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FOUR MORE WORLD RECORDS— WHITFIELD 1 : 48.6 (880 YDS), PIRIE 28 : 19.4 (6 MILES), GORDIEN 190'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (DISCUS) AND SHCHERBAKOV 53'-2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (TRIPLE JUMP)

By Norris McWhirter

In the space of the ten days from July 10 to 20 four world records were created to raise the season's total to seven. On the track two lagging English distances had their records brought into closer reality with their metric counterparts when on July 10 Britain's Gordon Pirie sliced 11.4 secs. off the six mile record and on July 17 America's Mal Whitfield lowered his own and Sydney Wooderson's half mile figures by 6 tenths. The new and old records compare thus:-

Event	Record Breaker	New	Old
880 Yards	Mal WHITFIELD (U.S.A.) at Turku, Finland on July 17	1:48.6	1:49.2 by Sydney Wooderson (GB) 1938 & self 1950
Six Miles	Gordon PIRIE (G.B.) at White City, London July 10	28:19.4	28:30.8 by Viljo Heino (Finland) in 1949
Hop, Step and Jump	Leonid SHCHERBAKOV (USSR) at Moscow July 20	53'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	53'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by A.F. da Silva (Brazil) in 1952
Discus	Fortune E. GORDIEN (USA) at Pasadena, Cal. July 11	190'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	190'0 $\frac{1}{8}$ " by Sim Iness on 20th June '53 (unratified)

Malvin Groston Whitfield, who has long been biding his time, decided on the evening of Friday July 17 to fulfil his pledge that he would make the world half mile record of 1:49.2, which he has shared with England's Sydney Wooderson, his sole property. The Olympic champion was at Turku, 85 miles westward along the Finnish coast from Helsinki, with a seven man A.A.U. team which included Wes Santee hero of a 1:49.4 880 yards relay leg in March. The track, the scene in August 1950 of Zatopek's prodigious 29:02.6 10,000 metres, was in perfect shape. With supreme confidence the American set the pace from the start to pass the bell in a controlled 53.2 secs. with Santee hard on his heels. So it remained until 100 metres from the tape when the 4:02.4 miler attacked. Whitfield came right out of his floating lunge and fought back furiously. The pair were locked in combat until with 25 metres to go it could be seen that Whitfield, who will be 29 in October, had won the day. The timekeepers braced themselves to record 1:47.9 and 1:48.1 as the two Americans flashed over the 800 metre line. At the tape Whitfield stopped the watches at 1min 48.6 secs, having covered the last lap in 55.4 secs, while Santee was also inside the old figures with 1:48.9. Much later the Yugoslav Mugosa came home third in 1:53.0 and the Finn Urpo Vähäranta fourth in 1:53.5. The world's best all-time marks now represent the following picture:-

800 METRES			880 YARDS		
1:46.6	Rudolf Harbig (Germany)	1939	1:48.6	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1953
1:47.8	Rudolf Harbig (Germany)	1940	1:48.9n	Wesley Santee (USA)	1953
1:47.9	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1953	1:49.2n	Sydney Wooderson (Gt. Britain)	1938
1:48.0	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1952	1:49.2	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1950
1:48.1n	Wesley Santee (USA)	1953	1:49.4	Douglas Harris (New Zealand)	1947
1:48.2n	Audun Boysen (Norway)	1952	1:49.4	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1953
1:48.2	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	1953	1:49.4n	Lang Stanley (USA)	1953

The world running record set the week earlier was in the 64th A.A.A. Championships at London's White City Stadium where on July 10th the 22 year old Gordon Pirie ran a scintillating 6 miles in 28:19.4. A full description of this performance appears in the Championship account within.

Of the two new world field event marks the first came on July 11th at Pasadena, California where Fortune Gordien regained his 4 year old record which had for three weeks passed into the clutches of the Olympic Champion Sim Iness. The record was witnessed by a 'crowd' of 48. Among them was however 'ATHLETICS WORLD' correspondent Dick Bank, who has related for us the whole saga of this great comeback. Continued on the back page.



FORTUNE EVERETTE GORDIEN, who at Pasadena, Calif. on July 11 recaptured his world discus record with a throw of 190 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. He now weighs 16 st (224 lbs) against 14st (196lbs) when he threw 186'11" in 1949.

ART. BRAGG RUNS 10.3 AND 20.6 (TURN) AT COLOGNE.

From Reports from R.L. Quercetani

Such has been the welter of good marks recently from the continent that the latest developments are best analysed in an event-by-event survey.

SPRINTS: With the passing on of Britain's Emmanuel Mc. Donald Bailey his mantle as Europe's fastest resident seems to be falling on Germany's sturdy 21 year old Heinz Fütterer, who clocked 10.4secs (Stuttgart, June 20) and 21.2 in running the American invader Art. Bragg to inches at Düsseldorf on July 13. Bragg however showed this intimacy was not to be tolerated when on July 29 he beat the German by 2 metres with a 10.3secs and by a good 5 metres in a breath-taking 20.6secs. 200 metres on Cologne's red 500 metre track before a 25,000 crowd.

In Eastern Germany Ernst Schröder, 26 came from no where to clock a 10.4 100 metres on July 1 on the famously fast Cracow track. Two new national records were reported from Czechoslovakia (10.5secs by Frantisek Broz at Prague, May 24) and from Jugoslavia (10.5 by Milovan Jovancic at Belgrade, June 10).

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A.A.A. Championship Report

Held at the White City Stadium, London on Friday July 10th and Saturday July 11th.

- (a) Friday - Still air, cool and overcast but no rain.
 (b) Saturday - Cool for the time of year, wind occasionally rising to a stiff breeze, one slight shower.

100 YARDS

Best Championship Performance: 9.6 secs. E. McDonald Bailey (Polytechnic Harriers) 14th July 1950 (in a heat); 14th July 1951; 21st June 1952.

Forty two entrants were reduced to 12 semi-finalists by 6 heats. In heat 1, the holder, E. McDonald Bailey won in 9.6 secs. from William Gerald Buck, the 23 year old champion of the Royal Navy, by 3 yards. Buck was given 10.0 by the timekeepers, the same time going to Peter Whaley who was inches behind him in third place. The wind gauge operators reported that the aiding wind was 0.56 metres per second above the permitted limit of 2 metres. We had seen enough to note that McDonald Bailey, now 32, had benefited from his weeks tuning up down at Lancing in Sussex.

In the second heat there was a surprise when Brian Shenton, the European 200 metres champion, known as Bailey's most pressing rival, failed to qualify. The two who went through at Shenton's expense were Orien Gladwyn Young, a 22 year old Bermudian wearing the colours of Portsmouth A.C., and John Lawrence Featherstone (Hampstead Harriers) an Australian born sprinter aged 24. Shenton looked round at 60 yards to survey the field, lost his rhythm, and learnt the harsh lesson that such an action was unwise even in a first round heat. Shenton's club mates rather rubbed matters in by sending Lot's new wife a gramophone record entitled "I'm walking behind you", on playing the disc the crooner was heard to croak the line "Looking over my shoulder".

In the third heat Karim Ayinla Babaldia Olowu, the 29 year old sprinter from Lagos, West Africa who represented Nigeria in the Olympic Games at Helsinki, got home in 10.1 ahead of Noel Down (Leiston Works A.C.). The 1948 Olympic veteran Ken Jones qualified with 10.0 secs. In Heat 4 over fellow Rugby footballer George Ellis, the 1951 A.A.A. Junior Champion. Jones has the incredible record of not missing a single Rugby football international cap for Wales since the game restarted after the war, so is the possessor of 30 consecutive caps - here is one speed man who is not frail.

Robin Pinnington (Achilles Club), like Jones a co-holder of the English Native record, won the fifth heat in 10.2 secs. so qualifying with W.J. Ferguson (Notts A.C.). In the last heat Clay Gibbs (Herne Hill H.), a Trinidadian, and Ted Purver (Thames Valley H.) in returning 10.0 and 10.1 qualified.

Next day there was a nasty head wind that slowed down the semi-finals. In the first McDonald Bailey (10.0s) established a clear lead over Young (10.3) and Jones (10.4). The non qualifiers were Ferguson, Down and Purver. In the second semi-final Pinnington got away well to win in 10.2 from Ellis (10.3) and Olowu (10.4).

Fifty five minutes later came the final and no-one doubted that McDonald Bailey would capture his 13th A.A.A. sprint title. In view of the wind the holders 9.8 secs. represented top class sprinting.

SUMMARY: 1st E. McDonald Bailey 9.8 4th K.J. Jones
 2nd K.A.B. Olowu 10.0 5th G.S. Ellis
 3rd O.G. Young 10.2 6th A.R. Pinnington

220 YARDS

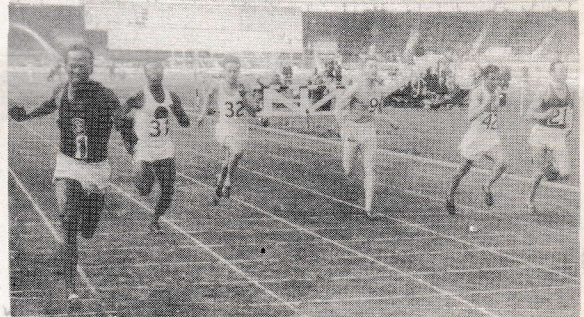
Best Championship Performance: 21.2 secs. W.R. Applegarth (Polytechnic Harriers) 4th July 1914 at Stamford Bridge.

The heats and semi finals were held on the first day and despite the comparatively favourable conditions and his revealing form in the 100 yards McDonald Bailey could not dislodge that wonderful old record of 21.2 set by William Reuben Applegarth way back before the first World War. The holder put a lot of work in on the tight bend and covered the last 100 yards in his customary 9.4 to record 21.3s a full second ahead of D.J. Merrett (Belgrave H.). Brian Shenton made no mistake about his heat this time and won in 22.1 with Patrick Dolan, a regular patron of the Championships from Ireland.

Clay Gibbs won the third heat in 21.9 from Purver, but no other men ducked below 22.0 secs. The semi finals came on at 7.50 p.m. McDonald Bailey won the first easily in 21.4 from Scotland's Olympian Willie Jack (22.1) and Wales' Olympian of 1948 Ken Jones (22.5). The second race was a much more exciting affair with Gibbs just winning a close tussle with Shenton. The times were 21.8 and 21.9 respectively. W.J. Ferguson came third to complete the field for the morrow's final.

The final of the furlong was the penultimate event of the Championships. Gibbs broke McDonald Bailey in his favourite fourth lane purred round the bend and flashed up the long straight to win his 7th sprint double with a clocking of 21.4s. Shenton ran with great determination to beat Gibbs out of second place. Ken Jones was disqualified for running out of his lane - an odd thing for a touch line conscious wing three quarter to do.

SUMMARY: 1st E. McDonald Bailey 21.4 4th W. Jack
 2nd B. Shenton 21.9 5th W.J. Ferguson
 3rd C.N. Gibbs 22.3 - K.J. Jones



Action Photo by Neale.

E. McDonald Bailey (left) winning his 7th AAA 100 yards title. Readers from the U.S.A. will note his vest badge (U.S.C.I.). Two weeks later Bailey signed forms as a Rugby League Football professional and so cannot run again as an amateur. Left to right - Olowu, 2nd., Pinnington 6th, Ellis 5th, Young 3rd, and Jones 4th.

