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Wiesner now 6'-9⁷/₈"; Truex 4:07.8; and Whitfield's 2 World Marks

From Roberto L. Quercetani

America's indoor campaigners have set yet 3 more world indoor marks in the all important meetings as the 1953 indoor season draws to its close. Lieutenant Ken Wiesner, the U.S. Navy dentist stole the thunder at the Milwaukee gathering on Saturday March 14th when he prowled up to the bar set $\frac{3}{8}$ inch above his own great 6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " of 50 days before at Philadelphia on January 23rd. The 205 pound Olympic silver medallist confirmed his claim to be the greatest indoor high-jumper of all time when his silken straddle left the bar undisturbed at 6'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ " which is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " better than his outdoor best of 6'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " of 1946 and a height only ever surpassed by Steers, Davis, Stewart and Walker out of doors.

At the A.A.U. Indoor Championships held at Madison Square Garden, New York on February 14 Mal Whitfield, the world's No. 1 half-miler for the last 5 years, had his eyes set on the 600 yards record of 1:10.2 standing to the name of John Borican (1941) and Hughie Short (1943). Unfortunately enough Mal stumbled in the very first lap and consequently had to run like a stag for the rest of the distance. He finally forged ahead to beat that great board runner Ollie Sax in a thrilling eyelash finish. Reggie Pearman, thanks to his famous finish was a close third. All three men were timed in 1:10.4 - just two tenths off the world mark. After half an hour's rest Mal ran a 'casual' 880 yards in a relay in 1:52.0

Mal first achieved satisfaction on February 28, namely in the Knights of Columbus meet in New York. First item on his heavy agenda paper was a half-mile. Though failing to break the late John Borican's 1942 record of 1:50.5, Whitfield passed the 800 metres post in 1:50.1 and went on for a new Garden mark of 1:50.9. Second was Don Gehrman, the former American Mile King, whose celebrated finish could make no impression on Mal. Gehrman finished four yards back in 1:51.4 with Pearman, who had lead with a first quarter in a sizzling 52.4, third.



THE NEW WORLD
INDOOR HIGH JUMP
RECORD HOLDER
KEN G. WIESNER

After a rest of only 70 minutes the 1948 and 1952 Olympic 800 metre champion was on the track again for the 600 yards. This time he was clearly in earnest and shattered Wesley Wallace's former standard of 1:04.4 (1939) as he sped by the 500 metres post in 1:02.9. Screwing on everything Mal bounded on to his second new 'world' record with at last 1:09.5 for 600 yds. so beating the 1:10.2 mark which had eluded him in the A.A.U. meeting. He later ran a 48.7 leg!

Fred Dwyer, the Villanova miler, added three more gems to his unbroken winning streak with a 4:12.4 (A.A.U.), 4:08.1 (I.C.A.A.A.) and a 4:11.8. His mark in the I.C.4 A's on February 21st lasted as the season's fastest mark till on March 14th Len Truex produced a 4:07.8 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Don Gehrman announced before the race that he would win or retire. Judging by his 58.0 first quarter and a 2:01.0 half and a 3:05.0 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile it was death or (cont p.8)



Photo - H. Neale.

The camera here catches Oxford President Christopher Chataway ordering his second string David Law into the attack as he passes the bell in 3:10.0. Chataway later flashed past Law (4:10.8) 250 yards out to finish with a 58.4 secs. last lap in 4:08.4 while Cambridge's 3:49.8 1,500 metre man Peter Robinson (4:10.6) also closed up to pass Law 30 yards from the tape. Full story see Page 3.

Attack on World's 4x 1,500m Record

- May 6

The trio above plus Oxford's Roger Bannister plan to attack Sweden's 4x 1,500 metres world record in the golden colours of the Achilles Club at East London's Eton Manor track at a floodlit meeting on Wednesday May 6th. A British team last held this record in 1931 and its progressive history is -:

Time	Average	Team	Place	Date
16:11.4	(4:02.9)	Finnish Club	Team Viipuri	17.7.1926
15:55.6	(3:58.9)	English Team	Cologne	30.8.1931
15:54.8	(3:58.7)	Finnish Nat. Team	Göteborg	17.9.1939
15:42.0	(3:55.5)	Swedish Club	Team Göteborg	3.8.1941
15:38.6	(3:54.7)	Swedish Club	Team Norrköping	29.7.1945
15:30.2	(3:52.6)	Swedish Club	Team Gävle	3.7.1949

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JOKE!!!

FIVE AUSTRALIANS RUN 9.7 SECS IN ONE RACE

From **JOE GALLI**

The greatest sprint race in Australian history took place at Sydney, New South Wales on March 7 when Hec Hogan beat the Olympic 100 metre finalist John Treloar to equal his own newly won national standard of 9.5 secs. Treloar was second with the 17th and last 9.6 secs. clocking of his long and lustrous career. Bill Job and Doug Winston were a close up third and fourth also recording 9.6 secs. apiece with Eddie Carr and Key. Reede showing 9.7 secs. and the schoolboy John Carrick sixth and last in 9.8secs. Such a race would be impossible in any country outside of America.

Les. Perry won the Victorian 3 Mile Title on Feb. 14th in 13:57.8 so to clip his personal best of 14:02.0; Landy's native mark of 14:00.0 and also the New Zealander Cecil Matthew's 1938 all-comers' record of 13:59.6. Perry was at the mile in 4:34.1 and at the two miles in 9:17.3. The former 'no-hoper' whipped himself up to a last lap in 62.4 secs. Four days later the bespectacled 5,000 metre finalist ran a 10,000 metre race passing the 6 miles in 29:38.8, just to miss his record with 30:32.0. He later vowed the heat permitting, he would in 1953-54 join the 'greats' in the sub-30 min class. The raw Bendigo runner John Davey clocked 29:50.0 and 30:50.0 on behind the Cerutti disciple.

Marks such as Jim Bailey's 4:12.4 (Bathurst, March 8) and 4:13.4 by John Plummer (4th at Sydney on March 7th) bear testimony to the great upward trend Down Under. The "Great John L." (Landy) has declared that his battery is flat. Nonetheless he turned in the following marks of late. A 4:11.0 mile to take the Victorian title on Feb. 7, a 4:11.1 at Bendigo on Feb. 18, a 4:09.4 at Adelaide on Feb. 21 for the South Australian title, a 4:14.8 at a Sunday Show at Melbourne, a 3:57.6 1,500 metres at Sydney on March 5, a 4:11.0 on a 5 lap track at Sydney on March 7 and a 4:12.4 at Bathurst the next day.

In the field Ian Reed, recently married to a London girl he met on his way from America to Helsinki, improved his discus record with a toss of 155'4" at Melbourne on March 7. Barry Donath got a putt off to 49'11" at Melbourne on March 1 only to learn that the shot weighed only 15lbs. 14 oz and that thus his authentic best must meanwhile remain at 47'7".

"MEDLEY RELAY" conducted by 'Baton'

IT HAPPENED IN APRIL: April has a very fair share of quarter-milers on its birthday list. Alan Pennington, who in 1939 at Cologne ran a 47.5 400 metres to force Rudolf Harbig to a 46.9, becomes 37 on April 4th. Bill Roberts one of the only two British 400 metre men to run faster (46.9 at the Berlin Olympics) reaches 41 on April 5th while Britain's newest hope Alan Dick was born in Sunderland 23 years ago on April 15th. To complete an 1,600 metre relay team to go under 3:10.0 we could call upon such other April born athletes as John Parlett (28 on April 19th) or even former A.A.A. 440 yards Champion 'Henry' Stallard, now of Harley Street, who belonged to the era when men only ran as fast as they had to rather than as fast as they could. Stallard, whose real name is Hyla, becomes 52 on April 28th and must be remembered not only as a 1:53.0 800 metre man but also as one who with a 4:14.2 mile (July 1921) produced the third fastest run of all-time to that date when newly 20 years old.

April also sees the birthdays of two entrants for the 4 minute mile stakes - Josy Barthel becomes 26 on the 24th while John Landy, most significantly becomes 23 on the fourth day of the fourth month.

Besides Parlett, who we learn is likely to be returning to the defence of his European 800 metre crown after a recalcitrant leg injury which kept him out of the Helsinki Olympics, two other British half-milers of note who have April birthdays are Harry Tarraway and Frank Evans. Tarraway came to prominence in 1947 when, as a complete outsider, he came through from the back to snatch the World Student Games 800 metre title in 1:54.4. Among those he shot past in his 'Finis Anglais' was the later invincible Barthel, who was third in 1:54.7. Tarraway later in this Paris meeting ran a relay stage in 1:52.2. Frank Evans 28 on April 7th has to date run the two laps under 1:54.0 on 9 occasions with a best of 1:52.4 also in Paris. In addition he was a member of Great Britain's world record-breaking 4x880 yard relay team of 1951.

The month closes with a tribute to the long jumpers. With 57 years between them C.B. Fry (men's world record-holder 1893-96) and Yvette Winifred Williams (reigning women's Olympic champion) share April 25th. Fry will be 81 whereas Yvette will be just 24. Another long jumping anniversary coincidence occurs on the very next day when K.S. Duncan, who beat Fry's Oxford record with 23'8", shares the 26th with the great Fanny Blankers with 6 years between take-offs.

