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## 3 WORLD RECORDS IN U.S.A. DAVIS 6'11 1/2" INESS 190'0 7/8", O'BRIEN 59'2 5/8"

World records in 3 of the 8 standard field events were fractured in the United States within the space of 22 days from June 5th to June 27th! In order they were first the shot-putt which was raised 1 1/8" to 59'2 5/8" by the holder Parry O'Brien, 21 at the Compton Invitational in California on June 5th; second the discus-throw in which the giant Sim Garland Iness, 22 won the N.C.A.A. crown 38 inches beyond Fortune Gordien's 1949 record flag at 186'10 7/8" with a throw of 190'0 7/8" and finally a brilliant high jump of 6 feet 11 1/2 inches with which the stately Walter 'Buddy' Davis won the 1953 A.A.U. title at his third attempt at Dayton Ohio on Saturday June 27th.



WES SANTEE (USA) winning his 4:02.4 mile—June 5th.

All three new world-record holders won their events at the Helsinki Olympic Games last July since when the old world marks have been under suspended sentence of death.

Sim Iness achieved his discus mark at Lincoln, Nebraska on June 20th. His turn was one of his fastest at the end of which the heavy plate spun across the field towards the little red flag marking the world record distance set up in Finland in August 1949. As it clunked down well on the far side Iness smiled broadly and said "I hardly felt it leave my hand".

The stupendous record high jump was the feature of the 1953 (cont: p 10)



Photo by K. Bray.

Russia's new 5,000 metre record-holder Aleksandr Anufriyev, 26 here seen (right) leading E. Zatopek and C.J. Chataway in a heat at the Helsinki Olympics last July. The Soviet star now ranks No. 2 on both the 5 & 10,000 metres world's all-time rankings.

## ANUFRIYEV IN GREAT MOSCOW DOUBLE KUZNETSOV 250'0", JUNG WITH 3:45.0

From R.L. Quercetani.

Moscow's Dinamo Stadium was on June 6 & 7 the scene of the traditional meeting among the leading athletes from the Union's three largest cities, Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

The man who stole the show, however, was a 26 year old distance runner from Gorkiy — Aleksandr Anufriyev, namely the rugged athlete with the long 'side-boxes' who won a bronze medal in the Olympic 10,000 metres last summer.

Competing "vne konkursa" (that is, as a non-scorer) Anufriyev set two new great USSR records of 13:58.8 (5000m) and 29:23.2 (10000m), thus moving to second in the All Time lists for these events. On Saturday, June 6, he set out with the confessed purpose of shattering Vladimir Kazantsev's year-old USSR 5000m record of 14:08.8. At the first kilometre — which he covered in 2:39 — Anufriyev already had a 3.5secs. lead over Kazantsev's time at the same stage in the latter's 1952 race. Very soon it became apparent that Anufriyev could shoot for something more than a mere USSR record. In fact, throughout 4/5 of the race he was seconds ahead of Gunder Hägg's times in the Swede's famous 13:58.2 race on a rain-soaked track at Göteborg on Sept. 20, 1942

	Hägg (20.9.1942)	Anufriyev (6.6.1953)	Zatopek (26.8.1950)
1000m	2:40.0	2:39.0	2:48.0
2000m	5:27.0	5:24.0	5:37.4
3000m	8:18.5	8:14.0	8:27.2
4000m	11:09.0	11:06.0	11:17.6
5000m	13:58.2	13:58.8	14:03.0

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## BANNISTER RUNS FASTEST MILE FOR 8 YEARS IN 4:02.0. PETERS RUNS RECORD MARATHON

The month of June saw three English Native records which were world class performances in the truest sense of the words. First came an astounding marathon run by Jim Peters, 34 who on June 13th re-established himself as the World's Fastest marathoner with an inspired 2hrs. 18 mins. 40.2 secs. for the 26 miles 544 yards Windsor-Chiswick course. His time, which was 10.8 secs. better than Keizo Yamada's hitherto unapproached 2 hrs. 18 mins. 51 secs. Boston Marathon record of April 20th, would have been about 28 secs. better still had the course (subsequently checked by the Government Ordnance Survey) not been 159 yards (146.4m) over distance. The 'Macadam Magician' ran throughout in a pair of 12s/11d (\$1.81) gym shoes and finished fresh over a mile ahead of his fellow Olympians Stan Cox and Geoff. Iden.

The second record came at the close of the Southern Counties Championships at White City, West London when the durable Gordon Pirie ran 3 miles in 13:41.8 (continued p. 10.)

## MID-SEASON MEETINGS

BRITISH NATIONAL DISCUS RECORD AGAIN IMPROVED. PHAROAH THROWS 155 FEET 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  INS. Motpur Park, Wednesday May 27.

The annual A.A.A. v. University of London A.C. match lived right upto tradition of producing English Native Records in the discus when 21 year old Mark Pharaoh added 7 inches to John Savidge's 18 day old mark of 155 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. In 1948 E.J.A. Brewer set a record of 150'0" and in 1950 Savidge twice improved it with 151'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and then 154'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at this very meeting.

It was at Motspur Park where Adolfo Consolini, the great Italian thrower, was reputed to have put in a pre 1948 Olympic practice throw of 192'.

On the track Arthur Wint, who had already run a 49.0 sec. relay leg at the White City on May 20th, filled second place in the quarter mile behind Len Smith (49.6) in an unstrained 50.3. In the 880 yards the reigning European Champion John Parlett made a tentative come back with a fifth place in 2:05.0 behind Paul Stevens (U.L.A.C.) who won in 1:58.8. The husky Don Macmillan made a debut at two miles with a resolute 9:11.0 performance. Ralph Dunkley was second in 9:15.2.

In the 440 yards hurdles 20 year old Harry Kane gained an inches victory over the Puerto Rican Olympic athlete Amadeo Francis, both were caught at 55.5 secs.

Denis Cullum—a week past his 40th birthday—registered a personal best in the hammer with 163'9". This mark would stand much higher than 13th on the British Alltime list but for Cullum's own strenuous efforts to raise our standards in this event by coaching and by the formation of the "Hammer Circle"—a sort of Trade Union for muscular pirouettiers.

**BANNISTER RUNS HALF MILE IN 1 min. 51.9 sec. Oxford, Saturday May 30.**

With ever an eye on the main chance of exorcising the four minute phantom Roger Bannister decided reluctantly only 5 minutes before the meeting that the dark blue O.U.A.C. flag was straining too strongly at its halcyons for there to be any chance of bettering his 4 week old mile record of 4:03.6secs. Switching his attentions to the half mile Bannister went for the 65 year old record of 1m.54.4 set by the late Francis J.K. Cross, which was equalled by Tommy Hampson 2 months before his 1932 Olympic triumph in the Los Angeles 800 metres in the World's record time of 1m.49.7 secs. Since the track at Oxford was entirely redesigned after the war Cross's charmed record, which was a world's "Best Amateur on Record" at the time, might be better described as a location rather than a track record. (NOTE: Many excellent authorities give Cross's time as 1:54.6, but the version given here has always been regarded as the correct version at Oxford)

Don Macmillan accommodatingly made a hot pace with a 54.3 first lap with Bannister trailing in 55.2. With 180 yards to go the former Oxford President pulled past the tall Australian to win by 25 yards in 1:51.9. An official timekeeper took Bannister's 800 metre time at 1:51.2, while Macmillan's place time was 1:55.5 well ahead of the former Yale Cross Country captain George Dole (Oxford) who was taking time off from studying Hebrew for Old

Testament research. One of the first to congratulate Bannister was Mr. Cross's son who by chance was present to witness the end of a venerable record.

Chris Chataway contented himself with a 3 miles in 14.47.2, while Oxford's four next best milers battled against the wind for 16 laps in a 4 x 1 mile relay to win in 17 mins. 44.2. In a 4 x 120 yards shuttle hurdles relay the Oxford four Chris Higham, Don O'Sullivan, Bob Shaw and George Villiers were successful in 62.2 secs, so just missing the best ever club time of 61.9 set by an Achilles Club quartet in 1950 at the White City in the London A.C. Relays.

In the High Jump 18 year old London student P. Stableforth cleared 6'11" to beat Pat Daniel (OUAC) who registered his first 6 foot leap, and the N.Z. International Graham Jefferies. Oxford won the match by 92 points to London's 75 points.



Photo: E. D. Lacey.

Bill Aylett, 22 (left) and Derek Leftwich (right) who returned 1:54.9 and 1:55.1 in the Southern Championships behind Bill Nankeville (1:54.3).

**VIC MILLIGAN SETS ULSTER MILE RECORD IN 4:12.5 Belfast May 29.**

The brightest spot in a two-day meeting on Belfast's 5-lap grass Ravenhill track marred by cold stormy weather was a mile race between Don Seaman and Vic Milligan. Seaman covered the first 440 yards inside 57 secs. but was unable to shake of the Ulsterman who finished less than 3 yards down in 4:12.5 as against Seaman's 4:12.0 — also a personal best. Milligan thus became the second fastest Irishman and the 34th United Kingdom miler to beat 4:15.0

On the second day (Saturday) the Nigerian sprinter K. Olowu from Loughborough equaled the Northern Ireland All-Comers' 100 yards record with a 9.8secs. run.

**SPRINT UPSET—McDONALD BAILEY FOURTH IN 100YDS. Aylesbury, Saturday May 30th.**

Dramatic upset at the Aylesbury Coronation Meeting was the wholesale defeat of the 12 time A.A.A. champion E. McD. Bailey. Creased after a hire car ride from White City, the champion never got going and the race was won by the 17 year old Kent junior champion Mike Ruddy in 10.1

**SHENTON PRESSES BAILEY CLOSE IN 9.8 & 21.7 White City, London Saturday May 30th.**

McD. Bailey, sun-starved and stiff, had to struggle to hold off European 200 metre champ. Brian Shenton at the 4th Caledonian Games. He got two inches verdicts in 9.8 and 21.7 with Shenton getting the same times only to learn that the wind ruled them out. The wind was also over-helpful in the two hurdles races in which Peter Hildreth (120yds) ran 14.8 and Jean Desforges (80 m.) ran 11.2 secs.