440 YARDS

Best Championship Performance: 47.9 secs. D.C. Pugh (South London H.) 14th July 1951.

The quarter miling of 1953 was undistinguished. The winning time was the slowest since 1938, although the wind in the finishing straight must in fairness be blamed to some extent for the poor times in the final. Arthur Wint, the holder sat and watched his title go by default - he must, as the day wore on, have realised rather wistfully that even with the very limited amount of time he can give to running these days that he could easily have won his sixth A.A.A. title.

Twenty five year old Peter Goodwin Fryer (London A.C.) looked like the winner from the very start. He won the first heat in 49.3 secs. In no other heat was faster than 50.0 secs required. Fryer won the first semi final, run at 8 p.m. on the Friday evening, in 48.8 from Terry Higgins (Herne Hill H.), 49.9., and P.J. Phillips (Polytechnic H.). Leonard Alan Smith (City of Rochester A.C.) a 21 year old Dockyard apprentice won the second semi final in 49.4 secs easily from David Rawe (Herne Hill H.) and the midlander M.T. Wright (Appleby & Frodingham Sports Club).

The final next day was marred by the wind. Fryer broke once. Smith set off at a pace too fast for him to maintain yet. Fryer drew away from Smith's challenge round the last bend. Rawe showing good judgment nearly snatched second place.

SUMMARY: 1st P.G. Fryer 48.9 4th M.T. Wright 50.0
 2nd L.A. Smith 49.4 5th T.L. Higgins 50.2
 3rd D.J. Rawe 49.5 6th P.J. Phillips 50.6

A weak spot has developed in Britain's athletic armour at a quarter mile. Wint has retired from major events; Derek Pugh, the European Champion, is making a great effort to try to recover his form after his illness; of our Helsinki quartet, who averaged 47.5, Stacey has retired, Lewis is now in New Zealand, Dick is not fully fit, and Terry Higgins has lost form. The best future prospects seem to be Alan Sexton, Len Smith and Derek Johnson, our best ever junior, when he has finished his military service in Cyprus.

880 YARDS

Best Championship Performance: 1 min. 49.6 secs. A.S. Wint (Polytechnic H. & Jamaica) 14th July 1951.

Roger Bannister, the holder, was absent in favour of the mile. The pre race favourites were the tall Australian Don Macmillan or Angus Scott, the quarter mile hurdler, who some remembered had run the distance in 1:52.7 in 1949 and the week before lost to Macmillan in 1:53.7. On the Friday evening there were four heats and the first two in each went to bed that night knowing that they would meet the starter again 21 hours later.

Frank Evans, the Olympian from Manchester, won the first heat in 1:55.3 from Macmillan (1:55.5). Desmond Williamson, who before going into the Army had been coached by the 1939 Champion Godfrey Brown, won the second heat in 1:54.9 with Ernest Gallagher (Liverpool H.&A.C.) returning the same time. Angus Scott (Achilles Club) was eliminated in third place. Brian Hewson (Mitcham A.C.) on leave from the Army won the next heat in 1:54.7 from Albert Webster (Sutton-in-Ashfield H.), 1:54.9, the man who finished an inspired 5th in the Helsinki final. In the last heat that great veteran Charles Thomas White (Appleyby-Frodingham S.C.) who was born at Scunthorpe nearly 36 years ago, won in a cagey 1:55.4 from the 22 year old Kent Champion William Alfred Aylett (1:55.8). Non qualifying times were Scott 1:55.0; A.A. Martin 1:55.1; John Bryant 1:55.4; D.W.F. Collins 1:55.8.

The final was the first track event on the Saturday. Aylett ran into the lead, but when the field came off the first bend it was Tom White who was in command. Down the back straight Hewson moved up behind White. Everyone seemed quite content with White's pioneer work and he led at the bell in a slow 57.9 from Don Macmillan, Hewson and Webster. The crisis came in the back straight and it was Hewson an apprentice tailor who cut out the pace. Desmond Williamson—his elder sister Audrey won the Silver Medal for Great Britain in the 200 metres at Wembley behind Fanny Blankers Koen in 1948—followed in Hewson's slipstream. That was the finishing order and Tom White edged Macmillan out of third place while Webster failed to finish.

SUMMARY: 1st B.S. Hewson 1:54.2 4th D.R.T. Macmillan 1:54.9
2nd D.F. Williamson 1:54.6 5th E.A. Gallagher 1:55.7
3rd C.T. White 1:54.8 6th W.A. Aylett 1:57.5

ONE MILE

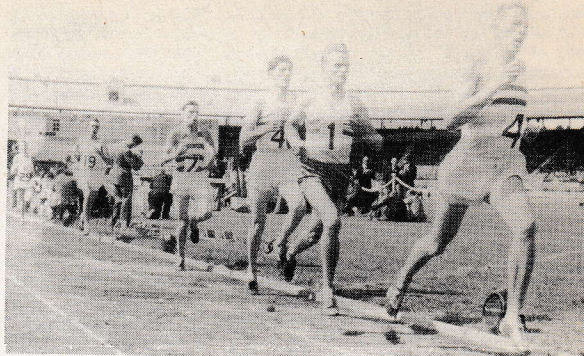
Best Championship Performance: 4 mins. 07.8 secs. R.G. Bannister (Achilles Club) 14th July 1951.

For the distances below a mile the general standards were a little disappointing but beginning with the mile on up to the 6 miles the strength in depth was probably greater than ever revealed in the national championships of any other country in the world.

On the Friday evening the 49 entrants were ruthlessly whittled down to 8 in four heats. Roger Bannister, currently the world's fastest performer, took charge of the first one to win in 4:17.2 with the 1946 champion Douglas Wilson coming up cleverly to snatch second place (4:17.4) at the expense of G.T. Olding (Hornsey St. Mary's H.) (4:17.8). In heat 2 the 27 year old Jack William Brown of Belgrave H. just snatched the verdict from the 1948, '49, '50 and 1952 winner Bill Nankeville both returning an appalling 4:12.0. Top among the non-qualifiers was the Devon champion D.S. Crook whose 4:12.6 would have won every pre-war title except Wooderson's two fastest !. Brian Barrett, 20 was fourth in 4:14.6 while M. Byrne ran the third fastest mark ever by an Irishman to finish fifth. R. Davis of Liverpool H. & A.C. was sixth in 4:15.4u and Walton's J.A. Llewellyn was seventh in 4:16.8u.

The third heat brought out the Buffalo, N.Y. born Scot Alex Breckenridge, 21 who made all the pace and was leading by 50 yards at the bell. He won by 8 yards in 4:13.4 with Oxford's David Law (4:14.4) just ousting P.T. Blakiston (also 4:14.4). The northerner W.T. Hulatt was fourth in 4:15.2 and the Birchfielder D.J. Taylor fifth in 4:18.6. The fourth and last heat was a slower run affair with Don Seaman (London A.C.) and the 23 year old Ralph Henry Dunkley sorting out the field in the last lap with 4:17.8 and 4:18.6 and third man, Eric Shirley of Finchley H. a remote third in 4:21.4.

The final came on at 3.30 p.m. next afternoon with the surviving eight closely lined up. The holder, Nankeville, made a seemingly deliberate false start showing no signs at all of any repentance as he unhurriedly returned to his station. At the gun it was, as expected, Breckenridge who shot out into the lead passing through the first lap in 59.0 with Nankeville on his shoulder and Bannister (59.2) third. The only change in the second lap was that



Action Photo by Neale.

Bannister, wearing his favourite number, leading the mile field just after the bell. Right to left in his wake—Bill Nankeville, the holder wearing No. 1; Don Seaman (40); Alex Breckenridge (7); Ralph Dunkley (7); and David Law (29).

Bannister (2:01.7) had moved up behind the Scot (2:01.6). During the third lap Nankeville looked very comfortable and was obviously hatching some evil designs for the last lap for the man who had in 1951 spoiled his great winning streak 1948-1952. Sixty yards before the bell Bannister clearly decided that the tempo was becoming too slow and glided into the lead to record 3:07.0 for a 65.3 secs. lap. Thereafter detaching himself from the race with the greatest display of unspectacular power yet witnessed on a track that had seen 13 previous sub-4:10.0 miles, he toured the 4th lap in 58.2s. for a new championship best performance and track record of 4:05.2. In rear Nankeville, who balefully had to watch his prey receding over the horizon, suddenly heard the 6'4" Don Seaman rumble past him for an inspired 4:08.0 for second place and third spot behind Bannister and Wooderson on the all-time list for Britain. Nankeville recorded his equal sixth best time with 4:10.4 while Dunkley with 4:11.0 improved another fifth of a second in fourth place. David Law exactly equalled the time that gave him 3rd place last year with 4:12.6 for fifth. Brown trailed in sixth in 4:21.8 ahead of the completely spent Breckenridge (4:22.2u) while the 33 year old Douglas Wilson did not finish.

SUMMARY: 1st R.G. Bannister 4:05.2 (Champ) 4th R.H. Dunkley 4:11.0
2nd D.C. Seaman 4:08.0 (best) 5th D.C. Law 4:12.6
3rd G.W. Nankeville 4:10.4 6th J.W. Brown 4:21.8

THREE MILES

Best Championship Performance: 13 mins. 53.2 secs S.C. Wooderson (Blackheath Harriers) 20th July 1946.

Coming as it did after the world 6 mile record on the previous evening the 3 mile event was bound to be a bit of an anticlimax. The holder Chris Chataway was still in Canada thus it was mainly a question of by how much Gordon Pirie would win despite the painful blister on his left foot—a legacy of the 24 laps on the rock-hard track only 17 hours beforehand.

Thirty starters lined up in two ranks. In true Zatopek style Pirie let the first fine careless rapture die out before the field came back to him after a first lap of 62.5 secs. Before 500 yards were covered he was in his rightful station ready to conduct his fellow travellers through the half-mile in 2:07.5 and the 3/4 mile mark in 3:14.5—the time of the bell in many a good mile race of yore. By the time the first mile had been reached Pirie's personal entourage had become very select (4:23.4). They were Freddie Green (Birchfield H.), Ian Binnie of Scotland and the British Empire 3 mile champion L. Eyre who disregarding an unyielding tendon injury was out on a 'do or die' effort.

