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A. Ross McWhirter

Hogan 25'-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Landy 4:09.2 & 4:09.8

The fair-haired Australian 9.5sec. sprinter Hector D. Hogan at Brisbane on November 14 made the longest jump ever recorded in the Southern Hemisphere when he set a new Australian record of 25ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. (7.65m). The 22 year old Queenslander, who stands only 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.72m) tall, had a previous best of 23'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.30m) made last February though his latest effort cannot be called a flash in the pan since he had two other jumps measured at 24'6" and 24'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The new mark displaces Theo Bruce's 7 year old Australian record of 24'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and also the South African Neville Price's 25'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.64m) British Empire record put up in Pretoria in 1950. Price and Hogan will clash at Vancouver in the Vth British Empire Games at Vancouver next July with H. Brown's record of 24'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (Sydney, 1938) as the prize.

Australian long-jumping has a fairly distinguished tradition. On Oct. 5th 1896 Irish-born M.M. Roseingrave set a world's best performance of 23'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.20m) in Sydney. This lasted as an Australian best till twice raised by Dr. R. St. J. Honner, who several times beat 24 feet in England in the 'twenties. World triple jump record-holder Jack Metcalfe took the 'down under' record up to 24'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (7.34m) in 1934 but next year J.G. Lobban had it up to 24'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " only to lose it to the 51'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (15.63m) hop, step jumper Basil Dickinson who reached 24'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Sydney in 1938. It was in 1947 that Theo Bruce, later to become the 1948 Olympic silver medallist with the British National record distance of 24'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (7.55), cleared 24'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in Perth. Thus Hogan became the 9th Australian to better 24 feet but the first to better 25 feet - an achievement limited to 16 non-Americans in all history.

Australia's chief sporting topic is of course the bid of the 23 year old John Michael Landy to beat both the clock and the thermometer in the race to become the man to run the 4 minute mile. Following his opening run of 4:15.0 at Geelong on Oct. 17th he breezed through another mile in 4:09.2 at Melbourne on November 21st to win by 150 yards easing up.

The first of Landy's 3 'D Days', Saturday December 5th dawned warm and gusty. The inside lane of the brick dust Melbourne Olympic Park track had been specially watered and rolled. The 1:54 half-miler Len. McRae made the early pace. There was confusion about the time (cont. page 2)

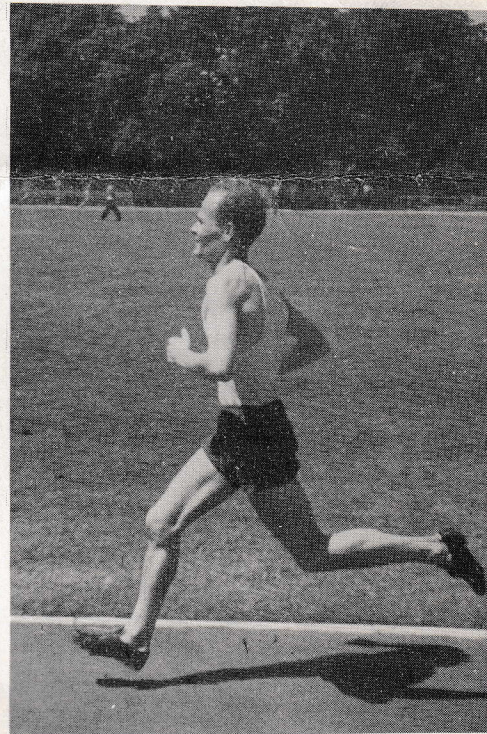
Dambrós 53'-5" - S. American Record

From ROBERTO QUERCETANI.

Alcides Dambrós, compact Brazilian shot putter, improved on his own South American shot-putt record with a brilliant 53'5" (16.28) when Italy were soundly beaten (69 to 85) by the rapidly improving Brazilians at São Paulo on November 15th.

The Italians, the first full-fledged national team from Europe to visit South America in many years, also lost a much closer battle to Argentina 83 to 85 points. In this two day meeting at Buenos Aires on November 7-8 the outstanding performers were Italy's strong-arm boys Adolfo Consolini and Teseo Taddia. The former threw the discus 175'11" and the latter achieved the second longest throw of his career with the 16 lb. hammer - 188'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Humberto Cabrera of Argentina shaved a tenth off his national 400 metres hurdles record with 53.8 secs. but was beaten by former world 440 yards hurdles record-holder Armando Filiput of Italy in 53.0. Carlo Vittori of Italy upset Olympian Gerardo Bönnhoff of Argentina in the 100 metres (times 10.6 and 10.8) but the German-born Helsinki finalist came back to take his favourite event, the 200m. (cont: on page 2)



József Kovács (pronounced Co-varch) the diminutive 27 year old Hungarian seen training in Budapest. He only turned his attention to 5,000 and 10,000 metres in 1951 and now ranks third of all-time in both events.

YEAR	5,000 M. Ranking	10,000 M. Ranking
1951	14:43.2 40	30:35.8 17
1952	14:23.6 23	30:44.2 41
1953	14:01.2 2	29:21.2 3

In 1953 he has run 14:07.4, 14:04.2 and 14:01.2 and 29:58.2, 29:51.2, 29:48.2 and 29:21.2.

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Landy's Plans Spoil . . .

(cont: from page 1 col.1) of the opening lap. 'Sixty-two' was called whereas in fact it was nearer 59.5 secs. This bungling completely ruined Landy's chance. He had just been informed of his success in the finals of his agricultural exams, and was feeling light-hearted. Completely dispirited by the time reported for the first lap Landy slackened off but nonetheless stormed past Rae and was alone at the bell in 3mins. 9secs. from whence he piled on a last circuit of 60.8 secs. to record a barely respectable 4:09.8. Even had the lap-calls been less inefficient, the adverse wind in the head straight must have put paid to serious hopes of his bettering his brilliant run of 4:02.1 a year before. Second was Les Perry 30 yards back followed by Geoff Warren. (Ed. Place times have not yet been reported so it remains in doubt whether either beat his personal best mile time of 4:13.0 or 4:16.0).

SOUTH AFRICAN HAMMER MAN NEARS 180 FT.

May 31st 1954 is the big date in the South African track calendar when the final trials for the 8 man team for Vancouver will be picked to wear the green and gold Reports A.G. Matthews
In the sprints Gideon van Heerden leads the field with a 9.6 heat and a 9.7 final at Pretoria on Nov.7th. Best furlong mark to date is 21.7 when John Anderton was pushed to an inches finish by Clive Petty of Cape Town. In the 3 miles there was a new Union record at Port Elizabeth on November 28th when Dawie Pypers fought off Murray Boshoff for a 6 yard win in 14:32.1.
Chris Botha of Stellenbosch ran the 120 yard hurdles in 14.5 at Cape Town on Nov.7th to beat Mike Guthrie (14.8n) by 3 yards. In the field Joe Truter, coached by John Powell, still heads the list of high jumpers with his early season 6'5³/₄". His closest rivals are Andries du Preez and Dan Krugel both of whom cleared 6'4¹/₂" on Nov. 14th at Pretoria. Best of the long jumpers is H. Rall with 23'11¹/₂" at the same meeting closely followed by Stuart Delpont (23'10¹/₂" at Pietermaritzburg on Oct. 17th) and van Heerden (23'5" at Pretoria on Nov. 7th).
Man expected to become the 6th Empire shot-putter to beat 50 feet is John Short who recorded 49'8¹/₂" at Pretoria on Nov. 14th. Best field event is however the discus in which Panie du Plessis hit 160'11ins at Vereeniging on Nov. 28th with Capt. 'Vic' Dreyer second with 150'10". Dreyer reached 'Scottish' standards on Nov. 14th when at Pretoria he raised his Union hammer record to 179'4³/₄" (54.67m)

