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## O'Brien reaches 59' 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" for 1953's first World Record

Parry O'Brien, 21, the 16 st. 1 lb. (225 lbs) 6' 3" Californian on 9th May at the Fresno Relays climaxed his 9 week shot-putting campaign with history's remotest crater - 59ft. 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches from the seven foot ring. The world record breaking mark came with his fourth effort.

O'Brien's first putt was out to 58' 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" followed by one of 57' 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". The third was a foul. The now recoiled human mortar entered the ring for the fourth time, paused a moment and then went straight into his 'step-back' glide followed by the greatest convulsion yet seen. A moment later ticker tapes the world over were stuttering out the news that Fuchs knew must come.

The build up for 1953's first outdoor world record represents one of the most rapid advances ever recorded. As a junior in 1949 O'Brien reached 57' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" with the 12 pound shot. In 1950 he graduated to the heavy shot but his 53' 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at the Coliseum Relays on May 19th ranked him No. 12 on the World List. In 1951 USC ace caused a major upset by snatching the A.A.U. title from Jim Fuchs (55' 2") with a personal best of 55' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" for No. 3 on the world list. Last year he six times beat 57 feet including his second A.A.U. win at 57' 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and his Olympic title with his first record breaking putt of 57' 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (17.41).

In 1953, as already related, he opened his account at 55' 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" and on successive Saturdays hit 55' 2", then 56' 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>", then 55' 10", then 57' 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" and 58' 1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (not 58' 2" as reported) at Los Angeles on April 18th. On April 25th again at Los Angeles the crescendo developed. First came a foul of 58' 4", then a misfire of 'only' 56' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". The third essay was an American record of 58' 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" followed closely by efforts of 58' 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>", 57' 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>", 58' 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" and 57' 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". On May 2nd still at Los Angeles there was a slight 'relapse' to 57' 10". For Continentals the new world record had an especial significance being fractionally over the magic 18 metres. The putt was still slightly behind Fuchs much disputed 18.08 (59' 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>") made at Buenos Aires on March 2nd 1951 which was ruled to be a foul.

O'Brien, who is already talking of retiring after this season, thus beat Sim Iness in the race to a new world mark. Iness injured a knee in his home when he fell down the stairs and thus missed the two USC meets on April 25 and May 2. At Fresno on May 9, where the 15,000 crowd included Governor Earl Warren, Iness, perhaps unwisely, tried a premature return and was only able to finish fourth with 160' 0" behind Fortune Gordien (169' 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"), Leon Patterson and Stanford's Chuck Renfro (160' 4"). Just to show he was too young to die world record holder Gordien turned in a mark of 181' 7" at Pasadena.



Five times over 58 feet, then 59' 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (18.002) - W. PARRY O'BRIEN (U.S.A.) of Irish descent.

Highlight on the track was the high hurdles clash between Jack Davis and Richard Attlesley with Bob Mathias thrown in for good measure. Davis streaked off to return the fastest mark of his career for a five yard win over Mathias in 13.6 with the world record holder third in 14.1 another yard back. Davis was disappointed to learn that the wind was over the limit and that he was no nearer his ambition of improving on Attlesley's record total (19) of sub 14 second marks.

In the 100 yards the diminutive Jamaican Les. Laing won the verdict in a speedy 9.5 secs but this again was ruled to be wind aided. (Cont: Back page.)



E. D. Lacey.

Twenty four year old medical student ROGER BANNISTER, wearing the prophetic numbers '43', breaking the tape for his new British All-Comers' mile record of 4:03.6 at Iffley Road, Oxford on May 2nd. The performance (see story Page 3) raised him to fifth equal on the all-time list --:

|         |                          |           |      |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| 4:01.3  | GUNDER HÄGG (Sweden)     | Malmö     | 1945 |
| 4:01.6  | ARNE ANDERSSON (Sweden)  | Malmö     | 1944 |
| 4:02.0n | Gunder Hägg (Sweden)     | Malmö     | 1944 |
| 4:02.1  | JOHN LANDY (Australia)   | Melbourne | 1952 |
| 4:02.2n | Arne Andersson (Sweden)  | Malmö     | 1945 |
| 4:02.6  | Arne Andersson (Sweden)  | Göteborg  | 1943 |
| 4:02.8  | GASTON REIFF (Belgium)   | Antwerp   | 1952 |
| 4:02.8  | John Landy (Australia)   | Melbourne | 1953 |
| 4:03.4  | Gaston Reiff (Belgium)   | Gävle     | 1952 |
| 4:03.6n | INGVAR ERIKSSON (Sweden) | Gävle     | 1952 |
| 4:03.6  | ROGER BANNISTER (G.B.)   | Oxford    | 1953 |
| 4:03.8n | RUNE PERSSON (Sweden)    | Malmö     | 1945 |
| 4:03.8  | Arne Andersson (Sweden)  | Göteborg  | 1945 |

## HAAS 46.8, SEGEDIN 8:47.8

European Report from R.L. Quercetani

Paris' time-honoured Jean Bouin Stadium on May 17 saw the year's first major tussle among some of Europe's best milers. Olympic champion Josy Bartel from Luxemburg - who still had to recover from a pulled tendon and was previously credited with no better than than 3:57.4 this season-

# Chataway trounces Rieff and Mimoun over 2 Miles.

The 1953 Whitsun British Games spread over two days at the White City Stadium on May 23 (20,000) and May 25 (35,000) lived up to their name with 5 new English Native records, one British National and Allcomers record, as against a Belgian 800 m. record and a French 2 miles record.

The star turn was Oxford's 22 years old Chris. Chataway in the two miles event which, temporarily, was graced by the world record holder (8:40.4) Gaston Rieff of Belgium and throughout by Gordon Pirie and Alain "Tourjours Argent" Mimoun.



Rieff: "Incroyable" Mimoun: "Magnifique" "When running interferes with living a normal life it's time to pack it in" -Chataway.

Throughout the first 7 of the races 8 laps Pirie made a pace which he hoped would burn off anyone who tried to hang onto it. The tall South London Harrier covered the first lap in 61 secs., the 1/2 mile in 2m 6sec and the 3/4 mile in 3m 12secs. By this time Rieff was looking really worried. The fourth circuit of this race, which had that unmistakable throbbing pace of the world class, however, relented slightly with the passage of 68 seconds to give a 1st mile in 4mins. 20 secs. The third half mile occupied the tensed stadium for 2 m. 15.8. By this time Pirie and Chataway, as is the reputed wont of all Englishmen no matter the circumstances, formed a little club of two up in the front of the now ragged comet. Chataway, who had malice aforethought about his ultimate intentions, ohivalrously lingered a moment to allow the other member of the club to improve his three week old 1 1/2 mile Native record with 6m 35.8 secs.

At this juncture Rieff finding himself 25 yards to the bad hurled in. No doubt in two months time the Belgian ace will again show just how great he can be. In the 7th lap, which went on for 71.2 secs., Chataway bided his time like a patient hears driver behind an undertaker's conductor who had suddenly gone lame. At the 3,000 metres mark Chataway hauled out of line so that both young Englishmen passed the post in line abreast in 8m. 19.2s. A moment later there was a roar from the sunbaked crowd as a yawning gap opened. "The Red Fox" burst into the last 220 yards for a 27.2 sec. sprint, so dropping the by now spent Pirie by 35 yards.

Only Rieff, in Paris last year (with the "Red Fox", who had broken his holiday in Switzerland specially for the purpose, watching over the fence) and the great Gunder Hagg (4 times!) have ever beaten the winner's 8:49.6. Gordon Pirie equalled Chataway's former mark of 8:55.6, while Mimoun seemed quite happy with knocking 5.8. secs. off the French 2 miles record so early in the season with his 9:01.8 clocking for third.

Earlier on the Monday Jim Peters defied the lack of opposition and the 81 degs. F. in an attempt to join Zatopek and Heino as the only two 12 m.p.h. humans. Troubled with a blister and the rock hard track and the well intentioned attentions of a groundsman who, contrary to I.A.A.F. rule 18(9) sprayed him with a hose, Peters knew all hope had gone when he was 55 yards short of 6 miles at the 1/2 hour. The ever-game 34 year old optician battled on to break the great W.G. George's 1884 record for 11 miles by 6.8 secs. with 57:02.8. Things became really tense as the hour approached. When the time gun went it caught the rolling Peters at 11miles 986 yards - 54 yards past George's 69 year old record but still 151 yards short of Alfred Shrubbs's (1904) British record flag. Peters supported by his many times lapped club-mate Reg. Robins groped on to complete the 12 miles in 62:25.2.

In the Inter-Counties 440 yards visions of a new British 4x400 m. team loomed when the 6'4" Peter Fryer surged past the converted sprinter Alan Sexton to win by two yards in 48.1 with Kent's Len. Smith third in 48.8secs - all personal bests. The 440 yds. hurdles heralded the arrival of Woodford Green's Alec Hardy whose 53.2 secs. victory over the Olympic pair Whittle and Scott raised him from sixth (54.8y) to third in the U.K. all-time list for 440 yards ahead of both Lord Burghley (53.8) and Whittle (53.3). In the 3 miles we had a repetition of the 1952 race in which Frank Sando exactly repeated his 13:48.0 second place with Pirie's last lap of 55 secs. carrying him to 13:46.0 - just 1.2 secs. outside his all-comers' record.

The Belgian policeman Roger Moens had a triumph in the International 800 metres when he out-kicked Denmark's rugged 1:49.7 man Gunnar Nielsen (1:51.5) for an excellent new Belgian record of 1:51.4. A pleasant surprise for Bill Nankeville (G.B.) was his inches third place over Don Macmillan in a personal best of 1:52.6 secs. Another miler who showed new powers over half his distance was Don Seaman whose anchor leg in the winning British medley mile relay also occupied just 1:52.6 secs.