At the two mile mark Pirie was still closely attended by Green (9:05.0) and Eyre whose 9:05.6 was a personal best ! Binnie looking very wan after his brilliant 28:53.4 6 mile run was losing ground at 9:13.8. In the tenth lap with Pirie lapping at 70 secs. Green made two ruthless attempts to pass. Pirie was however not to be denied and piling Pelion upon Ossa delivered two closing laps of 69.5 and 68.9 for a new championship best of 13:43.4 which also constituted his 12th mark under 14 mins. and his second best to his 13:41.8 of 3 weeks before. Less than 20 yards behind was Green

A.A.A. THREE MILES Continued

who had miraculously stayed the pace to finish in a magnificent 13:46.0 which (a) was an improvement of 18 secs. on his previous 1952 best of 14:04.0, (b) the second fastest timed mark among British performers (though Wooderson and Chataway have clearly done faster 'temps de passage' in 5,000 metre events) and (c) a time only beaten by Hagg, Zatopek (unofficially), Pirie, Maki and Heino on the world list for the event (see p.9 last issue). Another 100 yards back the doughty Len Eyre fought out the third place with Binnie who had come again. The Yorkshire man flashed past the Scot for a 14:02.0 timing which was 13.4 secs. better than his 1951 highwater mark. The international cross-country runner William Patrick Ranger, 24 was a powerful fifth in 14:06.0 and a star of the future in the 22 year old Herne Hill Harrier Michael Robertson Maynard was sixth in 14:08.8

SUMMARY: 1st D.A.G.Pirie 13:43.4(Champ: 4th I.Binnie 14:02.8
2nd F.Green 13:46.0 best) 5th W.P.Ranger 14:06.0
3rd L.Eyre 14:02.0 6th M.R.Maynard 14:08.8

7th K.L.Norris 14:14.4u; 8th D.H.Holden 14:16.4u; 9th J.Broughton 14:19.0u; 10th J.W.Hovell 14:19.2u; 11th A.E.Ingles 14:19.2u; 12th M.L.Barratt; 13th P.Thompson; 14th E.Baverstock 14:24.4u; 15th M.R.Schofield; 16th J.D.Wood; 17th G.A.Coombes; 18th J.C.Smart(aged 43) 19th W.Boak 14:34.5u; G.Knight 14:38.8u; 21st K.Wood; 22nd D.J.Corney; 23rd J.Butler; 24th H.J.Hicks 14:46.5u; 25th P.J.Pirie(24 year old brother); 26th P.R.Ll.Morgan 15:04.6u; 27th F.White(Eire).

SIX MILES

Best Championship Performance: 28 mins. 19.4 secs. D.A.G.Pirie (South London Harriers) 20th June 1951.

In this greatest 6 mile race in history in which the top ten finishers all handsomely beat the half-hour Pirie was true to his word that Viljo Heino's 1949 world record of 28:30.8 would go. Despite the remnants of a heavy cold the 22 year old prodigy took command of the 20 man field in the 3rd lap and then reeled of laps in an average of 70.8 secs to the tape. The first mile occupied 4:42.2 with only the 22 year old Scot Binnie in close support and Bill Gray and Frank Sando in the van of the pursuit. At two miles in 9:19.8 Binnie was still there. At three miles in an unbelievable 14:02.6, which would have triple-tied the famous Chataway-Beckett finish, Binnie was still there. In the 13th lap the inevitable happened and the game Scot was dropped as Pirie lapped his first man. At four miles Pirie supreme and alone was 18.8 secs. inside his 83 day old English Native record of 19:04.0. His 18:45.2 showing an average of 4:41.3 miles was in fact inside Heino's world's fastest ever timed mark of 18:47.6 made in Finland in 1947.

Now 60 yards ahead of Binnie, who was being closed by Sando, Pirie began to lap men fast and furious completing the 20th lap for a five mile mark of 23:34.2 - just 22.4 secs. inside his Native record(23:56.6) of April 18th and again ahead of the world's fastest timed mark by Heino and Mimoun(Paris in 1952). For the 24th and last lap the 22 year old bank clerk showed his true greatness with a 67.8 sec crescendo to finish in the track, English Native, British (National), British(All-Comers'), European, British Empire and WORLD record time of 29:19.4. The mark was 11.4s. inside Heino's 4 year old time and stamped the new record holder as the second greatest 6 mile/10,000 metre runner of all-time ahead even of Anufriyev(29:23.2), Nyström(29:23.8) and Schade(29:24.8). Continuing at the pace of his last lap he would have reached a 10,000 metre post 376.11 yards further round by the high jump fan in just three tenths away from Zatopek's Olympic record and third best mark of 29:17.0. Pirie's wish to be allowed to go on was not acceded to on the stated ground that the event was a 6 mile championship.

While the new world record-holder was removing his red and white Dassler shoes, Frank Sando was closing in for the new 4th fastest recorded time of 28:47.2 - behind Mimoun's 28:43.0, Heino and Pirie whose old mark he had clipped by a fifth. Third was Ian Binnie whose 28:53.4 would have been a world record any time until the advent of Heino. Marathoner Jim Peters was 5.6 secs. outside his previous best with 29:07.4 in fourth place while Walter Hesketh, the old British record holder, was 1.4 secs. inside his 1951 best. Five more men came streaming in before the 30 minutes was up thus making the event the finest distance championship ever seen in any nation. Stan Cox, the 2hr. 21 min. marathoner, produced something 15.2 secs. faster than his winning time of 30:08.4 in 1948 to find himself no higher than tenth.

SUMMARY: 1st D.A.G.Pirie 28:19.4(Champ: best & J.H.Peters 29:07.4
2nd F.D.Sando 28:47.2 World record) W.Hesketh 29:12.4
3rd I.Binnie 28:53.4 C.M.Gray 29:18.0

7th W.Boak 29:38.4u; 8th P.G.West 29:42.8u; 9th L.A.Tawn 29:46.0u; 10th S.E.W.Cox 29:53.2u; 11th H.V.Foord 30:15.4u; 12th R.Lambert 30:24.6u; J.A.Edwards 30:26.6u; 14th D.J.Taylor 31:07.0; 15th D.W.M.Haw 31:10.0u; 16th R.Newington 31:13.5u; 17th J.H.Scott-Wilson 31:14.0u. (P.Norris and D.Potheringham did not finish).

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES

Best Championship Performance: 14.4secs. D.O.Finlay, 16th July 1938; R.H.Weinberg(Australia) & P.B.Hildreth, 21st June 1952 at White City.

A powerful head wind reaching at times 18 m.p.h. had a depressant effect on the qualifying times of which Hildreth's 15.3 was the best in Heat 1. Owing to sciatic twinges Jack Parker did not press his claim to start after the seedings had closed. The line-up for the final showed that apart from Vic Matthews Universities are the best place to acquire the faculty for high hurdling with Cambridge(Hildreth), Oxford(Don O'Sullivan and Paul Vine), London (D.H.Somervell) and Hull(R.T.Tolson) all represented.

The wind had abated slightly 75 minutes later when the final came on. From the gun it was Hildreth all the way. Doubtless keen to secure himself a wedding present for the 'secret' ceremony that was to take place 44 hours later, the 1950 champion drove hard the whole way to record his second best time of 14.6 secs. Second was Paul Vine a tenth outside his best with 15.0 secs. and third with the best ever mark by a 'legal' Irishman was Donal O'Sullivan with 15.1secs. Vic Matthews was a close up fourth with a 15.2 secs. which vindicated Coach John Masurier's policy of by-passing the 39 inch barriers with junior talent.

SUMMARY: 1st P.B.Hildreth 14.6 4th V.C.Matthews 15.2
2nd P.A.L.Vine 15.0 5th R.T.Tolson 15.6
3rd D.O'Sullivan 15.1 6th D.H.Somervell 15.6

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES

Previous Championship Result: 24.6 P.B.Hildreth, 16th August 1952 at Uxbridge, Middlesex (Inaugural race).

The heats of this new event opened the precedings on the first day, July 10th. The surprise of Heat 1 was the ability of the Oxford Blue Mike Jenkins to split Paul Vine(24.3) and the 21 year old Amadeo(Love my finger) Francis who represented Puerto Rico at the Helsinki Olympics(24.9) with the same time as the winner. In the second heat Harry Whittle registered a personal best with 24.5 to beat Paul Vine(24.7) and Harry Kane.

In the final run with an aiding wind of 3.56 metres/sec Vine, Oxford's 25 year old first string, looked to have everything sewn up. Over the ninth barrier Whittle was clearly third but came through with characteristic determination in the run in. Two strides from the tape Vine overreached himself and fell just as Whittle came past Hildreth to win in 24.2 secs. The All-Comers' record-holder was placed second with a sprawling Vine third in the same time of 24.4secs.

SUMMARY: 1st H.Whittle 24.2(Champ: 4th A.I.D.Francis 25.2
2nd P.B.Hildreth 24.4 best) 5th M.C.Jenkins 25.4
3rd P.A.L.Vine 24.4 6th H.Kane 25.4

440 YARDS HURDLES

Best Championship Performance: 53.3secs. H.Whittle(Reading A.C.) 21st June 1952.

The only two men to go under 55 secs. in the 3 heats were Francis, who was born in St.Croix, Virgin Islands, with 54.2 and Woodford Green's Alec Hardy(54.8) both in Heat 1. Third here was the fast improving Neil Dangerfield with 55.4. The former 220 yards junior champion Harry Kane took the next heat in 55.2 ahead of the perennial winner Harry Whittle(56.5) and T.S.Farrell of the R.A.F.(57.0). The last heat was won by Angus Scott, who had failed to qualify in the 880 yards, in 56.2 ahead of a clearly unfit David Gracie(56.8) and Kweku Kyir Korsah(Gold Coast)(57.4).

In the final the line-up was Scott, Whittle, Hardy, Gracie, Francis and Kane. At the halfway mark Hardy had a clear lead and it seemed that the old triumvirate of Whittle, Scott and Gracie at last would have to bow. By the time the eighth hurdle was reached Whittle was looking his old self again and it was he who proved by far the strongest over the testing last few yards. Hardy was also caught by Scott but Gracie, who it transpired had been unrecovered from an injury could not respond. Whittle stormed home to win by 3 yards in 52.7secs so to reclaim

THE CHEQUERED STORY OF THE ENGLISH NATIVE RECORD.

53.8 Lord Burghley	1930
53.7 Harry Whittle	1949
53.4 Harry Whittle	1949
53.3 Harry Whittle	1952
53.2 Angus Scott	1952
53.0 Angus Scott	1952
52.7 Harry Whittle	1953

WORLD'S TOP MARKS- 1953

Here listed are the season's best marks to the beginning of August

100 YARDS

9.4	Michael Agostini (Jam.)	Kingston	15/4
9.4	Thane Baker (USA)	Kansas City	30/5
9.5	Hec Hogan (Australia)	Brisbane	14/2
9.5	Charley Thomas (USA)	Houston, Tex.	7/3
9.5	Charles Teague (USA)	Denton	2/4
9.5	Willie Williams (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	18/4
9.5	Art. Bragg (USA)	Baltimore	9/5
9.5n	Ed. Waters (USA)	Baltimore	9/5
9.5n	Ken. Kave (USA)	Baltimore	9/5

100 METRES

10.3	R. Butler (USA)	Nuremberg	20/7
10.4	Heinz Fütterer (Germ.)	Stuttgart	20/6
10.4	Ernst Schroeder (Germ.)	Cracow	6/7
10.4	Peter Kraus (Germany)	Ulm	7/7
10.4	Art. Bragg (USA)	Stuttgart	20/6

Six at 10.5

200 METRES (turn) (+ = 220yd time less o.1)

20.8	Andy Stanfield (USA)	Buffalo, N.Y.	21/3
21.0	Art. Bragg (USA)	Milan	19/7
21.1+	Willie Williams (USA)	Champaign, Ill.	29/5
21.1	Karl-F. Haas (Ger)	Nuremberg	4/7
21.1n	Heinz Fütterer (Ger)	Stuttgart	15/7
21.2+	Herb. McKenley (Jam)	Kingston	1/1
21.2+	E. McD. Bailey (G.B.)	London	10/7