H. G. DA SILVA COMES BACK IN RELAY RECORD

(cont: from page 1 col.1) in 21.6. Richardo Heber of the Argentine got off a javelin throw of 228'3" (69.57)-his best for the season.
The Italy v. Brazil dual meeting at São Paulo was to start on November 14 but heavy rains forced the organizers to squeeze the whole programme into a single day, Sunday Nov. 15, with some events being run off in the morning! Some of the travel-weary Italians were unable to reproduce their Buenos Aires form and Brazil, though not far superior in overall strength to Argentina, scored a much easier victory. In the hop, step and jump Adhemar Ferreira da Silva scored with 50'3¹/₂" and Wilson Gomes Carneiro beat Armando Filiput in the 400 metres hurdles with 53.1 as against 53.5secs. Apart from Dambros's great shot-putt another Brazilian record fell when in the 4x100 metres Helio Coutinho da Silva ran a fine anchor leg to break the tape in 41.5secs. This great triple jumper who broke his leg two years ago has now to confine his efforts to sprinting. Argemiro Roque, who was credited with a good 47.7 secs in October (second best in South American annals) won the 400 metres in 48.2 secs.

The only hero in the Italian camp was, once again, Consolini, who threw the discus one centimetre further than in Buenos Aires -175'11¹/₂" (53.63)-thus achieving his eighth winning mark over 175 feet during 1953. At 36 he has thus had his second best season to date behind only that of 1950. (R.L.Q.)

HAYWARD RUNS SIX MARATHONS IN ONE DAY!

Consuming 2lbs. of sugar and 16 eggs but losing 7lbs. in weight Wally Hayward, South Africa's running machine, broke all human records for the 24 hour run when on November 20-21 at Motspur Park, South of London he totalled 159 miles 562 yards (256.401 km) so beating the 22 year old record of Arthur Newton set in Canada in 1931.
The six zealots comprising the field started at 11 a.m. on the 20th. After running 'only' 12hrs:46mins:34secs: Hayward went off for 30 minutes massage having run 100 miles or 400 laps before midnight. All through the mild still night the 3 survivors, Hayward, 39 year old Derek Reynolds and 48 year old L.H. Griffiths padded round the black track lit only by 18 storm lanterns. Huddled by a track-side brazier was the 70 year old Newton, who with 78mins 39secs still left saw Hayward pass his record marker. Reynolds, who never took a stop longer than 7 mins., all but twice lapped Hayward in the last and 24th hour to total 154mi. 1,126 yards. Hayward's distance was 2miles 12yds more than 6 Marathons.

TOP WOMEN'S MARKS 1953

In this survey we list the top marks made by women athletes during the 1953 world season.

100 METRES: (World Rec. 11.4, 1952)

- 11.7 Francina Blankers-Koen (Netherlands)
- 11.7 Christa Seliger (Eastern Germany)
- 11.8 Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina (USSR)
- 11.8 Irina Turova (USSR)
- 11.9 Giuseppina Leone (Italy)
- 11.9 Bertha Brouwer (Netherlands)
- 11.9 Maria Sander (née Domagalla) (Germany)
- 11.9 Alice Karger (Eastern Germany)

200 METRES: (turn) (World Rec. 23.4, 1952)

- 23.9 Christa Seliger (Eastern Germany) +
- 24.1 Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina (USSR)
- 24.5 Alice Karger (Eastern Germany)
- 24.6 Zinaida Safronova (USSR)
- 24.8 Vyera Kalashnikova (USSR)
- 24.8 Bertha Brouwer (Netherlands)
- 24.8 Irina Turova (USSR)
- 24.8 Ann Johnson (Great Britain)

400 METRES: (World's Best 56.0, 1951)

- 55.7 Ursula Jurewicz (East. Germany) New best ever
- 55.8 Mariya Itkina (USSR)
- 56.2 Zoya Petrova (USSR)
- 56.3 Polina Solopova (USSR)
- 56.3 Nina Otolenko-Pletnyeva (USSR)
- 57.0 Vyera Bystrova (USSR)

800 METRES: (World's Rec. 2:08.3, 1952)

- 2:07.3 Nina Otolenko-Pletnyeva (USSR) New rec.
- 2:08.2 Nina Chernoshchok (USSR)
- 2:08.8 Dora Barakhovich (USSR)
- 2:10.8 Nina Kabys (USSR)
- 2:11.6 Lidiya Churilova (USSR)
- 2:11.8 Ursula Jurewicz (Eastern Germany)

80 METRE HURDLES: (World Rec. 10.9, 1952)

- 11.1 Francina Blankers-Koen (Netherlands)
- 11.2 Anneliese Seonbuechner (Germany)
- 11.2 Mariya Golubnichaya (USSR)
- 11.3 Anna Aleksandrova (USSR)
- 11.3 Maria Sander (née Domagalla) (Germany)
- 11.3 Olga Gyarmati (Hungary)

HIGH JUMP: (World Rec. 5'7³/₄" (1.72), 1951)

- (5'6³/₄") 1.69 Aleksandra Chudina (USSR)
- 5'6³/₄" (1.69) Sheila Lerwill (Great Britain)
- (5'6¹/₂") 1.67 Lidiya Churilova (USSR)
- 5'5" (1.65) Thelma Hopkins (Great Britain)
- 5'5" (1.65) Dorothy Tyler (Great Britain)
- (5'4¹/₂") 1.65 Olga Modrachová (Czechoslovakia)

LONG JUMP: (World Rec. (20'6") 6.25, 1943)

- (20'5³/₄") 6.24 Aleksandra Chudina (USSR)
- (20'4¹/₂") 6.23 Olga Gyarmati (Hungary)
- (20'2³/₄") 6.14 Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina (USSR)
- (20'0¹/₂") 6.10 Jean Desforges (Great Britain)
- (19'10³/₄") 6.05 Francina Blankers-Koen (Neths.)
- (19'4¹/₂") 5.91 Wilhelmine Lust (Netherlands)
- (19'4¹/₂") 5.91 Lena Stumpert (Germany)

SHOT PUT: (World Rec. (50'7³/₄") 15.42, 1952)

- (53' 1¹/₂") 16.20 Galina Zybina (USSR) New rec.
- (49' 8³/₄") 15.16 Tamara Tishkyevich (USSR)
- (47'10") 14.58 Tatyana Sevryukova (USSR)
- (46'11³/₄") 14.32 Anna Andreyeva (USSR)
- (46' 5³/₄") 14.17 Lea Mareš (USSR)
- (46' 4³/₄") 14.14 Marianne Werner (Germany)

DISCUS THROW: (World Rec. (187'1¹/₂") 57.04, 1952)

- (182' 8¹/₂") 55.68 Nina Romashkova (USSR)
- (166'10³/₄") 50.87 Nina Dumbadse (USSR)
- (166' 4³/₄") 50.72 Yevgeniya Arzumanova (USSR)
- (156'11") 47.83 Rimma Shumskaya (USSR)
- (156' 0³/₄") 47.56 Marianne Werner (Germany)
- (150' 7") 45.90 Yelisaвета Verchoschanskaya-Bagryantseva (USSR)

JAVELIN THROW: (World Rec. (175'2¹/₂") 53.41, 1949)

