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Four More World Records

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Towards the close of the 1952 European season Czechoslovakia's male athletes - not very successful in the Helsinki Olympics apart from their fabulous "chef de file" Emil Zátopek - produced a series of very brilliant marks.

It was Jiří (=George) Skobla who opened the account with two more 17 plus metre shot-putt marks in the course of a two day meeting at Prague on October 11 & 12. Performing on the first day, in cold rainy weather, the Czech went over his newly established European Record of 56'0¹/₂" (17.09) made 22 days earlier. The 22 year old's series can only be described as American. It read 56'2" ; 56'1¹/₂" ; 55'1³/₈" ; 54'6³/₄" ; 54'6³/₄" and 55'7³/₈". Stanislav Jungwirth (pronounced Jung-virt) ran 3,000 metres in 8:24.2.

On the second day of the meeting Jiří Dačák won a hammer contest - the "Grand Prix de Prague" - from such good throwers as Oldřich Engel (who had done 184'7¹/₂" the day before at Chomutov) and Miloš Máca (192'1⁷/₈" last June) with a mark of 182'6¹/₂".

Jungwirth really began to get going on October 19 at the Skoda Arms Works now famous little track at Stará Boleslav-Houštka, when he set a new national record for the 1,000 metres with 2:22.4, after passing the 800 metres post in 1:53.7.

Saturday, Oct. 25, was to be the "Day of Records" on the 363.8 metre track (397.85 yards). Zátopek had announced that he intended to set new world records for 15 miles, 25,000 metres and 30,000 metres. Owing to the poor weather conditions the meeting had to be put off till the following morning. It was thus at 11 a.m. on October 26th that the triple Olympic champion stepped onto the track to raise his tally of world records from 4 to 7. Though by no means going all out he first broke the 15 miles and 25,000 metre listed records standing in the name of Finland's Mikko Hietanen since 1948. He then went on to deprive the Soviet union of her one and only world record in the foot-racing department when he pared 3:30.2 off Yakov Moskachenkov's 1951 mark, which he had already surpassed by 8 secs. en route to his Olympic marathon victory. Zátopek's race is best illustrated by the following table:-

5,000 m.	15:48.0	20,000 m.	1:03:15.2	
10,000m.	31:44.0	15 miles	1:16:26.4	W.R.
15,000m.	47:35.0	25,000 m.	1:19:11.8	W.R.
10 miles	50:59.8	30,000 m.	1:35:23.8	W.R.

There were no other competitors in the race and the best of them finished about a quarter of an hour later that afternoon.

Earlier in the afternoon the 22 year old Jungwirth had run rather a surprising 1:48.7 for 800 metres - third best in the world this year and the 7th best of all time. The young Czech, who has an unpleasing shoulder roll, covered 400 metres in 53 secs. After his record Zátopek expressed the view that Jungwirth will be the Republic's no. 1 athlete in the not too distant future. Second to (cont:Back page).



RUDOLF HARBIG, the world's fastest ever 800 metre runner and the European 400 metres record-holder, who was killed in East Prussia in 1942 aged 29 while serving with the German Wehrmacht. He began athletics in 1932 at the age of 19 as a cross-country runner. In 1935 he switched to the track and ran 50.3 and 1:54.1. At the Berlin Olympics he ran the last leg in the 4x400 m. relay for Germany and came under the coach who now looks after Josef Barthel - Woldemar Gerschler. In 1937 he improved from 48.8 to 47.6. He ran 10.6 for 100m. and 4:1.0 for 1500metres (=4:21.7 mile) in 1938. On May 24 in 1941 he captured his 3rd World record with 2:21.5 for 1000m.

RUDOLF HARBIG'S BEST MARKS OVER 400 and 800 METRES

46.0	Frankfort	Aug. 12 1939	1:46.6	Milan	July 15 1939
46.7	Milan	July 16 1939	1:47.8	Stuttgart	Aug. 4 1940
46.7	Paris	Aug. 17 1941	1:48.7	Berlin	July 29 1939
46.8	Dortmund	Aug. 7 1938	1:49.2n	Bologna	June 29 1941
46.9	Cologne	Aug. 20 1939	1:49.4	Berlin	July 9 1939

British Best Performances No. 5

400m. & 440y. Hurdles by Norris McWhirter

The fifth event in our series on British Best Ever Performances is the 400 metres and 440 yards hurdles. The list is a complete treatment of the event since Lord Burghley became the first home athlete to break 55 seconds with the then world record time of 54.2 secs. at Stamford Bridge, London on July 2nd 1927.

Notation y, mark made over 440 yards (402.34 metres)
n, non-winning mark, place time.

52.3n	LORD BURGHLEY	Los Angeles	Aug.	1	1932
52.3	D.K.GRACIE	Malmö	Aug.	6	1952
52.4n	D.K.GRACIE	Helsinki	July	21	1952
52.4	A.W.SCOTT	Paris	Aug.	24	1952
52.5n	D.K.GRACIE	Göteborg	Aug.	7	1952
52.6	D.K.GRACIE	White City	July	5	1952
52.7yn	D.K.GRACIE	White City	Aug.	9	1952
52.7n	H.WHITTLE	Brussels	Aug.	27	1950
52.8n	H.WHITTLE	Helsinki	July	20	1952
52.9n	H.WHITTLE	(10) Helsinki	July	21	1952
52.9n	D.K.GRACIE	Paris	Aug.	24	1952
53.0yn	A.W.Scott	White City	Aug.	9	1952
53.0	H.WHITTLE	Paris	Sept.	9	1950
53.0n	A.W.Scott	Paris	Sept.	9	1950
53.0n	D.K.GRACIE	Helsinki	July	20	1952
53.1	H.WHITTLE	Brussels	Aug.	26	1950
53.1n	H.WHITTLE	Helsinki	July	21	1952
53.2yn	A.W.Scott	White City	Aug.	8	1952
53.2n	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	5	1952
53.3y	H.WHITTLE	(20) White City	June	21	1952
53.4yn	H.WHITTLE	White City	Aug.	1	1949
53.4yn	A.W.Scott	White City	June	21	1952
53.4yn	D.K.GRACIE	White City	Aug.	4	1952
53.4	Lord Burghley	Amsterdam	July	30	1928
53.4n	H.WHITTLE	Wembley	July	30	1948
53.4	H.WHITTLE	Belgrade	Aug.	26	1951
53.4	A.J.HARDY	Paddington	June	10	1952
53.4	A.W.Scott	Helsinki	July	20	1952
53.6y	H.WHITTLE	White City	Aug.	11	1951
53.6y	H.WHITTLE	(30) White City	May	31	1952
53.6	D.K.GRACIE	White City	May	24	1952
53.6	A.W.Scott	Paris	June	8	1952
53.7yn	H.WHITTLE	White City	June	6	1949
53.7n	A.W.Scott	Brussels	Aug.	26	1950
53.8y	Lord Burghley	Stamford Bridge	July	5	1930
53.8y	D.K.GRACIE	Glasgow	June	28	1952
53.8n	H.WHITTLE	Paris	Sept.	7	1947
53.9yn	H.WHITTLE	Auckland	Feb.	4	1950
53.9	J.SIMPSON	Bedford	July	31	1930
53.9n	H.WHITTLE	(40) Helsinki	July	20	1952
53.9yn	H.WHITTLE	White City	Aug.	4	1952
54.0y	Lord Burghley	Stamford Bridge	July	7	1928
54.0yn	D.K.GRACIE	White City	June	21	1952
54.0	T.C.LIVINGSTONE-LEARMONTH	Amsterdam	July	29	1928
54.0	H.WHITTLE	White City	Aug.	7	1950
54.0n	A.W.Scott	White City	May	24	1952
54.2y	Lord Burghley	Stamford Bridge	July	2	1927
54.2y	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	14	1951
54.2yn	A.W.Scott	White City	Aug.	11	1951
54.2y	A.W.Scott	(50) Bradford	May	17	1952
54.2n	T.C.LIVINGSTONE-LEARMONTH	Amsterdam	July	30	1928
54.2	J.SIMPSON	Darmstadt	Aug.	1930	
54.2	D.K.GRACIE	Helsinki	July	20	1952
54.3n	A.W.Scott	Brussels	Aug.	24	1950
54.3	H.WHITTLE	Brussels	Aug.	24	1950
54.3	H.WHITTLE	Istanbul	Sept.	2	1951
54.3n	H.WHITTLE	White City	May	24	1952
54.4y	Lord Burghley	White City	July	2	1932
54.4y	Lord Burghley	Hamilton	Aug.	16	1930
54.4	A.W.Scott	(60) Paris	May	4	1952
54.5y	H.WHITTLE	White City	Aug.	6	1951
54.5y	A.W.Scott	White City	Sept.	17	1952
54.6y	T.C.LIVINGSTONE-LEARMONTH	Oxford	June	23	1928
54.6yn	H.WHITTLE	Liverpool	Aug.	8	1951
54.6yn	A.W.Scott	White City	May	31	1952
54.6n	J.G.BARNES	Antwerp	June	27	1937
54.6	H.WHITTLE	Athens	Aug.	30	1951
54.7y	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	2	1949