800 metres (b) R Moens (Belgium) 1:51.4; G Nielsen (Denmark) 1:51.5; GW Nankeville 1:52.6  
DRT Macmillan (Aust.) 1:52.6u  
**One Mile** (a) RG Bannister (GB) 4:09.4; D.C. Seaman (GB) 4:13.4; Macmillan (Aust) 4:16.2; A. Vincendon (France) 4:18.6.  
**Two Miles** (b) CJ Chataway (GB) 8:49.6 (Brit. Empire, British Allcomers, British National, English Native Record); DAG Pirie (GB) 8:55.6; A Mimoun (France) 9:01.8; F Green (GB) 9:06.6; I Planck (Denmark) 9:12.3u; L Hanswyck (Belgium) 9:17.8u; DH Holden (GB) 9:18.0u.  
**ONE MILE MEDLEY RELAY** GB (RTG Day, DJ Merrett; AR Pinnington, DC Seaman (1:52.6)) 3:26.6; France (12 yards); Belgium.

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**ONE HOUR RACE** JH Peters (Essex Beagles) 11 m 986 yds (English Native Record); W Hesketh (Manchester A&CO) 11 m 537 yds; CM Gray (Small Heath) 10 m 652 yds.  
**ENGLISH NATIVE RECORDS** :- 1 1/2 miles DAG Pirie 6:35.8 . 1.1 miles JH Peters 57:02.8; 12 miles LH 02:25.2 .  
**DISLEY MOVES TO 9th ON U.K. LIST WITH 4:11.2** At Wealdstone on May 23rd John Disley wound up a mile with a 62.5 last lap to beat Don Macmillan (4:15.8n) in his best yet of 4:11.2 Fanny Blankers ran 11.5 (80 m.h.) and long jumped 19'2" to beat Shirley Cawley at 18'6"

## SURREY BEAT MIDDLESEX BY 9 POINTS

(a) First Day May 23 (b) Second Day May 25  
**INTER COUNTIES RESULTS.**  
**100 YARDS** (a) E McD Bailey (Middlesex) 9.9; B Shenton (Yorks) 9.9; AR Pinnington (Lancs) 10.2  
**220 YARDS** (b) E McD Bailey (Middlesex) 21.8; CN Gibbs (Surrey) 22.0; B Shenton (Yorks) 22.2  
**440 YARDS** (b) P Fryer (Northants) 48.1; AD Sexton (Surrey) 48.2; L Smith (Kent) 48.8; JR Millican (Northumberland & Durham) 49.7u Heat & S. Final (a) Fryer 49.4; 48.8; Smith 49.4 49.1; Sexton 49.9 (S.F.)  
**880 YARDS** (a) A Webster (Notts) 1:57.3; B Hewson (Surrey) 1:57.6; EA Gallagher (Lancs) 1:58.4 Heats DG Honey (Devon) 1:56.3; B Grogan (Sussex) 1:56.2; IDC Gurney (Yorks) 1:56.5; SJ Bryant (Devon) 1:56.5  
**ONE MILE** (b) Ralph Dunkley (Middlesex) 4:16.8; PB Driver (Surrey) 4:17.0; DS Crook (Devon) 4:17.7; AB Parker (Lancs) 4:17.8u. Heats (a) Dunkley 4:17.0; F Green (Warwick) 4:18.6  
**THREE MILES** (a) DAG Pirie 13:46.0; FD Sando (Kent) 13:48.0; KL Norris (Middlesex) 14:13.8; W Hesketh (Lancs) 14:20.0u; PC Perry (Devon) 14:22.1u; WP Runder (Sussex) 14:22.4u  
**120 YARDS HURDLES** (b) FJ Parker (Surrey) 15.1; PB Hildreth (Beds) 15.3; PAL Vine (Middlesex) 15.3  
**440 YARDS HURDLES** (a) AJ Hardy (Essex) 53.2 (record); H Whittle (Lancs) 54.0; AW Scott (Yorks) 54.1; FJ Parker (Surrey) 54.6u; H Kane (Middlesex) 57.3 Heats Hardy 55.2  
**3,000 STEEPLECHASE** (b) JI Disley (Kent) 9:16.6; KE Johnson (Leics) 9:22.2; EG Ellis (Middlesex) 9:24.2 (at 9:34.2); W Berry (Lancs) 9:42.3  
**HIGH JUMP** DRJ Cox (Essex) 6'2"; PJ Brinson (Kent) 6'1"; APJ Orton (Middlesex) 6'0". (b)  
**POLE VAULT** (a) GM Elliott (Essex) 13'0"; NGA Gregor (Kent) 12'6"; GM Schmidt (Surrey) 12'6"; R Pettit (Lancs) 12'0"; NEC Dear (Hants) 12'0"  
**LONG JUMP** (a) AR Crutenden (Sussex) 23'1"; LH Platt (Cheshire) 22'2"; GD Goodrich (Essex) 21'10"  
**HOP, STEP & JUMP** (b) KSD Wilmshurst (Surrey) 46'9"; MF Eggleston (Hants) 44'5"; PE Goldsmith (Sussex) 44'0"  
**SHOT PUT** (a) JA Savidge (Notts) 48'0"; JA Giles (Middlesex) 44'9"; PP Horn (Hants) 44'4";  
**DISCUS THROW** (a) Savidge 156'6" (record); M Pharaoh (Lancs) 142'9"; MF Flacke (Yorks) 132'11".  
**HAMMER THROW** (a) ECK Douglas (Surrey) 164'8"; DWJ Anthony (Herts) 163'9"; PC Allday (Middlesex) 161'7"; F Gandy (Lancs) 157'0"  
**JAVELIN THROW** (b) MJ Denley (Middlesex) 197'8" (record); DE Tucker (Surrey) 193'6"; RDW Miller (Berks) 187'10"; HJ Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Kent) 186'7"; JM Trickett (Hants) 185'11".  
**TWO MILES WALK** (b) R Hardy (Derby) 14 27.2.  
**SEVEN MILES WALK** (a) B Hawkins (Middlesex) 54:02.2; G.W. Coleman (Beds.) 54:54.8.  
**RESULT 1st Surrey (holders) 83 points; 2nd Middlesex 74; 3rd Kent 52; 4th Lancs. 46.**  
**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS** :-  
**100 metres** (A) (b) AW Lillington (GB) 11.3; R Bonino (France) 11.4; W. Jack (GB) 11.5.  
**100 metres** (B) (b) AR Pinnington (GB) 11.2; A David (France) 11.3; H Gosset (Belgium) 11.3.  
**220 yards** (A) (a) E McD Bailey (GB) 22.3; F Linszen (Belgium) 22.4; W Jack (GB) 22.6.  
**220 yards** (B) (a) A David (France) 22.7; DJ Merrett (GB) 22.7; H Gosset (Belgium) 22.8.  
**440 yards** (a) R Moens (Belgium) 49.5; DJ Rave (GB) 50.0; H de Kroon (Netherlands) 50.6.  
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## EARLY SEASON MEETINGS

## PIRIE'S 13m 54.8 AT LEYTON

Leyton, Wednesday May 6.

The floodlit meeting at Eton Manor Sports Ground in the East London Borough of Leyton this year was even better supported by both athletes and spectators than on the two previous occasions.

Harrison Dillard, Mel Patton, Arthur Wint, Emil Zátopek and many others should have a sentimental feeling about the Eton Manor cinders. A relay of dumper lorries, loaded by load, carried the unwanted 1948 Olympic track away from Wembley across London to Leyton. This salvage operation was made possible by the generosity of Major the Hon. Arthur G. Child-Villiers D.S.O. (and bar), who himself represented Oxford University against Cambridge in 1905 for distance running just as did his father the Earl of Jersey in 1865. Major Villiers' (pronounced Villers) late night champagne parties after these meetings have become a feature of the less athletic side of the early season.

Centrepiece of the meeting was to have been the attack on the world's record for 4 x 1,500 metres of 15m.30.2, held by the Swedes since 1949, by an Achilles Club team. Unfortunately Peter Robinson, Cambridge University's best ever miler, had hurt his ankle so could only come and watch. Coming in as a reserve C.W. Brasher, the Olympic steeplechaser, tried nobly to get near his best time of 3m54.0 for the distance but, although he struggled in level with the Australian Don Macmillan, the watches split at 3:58.4. With no chance now of a world record David Law (3:56.0) and a very much throttled back Chataway (3:58.4) and Bannister (3:56.8) completed the event in 15:49.6 which time constitutes by 6 seconds a best ever British and British Empire performance. The 15:55.6 effort set by the England team in a relay international against Germany in 1951 at Cologne, which enjoyed a place on the world's records list for 8 years, now loses its last vestige of status.

With the absence of Robinson it would have been more satisfactory for the Achilles Club runners to have set their sights lower and gone out for the official British Empire record at 4 x 1 miles held by Walton A.C. (see p.5) at 17m 16.0. Even this half-hearted 15m 49.6 metric effort was worth 17m 10.6 in terms of a 4 x 1 mile relay.

The best thing on the track was Gordon Pirie's impressive 3 miles run in 13:54.8, through a 20 man team race field, in the chill of the night. Runner up in merit was the performance of Len Smith who broke into the sub 50 second bracket for the first time in his career with a big bite and an inches victory over Peter Fryer. Both men were caught at 49.0 secs.