- (173' 1¹/₂") 52.75 Aleksandra Chudina (USSR)
- (170' 8") 52.02 Daná Zátoková (Czechoslovakia)
- (167'11") 51.18 Galina Zybina (USSR)
- (163' 6³/₄") 49.85 N. Konyayeva (USSR)
- (162' 9¹/₂") 49.62 Virve Aover (USSR)
- (159' 1¹/₂") 48.50 Lyudmila Anokina (USSR)

BEST U.K. WOMEN'S MARKS

- 100 Yds: 11.0 Anne Pashley White City July 4
- 100 M. 12.2 Iris Pond Rugby Aug. 15
- 200 M. 24.8 Ann Johnson Nienburg Aug. 30
- 220 Yds: 25.0 Ann Johnson White City July 4
- 440 Yds: 57.6 Valerie Winn White City July 4
- 880 Yds: 2:15.0 Anne Oliver White City July 4
- 1 Mile: 5:02.6 Diane Leather White City Sept. 30
- 800m. 11.4 Jean Desforges White City July 4
- High J. 5'6¹/₂" Sheila Lerwill White City Sept. 23
- Long J. 20'10³/₄" Jean Desforges Nienburg Aug. 30
- Shot. P. 42'0" Suzanne Farmer Brighton Sept. 5
- Discus 143'1¹/₂" Suzanne Farmer Nienburg Aug. 30
- Jav: 133'7" Diane Coates Eastbourne July 4
- Mile Walk 7:48.2 B. Randle White City July 4

INDOOR RECORD FOR MRS. LERWILL

Sheila Lerwill (Great Britain) added the world's best indoor women's high jump mark to her world's outdoor record of 5'7³/₄" (1.72m) set in 1951 when at Wembley's Empire Pool on Nov. 13th she cleared 5'6" to better the 22 year old mark of America's Jean Shiley set in 1931 in Boston by 2¹/₂".

Norman Gregor, the Scots native pole vault record-holder squirmed over 12'10" to dislodge F.R. Webster's best British indoor mark of 1937. Peter Whaley downed Brian Shenton ever 50 yards in 5.5secs on the previous night.

BEST FIELD EVENT PERFORMERS 1953

Below are listed the world's leading performers in the 8 standard field events during the 1953 season. The track and hurdles events were covered in our last issue (November 1953 Vol. I No.21.). For the benefit of our many subscribers, who are more conversant with metric measurements, the distances have been listed in feet and inches and in metres. The bracketed figure is the converted one.

HIGH JUMP (World Record at Jan.1st - 6'11")

6'11" ¹¹ / ₈ (2.124)	Walter Davis(USA)	Dayton, Ohio	June 27
(6'10" ¹⁰ / ₈) 2.086	Ernie Shelton(USA)	Turku, Finland	July 17
6' 9" ⁷ / ₈ (2.080)	Herman Wyatt(USA)	San Jose, Cal.	Apr. 10
6' 9" ⁴ / ₈ (2.076)	Charles Holding(USA)	Abilene, Texas	Apr. 17
6' 9" ¹ / ₈ (2.061)	Cal. Clarke(USA)	Logan, Utah	Apr. 21
6' 8" ¹¹ / ₈ (2.042)	J. Lewis Hall(USA)	Birmingham, Ala.	Apr. 4
6' 8" ⁸ / ₈ (2.042)	Barney Dyer(USA)	Salt Lake City	May 30
6' 8" ¹ / ₈ (2.038)	Milton Mead (USA)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	May 16
6' 8" ¹ / ₈ (2.035)	Mark Smith(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20

POLE VAULT (World Record 15'7"³/₈(4.77),1942)

15' 0" ¹ / ₂ (4.58)	Robert Richards(USA)	Los Angeles	May 15
14' 8" (4.47)	Fred. Barnes(USA)	Modesto, Cal.	May 16
14' 8" (4.47)	George Mattos(USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
(14' 6" ³ / ₈) 4.44	Pyotr Denisenko(USSR)	Kiev, USSR	June 21
14' 4" (4.37)	Robert Smith(USA)	Fresno, Cal.	May 9
(14' 3" ¹ / ₄) 4.35	Ragnar Lundberg(Sweden)	Stockholm	July 2
14' 3" (4.34)	Richard Shivers(USA)	San Diego, Cal.	May 1
14' 1" ⁷ / ₈ (4.31)	Len. Eilers(USA)	Los Angeles	Apr. 11
14' 1" ⁵ / ₈ (4.31)	Dave Kenly(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
14' 1" ¹ / ₂ (4.31)	Don. Laz(USA)	Chicago	June 20

LONG JUMP (World Record 26'8"¹/₄(8.13),1935)

25'10" ³ / ₈ (7.89)	George Brown(USA)	Dayton, Ohio	June 26
(25' 5" ¹ / ₂) 7.76	Üdön Földessy(Hungary)	Budapest	Sept.19
25' 3" ¹ / ₈ (7.72)	John Bennett(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
25' 0" ¹ / ₈ (7.63)	Morgan Taylor(USA)	Philadelphia	Apr. 25
24'11" ¹ / ₈ (7.60)	Neville Price(South Africa)	Austin, Tex.	Mar. 27
(24' 8" ¹ / ₈) 7.525	Henk Visser(Netherlands)	Rijswijk	June 7
(24' 6" ¹ / ₈) 7.47	Masa-ji Tajima(Japan)	Yawata	May 3
24' 4" ¹ / ₈ (7.43)	Ron. Sobie(USA)	Dayton, Ohio	June 26
(24' 4" ¹ / ₈) 7.43	José Telles da Conceição (Brazil)	Curitiba	Mar. 21
(24' 4" ¹ / ₈) 7.43	Viktor Leskivich(USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 24

HOP, STEP AND JUMP (W.R. at Jan.1st(53' 2"⁵/₈)16.22)

(53' 2" ⁵ / ₈) 16.23	Leonid Shcherbakov(USSR)	Moscow	July 19
(52' 2" ³ / ₈) 15.92	Adhemar Ferreira da Silva (Brazil)	Dortmund	Aug. 13
50' 4" ¹ / ₄ (15.34)	Ellis West(South Africa)	Salisbury	June 4
50' 2" (15.30)	Brian Oliver(Australia)	Perth	Jan. 26
49'10" ¹ / ₄ (15.19)	Kevin Salt(Australia)	Perth	Jan. 10
(49'10") 15.19	Noriaki Sagawa(Japan)	Suzuka	May 24
(49'10") 15.19	Chuji Yamamoto(Japan)	Suzuka	May 24
(49' 8" ¹ / ₂) 15.15	Roger Norman(Sweden)	Budapest	Sept.12
(49' 8") 15.14	Sten Eriksson(Sweden)	Härnäsand	Sept. 4
(49' 7" ¹ / ₂) 15.13	Martin Reháč(Czechoslovakia)	Brno	Sept.20

SHOT PUTT (World Rec. at Jan 1st(58'10"³/₈)17.95)

59' 2" ³ / ₈ (18.04)	Parry O'Brien(USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
(57' 6" ¹ / ₂) 17.54	Jiří Škoblba(Czechoslovakia)	Prague	Sept.22
56' 4" ¹ / ₂ (17.17)	Darrow Hooper(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
55' 9" (17.00)	Roland Nilsson(Sweden)	Philadelphia	Apr. 25
55' 7" ¹ / ₂ (16.95)	Tom Jones(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
(55' 1" ¹ / ₂) 16.80	Otto Grigalka(USSR)	Oslo, Norway	Oct. 1
55' 0" (16.77)	Bernard Mayer(USA)	Dayton, Ohio	June 26
54' 9" ¹ / ₂ (16.68)	Howard Hertz(USA)	Los Angeles	May 15
(53'10" ³ / ₈) 16.43	Heino Lipp(USSR)	Leningrad	July
53'10" (16.41)	Otis Chandler(USA)	San Jose, Cal.	Mar. 21

