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FIVE GERMANS UNDER 4:10 IN BREMEN MILE

From Ekkehard zur Megede

Germany's middle-distance talent really had a day out, when, on May 10th, at Bremen's Weser Stadium five men made history by all breaking 4:10 in a mile race. Fresh from a 3:49.6 time trial 25 year old Berlin school-teacher Günter Dohrow towed the field through a 60.2 first lap followed by a second in 64.2 secs. The pace of the still bunched athletes quickened to a 62.6 secs. in the third lap. Here the bespectacled Werner Lueg, 21, piled on a final lap in 59.4 secs. and passing the 1500 metre post in 3:51.0 went on for a 9 yard victory in 4:06.4 ahead of Dohrow who finished in 4:07.7. Rolf Lamers, 25, did 4:08.0 for third; the 1951 German 1500 m. champion Karl Kluge 27, did 4:09.0 for fourth and bringing up the rear came Dieter Schlegel to break Roger Bannister's record of 4min. 11.1secs. for 20 year olds with a great 4:09.8.

Germany who pre-war never had a sub 3:50.0 (4:09.2 mile) 1,500 metre runner thus opens a new tradition. All five of the Bremen runners, of course, pulverized the comic German mile best of 4:16.4 set at White City, London in July 1937 by Fritz Schaunberg by margins ranging from 10 secs. downwards.

Woldemar Gerschler, Harbig's old coach, declared that Lueg will be able to improve to 4mins. 2secs. A couple of days later, however, he ran a poor fifth in a 2000 m. race staged at Stuttgart doing 5:28.6 behind the 9:02.4 steeplechaser Helmut Gude whose 5:20.0, though 13.1 away from Reiff's world mark, beat Herbert Schade's 5:23.2 secs. German record.

Dohrow on the other hand did not seem to suffer any after affects. On May 18 at Berlin he joined the one and only Rudi Harbig in the sub 1:50 sec. 800metre class. Blazing round the first lap in 53.3 he slashed his own personal record from 1:53.2 right down to 1:49.6 in one fell swoop. He was amazingly fresh at the end and could hardly contain himself before his next onslaught 4 days later in a 1500m. race. This time he ran a real 'bombenrennen' of 3:46.8 having passed the 800m. post in 1:58 secs. On the same day, May 22, at Oberhausen Lamers ran 3:49.4 to tie Lueg's 1951 German record. Lueg himself ran 3:49.6 in this race but 3 days later at Dortmund ran 3:48.0

Other top German marks are K-F Haas's 21.4 and his debut 47.5sec. 400 metres (his 13th time inside 48.0) at Bonn on May 11. Both H. Fütterer, the 10.4 100m. man, and Hans Geister, the chain-smoking 47.2 400m. man are badly injured. Peter Krauss has done 21.4, K. Storch 184'6"½ and the 44year old 1936 Olympic Champion K. Hein 177'6"½.

BARNES RUNS 1:48.6 RELAY LEG; MOORE 50.9 HURDLES, BROWN 26FT. 3½INS. & INESS SETS AMERICAN DISCUS RECORD AT 183 5¼

From Dr. D.H. Potts

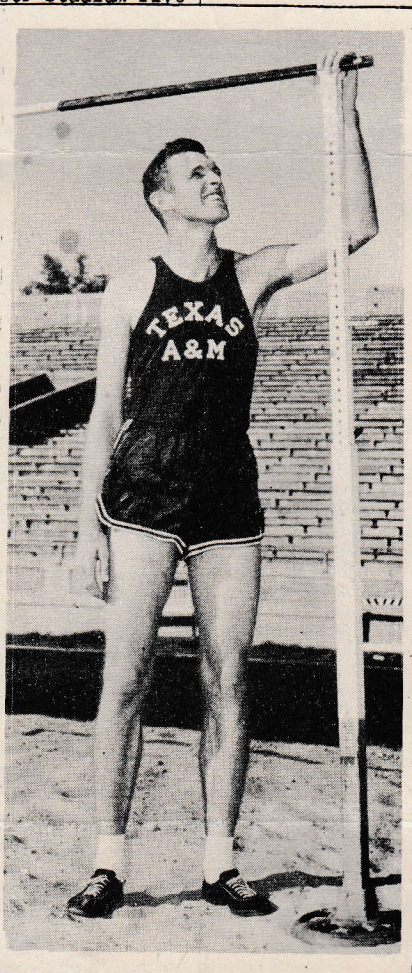
America's athletes are shaping up well for the defence of their 12 Olympic crowns won at Wembley in 1948. The annual Coliseum Relay meet at Los Angeles on May 16 produced some great marks. John Barnes of Occidental, who ran a 1:50.1 880yards at the 1951 Compton Invitational, looked all but invincible over a half-mile relay leg which he toured in 1:48.6. Even Malvin Whitfield, who ran a 47.0 400 metres 3 yards behind George Rhoden's winning 46.6, was mighty impressed.

Charley Moore ran the second best 400 metres hurdles of all-time (Hardin had second best races of 51.4 in Paris 1934 and New York in 1936) when the timers caught him in 50.9 for a new American National record. Had Bill Johnson, second in 52.6, been pressing Moore might well have dislodged the famous 50.6 mark by Hardin which is now the world's most aged individual World record. Moore's race was, like that at Stockholm, round a full circuit.

The King of Broad-Jumpers, George Henry Brown, confirmed his recent form with a win at 25'7¾. At Fresno on May 10th he had already moved into 3rd spot on the all-time list with 26'3¾. The day after the Los Angeles meet he improved back to 25'8¾ at Modesto.

The mighty Sim Iness won the discus with 174'4" ahead of 'Fortch' Gordien (170'10" g). Iness had been shunted back to a third place by Dick Doyle (171'3¾) and the world record-holder (168'11") at Fresno on May 10th, but came right back when he scattered the judges with a new U.S. record of 183'5½ at Eugene, Oregon on May 23rd.

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WALTER 'BUDDY' DAVIS (U.S.A.) measuring up to a bar at 6 feet 10 inches which he hopes to beat. The 6'8¾ tall Texan cleared 6'10½ at Dallas on May 10th.

TOP TEN HIGH JUMPS OF ALL-TIME ARE:

6'11"	L. Steers	Los Angeles	17/6/41
6'10"7	L. Steers	Los Angeles	24/5/41
6'10"	L. Steers	Palo Alto	21/6/41
6'10"	L. Steers	Seattle	26/4/41
6'10"	L. Steers	Eugene	3/5/41
6'10"	W. Davis	Dallas	10/5/52
6'10"	W. Stewart	Provo	26/4/41
6'10"	M. Walker	Malmö	12/8/37
6'10"	L. Steers	Tuolumne City	10/6/40
6' 9"	M. Walker	Stockholm	6/8/37

(See 'Meet Mr Skyscraper' Inside.)

Pirie's 13:44.8 3rd Best Ever

NANKEVILLE 3:49.0, ROBINSON 3:49.8, HARDY WORLD RECORD, DENLEY 214'7"½.

The first four weeks of the outdoor season in the British Isles saw 8 English, 1 Scottish and 1 Ulster native record.

First to go was the Ulster javelin record at the hands of Dick Miller at Faisley Park, Belfast on the evening of April 30. A slippery footing kept the man who threw the cricket ball 120 yds. at school and who has neared 230ft. in practice to a modest 196'1½. Next came a 13'1" vault by decathlon man Geoff. Elliott at Surrey's Motpur Park on May 10 which (as reported on p. 3) he four days later improved to 13'6" (Continued on Page 9. Col 2.)

Top British Performances 1952

These lists are compiled as of June 2 1952. Much deeper ranking lists will be published later in the 1952 season. The figures in parenthesis ALONGSIDE any mark represent its placing in the United Kingdom All-Time Lists which were first published in the book GET TO YOUR MARKS (Nicholas Kaye, 15s.). The 1951 amendments to these lists are now available from the publishers, price 3/-.
 Notation: n, non-winning time; u, unofficial time; y, time at English (yards) distance; m, metric time; d, disputed mark.

