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**REIFF 2 MILE 8 : 40.4, BARTHEL 1,500m.  
IN 3 : 44.6. NIKKANEN 246' 1 7/8"**

By R.L.Quercetani

Performances in continental post-Olympic meetings continue to be in a class with the fabulous standards achieved in the great Helsinki celebration.

The Olympic 1500 metres champion Josy Barthel added another gem to his flawless 1952 record when he vanquished such luminaries as Bob McMillen of U.S.A. and Gaston Reiff of Belgium in a 1500 metres race at Luxembourg, Aug. 20. The Belgian ace, who had run a 4:03.4 mile in Sweden on Aug. 1, went into the lead in the third lap after "hare" Karl-Fred Dörsing of Germany had set the pace in the initial stages (400m in 57.6, 800m in 2:01). Reiff was timed in 2:32 at 1000m and in 3:02 at 1200m. In the final lap McMillen ran much like Lueg in the Helsinki final, taking the lead in the backstretch and entering the last turn ahead of Reiff and Barthel. As usual, this last did not make any move before the homestretch. There however he resorted to his famous finishing kick and finally forged ahead. Reiff and McMillen fought for second till the very end and the American edged his Belgian rival by inches. Barthel was timed in 3:44.6—which places him seventh in the all time list. The American also equalled his Helsinki mark—3:45.2, a time returned also by Gaston Reiff, who thus broke his own Belgian record by 6/10ths. Frans Herman—a rapidly improving compatriot of the great Reiff—and Warren Druetzler of U.S.A. almost passed unnoticed with their fourth and fifth place times of 3:47.6 and 3:47.8. Druetzler, for whom Swedish coach Gösta Holmer predicted a great future back in 1950, thus moved to no. 2 in the American all time list, ahead of the domestic record holder, J.W. Mehl (3:47.9 in 1947). The sixth man, Götten, set a new national record for Saarland with a 3:54.2 clocking.

Prior to his great Luxembourg race, Bob McMillen ran an (contued; on page 8).

## Valete - Arthur Wint

The White City Stadium, London saw the close of a great athletics career on September 17th. At the age of 32 Arthur Stanley Wint retired from international

athletics. Wint was born the son of a Presbyterian minister in Jamaica on May 25th 1920. He first started running at school in 1931. For the next five years swimming was his first love. In 1937 he was Jamaican Junior Champion at 220 and 440 yards and came second in the long jump and hurdles. In 1938 he represented his native island at the Caribbean Games at Panama City and won the 800 metre title in the record time of 1:56.5s. For the next four years he was Jamaican champion at both 440 and 880 yards. In 1942 he joined the Royal Air Force and trained in Canada. Commission in January 1944 he was posted to England and served as a fighter pilot.

Wint ran in several wartime matches. In 1946 he won the A.A.A. 440 and 380 yards titles in 48.4 and 1:54.8—this was the first time anyone had achieved this double since Douglas Lowe's successes in 1927 and 1928. In 1948 Wint trained hard and long for the Olympic Games and his great series 47.7, 47.7, 46.3, 46.2 amazed even his most ardent supporters. That Wint's victory pleased Londoners as much as the island of Jamaica—if that were possible—was a tribute to his popularity.

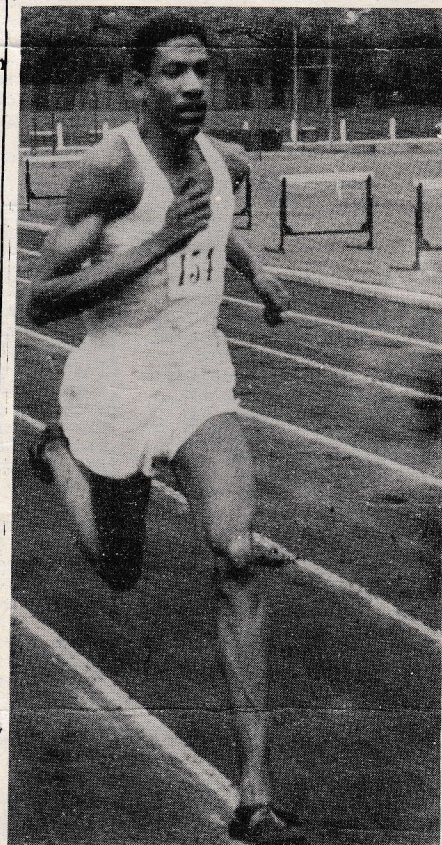


Photo - H. W. Neale

In the seasons between London and Helsinki Wint, despite the vicissitude of muscle injuries, gained many honours in four continents. He raised his tally of A.A.A. titles to five with the half mile in 1950 and 1951 and the 440 yards again in 1952.

During all this time one ambition remained unfulfilled. The name of "Wint" had yet to appear of the list of world's record holders. At Helsinki his proudest moment came—"JAM 3:03.9" went up in lights for all to see after that great 4 x 400 metre Relay.

46.2m	Wembley	Aug. 5 1948	1:49.4m	Helsinki	July 22 1952
46.3m	Wembley	Aug. 5 1948	1:49.5m	Wembley	Aug. 2 1948
46.3m	Helsinki	July 25 1952	1:49.6y	White City	July 14 1951
46.6m	Stockholm	Sept 2 1948	1:49.7m	Belgrade	Aug. 26 1951
46.8m	Göteborg	Aug. 27 1948	1:50.0m	White City	Aug. 16 1947
46.9m	Christchurch	Dec. 27 1950	1:50.6m	Malmö	Aug. 27 1946
46.9m	Helsinki	July 24 1952	1:50.8m	Antwerp	July 1 1951
47.0m	Göteborg	Aug. 28 1946	1:51.2y	White City	Aug. 1 1949
47.0m	Helsinki	July 25 1952	1:51.3m	Stockholm	Sept. 6 1950
47.2y	White City	June 6 1949	1:51.4m	Orebro	Sept. 3 1950
47.2y	White City	Aug. 4 1951	1:51.6y	White City	July 15 1950
47.2m	Belgrade	Aug. 25 1951	1:51.6y	White City	Sept 12 1951

In the Bislet Stadium Oslo on Sunday Sept. 14th Sverre Strandli, Norway's European hammer champion made amends for his 7th place at Helsinki with the greatest exhibition ever recorded in his event. The occasion was the Finland-Norway international before a crowd of 20,000. Never once falling below 190 feet in his six throws the boyish Strandli loosed off history's first 200 foot throw. It was officially measured at 60.25m or 200'11 3/8".

The world's top throws now read as -:

200'11"	S. Strandli	Oslo	14.9.1952
197'11"	J. Cserrmák	Helsinki	24.7.1952
197'10"	I. Németh	Budapest	10.8.1952
196'10"	I. Németh	Budapest	17.8.1952
196'10"	S. Strandli	Oslo	14.9.1952
196' 8 5/8"	I. Németh	Budapest	10.8.1952
196' 5 3/8"	I. Németh	Budapest	19.8.1950

On the same day in Hungary (cont. page 8)

## The 9 Women's Olympic Events

### WOMEN'S 100 METRES (109.36 Yards)

World's Record 11.5 H.H.Stephens(U.S.A.),1936  
11.5 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Neths:),1948  
Olympic Record 11.5 H.H.Stephens(U.S.A.),1936

Monday July 21st: 56 Entrants; Twelve Heats(2 to qualify)  
Four second round heats(3 to qualify); Tuesday July 22nd  
Two semi-finals and The Final.

Fifty-six women sprinters from 23 nations were reduced to twenty-four from 11 nations in the twelve first round heats which were of such quality that 12.0 secs. was beaten 5 times. It was Catherine Hardy, one of America's Cinderella Girls, who set the sub 12 second fashion in the 7th heat with 11.9. This was the hottest of all the heats and one in which Britain's still secretly engaged June Foulds(12.1) kept out the fastest non-qualifier, Alberte De Campou(France)(12.2). Majorie Jackson of Australia opened her account in the next heat with a personal metric best of 11.6. Mrs. Daphne Hasenjager(South Africa), a London semi-finalist in her maiden style of Robb, won Heat 10 in 11.9. The holder, 32 year old Fanny Blankers-Koen, despite the depressant effect of penicillin injections, managed to equal her 1948 winning time of 11.9 in the 11th heat. The twelfth and last race went to another Springbok, Edna Maskell, again in 11.9. The slowest qualifier throughout was Italy's Lilana Tagliaferri with 12.6 and four countries, Australia, U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and Germany, had come through with their trios at full strength.