**FIVE RECORDS AT SURREY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Motpur Park, Saturday May 30th  
Gordon Pirie undeterred by a strong wind blasted his way round 12 laps in a great 13:54.2 for a County record—the best of any County. J. Bromley ran a record 10:24.8 for the 2 M. steeplechase while Alan Sexton's 49.1 quarter well beat the field which included the 1948 Olympic torch-bearer John Mark who finished second. In the field the policeman Arthur Silbery, preoccupied with the Thames tow-path murder hunt ever since, became the 3rd Englishman to beat 170 feet with 171'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". K.S.D. Wilmshurst triple-jumped 45'0" w. for another best performance.

## COUNTIES ROUND-UP

The dawn of Saturday June 6 — the day for the Championships in 22 English Counties—heralded the same windy drab weather that has blighted the first half of the 1953 season.

Most eventful gathering was on the 28 year old soft black circuit at Edmonton where E. McD. Bailey defied the surface to lower the Middlesex record to 9.7secs. E.J. Purver of Thames Valley H. tied the old mark with 10.0 and also skidded round the 220 yards in a dusty 22.8 secs. Roger Bannister's 7 year reign free of muscle injury came to an abrupt end as he struck a soft patch coming off the first bend in the inside lane of the first 440 yards heat in which event he was aiming at beating the 49.3 put up by Sydney Wooderson in 1938 also on a poor track. Easing down his pace to a limp Bannister superintended cold compresses and refused massage—a formula which was proved right by his mile in 4:02.0 three weeks later.

Other good marks at Edmonton were a 1:55.9 880 yards by Derek Leftwich, a 4:18.8 mile by Ralph Dunkley, 23 and a record 14:22.4 3 miles by A.E. Ingles. Paul Vine's high hurdles were untimed (flash missed) except by an alert spectator who caught him at 15 flat.

Best item from the other counties was a 14:13.8 3 miles by 31 year old Fred Norris at the Lancashire meeting at Salford. At the Warwickshire championships the 4:16 Birchfield miler Dave Parmenter turned in a sound 14:18.8 mark. Highlight of the Sussex gathering was a mile duel in which the 1953 L.A.C. Schools' runner-up Paul Abrahams, 19 was beaten by inches by the 1951 AAA Junior mile champion D.M. Humphrey in 4:21.2

The Essex meeting was largely disappointing. Two records came with a 45'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " triple jump from Gerald Goodrich and a 58.2 sec. grass run over the 3 foot barriers by Alec Hardy. In Gloucestershire the schoolboy W.B. Workman beat the Welsh rugby centre  $\frac{3}{4}$  Alun Thomas in a 10.3 100 yards. Second spot in the shot putt was taken by Dr. Ken Pridie who set an English native discus record back in 1930. Another pre-war athlete, now rarely seen outside County meetings, was Oxford's Monty Hillier who at Iffley Road won his second 'Coronation' three miles in his 43rd year in 15:06.4 — faster than in 1937.

# CORNELIUS WARMERDAM

## STARS OF THE 'THIRTIES NO. 4. — BY NEIL ALLEN.

### 'The Flying Dutchman'

"Vaulters are made, not born." C.A. Warmerdam.

It was the night of March 20th, 1943 and Cornelius A. Warmerdam, wearing the winged vest of the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School was competing at the Chicago Relays in an attempt on his own meet record of 15' 2" set the year before and his world indoor record of 15' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " made at the Boston Games in February 1942. Coming in at no less than 14' 0", "Corny" cleared first time and at 14' 6". After one failure he flipped over 15' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and then had a first-timer at 15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for his 32nd 15 footer and a new meet record. Then the crowd gasped as the bar was gingerly stacked up on blocks to the breathtaking height of 15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Under the great arc lights the beautifully built World's King Vaultler started his most momentous run. His favourite Model T bamboo pole never wobbled in his firm grip as he sped down his 140 foot run-up. The pole slammed viciously into the box and up and up went the Flying Dutchman. Up and up went the eyes of the packed audience and they saw the remote figure way above their heads twist and lift his legs over the thin bar, saw that mighty chest puff as the pole was pushed away, the vest well clear of the lath and felt the shout of admiration surge up in their throats as greatness came sprawling down to hit the sawdust below their seats.

Who was the man they cheered that night and how had he come to be the finest exponent of what is technically the most difficult of all the events in track and field? The journey travelled had been a long one, had started on June 22nd, 1915 when Cornelius Anthony Warmerdam had been born at Long Beach, Cal. It reached its first milestone in 1929 when the 14 year old freshman at Hanford High School had, to his great pleasure, pushed himself over a pole vault bar set at 9 feet. Progress came gradually until at 17 years 12' 3" was reached. Then, in 1934 Corny cleared 13 feet and became considered a prospect. He pushed this personal best up nine inches the following year and then amidst all the mighty doings of that great athletic year 1936, posted an impressive 14' 0". Though he finished his collegiate career with a great 14' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " which put him third equal on the all-time list with George Varoff, Warmerdam was extremely worried about his weight, which was then between 180-185 lbs.—rather excessive for his 6' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " frame.

The newly graduated teacher took some time to settle into working life but he started the 1940 season weighing only 170lbs and with his eyes on the "impossible" world's record of 14' 11" held jointly by Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, Southern Cal's "Heavenly Twins". On April 13 at Edward's Stadium, the campus of the University of California, the 24 year old "Dutch" made his bid for fame. Clearing first time at 12' 6", 13' 0", 13' 6", 13' 9", 14' 0" and 14' 2" he then vaulted 14' 5" on the second trial, 14' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the first and prepared for the new era height of 15' 0". After one failure, Warmerdam, always a great competitor, cleared the magic height which had been declared beyond the efforts of any athlete.

Just to convince any disbelievers, the new world's record-holder, now competing for the Olympic Club, San Francisco, did 15' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on June 29 and 15' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Stanford on April 12, 1941. Two months later he visited Compton, Cal. and made another serious assault in what was destined to be one of his most dramatic appearances. After scaling 15' 0" first time the bar was set at 15' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", a new world record height. Warmerdam failed once and then made it. Up went the timber to 15' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and "Dutch", still experiencing reaction from his last height, failed twice. But in true champion style he finally came through on his last trial & the fans went home happy.

On Feb. 7, 1942 the world's indoor record was pushed up to a respectable 15' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at New York's Millrose Games but one week later shot up to 15' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Boston where Warmerdam did not deign to start vaulting until 14' 4". Then on May 23, 1942 Warmerdam set the present world's outdoor record of 15' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on a third attempt in the Modesto, Cal. pit, which is deeper in the box than the 8" permissible under I.A.A.F. rules. After winning the AAU titles of 1942 with 15' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (outdoor) & 15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (indoors) and clearing the 15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with his 33rd vault over 15 feet, the mighty Cornelius eased off the pace and contented himself with



Cornelius Warmerdam clearing 15' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at San Francisco on March 12, 1943, his last meet before entering the US Navy. He writes to Athletics World: "I had a vaulting pit at home on the ranch in the year between high school & college (1933) & I cleared 13' 2". My best marks for other events were 100yds 10.5 (disproving the romanticism that he could run 10.0) 220hurdles 25.5, HJ 5' 11", LJ 21' 6", WT 40', Discus 125' 0". Warmerdam was an all conference basketball player at Fresno State. When clearing the 15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " he had his top hand at 13' 3" & used a push-up of 2' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Never vaulted higher than 13' 10" in practice & like Hagg, relied mainly upon competition to keep him in shape once the season had begun.

PROGRESSIVE RECORD  
(Acknowledgements to H. Archie Richardson)

Age	Height	Year	Age	Height	Year
14 yrs	9' 0"	1929	22 yrs	14' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1937
15 yrs	10' 0"	1930	24 yrs 10mths	15' 0"	1940
15 yrs	10' 11"	1931	25 yrs 7days	15' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1941
17 yrs	12' 3"	1932	25 yrs 10mths	15' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1941
18 yrs	13' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1933	25 yrs 11mths	15' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1941
19 yrs	13' 0"	1934	25 yrs 11mths	15' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1941
20 yrs	13' 9"	1935	26 yrs 7mths	15' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1942
21 yrs	14' 0"	1936	27 yrs 10mths	15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1943

visiting various Californian pits for the purpose of creating "15 foot plus" ground records. In 1944 he vaulted over 15 feet no less than 16 times.

Rounding off his career with a 15' 0" win in the 1944 AAU - his third successive win - the champion vaulted as a professional for a short while and then joined his old coach Flint Hanner in training vaulters at Fresno State. His latest find is "Red Fred" Barnes who cleared 14' 8" last May 16 & has his ambitions centred on a bar set at 15ft. under an Australian sun.

The sting in the tale came in April 1952 when, two months before his 37th birthday, a certain C.A. Warmerdam gave the Helsinkibound vaulters quite a shock by neatly slipping over 14' 4" in what was aptly termed an exhibition.

## BEST BRITISH PERFORMANCES 1953 (2ND LIST)

This second interim compilation of British Best Performers embraces all known marks up to an including June 20th. Additional qualifying performances up to June 27th are attached as an appendix. Notation: n = non-winning time; m = timed at metric distance; e = time estimated by interval; u = unofficial time; // = straightaway track; Y = time taken during longer English distance race.