100 YARDS			
9.8	E. McD. Bailey (Poly. H.)	White City	31/5
9.9	J. A. Gregory (Bristol A.C.)	Cirencester	17/5
9.9	A. R. Pinnington (Achilles Club)	Liverpool	17/5
9.9n	K. K. Korsah (Poly. H. & W. Africa)	Chiswick	12/5
with wind			
9.8	B. Darlington (Loughborough)	Birmingham	10/5
9.9	J. N. Turner (Achilles & Canada)	Oxford	8/3
9.9	B. Shenton (Poly. H.)	Bedford	22/3
100 METRES			
10.4	E. McD. Bailey (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
10.5d	W. Jack (Victoria Pk. A.A.C.)	White City	24/5
10.6d	B. Shenton (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
200 METRES AND 220 YARDS (TURN)			
20.9m	E. McD. Bailey (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
21.4y	E. McD. Bailey (Poly. H.)	White City	31/5
21.7m	B. Shenton (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
21.7m	W. Jack (Victoria Pk. A.A.C.) (7)	White City	24/5
21.9y	L. C. Lewis (Walton A.C.)	Motspur Park	17/5
22.0yn	T. L. Higgins (Herne Hill H.)	Motspur Park	17/5
22.0yn	W. Jack (Victoria Pk. A.A.C.)	White City	24/5
with wind			
21.9y	D. J. Merrett (U.L.A.C.)	Motspur Park	10/5
400 METRES AND 440 YARDS			
(48.0)	48.3y	A. S. Wint (Poly. H. & Jam.)	Motspur Park 26/4
48.4m	(48.7)	N. D. Stacey (Achilles Club)	Motspur Park 14/5
(48.5)	48.8y	A. Dick (Achilles Club) (13)	White City 15/3
(48.6)	48.9y	T. L. Higgins (Herne Hill H.)	White City 31/5
48.7m	(49.0)	L. C. Lewis (Walton A.C.)	Aylesford 22/5
(48.9)	49.2yn	P. G. Fryer (London A.C.)	White City 31/5
49.1m	(49.4)	D. K. Gracie (G.U.A.C.)	White City 24/5
(49.2)	49.5yn	F. P. Higgins (Southgate H.)	White City 31/5
(49.4)	49.7	J. F. Grant (Leeds Harehills)	Bradford 17/5
880 YARDS			
1:53.0	R. G. Bannister (Achilles Club)	Motspur Pk.	28/5
1:53.9	A. Webster (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	White City	31/5
1:54.0	K. Marsden (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	29/5
1:54.4n	I. D. C. Gurney (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	29/5
1:54.9	A. J. Vincent (Manchester U.)	Reading	24/5
1:54.9n	S. J. Bryant (Achilles Club)	Reading	24/5
1:55.0	A. S. Wint (Poly. H. & Jamaica)	Motspur Pk.	10/5
800 METRES			
1:53.5	F. Evans (Manchester A&C.C.)	Amsterdam	22/5
1,500 METRES			
3:49.0	G. W. Nankeville (Walton A.C.)	White City	31/5
3:49.8n	(4)	P. J. Robinson (Achilles Club)	White City 31/5
3:52.0n	(8)	D. C. Seaman (London A.C.)	White City 31/5
3:53.4n	(1C)	A. B. Parker (Barrow A.C.)	Amsterdam 22/5
3:54.5n	E. Eyre (Leeds Harehills)	Los Angeles	16/5
3:54.8n	J. Ashby (Westbury H.)	White City	24/5
ONE MILE			
4:10.8	(5)	C. J. Chataway (O.U.A.C.)	White City 15/3
4:11.2	(7)	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)	Reading 24/5
4:11.6	(10)	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	Cambridge 29/5
4:13.0n	(15)	P. J. Robinson (Achilles Club)	White City 15/3
4:14.6	A. B. Parker (Barrow A.C.)	Oxford	8/5
4:15.8	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)	Uxbridge	17/5
4:15.8n	R. H. Dunkley (U.L.A.C.)	Reading	24/5
4:16.0	F. Green (Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	24/5
4:16.2n	D. C. Seaman (London A.C.)	Birmingham	24/5
4:16.2n	J. W. Brown (Belgrave H.)	White City	2/6
THREE MILES			
13:44.8	(1)	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	White City 31/5
13:48.0n	(2)	F. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	White City 31/5
14:04.0n	(6)	A. B. Parker (Barrow A.C.)	White City 31/5
14:04.8n	(7)	G. Knight (Essex Beagles)	White City 31/5
14:07.6	(9)	P. R. Ll. Morgan (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford 8/5
14:12.8n	C. J. Chataway (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	8/5
14:14.6n	J. Braughton (Blackheath H.)	Oxford	8/5

THREE MILES (continued)			
14:19.0 M	L. Eyre (Leeds Harehills)	White City	24/5
14:19.4	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)	Oxford	1/3
SIX MILES			
29:56.6 (7)	J. H. Peters (Essex Beagles)	Barking	26/4
30:06.8	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	Battersea	26/4
30:09.4	F. E. Aaron (Leeds St. Mark's)		24/5
30:24.3	C. M. Gray (Small Heath)	Birmingham	14/5
120 YARDS AND 110 METRES HURDLES			
14.8yn (5)	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)	Eton	25/3
14.8yn	P. B. Hildreth (Poly. H.)	White City	31/5
15.1m	F. J. Parker (South London H.)	Paris	4/5
with wind			
15.0y	J. R. Birrell (Barrow A.C.)	Birmingham	10/5
15.1y	S. J. Q. Robinson (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	8/3
220 YARDS LOW HURDLES			
24.5y (24.3m)	P. B. Hildreth (Poly. H.)	Cambridge	29/5
24.8y	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)		
25.6yn	S. Brooks (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	29/5
400 METRES AND 440 YARDS HURDLES			
53.6y	H. Whittle (Reading A.C.)	White City	31/5
53.6m (4m)	D. K. Gracie (G.U.A.C.)	White City	24/5
54.2y (3y)	A. W. Scott (Achilles Club)	Bradford	17/5
55.0yn (5y)	J. Davis (Ealing H.)	White City	31/5
3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE			
9:13.4 (2)	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)	White City	24/5
9:18.6 M	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	White City	2/6
9:28.8n (5)	R. A. Morley (Blackheath H.)	White City	24/5
TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE			
10:08.6	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	White City	2/6
10:12.0n (2)	D. G. Ross (South London H.)	White City	2/6
10:23.6n (7)	W. Berry (Bolton Un. H.)	White City	2/6
10:24.6n (10)	K. E. Johnson (Leics. Coll.)	White City	2/6
HIGH JUMP			
6'5"	P. Wells (London A.C.)	Southgate	17/5
6'2"	I. Ll. Jones (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	23/2
6'2"	H. W. Leader (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	23/2
6'2"	R. C. Pavitt (Poly. H.)	Chiswick	10/5
6'2"	S. O. Williams (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
POLE VAULT			
13'6" (1)	G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green)	Motspur Pk.	14/5
13'1" 1/2	A. J. Burger (Achilles & S. Afr.)	Oxford	8/5
13'0"	T. D. Anderson (Achilles)	Motspur Pk.	17/5
12'6" (1)	N. G. A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.)	Harringay	28/3
LONG JUMP			
23'5" 1/2	S. O. Williams (Poly. H.)	White City	24/5
23'2" 3/4	L. H. Platt (Wallasey A.C.)	White City	31/5
23'2"	W. M. Dixon (Coventry Godiva)	White City	24/5
23'1" 1/2	E. Darlow (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	14/5
HOP, STEP AND JUMP			
47'5" (4)	R. A. Lethbridge	Melbourne	5/1
46'2"	W. N. Laing (St. Andrews U.)	St. Andrew's	3/5
46'0" 1/2	B. Richards (Poly. & N.Z.)	Chiswick	10/5
46'0" 1/2	S. E. Cross (Small Heath)	Stratford	17/5
45'7" 1/2	I. G. H. Walker (Herne Hill H.)	Chiswick	10/5

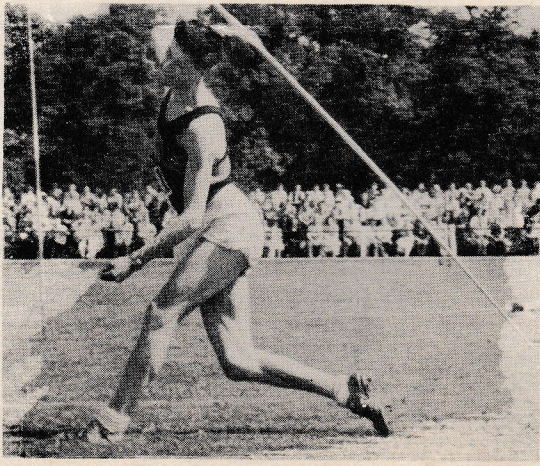


Photo - H. W. Neale.
 Michael Denley who threw 214'7" 1/2 at Walton on May 29th.

Early Season Meetings

LEYTON FLOODLIT MEETING- May 7th.
 The first defeat by an Englishman of steeplechaser John Disley was the main feature of this meeting which was the outdoor opening to Britain's 1952 season proper. The victor was the 3:54.0 1,500m. man C.W.Brasher formerly a Cambridge 3-miler and cross country captain. After averaging 73 secs. per lap Brasher piled on a 68.6 and then a 63.4 for a 55 yard win. Disley was clearly unrecovered from his ordeal of the previous week when with aid of some brandy he broke the 25mile mount-ain marathon record with 7hrs.24mins. over Snowdonian's 14 3,000 plus foot peaks.

E.McD.Bailey was in great shape with a 10.6 100 metre debut followed by a relay leg of 220yards in which he turned a 15yd.deficit to a 5yd lead for Polytechnic half-miler Ron.Day in the mile medley event.Day had however to yield to Peter Robinson whose 1:55.2 stage gave Achilles the fastest inter-club time of 3:30.4 since 1914 when Poly. set a world's best of 3:29.8.

Among the Junior events TW Groome ran a powerful all-turn 220 in 23.2 and Ilford's TJ Collins won the mile in 4:30.4 from BR Cole(4:32.0)and TR Clark(4:34.4).Sylvia Cheeseman gave June Foulds one of her rare defeats in an 12.5 100 metres.

Summary: 100M. Bailey, 10.6(heat), 10.7; B.Shenton, 10.8; JMK Finley 10.9(heat): 400M. FP Higgins, 49.9, DNJ Johnson, 50.5 LA Smith 50.6, J.Pilling, 51.6: 800M. DC Seaman, 1:56.2, B.Hewson, 1:57.3, IDC Gurney, 1:57.9: 3,000m Team Race. L Eyre 8:27.8, WT Paget 8:28.0, DAG Pirie 8:28.8- Team S.L.H. 20pts from Poly.H. 22 pts. 400M H. AW Scott 55.7, J Davis 56.6, D.Steward(N.Z.) 56.7, D Leftwich 57.0(heat). 3000m Steeplechase. C.W. Brasher, 9:17.4(2nd fastest ever for Brit.Empire.), JI Disley 9:26.1, RA Morley, 9:30.0, J.C.Green 9:47.0, D.A. Evers 9:50.8. Mile Medley Relay. Achilles Club(JD Lloyd(50.2), Finley, ND McWhirter, PJ Robinson) 3:30.4, Poly H., 3:31.2. 'B' Race. Victoria Pk.H. 3:37.7. H.J. P Wells, RC Pavitt, DR Cox all 6'0". H.S.J. SE Cross 44'0". F.V TD Anderson 12'6", GM Elliott 11'6". S.E. JA Savidge 50'5, JA Giles 48'1", T.Puksts(Latvia DP) 46'1".