In the second round all four cross-ties were closely contested except the first in which Australia's 'Blue Flash' nonchalantly flipped up the tape with an outstretched wrist as she coasted in four yards ahead of her field in another 11.6. The line-up for the two semi-finals the next day brought forth the three girls from Down Under, Jackson, Winsome Cripps and Shirley de la Hunty; the three Germans Marga Petersen, Helga Klein and the chunky Maria Sander; Russia's 19 year old hope Nadazhda Khnykina and her compatriot Vera Kalashnikova; America's last survivor Mae Faggs; South Africa's Daphne Hasenjager and the pulchritudinous 'Puck' Brouwer of Holland. Only five girls went to their marks in the first semi-final because the gallant Fanny Blankers was ordered off the track by her doctors. The outcome was a world record-equalling 11.5 by Majorie Jackson who bucked home 4 yards up on Winsome Cripps(12.0) and the coloured Miss Faggs(12.1) who surprisingly displaced Khnykina(also 12.1) whose 11.7 in Bucharest a year ago placed her fourth best of all-time. The second semi-final produced an inches finish in which Hasenjager got the verdict from Shirley with both being awarded 11.9secs. Third was Maria Sander of Germany in 12.0 who thus found herself the only non English speaking girl in an Olympic final which in 1948 also included only one continental.

For the final two hours later the draw was from the pole: Faggs, Hasenjager, Sander, Strickland, Jackson and Cripps. After some gamesmanship(sweater gambit) by Miss Faggs the six girls got down to face a stiffish head wind. At the gun there was an eruption in the 5th lane as the greatest women sprinter of all-time shot into a lead which widened at every stride. The 20 year old Lithgow stenographer battled on against the wind to equal her time of 11.5secs so to share the World's and Olympic record with America's great Helen Stephens. This performance transcending Stephens' wind assisted 11.4 at Berlin and even her own partially wind-aided 10.4sec. 100 yards was certainly a high-water mark in feminine speed. The sight 3 yards or so behind was one that would have warmed the cockles of Disraeli's heart for there were three more girls from the Empire. Hasenjager annexed the silver medal with 11.8 and Shirley just beat Cripps for the bronze medal with both doing 11.9. Thus for the first time for 20 years(Los Angeles men's 800 metres) the Olympic dais was occupied exclusively by British Empire athletes. Summary:

Champion Majorie Jackson(Australia) 11.5(equals record)  
2nd Daphne L.E.Hasenjager(née Robb)(South Africa) 11.8;  
3rd Shirley B.de la Hunty(née Strickland)(Australia)  
11.9; 4th Winsome Cripps(Australia)11.9; 5th Maria  
Sander(née Domagalla)(Germany)12.0; 6th Mae Faggs(USA)  
12.1.

### WOMEN'S 200 METRES (218.72 Yards)

World's Record 23.6 S.Walasiewiczówna(Poland) 1935  
Olympic Record 24.3 F.E.Blankers-Koen(Neths:) 1948

Friday July 25th: 37 Entrants; Seven Heats(2 to qualify)  
Two Semi-Finals. Saturday July 26th: The Final.

By employing the Wembley device of using seven lanes the Finns managed to run off this event in three rounds. Sylvia Cheeseman(G.B.), a 1948 semi-finalist took the first of the seven first round heats in 24.9 which proved to be the first of the 22 marks of sub 25 second calibre during the competition. In heat 2 the youthful Khnykina removed 4 tenths from the Soviet record of 24.7 in which she possessed a share and so equalled the Olympic record made by the absent Fanny Blankers-Koen in the 1948 semi-final. This considerable achievement was almost instantly obliterated by the redoubtable Miss Jackson who produced howls of incredulity as she stormed home over 10 metres ahead of the American girl Catherine Hardy and seemingly 25 ahead of India's Mary D'Souza. There was a great cheer when '23.6' went up on the electric scoreboard to show that the widely disbelieved world record set in Warsaw by the shock-haired Pole Stanislava Walasiewiczówna three days before her 57.6 400metres was at last equalled. Jackson seemed to make this feat look easy despite its great superiority over her previous best 220 yards of 24.3. In the sixth heat Mae Faggs was eliminated in 24.5secs behind Hasenjager and Cripps who both recorded 24.4 thus equalling the Wembley winning time.

The first semi-final showed the greatest half lap ever performed by a woman when Miss Jackson cut through the echelon from the inside lane and then switched on the after-burn in the home stretch to break the tape in 23.4secs for a new world's and Olympic record. Despite her record-equalling 24.3 the Dutch Beauty Queen and heiress presumptive Bertha Brouwer looked to belong to the next heat. The line-up for the final next day again gave Jackson the inside lane with the others following in the order Brouwer, Hasenjager (24.4 in semi-final), Cripps(24.3), Khnykina, who won the second semi-final in the new Soviet record time of 24.1, and on the outside the fair-haired Helga Klein of Western Germany.

This time the Australian girl forgot that the 200 metres is to a woman a miniature quarter-mile and she made the mistake of pulling out every stop including the diapason before she had covered half the route. The second wave of Brouwer, Khnykina and Cripps all at 24.2 were undoubtedly closing a little as the amazing Antipodean struggled through the tape in 23.7. All in all Helsinki completely reorganized the current conceptions of women's 200 metre running. The all-time list of best performers now includes 6 Helsinki performances in the top ten. Summary:  
Champion Marjorie Jackson(Australia) 23.7; 2nd Bertha Brouwer(Netherlands) 24.2; 3rd Nadazhda Khnykina(USSR); 24.2; 4th Winsome Cripps(Australia) 24.2; 5th Helga Klein(Germany) 24.6; 6th Daphne Hasenjager(South Africa) 24.6.

### WOMEN'S 400(4x100) METRES RELAY

World's Record 46.4 German National Team, 1936  
Olympic Record 46.4 German National Team, 1936

Sunday: July 27th: 14 Teams. Three Heats(2 teams to qualify); The final.

Of all the 33 events on the Olympic programme none was more overdue for modernization than this. It must be recognized that in the case of the men's sprint relay the world record of 39.8secs is a full second

faster than four times the world's record for 100 metres (i.e.  $4 \times 10.2 \text{ s} = 40.8$ ) whereas the women's record was .4 of a second slower than 4 times 11.5 = 46.0s.

Fourteen countries lined up their four fastest girls. The only notable absentee was South Africa, holders of the 4 x 110 yards world's record with Australia at 46.9 secs.

Australia the firmest of all favourites running in the order Strickland, Johnston, Cripps, Jackson promptly captured the world's record despite one very poor exchange with 46.1. Eight yards behind came the holders, the Netherlands, who were without their great anchor-woman Fanny Blankers-Koen but nonetheless improved on their London winning time of 47.5 by 4/10th of a second.

In the second heat the U.S.A. with 46.5 beat the European Champion country Great Britain by a yard (46.6). The last two places among the six finalist teams were taken in the third heat by Germany who beat their own previous Olympic record by .1- and U.S.S.R. with 46.7. The red panted Canadians, who had never previously been worse than third in any Olympic sprint relay, went out in this last heat as the fastest non qualifiers with 47.3 s.