### 100 YARDS

9.7	E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H./Trinidad)	Edmonton, London	6/6
9.8	K.A.B.Olowu (Loughborough/Nigeria)	Belfast	30/5
9.9n	B.Shenton (Polytechnic H.)	White City	23/5
10.0	O.G.Young (Portsmouth AC)	Portsmouth	9/5
10.0	N.Down (Leiston Works)	Ipswich	6/6
10.0n	E.J.Purver (Wigmore H)	Edmonton, London	6/6
10.0	W.J.Ferguson (Notts AC)	Birmingham	20/6

wind assisted marks

9.7	B.Shenton (Polytechnic H)	Staveley	16/5
9.9	A.Dick (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	20/2
9.9	A.W.Lillington (Durham U)	Birmingham	16/5

doubtful timing

9.7	P.Brennan (East Cheshire H)	Swinton	11/5
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### 100 METRES

10.7	E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H./Trinidad)	Rijswijk, Holland	7/6
10.8	B.Shenton (Polytechnic H)	Brussels	17/6

### 220 YARDS (around a turn)

21.8	E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H./Trinidad)	Bedford	14/5
22.0	B.Shenton (Polytechnic H)	Chiswick	13/6
22.0	C.N.Gibbs (Herne Hill H)	Oxford	2/5
22.0n	W.Jack (Victoria Park AAC)	Glasgow	13/6
22.1	A.Dick (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	28/2
22.1n	W.J.Ferguson (Notts AC)	Glasgow	13/6

straightaway marks

21.0	E.McD.Bailey (Poly.H./Trinidad)	Staveley	16/5
21.6n	W.J.Ferguson (Notts AC)	Staveley	16/5
22.0n	M.T.Wright (Appleby Frodingham SC)	Staveley	16/5

### 440 YARDS

48.1	P.G.Fryer (London AC)	White City	25/5
48.2n	A.D.Sexton (Belgrave Harriers)	White City	25/5
48.7	A.Dick (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	7/3
48.8n	L.A.Smith (Rochester AC)	White City	25/5
49.5n	D.J.Rave (Herne Hill H)	White City	20/6
49.7nu	J.R.Milligan (Northumberland & Durham)	White City	25/5
49.8	K.M.Whittaker (Airedale H)	Bradford	30/5

### 880 YARDS

1:51.9	R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)	Oxford	30/5
1:53.9	D.R.T.Macmillan (U.L.A.C./Australia)	Chiswick	13/6
1:54.3	G.W.Nankeville (Walton A.C.)	White City	20/6
1:54.5	D.C.Law (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	2/5
1:54.9n	W.A.Aylett (Blackheath H)	White City	20/6
1:55.0	B.E.Grogan (Loughborough U.)	Loughborough	2/2
+1:55.0n	V.Milligan (Queen's University)	Belfast	6/6
1:55.1n	D.Leftwich (Southgate H)	White City	20/6
1:55.4	K.Marsden (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	21/5
1:55.7n	B.S.Hewson (Mitcham AC)	Cambridge	21/5
1:55.7n	R.T.Taylor (Belgrave H)	White City	20/6
1:56.0n	R.T.G.Day (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	21/5

+ en route for 1000 yards in 2:11.4.

### 800 METRES

1:51.2Y	R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)	Oxford	30/5
1:54.4	A.Webster (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	Tourcoing	10/5

### 1500 METRES

3:47.0Y	R.G.Bannister (Achilles Club)	Oxford	2/5
3:52.2n	G.W.Nankeville (Walton AC)	Paris	17/5
3:52.6n	V.Milligan (Queen's University)	Brussels	17/6
3:53.8n	D.C.Seaman (London AC)	Brussels	17/6
3:56.0	J.I.Disley (London AC)	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 (C.U.A.C.)	White City	14/3
4:10.8n	D.C.Law (O.U.A.C.)	White City	14/3
4:11.2	J.I.Disley (London AC)	Wealdstone	23/5

### ONE MILE (continued)

4:11.2n	A.D.N.Breckenridge (Victoria Pk.AAC)	Glasgow	13/6
4:11.8	R.H.Dunkley (Polytechnic H)	Chiswick	13/6
4:12.0	D.C.Seaman (London AC)	Belfast	30/5
4:12.5n	V.Milligan (Queen's University)	Belfast	30/5
4:15.0	G.W.Nankeville (Walton AC)	Walton	6/6
4:15.6n	M.R.Maynard (Herne Hill H)	Chiswick	13/6
4:16.0n	S.J.Bryant (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	2/5
4:16.2	F.D.Sando (Aylesford PMSC)	White City	20/6
4:16.8	D.A.G.Pirie (South London H)	Wimbledon	24/4
4:16.8n	G.S.Ward (Polytechnic H)	Chiswick	13/6
4:17.0n	P.B.Driver (South London H)	White City	23/5
4:17.0n	P.R.Bagnall (Belgrave H)	Chiswick	13/6

### 3000 METRES

8:19.2Y	D.A.G.Pirie (South London H)	Oxford	2/5
8:19.2Y	C.J.Chataway (Walton AC)	White City	25/5

### TWO MILES

8:49.6	C.J.Chataway (Walton AC)	White City	25/5
8:55.6n	D.A.G.Pirie (South London H)	White City	25/5
9:06.6n	F.Green (Birchfield H)	White City	25/5
9:11.2	D.R.T.Macmillan (U.L.A.C./Australia)	Motspur Park	27/5
9:13.0	B.T.Barrett (Surrey AC)	Motspur Park	4/6
9:15.0n	R.Clark (Herne Hill H)	Motspur Park	4/6
9:15.2n	R.H.Dunkley (U.L.A.C.)	Motspur Park	27/5
9:15.3n	A.E.Hine (Herne Hill H)	Motspur Park	4/6
9:15.8n	M.R.Maynard (Herne Hill H)	Motspur Park	4/6

### THREE MILES

13:41.8	D.A.G.Pirie (South London H)	White City	20/6
13:48.0n	F.D.Sando (Aylesford PMSC)	White City	23/5
14:02.6n	K.L.Norris (Thames Valley H)	Chiswick	13/6
14:12.0+	F.Norris (Bolton United H)	+ 4mi.race Dublin	13/6
14:13.6	J.H.Peters (Essex Beagles)	Barking	12/5
14:15.0	F.Green (Birchfield H)	Birmingham	20/6
14:15.4	M.R.Schofield (Polytechnic H)	Chiswick	13/6
14:18.8	D.Parmenter (Birchfield H)	Birmingham	6/6
14:19.0	G.Knight (Essex Beagles)	White City	30/5
14:20.0n	W.Hesketh (Manchester AC)	White City	23/5
14:20.0	M.R.Maynard (Herne Hill H)	Motspur Park	15/6
14:20.2n	W.P.Ranger (Eastbourne RAC)	White City	30/5

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# LATE ADDITIONS TO G.B. RANKINGS

The following marks bring the interim list of British Best Performers up to date to June 27th. The main lists appear on pages 4 and 8.

Javelin List concluded from page 8 --

194' 6"	H.J.Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Poly.H/Denmark)	Chiswick	13/6
194' 0"	D.Tucker (Herne Hill H)	Tooting	2/6
193' 6"	J.G.Garner (Stoke St.P.)	Birmingham	20/6
190' 11"	G.N.M.Fisher (Achilles Club)	Motspur Park	19/5

## ADDITIONS TO BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS.

100 YDS.	10.0	W.Jack	Edinburgh	27/6
440 YDS.	49.2	A.S.Wint	Wealdstone	24/6
800 METRES	49.6	J.E.A.Robertson	Edinburgh	27/6
	1:52.6n	G.W.Nankeville	White City	25/5
880 YARDS	1:52.6n	D.R.T.Macmillan	White City	25/5
	1:54.9	J.S.Hamilton	Edinburgh	27/6
ONE MILE	1:55.1	G.S.Pearson	Coventry	30/5
	1:55.5	D.C.Seaman	Wealdstone	24/6
	4:02.0	R.G.Bannister	Motspur Park	27/6
	4:15.0n	D.R.T.Macmillan	Wealdstone	23/5
1500METRES	4:16.6n	G.T.Olding	Wealdstone	23/5
TWO MILES	3:44.8	R.G.Bannister	Motspur Park	27/6
	9:02.6	F.D.Sando	Wealdstone	24/6
	9:12.8n	B.T.Barratt	Wealdstone	24/6
	9:13.0n	J.Broughton	Wealdstone	24/6
	9:13.8n	E.Baverstock	Wealdstone	24/6
	9:14.5e	J.Bromley	Weybridge	27/6
	9:15.0	G.Knight	Weybridge	27/6
	9:15.0	C.W.Brasher	Weybridge	27/6
3 MILES.	14:01.4	I.Binnie	Cambridge	27/6
	14:16.2	P.Thompson	Edinburgh	27/6
	14:19.6	D.H.Holden	Chesterfield	27/6
6 MILES.	29:20.7	I.Binnie	Charlton Park	27/6
120YDS.HDLS.	15.2	A.I.D.Francis	Edinburgh	25/6
440YDS.HDLS.	55.1	D.K.Gracie	Wimbleton Park	27/6
HIGH JUMP	6' 1"	K.Cunningham	Edinburgh	27/6
SHOT PUTT	46' 11"	M.Pharaoh	Edinburgh	27/6
	45' 6"	J.Drummond	Chesterfield	27/6
DISCUS THROW	139' 3"	K.Maksimczyk	Edinburgh	27/6
	137' 2"	P.Jones	Edinburgh	27/6
HAMMER THROW	168' 1"	N.J.Cullum	Wealdstone	24/6
	166' 6"	C.J.Reidy	Harrow	22/6
	161' 2"	F.Gandy	Aldershot	27/6
JAVELIN THROW	210' 7"	M.J.Denley	Chesterfield	27/6
	200' 8"	D.E.J.Cosh	Wealdstone	24/6
HAMMER THROW	199' 4"	D.B.Tucker	Wealdstone	24/6
	174' 0"	E.C.K.Douglas	Edinburgh	27/6

# LAST MINUTE EUROPEAN ROUND UP.

## HAAS 46.3 KARLSSON 3:44.2, DENISENKO 14'7"

At Milan on June 28th Karl-Friedrich Haas of Germany made the closest approach to his countryman, Rudolf Harbig's, European record of 46.0 in 14 years with a brilliant 46.3 secs. 400 metres. This now raises Europe's tally of sub 47 second marks to 16 of which Haas accounts for 4 and Harbig 5.



New ground was also broken in the 'Old World' when on June 22nd Moscow reported (as usual without place or date) that their Olympic 4th placer Pyotr Denisenko had cleared 14'6" (4.44) in the pole vault to equal the European record set up by the Swedish champion Ragnar Lundberg at Gävle on August 1st last.

It was at Gävle on the evening of June 23 that another Swede, Sune Karlsson, set the season's fastest 1,500 metres to date when he beat the Finn Denis Johansson by 5 yards in 3:44.2 so bettering John Landy's official 'temps de passage' of 3:44.4 in his 4:02.8 mile on January 3rd at Melbourne. Johansson's 3:45.2n beat his own Finnish record of 3:47.4 made 3 weeks before the Games in Helsinki.

### TWO SUPERLATIVE WOMEN'S MARKS FROM EAST EUROPE

At the same time as the Russian report of Denisenko's European record there came news that the Olympic discus champion Nina Romashkova

had reached a stupendous 181'3" (55.26) which leaves her nearly 6 feet behind the 30 year old Nina Dumbadze's 187'1" (57.04) which last October robbed her of her world record of 175'10" (53.61) after a possession lasting only 69 days. The report referred to the 24 year old Olympic champion by her maiden name of Ponomaryeva but it is not known whether this reversion is of any significance.

