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GREAT START TO 1953 OUTDOOR SEASON - INESS 185'5 1/4", WYATT 6'9 3/8" AND O'BRIEN 58' 2" THREATEN WORLD RECORDS

Report from Dr. Donald H. Potts

Three weeks before America's indoor season came to its close with Ken Wiesner thrilling 16,762 fans with his tremendous 6'10 3/4" leap (see report from R.L. Quercetani Page 8.) at Chicago on March 28, the outdoor campaign opened at Houston, Texas. Nine and one half seconds after the starter had fired his first shot Charlie Thomas broke the tape for a personal best over the 100 yards.

Major sensation of the early season was the discus-throwing of the giant Olympic champion Sim Iness of the University of Southern California. At Long Beach on March 14 he got one off to 166'11 1/2" followed the next Saturday at Tuscon by one of 179'5" (54.68). At San Diego on March 28 he slipped back to 174'10" but came right back with a great 181'3 1/8" at Los Angeles on April 4 nearly 9 inches better than his best at Helsinki. Then 5 days later came the news from Coach Jess Mortensen of a practice toss of 189'4 1/8" namely 2'5 1/8" ahead of Fortune Gordien's 186'10 1/2" world record in Finland in August 1949.



SIM G. INESS of America whose 185'5 1/4" is the second best of all-time. Story is continued on Page 8, Col 1.

The doomed record again trembled when Iness stepped into the Palo Alto circle on April 11th and loosed off the 4.4 lb. plate to 185'5 1/4" for a new American record exactly 2 feet ahead of his Eugene, Oregon mark on May 23rd 1952.

The pressure on Lester Steers' 13 year old high jump record of 6ft. 11 inches reached a new pitch when the soft-spoken negro Herman Wyatt hopped over 6'9 3/8" at San Jose on April 11 to become the fifth highest jumper of all time behind Steers, Davis, the gangling William Stewart and the grape-munching Mel Walker. Poppa Hall showed that he was still in business with a 6'8 3/8" at Birmingham on April 4th. With Wienser soon to make his outdoor debut and Walt Davis (6'10 1/2"), Chuck Holding (6'9 3/4"), and Arnie Betton (6'9") in the hunt it seems Steers will lose a Fortune!



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PEACOCK

Action Photo by H. W. Neale

GORDON PIRIE, 22, leading marathoner Jim Peters, 34, in the fifth of the 24 laps of their record-breaking 6 miles at the White City, London on Saturday April 18th. Both broke the existing English Native 4 and 5 mile records en route and both set new personal bests. See Story below and continuation on Page 2.

ENGLISH NATIVE RECORDS AT 4, 5, 6 & 7 MILES

The assault which last year sent 20 English Native Records tumbling was resumed earlier than ever in 1953 when on April 6th at Bolton in Lancashire Olympian Fred Norris broke W.E. Eaton's 17 year old mark for 7 miles of 35:26.2 by exactly 5 seconds with 35:21.2. The race under Floodlight at Leverhulme Park was scheduled as an attack on Eaton's 10 mile record of 50:30.8 but Norris, who was at one time 50 secs. inside his planned lap times, was overcome by stitch which slowed him to 51:39.8 for the whole route.

Twelve days later, on April 18th, at White City Norris's Helsinki 10,000 metre partner Gordon Pirie, 22, set his sights on Viljo Heino's world six mile record of 28:30.8 (Cont: Page 2)

Strandli 201' 4 1/2" In Exhibition

From Roberto L. Quercetani

Sverre Strandli, the boyish looking holder of the world's hammer throwing record (200'11 1/8" last September) reached 201'4 1/2" (61.38) in his fifth try in an exhibition at San Juan on Friday, April 3rd. The Norwegian is in (Continued Page 8.)

Pirie's 28 - 47.4 - 3rd Fastest Timed Mark Ever.

(Continued from front page). made at Kouvola, Finland in Sept. 1949.

The occasion was the Southern Counties A.A.A. 6 Miles Championship in which Pirie was one of a 36 man field. Belgrave's Charlie Smart took the huge field round the first lap in a smart 69 secs. with marathon champion Jim Peters, 34 close on his heels with Pirie lurking behind in 73.6. In the fourth of the 24 laps Pirie came through to pass the mile in 4:42.4 with Peters at his elbow.

At 3 miles Pirie was drawing away with a great 14:15.8 with Peters who had never previously beaten 14:30 for 3 miles second in 14:18.3. Lapping man after man the pair forged on to eclipse the native 4 mile record of 19:21.2 (4:50.3 miles) with Pirie recording 19:04.0 and Peters 19:11.8. At 5 miles both again beat the mark which the lanky bank clerk had set during his A.A.A. title race (6 miles in 28:55.6) last June. Pirie was 13.4 secs. inside with 23:56.2 and Peters 1.8 secs. inside with 24:07.8.

Putting in a 4:51.2 sixth and last mile Pirie stormed home in the new track, English Native, British National, British All-Comers' and British Empire record time of 28:47.4 with Peters second 110 yards behind some 54.8 secs. better than his previous best of 29:56.6 namely 29:01.8. The pair had lapped the entire rest of the field which was led in by Surrey A.C.'s J. Butler in 30:11.0. Pirie's mark hailed as second only to Heino among timed marks was actually third behind also Alain Mimoun's French record of 28:43.0 set up in Paris last year during a 29:38.2 10,000 metre race. SUMMARY:- 1. D.A.G. Pirie (South London H.) 28:47.4; 2. J.H. Peters (Essex Beagles) 29:01.8; 3. J. Butler (Surrey A.C.) 30:11.0; 4. J.C. Smart (Belgrave H.) 30:16.0; 5. R. Lambert (Wigmore H.) 30:22.0; 6. P.C. Perry (Exeter H.) 30:35.0; 7. T.E. Keegan (Waltham A.C.) 30:56.1; 8. E.R. Harper (Thames Valley H.) 30:56.2; -(inside A.A.A. Standard of 31:15.0 also were M.H. Hillier (Oxford City), M.J. Blyth (St. Albans City A.C.) and S.F.E. Wilkins (Oxford City)

Chataway Springs a 56 sec Last Lap on Reiff.

Britain's two fastest milers, Roger Bannister and Chris. Chataway together with 1952 English Cross-Country Champion Walter Hesketh won 6 of their 8 races in a flying tour of Morocco.

First stop on April 19th was the Stade Marocain in Casablanca where the trio had to contend with a violent wind and track that was dead but wouldn't lie down. Bannister caused murmurs among the 1,000 brave spectators with a 1:54.2 800 m. which defeated Vincendon (1:55.1) rather suddenly. In the 1,500m. Chataway wandered past the 4:11.0 miler Badet to win in 4:02.4 but Hesketh, who fell heavily in the early stages of the 3,000m. had to work hard to pick up a third in 8:57.0 behind Gaston Reiff (8:40.2) and Abdallah (8:53.4).

Next call next day was Rabat. On a track which slowed Degats to a 50.6 the 5,000 metres provided a battle royal between Reiff and Chataway. In a passionate last lap Reiff under-estimated the fieriness of Chataway's finishing powers when the latter let drive with an astounding 56.0 sec. final 400m. to pass the Belgian 1948 Olympic Champion 10 metres out from home to win by four tenths in 14:43.6. Hesketh came in fourth, behind also Lucien Theys, in 15:30.8. Bannister who toured the 1,500 metres in 3:58.5 gave the impression of toying with Vincendon and Richard Badet.