A.A.A.'s FIRST DEFEAT SINCE 1919.

Oxford University inflicted upon the AAA its first defeat by a single club since the C.U.A.C. beat them in a winter match 33 years ago.Four of the Iffley Road track records went though F.J.Parker's 14.6 high hurdles mark had to be invalidated by the oblique following wind. The outcome of the meeting staged on May 8th was O.U.A.C. 66 pts., A.A.A. 64 pts.

A.R.Pinnington convincingly won both the 100 and 220 in 10.1 and 22.2. S.J.Bryant's 1:55.6 'half' came within 1.2secs of the 64 year old track record of FJK Cross. Alan Parker ran his fourth fastest mile ahead of D.C. Law in 4:14.6. Law put up a personal best of 4:16.0. Race of the day came

in the 3 miles in which Law's short-lived track record of 14:19.4 was beaten by PRIL Morgan(14:07.6), C.J. Chataway(14:12.8) and J.Broughton in 14:14.6. Morgan left his colleague with a powerful burst 300 yards from the tape.

Harry Whittle's 55.5 secs.440 yard hurdles win over Parker(55.6) was well outside TL Livingstone-Learmonth's 1928 track record of 54.6 secs. South African Andries Burger raised his own ground mark to 13ft. 1 1/4 ins. but was unable to make the 13'6" necessary to secure Olympic consideration for the Springboks. John Savidge beat his previous best at Oxford with putts of 52'8 and 53'0 and missed his Brit.National record by 1/4 inch with a no putt of 54'4 1/2".

SIXTH SWARD TROPHY. Chiswick, May 10.

London A.C. retained the title by a bare half point over Herne Hill Harriers with 48pts to 47 1/2. Five meeting records went with the most excitement attached to Denis Tucker and his 200'10 1/2 and 204'11" javelin marks which put him No.3 on the all time U.K.List.His other throws were 193'3", 192'9 and 188'10 with a no-throw of 196feet. Frank Gandy filled third place 3'10 1/2 behind MJ Denley with a personal best of 193'6 1/2.

Arthur Gold's high jumping trio swept the board when Peter Wells set a new ground record of 6' 4" ahead of Pavitt(6'2") and 18 year old Peter Brinson(6'1"). S.O.Williams broke the meeting long jump record with 23'0 1/2 into the wind as did Savidge with a 52'2" shot putt.The New Zealander B.Richards(Poly.H.) beat the Australian LW Davies triple jump mark with 46'0 1/2 only 5 inches ahead of Ian Walker(H.H.H.).In the long hurdle race Simon Brooks gave evidence that he is perhaps a low hurdle specialist.Angus Scott won his first ever race over Harry Whittle in a disappointing 55.2secs

The 'Olympic Relay Trials' were very inconclusive due to the number of disqualifications.The 'B' team, which happened to be all from Achilles(JCM Wilkinson, Pinnington, Finley and JN Turner a former 9.7 man from Canada) were unlucky to miss a U.K.Club best by a tenth in 42.1secs.

A.A.A. V. LONDON, Motspur Pk. May 14.

Highlight of this meeting was Geoffrey Elliott's new British National pole vault record of 13'6" which equalled the marks by the Canadian V.W.Pickard(1928) and the South African A.S.du Plessis(1936). Having cleared 12'10" Elliott went straight up to the new mark which has only been bettered by his two co-holders and the Australian F.I. Woodhouse(1938) among Empire vaulters. From the English Native view-point the picture now shows:-
 11' 9" R.D.Dickenson 1891
 11'10 1/2 L.T.Bond 1928
 12' 4 1/2 L.T.Bond 1930
 12' 6 1/2 L.T.Bond 1930
 12' 6 1/2 F.R.Webster 1935

12' 7"	F.R.Webster	1936
12' 8"	F.R.Webster	1936
12' 9"	F.R.Webster	1936
12' 9 1/2"	F.R.Webster	1938
12'10"	T.D.Anderson	1949
13' 0"	T.D.Anderson	1950
13' 1"	G.M.Elliott	1952
13' 6"	G.M.Elliott	1952

On the track Nicolas Stacey put up his best time over 400metres with an à la McKenley 48.4 of which the first 220yds.occupied perhaps less than 22.5 secs. Brian Hewson finished only 2yds. behind Wint(1:55.0m)in 1:55.3 and seems destined to go close to R.Scott's U.K. Junior all-time best of 1:53.9y before long. Savidge fresh from a 52'8 1/2 putt at Portsmouth the same day won the event from another R.N.man A.Cox with a series which included a 53'3 1/2 and finally his 2nd best on home soil 54' 1 1/2. Dennis Cullum, 38 achieved a 160' 0 1/2 hammer throw to make him the tenth British thrower to beat 160 feet. F.C. Allday had a foul that went out to 172' 10 1/2. In the 200metres race Shenton got a narrow verdict from L.C.Lewis(22.2) in 22.0 with D.J.Merrett(22.2)third and Peter Fryer(22.3)fourth.

17th U.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS, Reading May 23/24. LAW RUNS 4:11.2 MILE

Oxford University were baulked by London in a bid for their fifth U.A.U. team title in a row when the 'Purples' totalled 95 points to their 79.The Dark Blues strong miling traditions, however, received a strong filip when the 1947 Public Schools' steeplechase champion David Law pulverized a record once held by Lovelock at 4:19.8 with a sparkling 4:11.2 mile. The fair-haired 14:19 three-miler from Sheffield now takes fourth spot in Oxford's all-time ratings behind Lovelock(4:17.6), Roger Bannister(4:17.8) and C.J.Chataway(4:10.2) and ahead of 1932 American Olympian Norman Hallowell(4:12.4) and former world record-holder N.S.Taber(4:12.6).

Manchester's A.J.Vincent won a dour 880yard battle with S.J.Bryant of Oxford in which the timekeepers were unable to separate them in 1:54.9. F.R.Ll.Morgan(Oxford) sliced 12.2secs. off his 1949 3 mile record and but for the 'shifting black sands' would have made an even more decisive inroad.

R.W.D.Miller, the Ulsterman, got off a 204'7 1/2 javelin throw so beating the 191'4 1/2 record made in 1938 by R.E.M. Blakeway, now a Lieut.Col.in the South African Police. Mark Pharaoh's 46'2" shot putt was still nearly a foot less than the 'Terrible Turk' Ali Irfan's 47'0 1/2 mark in 1937.

BRITISH TEAM IN PARIS, May 4.

John Savidge achieved his longest ever putt in this meeting in which he jumped from sixth to fourth on the European all-time list.His first effort off the grass circle went 54'9 1/2 and was followed by one of 53'1 1/2, a no putt and then 52'7".

Brian Shenton carried off the 100 metres into a stiff wind in 11.2 but was clearly unfit to last a 200m and came in 4th in 22.5secs. Bill Nankeville hung fire in the 1500m and then cruised past Jean Vernier for a sound 3:54.6 win. A.W.Scott had an inches 400m.h win in 54.4

Sand and Cinders

"Athletics World" for the months of July and August has special arrangements for full Olympic coverage. The July issue will contain the fullest possible information regarding the final National selections with special emphasis on the final American Tryouts which will be held at Los Angeles, California on June 27th-28th.

As regards the Games themselves one of the co Editors will be present throughout the Track & Field competitions from July 20th-27th at Helsinki. It will be our aim to get into the hands of readers the complete Olympic results, eyewitness accounts and action photographs as soon as possible after the event. Where ever possible place times and measurements in addition to those given for the first six placed men and women will be published.

THE OLYMPIC FIELD EVENTS

This number of "Athletics World" has a strong emphasis on field events both as regards prospects and the programme. In our view unless the published qualifying marks are drastically revised the final Olympic results will suffer badly in quality and there will be many complaints. In order to be constructive in our criticism we have published what we regard as realistic qualifying marks elsewhere in this issue.

TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS

Soon available at the offices of the International Amateur Athletic Association are two new publications which are indispensable to any student of athletic performance. They are (1) The 1952 A.T.F.S. Yearbook, Edited by R.L. Quercetani and F. Regli and (2) The Olympic Handbook, Edited by D.H. Potts and Quercetani. Both booklets are priced at 7 shillings (post free) from the I.A.A.F., 71, St. Georges Square, London S.W.1 who also have a few copies of their publication on the progressive World Records since 1913 priced at 5/- incl. the supplement. The A.T.F.S. Book contains the national records of every country in Europe and the results of each national Championship and International match. Also the World's best performers of 1951 and the 50 Best Performers and the 30 Best Performances of Europe in 1951 are listed. In the Olympic Handbook there is set out the 100 Best Performers of all-time in each event including a unique compilation on the Decathlon. This is in addition to results of the first six in each of the 12 past Olympic Celebrations. The first supply of these two magnificent works should be available by late June.