The main interest in the final was in by how much would the Waltzing Matildas beat the rest of the world and their 110 minute old record. Fair haired Winsome Cripps (c.f. Oxford Dictionary - winsome adj. charming, winning, attractive, engaging, bright) was first into the final exchange zone. "Blue Flash" Jackson, the star driver, was nicely warmed up for the last leg. Consternation! The shapely Cripps knee knocked the baton from Marjorie's grasp. Despite one of the fastest pieces of retrieving ever seen the Lithgow girl could not hope to catch Catherine Hardy (U.S.A.), Marga Petersen (Germany) and Heather Armitage (G.B.) nor Vera Kalaschnikova (USSR) as she swept past. Hardy just edged Petersen to break the tape in 45.9 s for a new world's record and the most surprising win in all the 9 women's events. The Australian quartette took their cruel misfortune very well with Marjorie Jackson and Shirley Strickland the saddest not because they had failed to acquire their third and second pieces of gold respectively but because Winsome and Verna did not get their first awards. Meanwhile the Americans executed a victory foursome reel with paroxysms of astonished delight. Nobody had thought that the three coloured girls Mae Faggs of New York, Catherine Hardy of Fort Valley, Georgia, and 15 year old Janet Moreau of Boston together with Barbara Jones of Chicago would return home Olympic Champions. The Americans despite only a solitary win in 1948 and in 1952 still have as many women's Olympic titles to their credit as the next three best nations - Netherlands, Australia and Germany put together.

The Australians, who, just like the Germans in 1936, lost at the last exchange will have a great opportunity to have a revenge victory and recapture the world's record before a home crowd at Melbourne in 1956. **Summary:** 1st. U.S.A. (Mae Faggs, Barbara Jones, Janet Moreau, Catherine Hardy) 45.9 (new World's & Olympic Record); 2nd Germany (Ursula Knab, Maria Sander, Helga Klein, Marga Petersen) 45.9 (equals World's & Olympic record); 3rd Great Britain (Sylvia Cheeseman, June F. Foulds, Jean Catherine Desforges, Heather Joy Armitage) 46.2; 4th U.S.S.R. 46.3 (Irina Turova, Evgenija I. Sechenova, Nadezhda Khnykina, Vera Kalaschnikova); 5th Australia (Shirley Barbara Strickland de la Hunty, Verna Johnston, Winsome Cripps, Marjorie Jackson) 46.6; 6th Netherlands (Grietje de Jongh, Bertha Brouwer, Neeltje Bûch, Wilhelmina M. Lust) 47.8.

WOMEN'S 80 METRES HURDLES

World's Record 11.0 F.E. Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 1948  
 Olympic Record 11.2 F.E. Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 1948  
 11.2 M.A.J. Gardner (Great Britain) 1948

**Wednesday:** July 23rd: 33 entrants; Six heats (2 to qualify)  
 Two semi-finals (three to qualify).  
**Thursday:** July 24th: The final.

The British Empire Champion Mrs. Shirley de la Hunty B.A., B.Sc. of Perth, West Australia equalled the World's record in the first heat when she beat Milena



Australia's great quartette after their consolation World's Record of 46.3secs. at 4x110 Yards in London. Left to right Verna Johnston, Shirley de la Hunty, Winsome Cripps and the dual Olympic champion Marjorie Jackson.

Greppi (Italy) (11.7) by six yards. It proved that this Italian girl was to be the slowest qualifier in a time in which her countrywoman T. Valla won the 1936 title. The dispossessed Olympic record holder Francina Elsjé Blankers returned a gallant 11.2 to beat Edna Maskell (11.6) in the next heat. The aging Elena Gokieli of Russia had a close fight with Britain's Pamela Seaborne in heat 3 in which both returned 11.5 to shut out the Dutch girl Wilhelmina Lust. There was another close finish in the next heat between Jean Desforges (G.B.) and Anneliese Seonbuchner (Germany) with both recording 11.4secs. Frau Sander took the fifth heat with a vigorous 11.3 but the real surprise came in the last race in which the comparatively unknown Russian girl Marija Golubichnaja produced a great 11.1 ahead of the effervescent Senorita Wanda dos Santos and the crest-fallen Yvette Monginou (France) who broke their national records for Brazil and France at 11.3.

The first semi-final provided a great thrill as not one but three broke through the eleven second barrier which has always contained the event within its limits. Strickland, in the sixth lane, hurdling in flawless style came through with an amazing 10.8 but was nonetheless closely attended by Sander (10.9) and Jean Desforges (10.9). Gokieli was fourth in 11.1, Maskell 5th in a record equalling 11.2 and Greppi last in 11.4. It was later revealed that the wind was above the limit. In the second semi-final Golubichnaja lived up to her new reputation with an 11.2 and a yard win over Fanny who returned 11.3. The final brought forth the holder, the Russian discovery, Desforges, two Germans Sander and Seonbuchner and the favourite from Australia in lane 3. After one break by Sander the field were away with the knowledge that this time the wind was if anything against them. At the second barrier Blankers-Koen met with disaster which was probably a kinder fate than it seemed at the moment. Desforges in the next lane seemed so bemused by this accident that she almost forgot to keep going. It was the Australian girl's race all the way and she came through with history's first bona fide sub 11secs. mark with a 2 yard win over Golubichnaja (11.1) in 10.9secs. Third was Sander, also with 11.1 just ahead of Seonbuchner (11.2). **SUMMARY:** Champion: Shirley Barbara de la Hunty (née Strickland) 10.9 (new record); 2nd Marija Golubichnaja (U.S.S.R.) 11.1; 3rd Maria Sander (née Domagella) (Germany) 11.1; 4th Anneliese Seonbuchner (Germany) 11.2; 5th Jean Catherine Desforges (Great Britain) 11.6. The holder F.E. Blanker-Koen (Netherlands) did not finish. Pauline A. Treapleton (G.B.) ran 11.9s in the sixth heat (fifth).

BALONEY

## WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP

World's Record 5'7<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.72) S.Lerwill(G.B.) 1951  
 Olympic Record 5'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.68) A.Coachman(U.S.A.) 1948  
 5'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.68) D.J.E.Tyler(G.B.) 1948

**Sunday:** July 27th. (No qualifying trials) The Final  
 17 Entrants.

This event attracted the smallest entry of any individual event. It was perhaps hardly surprising that Mrs. Richard Tyler should be alone among the survivors of the 1936 contest but it was remarkable that no other entry besides the double silver medalist had competed at London only four seasons before. The bar was first set at 4'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.35) and four came in. All cleared it. At 4'7" (1.40) 5 more opened their innings and all cleared but Tamara Mettal (Israel) only after one failure. By 4'9" (1.45) everybody had come in except the 16 year old Yorkshire born Belfast schoolgirl Thelma Hopkins and Brazil's Deise Jurdelina de Castro. Mrs. Lerwill, the World's record holder waived all her attempts. There were two casualties- Mettal (17th) and the local girl Sisko S. Heikkilä (16th).

At 4'11" (1.50) there were no more departures but the other Finnish competitor was only over last try and there was a flutter when Mrs. Lerwill and Galena Ganeker (U.S.S.R.), who was third at Brussels in 1950, each registered a miss. The cross-bar was raised to 5'1" (1.55) and four jumpers took leave - Selja T. Pöntinen (Finland) 15th; Solveig A. Ericksson (Sweden) 14th; Dawn E. Josephs (Canada) 13th and Jurdelina de Castro (Brazil) 12th. Of the remaining 11 nine were over first time except Ganeker and Whitty (Canada) who needed a second shot. These two together with Gunhild M. Larking (Sweden) went out at 5'2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.58) placing 11th, 10th and 9th respectively.

The bar was raised another 3 centimetres to 5'3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" - a height only surpassed by six women last year and less than 30 in history. Only three of the eight succeeded. The five unfortunate ones were equal 7th Nina Kosova (USSR) and the gallant Dorothy Odam-Tyler in the fourteenth year of her reign as British Empire Champion; 6th Feodora Schenk (Austria) - a veteran scissor jumper who as Feodora Solms (Germany) won 3rd place at Vienna in the 1938 European Championships with 5'4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" her best ever height -; Olga Modrachová (Czechoslovakia) 5th; and 4th with the same number of failures but now reaping the reward for her late start the straddler Thelma Elizabeth Hopkins (G.B.), the baby of the British team. Sheila Lerwill cleared this critical height first time and so did the tall South African Esther C. Van Heerden Brand, previously unknown in international competition but a revered name in the tiny world of women's high jump. After the anxiety of one failure the blonde Russian chauffeurse Aleksandra Chudina joined the married ladies.

