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## 1952's LAST FLING. MCKENLEY 4 TIMES UNDER 47.0

From Roberto L. Quercetani

Three Helsinki gold medallists, Herb McKenley of Jamaica, Adhemar Ferreira da Silva of Brazil and Australia's Miss Marjorie Jackson wound up history's greatest ever season at a number of autumn meetings in Japan.

The Jamaican speedster won each of the 17 races he competed in during the tournee of which full details are only newly to hand. At the Japanese National Championships, held at Gifu on October 4 and 5, he won three events—100 metres in 10.5, 200 metres in 21.3 and the 400 m. in 46.8 secs. He clocked 10.5 secs. for 100 metres on two other days, namely at Tokyo (Sept. 25) and at Kurayoshi on October 2nd. Over his favourite distance, the 400 metres, he beat 47 secs. three other times by doing 46.4 at Kurayoshi (Oct. 2), 46.6 and 46.9 at Tokyo (Oct. 9 and Sept. 25 respectively). He thus raised to ten his sub-47 sec. races for 1952. This however is far behind his prolificacy of 1948 when he bettered 47 seconds on 20 occasions! (see page 3). "Hustling Herb" proved a great favourite with both the Japanese public and experts. He was welcomed as the "greatest sprinter of all-time". His best marks over the 100 to 400 metre range are worth bearing in mind.

100 Metres	10.3 Kingston	1949 2nd Olympics '52 (also 9.4w)
200 Metres (turn)	20.8 Göteborg	1950 4th Olympics '48
220 Yards (straight)	20.6 Champaign	1946 (also 20.2w)
400 Metres	45.9 Milwaukee	1948 2nd Olympics '48 & '52
440 Yards	46.0 Berkeley	1948 Reigning World record

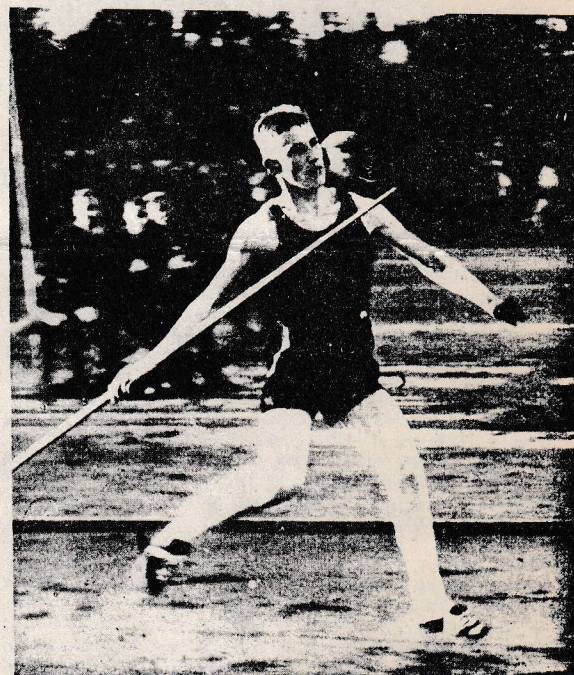
Surprisingly enough A.F. da Silva, though he consistently beat all his opponents, was unable to dislodge Japan's hallowed All-comers' record of 52'0"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (15.86) jointly established by Kaneyuki Togami at Osaka on May 23 1937 and Gen Ken Kin at Tokyo on June 20 1943. Da Silva twice fell only a fraction short of that distance as he did 52'0" at his opening meeting at Yokohama on Sept. 21 and 51'11"<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> at Kurayoshi on Oct. 2. In the Championship meeting two natives emerged with fairly good marks in this "national event" in which the handsome total of 16 athletes have surpassed 50 feet (15.24). Noriaki Sagawa, better known as a 24 foot broad jumper, sailed to 50'4"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for the best legitimate mark by a Nipponese this season. The Brazilian Champion of the World won the event at 51'4"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and S. Kogake was third at 49'8"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

At one gathering there meet the greatest assemblage of triple jumpers ever to be in one spot at the same time. Present and photographed together were —

Name	Best Marks
A.F. da Silva, World record holder and 1952 Champion	53'2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
N. Tajima, former World record holder and 1936 Champion	52'5" <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
K. Oshima, former Japanese record holder, 3rd in 1932	51'10" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
C. Nambu, former world record holder and 1932 Champion	51'7"
M. Oda, former world record holder and 1928 Champion	51'1" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>

Thus 4 of the last 5 world record holders were united. But for some undefined technicality which cost Kamakichi Oshima his world record when he did 51'10"<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> at Osaka in September 1934 the score would have been 5 out of 5. The Japanese call the event by the picturesque name — San Dan Tobi.

The other highlight of the tour came at Gifu on Oct. 4 when the Lithgow typist Marjorie Jackson ran a truly great 11.4 sec. 100 metres with the anemometers showing only 1.60 mtrs./sec.



YRJO NIKKANEN of Finland, who celebrates his 38th birthday on December 31st, whose 258'2"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> (78.70) world record for the javelin has remained unapproached since he made it 14 years ago in 1938. He started his career in 1933 at the age of 19 and threw 189'6"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in his debut. He improved steadily for the next 4 seasons until in 1938 he started upon his sixth and greatest season. On May 25 1938 at Porvoo he reached a new personal best of 247'8"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> — a mark which had alone been surpassed by Matti Järvinen (10 times). Three months later Yrjö went to Karhula and there caused complete consternation by beating Järvinen's world mark of 253'4"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> with a throw of 255'5"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. The pair met in the last meeting of the season at Kotka on Oct. 16th. Though the temperature was only 42 F. Nikkanen put everything into the first throw. It went 258'2"<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and ruined his back.

Year	Age	Best Mark	Year	Age	Best Mark
1933	(18)	189' 6" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1942	(27)	233' 8" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
1934	(19)	217' 11" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1943	(28)	229' 9" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1935	(20)	233' 11" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1944	(29)	220' 6" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
1936	(21)	242' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1945	(30)	223' 5" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1937	(22)	245' 4" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1946	(31)	238' 1" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1938	(23)	258' 2" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1947	(32)	219' 4" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
1939	(24)	246' 0"	1948	(33)	216' 2" <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1940	(25)	241' 2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1949	(34)	211' 11" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1941	(26)	241' 10" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1950		retired

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## HOW BARTHEL TRAINED FOR VICTORY

Ever since Irving and Mallory in 1924 got 96% the way up Mount Everest and the year before Paavo Nurmi went within 10.4 secs. of the Four Minute Mile, these two goals have fired men's minds. The year 1953 is going to see the greatest assault ever made on either. A French, Russian, British and perhaps another Swiss expedition will be Everest bound in 1953 while no fewer than 12 sub-4min.5second milers will be in the field next summer.

Of this top dozen the most sensational is the balding little Luxemburger Joseph Barthel who so unexpectedly pulled off the 1952 1,500 metre event at Helsinki last July. Little information has been forthcoming about his training methods and we are indebted to his countryman Gerard Rasquin, winner of the 1951 Western Universities 400 m. title, for throwing some light upon the subject in an article in "TRACK and FIELD NEWS". Before proceeding here are a few details of Barthel's career. He was born in the village of Mamer, near the capital city of the Grand Duchy which boasts a population of only 300,000. His birthday was April 24 1927.

Josy began to run in cross country races in 1943 when he was a 16 year old schoolboy. His first attempt at 800 metres lasted 2 minutes and 5 seconds. When he was 19 in the summer of 1946 he established national 800 and 1500 metre records at 1:54.2 and 3:55.0. In the next year, 1947, he began to exhibit real class. On July 23 1947 in Luxemburg he ran 800 metres in 1:51.0 and later in September in Paris he lined up in a 1,500 metre race with such great performers as Lennart Strand, the Swedish world record-holder, Gaston Reiff of Belgium and Marcel Hanseene of France. Barthel came third in 3:51.0 behind Hanseene and Reiff who also set national records but ahead of Strand who had the first of his nervous 'break-downs'. Sometime earlier in Paris he had run in the World Student Games but was taken from behind by Britain's Harry Tarroway, who won in 1:54.4.