220 YARDS (straightaway)

20.4	Thane Baker (USA)	Kansas City	30/5
20.6	Charley Thomas (USA)	Laredo, Tex.	14/3
20.7	Art. Pollard (USA)		16/5
20.8	Andy Stanfield (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6

400 METRES (+ = 440yd time less o.3)

46.3	Karl-F. Haas (Ger)	Milan	28/6
46.5+	Jesse Mashburn (USA)	Los Angeles	15/5
46.7+	Jim Lea (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	20/6
46.8+	Thane Baker (USA)	Ames, Iowa	23/5
46.9	Wilbur Cunningham (USA)	Brussels	25/7
47.0+	Morrie Curotta (Aust.)	New York	30/5
47.1n	Herb. McKenley (Jam)	Compton, Cal.	7/6

800 METRES (+ = 880yd time less o.7)

1:47.9	Mal. Whitfield (USA)	Turku	17/7
1:48.1n	Wes. Santee (USA)	Turku	17/7
1:48.6	Stanislav Jungwirth (Czech)	Prague	21/6
1:48.7	Alang Stanley (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
1:48.8	Roger Moens (Belgium)	Brussels	17/6
1:49.6n	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Brussels	17/6
1:49.7	Hal. Butler (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
1:49.7	Henry Cryer (USA)	Milan	19/6

1500 METRES (+ = made in mile event)

3:44.2	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	Gävle	23/6
3:44.2	Wes. Santee (USA)	Gävle	23/7
3:44.4+	John Landy (Aust.)	Melbourne	3/1
3:44.8+	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	London	27/6
3:44.8	Denis Johansson (Fin.)	Pori	10/7
3:45.0	Stanislav Jungwirth (Czech)	Opava	30/5

ONE MILE

4:02.0	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	London	27/6
4:02.4	Wes. Santee (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
4:02.8	John Landy (Aust.)	Melbourne	3/1
4:04.0n	Denis Johansson (Fin)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
4:05.7n	Gaston Reiff (Belg.)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
4:06.6	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Vienna	16/6

3,000 METRES

8:06.6	Frans Herman (Belg.)	Stuttgart	21/6
8:09.6	Tor Lönnqvist (Fin)	Turku	17/7
8:11.4n	Ilmari Taipale (Fin)	Turku	17/7
8:11.6	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	21/6
8:12.2	Stanislav Jungwirth (Czech)	Prague	21/6
8:13.6n	Gaston Reiff (Belg.)	Stuttgart	21/6
8:13.8n	Emil Zátopek (Czech)	Prague	27/6

TWO MILES

8:49.6	Chris. Chataway (G.B.)	London	25/5
8:55.6n	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	25/5
9:00.2	Charley Capozzoli (USA)	New York	30/5
9:01.2	John Landy (Aust.)	Geelong	4/2
9:01.8n	Alain Mimoun (France)	London	25/5
9:02.6	Frank Sando (G.B.)	London	24/6
9:02.7	Rich. Ferguson (Canada)	Lincoln, Neb	20/6

THREE MILES

13:41.8	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	20/6
13:46.0n	Freddie Green (G.B.)	London	11/7

13:48.0n	Frank Sando (G.B.)	London	23/5
13:57.8	Les. Perry (Aust.)	Melbourne	14/2
13:58.6n	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	6/6
14:01.4	Ian Binnie (G.B.)	Edinburgh	29/6
14:02.0n	Len. Byre (G.B.)	London	11/7
14:02.6n	Ken. Norris (G.B.)	London	13/6

5,000 METRES

13:58.8	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	6/6
14:07.4	Józef Kovács (Hungary)	Budapest	21/7
14:08.4	Alain Mimoun (France)	Brussels	17/6
14:11.4	Emil Zátopek (Czech)	Prague	25/6
14:14.4	Ilmari Taipale (Fin)	Kouvola	11/6
14:14.6n	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Kouvola	11/6
14:14.6	V. Kuts (USSR)		21/7
14:15.6n	Herbert Schade (Ger)	Kouvola	11/6
14:15.6n	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels	17/6



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Olavi Rinteenpää of Finland seen on the Helsinki Olympic track on which on July 2 he set the world's fastest ever 3,000metres steeplechase time of 8 mins.44.4 secs.

SIX MILES

(For first eight see British List overleaf)

10,000 METRES

29:23.2	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	7/6
29:48.6	Emil Zátopek (Czech)	Budapest	12/7
29:51.2	József Kovács (Hungary)	Budapest	27/7
30:00.0	Urho Julin (Finland)	Helsinki	18/7
30:02.0	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Helsinki	1/7
30:02.0n	Olavi Rinteenpää (Fin)	Helsinki	18/7
30:06.0	Alain Mimoun (France)	Paris	13/6
30:10.0	Franjo Mihalič (Jugo)	Oslo	25/6
30:11.0n	Ivan Pozhidayev (USSR)	Moscow	7/6

120 YARDS HURDLES

13.8	Jack Davis (USA)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	23/6
14.0	Joel McNulty (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	18/4
14.1	Art. Barnard (USA)	Provo, Utah	25/4
14.1	Milt. Campbell (USA)	Honolulu	23/5
14.1n	Willard Thompson (USA)	Ann Arbor	23/6

400 METRES HURDLES

51.3	Josh. Culbreath (USA)	Milan	19/7
51.7	Yuriy Lituyev (USSR)	Göteborg	4/7
51.9	Gomez Carneiro (Brazil)	Santiago	4/4
52.1n	Anatoliy Yulin (USSR)	Göteborg	4/7
52.3	Guy Cury (France)	Paris	19/7
52.4	Jorn Gevert (Chile)	Santiago	4/4
52.4+	Harry Whittle (G.B.)	London	11/7

3,000 METRES STEEPLCHASE

8:44.4	Olavi Rinteenpää (Fin)	Helsinki	2/7
8:47.8	Petar Segedin (Jugo)	Belgrade	1/5
8:55.5	Fyodorov Marulin (USSR)		21/7
8:58.2	Curt Söderburg (Sweden)	Budapest	21/6
8:58.6n	László Jeszensky (Hung)	Budapest	21/6
9:01.6n	V. Kurchavov (USSR)	Moscow	6/6
9:01.6	Olavi Ikonen (Finland)	Kouvra	13/7
9:01.8	Susumu Takahashi (Jap)	Yawata	3/5

HIGH JUMP

6'11 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Walt. Davis (USA)	Dayton, Ohio	27/6
6' 9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Herm. Wyatt (USA)	San Jose	10/4
6' 9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Ernie Shelton (USA)	Turku	17/7
6' 9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Charles Holding (USA)	Abilene, Tex.	6/6
6' 9 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Cal Clarke (USA)	Logan	21/4
6' 8 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Jay Lewis Hall (USA)	Birmingham	4/4
6' 8 ¹¹ / ₁₆	Bernie Dyer (USA)	Salt Lake City	30/5

POLE VAULT

15'0 ¹ / ₂	Bob Richards (USA)	Los Angeles	15/5
14'8"	Fred. Barnes (USA)	Modesto, Cal.	16/5
14'8"	George Mattos (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
14'6 ¹ / ₂	Pyotr Denisenko (USSR)	Kiev	21/6
14'4"	Bob. Smith (USA)	Fresno, Cal.	9/5

LONG JUMP

25'10 ¹ / ₂	George Brown	Dayton, Ohio	26/6
25' 3 ¹ / ₈	John Bennett (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	20/6
25' 0 ¹ / ₈	Morgan Taylor (USA)	Philadelphia	25/4
24'11 ¹ / ₂	Neville Price (S. Africa)	Austin	27/3
24' 8 ¹ / ₂	Henk Visser (Neths.)	Ryswyk	7/6

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

53' 2 ¹ / ₈	Leonid Shcherbakov (USSR)	Moscow	20/7
51' 2 ¹ / ₈	A.F.da Silva (Brazil)	Santiago	4/4
50' 4 ¹ / ₂	Ellis West (S. Africa)	Salisbury	14/4
50' 2"	Brian Oliver (Aust.)	Perth	24/1

SHOT PUTT

59' 2 ¹ / ₈	Parry O'Brien (USA)	Compton, Cal.	5/6
56' 9 ¹ / ₂	Jiri Skobla (Czech)	Prague	13/6
56' 4 ¹ / ₂	Darrow Hooper (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	20/6
55' 9 ¹ / ₂	Roland Nilsson (Sweden)	Philadelphia	4/4

55' 7 ¹ / ₈	Tom Jones (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	20/6
55' 0 ¹ / ₈	Bernie Mayer (USA)	Dayton, Ohio	26/6

DISCUS THROW

190' 7 ¹ / ₈	Fortune Gordien (USA)	Pasadena	11/7
190' 0 ¹ / ₈	Sim Iness (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	20/6
178' 8 ¹ / ₈	Adolfo Consolini (Italy)	Milan	12/7
174' 3 ¹ / ₈	Roland Nilsson (Sweden)	Philadelphia	4/4

173'11 ¹ / ₂	Jack Ellis (USA)	Philadelphia	24/4
173'10 ¹ / ₂	Giuseppe Tosi (Italy)	Milan	29/6
173' 8"	Parry O'Brien (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	19/6

HAMMER THROW

199' 0 ¹ / ₂	Sverre Strandli (Norway)	Oslo	25/7
195' 4 ¹ / ₂	Martin Engel (USA)	Baltimore	11/7
191' 7 ¹ / ₈	Ivan Gubijan (Jugo)	Oslo	25/7
191' 1 ¹ / ₂	Milos Máca (Czech)	Kolin	23/5
190' 0 ¹ / ₂	Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR)	Göteborg	4/7

189' 8 ¹ / ₂	Imre Németh (Hungary)	Budapest	3/5
187' 3 ¹ / ₂	Józef Csermák (Hungary)	Tata	24/4

JAVELIN THROW

256' 4"	Cy Young (USA)	Pasadena, Cal.	25/7
250' 8"	Bud Held (USA)	Pasadena, Cal.	20/7
250' 0"	Vladimir Kuznetsov (USSR)	Moscow	6/6
247' 4 ¹ / ₂	Toivo Hyttiäinen (Fin)	Känekoski	9/7
233' 9 ¹ / ₈	Einar Røberg (Norway)	Hamar	14/6
232' 2 ¹ / ₂	Bill Miller (USA)		13/6
231'11"	Soini Nikkinen (Finland)		23/7

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BEST BRITISH MARKS

This third list for the season takes in all known performances to July 23, 1953.