The last stop was at the inland town of Fez where Bannister took a 1,000 metres in 2:31.7 to win by 40 yards and Chataway took 4:25.5 for a mile while the luckless Hesketh was beaten by Theys in a 3,000 metre event in 8:39.4

S.O. WILLIAMS BACK IN NIGERIA HITS 24 FEET AGAIN: Great Britain long jump international Sylvanus Williams, formerly of Glasgow Univ registered his best jump since his return to his native Nigeria with 24'0" at Ibadan on April 4th. Nigerian high jumpers fell below expectations at their championships at Lagos on March 28th when J.O. Majekodunmi won at 6'3"½. Also at Lagos on April 9th A. Amu created an equatorial sensation by running 440 yards in a record 50.1 while an unknown M. Emuakpor, believed to be 17 or 18 jumped 6'4"½. (Acknowledgements to K.S. Lambert Esq.)

Sand and Cinders Prospects in AD 1953

After the concert pitch attained in the Olympic year of 1952 in which 45 new world standards were set it would be quite excusable to think that there must be some let up in 1953.

What however is the evidence? The life of many of even the most hallowed records is numbered in days rather than months. Those who regard the 4 minute mile and the 7 foot high jump as inviolable are due to suffer the fate of Canute. Track and Field like time and tide wait for no man.

Looking into the crystal what can be seen? In the sprints either or both of Stanfield and Golliday could swell the co-holders of the stagnant 10.2 100 metres record beyond its present five. Tatton's 9.3 seems safe but to a 20.6 220 yards turn man like Stanfield his 20.2 straightaway mark is by no means out of court particularly if the wind is 'right' and it is timed also at 200 metres.

The retirement of the McKenley-Rhoden duo should give the 400m/440 yards records a brief holiday. If Whitfield felt the urge he could make the 880 yard record his sole property any day he bowled round the first 440 yards in something less extravagant than the 50.7 which it occupied in his 1:49.2 record-tying race. Boysen of Norway is the other threat.

We now come to that centrepiece the Four Minute Mile which has won over all the continental would-be 3:42.0 1,500 m. runners. The attack will be lead by the metric converts Barthel, Nielsen and Lueg though the English-speaking John Landy will have something to say at Sydney on June 3rd and a more injured Roger Bannister is not to be discounted. The real man for the job though perhaps he does not know it is Emil Zatopek. A man who can turn in a last lap of 57.9 to a 14:06.6 5,000 metres leaving his effort to the last 200 metres is designed for it. In America a Santee-McMillen clash would erase Bill Hulse's old American record of 4:06.0 which celebrates its tenth birthday on July 31.

In the 5,000 metres Schade is the man who might join Hagg as the only sub 14 minute man but Zatopek's 29:02.6 is now even beyond his own reach. In the hurdles Messers Attlesley and Hardin can sleep soundly. The steeplechase would need another Olympics for its next advance.

In the field the records of Steers (6'11"), Fuchs (58'10"½) and Gordien (136'10"½) are all threatened. In the shot and discus it is the individuals O'Brien and Iness but in the high jump it is a pressure group. When Wiesner fresh from his indoor triumphs joins Davis, Hall and Wyatt anything including 7 feet could happen.

TWO MORE AUSTRALIAN RECORDS from Joe Galli

Australia's summer season ground to a halt on April 5th with a 5,000 metre record by Les Perry. On the soggy grass track at Bendigo he lopped 11.4 secs. off his old 1951 mark with 14:35.0 but was the same margin short of his Olympic sixth place best of 14:23.6. On March 17th Dave Stephens, another Cerutti disciple, nosed Perry out of a 3,000 metre record with 8:29.0 to the Olympian's 8:29.2. The dumfounded Perry raised enough steam to take the race proper which was over 2 miles with a personal best of 9:06.2. Ray Weinberg despite extreme heat took the Victorian Decathlon title at 5,019 pts. on March 14-15 in his first ever attempt. Geoff Goodacre took the N.S.W. title on the same day with 5,304 points.

HATCHES, MATCHES AND DISPATCHES: Road Cyclist Peter Nelson caught world's fastest girl runner Majorie Jackson early last month. Wedding expected in November in Adelaide. School-teacher Margaret Tuthill caught Britain's fastest man, Brian Shenton, on the same day as the Jackson engagement, April 4th when the pair were wed in their native Yorkshire. Winsome Cripps, who ran an 10.8 100 on March 15 in Melbourne, has announced her engagement. 'Winks' choice is not yet known. To Jean, wife of Olympic hurdler Angus Scott, a daughter and a sister for Elizabeth. In March died at 63 the old Indian Jim Thorpe the dispossessed winner of the 1912 Olympic decathlon title. He will join Nurmi and Jean Bouin as the subject of a statue but fellow Alcolquins plan his to be 27 feet high.

Stars Of The Thirties - No. 3

EULACE PEACOCK by Neil Allen

The world's sprinters were never greater than those who ruled the roost in the mid-Thirties. To win an American title over the short dash in those years gave any athlete a very strong claim to be numbered among the greatest of all time. Indeed, in a classic analysis of this world's most developed event, "The World's Fastest Humans", Dr. Donald H. Potts of America chose five sprinters - Owens, Metcalfe, Peacock, Tolan, and Wykoff - from this vintage era when ranking the top ten of all time. In addition old Europe could boast of the great Germans Arthur Jonath, Erich Borchmeyer, Karl Neckermann and Jakob Scheuring, Holland's Chris Berger and Lennart Strandberg of Sweden; all 10.3 men as were Ryutoko Yoshioka from Japan and Canadian Howard McPhee. It was in the white-hot flame of such competition that the great Negro athlete Eulace Peacock was welded until he has come down to posterity as "the only man Jesse Owens ever feared", which, in itself is quite a sobriquet for any athlete.

While at Union High School, New Jersey, Peacock had taken to track and field with the same alacrity which was characteristic of his whole career. By the season of 1933 he had become a pearl without price to his high school team, both as a sprinter and as a broad jumper. In 1934, aged 19, and having placed second to Owens in the A.A.U. indoor broad jump, he was persuaded to try for the 'big time' and entered the A.A.U. outdoor championships as a competitor for the 100 metres title. On June 30th Peacock tore down the Milwaukee track wearing the colours of Shore A.C., in a vain attempt to catch the husky Ralph Metcalfe and the panther-like Jesse Owens. Metcalfe came through in the last 20 metres to catch the new star from Ohio State. Peacock, in coming third, had the satisfaction of pipping blond Charlie Parsons, a man with an unofficial 9.5 to his credit and the son of Charles L. Parsons who had run 9.8 in 1905 to tie the world's record.

Following this success in the national championships Peacock was selected to be a member of the United States team that toured Europe in the late summer of 1934. The company he travelled in was extremely distinguished for the other five members of the squad were all destined to be world record holders, four of them setting their records on that very tour. The team was Ben Eastman (880 yards, 800 metres, 600 yards, 400 metres, & 500 metres - see Stars of the Thirties No. 1, January-February number), Glenn Hardin, 400 metres hurdles (see March number), Percy Beard the 6' 5" holder of the 120 yards and 110 metres hurdles record at 14.2, & Cornelius Johnson the Negro jumper who had tied for the 1934 AAU high jump title at 6' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with Walter Marty (then world record holder at 6' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") He set a world's best of 6' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in July 1936. Last but certainly not least was the massive 6' 4", 260 lbs. "Elephant Baby" Jack Torrance who on August 5th at Oslo set up a shot putt record of 57' 1" (17.40m) followed the next day by a both hands aggregate putt of 94' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (right hand 54' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", left 39' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

Young Eulace doubtless learnt a lot about international competition from such champions and put his new knowledge to use with a vengeance on August 6th at Oslo when he recorded 10.3 to tie the 100 metres world record held by Percy Williams, Eddie Tolan and Ralph Metcalfe and his performance was later officially recognised. Twenty six days later the American found himself viewing the back of European champion Christian Berger as the Dutchman careered through the tape ahead of him in the fifth recognised 10.3. That was Peacock's only defeat of the tour.

