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U.S. Off to a Great Start

(from Dr. Don H. Potts)

The 1952 U.S. outdoor season has got off to an Olympian start. First event to catch the headlines was the Grecian platter. Following upon the 182'5" throw by the husky 6'6", 240 lbs. (17st. 21lb) Sim Iness, the world record-holder Fortch Gordien has twice beaten the 180 foot mark. At Los Angeles on March 28 he got one off to 181'9" while at Santa Barbara on April 12 he went an inch better. After a 'saison veilleuse' it seems that Gordien is going to recapture the form that won him 8 meets with throws over 182ft. back in 1949.

The high jumpers have been in sparkling early season form. Herman Wyatt, whose 6'7" at Birmingham last August was a joint English All-Comers' record, went an inch higher at Palo Alto on March 29. This year (including also indoor marks) 15 Americans have beaten 6'6". Better than Wyatt was Charles Holding who headed the 1951 ratings at 6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Jumping against Walt Davis at the famous Austin, Texas pit, Holding cleared 6'9" with Davis an inch back and Richard Jones third in 6'7". The Olympic favourite John Poppa Hall—the man who came within an ace of 6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " last year—was surprisingly defeated in the Southern Relays by a new-comer Milton Meade at 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The A.A.U. and N.C.A.A. Champ. could only produce 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

In the sprints department the Texas Relays produced a sensational 20.3secs. furlong when Charles Thomas rode out a 20 m.p.h. wind right down the straightaway. Thomas it will be remembered was the man that downed England's Nick Stacey by 4yd. on Birmingham's Perry Barr all-turn track last August in 21.5secs. Thomas also ran a 9.6 century at Odessa, Texas on March 29. In the wind-assisted category Dean Smith and Ray Renfro both hit 9.5 and world record 4x220yds relay man Norman Stocks ran 20.6 at San Diego. Major news from the 7 foot circle is that the mighty Jim Fuchs is back again in the 57 foot bracket. There have been now 58 putts in history over 57 feet. Fuchs has 55 of them. Fuchs headed a small U.S. Team which competed at Port of Spain, Trinidad on March 29 and 31. He put the shot just 55'6" and had an exhibition throw of 166'6" in the discus. Bill Mack ran the 880 in 1:53.8 and Charlie Moore negotiated the quarter in 49.2. Despite yielding the headlines to the discus men the shot men have been in there pitching. Darrow Hooper bettered his personal record with 54'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at Austen while the upset AAU champion with the dyed hair Parry O'Brien has also been over the 54 foot mark. The giant Swede Roland Nilsson, now at Michigan University, broke his national record of 53'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at Birmingham in Alabama with a heave of 53'10" which will go on their record books as 16.41 metres. (Extra-territorial records are common in Europe).

Another visitor to set a record inside the States is the South African long jumper Neville Price. At the Texas Relays he hit 25'2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " which is the world's top mark so far with Olympic favourite 26 footer George Brown only showing 24'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " so far. This great mark by Price though 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " better than his 1950 South African record at Pretoria can not be put up for a new British Empire record because Texas is not coloured red on the atlas.

Decathlon star Bob Mathias had a pentathlon work-out at Palo Alto on April 5th which read 120yHH-14.7; H.J. 5'8"; P.V. 12'6"; D.T. 160'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and J.T. 189'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ". A late report states that he has suffered a muscle injury though it now seems that he is going to defend his Olympic title from Richards with some of the old verve. A week later at Stanford he vaulted 13 feet, threw the discus 165'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " and registered a personal best of 14.5 over the highs. With 'bests' in two of the 10 events already (120yHH and Javelin) Mathias is

Four Nigerians Clear 6ft. 6ins.

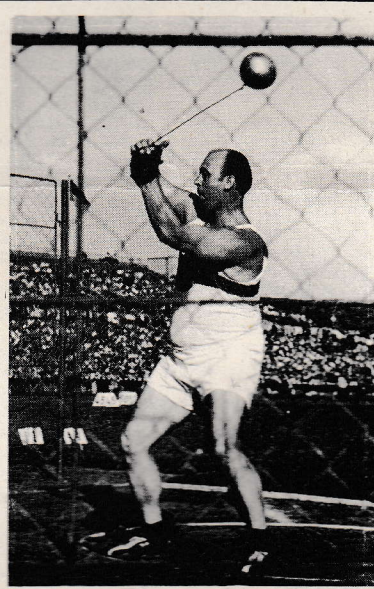
At Lagos on April 5th under standard conditions

four Nigerian athletes cleared 6ft. 6ins. in the All Nigerian A.A.A. Championships. O. Odobo won on the fewest failures. The other three in order were Guobadia, J. O. Majekodunmi, and Osagie. Odobo is only 5ft. 7ins. tall and had 10 failures until the bar went to 6ft. 7ins. Majekodunmi, who placed equal 2nd at the British Empire Games at Auckland in 1950 with 6ft. 5ins., is the only one of the four who has any knowledge of high jump techniques. Osagie was the previous Nigerian Record holder.

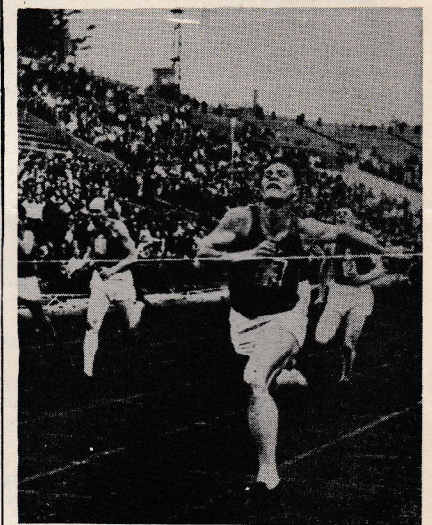
Nigeria will send a team of eight athletes to the Olympic Games at Helsinki in July. Of the eight 2 will be High Jumpers. S. O. Williams, the Nigerian student who won the A.A.A. Long Jump championship last year it is expected will join the team.

The only Nigerian success to date in the Olympic Games was the 5th place in the 1948 Long Jump by Prince Adegboyega F. Adedoyin (23ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.). Adedoyin also excelled at High Jump and won the 1947 A.A.A. title at 6ft. 4ins. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches below his best.

JOAN LINSSELL MISSES RECORD BY $\frac{1}{4}$ INCH
Competing at Victoria Park,
London on April 19th, Joan Linsell putt
the 4 kilo shot 40ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins so missing
Mrs. B. A. Shergold's 1948 mark of 40'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Karl Storch (Germany), 38, whose 193'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was 1951's top mark in hammer-throwing & 2" below his best of 1943.



Vladimir Sukharyev (Russia), whose 10.3 secs. 100 metres in Bucharest equals the European record first set in 1932. He also last year set a Soviet 200m. record of 21.2 in Moscow.

Olympic Prospects No. 3.

110 METRES (120.30 Yards) HURDLES

World's Record 13.6 R.H.Attlesey(USA) College Fk. 1950
 Olympic Record 13.9 W.F.Porter(USA) Wembley 1948
 and Holder

Fifteen men in history have beaten 14.0secs - all of them have come from America. In the last three celebrations of the Games the only non-American to win a medal has been D.O.Finlay of Great Britain. This time there is still no chink in the U.S. armour. Richard Harold Attlesey, the best high hurdler of all-time, seems the obvious choice though Harrison Dillard is anxious to make a big come-back to square accounts for the Evanston tragedy of 1948. Jack Davis, winner of the 1951 N.C.A.A. crown in 13.7, will have to beat Craig Dixon, the 1948 3rd placer, Jack Demedecis (14.0), Art Barnard (14.1) and the fast improving Val Joe Walker who ran 14.1 in Texas the first time out.

The other three berths in the final look to be booked for non-Europeans. Argentina's Alberto Triulzi has been banned for life for non-attendance at the Pan-American Games. His stay at Santa Barbara was bringing him on as if in a hothouse. At the Californian Relays he had the curious experience of running 14 flat and finding himself third behind Attlesey (13.6) and Dixon (13.9). His fellow Argentine Estanislao Kocourek's 14.2 for second and Samuel Anderson (Cuba) 14.2 for third in the Pan-American final must be borne in mind. The other best bets are Australia's 25 year old hotelier Ray H. Weinberg and Ken Doubleday. Weinberg's Melbourne 14.0 on Feb. 9th was into a slight wind. The Soviet hurdler Yevgeniy Bulanchik despite his 14.3 does not look nimble enough to make the finals.

All in all it looks like 3 Americans and Weinberg, Anderson and one other for the final. From the British point of view chief interest centres on whether Donald Finlay can really make the team to create a span record of 20 years. If he does R.C. Craig's 1912 200 m. win and 1948 11th place in the Dragon class yachting and J. Emrys Lloyd's 1928-1952 fencing career will look pale in comparison.

400 METRES (437.44 Yards) HURDLES

World's Record 50.6 G.F.Hardin(USA) Stockholm 1934
 Olympic Record 51.1 L.B.Cochran(USA) Wembley 1948
 and Holder

The 'mankiller' of the track events is still sufficient of a rarity to allow men from the minor athletics powers to gain places. Since Los Angeles the six finalists have been drawn from 11 nations. Only the triple jump has had such a varied representation. The Helsinki favourite must be Cornell Universities Charles Hewes Moore Jr. In the 1949 A.A.U. Champs. this "rags to riches" sophomore ran a 54.7 heat followed by a blazing 51.1 American record in the final. In his only outing in 1950 he ran 51.5 while last year he obliged with 51.8 at the Penn. Relays, where he won 4 gold watches, and 51.4 in the 'Nationals'. Many think that the New Zealand and British Empire record-holder John Holland, who ran 52.2y in February will be the man to beat. When the chips are down it is difficult to see how even his fluent style is going to triumph over the rugged Moore who ran the flat 'quarter' in 47.0 and who has an 'old man' who keeps him hard at it.