In 1948 Barthel paid two visits to London. The first was for the A.A.A. Championships in which he ran in the mile. Here again 'le finis anglais' put paid to his chances when Bill Nankeville stormed round the last bend for the first of his hatrick of titles in 4:14.2. Josy was second in 4:15.4 ahead of Holland's Frits de Ruyter (4:16.0), Captain R.A. Morris and a promising 19 year old Oxford miler Roger Bannister. His second visit was to the Wembley Olympic Games later the same month. Here he qualified for the final by finishing third in heat three behind Henry Eriksson, the eventual winner, and Nankeville in 3:56.4. In the final he was a game if undistinguished ninth.

At Wembley athletes such as Whitfield, Zatopek, Mathias and to a lesser extent Mikaelsson all looked like probable 'repeaters' for Helsinki. It needed no presumption to regard Shirley Strickland as an heiress apparant. But even if her palm were crossed with platinum no crystal-gazer could have foretold the fortunes of two other competitors. They were an uncouth 21 year old Jamaican called Rhoden and a 21 year old Luxemburger standing just under 5'8" tall called Barthel.

After the Wembley Games Barthel went to continue his chemical engineering studies in Strasbourg. In 1949 he won the 1500m. title at the first F.I.S.U. Games in Merano. In 1950 he ran 1:51.7 to qualify for the European 800 metres final in which he tried to stay with Boysen in his suicidal first lap only to trail away to finish last in a painful 1:58.8. In 1951 his chief successes were his 800m and 1500m wins in the second FISU Games in Luxemburg in 1:53.5 and 3:52.6.

In February 1952 a turning point came with the arrival in the Duchy from Germany of Harbig's old coach Herr Woldemar Gerschler at the invitation of the Luxemburg Federation.

When Barthel embarked on his Olympic training he weighed 11stone 13lbs (165 lbs.). Gerschler, who incidentally

speaks excellent English, believes in really hard work. At the start at Helsinki his charge weighed 10 stone 5 lbs. (145 lbs.). The story of those lost 22 pounds goes something like this -:

FEBRUARY:	Training Session Every Day	2 or 3 2,000m. (5 lap) runs per session.
MARCH:	Training Session Every Day	2 or 3 1,200m. (3 lap) runs per session.
APRIL:	Training Session Every Day	up to 15 ! 600 or 500 m. runs per session
MAY:	5 Competitions interspersed with training	800m. 1:54.4; 2000m. 5:19.2; 800m. 1:54.0; 800m. 1:54.1 and 1500 m. 3:56.6 plus sessions at 400& 300m.
JUNE:	5 Competitions interspersed with training	800m. 1:53.8; 1000m. 2:24.9; 1500 m. 3:52.3; 1500m. 3:48.5 (personal best); 800m. 1:52.9 plus sessions with accent on finishing drive.
JULY:	Two pre-Olympic Competitions. HELSINKI	July 6, 1500m. 3:51.5; July 13 800 m. 1:52.8 Heat First 3:51.6; Second Round First 3:50.4; Final FIRST 3:45.2 72 Hours after victory, 1500m. in 3:49.6
AUGUST:	Unbeaten in 8 Competitions.	1500 m. in 3:51.0, 3:45.6, 3:44.6 (new personal best), 3:49.4; 1000m 2:24.0 and 800m. 1:52.6
SEPTEMBER:	Unbeaten in 5 Competitions	1500 m. in 3:44.1 (new personal best), 3:49.6, 3:53.6, 3:45.8; 1000m 2:28.1

And what is the moral to be drawn from this stupendous catalogue? Surely it is twofold. Hard work pays off and it takes seven not five months to reach a peak.

## Oxford Win Relays by 4-2

Oxford Nov. 27th - . The Dark Blues narrowed their series deficit to 11-15 in the 26th Annual Relays at Iffley Road v. Cambridge. Frost had turned the track into something akin to black porridge - only iced. Conditions made a mockery of the times.

In the 4x880yds. Oxford's D. Lawson surprisingly held off K. Marsden, Cambridge's 1:54.0 man. Chataway contributed a significant 1:57.5 stage but Peter Robinson (C) cut down Oxford's 1:54.9 U.A.U. Champion A.J. Vincent after his brave but suicidal 55.1 first lap. Also impressive were lanky Chris. Higham (O) over the hurdles, the more rugged Alan Sexton (C) and the sprightly Wooderson-trained Tony Weeks-Pearson (O). SUMMARY. Oxford won 4x110yds. 44.2; 4x1 Mile 18:05.0; 4x120yds. H. 63.9 and 4x220 yds. H 1:44.6; Cambridge won 4x440 yds. 3:25.6 and 4x880 yds. 7:58.9. The 4x220 yds. was void (below).

### ALL IN VAIN !

This apparent dead-heat was in fact a double disqualification of both the 4x220 yard teams in the Oxford v. Cambridge Relays. The Oxford team passed outside the 22 yd. zone at the first take over while the Cambridge man Alan Sexton lost the baton just before the photo was taken.

Alan Dick (rt.) of Oxford ran a 48.3 440 yards in September.



Photo by H. W. Neale

# JAMAICA - 101 NOT OUT!

Jamaica's great quarter-mile traditions opened in 1943 when a virtually unknown athlete from the island won the American A.A.U. Junior 400 metre title in 47.7 secs. in the colours of Boston College. His name - Herbert Henry McKenley. In 1944 he was beaten for the senior title by the Harlem tailor Elmore Harris but came through in 1945 with 47.1 secs. McKenley first penetrated the sub 47 second regions on June 1 1946 at Champaign, Illinois with a mark of 46.2 secs. for 440 yards which broke the world record standing in the names of the two Americans Ben Eastman (1932) and Grover Klemmer (1941) by one fifth of a second. **UNBELIEVEABLE!!!**

In the unique compilation below there is listed every sub 47 second mark achieved by the great Jamaica trio McKenley, Rhoden and Wint who have dominated the event in the immediate post-war era 1945-1952.

Notation:- n = non-winning mark " = timed in a 440 yard  
 + = 440 yards less 0.5sec. w = wind-assisted (race  
 // = straightaway mark e = estimated time

