward BROAD

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 11' 0" | 2nd Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 12' 6" | 1st Inter-Counties | 12/5 |
| 11' 0" | 1st Southern Junior Ch. | 7/7 |
| 12' 0" | 1st A.A.A.Junior Champs | 28/7 |
| 12' 0" | 6th British Games | 11/8 |
| 11' 1 ¹ / ₈ " | 2nd G.B.v Turkey | 1/9 |



British'Olympic Possible' Richard W. D.Miller,holder of the Irish Javelin Record at 206 feet 7¹/₂in,who recently reached 218 feet in practice.

5.Norman Ernest C.DEAR

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| 11' 0" | 3rd A.A.A.v U.L.A.C. | 9/5 |
| 12' 0" | 4th Inter Counties | 12/5 |
| 11' 7 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Hants.County | 2/6 |
| 11' 0" | 3rd Southern Champs. | 23/6 |
| 11' 6" | 5th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 10' 7" | 3rd Triangular Int. | 28/7 |
| 12' 0" | 4th G.B. v France | 4/8 |

6.Raymond PETITJEAN

| | | |
|--------|----------------------|------|
| 12' 0" | 2nd Liverpool | 26/5 |
| 11' 6" | 1st Lancs. | 2/6 |
| 11' 0" | 1st Northern Champs. | 23/6 |
| 10' 6" | 6th A.A.A. | 14/7 |

LONG JUMP

1.Silvanus Olatunde WILLIAMS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
| 23'10 ¹ / ₂ " | 2nd U.A.U. | 18/5 |
| 23' 7" | 1st Kinnaird | 16/6 |
| 24' 3 ³ / ₄ " | (validity disputed) | 16/6 |
| 23' 4 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st AAA(qualifying) | 13/7 |
| 23' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 24' 0 ³ / ₄ " | 1st Waddilove | 21/7 |
| 24' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Triangular Int. | 28/7 |
| 23' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st G.B.v France | 6/8 |

2.Ian Gordon Henry WALKER

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 22' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Oxford v Cambridge | 1/3 |
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Long Jump(I.G.H.Walker)continued

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| 23'11 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st OUCAC v Milocarians | 29/4 |
| 24' 2" ^w | 1st U.A.U.(Williams) | 18/5 |
| 24' 0" ¹ / ₂ " | 1st OUAC v AAA | 22/5 |
| 23' 6" ³ / ₄ " | 2nd Kinnaird | 16/6 |
| 22' 7" ¹ / ₂ " | O/C v H/Y (1st) | 23/6 |
| 22' 1" ¹ / ₂ " | AAA(qualifying) (3rd) | 13/7 |
| 22' 7" ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 22' 8" ¹ / ₂ " | 2nd G.B. v France | 6/8 |
| 22' 7" ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd British Games | 11/8 |
| | 2nd G.B.v Jugoslavia | 26/8 |

3.Arthur Roy CRUTTENDEN

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 23' 2" | 2nd AAA v OUAC | 22/5 |
| 22' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Caledonian Games | 26/5 |
| 22'11" | 2nd AAA(qualifying) | 13/7 |
| 23' 0" ³ / ₄ " | 2nd A.A.A. (Walker) | 14/7 |
| 23' 5" ^w | 2nd Triangular Int. | 28/7 |
| 22'11" | 2nd Brit.Games(Walker) | 11/8 |
| 23' 0" ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Newport | 18/8 |

4.George Edward BROAD

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 23' 3 ¹ / ₂ " | 2nd Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 23' 0" ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Junior A.A.A. | 28/7 |
| 22' 0" | 4th British Games | 11/8 |
| | 3rd G.B. v Jugoslavia | 26/8 |
| 21' 6" ³ / ₄ " | 4th G.B. v Turkey | 2/9 |
| 22'10" | 1st Dorking(Cruttenden) | 22/9 |
| 22' 3" ³ / ₄ " | 1st London v Gothenburg | 26/9 |

5.Peter Alexander WHALEY

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| 23' 5" | 1st Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 22' 4 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Western Counties | 2/6 |
| 22' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st AAA v CUAC | 5/6 |
| 22'11 ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd Kinnaird | 16/6 |
| 21'11 ¹ / ₂ " | 2nd Southern Champs. | 23/6 |

6.Harry Edward ASKEW

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 23' 3 ¹ / ₂ " | 3rd Sward Trophy | 5/5 |
| 22' 1 ¹ / ₂ " | 1st Southern | 23/6 |
| 22' 1" | 4th AAA (qualifying) | 13/7 |
| 22' 6" ¹ / ₄ " | 4th A.A.A. | 14/7 |
| 22' 5" | 2nd Waddilove | 21/7 |
| 23' 6"x | exhib. Loughborough | 21/8 |
| 21' 4" ³ / ₄ " | 2nd London v Gothenburg | 26/9 |

(To be concluded in the May number)

Early Season Marks - 1952.