DISCUS THROW (W.R. at Jan 1st(186'10"⁷/₈)56.97)

194' 6" (59.28)	Fortune Gordien(USA)	Pasadena, Cal.	Aug. 22
190' 0" ¹ / ₂ (57.93)	Sim Iness(USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
(181' 6" ¹ / ₂) 55.34	Adolfo Consolini(Italy)	Chiavari, Italy	Aug. 23
175' 4" (53.40)	Parry O'Brien(USA)	Karhula, Finland	July 10
(175' 0" ¹ / ₂) 53.35	Ferenc Klics(Hungary)	Budapest	Sept.20
(174' 5" ¹ / ₂) 53.17	Otto Grigalka(USSR)	Budapest	Sept.20
174' 3" (53.13)	Roland Nilsson(Sweden)	Philadelphia	Apr. 24
173'11" (53.03)	Jack Ellis(USA)	Philadelphia	Apr. 24
(173'10" ¹ / ₂) 52.99	Giuseppe Tosi(Italy)	Milan	June 29



Left: LEONID SHCHERBAKOV Russia's 26 year old hop, step and jump world record holder at 53'2"⁵/₈ (16.23) set in Moscow on July 19th this year.

His top recorded marks are as follows:-

53' 2" ⁵ / ₈	16.23	1953
52'10" ³ / ₈	16.12	1953
52' 7" ¹ / ₂	16.04	1953
52' 5" ¹ / ₂	16.00	1953
52' 5" ¹ / ₈	15.98	1952
52' 5" ¹ / ₈	15.98	1953
52' 5" ¹ / ₈	15.98	1953

n = other marks in his world record series.

In all history there have been a total of 25 marks over 52 feet (15.85). Besides the Russian's 7 listed above A.F.da Silva (Brazil) has 12, his fellow countryman H.C.da Silva 3 and the three Japanese Tajima, Togami and Kin one each.

Shcherbakov's progress year by year is thus

1948	14.93	48'11" ³ / ₈
1949	15.43	50' 7" ¹ / ₂
1950	15.70	51' 6" ¹ / ₂
1951	15.23	49'11" ¹ / ₈
1952	15.98	52' 5" ¹ / ₈
1953	16.23	53' 2" ⁵ / ₈

Shcherbakov's best long jump remains 23'7"¹/₂(7.20)

HAMMER THROW (World Record at Jan.1st(200'11"³/₈) 61.25)

(204' 7" ¹ / ₈) 63.36	Sverre Strandli(Norway)	Oslo, Norway	Sept. 5
(200' 1" ¹ / ₈) 61.00	Milos Máca(Czech.)	Kutná Hora, CSR	Sept.12
(197' 6" ¹ / ₈) 60.22	József Cserrák(Hungary)	Budapest	Sept.13
(196' 9") 59.97	Mikhail Krivosov(USSR)	Malmö, Sweden	Oct. 9
195' 4" ¹ / ₈ (59.55)	Martin Engle(USA)	Baltimore	July 11
(194' 9") 59.36	Ivan Gubijan(Jugoslavia)	Gornji Milanovac	Sept.25
(193' 3" ¹ / ₈) 58.92	Imre Németh(Hungary)	Oslo, Norway	Sept. 5
(193' 3" ¹ / ₈) 58.91	Karl Storch(Germany)	Athens	Sept.10
(189' 0" ¹ / ₈) 57.63	Stanislav Nyrnashev (USSR)		June
(188' 8" ¹ / ₂) 57.53	Danilo Cereali(Italy)	Gallarate	Oct. 25

+ The report of a throw of 60.22 metres in Oct. was incorrect.

JAVELIN THROW (World Record at Jan.1st(258'2"³/₈) 78.70)

263'10" (80.41)	Franklin Held(USA)	Pasadena, Cal.	Aug. 8
(262'11" ¹ / ₂) 80.15	Janusz Sidlo(Poland)	Jena	Oct. 2
(256' 9" ¹ / ₈) 78.26	Soini Nikkinen(Finland)	Lahti, Finland	Oct. 10
256' 4" (78.13)	Cy Young(USA)	Pasadena, Cal.	July 25
(253' 4" ¹ / ₈) 77.23	Toivo Kyytiäinen(Fin.)	Malmö, Sweden	Aug. 4
(251' 3" ¹ / ₈) 76.59	Vladimir Kuznetsov(USSR)	Moscow	July 14
(245'10") 74.93	Viktor Tsibulenko(USSR)	Skien, Norway	Oct. 4
(243' 6" ¹ / ₈) 74.23	Pauli Vesterinen(Fin.)	Tampere, Finland	Sept. 7
(237' 9" ¹ / ₈) 72.47	Olavi Kauhanen(Finland)	Tampere, Finland	Sept. 7
(234' 8" ¹ / ₈) 71.53	Otto Bengtsson(Sweden)	Stockholm	Sept. 2

LATE ADDITION - LONG JUMP.

25' 1" ¹ / ₂ (7.65)	Hector Hogan(Australia)	Brisbane	Nov. 14
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World Best Performances 1953 (Part I Track) Add Vol. I No.21 p.6.
Six Miles 28:08.4 E.Zátopek(Czech.) Stará Boleslav Nov. 1
10,000 M. 29:01.6 E.Zátopek(Czech.) Stará Boleslav Nov. 1

CORRIGENDA: British All-Time List No.12 Vol. I No.21 p. 3 Add:-
9:07.1n F.D.Sando White City Aug.22 1953(raises 1953 total to 40)
9:07.5n L.Eyre Birmingham July 1 1950(sub.9:10 marks now 5)

BEST U.K. PERFORMERS 1953 (Oct. Issue page 6.) Note:-

880 Yards Add	1:54.6	R.T. Taylor	Tooting	Aug. 22
One Mile Add	4:16.0	I.H. Boyd	Oxford	Oct.30
Hop Step Add	46'15"	N.D. Finch	Aberystwyth	May 9
Shot Putt Note	43'6" ¹ / ₂	DFA Vanhegan	Battersea	July 15
Discus Add	142'1"	H.L. Williams	Aberystwyth	Apr. 25
Javelin Add	190'15"	W.W. Kretschmer	Oxford	Oct.20

SHORT TAKES

by
The Editors

MARRIAGE STAKES (Continued) Since last month's ranking list of the greatest athletic romances of all-time, we have learnt of two more.

In Germany Ursula Jurewitz, who at Berlin on June 25th this year ran 400 metres in an unprecedented 55.7 secs. has taken as her husband the 1:52.4 800 metre man Rolf Donath.

Unlike any of the 6 partnerships already listed both special-ize in the same event since Ursula has since August 19 been the official world record-holder for the 880 yards at 2:12.6. She gets 1,090 points while he gets 958. Their aggregate of 2,048 thus ousts the Dyson-Gardner (1,942 pts.) team from sixth place.

In England the wedding bells rang this month for two native record-holders in Peter Alliday (Hammer 174 ft. 4 1/2 ins.) and Suzanne Farmer (Discus 142 ft. 0 in.). Both were on Great Britain's 1952 team at Helsinki. Suzanne recorded 143'1 1/2" in Germany last August which scores her 950 points. Allday scores 951 points. They could hardly be better matched!