54.7y	H.WHITTLE	Reading	June	30	1951
54.7yn	A.W.Scott	(70) Reading	June	30	1951
54.7yn	A.W.Scott	White City	July	14	1951
54.7y	D.K.GRACIE	Glasgow	June	7	1952
54.7n	A.W.Scott	White City	July	5	1952
54.8ye	Lord Burghley	Stamford Bridge	July	6	1929
54.8y	A.J.HARDY	Uxbridge	June	7	1952
54.9y	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	3	1948
54.9y	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	16	1949
54.9y	A.W.Scott	Wealdstone	June	28	1952
54.9n	D.R.EDGE	Paris	Sept.	7	1947
54.9	A.W.Scott	(80) Athens	July	19	1950
54.9n	A.W.Scott	Helsinki	July	20	1952
55.0y	Lord Burghley	Stamford Bridge	July	3	1926
55.0y	H.WHITTLE	White City	July	19	1947
55.0y	A.W.Scott	White City	Aug.	12	1950
55.0y	H.WHITTLE	Liverpool	May	17	1952
55.0yn	J.DAVIS	White City	May	31	1952
55.0yn	A.J.HARDY	White City	June	21	1952
55.0	A.W.Scott	Motspur Park	May	14	1952

SUMMARY

Harry Whittle(Reading A.C.)	32 marks		
Angus Weatherit Scott(Achilles Club)	25 marks		
David Keir Gracie(Atalanta Club)	13 marks		
David George Brownlow Cecil(Lord Burghley)(Achilles Club)	9 marks		
Alec John Hardy(Woodford Green A.C.)	3 marks		
Thomas C.Livingstone-Learmonth(Achilles Club)	3 marks		
Joseph Simpson(London A.C.)	2 marks		
John G.Barnes(Achilles Club)	1 mark		
John Davis(Ealing H.)	1 mark		
D.Ronald Ede(Epsom and Ewell H.)	1 mark		
1952	42	1932	2
1950	11	1948	2
1951	11	1926	1
1928	5	1927	1
1930	4	1929	1
1949	4	1937	1
1947	3	Total	88

This compilation includes all known timed marks but previous to 1932 place-timing was almost unknown and thus many performances by Lord Burghley which must otherwise have qualified have had to be omitted including two Olympic semi-finals.

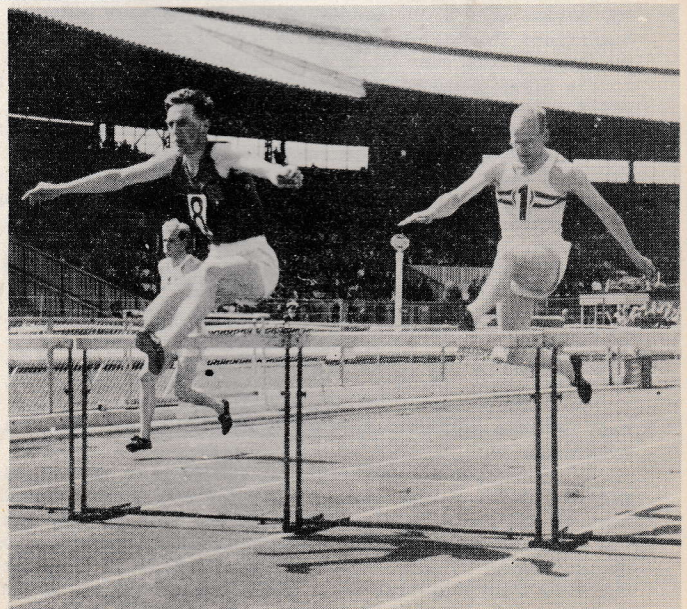


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Left to right:- A.W.Scott(54.7n), D.K.Gracie(52.6) and H.Whittle(53.2) in the 1952 Triangular International at White City. Between them they have accounted 68 of the 88 sub 55 secs. marks listed above.

Sand and Cinders

Poor Mr Pain. When he arrives at 71 St. George's Square, London on December 8th as the new Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the I.A.A.F. he is going to find something new in records. As the result of the feverish activity in 1952 there will be record back-log of world record forms. Though it is now November it would be rash to give any final figures since the usually peaceful month of October this year itself brought forth another 7 world records.

So far as can be calculated there have been 45 world records set up this season since Majorie Jackson opened the account on March 4 with her 10.4 sec. 100 yards. This extraordinary total does not include the additional performances of such as Adhemar da Silva who developed the perplexing habit of breaking his own record at half-hourly intervals.

In 1938 the I.A.A.F. pruned their schedule of events for which world records would be allowed. The figure settled upon was 66 for men and 20 for women. The question arises Should there be another pruning?

While few can raise much enthusiasm for records such as the 3,000 metre walk or the women's 60 metre sprint there are events such as the now standardized 3,000 metres steeplechase and the illogically excluded women's 400 m. which are pressing for inclusion. Taken all in all we feel that it would be best to let things shake down a little longer with the pious but invariably vain hope that "Well next year record-breaking will ease off".