Marks made in the University Sports (see page 3) have been excluded here.

100 Yards

| | | | |
|------|----------------|-----------|------|
| 9.9w | J.N.Turner | Oxford | 8/3 |
| 9.9w | B.Shenton | Bedford | 22/3 |
| 10.0 | A.R.Finnington | Eton | 25/3 |
| 10.1 | J.M.K.Finley | Cambridge | 23/2 |

220 Yards

| | | | |
|------|--------------|-----------|------|
| 22.1 | J.M.K.Finley | Cambridge | 23/2 |
|------|--------------|-----------|------|

440 Yards

| | | | |
|------|--------|--------|-----|
| 49.1 | A.Dick | Oxford | 8/3 |
|------|--------|--------|-----|

One Mile

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|--------|------|
| 4:14.5 | C.J.Chataway | Oxford | 28/2 |
| 4:17.5n | P.R.Ll.Morgan | Oxford | 28/2 |
| 4:18.0 | P.R.Ll.Morgan | Oxford | 8/3 |

Three Miles

| | | | |
|---------|---------|--------|-----|
| 14:19.4 | D.C.Law | Oxford | 1/3 |
|---------|---------|--------|-----|

120 Yards High Hurdles

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|------|
| 14.8n | P.A.L.Vine | Eton | 25/3 |
| 15.1w | S.J.Q.Robinson | Oxford | 8/3 |

220 Yards Low Hurdles

| | | | |
|------|------------|------|------|
| 25.2 | P.A.L.Vine | Eton | 25/3 |
|------|------------|------|------|

High Jump

| | | | |
|------|------------|-----------|------|
| 6'2" | I.Ll.Jones | Cambridge | 21/2 |
| 6'2" | H.W.Leader | Cambridge | 21/2 |

Long Jump

| | | | |
|--------|--------------|---------|------|
| 23' 4" | S.O.Williams | Bedford | 22/3 |
|--------|--------------|---------|------|

Javelin Throw

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|--------|------------|--------|-----|
| 189'1" | D.E.Tucker | Oxford | 1/3 |
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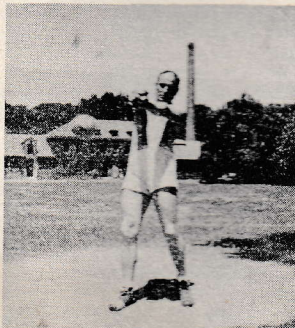
Women's World Olympic & British Records.

In the following list 3 marks for each of the nine standard Olympic events for women are shown in the following order - World's Record (accepted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as at 1.4.52.); the Olympic Record; and the best performance by a home athlete or relay team.

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| 100 metres | 11.5s | H.H.Stephens(U.S.A.) '36 & F.E.Blankers-Koen(Netherlands) '48 |
| | 11.5s | H.H.Stephens(U.S.A.) '36 (also 11.4s with wind assistance in a heat) |
| | 11.9s | E.M.Hiscock London 10.8.35. |
| 200 metres | 23.6s | S.Walasiewiczowna(Poland) '35 |
| | 24.4s | F.E.Blankers-Koen(Netherlands) event instituted 1948 |
| | 24.5s | S.Cheeseman Southampton 10.9.49.(over 220 yards or 201.17 metres) |
| 4x100 metres Relay | 46.4s | German Team (E.Albus,K.Krauss, M.Dollinger,I.Dorffeldt) '36 (heat) |
| | 46.4s | German Team as above. |
| | 47.4s | British Team (E.Hay,J.C.Desforages, D.G.Hall,J.F.Foulds) Brussels 27.8.50. |
| 80 metres Hurdles | 11.0s | F.E.Blankers-Koen(Netherlands) '48 |
| | 11.2s | F.E.Blankers-Koen(Netherlands) & M.A.J.Gardner(Great Britain), who was second but returned the same time, '48. |
| | 11.2s | M.A.J.Gardner London 4.8.48. |
| High Jump | 5ft 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ | S.Lerwill(Great Britain) '51 |
| | 5ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | A.Coachman(U.S.A.) & D.J.B.Tyler(Great Britain) '48 |
| | 5ft 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ | S.Lerwill(Great Britain) London 7.7.51. |
| Long Jump | 20ft 6 | F.E.Blankers-Koen(Netherlands) '43 |
| | 18ft 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | V.O.Gyarmati(Hungary) '48 event instituted |
| | 19ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | M.A.Cornell Birmingham 26.7.30. |
| Shot Putt | 49ft 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ | A.S.Andreeva(U.S.S.R.) '50 |
| | 46ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | M.O.M.Ostermeyer(France) event instituted '48 |
| | 41ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | B.A.Shergold Rome 22.5.49. |
| Discus Throw | 175ft 1 | N.Dumbadze(U.S.S.R.) '51 |
| | 156ft 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ | G.Meuermeyer(Germany) '36 |
| | 130ft 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | B.A.Shergold London 7.7.51 |
| Javelin Throw | 175ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | N.V.Smirniskaia(U.S.S.R.) '49 |
| | 149ft 6 | H.Bauma (Austria) '48 |
| | 139ft 2 | D.Coates Aylesford 5.8.50 |