The 440 yards hurdles—always an event which is slow to hot up—produced a good 54.8 by Angus Scott who narrowly beat Alec Hardy of Woodford Green. Marine Corporal John Savidge, now serving in H.M. Cruiser "Jamaica", put the shot 53'3". Shortly afterwards from the same circle Miss Joan Linsell put the 4 kilo shot 41'10" for a new British (National) record. The previous holder was Miss Bevis A. Reid with 40'6" in 1948, but Mrs Shergold (as she now is) had an over-looked putt of 41'2" in the Olympic trials.

## LONDON RETAINS U.A.U. TITLE

In the 18th U.A.U. Championships at Perry Barr, Birmingham on May 15th/16th the University of London retained their 1952 team title by beating a depleted Oxford side with 99 points to 90½, so closing the gap on the latter's lead to only 8-6.

The high wind and cold hurt the marks such that the sole meeting best performance came in the high hurdles in which Oxford's 6ft.4 inch Chris. Higham beat his Irish International second string, Don O'Sullivan, (15.2) by a yard in 15.1 to equal Charley Stanwood's record set back in 1933.



PETER BURKE HILDRETH, 24, co-holder with D.O. Finlay of the English Native High Hurdles record at 14.4 seconds. In 1952 the only European to beat his time was the Russian Y. Bulanichik who was fourth at Helsinki.

Olympian Alan Lillington (Durham) kept his 100 yards title with a wind-blown 9.9secs but Robin Pinnington lost his by inches to London's J.F. Groves (22.6). David Law (Oxford), who ran a record 4:11.2 to win at Reading last year, was out-kicked by the London pair Don Macmillan and Ralph Dunkley in a slow 4:23.2. The Nigerian K.A.B. Olowu of Loughborough rustled up 23'2" to take the long jump which was the only event to yield a female record when London's J. Findlater reached 17'3"½.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS: 100 Yds: AW Lillington 9.9  
220 Yds: JF Groves 22.6; 440 Yds: AD Serton (Camb) 50.2; 880 Yds: PA Stevens (Lond) 1:58.4  
1 Mile: RH Dunkley 4:23.2; 3 Miles: AJ Weeks-Pearson (Ox) 14:37.4; 120 Yds: H: CEE Higham 15.1;  
440 Yds: H: H Whittle (Camb) 56.1; HJ: GH Jeffries (Ox) 6'11"; PV: GMG Knight (Lond) 11'0";  
LJ: KAB Olowu 23'2"½; HSJ: F Wyers (Sheffield) 43'4"½; SP: WBL Palmer (Ox) 41'0"½; DT: RD Shaw (Ox) 123'9"½; HT: J Lally (Lough.) 137'6";  
JT: RDW Miller (Dublin) 187'4"½.

REIFF BEATS PIRIE AT TOURCOING, May 10th.

Gaston Reiff beat Gordon Pirie by 12 yards on the wind-swept 356 metre track in this first continental international meeting. His time was 8:19.8 against Pirie's 8:21.4. Star turn was El Mabrouk's 1:51.8 800m. win over Albert Webster (1:54.4). Jack Parker recorded a wind-assisted 14.6 high hurdles win.

## SAVIDGE IMPROVES TO 155'3" (47.31)

The Seventh Sward Trophy at Chiswick on May 9th brought forth 3 new meeting records and the season's eighth English native record in the discus by John Savidge.

Savidge opened his series at 149'10"½ followed by 150'6"—only his third 150 foot throw in his sporadic career which opened in 1950 with a native record of 154'6"½. The third and fourth throws were an identical 152'11"½. Number five broke new ground at 154'8"½ while No.6 beat Harry Duguid's Brit. National record of 155'3" by the lowest permissible margin of half an inch.

The somewhat decrepit story of England's native record in the discus ring reads progressively as follows:

|           |             |                 |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 126' 1"   | M.C. Nokes  | Stamford Bridge | 30.7.1927 |
| 131' 3"   | K.H. Pridie | Birmingham      | 14.6.1930 |
| 131' 3"½  | C.P. Best   | Brighton        | 4.1931    |
| 131' 5"½  | C.P. Best   | Brighton        | 16.5.1931 |
| 131' 7"   | D.R. Bell   | St. Alban's     | 6.6.1931  |
| 135' 6"½  | K.H. Pridie | Gloucester      | 13.6.1931 |
| 140' 0"   | D.R. Bell   | St. Alban's     | 2.6.1934  |
| 142' 10"½ | D.R. Bell   | White City      | 1.6.1936  |
| 150' 0"   | EJA Brewer  | Motspur Park    | 2.6.1948  |
| 151' 5"½  | JA Savidge  | Motspur Park    | 3.5.1950  |
| 154' 6"½  | JA Savidge  | Motspur Park    | 3.5.1950  |
| 154' 8"½  | JA Savidge  | Chiswick        | 9.5.1953  |
| 155' 3"½  | JA Savidge  | Chiswick        | 9.5.1953  |

Second was Mark Pharaoh at 148'11"½ with Maurice Flacke (138'6") third—nearly 3 ft better than his 1952 Yorkshire record before the loss of a kidney.

The other records came in the highs, in which Peter Hildreth beat Jack Parker by inches in 15.1, and in the pole vault in which Scots international Norman Gregor 12'8" beat Geoffrey Schmidt's second best junior mark of 12'4". Empire Champion Tim Anderson, now an R.A.M.C. Captain was third.

In the long jump Ian Walker won with 23'2"½ ahead of G.D. Goodrich (22'11"½) who promises to make Britain's next 23 footer. Olympic bronze medalist Shirley Cawley struck good early season form with a 18'1" leap. In the women's 880 yards Mrs. Valerie Winn was caught on the tape by Miss Phyllis Green, who looks to be the best candidate to chase Miss Anne Oliver to the first ever female 5 min. mile.

Herne Hill Harriers retained the Trophy with 39 points to the 34½ of the Achilles Club and South London Harriers. BANNISTER RUNS 2:59.8 IN HALF A GALE. Running at Wimbeldon Park on May 16 Roger Bannister ran 3 laps in 57.7, 60.9 and 61.0 to register 2:59.8— inferior only on U.K. soil to his own 2:56.8 (1951) and Wooderson's 2:59.5 in 1939. C.W. Brasher was 2nd in 3:11.8 and Angus Scott third in 3:14.0.

In the inter-club contest won by the promoters Herne Hill, Gordon Pirie (S.L.H.) fought his way round the mile in 4:18.6 (4.2 outside his best). Peter Hildreth cleared his way over 10 high barriers for a wind-cheating 15.1 secs.

BAILEY CLIPS OWN EUROPEAN RECORD WITH 21 FIAT. On the new cinder straightaway at Staveley in Derbyshire on May 16 Emmanuel McD. Bailey set the European Commissioners a problem when he streaked down the course in 21.0 with a wind which was below the permissible limit of 4.74 m.p.h. The mark dislodges his own turn mark of 21.1 which was awarded him in 1952 on his United Kingdom residential qualification. Bailey's previous 20.5 and 20.6 marks at Imber Court, London were wind-assisted. Shenton ran a 9.7 100 yds. but a 9 mph gust ruled it out.

## BANNISTER RUNS 4 : 03.6 FOR A.A.A.

Oxford, May 2nd. Sustained only by a lunch of British Railways orange juice laced with private enterprise glucose 6'10", 152 lbs 24 year old Roger Bannister at 3.15 p.m. stepped onto the familiar black cinders of the Iffley Road track. The occasion was the annual A.A.A. v Oxford University match in which 6 years before as a foal-like 18 year old he ran an ungainly but winning 4:24.6. Now he was faced with, for the first time since a desultory Kinnaird mile win in 1951, his successor as President of the 93 year old O.U.A.C. Chris Chataway who had in the interim beaten his Oxford v Cambridge mile records first with 4:10.2 followed last March by 4:08.4. Whatever were Chataway's plans, Bannister intended to follow his pace and leave his effort until 180 yards out from home to gain the inside berth round the last turn.

The two chief contestants lined up along with the two Olympic steeplechasers John Disley (4:11.6) and Chris Brasher (4:15.8) the former Junior record-holder Derek Burfitt (4:16.6) and the former U.A.U. record-holder (4:18.6) John Bryant. Like a bluff-built ice-breaker Chataway ploughed through the opening lap in 62.1 secs. towing the uneasy field in his wake. As he passed the line he let off a verbal broadside at the knot of mute timekeepers. Certain that he was travelling too leisurely but uncertain by how much, Chataway stepped up the speed slightly with a second lap in 62.0. In the 3rd lap he was working really vigorously bucking into the blustering wind for a hard won lap in 60.9.

As the bell tolled at 3:05.0 only the silky-striding Bannister was still in contention. A few moments later sapped by the cruel wind and creased by his courageous pace Chataway dropped his arms and ran almost into the long jump pit. Serene and now alone Bannister sailed on. Wearing the sad relaxed mask reminiscent of the great Manelote as he delivered the coup de grace in the bull ring, Bannister journeyed past the 1,500 metre post in 3:47.0. Skilfully nursing the embers of his energy he went on to complete the last lap in 58.4 secs. to stop three watches at 4:03.6 for a new track, English Native, British National and British All-Comers' record. Seventy yards in rear passing the 1,500 metre mark in 3:57.8 came John Disley being caught by the enigmatic Bryant whose third place in 4:16.0 was a personal best. With Brasher coming home in 4:20.8 so ended a mile which elevated the unjolly Roger from 26th past Wooderson (4:04.2) to equal fifth on the all-time list. His personal lap times were 62.3, 61.9, 61.0 and 58.4 and the 1,500 metre time the fastest ever recorded in the British Isles and 8 tenths ahead of Jack Lovelock's epic Berlin victory of 1936.