A new world's best performance for the women's 400 metres was reported from Berlin on June 20th when their 2:14.8 800 metre girl Ursula Jurewitz turned her talents to the single lap which she covered in 55.7 secs. so displacing the 56.0 achieved by the two Russian girls, the blonde Zoya Petrova at Moscow on July 15 1951 and the rugged Valentina Pomogayeva at Minsk a month later.

**FIVE MEN BEAT 4:10.0 FOR A MILE AT HAMBURG ON JUNE 23rd**  
 Details of the place times of the Hamburg mile reported on page 9. are Werner Lueg 4:07.8, Ingvar Eriksson 4:08.0, Lundberg 4:08.2, Rolf Iamers 4:08.6, Günther Dohrow 4:08.6 and sixth Urho Julin in 4:11.4

## PHAROAH CLAIMS EMPIRE RECORD WITH 162'5 1/4 (49.51M)

Mark Pharaoh, 21 in the Northern Counties A.A. meeting at the Hull University ground became the second athlete to bring an Empire field event record to the Mother land in 1953 when he threw the discus 162'5 1/4 to beat S.J. du Plessis's Krugersdorp mark of 161' 6" made on New Year's Day. The husky pupil of Southern Coach John Le Masurier got off his first throw to 161' 1" for the 4th instalment of the season to the native record. Another throw clattered down at 160' 1". The London-born Olympian also showed a glimpse of something to come when he took the hammer title with two rather uncertain turns at 151' 6". Brian Shenton ran the 100 yards in 9.7 to equal Robin Pinnington's meeting best but this time wind rather than slope ruled out any record claims. Ian Ward beat Geoffrey Calladine on the count-back for a meeting pole vault best of 12' 4".

The Southern District Championship was rather dimmed by the brightness of Pirie's 3 miles (see page 1 col.1). Nonetheless two new records were made. Denley threw 197' 3" with the javelin and P.B. Hildreth equal the old 1928 14.8 mark for the 'high's for the 4th time in his heat. E.McD.Bailey ran 9.8 into a 2 metre wind.

The Midland Meeting at Perry Barr was disappointing apart from a record 193' 6" javelin throw and a sound 10.0, 22.4 sprint 'double' by Bill Ferguson.

**SANTEE RUNS HISTORY'S FASTEST EVER LAST LAP IN 54.8 IN HELSINKI**  
 In winning the first race of his 1953 European tour over 1,500 metres in 3:50.8 over Belgium's Frans Herman (3:52.2) Santee on July 1st blazed through the last 400m in an amazing 54.8 secs.

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## SANTEE 4:02.4 O'BRIEN 59'2 3/8" AT COMPTON, CAL.

Rarely can a world record have been so overshadowed as the magnificent Compton California Relays on June 5th. Parry O'Brien got off a putt to 59' 2 3/8" but it was Wes Santee's brilliant 4:02.4 American mile which stole the show under a perfect night sky.

Gaston Reiff lead through a first lap of 62.7. Johansson the Finn took over the lead for a 2:05.2 half-mile which had the dense crowd groaning with disappointment. With 700 yards to go suddenly Santee stormed through on the greatest sustained sprint ever seen in a four lap race. His third lap was an unprecedented 58.2 secs and he reached the bell in 3:03.5 just 4 yards ahead of Johansson and 6 ahead of Reiff. With no visible let up except a few yards from the tape Santee wound up with a 58.9 last circuit to win by 12 yards from Johansson (4:04.0) in the American record time of 4:02.4 - the then fastest time outside of Sweden. Reiff was timed at 4:05.7 and Russ Bonham fourth in 4:10.5. Bob McMillen jogged in.

Other fine marks were Lang Stanley's 'out of the blue' 1:49.4 880 yards only a foot behind Mal Whitfield - also 1:49.4; the lanky Ernie Shelton's 6' 8" high jump, Bob Richards' 47th 15 foot vault ahead of George Mattos's 14' 8" and two 'doubles' 9.7 & 20.8 by Andy Stanfield and 13.9 & 23.3 by Jack Davis. O'Brien's mark came with his second effort after a foul. His next best was a 57' 1".

**GORDIEN REACHES 186' 2 1/4; HELD THROWS 246' 1 1/2; BAKER 9.4 and 20.4**

Fortune Gordien competing at Compton a week after the Relays at the Southern Pacific Meet showed again he is too young to fade away with a brilliant 186' 2 1/4 throw - second only to his then world mark (see P.1) Ernie Shelton cleared 6' 8 1/2. The day after on June 13 Bud Heid followed the second best (246' 1 1/2) on U.S. soil with an exhibition of 249'. Thane Baker's great 'double' was on May 30.

## DUNKLEY BEATS LOVELOCK'S KINNAIRD MILE TIME

Chiswick June 13th:

The 33rd Kinnaird Trophy, handsomely retained by a polyethnic Polytechnic team, brought forth 4 new meeting records. Pride of place went to the 23 year old Ralph Dunkley (not to be confused with his 17 year old name-sake Roger) of the promoting club with his 4:11.8 mile which dislodged Jack Lovelock's pre-war mark by exactly two secs. The 6'4 1/2 Don Seaman strode the first 3 laps in a gaunt but relaxed 3:08.0. With 200 yards to go Dunkley began to close the 20 yard gap. Like a terrier attacking a Great Dane he caught Seaman 40 yards out flogged himself home to win by 12 yards. Seaman (4:13.6) was followed by M.R. Maynard in an excellent 4:15.6.

In perhaps the eighth or ninth place a fact of deep statistical importance escaped notice. Somewhere there almost certainly was the 100th United Kingdom miler to break 4:20.0. Over two laps big Don Macmillan scored a good win for the Polytechnic Harriers with 1:53.9 - six tenths inside Arthur Wint's 1951 1:54.5. Gordon Pirie of the South London Harriers truly shattered the meeting 3 mile record of 14:14.6 by Alec Olney in 1950 with 13:54.2. He was shadowed for the first 8 laps by Ken Norris (Thames Valley) who showed himself to be the most likely candidate for the next sub 14:00.0 man with a fine 14:02.6. Third was M.R. Schofield whose hard training brought him a well-deserved 14:15.4.

The fourth & last record was in the javelin in which Mike Denley finished up with 206'10" thus beating his own 197'2 1/2 that he made with his senior debut in 1950. In the sprints Brian Shenton snatched an inches win over Bailey in the 220 yards in 22.0secs. It passed unmentioned upon that this was the great West Indian's first furlong defeat in the British Isles by anyone since the A.A.A. Championships of 1939! In the field a scorer for the Achilles Club in the shot was Ivan S. Ivanovic who had celebrated his 40th birthday a few days before but still beat 40 feet. This highly preserved 'years for feet' pre-war star last competed in the meeting 20 years before and in the interim had lost a place in the Berlin 110 metre hurdles final by a photo-finish and had set a Yugoslav 400 metre hurdles record of 54.6 secs.

The well-attended and well-organized meeting was climaxed by the arrival of Jim Peters long before any of his greatest admirers had dared to hope (see report page 1). Second was Stan Cox in a fine 2:26:19.0 only 20 secs. ahead of the Helsinki 9th place winner Geoff. Iden (2:26:39.0). Fourth was the youthful looking A. Lawton of Leeds Harehills who became the sixth Briton to better the coveted 2 1/2 hours with 2:27:01. The Polytechnic won easily by 40pts from Herne Hill.

## EVERY KIND OF RECORD AT GLASGOW POLICE MEETING

Records of four categories went at the Glasgow Police Meeting on June 13th. William Parry O'Brien, 21 set a British All-comers shot record with 57'10" thus beating Wilbur Thompson's Olympic mark of 56'2" of 1948 and Jimmy Fuch's unrecognized Ulster mark of 57'2 1/2 made in 1949. In a 440 yards race John William Mashburn, 20 last February, had to call on all his talent to beat Karl-Friedrich Haas, the auburn-haired Olympic finalist by two yards in 47.0 secs - the second fastest time ever in the British Isles. Haas's 47.2n dislodged the 15 year old European record of 47.6 secs. set by Godfrey Brown at White City and equalled by Mario Lanzi a year later.

In the British Empire record department Geoff. Elliott scaled the long-awaited 13'8" so to beat the 13'6 1/2 by A.S. du Plessis in Johannesburg in October 1936 and also the extra-Empire mark of 13'7 1/2 by Vic. Pickard in Columbus, Ohio in May 1929. The biggest surprise among the home talent came however in the mile. The winner was the 4:05.8 Swedish miler Sune Karlsson who by managing 4:09.9 (Scots All-comers' rec.) became only the fourth foreign athlete to break 4:10.0 on British soil (The others Arne Andersson 4:08.8 (1945), Marcel Hansenne (4:09.8) and Don Macmillan (4:08.8) in 1952). For second place Olympic 1,500 m. finalist Rolf Lamers must have been surprised to find himself fighting it out with an 'unknown' Chicago-born Scot Alex. Breckenridge. Lamers got the verdict in 4:11.2 which was the time awarded also to the 20 year old transport worker whose Scots parentage made the mark eligible to displace Robert Graham's 4:12.0 mark of August 1935.

In the half-mile the man who has ruled the distance for 5 long years missed improving his Scots All-comers mark of 1:50.7 by a fifth due to a box-up in the first lap in which he got spiked. Second was the fast improving German Friedel Stracke (best mark in 1952 1:52.9m) in 1:51.2 just holding off the Norwegian psychology student Audun Boysen (1:51.3). In the sprints the American 6.2 60 yard dash man J. O'Connell was ousted in a 10.1 100 yards by the compact German 10.4 100 metre and 21.3 200 metre man Heinz Fütterer.

## A.A.U. SUMMARY & TOURING TEAMS FOR EUROPE

cont: from p.10) won the 2 mile steeplechase event without trouble. In the field there was an upset when the newly crowned world record holder Sim Iness suffered a defeat from the dethroned 'Forth' Gordien whose 183'9 1/2 was up to his great 1949 traditions. The 'Big Three' monopolized the javelin with the almond-eyed Bud Held again coming out on top with 242'7" to beat the Olympic Champion Cy Young by less than a foot. Martin Engel showed that no American title is exactly easy to win when he got off a hammer throw to 186'9" - only a yard away from the flag marking Patrick Ryan's 40 year old U.S.A. record.

After the meeting was over the placed men gathered around to sort out the personnel for the traditional European tours. In the SUMMARY below the deployments are indicated thus:- (a) Finland Group (left June 28); (b) Group for Norway, Italy, Austria, and Germany; (c) Group for Sweden and Norway and (d) Group for Scotland and England.