It was in 1935 that the dusky star from Temple University with the 11 foot sprinting stride carved a niche in the Hall of Fame for his 6' 1", 179 lbs frame. Coached by Ben Ogden Peacock first won the 100 metres at the Penn Relays but was beaten by the great Owens both in the N.C.A.A. championships (won in a slow 9.8) and in the Far Western AAU meet. Then on Independence Day at Lincoln, Nebraska, Peacock had what Don Potts calls "his day of triumph". The clash in this AAU championships meeting was supposed to be Owens (the new star) v. Metcalfe (the champion). But Peacock had the fans tensed with a wind assisted 10.2 win over "Jesse" in a heat and later gasping at his performance in the final. The field consisted of Metcalfe, Owens, Peacock and three white sprinters, George Anderson (who had run 10.4 the previous June), Foy Draper (10.3 in 1936) and Milton Holt. After several false starts the field surged forward. At 40 metres the three Negroes were level, then Peacock pulled ahead and despite a powerful charge



from Metcalfe with ten metres to go, reached the tape two feet ahead of Ralph and three feet ahead of Owens. Again the time was a wind assisted 10.2. In the next fortnight the new champion scored two more sprint victories over Owens, one at Ontario and one at New York, to make the score three all.

Meanwhile Peacock had not let his broad jumping fall off and in the same 1935 AAU meet he watched Owens, who had cleared 26' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " the previous May, leap 26' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and then himself hurtled through the air to send the sand flying 26' 3" from the take off board, a championship record which, though equalled by Owens the following year, still stands today. Peacock, who once jumped 26' 10" only to have the sand slide away from him and sat down at 25' 4", had an approach run of 128" and is reputed by some U.S. newsmen to have beaten the world's long jump record of 26' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (held by Chuhei Nambu of Japan) in an unpublicised meet earlier in time but on the same day that Owens was performing so amazingly at Ann Arbor. Investigation of this vague report is actively under way at the time of writing.

In the late summer of 1935 Peacock again went on a European tour, this time touring France, Belgium, Switzerland & Italy in the company of quarter miler Ivan Fuqua, hurdler Phil Cope, shot putter John Lyman, "Corny" Johnson and the durable Joseph McCluskey who between 1930 and 1943 gained 15 outdoor and 9 indoor AAU steeplechase titles and in 1948 (!) was 6th in the AAU steeplechase and fifth in the Olympic Trials.

During this tour Peacock, who had run 9.5 in May, turned in a really great series of 10.3 three times; at Basle, Biarritz and Paris on August 6, 11 & 22. Apart from a leg cramp at Milan when he was beaten by Toetti of Italy, the American was pushed only by Paul Hanni of Switzerland who ran 10.4 behind him at Basle.

The years 1936/37 found this great athlete hampered by serious muscle injuries and apart from a win from Owens over 50 yards in March '36 and a scintillating 6.0 for 60 yards a year later he never really got into the top berth again. Nonetheless he continued in competition and showed his versatility by a 185 foot javelin throw and winning the American Pentathlon title on six occasions the last being in 1945 when he was 30.

EULACE

A PROGRESS SURVEY

By ROSS McWHIRTER.

BRITISH AND WORLD STANDARDS NOT AUTOMATIC, POST-WAR

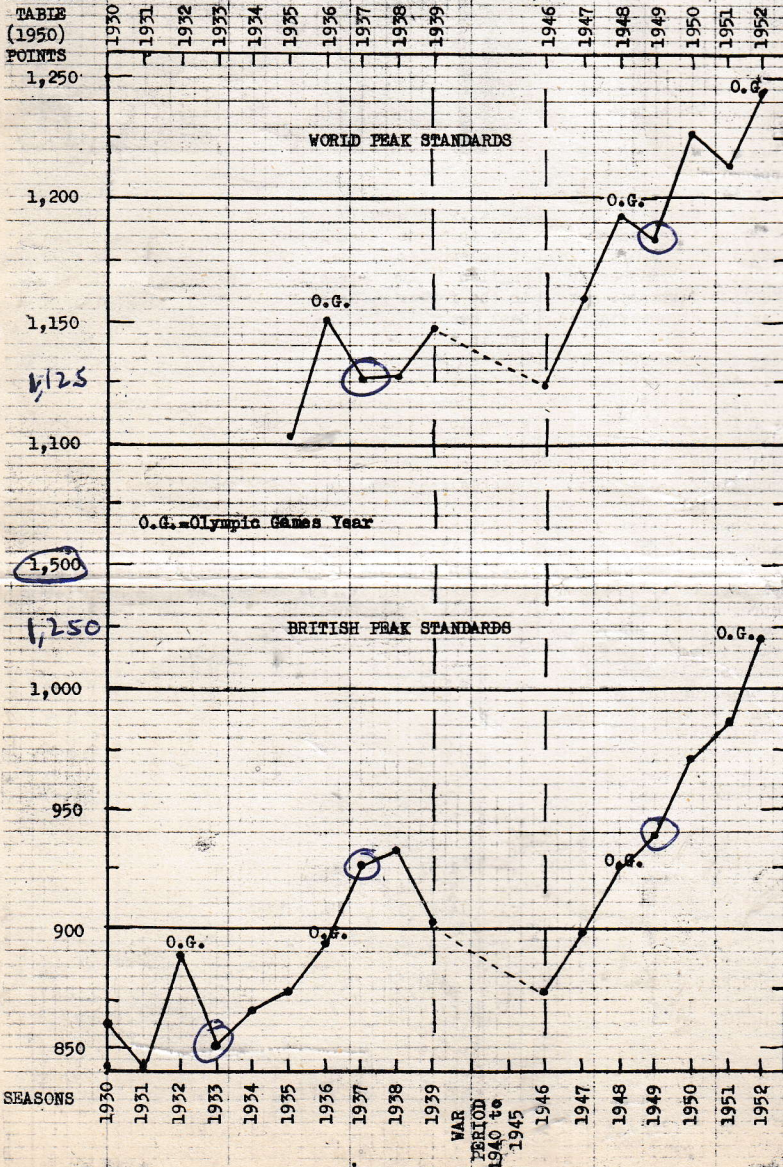
The mere sight of these two pages of figures and graphs might well put you off from reading this. I hope it will not.

The task I have set myself is to show the trends of performance in British athletics. I am not trying in advance by the manipulation of figures to PROVE anything.

To overcome the obvious objections and limitations arising from a single treatment of the subject, I shall attempt to present the picture in three different perspectives and then comment on each and finally sum up.

YEAR	100 Yards	220Yds. (turn)	440 Yards	880 Yards	One Mile	Three Miles	Six Miles	120Yds. Hurdles	440Yds. Hurdles	2Miles S/Chase
1939	9.96	22.02	49.53	1:55.0	4:16.9	14:23.4		15.43	57.69	
1940-1945										
1947	9.98	22.00	49.80	1:55.9	4:22.2	14:33.0 (31:30.0)		15.80	58.50	
1948	9.96	22.18	49.28	1:55.5	4:16.8	14:27.0 (31:05.0)		15.30	(58.00)	(10:41.0)
1949	9.93	21.96	49.28	1:54.1	4:13.7	14:28.7	30:57.4	15.30	56.06	10:37.4
1950	(9.85)	21.98	48.93	1:53.7	4:12.9	14:19.7	30:57.5	15.19	55.79	10:33.0
1951	9.92	(21.75)	48.87	1:53.7	4:11.3	14:09.5	30:18.9	14.99	55.62	10:29.5
1952	9.92	21.96	(48.79)	(1:53.0)	(4:10.8)	(14:00.4)	(29:34.2)	(14.98)	(54.73)	(10:17.0)

SCORING TABLE (1950) POINTS



DEFINITIONS. In all three tables the term "British" athletes means athletes with a United Kingdom domicile of origin. Thus for example the performances of such men as A.G.K. Brown and C.W. Brasher, born in India and British Guiana respectively, are included whereas the performances of British Commonwealth students, and of such men as E. McDonald Bailey (Trinidad) and A.S. Wint (Jamaica) who only have a United Kingdom domicile of choice are not taken into account.