At 5'4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.63) it was the Triple Mistress of Soviet Sport who cleared first time with her inefficient version of the scissors style. Mrs. Brand cleared second time and Lerwill on the third and last. At 5'4<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.65) all three failed first time and only Mrs. Brand made it second time round. Chudina emerged from under her orange and white bed-spread to make her last effort. Her massive gold signet ring must almost have put her in the category of jumping 'with weights' but her wasteful style again proved her downfall. Mrs. Lerwill made it on her last attempt. The bar now went to its tenth setting of 5'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.67) or just one centimetre below the London record. Both girls failed twice and the world record holder with a high temperature and calf bleeding from a spike scratch was plainly now very tired. Mrs. Brand, wife of a racing cyclist and the 33 year old mother of two was faced with the bar 3/4 inch higher than her official South African record made when she was Miss Van Heerden 11 years ago. The tall green-clad scissor jumper summoned all the Springbok in her and made a clean clearance. The small South African contingent descended to acclaim their first champion for 24 years on the spot. She took three vain attempts at 5'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.69m.) and thus the XVth Olympic Games which began with the bar at 1.70m. for the men's qualifying closed with the bar a centimetre lower for

an unsuccessful attempt at the only feminine record which remained intact. **SUMMARY:** Champion Ester C. Brand (South Africa) 5'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.67); 2nd Sheila Lerwill (Great Britain) 5'4<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.65); 3rd Aleksandra G. Chudina (USSR) 5'4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.63); 4th Thelma Elizabeth Hopkins (Great Britain) 5'2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.58); 5th Olga Modrachová (Czechoslovakia) 5'2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.58); 6th Feodora Schenk (Austria) 5'2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (1.58).

## WOMEN'S LONG JUMP

World's Record 20'6" (6.25) F.E. Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 1943  
 Olympic Record 18'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.695) V.O. Gyarmati (Hungary) 1948

**Wednesday:** July 23rd. 33 Entrants. Qualifying Trials A.M.  
 P.M. The Final.

Only 9 of the 33 entries failed in the morning to beat the qualifying mark of 5.30 (17'4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"). In the first group Shirley Cawley of the Bank of England broke this weakest of all Olympic records with 18'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.73). Within a matter of moments Chudina (U.S.S.R.) further improved it with 18'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (5.77). In the third group Mabel Landry from Chicago produced 19'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.88) - a best ever by an American born citizen. Again the glory of being an Olympic record-holder was transient because this time Miss Yvette Williams of New Zealand, the favourite, hitch kicked 20'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (6.16) for the third best leap of all-time but at the cost of a twisted knee which was skillfully realigned by Mr Mick Mays who assumed the role of Hon. Masseur to the British Empire. The only surprising non-qualifier was perhaps Kathleen M. Russell (Jamaica) who placed sixth in this event at Wembley in 1948.

The fantastic number of 24 competitors filed out in the afternoon to settle the issue. After the first round the order of the first six was Chudina 19'7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (5.99); Cawley 19'5" (5.92) - a British best ever mark beating Mrs. Cornwell's 22 year old mark of 19'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"; Irmgard Schmelzer (formerly Kirchhoff) of Germany with 19'3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (5.89); Wilhelmina Lust (Netherlands) 18'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.68); Elzbieta Dunska (Poland) 18'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (5.65) and Maire A. Osterdahl (Finland) 18'5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.62). Miss Williams no jumped.

After the second round the changes in the order were a new number 4 - Nina Tjurkina (USSR) with a sail jump of 19'0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (5.81), 7 cms. below her qualifying effort; the Finnish girl improved 11 cms. to 18'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" with her hang style and so to 5th place while Lust moved down to sixth.

Now came the vital third round. With the morning qualifying marks wiped off the slate Yvette Williams was faced with her last chance. With a measured stride and great deliberation she leapt 19'4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (5.90) for 4th place and hence qualified for another 3 jumps. Lust improved to 18'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and Schmelzer to 19'4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" also thus winning the precious extra trials awarded to the last six.

The select fourth round produced the 2nd greatest female leap in history when the 'All Black' Yvette soared up to land 20'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (6.24) from the board. This jump proved to be the one that mattered most and it shunted Chudina, Cawley and Schmelzer each back one place. The fifth round was notable only for Miss Williams fine 20'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (6.11)



YVETTE WILLIAMS (New Zealand), the Olympic Long Jump Champion, seen qualifying for the shot-put. She finished sixth with 43'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

jump and a 19'0" $\frac{5}{8}$  (5.81) effort by the Dutch girl Lust which, on the strength of a better second best jump, gave her fifth place over the dumpy blonde Tjurkina whose 2nd round distance she had precisely equalled. In the sixth and last round Chudina produced 19'11" $\frac{6}{8}$  (6.07) as a last despairing effort. The bronze medallist Miss Cawley gamely produced her second best trial of 19'1" $\frac{5}{8}$  (5.82). **SUMMARY:** Champion Yvette Winifred Williams (New Zealand) 20'5" $\frac{5}{8}$  (6.24) (Olympic record); 2nd Aleksandra Georgievitch Chudina (U.S.S.R.) 20'1" $\frac{5}{8}$  (6.14); 3rd Shirley Cawley (Great Britain) 19'5" (5.92); 4th Irmgard Schmelzer (Germany) 19'4" $\frac{1}{2}$  (5.90); 5th Wilhelmina M. Lust (Netherlands) 19'0" $\frac{5}{8}$  (5.81); 6th Nina Tjurkina (U.S.S.R.) 19'0" $\frac{5}{8}$  (5.81).

#### WOMEN'S SHOT PUTT

World's Record 49'3" $\frac{3}{8}$  A.S. Andreyeva (U.S.S.R.) 1950  
Olympic Record 45'1" $\frac{1}{2}$  M.O.M. Ostermeyer (France) 1948

**Saturday:** July 26th. 20 Entrants. Qualifying Trials A.M. The Final P.M.

In the morning 14 hefty girls made light work of the 40'4" $\frac{1}{8}$  (12.30) necessary for a second appearance in the afternoon. Former world record-holder Klavdija Tochenova (USSR) flipped the 4 kilo. (8.8 lbs.) pellet out to 45'6" $\frac{5}{8}$  (13.88).

In the first round in the afternoon Germany's Marianne Werner, formerly Fraulein Schulze-Entrup, made a little dent at 13.89 (45'6" $\frac{7}{8}$ ) just one centimetre beyond Tochenova's new Olympic record. Frau Werner's pleasure was however short-lived since the Russian girl Galina Zybina, whose peaches and cream complexion seemed more befitting an usherette than a muscle moll, sent the chalk flying with history's second best women's putt of exactly 15.00 (49'2" $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Her two compatriots Tochenova and Tamara Tyshkevich were somewhat put off their strike by this and each mustered 'only' 47'3" $\frac{5}{8}$  (14.42). Round 2 was undistinguished except for a slight improvement of 2cms. by Werner to 45'7" $\frac{5}{8}$  and a casual-looking 47'10" from Zybina.