**SUMMARY 100YDS.** 1. Art Bragg (b) 9.5 2. Thane Baker (c) 3. Jim Golliday (a) 4. Joe Schatzle (b) 5. Joe Graffio 6. Murchinson (d). **220YDS.** 1. Andy Stanfield 2. Art Bragg 3. Thane Baker 4. Joe Schatzle 5. Herbert McKenley 6. John Mashburn (a). **440YDS.** 1. John Mashburn 2. Jim Lea (b) 3. Herb McKenley 4. Rogers (c) 5. Schlereth (d) 6. Jenkins. **880YDS.** 1. Mal Whitfield (a) 1:51.5 2. Henry Cryer (c) 3. Jerome Walters (c) 4. Reggie Fearman (a) 5. Joyce (d) 6. Paul Raudenbush. **MILE.** 1. Wes Santee (a) 4:07.6 2. Fred Dwyer (b) 3. Bruce Drummond (c) 4. Joe LaPierre (c) 5. Joyce 3 **MILES** 1. Charlie Cappazoli (b) 14:28.2 2. McKenzie (a) 3. Mouyia (Japan) 4. J. Johnson (d) 5. Curt Stone. **6 MILES.** 1. Curt Stone 31:18.2. **120YDS HDLS.** 1. Jack Davis (a) 13.9 2. Milton Campbell 3. Thompson (d) 4. Art Barnard (b) **440 YDS HDLS.** 1. Culbreath (b) 52.5 2. William Johnson (c) 3. Bright (d) 4. Jack Sage. **TWO MILES S'CHASE.** 1. Horace Ashenfelter 10:02.5 2. Warren Druetler (b) **HIGH JUMP.** 1. Walter Davis 6'11" 1/2 2. Ernie Shelton (a) and J. Lewis Hall 6' 7" 1/2 **LONG JUMP.** 1. George Brown (b) 25'10" 1/2 2. Soble (d) 24'4" 1/2 3. Meredith Gourdine 24'2". **POLE VAULT:** 1. Don Laz & George Mattos (a) 14'1" 1/2 3. Bragg, Fred Barnes (d), Van Zimmermann (c) & Len Eilers 13'9". **HOP STEP & JUMP:** 1. George Shaw 47'8" 1/2, 2. Beerline 47'2", Hunter 46'8". **SHOT PUT:** 1. Parry O'Brien (a) 57'11" 1/2, 2. Bernie Mayer 55'0" 1/2, 3. Tom Jones 53'6" 1/2. **DISCUS THROW:** 1. Fortune Gordien 183'9" 1/2, 2. Sim G. Iness (c) 179'2" 1/2, 3. Jack Ellis (b). **HAMMER THROW:** Martin Engel (d) 186'9" 1/2, Sam Felton 181'3" 1/2, 3. Connolly 175'10" 1/2. **JAVELIN THROW:** Bud Held 242'7" 1/2, Cy Young (c) 241'5" 1/2, 3. Bill Miller (a) 236'11". N.B. Some of the field event place marks are converted from metres in continental reports are hence may be fractional inaccurate.

## OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE BEATEN 9-6 IN U.S.A.

Philadelphia's famous Franklin Field was the scene of a trans-Atlantic inter-University contest between on the east Oxford-Cambridge's 7th U.S. touring team since 1901 and on the west Penn: Cornell and Yale-West Point. A cloudburst ruined the triangular joust and only 1,000 hardy Alumni braved the conditions to see a set of performances which suffered badly. The date was Saturday June 13.

Yale's Henry Thresher took both sprints in 10.2 and 22.5 as opposed to the 9.8 and 20.8 of which he is capable. Alan Sexton won a sound 440 yards in 49.9. The 'half' was also a triumph over the elements with Paul Raudenbush (Penn) coming from behind to catch the Yale pace-setter Mike Stanley (54 first lap) to win in 1:53.7. Both the mile and two miles were taken by Chris. Chataway (Oxford) one of 2 Olympians in the meeting. After a first lap in 64.7 Chataway let David Law (Oxford), who had been hauled out of a bath after his 1:56.3 880 yards to take the place of the injured Peter Robinson, do the pacing. Nearer the end he shook off the 4:11.0 Army miler Lew Olive to win by 6 yards in 4:21.0. In the two miles Chataway tried to tie the Cantabrigian Scot James Burnet but got the verdict in 9:37.1

**SUMMARY:** 100yds: H.G. Thresher (Y) 10.2, 4. A.D. Sexton (Cam), 6. A.R. Pinn-ington; 220 yds: Thresher 22.5, 3. Pinnington, 6. G.E. Villiers (Ox); 440 yds: Sexton 49.9, 6. R.T.G. Day (Cam); 880 yds: P. Raudenbush (Penn) 1:53.7, M.C. Stanley (Yale) 1:56.0, 3. D.C. Law (Ox) 1:56.3; 4. I.H. Boyd (Ox); Mile: 1. C.J. Chataway (Ox) 4:21.0, L. Olive (West Point) 4:21.9, D. Pratt (Cornell) 4:33.6; Two Miles: 1. Chataway 9:37.1, 2. J. Burnet (Cam) 9:37.1; 120 yds H.H.: 1. W. Purdue 15.1, 5. C.E. Higham (Ox), 6. Villiers; 220 yds H.H.: M.A. I. Booth 25.0, 2. H. Whittle; 4. Higham; High Jump: W. Boyd (W.P.) 6'2" 1/2, 3. G.H. Jefferies (Ox); Pole Vault: Van Zimmermann (Penn) 13'0"; Long Jump: I. G.H. Walker (Ox) 22'9" 1/2, 2. Whittle (Camb) 22'8" 1/2; Shot-Putt: Thomson (Yale) 48'7" 1/2, 5. D.E. L. Slater (Cam) 42'1" 1/2, 6. J. Banes (Cam) 39'2"; Discus Throw: F.S. Thomson 150'8" 1/2, 3. Slater 127'5"; Javelin Throw: A.A. Reich (Ox) 181'8" 1/2. Each combination won 6 events to 9 over Oxford-Cambridge.

# R. Scott - Burnt Out? BY NEIL ALLEN



R. SCOTT (rt) comes through on the inside in the 1935 AAA 880. First, J.C. Stothard, was clocked at a personal best of 1:53.3, J.V. Powell was 2nd in 1:53.8 while Scott, who ran a last lap of 54.5, was given an ungenerous 1:53.9. At that time only DGA Lowe (1:52.1), Hampson (1:52.4) & CR Griffiths (1:53.5) among home athletes had run faster.

On April 28th, 1933 a "frail boy with a small body and long legs", to quote a newspaper report, amazed spectators at the English Public Schools Championships by winning the 7th heat of the 440 yards in 51.4, 4/10s better than the meeting record. No-one was more surprised than the boy himself - 16 year old R. Scott from Ashby de la Zouch Grammar School, Leicester - but nonetheless he recorded exactly the same time in the second round. His record was later equalled by the powerful R. Spalding (Bedford) and these two became the joint favourites for the final on the next day. Scott drew the unpopular outside lane and led off at great speed over the first 300 yards, but Spalding drew level as they entered the straight, his inexperienced rival glanced sideways and lost by half a yard. The time of 51.0 was a new record and the 2nd fastest by a British junior (under 19) athlete.

The Leicester boy, born on August 16, 1916, had come to the meeting, with best marks of 52.4 and 2:04.0, after careful planning. Writing to Athletics World, he says "The final decision of whether races should be run, and how often, can only be determined by the boy himself knowing the physical fatigue he feels after a race." Scott had been competing in cross-country and school sports since he was 10 but his entry into the 1933 Schools meeting was his own suggestion accepted by his headmaster after a year's steady progress under his coach Dr. Reed.

The following year Scott entered for both the 440 and 880 yards and again created a stir when winning his quarter heat in a record-equalling 51.0. He followed this with a relaxed 52.2 (2nd round) and a 2:04.8 880 heat before deciding to miss the half & concentrate on the shorter run. This he did to such effect that he clipped his own record with a speedy 50.8 to win by 9 yards from the outside lane.

Scott walked off the track to go into hard training for his greatest season; that of 1935. From September to March the 18 year old schoolboy ran 5 miles cross-country three times a week & every morning did 30 minutes flat out road work of sprint, jogging. In order to keep his naturally long, easy stride he did only fast striding over a 440 so that there was no danger of chopping the action.

# BRITISH ALL-TIME JUNIOR LISTS - 440 & 880 YDS.

48.8	D.J.N. Johnson (East Ham GS)	Port Sunlight	29/7/1950
50.0	J. Taylor (Bryanston S)	Wellington	2/7/1949
50.0	M.K.V. Wheeler (Taunton S)	White City	18/4/1953
50.1	M. Jones (Woodford Green AC)	Woodford	24/6/1953
50.2	J.P. Thornicroft (Blundell's S)	White City	15/4/1939
50.2	A.V. Ford (Millfield S)	Millfield	19/6/1949
50.2n	J.P. Brasier-Creagh (Wellington S)	Wellington	2/7/1949
50.3	K.C. Chambers (Ilford AC)	Motspur Park	26/7/1952
50.4	J.G. Hartley (St. Edmund GS)	White City	29/5/1939
50.4n	P.J. Phillips (Porth GS)	Port Sunlight	29/7/1950
50.4	N.H. Dangerfield (St Albans City AC)	Southgate	7/7/1951
50.4	J.W. Clements (Cranleigh S)	Cranleigh	21/7/1951
50.6	J. Churchill (Eton College)	Eton	1900
50.6	H.P. O'Brian (Cranleigh S)	Cranleigh	27/7/1940
50.6	M.M.T. Paxton (Millfield S)	Woodford	26/6/1948
50.6n	M.J. Balls (Thames Valley H)	Port Sunlight	29/7/1950
50.7n	C.R. Collier (Southgate H)	Motspur Park	26/7/1952
50.8	R. Scott (Ashby de la Zouch GS)	White City	7/4/1934
50.8n	R. Donaldson (Eastbourne College)	White City	15/4/1939
50.8	M.W. Pike (Ibis AC)	White City	1/7/1939
50.8n	R.G. Sinclair (Brighton College)	White City	18/4/1953
50.9	J.E. Salisbury (Birchfield H)	Bedford	5/7/1952
50.9	C.M. Campbell (Heriot's S)	Glasgow	12/7/1952
50.9	W. Warrington (Oxford Schools)	Bradford	12/7/1952

Derek James Neville Johnson is easily the greatest of our junior quarter-milers, running his 48.8 at 17.