The events measured are in each case the EIGHTEEN standard ones that are included in the Olympic programme and for which readings appear in the 1950 (current) International Scoring Tables. This survey then includes all Olympic Events except the 10,000 metres track walk, the 50 km. road walk, the 4 x 100 m. and 4 x 400 m. relays, the Marathon and the Decathlon.

TABLE ONE (see above across the top). Here are simply set out the AVERAGE of the TEN best British performances in each season from 1939 to 1952. During the war seasons 1940 to 1945 top level British athletics were at a complete standstill. In 1946 leading fixtures were revived but the data for that season in most events is incomplete. The curtailed 1939 season, viewed to a depth of the 10 best performances, was Britain's best pre-war season. (Note however from TABLE TWO that viewed from the standpoint of topmost performances that both 1937 and 1938 were better. If the major late August and September matches (especially the international v. France at Paris) had not been cancelled owing to the state of war I think this apparent anomaly would not exist.)

It took the three post war seasons 1946, 47, & 48 for Britain to climb back to pre war levels. In 1949 only three averages were inferior to their 1939 equivalents - the three miles, pole vault and long jump. The latter indeed has even yet to be improved upon - (Have our long jumpers today forgotten the sensation and knack of rolling the jumping foot off the take off board?).

During the last three seasons there has been on the whole a steady improvement. In those six events where the 1952 average is not our best ever the reading for the superior year is only fractionally better.

The improvement in the 3 and 6 miles has been spectacular, the steeplechase encouraging and the Hammer and Javelin throws satisfactory. The 1952 averages for the 3 and 6 miles are clearly superior to the English Native Records of 1939 - viz 14.08.0 by C.A.J. Emery and 29.45.0 by J.A. Burns. **TABLE TWO** (the graph on the left).

Here is shown in graph form part of the answer to the question which has probably

STANDARDS COMPARED. STEADY, BUT PRE-WAR PROGRESS ILLUSTRATED.

High Jump	Pole Vault	Long Jump	Hop, Step & Jump	Shot Put	Discus Throw	Hammer Throw	Javelin Throw
6'1"	11' 9" ³ / ₄	23' 4" ¹ / ₂	44' 10" ³ / ₄	43' 10" ⁵ / ₈	133' 10" ¹ / ₂	143' 11" ¹ / ₂	181' 8" ¹ / ₂
6'1" ³ / ₄	10' 10" ³ / ₄	22' 11" ³ / ₄	44' 6"	43' 1" ⁵ / ₈	137' 5" ⁷ / ₈	146' 0"	178' 0"
6'1"	11' 2" ³ / ₄	22' 7" ³ / ₄	45' 7" ⁵ / ₈	43' 7" ¹ / ₂	134' 9"	151' 1" ³ / ₄	184' 6" ⁷ / ₈
6'3" ¹ / ₄	11' 8"	23' 0" ¹ / ₄	45' 9" ⁵ / ₈	45' 8" ³ / ₄	137' 0" ¹ / ₄	154' 7" ³ / ₄	187' 5" ¹ / ₂
6'2" ¹ / ₂	11' 10" ³ / ₄	23' 0" ¹ / ₂	46' 4"	46' 2" ¹ / ₄	142' 10" ³ / ₄	161' 0" ¹ / ₄	192' 0"
6'2" ³ / ₄	12' 2" ³ / ₄	23' 2" ⁵ / ₈	46' 2"	46' 8" ³ / ₄	143' 4" ⁵ / ₈	160' 5" ¹ / ₂	191' 11" ³ / ₄
6'3" ³ / ₄	12' 5" ⁵ / ₈	23' 1" ³ / ₄	46' 10"	46' 4" ⁵ / ₈	142' 4" ¹ / ₂	165' 10" ¹ / ₂	196' 9" ⁵ / ₈

(TABLE TWO continued) already jumped to the readers mind - "Yes I accept British athletics have improved, but has that improvement kept pace with the improvement of world standards?"

The graph opposite shows readings plotted for the years 1930 to 1952. On the vertical scale is shown the points (per the 1950 Scoring Tables) for the AVERAGE reading for the TOP performances by a British athlete in the 18 standard events in each season.

The upper series of readings are in respect of the AVERAGE of the TOP performances of the best athlete in the World in the same events in the same season.

The British graph shows that after the fillip of the unaccustomedly good Californian conditions of the 1932 Games that there is steady progress for each complete pre-war season. An advance of over 80 points is measured.

Our war time set-back, not surprisingly, was relatively a little more severe than that suffered by the world at large. Not until 1949 did we surpass our 1938 peak and since then we have climbed a further 80 points past that pre war high water-mark.

It will be noticed that British progress in the even years, when there is either the incentive of an Olympic celebration or the British Empire Games and European Championships, is faster than in odd years.

World progress understandably less stable but the general tendency is still "Cis, Altior, Fortior".

In 1938 we were just under 200 points behind the average world peak with our peak average. If the relative pattern of recent years occurs again in this season (1953) we should be closer to world peak standards than ever before.

TABLE THREE (see **left**) **Right**
Here is the second part of the answer to the RELATIVE progress between British and World

athletics.

I have taken the 4th best British performance of all time as at December 1947 (Column 1.) and the 100th best World performance of all time at the same date (Col. 3).

In columns 2 and 4 we see what has happened by December 1952 - i.e. during a lapse of five years.

In columns 5 and 6 we can compare a relative improvement of British athletics vis a vis the World. Note that performances at equivalent English distances are included to arrive at the figures given.

The justification for this perspective is that a mark currently in the 100 best in the World of all time may I feel fairly be termed "in World class", while on the other hand since Britain possesses in round figures a 1/25th part of the potentialized athletic population we should therefore contribute four men to "World class".

A comparison between column 5, British improvement, and 6 World improvement shows our recent strides in the 5,000m/3 miles and the 10,000m/6 miles are indeed giant ones. Turning to the field events we find that in the Pole Vault, Discus and Javelin where there is so much room for it the improvement is good. The Long Jump remains obstinate.

SUMMING UP. Which ever way it is looked at British athletics performance is improving and on the whole at a somewhat faster rate relatively than that of the general world progress. There is however no room for complacency and no reason to think that our progress is in any way automatic.

The harvest of the only A.A.A. coaching scheme is only now beginning to be reaped so the future should be "set fair" for some time to come.



Photo - H. W. Neale.

Geoffrey Dyson, Chief National Coach to the A.A.A., with some of his best known pupils. Standing - left to right - John I. Disley, Britain's best ever steeplechaser, Bronze Medal at Helsinki; John A. Savidge, English Native Record holder at Shot and Discus and 6th in the former at Helsinki; Geoffrey M. Elliott, Britain's best ever Pole Vault and Decathlon performer, who was 9th in the latter at 1952 Games. Seated - left to right - Mrs. Maureen A. J. Dyson (nee Gardner), Silver Medal for the 80 metres Hurdles in the 1948 Olympic Games; G. H. G. Dyson, Chief Coach; and Miss Shirley Cawley, Britain's best ever woman long jumper and Bronze Medallist at Helsinki.

The success of this group reflects Dyson's amazing versatility as a coach. The team of National Coaches that Dyson leads are as follows.

North - D. C. V. Watts
Midlands - D. L. Pugh

South - J. LeMasurier
Wales - J. W. Ll Alford

All five coaches are ex athletes. Dyson was a 14.8 man over the highs (1937); Watts (B.J. 23' 10"¹/₂ & H.S. J. 47' 2"); Pugh (170 ft. Javelin thrower); Le Masurier (ranked No. 8 over 44 Oyds Hurdles in 1939) and Alford (British Empire mile champion 1938 at 4:11.6 in 1938).