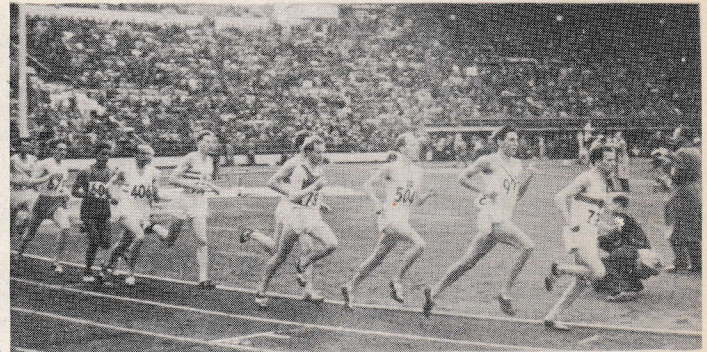
"MEDLEY RELAY" conducted by 'Baton'

It Happened in November: November 1st. The birth date of two distinguished middle-distance runners, Philip Noel-Baker (born 1889) and Bill Bonthron of U.S.A. (born 1912). Noel-Baker, Commandant of Britain's Olympic team and an M.P., won five events for Cambridge v. Oxford including the rare half and one mile 'double' in 1911 and a 1:56.6 880 yards the following year. He was 6th in the Stockholm 1,500 metres and won the Silver Medal in 1920 in Antwerp behind A.G.Hill. Bill Bonthron set an American mile record of 4:08.7 in 1933 behind Jack Lovelock's world record 4:07.6 at Princeton. Later he set a new world mark of 3:48.8 for 1,500 metres by running against a giant electric clock in Milwaukee on June 30 1934. November 5th. Fireworks indeed 48 years ago in Glasgow when Alfred Shrubbs set new world marks for 6,10 miles and for 1 hour. Born 3 years later to the day in 1907 was J.A. Burns who was a successor as holder of the English Native 6 mile record in 29:45.0 in 1936.

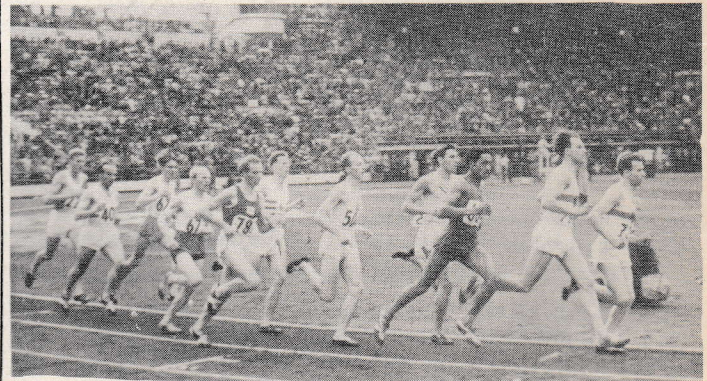
November 14th. Born in 1865 was Francis John Kynaston Cross former world record holder for the 880 yards. Cross set the mark in March 1888 on the old 3 lap Iffley Road track at Oxford in 1:54.4. This time was not beaten until 1895 when C.H. Kilpatrick of America ran 1:53.4. Though equalled as track record by Tommy Hampson two months prior to his 1932 Los Angeles Olympic and World record 800 metres, the old mark remained unsurpassed when the track was converted to a 4 lap circuit in 1949. Another great half-miler sharing this date as a birthday is J.E. ("Ted") Meredith who was born on November 14th 1892. At the Stockholm Games on July 8 1912 he won the title in 1:51.9 and then went on to a second tape at 880 yards which he broke for a second world's record in 1:52.5. Three years later at San Francisco on Aug. 7 1915 he ran 440 yards in 47.0 but had to wait until May 1916 until he achieved official recognition at this distance with a 47.4 which remained unbeaten until 1932 when Ben Eastman ran 46.4. November 21st. Michael Denley (21), H.G. Churcher (42) and former I.A.A.F. and I.O.C. President Sigfrid Edstrom (82). Nov. 25, Nicolas Stacey (25) and Len. Eyre (27).

THE OLYMPIC 1500 METRES - LAP BY LAP

This Olympic final, in which 6 of the 12 participants set up personal bests resulted in the greatest mass finish in 1,500 metres history. Ten men were inside 3:50.0, eight of them better than Lovelock's 3:47.8 record. Pre-race bests averaged 3:47.7, post-race 3:46.8, post-season 3:46.3 (which is the equivalent of a 4:05.1 mile).



End of lap 1: Lamers (57.8), Druetzler, Boysen, Johansson, Lueg Bannister (58.5), Barthel, Aberg, El Mabrouk, Ericsson, McMillen



End of lap 2: Lamers (2:01.4), Lueg, El Mabrouk, Druetzler, Boysen, Bannister (2:02.1), Johansson, Aberg, Ericsson, Barthel, Macmillan. R.E. McMillen (USA) is off the picture.



End of lap 3 (300 m. to go): Lueg (3:03.0, 3rd), Barthel (Champion) in 3:45.2, Lamers (6th), Bannister (3:03.6, 4th), El Mabrouk (5th), Ericsson, McMillen (2nd, last lap 56.0), Johansson, Aberg, Macmillan

Photos by K. Bray

BEST BRITISH TRACK PERFORMANCES - 1952

These lists embrace all the top marks reported during the 1952 season by home athletes.

Notation: w= wind-assisted mark dc= disputed (course)
 n= non-winning time dt= disputed (timing)
 u= unofficial place-time m= timed at metric mark
 // = straightaway mark

100 YARDS (91.44 Metres)

9.6	E.McD.Bailey(Trinidad/Poly.H.)	White City	21/6
9.8	W.Jack(Victoria Pk.A.A.C.)	Glasgow	20/5
9.8n	B.Shenton(Polytechnic H.)	White City	17/9
9.9	J.A.Gregory(Bristol A.C.)	Cirencester	17/5
9.9	A.R.Pinnington(Achilles Club)	Liverpool	17/5
9.9	G.S.Ellis(R.A.F.)	Aldershot	1/7
9.9	W.J.Ferguson(Notts A.C.)	Coventry	28/6
10.0	A.Grieve(South London H.)	Motspur Park	17/5
10.0	N.D.Stacey(Achilles Club)	Aylesbury	17/5

9.4dc	E.McD.Bailey(Trinidad/Poly.H.)	Middlesbrough	30/6
9.7dc	A.W.Lillington(Durham U.A.C.)	Middlesbrough	30/6
9.8w	K.J.Jones(Newport A.C.)	Abertillery	14/6
9.9dc	K.K.Korsah(W.Africa/Poly.H.)	Chiswick	12/5
9.9nw	D.Buchanan(Walton A.C.)	Abertillery	14/6