## 880 YARDS

1:53.9	R. Scott (Ashby de la Zouch GS)	White City	13/7/1935
1:55.3	B.S. Hewson (Mitcham AC)	Birmingham	28/7/1951
1:55.4n	D.J.N. Johnson (Fairbairn AC)	Newport	18/8/1951
1:55.8n	T.E. Eldridge (Lozells's H)	Motspur Park	26/7/1952
1:55.9n	P.D. Barber (Darnley AC)	Birmingham	28/7/1951
1:56.0m	I.H. Boyd (Herne Hill H)	Rotterdam	2/9/1952
1:57.0	R. Dunkley (William Ellis S)	Paddington	30/5/1953
1:57.2	A.J. Perry (Polytechnic H)	Perry Bar	30/7/1949
1:57.4n	E.J. Wright (Belgrave H)	White City	9/8/1952
1:57.5	W.I. Williams (Salford H & AC)	St. Helens	21/7/1951
1:58.2	D.C. Seaman (London AC)	Bedford	9/6/1951
1:58.4n	H.A. Cummings (Heriot's S)	Birmingham	28/7/1951
1:58.5	M. Martin (Mount St. Mary's S)	White City	18/4/1953
1:58.7n	D.P. Reynolds (Allhallows S)	White City	18/4/1953
1:58.8	M.G. Elliot (R.M.A. Sandhurst)	White City	4/7/1936

n - indicates non-winning mark m - mark made over 800 metres

From April to July there was more concentration on track running (on grass) and practice starts while all running was done in the best Nurmi tradition with a stop watch strapped on the inside of the wrist.

In 1935 Scott retained his 440 title with an effortless 51.5 & in the 880 sailed away from the field to lower the record from 2:01.4 to 1:59.2 - a time unbeaten until this year. One month before his 19th birthday the 5'11 1/2, 10st. 6lbs. prodigy entered for the AAA Senior 880 and confounded his critics by winning his heat in 1:55.0. Next day, July 13, after being boxed in on the first lap, he was beaten into third place in the final and given the outstanding time of 1:53.9

That was Scott's last great race, though he competed in several other meetings that summer, winning the Midland AAA 440 title. Here is his story of how he disappeared from athletics. "In June 1936 while completing my training ready for the meetings recommended by the AAA for Olympic hopefuls I was competing in the Loughborough College sports on a grass track when I put my foot in a hole and severely strained a thigh muscle. The same evening I collapsed and was unconscious for 36 hours due to what the doctors diagnosed as temporary displacement of the heart. This matter cleared very quickly with rest and I passed a RAF flying medical in August without any trouble. I then joined the RAFVR as a Sgt. Pilot and during an advanced flying course suffered severe perforations of the ear drum."

At the Indoor Championships of 1937 the starter, after being expressly requested to stand well back, unwisely fired his gun just behind Scott's ear causing the runner intense pain. During the last lap, when leading, he blacked out, ran off the track and collapsed. But, Mr. Scott says, he did not give up athletics either because of injury or because he was "burnt-out"... "I had to choose between running or a career and at College there was not sufficient time for both. Athletics had to cease & I stopped quite suddenly at a time when I could, no doubt, have carried on to fulfill my early promise. I have read at times varying reports of my disappearance, but up to now have never come into the open. The War commenced two months after I left College and after demobilisation in December 1945 it was six years too late, and I settled down to a career and my married life in Grantham."

THREE MILES (continued)

14:22.2	P.C.Perry (Exeter)	Plymouth	6/6
14:22.4	A.E.Ingles (Thames Valley H)	Edmonton, London	6/6
14:23.6n	J.Heywood (Herne Hill H)	Chiswick	13/6
14:23.8n	J.Braughton (Blackheath H)	White City	20/6

5000 METRES

14:18.8n	D.A.G.Pirie (South London H)	Brussels	17/6
14:43.6	C.J.Chataway (Walton AC)	Rabat, Morocco	19/4

120 YARDS HURDLES

14.6m	F.J.Parker (South London H)	Tourcoing	10/5
14.8	P.B.Hildreth (Polytechnic H)	White City	20/6
15.0n	P.A.L.Vine (Achilles Club)	Chiswick	13/6
15.1	C.E.E.Higham (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	29/2
15.4n	D.O'Sullivan (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	2/5
wind assisted marks			
14.8	P.B.Hildreth (Polytechnic H)	White City	30/5
15.2n	D.O'Sullivan (O.U.A.C.)	Birmingham	16/5
15.2n	J.G.M.Hart (Atalanta AC)	White City	30/5

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
24.7	F.J.Parker (South London H)	Chiswick	13/6
24.7n	P.B.Hildreth (Polytechnic H)	Oxford	2/5
24.8	W.D.O'Sullivan (O.U.A.C.)	Aberystwyth	27/4
25.0	H.Whittle (C.U.A.C.)	Loughborough	2/2

440 YARDS HURDLES

53.2	A.J.Hardy (Woodford Green AC)	White City	23/5
54.0n	H.Whittle (Reading AC)	White City	23/5
54.1n	A.W.Scott (Achilles Club)	White City	23/5
54.6n	F.J.Parker (South London H)	White City	23/5
54.8	A.I.D.Francis (U.L.A.C./Puerto Rico)	Belfast	10/6
55.2	H.Kane (Grafton AC)	White City	20/6
55.2m	D.K.Gracie (Atalanta AC)	Tourcoing	10/5
56.2n	N.H.Dangerfield (St.Albans City AC)	White City	20/6

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

9:16.6	J.I.Disley (London AC)	White City	25/5
9:19.8n	C.W.Brasher (Achilles Club)	Brussels	17/6
9:22.2n	K.E.Johnson (Leicester CAT)	White City	25/5
9:23.0e	J.Bromley (Belgrave H)	Leyton	6/5

TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE

10:19.0	J.Bromley (Belgrave H)	Motspur Park	30/5
10:22.2	D.G.Ross (South London H)	White City	20/6
10:27.4	E.G.Ellis (Thames Valley H)	Edmonton	6/6
10:29.6	A.E.Poster (Brighton AC)	Hove	6/6
10:30.0n	E.J.Kean (St.Albans City AC)	White City	20/6

HIGH JUMP

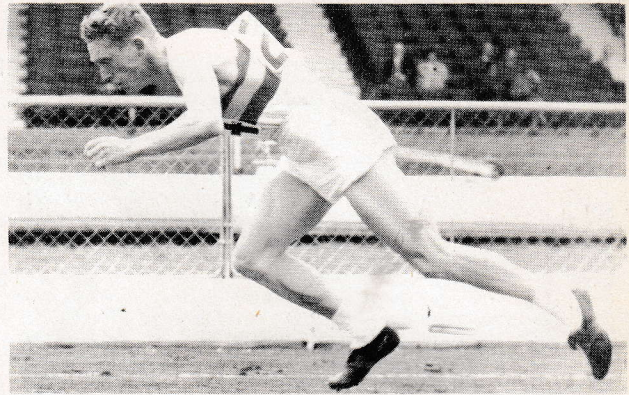
6' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	D.R.J.Cox (Eton Manor AC)	Cambridge	21/5
6' 3"	P.Wells (London AC)	Dunedin, N.Z.	21/2
6' 2"	G.A.Jefferies (Achilles/New Zealand)	Oxford	28/2
6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	I.L.Jones (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	21/2
6' 1"	M.J.Rickard (U.L.A.C.)	Motspur Park	9/5
6' 1"	P.J.Brinson (London AC)	White City	23/5
6' 1"	P.Stableforth (U.L.A.C.)	Oxford	30/5

POLE VAULT

13' 8"	G.M.Elliott (Woodford Green AC)	Glasgow	13/6
12' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	N.G.A.Gregor (Metro. Police AC)	Sittingbourne	13/6
12' 8"	I.Ward (Bury AC)	Doncaster	13/6
12' 6"	G.E.Broad (Army AA/Herne Hill H)	Oswestry	16/5
12' 6"	G.M.Schmidt (John Fisher School)	White City	23/5
12' 6"	G.C.Calladine (R.A.F.)	Glasgow	13/6
12' 0"	R.Petitjean (Manchester AC)	White City	23/5
12' 0"	N.E.C.Dear (London AC)	White City	23/5
12' 0"	T.D.Anderson (Achilles Club)	White City	20/6

LONG JUMP

23' 11"	P.A.Whaley (London AC)	Oxford	2/5
23' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	K.A.B.Olowu (Poly.H./Nigeria)	Chiswick	13/6
23' 10"	I.G.H.Walker (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	2/5
23' 1"	A.R.Cruttenden (Brighton AC)	White City	23/5
22' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	G.D.Goodrich (South London H)	Chiswick	9/5
22' 9"	G.E.Broad (Herne Hill H)	Oswestry	9/5
22' 9"	K.S.D.Wilmshurst (Walton AC)	Chiswick	9/5



E. D. Lacey.

Len. Smith of Kent seen at the start of his winning 440 yards at the Southern Counties meeting at White City in which he equalled his personal best time of 48.8secs. In 1952 he did not beat 50.0.

LONG JUMP (continued)

22' 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	H.E.Whittle (Oxford/Cambridge)	Philadelphia	13/6
22' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	T.D.Strange (Queen's University)	Belfast	16/5
22' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	A.D.P.Poland (Thames Valley H)	Edmonton	6/6

HOP, STEP, JUMP

46' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	G.A.Jefferies (Achilles/New Zealand)	Oxford	30/5
45' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	R.J.McColgan (Albert Foundry)	Belfast	9/5
45' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	W.N.Laing (Polytechnic H)	Chiswick	9/5
45' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	G.D.Goodrich (Ilford AC)	Colchester	6/6
45' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	K.S.D.Wilmshurst (Walton AC)	Chiswick	9/5
45' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	L.H.Platt (Wallasey AC)	Hull	20/6
45' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	J.H.Monteith (Liverpool U.)	Salford	6/6
44' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	I.G.H.Walker (Herne Hill H)	Chiswick	9/5
44' 8"	J.E.Whall (Kent AC)	Sittingbourne	13/6

SHOT PUT

53' 3"	J.A.Savidge (London AC)	Leyton	6/5
48' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	J.A.Giles (Southgate H)	White City	30/5
46' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	M.Pharaoah (Walton AC)	Salford	6/6
46' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	W.B.L.Palmer (O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	2/5
45' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	H.E.A.Moody (South London H)	Auckland, N.Z.	7/2
45' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	T.Pukats (Kettering Town H/Latvia)	Birmingham	20/6
44' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	P.P.Horn (Army AA)	White City	23/5
56' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	J.A.Savidge (London AC)	Penley, Herts.	16/3

DISCUS THROW

162' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	M.Pharaoah (Walton AC)	Hull	20/6
155' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	J.A.Savidge (London AC)	Chiswick	9/5
140' 9"	J.Abbott (R.A.F.)	Halton	22/4
140' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	A.Silbery (Herne Hill H)	Imber Court	16/5
138' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	M.Flacke (Herne Hill H)	Chiswick	9/5
137' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	D.E.L.Slater (C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	21/2
136' 10"	F.Jones (Metropolitan Police AC)	Sandhurst	13/6
136' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	E.J.A.Brewer (Old Rutlishians AC)	Motspur Park	30/5

+ Club magazine reports a throw of 140' 7", as yet no details.