MEDAL MEDLEY. At last month's British Olympic Dinner decorations were worn. It started a train of thought. We remembered that America's 1948 Olympic pole vault champion Guinn Smith had his country's D.F.C. and that Rudi Harbig had the German Iron Cross both 1st and 2nd Class. The number of Britain's international athletes who have won gallantry awards is however remarkable.

David Grigg, who threw the discus over 142 feet in Belgium before the war wears the scarlet and blue ribbon of the George Medal for bravery as a policeman in the London air raids. Lt. General Sir Frederick Browning K.B.E., C.B., husband of authoress Daphne du Maurier and member of the Queen's household, won a Distinguished Service Order during the late war. Besides competing in the 1924 Winter Olympics in the rather passive role of a bob-sledder he later represented England in the high hurdles.

In 1914 there ran for Ireland in the mile race in Glasgow in the inaugural triangular international one the Hon. H.R.L.G. Alexander - now 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, Field Marshal and the Minister of Defence. The fourth and fifth ribbons in his serried rows are the D.S.O. and M.C.

At the dinner referred to was Brian McCabe, the 1936 800 metre Olympic runner (best mark 1:53.1 for 880 yds.) wearing the purple and white ribbon of the M.C. with a bar and on the right side the Royal Humane Society medal for saving life. Also present was R.T.S. Mac-pherson, the 1947 Scottish International miler and Oxford 'Blue'. He was one of the only 24 officers in the 1939-45 war to achieve a 2nd. bar to the M.C. and the only man to effect a successful escape from an S.S. prison camp.

Now living in America is Colonel A.N.S. Strobe-Jackson, winner of the 1912 Olympic 1,500 metre title at Stockholm. During the 1914-18 war he achieved the feat of winning the D.S.O. and 3 bars - the maximum ever awarded. In the previous Olympics in London in the summer of 1908 however there competed in the ill-fated 400 metre event another Oxford athlete who later became the most highly decorated man in British military history. He was Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse R.A.M.C. Having been awarded both the M.C. and the Victoria Cross he was the recipient of a bar to the V.C. which was bestowed posthumously.

OTHER DECORATIONS. It is well known that weights are not allowed to be carried by jumpers. Nothing however has been laid down about monocles. The only athlete we know of who ran with a monocle was E.R. Smouha, who represented Great Britain in the 1928 Olympics in the 4x 100 metres relay. Even more imposing however is his address as was listed in the Achilles Club Year Book - E.R. Smouha, Smouha City, Egypt. This however is not the ultimate. At the 27th annual Oxford versus Cambridge Relays last month, Oxford had a quarter mile reserve who wore earrings. He was J.P. Brasier-Creagh (Polytechnic H.), who in 1949 ran a 440 yards as an 18 year old in 50.2 secs. - without earrings.

FISTIC FIZZ. Looking through some boxing records the other day we chanced upon data about the world's fastest knock-outs. The figure was the 11 seconds set at Newark, New Jersey on October 9th 1939 when Rudy Zymek pole-axed Alex Luke. The eleven seconds, however, included the full count, which lasts, of course, ten seconds. This means that Zymek got from his corner to hit the oncoming Luke in one second flat. Now a ring is 24 feet square so the distance from the corners to the middle point must therefore be 16 ft. 11 ins. Assuming that both men travelled at equal speed and so clash in the centre and that Zymek had a 29 inch reach, then the minimum distance travelled to connect would be 14 1/2 feet. Now electrochronoscope experiment has shown that no sprinter can cover more than 1 1/2 ft. in the first second. We should be prepared to dismiss this fistic record as an error of timekeeping but for one fact. Zymek's record of 11.0 secs. has since been equalled not once but 3 times. For better results in future starters should say "To your corners, Come out fighting!!"

MAL WHITFIELD - PLAYED 54, WON 51

On October 11th 1953 Malvin Groston Whitfield entered his 30th year. This man, who has dominated the world's best half-milers for 6 seasons, had his greatest year in 1953. It opened on the businesslike date of January 1st at Kingston with a Jamaican half-mile record and concluded 240 days later with his debut over the metric mile at 3:59.4 (equivalent to 4:19.9). Before tracing the astounding record of the 50 intervening races, let us have a look at his earlier days.

'Mal' was first noticed as a bounding swivel-hipped 21 year old from Ohio State at the 1946 N.C.2 A's and again at the 1946 A.A.U. meeting at San Antonio. In both races he was second. Europe first saw him in the 1947 A.A.U. tour during which he ran a 47.5 sec. 400 metres in Prague. His subsequent progress is best summarized in the table below showing his top 400 and 800 Metre marks of the last 8 seasons together with his placing in the world lists:-



YEAR	AGE	400 METRES		800 METRES	
		Time	Placing	Time	Placing
1947	22	47.4	3rd	1:51.0n	15th
1948	23	46.6	3rd	1:49.2	1st
1949	24	46.2	=1st	1:49.6+	1st
1950	25	46.7	5th	1:48.5+	1st
1951	26	46.7	3rd	1:51.2n+	19th
1952	27	46.4	=4th	1:48.0	1st
1953	28	45.9	1st	1:47.9	1st

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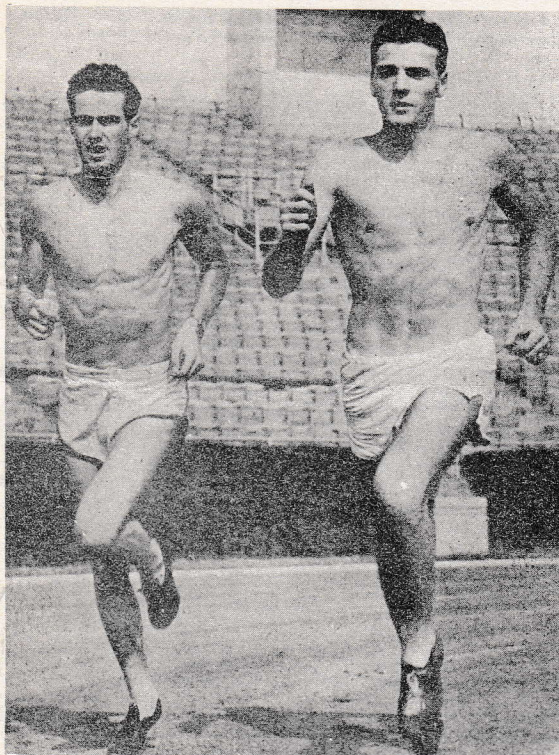
Between his Jamaican tour and the opening of his outdoor season in April, Whitfield this year had the most strenuous indoor campaign of his career. In his 13 appearances he once equalled and thrice broke American (and hence world) best indoor marks. These were:-

Jan. 31	600 Yds. Boston	1:10.2	=World Best
Feb. 7	500 Yds. New York	56.6	World Best
Feb. 28	600 Yds. New York	1:09.5	World Best
Mar. 28	600 Yds. Chicago	1:09.7	