In the last full round Zybina slipped back to 46'0" $\frac{3}{8}$  (14.04) while Tochenova moved up to 47'6" $\frac{7}{8}$  (14.50). The statuesque Gertrud Kille of Germany with 44'2" $\frac{5}{8}$  (13.48) and Yvette Williams (N.Z.) with a British Empire best ever of 43'9" $\frac{1}{2}$  (13.35) joined the 3 Russians and Werner in the last six. The only girl to improve in the fourth round was Kille with 45'2" (13.77) while in the fifth only Werner broke new ground with her 46'0" $\frac{3}{8}$  (14.04) effort. Round six was however sensational. Werner shattered the mighty Mauermayer's German record with a great 47'9" $\frac{5}{8}$  (14.57) and so overtook all the Russians except of course Zybina. Stung by this piece of Western aggression Zybina, flexing her not inconsiderable muscles, arranged herself at the back of the circle. Then came the biggest feminine explosion ever witnessed. The crowd roared and the officials blinked at the tell-tale mark denoting the first ever 50 foot putt by a representative of the so called weaker sex. The new world-record holder took a detached interest in the measurement operations which showed 50'1" $\frac{1}{2}$  or 15.28 m. as she tidied her long flaxen tresses ready for the victory ceremony and heroineship of the Soviet Union. **SUMMARY:** Champion Galina Zybina (USSR) 50'1" $\frac{1}{2}$  (15.28), new world and Olympic record; 2nd Marianne Werner (Germany) 47'9" $\frac{5}{8}$  (14.57); 3rd Klavdija A. Tochenova (USSR) 47'6" $\frac{7}{8}$  (14.50); 4th Tamara Tyshkevich (USSR) 47'3" $\frac{5}{8}$  (14.42); 5th Gertrud Kille (Germany) 45'4" $\frac{7}{8}$  (13.84); 6th Yvette Winifred Williams (N.Z.) 43'9" $\frac{1}{2}$  (13.35); 7th Marija Radosavljević (Yugoslavia) 43'7" $\frac{5}{8}$  (13.30); 8th Meeri A.L. Saari (Finland) 42'8" $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9th Paulette Veste (France) 42'6" $\frac{3}{8}$ ; 10th Magdalena Bregula (Poland) 42'5"; 11th Dorothea Kress (Germany) 42'4" $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 12th Jaroslava Křitková (Czechoslovakia) 41'9" $\frac{1}{8}$ ; 13th Eivor Olson (Sweden) 40'10" $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 14th Nada Kotlusek (Yugoslavia) 39'3" $\frac{5}{8}$ .

#### WOMEN'S THROWING THE DISCUS

World's Record 175'1" $\frac{1}{2}$  (53.37) N. Dumbadze (USSR) 1951  
Olympic Record 156'3" $\frac{1}{8}$  (47.63) G. Mauermayer (Germ.) 1936

**Sunday:** July 20th. 20 Entrants. Qualifying Trials A.M. The Final P.M.

Only two of the throwers failed to qualify by reaching 36 metres (118'1" $\frac{3}{8}$ ). Nina Romaschkova (USSR), formerly Ponomaryeva, had the best mark with 147'9" $\frac{5}{8}$  (45.05). After the first round it was confirmed who the head girls were going to be. Nina Dumbadze, the matriarch of this event, led with 150'5" $\frac{5}{8}$  (45.85) followed by Romaschkova at 148'2" (45.16) and a 142'11" $\frac{3}{8}$  (43.58) heave by Elizaveta Bagrjanceva. The next best were Toyoko Yoshino (Japan) 136'10" $\frac{3}{8}$  (41.71); Lia Manoliu (Rumania) 136'4" $\frac{5}{8}$  (41.57); and 6th versatile Yvette Williams (N.Z.) with 132'9" $\frac{5}{8}$  (40.48).

In the second round Nina Mark II unleashed a vicious throw of 166'9" $\frac{1}{2}$  (50.84) for a new Olympic record and just a personal best. Bagrjanceva then produced 154'5" $\frac{1}{2}$  (47.08), another personal best, to reduce Dumbadze to 3rd position. The three minor places stood to the credit of Elisabeth Haidegger (Austria) with 142'8" $\frac{5}{8}$  (43.49); Yoshino at 139'11" $\frac{3}{8}$  (42.67) and Manoliu with 139'11" $\frac{3}{8}$  (42.65). The third round produced no alteration in the top six places but the throw of the competition. Nina Romaschkova using the whole of the circle with a fast flat throw reached 168'8" $\frac{5}{8}$  (51.42) with the 7 inch plate which weighs only half the amount of the male discus.

In the fourth round Dumbadze, twice champion of Europe, made a great effort to show her skill but had to rest content with 151'10" $\frac{3}{8}$  (46.29). In the fifth round the outsized geisha girl Yoshino jumped from 5th to 4th with a heave of 143'8" $\frac{3}{8}$  (43.81). The last turn for each of the best six came but none could improve. The new champion gave us however a Parthian shot of 161'11" $\frac{5}{8}$  (49.37) just for good measure. **SUMMARY:** Champion Nina Romaschkova (USSR) 168'8" $\frac{5}{8}$  (51.42); 2nd Elizaveta Bagrjanceva (USSR) 154'5" $\frac{1}{2}$  (47.08); 3rd Nina Dumbadze (USSR) 151'10" $\frac{3}{8}$  (46.29); 4, Toyoko Yoshino (Japan) 143'8" $\frac{3}{8}$  (43.81); 5, Elisabeth Haidegger (Austria) 142'8" $\frac{5}{8}$  (43.49); 6, Lia Manoliu (Rumania) 139'11" $\frac{3}{8}$  (42.65); 7, Ingeborg Fuller (Argentina) 136'10" $\frac{7}{8}$  (41.73); 8, Dezsőné Jozsa (Hungary) 136'6" $\frac{5}{8}$  (41.61); 9, Marianne Werner (Germany) 134'7" $\frac{5}{8}$  (41.03); 10, Yvette Winifred Williams (New Zealand) 132'9" $\frac{5}{8}$  (40.48); 11, Kaarina R.K. Kolvunemi (Finland) 132'3" $\frac{3}{8}$  (40.33); 12, Ingeborg Mello (Argentina) 128'1" (39.04). 15th Suzanne Farmer (Great Britain) 124'6" $\frac{1}{2}$  (37.96).



Aleksandra Chudina (U.S.S.R.) who momentarily held the Olympic records both for the long jump and javelin throw.

# British Best Performances-No. 4

## Three Miles by Ross McWhirter

We now resume our series on the best British marks with the top 3 miles performances of all-time.

Notation m, unofficial time during a 5,000 metre race

M, mark made at 5,000 m.(3miles 188yds.)

n, non-winning performance

THREE MILES (4,828.04 metres)

13:44.8	D.A.G.PIRIE	White City	May	31	1952
13:48.0n	F.D.SANDO	White City	May	31	1952
13:53.2	S.C.WOODERSON	White City	July	20	1946
13:53.8	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	Aug.	4	1952
13:54.2n	F.D.Sando	White City	Aug.	4	1952
13:57.0	S.C.Wooderson	White City	Aug.	5	1946
13:58.4n	A.B.PARKER	White City	Aug.	4	1952
13:59.6	C.J.CHATAWAY	White City	June	21	1952
14:00.8n	A.B.Parker	White City	June	21	1952
14:02.0m	P.H.D.WARD	Helsinki	Sept.	4	1937
14:02.6	W.R.BECKETT	White City	July	14	1951
14:02.6n	C.J.Chataway	White City	July	14	1951
14:03.0n	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	Aug.	11	1951
14:03.8n	P.R.Ll.MORGAN	White City	June	21	1952
14:04.0n	A.B.Parker	White City	May	31	1952
14:04.0n	F.GREEN	White City	Aug.	4	1952
14:04.4n	A.B.Parker	White City	Aug.	11	1951
14:05.6n	P.H.D.Ward	Sydney	Feb.	5	1938
14:06.0	A.B.Parker	Darlington	July	16	1952
14:06.4	A.B.Parker	Billington-on-Tees	July	7	1952
14:07.2	D.A.G.Pirie	Motspur Park	May	17	1952
14:07.4	F.Green	Birmingham	June	7	1952
14:07.6	P.R.Ll.Morgan	Oxford	May	8	1952
14:08.0	C.A.J.EMERY	White City	July	8	1939
14:08.6M	S.C.Wooderson	Oslo	Aug.	23	1946
14:08.6n	P.H.D.Ward	White City	July	8	1939
14:09.0	W.HESKETH	Darlington	June	23	1952
14:09.4n	G.D.IBBOTSON	Billington-on-Tees	June	7	1952
14:09.8	F.D.Sando	Aylesford	May	17	1952
14:09.8n	F.Green	White City	June	21	1952
14:10.0n	H.J.HICKS	White City	July	14	1951
14:10.4	K.L.NORRIS	Uxbridge	June	7	1952
14:10.6n	J.D.WOOD	White City	June	21	1952
14:11.2n	H.A.OLNEY	White City	July	15	1950
14:11.2n	K.L.Norris	White City	June	21	1951
14:11.6n	A.V.REEVE	White City	July	8	1939
14:11.6n	A.T.FERGUSON	White City	July	15	1950
14:11.6n	W.E.LUCAS	White City	July	15	1950
14:12.0n	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	July	14	1951
14:12.4	P.R.Ll.Morgan	White City	June	23	1951
14:12.4n	W.R.Beckett	White City	Aug.	4	1951
14:12.6n	A.H.CHIVERS	White City	July	16	1949
14:12.8n	C.J.Chataway	Oxford	May	8	1952
14:13.6n	S.E.W.COX	White City	July	8	1939
14:13.6	M.C.WHENMAN	Battersea,London	Sept.	6	1952
14:13.8	R.F.ROBINS	Coventry	June	30	1951
14:14.6	H.A.Olney	Chiswick	June	17	1950
14:14.6n	F.Green	White City	July	15	1950
14:14.6n	J.BRAUGHTON	Oxford	May	8	1952
14:14.6n	F.Green	White City	July	15	1952
14:14.8n	G.KNIGHT	White City	May	31	1952
14:14.9n	H.A.Olney	White City	July	14	1951
14:15.0n	A.FORBES	White City	July	14	1951