HAMMER THROW

174' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	P.C.Allday (London AC)	White City	17/6
171' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	A.W.Silbery (Herne Hill H)	Motspur Park	30/5
170' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	D.W.J.Anthony (Watford H & L.A.C.)	Harpenden	13/6
164' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	D.McD.Clark (Royal Ulster Constabulary)	Dunedin, N.Z.	21/2
164' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	E.C.K.Douglas (Atalanta AC)	White City	23/5
164' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	C.J.Reidy (Army AA & South London H)	White City	30/5
163' 9"	D.N.J.Cullum (London AC)	Motspur Park	27/5
161' 11"	A.R.Valentine (Navy & London AC)	Carlisle	9/6
161' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	F.Gandy (London AC)	Loughborough	25/4
165' 7"	A.R.Valentine (Navy & London AC)	Hawick	6/6

JAVELIN THROW

209' 3"	K.Flanagan (Royal Ulster Constabulary)	Belfast	20/6
206' 10"	M.J.Denley (Thames Valley H)	Chiswick	13/6
201' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	R.D.W.Miller (Reading AC)	Belfast	20/6
195' 1"	D.E.J.Cosh (Herne Hill H)	Tooting	2/6

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## EUROPE'S DISTANCE ACES IN GREAT FORM.

**MIMOUN 14:08.5, HERMAN 8:06.6, RIEFF 14:15.6 & 8:13.6!**

Alain Mimoun of Algeria and France once again showed himself to be something more than Zatopek's chopping-block on June 17 at Brussels in a great 5000 metres race. The class field included Belgium's Gaston Reiff and Lucien Theys and 22 year old Englishman Gordon Pirie. The latter, described by Mimoun as "un nouveau Zatopek", went straight into the lead to pass the 1000m in 2:50.0 and 2000m in 5:38.0 followed by the Frenchman and Reiff. With just under 800 metres to go the balding Belgian, who mid-way thro' the race had lagged slightly, put in a terrific kick and shot past Pirie to grab a formidable lead. But the olive-skinned Mimoun who has so often surprised fans with a turn of speed, tore after the home hero and caught and overhauled him with 190 metres to go. Reiff dropped his arms and sagged badly after being passed, to finish with 14:15.6 while Pirie, very tired after his early pace-setting, still managed a fine 14:18.8. In front however, the little Algerian hurled himself down the straight to charge through the tape in an outstanding 14:08.5, a time only beaten by four other men in history.

On June 4 at Helsinki, Mimoun had vanquished a Finnish team of Urho Julin (14:19.6) and Olavi Rinteenpää (14:22.0) with a time of 14:18.6. Back in his home country, Mimoun was the outstanding star at a meeting held at Jean-Bouin Stadium, Paris on June 13, 14. On the first day he won the 10000 metres very easily, trotting home in 30:06.0. His capricious countryman Patrick El Mabrouk, on the contrary, does not seem to be living up to the expectations of his French supporters. In the above mentioned Helsinki meet he was beaten by Finland's Ilmari Taipale in a thrilling finish at 1500 metres. Times: 3:51.2 and 3:51.4. At Paris on June 14 El Mabrouk failed in an attempt on the world 1000 metres record, doing no better than 2:23.8.

### BELGIAN STARS HERMAN (8:06.6) & MOENS (1:48.8) EXCEL.

Frans Herman, Belgium's 4:05.9 miler, realised some of his great potential at Stuttgart on June 21 before a 37,000 crowd. Competing in an invitation 3000 metres race, Herman was content to lie behind Gaston Reiff who, in turn, followed the pace of Germany's Gude who reached the 1500 metres in 4:10. There Reiff jumped into the lead, followed by Herman, the little Finn Urho Julin and Lucien Theys this quartet forming an advance guard. Gaston hit the 2000 metres in 5:30.0 six metres ahead of Herman and then increased his lead by another 10 metres. But the well-knit Frans suddenly turned on the heat with an amazing last 1000 metres of 2:35., sprinted past the limping Reiff (who later reported a cracked ankle) and finished in a magnificent 8:06.6 thus climbing to 3rd on the All-Time list behind Reiff (7:58.7) and Gunder Hägg (8:01.2). He was followed home by Reiff (8:13.6), Julin (8:15.0), Theys (8:16.0), Ceraj (8:18.8) Luppert (8:19.4), Mihailic (8:20.4) and Gude (8:23.6).

Another brilliant Belgian performance was that of their 4000 metres national champion Roger Moens. At the great Brussels meet of June 17 Moens, a 1:52.6 800 metres man last year, won a great race in 1:48.8 - to become 6th fastest European of All-Time. Audun Boyesen, the blond Norwegian ace, led the field through a first 400 metres of 53.4 but was overhauled by the surprising Moens to finish second in 1:49.6, followed by Demuynek of Belgium whose 1:51.5 just failed by a tenth to also beat the old national record. Sixth in this race with 1:52.1. was Gerard Rasquin - Luxembourg member of the A.T.F.S.

### GOOD GERMAN MARKS, HAAS 46.9, LUEG 4:06.6, 4:07.8 & 2:22.2!

Karl-Friedrich Haas and Werner Lueg have been the no. 1 performers in early season German meets. Following his great 46.8 at Paris on May 17, Haas ran another sub 47 race, namely a brilliant 46.9 at Oberhausen on June 6. On this occasion he beat a U.S. Army Negro, Cunningham who was clocked in 48.2. In the same meeting Heinz Futterer who seems to be back in stride after his unlucky 1952 season, ran 100 metres aided by a slight wind, in 10.5. Another U.S. Negro Brown was a close second in identical time. Werner Lueg beat Gnter Dohrow in the 800 metres, times 1:51.9 & 1:52.5. The following day at Krefeld Haas made an attempt against Brown's and Lanzl's European 440 yards record of 47.6. A strong cross-wind made his task very difficult, yet he ran a good 47.8 and won from Cunningham who finished strongly to clock 48.4.

At Berlin on June 14 20 year old Friedel Stracke beat Olaf Lawrenz & Gnter Dohrow in a 1000 metres race only 24 hours after his gallant 880 yards race against Whitfield in Glasgow. Stracke did 2:23.4, Lawrenz 2:23.5 and Dohrow 2:24.2. World-record holder Lueg really got into his stride at Stuttgart on June 21 winning the 1000m in 2:22.2 from Nielsen (2:22.4) and Boyesen (2:22.5). Then after a mile in training in 4:06.6 at Vienna he won the "Hamburg Mile" on June 23 in 4:07.8. Heinz Futterer showed further good form when returning 10.4 (possibly a flier) & 21.3 at the above Stuttgart meeting.



Photo by K. Bray.

New sensation Frans Herman (2nd from rt) in great company during the Olympic 1500 metres semi-final. Leading is Browning Ross, Canada's 4:10.7 miler, 3rd is Gnter Dohrow, followed by Bannister, Barthel, Johannsen and Olle Aberg; the cream of European talent.

## THE STORY OF BANNISTER'S 4:02.0 MILE

(Continued from Page 10 col 2.) to his vest and discussing whether he ought to wear his new German spikes with the Rt. Hon Phillip Noel-Baker, President of the Achilles Club and silver medalist in the 1920 Antwerp Olympic 1,500 metres. The former Cabinet Minister, who was Commandant of the 1952 British Olympic team, had arrived at 1.40 p.m. in another black car.

Just before the three man line-up Macmillan told the new British record-holder that he intended doing around 4mins 5 secs. At the gun Macmillan went straight into the lead with Bannister loping along in rear. Meanwhile Brasher who intended to come into the picture at a 3 minute bell tottered along like an amputee getting used to a new limb. He self-consciously stuck to his painful schedule of two 90 second laps. Out ahead Bannister flowed past the timekeepers in laps of 59.6 and 60.1 secs. With 1 1/2 laps still to go Bannister called 'Wide open Don' but it was no use for the 190 lb 4:08.8 miler was spent with aching thighs and a bruised heel. This breakdown cost Bannister perhaps a second for he passed the bell in 3:01.8. To the accompaniment of a stream of expletives from the ex-Cambridge President Brasher the champion's pace remained seemingly fixed at its clock-like and magnificent tempo throughout a 60.2 secs. fourth lap which for the first time brought forth a cheer from the 1,000 schoolchildren spectators who thought that Brasher was winning! Two watches read 4:02.0 while the watch held by a third, who had predicted 4:01.7 before the race, read 4:01.8. At the 1,500 metres post Bannister was caught at just 3:44.8 - enough to have won him the Olympic crown by 3 yards.

After lolling a few moments on the judge's stand the world's fastest miler for eight years and the new British Empire record holder limbered down, changed and slid off in a low beige car driven by Dr. John Mawe (see Oct. issue p.7) on his way to a week-end's hill-climbing in Northern Wales at an average speed of near a mile a minute. For the record here are some comparative statistics on these great English Native Records.