Short Takes

THE WORLD'S SLICKEST FUNERAL. A high-powered American accountant, one Frank Baker of Mangum, Oklahoma, was struck by Moscow's Radio official announcement that 5,000,000 Russians had filed past the bier of the late Joseph Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili alias Koba alias Stalin. At three and one third feet apart and two abreast the mourners must have passed at the rate of 22 m.p.h. In his report Mr. Baker points out that 22 m.p.h. is 9.3 secs. for the 100 yards - the world's speed record held, before 5 million Russians repeated the feat, solely by his country's famous sprinter Melvin E. Patton.

THE LOTTERY ACT 1934. At the Blues' Dinner after the recent Oxford v. Cambridge match won for the sixth successive time by Oxford, Mr. W.R. Milligan (winner of the mile in 1923 and former world's 4x880 record holder) newly appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland made an important pronouncement concerning betting at this the oldest dual meeting in the world (inaugurated in 1864). The outcome can no longer be regarded as the subject of a lottery - it is now a certainty.

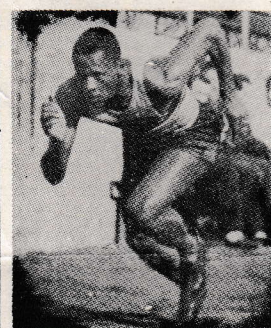
THE GREATEST SPRINT FINISH OF ALL TIME: The accolade of 'greatest of all time' is not one lightly bestowed. Such an award is now only made after much sifting of the facts and more wrinkling of the brows. Claims that Patton's great 9.3 at Fresno on May 15 1948 in which Lloyd La Beach returned 9.4 in second place gets the palm will no longer be entertained by us at least. Recently Dr. Roberto Quercetani lent us a photograph of one of the 1936 U.S. Olympic tryout races at Chicago on June 20th of that year. The few fans present scribbled the following incredible results in their programmes.

1. Jesse Owens 10.2 (new world record); 2. Foy Draper 10.3; 3. Sam Stoller 10.3; 4. Adrian Talley 10.4; 5. Harvey Wallender 10.4; 6. George Boone 10.4; 7. D. Dunn 10.5; 8. Perrin Walker 10.5; 9. M. Pollock 10.6.

Wallender (fifth in 10.4) had clocked 10.3 in the heat.

THE HEIGHT OF MADNESS: In a recent murder trial in Northern Ireland the accused was found to be insane. In supporting the medical evidence counsel stated that his only interest in life was athletics.

THE NEXT STAR: Number three in our series "STARS OF THE THIRTIES"



will be the little known Bulace Peacock - the only man Jesse Owens really feared. Peacock (see left) won both the A.A.U. 100 metres and the long jump in 1935. No wonder Jesse was worried for the marks were 10.2 (wind) and 26 ft. 3 inches and Owens was third in the sprint and second in the long jump at 26'2" 1/4.

TOP NATION: Harold Abrahams has let us have at a look at a compilation sent him by a correspondent in which he set out to see whether the U.S.A. was strong enough to take on All Europe, the British Empire and the Rest of the World in three full scale matches ON THE SAME DAY and

BULACE PEACOCK (see May issue) beat them! Gentlemen the answer is Yes. The scores on a 5-3-1 basis using personal best marks of athletes currently in competition shows these results.

U.S.A.	96 POINTS	ALL EUROPE	72 POINTS
U.S.A.	123 POINTS	BRITISH EMPIRE	65 POINTS
U.S.A.	129 POINTS	REST OF WORLD	37 POINTS

Five Question Quiz

- Which would you think is the faster? The world's quarter mile record for (a) roller-skating (b) running. Both records were set up in 1948.
- In 1952 the world's tally of of sub 3:50.0 1,500 metres reached the prodigious total of 100!. Thus the all-time total went from 186 to 286. Who has made the biggest ever contribution in a season?
- Which can jump highest (a) a horse; (b) a dog or (c) a Belgian Congo Watutsi tribesman off an inclined take-off.?
- Which American Interscholastic record exactly equals its British all time Junior best counterpart.?
- In what events is the world indoor best better than the official outdoor world record.?

Pirie dominates National C-C.

Few of those who witnessed the snow-bound fiasco at Apsley in 1947 could ever have believed that a National Cross-country title would again have been won by a margin of 67 secs. Yet on Saturday March 7th at Caversham Park, Reading Douglas Alastair Gordon Pirie, 22 won the 1953 'National' by an interval of 67.4secs from his fellow Olympian Frank Sando who twice beat him in the Youths races of 1948 and 1949.

From the gun fired by South London's E.C.C.U. President J.C. Stubbs (114th in 1947) to the finish Pirie's glorious procession of one grew more and more unreal. During his great run of 9.6 miles in 49 mins. 15secs. he was going at a rate faster than miles in 5mins. After he had won there was an all-most eerie delay until Bill Gray the international 29:38 six miler, hove into sight dogged by a sadly blistered but ever game Sando who still managed an extra kick for second place. Then came the muscular lone Ranger (3rd in Inter-Countries) with Bill Boak (2nd in 1951) on his heels. Sixth was the foremost 'Stagbearer' A.E. Dalton (Birchfield H.) who though 9th in 1950 was passed over for G.E. Saunders in England's team.

Stalking into seventh place came D.H. Holden (16th in the 1950 Junior) followed by a major surprise in Rotherham's D. P. Foster who had graduated by way of 6th in the Northern, 129th in 1952 and 50th in 1951. A most popular ninth was Jim Peters who had gained 10 secs. on Sando in the last of the 3 large laps. Tenth was filled by a long service man in D. Walker who had won the Northern Youths race back in 1946. He was just 4 secs ahead of the 31 year old Fred. Norris, a victim of travel sickness.

Birchfield after a lapse of 16 years recaptured the team title with Ray Hatton (18th), Freddie Green (21st) and their skipper pre-war Scots International Bobby Reid (2nd in 1946, 5th in 1948 and 12th in 1949, 1950 and 1951!) twenty-seventh.

South London in Peter Driver also found the winner of the 'Junior'. The holder Wild of Cheshire was outpaced by 35 secs. Essex Beagles' quartet took the team title. M. Reeve of Southend lived up to his great form in his Essex race in the Youths event in which Sheffield Un.H. put their 4 in the top 40.

SUMMARIES: THE SENIOR

1. DAG PIRIE (SLH) 49.15
2. FD SANDO (Aylesford FM) 50.22
3. CM GRAY (Small Heath) 50.24
4. WF RANGER (Eastbourne) 50.39
5. W BOAK (Elswick H.) 50.44
6. AE DALTON (Birchfield) 50.45
7. DH HOLDEN (Cambridge H.) 50.47
8. DP FOSTER (Rotherham H.) 50.54
9. JH PETERS (Essex Beagles) 51.01
10. D. WALKER (Sheffield Un.) 51.13
11. F. NORRIS (Bolton Un. H.) 51.17
12. EL HARDY (Derby & C.A.C.) 51.19
13. I BINNIE (Victoria Pk.) 51.20
14. A FORBES (Victoria Pk.) 51.26
15. HA OLNEY (Thames Valley) 51.41
16. AE BINDER (Wolverhampton) 51.52
17. PC PERRY (Exeter H.) 51.55
18. R HATTON (Birchfield) 52.06
19. W. McMinnis (Sutton H.) 52.08
20. E BAVERSTOCK (Essex B.) 52.11

Team: 1. Birchfield H. 160 pts
 2. Bolton United H. 208pts
 3. Victoria Pk. AAC. 254pts

THE JUNIOR

1. PB DRIVER (SLH) 32.52
2. J WILD (East Cheshire) 33.27
3. MR SCHOFIELD (Poly H.) 33.31
4. P THOMPSON (Manchester H&C) 33.36
5. ML BARRATT (67th Rgt. R.A.) 33.40
6. AJ BEVERIDGE (Exeter H.) 33.48
7. KF CAULDER (Surrey AC) 33.50
8. MA BAKER (Horsham Blue S.) 34.01
9. J PIKE (Westbury H.) 34.02
10. BB HEATLEY (Godiva H.) 34.08

Team: 1. Essex Beagles 87 pts
 2. South London H. 110 pts
 3. Coventry Godiva H. 116pts



Photo by E. D. Lacey.

GORDON PIRIE over 200 yds. ahead of the 452 strong field at 5 miles.

THE YOUTHS

1. M REEVE (Southend A.C.) 19.15
 2. R ALLEN (Godiva H.) 19.17
 3. BG LUCAS (Ilford A.C.) 19.33
 4. D HUMPHREYS (Bingley H.) 19.36
 5. J FAIRCHILD (Sheffield Un.H.) 19.44
 6. K FLOCKTON (Harehills H.) 19.46
 7. A BOLTON (Horwich RMI) 19.49
 8. FJ WRIGHT (Belgrave H.) 19.54
- Team: 1. Sheffield Un. H. A.C. 80 pts
 2. Coventry Godiva H. 133 pts
 3. Sutton H. 179 pts

Oxford Win 73-53 in 79th University Sports For 6th successive victory.