### SUMMARY

Twenty six athletes have qualified for inclusion in this compilation which comprises the 53 marks made at 14 mins.15 secs. or below up to September 10th 1952. The individual record is as follows:-

Alan Bunyard PARKER(Barrow A.C.)	6
Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE(South London H.)	5
Frederick GREEN(Birchfield Harriers)	5
Sydney Charles WOODERSON(Blackheath Harriers)	3
Frank Dennis SANDO(Aylesford Paper Mills S.C.)	3
Christopher John CHATAWAY(Walton A.C.)	3
Peter Hans Dudley WARD(Achilles Club)	3
Philip Richard Llewelyn MORGAN(South London H.)	3
Henry Alexander OLNEY(Thames Valley Harriers)	3

By far the most prolific season was that of 1952 with 26 marks by 14 athletes. Next best was 1951 with a dozen, followed by 1950 with 5, 1939 with 4 all in the A.A.A. Championship event, and then 1946 with 3 all by S.C.Wooderson. The White City Stadium track claims 36 and Motspur Park curiously only one.

13:51.8	Charles Capozzoli(USA)	London	Aug.	8	1952
13:54.2n	Willem Slykhuis(Neths)	London	July	20	1946
13:59.4	Taisto Mäki(Finland)	London	Aug.	7	1939
14:00.8n	András Csaplár(Hungary)	London	Aug.	7	1939
14:00.8	Willem Slykhuis(Neths)	London	Aug.	11	1951
14:02.2n	Raphaël Fujazon(France)	London	Aug.	5	1946
14:03.4	Taisto Mäki(Finland)	Glasgow	Aug.	5	1939
14:07.0	Willem Slykhuis(Neths)	London	July	3	1948
14:07.8n	Lars Nilsson(Sweden)	London	Aug.	7	1939
14:09.0	Alain Mimoun(France)	London	Aug.	1	1949
14:09.2	Lucien Theys(Belgium)	London	July	15	1950
14:09.2	Lauri Lehtinen(Finland)	London	July	8	1933
14:11.0	John J.Barry(Ireland)	London	July	16	1949
14:11.4	Alain Mimoun(France)	London	Aug.	4	1951
14:11.6n	Jacques Vernier(France)	London	Aug.	1	1949
14:13.0	Horace Ashenfelter(USA)	London	Aug.	12	1950
14:13.0n	Osman Cosgü(Turkey)	London	Aug.	12	1950
14:13.2	Charles Capozzoli(USA)	Belfast	Aug.	15	1951
14:13.6	Janusz Kusocinski(Poland)	London	July	14	1934
14:14.8	Jack Lovelock(N.Z.)	London	Aug.	15	1936
14:14.8n	Valdu Lillekas(Latvia)	Chiswick	June	17	1950

This list read in conjunction with the British All-Time list give a complete compilation of the 71 marks ever made on United Kingdom soil at or under 14 minutes 15secs. All the London times were put up at the White City which can thus claim the top 18 marks ever put up here.

MARTIN CHARLES WHENMAN 23, the most recent addition to Britain's list of sub-14 minute 15 second 3 milers. He is here seen in course of winning the London A.A. event in 14:13.6 at London's new Battersea track on September 6th. Like F.D.Sando he is a member of Aylesford Paper Mills Sports Club.



## Don MacMillan runs 4:08.8 Mile

Australia's Don Macmillan became the third visting athlete ever to break 4:10.0 for a mile in the British Isles when he returned a personal best of 4:08.8 at the City Charities Floodlit Meeting at White City on Sept. 10. Letting John Disley do the lions share of the pace-making he came away strongly from 300 yds. to win by over 20yds. from the steeplechaser whose 4:12.2n was his fifth sub 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ min. mark in 1952. In the match mile J. W.Brown recording 4:13.4 beat his previous best by a fifth while Gordon Pirie second in 4:14.4 exactly equalled his best of 14 months beforehand. Pirie also ran in Macmillan's race less than a 100 mins. later and there returned 4:19.6n. Summary: 100yds. Bailey 9.8secs 440yds Wint 48.0; 880yds PD O'Connor 1:57.0; 2 Miles R.C. Tooby 9:12. D.W.Holden 9:14.8n; 120yds H Parker 14.8, H.J.A.P.Orton 6'0" (junior); P.V.; G.M.Elliott 13'0"; Jav M.J.Denley 196'0" $\frac{1}{2}$ . (Macmillan's last lap was 60.6secs)

## Round about Europe

Uxbridge, England Aug. 16-1 100y 9.8  
E. McD. Bailey; 1 mile 4:13.8 Bannister,  
4:16.6 J.W. Brown, 4:16.6 P.B. Driver,  
3 Miles 14:15.2 F. Green; 120y 14.8  
F.J. Parker, 15.0 PAL Vine, 15.1, CEE  
Higham; Jay 196'2" J. Trickett, 194'  
5" MJ Denley; Ham: PC Allday 172'11"  
A.A.A. Championship Events-1 220yds LH  
PB Hildreth 24.6, Parker 24.9, Vine 25.  
6; 4x110 Yds R Polytechnic Harriers  
(P.L. Lillington, N.E. Lindsey, Hildreth,  
Bailey) 43.3, Herne Hill H. 43.6u,  
Thames Valley H.; 4x440 Yds R Poly H.  
JHM Pratt, RGT Day, GA Duffy, AS Wint  
3:21.6, London AC 3:24.8, Thames Valley  
H. 3:25.4

Edinburgh, Scotland Aug. 23-1 100y 9.7  
V.G. Rhoden (eq. Scots' All-comers rec.)  
440y 47.6 H.H. McKenley, ins VG Rhoden;  
1 mile 4:17.8 D.R. Burfitt, Zyds R.E. Mc  
Millen (USA); SP W.P.O'Brien (USA) 55'  
2" (Scots All-Comers rec.) (28th contest  
in 1952 season). 100y W.L. B. Brouwer  
(Neths) (Scots A-C Rec.) 80m h. S.B.  
de la Hunt (Aust.) 11.2 (Scots A-C Rec)

Stockholm, Swedish Champs. Aug. 23&24  
400m 47.6 T. Ekfeldt; 800m Ekfeldt 1:51.  
4; 1,500m 3:47.8 I. Eriksson, 3:48.8 S.  
Karlsson; 5,000m 14:15.0 B. Albertsson,  
14:15.8 V. Nyström, 14:16.0 A. Andersson;  
400m h. L. Ylander 52.2; 2,000m R. Nilsson  
171'2"

Seinajoki, Finnish Champs. Aug 24  
10,000m H. Posti 30:07.8; 5,000m P.V. Olenius

13'9"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; J.T.S. Nikkinen 246'2".