BERT HEALION (Ireland)

Considered by some to have been potentially the best hammer man of all time. He was born at Belmullet, Ireland in May 1916, at his prime he weighed 235 lbs. and stood 6 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches chest measurement - 48 inches. This left handed thrower's best accepted competition mark, in a career interrupted by the war, was 192 ft. 11 ins. at Milton Park, Dublin on August 14th 1943. This is the official A.A.U. (Eire) record. At twenty two years of age Healion won the 1938 A.A.A. Hammer title at 172 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. and the following year he retained it. Healion had other marks over 190ft & reported practices over 200ft.



"Medley Relay" conducted by 'Baton'

It happened in April

April, 7th. 1876. At the 13th Oxford v Cambridge Sports at Lillie Bridge the Hon. M.J. Brooks cleared 6ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. with a cat jump for a new Inter-'Varsity, British and World's best performance. Brooks, already well known as a rugby international, had three weeks before become the first man to clear six feet. His mark lasted as a World's best until 1887.

April, 7th. 1884. W.G. George set up a new one hour record of 11 miles 932 yards. This remained the world's best until in 1904 Alfred Shrubbs added another 205 yds. Emil Zátópek in his great 1951 race, when he covered 12 miles 809 yds. would have lapped George 3 times!

April, 13th. 1940. Cornelius A. Warmerdam became the man to clear the classic height of 15 feet in the pole vault. This first clearance never achieved the IAAF list of world records probably because two months after at Fresno, California Warmerdam cleared 15ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

April, 17th. 1948. Charles Edward Fonville, a 21 year old coloured dental student became the first man in history to putt the 16 lb. shot over 58 feet. His great 58ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins was achieved at Kansas City and is probably the only world mark that has ever been achieved in the morning. Fonville injured his back shortly after and failed to make the U.S.A.'s 1948 Olympic team by seven inches.

April, 26th. 1912. K.S. 'Sandy' Duncan, Secretary of the British Olympic Association born. Captain of the England team at the Sydney British Empire Games of 1938 he was a double 'blue' at Oxford and President of the Athletic Club and Captain of the Association Football Club. His best marks were 100 yards 9.8secs (1936), shot putt 44ft 7ins (1939) and long jump 23ft 8ins (1937). Still holder of the Scots Native record at 23ft 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins he recently narrowly defeated the holder of the English Native record at Table Tennis.

April, 25th. 1872. Charles Burgess (C.B.) Fry born. One of the greatest all-round athletes of all-time, he represented Oxford in the 100 yards twice, dead-heating for first place once; the long jump 4 times (winning 3); the high jump once; cricket 4 times which included a not out century and Association football also 4 times. In 1895 he jumped for Oxford on July 3rd (the Sports having been postponed from March) and on July 4th took 6 wickets for 78 runs against Cambridge. Two years before he had equalled the world's long jump record of 23ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

It makes you think, or a Superimposition.

A description of Chataway's recent inter-varsity record breaking mile superimposed on Paavo Nurmi's legendary world's record made at Stockholm on Aug. 23 1923 would go something like this - "Chataway took an early lead to head Nurmi by 4 yards at the end of the first lap. The Finn then pulled him back and overtaking lead by 5 yards at the half mile. Nurmi piled it on to build up an impossible gap of 25 yards at the bell. Chataway, still full of running, went after his man and started reducing the deficit. The Stadium was set ablaze as the Englishman made his challenge. Chataway got upto Nurmi and surged past to win by about a yard. Time 4:10.2s with Nurmi caught at 4:10.4s."

Did you know?

That the General Committee of the Amateur Athletic Association duly decided and minuted that a competitor who jumped over the worsted tape at the end of a race was to be disqualified. For another weighty decision which was made in the same year you are referred to the "QUIZ" on page 3.

British Best Performances No. 2- 800 metres & 880 yards.

By Ross McWhirter.

In the March number of ATHLETICS WORLD there was published a list of the 100 fastest miles ever run by United Kingdom athletes. We now present a similar list for the half-mile and its metric equivalent the 800 metres. The first list contains only performances made over the full English distance while the second contains those over the metric distance which is 5.11 yards shorter. The only mark which appears in both the list is that of Sydney Wooderson when on his way to his world record half-mile of 1:49.2 he was timed at the 800 metres post in 1:48.4. The differential can in the ordinary way be accepted as 0.7 to 0.8 secs.