"Medley Relay" conducted by 'Baton'

It happened in June. June 2nd 1890. Edward Beeson of U.S.A. was born. He held the World's record for the High Jump at 6 feet 7 5/16 ins. for ten years from 1914 to 1924. June 3rd 1894. Syd Thomas ran three miles in 14 mins. 27.0 secs. for a World's best and a British record. June 9th 1930 Paavo Nurmi beat Alfred Shrubbs 26 year old World and British 6 miles record by 23 seconds with 29 min. 36.4 sec. Zatopek has since run 376 yards further (10,000 m.) in 33.8 secs. less time! June 11th 1928. Alan Paterson, co-holder of the British (allcomers) High Jump record at 6ft. 7 1/2 ins. was born, while on the same day 20 years before that Karl Hein (Germany) the holder of the Olympic Hammer record at 185 ft. 4 1/2 ins (1936) entered the ring for the first time. June 13th 1897. Paavo Nurmi, 'the peerless Finn' born. On Nurmi's 39th birthday Don Lash of U.S.A. beat the world's record for 2 miles with 8 min. 58.4 secs. which Nurmi had set at 8 min. 59.6 secs five years previously. June 15th 1935. Two Americans Phil Cope and Roy Staley dead heated and set a new World's record of 14.2 secs. for the 120 yards Hurdles. June 16th 1934. World records for the half and one mile were set at Princeton, New Jersey on the same afternoon. Ben Eastman with 1 min 49.8 sec. became the first man to get inside 1 min. 50.0 sec. while Glen Cunningham with 4 mins. 06.8 sec. shaved 4/10th off Jack Lovelock's record which was set on that same track 11 months before. June 19th 1924. Nurmi set world records for 1,500 m. (3m 52.6s) and 5,000 m. (14m 28.2s) within the space of one hour. June 28th. Evidently a day for fast men. Born-Howard P. Drew in 1890 -the man who was co holder of the 100 yds. at 9.6 s.-George Eyston (345.5 m.p.h. in a car)-Lloyd LaBeach, co-holder of 100m. record -share birthdays.

Track without Tears

The British system of athletic records must be a major cause of tears to those who have not grown up with the system. It is rather surprising that a country which tends to frown on records and record breaking should have such a complex collection of marks. The key to understanding in this case is the administrative background of the Sport -as we shall see.

The first prerequisite of every British record is that it must be made on the soil of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Extra-territorial records, unlike the practice in many other countries, are not recognised. Administrative difficulties are probably the reason although at one time there was a view in this country that "foreign" watches went slower than ours and that their measuring tapes had an elastic centre section. This policy means that many best ever British performances-e.g. Wooderson's 4 min. 04.2 sec. mile at Gothenburg on Sept. 9 1945-have no official status whatever. The second rule is that no records over metric distances are recognised.

The best mark by any athlete be he an American or an Australian or a Scotsman is designated a "British (Allcomers) Record". The best mark by a British subject, i.e. an athlete from any part of the British Commonwealth and Empire, is called a "British (National) Record". Thus for example in the Javelin the British (Allcomers) Record is held by J. (N.B. the British are not interested in foreigners' first names!) Varszegi of Hungary at 237 ft. 3 1/2 ins. while the British (National) record is credited to S.A. Lay of New Zealand with 222 ft. 9 ins. and in the Hop, Step and Jump J.P. Metcalfe (Australia) holds both records with 51 ft. 3 1/2 in. These two categories of record are allowed only for events for which there are official World's Records.

Now we come to the English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish records. England has no Allcomers Records but the other three countries have. All four countries have a series of "Native Records", which consist of the best marks by athletes born in that country. Just to make it more difficult an English Native Record really means an English and Welsh Native Record, thus W.R. Applegarth's 150 yard mark of 14.4 secs. is called an English Native record although it was made at Cardiff in 1913. A Welsh Native Record however cannot be made on English soil unless it be in the county of Monmouth, which for sporting purposes is always regarded as Welsh. Native records are allowed for a much wider range of events than British Records-e.g. 1 1/2 miles and 21 mile Walk. In case anyone is still left out there are a number of "Performances Recognised by the A.A.A."

QUIZ

1. Which countries, if any, have won places in the first six in every one of the 24 men's Olympic events?
2. When did a future Lord Chief Justice of England and a Governor of New South Wales meet over a mile?
3. On May 3 F. Morgan Taylor cleared 25ft. 2 1/4 in the Long Jump. What Olympic event did his father win?
4. 3 mins. 50.0 secs. had been beaten 136 times by the end of last season. Who has the lion's share of marks?
5. How long is the take-over zone in a 4 x 110 yard relay race?
6. Which of these 9.8 secs or better Rugby playing sprinters has won most caps-Holmes, Liddell, K.J. Jones, Gregory, or D.J. Cussen?
7. Which is the better performance per the International Tables-the world's record for 4 x 1 mile or 4 x 1500m?
8. Where were the 1938 European Championships held-(a) Men and (b) Women?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8.

Olympic Prospects - Field Events

HIGH JUMP

World's Record 6'11" L.Steers(U.S.A.) Los Angeles 1941
 Olympic Record 6' 7"³/₄ C.C.Johnson(U.S.A.) Berlin 1936
 Holder 6' 6" J.A.Winter(Australia)Wembley 1948

With their final try-outs still some weeks away the U.S.A. has five men in operation who have surpassed the late Cornelius Cooper Johnson's Olympic record by margins of up to 2½ inches. Top of the list is the 6 ft. 8½ ins. giant 15 stone basketball star Walter 'Buddy' Davis whose style is best described as a 'broad jump on its side'. A man who has cleared 6'8" (twice), 6'9" and 6'10"¹/₂ and who has the kind of effrontery it takes to clear what he thought was 6'11"¹/₂ is going to be difficult to beat. The men who could do it are (1) The tow-haired 6'11"¹/₂ tall straddle-jumper John Lewis 'Poppa' Hall from Florida who defeated Davis for the NCAA title last year at 6'9" and went on to take the AAU title at 6'8". He too has attempted 6'11"¹/₂ but had the disadvantage of having Lester Steers acting as a Judge; (2) Another white jumper Charles Holding whose 6'9"³/₄ put him top of the class in 1951 and who straddled over 6'9" to beat Davis in the Texas Relays this April; (3) Co-holder with Johnson of England's unofficial all-comers' record of 6'7" (Aug. 13, 1951 at Birmingham) Herman Wyatt with the deep Southern drawl. The coolest of performers the lanky Wyatt has done 6'8" this year; and (4) Arnold Betton the 6'9" performer who shared 15th place in the 1951 AAU meet at 6'2" but who is back to 6'7".

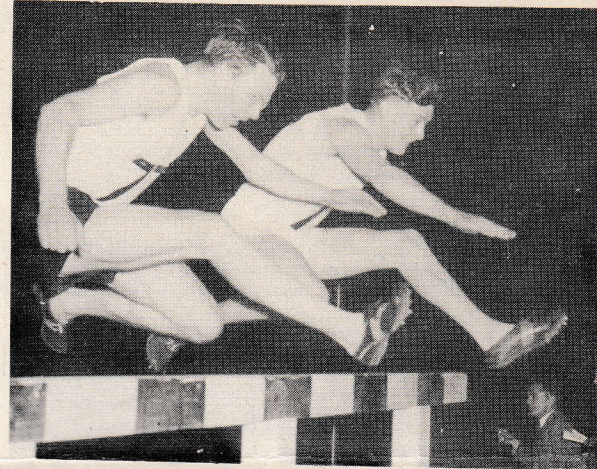
Apart from the Americans there is no one else in the world who will be able to give the sixth Olympic setting of 6'7"¹/₄ that old fashioned look. Zoot-suiter Papa Gallo Thiam (pronounced Chum) has sinovial fluid on both knees and sadly seems to be out of the hunt. Georges Damitio has however almost worn a groove at 6'6"³/₄ or 2 metres while Göran Widenfeldt (Sweden) based on Washington has won four major meetings in America last year. Sweden can also offer Gösta Svensson and the 20 year old Arne Ljungqvist both of whom have cleared 2 metres. Whoever comes from Nigeria (all, we now learn, were Western-rollers) is capable of causing a surprise. There is no news yet from Montreal about Alan Paterson. If however either of the Wells-Favitt duo can surpass the 6'6"³/₈ English native record before the Great Britain team taxis out then her dismal record of one sixth place (Howard Baker in 1920) in the last 32 years should be bettered and the skyscrapers from the States will have to pass Jap Hiroshi Tanaka's 14 year old stadium record of 6'6"³/₄ to be safe.

POLE VAULT

World's Record 15'7"³/₈ C.A. Warmerdam (USA) Modesto, Cal. 1942
 Olympic Record 14'3"¹/₄ E.Meadows (USA) Berlin 1936
 Holder 14'1"¹/₄ O.G. Smith (USA) Wembley 1948

With a monopoly of all 3 of the world's 15 foot performers America it seems cannot fail. Don Laz and the Rev. Richards seem likely to be joined by Don Cooper who has recovered from his injury of last season and has defeated Richards in one outdoor meeting already at 14' 8". None of America's 'promising bunch' of 12 vaulters in the 14-14½ foot range seem likely to see Helsinki. Despite Laz's better 1952 outdoor record so far and his 5 inch handicap in stature it seems that if the bar ever reaches 15'1" that the durable Associate Professor of Comparative Theology is the most likely man to propel his 11st.9lbs. over it. With the decathlon 3 days later that would not be an end in itself and that might help him.

Europe's five 14 foot vaulters look like fighting out the 4th, 5th and 6th places with European record holder Ragnar Lundberg (14'5"³/₈); Victor Sillon (France) and Russia's Pyotr Denisenko in the van. If the sixth place goes for the same height as did the second place at Wembley in 1948 - namely 13'9"¹/₄ - there is a fair chance of G.M. Elliott (Great Britain) repeating F.R. Webster's shared sixth place of 1936 at Berlin.



Action Photo - H. W. Neale.

The British Empire top two steeplechasers C.W. Brasher (9:13.4) and J.I. Disley (right) (9:11.6) seen in action at the Leyton Floodlit Meeting in a 3,000 metre race won by Brasher in 9:17.2. Their respective best mile and 3 mile times are 4:15.8 & 4:18.8 and 14:22.4 & 14:24.0. Disley has a two mile steeplechase time of 10:04.