44.7+	w	H.H.McKenley	Long Branch, N.J.	Aug. 23 1947
45.7+		H.H.McKenley	Berkeley, Cal.	June 5 1948
45.8		V.G.Rhoden	Baskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 22 1950
45.9+		H.H.McKenley	2 Champaign, Ill.	June 1 1946
45.9+		H.H.McKenley	3 Salt Lake City	June 21 1947
45.9+		H.H.McKenley	4 New York, N.Y. ✓	June 26 1948
45.9		H.H.McKenley	5 Milwaukee	July 2 1948
45.9		V.G.Rhoden	2 Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
45.9n		H.H.McKenley	6 Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
46.0+		H.H.McKenley	7 Berkeley, Cal.	June 28 1947
46.0		H.H.McKenley	8 Malmö, Sweden	Aug. 13 1950
46.0		V.G.Rhoden	3 Stockholm, Sweden	Aug. 15 1950
46.0		H.H.McKenley	9 Baskilstuna, Sweden	Sept. 8 1950
46.0		V.G.Rhoden	4 Berkeley, Cal.	June 23 1951
46.1		H.H.McKenley	10 Oslo, Norway	Aug. 26 1948
46.1		H.H.McKenley	11 Stockholm, Sweden	Sept. 2 1948
46.1n		H.H.McKenley	12 Stockholm, Sweden	Aug. 15 1950
46.1+		H.H.McKenley	13 Dayton, Ohio	June 2 1951
46.2x		H.H.McKenley	14 Evanston, Ill.	July 10 1948
46.2		A.S.Wint	1 London, England	Aug. 5 1948
46.2		H.H.McKenley	15 Compton, Cal.	June 3 1949
46.2		H.H.McKenley	16 Stockholm	July 14 1950
46.2+		V.G.Rhoden	5 Seattle, Wash.	June 16 1951
46.2		V.G.Rhoden	6 Paris, France	Aug. 26 1952
46.3+		H.H.McKenley	17 Salt Lake City	June 20 1947
46.3		H.H.McKenley	18 Milwaukee	July 3 1948
46.3		A.S.Wint	2 London, England	Aug. 5 1948
46.3		V.G.Rhoden	7 Berkeley, Cal. ✓	June 14 1952
46.3		A.S.Wint	3 Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
46.4+		H.H.McKenley	19 Champaign, Ill.	May 11 1947
46.4		H.H.McKenley	20 New York, N.Y. ✓	June 12 1948
46.4n		H.H.McKenley	21 London, England	Aug. 5 1948
46.4		H.H.McKenley	22 Malmö, Sweden	Aug. 25 1948
46.4		H.H.McKenley	23 Paris, France	Sept. 9 1948
46.4		V.G.Rhoden	8 Fresno, Cal.	June 25 1949
46.4		V.G.Rhoden	9 Turku, Finland	July 20 1950
46.4		H.H.McKenley	24 Gävle, Sweden	Sept. 10 1950
46.4n		H.H.McKenley	25 Berkeley, Cal.	June 23 1951
46.4		H.H.McKenley	26 Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
46.4		V.G.Rhoden	10 Baskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 14 1952
46.5		V.G.Rhoden	11 College Park, Maryland	June 24 1950
46.5		V.G.Rhoden	12 Helsinki, Finland	July 5 1950
46.5+		H.H.McKenley	27 Randalls Is., N.Y. ✓	June 16 1951
46.5		V.G.Rhoden	13 Basle, Switzerland	July 5 1951
46.5n		V.G.Rhoden	14 Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
46.5n+		V.G.Rhoden	15 Glasgow	Aug. 2 1952
46.6+		H.H.McKenley	28 Champaign, Ill.	May 11 1946
46.6n		H.H.McKenley	29 San Antonio, Tex.	June 29 1946
46.6+		H.H.McKenley	30 Denver, Colo.	May 15 1948
46.6		H.H.McKenley	31 Orebro, Sweden	Aug. 31 1948
46.6n		A.S.Wint	4 Stockholm, Sweden	Sept. 2 1948
46.6		H.H.McKenley	32 Helsinki, Finland	Sept. 5 1948
46.6+		H.H.McKenley	33 Los Angeles	June 9 1950
46.6		H.H.McKenley	34 Malmö	Aug. 8 1950
46.6		V.G.Rhoden	16 Göteborg	Aug. 10 1950
46.6		H.H.McKenley	35 Rydboholm, Sweden	Sept. 3 1950
46.6		H.H.McKenley	36 Norrköping, Sweden	Sept. 4 1950



Photo by K. Bray

THE JAMAICANS' LAP OF HONOUR AT HELSINKI. (Left to right) George Rhoden, Herbert McKenley, Leslie Iaing and Arthur Wint just after their world and Olympic record-breaking 4 x 400 metres relay in which they averaged under 46 secs. per stage. Iaing, 6th in the 1948 and 5th in the 1952 200 metres ran a heroic 46.8 seconds.

46.6n	H.H.McKenley	37	Randalls Is., N.Y. ✓	June 16 1951
46.6+	V.G.Rhoden	17	Toronto, Canada	Sept. 3 1951
46.6	V.G.Rhoden	18	Los Angeles	May 16 1952
46.6	V.G.Rhoden	19	Berkeley, Cal. ✓	June 13 1952
46.6n	H.H.McKenley	38	Baskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 14 1952
46.7	H.H.McKenley	39	Göteborg, Sweden	Aug. 27 1948
46.7+	H.H.McKenley	40	Compton, Cal.	June 2 1950
46.7	V.G.Rhoden	20	Turku, Finland	July 5 1950
46.7	H.H.McKenley	41	Västerås, Sweden	Aug. 18 1950
46.7	H.H.McKenley	42	Stockholm, Sweden	Sept. 6 1950
46.7+	V.G.Rhoden	21	Los Angeles	May 18 1951
46.7+	V.G.Rhoden	22	Seattle, Wash.	June 15 1951
46.7	V.G.Rhoden	23	Milan, Italy	June 30 1951
46.7	V.G.Rhoden	24	Paris, France	July 8 1951
46.7+	V.G.Rhoden	25	Compton, Cal. ✓	June 4 1952
46.7n	V.G.Rhoden	26	Long Beach, Cal. ✓	June 21 1952
46.8	H.H.McKenley	43	Milwaukee	July 2 1948
46.8	H.H.McKenley	44	Amsterdam, Holland	Aug. 15 1948
46.8n	A.S.Wint	5	Göteborg, Sweden	Aug. 27 1948
46.8	H.H.McKenley	45	Göteborg, Sweden	Aug. 11 1950
46.8	H.H.McKenley	46	Oslo, Norway	July 31 1951
46.8	V.G.Rhoden	27	Malmö, Sweden	Aug. 7 1952
46.8n	H.H.McKenley	47	Paris, France	Aug. 26 1952
46.8	H.H.McKenley	48	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Aug. 30 1952
46.9	H.H.McKenley	49	Los Angeles	May 21 1948
46.9	H.H.McKenley	50	Compton, Cal.	June 4 1948
46.9	H.H.McKenley	51	Västerås, Sweden	Aug. 29 1948
46.9+	A.S.Wint	6	London, England	June 6 1949
46.9+	H.H.McKenley	52	Fresno, Cal.	June 25 1949
46.9+	V.G.Rhoden	28	Minneapolis	June 17 1950
46.9	V.G.Rhoden	29	Helsinki, Finland	June 29 1950
46.9	H.H.McKenley	53	Stockholm, Sweden	July 11 1950
46.9	H.H.McKenley	54	Copenhagen, Denmark	Aug. 3 1950
46.9	V.G.Rhoden	30	Malmö, Sweden	Aug. 8 1950
46.9n	V.G.Rhoden	31	Göteborg	Aug. 10 1950
46.9	A.S.Wint	7	Christchurch, N.Z.	Dec. 27 1950
46.9+	A.S.Wint	8	London, England	Aug. 4 1951
46.9	A.S.Wint	9	Helsinki, Finland	July 24 1952
46.9	H.H.McKenley	55	Stockholm, Sweden	July 29 1952
46.9	V.G.Rhoden	32	Göteborg	Aug. 6 1952
46.9n	V.G.Rhoden	33	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Aug. 30 1952
46.9	H.H.McKenley	56	Tokyo, Japan	Sept. 25 1952

**SUMMARY**

Year	McKenley	Rhoden	Wint	Total
1946	3	-	-	3
1947	4+(1)	-	-	4+(1)
1948	20	-	-	24
1949	2	1	1	4
1950	15	11	1	27
1951	5	8	1	14
1952	10	13	2	25
Total	59+(1)	33	9	101+(1)

# The World's Best Performers 1952

Below are listed the best marks achieved in the greatest season in the history of track and field athletics.