100 Yards

9.7	McD Bailey	6/6
9.8	Olowu(Nigeria)	30/5
9.9n	Shenton	23/5
10.0	Young(Bermuda)	9/5
10.0	Down	6/6
10.0n	Purver	6/6
10.0	Ferguson	20/6
10.0	Jack	27/6
10.0	Jones	10/7
10.0	Gibbs(Trinidad)	10/7
10.0	Idlington,A.W.	18/7
10.0	Ellis	22/7

220 Yards

21.3	Bailey	10/7
21.6	Shenton	4/7
21.8	Gibbs(Trinidad)	10/7
22.0	Jack	13/6
22.1	Dick	28/2
22.1n	Ferguson	13/6
22.2	Jones	10/7
22.3n	Merrett	10/7
22.4	Spooner(J)	30/5
22.4	Ellis	13/6
22.4	Hatch	4/7
22.4n	Purver	4/7
22.4	Darlington	4/7
22.4m	Scott,K.T.	3/5
22.4m	Pinnington	31/5

440 Yards

48.1	Fryer	25/5
48.2n	Sexton	25/5
48.7	Dick	7/3
48.8n	Smith	25/5
49.0	Wint(Jamaica)	18/7
49.2	Rave	4/7
49.5	Scott	25/7
49.6	Robertson	27/6
49.7n	Millican	25/5
49.7n	Phillips	4/7
49.8	Whittaker	30/5
49.8	Dangerfield	4/7

880 Yards

1:51.9	Bannister	30/5
1:53.7	Macmillan(Australia)	4/7
1:53.7n	Scott	4/7
1:54.2n	Boyd	4/7
1:54.2	Hewson	11/7
1:54.3	Nankeville	20/6
1:54.5	Law	2/5
1:54.6n	Williamson	11/7
1:54.8n	White	11/7
1:54.9	Hamilton	27/6
1:54.9n	Gallagher	10/7
1:54.9n	Webster	10/7
1:54.9n	Aylett	20/6
1:55.0	Grogan	2/3
1:55.0	Milligan	6/6
1:55.0	Collins	18/7
1:55.1	Pearson	30/5
1:55.1n	Leftwich	20/6
1:55.1n	Martin	10/7
1:55.3n	Evans	10/7
1:55.4	Marsden	21/5
1:55.4n	Bryant	10/7
1:55.5	Seaman	24/6
1:55.7	Taylor	20/6

One Mile

4:02.0	Bannister	27/6
4:08.0n	Seaman	11/7
4:08.4	Chataway	14/3
4:09.4	Nankeville	7/7
4:10.6n	Robinson	14/3

4:10.8n	Law	14/3
4:11.0n	Dunkeley R.H.	11/7
4:11.0	Pirie D.A.G.	18/7
4:11.2	Disley	23/5
4:11.2n	Breckenridge	13/6
4:12.0	Brown	10/7
4:12.5n	Milligan	30/5
4:12.6n	Crooks	10/7
4:13.4	Barrett	4/7
4:14.4n	Blakiston	10/7
4:15.0n	Macmillan(Austr.)	23/5
4:15.2n	Hulatt	10/7
4:15.4u	Davis	10/7
4:15.6	Maynard	13/6
4:15.8	Brasher	4/7
4:16.0	Bryant	2/5
4:16.2	Sando	20/6
4:16.2	Evans	18/7
4:16.4	Parr	27/6
4:16.6n	Olding	23/5
4:16.8n	Ward	13/6
4:16.8n	Llewellyn	10/7
4:17.0n	Driver	23/5
4:17.0n	Bagnall	13/6

Two Miles

8:49.6	Chataway	25/5
8:55.6n	Pirie	25/5
9:02.6	Sando	24/6
9:04.4	Dunkley R.H.	/6
9:05.0n	Green	11/7
9:05.6	Breckenridge	30/6
9:05.6n	Eyre	11/7
9:08.4	Parmenter	18/7
9:08.8n	Hatton	18/7
9:08.8n	Maynard	18/7
9:09.5n	Knight	/6
9:11.2	Macmillan(Austr.)	27/5
9:12.8n	Barrett	24/6
9:13.0n	Broughton	24/6
9:13.8n	Baverstock	27/6
9:14.5e	Bromley	27/6
9:15.0	Brasher	21/5
9:15.0n	Clark	4/6

Three Miles

13:41.8	Pirie	20/6
13:46.0n	Green	11/7
13:48.0n	Sando	23/5
14:01.4	Binnie	27/6
14:02.0n	Eyre	11/7
14:02.6n	Norris K.L.	13/6
14:06.0n	Ranger	11/7
14:06.0	Norris F.	13/7
14:08.8n	Maynard	11/7
14:13.6	Peters	12/5
14:15.4n	Schofield	13/6
14:16.2	Thompson	27/6
14:16.4u	Holden	11/7
14:18.8	Parmenter	6/6
14:19.0	Knight	30/5
14:19.0u	Broughton	11/7
14:19.2u	Hovell	11/7
14:19.4u	Ingles	11/7
14:20.0u	Hesketh	25/5

Six Miles

28:19.4	Pirie	10/7
28:47.2n	Sando	10/7
28:53.4n	Binnie	10/7
29:01.8n	Peters	18/4
29:12.4n	Hesketh	10/7
29:18.0n	Gray	10/7
29:33.0	Holden	25/4
29:38.4u	Boak	10/7
29:42.8u	West	10/7
29:46.0u	Tawn	10/7
29:53.2u	Cox	10/7
29:54.4	Foord	11/6
29:57.2	Norris F.	6/4

30:11.0n	Butler	18/4
30:16.0u	Smart	18/4
30:22.0u	Lambert	18/4
30:22.2	Fotheringham	30/5
30:26.6u	Edwards	10/7
30:35.0u	Perry	18/4
30:47.0	Perkins	19/5
30:50.0n	Cass	25/4
30:56.1u	Keegan	18/4
30:56.2u	Harper	18/4

120 Yards Hurdles

14.6m	Parker	10/5
14.6	Hildreth	11/7
14.9	Higham	20/6
14.9	Vine	4/7
15.1n	O'Sullivan	11/7
15.2n	Matthews (J)	11/7
15.3	Robinson	1/7
15.3	Tolson	20/6
15.3	Symon	30/6
15.4	Rayson	

440 Yards Hurdles

52.7	Whittle	11/7
53.1n	Hardy	11/7
54.1n	Scott	23/5
54.3n	Gracie	11/7
54.6n	Parker	23/5
55.2	Kane	20/6
55.4n	Dangerfield	10/7
56.5	Walker	30/5
56.6	Condie	6/6
56.6	Wint (Jamaica)	13/6
57.0n	Farrell	10/7
57.2	Brierley	10/7

Two Miles Steeplechase

10:02.8	Ellis	11/7
10:03.6n	Johnson	11/7
10:14.2n	Berry	11/7
10:19.0	Bromley	30/5
10:21.8n	Kean	11/7
10:22.2	Ross	20/6
10:23.6	Brasher	18/7
10:28.4n	Short	11/7
10:28.5	Smith	4/7
10:29.6	Poster	6/6

High Jump

6' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Cox	21/5
6' 3"	Wells	21/2
6' 2"	Jefferies (N.Z.)	28/2
6' 2"	Brinson	25/7
6' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Jones	21/2
6' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Gregor	4/7
6' 1"	Rickard	9/5
6' 1"	Stableforth	30/5
6' 1"	Cunningham	27/6
6' 1"	Reynolds	11/7
6' 0"	Guildford	2/5
6' 0"	Orton	6/5
6' 0"	Radice	25/5

Pole Vault

13' 9"	Elliott	23/7
12' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Gregor	13/6
12' 9"	Ward	18/7
12' 6"	Broad	16/5
12' 6"	Schmidt (J)	23/5
12' 6"	Calladine	13/6
12' 6"	Anderson	22/7
12' 0"	Petitjean	23/5
12' 0"	Dear	23/5

Long Jump

23' 11"	Whaley	2/5
23' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Olowu (Nigeria)	13/6
23' 10"	Walker	2/5
23' 1"	Cruttenden	23/5

22' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Hardman	18/7
22' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Goodrich	9/5
22' 9"	Broad	9/5
22' 9"	Wilmshurst	9/5
22' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Whittle	13/6
22' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Strange	16/5

Hop, Step and Jump

48' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	Laing	4/7
47' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Wilmshurst	11/7
46' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	Jefferies(N.Z.)	30/5
45' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	McColgan	9/5
45' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Davies(J)	4/7
45' 7 ¹ / ₂ "	Goodrich	6/6
45' 4"	Ryder(J)	4/7
45' 2 ¹ / ₂ "	Platt	20/6
45' 0 ¹ / ₂ "	Monteith	6/6
44' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Eggleton	11/7
44' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Ashing	11/7

Shot Putt

53' 5"	Savidge	18/7
48' 7 ¹ / ₂ "	Giles	30/5
46' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Pharaoh	27/6
46' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Palmer	2/5
45' 9 ¹ / ₂ "	Moody(aboland)	7/2
45' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Drummond	27/6
45' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Puksts(Latvia)	20/6
44' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Horn	23/5

Discus Throw

162' 5 ¹ / ₂ "	Pharaoh	20/6
156' 1"	Savidge	18/7
146' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Feldmanns	21/7
144' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Abbott	21/7
140' 10"	Williams	21/7
140' 7"	Silbery	-
139' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	Maksimczyk	27/6
138' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Flabek	9/5
138' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Brewer	12/5
137' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Slater	21/2
137' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Carr(J)	30/6
137' 2"	Jones,P.	24/6
136' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Ellwood	6/6

Hammer Throw

175' 0 ¹ / ₂ "	Douglas	1/7
174' 8"	Anthony	10/7
174' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Allday	17/6
172' 2 ¹ / ₂ "	Valentine	21/5
171' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	Silbery	30/5
169' 7"	Gandy	10/7
168' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Cullum	22/6
166' 6"	Reidy	27/6
154' 2"	Moore	2/5
153' 6"	Brands	28/5
152' 0"	Brooman	13/6
151' 10"	Pharaoh	10/7
150' 9"	McNeish	-
150' 2"	Vanhegan	6/6

Javelin Throw

210' 7"	Denley	24/6
209' 3"	Flanagan	20/6
205' 0 ¹ / ₂ "	Tucker	25/7
203' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Miller	18/7
200' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Cosh	24/6
197' 9"	Smith	15/7
197' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	Moesgaard-Kjeldsen (Denmark)	11/7
196' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Chote	30/6
193' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	Garner	20/6
190' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	Fisher	19/5
190' 2"	Riach	11/7
189' 9"	Ruda	15/7

ADDITIONS: 100yds: 10.0 Milton

20/5; High Jump: 6'1" Freeman,SJ

15/7; 6'1" Pavitt 25/7; 6'0"

Wardley 9/5; Van Dyck(Gold Coast)

22/7

(J) = Junior(under 19 on April 1.

A.A.A. 440 Yards Hurdles continued from page 4.
his native record and to share again in the British National record which David Gracie had lowered to 52.7 behind Charley Moore's 51.6 secs. world record on August 9th last year. Hardy was a tenth inside his Inter Counties best of 53.2 while Scott, who finished third in 54.2, was disqualified by a specifically vigilant judge for trailing his left leg round the 3 foot slats.

Whittle's seventh consecutive victory matched the high hurdling feat of Don Finlay and the walking of A.A.Cooper and the weight-putting of Dennis Horgan. The 31 year old Olympic captain, whose training had consisted of choice in running round the boat-deck of the 'Queen Mary' on his way back from America, thus put up the fastest mark of his career. It was his 44th run at or below 55 secs. of which the only 3 inside 53 secs. were all metric marks.

SUMMARY: 1st H.Whittle	52.7(Champ:	4th D.K.Gracie	54.3
2nd A.J.Hardy	53.1 best)	5th H.Kane	59.3
3rd A.I.D.Francis	54.2	A.W.Scott(54.2)	disqualified

TWO MILES STEEPLECHASE

Best Championship Performance: 9mins.44.0secs. J.I.Disley(London A.C.), 21st June 1952.