100 METRES (109.36 Yards)

10.4	E.McD.Bailey(Trinidad/Poly.H.)	White City	24/5
10.7n	W.Jack(Victoria Pk.A.A.C.)	Helsinki	21/7
10.7n	B.Shenton(Polytechnic H.)	Krefeld	31/8
10.8n	A.W.Lillington(Durham U.A.C.)	Helsinki	20/7
10.9n	J.M.K.Finley(Achilles Club)	Eton Manor	7/5
10.9	J.A.Gregory(Bristol A.C.)	White City	5/7
10.9	C.N.Gibbs(Trinidad/Herne Hill H.)	Rotterdam	2/9

10.5dt	W.Jack(Victoria Pk.A.A.C.)	White City	24/5
10.5dt	B.Shenton(Polytechnic H.)	White City	24/5

200 METRES (218.72 Yards)

20.9	E.McD.Bailey(Trinidad/Poly.H.)	White City	31/5
21.5	N.D.Stacey(Achilles Club)	Helsinki	22/7
21.7n	B.Shenton(Polytechnic H.)	White City	24/5
21.7n	W.Jack(Victoria Pk.A.A.C.)	White City	24/5
21.8	C.N.Gibbs(Herne Hill H.)	Rotterdam	2/9
21.9	J.A.Gregory(Bristol A.C.)	Belgrade	31/8

220 YARDS (201.17 Metres)

21.2	E.McD.Bailey(Trinidad/Poly.H.)	White City	31/5
21.9	L.C.Lewis(Walton A.C.)	Motspur Park	17/5
21.9	J.A.Gregory(Bristol A.C.)	Birmingham	7/6
22.0n	T.L.Higgins(Herne Hill H.)	Motspur Park	17/5
22.0	W.Jack(Victoria Pk.A.A.C.)	White City	20/6
22.0n	B.Shenton(Polytechnic H.)	White City	21/6
22.1	J.M.K.Finley(Achilles Club)	Cambridge	23/2
22.1	N.D.Stacey(Achilles Club)	White City	2/6
22.1	W.J.Ferguson(Notts A.C.)	White City	20/6

21.9w	D.J.Merrett(U.L.A.C.)	Motspur Park	10/5
21.9dc	T.Walsh(North Staffordshire H.)	Cannock	17/5
21.9	J.McQuade	Leeds	24/5

440 YARDS (402.34 Metres)

48.0	A.S.Wint(Jamaica/Poly.H.)	White City	10/9
48.3	A.Dick(Achilles Club)	White City	17/9

440 YARDS (continued)

48.5n	T.L.Higgins(Herne Hill H.)	White City	20/6
48.6n	L.C.Lewis(Walton A.C.)	White City	21/6
48.7	D.K.Gracie(Atalanta)	Motherwell	14/6
48.7n	P.G.Fryer(London A.C.)	Edinburgh	23/8
49.1	N.D.Stacey(Achilles Club)	Motspur Park	28/5
49.2	F.P.Higgins(Southgate H.)	Chesterfield	28/6
49.2	D.J.Rowe(Herne Hill H.)	Birmingham	4/10
49.3n	D.J.N.Johnson(Army A.A.)	White City	20/6
49.5	J.F.Grant(Harehills H.)	Leeds	24/5
49.7	A.D.Sexton(Belgrave H.)	Battersea	30/8
49.9	M.T.Wright(Appleby & F.S.)	Billingham	7/6
49.9n	H.Steggles(Cardiff U.A.U.)	Chesterfield	28/6

400 METRES (437.44 Yards)

46.3	A.S.Wint(Jamaica/Poly.H.)	Helsinki	25/7
47.8n	L.C.Lewis(Walton A.C.)	Helsinki	24/7
47.9n	T.L.Higgins(Herne Hill H.)	Paris	23/8
48.4	N.D.Stacey(Achilles Club)	Motspur Park	14/5

880 YARDS (804.67 Metres)

1:51.5	R.G.Bannister(Achilles Club)	White City	21/6
1:52.7n	A.Webster(Sutton in Ashfield)	White City	21/6
1:53.5n	F.Evans(Manchester A.C.)	White City	21/6
1:53.6	I.H.Parr(Reading A.C.)	Reading	26/6
1:54.0	K.Marsden(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	29/5
1:54.1n	C.T.White(Appleby & F.S.C.)	White City	21/6
1:54.4n	I.D.C.Gurney(Achilles Club)	Cambridge	29/5
1:54.9	A.J.Vincent(Christie A.C.)	Reading	24/5
1:54.9n	S.J.Bryant(Achilles Club)	Reading	24/5
1:54.9	P.A.Stevens(Polytechnic H.)	White City	31/5
1:55.0	A.S.Wint(Jamaica/Poly.H.)	Motspur Park	10/5
1:55.5	B.S.Hewson(Mitcham A.C.)	Motspur Park	26/7
1:55.6	G.Bridge(Herne Hill H.)	Dorking	2/8
1:55.7	G.W.Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	White City	2/6
1:55.7	E.K.Robinson(Achilles Club)	Birmingham	19/7
1:55.8	A.A.Martin(Surrey A.C.)	Cambridge	29/5
1:55.8	B.E.Eldridge(Lozells H.)	Motspur Park	26/7

1:51.8dc	A.S.Wint(Jamaica/Poly.H.)	Middlesbrough	30/6
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800 METRES (874.89 Yards)

1:49.4n	A.S.Wint(Jamaica/Poly.H.)	Helsinki	22/7
1:50.1n	A.Webster(Sutton in Ashfield)	Helsinki	21/7
1:52.4n	F.Evans(Manchester A.C.)	Paris	24/8
1:52.5n	C.T.White(Appleby & F.S.C.)	Paris	24/8
1:54.2n	R.T.C.Day(Polytechnic H.)	Krefeld	31/8
1:55.3n	B.S.Hewson(Mitcham A.C.)	Motspur Park	14/5
1:55.4	G.W.Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	Barking	26/4

1500 METRES (1640.42 Yards)

3:46.0n	R.G.Bannister(Achilles Club)	Helsinki	26/7
3:49.0	G.W.Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	White City	31/5
3:49.8n	P.J.Robinson(Achilles Club)	White City	31/5
3:50.6	D.C.Seaman(London A.C.)	Belgrade	24/8
3:53.2n	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehills H.)	Helsinki	24/7
3:53.4n	A.B.Parker(Barrow A.C.)	Amsterdam	22/5
3:54.4n	D.C.Law(Achilles Club)	White City	5/7
3:54.6	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	White City	5/7
3:54.8n	J.Ashby(Westbury H.)	White City	24/5

ONE MILE RUN (1609.35 Metres)

4:09.8	G.W.Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	White City	21/6
4:10.2	C.J.Chataway(O.U.A.C.)	White City	15/3
4:10.6	R.G.Bannister(Achilles Club)	Motspur Park	7/6
4:11.2	D.C.Law(Achilles Club)	Reading	24/5
4:11.6	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	Cambridge	29/5

ONE MILE (continued)