LONG JUMP

World's Record 26'8"¹/₂ J.C. Owens (USA) Michigan 1935
 Olympic Record 26'5"³/₈ J.C. Owens (USA) Berlin 1936
 Holder 25'8" W.S. Steele (USA) Wembley 1948

When the time came to take stock of long-jumping last season it was found that after Brown, Stanfield and Gourdine, all of America, clustered around the 25'9" mark there was a sickening drop to 24'9" to the world's No. 4 man, Charles Meeks (USA). The picture in Olympic year is that Stanfield is not risking his fragile legs on the 8 inch board and that F. Morgan Taylor Jnr. has joined the 25 footers behind George Henry Brown's new best of 26 ft 3½ ins. A freshman at Princeton, Taylor beat his father's best by ½ inch with 25'2"³/₄ on May 3 so to complete the 1st father-son 50 foot combination in track history. Brown, whose inter-collegiate eligibility has worked out just right, is unassailable but Gourdine is likely to be ousted by the U.S. Navy's fast rising Art. Scott (24'8"³/₈) or Bill Albans (24'8"¹/₂).

The leading non-American is the British Empire record-holder Neville Price, now at Oklahoma, whose 25'2"¹/₄ last April was ruled out by wind assistance. M. Tajima's 24'8"³/₈ in Japan suffered the same fate. The best European is either Henk Visser (Holland) or Boris Brnad the Jugoslav who defeated Great Britain's only operational 24ft man, Ian Walker, at Belgrade last August. Dark Horses, who with Price, will form a good British Empire trio for Aug. 4th in London, are Lance Thompson (Jamaica) now at Morgan State and another sound 24 footer S.O. Williams (Nigeria) of Glasgow University.

HOP STEP AND JUMP

World's Record 52'6"³/₈ A.F. da Silva (Brazil) Rio, Brazil 1951
 Olympic Record 52'6" N. Tajima (Japan) Berlin 1936
 Holder 50'6"¹/₄ A. Ahman (Sweden) Wembley 1948

Of the 4 reigning world field event record men at Helsinki the 24 year old Brazilian A.F. da Silva is going to have the least difficult task. Already he has hit 51'6"³/₈ which puts him a foot clear of Japan's Yoshio Jimuro. The only man who could seriously have challenged da Silva was his namesake Helio who will stay at home with a severely torn muscle and the memory of his 52'2" effort last year. Old-timer Keizo Hasegawa (Japan) is back over 50 feet and it is up to European Champion Leonid Shcherbakov (USSR) to prevent the Brazilian flag from being flanked by two 'Rising Suns'.

Olympic Prospects - Field Events

(Cont.)

Other possible finalists are G.de Oliveira, 5th in 1948, the Venezuelan A.Devonish and the Turkish bronze medalist Ruhi Sarialp. The home crowd however may inspire Reino Hiltunen (50'0") and Pentti Uushihauta (49'7 $\frac{5}{8}$) to add to Scandinavia's tradition which earned 18 placings in this least appreciated of all events.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT

World's Record	58'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	J.E.Fuchs(U.S.A.)	Eskilstuna	1950
Olympic Record	56' 2"	W.M.Thompson(U.S.A.)	London	1948
Holder	56' 2"	W.M.Thompson(U.S.A.)	London	1948

Until this season there had been 57 putts in excess of 57 feet in the history of athletics. A man, whose direct ancestor had gained immortality by giving his name to that "handsome nodding tetrumerous flower" - fuchsia, had 54 of those putts to his credit. Jim Fuchs, a not so delicate flower, is however not quite at peak form at the moment because his work for the N.B.C. in the Rockefeller Plaza prevents as much training as he requires - however the world record holder has already revisited the lonely confines out beyond 57 feet this season. There will be a battle royal for the other two American places with 4 men over 55 feet. Of these Otis Chandler is the huskiest, Parry O'Brien the best competitor and Darrow Hooper of Texas has the greatest potential. Men with the best chance of preventing 144 stars flying from the Helsinki flagstaffs are Britain's giant John Savidge, especially if he achieves his not unlikely target of the European Record of 55ft 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " before the Games and can overcome a dislike for long drawn out contests; Heino Lipp, whose record Savidge is after; Otto Grigalka (Latvia) who continues to improve; Roland Nilsson of Sweden and now Michigan University. Czechoslovakia provide two handy men in Jiri Skobla (53' 6 $\frac{2}{8}$ " this month) and Cestmir Kalina. We understand that European Champion Gunnar Huseby may still be detained in Iceland on State business during the period of the Games.

THROWING THE DISCUS

World's Record	186'10 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	F.E.Gordien(U.S.A.)	Hämeenlinna,	49
Olympic Record	173' 2"	A.Consolini(Italy)	London	1948
Holder	173' 2"	A.Consolini(Italy)	London	1948

Adolfo Consolini can and will hurl the discus at least 177 feet at Helsinki in an attempt to earn a bar dated "1952" to his 1948 gold campaign medal. No other thrower can guarantee to beat that although if his luck is right Fortune Gordien can approach his world beating form of 1949. Sim Iness (U.S.A.) and Giuseppe Tosi, who has been wallowing in a mud bath to help his stiff knee joint, will have a battle for the third step. Two other 1948 placers Ferenc Klics (Hungary) and K.Veikko Nyqvist (Finland) should be in contention with the No.3 American - probably Richard Doyle, James Dillon or Vic Franks - for the balance of the honours. Two other throwers with sound records are Germany's Hipp and Russia's Lipp.

THROWING THE HAMMER

World's Record	196' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	I.Németh(Hungary)	Budapest	1950
Olympic Record	185' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	K.Hein(Germany)	Berlin	1936
Holder	183'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	I.Nemeth(Hungary)	London	1948

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown". Imre Németh has his World mark and his Olympic title to defend. His defence looks like being spirited in that he has already this season beaten 190 feet. His countryman and pupil Jozsef Csermak, with 189ft. plus to his credit will be in close support. Germany has three Karls-Storch, Wolf, and 44 year old Hein - ready to relive their glories of Berlin in 1936. Németh however probably fears most of all the Norwegian Sverre Strandli who has only history to make since his country has yet to place a man in this rapidly improving event. If it is all right by the U.S. Navy Sam Felton should head a trio of good but not great American throwers. Four other throwers should not be lost

sight of - the left handed Silver Medalist Ivan Gubijan; his former co-patriot Danilo Zerjal who might be eligible to compete for his native Italy and so join forces with Tesseo Taddia, the runner up to Strandli at Brussels for the European title in 1950; and fourthly a new force in this department - Britain's Dr. Euan Douglas who started the season with a throw of 179 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins, which would have gone ten feet further if had he not tried so hard to hurl the hammer out of the White City Stadium every time it was his turn to take the circle.

THROWING THE JAVELIN

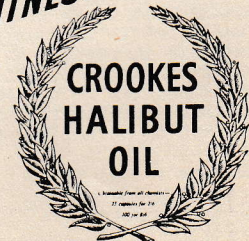
World's Record	258ft.2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Y.Nikkanen(Finland)	Kotka	1938
Olympic Record	238ft.6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	M.H.Järvinen(Finland)	L'Angeles	92
Holder	228' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	K-T.Rautavaara(Finland)	London	43

The United States have always been keen on cartel busting but Scandinavia Inc's javelin monopoly has been too tough a nut in the past. Now it looks like 230 feet will not be far enough to be sure of a trip with the American squad. Cyrus Young and Franklin (Bud) Held of the over 240 foot brigade will have to keep a sharp look out for the two Navy throwers Bill Miller and the fast improving Bob Allison who are not far astern in ability.

The Finns and Swedes will still be the traditional favourites. The home crowd will be rooting for Soini Nikkinen and Toivi Hyytiäinen, the granite like European champion. The large Swedish section of the stands will make their famous calls to Per-Arne Berglund, Otto Bengtsson and Ragnar Ericzon - all 230 plus footers. If any of these boys slip there are several rather patchy Russian and German throwers ready to pull out a good throw. The Southern hemisphere's lone star Ricardo Herber of the Argentine, who is now at Arizona State University, would not be wasting General Peron's money if he were sent to far off Finland. It would be a kind stroke of fate if Janis Stendzeneks, now of Chile and Hans Moks, now of Sweden two men who have suffered the untold misery of being "Displaced Persons" should have their skill with the 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot spear rewarded at Helsinki.



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A Guide to the Olympic Field Events

The aim of this article is to study the arrangements made for the 13 Olympic field event competitions (8 for men and 5 for women) and then offer suggestions as to ways in which these arrangements might be further improved in the light of present day standards of performance.

The Olympic rules require that where the entry received exceeds 18 competitors that a qualifying round must be held prior to the Olympic competition proper (except in the Hammer Throw, Women's High Jump and Women's Javelin Throw where such qualifying round would seem to be optional).

In these rounds the competitors are divided into groups or pools of 10 to 15 and the order of jumping, vaulting, putting or throwing is determined by lot.

In order to participate in the competition proper it is necessary to reach a prescribed standard (see below) - NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED SINCE THE 1948 GAMES - in the qualifying round. Should, however, less than 12 competitors reach that standard then the final pool will be made up to 12 by taking in the best of the non-qualifiers.

Performances achieved in a qualifying round have no bearing at all on the final order of placing. If any new figures are set during these rounds they are now acceptable. In practice this cannot occur in the High Jump or Pole Vault because of the rule that once a competitor has achieved the qualifying height he may take no further part in the round.