World record-holder Armando Filiput (51.9y) and co-holder of the European record for the metric race at 51.6m sank last year from a world No. 1 ranking to a poor seventh-a best of 52.8. The 28 year old physical training instructor was however caught in the toils of matrimony and may well surface in time to get into "bombenform" for Helsinki. Other likely finalists are Yuriy Lituyev, who took the All Soviet title at Minsk with 51.7m, his runner-up Timofey Lunyev (52.0m), and America's number two Bob DeVinney from Kansas (51.8m). By no means to be ignored are Jaime Aparicio (Columbia) (53.4), coached by Alan Pennington; Australia's Doubleday (53.5y) and Springboks Ron Wilkie (52.9y) and Piet Grey-

-ling (53.4y). Even Japan provides one of the 34 men who beat 54.0m in 1951 in the person of Sitaro Ckano (53.6m). Though neither improved last year Whittle and Scott (Great Britain) are good enough to make the semi-finals hot along with Sallen (53.2m) (Germany) and the old 'war-horse' Rune Larsson who held the Olympic record for nearly 4 minutes at Wembley in 1948.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

World's Best 8:49.8 V.Kazantsev(USSR) Moscow 1951
 Olympic Best 9:03.8 V.Iso-Hollo(Finland) Berlin 1936
 Holder 9:04.6 T.Sjöstrand(Sweden) Wembley 1948

Let it be remembered about 28 year-old Comrade Kazantsev that he is the world's No. 9 5,000 metre man and that no steeplechaser save Iso-Hollo has ever run 3,000 metres on the flat in 8:18.4. Leaping from 9:06.0 he went straight to 8:49.8 or a full 9.8secs. inside the world's previous best. He followed with an 8:51.2 in Berlin and an 8:56.4 at Minsk. His second string who ran along behind in these three races in 9:04.4, 8:57.6 and 9:02.8 at least showed that he was human when he faded away to 4th place in 9:39.0 behind J. Apro (Hungary) in the end of season get-together in Rumania.

Third favourite is Jugoslavia's sparrow-like Petar Segedin who was five times under 9:10 which in cis-curtain circles is considered good. Following the Dompert tradition will be Germany's Helmut Gude, who wound up his 1951 campaign with a brilliant 9:02.4 in his national championships and a 9:03.0 against the Swedes. The home crowd will be cheering for Erik Blomster who scored over the French in 9:07.6. Best of the once great Swedes are Curt Söderburg (9:10.0, twice) and Gunnar Karlsson the Swedish champion at 9:08.0. If he can erase the blot of the Balkan tour and re-live his 9:11.6 win over Söderburg and the then unfit reigning champion Sjöstrand (pronounced Wherestrant) then John Ivor Disley (Great Britain) might go close to following the traditions of G.W. Bailey and T. Evenson. Judging by his feat of covering the 14 3,000 foot Snowdonian peaks in 7 hours 24 mins. Disley starts his do or die season in fine condition. The pace is going to be the hottest ever and it seems that not only will the 9:03.8 'best' but the 8:59.8 track record (Sjöstrand) also be broken.

THE MARATHON (26 Miles 385 Yards)

World's Best 2:26:07.0 Choi Yoon Chil(Korea) Pusan 1952
 Olympic Best 2:29:19.2 K.Son(Japan) Berlin 1936
 Holder 2:34:51.6 D.Cabrera(Argentina) Wembley 1948

The thing to remember about the Olympic marathon is that it is an 'out and home' course with few inclines; the highest is only 125 feet above the starting point. On such a course speed is going to be the winning factor and the short thick bandy-legged little Japs are going to wish they had longer legs. In 1951 for what it is worth 4 men beat 2½ hours for the route. They were the Jap Tanaka winner of the Boston race in 2:27:45.0; the 24 year old Finnish postman Veikko Karvonen, winner of the Nordic race in 2:28:07.4; the Swede G.Jansson who was second in this same race in 2:29:19.0 and J.H. Peters (Gt. Britain) who won the Windsor-Chiswick race in his first ever run in 2:29:28.0. Already this year there has been a spate of fast times from Korea and Japan. The best are Choi, now 25, who actually lead the 40 man field at the 21½ mile mark by 28 secs in 1948, Yamada and the 20 year old Shigeki Tanaka.

A man who must not be overlooked is the reigning champion, Fireman Delfo Cabrera to whom the grateful Argentine government gave a house. If Delfo wants to have a garage added he could be very dangerous. Argentine last time won the 'team race' packing 1,5 and 9. Last year Zabala's 'mighty successor' won the Pan-American race by a margin of 10 mins. in 2:35:00. Also prominent will be the white skull cap of Red Army Captain Feodosy Vanin. Opinion however seems to be crystallising in favour of a Karvonen v. Peters duel. Ever since his amazing stadium lap at Brussels Karvonen has been Suomi's whitest hope. 2:29:02; 2:28:46 and 2:28:07 in 3 months is great running.

Four Schoolboy Records

An entry of 1,071 from over 200 schools were reduced to 14 winners, 4 of them new record-holders, at the 48th L.A.C. Schools' Challenge Cup Meeting at White City on April 18 & 19. A. Garner (Manchester G.S.) was the best away in the 100 yds. final but was overhauled by J.L. Booth (Notts. H.S.), whose 10.3 was the equal best non wind assisted mark of the 54 year old series. Fresh from a 'pentathlon' of school records at Taunton, M.K.V. Wheeler ground out a powerful 51.1secs. quarter. In the 880 yds. M.J. Rowbottom, hailing from Kingston, which once counted J.C.G. Crump on their Hockey XI, passed the bell in 58.8 and allowed two boys to pass him before coming again to snatch first place in 2:00.4. The mile saw Herne Hill's Junior half-mile record-holder (1:59.5) Ian Boyd come to within 5 secs. of his 4:20.0 target. He lapped at 66.4, 63.8, 68.4 and 66.2 so to total 4:24.8 and beat a record successively set by Wooderson (4:29.8, 1933); A.H. Chivers (4:29.0, 1938) and P.J. Robinson (4:26.2, 1949).

The first two in the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile steeplechase, P.A. Field (Cheltenham) and J.D. Walz from the Duke of Edinburgh's field school, Gordonstoun, both bettered the previous best of 3:39.8. In the mile walk R.L. Hutchison collected the first place and the style prize. His school of Latymer Upper is next door to the Stadium and has 1947 World University Games 800 metre champion H.G. Tarroway on its staff. The hurdles were again disappointing and it is sad to reflect that only 4 of the 45 previous winners have ever become internationals. Of all the competitors Peter Brinson (St. Dunstan's) came nearest to achieving a place in the final season's national ranking lists with a record 6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high jump. G.M.G. Knight (Reading) led an improved field's assault on F.R. Webster's 11'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mark of 19 years ago.

J.M. Nokes (Harrow) and B. Parker (Polytechnic) both came through with their last efforts in the shot and discus. The 183 pound son of the Loughborough Summer School 'Headmaster' had registered 47'7" on sloping ground at his school sports on April 2nd. A.G. Law (Raynes Park) at 11 stone is probably the only junior of that weight to join the 31 under 19 British athletes who have ever surpassed 44 feet. C.N. Loveland (St. Bede's) showed nearly a 15 foot improvement over his best 1951 mark to take the javelin title with 185'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

In the 'junior' (14 & 15 year olds) events J.T. Darlington, who last season took the Midland Youths high and long jump titles at 5'9" and 21'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", won both his specialities and took a sixth in the 100 yards.

SUMMARY

100 Yds: JL Booth (Notts. H.S.) 10.3; A Garner (Manchester G.S.) 10.4; MHB Erleigh (Millfield) 10.6; WB Workman (Cheltenham G.); ACA Benda (Winchester); S Orman (Hackney Downs)
440 Yds: MKV Wheeler (Taunton) 51.1; RG Sinclair (Brighton) 51.3; J. Richards (Notts. H.P.) 52.2; WG Daves (Q.E. Wakefield) 52.5; P.J. Casselton (Raynes Pk.) 52.8; G.A. Sheppard (Erith) 53.2. **880 Yds:** MJ Rowbottom (Kingston) 2:00.4; J Sykes (Reading) 2:00.6; A.J.P. Campbell (Stowe) 2:02.4; H Heins (Whitgift) 2:03.4; G. Wilkinson (K. Ed. VI. Soton) 2:03.5; PR Barton (St. Clement Danes) 2:05.8. **Mile:** I.H. Boyd (Wallington) 4:24.8; M.A. Robinson (Rossall) 4:30.2; DG MacLean (Wandsworth) 4:35.2; RJD Westcott (Q.E. Barnet) 4:36.0; MR Tarr (Taunton) 4:36.2; TN Miller (Shrewsbury) 4:37.8.
120 Yds. Hurdles (3'3") CL Hicks (Christ's Hosp.) 15.9; I. A Simpson (Ampleforth) 16.0; IWR Malcolm (Eton) 16.1; I. Frazer (Gordonstoun); TA Jameson (Lancing); JP Lee-Potter (Epsom). **$\frac{3}{4}$ Mile Steeplechase:** P.A. Field (Cheltenham) 3:36.8; JD Walz (Gordonstoun) 3:38.3; BP Smith (Tiffin) 3:44.0; C.M. Clapham (Watford) 3:45.0; MJ Heath (Boys' G.S.) 3:45.2; RM Townsend (Marlborough College) 3:46.6. **High Jump (First Day)** PJ Brinson (St. Dunstan's) 6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; J Reynolds (Q.E. Wakefield) 5'10"; J Kitching (Tonbridge) 5'10"; B. Wardley (Enfield) 5'10"; M Jenkins (Gordonstoun) 5'9". **PG Stableforth (Cranleigh) 5'9". Pole Vault:** GMG Knight (Reading) 11'0"; D.J. Barnes (Clayesmore) 10'9"; GM Schmidt (John Fisher) 10'6"; JC List (R.N.C. Dartmouth) 10'6"; C. Burrowes (Marlborough College) 10'0"; FW Dracup (Denstone) 10'0". **Long Jump:** JL Booth 21'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; R Hawley (Clayesmore)

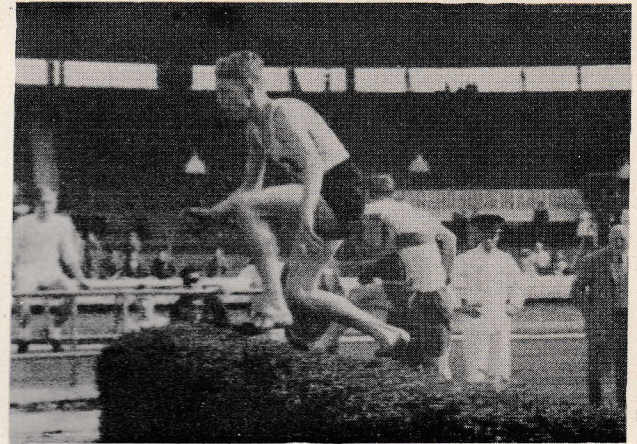


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P.A. Field (Cheltenham) setting a new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile Steeplechase record of 3mins. 36.8secs. in the L.A.C. Schools' final.