Other highlights were an 8:56.0 two miles by Gordon Pirie whose first six laps in 6:39.8 secured him his 4th native record of the season. The Chronographer-Royal Harold Abrahams clicked the requisite button to show also a best ever Empire 3,000 metre mark of 8:19.2 en route. The same wind which had surely saved Hagg's mile record saved also Chataway's track and British Empire record of 8:55.6. Earlier an unnoticed spectator had allowed himself a wry smile as the Nearly Rev. N.D. Stacey announced David Law's winning half-mile time to be 1:54.5. He was Tommy Hampson of Los Angeles memory who had in 1932 equalled F.J.K. Cross's charmed ground record of 1:54.4 set up in 1888.

In the field Derek Cox lobbed himself over 6ft. 3ins. to equal the ground record while Marine Sergeant John Savidge now of H.M.S. Jamaica added 3/4 inch to his Iffley Road best of 53'0" ahead of the fast improving 'Tiny' Palmer whose 46'1 1/4" moved him up to tenth on the U.K. list. Paul Vine went berserk over the last 3 hurdles in the 220 yard event to pass the dapper-stepping A.A.A. champion Peter Hildreth for a match record of 24.6secs. In the long jump pit Ian Walker made a come back with a series which read 23'10", 23'3 1/2", 23'8 1/2", 23'5 1/2" and 23'2 1/2" only to be beaten by Peter Whaley who raised 23'11" on his fourth try.

### SUMMARY--

100 Yds: AR Pinnington (OUAC) 10.3; BDP Wetters 10.3; AW Lillington (AAA); 220 Yds: CN Gibbs (AAA) 22.0; Pinnington 22.5; Wetters (OUAC) 22.8; 440 Yds: FP Higgins (AAA) 50.7; TL Higgins (AAA) 52.0; DB Bell (O) 52.2; 880 Yds: DC Law (O) 1:54.4; IH Boyd (O) 1:56.3; DC Seaman (AAA) (lead 1st lap in 56.1); Mile RG Bannister (AAA) 4:03.6 (new meeting, track, English Native & British Nat. & All-Comers' record); J.I. Disley 4:15.4; SJ Bryant (O) 4:16.0; 2 Miles: DAG Pirie 8:56.0 (new meeting record); F. Green (AAA) 9:19.0; PRIL Morgan (AAA) 9:28.6; 120 Yds: H. PB Hildreth (AAA) 15.0; CEE Higham (O) 15.2; PAL Vine (AAA) 15.3; 220 Yds: H.: Vine 24.6 (new meeting record); Hildreth 24.7; Higham 25.3; 440 Yds: H.: FJ Parker (AAA) 56.7; DM Woodford (O) 58.3; MH Thouless (O) 59.3; High Jump: IRJ Cox (AAA) 6'3" (eq. meeting and ground record) DW Guildford (AAA) 6'0" GH Jefferies & PJL Daniel 5'10"; Pole Vault R Petitjean (AAA) 11'9"; GD Howland (AAA) 11'6"; MC Jenkins 10'9"; Long Jump: PA Whaley (AAA) 23'11"; IGH Walker (O) 23'10"; A Poland (AAA) →

## SHORT TAKES

**HEAD FOR HEIGHTS:** George C. Band, man who lead the final assault on Everest's 29,250 foot summit, began his quest for altitude when still a schoolboy at London's Eltham College. In April 1947 he entered for the high jump in the Public School Sports at Mottspur Park, Surrey. The event was won by Peter Wells at the then record height of 6ft. 1in. with Band third. While we won't say at what height, all readers wish him a 5,317 fold improvement.

**WORLD'S FASTEST HUMAN:** To track followers this title is most often accorded to Hal Davis who averaged 24.85 m.p.h. over the last flying 50 metres in his world-record equalling 10.2 sec. 100 metres at Compton, California on June 6th 1941. At a later A.A.U. meeting he certainly must have surpassed 25 m.p.h. in picking up nearly 3 yards on Barney Ewell in the last half of a 10.3 sec. final. To aviation fans this same title is conferred upon the \$20,000 a year Douglas test pilot Bill Bridgeman who holds both the speed and altitude records at 1,238 m.p.h. and 79,494 feet in a machine that burnt 3 tons of fuel in 4 minutes.

We are happy to be able to report that Bridgeman once competed in track and field. His competitive career was, however, terminated both sharply and painfully. In a meeting at Pasadena, California a wild West Coast shot-putter felled a fellow athlete who was later to become the first man to cover the mile in under 3 seconds. Research with a chronoscope has shown that in a sprint start the first limb to break contact with the cinders is the leading hand - 0.17 secs. after the gun. On July 3rd 1951 over Murco, New Mexico Mr. Bridgeman showed what is really meant by a snake's blink. Why that man would have got to the tape while man-powered fliers were still frozen in their blocks. His time for the 100 yards? - 0.1653 seconds!



At last—an explanation?

**THE TENTH BUT LAST STRAW:** A plausible explanation of the absence at Helsinki of Russia's No.1 shot-putter and decathlon man, Heino Lipp has leaked out. Lipp was detailed by the All Union Section of Light Athletics to resume training for the decathlon which he had abandon since 1950. However, if there is one thing the blond Estonian hates it is decathlons. In his then third ranking score of all-time at Kharkov in 1948 he barged round the 400 metres in 50.2 and even levered himself over 3.40 (11'1 1/2") with a pole. His 4:35.0 1,500 metres (equivalent to a 4:58.5 mile) left him a "physical wreck". By 1949 his time had sunk to 4:55.8 for this tenth event. It was because of his refusal to risk joining the 1904 marathoner Garcia as another Olympic fatality that the cinder-shaking 55'8 1/2" shot-putter was not on view last July.

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**ALL THAT GLINTERS:** In the new 1953 A.T.F.S. Annual published this year by 'WORLD SPORTS' under the title "International Athletics Annual" the results of the Brazilian championships make remarkable reading. A.F.da Silva, of course, won the triple jump without his usual opposition from the injured H.C.da Silva. The 400 m. hurdles were won by L.C.da Silva and the pole vault by H.P.da Silva. The high hurdles were won by I.R.da Silva. Silver medals were won in the 200 metres by D.P.Silva, in the 1,500m. by L.R.Silva and in the hammer by A.G.Silva. In the long jump 2nd was J.C.P.Silva who beat guess who!—A.F.da Silva.

**PENITENTIARY PROGRESS:** Latest news from Iceland is that Gunnar Huseby, the European shot-putt champion, is in better shape than ever before. It will be remembered that he was not free to travel with the Icelandic team to Helsinki. He is spending much of the time allowed for exercising working out with the weight and is reputed to have reached 17 1/2 metres (57'5").

**THE QUICK AND THE DEAD:** Roger Bannister, a medical student at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington in London is now engaged on that part of his training which has to do with post mortems.

22'5"; Shot Putt: JA Savidge (AAA) 53'0 3/4" (new meeting and ground record); WBL Palmer (O) 46'1 1/4"; H Cox (AAA) 42'3 1/2"; Discus: Savidge 141'1"; JW Abbott (AAA) 129'9 1/2"; RD Shaw (O) 125'4"; Javelin: ML Harradine (AAA) 182'5 1/2"; AA Reich (O) 179'3"; WBL Palmer (not measured) 4 x 110 Yards Relay: AAA (Lillington, Gibbs, Poland, ND McWhirter) 43.7; OUAC (Wetters, O'Sullivan, Pinnington, G.E. Villiers) AAA 96p OUAC 46p.

# British Empire & Commonwealth Records as at April, 1953.

British Empire records are only recognised for the English distances at which World's records are approved. Records can only be made by athletes eligible to compete in the British Empire Games and must be approved by the governing body for athletics in some part of the territory of the British Commonwealth and Empire. Note :-The more recent marks on this list have yet to be ratified.

## RUNNING

|                |                                      |                   |              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 100 yards      | 9.4 D.J.Joubert (South Africa)       | Grahamstown, S.A. | May 16 1931  |
|                | 9.4 M.G.R.Agostini (Trinidad)        | Kingston, Jamaica | Apr. 15 1953 |
| 220 yards      | 20.9 H.H.McKenley (Jamaica)          | Glasgow           | Aug. 2 1952  |
| 440 yards      | 46.8 V.G.Rhodes (Jamaica)            | Glasgow           | Aug. 2 1952  |
| 880 yards      | 1m49.2 S.C.Wooderson (Great Britain) | London            | Aug. 20 1938 |
| 1 Mile         | 4m2.2 J.M.Landy (Australia)          | Melbourne         | Dec. 13 1952 |
| 2 Miles        | 8m55.6 C.J.Chataway (Great Britain)  | Oxford            | June 12 1952 |
| 3 Miles        | 13m44.8 D.A.G.Pirie (Great Britain)  | London            | May 31 1952  |
| 6 Miles        | 28m47.4 D.A.G.Pirie (Great Britain)  | London            | Apr. 18 1953 |
| 10 Miles       | 50m30.8 W.E.Baton (Great Britain)    | London            | Apr. 4 1936  |
| 15 Miles       | 1H20m4.6 F.Appleby (Great Britain)   | London            | July 21 1902 |
| 1 Hour 11miles | 1137' A.Shrubbs (Great Britain)      | Glasgow           | Nov. 5 1904  |