Jan. 1	880yds. Kingston	1st	1:53.8	Jamaican record
Jan. 3	400m Kingston	2nd	47.9	inches to McKenley
Apr. 25	880yds. Provo, Utah	1st	1:53.0	
Apr. 28	440yds. 880yds. Lexington	1st	47.5	1st 1:51.6
May	880yds. Modesto	1st	1:53.0	
May 16	880yds. Los Angeles	1st	1:49.6	
June 5	880yds. Compton	1st	1:49.4	
June 13	880yds. Glasgow	1st	1:50.9	(1:57.5n handicap 15/6
June 17	1000m Stockholm	1st	2:24.0	(at Middlesbrough
June 27	880yds. Dayton, Ohio	1st	1:51.5	A.A.U. Champion (4th time)
July 2	800m Helsinki	1st	1:49.2	= own Olympic track rec.
July 4	400m Seinajoki	1st	48.7	
July 8	1000m Lahti	1st	2:27.0	
July 10	400m Karhula	1st	47.7	also ran 200m in 22.4
July 12	1000m Kouvola	1st	2:21.7	U.S. record (800m 1:52.6)
July 15	500m Hameenlinna	1st	62.3	
July 17	880yds. Turku	1st	1:48.6	WORLD RECORD (1:47.9m)
July 21	1000m Stockholm	1st	2:22.3	
July 24	1000m Goteborg	1st	2:22.6	
July 26	400m Varberg	1st	47.5	Beat Wolfbrandt (48.0)
July 29	400m Cologne	1st	46.2	Beat Mashburn 46.9
	800m Cologne	1st	1:48.4	Beat Cryer 1:49.4
Aug. 2	800m Berlin	1st	1:49.7	Beat Dohrow 1:51.2
Aug. 5	400m Hannover	1st	46.9	Beat Lea 48.0
	800m Hannover	1st	1:49.3	Beat Cryer 1:49.9
Aug. 6	800m Oslo	1st	1:48.3	Beat Santee (1:48.4)
Aug. 8	880yds. White City	1st	1:51.8	Beat Scott (GB) 1:52.2
Aug. 10	400m Sarpsburg	1st	50.5	
Aug. 11	1000m Stockholm	1st	2:21.4	U.S. Record, Aberg 2:21.7
Aug. 14	800m Orebro	1st	1:48.0	Beat Ekfeldt 1:49.0
Aug. 16	1000m Eskilstuna	1st	2:20.8	WORLD RECORD (800m 1:54.7)
	440yds. Eskilstuna	1st	46.2	U.S. Record (45.9m)
Aug. 20	880yds. Copenhagen	1st	1:49.8	(1:49.2m) Nielsen 1:51.6
Aug. 24	800m Oslo	1st	1:53.0	Beat Santee 1:53.0
Aug. 26	1500m Goteborg	4th	3:59.4	Won by Ericsson (3:48.2)

Thus, excluding relays, Whitfield made 39 starts in scratch outdoor races winning all but two and 15 indoor starts winning all but one. His tally of records were -: World: 880 yards and 1,000 m. American: 400metres, 440yards, 800metres, 880yards and 1,000metres and indoors world best marks for 500yards, 500metres and 600 yards. His total tally of sub 1:50 marks for the year was an unprecedented ten. He remained undefeated outdoors between 440 yards and 1,000 metres.

Goodbye, Mr. Decathlon! By Neil Allen



MELVIN EMERY PATTON(left) and ROBERT BRUCE MATHIAS(right)

PERSONAL BEST PERFORMANCES OF BOB MATHIAS			
100metres	10.8 (98pts)	110Hurdles	13.8 (1204pts)
Long Jump	23'5" ³ / ₈ (832pts)	Discus	173'4" (1071pts)
Shot Putt	51'2" ¹ / ₂ (948pts)	Pole Vault	13'1" ¹ / ₂ (745pts)
High Jump	6'2" ¹ / ₂ (900pts)	Javelin	194'3" ³ / ₈ (715pts)
400metres	50.2 (828pts)	1500metres	4:50.8 (328pts)

TOTAL POINTS = 8,557 !

Reporter to Mathias in 1948, "How are you going to celebrate your Olympic win?"
Mathias (aged 17), "I'll start shaving"

On June 17th, 1953, one of the greatest athletes of all-time stepped into matrimony and out of track and field at the early age of twenty-two. Despite his youth, Robert Bruce Mathias could rest certain that as long as men run, jump and throw, his name would be remembered.

Bob Mathias was born at 8 a.m. on November 17th, 1930, at Tulare County Hospital, the second son of Dr. Charles Mathias and his wife Lillian. His father had been a high school 440 man and at eleven the son took to track and field posting his first marks - a 5'0" high and 15'0" long jump. Bob cleared 5'2" when in the 8th grade but further improvement was slowed by a severe attack of anemia. By long rests and careful dieting, Dr. Mathias built up his son's strength again until at 14 he could jump 5'5", put the 8lbs shot 49'4"³/₈ and long jump 17'8". As a high school sophomore he threw the discus 112' and the shot 46'7". But it was in the 1947 track season that the bronzed Tulare boy really caught California's eye. During an early meet Mathias won the hurdles and discus as usual and then took the high jump as a last minute reserve with 5'10". It was that which made his coach, Virgil Jackson, think of the decathlon.

After breaking the discus(140'6"¹/₂) and high hurdles (14.6) high school meet records at the Fresno Relays, Bob competed at the San Joaquin Valley championships the next week. In the discus another member of the Tulare squad hurled the platter 150 feet to set up a California high school record. But before the cheers had died away, Mathias

had come through with an even better throw of 150'8"¹/₂. The beaten team-mate?
- Sim Iness !

Mathias ended his high school career in June 1948 having won 40 titles and broken 21 records. At the Fresno Relays that year, he hurdled 14.6 and put the 12lbs shot 54'1" as well as high jumping 6'2". Later, in the State finals at Berkeley, the prodigy won the highs in 14.5 and the 180 yards lows in 19.6.

By this time the Tulare schoolboy was being hailed as a decathlon hero and on June 10th, 1948, aged 17¹/₂, weighing 185lbs and standing 6 feet tall, he left his holes at Pasadena track to win his round of the 100 metres and start the world's greatest career in the ten event test. From then on his performances were front page news for all track fans - the win at Wembley while still only 17, the European tour in 1949 and the world record in 1950.

THE TEN DECATHLONS IN THE UNDEFEATED CAREER OF MATHIAS

Event	Pasadena, Cal.	Bloomfield, N.J.	Wembley, M' sex.	Tulare, Cal.	Oslo, Norway
	June 10, 11 1948	July 25, 26. 1948	August 5, 6. 1948	June 28, 29 1949	July 28, 29 1949
100metres	11.3	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.4
L.Jump.	21' 4" ¹ / ₂	21' 6" ⁵ / ₈	21' 8"	22' 3" ³ / ₈	22' 3" ³ / ₈
Shot Putt	43' 1"	42' 6" ⁵ / ₈	42' 9" ¹ / ₄	45' 3"	44' 6" ¹ / ₄
High Jump	5'10"	6' 0"	6' 1" ¹ / ₄	6' 0" ¹ / ₄	6' 0"
400metres	52.1	51.0	51.7	51.3	51.8
110Hurdles	15.7	15.1	15.7	15.0	15.3
Discus	140' 0" ¹ / ₂	139' 7" ¹ / ₄	144' 4"	150'11" ¹ / ₈	140' 8" ⁵ / ₈
Pole Vault	11' 9"	11' 6"	11' 5" ³ / ₄	11' 6"	12' 1" ⁵ / ₈
Javelin	175' 4" ⁵ / ₈	157' 3" ³ / ₈	165' 1"	177'10" ⁵ / ₈	172' 4" ¹ / ₂
1500metres	4:59.2	4:55.2	5:11.0	4:58.2	5:02.0
1954 Pts.	7,136	7,224	7,139	7,556	7,346
1950 Pts.	6,344	6,330	6,384	6,864	6,610