HIGH JUMP (Men)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 1st day, Sunday July 20. Bar starts at 1m60(5'3") is then raised to 1m70(5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), to 1m80(5'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), to 1m84(6'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") and finally to the qualifying height of 1m87(6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). In the 1948 Games no less than 20 of the 26 participants qualified.

Competition Proper at 3.0 p.m. on the same day. The bar will start at 1m70(5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") is then raised as follows - to 1m80(5'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), to 1m90(6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), to 1m95(6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), to 1m98(6'6"), to 2m01(6'7 $\frac{1}{8}$ "), to 2m04(6'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "), to 2m07(6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$) and then to 2m10(6'10 $\frac{3}{8}$).

POLE VAULT

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 2nd day, Monday July 21. Bar starts at 3m60(11'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") is then raised to 3m80(12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), to 3m90(12'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") and then to the qualifying height of 4m.(13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). In 1948 12 competitors qualified.

Competition Proper at 3.0 p.m. on the 3rd day, Tuesday July 22. Bar starts at 3m60(11'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") is then raised to 3m80(12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), to 3m95(12'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), to 4m10(13'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), to 4m20(13'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), to 4m30(14'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), 4m40(14'5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "), 4m50(14'9 $\frac{1}{8}$) and then to 4m55(14'11 $\frac{1}{8}$).

LONG (or Broad) JUMP (Men)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 2nd day, Monday July 21. Limit is 7m20(23'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "). In 1948 only 4 competitors qualified.

Competition Proper at 4.10 p.m. on the same day.

HOP, STEP & JUMP (or Triple Jump)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 4th day, Wednesday July 23. Limit is 14m55(47'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "). In 1948 the qualifying distance was 14m50(47'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") and in view of the fact that 13 participants qualified and no other qualifying mark has been changed it may well be that "14m55" is a misprint in the I.A.A.F. Handbook 1951.

Competition Proper at 3.0 p.m. on the same day.

PUTTING THE SHOT (Men)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 2nd day, Monday July 21. Limit is 14m60(47'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "). In 1948 11 participants qualified.

Competition Proper at 3.0 p.m. on the same day.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Men)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 3rd day, Tuesday July 22. Limit is 46.0m(150'11"). In 1948 8 participants qualified.

Competition Proper at 4.0 p.m. on the same day.

THROWING THE HAMMER

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 5th day, Thursday July 24. Limit is 49.0m(160'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "). In 1948 a qualifying was held there being 27 entries and 12 participants qualified.

Competition Proper at 3.0 p.m. on the same day.

THROWING THE JAVELIN (Men)

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 4th day, Wednesday July 23. Limit is 64.0m(209'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "). In 1948 only 5 participants qualified.

Competition Proper at 4.0 p.m. on the same day.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP

Qualifying Trials. These are scheduled for 10.0 a.m. on the 8th and last day "if necessary". In 1948 there was no qualifying round for the 19 participants.

Competition Proper at 3.20 p.m. on Sunday July 27. In 1948 the bar started at 1m30(4'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") and was then raised as follows - to 1m40(4'7"), to 1m50(4'11"), to 1m55(5'1"), 1m60(5'3"), 1m65(5'4 $\frac{3}{8}$) and then to 1m68(5'6 $\frac{3}{8}$).

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Meet Mr. Skyscraper

(with acknowledgements to Kenneth Bond of College Station, Texas)

Mary Edith Davis, who has yet to blow out the solitary candle on her first birthday cake, should be very proud of her Daddy. He has risen to great heights despite what once looked like a hopeless illness. Walter "Buddy" Davis, 21 stands 6 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. tall and weighs 15 stones. At Dallas, Texas Davis won the Southwest Conference Meet High Jump by clearing 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. The bar was actually set at 6ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ for a new world's record but the apron was found to be in one part an inch higher than the ground under the bar. The actual spot from which Davis took off was only $\frac{1}{2}$ inch higher so in fact he cleared 6ft. 11 ins. which is the mark set by Lester Steers of Oregon back in 1941. Steers recently was acting as a judge at a meeting at which Davis was competing.

Davis was born on January 5th 1931 at Beaumont, Texas the youngest of the five children of Mr & Mrs Arthur J. Davis. Walter's father stands 6 ft. 1 in. and his mother only one inch less. In 1937 Walter Davis was stricken with poliomyelitis - better known as infantile paralysis. Both legs and his right arm were affected, after 3 weeks in hospital and 8 more at home in bed Davis started a seven year battle for recovery. For a long time he could not walk so used to bicycle for two hours a day on a roller stand. Gradually power came back into his legs and he could walk for short distances but often at the expense of a fall. For a time he was unable to sit down because in that position the blood would drain away from his heels and he could only restore the circulation by walking on tiptoe.

Davis's high jump career has been extraordinarily inconsistent as regards style but the general trend of performance has been ever skyward. He started off in 1946 by winning a school competition with 5ft. 8 in. scissors style. Before enrolling in 1948 at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he is a student of animal husbandry in order to further his ambition to become a rancher, Davis cleared 6ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. with the atavistic technique. Colonel Frank Anderson got working on Davis with the idea of coaching him into a straddle but his best marks - 6ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1950) and his 6ft. 9 in (1951) - came by using a primitive Western roll in which his take off was six feet from the bar and his feet preceded his head. Realizing that 7 feet was a possibility Davis and his coach worked away during the winter and he emerged this season with a brand new orthodox Western roll with a 50 degree angle of take off from 3 feet away from the crossbar. Results were a 6ft. 8 in at Austen and now his 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Round the Counties

England's County Championship Day, Saturday May 17th, though three weeks earlier than in non-Olympic years, was almost too warm—at least for the distance men. The sprints yielded two good marks when Robin Pinnington ran 9.9secs. at the Lancashire meeting at Liverpool and Jack Gregory did the same time at Cirencester, Gloucestershire. N.D. Stacey (Bucks.), A. Grieve (Surrey) and W.T. Ferguson (Notts.) all ran 10.0secs. while at Bradford Brian Shenton slowed from a 10.0secs. semi-final to 10.1 in the Yorkshire final.

The only respectable furlong came in the Surrey meeting at the Motspur Park track where L.C. Lewis (21.9) edged out the Southern Champion T.L. Higgins (22.0n). The quarter-mile was invaded by half-milers and only Arthur Wint's majestic 49.1 secs. cruise around the Uxbridge stadium for a new Middlesex record was of any note. Light Blue steeplechaser C.W. Brasher ran a powerful 4:15.8 mile at Uxbridge so robbing his old Dark Blue rival Philip Morgan of the fastest mile of the day by 2.4secs. away at Ilford, Essex. Bradford, Yorks. saw a more tangible battle in which D.C. Law (Oxford) downed Ian Gurney (Cambridge) by 10 yards for a win in 4:18.7. At Aylesford 20 year old Ray Tooby took the Kent title in 4:19.6 and in the Surrey meeting W.T. Paget turned on a speedy last lap to win from a good field of new seniors in identical time. Ignoring the Immortal Bard's "Draw out our miles and make them wearisome", F. Green broke the Warwick record at Stratford-on-Avon with the sixth sub 4:20 mile of the day in 4:19.8.

The real high spots were the Surrey and Kent 3 miles in which D.A.G. Pirie and F.D. Sando came within 7.2 and 9.8 secs. of joining Sydney Wooderson in his lonely one-man Club of sub 14minute 3-milers. The Kentish runner-up M.C. Wheman also turned in a good 14:24.8. Of the walkers Allen did best with a 14:17.8 two miles at Bradford with G.W. Coleman (Beds & Hunts) returning 14:28.4 for the next fastest.

In the field all four of the major home county high jump titles were taken at 6'1" with Peter Brinson (Kent) making full use of his 6 more months 'eligibility' to secure also the Junior title. At New Southgate Peter Wells (Herts.) rode right up to 6'5" without failures and then secured also the triple jump cup. Empire pole vault champion Lt. Anderson RAMC cleared 13'0" for new Surrey record and Ian Ward made his first 12'0" clearance to take the Lancs. title. The Irish second row rugby forward of 1937 Major C.J. Reidy broke both the hammer and the record with a 160'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " throw at Hove, Sussex. Michael Denley pulled off his long awaited 200foot throw with 4ft 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins to spare in the second of two 200'plus throws at Uxbridge. The two most notable survivors of the thinning ranks for pre-war County champions were Oxford's Monty Hillier who broke his 3 mile record by nearly 10secs. with 14mins. 53.4 at Iffley Road and Middlesex's 1931 Army High Jump winner Bill Land who this time won the discus event.

The forty-five foot mark was more widely bettered than ever before with S.E. Cross and D.W. Field taking 1st and 2nd with 46'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ " & 45'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " at Birmingham; D.A. Rumbold (Middlesex) at 45'4" and L.H. Platt (Cheshire) at 45'3".

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WOMEN'S LONG JUMP

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 4th day, Wednesday July 23. Limit is 5m30(17'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "g). In 1948 9 competitors qualified.

Competition Proper at 4.35 p.m. on the same day.

WOMEN'S PUTTING THE SHOT

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 7th day, Saturday July 26. Limit is 12m30(40'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "g). In 1948 the number of competitors reaching the qualifying mark was not announced, it was however less than 12.

Competition Proper at 3.10 p.m. on the same day.

WOMEN'S THROWING THE DISCUS

Qualifying Trials at 10.0 a.m. on the 1st day, Sunday July 20. Limit is 36.0m(118'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "g). In 1948, despite the fact there is no option according to the rules in this event, no qualifying trials were held. The 21 participants each had three throws and the leading six three further throws.

Competition Proper at 5.35 p.m. on the same day.