Leningrad, U.S.S.R. Champs Aug 24-30.  
800m. P. Chevgun 1:50.4 (rec.); 400m h.  
Yu. Lituyev 52.3; 1,500m (against wind)  
E. Kechris 24'6"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; V. Volkov 24'5"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;  
S.P. Grigalka 54'8"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Lipp 54'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; DT.  
B. Matveyev 170'2"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Grigalka 169'1"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;  
H.T. M. Krivonosov 189'10"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (age 23).  
10,000m Walk. B. Junk 43:58.4; 200m h.  
(6th day) Yu. Lituyev 23.5 (European  
record). Women 400m. Zoya Petrova  
(unofficial co-holder of world's  
best performance at 56.0) 56.6; 1,500m  
Nina Plyetnyeva (world record holder  
800m at 2:08.5) 4:37.0 (Soviet rec. &  
world's best performance); 80m h. M.  
Golubichnaja 11.0 (Soviet rec.) L.J.  
V. Lituyeva (formerly Bogdanova, the  
European Champion) 19'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; S.P. G.  
Zybina 49'2"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; D.T. Romashkova 169'10"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
Dumbadze 168'6".

Moscow, 15th U.S.S.R. Marathon Champs.  
Aug. 25. 116 starters. 1, Davidov Zhr.  
23:59.0 (Soviet record), 2, Golubiev  
2:24:15.8, 3, Grieshiev 2:26:33.8.

Paris, Aug. 26. 400m. Rhoden (lane 6)  
46.2 (equal 5th best time), McKenley  
46.8, J. Degats (Fr) 47.7, J-P. Martin du  
Gard (Fr) 47.7, 4x200m R. Jamaica (B. La  
Beach, Laing, McKenley, Rhoden) 1:25.2,  
Paris Univiclub 1:26.0 (French rec.)

Gillingham, England Aug. 27. 100yds.  
Bailey 9.7; 440y A. Dick 49.5; 5,000  
40'4" J. Whall (junior); 1 mile Medley R;  
Gillingham & District 3:34.0, 2nd

Poly. H. 3:34.6 (DNJ Johnson caught and  
passed Bailey, in his first 440yds  
since 1936, with a 48.9 stage).

Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia Aug. 28  
S.P. Jiri Skobla 56'2"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (17.14) new  
European record. Aged 22 Skobla was  
9th at Helsinki with 52'2"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. The  
town then called Zlin was the birth  
place of Zatopek.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29 10,000m. Denmark v.  
Norway International. Olstein Saksvik  
(Norway) 29:48.4, Stokken (Norway) 29:  
59.4

Battersea Park, London Aug. 29/30.  
Southern Counties Decathlon. 4,594pts  
Paul Delight (Loughborough) 4,3,973pts  
D.C. Matthews (L.A.C.) (Junior).

White City, London Aug. 30 880yds Women  
2:14.4n E. Harding (off scratch in a  
handicap) World's best perf. & Brit.  
Rec.) H.J. DRJ Cox 6'3".

Krefeld, Germany Aug. 31 100m Bailey  
10.4, Shenton 10.7, 200m Bailey 21.2  
Shenton 21.7, Bönnhoff (Arg) 21.9; 400m  
Wint, 47.4, Geister 47.6, TL Higgins 48.  
7, 6th Davis (GB) 50.9; 800m Stracke 1:  
52.9, Cleve 1:53.2, RGT Day (GB) 1:54.3,  
5th Pratt (GB) 1:57.2; 3,000m Schade 8:  
16.6, Hesselmann 8:21.6, Disley 8:21.6  
(Best ever U.K. mark), Brasher 8:28.6;  
110m h. Hildreth 14.9, Parker 15.4; 200  
m h. Hildreth 24.3, Parker 24.9; 4x100  
m R. Poly. H. 42.1 (2nd best U.K. club  
time; 4x400m R. 3:14.8 Polytechnic H.  
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### WOMEN'S THROWING THE JAVELIN

World's Record 175'2"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (53.41) N.V. Smirnitckaya (USSR) 1949  
Olympic Record 149'6"<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (45.57) H. Bauma (Austria) 1948

Thursday: July 24th. 21 Entrants. A.M. Qualifying. P.M.  
The Final.

All but four of the contestants managed the  
necessary 124'9" (38.00) to qualify. Notable was the 151'  
5"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (46.17) by Chudina and the 150'9" (45.95) by Zybina.  
Dana Zátoková exactly equalled Bauma's maltreated mark  
with 149'6"<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. Bauma, who besides winning in London in  
1948 also was 4th at Berlin, herself managed 141'3"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (43.  
07)

In the final the Danish girl Lilly Kelsby  
momentarily succeeded Chudina as Olympic record-holder  
with a most unlooked for throw of 151'8" (46.23). Poor  
Lilly's reign lasted less than a minute for next in the  
order of throwing came La Zátoková. Mrs. Midas's very  
first effort ruined the competition. Her 600 gram ingot  
cleaved the turf at 165'7" (50.47) for a personal best  
throw and one that was to add to the family's untarnished  
record in building up one of the biggest caches this  
side of Fort Knox.

The five others who earned three extra throws  
were the 3 Russians Elena Gorchakova (163'3" (49.76)),  
Galina Zybina (158'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (48.35)) and Chudina (155'10"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (47.52))  
; Kelsby and lastly Germany's Marlis Müller with her one  
and only valid throw of 145'6"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (44.37). With her fifth  
throw Chudina ousted Zybina from the 3rd position with  
162'9"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (49.61) and with her last throw of 164'0"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (50.01)  
prodded Gorchakova off the silver steppe. Even Zátoková's  
strong heart nearly missed a beat at this final effort.  
SUMMARY: Champion Dana Zátoková (Czechoslovakia) 165'7"  
(50.47); 2nd Aleksandra Chudina (USSR) 164'0"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (50.01); 3rd  
Elena Gorchakova (USSR) 163'3" (49.76); 4th Galina Zybina  
(USSR) 158'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (48.35); 5th Lilly M.L. Kelsby (Denmark) 151'  
8" (46.23); 6th Marlis Müller (Germany) 145'6"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (44.37); 7th  
Maria Ciach (Poland) 145'4"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (44.31); 8th Jutta Krüger (Ger-  
many) 145'4"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (44.30); 9th Herma Bauma (Austria) 139'6"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (42.  
54); 10th Estrella Puente (Uruguay) 135'10"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (41.44); - 15th  
Diane Coates (Great Britain) 131'9"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (40.17).

## G.B. 120 pts. FRANCE 85 pts.

At Colombes Stadium, Paris Aug. 23 & 24.

From the British point of view the best features  
in this 21st engagement were three field event success-  
es and the performances in both hurdles events.

S.O. Williams, the Nigerian student at Glasgow  
University, long jumped first 24'0"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (7.33) and then  
24'8" (7.52) while A.R. Cruttenden produced 23'9"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (7.25)  
with his first trial. With world standards at their  
present low level in this event these performances  
would have earned 3rd and 5th places at Helsinki. John  
Savidge, who obviously likes the air in Paris, exactly  
equalled his personal best made there in May with 16.71  
(54'9"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>) - a best British Empire performance. Geoffrey  
Elliot pole vaulted 13'7"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (4.15) for a personal best,  
but Victor Pickard's (Canada) Empire best of 13'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
made at Columbus, Ohio over 23 years ago still eludes  
him. The major French success in this department was  
M'Baye Malic's Hop, Step and Jump record of 49'3"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (15.02)  
achieved with his second effort.

On the track E. McDonald Bailey reeled off a  
smooth 10.4 100 metres, with René Bonino showing 10.5 in  
second place to equal the French record, and a 21.0  
200 metres. Jacques Degats got a good start in the 400m.  
and finished strongly to beat Terence Higgins (47.9) in  
47.7s. Patrick El Mabrouk slid into the lead at 500m  
to win the 800m from a gamely attacking Frank Evans  
(1m.52.4) and Tom White (1m.52.5) in 1m 51.9s. Roger  
Bannister won the 1,500 metres in an easy 3m.49.0 with  
tall 19 year old Donald C. Seaman showing 3m.51.2 ahead  
of Richard Badet (France) 3m.52.0.