## RELAYS

|               |   |                |               |
|---------------|---|----------------|---------------|
| 4 x 110 yards | 41.3 Great Britain Team                                     | London         | July 5 1952   |
|               | (E.McDonald Bailey, J.A.Gregory, A.W.Lillington, B.Shenton) |                |               |
| 4 x 220 yards | 1m27.0 University of Western Ontario                        | London, Canada | May 29 1948   |
|               | (W.D.LaRoche, J.C.Parry, D.C.McFarlane, R.M.McFarlane)      |                |               |
| 4 x 440 yards | 3m09.2 Jamaica Team   | London         | Aug. 9 1952   |
|               | (A.S.Wint, L.A.Laing, V.G.Rhodes, H.H.McKenley)             |                |               |
| 4 x 880 yards | 7m30.6 Great Britain Team                                   | London         | Sept. 26 1951 |
|               | (G.W.Nankeville, A.Webster, F.Evans, H.J.Parlett)           |                |               |
| 4 x 1 Mile    | 17m16.0 Walton Athletic Club, England                       | London         | July 8 1952   |
|               | (T.E.Keegan, C.J.Chataway, A.Llewellyn, G.W.Nankeville)     |                |               |

## HURDLING

|           |                                |                |              |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 120 Yards | 14.0 R.H.Weinberg (Australia)  | Melbourne      | Feb. 9 1952  |
| 220 Yards | 23.3 R.H.Weinberg (Australia)  | Sydney         | Feb. 25 1950 |
| 440 Yards | 52.2 J.M.Holland (New Zealand) | Hamilton, N.Z. | Feb. 23 1952 |

## FIELD EVENTS

|                  |                                      |                             |                 |               |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| HIGH JUMP        | 6' 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "   | C.L.de Jongh (South Africa) | Pretoria        | Sept. 23 1950 |
| POLE VAULT       | 13' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | A.S.du Plessis (S.Africa)   | Johannesburg    | Oct. 15 1938  |
| LONG JUMP        | 25' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | N.G.Price (South Africa)    | Pretoria        | Mar. 11 1950  |
| HOP, STEP & JUMP | 51' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | J.P.Metcalf (Australia)     | Sydney          | Dec. 14 1935  |
| SHOT PUTT        | 54' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | J.A.Savidge (Great Britain) | Burford, Surrey | Sept. 20 1952 |
| DISCUS THROW     | 161' 6"                              | S.J.du Plessis (S.Africa)   | Krugersdorp     | Jan. 1 1953   |
| HAMMER THROW     | 183' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " | D.MoD.M.Clark (G.Britain)   | Wellington      | Mar. 4 1950   |
| JAVELIN THROW    | 222' 9"                              | S.A.Lay (New Zealand)       | London          | July 7 1928   |

## DECATHLON

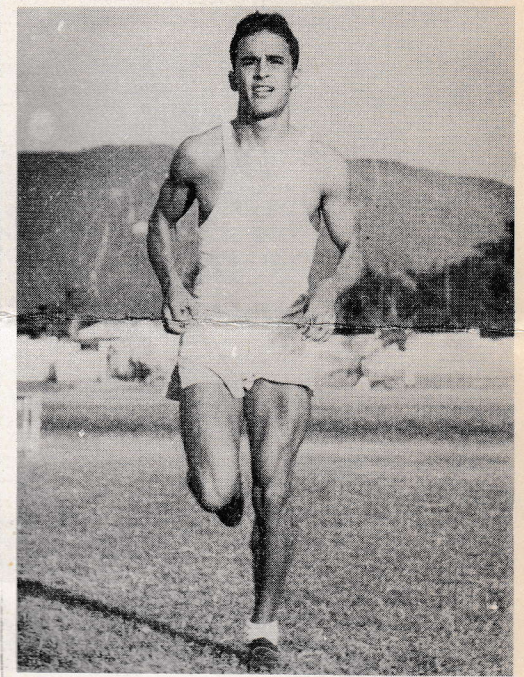
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|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| DECATHLON   | 6741 PTS | P.M.Mullins (Australia) | Hastings/Napier | Jan. 2/3 1948 |
| 1st day: 100 m. 11.0 - Long Jump 21' 2" - Shot Putt 43' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " - High Jump 5' 10" - 400 m. 53.8 |          |                         |                 |               |
| 2nd day: 110 m. 15.2 - Discus 107' 11" - Pole Vault 12' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " - Javelin 160' 3" - 1,500m 5.15.0 |          |                         |                 |               |

In a number of cases performances better than the above have been achieved by British Empire athletes outside the territory of the Commonwealth and Empire. These, for the sake of completeness, are listed below. (Straightaway marks are excluded.)

|              |                                      |                             |                   |              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 440 Yards    | 46.0 H.H.McKenley (Jamaica)          | Berkeley, Calif.            | June 5 1948       |              |
|              | 46.5 V.G.Rhodes (Jamaica)            | Seattle                     | June 16 1951      |              |
|              | 46.8 L.P.Orr (Canada)                | Princeton, N.J.             | June 8 1940       |              |
| POLE VAULT   | 13' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | V.W.Pickard (Canada)        | Columbus, Ohio    | May 4 1929   |
|              | 13' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | G.M.Elliott (Great Britain) | Paris             | Aug. 23 1952 |
| SHOT PUTT    | 54' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | J.A.Savidge (Great Britain) | Paris             | May 4 1952   |
|              | 54' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  | J.A.Savidge (Great Britain) | Paris             | Aug. 23 1952 |
| DISCUS THROW | 162' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " | I.M.Reed (Australia)        | Palo Alto, Calif. | Feb. 9 1952  |

The best ever metric marks recorded by Empire athletes are as follows:-

|                 |  |                    |               |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| 100 Metres      | 10.2 E.McDonald Bailey (Trinidad)  | Belgrade           | Aug. 25 1951  |
| 200 Metres      | 20.6y H.H.McKenley (Jamaica)   | Champaign, Ill.    | June 1 1946   |
|                 | (turn) 20.8 H.H.McKenley (Jamaica)   | Göteborg, Sweden   | Sept. 24 1950 |
| 400 Metres      | 45.8 V.G.Rhodes (Jamaica)  | Eskilstuna, Sweden | Aug. 22 1950  |
| 800 Metres      | 1:48.4n S.C.Wooderson (Great Britain)  | London             | Aug. 20 1938  |
| 1,000 Metres    | 2:24.6 G.W.Nankeville (Great Britain)  | Brussels           | Sept. 17 1949 |
| 1,500 Metres    | 3:44.4 J.M.Landy (Australia)   | Melbourne          | Jan. 3 1953   |
| 2,000 Metres    | 5:21.2n D.A.G.Pirie (Great Britain)  | London             | Sept. 17 1952 |
| 3,000 Metres    | 8:19.2n D.A.G.Pirie (Great Britain)  | Oxford             | May 2 1953    |
| 5,000 Metres    | 14:08.6 S.C.Wooderson (Great Britain)  | Osele              | Aug. 23 1946  |
| 10,000 Metres   | 29:51.8n F.J.Sando (Great Britain)   | Helsinki           | July 20 1952  |
| 4x100 M. Relay  | 40.6n Great Britain (E.McDonald Bailey, W.Jack, J.A.Gregory, B.Shenton)          | Helsinki           | July 27 1952  |
| 4x400 M. Relay  | 3:03.9 Jamaica (A.S.Wint, L.A.Laing, H.H.McKenley, V.G.Rhodes)                   | Helsinki           | July 27 1952  |
| 4x1,500M. Relay | 15:49.6 Achilles Club (G.B.) (C.W.Brasher, D.C.Law, C.J.Chataway, R.G.Bannister) | Leyton, London     | May 6 1953    |



## AGOSTINI - WORLD'S FASTEST SCHOOLBOY

Michael George Raymond Agostini was born on January 23rd 1935 and began his track career at the age of 9 in 1944 when he won the 'under 11's' 100 yards at the St. Mary's College Sports in his native Trinidad.

Of Portuguese extraction, Michael is the third and youngest of the famous sporting Agostini brothers whose father was captain of the Colony football team for 8 years. In 1950 Michael won the Trinidad A.A.A. Junior 100 yards title at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain.

His debut in international competition came in 1952 when the American 14.4 high hurdler Peter McCreary was surprised to find himself beaten over the 100 yards by an 17 year old schoolboy in 9.8s. Agostini finally won his spurs with a 10.6 secs. 100 metre victory over Jim Gathers and the Olympic 200 metre champion Andy Stanfield at Kingston in Jamaica on Jan. 3rd 1953 just before his 18th birthday. (see ATHLETICS WORLD Vol.1 No.12 p.8).

The climax came, however, in the Jamaican A.A.A. championships on April 15th when Mike captured the 100 yards in 9.4 secs. and the furlong in 21.1 secs. The former mark equalled Daniel Joubert's British Empire and former world's record (see opposite) and tied Jesse Owens self-admittedly dubious all-time schoolboy record of 9.4 secs. set in 1933. The 21.1 sec. mark dislodged the 21.4 sec. record for a 220 around a turn by a schoolboy set in 1923 by Eugene Goodwillie, who later won a Blue at Oxford and was in the winning Achilles Club A.A.A. 4x110 yd. relay team of 1931.

Agostini must be regarded as a strong claimant for the 1954 British Empire 100 and 220 yards titles at Vancouver. His, however, must always be a story of triumph over adversity. A tonsillitis operation when he was seven so affected his hearing that the pistol report is often so faint that he has to react to the man in the next lane out of the corner of his eye.

# EARLY SEASON BRITISH PERFORMANCES

This list is compiled as of May 16. Lists compiled to a much greater depth will be published as the season progresses.