Notation e, time estimated by interval
n, non-winning or place time
u, unofficial place time

HALF MILE (880 Yards or 804.67 Metres)

| | | | |
|---------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1:49.2n | S.C.WOODERSON | Motspur Park | Aug. 20 1938 |
| 1:50.9 | S.C.Wooderson | White City | Aug. 1 1938 |
| 1:51.6 | H.J.PARLETT | White City | Sept. 12 1961 |
| 1:52.1 | H.J.Parlett | Auckland, N.Z. | Feb. 4 1950 |
| 1:52.1n | R.G.BANNISTER | White City | July 15 1950 |
| 1:52.1e | D.G.A.LOWE | Stamford Bridge | July 7 1926 |
| 1:52.2 | A.G.K.BROWN | Princeton, N.J. | July 17 1937 |
| 1:52.2 | H.J.Parlett | White City | July 3 1948 |
| 1:52.4 | T.HAMPSON | Hamilton, Canada | Aug. 7 1930 |
| 1:52.4 | G.E.F.WETHERED | White City | July 15 1939 |
| 1:52.7 | R.G.Bannister | Motspur Park | June 1 1949 |
| 1:52.7 | A.W.SCOTT | Cambridge, Mass. | June 20 1949 |
| 1:52.8n | A.J.COLLYER | Glasgow | Aug. 6 1938 |
| 1:52.8n | A.WEBSTER | Middlesbrough | June 11 1951 |
| 1:52.9n | F.R.HANDLEY | White City | Aug. 2 1937 |
| 1:52.9n | H.J.Parlett | White City | Aug. 1 1949 |
| 1:52.9n | R.G.Bannister | White City | Aug. 6 1951 |
| 1:53.1 | A.J.Collyer | Brighton | June 26 1937 |
| 1:53.1u | B.F.McCABE | Sydney | Feb. 5 1938 |
| 1:53.1 | H.J.Parlett | Auckland, N.Z. | Feb. 7 1950 |
| 1:53.1n | H.J.Parlett | White City | July 15 1950 |
| 1:53.2 | T.Hampson | Stamford Bridge | July 5 1930 |
| 1:53.2n | F.EVANS | White City | July 14 1951 |
| 1:53.3 | J.C.STOTHARD | White City | July 13 1935 |
| 1:53.3 | A.J.Collyer | White City | July 17 1937 |
| 1:53.3n | R.A.MORLEY | White City | July 15 1950 |
| 1:53.4 | D.G.A.Lowe | Cambridge, Mass. | July 11 1926 |
| 1:53.4 | J.V.POWELL | Chelmsford | June 20 1936 |
| 1:53.4 | G.W.NANKEVILLE | Aldershot | June 26 1948 |
| 1:53.4 | F.Evans | Coventry | June 30 1951 |
| 1:53.4n | A.Webster | Coventry | June 30 1951 |
| 1:53.5 | H.J.Parlett | White City | Aug. 27 1949 |
| 1:53.5n | C.T.WHITE | White City | July 14 1951 |
| 1:53.5e | C.R.GRIFFITHS | Stamford Bridge | July 7 1926 |
| 1:53.6 | J.C.Stothard | Glasgow | June 22 1935 |
| 1:53.6 | R.G.Bannister | Southgate | June 30 1951 |
| 1:53.6 | R.G.Bannister | Brighton | June 26 1937 |
| 1:53.7n | B.F.McCabe | White City | July 16 1938 |
| 1:53.7 | A.J.Collyer | White City | July 16 1949 |
| 1:53.7n | C.T.White | White City | July 14 1951 |
| 1:53.7n | A.Webster | White City | July 14 1951 |
| 1:53.7n | F.Evans | White City | Aug. 11 1951 |
| 1:53.8 | D.G.A.Lowe | Manchester | July 16 1927 |
| 1:53.8 | T.Hampson | Stamford Bridge | Aug. 2 1930 |
| 1:53.8n | J.V.Powell | White City | July 13 1935 |
| 1:53.8 | C.T.White | White City | July 19 1947 |
| 1:53.8u | R.A.Morley | Coventry | June 30 1951 |
| 1:53.9n | R.SCOTT | White City | July 13 1935 |
| 1:53.9 | S.C.Wooderson | Camberley | June 8 1940 |
| 1:53.9n | H.G.TARRAWAY | White City | Aug. 27 1949 |
| 1:53.9n | C.T.White | Auckland, N.Z. | Feb. 7 1950 |
| 1:54.0 | T.Hampson | Montreal | Aug. 21 1932 |
| 1:54.0 | C.WHITEHEAD | White City | July 8 1933 |
| 1:54.0n | H.J.Parlett | White City | July 19 1947 |