David Law, a Yorkshireman and a law graduate at Oxford University ran his mile in the University Sports in 4 min. 10.8 sec. - a personal best performance. As Law wearily came off the last bend to face the stiff biting breeze for the fourth and last time he saw out of the corner of his wild eye Peter Robinson, Cambridge's best ever miler, coming up to his shoulder. The supporters of the Light Blues, who had yet to win a track event, cheered frenziedly as Robinson's spirit flogged his body towards the finishing line a long yard ahead of the Oxford man in 4:10.6.

Robinson's reward was not however to be the first Cambridge win at this distance since 1939 because while he was locked in feeble combat 50 feet out from the tape it was smartly snapped by the barrel-chest of the probationer brewer and Oxford President Christopher John Chataway - known to the Continental sports press as the "Red Fox".

The 21 year old, who, like Oliver Twist, had dared to ask for more on that final back straight of the Helsinki 5,000 metres from those merciless workhouse masters Zátopez and Mimoun, is running more strongly than ever before.

Chataway's 4:08.4 has only ever been beaten on English soil by Sydney Wooderson (4:06.4 and 4:07.4) and his predecessor in office at Oxford, Roger Bannister with the world's fastest mile in 1951 - 4:07.8. These miles let it be noted were achieved in August, May and June respectively. The odd thing about Chataway's March mile was that the middle half mile occupied 2 min. 11.1s. while the opening and last laps totalled only 1:57.3.

Alan Dick, one of Britain's 1,600 metres relay team at Helsinki, which came a not entirely undistinguished 5th in 3 min. 10.0 secs., inevitably lost some of his thunder to the mile. Nevertheless the achievement of the first ever purely track event triple victory in the 89 year history of this series was in the conditions a fine achievement. His 22.3 secs. furlong first round a tight bend and then into the teeth of the wind gusting up the finishing straight was probably the best of his three races. Dick, who incidentally was born at Sunderland nearly 23 years ago, joins as a triple victor :- H.S.O. Ashington (Cambridge) 880 yards, 120 yards hurdles, and long jump (23'5") in 1913; H.M. Abrahams (Cambridge) 100 yards (10.0), 440 yards, and long jump (23'7") in 1923; C.F. Stanwood (Oxford & U.S.A.) 120 & 220 yards hurdles, and high jump in 1933 and 1934; and I.E. Vind (Cambridge & Denmark) high jump (6'3"), pole vault and discus throw in 1948. Robert Tisdall, Ireland's Los Angeles 400 metres hurdles Olympic champion, remains alone as a winner of 4 events. In 1931, the last year the Sports were at Stamford Bridge, Tisdall - now farming in South Africa - took the 440 yards, 120 yards hurdles, long jump (23'0") and shot putt for Cambridge.

James Burnet ran a shrewd and brave race to win the 3 miles squarely in 14 mins. 24.4 secs., so shaving exactly one second off the record. Burnet made it quite clear that he had struck a hard blow not only for Cambridge but also for Scotland by appearing at the Blues Dinner that evening in a dress kilt. Britain's 30 year old Olympic captain Harry Whittle, now up at Cambridge on an engineering course, managed a first and two seconds (11 points). Oxford's Christopher Higham emulated his fellow Old Etonian Lord Burghley by taking both hurdles events. In the field events Cambridge took four out of six, but best was New Zealander G. Jeffries' 6'2" leap for Oxford.

SUMMARY

- 100 YARDS. A. Dick (Ox) 10.4; S.R. Richardson (Ox); P.S.W. Bradshaw (C).
 220 YARDS. A. Dick (Ox) 22.3; H. Whittle (C) 22.7; S.R. Richardson (Ox) 22.9.
 440 YARDS. A. Dick (Ox) 48.9; A.D. Sexton (C) 50.3; J.D. Lloyd (C) NOT TAKEN.
 880 YARDS. I.H. Boyd (Ox) 1:56.8; R.T.G. Day (C) 1:57.0; K. Marsden (C) 1:57.8.
 ONE MILE. C.J. Chataway (Ox) 4:08.4 (meeting record); P.J. Robinson (C) 4:10.6; D.C. Law (Ox) 4:10.8; D.G. Honey (C) 4:24.2.
 THREE MILES. J.J. Burnet (C) 14:24.4 (meeting record); A.J. Weeks-Pearson (Ox) 14:30.8; S.J. Bryant (Ox) 14:44.4; C.W. Suddaby (C) 14:56.6.
 120 YARDS HURDLES. C.E.E. Higham (Ox) 15.3; D.O. Sullivan (Ox) 15.5; T.E.W. Clark (C) 15.9.
 220 YARDS HURDLES. C.E.E. Higham (Ox) 25.6; H. Whittle (C) 25.6; M.C. Jenkin (Ox) 26.1.
 HIGH JUMP. G.A. Jeffries (Ox) 6'2"; P.J.L. Daniel (Ox) 5'10"; I. Ill. Jones (C) 5'10".
 POLE VAULT. J. Lyons (C) 11'0"; M.H. Thouless (Ox) 11'0"; S.S. Paschal (C & U.S.A.) 10'6".
 LONG JUMP. H. Whittle (C) 21'4"; I.M.E. Jeffery (C) 21'1"; F.J. Dakin (Ox) 20'9".
 SHOT PUTT. D.E.L. Slater (C) 41'5"; G. Butterworth (Ox) 40'7"; W.B.L. Palmer (O).
 DISCUS THROW. Slater (C) 129'4"; R.D. Shaw (Ox) 125'9"; Palmer (Ox) 123'5".
 JAVELIN THROW. A.A. Reich (Ox & USA) 189'9"; B.L. Callaway (C) 186'9"; P. Garland (C)

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BRITISH RANKINGS 1952

This third instalment of BRITISH RANKINGS concludes the record for 1952. Places (if any), in the 1951 Rankings are listed alongside the name in brackets. N.B. These lists are not intended to be an exhaustive account of each man's season.

HOP STEP and JUMP

1. Neville James COLEMAN (-)		
45' 11"	2nd Southern Champs	7/6
47' 4"	1st R.A.F. Champs	11/6
46' 5"	2nd A.A.A. Champs	20/6
48' 2"	1st Uxbridge (Cross, Eggleton)	25/6
	2nd Inter Services	2/7
46' 4"	1st Services v AAA (Goldsmith)	16/8
47' 6"	2nd G.B. v France (Goldsmith)	23/8

2. Peter Edward GOLDSMITH (3)		
44' 6"	1st A.A.A. v U.L.A.C.	14/5
45' 0"	1st Sussex Champs	17/5
45' 3"	2nd Inter Counties	2/6
46' 5"	1st Army Champs	3/6
46' 10"	1st Southern Champs (Coleman)	7/6
47' 6"	1st Inter Services (Coleman)	2/7
44' 6"	2nd Birmingham	19/7
44' 10"	2nd Services v AAA	16/8
45' 3"	3rd G.B. v France, Paris	23/8

3. William Neath LAING (2)		
47' 0"	1st Glasgow	14/5
46' 3"	--- Olympics (qualifying round)	23/7
43' 8"	1st Chatham	27/8

4. Sidney Ernest CROSS (1)		
44' 0"	1st Leyton Meeting	7/5
43' 7"	2nd Birmingham	10/5
46' 0"	1st Warwickshire Champs	17/5
45' 10"	1st Midlands v Welsh AAA	29/5
45' 3"	1st Inter Counties (Goldsmith)	2/6
44' 8"	1st Midland Champs	7/6
44' 8"	5th AAA Champs (Monteith)	20/6
46' 0"	2nd Uxbridge (Eggleton)	25/6
45' 2"	1st Birmingham (Goldsmith)	19/7

5. James Henry Benjamin MONTEITH (-)		
44' 3"	2nd Christie Champs	10/5
45' 4"	1st U.A.U. Champs	24/5
46' 4"	1st Cardiff	14/6
44' 7"	6th A.A.A. Champs	20/6

5. Kenneth Stanley David WILMSHURST (-)		
43' 5"	1st Inter Club Meeting	10/5
45' 0"	1st Surrey Champs	17/5
45' 8"	3rd Southern Champs	7/6
45' 2"	4th AAA Champs (Cross, Monteith)	20/6

PUTTING THE SHOT

1. John Andrew SAVIDGE (1)		
52' 4"	1st Harringay	29/3
54' 9"	1st Paris	4/5
53' 0"	1st AAA v OUAC	8/5
52' 2"	1st Sward Trophy	10/5
54' 1"	1st AAA v U.L.A.C.	14/5
52' 8"	1st Portsmouth	14/5
51' 9"	1st Notts Champs	17/5
52' 6"	1st Aylesford Meeting	22/5
53' 3"	1st AAA v CUAC	29/5
51' 7"	1st Inter Counties	31/5
52' 1"	1st Southern	7/6
53' 3"	--- Harrow	7/6
52' 10"	1st Services v OUAC	12/6
52' 11"	1st Kinnaird Meeting, Chiswick	14/6
54' 4"	1st Chatham	19/6
54' 1"	1st AAA Champs	21/6
52' 1"	1st Glasgow Sports	28/6
53' 3"	1st Inter Services	1/7
51' 10"	1st Triangular Match	5/7
48' 10"	--- Olympics (qualifying round)	21/7
53' 1"	6th Olympic Games	21/7
53' 6"	3rd Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
52' 8"	3rd British Games	9/8
52' 9"	1st Services v AAA	16/8
54' 9"	1st G.B. v France, Paris	23/8