Notation: -n, non-winning time; u, unofficial time; y, time at English (yards) distances; m, metric time. straightaway track; w, wind aided.

| 100 YARDS                 |                                     |              |      |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|--|
| 9.7w                      | B.Shenton (Polytechnic Harriers)    | Staveley     | 16/5 |  |
| 9.9w                      | K.A.B.Olowu (Loughborough/Nigeria)  | Loughborough | 2/3  |  |
| 100 METRES                |                                     |              |      |  |
| 10.8                      | E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H/Trinidad)      | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 10.9n                     | B.Shenton (Polytechnic Harriers)    | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 220 YARDS                 |                                     |              |      |  |
| 21.0                      | E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H/Trinidad)      | Staveley     | 16/5 |  |
| 21.8                      | E.McD.Bailey                        | Bedford      | 14/5 |  |
| 22.0                      | C.H.Gibbs (Herne Hill H.)           | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 22.1                      | A.Dick (Achilles Club)              | Oxford       | 28/2 |  |
| 22.4m                     | K.T.Scott (U.London A.C.)           | Paris        | 13/5 |  |
| 440 YARDS                 |                                     |              |      |  |
| 48.7                      | A.Dick (Achilles Club)              | Oxford       | 7/3  |  |
| 49.0                      | L.A.Smith (City of Rochester A.C.)  | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 49.0n                     | P.G.Fryer (London A.C.)             | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 800 METRES                |                                     |              |      |  |
| 1:54.2                    | R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)       | Casablanca   | 18/4 |  |
| 1:54.4                    | A.Webster (Sutton-in-Ashfield)      | Tourcoing    | 10/5 |  |
| 880 YARDS                 |                                     |              |      |  |
| 1:54.5                    | D.C.Law (Achilles Club)             | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 1:55.0                    | B.E.Grogan (Loughborough)           | Loughborough | 2/3  |  |
| 1,500 METRES              |                                     |              |      |  |
| 3:47.0u                   | R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)       | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 3:52.2n                   | G.W.Nankville (Walton A.C.)         | Paris        | 16/5 |  |
| 3:56.0n                   | J.I.Disley (London A.C.)            | Tourcoing    | 10/5 |  |
| ONE MILE                  |                                     |              |      |  |
| 4:03.6                    | R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)       | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 4:08.4                    | C.J.Chataway (O.U.A.C.)             | White City   | 14/3 |  |
| 4:10.6n                   | P.J.Robinson (Achilles Club)        | White City   | 14/3 |  |
| 4:10.8n                   | D.C.Law (Achilles Club)             | White City   | 14/3 |  |
| 4:15.4n                   | J.I.Disley (London A.C.)            | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 4:16.0n                   | S.J.Bryant (Achilles Club)          | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 4:16.8                    | D.A.G.Pirie (South London Harriers) | Wimbledon    | 25/4 |  |
| 3,000 METRES              |                                     |              |      |  |
| 8:19.2                    | D.A.G.Pirie (South London H.)       | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| TWO MILES                 |                                     |              |      |  |
| 8:56.0                    | D.A.G.Pirie (South London H.)       | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 9:19.0n                   | F.Green (Birchfield Harriers)       | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| THREE MILES               |                                     |              |      |  |
| 13:54.8                   | D.A.G.Pirie (South London H.)       | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 14:13.6                   | J.H.Peters (Essex Beagles)          | Barking      | 12/5 |  |
| 14:24.4                   | J.J.Burnet (Achilles Club)          | White City   | 14/3 |  |
| 14:24.6n                  | B.B.Driver (South London H.)        | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 14:25.2n                  | G.Knight (Essex Beagles)            | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 5,000 METRES              |                                     |              |      |  |
| 14:43.6                   | C.J.Chataway (Walton A.C.)          | Rabat        | 19/4 |  |
| SIX MILES                 |                                     |              |      |  |
| 28:47.4                   | D.A.G.Pirie (South London H.)       | White City   | 18/4 |  |
| 29:01.8n                  | J.H.Peters (Essex Beagles)          | White City   | 18/4 |  |
| 29:57.2                   | F.Morris (Bolton United H.)         | Bolton       | 6/4  |  |
| 30:11.0n                  | J.Butler (Surrey A.C.)              | White City   | 18/4 |  |
| 120 YARDS HURDLES         |                                     |              |      |  |
| 14.6nw                    | F.J.Parker (South London H.)        | Tourcoing    | 10/5 |  |
| 15.0                      | P.B.Hildreth (Poly.H.)              | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 15.1                      | C.E.E.Higham (O.U.A.C.)             | Oxford       | 29/2 |  |
| 15.1n                     | F.J.Parker (South London H.)        | Chiswick     | 9/5  |  |
| 15.2nw                    | D.O'Sullivan (Achilles Club)        | Birmingham   | 16/5 |  |
| 15.3n                     | P.A.L.Vine (Achilles Club)          | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 220 YARDS HURDLES         |                                     |              |      |  |
| 24.6                      | P.A.L.Vine (Achilles Club)          | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 24.7                      | C.E.E.Higham (O.U.A.C.)             | Oxford       | 28/2 |  |
| 24.7n                     | P.B.Hildreth (Polytechnic Harriers) | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 24.8                      | D.O'Sullivan (Achilles Club)        | Aberystwyth  | 27/4 |  |
| 25.0                      | H.Whittle (C.U.A.C.)                | Loughborough | 2/3  |  |
| 440 YARDS HURDLES         |                                     |              |      |  |
| 54.8                      | A.V.Scott (Achilles Club)           | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 55.0n                     | A.J.Hardy (Woodford Green A.C.)     | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| 55.2m                     | D.K.Gracie (Atalanta A.C.)          | Tourcoing    | 10/5 |  |
| 56.7                      | F.J.Parker (South London H.)        | Oxford       | 2/5  |  |
| 3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE |                                     |              |      |  |
| 9:17.4                    | J.I.Disley (London A.C.)            | Leyton       | 6/5  |  |
| TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE    |                                     |              |      |  |
| 10:19.0                   | J.Bromley (Belgrave H.)             | Chiswick     | 9/5  |  |

| HIGH JUMP        |                                    |                     |      |  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|--|
| 6'3"             | P.Wells (London A.C.)              | Dunedin, N.Z.       | 21/2 |  |
| 6'3"             | D.R.J.Cox (Eton Manor)             | Oxford              | 2/5  |  |
| 6'2"             | G.H.Jeffries (Achilles Club/N.Z.)  | Oxford              | 28/2 |  |
| 6'1 1/2"         | I.Ll.Jones (Achilles Club)         | Cambridge           | 21/2 |  |
| POLE VAULT       |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 13'0"            | G.M.Elliott (Woodford Green A.C.)  | Rotherham           | 16/5 |  |
| 12'8"            | H.G.A.Gregor (Herne Hill H.)       | Chiswick            | 9/5  |  |
| 12'4"            | G.M.Schmidt (John Fisher School)   | Chiswick            | 9/5  |  |
| LONG JUMP        |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 23'11"           | P.A.Whaley (London A.C.)           | Oxford              | 2/5  |  |
| 23'10"           | I.G.H.Walker (O.U.A.C.)            | Oxford              | 2/5  |  |
| 23' 2 1/2"       | K.A.B.Olowu (Loughborough/Nigeria) | Birmingham          | 15/5 |  |
| 22'11 1/2"       | G.D.Goodrich (South London H.)     | Chiswick            | 9/5  |  |
| HOP, STEP & JUMP |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 45'10 1/2"       | R.J.McColgen (Albert Foundry)      | Belfast             | 9/5  |  |
| 45'10 1/2"       | G.H.Jeffries (Achilles Club/N.Z.)  | Aberystwyth         | 27/4 |  |
| 45' 7 1/2"       | W.N.Laing (Atalanta A.C.)          | Chiswick            | 9/4  |  |
| 45' 7 1/2"       | K.Wilshurst (Walton A.C.)          | Chiswick            | 9/4  |  |
| SHOT PUT         |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 53' 3 1/2"       | J.A.Savidge (R.N.A.C.)             | Leyton              | 6/5  |  |
| 46' 1 1/2"       | M.Pharaoch (Walton A.C.)           | Ladywell Pk, London | 18/4 |  |
| 46' 1 1/2"       | W.B.L.Palmer (Achilles Club)       | Oxford              | 2/5  |  |
| DISCUS THROW     |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 155' 3 1/2"      | J.A.Savidge (R.N.A.C.)             | Chiswick            | 9/5  |  |
| 150' 0"          | M.Pharaoch (Walton A.C.)           | Twickenham          | 25/4 |  |
| 138' 6 1/2"      | M.P.Flaacke (Herne Hill H.)        | Chiswick            | 9/5  |  |
| HAMMER THROW     |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 171' 1"          | P.C.Allday (London A.C.)           | Wimbledon           | 16/5 |  |
| 164'11 1/2"      | D.McD.M.Clark (R.U.C.)             | Dunedin, N.Z.       | 21/2 |  |
| 164' 3"          | D.W.J.Anthony (Watford H.)         | Wimbledon           | 16/5 |  |
| 163' 6 1/2"      | A.W.Silbery (Herne Hill H.)        | Wimbledon           | 16/5 |  |
| 161' 1 1/2"      | F.Gandy (Loughborough)             | Loughborough        | 6/5  |  |
| JAVELIN THROW    |                                    |                     |      |  |
| 200' 3 1/2"      | M.J.Denley (Thames Valley H.)      | Paris               | 17/5 |  |
| 196' 9"          | A.A.Reich (Achilles Club/U.S.A.)   | Oxford              | 28/2 |  |
| 195' 9 1/2"      | R.W.D.Miller (Dublin Univ.)        | Belfast             | 22/4 |  |

Late information; B.Shenton's 9.7 was assisted by a 9 m.p.h. wind, but he had a 10.0 heat with the wind well inside the 4.47 m.p.h. limit. Add :- A.W.Lillington (Durham) 9.9w Birmingham 16/5