18 EVENTS	BRITISH BEST MARKS as at 12/47.		BRITISH BEST MARKS as at 12/52.		WORLD'S 100TH BEST MARK as at 12/47.		WORLD'S 100TH BEST MARK as at 12/52.		Improvement between col 1. & 2.	Improvement between col 3. & 4.
	10.5	21.3	10.5	21.2	10.4	21.3	10.4	21.3		
100 m.	10.5	21.3	10.5	21.2	10.4	21.3	10.4	21.3	.1	.2
200 m.	21.3	47.5	21.2	47.3	21.5	47.3	21.3	47.3	.2	.3
400 m.	47.5	1:51.2	47.3	1:50.5	47.6	1:51.0	47.3	1:51.0	.9	.9
800 m.	1:51.2	3:52.4	1:50.5	3:49.8	1:51.9	3:51.2	1:51.0	3:51.2	2.6	2.1
1,500m.	3:52.4	14:46.3	3:49.8	14:18.0	3:53.3	14:34.0	3:51.2	14:34.0	29.3	9.0
5,000m.	14:46.3	31:09.1	14:18.0	30:13.8	14:43.	30:49.0	14:34.0	30:49.0	55.3	31.8
10,000m	31:09.1	110 m.H	30:13.8	14.6	31:20.8	14.4	14.4	14.4	.1	.1
110 m.H	14.6	400 m.H	14.5	52.7	14.5	53.2	14.4	53.2	1.3	.8
400 m.H	54.0	3,000ms/g	52.7	9.29.2	54.0	-	53.2	-	10.4	-
3,000ms/g	9.29.2	H.J.	9.18.8	6' 3" ¹ / ₂	-	6' 6"	-	6' 6" ³ / ₄	1" ¹ / ₂	1" ³ / ₄
H.J.	6' 3" ¹ / ₂	P.V.	6' 5"	12' 6"	13' 9"	13' 11" ¹ / ₄	13' 11" ¹ / ₄	13' 11" ¹ / ₄	7"	2" ¹ / ₂
P.V.	12' 6"	L.J.	13' 1"	23' 11" ³ / ₄	24' 0"	24' 8"	24' 9" ¹ / ₄	24' 9" ¹ / ₄	1" ¹ / ₂	1" ¹ / ₂
L.J.	23' 11" ³ / ₄	H.S.J.	24' 0"	46' 9" ³ / ₄	47' 7" ³ / ₈	48' 7" ⁷ / ₈	49' 3"	49' 3"	10" ¹ / ₄	7" ³ / ₈
H.S.J.	46' 9" ³ / ₄	S.P.	47' 7" ³ / ₈	46' 4"	47' 6" ¹ / ₂	51' 1"	51' 11"	51' 11"	1' 2" ¹ / ₄	10"
S.P.	46' 4"	D.T.	47' 6" ¹ / ₂	141' 5" ¹ / ₂	152' 8" ³ / ₄	158' 4" ³ / ₈	162' 0"	162' 0"	11' 3"	3' 7" ⁵ / ₈
D.T.	141' 5" ¹ / ₂	H.T.	152' 8" ³ / ₄	165' 7" ¹ / ₂	173' 1" ¹ / ₂	169"	176"	176"	7' 5" ⁷ / ₈	7' 0"
H.T.	165' 7" ¹ / ₂	J.T.	173' 1" ¹ / ₂	191' 7" ¹ / ₂	204' 11"	218' 9"	222' 9"	222' 9"	13' 3" ¹ / ₄	4' 0"
J.T.	191' 7" ¹ / ₂		204' 11"							

England Wins International C-C Race

In hot bright conditions at the Vincennes Hippodrome, to the eastward of Paris, England on March 21st won the 40th International Cross Country Championship so to secure her second post-war win and her 27th win since the first race at Glasgow in 1903. The event which was watched by a crowd of 5,958 was run over a travesty of a course which would be better described as a 14,280 metre steeplechase (8 miles 1537 yards).

The entry was the same as the 1950 record of ten teams except that Luxembourg was replaced by Yugoslavia whose 32 year old Franjo Mihalić, the world's ninth (29:48.6) best 10,000 metre man of all time, took the individual honours. The 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 139 pound Slav, who back in 1950 won the A.A.A. 6 miles bronze plaque behind Aaron and Vanderwattynne, ran with great judgment only taking the lead in the last lap to win by 60 yards from the ever game Frank Sando of England.

At the start the blond Belgian Lucien Theys (winner in 1950) took the lead but was soon overtaken by Gordon Pirie who had a heavy cold and was running a temperature higher than the 37 deg. Centigrade which is the French for 'normal'. Theys counter-attacked but soon had to yield to Marcel Vanderwattynne who was second both in 1946 and 1952 and the most experienced man in any team.

At 4 miles England had a comfortable 22 point margin on France. With the half-way mark passed Pirie dropped from 3rd to 9th while the unpredictable Bill Gray dashed into the lead until overtaken by Abdullah, the Algerian rifleman who was eighth last year, Mihalić, Sando and Scotland's Eddie Bannan. In the mistaken belief that he was in the last lap A.E. Dalton (E) went berserk and stormed up from the forties to the low twenties. Despite his elaborate precautions Bill Boak was a victim of 'insolation' and had to retire.

For the early part of the last lap Bannan made the pace until the agile Mihalić, then Abdullah and Sando went by him. The Yugoslav went on strongly to win by 60 yards not from the French Champion, who claimed he had been misdirected by a judge, but from Sando who once again put in a fighting finish. Bannan was astounded with his fourth place - Scotland's highest since the 1937 winner J.C. Flockhart took seventh at St. Cloud in 1947. Norris and Gray clinched England's success in 5th and 6th place. The Spaniard Buenaventura Baldomá (6th in 1950 and 5th in 1951) took eighth spot just two ahead of Frischknecht of Switzerland which country's best scorer to date had been A. Sutter's 16th place at Brussels 3 years ago.

Jim Peters with all the indomitable courage of the true marathoner ran a Captain's race as England's fourth scorer in 11th place. Pirie, the grand favourite to win and the logical one, came in shoes in hand 19th two ahead of Ranger (21st) so to complete England's scoring six. The French officials had an agonising wait of over two minutes between the arrival of the little Labidi, their fifth man in 16th place and their No. 6 Ali ou Bassou who was 34th. It is of course impossible to assess the fortunes had the 1949 and 1952 winner Alain Mimoun been present but it is doubtful even if the return of the missing Hesketh and Eyre could have fully compensated for it.

News from South-East Asia - v. v. Kolatchoff

South East Asia has not the reputation of being, athletically speaking, a notably advanced area. Recent signs are that this leeway is beginning to be made up. As regards the Olympic Games the names of the two Filipinos Simeon Toribio and Miguel White come to mind as the only two Olympic medalists from the area. Toribio cleared 2 metres (6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$) at Tokyo in 1930 and tied the winning height of 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Los Angeles to take the Bronze Medal. Miguel S. White was third in the Berlin 400 metres hurdles won by Glenn Hardin in 1936 with 52.8 after twice achieving 53.4 in the preliminaries.

This year the Philippine Championships were held on March 14 & 15 at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, Manila. Gilberto Indiana won the 400 metres hurdles in 54.9 for the fourth spot on their all-time list behind White, F. Mandapat's 54.0 in 1940 and J.A. Ravello's 54.4. The javelin and discus showed improvement with Paulino Junio throwing 181'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Aurelio Amante 130'3 $\frac{1}{4}$. The javelin was the strongest of the women's events with V. Subido's 118'3".