52' 6"	1st Inter City Match	17/9
54' 9"	1st Dorking Meeting (Brit. Rec.)	20/9
2. John Alfred GILES (2)		
48' 1"	2nd Leyton Meeting	7/5
47' 5"	2nd Sward Trophy	10/5
47' 2"	1st Middlesex Champs	17/5
49' 9"	2nd Caledonian Games	24/5
48' 4"	2nd Inter Counties	31/5
47' 3"	2nd Southern Champs	7/6
49' 5"	2nd Wimbledon	11/6
47' 4"	2nd Chiswick	14/6
48' 8"	2nd AAA Champs	21/6
47' 0"	1st Uxbridge	25/6
47' 4"	2nd Triangular Match	5/7
45' 0"	--- Olympics (qualifying round)	21/7
48' 11"	4th Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
50' 4"	2nd G.B. v France, Paris	23/8



An actual shot of John Savidge making his 55' 3" exhibition putt on Jan. 8 at Motspur Park.

3. Mark PHAROAH (3)		
44' 5"	1st Manchester U. Sports	3/5
44' 11"	1st Liverpool	10/5
46' 2"	1st U.A.U. Champs	24/5
44' 3"	4th Inter Counties	31/5
	2nd Universities v AAA	4/6
42' 8"	1st U.A.U. v Univ. of Wales	14/6
44' 1"	5th A.A.A. Champs	21/6
44' 9"	5th Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
44' 6"	4th British Games	9/8
43' 10"	3rd Dorking Meeting	20/9

4. Patrick Philip HORN (5)		
46' 3"	1st Individual Champs BAOR	/5
45' 2"	1st Aldershot	3/6
44' 4"	4th AAA Champs (Pharoah)	21/6
45' 2"	1st Army Meeting	9/8
	2nd Services v AAA (Holland)	16/8

5. William Michael Tristram HOLLAND (-)		
44' 2"	1st C.U.A.C. Sports	23/2
44' 0"	2nd Oxford v Cambridge	15/3
41' 0"	3rd U.A.U. Champs	23/5
42' 8"	2nd C.U.A.C. v AAA	29/5
42' 7"	1st NCAA v Universities	4/6
45' 3"	3rd AAA Champs (Horn, Pharoah)	21/6
44' 6"	1st Marlborough	12/7
	3rd AAA v Services	16/8
	4th Inter City Meeting	17/9

6. Harry COX (-)		
	3rd Leyton Meeting	7/5

43' 7"	1st Inter Club Meeting	10/5
44' 2"	1st Surrey Champs	17/5
42' 6"	5th Inter Counties	31/5
44' 7"	1st Imber Court	23/8
44' 5"	1st Dorking	30/8
44' 5"	1st Caterham (Pharoah)	9/9
45' 1"	2nd Dorking (Pharoah)	20/9

THROWING THE DISCUS

1. Mark PHAROAH (3)		
152' 8"	1st Liverpool Meeting	10/5
142' 11"	1st Lancashire Champs	17/5
142' 1"	1st U.A.U. Champs	23/5
142' 9"	1st Inter Counties	31/5
140' 2"	1st Darlington	4/6
141' 0"	1st Northern Champs	7/6
137' 0"	1st Universities v U. of Wales	14/6
146' 8"	1st AAA Champs	21/6
148' 5"	--- Olympics (qualifying round)	22/7
142' 8"	4th Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
138' 2"	4th G.B. v France, Paris	24/8
143' 2"	1st Caterham Meeting	9/9
150' 7"	1st Dorking Meeting	20/9

2. John Andrew SAVIDGE (2)		
133' 3"	7th Paris Meeting	4/5
134' 3"	2nd Sward Trophy	10/5
137' 1"	1st Nottingham Champs	17/5
145' 2"	1st AAA v U.L.A.C.	29/5
137' 8"	2nd Inter Counties	31/5
137' 7"	2nd Southern Champs	7/6
136' 8"	1st Wimbledon Meeting	11/6
139' 8"	1st Services v O.U.A.C.	12/6
137' 7"	1st R.N. Champs	24/6
146' 7"	1st Inter Services	1/7
143' 6"	1st Services v AAA	16/8
144' 7"	2nd G.B. v France, Paris	24/8
139' 9"	2nd Dorking Meeting	20/9

3. Arthur William SILBERRY (-)		
124' 3"	3rd Surrey Champs	17/5
133' 9"	4th AAA Champs	21/6
138' 10"	1st Imber Court	9/8
134' 5"	3rd AAA v Services	16/8
135' 5"	1st Imber Court	25/8
135' 0"	1st Imber Court	30/8
	3rd Dorking	20/9

3. Howell L. WILLIAMS (-)		
133' 9"	1st Glamorgan Champs	17/5
123' 5"	1st Wales v Midlands	29/5
130' 7"	1st Welsh Champs	7/6
125' 3"	2nd R.A.F. Champs	11/6
134' 11"	2nd Services v O.U.A.C.	12/6
130' 6"	1st Uxbridge	25/6
	2nd Inter Services	1/7
139' 0"	1st Bangor Meeting	5/7
126' 0"	1st Wales v Western Counties	9/8
137' 4"	2nd Services v AAA (Silbery)	15/8

5. Ernest John Aisne BREWER (4)		
139' 10"	1st AAA v U.L.A.C.	14/5
132' 7"	1st Surrey Champs	17/5
134' 6"	3rd Inter Counties	31/5
135' 11"	2nd Wimbledon Meeting	11/6
141' 10"	1st Mitcham Meeting	28/7

6. Otto Arturis FELDMANIS (-)		
138' 5"	1st Norbury Meeting	3/6
137' 8"	1st Southern Champs	7/6
134' 4"	1st Chelmsford Meeting	14/6
129' 10"	6th AAA Champs	21/6

THROWING THE HAMMER

1. Ewan Campbell Kennedy DOUGLAS (3)		
179' 1"	1st Caledonian Games (Clark)	24/5
166' 2"	1st Inter Counties (Allday)	31/5
165' 6"	2nd Scots Champs	7/6
170' 8"	2nd AAA Champs (Allday)	20/6
172' 1"	1st Triangular Match (Clark)	5/7
158' 3"	--- Olympics (qualifying round)	24/7
167' 0"	5th Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
173' 11"	1st British Games (Allday)	9/8

2. Duncan McDougall Munroe CLARK (1)		
171' 10"	2nd Caledonian Games (Reidy)	24/5

BRITISH RANKINGS CONTINUED

Hammer throwing(continued) (D.McD.M.Clark)

173' 5"	1st	Belfast Meeting	2/6
167' 0" ¹ / ₂	1st	Scots Champs(Douglas)	7/6
170' 4"	1st	Dublin Meeting	14/6
173'11" ¹ / ₂	1st	AAA Champs(Douglas)	20/6
169' 0"	2nd	Triangular Match	5/7
166' 3" ⁵ / ₈	---	Olympics(qualifying round)	24/7
167' 6" ⁵ / ₈	18	Olympics(final)	24/7
170' 2"	2nd	Empire v USA(Douglas)	4/8
165' 7" ¹ / ₂	5th	British Games(Reidy)	9/8
166' 2" ¹ / ₂	2nd	G.B. v France,Paris	24/8

3. Peter Charles ALLDAY (2)

158' 5" ¹ / ₂	1st	Imber Court(Cullum,Reidy)	3/5
158' 2" ¹ / ₂	1st	Sward Trophy(Cullum,Reidy)	10/5
163'10" ¹ / ₂	1st	Middlesex Champs	17/5
165'11"	1st	Inter Counties(Reidy)	31/5
165' 1"	2nd	Southern(Cullum)	7/6
169' 0" ¹ / ₂	1st	Harpden(Reidy,Cullum)	14/6
169' 8"	3rd	AAA Champs	20/6
166'11" ¹ / ₂	3rd	Triangular Match(Reidy)	5/7
162'11"	1st	White City(Cullum)	8/7
165'11" ³ / ₄	---	Olympics(qualifying round)	24/7
163' 3"	21	Olympics(final)	24/7
165' 4" ¹ / ₂	1st	Alperton Meeting	2/8
167' 1" ¹ / ₂	4th	Empire v U.S.A.(Douglas)	4/8
167' 5" ¹ / ₂	4th	British Games(Clark,Reidy)	9/8
172'11"	1st	AAA v Services(Reidy)	16/8
169' 8" ¹ / ₂	1st	G.B. v France(Clark)	24/8
162' 6"	1st	Chatham Meeting	27/8
166' 1"	1st	Inter City Match(Reidy)	17/9