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In this seventh event to be covered in ATHLETICS WORLD series on Best Ever British Performances we deal with the 200metre and 220 yard sprints. The compilation is of necessity divided into three parts -- (1) Marks made around a turn, (2) marks made around a turn but with effective wind assistance and (3) marks made on a straightaway track.

| (1) 200 METRES (218.72 Yards) AND 220 YARDS (201.17 Metres) |                 |                            |              |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 21.2y   | W.R.APPEGARTH   | Stamford Bridge, London    | July 4 1914  |
| 21.2ye  | A.W.SWEENEY     | Johannesburg, South Africa | Sept.14 1934 |
| 21.2y   | C.B.HOLMES      | Sydney, Australia          | Feb. 10 1938 |
| 21.3y   | C.B.Holmes      | Sydney, Australia          | Feb. 7 1938  |
| 21.3  | J.C.M.WILKINSON | Cologne, Germany           | Aug. 16 1947 |
| 21.3  | J.C.M.Wilkinson | Colombes, Paris            | Sept. 7 1947 |
| 21.4y   | W.R.Applegarth  | Glasgow, Scotland          | July 11 1914 |
| 21.4y   | S.E.ENGLEHART   | Balmoral, Belfast          | June 6 1936  |
| 21.4y   | W.RANGELEY      | Balmoral, Belfast          | June 6 1936  |
| 21.5yn  | W.ROBERTS       | (10) Sydney, Australia     | Feb. 7 1938  |
| 21.5yn  | J.C.M.Wilkinson | Southampton                | Sept.10 1949 |
| 21.5e   | J.W.J.RINKEL    | Berlin, Germany            | Aug. 19 1928 |
| 21.5  | C.B.Holmes      | Paris, France              | Aug. 19 1937 |
| 21.5  | B.SHENTON       | Brussels, Belgium          | Aug. 25 1950 |
| 21.5  | B.Shenton       | Brussels, Belgium          | Aug. 26 1950 |
| 21.5  | B.Shenton       | Brussels, Belgium          | Aug. 27 1950 |
| 21.5n   | B.Shenton       | Colombes, Paris            | Sept.10 1950 |
| 21.5n   | N.D.STACEY      | Helsinki, Finland          | July 22 1952 |
| 21.6y   | W.R.Applegarth  | Stamford Bridge, London    | July 5 1913  |
| 21.6y   | E.H.LIDDLELL    | (20) Glasgow, Scotland     | June 16 1923 |
| 21.6y   | E.H.Liddell     | Stamford Bridge, London    | July 7 1923  |
| 21.6y   | A.PENNINGTON    | Oxford, England            | May 1937     |
| 21.6yn  | N.D.Stacey      | Perry Barr, Birmingham     | Aug. 13 1951 |
| 21.6ye  | W.Roberts       | Sydney, Australia          | Feb. 7 1938  |
| 21.6  | A.W.Sweeney     | Colombes, Paris            | July 29 1934 |
| 21.6n   | E.L.PAGE        | Colombes, Paris            | Aug. 22 1937 |
| 21.6n   | A.Pennington    | Paris, France              | Sept. 5 1938 |
| 21.6  | J.PAIRGRIEVE    | Paris, France              | Aug. 29 1947 |
| 21.6  | P.H.VALLE       | (30) Brussels, Belgium     | Sept. 4 1948 |
| 21.7e   | W.Rangeley      | Brighton, England          | July 25 1925 |
| 21.7  | R.MURDOCH       | Colombes, Paris            | July 29 1934 |
| 21.7n   | N.D.McWHIRTER   | Cologne, Germany           | Aug. 16 1947 |
| 21.7  | J.C.M.Wilkinson | Rotterdam, Netherlands     | Aug. 26 1948 |
| 21.7n   | K.J.JONES       | Oslo, Norway               | Aug. 31 1949 |
| 21.7n   | L.C.LEWIS       | White City, London         | May 27 1950  |
| 21.7  | N.D.Stacey      | Helsinki, Finland          | July 10 1950 |
| 21.7n   | B.Shenton       | Belgrade, Yugoslavia       | Aug. 26 1951 |
| 21.7n   | B.Shenton       | White City, London         | May 24 1952  |
| 21.7n   | W.JACK          | White City, London         | May 24 1952  |
| 21.7n   | B.Shenton       | (40) Krefeld, Germany      | Aug. 31 1952 |

| (2) 220 YARDS (201.17 Metres) WIND-ASSISTED TURN MARKS |                 |                     |              |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 21.3n  | J.C.M.Wilkinson | Glasgow, Scotland   | June 9 1951  |
| 21.6   | J.W.J.Rinkel    | Oxford, England     | June 23 1928 |
| 21.6   | J.A.T.HANLON    | Oxford, England     | June 21 1930 |
| 21.6   | R.Murdoch       | Glasgow, Scotland   | June 24 1933 |
| 21.7e  | A.D.TURNER      | Glasgow, Scotland   | June 24 1933 |
| 21.7   | K.T.JENKINS     | Oxford, England     | May 26 1938  |
| 21.7   | N.D.McWhirter   | Imber Court, London | Aug. 18 1951 |
| 21.7   | A.R.PINNINGTON  | Oxford, England     | June 12 1952 |

| (3) 220 YARDS (201.17 Metres) STRAIGHTAWAY MARKS |                 |                          |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 21.3   | A.Pemington     | Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A. | July 10 1937 |
| 21.3w  | N.D.Stacey      | Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A. | June 20 1949 |
| 21.4   | A.Pemington     | Princeton, U.S.A.        | July 17 1937 |
| 21.4nw   | J.C.M.Wilkinson | Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A. | June 20 1949 |
| 21.5   | B.Shenton       | Bradford, England        | June 2 1951  |
| 21.5nw   | L.C.Lewis       | Imber Court, London      | July 5 1951  |
| 21.6   | H.M.ABRAHAMS    | Wembley, London          | July 21 1923 |
| 21.6   | E.I.DAVIS       | Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A. | July 8 1933  |
| 21.6nw   | N.D.McWhirter   | Imber Court, London      | July 5 1951  |
| 21.7   | H.W.D.MERCER    | Edinburgh, Scotland      | June 3 1950  |

ADDITIONS: (1)  
 21.6n A.Pennington Paris, France Sept. 4 1938  
 21.7y C.B.Holmes White City, London May 1937

Notation: - e, estimated by interval; n, non-winning mark; w, wind assisted; y, mark made over 220 yards.

JOHN WILKINSON, 18 winning the 200 metres at Cologne in Aug. 1947 for Oxford v. W.German Universities in 21.3 secs. - fastest European mark of the year until repeated at Paris 3 weeks later. The shade temperature was over 100 degrees F. Second was N.D. McWhirter (Oxford) 21.7, third Krebs 21.9 secs.



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## D. R. J. Cox improves to 6' 4"

The A.A.A. beat Cambridge University in the 22nd match of their 42 year old series by 84 pts. to 55 in a 16 event match on the world's oldest track at Fenner's, Cambridge on the evening of May 21.

Few personal best performances were recorded apart from a 6'4 1/4 high jump which promoted Derek Cox to Number 5 on the United Kingdom all-time list. The only ground record came when John Savidge added 2 1/2 to his last year's discus record with 145'5". Paul Vine scored a hurdles 'double' in 15.3 and 25.5 round the hairpin turn. In the half-mile Keith Marsden (Cambridge), who is reputed to train on older, outlasted the A.A.A. Junior champion to win in 1:55.4 in a race in which the fifth man, Jock Beesley, recorded 1:56.8

Harry Whittle (C) set a meeting best of 55.8 secs. for the 440 yards hurdles. McDonald Bailey seemed to be 'working to rule' in a 10.2 secs. 100 yards but made theatrical amends on the anchor leg of the sprint relay. In the mile a slow first 'quarter' put any fast time out of court though John Disley's 4:15.8 has only been beaten on the old right-handed circuit by himself (4:11.6) and the injured Peter Robinson (4:13.4) in last year's race. SUMMARY: 100 Yds: Bailey (AAA) 10.2; 220 Yds: AD Sexton (CUAC) 22.5, C.N. Gibbs (AAA) 22.8; 440 Yds: PG Fryer (AAA) 49.2, Sexton 49.6, DJ Rawe (AAA) 49.8; 880 yds: Marsden (C) 1:55.4, BS Hewson (AAA) 1:55.7, RTG Day (C) 1:56.0; Mile: JI Disley (AAA) 4:15.8, DH Holden (AAA) 4:22.6, MEE Denney (C) 4:24.4; Two Miles: CW Brasher (AAA) 9:15.0, JJ Burnet (C) 9:25.0; 120 Yds. HH: Vine (AAA) 15.3; 220 Yds. LH: Vine 25.5, H.R.H. Stinson (C) 25.8, MR Cook (C) 26.4; High Jump: Cox (AAA) 6'4 1/4; Pole Vault: G.Calladine (AAA) 12'0"; Long Jump: - Meredith (C) 21'10 1/4; Shot-Putt: Savidge (AAA) 53'2"; Discus: Savidge 145'5" (g.rec.); DEL Slater (C) 132'6"; Javelin: GNM Fisher (AAA) 183'10 1/4; 4x110yd relay: AAA 43.7, CUAC 44.1.

## GOMES CARNEIRO RUNS 51.9 FOR S. AMERICAN TITLE

From Tomas Rector

Wilson Gomes Carneiro of Brazil captured the headlines in the extra 1953 South American Championships, in the Chilean capital of Santiago from April 18th to the 26th, with his 400 metre hurdles victory in a record 51.9 secs. The meeting was as full of incidents and it was of new records. The judges took several hours to decide who had won the 200 metres when the Olympic 200 metre finalist Gerardo Bönhoff (Argentina) & Brazil's Benedito Ferreira crossed together in 21.8. Bönhoff got the decision in the end and also won the 100 metres on the dirt track in 10.8. The home crowd saw Ramon Sandoval set a new record in the 800 metres with 1:52.3. Chile's second string Vidal was badly elbowed on the last bend resulting in a disqualification.