Jack Parker beat his rival Peter Hildreth by a  
tenth of a second in 14.6 in the 110m Hurdles. At long  
last Angus Scott ironed out his stride plan so that it  
fitted the 400m Hurdles event and the result was a  
personal best by .6 with 52.4s. Robert Bart got the  
verdict for 2nd place over David Gracie (G.B.) both re-  
turned 52.9s.

Great Britain won the women's match 60-43. The best  
marks were: June Foulds 100m in 11.9; Enid Harding 800m  
in 2m.16.9 and Diane Coates 142'2"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (43.34) Javelin.

## European Report

from R. L. Quercetani

impressive 8:18.0 for 3000 metres at Eskilstuna, Sweden, Aug. 14. This was achieved after an amazingly fast first half-4:02. In the same meet George Rhoden and Herb McKenley had the most serious of all their post-Olympic duels. Running on the famous Tunavallen 427 metres track, the two Jamaicans put up a tremendous fight. In the home stretch they were never more than a foot apart. Rhoden slowly but gradually increased his lead to a little over a yard in the last stage. His time was 46.4 while "Hustling Herb" was credited with 46.6. The crowd well remembered Rhoden's 45.8 race on the same track two years before, as well as McKenley's incredible 47.0 under a rain-storm only a few days later, so that the new deed was regarded by many as somewhat disappointing.

Gaston Reiff had his widely publicized attempt on Hägg's 2 mile record on Paris' Jean-Bouin track on Tuesday, August 26. The Belgian, who could only manage 8:50.0 in a duel with Wim Slykhuys at Stockholm last year, this time had no opponents likely to disturb him, so he followed his time schedule most diligently. His intermediate times were as follows: 1000m 2:41.8, 2000m 5:28.0, 3000m 8:08.6, last 218.69 metres in 31.8. The first mile was negotiated in 4:21.2, the second in 4:19.2. The new world record of 8:40.4 represents an improvement of 2.4 secs. on Hägg's 1944 mark and is believed to be almost as good as—or just slightly inferior to—Reiff's own 3000 metres record of 7:58.8, set in 1949. Raymond Mahaut of France finished second in 9:07.6 for a new national record.

Results in the national championships of Scandinavian countries evidenced the good "autumn form" of the Swedes, who are prepared to live up to their reputation as greatest performers in dual meets, having to meet France, Germany and Yugoslavia in the forthcoming weeks. Tage Ekfeldt won a brilliant double in 400m and 800m with times of 47.6—second best ever in Swedish history—and 1:51.4. The 5000m saw some great marks already in the prelims, when Albertsson qualified with an amazing 14:20.6. Two days later in the final he outprinted Valter Nyström and Ake Andersson at the end of a gruelling fight. "Albert" was clocked in 14:15.0, Nyström in 14:15.8 and young Andersson in 14:16.0. American inspired Roland Nilsson annexed the discus title at 52.19 (171' 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) thus approaching the national record, set by Michigan-born Harold Andersson in 1935 (173' 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>). In the shot put Nilsson was content with 53' 9<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. The 400m hurdles men began to get really going as Lars Ylander won in 52.2 from Rune Larsson and Sven-Olof ("Eso") Eriksson, who both returned 52.4.

In the Finnish Championships at Seinäjoki, Soini Nikkinen of the Workers' Federation (T.U.L.) turned the tables on his S.U.L. (main Federation) rival, consistent Toivo Hyytiäinen. The temperamental Nikkinen got one off to 246' 1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>—the year's second longest throw. Hyytiäinen was second at 239' 1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and Pauli Vesterinen third at 233' 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. Hannu Posti won the 5000m on the first day—Aug. 23—in 14:24.8, beating Urho Julin (14:25.6) and Ilmari Taipale (14:26.6), then came back twenty-four hours later to annex the 10000m title at 30:07.8. Hop, step jumpers, helped by a favoring wind, sailed to good distances—Pentti Uusihauta 49' 8" and Reino Hiltunen 49' 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Martin Stokken was the outstanding performer in the Norwegian Championships, with a brilliant 29:54.0 for 10000 metres. This new record was a short-lived one though, for Stokken's compatriot Øistein Saksvik ran the distance in 29:48.4 at Copenhagen, Aug. 29, in the course of the Denmark vs. Norway meet. Stokken was second in 29:59.4—his fifth sub-30 minutes time. Boyish looking Sverre Strandli threw the hammer 59.29 (194' 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) for another national record.

Audun Boysen of Norway was beaten by Denmark's sensational Gunnar Nielsen in the 800 metres. The Dane—who had placed fourth in the Olympic final—ran away from his rival in the stretch, doing 1:49.9. Boysen was timed in 1:50.2. Though setting the pace for most of the way, the Norwegian had run no faster than 54 secs. in the first lap.

at Budapest Imre Németh and József Csérmák staged their first return match since pupil defeated coach at the Olympics. The old maestro won at 194' 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> with Csérmák second at a solid 189' 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

## Reiff Runs Mile in 4:02.8

September 14th was also the occasion of the fastest mile for seven years when Gaston Reiff ran away from Australia's Don Macmillan in a special mile event at Antwerp. Lapping at 59.5, 60.7 and 62.1 Reiff passed through the 1500 metre tape in 3:47.6 and having piled on a 60.5 last 'quarter' broke his 45 day old Belgian record by 6 tenths with 4:02.8. The world's fastest miles now read —:

4:01.3	G. Hägg (Sweden)	Malmö	July 17 1945
4:01.6	A. Andersson (Sweden)	Malmö	July 18 1944
4:02.0	G. Hägg (Sweden)	Malmö	July 18 1944
4:02.2	A. Andersson (Sweden)	Malmö	July 17 1945
4:02.6	A. Andersson (Sweden)	Göteborg	July 1 1943
4:02.8	G. E. G. Reiff (Belgium)	Antwerp	Sept. 14 1952
4:03.4	G. E. G. Reiff (Belgium)	Ghêve	Aug. 1 1952

ROUNDABOUT EUROPE cont: from p. 7) Krefeld Aug. 31. H. J. S. O. Williams 6' 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; L. J. Williams 24' 5".

Belgrade, Aug. 31. 200m. 21.9 J. A. Gregory (G. B.), 400m. 46.8 McKenley, 49.9 Rhoden; 1,500m. D. C. Seaman 3:50.6 (world's best for 19 yr. old), A. Ottenheimer (Jug.) 3:51.4 5,000m. Z. Ceraj (J), 14:35.2, F. Milhalic (J) 14:35.6, F. D. Sando (G. B.), 14:36.6. Rotterdam Sept. 2 200m. C. N. Gibbs 21.8 (Herne Hill Harriers tour), Stockholm, Sept. 4. France v. Sweden 10,000m. A. Mimoun 29:29.4 (French record), V. Nyström, 29:35.8 (Swedish rec.) Luxembourg, Sept. 4. 1,500m. J. Barthel 3:44.1 (800m 1:56.5) Dusseldorf, Sept. 14. Germany v. Sweden. 1,500m. W. Lueg (G) 3:46.1, I. Eriksson (S) 3:46.4; 10,000m. V. Nyström (S) 29:23.4 (Swedish Record, 5th best of all-time only beaten by Zátópek,) 29:24.6 H. Schade (G) (German record), 29:51.2 Jansson (S).

## NOTICE TO READERS

The Secretary-Treasurer of the I.A.A.F. has made a statement that the 'Steeplechase application' in scoring the 1,500 metres in Decathlons has not been accepted and that the Olympic scores will be recognized as they were originally published by the Finns. Supplies of the A.T.F.S. 'Olympic Handbook' are now available from the IAAF Offices, 71, St. Georges Square S.W.1 (7s3d post free) CORRIGENDA August II Edition. p.5. Wahli and Wiesner are both straddle jumpers. p.10 Elliott's L.J. 21' 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

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