4. Charles James REIDY (4)

158'11"	1st	Camberley	26/4
157'10"	3rd	Imber Court	3/5
160' 7" ¹ / ₂	1st	Sussex Champs	17/5
159' 1"	3rd	Caledonian Games	24/5
161' 5"	3rd	Inter Counties(Valentine, Cullum)	31/5

168' 0"	1st	Dublin Meeting	3/6
155'11" ¹ / ₂	1st	Army Champs	4/6
167' 5" ¹ / ₂	1st	Southern(Allday,Cullum)	7/6
167' 4"	2nd	Harpden(Cullum)	14/6
166' 5" ¹ / ₂	4th	AAA Champs(Cullum)	20/6
156' 9"	5th	Triangular Match	5/7
156'10"	2nd	Alperton	2/8
147'10"	6th	British Games	9/8
163' 7"	2nd	Services v AAA	16/8
154' 7"	2nd	Chatham	27/8
156' 8"	3rd	Inter City Match	17/9

5. Alexander Richard VALENTINE (6)

159' 5" ¹ / ₂	4th	Inter Counties(Cullum)	31/5
165' 9"	1st	Portsmouth Meeting	19/6
154' 1" ¹ / ₂	1st	Portsmouth Meeting	24/6
162' 8"	1st	Wealdstone Meeting	28/6

6. Dennis Noel Johnson CULLUM (5)

158' 3"	2nd	Imber Court(Reidy)	3/5
153' 2"	2nd	Sward Trophy(Reidy)	10/5
160' 0" ¹ / ₂	1st	AAA v U.L.A.C.	14/5
152' 9" ¹ / ₂	6th	Inter Counties	31/5
150' 4"	3rd	Southern Champs	7/6
155' 4" ¹ / ₂	4th	Harpden Meeting	14/6
153' 8" ¹ / ₂	6th	AAA Champs	20/6
159' 0" ¹ / ₂	3rd	Wealdstone Meeting	28/6
159'11" ¹ / ₂	2nd	White City	8/7
157' 9"	AAA v. Combined Services		16/8

► THROWING THE JAVELIN.

1. Richard Dennis William MILLER (2)

198' 6"	1st	Dublin Meeting	17/5
204' 7"	1st	U.A.U.Champs	24/5
196' 5" ¹ / ₂	1st	Inter Counties (Denley)	2/6
210' 0"	1st	Dublin Meeting	4/6
207' 8"	1st	Belfast Meeting	7/6
204' 7"	1st	Belfast Meeting	14/6
206' 1"	2nd	A.A.A.Champs	21/6
210'11" ¹ / ₂	1st	Belfast Meeting	25/6
221'11" ¹ / ₂	1st	Reading Meeting (Denley)	26/6
214' 6" ¹ / ₂	1st	Triangular Match (Denley)	5/7
213'11" ¹ / ₂	---	Olympics(qualifying)	23/7
209' 1" ¹ / ₂	14	Olympics	23/7

208' 4"	3rd	Empire v U.S.A.(Denley)	4/8
206' 9" ¹ / ₂	3rd	British Games (Denley)	9/8
202'11"	1st	G.B. v France (Denley)	24/8

2. Michael John Denley (1)

175' 7"	1st	Southall Meeting	26/4
181' 0" ¹ / ₂	2nd	Imber Court	3/5
194' 7" ¹ / ₂	2nd	AAA v O.U.A.C.	8/5
197' 4"	3rd	Sward Trophy	10/5
204' 4" ¹ / ₂	1st	Middlesex	17/5
183' 5" ¹ / ₂	1st	Tooting	24/5
214' 7" ¹ / ₂	1st	Walton Meeting	30/5
183' 8" ¹ / ₂	2nd	Inter Counties	2/6
194'11" ¹ / ₂	1st	Chiswick	14/6
216' 1"	1st	AAA Champs (ENR)(Miller)	21/6
197'10"	1st	Uxbridge	25/5
215'11"	2nd	Reading Meeting	28/5
209' 9" ¹ / ₂	2nd	Triangular Match	5/7



Mark Pharaoh ranked No.1 in the discus.Both he and J.A.Savidge are expected to beat 160 feet.

202' 0" ¹ / ₂	---	Olympics(qualifying)	23/7
196' 6" ¹ / ₂	4th	Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
200' 3"	4th	British Games	9/8
195' 4" ¹ / ₂	2nd	AAA v Services	16/8
196'11" ¹ / ₂	2nd	G.B. v France,Paris	24/3
196' 0" ¹ / ₂	1st	City Charity Match	10/9

3. Dennis Edwin TUCKER (-)

199' 1"	1st	Oxford	1/3
187' 8" ¹ / ₂	1st	Oxford v Cambridge	15/3
196' 7"	1st	OUAC v AAA (Denley)	8/5
204'11"	1st	Sward Trophy	10/5
191'11"	1st	Surrey Champs	17/5
181' 9" ¹ / ₂	4th	Inter Counties	2/6
195' 5" ¹ / ₂	1st	Southern Champs	7/6
197' 9" ¹ / ₂	3rd	AAA Champs.	21/6
201' 8"	3rd	Triangular Match	5/7
192' 5"	1st	Tooting Meeting	14/7
185' 6" ¹ / ₂	1st	Birmingham Meeting	19/7
184' 1"	6th	Empire v U.S.A.	4/8
159' 7" ¹ / ₂	5th	British Games	9/8

4. Frank GANDY (-)

190' 3"	1st	Imber Court (Denley)	3/5
185' 5" ¹ / ₂	3rd	AAA v OUAC	8/5
193' 6" ¹ / ₂	3rd	Sward Meeting	10/5
187'11" ¹ / ₂	3rd	Inter Counties	2/6
192' 0"	2nd	Darlington Meeting	4/6
188'10" ¹ / ₂	1st	Chiswick Meeting	14/6
186' 7"	1st	Chesterfield Meeting	28/6

5. John TRICKETT (-)

-----	2nd	Royal Navy Champs	24/5
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185' 1"	1st	Aldershot Meeting	10/7
189' 0"	1st	Ipswich Meeting	2/7
196' 2" ¹ / ₂	1st	Services v AAA (Denley)	16/8

6. Brian Lawrence CALLAWAY (-)

185' 3"	1st	Cambridge	21/2
187' 4"	1st	C.U.A.C. Sports	23/2
183' 8" ¹ / ₂	2nd	Oxford v Cambridge	15/3
185' 8"	4th	Sward Meeting	10/5
183' 7"	2nd	U.A.U.Champs(Hignell)	24/5

EARLY SEASON MARKS - 1953

100 Yds:	9.9	KAB Olowu(Nig:)	Loughboro'	2/3
	9.9	A.Dick	Oxford	20/2
	10.0	On ISW Bradshaw(Rhod)	Loughboro'	2/3
220 Yds:	22.1	A.Dick	Oxford	28/2
440 Yds:	48.7	A.Dick	Oxford	7/3
	48.8	A.Dick	Oxford	26/2
800 Yds:	1:55.0	BE Grogan	Loughboro'	2/3
	1:56.2	K.Marsden	Loughboro'	2/3
Mile	4:13.1	CJ Chataway	Oxford	26/2
	4:15.0	OnDC Iaw	Oxford	26/2
	4:19.8	NJV Beesley	Cambridge	21/2
120ydsH	15.0	CEE Higham	Oxford	20/2
220ydsH	24.7	CEE Higham	Oxford	28/2
	25.0	H.Whittle	Loughboro'	2/3
High J.	6'2"	GA Graham(NZ)	Oxford	28/2
	6'1" ¹ / ₂	I.LL Jones	Cambridge	21/2
Long J.	22'10"	IGH Walker	Oxford	28/2
	22'8" ¹ / ₂	K'B Olowu(Nig:)	Loughboro'	2/3
	22'8" ¹ / ₂	H.Whittle	Loughboro'	2/3
Shot	44'11" ¹ / ₂	WBL Palmer	Oxford	4/2
Discus	137'6" ¹ / ₂	DEL Slater	Cambridge	21/2
Jav:	196'9"	AA Reich(U.S.A.)	Oxford	28/2

ADDITIONS TO 1952 RANKINGS(UNITED KINGDOM)

220 Yards	22.0	Own	B.D.P.Wetters	Oxford	12/6
	21.8	B.D.P.Wetters	Southampton		14/6
Two Miles	9:11.0	R.H.Dunkley	Motspur Pk		25/6

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QUIZ ANSWERS(see Page 2.)

- Both the same at 46.0secs by (a) Herbert Plump and (b) Herbert McKenley.
- Eleven in 1952 by the Swedish 4:03.6 miler Ingvar Eriksson.
- (b) 9'6" by Mikeve, a British Police dog in 1934 in Kensington, London. The top horse is Gold Meade with 8'6" in Australia while eye-witnesses state they have seen a Watusi leap over 8'2"¹/₂.
- The 880 yards in 1:53.9 by Lang Stanley (U.S.) and R.Scott(G.B.). A picture of Scott, who made his mark in 1934 will appear in the May issue of ATHLETIC WORLD.
- Warmerdam in the Pole Vault with 15'8"¹/₂ at Chicago in 1942 and Zybina in the women's shot at Leningrad in 1953(March 1st)at 50'9".