The 4x100 metre relay generated much heat with the ruling out of the winning Brazilian team (41.7), Next day after reference to films they were reinstated. Results: - 110m E.Kocourek (A) 14.7; HSJ: da Silva (B) 51'2"; Javi: Heber (A) 223'10 1/4; Stenzseniecks (Ch) 213'0 1/8.

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## WHITFIELD 1:49.6, MASHBURN 46.8

(Cont: from front page.) The 13th Annual Coliseum Relays at Los Angeles on Saturday May 16th brought forth some fine marks and several meeting records. Mal Whitfield hit the trial again with a purposeful 1:49.6 880 yards. Though only three others have ever run faster it was for the Olympic champion only his sixth best effort counting in his metric runs. The performance was in conformity with the U.S. Army Air Force Sergeant's confident declaration that he intends to break every world record from 400 metres to one mile inclusive before he is through. When this man who is tired of just running to win was questioned about Harbig's great 800 metre record of 1:46.6 he replied "Why, I can run one forty-six flat at least!"

The major upset came in the 440 yards in which the 1,600 metre Helsinki relay reserve J.W. Mashburn served notice on the world that he is a coming great and that the Jamaican domination of the event looks like waning. The tow-haired husky never gave George Rhoden a chance in a driving finish which left the Olympic Champion 5 yards in rear as he broke the tape in 46.8 secs. for the 10th spot on the all-time quarter-mile list.



J.W. MASHBURN (USA) the man who may end Jamaica's domination of the quarter-mile.

Rhoden was not the only Olympic Champion whose throne was rocked. High jumper Walt Davis could only muster 6'5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" against the 6'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" by Southern Cal's gangling Ernie Shelton. Jerry Biffle was shunted right out of the long jump though this was won by George Brown with a modest 23'6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Parry O'Brien had to bow to Fortune Gordien in the discus (179'8") but underlined his consistency in the shot by staying on the 58 foot plateau with an effort of 58'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

One Helsinki victor who stayed top of his profession was Bob Richards who squirmed over 15 ft 0 9/16ths ins. for his best ever mark under home heavens and his second best ever away from the indoor arc lights. In the mile Finland's Denis Johansson set a new national record with 4:08.6 - 8 tenths inside Taipale's mark of 1950. Only Charley Capozzoli's 4:07.8 has been faster this season.

Other standouts from the welter of reports coming in include:

**Sprints:** A wind-assisted 9.4 on April 4th by Willie Williams of Illinois followed by a valid 9.5 at Berkeley on April 18. On the Austin, Texas straightaway Charlie Thomas ran a bona fide 20.9 on May 7 while on the next day P. Daugherty ran 20.5 followed 24 hours later by another of 20.8 both of which were wind-assisted.

**440 yards:** At the Seton Hall Relays on April 18th Herb McKenley beat Rhoden and Stanfield in 48.6secs. At Philadelphia on May 9th Australia's wonder boy, now 23, Morris Curotta returned 47.9 secs. **880 yards:** Lang Stanley, holder of the National Scholastic 880 yds. record of 1:53.9 since 1950 showed that the precocious can progress when at San Jose on May 2nd he ran 1:52.6.

**High Jump:** More octane was added to the 1953 vintage when the almost unknown Utah sophomore Cal Clark leapt 6'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Logan on April 21st. This mark still leaves him behind Chuck Holding (6'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") and Herman Wyatt (6'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") not forgetting also that at the Houston Relays Walt Davis and Ken Wiesner indulged in an exhibition in which both went over 6'10".

**Pole Vault:** At the West Coast Relays at Fresno there was a 3 way tie between Fred Barnes (America's 80th 14 foot man), Richards and Bobby Smith cleared 14'4". On May 8th in a league match at Los Angeles Ronnie Morris set a new world mark for a schoolboy with 13'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" so displacing John Linta's 13'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in Ohio in May 1939.

**Long Jump:** As yet only George Brown has beaten 25 feet (25'1" back in April) though John Bennett (25'4") and Bobby Ragsdale (25'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") also qualified but not without wind-assistance.

**Shot Putt:** The old world had a throwing triumph at the Penn Relays when Sweden's Roland Nilsson got off a putt to 55'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (behind only O'Brien and Darrow Hooper's 56'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" this year) so to become Europe's number two of all-time. On the first day (Apr. 24) he threw the discus 174'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" which has only been beaten by Consolini and Tosi and Klics and 7 Americans.

**Javelin:** At Fresno on May 9 the 'Big Three', Olympic Champion Cyrus Young (241'10"), Bud Held (241'8") and Bill Miller (221'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") lost their marks on the score of an aiding wind.

## BARTHEL BEATEN. EUROPEAN REPORT

(Continued from Page 1-R.L. Quercetani's report) could not resist Patrick El Mabrouk's strong turn of speed in the last lap of the 1,500 metres. The Frenchman, who, like his great predecessor Marcel Hansenne, appears to be almost invincible on home tracks, returned a fine 3:48.2 - thus moving to third, behind Landy (3:44.4) and Bannister (3:47.0) in the year list. Barthel was second in 3:49.2 and Germany's Rolf Lamers improved to 3:50.4. Bill Nankeville made a gallant "reentrée" with a fourth place time of 3:52.2.

Karl-Friedrich Haas of Germany ran a great 400 metres in 46.8 seconds - easily the fastest time ever returned by a European "quartermiler" so early in the season. Haas won by nearly 20 yards from Josef Steger, the Swiss record holder, who was a full second outside his best ever mark with a second place time of 48.9.

Werner Lueg, however, was hard put to it to stave off René Djan's bid in the 800 metres. The co-holder of the world 1,500 metres record did 1:52.3 and the Frenchman 1:52.8 in second place. Other noteworthy performances were Petar Segedin's 8:58.6 steeplechase, the little Yugoslav's second best performance; a 3,000 metres in 8:19.0 by Ib Planck, a promising young Danish runner; and Peter Kraus' 21.5 for 200 metres, which again underlines the German as one of Europe's leading furlong speedsters.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Segedin's 8:47.8 Steeplechase is world's second best.

In a meeting held at Belgrade on May 1 two of Yugoslavia's leading distance runners, Petar Segedin and Andrija Otenheimer, began to make amends for their unimpressive 1952 season. Segedin, who had loomed as one of the world's greatest prospects for the Olympic steeplechase event till the dawn of 1952, posted a sensational 8:47.8 - a time thus far bettered only once in track history when Horace "Nip" Ashenfelter cracked a grin on the face of the Statue of Liberty with his inspired 8:45.4 for the United States at Helsinki. Segedin went out from the gun and won by a street from countryman Bosidar Djuraskovic, who returned 9:16.6 for second.

Otenheimer, who had his greatest day back in 1951, when he beat Bannister at Belgrade in a 3:47.0 1,500 metres race, ran his event in a portentous 3:51.2 - equal to his peak effort of last season. Predrag Krstic was second in 3:53.0 and Velisa Mugosa, a great 22 year old find, third in 3:54.0. A week later also at Belgrade Ivan Gubijan opened his hammer account with a left handed 182'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Lansky high jumps 6'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (2:01).

Three scintillating performances marked the beginning of the track season in Czechoslovakia. At Prague on April 19 Jiri Skobla put the 16 lbs shot 54'10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" - a fine start even for Europe's first 56 footer. Stanislav Jungwirth made his debut on the now famous Stará Boleslav track on April 25 and posted a great 1:50.1 for 800 metres in winning from Ludvik Liska (1:52.9). At the same site on May 1 the rapidly improving Jiri Lansky joined the over select group of the old world's 2 metre men by clearing the bar set at 2 metres 01 (6'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>").

**HUNGARY:** Imre Németh with 189'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" and his pupil from Tapolca, Olympic Champion József Cserrák with 187'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" to their respective credits from early meetings, met at Budapest on May 10 in the hammer circle. The old maestro Németh won with 186'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>", against 180'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" by Cserrák. Odón Földessy twice broad jumped 24'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" early in May. The Olympic bronze medallist last year had more 24 foot plus jumps to his credit than any other European. Ferenc Klics, a fine stylist, threw the discus 165'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" for a sound start.

**ITALY:** Adolfo Consolini and Giuseppe Tosi diligently embarked on another year-long discus campaign, showing signs of their onetime greatness. Consolini threw 172'4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Milan on April 26 and Tosi (who can claim to have one of the most frequently misspelt Christian names) did 167'5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Rome on May 10. Danilo Cereali (formerly Zerjal of Yugoslavia) beat Tesco Taddia in a thrilling hammer battle at Milan on May 9 by 178'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" to 177'4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". Adriano Bertacca hop, step, and jumped 48'6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" and 48'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Florence.

**GALINA ZYBINA SHATTERS HER OWN SHOT-PUTT RECORD WITH 53'11" (16.18)**

Russia's Olympic Champion the blonde Galina Zybina broke new ground at Leningrad on Sunday May 17 when she socked the 4kg. pellet nearly 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> feet further than her unratified mark of 50'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (15.42) made at Frunze on October 1st last.

Examination of film loops at Helsinki reveal that Mlle. Zybina (see photo March 1953 p.3) uses a forearm flick unknown among other exponents none of whom have yet surpassed the 49'6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (15.09) by Russia's Klavdiya Tochenova who is over 1% behind her.