800 METRES (874.29 Yards)

| | | | |
|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1:48.4n | S.C.WOODERSON | Motspur Park | Aug. 20 1938 |
| 1:49.8 | T.HAMPSON | Los Angeles | Aug. 2 1932 |
| 1:50.5 | H.J.PARLETT | Brussels | Aug. 26 1950 |
| 1:50.7n | R.G.BANNISTER | Brussels | Aug. 26 1950 |
| 1:50.8n | J.V.POWELL | Stockholm | Aug. 20 1936 |
| 1:50.8n | H.J.Parlett | Wembley | July 31 1948 |
| 1:51.2 | D.G.A.LOWE | Berlin | Aug. 19 1928 |
| 1:51.2n | H.J.Parlett | Paris | Sept. 7 1947 |
| 1:51.4n | A.LITTLER | Cologne | Aug. 20 1939 |
| 1:51.5n | C.T.WHITE | Oslo | Aug. 24 1946 |
| 1:51.8 | D.G.A.Lowe | Amsterdam | July 31 1928 |
| 1:51.9n | H.J.Parlett | Brussels | Aug. 23 1950 |
| 1:52.1n | H.J.Parlett | White City | Aug. 16 1947 |
| 1:52.2 | J.A.COOPER | Paris | July 29 1934 |
| 1:52.2n | J.V.Powell | Paris | July 29 1934 |
| 1:52.4 | D.G.A.Lowe | Paris | July 8 1924 |
| 1:52.5 | F.R.HANDLEY | Paris | July 24 1937 |
| 1:52.5n | C.T.White | White City | Aug. 16 1947 |
| 1:52.6 | D.G.A.Lowe | Paris | July 25 1926 |
| 1:52.6n | F.EVANS | Belgrade | Aug. 26 1951 |
| 1:52.8u | J.V.Powell | Los Angeles | Aug. 2 1932 |
| 1:52.8u | H.G.TARRAWAY | White City | Aug. 16 1947 |
| 1:53.0n | H.B.STALLARD | Paris | July 8 1924 |
| 1:53.0 | T.Hampson | Los Angeles | July 31 1932 |
| 1:53.0n | C.T.White | Wembley | July 31 1948 |
| 1:53.1 | R.G.Bannister | Gothenburg | Sept. 24 1950 |
| 1:53.1n | H.J.Parlett | Gothenburg | Sept. 24 1950 |
| 1:53.2n | A.J.COLLYER | Paris | July 24 1937 |
| 1:53.2n | C.T.White | Paris | Sept. 7 1947 |
| 1:53.3n | A.J.Collyer | Oslo | Sept. 16 1938 |
| 1:53.4 | A.G.HILL | Antwerp | Aug. 17 1920 |
| 1:53.4n | A.J.Collyer | Paris | July 29 1934 |
| 1:53.5 | A.J.Collyer | Oslo | Sept. 11 1937 |
| 1:53.5 | R.G.Bannister | Helsinki | July 10 1950 |
| 1:53.5 | H.J.Parlett | Paris | Sept. 9 1950 |
| 1:53.6 | R.H.THOMAS | Paris | July 28 1929 |
| 1:53.6n | A.J.Collyer | Stockholm | Sept. 9 1937 |
| 1:53.7 | G.W.NANKEVILLE | Paris | May 21 1950 |
| 1:53.8 | H.B.Stallard | Brighton | July 23 1925 |
| 1:53.8 | J.C.STOTHARD | Helsinki | Sept. 5 1937 |
| 1:53.8n | B.F.McCABE | Oslo | Sept. 16 1938 |
| 1:53.8 | R.G.Bannister | Brussels | Aug. 23 1950 |
| 1:54.0n | R.G.Bannister | Paris | Sept. 9 1950 |

SUMMARY

Twenty seven athletes have qualified for inclusion in this compilation which comprises 97 separate marks. The 'quality' record is clearly still Wooderson's but the 'quantity' record is as follows:-

| | |
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| Harold John Parlett (Dorking St. Paul's A.C.) | 15 |
| Roger Gilbert Bannister (Achilles Club) | 9 |
| Arthur J. Collyer (Watford H.) | 9 |
| Charles Thomas White (Appleby & Frodingham S.C.) | 8 |
| Douglas Gordon Arthur Lowe (Achilles Club) | 7 |
| Thomas Hampson (Achilles Club) | 6 |

Vintage years are 1950 (16 qualifying performances), 1951 (12) and 1937 (10). The earliest mark to qualify was Albert Hill's 1:53.4m at Antwerp in 1920 which was the first of Great Britain's four successive Olympic 800 metre victories.

The only 'foreigners' to have beaten 1:50.0 in the British Isles are M.G. Whitfield (U.S.A.) 1:49.2m, 1:49.3m and M. Hansenne 1:49.8m. Arthur Wint (Jamaica) has best home marks of 1:49.5m and 1:49.6y.