STRANDLI STARTS AT 197'4"³/₈ IN SOUTH AMERICA

The Norwegian world record holder Sverre Strandli hit 60.17(197'4"³/₈) in his BuenosAires debut on March 10th. In 1952 he averaged 189' 0"³/₈ in 27 competitions being twice beaten.

POST-WAR PROGRESS IN BRITISH JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Athletics among Juniors, namely those under 19 years of age, in the British Isles was an activity confined almost exclusively to a few schools until comparatively recently.

There is mention of School Sports at Eton College in 1843 while the Public Schools Championships had their origins in 1895. The National A.A.A. Junior Championships were founded as recently as 1933.

In the study below ATHLETICS WORLD tries to measure the improvement in the overall standards in the post-war period by this unique compilation listing the average of the top ten junior marks in the 13 standard events over the last 4 seasons 1949 to 1952 inclusive. The hammer has had to be omitted owing to the inadequacy of the data in the years 1949 and 1950.

	100Yards	220Yards (turn)	440Yards	880Yards	Mile	120Yd.H.	High Jump	Pole Vault	Long Jump	Hop, Step & Jump	Shot Putt	Discus Throw	Javelin Throw
1949	10.16	22.90	51.37	2:01.6	4:31.6	15.81	5' 8" $\frac{1}{2}$	10' 5" $\frac{1}{4}$	21' 7"	41' 7"	45' 3" $\frac{1}{2}$	134' 7" $\frac{1}{2}$	177' 6" $\frac{1}{2}$
1950	10.12	22.89	51.36	2:00.6	4:28.4	15.68	5' 10" $\frac{1}{2}$	10' 7"	22' 1" $\frac{1}{2}$	42' 2" $\frac{1}{4}$	45' 0" $\frac{1}{2}$	135' 6"	189' 1" $\frac{1}{2}$
1951	10.15	22.54	51.08	1:57.8	4:24.2	15.23	5' 10" $\frac{1}{4}$	10' 5"	21' 4" $\frac{1}{2}$	43' 1" $\frac{1}{4}$	45' 4" $\frac{1}{4}$	135' 9" $\frac{1}{4}$	183' 2" $\frac{1}{4}$
1952	10.23	22.91	50.94	1:59.6	4:24.6	15.62	5' 11" $\frac{1}{2}$	10' 11" $\frac{1}{2}$	21' 7"	44' 5" $\frac{1}{2}$	46' 9" $\frac{1}{4}$	141' 4" $\frac{1}{2}$	187' 0"

It is to be noted that 1952 scores best averages in only six of the thirteen events. Poor weather conditions at a single major Junior meeting can however have a marked effect on that seasons averages. For Best Ever Junior marks see Volume I No. 1 March 1952.

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORDS

The complete list of Women's World's Records passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as at March 1st 1953, (20 events)

RUNNING

100 yards	10.4	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Sydney, N.S.W. Australia	Mar. 8 1952	RECORDS AWAITING RATIFICATION.
220 yards	24.2	Francina Elsje Blankers-Koen (Netherlands)	Brescia, Italy	June 29 1950	
880 yards	2m14.5	Valerie Margaret Ball (Great Britain)	London, England	Sept. 17 1952	60 Metres in 7.3 (equals) by Nadezhda Khnykina in Bucharest in Oct. 1951. (ratified as a U.S.S.R. Record)
60 metres	7.3	Stanislava Walasiewiczowna (Poland)	Lemberg, Poland	Sept. 24 1933	
100 metres	11.5	Helen Herring Stephens (U.S.A.)	Berlin, Germany	Aug. 4 1936	100 Metres in 11.4 by Marjorie Jackson in Gifu, Japan on Oct. 4 1952 which failing 11.4 by F.E. Blankers-Koen at Rotterdam on June 29 1952. (This latter reported wind aided)
	11.5	Francina Elsje Blankers-Koen (Netherlands)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	June 13 1948	
	11.5	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Helsinki, Finland	July 22 1952	
200 metres	23.4	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952	200 Metres in 23.4 (equals) by Stella Walsh (USA) (formerly W. Lasiewiczowna of Poland) at Los Angeles on October 25, 1952 during the U.S. Women's Pentathlon Championship. Made on a straightaway track.
800 metres	2m08.5	Nina G. Pletneva (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	June 15 1952	3x 800 Metres Relay in 6:38.4 by the U.S.S.R. National team in Kiev in June 1952. Team N. Chernoshchok, Dora Barakhovich, Nina Pletneva, which failing 6:44.8 by U.S.S.R. National Team in Moscow on July 10, 1951. Team Kladvija Dmitruk, Polina Solopova, Valentina Pomogayeva.
4 x 110 yards	46.3	Australian National Team (Shirley Barbara de la Hunty, Verna Johnston, Winsome Cripps, Jackson)	London, England	Aug. 4 1952	
4 x 220 yards	1m40.0	United States National Team (Mae Faggs, Barbara Jones, Janet Morreau, Catherine Hardy)	London, England	Aug. 4 1952	
3 x 880 yards	7m0.6	Ilford Athletic Club, England (Margaret Critchley, Joan F. Dryden, Phyllis E. M. Green)	Ilford, England	June 28 1952	
4 x 100 metres	45.9	United States Olympic Team (Mae Faggs, Barbara Jones, Janet Morreau, Catherine Hardy)	Helsinki, Finland	July 27 1952	
	45.9	German Olympic Team (Ursula Knab, Maria Sander, Helga Klein, Marga Petersen)	Helsinki, Finland	July 27 1952	
4 x 200 metres	1m39.7	U.S.S.R. National Team (Nadezhda Khnykina, Yergeniya I. Sechenova, Zinaida Sofronova, Sofya R. Malshina)	Bucharest, Rumania	Sept. 27 1951	
	1m39.7	Southern Counties W.A.A.A., England (Shirley Hampton, Ann Elaine Johnson, June F. Foulds, Sylvia Cheeseman)	London	Sept. 17 1952	
3 x 800 metres	6m49.6	U.S.S.R. National Team (Lyudmila Sokolova, Nadezhda Kabish, Yevdokiya M. Vasilyeva)	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	July 24 1950	

RELAYS

HURDLING

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP	(5 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$)	1.72m.	Sheila Lerwill (Great Britain)	London, England	July 7 1951
LONG JUMP	(20 ft. 6)	6.25m.	F.E. Blankers-Koen (Neths.)	Leiden, Netherlands	Sept. 19 1943
SHOT PUTT	(50 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$)	15.28m.	Galina Zybina (U.S.S.R.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 26 1952
DISCUS THROW	(175 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$)	53.37m.	Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.)	Gori, U.S.S.R.	May 27 1951
JAVELIN THROW	(175 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$)	53.41m.	Natalia Smirnitckaja (USSR)	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	Aug. 5 1949

PENTATHLON

PENTATHLON	418 points	Gisela Mauermeyer (Germany)	Stuttgart, Germany	July 16/17 1938
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SUMMARY: The above list comprises 24 marks in respect of 20 events. Three marks survive from before the war and one, Blankers-Koen's long jump, was made during the war. Athletes from the U.S.S.R. hold 6 records, from Australia 5, Great Britain 4, U.S.A. 3, Netherlands 3, Germany 2 and Poland 1.

All the records, except the 100 yards by Jackson were made in the Northern Hemisphere and all in Europe. Six were made in the British Isles and 6 in Helsinki four in Russia and two in Germany.

The position as regards the pentathlon remains obscure owing to the non-standardization of the scoring tables used.

CORRINGENDA

British Best Performances No. 6 (1500 metres) add:- 3:53.4 Nankeville, White City 7.8.1950; 3:53.4 Parker, Amsterdam 22.5.52; 3:53.9 Eyre, Istanbul 2.9.51 and 3:54.8 J. Ashby, White City 24.5.1952.

"Gunder The Wonder"

The Man and his Methods.

By NORRIS McWHIRTER

In 1942 in the space of 82 days (July 1 - Sept. 20) Gunder Hägg ran 26 races in Sweden in 9 of which he broke world records. It is thus not unnatural that much ink has been spilled in describing the training methods and performances of such a man. The articles were however bedaubed with diaereses, unlaufs, hooks and tildes and noone found it worthwhile to translate them into English for after all the English were preoccupied with a war.

This first thing to get quite straight is that though a natural athlete Hägg had to develop and refine his gift in the same way as any other middle-distance runner. Even as a novice he took things very very seriously. His first ever 1,500 metre race at the age of 18 occupied a wearisome 5:02.8 (as bad as a mile in 5mins. 28 secs.) but his very next race was run in 4:22.2 or the equivalent of a 4:44.6 mile.

Hägg was born on the very last day of 1918 in a typically Swedish wooden house on the edge of a forest near Albacken and here he was making his first mark as a boy of 17. It was when he was only 17½ that he first experienced the grind of the 12½ laps of a 5,000 metres race which he covered in 16:11.0 - a pace that his ghost of 6 years later would have twice lapped.