21'5"; AG Whittaker (St. Paul's) 20'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; S. Orman 20'10"; WG Daves 20'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; J Russell-Wells (Lancing) 20'6". **Putting the Shot (12 lbs.) (First Day):** J.M. Nokes (Harrow) 45'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; A.G. Law (Raynes Pk.) 44'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; CEEL Carr (Radley) 43'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; MR Munro (KCS, Wimbledon) 43'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; FW Dracup 43'2"; HA Valentine (Lancing) 42'3". **Discus (31lb. 5oz.):** B. Parker (Polytechnic) 134'3"; R. Elliott (Kelly) 130'3"; AGE King (Abingdon) 128'4"; MJB Richardson (Kingsbury) 127'9"; NB Howlett (Trent) 127'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". **JL Hallatt (Birkenhead) 125'6". Hammer (12 lbs.):** CWH Lyon-Brown (Fettes) 160'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (BEST EVER JUNIOR MARK); IS Bain (Fettes) 150'0"; M.J. Martin (John Fisher) 146'7"; E.O. Farrell (J. Fisher) 134'6"; R. Kozlowski (J.F. 133'11"; P.J. Strickland (J.F.) 131'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; **Javelin (11lb. 8oz.):** CN Loveland (St. Bede's) 185'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; W. Kretzschmar (Schule Schloss, Salem) 178'11"; JK Ryder (Lord Wandsworth) 176'4"; E. Breuel (S.S., Salem) 166'5"; JC Thorburn (Birkenhead) 165'5"; RJD Westcott 164'6". **Mile Walk:** RL Hutchison (Latymer Upper) 7:24.2; RA Hosking (St. Albans) 7:36.2; JFS Northcott (Harrow) 7:36.6; PJ Roether-Baugh (Q.E., Barnet) 7:37.0; DE Bigley (Q.E., B.) 7:42.0; KW Barber (Latymer U.) 7:48.6. **4x110 Yards Relay:** Royal Belfast Academical Institution (NG Hamilton, GR Martin, AC Barron, CBH Mackinson) 45.9; St. Edwards 46.0; Brighton 46.3; **SCHOOL CHALLENGE CUP:** John Fisher (Purley) 24 pts.; Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 16 pts.; Nottingham H.S., Queen Elizabeth's Wakefield and Gordonstoun 14 pts.; Fettes and Harrow 13 pts. each. **JUNIOR EVENTS:** JD Sewell (Brockley) 10.8; F Skelton (N. Manchester); JN Wilson (Warwick) $\frac{1}{2}$ yd. ldy. 250 Yds: JB Smith (King Alfred, Pl8n) 28.3; JB Baker (Kelly) 28.6; NT Willlett (St. Lawrence) 28.9. **110 Yds. Hurdles (3'0"):** DA Baker (Christ's Hosp.) 15.4; JCC Nugent (Malvern) 15.6; MJ Stubbs (Birkenhead) 15.7. **High Jump:** JT Darlington (Whitchurch) 5'7"; W Worth (Acton) 5'6"; C. Morgan (Whitgift) 5'5". **Long Jump:** JT Darlington 20'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; E.J. Broomfield (Royal Liberty, Rom-Ford) 19'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; EL Wrightson (Chatham Ho.) 19'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

India's Olympic Team

The Amateur Athletic Federation of India has stated that it is sending 8 athletes to Helsinki. For the 100 & 200 metres there will be Lavy Pinto (Bombay) now in this country, and Lance Naik Gabriel who set an All-India 100 metre record of 10.7 at New Dehli on Feb. 10. A Sepoy Sohan Singh who ran a record 1:55.7 at the same meeting will run in the 800 metres. Gulzara Singh, who knocked 30.5 secs. off the 3,000 m. steeplechase record at the XVth Indian 'Olympics' at Madras on Feb. 24 with 9:31.4, with Surat Singh (Dehli) (Marathon) and high-jumper Mehanga Singh will complete the men's team.

The new All-India women's 200 metres record-holder (26.1), Mary D'Souza (Bombay) and Nilima Ghose will also travel. In 1900 N.G. Pritchard won India a silver medal in the 200 m. hurdles behind Alva Kraenzlein (USA). In 1924 W.R. Hildreth (father of F.B.) ran for India in the 200 m.

Sand and Cinders

The policy of "Athletics World" towards accuracy may benefit by a little explanation. Complete accuracy is our constant endeavour. However figures and names are apt to be misreported, misprinted or wrongly converted from metres into yards or feet. Even if these pitfalls are avoided then plain human fallibility is ever ready to sneak in. Confirmation of a performance is often slow in coming in through so first reports have to be given and more than nine times out of ten these prove correct, but not alas always.

This state of affairs has to be accepted as inevitable but what need not be accepted is the perpetuation of errors. Thus it is going to be our policy to correct in subsequent issues any mistakes appearing in previous numbers which have come to light or have been pointed out by readers.

BRITISH BEST PERFORMANCES.

From next month British Best Performance lists will start appearing. In order to keep these as complete as possible it is hoped that readers knowing definitely of performances, which would qualify for inclusion and which are unlikely to have been reported in the national press, will send us a note of them. The information always required if possible is the performance; initials, name, and club of the athlete; place and date of the mark; and whether there was wind assistance (sprints, hurdles, long jump and hop, step and jump) or any irregularity in the conditions.

As regards performances outside the British Isles 'Athletics World' has correspondents through whose collective fingers very little in the way of noteworthy performances slip unnoticed. However since athletics is a truly world wide sport, if any reader living in the remoter parts of the globe sends us news we shall always be pleased to hear from them and pass on their information and comment.

ROYAL PATRONAGE.

Athletics enthusiasts have been delighted in this country to hear that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in the first year of her reign is going to be present at the 63rd A.A.A. Annual Championships on June 21st. at the White City Stadium, London.

Track without Tears

Of all the pieces of athletics impedimenta none arouse more lay comment than do starting blocks. During a recent foreign tour a suspicious Customs Official was puzzled and demanded an explanation of their purpose. The sprinter who owned them solemnly explained that he belonged to a very strict religious sect which required adjustable prayer mats. Starting Blocks 'came in' when cloche hats 'went out'. The device was patented in 1927 by George T. Bresnahan, who, with Dr. W.W. Tuttle, became the author of the book known in coaching circles as 'The Manual according to Saint Bresnahan and the Blessed Tuttle'.

Running at Chicago on June 8th 1929, George S. Simpson of America broke the world's 100 yards record with the first ever 9.4sec. performance but the mark was disallowed owing to his use of starting blocks. In the British Isles the first starting blocks were of sufficient curiosity to be the cause of a special exhibition race at Stamford Bridge on June 9th 1930. Because Jack London (2nd Olympic 100 metres, 1928), who was using holes, got a particularly poor start, the contemporary press were rather over impressed with the 'transatlantic innovations'.

According to the most painstaking research carried out by Saint B. and the Blessed T., the advantage gained over holes in the track is in the order of 0.03 sec. - namely a foot at the business end of a 100 yards race. Latest theory is however that a sprinter can get too fast a start and thereby lose what he gains in the 'pick up'. It all boils down to the fact that the chief virtue of starting blocks is that they save the track surface from repeated excavations behind the starting line. Theoretically they speed up the interval between heats but, because sprinters, particularly feminine ones, rarely seem to get their optimum foot spacings grooved, this advantage is seldom apparent.

From the competition point of view blocks must be rigid and have no springs. All in all let it be said that there is nothing mysterious or markedly advantageous about starting blocks except that they are a boon to the groundsman and offer considerable scope to the 'Gamesman'.

World & British All-time Women's Rankings

The only comparative scoring tables for all women's performances are those published in 1950 by the governing body of U.S.S.R. athletics (The All Union Light Athletics Section). Listed below is a unique compilation showing the top performances of all-time in the world (left hand column) and of the United Kingdom (right hand column). Several athletes, e.g. Blankers-Koen, qualify for inclusion in more than one event but here only the mark carrying the top pointage is included. Dumbadze's discus throw is over the ceiling & is computed.

1324	Nina Dumbadze (USSR)	1951	D.T	175'11"	1192	Sheila Lerwill (Spartan)	H.J	1951	5'7" ⁵ / ₈
1197	Natalya Smirnitckaya (USSR)	1949	J.T	175'8"	1128	Dorothy Tyler (Mitcham)	H.J	1948	5'6" ³ / ₈
1192	Sheila Lerwill (Gt. Britain)	1951	H.J	5'7"	1075	Maureen Gardner (Oxford)	80m.h	1948	11.2 s
1183	Nina Romashkova (USSR)	1951	D.T	163'3"	(1067)	Sylvia Cheeseman (Spartan)	220.y	1949	24.5 s
(1180)	Majorie Jackson (Australia)	1952	100y	10.4	(1041)	Nellie Halstead (Bury)	440.y	1932	56.8 s
1176	F.E. Blankers-Koen (Neths.)	1943	H.J	5'7"	1040	Margaret Ring (W.A.A.F.)	H.J	1947	5'4"
1174	Anna Andreyeva (USSR)	1950	S.P	49'3"	1040	Dora Gardner (Middlesex)	H.J	1948	5'4"
1165	Stanislawa Walasiewiczowna (Pol.)	1935	200m	23.6 s	1027	Dorothy Hall (Essex)	200.m	1950	24.6 s
1156	Tatyana Syevryukova (USSR)	1945	S.P	48'10" ⁴ / ₈	1025	Jean Desforges (Essex)	80m.h	1949	11.4 s
1154	Elfriede v. Nitzsch (Germany)	1949	L.J	20'4" ⁴ / ₈	1016	Dorothy Cosnett (Birchfield)	H.J	1938	5'3" ³ / ₈
1152	Klavdiya Tochenova (USSR)	1949	S.P	48'9"	1012	Mary Milne (Mitcham)	H.J	1935	5'3" ⁴ / ₈
1128	Alice Coachman (U.S.A.)	1948	H.J	5'6" ¹ / ₈	1002	Muriel Cornell (Mitcham)	L.J	1930	19'2" ¹ / ₂
1128	Dorothy Tyler (Gt. Britain)	1948	H.J	5'6" ¹ / ₈	(1000)	Ethel Johnson (Bolton Un.)	100.y	1932	11.0 s
1128	Aleksandra Chudina (USSR)	1950	H.J	5'6" ¹ / ₈	(1000)	Eileen Hiscock (London Olympiades)	220.y	1934	25.0 s
1126	Gisela Mauermeyer (Germany)	1936	D.T	158'6"	1000	Dorothy Saunders (Spartan)	200.m	1937	24.8 s
1124	Yvette Williams (N. Zealand)	1952	L.J	20'2"	1000	Bertha Crowther (Middlesex)	H.J	1948	5'3"
1123	Galina Zybina (USSR)	1951	J.T	168'9" ³ / ₈	1000	June Cowan (London Olympiades)	H.J	1949	5'3"
1116	Christel Schultz (Germany)	1939	L.J	20'1"	(1000)	June Foulds (Spartan)	100.y	1950	11.0 s
1114	Helen Stephens (U.S.A.)	1936	100m	11.5 s	1000	Sheila Pratt (Orpington)	80m.h	1950	11.5 s
1105	Rinna Shumskaya (USSR)	1951	D.T	156'8" ¹ / ₂	1000	Ursula Hynes (Birchfield)	H.J	1951	5'3"
1103	Vyera Nabokova (USSR)	1951	J.T	167'0" ¹ / ₂	988	Lillian Chalmers (Portsmouth)	200.m	1937	24.9 s
1100	Nadeshda Khnykina (USSR)	1951	60m	7.3 s	988	Audrey Williamson (W.R.A.C.)	200.m	1948	24.9 s

British Best Performances No. 3

400 metres & 440 yards.