Chapter 1V in the Disley v Segedin battle remained untold for the little Yugoslav did not arrive and the Welshman was recuperating from an operation. The favourite was thus Chris.Brasher who was one of the many who broke the pre-existing Olympic 3,000 metres record in the Helsinki steeplechase. The early pace was made by Brasher's fellow Olympian Ken.Johnson with Thames Valley's former star junior miler Edward George Ellis, 22 and Walter Berry of Lancs. in close support. Brasher, who it was afterwards learnt was suffering from acute respiratory congestion, was quite unable to challenge and the race wore on with Johnson looking the likely winner. At the 6th water jump Ellis, who was born at Northolt, opened a gap on Johnson in a well judged tactical bid for the lead. These precious yards lasted him right into the final stretch where his hard training told its tale and Johnson found that he could only narrow the gap to six yards before Ellis hit the tape in 10:02.8 - a time only beaten by Disley among British athletes and then only once. Johnson's 10:03.6 gave him third equal with Brasher on the all-time ratings. Berry's 10:14.2 in third place was similarly a personal best.

SUMMARY: 1st E.G.Ellis	10:02.8	4th E.J.Kean	10:21.8
2nd K.E.Johnson	10:03.6	5th E.A.Short	10:28.4
3rd W.Berry	10:14.2	6th W.N.Coyne	10:32.2
7th A.E.Foster	10:33.0u;	8th D.G.Ross	10:34.7u .

HIGH JUMP

Best Championship Performance: 6ft.5ins. R.C.Pavitt(Polytechnic H.), 14th July 1951.

Of Britain's post war trio of world class performers only the shadow of the straddler Ron Pavitt, fifth at Helsinki, was present. Having temporarily lost his timing as the legacy of a foot-ball injury he failed to qualify. Alan Paterson(6'7¹/₂) and Peter Wells(6'6³/₈) were respectively absent in Canada and New Zealand. The qualifying contest on the first evening reduced the field to an easily manageable seven with the bar at a modest 5'11" all of whom were Western rollers.

On the resumption S.J.L.Freeman(Surrey A.C.) and C.Van Dyck(London A.C.) failed at 6'0" leaving five. Fourth and fifth place were filled by the 1953 schoolboy finalists Peter Brinson and the immaculate T.J.Reynolds at 6'1" which was the height which gave the Scot Kinnaird St.Claire Cunningham third place. The dashing Irishman, Brendan O'Reilly, confidently passed up all his attempts at this height. A first time clearance at 6'2" restored Derek Cox to the lead after the Bireann jumper failed first time. At 6'3" Cox lobbed himself over on his second try so to win the weakest title fight since the war.

SUMMARY: 1st D.R.J.Cox	6'3"	5th T.J.Reynolds	6' 1"
2nd B.M.P.O'Reilly	6'2"	6th S.J.L.Freeman	5'10"
3rd K.St.C.Cunningham	6'1"	6th C.Van Dyck	5'10"
4th P.J.Brinson	6'1"		

POLE VAULT

Best Championship Performance: 13ft.10ins. K.S.Brown (U.S.A.) at the White City Stadium, 13th July 1935.

In previous years 11ft.6ins had sufficed as a qualifying height on the Friday evening but this time 9 men were still in so the bar was raised to 12ft. and the 7 successful ones went forward into the final. Capt.T.D.Anderson R.A.M.C., the British



D.A.G.Pirie seventeen hours after breaking the World's record for 6 miles about to break away from F.Green and L.Eyre in the 3 miles

Empire Games champion at 13 ft.0³/₈, surprisingly failed to qualify as did G.L.Howland of Shafesbury Harriers.

Next day six home athletes faced Milan Milakov the Yugoslav who cleared 13'10" last season. Norman Dear (London A.C.) and the Scot Norman Gregor(Kent County Constabulary S.C.) both failed at 12'0". Raymond Petitjean(Manchest A. & C.C.) failed at 12'6" thus leaving Geoffrey Elliott, the Holder, and the fast improving Ian Ward(Bury A.C.) and Geoffrey Calladine of Derby to face Tito's man. Neither the fair haired Ward nor Calladine could beat their previous best and clear 13'0". Elliott cleared the bar but the Yugoslav sat the round out. Milakov then came back with a first time clearance at 13'3", a height which Elliott bravely ignored.

At 13'6" Elliott, the 9th placer in the Olympic decathlon, came in and received a great cheer for a first time success. Milakov failed twice but made it on his last try. The bar was raised to 14'0" a height never previously cleared by either man. Each failed thrice. Geoffrey Elliott of Woodford Green A.C. thus retained his A.A.A. title on fewest failures with a height only previously bettered by Keith Brown of Yale who a week later was to improve his newly-won British Record to 14'0" in the 1935 match between Harvard-Yale and Oxford-Cambridge.

SUMMARY: 1st G.M.Elliott	13'6"	4th G.Calladine	12'6"
2nd M.Milakov	13'6"	5th R.Petitjean	12'0"
3rd I.Ward	12'6"	6th N.G.A.Gregor	11'6"

LONG JUMP

Best Championship Performance: 24'8" A.Maffei(Italy) at the White City Stadium on 16th July 1938.

As usual the notorious White City pit blighted the performances. Not one of the finalists improved on his best mark for the season. At the end of Round 1 the sail jumper 28 year old Arthur Cruttenden lead with 22'11¹/₂. In the next round first the Nigerian Olowu reached 22'11¹/₂ and then schoolmaster Peter Whaley went out into the lead with 23'0¹/₂. Olowu, 29 uses a hang and Whaley a 1 & a half hitch kick; th are even time sprinters.

The position remained static throughout the third round and the fourth to which only the leading six were admitted. At his fifth attempt Olowu cleared 23'5¹/₂, which gave Nigeria her first A.A.A. title since Prince A.F.Adedoyin won the High Jump

in 1947. Peter Whaley, 26 made a determined bid in this round with a leap of 23'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "—perhaps one day long jump competitions will not be allowed to be determined by fractions so small as to make the result often a matter of luck how far the sand crumbles. The 6th and final round brought no change.

SUMMARY: 1st K.A.B. Olowu 23' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 4th K.S.D. Wilmshurst 22'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 2nd P.A. Whaley 23' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 5th G. Hardman 22'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 3rd A.R. Cruttenden 22'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 6th L.H. Platt 22'2"
 7th was G.D. Goodrich with 22'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", the only other Standard medal performer.

HOP, STEP & JUMP

Best Championship Performance: 50'9" W. Peters (Netherlands) at Stamford Bridge on 4th July 1927.

Ken Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.) jumping last in the first round won the title with 47 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The holder Willi Burgard from the Saarland at this stage lay a distant second with 45'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". In the second round Burgard, who has a personal best mark of 48'11", improved to 46'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and William Laing from the Gold Coast moved up to 46'0". In the third round Laing overtook Burgard with 46'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The best six had 3 more rounds but the top places did not change hands—as is so often the rule with this punishing event. The new champion took 5 jumps, his series being 47'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 46'10", 46'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 46'8" and a no jump.

SUMMARY: 1st K.S.D. Wilmshurst 47' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 4th L.H. Platt 45' 0"
 2nd W.N. Laing 46'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 5th M.F. Eggleton 44'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 3rd W. Burgard 46' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 6th D.W. Ashing 44'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 7th P.E. Goldsmith 44'9" and 8th N.J. Coleman 44'6".

PUTTING THE WEIGHT

Best Championship Performance: 54'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " J.A. Savidge (Royal Navy A.C. South) at the White City Stadium on 21st June 1952.

As regards the title matters were clinched in the first round when the holder, Marine Corporal John Savidge, got off his second best putt of his season with 53ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ins. The tall Yugoslav Petar Sarcević removed his sun glasses (quite unnecessary in England for any "summer" within living memory) and reached 49' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This mark was just 9 inches below his effort which in 1950 sufficed to beat Savidge for the title. Mark Pharaoh was two feet below his best with 45'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". These three top places remained unchanged throughout the rest of the competition. Savidge in the fourth round putt 50'5" this being the only other mark over fifty feet.

SUMMARY: 1st J.A. Savidge 53' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 4th P.P. Horn 44' 3"
 2nd P. Sarcević 49' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 5th T.J. Gaworski 43' 8"
 3rd M. Pharaoh 45' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 6th A.E. Cook 42'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

THROWING THE DISCUS

Best Championship Performance: 175'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " G. Tosi (Italy) at the White City Stadium on 14th July 1951.

The solidly built moustachioed Vitomir Krivokapić, holder of the Yugoslav record at 167'5", got off to a menacing start with a pitch of 155'1". Mark Pharaoh, the holder, had opened with 148'1", better than his winning mark last year. In the next two rounds Pharaoh first moved up to 153'6" and then had the red flag waved at him for a no throw.

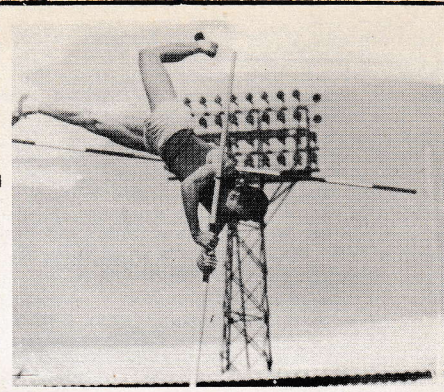
The best six had three more throws and in the 4th round John Savidge, whose potential in this event has not yet been fully explored, threw 146'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". With only two chances left Pharaoh got in a smoother throw of 156'4" so passing the Yugoslav's mark by 15 inches. Krivokapić's reply was a no throw. Pharaoh's last effort was 149'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". All eyes were on Krivokapić as he took the circle for his last throw. The 21 year old Pharaoh anxiously watched every movement. It looked a good one as it flew out to the right of the arc. The first impression that it was not far enough to win was confirmed by a measurement of 153'5".

SUMMARY: 1st M. Pharaoh 156'4" 4th P. Atkinson 134'10"
 2nd V. Krivokapić 155'1" 5th A. Jansons 130' 5"
 3rd J.A. Savidge 146'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 6th H.L. Williams 131' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

THROWING THE HAMMER

Best Championship Performance: 183'3" K. Hein (Germany) at the White City Stadium on 17th July 1937.

Four native born throwers over 170 feet, two English and two Scots, represented a great new advance in national standards. With his first throw Don Anthony, 24 set the tone of the gathering by loosing off a personal best of 173'9" which was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inches ahead of Peter Allday's official English Native record and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inches away from his unratified mark of 174'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " made on June 17th. Frank Gandy, 26 took third place early on with 169'7", another personal best,



THE JUGOSLAV CHALLENGE FAILS. Left, Milan Milakov dislodges the bar at 14'0". Milakov was 2nd, a placing shared by his compatriots Branko Dangubić (Javelin) and Vitomir Krivokapić (Discus) and Petar Sarcević (Shot). Never in past years could home field event exponents have resisted such an attack on our weak spots. Photo by E.D. Lacey

behind Ewan Douglas whose first effort was 172'11". In round two Allday, who had a no-throw first time, came back to his best with 173' 5". In round No. 3 Douglas fractionally improved to 172'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and a few moments later the Royal Navy all-rounder Alec. Valentine, 25 got in his best ever mark of 170'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The fourth round saw no change in the order of the leaders though Anthony registered 171'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and Douglas throwing with great consistency recorded 172'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " thus not deviating more than 19 inches with his first four efforts.