## 100 YARDS (91.44 metres)

9.5	Charles Johnson (U.S.A.)	Baton Rouge, La	May	19
9.5	Alex Burl (U.S.A.)	Denver, Colo.	May	24
9.5	James Golliday (U.S.A.)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	May	31
with wind:				
9.5	Dean Smith (U.S.A.)	Laredo, Tex.	March	8
9.5	Roy Renfro (U.S.A.)	Denton, Tex.	March	25
9.5	Thane Baker (U.S.A.)	Lawrence, Kans.	April	19

## 100 METRES (109.36 yards)

10.3	Andrew Stanfield (U.S.A.)	Zurich	Aug.	12
10.4	Emmanuel McJ. Bailey (Trinidad/G.B.)	London	May	24
10.4	Dean Smith (U.S.A.)		May	31
10.4	James Golliday (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	13
10.4	Lindy Remigino (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	20
10.4	Herbert McKenley (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	21
10.4	James Gathers (U.S.A.)	Tampere	July	30
10.4	Thane Baker (U.S.A.)	Vienna	Aug.	6
10.4n	Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Vienna	Aug.	6
10.4n	Jerome Biffle (U.S.A.)	Zurich	Aug.	12
10.2w	Lindy Remigino (U.S.A.)	Oslo	July	31
10.3dt	Levan Samadze (U.S.S.R.)	Tbilisi	Sept.	21
10.4w	Tomio Hosoda (Japan)	Tokyo	April	29

## 220 YARDS (201.17 metres) STRAIGHTAWAY

20.4	Andrew Stanfield (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal.	June	4
20.6m	Paul Wells (U.S.A.)		May	24
20.8	Buddy Goode (U.S.A.)	Dallas, Tex.	April	18
with wind:				
20.3m	Charles Thomas (U.S.A.)	Austin, Tex.	April	5

## 200 METRES (218.72 yards) AROUND A TURN

20.6	Andrew Stanfield (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June	28
20.8n	Thane Baker (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	23
20.8n	James Gathers (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	23
20.9y	Herbert McKenley (Jamaica)	Glasgow	Aug.	2
20.9	Emmanuel McJ. Bailey (Trinidad/G.B.)	London	May	24
21.0	James Ford (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
21.1n	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
21.2n	Charles Thomas (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June	28
21.2n	Leslie Laing (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	23
21.2	Eugene Cole (U.S.A.)	Göteborg	Aug.	1

## 400 METRES (437.44 yards) & 440 YARDS (402.34 metres)

45.9	George Rhoden (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	25
45.9n	Herbert McKenley (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	25
46.3	Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	25
46.4	Malvin Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Long Beach, Cal.	June	20
46.4n	Karl-Friedrich Haas (Germany)	Helsinki	July	25
46.5	John Mashburn (U.S.A.)	Cologne	Aug.	6
46.6n	Ollie Matson (U.S.A.)	Long Beach, Cal.	June	14
46.7n	Hans Geister (Germany)	Helsinki	July	25
46.7n	Reginald Pearman (U.S.A.)	Cologne	Aug.	6
46.8	Eugene Cole (U.S.A.)	Vienna	Aug.	6
47.1yn	Eddie Macon (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	May	17

## 800 METRES (874.89 yards)

1:48.0	Malvin Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Göteborg	Aug.	6
1:48.2	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Göteborg	Aug.	6
1:48.7	Stanislav Jungwirth (C.S.R.)	Stará Boleslav		
1:49.4n	Arthur Wint (Jamaica)	Helsinki	July	22
1:49.5	Günther Steines (Germany)	Berlin	June	29
1:49.6	Günther Dohrow (Germany)	Berlin	May	18
1:49.6	John Barnes (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
1:49.7	Heinz Ulzheimer (Germany)	Frankfurt	June	15
1:49.7n	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Helsinki	July	22
1:49.9	Jenő Bakos (Hungary)	Tata	July	6
1:50.0	Lars-Erik Wolfbrandt (Sweden)	Stockholm	July	3
1:50.0n	Robert McMillen (U.S.A.)	Zurich	Aug.	12
1:50.1n	Henry Cryer (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
1:50.1n	Albert Webster (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	21



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James J. Golliday (U.S.A.) whose untimely muscle injury robbed him of a possible Olympic 100m. crown. Before breaking down he ran 9.5 for 100 yards and 10.4 for 100 m.

Helmut Gude (Germany) the young policeman who ranks both in the 3000 m. steeplechase and 5000 m. In addition he ran 3000m in a time worth 8:52.4 for two miles.

## 1500 METRES (1640.42 yards)

3:43.0	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Berlin	June	29
3:44.1	Joseph Barthel (Luxemburg)	Luxemburg	Sept.	4
3:44.8n	Günther Dohrow (Germany)	Berlin	Sept.	29
3:45.2n	Robert McMillen (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	26
3:45.2n	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Luxemburg	Aug.	20
3:46.0n	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	26
3:46.0n	Patrick El Mabrouk (France)	Helsinki	July	26
3:46.4n	Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden)	Düsseldorf	Sept.	14
3:46.8n	Rolf Lamers (Germany)	Berlin	June	29
3:46.8	Olle Åberg (Sweden)	Stockholm	July	4
3:47.2	Stanislav Jungwirth (C.S.R.)	Stará Boleslav	June	15
3:47.2n	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	Malmö	Aug.	6
3:47.4	Denis Johansson (Finland)	Helsinki	July	3
3:47.6n	Frans Herman (Belgium)	Luxemburg	Aug.	20
3:47.8n	Warren Druetzler (U.S.A.)	Luxemburg	Aug.	20

## ONE MILE (1609.35 metres)

4:02.8	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Antwerp	Sept.	13
4:03.6n	Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden)	Göteborg	Aug.	1
4:04.2n	Olle Åberg (Sweden)	Göteborg	Aug.	1
4:04.8	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Paris	Oct.	4
4:05.8n	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	Göteborg	Aug.	1
4:05.9n	Frans Herman (Belgium)	Göteborg	Aug.	1
4:06.4	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Bremen	May	10
4:07.2n	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Paris	Oct.	4
4:07.7n	Günther Dohrow (Germany)	Bremen	May	10
4:08.0n	Rolf Lamers (Germany)	Bremen	May	10
4:08.8	Wes Santee (U.S.A.)	Manhattan, Kan.	May	3

## 3000 METRES (1 mile 1520.83 yards)

8:08.6	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Paris	Aug.	26
8:13.2	Herbert Schade (Germany)	Cologne	Aug.	6
8:13.4	Milan Svajgr (C.S.R.)	Troppau	Aug.	26
8:13.6n	Helmut Gude (Germany)	Cologne	Aug.	6
8:14.8n	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Virolahti	Aug.	1

## TWO MILES (3218.69 metres)

8:40.4	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Paris	Aug.	26
8:55.6	Christopher Chataway (G.B.)	Oxford	June	12
9:01.8	Donald McEwen (Canada)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	May	17
9:02.4n	Lucien Theys (Belgium)	Skövde	Aug.	4
9:06.0n	Philip R.Ll. Morgan (G.B.)	Oxford	June	12

## THREE MILES (4828.04 metres)

13:44.8	D.A.Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	May	31
13:48.0n	Frank Sando (G.B.)	London	May	31
13:49.4	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels	Sept.	24
13:50.2	Helmut Gude (Germany)	Berlin	Sept.	21
13:51.8	Charles Capozzoli (U.S.A.)	London	Aug.	4
13:54.6	Alain Mimoun (France)	Paris	June	8
13:58.4n	Alan Parker (G.B.)	London	Aug.	4
13:59.6	Christopher Chataway (G.B.)	London	June	21
14:00.0	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	Nov.	1

## 5000 METRES (3 miles 188.06 yards)

14:06.4	Emil Zátopek (C.S.R.)	Troppau	Oct.	4
14:06.6	Herbert Schade (Germany)	Stuttgart	June	8
14:07.4	Alain Mimoun (France)	Helsinki	July	24
14:08.8	Vladimir Kazantsev (U.S.S.R.)			
14:12.2	Aleksandr Anufriyev (U.S.S.R.)			
14:15.0	Bertil Albertsson (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug.	24
14:15.4	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels	Sept.	24
14:15.8n	Valter Nyström (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug.	24
14:16.0n	Nikifor Popov (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev	June	10
14:16.0n	Ake Andersson (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug.	24
14:16.0	Helmut Gude (Germany)	Berlin	Sept.	21
14:18.0n	D.A.Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	24
14:18.0n	Christopher Chataway (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	24
14:18.2n	Alan Parker (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	22