ADDITIONS TO BRITISH BEST PERFORMANCES - ONE MILE

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| Apart from the new marks listed below L. Eyre's 4:13.6 at White City on May 29 1950 was omitted from the list published in the March issue. | | | |
| 4:10.2 | C.J.CHATAWAY | White City | Mar. 15 1952 |
| 4:13.0n | P.J.ROBINSON | White City | Mar. 15 1952 |
| 4:14.5 | C.J.Chataway | Oxford | Feb. 28 1952 |

English C-C Championships

'National' Day dawned bright and clear at Great Barr, Birmingham for the 65th annual test. The Birchfield Harriers laid out an extremely testing course comprising one short and three long laps which included a small size in mountains and a steep descent half a mile long. In the Senior event 419 starters lined up. It was very soon obvious that both D.A.G. Pirie and W. Hesketh wanted to be alone and since in this sport there is only room for one Garbo that there was going to be an interesting duel. The pair stayed close together until the Northerner piled on the pace coming into the long climb for the third and last time. Pirie's troublesome tendon gave way under the punishment of the stony course the Manchester British Empire 6 miles record holder came over the brow of the hill 200 yards to the good. The prestidigitator this time deceived nobody that he was a worthy winner as he ran in hard for a 56 secs. win and became the first athlete ever to take a Youth's, a Junior and then a Senior title. Pirie finished gallantly but had to be helped off for what looked like a longish convalescence.

In rear F. Norris of Bolton; Marathoners J.H. Peters and W. McMinnis; juniors F.D. Sando and R. Hattor; reigning Champion Dr. Aaron; W. Boak and R.C. Adams all ran well. Next came the champions of Scotland and Ireland E. Bannon and C. Owens, followed by E.L. Hardy and A.E. Binder. Norris's third place was a just reward for much hard work. Peters narrowly ousted Sando from fourth place. Andrew Forbes in 11th position lead in Victoria Park A.A.C., the team winners from North of the border. Bolton United-second, Manchester-third, the home side Birchfield-fourth all closed in before the first club from the South-Belgrave Harriers-fifth and the holders Sutton who were sixth.

Diminutive J. Wild of Cheshire was a convincing winner of the Junior race over the abbreviated course beating P. Thompson by over a minute. Heatley promoted himself from 3rd in the Youths which this time was won by D.J.P. Richards—a case of son like father.

Women's Olympic Prospects (Concluded)

(the THROWS continued) - javelin ace Galina Zybina, who has reached 46'11". In the discus the stately 30 year old town councillor Nina Dumbadze fell from grace in the All Soviet Championships, which went on a solid week at Minsk, when she was third. Earlier however she had slung out a prodigious 175' 1" throw in a postal match at Gori. The winner at Minsk was Mde. Romashkova formerly Comrade Miss Nina Pnomaryeva who now, having tasted victory with her truly stakhanovite effort of 163'3", must remove Dumbadze from the category of 'Certainties' for Olympic crowns. In the small world of 600 gram Spear-Women the dour world-record holder Natalya V. Smirnitskaya-Dyatlova has also been deposed this time by the 'heavy duty' girl Zybina who, last May at Leningrad, got off a throw to 168'9". Though gunning hard all season the raven-haired Natalya was still 17 inches in arrears when the snows came. Top non-Russian is Dana Jngrova now La Zátopková. Though she has nothing like the big occasion temperament of her husband, she sometimes looses off big throws. Her best is 163'8" which for a girl who once said " Emil is not strong enough for the Marathon!" is not bad.

This survey includes all the relevant data on those who are likely to be in the running for the nine female Olympic titles at stake at Helsinki next July. The spellings of the Russian names are not consistent because of the variations of the transposing of their Cyrillic script. We have here followed Regl and Subert though it should be mentioned that the Soviet Embassy in London they prefer the 'i' to the Central European 'y'. (in)

SOUTH-EAST ASIAN RECORDS IN PHILIPPINES.

In the course of the Philippine National Championships on March 16th Tan Eng-long, who ran in the 1948 Games as Chen Ying-long (his Mandarin name), ran 400m in 48.9s. A fellow Formosan, Gan Peng-hun, won the HSJ at 45'5".



An action shot of the world's fastest women middle-distance runner NINA PLYETNYEVA who returned 2:12.0 when winning the All Soviet 800 metres title in world record time at Minsk on August 26th 1951.

Cross Country International 1952

France secured her fifth post-war victory at Hamilton Park Racecourse, Glasgow on March 22nd for the International Cross-Country event which, since 1926, has been fixed at 9 miles. For France it was a return to the scene of their first team victory of 1922 and was the fourth time that the race had been staged near Glasgow (other occasions 1903 and 1907). The Olympic 10,000 metre runner-up Alain Mimoun-o-Kacha ran a Captain's race for Metropolitan France and was in a class by himself. Never since Djebella made the debut for the Moroccans back in 1912 have there been so many North Africans in France's team. Packing 3,7,8 and 10 behind their captain with R. Soucours at 6, they brought France home with 35 points to England's 64. This was in spite of our close packing with Jim Peters the last of our scoring six close up in 15th place.