Event	Stanford, Cal.	Tulare, Cal.	Berne, Switz'nd.	Tulare, Cal.	Helsinki.
	May 30, 31 1950	June 27, 28 1950	August 6, 7 1950	July 2, 3 1952	July 25, 26 1952
100metres	10.8	10.9	11.1	10.8	10.9
L.Jump	21'11"	23' 3" ³ / ₈	21' 4"	23' 5" ¹ / ₄	22'10" ⁵ / ₈
Shot Putt	49' 8"	47' 6" ¹ / ₄	45'11" ¹ / ₄	49'10"	50' 2" ¹ / ₄
High Jump	5'10"	6' 0" ¹ / ₄	5'10" ⁵ / ₈	6' 2" ¹ / ₂	6' 2" ¹ / ₂
400metres	51.9	51.0	52.7	50.8	50.2
110Hurdles	15.0	14.7	15.3	14.6	14.7
Discus	134' 1"	146' 5"	149' 3" ³ / ₈	157'11" ⁵ / ₈	153'10"
Pole Vault	12' 0"	13' 0" ¹ / ₂	11' 9" ³ / ₄	12' 3" ³ / ₈	13' 1" ¹ / ₂
Javelin	162' 8"	184' 4" ¹ / ₂	163' 7" ³ / ₄	193'10" ³ / ₈	194' 3" ³ / ₈
1500metres	4:54.1	5:05.0	4:57.6	4:55.3	4:50.8
1954 Pts.	7,542	8,042	7,312	8,390	8,450
1950 Pts.	6,943	7,447	6,585	7,825	7,887

At the California Relays of 1950, Bob, competing in the Junior College Division for Stanford University (where he was coached by the former 20.9 man Jack Weiserhauser) won the discus at 151'3", was second in the shot with 49'6", first in the hurdles (14.5) and placed third in the high jump at 6'1"⁵/₈. Because of additional team wins the delirious crowd saw him mount the stand eight times.

The following year a back injury made the world record holder steer clear of the exhausting decathlon for a season and he concentrated only on the discus, shot and low hurdles. On June 19th at Eugene, Oregon the 20 year old beat the Stanford all-time discus record with an amazing heave of 173'4" - which would have got 4th place at Helsinki - and then followed it up with a shot putt of 51'2"¹/₂ (15.60). Cordner Nelson timed him at 21.0 over a 220 relay leg. The Olympic decathlon champion was getting in shape to defend his title.

Following a useful 1952 dual meet season the now 6'3", 200lbs Mathias left for Helsinki and there, despite a bandaged thigh, broke the world's record for the third time. At 10 p.m. on July 26th, 1952, Mathias, who had said, "No more decathlon Dad, ever again!" at Wembley four years before, broke the 1500 metres tape for the last time.

Then, just to show what he could have done as a single event man, Mathias went in for a hurdles race when visiting Zurich on August 12th. Gobbling up the ten barriers after an explosive start, the one-man team ripped through the tape in an astonishing 13.8 seconds to become the third fastest hurdler in the world for 1953. Only five men had ever clocked faster times.

After competing occasionally in the early 1953 season Mathias announced that he was marrying on June 17 and that the Pacific Coast Conference Meet at Stanford on May 30 would be his last appearance. In the low hurdles event, run round a turn, Bob was nipped on the tape after leading all the way from Jack Davis. But he still returned the best time of his career with a brilliant 23.2.

A month later his amateur status was ended when he accepted \$500 for a magazine article "Why I Quit Football". He is now engaged on a lecture tour giving illustrated cine-film lectures on track and field. At the age of ten Mathias hung a sign over his bedroom door which read: "Quitters don't win and winners don't quit." Little could he have then realised that, when there are no more worlds to conquer, winners after all, usually do - quit.

1954 - Next Season's Calendar

In order that readers may keep abreast of the 1954 season, we list below the outstanding world and domestic fixtures for next year. All the dates mentioned were approved by the International Amateur Athletic Federation at their meeting in Brussels on November 21st. The list must only be considered as a skeleton structure; no doubt there will be several last minute meetings staged by countries, such as the Czechoslovakian meeting last month when Zatopek broke the world's six mile and 10,000 metres records.

MAIN EUROPEAN FIXTURES		
DATE	VENUE	OCCASION
June 5 & 6	Sofia	Bulgaria v Hungary
June 5 & 7	White City	British Games
June 13	Brussels	International Meeting.
June 15 & 16	Oslo	International Meeting
June 16	Brussels	International Meeting
June 17	Prague	Prague v Paris
June 20	Stuttgart	International Meeting
June 20 & 21	Turku	International Meeting
June 26	Windsor	AAA Marathon Championship
June 27	Brussels	Belgium v France
July 1 & 2	Copenhagen	Denmark v Norway
July 3 & 4	Budapest	Czechoslovakia v Hungary
July 8 & 9	Helsinki	Finland v Yugoslavia
July 9 & 10	Stockholm	AAA Championships
July 14 & 15	Stockholm	Sweden v France
July 27 & 28	Stockholm	Sweden v Hungary
July 31 - Aug.7	Vancouver	BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES
Aug. 2 & 3	Oslo	Norway v Hungary
Aug. 6,7 & 8	Prague	Czechoslovakian Championships
Aug. 7 & 8	Hamburg	German Championships
Aug. 7 & 8	Paris	French Championships
Aug. 8	Brussels	Belgium Championships
Aug. 8	Budapest	Hungarian Championships
Aug. 12 & 13	Helsinki	Finnish Championships
Aug. 13,14 & 15	Stockholm	Swedish Championships
Aug. 13,14 & 15	Oslo	Norwegian Championships
Aug. 14	White City	British Games
Aug. 25 - 29.	Berne	EUROPEAN GAMES
Aug. 31	Zurich	International Meeting
Sept. 5	Budapest	International Meeting
Sept.11 & 12	Paris	France v Germany
Sept.11 & 12	Helsinki	Finland v Sweden
Sept.19	Brenon	Germany v Finland
Sept.22	White City	London v Moscow
Sept.26	Bucharest	International Championships
Sept.26	Italy	Italian Championships
Oct. 3	Prague	Czechoslovakia v Sweden
Oct. 4	Budapest	Hungary v Finland
Oct. 24	Tokyo	Japan v Germany

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S MAIN FIXTURES - 1954		
DATE	VENUE	OCCASION
Apr. 23 & 24	White City	IAC Schools Meeting
May 5	Eton Manor	Leyton Floodlit Meeting
May 15	White City	London Caledonian Games
May 15	Wimbledon	Brockman Trophy Meeting
May 26	White City	Cavalcade of Sport
May 29	Chiswick	Sward Trophy Meeting
June 5 & 7	White City	Inter Counties & British Games
June 12	Glasgow	Police Invitation Meeting
June 19	Various	Area Championships
June 26	Chiswick	Kinnaird Trophy & Poly Marathon
July 3	Various	Area Junior Championships
July 3	Southampton	Ryder Trophy Meeting
July 9 & 10	White City	AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
July 17	White City	Triangular International
July 31 - Aug.6	Vancouver	BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES
Aug. 14	White City	British Games
Aug. 21	Edinburgh	Highland Games
Aug. 25 - 29	Berne	EUROPEAN GAMES
Sept.11	Battersea	London AA Championships
Sept.22	White City	London v Moscow (provisional)
Sept.29	White City	England v Belgium
Late Additions		
June 12	White City	Oxford&Cambridge v Cornell-Penn
Sept. 8	White City	City Charity Meeting
May 14-15	U.A.U. Championships.	A.A.A.Teams v.Wales(May 1) v Oxford (May 6); v. Cambridge (May 20th) and v. London University (June 2).