By Ross McWhirter.

Following upon the publication of the 100 best miles (March number) and the 100 best 880 yards and 800 metres (April number) ever run by United Kingdom athletes, we now present a similar list for the 400 metres and the 440 yards. The first list contains only performances made over the metric distance which is 2.56 yards less than the full quarter mile.

The conversion factor between the two distances is between 0.3 and 0.5sec though in practice the lower figure is the generally used.

400 METRES (437.44 Yards)

46.7n	A.G.K.BROWN	Berlin	Aug. 7 1936
46.8n	W.ROBERTS	Berlin	Aug. 7 1936
46.9	A.G.K.Brown	Oslo	Sept.15 1938
47.1	A.G.K.Brown	Milan	Sept.11 1938
47.2	A.G.K.Brown	Stockholm	Sept. 7 1937
47.3n	A.G.K.Brown	Berlin	Aug. 7 1936
47.3n	A.PENNINGTON	Cologne	Aug. 20 1939
47.3	D.C.PUGH	Brussels	Aug. 25 1950
47.5n	G.L.RAMPLING	Berlin	Aug. 7 1936
47.5	W.Roberts	(10) Paris	July 24 1937
47.6	E.H.LIDDELL	Paris	July 11 1924
47.7	W.Roberts	Munich	Aug. 11 1935
47.7	W.Roberts	Berlin	Aug. 6 1936
47.7	A.G.K.Brown	Helsinki	Sept. 4 1937
47.7	A.G.K.Brown	Paris	Sept. 4 1938
47.8	W.Roberts	Oslo	Sept.15 1935
47.8	A.G.K.Brown	Paris	Aug. 27 1937
47.8	A.G.K.Brown	Oslo	Sept.12 1937
47.8n	T.L.HIGGINS	Belgrade	Aug. 25 1951
47.9	A.Pennington	(20) Zurich	Aug. 13 1939
47.9	D.C.Pugh	White City	Aug. 7 1950
47.9n	L.C.LEWIS	Brussels	Aug. 24 1950
48.0n	G.M.BUTLER	Paris	July 11 1924
48.0	G.L.RAMPLING	Paris	Aug. 2 1931
48.0n	W.Roberts	Berlin	Aug. 7 1936
48.0n	G.L.RAMPLING	Berlin	Aug. 6 1936
48.0	D.C.Pugh	Paris	June 3 1951
48.1	W.Roberts	Berlin	Aug. 6 1936
48.1	L.C.Lewis	Amsterdam	Aug. 30 1950
48.2	E.H.Liddell	(30) Paris	July 11 1924
48.2	G.L.Rampling	Paris	July 29 1934
48.2n	R.B.WYLDE	Paris	Aug. 27 1937
48.2	L.C.Lewis	Paris	Sept.10 1950
48.3n	J.W.J.RINKEL	Amsterdam	Aug. 3 1928
48.3n	A.G.K.Brown	Berlin	Aug. 6 1936
48.3	R.B.Wylde	Paris	Aug. 26 1937
48.3	D.C.Pugh	Amsterdam	June 17 1951
48.4	W.Halswell	Shepherds Bush	July 22 1908
48.4n	A.G.K.Brown	Munich	Aug. 11 1935
48.4	A.G.K.Brown	(40) Paris	Aug. 26 1937
48.4	A.G.K.Brown	Paris	Sept. 3 1938
48.4n	L.C.Lewis	Oslo	Sept. 1 1949
48.5n	W.Roberts	Oslo	Aug. 22 1946
48.5n	W.Roberts	Manchester	July 17 1948
48.6	J.W.J.Rinkel	Vienna	Mar. 31 1928
48.6	F.F.WOLFF	Paris	July 24 1934
48.6n	G.L.Rampling	Berlin	Aug. 6 1936
48.6n	W.Roberts	Wembley	Aug. 4 1948
48.6	T.L.Higgins	Brussels	Sept. 4 1948
48.6n	M.W.PIKE	(50) White City	Aug. 7 1950
48.6	D.C.Pugh	Brussels	Aug. 24 1950
48.6	D.C.Pugh	Brussels	June 13 1951
48.6	T.L.Higgins	Istanbul	Sept. 1 1951
48.7n	A.G.K.Brown	Cologne	Aug. 20 1939
48.7n	L.C.Lewis	(55) Brussels	Aug. 25 1950

440 YARDS (402.34 Metres)

47.6	A.G.K.BROWN	White City	Aug. 1 1938
47.7	A.G.K.Brown	Cambridge, Mass.	July 10 1937
47.9	W.ROBERTS	Sydney	Feb. 12 1938
47.9	D.C.PUGH	White City	July 14 1951
48.0	G.L.RAMPLING	White City	Aug. 7 1934

48.0n	A.PENNINGTON	White City	Aug. 7 1939
48.0n	L.C.LEWIS	Auckland, N.Z.	Feb. 11 1950
48.0n	D.C.Pugh	White City	Aug. 4 1951
48.1	A.G.K.Brown	Cambridge	June 15 1935
48.1n	A.G.K.Brown	(10) White City	Aug. 7 1939
48.1	D.C.Pugh	Motspur Park	July 8 1950
48.2	W.Roberts	White City	July 17 1937
48.2	W.Roberts	White City	Aug. 14 1937
48.2	L.C.Lewis	White City	July 15 1950
48.3	W.Roberts	Port Sunlight	June 20 1936
48.3	G.L.Rampling	Chelmsford	June 20 1936
48.3	A.G.K.Brown	White City	June 13 1936
48.3	W.Roberts	White City	Aug. 2 1937
48.4	W.HALSWELL	Glasgow	July 1 1908
48.4	A.G.K.Brown	(20) White City	Mar. 26 1937
48.4	A.G.K.Brown	Montreal	July 24 1937
48.5	H.C.LENNOX-TINDALL	Stamford Bridge	June 29 1889
48.5	E.C.BREDIN	Stamford Bridge	June 22 1895
48.5e	R.LEIGH-WOOD	Johannesburg	Sept. 7 1929
48.5	W.Roberts	White City	July 27 1935
48.5	L.C.Lewis	Uxbridge	June 12 1948
48.5	D.C.Pugh	White City	July 16 1949
48.5	D.C.Pugh	White City	Aug. 1 1949
48.5n	D.C.Pugh	(30) White City	July 15 1950
48.5	D.C.Pugh	Southampton	July 7 1951
48.5n	T.L.HIGGINS	White City	Aug. 11 1951
48.5	T.L.Higgins	Birmingham	Oct. 3 1951
48.6	G.L.Rampling	Stamford Bridge	July 4 1931
48.6	W.Roberts	Oxford	May 30 1935
48.6	A.G.K.Brown	White City	July 20 1935
48.6	A.G.K.Brown	White City	July 11 1936
48.6	A.G.K.Brown	Princeton, N.J.	July 17 1937
48.6	A.Pennington	Oxford	Feb. 26 1938
48.6n	W.Roberts	White City	July 20 1946
48.6u	M.W.PIKE	(40) Chiswick	July 22 1948
48.6	L.C.Lewis	Bristol	Aug. 20 1949
48.6	D.C.Pugh	White City	Aug. 12 1950
48.6n	T.L.Higgins	White City	July 14 1951
48.7	J.G.BARNES	Oxford	May 25 1937
48.7	A.Pennington	Portsmouth	July 1942
48.7	D.C.Pugh	Motspur Park	June 3 1950
48.7	D.C.Pugh	Chiswick	June 16 1951
48.7	D.C.Pugh	Coventry	June 30 1951
48.8	W.Halswell	Stamford Bridge	July 7 1906
48.8	D.G.A.LOWE	(50) Stamford Bridge	July 4 1927
48.8	G.L.Rampling	Oxford	May 28 1931
48.8	A.G.K.Brown	White City	Aug. 13 1938
48.8	A.Pennington	White City	July 8 1939
48.8	A.Pennington	White City	July 15 1939
48.8	W.Roberts	White City	July 3 1948
48.8	L.C.Lewis	Auckland, N.Z.	Feb. 9 1950
48.8	D.J.N.JOHNSON	Port Sunlight	July 29 1950
48.8	D.C.Pugh	New Malden	July 4 1951
48.8n	L.C.Lewis	White City	July 14 1951
48.8n	F.RHIGGINS	(60) White City	July 14 1951
48.8	F.RHiggins	Newport	Aug. 18 1951
48.8	T.L.Higgins	Motspur Park	Sept. 19 1951
48.8	A.DICK	White City	Mar. 15 1952

SUMMARY

Were this compilation extended to include all the 136 marks (440yds. and 400 m.) made under 49.0 secs. the picture would be thus -:

Arthur Godfrey Kilner BROWN (Achilles Club)	28
William ROBERTS (Salford A.C.)	22
Derek Charles FUGH (South London Harriers)	22
Leslie Charles LEWIS (Walton A.C.)	13
Godfrey Lionel RAMPLING (Millocarian A.C.)	10
Terrance Langley HIGGINS (Herne Hill Harriers)	8
Alan PENNINGTON (Achilles Club)	6

The best years are 1951 (20 marks) followed by 1936 and 1950 each with 17.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS LISTS

MILE LIST: Add L.Eyre 4:12.8n White City 16/7/49; 4:14.0 Sedgley 7/8/50; 4:14.8 Chiswick 23/7/49; 4:15.0 South Shields -/6/50. (Total 17). **HALF-MILE LIST:** Add H.J. Parlett 1:53.7 White City 16/7/49; 1:53.7n White City 6/8/49; 1:54.0n Bristol 20/8/49. (Total 18). Add F.Evans 1:53.6n Belfast 15/8/51. (Acknowledgments to J.L.Hayward, J.Kyle, G.E.Mehew, Miss K.Y.Meyer and R.Williamson.)

BEST INDOOR MARKS 1952

All athletes are from the United States unless otherwise indicated.