4:13.0n	P.J.Robinson(Achilles Club)	White City	15/7
4:13.0n	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehills H.)	White City	21/6
4:13.1	F.Evans(Manchester A.C.)	Manchester	2/6
4:13.4	J.W.Brown(Belgrave H.)	White City	10/9
4:14.4n	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	White City	10/9
4:14.6	A.B.Parker(Barrow A.C.)	Oxford	8/5
4:14.8n	D.C.Seaman(London A.C.)	White City	21/6
4:15.6	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.)	Bornville	24/5
4:16.6n	P.B.Driver(R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	16/8
4:16.6n	D.R.Burfitt(Belgrave H.)	White City	2/6
4:16.6	A.J.Weeks-Pearson(Army A.A.)	Aldershot	4/6
4:16.8n	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	Uxbridge	7/6
4:17.0	J.Ashby(Westbury H.)	Birmingham	7/6
4:18.0	R.C.Tooby(Belgrave H.)	Imber Court	6/9
4:18.6	W.T.Paget(Walton A.C.)	Hove	24/5
4:18.6n	K.E.Johnson(Leicester Coll.)	Birmingham	7/6
4:18.8n	D.F.Williamson(Milocarian AC)	White City	20/6
4:19.6	D.G.Wilson(Polytechnic H.)	White City	20/6
4:19.7	G.D.Ibbotson(Longwood H.A.C.)	Lincoln	7/7
4:19.9n	I.D.C.Gurney(Achilles Club)	Bradford	17/5

3000 METRES (1 Mile, 1520.83 Metres)

8:21.6n	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	Krefeld	31/8
8:25.6	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	Aylesford	22/5
8:27.8	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehills H.)	Leyton	7/5
8:28.0n	W.T.Paget(Walton A.C.)	Leyton	7/5
8:28.6n	C.W.Brasher(Achilles Club)	Krefeld	31/8
8:28.8n	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	Leyton	7/5

TWO MILES (3218.69 Metres)

8:55.6	C.J.Chataway(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	12/6
9:06.0n	P.R.Ll.Morgan(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	12/6
9:06.2	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	Birmingham	4/10
9:12.2	R.C.Tooby(Belgrave H.)	White City	10/9
9:14.8n	D.W.Holden(Cambridge H.)	White City	10/9
9:15.6	F.Green(Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	5/7
9:16.0	J.Braughton(Blackheath H.)	Wimbledon	11/6
9:17.6n	H.J.Hicks(Hampstead H.)	White City	2/6
9:19.2	F.Norris(Bolton United H.)	Earlestown	9/8

THREE MILES (4828.04 Metres)

13:44.8	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	White City	31/5
13:48.0n	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	White City	31/5
13:58.4n	A.B.Parker(Barrow A.C.)	White City	4/8
13:59.6	C.J.Chataway(Walton A.C.)	White City	21/6
14:03.8n	P.R.Ll.Morgan(South London H.)	White City	21/6
14:04.0n	F.Green(Birchfield H.)	White City	4/8
14:09.0	W.Hesketh(Manchester A.C.)	Darlington	23/6
14:09.4n	G.D.Ibbotson(Longwood H.A.C.)	Billingham	7/6
14:10.4	K.L.Norris(Thames Valley H.)	Uxbridge	7/6
14:10.6n	J.D.Wood(Surrey A.C.)	White City	21/6
14:14.6n	J.Braughton(Blackheath H.)	Oxford	8/5
14:14.8n	G.Knight(Essex Beagles)	White City	31/5
14:19.0M	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehills H.)	White City	24/5
14:19.4	D.C.Law(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	1/3
14:19.5n	R.R.Hatton(Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	4/10
14:20 nu	P.J.Pirie(South London H.)	White City	21/6
14:22.7	G.Wright(R.N.A.A.A.)	Aldershot	1/7
14:23.0M	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	White City	24/5
14:24.3	P.C.Perry(Devonshire)	White City	31/5

5,000 METRES (3 Miles 188.06 Yards)

14:18.0n	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	Helsinki	24/7
14:18.0n	C.J.Chataway(Walton A.C.)	Helsinki	24/7



E. D. Lacey

Derek Cox seen clearing 6'4" at Battersea Park, London
The Field Event British Rankings will appear in December.

5,000 METRES (continued)

14:18.2n	A.B.Parker(Barrow A.C.)	Helsinki	22/7
14:36	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	Belgrade	31/8
14:42.6n	F.Norris(Bolton United H.)	Birmingham	4/10
14:50.6	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehills H.)	White City	24/5
14:51.8n	R.R.Hatton(Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	4/10
14:53.2n	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	White City	24/5
14:55.6n	P.R.Ll.Morgan(South London H.)	Paris	8/6

SIX MILES (9656.07 Metres)

List unchanged from that published in July no.(Vol.I no.5)

10,000 METRES (6 Miles, 376.11 Yards)

29:51.8n	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	Helsinki	20/7
30:09.6u	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	Helsinki	20/7
30:09.8n	F.Norris(Bolton United H.)	Helsinki	20/7

120 YARDS(109.73 Metres)&110 METRES(120.30 Yards)HURDLES.

14.6m	F.J.Parker(South London H.)	Paris	23/8
14.7m	P.B.Hildreth(Polytechnic H.)	Helsinki	23/7
14.8yn	P.A.L.Vine(Achilles Club)	Eton	25/3
15.1yn	D.H.Somervell(U.L.A.C.)	White City	21/6
15.1yn	C.E.E.Higham(London A.C.)	Uxbridge	16/8
15.2yn	J.G.M.Hart(Atalanta A.C.)	White City	21/6
15.2yn	J.R.Birrell(Barrow A.C.)	White City	21/6
15.2y	T.H.Winterton(Army A.A.)	Aldershot	1/7
15.3yn	R.T.Tolson(Hull Univ.College)	White City	21/6
15.4yn	S.J.Q.Robinson(O.U.A.C.)	White City	15/3
15.6yn	J.B.Duffy(Polytechnic H.)	Uxbridge	7/6
15.6y	A.J.Symons(Army A.A.)	Aldershot	4/6

120 Yards Hurdles (Wind-assisted)

14.4w	P.B.Hildreth(Polytechnic H.)	White City	21/6
14.6w	F.J.Parker(South London H.)	Oxford	8/5
15.0w	J.R.Birrell(Barrow A.C.)	Birmingham	10/5
15.1w	S.J.Q.Robinson(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	8/3
15.5w	T.E.W.Clarke(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	23/2

220 YARDS(201.17 Metres)&200 METRES(218.72 Yards)HURDLES

24.3m	P.B.Hildreth(Polytechnic H.)	Krefeld	31/8
24.5y	P.B.Hildreth(Polytechnic H.)	Uxbridge	16/8
24.7y	A.R.Pinnington(Achilles Club)	Chester	4/8
24.8y	P.A.L.Vine(Achilles Club)	Sandhurst	21/5
24.9yn	F.J.Parker(South London H.)	Uxbridge	16/8

220 YARDS & 200 METRES HURDLES (continued)

24.9mm	F.J.Parker(South London H.)	Krefeld	31/8
25.6y	D.M.Woodford(Achilles Club)	White City	15/3
25.6yn	S.Brooks(Achilles Club)	Cambridge	29/5