Donald William James Anthony took the circle for the fifth time and stepped out a moment later as a new English Native record holder for Mr Harry Rottenburg's datum measuring gear showed a throw of 174'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Thereafter none of the last six had any answer. The Belgian Henrik Haest, who holds his national record at 173'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (52.88), found that Britian's new Hammer Circle was a force to be reckoned with and found himself sixth with 164'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

SUMMARY: 1st D.W.J. Anthony 174' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 4th A.R. Valentine 170' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 2nd P.C. Allday 173' 5" 5th F. Gandy 169' 7"
 3rd E.C.K. Douglas 172'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 6th H. Haest (Belgium) 164'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 +remeasured. 7th A.W. Silbury 161'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 8th D.N.J. Cullum 158'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 9th M. Pharaoh 151'10"; 10th P.L. Porter 149'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 11th D.F.A. Vanhegan 147' 10"; 12th D.S. Mann 138'3"; 13th R.S. Scott 127'8". C.J. Reidy 3 no throws.

THROWING THE JAVELIN

Best Championship Performance: 222'9" S.A. Lay (New Zealand) at Stamford Bridge on 7th July 1928.

The chances of Michael Denley retaining the title he first won in 1950 and then got back with his peak effort of 216' 1" last year seemed slim indeed with the 231'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Yugoslav record-holder Branko Dangubić in the field. The visitor had doubtless failed to reckon with the unyielding metal implements and the tufted grass run-up—the English believe in natural wickets. In the first round it was the Ulster policeman Kevin Flanagan who lead with 202'8" with Denley second (191'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and Dangubić third (190'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). Next time round the enigmatic Slav got his piece of metalwork off to 207'11". In the third round there was no change but at his fourth attempt Denley stole back the lead with his 2nd best mark of the season—208'7". It was thus that matters remained such that the 64th A.A.A. Open Championships proved to be the first since the ill-attended meeting of 1906 that no foreigners won titles.

SUMMARY: 1st M.J. Denley 208' 7" 4th D.E. Tucker 198'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 2nd B. Dangubić (Jugo:) 207'11" 5th H.J. Moesgaard-
 3rd K.E. Flanagan 202' 8" Kjeldsen (Den:) 197'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 6th C.F. Riach 190'2"
 7th D.E.J. Cosh 183'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 8th M. Ruda 180'0"; 9th W.H. Fryer 177'7".

OTHER A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

TWO MILES WALK at White City on July 11th.
 won by George Coleman in 14:02.2 from Bryan Hawkins (14:05.8)
SEVEN MILES WALK at Chesterfield on June 27th.
 won by Roland Hardy in 51:47.0 from Bryan Hawkins (54:23.0)
100 STONE TUG-OF-WAR & CATCHWEIGHT TUG-OF-WAR at White City on July 10th and July 11th respectively. Both were won by teams from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Feltham) from Cowbeech 2-1 and Fords Sports 2-0 respectively.
MARATHON at Cardiff on July 25th won by J.H. Peters in 2H22:29.0.
4 x 110 & 4 x 440 yds RELAYS by Polytechnic H. in 43.6 and 3:23.7.

STRANDLI THROWS 199-0 1/4 (60.66)

(Continued from page 10, col 1.) In the 400 metre hurdles the 51.7 run by Russia's Olympic silver medallist Yuriy Lituyev on July 4 at Göteborg when he beat Anatoliy Yulin (52.1 secs) lasted as the top world mark of the season only for 15 days. At Milan on July 19 the A.A.U. Champion wrestled back pre-eminence for America when Josh Culbreath ran the race of his life in 51.3 secs. to beat the former world 440 yards hurdle record-holder Armando Filiput who returned 52.6 secs. The American negro whose previous best was his 52.5 secs. at Dayton thus leapt into fifth spot on the all-time list behind only Hardin (50.6), Moore (50.7), Cochran (51.1) and Lituyev (51.2).

STEEPLECHASE: A rare example of two successive records being achieved on the same track occurred at Helsinki on July 2nd when Olavi Rinteenpää removed a second from Horace Ashenfelter's 8:45.4 world's best put up in the Olympics last July. Here are the comparative intermediate times of the two greatest ever runs -:

RINTEENPÄÄ (Helsinki July 2 1953)	ASHENFELTER (Helsinki July 25 1952)
1,000 metres 2:49.8	2:45.0
2,000 metres 5:47.4	5:48.0
3,000 metres 8:44.4	8:45.4

Two new sub 9 minute men raising the total to 14 were László Jészsky (Hungary) at Budapest who recorded 8:58.6, 3 metres down on Sweden's Curt Söderburg, on June 21 and Fyodor Marulin the Russian Olympian who ran 8:55.5 on July 21 - 9 tenths better than his mark of June 7.

HIGH JUMP: Two Swedes are dominating this event among continents. They are Gösta Svensson, who cleared the classic 2 metres (6'6 3/4") at Norrtälje on June 7, at Stockholm on June 17 and in Budapest 4 days later, and the 19 year old Bengt Nilsson who twice performed the feat first at Nordingrå on June 20 and again at Nässjö on June 24. Again the arrival of the Americans ended the spree. Fresh from his 6'9 3/4" inch leap at Ann Arbor on June 23, Ernie Shelton opened his European campaign at Helsinki on July 1 with 6'6 1/4". Two days later at Turku he straddled over 6'9 1/2" (2.06) for the third best jump ever in Europe behind only Mel Walker's 6'9 3/4" (2.08) and his 6'10 1/4" (2.09) world record at Malmö in Aug. 1937. The 6'2 1/2" tall 11 1/2 stone (165lbs) 20 year old Sophomore sensation from Southern California coolly had the bar raised to 2.12 (6'11 1/2") and on his second try came within a hair's breadth! On July 17 the Trojan, who Mel Walker says will do 7 feet for sure, went over 2.08 (6'9 3/4") at Turku so to claim fifth place on the all-time list behind only Davis, Steers, Stewart and Walker himself.

POLE VAULT: Europe's two greatest vaulters and co-holders of the continent's 14'6 1/2" record, Russia's Pyotr Denisenko (Kiev, June 21 1953) and Ragnar Lundberg (Sweden) (Gävle, Aug. 1 1952) met again at Stockholm on July 2. The Russian managed 14'5 1/4" at his 3rd try while the Swede, not yet in top shape, had to be content with 14'3 3/4".

LONG JUMP: The only two internationally 'decent' marks have been the 24'8 1/2" by the Dutch West Indian Henk Visser at Ryswyk on June 7 and the 24'5 1/2" mark at Prague by the Olympic bronze medallist Gábor Földessy of Hungary.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP: On July 8 the 26 year old Russian Leonid Shcherbakov sailed to 52'2 1/2" (16.12) for a new European record and to equal A.F. da Silva's second best mark at Helsinki behind his world record 53'2 1/2" (16.22). The Russian achieved the record at his fifth try and had others at 52'7 1/2" (16.04) and 52'5 1/2" (15.98) twice and 51'6 1/2". On July 20 again at Moscow the Olympic runner-up scored a full hit with a magnificent world record of 53'2 1/2" or 16.23 metres to beat the year old world record by a single centimetre.

SHOT-PUT: No fewer than 11 Europeans have beaten 52 feet to date in 1953.

Behind Jiri Skobla's European record of 56'9 1/2" (17.31) and Roland Nilsson's 55'9 3/4" in Philadelphia comes Otto Grigalka (which in Estonian means Albatross) at 54'3 3/4" and Heino Lipp at 53'10 1/2". Nilsson shortly to get married will not come to Europe to compete in the yellow and blue colours of his fatherland. To relieve in part the consternation of the Swedish selectors the Strasbourg student Sven-Erik Nordh on July 12 did 52'4" though this does not match John Savidge's (G.B.) 53'7" against the French.

DISCUS-THROW: Through not on a par with the stupendous American duo Gordien-Iness, the Italian Discus Company of Consolini and Tosi are declaring regular interim dividends. On July 12 the European Champion got one off to 178'8 1/2" at Milan (Cont: in col 2.)



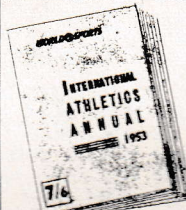
RUSSIA'S NEW WORLD RECORD HOLDER L. SCHERBAKOV, 26.

German & Swedish Results

Two international clashes which will capture the imagination of European track enthusiasts are those between Germany and Great Britain at Berlin on August 29 and 30 and between Sweden and Great Britain at Stockholm on September 2 and 3. We have given the A.A.A. Championships very full coverage in this issue, so here are the results of the West German Championships held at Augsburg on July 25 & 26 and the Sweden versus Finland international at Stockholm on July 30 & 31.

WEST GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 100m. Futterer 10.6, Kraus 10.6 **200m.** Futterer 21.3, Haas 21.5, Kraus 21.5 **400m.** Haas 47.2, Geister 47.3 **800m.** Dohrow 1:51.2, Cleve 1:53.0, Friedrich 1:53.6 **1,500m.** Lueg 3:48.0 **5m.** Tamers 3:48.6, Lawrenz 5,000m. Laufer 15:02.8, Hesselmann 15:03.6 **10,000m.** Schade 30:58.4, Eberlein 32:13.2 **110mH.** Trossbach 15.2, Steines 15.2 **400mH.** Ulzheimer 52.9, Kwoczek 53.8 **5,000m/G.** Thumm 9:11.6 **Schmalz** 9:29.0 **H.J.** Bähr 6'2 3/4", Massion 6'2 1/2", P.V. Schneider 13'11 1/2", Oertel 12'9 1/2", L.J. GÜbel 23'8 1/2", Mallek 23'7 1/2", H.S.J. Oberbeck 48'2", Trozowski 47'10 1/2", SE. Hipp 47'9 1/2", Bokert 47'8 1/2", D.T. Rosendahl 155'11 1/2", Oweger 155'3 1/2", H.T. Wolf 176'10", Hagenburger 169'9 1/2", J.T. Koschel 226'6 1/2", Sick 211'11 3/8".