## 10,000 METRES (6 miles 376.11 yards)

29:17.0	Emil Zátopek (C.S.R.)	Helsinki	July	20
29:23.8	Valter Nyström (Sweden)	Düsseldorf	Sept.	14
29:24.8n	Herbert Schade (Germany)	Düsseldorf	Sept.	14
29:29.4	Alain Mimoun (France)	Stockholm	Oct.	4
29:31.4	Aleksandr Anufriyev (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev	June	12
29:48.4	Oeistein Saksvik (Norway)	Copenhagen	Aug.	29
29:48.6	Franjo Mihalic (Yugoslavia)	Zagreb	Oct.	4
29:50.0	Nikifor Popov (U.S.S.R.)	Mistakenly Reported		
29:51.2n	Gustaf Jansson (Sweden)	Düsseldorf	Sept.	14
29:51.4n	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Helsinki	July	20
29:51.8n	Frank Sando (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	20
29:52.4	Bertil Albertsson (Sweden)	Uppsala	June	5
29:54.0	Martin Stokken (Norway)	Oslo	Aug.	22

## 110 METRES (120.30 yards) HURDLES

13.7	Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	24
13.7n	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	24
13.9y	Craig Dixon (U.S.A.)	Fresno, Cal.	May	10
13.9y	Billy Anderson (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal.	June	4
14.0y	Ray Weinberg (Australia)	Melbourne	Feb.	9
14.1n	Art Barnard (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	24
14.1	Yevgeniy Bulanohik (U.S.S.R.)	Stalinabad	Sept.	21
14.1y	Val Joe Walker (U.S.A.)	Odessa, Tex.	Mar.	29
14.1yn	Richard Attlesley (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	May	17
14.2n	Robert Mathias (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
14.2yn	Peter Gardner (Australia)	Brisbane	Jan.	25
14.2y	William Albans (U.S.A.)	Ontario, Cal.	Apr.	22
14.2	Milton Campbell (U.S.A.)	London	Aug.	9

## 400 METRES (437.44 yards) HURDLES

50.7	Charles Moore (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June	27
51.2	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Tashkent	Oct.	15
51.4n	Lee Yoder (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June	27
51.7	Robert DeVinney (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
51.7n	Roland Blackmon (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June	27
51.9+	John Holland (New Zealand)	Hamilton	Feb.	23
52.1n	Anatoliy Yulin (U.S.S.R.)	Helsinki	July	21
52.2n	Don Halderman (U.S.A.)	Long Beach, Cal.	June	20
52.2	Lars Ylander (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug.	24
52.3n	Bill Johnson (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	14
52.3	David Gracie (G.B.)	Malmö	Aug.	6
52.4	Albin Rauch (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	June	13
52.4	Rune Larsson (Sweden)	Stockholm	July	3
52.4n	Sven-Olof Eriksson (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug.	24
52.4	Angus Scott (G.B.)	Paris	Aug.	24
(+)	Holland's actual performance was 52.0y.			

## 3000 METRES (1 mile 1920.83 yards) STEEPLECHASE

8:45.4	Horace Ashenfelter (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July	25
8:48.6	Vladimir Kazantsev (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev	June	12
8:50.0	Helmut Gude (Germany)	Berlin	June	28
8:51.8n	John Disley (G.B.)	Helsinki	July	25



Hannu Posti (Finland) and Herbert Schade (Germany) two of the 12 10,000 metre men who broke 30 minutes during the 1952 season.

## 3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE (continued)

8:54.4	Olavi Rinteenpää (Finland)	Colombes	Sept.	14
8:55.6n	Curt Söderberg (Sweden)	Helsinki	July	25
8:55.8n	Mikhail Saltykov (U.S.S.R.)	Helsinki	July	23
8:55.8n	Günther Hesselmann (Germany)	Helsinki	July	25
8:57.4n	Gunnar Karlsson (Sweden)	Stockholm	July	3
9:00.4n	József Apró (Hungary)	Helsinki	July	23

(The 8 Standard Field Events will be covered in the next No.)

## "MEDLEY RELAY" conducted by 'Baton'

DECEMBER is a particularly fertile month for world record-holders. We start with Rune Gustafsson (1000 metres), who was 33 on December 1st and we end up with his fellow Swede Gunder Hagg and the Finn Yrjö Nikkanen, who were both at the Helsinki Games and who celebrate their 34th and 38th birthdays on the last day of the year. Rune, who turned out in a race in September, besides his 2:21.4 1000 metre world record has a 1:50.0 800 metres and a mile in 4:04.6 to his credit.

Sandwiched between we get Finland's Taisto Mäki, the first man to break 30 mins. for 10,000 metres, who becomes 42 on December 2nd, and walker Roland Hardy who first made contact with the earth 25 years ago on December 3rd. Jimmy Fuchs entered the circle three days after Hardy in 1927. He shares his birthday of December 6th with the world famous editor of Sweden's great sports paper 'Idrottsbladet', Torsten Tegner (born 1888).

On December 8th 1920 at Williamsville on the British West Indian island of Trinidad there was born Emmanuel McDonald Bailey, co-holder of the world 100 metre record at 10.2 secs. and bronze medallist at Helsinki. He will thus have entered his 33rd year.

"The First of the Finns", Hannes Kolehmainen (pronounced Coll-och-my-nen) was 63 on December 9th. He started the great Finnish running traditions when he won the 1912 Stockholm Olympic 10,000 metres in 31:20.8. Eight years later at Antwerp he left the defence of his title to a young countryman called Nurmi and turned his attention to the Marathon. Though he had some trouble with the dogged Estonian J. Lossman, he finally managed to draw away to win by nearly 100 yards in the fine time of 2 hours 32 mins. 35.8 secs. When it is considered that the Antwerp course was 26 miles 990 yards or 605 yards over the present regulation distance it can be seen that Kolehmainen must have come very close to achieving the first 2½ hour run ever recorded. Hannes married an American wife who once told me that the first time she heard of the name, that is now hers, she read in a press report which said that this man was making hay of America's distance runners. And how she hated him for it!

Jules Ladoumègue, the first man to break 4:10.0 becomes 46 on the 10th. Three Olympic Champions also have December birthdays. George Rhoden is 26 on the 13th, Harold Abrahams is 53 on the 15th and another Harold Whitlock becomes fifty on the 16th.

# Best British Marks in 1952 - Concluded

These lists, embracing the 8 standard field events, conclude the United Kingdom Rankings for the 1952 season. The track events were covered in the November issue (pages 4-6.)

## HIGH JUMP

6'5"	P. Wells (London A.C.)	Motspur Park	17/5
6'5"	A.S. Paterson (Victoria Pk. A.A.C.)	Montreal	14/6
6'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	R.C. Pavitt (Polytechnic H.)	Helsinki	20/7
6'4"	E.L. Button (Metropol. Police A.C.)	Imber Court	23/8
6'4"	D.R.J. Cox (Eton Manor A.C.)	Battersea	6/9
6'2"	I.L.L. Jones (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	23/2
6'2"	H.W. Leader (Achilles Club)	Cambridge	23/2
6'2"	S.O. Williams (Nigeria/Poly.H.)	White City	24/5
6'2"	W. Piper (Glasgow Police A.A.)	Edinburgh	7/6
6'2"	P.J. Brinson (London A.C.)	Imber Court	23/8
6'1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	A.P.J.S. Orton (Shaftesbury H.)	Hampstead	12/5
6'1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.W. Guilford (Burton & District)	Birmingham	7/6
6'1"	M.J. Rickard (R.A.F.)	Motspur Park	3/5
6'1"	B. Freeman (Liverpool H.)	Salford	24/5
6'1"	T.J. Reynolds (Qn. Elizabeth G.S.)	Motspur Park	26/7
6'0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	N.C.A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.)	Swansea	16/8
6'0"	S.J.L. Freeman (Surrey A.C.)	Motspur Park	14/5
6'0"	M.C. Ludlow (R.A.F.)	Aylesford	17/5
6'0"	G.A. Marwood (Achilles Club)	Tiverton	24/5
6'0"	R. Collett (Leicester H.)	Cardiff	/5
6'0"	K.St.C. Cunningham (Victoria Pk. AAC)	Edinburgh	14/6
6'0"	A. Graham (Worthing H.)	Worthing	14/6
6'0"	R. Bennett	Chesterfield	28/6
6'0"	E.M. Baré (Nigeria/Belgrave H.)	London	30/8