Notation :- x indicates that the mark was made on board tracks, rings, runways or take-offs. n indicates a non-winning performance

60 YARDS

- x 6.2 A.W.Stanfield
- x 6.2 L.Remigino
- x 6.2n E.Conwell
- 6.2 R.Renfro
- 6.2 J.Bibbs
- 6.2 T.Baker
- x 6.2 J.O'Connell
- 6.2 J.Golliday

440 YARDS

- 48.7 C.McSween(Fanama)
- 48.8n J.Lavery(Canada)
- 48.8 J.Carroll(Canada)

500 YARDS

- x 57.2 O.Sax
- x 57.3n C.H.Moore
- x 58.4n H.Maiocco
- x 58.7 V.G.Rhoden(Jamaica)
- x 58.9n R.Maiocco
- x 59.0n H.H.McKenley(Jamaica)

600 YARDS

- xlm10.9 C.H.Moore
- xlm11.2 O.Sax
- xlm11.3n M.G.Whitfield
- xlm11.4 V.G.Rhoden(Jamaica)
- xlm11.5 V.Dixon
- xlm11.6n J.Voight
- xlm11.6n L.Jones
- xlm12.0n D.B.Boland

880 YARDS

- xlm51.0 D.Gehrmann (a)
- xlm51.3 R.Fearman
- xlm52.8n A.Rauch
- lm52.9 H.Cryer
- lm53.4n J.Ross(Canada)
- xlm54.2 R.Browne
- (a)timed at lm 50.1 at 800 metres.

1000 YARDS

- x 2m08.2 D.Gehrmann (World's indoor best)
- x 2m13.0 C.Joyce
- x 2m13.0 L.Lamb
- x 2m13.3n R.Fearman
- x 2m13.4n R.Browne

ONE MILE

- x 4m08.2 W.Druetzler(3m52.4/1,500m)
- x 4m08.4 D.Gehrmann
- 4m09.4 J.Ross(Canada)
- x 4m09.5n F.L.Wilt
- 4m09.6n D.S.McEwen(Canada)
- 4m10.0 R.Shea
- x 4m10.9n F.Dwyer
- x 4m11.3n D.Johansson(Finland)
- x 4m11.4 W.Mack
- x 4m11.5n J.LaPierre
- x 4m12.0n R.Haynes
- 4m12.0n W.Ashenfelter
- 4m12.8n L.Lamb

TWO MILES

- x 8m50.7 F.L.Wilt (World's indoor best)
- x 8m51.4n H.Ashenfelter
- x 8m54.6n C.C.Stone
- 9m04.0 "D.S.McEwen(Canada)
- 9m05.8 R.Shea
- x 9m07.0 H.Semper
- 9m07.2 W.Santee
- 9m09.9 R.Ferguson(Canada)
- ' timed at 8m26.7 at 3,000m in the course of a 9m04.3 2 miles.Metric time is a U.S.Citizen Record.
- " a new Canadian Indoor Record.

THREE MILES

- x 14m02.0 H.Ashenfelter

60 YARDS HIGH HURDLES

- x 7.2 H.Dillard
- x 7.4 P.McCreary
- x 7.4n M.C.Gourdine
- x 7.4 D.Bedker

HIGH JUMP

- 6' 7¹/₂ R.Mitchell
- 6' 7" A.Betton
- x 6' 7" J.L.Hall
- 6' 6⁷/₈ J.Kline
- x 6' 6¹/₂ M.Mead
- 6' 6¹/₂ V.Fritts

High Jump continued

- x 6'6" F.Dubard
- x 6'6" D.Norton
- 6'5¹/₂" C.Boyd
- x 6'5¹/₄" J.Webb
- x 6'5¹/₄" N.Ehinger

POLE VAULT

- x 15' 4¹/₈" R.E.Richards
- x 15' 3¹/₄" D.Laz
- x 14' 8" D.Cooper
- 14' 5" R.Coleman
- 14' 0" R.Calisch
- 13'11¹/₂" W.Eisenhart
- 13'11" G.Riddell
- x 13' 6¹/₈" J.Lloyd
- x 13' 6" R.Miller(Canada) and several other Americans.

SHOT PUTT

- x 56' 3¹/₈" J.E.Fuchs
- x 55'11¹/₂" B.Mayer
- x 54' 8¹/₄" S.Lampert
- 54' 5⁵/₈" R.Nilsson(Sweden)
- 53' 7¹/₄" O.Chandler
- 53' 3" H.Lipp(U.S.S.R.) (dirt ring)
- x 52'10¹/₂" W.Bangert
- 52' 4¹/₂" J.A.Savidge(Great Britain)
- 52' 2¹/₄" J.Morgan
- 51' 5¹/₄" W.Tanner
- x 51' A.Thompson
- 50' 6¹/₈" A.Gardiner

LONG JUMP

- 25' 1¹/₂" M.C.Gourdine
- 24' 3¹/₂" V.Switzer
- 24' 3¹/₈" N.G.Price(South Africa)
- 23'10" E.Wilson
- x 23' 9" L.C.Wright

35lbs.WEIGHT THROW

- 58'10¹/₈" S.Dillon
- 58'10¹/₂" G.Borjeson
- 57' 3¹/₄" H.Dreyer
- 56' 5¹/₄" J.Chadbourne
- 55' 9¹/₄" C.Blair

(with acknowledgements to R.L.Quercetani)

Buffalo, New York March 15th. The best marks in Women's A.A.U.meeting were:- 50 yards 6.2 M.Faggs. 100 yards 11.1 M.Faggs. HJ 5'0³/₄" M.Boos.

"Medley Relay" conducted by 'Baton'

It happened in May.
 May 1st. The birthday of two great clearers of obstacles. In 1898 Luigi Facelli of Italy was born and in 1907 Volmari Iso-Hollo of Finland. Facelli competed in three Olympic Games reaching the finals of the 400 metres Hurdles twice and the 1,600 metres Relay twice. His best time for the hurdles was 52.4secs. Between 1928 and 1933 Lord Burghley and Facelli won the A.A.A. 440 Yards Hurdles on alternate years. Facelli's 53.4secs mark in 1929 is still the A.A.A. Championships best performance. Iso-Hollo was the only man to retain an individual Olympic title in 1936. His Berlin mark of 9m 03.8 secs. is still the Olympic record. May 2nd. Another quarter-mile hurdler, Harry Whittle(G.B.) was born in 1922. Whittle is the only man in the long history of the A.A.A. to win the 440 yards Hurdles and Long Jump 'double', and this he has done twice - in 1947 and 1949. May 10th. Frank Wykoff was on May 10th 1930 at Los Angeles the first man to run an accepted 9.4 secs 100 yards, he was A.A.U. sprint champion in 1928 and 1931. Wykoff has three Olympic Gold Medals for his share in the U.S.A. 4 x 100 metres Relay victories of 1928-32-36. Each race was a World's record :- 41.0s, 40.0s and then the present record of 39.8s. Wykoff ran No1, No 4 and No 4. May 11th W.R.Applegarth, now living in America, was born in 1890. His 1914 mark of 21.2secs for 220 yards (round a turn) equalled the World's record, was a British(National) Record and still is the English Native and European Record. May 13th. J.E.Meredith improved his world's 880yards record(set up 5.11 yds. beyond the winning tape in the 1912 Olympic 800 metres at Stockholm) by 0.3 secs. with a 1:52.2 run at Philadelphia, Pa. A fortnight later he set a new 440 yards world record of 47.4 that was not touched for 15 years, until Ben Eastman equalled it in 1931. May 20th. M.C.Nokes, first Englishman to reach 170 feet with the hammer, born 1897. Had they been instituted his 173'1¹/₈" would have been a European record until Ossian Sköld's 176'8¹/₈" in Stockholm in 1927. May 25th. Arthur Stanley Wint born at Kingston, Jamaica in 1920. Little known feats of his include a 24'0" long jump and two Jamaica swimming titles. On this date but exactly five years later Albert Webster took over his first baton. On the day that Master Webster celebrated his 10th birthday Mr. James Cleveland Owens was having his greatest day out at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Not content with equalling Wykoff's 9.4 secs. 100 yards record, breaking the world's 200 metres and 220 yards records on the Flat and over the low hurdles, he decided to do the long jump. His single effort carried him 26'8¹/₂". What a day! May 29th. Dorothy Odam(Mrs. Tyler) set a world's record of 5'5¹/₈" at Brentford. May 30th. Four years later at Amsterdam Fanny Blankers-Koen cleared 5'7¹/₄" scissors style.

British Ranking 1951

In the columns below British Rankings for 1951 are concluded. Standard Notation: - w - wind assisted mark.

HOP, STEP and JUMP.

1. Sidney Ernest CROSS

46'	4"	1st Inter Counties	14/5
48'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st Warwickshire Chs.	2/6
45'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Midland Champions.	23/6
46'	3"	1st Coventry	30/6
48'	6" ¹ / ₂ w	1st Civil Service Chs.	7/7
47'	0"	1st A.A.A.	13/7
46'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. France	4/8
46'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st Newport	18/8
46'	11" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Jugoslavia	25/8
46'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Greece	29/8
45'	3" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v. Turkey	1/9

2. William Neath LAING

47'	4"	1st St. Andrews	12/5
47'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st Glasgow	2/6
46'	0"	1st Scottish Champs.	23/6
47'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st Scot. Univ. Champs.	9/6
45'	7" ¹ / ₂	4th A.A.A.	13/7
47'	0"	1st Edinburgh	8/9

3. Peter Edward GOLDSMITH

45'	8"	1st B.A.O.R. Champs.	8/6
46'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st Army Championships	26/6
46'	3"	1st Sussex Champs.	30/6
46'	8" ¹ / ₂	2nd A.A.A.	13/7
46'	1"	1st Worthing	21/7
45'	8"	1st Southampton	28/7
45'	6"	4th G.B. v. France	4/8
44'	8"	1st Hamburg	26/8
45'	9"	1st Hanover	1/9

4. Roderick Cartissier SALMON

44'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st Ryder Cup	7/7
46'	1"	3rd A.A.A.	13/7

5. David William FIELD

43'	3"	1st Sward Trophy	5/5
44'	3"	2nd Midland Champs.	23/6
44'	11" ¹ / ₂	3rd Coventry	30/6
45'	6" ¹ / ₂	5th A.A.A.	13/7
43'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Waddilove Trophy	21/7
44'	6"	3rd Newport	18/8

6. Gordon Thomas WELLS

46'	0" ¹ / ₂	1st U.A.U. Champs.	19/5
43'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st Welsh Championships	23/6
44'	7" ¹ / ₂	6th A.A.A.	13/7