WOMEN'S THROWING THE JAVELIN

Qualifying Trials at 11.30 a.m. "if necessary" on the 5th day, Thursday July 24. No limit is published if trials are found necessary. In 1948 there were only 15 participants who each had 3 throws, the leading 6 having 3 more.

NUMBER OF TRIALS. In the High Jumps and the Pole Vault each competitor is allowed three attempts at each height. In the other field events three trials are allowed in which to qualify and the qualifiers then each have three jumps, putts or throws and the leading six three more.

DECATHLON (July 25 & 26) Three trials only are allowed.

CONCLUSION The purpose of a Qualifying Round is to reduce the final field to 12. In 1948 20 High Jumpers qualified and so went into the competition proper as of right. A repetition of that farcical High Jump Qualifying round when it took a whole morning to eliminate 6 of the 26 participants must be avoided because such a proceeding has a detrimental effect on the standard of performance in the competition proper by unduly protracting it. Too stiff a qualifying mark can also be a bad thing since it makes good performers go flat out in the mornings. FOR SUGGESTED MARKS SEE NEXT COLUMN.



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Brian Hewson, 18, A.A.A. Junior 880 Champion

QUIZ ANSWERS

- (1) None. U.S.A. and Sweden in 23 events and Great Britain in 22 missing the Javelin and Decathlon.
- (2) In the Oxford v. Cambridge mile of 1865 Earl of Jersey beaten 40yds. by R.E. Webster (Lord Alverstone).
- (3) The 1924 400m hurdles in 52.6secs.
- (4) Arne Andersson (Sweden) with 24.
- (5) Same as a cricket pitch—22 yards.
- (6) K.J. Jones with 26 caps for Wales.
- (7) The 4x1 mile record with 1,080 pts
- (8) a. Paris and b. Vienna

SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS FOR THE QUALIFYING MARKS FOR THE OLYMPICS OF 1952

These marks are based on what is thought to be a realistic appraisal of what mark the 12th best performer at Helsinki will actually do, given normal weather conditions and good take-offs, runways and circles.

An important factor taken into account is of course the rule limiting the entry from any one country to three men or women. This chiefly affects events in which American men and Russian women are particularly strong.

HIGH JUMP (Men)	1m 93	or	6ft 4"
POLE VAULT	4m 10	or	13ft 5"
LONG JUMP (M)	7m 15	or	23ft 5"
HOP, STEP & JUMP	14m 60	or	47ft 10"
SHOT (Men)	15m 20	or	49ft 10"
DISCUS (Men)	47m 50	or	155ft 10"
HAMMER	53m 00	or	173ft 10"
JAVELIN (Men)	64m 50	or	211ft 7"
Women's Events			
HIGH JUMP	(1m 53	or	5ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
LONG JUMP	5m 55	or	18ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
SHOT	12m 50	or	41ft 0"
DISCUS	41m 00	or	134ft 6"
JAVELIN	(38m 50	or	126ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

The Men's Long Jump is the only mark lowered. The increases in the Pole Vault; Hop, Step & Jump; Men's Discus; & Women's Shot are moderate, while those in the High Jump (Men); Shot; Hammer; Women's Long Jump & Discus are drastic.

TOP BRITISH MARKS Continued.

PUTTING THE SHOT			
54'9" ³ / ₄	(1)	J.A.Savidge(R.N.AAA)	Paris 4/5
49'9" ³ / ₄		J.A.Giles(Southgate H.)	White City 24/5
46'2" ¹ / ₄		M.Faraoh(Manchester Univ.)	Reading 24/5
46'1" ¹ / ₄		T.Pukits(Lincoln Wellington)	Leyton 7/5
THROWING THE DISCUS			
152'8" ¹ / ₂	(4)	M.Faraoh(Manchester Univ.)	Liverpool 10/5
145'2" ¹ / ₂		J.A.Savidge(R.N.AAA)	Cambridge 29/5
140'7"		W.Thomas(Achilles & USA)	Oxford 9/2
139'10"		E.J.A.Brewer(Old Rutlish)	Motspur Pk.14/5
138'6"		C.Scott(Royal Ulster Const.)	Belfast 14/5
136'6" ¹ / ₂		W.J.H.Leckie(Edinburgh UAC)	St.Andrews 31/5
THROWING THE HAMMER			
179'1" ¹ / ₂		E.C.K.Douglas(Atalanta)	White City 24/5
171'10"		D.McD.M.Clark(Royal Ulster)	White City 24/5
165'11"		P.C.Allday(London A.C.)	White City 31/5
161'5"		C.J.Reidy(South London H.)	White City 31/5
160'0" ¹ / ₂	(10)	D.N.J.Cullum(London A.C.)	Motspur Pk.14/5
159'5" ¹ / ₂		A.R.Vallentine(London A.C.)	White City 31/5
THROWING THE JAVELIN			
214'7" ¹ / ₄	(1)	M.J.Denley(Thames Valley H.)	Walton 29/5
204'11"	(3)	D.E.Tucker(Herne Hill H.)	Chiswick 10/5
204'7"		R.W.D.Miller(Dublin Univ.)	Reading 24/5
193'6" ¹ / ₂	(12)	F.Gandy(London A.C.)	Chiswick 10/5
187'4"		B.L.Callaway(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge 23/2

Pirie Stars in British Games

(Continued from Page 1, Col:3). On May 17 Glasgow U.A.C.'s 48.9 400metre man David Gracie ran the 440 yards in 55.2 secs. to beat T.L.Livingstone-Learmonth's 1927 Scottish Native record but had it disallowed as there were only 2 watches at Westerlands.

During an evening meeting at Walton on the south bank on the Thames javelin thrower Michael Denley(T.V.H.) surpassed anything he has done in training with a throw of 214'7"¹/₂ to bring him to No.5 in the Empire.Post-war improvements in the English Native Record now read:-

194'2"	Stanley Wilson	White City	July 17 1937
198'5" ³ / ₄	Malcolm Dalrymple	Cambridge	Aug. 9 1947
203'3" ¹ / ₂	Morville Chote	Chiswick	May 22 1948
210'9" ¹ / ₂	Malcolm Dalrymple	Chesterfield	June 6 1948
214'7" ¹ / ₂	Michael Denley	Walton, London	May 29 1952

With the Whitsun holiday British Games at White City there came some major fractures in the record strata. On the first day, May 31, came the Inter-Counties' 3 mile event. Letting the field go off to a 67.0 first lap the Surrey favourite Gordon Pirie trailed last a la Zatopek,

but soon began to take command from Alan Parker(Lancs.) after a first mile in 4:33.4. Soon only Frank Sando, also 21, Parker and 19 year old George Knight(Essex) were in the hunt. Pirie lead at two miles passed in 9:14.4 but despite piling on laps of 69.6, 67.0 and 67.4 he could not shake off the ever game Kentish man Sando. Winding up with a 66.4 12th and last lap Pirie broke the tape 12 yards ahead of his 9 stone rival in a truly great 13mins. 44.8 secs. to beat Sydney Wooderson's 1946 mark by 8.4 secs. Though still some 7 yards per lap slower than Zatopek's 14:03.0 5,000 metres at Brussels in 1950, only the world record-holders Hagg(13:32.4) and Maki(13:42.4) have been timed to run 3 miles faster than Pirie and Sando(13:48.0n) B.B.C. commentator Harold Abrahams, who was predicting a record from the 9th lap on, calculated that the 8 fastest laps totalled 9:02.2 which beats Jack Emery's 1939 two mile record by 1.2 secs. Knight's 14:04.8 4th place was an astounding improvement of over 35secs. on his previous best. Also good were G.D.Ibbotson's 14:21.4u and F.C.Perry's 14:24.3u in 5th and 6th place.

In the 7 mile walk R.Hardy earmarked the Olympic 10,000m. walk medal for himself with a prodigious 49:28.6 in which he passed the 6 miles in the native record time of 42:28.0 and the 5 miles in the native and world best time of 35:15.0. This latter beat his 1951 world mark by 9.0secs. L.Allen's 50:46.6 and G.W.Coleman's 50:51.6 were also fine performances. The 1,000 yards on the second day saw Don Gehrman tow the field through a 56.4 quarter & a 1:55.4 'half' for a yard win over Bill Nankeville in 2:11.0 with the Englishman shaving the 23 year old native record by Cyril Ellis by a tenth in 2:11.1. In the 1500 metres two days before Nankeville had been the hero of a race in which Yugoslav A.Otenhajmer did a fine pacing job for a first 880yds which took 2:01.8. With 300yds. to go Gehrman closed fast from the back. This touched off Peter Robinson but despite the bustle Nankeville held off his terrific finish until coming off the last bend. His time of 3:49.0 (as good as a 4:07.9 mile) equalled Wooderson's soil record. Robinson held off America's 'King of Finish' in 3:49.8 - the same time as Eriksson's splash round the Wembley track in 1948. Seaman's 3:52.0 for 4th beat Denis Johansson's world's best for a 19 year old by 4/5ths second. In the Inter-Counties mile Chataway set a new precedent by striking 380 yards away from home for a 4:13.8 win with a 58 secs. last lap. Despite the flooded track 4 of the 5 next to finish recorded their personal best times. In the field Elliott again cleared 13'6" and became the first Briton to try 14 feet.

DISLEY RUNS GREAT 4:11.6 AT CAMBRIDGE : MAY 29.

Highlight of the 21st A.A.A.v C.U.A.C. match was steeplechaser John Disley's mile win in 4:11.6 over F.J.Robinson(4:13.4n). His last lap was 62.6. Other Fenner's ground records went in the 880yds. when A.G.K. Brown saw his 1:54.6 mark beaten by Keith Marsden in 1:54.0 and Ian Gurney, his co-holder, in 1:54.4. In the shot John Savidge pushed up his own record with 51'7", 52'0"¹/₂ and 53'3". In the discus he did 145'2"¹/₂. The AAA won the meeting with 80pts. to 41 by the Light Blues.