WORLD'S BEST MARKS - ODD DISTANCES

From time to time we are asked by subscribers what are the best marks on record for 'odd' distances in track and field. Below we list our findings and acknowledge the help of Dr.Quercetani.

TRACK EVENTS			
120 yards	10.2	Charles Paddock(USA)	Pasadena,Cal. June 18 1921
150 yards	14.1	Herbert Thompson(USA)	Randalls Island July 17 1938
	14.1	William Martineson(USA)	Bloomfield,N.J. July 7 1946
200 yards	18.9	Norwood Ewell(USA)	Rochester,N.Y. June 6 1942
300 yards	29.6	Herb.McKenley(Jamaica)	Stockholm Sept. 3 1948
300 metres	32.4	Herb.McKenley(Jamaica)	Stockholm Sept. 3 1948
	32.4	Herb.McKenley(Jamaica)	Stockholm Aug. 16 1950
500 yards	55.8	Herb.McKenley(Jamaica)	Inglewood,Cal. June 4 1949
500 metres	61.0	Mal.Whitfield(USA)	Antwerp July 25 1949
600 yards	68.8	Ben.Eastman(USA)	San Francisco June 2 1934
600 metres	77.3	Mal.Whitfield(USA)	Long Beach,Cal. June 14 1952
660 yards	77.3	Mal.Whitfield(USA)	Long Beach,Cal. June 14 1952
1000 yds	2:09.3	Charles Fenske(USA)	Milwaukee June 2 1939
$\frac{3}{4}$ Mile	2:56.6	Arne Andersson(Sweden)	Stockholm July 5 1944
1 $\frac{1}{8}$ Miles	6:33.8	John Barry(Ireland)	Glasgow June 13 1949
4000 M.	11:02.0	Vladimir Kuts(USSR)	Budapest Sept.20 1953
4 Miles	18:35.6	Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	Birmingham Oct. 3 1953
5 Miles	23:34.2	Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	London July 10 1953
6000 M.	17:24.0	Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	Stockholm Sept. 3 1953
7000 M.	20:21.0	Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	Stockholm Sept. 3 1953
8000 M.	23:19.6	Emil Zatopek(Czech.)	Stará Boleslav Nov. 1 1953
9000 M.	26:15.0	Emil Zatopek(Czech.)	Turku Aug. 4 1950
15,000 M.	44:54.6	Emil Zatopek(Czech.)	Stará Boleslav Sept.29 1951
2 Hours 21miles			
698yds(34,445m.)		José Ribas(Argentina)	Buenos Aires Sept.14 1935
FIELD EVENTS			
Shot(8lbs)	80'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	James Fuchs(USA)	Baltimore June 25 1950
Shot(12lbs)	64'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	James Fuchs(USA)	Baltimore June 25 1950
Standing HJ	5'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	L.Goehring(USA)	Travers Is,NY. June 14 1913
Standing LJ	11'4 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	Ray Ewry(USA)	St.Louis Aug. 29 1904

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EUROPEAN TAILPIECE by R.L.Quercetani
The European season finally came to its close early in November with Zátópek's magnificent 29:01.5 at the thermal resort of Stará Boleslav Houšťka at noon on November 1st in a field of 13 runners.

At this meeting Jiří Škoblba put up the greatest ever series by a shot putter from Europe with 57'2¹/₈, 57'2¹/₄, 56'11¹/₈, 57'0¹/₈ and 56'3¹/₈ (he took only 5 throws). Stanislav Jungwirth, only man to beat Zátópek in 1953 (this was in a 3,000m. race at Opava on June 27 when he did 8:12.2 against the 8:13.8 of Zátópek) ran his second 5,000 metre race but after a fast start (1st kilo. in 2:50.6) he faded to 14:44.4 (R.L.Q.)

YVETTE WILLIAMS RAISES N.Z. RECORDS.
On Nov. 14 at Auckland Olympic women's long jump champion Yvette Williams raised her N.Z. discus mark from 136'10" to 147'0" and had another throw of 144'0". The previous week she had an exhibition shot putt of 44'5¹/₄.

WORLD RECORD LIST - NOVEMBER NUMBER.
Some readers have pointed out the omission of the 4x800 metres mark of 7:28.0 by a Czech quartet from the crop of 1953 world records. This was however deliberate since the U.S.S.R. National record of 7:27.4 awaits the attention of the I.A.A.F. It was put up in Moscow on July 12 1951.

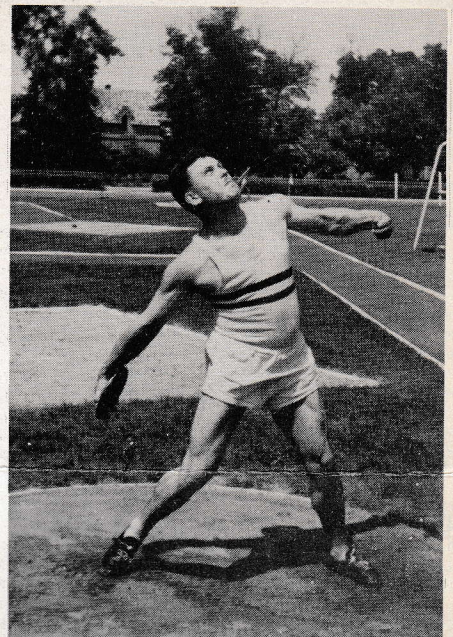
ONE FOR CAMBRIDGE AND ONE FOR OXFORD

Cambridge increased their series lead to 16-11 in the 27th annual Relays against Oxford on the world's oldest track (1857 A.D.) at Fenner's, Cambridge on Nov. 26th by taking all 5 of the flat events leaving only the high and low hurdles to Oxford.

Alan Sexton had a work out for his next March's expected triple win in the Sports by playing a prominent part in the 4x110, 4x220 & 4x440 yd. relay in which Ron Day produced a stage in 49.6 secs. But for having to save himself for the 4xmile event 50 mins. later Cambridge's 1:54.0 half-miler Keith Marsden could have lowered the 4x880 yard record below its 1951 1:58.8 average but was content to win in a total 7:56.4

Ian Boyd, 20, made up 62 of his 65 yard deficit in the 4xmile event against Marsden having sprung too early and so letting the Light Blues win in 17:45.6

Nine days later over a 7¹/₂ mile course on Wimbledon Common Boyd was the hero of the 63rd Cross-Country match in which Oxford won by 29 points to 50 thus coming to within one victory of parity (31-32) in the series which began in 1880. Boyd won by the biggest margin (over 250yds) since 1947 and was the eighth consecutive Dark Blue to break the scarves. His 40:30.2 broke Chris Chataway's 1951 time of 40:59.0 which was itself an improvement on Bannister's. Derek Johnson's second equal place in 41:06 was a surprise from the 1949 A.A.A. Junior champion (48.8secs) but he and C.W. Suddaby both got full 'Blues' since the first Cambridge man, J.U. Shearn, was fourth.



Ferenc Klics the Hungarian discus-thrower who is No. 2 in Europe to Consolini of Italy with a best of 175'3¹/₂" (53.44) which ranks him also ninth of all-time in the world. This year his best was 175'0¹/₈" at Budapest.

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