400 METRES (437.44 Yards) HURDLES

52.3	D.K.Gracie(Atalanta A.C.)	Malmö	6/8
52.4	A.W.Scott(Achilles Club)	Paris	24/8
52.8n	H.Whittle(Reading A.C.)	Helsinki	20/7
53.4	A.J.Hardy(Woodford Green A.C.)	Paddington	10/6
55.7	T.Farrell(R.A.F.)	Brussels	12/7

440 YARDS (402.34 Metres) HURDLES

52.7n	D.K.Gracie(Atalanta A.C.)	White City	9/8
53.0n	A.W.Scott(Achilles Club)	White City	9/8
53.3	H.Whittle(Reading A.C.)	White City	21/6
54.8	A.J.Hardy(Woodford Green A.C.)	Uxbridge	7/6
55.0n	J.Davis(Baling H.)	White City	31/5
55.6n	F.J.Parker(South London H.)	Oxford	8/5
56.0	D.M.Woodford(Achilles Club)	Oxford	12/6
56.2	J.G.M.Hart(R.A.F.)	Aldershot	1/7
56.4n	B.A.R.Thomas(Army A.A.)	Aldershot	1/7
56.6n	D.R.Ede(Epsom & Ewell H.)	White City	31/5
56.7n	P.B.Hildreth(Poly.H.)	Chiswick	10/5

3,000 METRES (1 Mile 15,20.83 Yards) STEEPLECHASE

8:51.8n	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	Helsinki	25/7
9:03.2n	C.W.Brasher(Achilles Club)	Helsinki	23/7
9:27.0n	K.E.Johnson(Leicester Coll.)	Helsinki	23/7
9:28.8n	R.A.Morley(Blackheath H.)	White City	24/5
9:39.6n	W.Berry(Bolton United H.)	White City	9/8

TWO MILES (3,218.69 Metres) STEEPLECHASE

9:44.0	J.I.Disley(London A.C.)	White City	21/6
10:03.6n	C.W.Brasher(Achilles Club)	White City	21/6
10:06.8n	K.E.Johnson(Leicester Coll.)	White City	21/6
10:12.0n	D.G.Ross(South London H.)	White City	2/6
10:17.0n	W.Berry(Bolton United H.)	White City	21/6
10:23.0	R.A.Morley(Blackheath H.)	Uxbridge	7/6
10:23.4n	E.J.Keen(St.Albans A.C.)	Uxbridge	7/6
10:35.0n	M.M.Dunhill(Oxford City A.C.)	Uxbridge	7/6
10:36.4	J.C.Green(Reading A.C.)	Motspur Park	17/5
10:37.4	A.E.Foster(Army A.A.)	Aldershot	1/7

QUIZ

- How many of the 33 Olympic records are conjointly held. (a) 8 (b) 11 or (c) 17.
- Which is the longest standing of the eight European field event records ?
- Can a European record be made outside Europe ?
- Every women's European record is also a World record. True or False.
- How many miles have been run in under 4mins. 5 secs. since Guder Hagg ran 4:04.6 in Stockholm in 1942 ? (a) 9 (b) 16 or (c) 23.
- Who holds the world's running record for 15,000 m.?

(1) (a) ; (2) High jump at 6'8" by the 14st. lbs. Jim Kaley at Los Angeles in 1932 ; (3) Yes, it is achieved during an Olympic Celebration such as happened in 1932 at Los Angeles when J. Hampson (G.B.) ran 800 metres in 1:49.8 ; (4) True ; (5) ; (6) ; (7) ; (8) ; (9) Year was however 1947 with 6 such miles by 5 athletes.

ANSWERS

Add	220 Yds	23.0	C.H.Buchanan(Herne Hill H.)
Note	440 yds		M.C.Jones (not E.Jones)
Add		51.9	R.J.Stoddart at Glasgow on May 26
Add	880 yds	1:58.4	J.Draper at White City on Aug. 9
Add		1:59.6	R.C.Purkiss at Motspur Pk., June 26
Add		2:00.6	R.J.Stoddart at Glasgow on June 16
Add	Mile	4:22.2	R.Dunkley at Hampstead on July 21.
Add	120 Yds H.	16.0	K.S.Anderson at Motspur Pk., May 7
Add	200 Yds H.	25.2	J.McNiven at Glasgow on July 12
Add	High Jump	5'10"	A.M.Law at Glasgow on June 11
Add	Pole Vault	10'9"	C.K.Fletcher at Cardiff on May 24
Add		10'6"	J.C.Clement at Edinburgh on June 7
Add		10'6"	P.W.Dracup at Birmingham on June 7
Add	Long Jump	23'1"	G.E.Broad at Oswestry on - -
Add		21'11"	M.F.Eggleton at White City on May 31
Add		20'11"	A.Whittaker at White City on Apr. 19
Add	Hop, Step	43'11"	A.M.Law at Glasgow on July 12
Delete	Shot-Putt	48'0"	J.P.Jones
Add		45'0"	P.W.Dracup at Denstone on May 3
Add	Hammer	172'7"	I.S.Bain at Edinburgh on July 25 (new British Junior all-time best)
Add		142'11"	P.J.Strickland at Uxbridge on 7/6

AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH ALL-TIME JUNIOR SHOT-PUTT LIST.
 Add Dracup(Denstone College) as above at 45'0".
 Delete Jones as above, 10 pound shot. Note Whall's initials are J.E.C.; Date of Dean's putt May 13 1939; Earp's July 19 or 20; Add new mark:- 44'5"½ C.E.B.L.Carr(Radley Coll.) at Radley on Mar. 25 1952.

ADDITIONS TO 1952 BRITISH TRACK RANKINGS.

440 YARDS	49.1 A.D.Sexton(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	Oct.30
3 MILES	14:08.0n F.Norris(Bolton U.H)	Salford	Sept. 6
	14:12.0n G.Knight(Essex Beagles)	White City	June 21
	14:13.6 M.C.Whenman(Aylesford)	Battersea	Sept.6
220 YARDS	21.7n A.R.Pinnington(Achilles)	Oxford	June 12
2 MILES	9:15.0 F.Green(Birchfield H.)	Small Heath	July 5
	9:16.6 G.D.Ibbotson(Longwood H)	Bradford	June 14
	9:17.6n W.T.Paget(Walton AC)	White City	June 2

SHORT TAKES

BLANKET FINISH. Many have been wondering what became of Africa's great 6 mile discovery, Kipkoech of Kenya who ran 29:34.8 in 1951. We now have the story from a reader in deepest Mau Mau land, G.P.Lloyd the 49.4 Cambridge quarter miler. Kipkoech was so disgusted with his prize that he threw back in the District Commissioner's face. It was a blanket. Result- suspension for one year.

UNDER INVESTIGATION. (1) A gentle protest from South Africa purports that their 1952 Olympic women high jump champion Esther Brand is not 33, as reported in our September issue, but 27. By process of subtraction this would mean that, as Miss Van Heerden, she won the 1938 Western Province title at the age of 12 !. Under the tutelage of Mr. John Powell she has made a start in converting herself from a scissor jumper to a Western-roller. (2) We learn that that great American shot-putter the late Al. Blozis is reputed to have an indoor mark a fraction over the 57 feet necessary to qualify for our World Class list in the last number. Blozis's best official indoor mark was 56'4"½ in 1941.