Marcel Vandewattynne of Belgium was second 43 secs. down on Mimoun and 4 secs up on Ben Driss (France). Many overlooked that the Belgian's record of having run in all the post war races was surpassed by Bobby Reid (4th Scot home and 26 among the 63 starters), who was making his 8th! appearance having run in 1939. The all-time record for the race is held by Rérolle (France) who was 10 times selected. Apart from Hesketh's 4th place, F.D. Sando's ninth and Dr. Aaron's 11th place were particularly praiseworthy. Next year the race will probably be held in Lille.

| | SUMMARY | mins: | secs: |
|-----|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | A. Mimoun-o-Kacha (France) | 48 | 19 |
| 2. | M. Vandewattynne (Belgium) | 49 | 02 |
| 3. | Ben. A. Driss (France) | 49 | 06 |
| 4. | Walter Hesketh (England) | 49 | 19 |
| 5. | Buenaventure Baldoma (Spain) | 49 | 27 |
| 6. | R. Soucours (France) | 49 | 35 |
| 7. | Ben. S. Hamza (France) | 49 | 44 |
| 8. | O.L. Abdallah (France) | 49 | 51 |
| 9. | Frank D. Sando (England) | 49 | 53 |
| 10. | Ou B. Ali (France) | 49 | 54 |

Others- 11, F.E. Aaron; 12, F. Norris; 13, G.B. Saunders (all of England), 14, E. Bannon (Scotland); 15, J.H. Peters (England); 16, R. Hatton (England); 23, T. Tracey (Scotland); 25, A. Forbes (Scotland); 26, R. Reid (Scotland); 27, R.C. Adams (England); 28, p. Fitzgerald (Ireland); 42, T. Wood (Wales). TEAM PLACINGS- 1 France (1,3,6,7,8,10) 1st; England (4,9,11,12,13,15) 2nd; Belgium (2,17,20,24,30 and 33) 3rd; Scotland 4th; Spain 5th; Ireland 6th; and Wales 7th.

Ilmari Taipale, Finnish 1,500 m. and 1 mile record holder, was severely injured in a skiing accident on March 16th and is probably out of the Olympics.

Close of U.S. Indoor Season

At the same meeting (I.C.4 A's Championships) Gehrman suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of veteran Reggie Pearman over 880 yards. Gehrman ran a front race with a 55.0 1st quarter but the bespectacled negro gave the crowd one of his famous 'kicks' and passed his rival in the home stretch to win by a hair's breadth. Both were caught at 1:51.3 - fastest ever for an 11-lap indoor track. Vernon Dixon, 19, competing in his first individual race of the season won the 600 yards in 1:11.5. Eastern observers say that the 5'11", 10 stone Dixon looks like a potential 'Bill Carr'. Like Carr (known in the early 'thirties as 'the fastest Car(r) in America'), Dixon has built stamina by running a lot of relay starts indoors and out. Even Carr, winner of the Los Angeles Olympic 400 metres (46.2 around two turns) never matched Dixon's 47.7 quartermile leg at this same meeting.

At the 'Big 10' meeting at Champaign, Illinois on March 8th, John Ross of Canada, a slender 20 year old Ottawa runner now in his sophomore (2nd) year at Michigan University, became the third non-American to run a sub-4:10.0 mile indoors (others: Luigi Beccali (Italy) 4:09.0 in 1937 and Wim Slykhuis (Holland) 4:09.2 in 1949). Ross overtook the pacesetter Don McEwen, also a Canadian, in the last 130 yards to win in 4:09.4 with McEwen given an unofficial 4:09.6. Ron Mitchell, an Illinois freshman came from nowhere to set a Conference high jump record of 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Roland Nilsson of Sweden put the shot 53'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for a new personal record. Jim Golliday, Olympic sprint threat, ran 60 yards in 6.2 while John Carroll, another Canadian ran a good 48.8 quartermile.

Back in the East in a dual meet between Cornell and Yale, Meredith Gourdine broad jumped 25'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " within 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " of Jesse Owen's 'world' indoor record. It will be remembered that Gourdine could only muster 22ft. 10ins. for second place behind Rhodesia's R.C. Salmon in the White City's anaesthetizing pit against Oxford-Cambridge in 1950.

On March 1 at the Knights of Columbus meeting at New York, Bob Richards broke Warmerdan's Garden record of 15'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with a vault of 15'4" to beat Don Laz by a foot. At Cleveland a fortnight later, where Whitfield won a fast 600 yards in 1:11.7, Laz turned the tables with a first time 15 foot effort.

Madison Square Gardens were again the scene of brilliant performances on March 22nd. Gehrman after hitting the 440 yard mark in 53.9 secs. went on to set yet another new 880 yard record in 1:51.0 - fabulous running for a 150 yard circuit. Warren Dretzler also dislodged an indoor season's best mark when he won the mile in 4:08.2 - a fifth ahead of Gehrman's recent best of 4:08.4.

EARLY AMERICAN OUTDOOR MARKS 1952

At San Diego on March 22 Los Angeles Athletic Club's giant discus thrower Sim Iness gave the 1952 American outdoor season a seasational send off when he loosed off a discus throw of 181ft. 5ins. His best mark in 1951 was 161'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " which ranked him only No 22 in the world. His new American Collegiate record now puts him No 3 of all-time. At Toledo, Texas husky Darrow Hooper, who has more spare potential than even Jim Fuchs cares to think about (at least before breakfast), started off at 53'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in his bid to make the U.S. Olympic team.