The outstanding South East Asian marks in 1952/53 were --:
100 yards: 9.8 by E. Levula and J. Muakalou both of Negri Sembilan;
100 metres: 10.7 Sgt. MacQuarrie (Singapore); **220 yards:** 22.4 Ng Liang-Chiang (Singapore); **22.5** Stephen Xavier (Hong Kong); **22.6** 1/Cpl. Dawal (Negri Sembilan) (also 9.9 y and 6'2" High Jump); **400 metres:** 49.4 by Cipriano Nuera of Manila; **110 metres Hurdles:** 15.2 Pte. J. Kobisi (N-S)
Pole Vault: 12'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ William Stuart (Singapore); **Hop, Step & Jump** 46'4"
Sgt. T. Naidole (N-S); Javelin: 183'2" N.R. Hughes (U.K. & Hong Kong), P. Junio (Manila) 183'2". Hughes threw 181'5" on March 15 in Heng Kong.



FRANJO MIHALIĆ of Yugoslavia. He is their national record-holder for both 5,000 (14:20.8) and 10,000m. (29:48.6).

Asked how he trained the Slav replied that he spends 90 minutes on the track every day.

ORDER OF FINISHING

1.	Franjo Mihalić (Jugo:)	47:53
2.	Frank Sando (England)	48:03
3.	Ben Z. Abdallah (France)	48:06
4.	Eddie Bannan (Scotland)	48:22
5.	Fred Norris (England)	48:41
6.	Bill Gray (England)	48:42
7.	P. Prat (France)	48:47
8.	Buenaventura Baldomá (Spain)	48:51
9.	Bouali (France)	48:53
10.	Hans Frischknecht (Switzerland)	48:56
11.	Jim Peters (England)	49:00
12.	Andy Forbes (Scotland)	49:21
13.	Marcel Vandewattynne (Belgium)	49:23
14.	Antonio Amorós (Spain)	49:34
15.	A. Lecat (France)	49:39
16.	Ben A. Labidi (France)	49:44
17.	José Coll (Spain)	49:54
18.	Stevan Pavlović (Jugo:)	50:01
19.	Gordon Pirie (England)	50:22
20.	Domica Cetinić (Jugo:)	50:28
21.	Pat. Ranger (England)	-
22.	Lucien Theys (Belgium)	-
23.	Denis Holden (England)	-
24.	M. Van Laere (Belgium)	-
25.	Dorde Stefanović (Jugo:)	-

29. D. Harrison (1st Irishman)
 31. Philip Morgan (1st Welshman)
 38. J. Adriaanse (1st Netherlander)

TEAM RESULT: 1. ENGLAND 64 points (2,5,6, 11,19,21, - 23, W. Boak & A.E. Dalton retired); 2. FRANCE 84 pts. (3,7,9,15,16,34) 3. Yugoslavia 129 pts.; 4. Spain 143 pts.; 5. Scotland 181 pts.; 6. Belgium 187 pts.; 7. Switzerland 265 pts.; 8. Ireland 281 pts.; 9. Wales 317 pts.; 10. Holland 352 pts.

THE 1954 INTERNATIONAL will be on March 27th in England at a venue not yet fixed.

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"MEDLEY RELAY" conducted by 'Baton'

May 1st: Volmari Isohollo celebrates his 46th birthday. Pioneer of modern steeplechasing it was he who lead the Los Angeles field round the famous extra lap - a distinction befitting one who was born on International Labour Day. Also born on May 1st was Italy's Luigi Facelli back in 1898. Competing in 5 Olympic hurdles over 3 Olympiads the former British record-holder received a letter from his old rival Lord Burghley, President of the I.A.A.F., after the war inviting him to the London Olympics. Born at Farnworth, Lancs. on May 2nd 1922 was the recently married Harry Whittle who won his sixth consecutive A.A.A. 440 yards hurdles title in 1952. On the occasion of his wedding to Thelma Boyes the Olympic Captain of Britain's team received a telegram from Harold Abrahams wishing him 52.7 years of happy married life!

On May 11th might pass forgotten the 63rd birthday of William Reuben Applegarth whose great 21.2 secs. 220 yards round the Stamford Bridge turn equalled the world's record in 1914 and has remained unsurpassed by any European to this day. His present whereabouts are not known in this country beyond the fact that he is living somewhere in America.

On May 12 there occurs a silver jubilee of a landmark in track history. On that day in 1928 Emerson 'One-eye' Spencer at Palo Alto, California registered the first 47 flat 400 metre mark which remained until Bill Carr returned his great 46.2 at the Los Angeles Olympics 4 years later. Though at the time of Spencer's run the official 440 yard record stood at 47.4 by James Meredith both Meredith and Frank Sloman had marks of 47.0 for 440 yards made at San Francisco on consecutive days in August 1915. Neither reached the record book. On May 14 Godfrey Rampling of Berlin 4x 400 metre relay memory reaches his 44th birthday.

The late Jack Lovelock 21 years ago on May 26 broke the British National record on Oxford's old three lap track at Ifley Road. Many incorrect lap times have been published for this 4:12.0 race. According to Lovelock's own note book they were 59.0, 66.0, 68.0 and 59.0 and it felt like 'running on air'!

Wheeler 50.0, Dunkley 4:21.8 STAR IN SCHOOLS' MEETING - 8 NEW RECORDS

The standard of the 64th L.A.C. Schools Meeting held on April 17th and 18th at the White City was epitomised by the 17 year old John Dalton of St. Lawrence's, Ramegate who came hopefully with a best mile mark of 4:38.0 and left with one of 4:26.0 but unqualified for the final of his event.

In its ruthless but fascinating way the competition reduced the 583 boys down to 13 champions of which 7 became new record holders. In the sprints outstanding was M.K.V. Wheeler of Taunton, the 1952 winner of the 440 yards in 51.1, who but for his crouched up crouch start must have shaded the 10.2 record set first in 1939. In his real speciality he warmed to his task of beating J.P. Thornicroft's pre-war record of 50.2 with a heat in 50.5, a semi-final in 50.3 and a final in 50.0—second only to Derek Johnson's 48.8 among British Junior (under 19) athletes.

The number of sub 2 minute half-milers in the long history of the meeting was boosted from two to five as M. Martin (1:58.5) and D.F. Reynolds (1:58.7n) broke R. Scott's 1935 record of 1:59.2 and the compact K. Whittle followed up in 1:59.9 to equal Podes's 1950 heat time. Reynolds made the pace with 56.7 secs. to the bell.

In the mile the 17½ year old 147 lb. Roger Dunkley lived up to expectations. After a canny heat in 4:38.4 secs. he struck out with a confident 61.0 sec. first lap which fixed all his opponents. Tapering off he went through the next 3 laps in 55.3, 68.1 and 67.4 to finish 50 yards ahead of Paul Abrahams in the record time of 4:21.8. The runner-up who had run an injudicious heat in 4:25.2 mastered 4:28.6 with a tired 70 sec. last lap. Dunkley's place on the Junior All-Time list is as under.

4:17.2	D.C. Seaman (L.A.C.)	1951	4:22.0	T. Bailey (Hull)	1952
4:19.2	D.M. Humphrey (H.B.S.)	1951	4:23.0	E.G. Ellis (T.V.H.)	1948
4:19.4n	W.I. Williams (Salford)	1951	4:23.2	D.R. Burfitt (Bel.H.)	1946
4:21.4	J.L. Hendry (Elgin Ac.)	1952	4:23.4	R.G. Bannister (OUAC)	1948
4:21.6	I.H. Boyd (H.H.H.)	1952	4:23.4	P.R. Clarke (R.A.F.)	1948
4:21.8	R. Dunkley (Wm. Ellis)	1953			

In the ¾ Mile Steeplechase Cheltenham's P.A. Field, the holder, slashed another 3.2 secs. off his record of 3:36.8 in a well judged run in which he at one time looked to be in trouble from the hotly pursuing heavyweight high-jumper J.D. Walz.

The hurdle times were so accountably poor that several imagined that they had been set at 42" instead of 39"—a suspicion unsupported by inquiry.