THEY JUST FADE AWAY. News from America is that the 1924 Olympic high jump champion Harold Osborn has just marked his 53rd birthday with a one day come-back. The former world decathlon record-holder sailed over 6 feet - just 8 and 15/16ths inches below his best of 28 years ago.

THE DEEP FREEZE. Among the many cities applying for the 1960 Olympics is Karachi. Unlike most, however, application has been made to stage also the VIIIth Winter Games,

After You, Gaston by Ross McWhirter

Close by the battlefield of Waterloo lies the little Belgian village of Braine-l'Alleud. In a cottage there lives the 'Iron Duke' of the 20th Century with his young wife, Claude, 7 and Claudine aged 4. He is Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff the shy balding 31 year old holder of three world records on the track.

Reiff's magnificent post-Olympic 2 miles record and his great mile series (4:02.8, 4:03.4 and 4:05.2) have raised him in Belgium almost to a standing comparable with the national hero of neighbouring Luxembourg - Joseph Barthel.

Some Helsinki critics had Reiff interred in a communal grave with other disappointing performers but they forgot that in athletics nothing succeeds like failure and that every shroud has a golden lining. Remember Harrison Dillard, beware George Brown and Jim Fuchs. Reiff is in danger of being written down in track history as the man who blew up in the 1946 and 1950 European Games, the man who scraped home at Wembley and who again dropped out four years later.

The key to understanding Reiff is that for him the 5,000 metres at world class pace is a gamble which can only come off once in a while and the 1,500 metres is an event at which he is turned into a convenience for the rest of the field. The fact remains that at 2,000; 3,000 and 4,000 metres no man on Earth has run faster.

Born in 1921 Reiff gave up his first love - football for cross-country running in 1939. After a promising start in local events Marcel Alavoine, a former 'crossman' himself took Reiff in charge. His first track race was a 16:25.2 5,000 metres in 1941 when he was 20. Later the same year he won the Belgian Junior Cross-Country title and in 1943 became the National Champion. Progress remained undramatic until suddenly on July 14 1946 in the Belgian v. France international 5,000 metres Reiff produced 14:26.2. In the return match in Paris in 1947 Reiff ran in the 1,500 m. against Marcel Hansenne. The formidable Frenchman not only won but with 3:47.9 broke the French record. Reiff however was a close-up second in 3:48.4 - a Belgian record. He had now arrived.

With the first post-war Olympics only a month distant Alavoine's hopes were sent soaring when his charge produced 14:14.2 in Brussels on June 16 1948. Belgium's hopes were soon tempered by the news from Prague 6 days later that Emil Zatopek had turned in a 14:10.0. At Wembley with 9 laps gone and $3\frac{1}{2}$ to go Reiff knew the pace had slackened dangerously enough to allow the pile-driving finish of his two most feared rivals, Zatopek and Slijkhuis to carry the day. He therefore began to run away from the leaders. Noone responded and seeing that Reiff was not being followed Alavoine immediately realized what was happening. A terrible "Foutez le camp" rent the air and Reiff was ordered into the last decisive attack. How he just held out is now history.

The new Olympic champion was however to achieve something far greater than a 14:17.6 5,000 metres before the season was out. Running in Brussels on Sept. 29 he sliced 4.9 secs. off Gunder Hagg's 2,000 metre record of 5:11.8. Some idea of what a 5:06.9 timing involves is more easily grasped in terms of 5 400metre laps at an average of 61.4 secs. apiece! In 1949 Gaston three times improved on his best 1,500 metre time and then on Aug. 12 1949 at Gêvle, Sweden removed 2.5 secs. from another of Hagg's great records - this time with 3,000 metres in 7:58.7 or $7\frac{1}{2}$ laps at an average of 63.8 secs.

Reiff's third great world's record came only last August on the Jean-Bouin track in Paris. Running the first mile in 4:21.2 and the second in 4:19.2 he took 2.4 secs. off Hagg's 8:42.8 to record 8:40.4. Since 1944 Hagg's mark had stood out on its own. No one else had ever broken 8:50.0.



GASTON REIFF seen in process of beating Gunder Hagg's world two mile record with 8:40.4 in Paris

Now the big question is, has Reiff the qualities of the Four minute miler? His relentlessly fast pace as he lapped his way to his three world records removes all doubt as to his lasting powers but what of his speed. His fastest 800 m. is 1:53.5.

There can be no doubt that with the astounding total of 30 sub. 3:50.0 1,500 metre runners in the field the year 1953 A.D. is going to be the severest test through which the phantom goal has passed since it first captured the popular imagination in 1951

There are perhaps six men in the world who are interested in the 4 minute mile - really interested. They are Numbers 1 to 4 in the Helsinki 1,500 metres, Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark and Reiff.

Of these the one who has by far the solidest record is Reiff. He has run miles in 4:06.2, 4:05.2, 4:03.4 and in 4:02.8 to which he can add 1,500 metres which are the equivalent of miles in 4:05.4, 4:04.8, 4:04.6 and 4:03.9.

In the table below are listed the 19 athletes who have penetrated to within close reach of the magic target of the 4minute mile. Of these 7 are retired but in 1953 the season will open with all the 12 men listed in capitals racing hard to be the first to reach the Everest of the sport.

History's Fastest Milers

Best Mile or (equivalent) 1,500 m. Time	Name and Nationality	Under-Distance Best for 800 m.	Over-Distance Best in terms of a 2 Miles
4:01.3	Gunder Hagg(Sweden)	1:52.8	(8:39.3)
(4:01.4)	Lennart Strand(Sweden)	1:51.8	(8:58.1)
(4:01.4)	WERNER LUEG(Germany)	1:51.4	(8:54.5)
4:01.6	Arne Andersson(Sweden)	1:50.8	(8:43.7)
(4:02.2)	WILLEM SLIJKHUIS(Neths.)	1:53.4	(8:47.4)
(4:02.5)	JOSEF BARTHEL(Luxembourg)	1:51.0	(9:15.8)
4:02.8	GASTON REIFF(Belgium)	1:53.5	(8:34.2)
(4:02.8)	Henry Eriksson(Sweden)	1:52.6	(8:45.4)
(4:03.3)	STURE LANDQVIST(Sweden)	1:54.4	(9:08.9)
(4:03.3)	GUNTER DOHROW(Germany)	1:49.6	-
4:03.6	INGVAR ERIKSSON(Sweden)	-	-
4:03.8	Rune Persson(Sweden)	1:52.2	-
(4:03.9)	ROBERT McMILLEN(U.S.A.)	1:50.0	9:02.0
4:04.1	Sydney Wooderson(Gt.Britain)	1:48.4	(8:49.7)
(4:04.1)	OLLE ÅBERG(Sweden)	1:50.0	-
4:04.6	Rune Gustafsson(Sweden)	1:50.0	-
4:04.8	GUNNAR NIELSEN(Denmark)	1:49.7	-
(4:04.8)	ROGER BANNISTER(Gt.Britain)	1:50.7	(t)8:54.4
(4:04.8)	PATRICK EL MABROUK(France)	1:50.1	(8:52.4)

t, solo training run(2,000 metres in 5:19.0)

(continued from Page 1) Jungwirth was Alexander Zvolenský in 1:52.1. In the shot-putt Skobla managed 54'11".