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SUZANNE FARMER(Discus 142ft) GORDON PIRIE(3miles 13:44.8)

Russian Girl ran 800 metres in 2:11.7

Feminine athletes are just beginning to show Olympian form. The inevitable Fanny Blankers-Koen ran an 11.1 100yds, a 24.3 200m. and a 11.3 80m. hurdles on one day recently in Holland just to celebrate her return to her children after her absence in South Africa. The first girls to reach world records in 1952 were the Russians in that non-Olympic event the 800metres. Polina Sopolova beat world record woman Nina Flyetnyeva (for photo see April issue p.9) in a desperate finish at Kiev on May 25. Her time was 2:11.7 which beat Nina's world mark of 2:12.0. In the throwing events however the girls in red saw a light of the same colour in Germany's Marianne Werner. This hefty filly loosed off a 46'2"³/₄ shot putt and a 151'10"³/₄ discus throw in the giant Wupperthal bowl on May 25. The only girl who can stop a Soviet grand slam in the javelin, Dana Zatopkova, has already thrown 157'0"⁸/₈.

In Britain the best marks have been 100yds. 11.3, A.Beats, JC DesForges; 100m. 12.2 H.Armitage; 220yds. 25.5 W.Robins, 25.5n B.Foster; High Jump: 5'5" S.Lerwill, 5'4" D. Tyler, 5'4"; Long Jump: S.Cawley 13'8"; Shot: J.Linsell 40'5"; Discus: S.Farmer 142'0" (record). Javelin: D.Coates 119'8"¹/₂.

American Highlights

Neither of the two visitors from Britain, Bailey nor Eyre were near their brightest and best. Art. Bragg was an impressive 100metre winner in 10.5 from Dean Smith of Texas with Bailey a travel-worn fourth in 11.0secs. The 1,500 metres was won by Denis Johansson of Finland in 3:53.0 from Warren Dreutzler (3:54.2) and Eyre third in 3:54.5 (Note: 3:53.7n was an incorrect version published in Britain). Don. Gehrman unrecovered from his 4:05.3 Boardwalk Mile on May 11 was only 5th. Herb. Semper still leads the regular U.S. mile parade with his 4:08.8 at Manhattan on May 3rd.

Over the timber Craig Dixon still has the top spot nailed down with a 13.9 at Fresno dated May 10 and had a 14.0 win over Jack Davis (14.1n) and Harrison Dillard (14.1n) and Attlesley (14.1n) at Los Angeles. Another 3 weeks should see Attlesley recovered from his muscle pull inherited from the indoor campaign and on top again.

Among the dash men both Andy Stanfield and Jim Golliday are in trouble. Stanfield is having muscle twinges and Golliday sustained injury at the Drake Relay meet. Thane Baker of Kansas State is going strongly with a 9.5w, a legitimate 9.6 secs century and two 20.8's.



Sim Iness the 6'6" 17st. holder of the U.S. discus record at 183ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

There are no official 15 foot vaults outdoors yet but Don. Laz did 15'0" in exhibition at Des Moines on April 25th and Don. Cooper did 15'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in an extra 4th trial on May 3 at San Diego. This pair with Bob. Richards are dominant.

In the high jump Walter Davis and Charles Holding who did 6'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 6'9 $\frac{1}{8}$ " on the same day (May 10) cannot win consistently. Ken. Wiesner 3 times winner of the N.C.A.A. title (1944-45-46!) got within $\frac{1}{8}$ " of his 1946 best when he downed both of them at the Coliseum meet on May 16 with 6'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The newest and 31st.

recruit of all-time to the ranks of 6'8" jumpers came in on May 10th at Cornvallis in the person of Emery Barnes of Oregon.

Jim Fuchs is still top man in the 7foot ring. On May 16 at Los Angeles he fixed Parry O'Brien's 56'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and Darrow Hooper's 55'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with his 39th best putt of 57'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Other men over the 55 foot mark are C. Chandler at 55'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and Stan. Lampert with 55'2". In the javelin Bud Held has not got back his old form and Cy. Young (236'3") and the Redskin Bill Miller (234'11") rule the roost. The Americans are over 180 feet in the chain and ball department led by the 1948 Olympic 4th placer who gets the lead medal at 185'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Besides John Barnes another man to make great marks in relays is Wes Santee of the University of Kansas. On April 25 he ran a 4:06.7 anchor mile at Des Moines while next day, April 26 he ran the mile stint in a distance medley in 4:07.2.

Zátopek Again. Bailey Runs 10.4 and 20.9

European athletics moved into top gear a month earlier in 1952. At London's White City E. McD. Bailey ran a scintillating 10.4 and a 20.9 (turn)-both track records. W. Jack (Scotland) was awarded an impossible 10.5 3 yards back. C. W. Brasher ran the 3000m S/Ch in 9:13.4. On the same day, May 24, P. Segedin ran 9:03.6 to win from Djuraskovic (9:04.2) in Belgrade.

Emil Zátopek ran his first 5,000 metres in 14:17.4 in Prague and followed with a 30:08.8 10,000m. in Leipzig two days later.

Two European high-jumpers have reached 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". They are Ion Söter (Rumania) in Bucharest and Gösta Svensson of Sweden. Victor Sillon (France) is out of action after a serious motor cycle accident, he had cleared 14'2"! World-record holder Imre Németh and the orange-munching Norwegian Sverre Strandli have both beaten 19Cft.

Springbok Team Selected

From A.G. Matthews

South Africa's selectors have proposed a team of 10 men and 3 women for Helsinki. The major surprise is their preference for a men's 4x400 metre relay team over a women's 4x100 metre team in which event the 'Stringbok Quartette' is the speediest in the world.

The team consists of the following. Best marks in brackets. - 1,600 Metre Relay team. Schalk Booysen (47.5y) L. van Biljon (47.6y), John Anderton, reigning S.A. Champion, (47.8y) and Willie Chivell, 20, (48.0y). Booysen will also compete in the 200 metres. Ron. Wilkie, who won the 1952 440 yards hurdles title at Capetown's Van Riebeeck Stadium in 52.9secs. will be a useful reserve having finished in the 400 m. hurdle event proper. For the 1500 metres Athol Jennings, who broke the S.A. mile record on the second day of the Championships with 4:14.3, will be sent. No fewer than three, the full complement, Marathon men have been designated. They are Syd. Luyt, sixth at Wembley, W. Keith and W. Haywood who passed the 26 mile 385 yard mark in 2:42.0 on his way to his fourth successive win the famous annual 38 mile Peter Korkie Memorial Race between Pretoria and Johannesburg in 4 hours 16mins 22.4secs.

The only field event man included is the British Empire long jump record-holder Neville Price who hit 25' 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " at the Texas Relays. He is studying at Oklahoma. The three girls are Daphne Hasenjager, who equalled her Union 100 and 200 yards records of 10.9 and 24.4 last March when beating Fanny Blankers-Koen; Edna Maskell the 11.5 80 metre hurdler and 34 year old Ester Brand, who as Miss van Heerden cleared 5'6" in an unregistered meeting in 1941. Her best this year is 5'4" at Kimberley on Feb. 23rd.

Excellent recent marks include a 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high jump by the 22 year old Rhodes University man Joe Truter who has done 6'0" or over in 37 of his 39 competitions. He is expected to join the Empire's select band of 16 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot men very soon by his coach John Powell. K. van der Merwe has set a new junior mark of 14.4 for the 120yd H.H. (3'3") and K. Boonzaaier of South Transvaal threw the junior discus 172'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " which is good but a long way short of S. Smit's amazing 192'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " effort at Krugersdorp on April 4th 1948 which needless to say is the S.A. Junior Record.

NEWS FROM HUNGARY

Outstanding Hungarian results have been Ferenc Klics' discus throw of 173' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " on May 4 to beat Kulitz's 11 year old record of 171' 11"; Erno Béres 1,500 metres in 3m 48.4 on May 10; and also at Budapest a new World's Record for the 30,000 metre track walk by Laszlo with 2 H. 27m 46.6 on May 18, which beat H. Olsson's (Sweden) 1942 record set in 1943 by 1m 10.8.

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 17th South American Championships produced many worthy results at Buenos Aires during the week May 3rd-11th. Gerardo Bonnhoff (Argentina) took the 200m title with 21.5s and the Chilean Gustavo Ehlers won the 400m with equal comfort in 48.7s. Two Brazilians Argerimo Roque and Waldomiro Monteiro were one and two in the 800 m. with 1:53.3 and 1:53.9. Above this distance there were no outstanding marks but it was interesting to see Delfo Cabrera the Olympic Marathon Champion take the 10,000m. (31:05.7) and the "Half Marathon" (21,097.5 metres in 1 h. 09.18.2) titles.

World class marks came from three Brazilians - 400m Hurdles in 52.7s by Wilson Gomes Carneiro and 50'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by Adhemar Ferreira da Silva, the world record holder, and 49'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by Geraldo de Oliveira in the Hop, Step and Jump. Ricardo Heber (see Javelin Olympic prospects) threw the spear 222'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

NEWS FROM IRELAND

Ireland has gone gay in the Hop, Step and Jump with 48'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from B. O'Beirne of Dublin on May 10 and 47'2" by J. C. Stewart (Queen's University, Belfast) at Cherryroole, Belfast four days later. Stewart was born and lives at Malin Head, (northern-most point of Ireland) County Donegal so will like O'Beirne be ineligible for the G.B. & N.I. Olympic team. Other good Irish marks are a 48.3 'quarter' by J. P. Reardon and a 48'11" shot putt by Dave Guiney.