In the high jump Peter Brinson cleared 6'0" but could not beat his last year's 6'0½" when he was 18. The pole vault brought forth the Indian-born Geoffrey Michael Schmidt, the star pupil of the dynamic Franz Stampfl who in the winter transformed him from 10'9" to 12'8" during his coaching crusade at John Fishers School, Purley. Schmidt went up to 12'0" without a failure and looks able to surpass George Broad's British Junior 'Best' of 12'6" anytime he really cares.

The two other records to go were in the shot and hammer. The 186 lb. 6'0½" Clive Carr of Radley used a left-handed replica of Parry O'Brien's 'step-back' style to heave the 12lb. shot 49'9" for the third best home-bred junior mark. In the hammer Iain Bain, 19, got off throws of 166'8" and then 171'6½" but was lucky to have his under 19 'best of 172'7" escaped from John Fisher's captain M.J. Martin who buried two of his 4 no-throws beyond the 180 foot mark.

SUMMARY:-

100Yds: MKV Wheeler (Taunton) 10.3; WB Workman (Cheltenham G); DJ Gillan (Chester-le-Street); S Orman (Hackney Downs); BM Magee (Mt. St. Mary's); PJ Wright (Eltham). inches, a foot. **440Yds:** Wheeler 50.0 (record); RG Sinclair (Brighton C.) 50.8; CJW Haines (Malvern) 51.3; CO Buchanan (Whitgift) 52.7 (s-f. 52.2); W.G. Dawes (QE, Wakefield) 53.5 (52.8 s-f.); DC Christie (Eton) (52.9 heat). **880Yds:** M. Martin (Mt. St. Mary's) 1:58.5 (record); DF Reynolds (Allhallows) 1:58.7; K. Whittle (Bolton Sch) 1:59.9; HA Heins (Whitgift) 2:00.8; TJ Barnett (Greenford CG) 2:02.0;

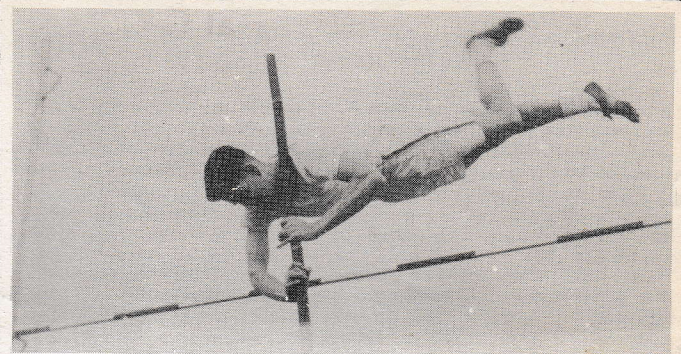


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G.M. SCHMIDT (John Fishers) breaking F.R. Webster's 1933 record at 12'0".

SUMMARY CONTINUED: JW Keyte (Radley) 2:02.9. **One Mile:** R Dunkley (Williams Ellis) 4:21.8; P. Abrahams (Hove CGS) 4:28.6; BW Kent-Smith 4:30.2; G. Rendall (Bede Sch.) 4:32.4; W.G. Corneck (Latymer Upper) 4:39.8; NH Carroll (Edmonton Latymer) 4:40.8; L Korvin (Epsom Coll.) 4:41.8. In heats B.W. Kent-Smith (Kelly Coll.) 4:25.6. **Three-Quarter Mile Steeplechase:** PA Field (Cheltenham C) 3:53.6 (record); GM Clapham (Watford GS) 3:38.8; JD Walz (Gordonstoun) 3:41.2; PB Sadler (Trent C) 3:43.0; RML Mason (Lancing C) 3:44.4; MJ Palmer (St. Albans) 3:46.2. **Mile Walk:** KW Barber (Latymer Upper) 7:16.0 (record); AGR Thomson (Latymer Upper) 7:33.4 (style prize); A Chambers (John Fishers) 7:34.8; GM Weston (Colfe's GS); R.M. Burns-Cox (Marlborough Coll.); H Taylor (Gordonstoun). **120 Yards Hurdles:** DC Frost (King Alfred, Plon) 16.1; GE Ewitt (Mill Hill) 16.2; WB Harley (Wrekin) 16.3; TA Jameson (Lancing); JG Hummerston (Q.E. Barnet); I.E. Fraser (Gordonstoun) fell at 3rd H. **4 x 110 Yards Relay:** King Alfred, Plon 45.4; Raynes Park CGS 45.4; Lancing College 45.5; St. Dunstan's C. 46.0; Royal Belfast AI 46.3; Bedford Modern High Jump: P Brinson (St. Dunstan's) 6'0"; TJ Reynolds 5'11"; BE Wardley (Enfield GS); MGR Jenkins (Gordonstoun) 5'9"; JD Walz (Gordonstoun) 5'7"; JC Dunn (King's Sch. Canterbury) 5'7". **Pole Vault:** G.M. Schmidt (John Fisher School) 12'0" (record); D. Miles (J.F.S.) 10'6"; ME Nugent (J.F.S.) 10'6"; A. Cowey (Sunderland Bede GS) 10'0"; CJ Weekes (Oundle); DJE Barnes (Clayesmore) 10'0". **Long Jump:** S. Orman (Hackney Downs GS) 20'11½"; JC Brown (Rutlish) 20'6½"; BM Magee (Mt. St. Mary's C) 20'1"; DC Frost (King Alfred's Plon) 19'11½"; JT Darlington (Whitchurch GS) 19'11"; K Holloway (Wolverhampton GS) 19'9½". **Shot Putt:** CEBL Carr (Radley) 49'9" (record); MJ Martin (John Fisher S.) 46'11½"; WW Kretschmar (Gordonstoun) 45'4½"; AG Law (Raynes Pk. GS) 45'1½"; GD Smith (Ross all) 44'6½"; DR Harrison (Sherborne) 43'7½". **Discus Throw:** W Dixon (Erith GS) 143'6"; MJ Martin (John Fisher S) 139'1½"; M Blindt (Woodhouse GS) 137'5"; JM Cross (Eltham C) 136'1½"; DHR Huxtable (Kingswood S) 132'11½"; JR Potter (Nottingham HS) 132'7". **Hammer Throw:** I.S. Bain (Fettes C) 171'6½" (record); PJ Strickland (John Fisher S) 151'9½"; W D'Hondt (J.F.) 148'0½"; ED O'Farrell (J.F.) 140'4"; JCHS Byrne (J.F.) 135'8"; JP Martin (J.F.) 131'10". **Javelin Throw:** WW Kretschmar (Gordonstoun) 184'2½"; M Lanning (Hampton GS) 180'0"; JK Ryder (Lord Wandsworth C) 170'2"; IA Williams (L.W.C) 164'8"; PA Shaw (King Edward, Stourbridge) 162'11"; RA Simcock (Birkenhead) 161'3½".

Winners of Junior Events (under 16) **100 yards:** WD Riddels (Royal Belfast AI) 10.9. **440 yards:** TP Green (King's S, Rochester) 55.9. **110 yards Hurdles** (3 feet) MR Harvey (Kelly C) 15.0. **High Jump:** MR Harvey 5'5". **Long Jump:** DH Gibb (Cheltenham GS) 20'1½".

SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP: First: John Fisher School, Purley 44 points (Holders); Second: Gordonstoun 19½ points; Third: Latymer Upper 13 points.

NEWS FROM FIJI ISLANDS: Olympic long jump champion Yvette Williams won 4 events at the Fiji Championships at Suva over Easter week-end April 4th-6th winning the shot with 43'11½", discus 135'5½", 50 yards in 6.2secs and her speciality at 18'11½".

British Empire shot champion Mataika Tuicakau set a new discus record of 135'5½" while M. Talelala triple jumped 46'6½". Best junior was M. Nagata who threw the javelin 208'6".