GOOD MARKS IN SOUTH AFRICA (A.G. Matthews)

The meteoric rise of 21 year old policeman Gideon van Heerden at Aliwal North on March 8th set the Border Championships alight with a sparkling 9.6 100 yards. March 22nd at Port Elizabeth saw Johnny Veitch set a new domestic javelin record with throws of 215'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " & 215'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Athol Jennings ran a 1:52.9 'half' and Booyesen a 47.1 leg in a record 3:15.8 4x440y relay. Esther Brand 34, cleared 5'4" in the women's high jump. Junior John Winter reached 47'5" with a 14 lb. shot while B. Oberholster ran an under 19 440 yards in 49.8 secs.

News from the Continent

The international Cross Country race, sponsored by the French Communist newspaper L'Humanité, held on March 16 at Vincennes brought forth nearly all Russia's top long distance runners. Centre of interest for the 15,000 crowd was Valimir Kasantsev the world's fastest man for the 3,000 metre steeplechase. His coach M. Denisov, who had accompanied him from the Physical Culture Institute in Moscow revealed that his charge was 28 years old and derived his unique ability over the obstacles from his unusual suppleness. His fastest 1500 metres was 4:00.2 (equivalent to a 4:20.8 mile) and his fastest 3,000 m. on the flat was 8:18.4. The race was convincingly won by Nikifor Popov who last June set a new Soviet 5,000m. record of 14:20.8. A. Anufriyev finished 9 secs. behind in second place and 17 secs. ahead of the man who acted as Kasantsev's runner-up in Berlin with 8:57.6 - Mikhail Saltikov. The bald-pated marathoner Vanin was 5th and Kasantsev 7th. In the women's event a galaxy of 800 m. performers swept the board. Winner was Polina Solopova (a 2:14.1 performer), third was Nina Flyetnyeva (2:12.0 see p. 9), fifth was Hungary's Anna Bacskai-Eleha (2:13.0) and sixth and seventh were the two Valentinas - the 2:12.2 and 2:12.4 performers Fomogayeva and Bogatryryeva. From the promoters point of view the meeting was spoiled by the application of Bacigal, the Czech who finished 14th in the men's race for political asylum in France.

On March 18 in an indoor meeting at Leningrad the mighty European shot-putting record-holder, flaxen-haired Estonian Heino Lipp put the 16lb. weight 53'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and the gaunt Tatyana Sevryukova, 9 years past her best, got one off to 46'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND (H.F. Watts.)

In spite of their £41,000 in the kitty the N.Z.A.A.A. have limited the New Zealand Olympic track team to four. The athletes chosen are the two one milers G.W. Hoskins and Maurice Marshall, the 1948 Olympian 400 m. hurdler John Holland (see page 1 with the rake) and the world's top women long jumper Yvette Williams. Twelve days after the N.Z. Championships at Wanganui where Marshall won the mile in 4:11.8, G.W. Hoskins beat R.G. Bannister's all-comer's record of 4:09.9 when he set a Southern Hemisphere record of 4:09.4 in a handicap race at Auckland on March 13th. John Holland broke the British Empire 440 yards hurdling record held by G.J.J. Lubbe (South Africa) by 0.2secs when he returned 52.2 at Hamilton so to join Roy Cochran and Dick Ault of U.S.A. as the second fastest of all-time. Another pleasing new performance was the 13'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pole vault by M. Richards at Wanganui on March 1.

Two items of interest to home readers were the 45' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shot putt title won by the highly popular Dr. H.E.A. Moody and the news that Duncan Clark's disputed hammer throw of 183'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Wellington on March 4 1950, after his British Empire title win, may be restored to the records in the light of the changed I.A.A.F. rule which no longer insists upon a sunk in circle.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

In an inter-club meeting at Rio de Janeiro, the dark-skinned young distance runner Pedro de Andrade set a new South American record for the 3000 metres steeplechase with 9:25.0 which is believed to be the fastest ever time put up by a 'coloured' man. The Olympic triple jump favourite A.F. da Silva (see p.8 March issue (photo)) got off to a quiet start by winning at 50ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. over Geraldo de Oliveira who reached 47'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Further to the south Luis Celedon took the Chile marathon in 2hrs. 37m. 54.s by a 15 min. margin from R. Imostroza.

SEVEN JAPANESE MARATHON RUNNERS UNDER 2 HOURS 33 MINS.

1951's fastest marathon runner Tanaka (2:27:45.0) was beaten into 3rd place in the Yamaguchi (26m385y) race on Feb. 17 by Yamada (2:29:37) and Uwa (2:29:46). The 25 year old Korean Choi Yoon Chil whose 2:25:15 was disallowed recently ran a valid 2:26:07 ! at the Munsan trials.