## POLE VAULT

13' 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	G.M. Elliott (Woodford Green A.C.)	Paris	23/8
13' 3"	N.G.A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.)	Maidstone	28/6
13' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	A.J. Burger (S. Africa/Achilles Club)	Oxford	8/5
13' 1"	T.D. Anderson (Achilles Club)	Oxford	12/6
12' 6"	G.C. Calladine (R.A.F.)	Scampton	21/5
12' 3"	G.D. Howland (Shaftesbury H.)	Walton	26/7
12' 0"	N.E.C. Dear (London A.C.)	Chiswick	10/5
12' 0"	I. Ward (Loughborough College A.C.)	Liverpool	17/5
12' 0"	W. Piper (Glasgow Police A.A.)	Edinburgh	7/6
12' 0"	R. Petitjean (Manchester A.C.)	Stoke	28/6
12' 0"	H.L. Williams (Roath H.)	Chesterfield	28/6

## LONG JUMP

24' 8"	S.O. Williams (Nigeria/Poly.H.)	Paris	24/8
23' 9"	A.R. Cruttenden (Brighton A.C.)	Paris	24/8
23' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	R.A. Lethbridge (ex Liverpool H. & AC)	Brisbane	26/1
23' 6"	L.H. Platt (Wallasey A.C.)	Billingham	7/6
23' 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	W.M. Dixon (Coventry Godiva H.)	White City	24/5
23' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	E. Darlow (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	14/5
23' 1"	G.E. Broad (Herne Hill H.)	Oswestry	/7
22' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	G. Hardman (Army A.A.)	Aldershot	4/6
22' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	I.G.H. Walker (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	8/5
22' 6"	L. Pinder (Doncaster P.W.)	Port Sunlight	13/6
22' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	R.A. Jackson (Herne Hill H.)	Sudbury	23/8
22' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	A.E. Agar (Lloyd's Bank A.C.)	Motspur Park	11/7
22' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J.E. Wright (Birchfield H.)	Birmingham	19/7

## HOP, STEP & JUMP

48' 2"	N.J. Coleman (Reading A.C.)	Uxbridge	25/5
47' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	P.E. Goldsmith (London A.C.)	Aldershot	1/7
47' 5"	R.A. Lethbridge (ex Liverpool H. & AC)	Melbourne	5/1
47' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	M.F. Eggleton (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	11/6
47' 2"	J.C. Stewart (Queen's Univ. Belfast)	Belfast	14/5
47' 0"	W.N. Iaing (Gold Coast/Atalanta)	Glasgow	14/6
46' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.W. Ashing (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	11/6
46' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J.H. Monteith (Liverpool Univ. A.C.)	Cardiff	14/6
46' 1"	R.J. McColligan (Albert Foundry)	Belfast	31/5
46' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	B. Richards (New Zealand/Poly.H.)	Chiswick	10/5
46' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	S.E. Cross (Small Heath H.)	Stratford	17/5
45' 8"	K.F.D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	Uxbridge	7/6
45' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	L.G.H. Walker (Herne Hill H.)	Chiswick	10/5
45' 6"	N.D. Finch (Army A.A.)	Cardiff	24/5

## PUTTING THE SHOT

54' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J.A. Savidge (London A.C.)	Paris	4/5
50' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	J.A. Gilles (Southgate H.)	Paris	23/8
46' 10"	A. Pukets (Latvia/Lincoln Wellington)	Peterborough	28/6

## PUTTING THE SHOT (continued)

46' 2"	M. Pharoah (Manchester U.A.C.)	Reading	4/5
45' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	W.M.T. Holland (Achilles Club)	White City	21/6
45' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	P.F. Horn (Army A.A.)	Aldershot	3/6
45' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	A. Cox (Dorking St. Paul's A.C.)	Dorking	20/9
44' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J. Drummond (Heriot A.C.)	Edinburgh	23/8
44' 9"	xJ. Banes (Achilles Club)	Loughborough	27/8
44' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J. Banes (Achilles Club)	White City	15/3
44' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.F.A. Vanhegan (Southgate H.)	Chiswick	10/5
43' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	T. Logan (Scotland)	Edinburgh	12/7
43' 5"	A. Silbery (Metropolitan Police A.C.)	Imber Court	23/8

## THROWING THE DISCUS

152' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	M. Pharoah (Manchester U.A.C.)	Liverpool	10/5
150' 5"	P.F. Horn (Army A.A.)	Worthing	9/8
146' 7"	J.A. Savidge (R.N.A.A.A.)	Aldershot	1/7
141' 10"	E.J.A. Brewer (Old Rutlishians A.C.)	Mitcham	28/7
140' 7"	W. Thomas (U.S.A./Achilles Club)	Oxford	9/2
139' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	H.L. Williams (Roath H.)	Cardiff	7/7
138' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	A. Silbery (Herne Hill H.)	Imber Court	9/8
138' 6"	C. Scott (Royal Ulster Constabulary)	Belfast	14/5
138' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	O.A. Feldmanis (Mitcham A.C.)	Norbury	3/6
136' 9"	A. Janson (South London H.)	White City	31/6
135' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	W.J.H. Leckie (Atalanta A.C.)	St. Andrew's	31/5
135' 10"	M.F. Flacke (Herne Hill H.)	Bradford	17/5
135' 9"	J.L. Donnelly (Hamilton H.)	Airdrie	10/5

## THROWING THE HAMMER

179' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	E.C.K. Douglas (Atalanta A.C.)	White City	24/5
173' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D. McD. Clark (Royal Ulster Constabulary)	White City	20/6
172' 11"	P.C. Allday (London A.C.)	Uxbridge	16/3
168' 0"	C.J. Reidy (South London H.)	Dublin	3/6
165' 9"	A.R. Valentins (R.N.A.A.A.)	Portsmouth	19/6
162' 11"	D.A. Moore (Herne Hill H.)	Attleborough	19/7
161' 5"	J.L. Dreyer (S. Africa/South London H.)	Sandhurst	12/7
160' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.N.J. Cullum (London A.C.)	Motspur Park	14/5
159' 3"	J. Brooman (London A.C.)	Attleborough	19/7
155' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	F. Gandy (London A.C.)	Alperton	2/8
155' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.W.J. Anthony (Watford H.)	Wealdstone	28/6
153' 1"	A.W. Silbery (Metropolitan Police A.C.)	Imber Court	23/8
151' 0"	J. Britten (Loughborough College)	Loughborough	28/6
150' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	W.J.H. Leckie (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	Edinburgh	11/6
147' 1"	D. Brands (R.A.F.)	Coltishall	16/7
145' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	M.J.W. Dalrymple (London A.C.)	Attleborough	19/7
143' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	N.H. Drake (Blackpool & Fylde H.)	Liverpool	17/5