PUTTING THE SHOT

1. John Andrew SAVIDGE

49'	5" ¹ / ₂	1st Sward Trophy	5/5
51'	2"	1st Inter Counties	12/5
52'	6"	1st Glasgow (shot Light)	19/5
51'	10" ¹ / ₂	1st Caledonian Games	26/5
54'	5"	1st Notts. Chps. Rainworth	2/6
49'	10"	1st Kinnaird Trophy	16/6
48'	9"	1st Southern Champs.	23/6
51'	6"	2nd A.A.A.	14/7
53'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. France	4/8
51'	11" ¹ / ₂	2nd Liverpool	8/8
51'	10" ¹ / ₂	2nd British Games	11/8
51'	6" ¹ / ₂	2nd Birmingham	13/8
53'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Jugoslavia	25/8
52'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Greece	29/8
50'	1" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Turkey	2/9
51'	9"	1st Edinburgh	8/9
52'	7" ¹ / ₂	1st Rome	23/9
51'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st London v. Gothenburg	26/9

2. John Alfred GILES

46'	3"	1st A.A.A. v. ULAC	9/5
46'	9" ¹ / ₂	1st Brockman Trophy	26/5
49'	4"	1st Middlesex Champs.	2/6
48'	3" ¹ / ₂	2nd Glasgow	9/6
46'	9" ¹ / ₂	2nd Kinnaird Trophy	16/6
47'	6" ¹ / ₂	4th A.A.A.	14/7
47'	8"	3rd G.B. v. France	4/8
48'	1"	3rd British Games	11/8
46'	6"	1st Dorking	22/9
47'	6"	2nd London v Gothenburg	26/9

3. Mark PHARAOH

45'	8"	1st Manchester Univ.	28/4
45'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st U.A.U. Champs.	19/5
45'	2" ¹ / ₂	1st Northern Champs.	23/6
47'	6" ¹ / ₂	5th A.A.A.	14/7
44'	5" ¹ / ₂	4th British Games	11/8
44'	1" ¹ / ₂	4th G.B. v. Jugoslavia	25/8
40'	10" ¹ / ₂	4th G.B. v. Greece	29/8
42'	11" ¹ / ₂	4th G.B. v. Turkey	2/9

4. James DRUMMOND

44'	0"	3rd Glasgow	19/5
46'	5"	1st Edinburgh (Scot. Native Record)	28/5
44'	8"	3rd Glasgow	9/6
45'	2"	1st Scot. Champs. Edin.	16/6
45'	7" ¹ / ₂	2nd Triangular Int.	28/7
46'	5"	2nd Edinburgh (eq. Rec.)	8/9

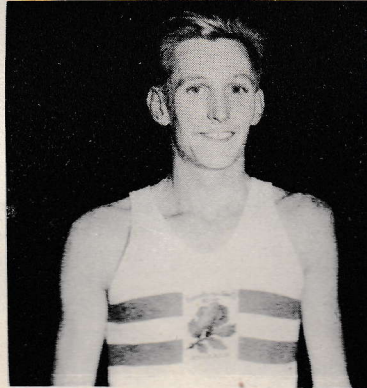


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PETER WELLS, holder of the English Native Record for the High Jump, home on "Olympic leave" from New Zealand

5. Patrick Philip HORN

43'	1" ¹ / ₂	1st Br. Army of Rhine	8/6
44'	1" ¹ / ₂	1st Army Championships	27/6
44'	8"	6th A.A.A.	14/7
45'	8"	2nd Portsmouth	25/7
47'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Hanover	1/9

6. Christopher Roger Gartside NEVILLE

44'	4"	1st R.A.F. Champs.	4/7
43'	11" ¹ / ₂	1st Milo. v. Cranwell	21/7
45'	0" ¹ / ₂	3rd Portsmouth	25/7
45'	0" ¹ / ₂	2nd Hull	6/8
45'	11" ¹ / ₂	2nd Rome	23/9

THROWING THE DISCUS

1. Harry Innes DUGUID

143'	4"	1st Edinburgh	5/5
155'	3"	1st E.U.A.C. v G.U.A.C. 12/5 (Brit. National Rec.)	
146'	11"	1st Scot. Univ. Champs.	9/6
149'	4"	1st Scottish Champs.	23/6
132'	2"	2nd Triangular Int.	28/7
145'	2"	3rd G.B. v. France	6/8

2. John Andrew SAVIDGE

133'	8"	1st Sward Trophy	5/5
127'	11"	3rd Inter Counties	12/5
140'	11"	1st R.N.A.A.A. v OUAC	30/5
148'	4"	1st Southern Champs.	23/6
140'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Waddilove Trophy	21/7
144'	5" ¹ / ₂	2nd Liverpool	8/8
148'	9" ¹ / ₂	1st Imber Court	18/8
142'	6" ¹ / ₂	3rd G.B. v. Jugoslavia	25/8
143'	4" ¹ / ₂	3rd G.B. v. Greece	29/8
132'	3" ¹ / ₂	4th G.B. v. Turkey	1/9
146'	11"	1st H.J. Parlett's Team	15/9

3. Mark PHARAOH

150'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st Manchester Univ.	5/5
131'	0"	1st U.A.U. Champs.	19/5
143'	4" ¹ / ₂	1st Northern Champs.	23/6
141'	3" ¹ / ₂	4th A.A.A.	14/7
138'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Triangular Int.	28/7
143'	5" ¹ / ₂	4th G.B. v. France	6/8
145'	4"	3rd British Games	11/8
137'	3"	4th G.B. v. Jugoslavia	25/8
140'	8" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Turkey	1/9
141'	5"	- A.A.A. Decathlon	8/9

4. Ernest John Ainsie BREWER

132'	0"	2nd A.A.A. v U.L.A.C.	9/5
137'	4" ¹ / ₂	1st Surrey Champs.	2/6
138'	10"	2nd Merton	20/6
135'	4" ¹ / ₂	1st Merton	4/7
137'	0"	1st City Charities	12/9
135'	5" ¹ / ₂	2nd v. Crump's Team	15/9

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131'	6" ¹ / ₂	2nd Sward Trophy	5/5
131'	0"	1st Inter Counties	12/5
137'	9"	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	9/5
130'	5"	2nd Southern Champs.	23/6
134'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Dorking	22/9
136'	0" ¹ / ₂	3rd London v. Gothenb.	26/9

6. James DRUMMOND

141'	10"	1st Edinburgh	19/6
134'	10"	2nd Scottish Champs.	23/6

THROWING THE HAMMER

1. Duncan McDougal Munroe CLARK

170'	7" ¹ / ₂	2nd Caledonian Games	26/5
175'	7"	1st Scottish Champs.	16/6
177'	4" ¹ / ₂	2nd Dublin	26/6
172'	0"	1st A.A.A.	13/7
180'	8"	1st Rothesay (sloping ground)	4/8
173'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. France	6/8
172'	6" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v. Jugoslavia	26/8
169'	9"	1st G.B. v. Greece	30/8
177'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v. Turkey	2/9

2. Peter Charles ALLDAY

167'	0"	1st Sward Trophy	5/5
167'	10"	1st Inter Counties (Douglas)	12/5
162'	10"	2nd Cal. Gms. (Douglas)	26/5
168'	10" ¹ / ₂	1st Middlesex Champs.	2/6
171'	10" ¹ / ₂	1st Sandhurst	7/7
163'	0" ¹ / ₂	3rd A.A.A.	13/7
163'	10" ¹ / ₂	1st Gillingham	25/7
160'	1"	1st Triang. Int. (Douglas)	28/7
164'	5" ¹ / ₂	1st Imber Court	18/8
172'	11"	1st City Charities (English Nat. Rec.)	12/9
173'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st London v. Gothenbourg (Ericson)	26/9

3. Ewan Campbell Kennedy DOUGLAS

163'	7"	2nd Inter Counties	12/5
162'	9" ¹ / ₂	3rd Caledonian Games	26/5
179'	10"	1st Scottish Champs. (British National Rec.)	16/6

Hammer (Douglas) continued

158'	9"	2nd Triangular Int.	28/7
158'	8" ¹ / ₂	3rd G.B. v France	6/8
		3rd G.B. v Yugoslavia	26/8
160'	11" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v Greece	30/8
171'	0" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v Turkey	2/9

4. Charles James REIDY

151'	1" ¹ / ₂	2nd Sward Trophy	5/5
155'	6"	4th Caledonian Games	26/5
155'	11"	1st Army Championships	26/6
157'	9" ¹ / ₂	1st Sandhurst	30/6
153'	7"	4th A.A.A.	13/7
153'	2" ¹ / ₂	2nd Southern Champ.	21/7
146'	8"	3rd Triangular Int.	28/7
158'	4"	2nd City Charities	12/9
158'	8"	4th London v Gothenb.	26/9

5. Dennis N. J. CULLUM

150'	5"	2nd A.A.A. v ULAC.	9/5
147'	7"	3rd Inter Counties	12/5
155'	9"	L.A.C. v Milocarians	9/6
151'	9" ¹ / ₂	6th A.A.A.	13/7
154'	10"	2nd Imber Court	18/8
156'	2" ¹ / ₂	3rd City Charities	12/9

6. Alexander Richard VALENTINE

151'	10" ¹ / ₂	3rd Southern Champ.	21/7
157'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st Portsmouth	25/7
152'	11" ¹ / ₄	4th Rome (Reidy)	23/9

THROWING THE JAVELIN

1. Michael John DENLEY

179'	0" ¹ / ₂	1st Sward Trophy	5/5
176'	6" ¹ / ₂	1st Inter Counties	14/5
187'	8"	1st Middlesex	2/6
192'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st Kinnaid	16/6
197'	4" ¹ / ₂	2nd A.A.A.	14/7
189'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st Triangular Int.	28/7
195'	9" ¹ / ₂	1st G.B. v France	4/8
196'	4"	3rd British Games	11/8
196'	0"	1st Newport	18/8
		3rd G.B. v Yugoslavia	26/8
184'	10" ¹ / ₂	3rd G.B. v Greece	30/8
191'	7" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v Turkey	1/9
190'	9" ¹ / ₂	1st Crump's Team	15/9
193'	10"	1st Dorking	22/9

2. Richard W. D. MILLER

174'	5" ¹ / ₂	2nd U.A.U.	19/5
183'	7"	1st Dublin v Edin. Univ.	21/5
176'	10"	6th A.A.A.	14/7
187'	8"	1st Belfast (N.I. Nat. R.)	21/7
166'	6" ¹ / ₂	3rd Triangular Int.	28/7
206'	7" ¹ / ₂	1st Dublin (Irish N.R.)	9/8
188'	8"	1st Belfast (N.I. Nat. R.)	11/8
191'	6"	1st Belfast (N.I. Nat. R.)	27/8