Only 24 hours after his 1:48.7 800 metres the local population saw Jungwirth start out on an attack on Åberg's world 1,000 metre record of 2:21.3. Going really well he passed the 400 metre mark in 56.0 and the 800 metres in 1:52.1 and for the 3rd time since 1941 the 1,000 metre record was chipped by the lowest possible fraction - one tenth of one second. There were five timers- three official and two alternates. Four of them registered 2:21.2, while one had 2:21.1 - official time 2:21.2. To give some idea of the sustained pace involved over this distance here is a table of the fastest 1000 metre clockings of all-time with the 800 m. passage time in parenthesis -:

2:21.2	S.Jungwirth(C.S.R.)	Stara-Boleslav	1952	1:52.1
2:21.3	O.Åberg(Sweden)	Copenhagen	1952	1:53.0
2:21.4	R.Gustafsson(Sweden)	Borås	1946	1:53.0
2:21.4	M.Hansenne(France)	Göteborg	1948	1:51.6
2:21.5	R.Harbig(Germany)	Dresden	1941	1:53.0
2:21.8n	G.Nielsen(Denmark)	Copenhagen	1952	el:53.2
2:21.9	H.Liljekvist(Sweden)	Göteborg	1943	1:53.5
2:21.9	A.Andersson(Sweden)	Stockholm	1944	1:55.0

Jiri Skobla again failed in his attempt to break his European shot record and had to be content with 55'11³/₈".

RUSSIA: LITUYEV RUNS 51.2, KRIVONOSOV THROWS 198'6¹/₄"

At Tashkent in Russia on October 13 Yuriy Lituyev broke the European 400 metres hurdles record for the third time this season. He did 51.5 in the spring-as we now learn-and improved to 51.3 in the Olympic final behind Charles Moore. His new mark of 51.2 breaks his four place all-time tie with America's Lee Yoder(51.3) but still leaves him in arrears of Hardin(50.6), Moore(50.7) and Cochran(51.1). The Russians claimed that Lituyev's 440 yard hurdle mark of 51.8 beat Moore's world record of "only 51.9" made in London but overlooked that 5 days later Moore toured the White City track in 51.6. Lituyev's 51.8y, believed to be the first time an English distance has been run in Russia, was achieved in September and becomes a new European record displacing the 51.9y set up by Armando Filiput in Milan in October 1950.

During this same meeting at Tashkent the new Soviet record holder for the hammer, 23 year old Mikhail Krivonosov, became the fifth man to pass the once magic 60 metre (196'10¹/₄" limit as he got one off to 60.51 (198'6¹/₄". So drastic has the modernization been in the ball and chain department since Jozsef 'Après moi le deluge' Csernak that it is necessary to list the top marks of the new 'Big Five' -:

61.25(200'11 ³ / ₈ "	S.Strandli(Norway)	Oslo	Sept.14 1952
60.77(199' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	K.Storch(Germany)	Karlsruhe	Sept.28 1952
60.51(198' 6 ¹ / ₄ "	M.Krivonosov(USSE)	Tashkent	Oct. 13 1952
60.34(197'11 ³ / ₈ "	J.Csernak(Hungary)	Helsinki	July 24 1952
60.31(197'10 ³ / ₈ "	I.Nemeth(Hungary)	Budapest	Aug. 10 1952

Krivonosov, who is a Belorussian, in 1950 had a best mark of 140'9³/₈"(42.91) which he improved to 166'8¹/₂"(50.80) in 1951. At the Olympics he was very much the third string to Nikolai Rejkin(5th with 185'6³/₈" and Georgii Dybenko(8th with 180'6¹/₂" with a qualifying throw of 167'9¹/₈"(51.15) and three no throws. Surprisingly at the Russian Championships at Leningrad on August 25 he defeated both his comrades and took the Soviet title at 189'11"(57.88). His improvement in two years 1950-1952 represents 429 Decathlon points and in terms of a mile is an advance from a 4:40.2 timing to one in 4:01.4!

Another Soviet record went at Ashkhabad on Oct.19 when discus thrower Boris Matveyev-who had a mark of 170'2¹/₂" earlier in the season-finally bettered Heino Lipp's national record by throwing the platter 52.91(173'7¹/₈"

DUMBADZE SHATTERS WORLD RECORD - 187'-1⁵/₈"!

Only 69 days after losing her world's discus record Nina Dumbadze on October 18th dramatically wrested back her crown from her great rival Olympic Champion Nina Romashkova-Ponomaryeva. Competing at the track in her home town of Tbilisi where she is a town councillor Dumbadze, mother of two, scattered the officials with an amazing throw of 57.04 metres(187'1⁵/₈"). Thus, despite their lighter implements, for the first time in throwing events a woman has beaten the reigning men's world record figures(Gordien's world mark at Hameenlinna in 1949 was 56.97(186'10²/₈").

Dumbadze, now 30 years old, first took the women's discus world record from the German girl Gisela Mauermayer in the Dinamo Stadium, Moscow back in August 1948 with a throw of 174'8¹/₂". Last year in a postal match at Gori she improved this to 175'11³/₄". It was this mark that the blonde Nina Romashkova beat on August 10th at Odessa, down on the Black Sea coast, with her 53.61(175'10³/₈") reported in the August II edition Vol.I No.7. An interesting sidelight to Dumbadze latest achievement- the 21st !! women's world record of the 1952 season- is the way it has disrupted the Soviet Scoring Tables for Women Athletes. The ceiling of these tables is 1,200 points(e.g. 11.25 secs. 100 m.) but Dumbadze has now gone right through the roof with her new mark which by extrapolation would command no fewer than 1,485 points or the equivalent of a women's high jump of 6'2¹/₄"(1.88).

TWO AUSTRALIAN RECORDS by Joe Galli

The 1952-53 Summer Track Season got away to a good start when on November 1st at Melbourne 22 year old John Landy removed 16.4secs. from Les Perry's Australian citizen record with a fine 14:00.0 effort. The mark made on a wet track cut up made 48 preceding races places Landy equal No.23 on the all-time 3 Mile list with America's Gregory Rice. Hitting the front early Landy passed the mile in 4:34.0 and the 2 Miles in 9:17.0 and but for the lack of competition must have beaten the All-Comers' mark of 13:59.6 put up by the New Zealander Cecil Matthews at the 1938 Empiad in Sydney.

Another bright spot was the new hammer record of 166'8¹/₂" by Neville Gadsden at Sydney on the night of October 1st. This beat Keith Pardon's 162'5¹/₂" set on January 28th last.

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