## THROWING THE JAVELIN

221' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	R.D.W. Miller (Reading A.C.)	Reading	28/6
216' 1"	M.J. Denley (Thames Valley H.)	White City	21/6
204' 11"	D.B. Tucker (Herne Hill H.)	Chiswick	10/5
196' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J. Trickett (R.N.A.A.A.)	Uxbridge	16/3
193' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	F. Gandy (London A.C.)	Chiswick	10/5
190' 1"	A.F. Hignell (Achilles Club)	Cirencester	17/5
187' 4"	B.L. Galloway (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	23/2
186' 8"	W.B.L. Palmer (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	31/10
186' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	H.J. Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Denmark/Poly.H.)	White City	21/6
185' 3"	M.J.W. Dalrymple (London A.C.)	Cambridge	24/5
184' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	M.V.W. Chote (Army A.A.)	Uxbridge	3/6
184' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.J. McNab (Army A.A.)	Uxbridge	3/6
184' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	K. Flanagan (Royal Ulster Constabulary)	Folkestone	26/7
183' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	D.W.R. McKennie (Atalanta A.C.)	Edinburgh	7/6
182' 0"	K.J. Brookman (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	23/2
180' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	C.F. Riach (J.T.C.A.C.)	Edinburgh	11/6

## LATE ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Add 100 Yds	9.9 A.W. Lillington	White City	21/6
Note 200 Mtrs.	20.9 E. McD. Bailey	White City	24/5
Note 220 Yds	21.2 E. McD. Bailey	White City	17/9
Sub. 440 Yds	49.4 J.F. Grant	Chesterfield	28/6
Note 1,500 Mtrs.	3:50.6 D.C. Seaman	Belgrade	31/8
Add Mile	4:15.6 W.T. Hulatt	Chesterfield	28/6
Note Mile	4:15.8 C.W. Brasher	Uxbridge	17/5
Add Mile	4:16.4 P.R. Ll. Morgan	Motspur Park	28/5
Add 120 Yds. H.	15.5 C.C. Balch	Abertillery	14/6
Add 2 Mile S/C	10:28.5 W.A.F. Perkins	White City	21/6
Add Pole Vault 12'0"	6.E. Broad	Loughborough	21/6
(Acknowledgements to E.R.L. Powell and A.W. Norman)			
Note 440 Yds	49.2 D.J. Rawe	Birmingham	4/10
Note Mile	4:17.2 D.F. Williamson	Aldershot	4/6
NEW JUNIOR MARK			
Javelin 193'6"	J. Ryder (Lord Wandsworth Coll.)	Uxbridge	26/6

# The Statistician Laureate

by Norris McWhirter

Among the small crowd watching the Italy vs. Germany international at Milan on the afternoon of July 15 1939 was a 16 year old boy. His interest in track and field athletics dated from two years earlier when he saw an A.A.U. team that was touring Italy. Now he was witnessing the most unapproached performance in track history - the mighty Rudolf Harbig's 800 metres world record of 1min.46.6secs.

From then on Roberto Luigi Quercetani steeped himself in the statistics of the world's oldest sport. No radio report, no newspaper cutting escaped him as he worked away by the light of an oil lamp in his family's picturesque old house in the San Jacopo quarter of Florence. The war brought personal tragedy and bereavement when the Wehrmacht carried out their clumsy demolitions round the medieval Ponte Vecchio, but despite this by the time the tide of battle had rolled past, the 21 year old Florentine had become the master of many languages - languages essential to one who had now become the greatest connoisseur of athletics in the world.

Every moment that could be spared from his daily work in the sumptuous Secretary's office of the Government Tourist Bureau or his lectures at the University of which he has a Doctorate of Philosophy were spent in rescuing or collating performances made in the inter-war years.

His correspondence grew and grew but none was more assiduously conducted than that with the brilliant American doctor of mathematics, Donald H. Potts. Mrs. Pott once described the correspondence, which reaches over 30 close typed quarto sheets per letter, as "short introductions to interminable P.S.'s". In 1948 they published together a fabulous 70 page booklet listing the 100 best marks of all time in each event. The sales were pathetically small but gradually the booklet filtered into the hands of enthusiasts in many countries. Two years later the authors learnt that the XIVth Olympic Games had been seeded largely upon its invaluable data.

In July 1950, on the way back from Greece, the author made a visit, or should he say pilgrimage, to Florence to see the man who was able to make figures live so vividly. From a call box in Firenze railway station came a quiet cultured voice speaking perfect English with a slight American intonation, apologizing for his "poor" English since he had been unable to find anyone to converse with in it for the past 11 years! He invited myself and a companion to dinner in a café by the river and there he talked of the great athletes of the past as intimately as if they were close acquaintances. He also talked of his plan of founding an association of track and field statisticians to coordinate their efforts. His approach was beyond the narrow nationalistic one of most sportswriters. One felt that here was a man whose only wish was that others could share his enjoyment - an enjoyment born of intense interest and remarkable knowledge.

A month later in another café in Rue de la Montagne in Brussels the A.T.F.S. was formed. Quercetani, who was in the chair, conducted the inaugural meeting in German, French, English and Italian. In addition he reads Swedish, Spanish and even dabbles with that most impossible of languages - Finnish. Though only 30 years old the spare bespectacled wizard, who said of himself, "My personal non-participation in athletics was of little loss to Italy", has made his impact greatly felt. Perhaps his greatest task lies ahead. One day he will surely devise some international scoring tables which will carry the authority which characterizes all his other great contributions to the sport.

## NOTICE TO READERS

This December issue of ATHLETICS WORLD is the eleventh since the first number came out in March. In order to cover the year with 12 issues and to get back into step after having two August numbers, the next issue will be a double January-February one.

The issue will include the latest news from Australia, South Africa and South America together with the first results of the American indoor season and those of our home cross-country season. There will also be further general interest features.

## SHORT TAKES

INVESTIGATED (1) The delicate inquiry into the age of South Africa's woman Olympic High Jump champion Esther Brand now reveals that her age when she won the Western Provinces title at 4'11" in 1938 was not 12 after all. It was eleven! (2) Roberto Quercetani (see Col. 1, this page) has supplied the missing data on the rumoured 57 foot shot-putts by Al. Blozis. In the 1942 A.A.U. Indoor Championships at New York on Feb. 28 the Georgetown star got one off to 57'0" (17.39). However he had punished the leather covered shot so badly that a seam split and on reweighing it was found to be fractionally underweight. Back in New York a fortnight later photographers persuaded Blozis to perform an extra trial after he had won the competition. They were rewarded with a new milestone in shot-put history - a toss that sailed out to 57'9" (17.39). Blozis, who in the same year threw the discus 173'10" (52.73), was killed in action in France on Jan. 21 1945.

UNDER INVESTIGATION. Just after our compilation on page 3 had been completed we learnt that McKenley is reputed to have perhaps 4 more marks that would qualify for inclusion. As soon as the precise details are established we shall publish the findings.

CONGRATULATIONS to Micheline Ostermeyer the concert pianist who won the shot-putt and discus at the Wembley in 1948 and also added a 6th place in the high jump. Sometime in October in Beirut, Syria she became Mlle. Rene Gazarian. It was not reported whether or not she removed the habitual dark glasses for the ceremony. APOLOGY. In the tabulation on the 19 Fastest Milers of All-Time in the November issue Josy Barthel's best over-distance mark was incorrectly listed. On May 11 last he beat Herbert Schade in a 2,000 metre race in Bonn in 5:19.2 - a mark 'as good' as a two miles in under 8:55.0. HAD YOU EVER WONDERED what the Japanese starting orders were? Last summer we had a visit from Wakaki Maeda the 50'11" hop, step and jumper who is now the Sports Editor of the Chubu Nippon Press. He not merely told us but also wrote it down. It goes thus "I CHI NI TSUI TE (on your marks) YOO I (set)". The bang is internationally understood.