3. Malcolm James William DALRYMPLE

172'	10"	3rd Inter Counties	14/5
185'	4"	1st Cambridge	2/6
174'	4" ¹ / ₂	3rd AAA v CUAC	5/6
183'	3" ¹ / ₂	1st Southern	23/6
183'	4" ¹ / ₂	3rd A.A.A. (Miller)	14/7
181'	3" ¹ / ₂	2nd Waddilove	21/7
172'	1"	2nd Triangular Int.	28/7
172'	1" ¹ / ₂	4th British Games (Hignell)	11/8
		2nd Birmingham	13/8

4. Antony Francis HIGNELL

170'	8"	2nd Sward (Dalrymple)	5/5
182'	8"	1st U.A.U. (Miller)	19/5
186'	11" ¹ / ₂	1st Gloucester	2/6
189'	4"	2nd Kinnaid (Dalrymple)	16/6
		7th A.A.A.	14/7
187'	10"	1st Waddilove (Dalrymple)	21/7
188'	8" ¹ / ₂	2nd G.B. v France	4/8
163'	8" ¹ / ₂	5th British Games	11/8
175'	8"	5th Luxembourg	7/8

5. Gordon Noble Murray FISHER

170'	5"	5th Sward Trophy	5/5
184'	0" ¹ / ₂	1st ULAC v PUC	29/4
176'	0" ¹ / ₂	1st ULAC v AAA (Wall)	9/5
182'	6"	1st ULAC Champs.	19/5
179'	2"	1st AAA v CUAC (Dalrymple)	5/6
180'	11"	1st Hospital Champs.	9/6
188'	11"	3rd Kinnaid (Wall)	16/6
188'	5" ¹ / ₂	4th Luxembourg (Hignell)	26/8

6. William Frederick WALL

170'	6" ¹ / ₂	3rd Sward (Fisher)	5/5
180'	0" ¹ / ₂	2nd Middlesex	2/6
185'	4"	4th Kinnaid (Dalrymple)	16/6
183'	1" ¹ / ₂	1st Civil Service	7/7
193'	3"	1st Harrow	23/7
177'	5" ¹ / ₂	2nd Newport	18/8
174'	8"	3rd Dorking	22/9



Photo - H. W. Neale.

James Henry Peters in process of shattering the Finchley '20 miles road record at Ruislip, Middlesex.

Owing to the wide variations in the severity of courses no Marathon ranking is given for 1951 but in its place a list of the ten performers with the fastest times.

MARATHON

2:29.28	J. H. Peters	Chiswick	16/6
2:34.06	C. Busby	Peterboro'	6/8
2:34.34	S. E. W. Cox	Chiswick	16/6
2:35.00	B. L. Hemsley	Sheffield	26/3
2:35.49	G. L. Iden	Chiswick	16/6
2:36.42	J. W. Thompson	Liverpool	11/8
2:37.02	N. Richards	Birmingham	28/7
2:37.40	R. W. McMinnis	Liverpool	11/8
2:38.15	C. D. Robertson	Edinburgh	8/9
2:38.33	J. W. Stone	Edinburgh	8/9

FINCHLEY 20 MILE ROAD RACE

Britain's fastest ever marathon runner 'Jim' Peters broke J. T. (Jack) Holden's Finchley 20 mile road race course record at Ruislip on April 19th by a margin of 69 secs. with 1h. 49m. 39secs. Allowing for normal fatigue this time is calculated to be worth 2:26.40 for a full marathon. Next in order were G. L. Iden, R. W. McMinnis and S. E. W. Cox.

SOUTH AFRICA'S CHAMPIONS

(with acknowledgements to Allister G. Matthews)

Capetown
Ron Wilkie and Daphne Hasenjager were respectively top boy and girl at the 45th South African Championships held at Capetown on March 28th (a) and 29th (b). Wilkie (South Transvaal) with a fine 52.9s run over the 3 foot hurdles shaved a 1/10th off his personal best (1949) but was still half a second short of Policeman George Lubbe's great 52.4s S.A. record. Piet Greyling (53.4s.) pressed Wilkie all the way. Next day Wilkie doubled in the 220 yards (turn) low Hurdles in 24.1s beating long jumper Harold Hall (24.2n) to revenge a 24.1s defeat at Johannesburg on March 22nd.

Two hoary old South African records were given a decent burial. In the mile Athol Jennings on the second day with a 4m 14.3s effort axed 1.7 off N. J. Wessels' 15 year old mark. T. McKenzie's bewhiskered 2 mile Steeplechase mark of 10m. 26.0s set back in 1922 was neatly clipped by P. van Wyk in 10m. 24.2s and by J. Yeo 10m. 24.6n. on the first afternoon.

In the 6 miles Sid Luyt, the 6th placer in the 1948 Olympic Marathon, after a disappointing third in that event on the first day, had enough steam left next day to win a compensation victory in 30m. 40.0s. This time took up a slack of 45.8s on the previous S.A. record set in 1948 by H. Parkin.

The 440 yards was surely good enough to make the Springboks think of sending a 4 x 400 metres Relay team to Helsinki. (South Africa won Silver Medals in 1920). J. Anderton won in 47.8s from Schalk Booysen (48.0n), who had obviously not fully recovered from winning the 220 yards in 21.5s. Given more competition and training Booysen could become an Olympic finalist - how many quarter milers have a 1m. 52.2s 880y and a 21.5s 220y to their credit? Bringing up the rear in this race were W. Chivell (48.1n), D. Clarke (48.3n), and Z. Joubert (48.5n).

On the distaff side Daphne Hasenjager equalled both her Union sprint records of 10.9s (a) and 24.4s (b) beating Fanny Blankers-Koen (11.0) and so atoning for husband Denis's surprising eclipse in the Long Jump.

Fanny set a S.A. all comers' mark of 11.4s in her speciality the 80m. Hurdles but had to withdraw from the 220 yards Championship final (heat 25.1s) owing to a pulled muscle. A few days later the visitor from Holland showed 24.7s. Compatriot Willie Slijkhuis, the European 1,500m. Champion, also had muscle trouble and had to retire from the 3 miles.

OTHER RESULTS. 100y I. du Preez 9.9s (a) 880y 1m 53.8s G. Munnik (a); Marathon 2h. 37m 55s W. Hayward; SP 48' 2"¹/₂ S. du Plessis (a); JT 209' 0" J. Veitch (b); WOMEN HJ 5' 2"³/₈ E. Brand (b); SP 38' 2"¹/₂ (S.A. Rec) M. van As (S.W.A.) (a); DT 128' 3"¹/₄ H. Grobler (b).

Olympic Prospects (Continued)

400 (4x100) METRES RELAY

World's Record & 39.8 U.S.A. Olympic Team (J.C. Owens, R.H. Metcalfe, F. Draper, F.C. Wykoff) 1936.
 Olympic Record 40.6 U.S.A. (H.N. Ewell, L.C. Wright, H. Dillard, M.E. Patton) 1948.
 Holder

When the 1951 top ten world sprint rankings read Great Britain 1, USSR 1, Cuba 1, Australia 1, Germany 1 and U.S.A. 5, the answer to this race is the same as it has been for the last 32 years. However at the Finnish capital the Americans will not be safe with a 40.6 sec. effort. Germany will in July be returning too close to her 1939 high-water mark of 40.1 while by dint of Teutonic baton-passing Great Britain could also break into the hitherto untrod regions below 40.5 secs. It must be recalled that against France last August the British quartet went around the White City oval in 41.4y against the 1948 U.S. Olympic team's 42.0y behind the British Empire team in the post Wembley relay meeting

Italy (3rd, 1948), Hungary (4th) and the USSR (reigning European champions) should complete the line-up for the final though the Canadians with 4 sprinters could break in. There is however one intriguing possibility if the timing of the programme allows it. H.H. McKenley (10.3), V.G. Rhoden (10.3), L.A. Laing (10.5) and Arthur Wint (terrific with a flying start) could go very close to bringing off the first ever non-American Olympic relay 'double' for their native Jamaica.

1,600 (4x400) METRES RELAY

World's Record & 3:08.2 U.S.A. Olympic Team (I. Fuqua, E.A. Ablowich, K.D. Warner, W.A. Carr) 1932.
 Olympic Record 3:10.4 U.S.A. (A.H. Harnden, C.F. Bourland, L.B. Cochran, M.G. Whitfield)
 Holder

Gold medals for this event have always gone to the U.S.A. except in 1920 and 1936 when Great Britain won. This year it looks as if the British National anthem will be played again - but the rendering will be calypso style. Jamaica has the 3 greatest one lap runners of all-time in Vincent George Rhoden (400m. W.R.), Herbert Henry McKenley (440y. W.R.) and Arthur Wint, the reigning Olympic 400m. Champion and co-holder of the record. If this 'unfair to large nations' trio all run even .6secs each below their best the No. 4 man would only have to loaf round in 50 secs. to shatter a record which in 1932 was hailed as 'permanent'. The banana island has a number of its sons who can do much better than that and who better than Leslie Alphanzo Laing who did so well in Jamaica's luckless attempt to win this event in 1948 at Wembley. Laing let it not be forgotten won his way into the 200 metres final on that occasion. This time the Jamaicans would be well advised to run in the order McKenley, Wint, Laing, Rhoden and so run a 'front' race. What a front! After the Games are over it would be a nice gesture if the Jamaican quartet were selected en bloc to represent the British Empire vs. the U.S.A. in the Relay Meeting at the White City Stadium, London on August 4th. This would give Jamaica a great chance to add the 4 x 440 yards Relay world mark to the 4 x 400 metres record.

NOTHING ABOUT U.S.A.?

A number of powers will be interested in the bronze medals and none with better reason than Germany who have every right to think of silver. Great Britain, the European Champions, even without Derek Pugh for the time being, and Canada, another regular at these quadrennial occasions, are going to stake a claim in the final. Panama with McSween, Sam La Beach, Prince and Clark and South Africa with Booyesen, Anderton, Chivell and Joubert (see page 8) would be well justified in sending a team.

A 223 FT. 10 1/2 INS. JUNIOR HAMMER THROW.

Stanislav Nenacko (Bulgaria) has set up a national record of 223'10" 1/2 with a 5 kilo. (11.02 lbs.) hammer. Using a 6 kilo. (13.23 lbs.) shot Fournidjiev reached 53'0" 1/2.



VEIKKO KARVONEN, 25 Finland's favourite for the Olympic Marathon title seen here winning the Finnish title in 2 Hours 28 mins. 46.6secs. Karvonen is being coached by VILJO HEINO, who himself had experience of this event in London in 1948, when he finished 11th.