In 1937, now 19½, the highlights of his season were a 1,500 metres in 4:13.0 (worth 4:34.8 for a mile) and a 3,000 metres in a significantly superior 8:36.8 which must be rated as of equal merit to 2 miles in 9:17.2. In 1938 the name of Hägg first appeared on the Swedish National Ranking lists. Far down in the 1,500 metres there it was "Hagg, Gunder 45th 4:04.6" a time which was later to have a deeper significance though not at that distance. The metric mile ranking was perhaps the least of Hägg's achievements in that early formative season. A glance at the 3,000 steeplechase list shows him prominently at 9:28.4 while in the 5,000 metres he had cut his time down to 15:00.8 for a fourth place.

The immediate post-war season of 1939 was one of those off-seasons which afflict even the greatest, and over which only the resilient triumph. His only registered mark was a 5,000 metres a full 19 secs. slower than his best of the year before. Athletes have to be philosophers and Gunder just went on. His reward came in 1940.

In Sweden an athlete first earns respectability when he breaks 4 minutes for 1,500 metres. At the age of 21½ he reached this goal at Östersund with a courageous 3:59.6. Having now won his spurs there was no holding him and his very next race on the same track was a startling improvement right down to 3:51.8. Later he graduated to world class with a race at Gothenburg on the 7th of August 1940, the day before the Battle of Britain started. Gunder was pitted against the world record-holder for 2,000 metres of 1937 Henry Kälarne (formerly Jonsson) and Åke Jansson (later Spångert) both of the Brandkärens I.K. Also present the burly Arne Andersson whose early reputation was already secure with his 3:48.8 run in Stockholm in July 1939. The race was a dramatic one with an inches decision in favour of Kälarne who had been forced to a personal best time in the new track record time of 3:48.8 not by Arne but by Gunder Hägg the new-comer from Gefle.

The triple deadlock for the Swedish 1,500 metres record between Andersson, Kälarne and Hägg all at 3:48.8 was a great talking point. Who was going to break out first? The answer was provided at Malmö on July 21 of the next season - 1941. Gunder was facing an assorted field which included John Isberg from Östersund and the Hungarian L. Hires, who was later to win the 1947 British A.A.A. steeplechase. After a first lap in 60.2 and a second in 62.6 Hägg had detached himself and forged on to a new Swedish record of 3:48.6. National interest really became aroused when it became clear that on Aug. 10 the 'Big Three', Hägg, Andersson and Kälarne were going to clash in the Stockholm stadium. With the pressure now really on it was Hägg who triumphed to win from Andersson by 8 yards. As the announcer uttered the words "med nytt världsrekord, 3:47.6" bedlam was let loose. The great Lovelock's classic Berlin mark had after 5 years been beaten. Andersson was second in 3:48.6 and Kälarne third in 3:49.2.



An action shot of GUNDER HÄGG taken in was a fireman, which he was until his great 1942 season. Rt. is Andersson. 1944, he used to use his lunch hour for training when others ate. He never troubled about running at any particular pace. He just ran as he pleased, sometimes quicker sometimes slower. Schedules, plans, stop-watches they were all abhorrent to him. He was always at one with the woods which he had known all his life. Then came the snow and soon the drifts. Still 5 or 6 times a week out he would go regardless of the weather be it icy gale or just more gently falling snow. Often and often he was so exhausted that he felt ready to give up before his 5 kilometres of agony was completed but never in training or on the track did Hägg fail to complete his assignment. After a shower, a light meal and nearly 12 hours of sleep any flagging spirits were revived but on rare occasions when the thought of training did not please him he had a day's rest. Zest was to Hägg a pearl without price- it had to be preserved.

From April on when the snows began to melt Hägg left the well trugged ski trails and returned to the forest paths. Five days a week he would run for about 10 kilometres. As May came, as if automatically, shorter and longer stretches of fast running would be interspersed. Without straining the tempo quickened, the duration increased. As the track season approached he became more excited yet more cautious. A track race was to him like a quest to taste some rare and forbidden fruit. He entered the stadium as though inspired by a holiday mood. The hardness of a track was a delight but to him almost a bromide to the sensitive muscles of his legs. Gunder's 1942 season was perhaps the greatest ever recorded by a middle-distance runner and can be best presented in tabloid form. He was now 23½ and his race at Göteborg on July 1st was his first outing.

NINE WORLD RECORDS IN 82 DAYS!

July 1	Göteborg	One Mile	4:06.2 (W.R.)	Beat Wooderson's 4:06.4
July 3	Stockholm	Two Miles	8:47.8 (W.R.)	Beat Mäki's 8:53.2
July 17	Stockholm	1,500 m.	3:45.8 (W.R.)	Beat own 3:47.6
July 21	Malmö	2,000 m.	5:16.4 (W.R.)	Beat San Romani's 5:16.8
Aug. 23	Östersund	2,000 m.	5:11.8 (W.R.)	Beat own 5:16.4
Aug. 28	Stockholm	3,000 m.	8:01.2 (W.R.)	Beat Kälarne's 8:09.0
Sept. 4	Stockholm	One Mile	4:04.6 (W.R.)	Beat own & Andersson 4:06.2
Sept. 11	Stockholm	3 Miles	13:35.4 (W.R.)	Beat Mäki's 13:42.4
Sept. 20	Göteborg	5,000 m.	13:58.2 (W.R.)	Beat Mäki's 14:08.8
		3 Miles	13:32.4 (W.R.)	Beat own 13:35.4

The later part of Hägg's 9 year career, ending in his suspension at the end of 1945, is much better known. After 1942 he confined his attentions to the shorter distances for he had after all well and truly secured the world's 3 mile and 5,000 metre records which are now in their 11th year of life.

In 1944 Gunder, having returned from his 1943 American tour in which he ran miles in 4:05.3, 4:05.4 and 4:06.9, turned his attention largely to the 3,000 metres and 2 miles at which latter distance he ran 8:46.4 at Östersund on June 25th and 8:42.8 at Stockholm on August 4th in a race in which he beat Ernst Rickens (8:59.4) by a margin of over a 100 metres. In 1945 came the greatest of his duels with Arne Andersson at Malmö when he won a mile race by 8 yards in the record 4:01.3

After this fine effort Hägg tapered off his 1942 season ending with an English mile in 4:09.2 at Gävle on Aug. 30th. Then away from the hard track and the raucous adulation of his newly found 'public' Hägg settled down to prepare for yet greater things in 1942.

Hägg always sharply divided his training into two parts. The first was his unremitting and lonely work away from the track which was now beginning. The other part was his 'care and maintenance' during the 90 or so days of the Swedish track season which begins in the first week of July. The 5'11"½, 149 lbs. physical genius's motto was "Run as much as you can as often as you enjoy to do so!"

That word 'enjoy' might well sound almost heretical but such was the zest of this man that he was eager for his next outing even when the memory of the day before's 'torture' of running in deep snow would have been far too recent for lesser men. While Hägg

court: from front page.) glory. His cracking pace began to tell in the eleventh and last lap in which Fred. Wilt, Truex, Lawton Lamb and the Olympian Warren Druetzler went by. Nearing the tape it was Len. Truex of Ohio who was strongest as he got past Wilt for a fine 4:07.8 mile which as the list below shows has been beaten by only six milers on board tracks. The bracketted times are best outdoor marks.

THE FASTEST MILES OF ALL TIME ON BOARD INDOOR TRACKS

4:04.4+	Glenn Cunningham	Hanover, N.H.	(4:06.7)	March 3 1938
4:05.3	Gilbert Dodds	New York	(4:06.1)	Jan. 31 1948
4:06.4	Gilbert Dodds	Chicago		March 18 1944
4:06.8	Gilbert Dodds	Chicago		March 29 1947
4:07.1	Gilbert Dodds	New York		March 8 1947
4:07.3	Gilbert Dodds	New York		March 11 1944
4:07.4	Glenn Cunningham	New York		March 12 1938
4:07.4	Charles Fenske	New York	(4:08.3)	Feb. 3 1940
4:07.4	Charles Fenske	New York		Feb. 17 1940
4:07.4	Leslie MacMitchell	New York	(4:10.4)	Feb. 15 1941
4:07.4n	Walter Mehl	New York	(4:11.6)	Feb. 15 1941
4:07.5	Donald Gehrman	New York	(4:09.6)	Jan. 27 1951
4:07.7n	Glenn Cunningham	New York		Feb. 3 1940
4:07.8	Leslie MacMitchell	New York		March 25 1942
4:07.8	Leonard Truex	Milwaukee	(4:09.7)	March 14 1953
4:07.9n	Louis Zamperini	New York	(4:08.3)	Feb. 17 1940
4:07.9	Charles Fenske	Chicago		March 23 1940
4:07.9	Donald Gehrman	Boston		Feb. 3 1951
4:08.0	Leslie MacMitchell	New York		Feb. 12 1942
4:08.0	Leslie MacMitchell	New York		March 14 1942
4:08.0	Gilbert Dodds	New York		Feb. 19 1944

+ It is to be noted that this mark was achieved in a handicap race on a 6 2/3rds. lap track.