SWEDEN versus FINLAND. (Swedes in Capital Letters) **100m.** Hellsten 10.9, HAGSTRÖM 11.0, KARLSSON 11.0 **200m.** Hellsten 22.0, WOLFBRANDT 22.2, BRANNSTRÖM 22.2 **400m.** WOLFBRANDT 47.8, BRANNSTRÖM 48.5, EKFEJLDT 48.8 **800m.** ÅBERG 1:52.7, EKFEJLDT 1:52.9, Taipale 1:53.2 **1,500m.** Johansson 3:48.0, ERIKSSON 3:49.4, KARLSSON 3:50.0, ÅBERG 3:52.2 **5,000m.** Taipale 14:14.6, ALBERTSSON 14:15.6, Posti 14:16.2, Julin 14:22.6 **10,000 m.** Posti 30:50.2, Puolakka 30:50.2, Rinteenpää 30:50.2, T. NILSSON 31:7.8 **110m.h.** IJUNDBERG 14.8, SWARTZ 15.0 **400m.h.** YIANDER 53.6, S-O BRIKSSON 54.1 **5,000 St/Ch** Rinteenpää 8:54.4, SÖDERBERG 9:04.0, G. KARLSSON 9:15.4 **H.J.** SVENSSON 6'6 1/2", B. NILSSON 6'5 1/2", AHMAN 6'4", P.V. IJUNDBERG 13'11 1/2" **Lanström** 13'9 1/2", Kataja 13'5 1/2", LIND 13'5 1/2", L.J. Valtonen 24'1 1/2", Valkama 24'0 1/2", PETTERSSON 23'11 1/2", Porrassalmi 23'9 1/2", MAGNUSSON 23'2 1/2" **H.S.J.** AHMAN 48'2 1/2", NORMAN 48'0 1/2", S.P. NORDH 51'1 1/2", Puntti 50'4 1/2", Koivisto 49'11 1/2", EDHJAND 49'10 1/2", D.T. Lindroos 162'11 1/2", LINDMAN 160'11 **ARVIDSSON** 157'6 1/2", H.T. Halmetoja 176'8 1/2", RINGSTRÖM 167'11 1/2", ASPJUND 166'11 1/2", J.T. Hyttiäinen 238'7", Nikkinen 237'7 1/2", Ojamo 220'4 1/2", BENGTSOON 216'6 1/2", DALEFLOD 215'8 1/2" **4x100 m.R.** SWEDEN (ANDERSSON, HAGSTRÖM, AHLEN, KARLSSON) 41.7, Finland 41.9 **4x400 m.R.** SWEDEN (BRANNSTRÖM, EKFEJLDT, LINDGREN, WOLFBRANDT) 3:19.0, Finland 3:19.8. Result. Sweden beat Finland 217-193.



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Last minute additions to British Rankings page 6.
100yds 9.9n KJ Jones 3/8
440yds 48.6 IA Smith 1/8
880yds 1:50.7 Bannister & 1:51.9n Hewson 3/8. **1 Mile** 4:15.4 Eyre & 4:16. On P.B. Driver 29/7 **Two Miles** Eyre 8:54.7n & Binnie 8:58.4n 1/8 **3 Miles** 13:36.4n Pirie 1/8 **440yds H.** 53.7 Gracie 1/8 **H.J.** 6'3 3/4 E Button 30/7 **P.V.** 13'3 3/4 Gregor 1/8 **HSJ** 48'9 1/2 Wilmshurst 1/8 **S.P.** 53'7 1/2 Savidge 1/8 **H.T.** 183'2" **ECK** Douglas 28/7 (at Edinburgh).

IATE ADDITIONS TO WORLD LIST (page 5.)

100 Metres 10.3 Bragg, **200 M** 20.6 Bragg, **400 Metres** 46.2 Whitfield all at Cologne on July 29th. **Javelin** 237'7 1/2 S. Nikkanen at Stockholm on July 31st.

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Tosi, holder of the British all-comers' record and now 37, registered his best 1953 mark to date also at Milan on June 29 at 173'10 1/4".

HAMMER THROW: Sverre Strandli the world record-holder at 200'11 1/2" (61.25) still reigns supreme. He first beat Németh at Budapest on June 21 (192'4 1/4" to 188'7 1/4") then trounced Mikhail Krivonosov of Russia at Göteborg on July 4 (195'11 1/2" to 189'10"). On July 25 at Oslo he returned to the 60 metre bracket with 199'0 1/4" (60.66).

JAVELIN THROW: Here Toivo Hyttiäinen of Finland has done 247'4 1/2" (75.41) at Äänekoski on July 9 and has quelled the Olympic silver medallist Bill Miller of the A.A.U. touring team in most of their duels.

KOVÁCS 14:07.4, ZÁTOPEK 29:48.6

(Continued from page 1 col.2.) The American 100 yard champion's 20.6 at Cologne ranks high among history's best ever turn marks. Top of course is Andy Stanfield's great furlong in 20.6 on the 440 yard track at Philadelphia in May 1951 from the outside lane followed by his final try-out win over 200 metres at Los Angeles also in 20.6. The only other 20.6 sec. clocking is Ralph Metcalfe's 1933 mark on the partially banked Budapest track in 1933. It now remains to be seen if the 5ft.9in. tall negro, who will not be 23 till December 3rd next, can match the brilliant 20.7 sec. marks set by Owens at Berlin and Stanfield at Helsinki when winning their Olympic crowns on 400 metre tracks.

400 METRES: Highlight here was Karl-Friedrich Haas's magnificent 46.3 secs. mark on June 28th at the famous Milan Arena where the record for the 500 metre track and hence only 1½ turns was jointly held by Harbig, Mario Lanzi and George Rhoden at 46.7 secs. In lane 1 the 22 year old Nuremburg student hit the 300 metres in 33.5 secs. and glided on to record the second fastest mark ever by a European with his countryman Hans Geister (47.5) a long way back. It was on this very track that the incomparable Rudolf Harbig posted his still unapproached 1:46.6 800 metres world record back in 1939. Haas with a 10.5 secs. 100 metres (Nirth, May 24) and a 21.1 secs. 200 metres at Nuremburg on July 4th has now passed Harbig's best sprint marks of 10.6 and 21.5 secs. and is fast closing his 46.0secs European record. In the U.S.S.R. Olympic semi-finalist Ardalion Ignatyev ran a good 47.5secs in his 1953 debut at Moscow on July 8 to beat the Estonian Erich Pilgase, who at 47.9secs. became the second man in Russian colours to better 48.0 secs.

800 METRES: Europe's No.1 in time at least is here the Czech Stanislav Jungwirth who has made several attacks on the then reigning figure of 1:49.2 for the half-mile. He came closest on June 21 at Znojmo with 1:49.5 passing the metric post in a curiously fast 1:48.6. An hour later he lowered his personal best 400 metre time to 49.4secs. Incidentally here both Belgium's Roger Moen's, now injured, followed his fine 1:48.8 run at Brussels on June 17 some 12 days later with a best of 47.7 while his Norwegian rival Audun Boysen improved his 400 metre timing to 48.8 at Oslo the day before (June 26).

1,500 METRES AND MILE: In the swiftly moving parade nothing has yet matched the pure pace of England's Roger Bannister and his 4:02.0 mile on June 27th last. Over the metric route the two Scandinavians Sune (Hallsta) Karlsson of Sweden and Denis Johansson of Finland are setting the pace. The Swede has times of 3:44.2 (Gävle, June 23), 3:46.0 and 3:46.4. In the Gävle race he came up in the final stage to outsprint Johansson who nonetheless set a new Finnish record with 3:45.2. Back in his home country the Finn twice beat the tall Kansas miler Wes Santee, a member of the No.1 A.A.U. team. In the first of these a strong finish for a 3:49.4 sufficed to beat the American (3:50.6) but in the second race at Pori on July 10 it was a rather different story. Urho Julin set the pace with laps of 58.0 and 62.0 with Santee leading at the bell in 3:01.5. The overworked young American faded in the home straight despite returning a fine 3:47.6 found not only Johansson coming past for another Finnish record of 3:44.8 but also Ilmari Taipale for a magnificent 3:46.8. On the continent the fastest mile up to August 1st. remained Werner Lueg's 4:06.6 at Vienna on June 16.

LONGER DISTANCES: The two new meteors here have been the Belgian Frans Herman and the Hungarian József Kovács. Herman at Stuttgart on June 20th moved to third on the all-time list for 3,000 metres behind Hagg and his more famous countryman Gaston Reiff with a sterling 8:06.6 mark which left Reiff well back in 8:13.6. Reiff was also beaten in Oslo (8:12.0) by Herman in 8:10.6. Two new marks were set up by József Kovács (Hungary) at Budapest on July 21 and 27 when he moved to 5th equal on the 5,000 metre list with Mimoun with 14:07.4 and then became the 13th man to break the 30 minute mark for 10,000 metres with 29:51.2 which was likewise a Magyar record. Now rapidly recovering from his tonsillitis operation of last April the triple Olympic Champion Emil Zatopek showed that he is feeling his way rapidly back to the top with a 29:48.6 10,000 metres in a dual meeting with Hungary in Prague on July 12. He followed this 13 days later with a 14:11.4 5,000 metres also in the capital city. Zatopek has his eye on two targets for 1953. First his clash with Aleksandr Amfryiyev at Bucharest in late August and second his attack on Hagg's world figures of 13:58.2 for 5,000 metres later sometime in September probably at the renowned Stará Boleslav Houštká track.

HURDLES: Continentals continue to lag far behind their American rivals over the 'highs'. Best of the Europeans seems to be England's Peter Hildreth with 14.6 secs. (Continued page 9. col.1)

GORDIEN FOULS AT 194'-0³/₄" (59.15M)

Last April Gordien began a vigorous weight-training schedule under the tutelage of the husky blond 57'4³/₈" shot-putter Otis Chandler with the object of surpassing his great record in the 1949 season. His come-back was not sudden—it was remorseless. At the American Nationals at Dayton he flew in from his acting job in Hollywood and grabbed his fifth A.A.U. crown with a 183'9¹/₂" toss which left Sim Iness without an answer. Back in California Gordien, whose present celluloid role demands a huge crop of hair, showed that the Sampson Story is no myth. At the first of a summer series of meetings put on by the Pasadena Decathlon Association on July 4 Gordien got off the second best throw in history with 187'5¹/₂"—behind only Iness's 190'0³/₈". Then came an unbelievable 194'0³/₄" after the release of which 'Fortch' over-balanced and touched outside the circle with his fingertips. His other throws were an unmeasured 185, 175 fowl, 185 and 174 feet.

A return visit to John Muir College at Pasadena the next Saturday, July 11, saw Gordien ready for more. His first throw went out to 179'11". Then it came. A short-stepping turn & a high scaling flight going slightly off to the right. Payton Jordan, the Occidental coach yelled from the out-field "It's over 190". Gordien went on but slumped to 169'2" then 181'10¹/₂" and 182'1¹/₂". The steel tape showed 58.10 metres or 190'7¹/₂" for the big pitch and the 225 lb. Sampson was once again the world record-holder.

The story of the fourth world record mark by the USSR triple-jumper Shcherbakov is related in Roberto Quercetani's European Round-Up on page 9.

YOUNG THROWS 256'-4"

John Muir College's special facilities at Pasadena for America's 'stay-at-home' track stars once again came into big prominence when those two great javelin-throwers Bud Held and Cy Young called in. On July 20 the sloc-eyed Held snatched back leadership of the world held since June 6 by Russia's Vladimir Kuznetsov at exactly 250 feet. His 250'8" American record actually breached the 14 year old Finnish hegemony of Nikkanen-Jarvinen-Autonen. This was not however the last word for 5 days later on July 25 the lanky Olympic champion Cy Young paid a visit. Young who had celebrated his 25th birthday just 48 hours before staggered everyone with a cast that arched down 256'4" from the scratch crescent. Not only did this mark dislodge Matti Järvinen from his no.2 position at 253'4¹/₂" but also beat Nikkanen's second best of 255'5¹/₂" to become at 78.13 the nearest approach in 16 years to the Finn's long-standing 78.70 world record (258'2³/₈").

NOTICE: An account of the GREAT BRITAIN v. FRANCE match and the world 4x1 mile relay record will appear in the next issue together with an account of the A.A.A. Junior Championships and a 1953 Junior Ranking list.



ERNEST SHELTON of America—the man widely tipped to become the first ever 7 foot high jumper. Not 21 till October he has already done 6'9¹/₂".