QUIZ

1. C.B. Fry (Great Britain) equalled the World's best for the Long Jump in 1893 (March 4th) at Oxford with a leap of 23ft. 6 1/2 in. Whose record did Fry equal?
2. Who holds the American (Citizen) Record for the mile?
3. What is the time of the fastest 1,500 metres ever run in Great Britain?
4. Which British Empire pole vaulter ranks as one of the greatest Ice Hockey players of all-time?
5. Who has represented Great Britain internationally most times at athletics?
6. Only three men who placed in the first six in the 1936 Games repeated their achievement in 1948. Name one please.
7. Only three women athletes who placed in the first six in a 1936 Olympic event did likewise in 1948. Name two please.
8. What is the fastest time ever done in a decathlon 400 metres? (a) 48.0s. (b) 48.5s. (c) 49.0s.
9. Which was done first (a) the 9 minute 2 miles or (b) the 14 minute 3 miles?
10. Name the only man ever to have placed in the first six in an Olympic track event and a Winter Olympic event.

ANSWERS

1. Charles S. Reber (Fastlane A.C., St. Louis) cleared 23 ft. 6 1/2 at Detroit on July 4th 1891.
2. William Huise did 4m 06.0 at Cleveland, Ohio on July 31st 1943 in beating Gilbert Dodds (4m 06.1n) by one yard.
3. At Glasgow on August 6th 1938 Sydney Wooderson ran the distance in 3m 49.0 secs.
4. C.O. S. Apps (Canada), who won the British Empire title in London in 1934 (jump off at 12ft. 9ins.) and was one of the eleven competitors to share 6th place at Berlin 1936 with 13ft. 1 1/2 ins.
5. D.O. Finlay. He has represented Great Britain on 23 occasions between 1928 and 1949 and we are informed is considering a come back. His 43rd birthday is on May 27th.
6. J. L. Coleman (South Africa) Marathon sixth to fourth. E.H. Blumh (Norway) 50 km Walk fifth to fourth. E.H. Lildman (Sweden) 110 metre Hurdles fourth to sixth.
7. Blankers-Koen (Netherlands), Tyler (G.B.).
8. 48.5 by B. Norton (U.S.A.) Tulare, Cal. June 29 1950.
9. (a) Nurni 8:59.6 (1931) Lethinen 13:50.6 (1932).
10. Martin Stokken (Norway) 10,000m. 1948 (4th), 18km Skiing 1952 (6th).

Mathias Back to Best Form

(cont:from front page) is seemingly going to get close to 7,500 points on the new tables.

Mathias' great decathlon rival Bob Richards reached his greatest at the wind-up of the indoor campaign at the Chicago before a record crowd of 17,596. Having disposed of Don Laz at 15'1" he went on to clear 15'4". With the bar set at 15'9" $\frac{1}{4}$ for a new world's indoor record on his third attempt he just brushed the bar as he released the pole.

Revived after a lapse of 20 years the Ohio Relays were the scene on April 19 of a new American distance medley relay record. The University of Michigan team composed of 3 Canadians and one American sliced 3.1 secs. off the old mark of 9:59.4 set back in 1938. Aaron Gordon (U.S.A.) ran the first 'half' in 1:54.2; Jack Carroll (Canada) blazed round the 440yds. stint in an electric 46.1. His fellow Canadians McEwen & Ross completed the 3lap and 4 lap assignments in 3:04.8 and 4:11.2. At the same meeting the Swede R. Nilsson got closer than ever before to his national record of 173'11" $\frac{3}{8}$ held since 1935 by Harald Andersson with a toss that went out to 169'0" $\frac{1}{2}$ so beating the ground record of 168'0" by one-time world record holder Archie Harris (Indiana).

An unknown, Les Yoder of Arkansas, created a new 400 metres hurdle record at the 27th Annual Kansas Relays by beating Bob DeVinney (Kansas) in 52.5 secs. DeVinney, who led Moore over the last hurdle in the 1951 AAU race, had altered the old record with 52.6 in the 'primaries'. Another Olympic-conscious athlete was Jim Gerhart of Texas who broke the meet triple jump mark with 47'2".

The 1952 Penn. Relays again saw a 'foreign' win in the Benjamin Franklin Mile. In the absence of the holder, Britain's 'king of Finish' Roger Bannister, the event went to Finland's Denis Johansson in 4:18.2. The race was run on April 26th on a heavy track.

LATE AMENDMENTS TO 1952 INDOOR LIST (from R.L. Quercetani)

60 Yards: 6.1 P. Baker (dirt); **600 Yds.** M.G. Whitfield (U.S.A.) 1:11.2 (board); **Mile:** D. Johansson (Finland) 4:10.2n (board); **Two Miles:** D.S. McEwen (Canada) 9:04.0, R. Ferguson (Canada) 9:09.9n (both board). **Pole Vault list** (page 6.) for J. Lloyd read J. Floyd.

HAWKINS SETS SOUTHERN A.A.A. WALK RECORD

Cancelled by the blizzard which swept Britain in late March the Southern A.A.A. 7 mile track walk was staged at Parliament Hill Fields, London on April 12th. Brian Hawkins took 5.4 secs. off H.G. Churcher's record to win by nearly 2 minutes in 53:56.8. The Middlesex champion thus made further progress in his bid to join the Olympic favourite R. Hardy and L. Allen in the 10,000 metre track event at Helsinki. Result: B. Hawkins (Met. W.C.) 53:56.8; 2. F.W. Barrett (Camb. H.) 55:43.6; 3. H.T. Whitlock (Met. W.C.) 57:45.8; 4. E.G. Barnes (Highgate H.) 58:21.8; 5. S.R. Mantor (Enfield A.C.) 59:00.4; 6. W.L. Emery (Eastleigh A.C.) 59:28.6. In the next issue Fulvio Regli (Switzerland) will contribute Olympic 10,000 and 50,000 metre walking prospects.

CORRIGENDA

March Number: p.1 Gehrmann's intermediate 880yds. time in his 1,000yds. record was subsequently amended to 1:53.0. p.2 Duffy's 23.3 low hurdles mark was, of course, over 200yds. not 220yds. p.4 Evans was 3rd not 2nd in the G.B. v. Yugoslavia 800 metres. p.6 Wooderson's 4:06.4 was 'n' (non-winning) since J.V. Powell won the framed handicap. p.10 Holland's 52.2y hurdle mark was not an N.Z. title race but a special event at the N.Z. Women's & Junior Championships. This applies also to Marshall's mile. **April Number:** p.1 Photo of Schade. p.3 Kerr was not at Enniscorthy but at Enniskillin. p.9 Rerolle's total is a French all-time best. p.10 Iness's mark was 182'5" $\frac{1}{2}$ Hooper's 53'8" $\frac{3}{8}$ at Laredo. Macmillan's 4:08.9 is the Southern Hemisphere mile 'record'.

News from the Continent

Major event on the continent is the exhibition discus throw of 183'6" $\frac{3}{4}$ by Olympic discus champion Adolfo Consolini in Italy. His European record stands at 181'11" $\frac{7}{8}$ made in Rome in 1950. Hammer 'king' Imre Nemeth (Hungary) got off to a less spectacular start with a throw of 179'10" $\frac{1}{4}$ in a throwing 'medley' in which he put the shot a modest 35'6" and threw the discus 117'11" $\frac{3}{4}$. Marshal Tito seems to have lost a 192'11" hammer-thrower, Danilo Zerjal, who has arrived in Italy for political asylum. His great mark made on June 10 last at Celje was not recognized by the Jugoslavs since he was then under suspension.

All Finland's leading track and field athletes, except Koskela, who refused to go, are now training in France at Dinan and Poitiers. This migration is to enable them to have a longer spring preparation for the Games. Finnish athletics are still split into three different federations each of which maintain their own records. They are the T.U.L. or Worker's Federation and the S.U.L. with which the S.F.I. (Swedish-speaking Union) is now cooperating. In February Finland opened her first indoor dirt track at Otaniemi, 5 miles outside Helsinki. The vast hall is 88 metres long (288 feet) long and can thus accommodate even javelin throwers.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

(from Tomas Rector)

Interest is mounting preparatory to the South American Games which are to be held from May 3rd-11th at the River Plate Football Stadium, Buenos Aires. Jose Telles Conceicao (Brazil) at Sao Paulo has just set a new South American high jump record of 6'6" so beating the 6'5" $\frac{1}{2}$ shared between Guido Hanning (Chile) (1942) and Adilton de Almeida Luz (Brazil) (1950). Brazil's world record-holder for the hop, step & jump A. F. da Silva is in great form and has already reached 51'6" in a meet in which his worst was 50'10". Pedro Yuma set a Chilean record of 53.2 for the 400 metres hurdles thus getting their own back for the loss of Hanning's mark because the former S. America 400m. h record was held by the Brazilian Silvio Magalhães Padilla. Major interest will centre on Delfo Cabrera who will run only his third ever Marathon.

NEWS FROM JAPAN (from R.L. Quercetani)

In their first tryouts at Fukuoka on April 5/6 Susuma Takahashi broke the Nipponese national 3,000 m. steeplechase record with 9:10.6. T. Yoshino also set a new level in women's discus-throwing with 143'2" $\frac{3}{8}$. The triple jump marks were disappointing with the world's No. 2 and 3 performers Yoshio Imuro and Keizo Hasegawa at 48'6" $\frac{3}{8}$ and 48'8" $\frac{3}{8}$. Masaji Tajima, a nephew of the great Naoto, reached 23'9" in the long jump.

ALL SET FOR OUTDOOR SEASON IN BRITAIN

The usually barren month of April produced signs of a good outdoor season to come. Running at Barking, Essex on Sat. April 26th J.H. Peters, the Marathoner, lived up to his new reputation for speed with a County record for 6 miles. His 29:56.6 raises him from 10th to 7th on the United Kingdom all-time rankings. Had Peters, who covered three miles in 14:18 in the Ilford Road Relay, been pushed there is little doubt that he could have gone under 29:45.

Gordon Pirie running on the newly reopened 4-lap Battersea (S. London) track showed that his tendon injury in the 'National' cross-country was not as bad as had been feared. His won from a large field in 30:06.8 from his brother P.J. Pirie (31:25.4n). At the same meeting P.B. Hildreth beat A.A.A. champion Jack Parker by inches in 15.1 secs.

In an exhibition vault at Lilleshall G.M. Elliott cleared 12'10" $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above his best bona fide mark. Fellow U.L.A.C. track star Arthur Wint started out with a 48.3 secs 440yds. at Motpur Park despite being in the sixth lane. G.W. Nankeville ran 1:55.4m in his 1952 debut. The season proper starts with the Leyton Floodlit Meeting on May 7th and the Sward Trophy (both London).