HIGH POWERED CONVERSATIONALISTS. One of the many fascinating incidents recaptured in Guy Butler's intimate film shots taken in the arena at Helsinki occurs in the second semi-final of the 400 metres. The only two men ever to have cracked the 46 second barrier, George Rhoden and Herbert McKenley were drawn in adjacent lanes. In view of the final later the same afternoon they were anxious not to overdo things in qualifying. All round the last bend they were chatting. As they were coming into the straight McKenley looked round at the All-America ball game star Ollis Matson (he ran 47.1 for 440 yards back in 1948) to see what shape he was in. Sizing up the situation you see him say something to Rhoden. It looked like "Save your kick". Anyway the pair just kept stringing along. Times? Oh! I almost forgot. - Herb. 46.4, George 46.5 UNBELIEVABLE!!!

## QUIZ

- The Vth British Empire Games will be held in Vancouver in 1954. Only one meeting record remains from the first Empire Games also held in Canada in 1930. Which event?
- The holders of world records in 5 of the standard men's events never competed in an Olympics. Who are they?
- Name the man who has high-jumped the third highest of all-time.
- Which is the only field event in which Britain has never placed an athlete in the first six in the Olympic Games?
- What have the following American athletes in common? Berry, Boydston, Sheffield, Watkins, Williamson and Wilson.
- Which of these has been accomplished in the shortest time? 200 metres men's backstroke, 200 metres women's freestyle or 1000 metres men's running.

### ANSWERS

1. The javelin (N.Z.) 207'11"
2. High Jump (100m), Dick Atlessey (10m), Les Steers (High Jump and Dutch Warmblood F.V. of U.S.A.)
3. William Stearns (USA) 6'10" (2.09) in April 1941 and under Hagg (1500m) of Sweden.
4. The javelin which was inaugurated in 1908.
5. They all high-jumped 6ft. 8" or over in the war.
6. 1000m running 2:21.2; men's backstroke 2:21.5; women's 100m 2:21.7

### FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO JUNIOR RANKINGS (October No.)

- Add High Jump 5'10" J. Glenhill (Tonbridge) Hythe 23/5  
 Note Long Jump 21' 5" J.S. Macye  
 Add Long Jump 21' 0" D. Fairweather Mottingham 21/5

ANOTHER WORLD RECORD. Russian 'papers report that a Ukraine Women's 3x800 m. relay team of N. Chernoshok Dora Barakhovich and Nina Pletnyeva ran 6:38.4 (av. 2:12.8!) in Kiev in June. Old record 6:44.8 (1951).

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## BRITISH ALL TIME RATINGS

Below is published the list of the top performers among United Kingdom athletes reckoned on the basis of the current International Scoring Tables. Each athlete is listed for his highest scoring mark in each separate event. In the case of unpointed English distances the usual standard adjustments have been made and the resulting pointages listed in brackets.

1. 1,225	S.C.WOODERSON(Blackheath H.)	Mile	4:04.2
2. 1,210	R.G.BANNISTER(Achilles Club)	1,500m.	3:46.0
3. 1,186	J.I.DISLEY(London Athletic Club)	3,000m.S/C	8:51.8
4. 1,178	A.W.SWEENEY(Milocarlan A.C.)	100m.	10.4
1,163	S.C.Wooderson(Blackheath H.)	5,000m.	14:08.6
5. 1,160	G.W.NANKEVILLE(Walton A.C.)	1,500m.	3:48.0
6. 1,152	A.G.K.BROWN(Achilles Club)	400m.	46.7
7. 1,151	F.D.SANDO(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	10,000m.	29:51.8
1,150	S.C.Wooderson(Blackheath H.)	1,500m.	3:48.4
8. (1,146)	D.A.G.PIRIE(South London H.)	6 Miles	28:55.6
9. 1,140	W.ROBERTS(Salford H.)	400m.	46.8
1,138	R.G.Bannister(Achilles Club)	Mile	4:07.8
(1,136)	D.A.G.Pirie(South London H.)	3 Miles	13:44.8
1,135	S.C.Wooderson(Blackheath H.)	800m.	1:48.4
10. (1,131)	F.NORRIS(Bolton United H.)	6 Miles	29:00.6
11. (1,125)	W.R.APPLEGARTH(Polytechnic H.)	220yds.	21.2
(1,125)	A.W.Sweeney(Milocarlan A.C.)	220yds.	21.2
11. 1,125	W.RANGELEY(Salford H.)	100m.	10.5
11. (1,125)	C.B.HOLMES(Manchester Univ.A.C.)	220yds.	21.2
1,125	C.B.Holmes(Manchester A.C.)	100m.	10.5
11. 1,125	J.C.M.WILKINSON(O.U.A.C.)	100m.	10.5
11. 1,125	A.McCORQUODALE(London Athletic Club)	100m.	10.5
1,122	G.W.Nankeville(Walton A.C.)	Mile	4:08.6
16. 1,115	P.J.ROBINSON(Achilles Club)	1,500m.	3:49.8
(1,115)	F.D.Sando(Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	3 Miles	13:48.0
17. 1,110	L.EYRE(Leeds Harehill H.)	1,500m.	3:50.0
17. 1,110	H.J.PARLETT(Dorking St.Paul's A.C.)	Mile	4:09.2
19. 1,105	D.B.PELL(Herne Hill H.)	1,500m.	3:50.2
20. 1,103	C.J.CHATAWAY(Walton A.C.)	5,000m.	14:18.0
21. 1,101	A.B.PARKER(Barrow A.C.)	5,000m.	14:18.2
(1,100)	J.C.M.Wilkinson(Herne Hill H.)	220yds.	21.3
22. 1,100	J.A.SAVIDGE(R.N.A.C.(South))	Shot Putt.	54' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
1,100	C.J.Chataway(O.U.A.C.)	2 Miles	8:55.6
23. (1,098)	A.S.PATERSON(Victoria Park A.A.C.)	High Jump	6' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
24. 1,095	D.C.SEAMAN(London Athletic Club)	1,500m.	3:50.6
25. (1,091)	W.HESKETH(Manchester A.C.)	6 Miles	29:13.8
1,090	C.J.Chataway(O.U.A.C.)	Mile	4:10.2
26. 1,085	A.PENNINGTON(Achilles Club)	400m.	47.3
26. 1,085	D.C.PUGH(South London H.)	400m.	47.3
28. (1,084)	E.H.LIDDELL(Edinburgh Univ.A.C.)	100yds	9.7
(1,084)	A.G.K.Brown(Achilles Club)	100yds	9.7
(1,084)	C.B.Holmes(Manchester Univ.A.C.)	100yds	9.7
(1,084)	S.C.Wooderson(Blackheath H.)	3 Miles	13:53.2
1,082	L.Eyre(Leeds Harehill H.)	Mile	4:10.6
1,075	W.R.Applegarth(Polytechnic H.)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	H.M.ABRAHAMS(Achilles Club)	100m.	10.6
(1,075)	W.Rangeley(Salford H.)	220yds.	21.4
29. (1,075)	S.E.ENGLEHART(York H.)	220yds.	21.4
1,075	A.Pennington(Achilles Club)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	J.F.CORNES(Achilles Club)	1,500m.	3:51.4
29. 1,075	J.ARCHER(Nottingham A.C.)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	R.TOONE(Army A.A.)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	K.J.JONES(Newport A.C.)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	A.D.COOTE(Milocarlan A.C.)	100m.	10.6
29. 1,075	B.SHENTON(Polytechnic H.)	100m.	10.6
37. 1,072	C.W.BRASHER(Achilles Club)	3,000m.S/C	9:03.2
38. 1,070	D.G.WILSON(Polytechnic H.)	1,500m.	3:51.6
38. 1,070	D.C.IAW(Achilles Club)	Mile	4:11.2



Photo by K. Bray

THE LONELIEST MOMENT IN AN ATHLETE'S LIFE! An unusual picture showing the tension of a false start in an Olympic final. Roger Bannister shown just before the performance that was to bring him second place on the table opposite.

It will be noted that of the 39 athletes listed exactly one third(13)are survivors from the pre-war era.The sole representative from before the 1914-18 war is W.R.Applegarth whose 21.2sec. 220 yards stood as a European Record in 1952.

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