BARNES BECOMES U.S.'S 80TH 14FT VAULTER

(Continued from Page 1.) Latest news from the 7 foot circle would indicate that even Jim Fuchs' 58'10³/₈" world record at Eskilstuna in Sweden in 1950 is threatened. Man who is warming to the theme is the blond haired Olympic champion Parry O'Brien. His progress thus far is

March 14 Long Beach	55'4 ¹ / ₂ " (16.87)	April 4 L.Angeloes	55'10" (17.02)
March 21 Tuscon	55'2" (16.81)	April 11 Palo Alto	57'10 ¹ / ₂ " (17.64)
March 28 San Diego	56'6 ³ / ₄ " (17.24)		Personal Best

This last mentioned effort has only ever been bettered by the world record-holder himself (10 times outdoors and thrice indoor) and once by Chuck Fonville in 1948 at the Kansas Relays. Darrow Hooper, the silver medallist opened his 1953 account with 54'6¹/₂" at Port Worth on March 7 and then improved to 56'2³/₄" (17.14) on March 27 at the Texas Relays at Austin. Stanford's Howard Hertz with a 54'11¹/₂" kept the one-time 57 footer Otis Chandler out of third place on the early season rankings. Bob Mathias kept his hand in with a 51'11" effort at Palo Alto on April 11th and a 165'11¹/₂" discus throw in the same meeting. This latter over 8 feet below his best ranked him only fourth because behind Iness O'Brien and Hooper scored with 169'8¹/₂" and 168'9" apiece.

On the track the major sensation was from Wes Santee of Kansas. At the Texas Relays he was assigned four relay legs, two on the first day (March 27th) and two on the second (March 28th). He opened with an 880 yard stage in 1:49.4 and a mile leg in 4:19.2 while the next day he reversed the priority with a great 4:06.7 anchor stage which brought Kansas a new U.S. 4x 1 Mile relay record and an 880 yards in 1:51.9. The first day half-mile stage contributed more than handsomely to a new world's best performance for the One Mile Medley Relay with 3:21.8 which ousts the 3:22.6 set up by a British Empire team in London in 1928 to which Douglas Lowe contributed a stage in 1:51.0.

Notable in the pole vault was Olympian George Mattos' mark at Palo Alto on April 4th. Last year he was 6th in the world behind Richards, Laz and Cooper and the two Europeans Lundberg and Denisenko at his personal best of 14'5³/₈". He now has come through with 14'7" which makes him the 13th American ahead of the European record of 14'6³/₄". At Fresno, California on April 11th Fred Barnes became the 94th man in history to clear 14 feet of whom 80 are Americans. Barnes has two other distinctions. His namesake, the great Lee Barnes was the first man to beat Sabin Carr's 1927 world record of 14 feet when he reached 14'1¹/₂" at Fresno in 1928. The pole vault coach at Fresno State is now Cornelius Warmerdam who last year, but two months short of his of his 37th birthday, gave an exhibition in which he cleared 14'4¹/₂".

Over the high hurdles Jack Davis is out ahead but despite a 14 flat mark and Tuscon on March 21 and another at Palo Alto on April 11th he has not yet managed to race into sub 14 sec. range which he has curiously enough only twice penetrated - once at Seattle back in June 1951 and again in his record-squalling 13.7 at Helsinki. Man pressing him closest is Joel McNulty of Illinois whose 14.1 at Birmingham on April 4th showed a two tenths improvement over his 1952 best of 14.3 secs.

British All-Comers' record holder sloe-eyed Bud Held leads the spearmen with a cast of 233'5" (71.14) at Berkeley which to date has pegged back Olympic champion Cy Young (223'8¹/₂") and Bill Miller (228'1¹/₂").

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O'BRIEN HITS 58'2"

Right:-Wes Santee who ran relay stages in 1:49.4 and 4:06.7

Competing for the University of Southern California at Los Angeles on April 18th Parry O'Brien never dropped below 56 feet and got one putt off to 58'2" (17.72) so passing Fonville (58'0³/₈") for second place behind Fuchs on the all-time list. Iness threw the discus 182'9³/₄" and Ernie Shelton cleared 6'6¹/₂". At Berkeley Joel McNulty ran his first 14 flat



STRANDLI SHOWS THE S. AMERICANS

(Continued from Page 1) South America touring Argentina as a guest of his onetime compatriot Reidar Sörlie who was a 169 foot discus thrower before the war and is now an Argentine citizen.

Strandli's first appearance occurred at Buenos Aires on February 28 when his longest throw broke the pampas at 194'5¹/₂". On March 8th (not 10th as earlier reported), still in the Argentine capital, he improved to 197'4¹/₂". In the meantime Sverre did quite a lot of sight-seeing and also paid a visit to see President Peron. It is not yet fully clear whether his great effort in the Parque de Mayo field in San Juan on April 3rd was made in actual competition or merely for the benefit of his Argentine 'Aficionados' whose national record stands at 175' 6³/₄" made by Federico Kleger in 1933.

WIESNER ATTEMPTS 6'-11³/₄" from R. L. Quercetani

The American season indoors came to its climax and its close at Chicago on March 28 when for the third time this year Ken Wiesner broke the world's indoor mark with 6'10³/₄". The U.S. Navy Lieutenant went over first time. His first miss of the night occurred at 6'11³/₄" at which he had three unsuccessful but determined attempts.

Wiesner now shares with his Helsinki conqueror Walt Davis the closest approach to that tremendous 6'11" at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday June 17th 1941 when Les Steers straddled his world record only 4 days after his NCAA win at 6'10³/₄". Most American experts assert that the board take-off favours high jumpers to some extent. The list of the best indoor marks of all-time published in the March issue cannot be said to belie this theory since obviously most of America's top notch high jumpers hail from California and have very rare opportunities to show their prowess in indoor meetings.

Apart from his amazing series of world records (6'9¹/₂" on Jan. 23rd; 6'9⁷/₈" on March 14 and 6'10³/₄" on March 28) Wiesner has cleared 6'8" on five other occasions. Second at Chicago was last year's No. 1 U.S. schoolboy, Bernie Allard, with a personal best of 6'7". Olympic Champion Walt Davis, who was attempting a come-back after a two months lay-off because of an injury, came third at 6'6".

RICHARDS PASSES THE WARMERDAM TOTAL OF 15 FOOT VAULTS WITH 45 !

During March Bob Richards added six more 15 foot vaults to his collection. According to an American count his total is now up to 45 i.e. two more than Warmerdam's famous set. It must be noted however that the La Verne preacher's tally is mostly the result of his intense indoor campaigning. No less than 41 of his 15 footers were made indoors and only four outdoors whereas 'Dutch' Warmerdam had 31 outdoors and 12 indoors. N.B. Our American correspondent Don H. Potts expresses the view that a 15'4" indoor vault is worth only 15 foot even outside - Ed Richard's rival Don Laz produced his first 15' effort of the year on March 14 at Milwaukee.

The incredible Dillard brought his 'streak' of short indoor wins over the hurdles to 33 - a remarkable achievement if one reflects that a mediocre start is fatal in such breath-taking and mad scrambles. Towards the close of the season Dillard went over to the 'flat' and showed himself fast enough to nose out such luminaries as Stanfield, Bragg and Golliday !

At Buffalo, N.Y., on March 21, the Grand Street Boys' "Dream Team" of Mal, Herb, Andy and George (guess their surnames ?) set a new world indoor 4x440 yards relay mark with a smooth 3:14.4 clocking. Previous record was the 3:15.0 by a New York University quartet on the famous Dartmouth track in 1940. Mal Whitfield again proved invincible at the distances ranging from 600 yards to 1,000 yards. In the Chicago Daily News Meet he missed his newly set 600 yard record by one fifth with a magnificent 1:09.7

WORLD'S FASTEST MARATHON. Keizo Yamada (Japan) 26th at Helsinki ran 2:18:51.0 in Boston's downhill Marathon on April 20th.