(Allowing for Mehl's true outdoor ability shown in his 3:47.9 1,500 metres, it would appear that the differential between banked indoor marks and outdoor marks is between 1 sec. and 1 1/2 secs. in favour of the former)

Harking back to the A.A.U. meeting Germany's Heinz Ulzheimer became one of the tiny handful of foreigners to win a National title when he produced an excellent 2:09.4 in the 1,000yds. This is the 4th fastest clocking on record after Gehrman's 2:08.2 of last year and Borican's 2:08.8 and Cunningham's 2:09.2n in their famous tussle in 1939. The announcer curiously enough awarded the German third spot on the all-time list probably overlooking Glenn's non-winning mark in the excitement of the moment. Ulzheimer ran his usual front race and was never even threatened though Gehrman, the actual record-holder, was in the race and finished second.

The hero of the Olympic 3,000 metres Steeplechase Horace 'Nip' Ashenfelter made another giant stride towards becoming the U.S.A.'s greatest distance ace. His 3 mile time in the A.A.U. meet was at 13:47.5 only 1.8 secs. off Greg Rice's great 1942 mark. The Olympic bronze medalist Herbert Schade, making his debut on an American board track, ran a rather lifeless race to finish in 14:02.2. Curt. Stone, veteran of many a successful A.A.U. European tour, was third in 14:05.7

Andy Stanfield equalled the world's indoor 60 yard mark of 6.1 secs in the semi-final but was unexpectedly beaten by John Haines in the final. Bob Richards has added two more 15 footers to his collection to make a total of 39 as of March 5. The Olympic shot champion Parry O'Brien flew in from California to win with a good 55'10 1/2 toss. The consistent Bernie Mayer, who missed the Olympics despite his magnificent 56'7 1/2 effort in the Final Tryouts, beat Jim Fuhs for second. Long jumper Meredith Gourline turned the tables on his Helsinki conqueror, Jerome Biffle, with a leap of 24' 9 1/2.

The high jumpers have had a vintage year. Wiesner's long winning streak was breached by J.L. "Poppe" Hall in the A.A.U. meet when the tow-haired Florida star cleared 6'8 1/2. Victor James Fritts moved to equal ninth on the all time 'board' take-off list with a 6'8" clearance at Baltimore on February 11.

SUMMARIES:

Michigan AAU Meet: Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 7. Shot-Putt: R. Nilsson 53'9 1/2; High Jump: Booth 6'6 1/2.

South Atlantic Assn. Games: Baltimore, Feb. 11. (flat armoury floor) 600yds: Whitfield 1:11.8, McKenley (3yds), Curotta, J. Rogers, Rhoden; Mile: Druetzler 4:18.8, Joyce, Ross; High Jump: Fritts 6'8".

Metropolitan Intercollegiate Champs: New York, Feb. 11. (Indoor armoury) 60yds: J. Schatzle 6.4, O'Connell, G. Shaw; 60yds H. Pratt 7.7; (Outdoors, Columbia's South Field) (Temperature near freezing) Cont:

DALY'S 4:10.9 & 14:06.0 - NEW N.Z. RECORDS

Jim G. Daly broke the New Zealand One and Three miles records on successive Saturdays when he toured 4 laps in 4:10.9 at the Wellington v. Canterbury meeting on Jan. 31 and 12 laps in 14:06.0 on February 7 in Canterbury's Provincial Championships. The mile time erased Mossier Marshall's 4:11.8 of March 1st 1952 which had escaped George Hoskins 4:09.4 assault (handicap, place-time) made on the 13th March last. The 3 Miles was just one second better than Cecil Matthew's mark of 1937 made at Wellington.

The third running record came in the 6 miles in which bare-footed 24 year old L.A. King won the New Zealand national title at Dunedin in 29:43.4 to knock 14 secs. off Harry Nelson 1949 time. 'Exiles' from the mother country won 4 titles with Peter Wells (6' 3" high jump), Harold Moody's shot and discus double at 45'5 1/2 and 129'3 1/2 and Duncan Clark's 162'11 1/2 hammer throw.

A week later on Feb. 28 Yvette Williams raised her discus record to 136'10 1/2 at an Eden Park meeting at which Miss Noeline Swinton set a new domestic standard in the high jump with 5'2". Second to Yvette was Mrs. Zinaida Ringenbergs of Latvia in her 17th season. In 1940 her mother and brother were sent to Siberia by the Russians since when she has never heard of them. She herself got out of Riga two hours before the Russian re-entry in 1944 with her two year old son. The day before her record Yvette had an exhibition throw at Cornwall Park from a rope circle of 155'2" and had 3 other throws over 150 feet. Only 5 Russians and 2 German girls have ever beaten this distance in competition.

du Plessis 161 6/8 Empire Discus Record

The Springboks continued their record-breaking season with a new best ever British Empire discus mark and two more Union records. At Krugersdorp on January 31st Stephanus ('Fannie') du Plessis improved upon his record 152'8 1/2 to overtake Ian Reed of Australia with the best ever Empire mark of 161'6 1/2 so beating the improving Ernest Heprer (149'4 1/2) by over 12 feet.

800 Miles away at Port Elizabeth on the same day Ellis West also improved his record of 48'5" for the triple jump by nearly a foot with 49'3 1/4. The mark was made at a floodlit meeting at which it poured with rain. W.E. 'Pop' Little tied Joe Truter at 6' 3 1/2 but the latter came right back with an excellent 6'6 1/2 on Feb. 14th for fourth spot on South Africa's all-time list.

At a meeting at Boksburg on Feb. 7th at which Ron Wilkie ran the 440 yds. hurdles in 53.1, the left-handed Miss Anna Fick added 9 inches to Mrs. Lena Grobler's discus record with 133'3 1/2.

(Cont: from col. 1.) Long Jump: G. Shaw 24'2 1/2; Shot-Putt: Thompson 52'5 1/2; 35 lbs. Weight: S. Dillon 60'6 1/2 (3rd best of all time), A.L. Thompson (230 lb. new-comer) 59'11 1/2.

A.A.U. Championships, New York, Feb. 14. 60 yds: J. Haines 6.2, A. Stanfield, O'Connell, Bragg; 600 yds: Whitfield 1:10.4, O. Sar 1: 10.4, Pearman 1:10.4, Dixon 1:11.0; 1,000 yds: Ulzheimer (Germany) 2:09.4, Gehrman, R. Browne, Lamb; One Mile: Dwyer 4:12.4, Wilt (3yds) Truex, Molineaux; 3 Miles: Ashenfelter 13:47.5, Schade (Germany) 14: 02.2, Stone 14:05.7; 60 yds Hurdles: Dillard 7.3, L. Calhoun, Milt. Campbell (he had run 7.2 earlier in the Interscholastic Champs.); Pratt High Jump: Hall 6'8 1/2, Wiesner 6'7 1/2, J. Herb & Fritts 6'5 1/2; Pole Vault: Richards 15'0 1/2, Laz 14'8", Poucher, Zimmerman & Calisch 13'6"; Long Jump: Gourline 24'9 1/2, Biffle 24'7 1/2, Pratt 23'4"; Shot Putt: O'Brien 55'10 1/2, Mayer 55'11", Fuhs 54'4 1/2, A.L. Thompson 53'4 1/2; 35lb. Weight: (held in Squadron A. Armoury) S. Dillon 59'10 1/2, Backus 58'8 1/2, Borjeson 57'5 1/2.

ICAA Championships, New York, Feb. 21. 60 yds: R. Keegan 6.2, O'Connell Schatzle, Remigino (blanket finish); 600 yds: Sax 1:10.4, Curotta (5yds) L. Jones, Dixon; One Mile Dwyer 4:08.1, Olive (70 yds); 2 Miles: La Pierre 9:08.9, Barry (Eire), Osterhout; 60 yds Hurdles: Goldberg 7.4; High Jump: J. Herb 6'5 1/2, Duenzel 6'4 1/2; Pole Vault: Lorch & Linn 13' 4"; Long Jump: Pratt 23'5 1/2; Shot Putt: Al Thompson 51'9 1/2, McCallum 50'9 1/2, Grier 50'6 1/2. (Stan. Lampert put 52'5" in a special event).

Polar Bear Meet, Lawrenceville, N.J., Feb. 25. (In a fieldhouse): Pole Vault: Zimmermann 13'10" (personal best); Shot Putt: Al. Thompson 51' 0 1/2, McCallum 50'10 1/2.

Knights of Columbus Meet, New York, Feb. 28. 60 yds: J. Haines 6.2, Stanfield, Bragg, Keegan; 600yds: Whitfield 1:09.5 (NEW WORLD INDOOR RECORD), Pearman (10yds), McKenley, Curotta; 880yds: Whitfield 1:50.9 (800 metres 1:50.1), Gehrman 1:51.4, Pearman; One Mile: Dwyer 4:11.8, Wilt, Molineaux, Truex; Two Miles: H. Ashenfelter 8:57.6, Schade (60yds), La Pierre, Stone; 60 yds Hurdles: Dillard 7.2, Campbell (1ft), Pratt, Goldberg; High Jump: Wiesner 6'7 1/2, Fritts, Lyster, A. Webb 6'4 1/2; Pole Vault: Richards 15'11", Laz 14'8", Zimmermann & Linn 13'6".