WORLD'S FASTEST MARATHONS		WORLD'S FASTEST THREE MILES	
2:18.40.2	Jim Peters (G.B.)	1953 13:32.4	M Gunder Hägg (Swe) 1942
2:18.51.0	Keizo Yamada (Japan)	1953 13:35.4	Gunder Hägg (Swe) 1942
2:19.19.0	Veikko Karvonen (Fin)	1953 13:38.6	M Emil Zátopek (Cz) 1947
2:19.36.0	Karl Leandersson (Swe)	1953 13:41.8	Gordon Pirie (GB) 1953
2:20.42.2	Jim Peters (G.B.)	1952 13:42.4	M Taisto Mäki (Fin) 1939
2:21.35.0	Katsuo Nishida	1953 13:42.6	M Viljo Heino (Fin) 1944
2:21.42.0	Stan Cox (G.B.)	1952 13:44.8	Gordon Pirie (GB) 1952
2:23.03.2	Emil Zátopek (Czech)	1952 13:46.0	Gordon Pirie (GB) 1953
2:23.08.0	Charles Dewachtere (Belg)	1952 13:48.0	Frank Sando (GB) 1952
2:23.35.0	On Jean LeBlond (Belgium)	1952 13:48.0	Frank Sando (GB) 1953
1 = Boston Marathon (20/4/53)		M in 5000m race, unofficial	

COMPARITIVE IAP TIMES OF THE WORLD'S FIVE FASTEST EVER MILERS  
 Hägg 4:01.3 (1945) 56.6, 61.9, 61.2, 61.6; Andersson 4:01.6 (1944) 56.8, 60.5, 62.9, 61.4; Bannister 4:02.0 (1953) 59.6, 60.1, 62.1, 60.2; Lundy 4:02.1 (1952) 59.2, 61.8, 62.0, 59.1; Santee 4:02.4 (1953) 62.9, 62.4, 58.2, 58.9.

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The Moscow crowd, made aware of this, cheered the courageous Aleksandr, but the home hero lost 3.6 secs. vis-a-vis the great Swede in the last kilometre and finally failed in his gallant effort by six tenths of a second. V.Kuts was a remote second in 14:28.8, a personal best.

It seems reasonable to assume that Anufriyev probably broke Hägg's three mile record (13:32.4) while en route. Judging from Moscow reports it appears however that no time was taken at this English distance.

The following day - June 7 - Anufriyev ran another great "solo" race and clipped 8.2 secs. off his own USSR 10,000m record with a 29:23.2 performance. Once again he was incredibly fast in the early stages, but faded later on. His 5000m 'halves' were run in 14:33.0 and 14:50.2. Ivan Pozhidayev was far back in second place with a new personal best of 30:11.0.

Vladimir Kuznetsov, a finalist in the javelin throw at Helsinki last year, became - on the first day of the meet - the best non-Finnish specialist of all time as he got one off to exactly 250ft. (76.20mtrs), a distance so far excelled only by Suomi's great pre-war trio Nikkanen-Järvinen-Autonen.

On June 7 Nina Otkolenko (nee Pletnyeva) again shattered the world's 800 metres record for women with a smashing 2:08.2, which time beat her own 2:08.5 done at Kiev on June 15, 1952. She won by a yard from Nina Chernoshchok who recorded a great 2:08.5.

Other noteworthy performances in this, no doubt the greatest track meet ever held under Russian skies, included: 400m hurdles, Yuriy Lituyev 53.5; broad jump, Leonid Shcherbakov 24'11"½; pole vault, Pyotr Denisenko 14'11"½; shot putt, Otto Grigalka 54'3"½.

### SKOBLA SMASHES EUROPEAN SHOT PUTT RECORD WITH 56'9"½.

Jiri Skobla broke his European shot putt record (56'2" in 1952) with an amazing 56'9"½ at Prague on Saturday, June 13. This was on his third attempt and he had two other putts over his previous best namely 56'3"½ and 56'6"½. Only 6 Americans now rank before Skobla in the All Time list.

Stanislav Jungwirth is now regarded by many Central European observers as one of the best prospects for the phantom 4 minute mile. At Opava on May 30 he improved on his 1500m record with a 3:45.0 mark. Despite a cold and rainy weather Jungwirth was in front from start to finish: his intermediate times were 57.5(400m), 1:58.6(800m) and 3:00.4(1200m). A week later at Jablonec he ran 1000m in 2:23.5, 2.3 secs. off his Czech record not yet passed as a world standard. Still another eight days later the indefatigable Czech announced a record attempt at 880 yards (last year he ran 800m. in 1:48.7); running on a rain-drenched surface at Prague he could do no better than 1:50.9.

Emil Zatopek, who was operated on for tonsillitis last April, is slowly returning to form - he will meet Anufriyev at Bucharest late in the season. At Jablonec Zatopek ran 5000m in 14:26.8; a week later he improved to 14:22.6 at Prague. On the latter occasion his wife Dana threw the women's javelin 170'8" - best ever by a non-Russian girl.

### HYTTIÄINEN 244'5"½, TWO FINNS BEAT SCHADE.

The track season in Finland got off to a promising start at Imatra on May 31, when Olympic bronze medallist Toivo Hyttiäinen threw the javelin 244'5"½. In June Herbert Schade of Germany, as is now his custom every year, appeared in a number of Finnish meetings. Though giving signs of improved form he was invariably beaten. At Myllykoski on June 9 his 8:19.6 for 3000 metres sufficed only for a third place behind Taipale(8:18.0) and Julin(8:18.4). Rolf Haikkola, another Finn, was fourth in 8:20.0. The bespectacled German from Solingen moved to Kouvola - a small town in Eastern Finland which has probably seen more great distance races than Paris, New York and Rome put together - where, on June 11 he ran 5000 metres in 14:15.6, only to finish third once more, beaten by Taipale(14:14.4) and Hannu Posti - see Athletics World Vol. 1. no 11 December 1952 - (14:14.6).

### THREE SWEDES BEAT 3:50.0, LUNDBERG 14'11"½

Some fine running by Sweden's middle distance men has been reported during the past weeks. On June 17 at Stockholm those two seasoned athletes Sune Karlsson and Ingvar Eriksson indulged in a lively duel over 1500 metres. Sune led throughout the first 800m in 2:02. but Eriksson attacked coming into the final straight to finish only two tenths behind Karlsson's 3:46.4. Third was the 32 year old Bertil Albertsson (3:51.2) who, on June 14 at Södertälje staggered the crowd by clocking 3:49.4. Though beaten by Ingvar Eriksson who returned 3:48.4, Albertsson (known as 'Albert' to Swedish track fans) shaved 14 secs. off his previous best time, which dated from 1945. In the same meet Ragnar Lundberg vaulted 14'11"½. (continued on page nine)

## Davis Tries 7 ft. at A.A.U. Meet.

(continued from Front page col.1) American Championships. Having unexpectedly eliminated all opposition at 6'7"½, the 6'8" 15 stone (210 lbs, 95 kg.) giant had the bar set at 6'11"½ - a height which exceeded even the best of the marks of which he has been dispossessed. The first attempt was spoiled by a trailing leg that dragged off bar. The second shot was less convincing with his side also striking the lath. The 7,000 crowd disappointed by the 'failure' of Wesley Santee's proximity to the 4 minute mile (he did 4:07.6 to win by 30 yards) were prepared for the worst when suddenly Davis was seen to be cleanly over the height which only he can make look possible. So ended Lester Steers 12 year long reign - the 6'11" tall straddle jumper had been succeeded by the 6'8" tall Western-roller.

No sooner had the 22 year old Texan picked himself out of the pit, which had been prepared with loving care by the meeting director Dave Albritton (himself a former world record-holder), than he was seen towering above the officials instructing them to jockey the bar up to 7 feet. He solemnly had the effrontery to take his 3 attempts. At the third he was over and the bar hung there miraculously before gravity got the better of it. Davis, who has been busy with a series of ballet lessons in New Orleans to improve his spring, passed up his automatic selection for a European tour to return to his wife and baby daughter in his native Texas.

In the sprints the 100 yards lost its attraction when Andy Stanfield, having won the 200 metres in 21.2 secs. from Art Bragg and Thane Baker, withdrew due to cramp. Bragg stormed his way through the final to win in 9.5 secs. from Baker and Jim Golliday. In the absence of the Olympic 400m. champion John Mashburn took the 440 yards in 47.1 secs. from the Trojan star Jim Lea with Herb. McKenley a smiling third.

Mal Whitfield continued on his winning way in the 880 yards with 1:51.5 which allowed Henry Cryer of Illinois to be within touching distance of him at the tape. The holder, Reggie Pearman, put in his usual fierce kick but it carried him only into fourth place.

Weighed down by all the world record publicity Wes Santee of Kansas found that after a 2:04.3 half-way stage he had better leave his more serious bids to his Finnish tour. Bolt upright he galloped home 30 yards ahead of Fred. Dwyer of Villanova in 4:07.6. The 3 miles was a 'good thing' for 'Cappy' Capozzoli who found that a modest 14:28.2 sufficed for victory. Curt Stone shook off the marathoner Johnny Kelly to take the 6 miles in only 31:18.2.

Jack Davis found Milt. Campbell again troublesome over the 'high's' and the 'low's' but gained both titles in 13.9 and 23.7 secs. so ensuring a return to Finland. Sullivan Award winner Horace Ashenfelter (continued page 5.)



NO MAN HAS RISEN TO GREATER HEIGHTS THAN WALTER FRANCIS DAVIS

## PIRIE RUNS 11TH SUB 14 MIN. MARK IN 13:41.8

(continued from Front page col.1). He passed through the first mile in 4:27.7 to lead by 60 yards. After 8 laps the watches showed only 9:07.6 and the interval had widened to 130 yards. Winding up his third mile (4:34.2) with a 67.5 secs last lap he broke the tape in the third fastest timed mark in history - 13:41.8 behind only Gunder Hägg's two world records of 13:35.4 followed 9 days later by 13:32.4.

The third record performance did not come - it burst upon an unsuspecting public. Roger Bannister, 24, who three weeks before was hardly able to limp from a muscle pull (see p.2 col.3), found that the thought of someone beating him to the phantom 4 minute mile was too much for one who had read all about the conquest of Everest. He thus decided to take advantage of the Lord Burghley precedent of July 2nd 1927 in the 440 yards hurdles (Burghley got a world record on the same day as John Gibson (USA) on the 6 hour latitude time advantage) and snatch a world record from the mesmerizing attentions of Santee at Dayton, Ohio.

The scene was set at 1.50 p.m. during the lunch interval of the Surrey School's meeting at Motts Park with only the genial Australian Don Macmillan and Chris Brasher in the field. At 1.10 p.m. a black car drew up to the track from which emerged the field. After a brief inspection of the stamping ground, which was being specially prepared by the Head Groundsman Mr. J. Mactaggart, the field retired to the dressing room. Bannister affixed the number '4' (cont. p.9)