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SANTEE BLAZES TO 4-02.2 (LAST LAP BUT LANDY (4-02.0) SAYS 55 SECS)



"4 MINUTES IS A BRICK WALL"

The closing days of 1953 witnessed two last vicious attacks on the inviolable 'Four Minute Mile'. They raised 1953's tally of sub 4:05.0 marks to the annual record figure of ten!

ATTACK No.1 Just a year to the day after his electrifying 4:02.1 mile of 1952 John Michael LANDY, the 22 year old Australian, quickened the slow pulses of his rivals when on Dec.12 at the Olympic Park track he returned 4:02.0 for a new Empire and South Hemisphere record.

ATTACK No.2 Running in the annual end of year outdoor Sugar Bowl meeting on Dec.31st. at New Orleans the 22 year old American miler Wesley SANTEE served notice to Sports'Editors the world over to prepare their '4 Minutes' Obituary Notices. In pulverizing the old 1938 meeting record(4:10.7 by Glenn Cunningham) he hit the bell in 3:09.2 and then unleashed the fastest recorded last lap of 55.0 secs. to win by 30 yards over Charles Capozzoli in his third best time of 4:04.2.

CRUCIAL DATES IN 1954

Feb.11 Australian Champs.	Sydney
Apr.17 Penn. Relays	Philadelphia
May 6 AAA v. OUAC	Oxford
May 22 Big 7 Conference	
May 26 Floodlit Meeting	White City
June 4 Compton Invitational	Compton, Cal.
June 5 British Games(1st Day)	White City



HISTORY'S GREATEST MILE - Malmö, Sweden July 1945
Gunder Hägg(4:01.3), Andersson(4:02.2) and Persson (4:03.8). Hägg was aged 26 at the time.

THE DREAM - THE REALITY

THE NEAREST APPROACH IN 8 YEARS
The lone Southern Star LANDY, 22 seen running his 4:02.0 mile.

Name and Nationality	Date	Venue	1st Lap	2nd Lap	1st Half	3rd Lap	Bell	4th Lap	2nd Half	TIME
? (?)	?	?	58.5	59.5	(1:58.0)	61.0	(2:59.0)	61.0	(2:02.0)	4:00.0 !
Gunder Hägg (Sweden)	July 17 1945	Malmö, Sweden	56.6	61.9	(1:58.5)	61.2	(2:59.7)	61.7	(2:02.8)	4:01.3
Arne Andersson (Sweden)	July 18 1944	Malmö, Sweden	56.8	60.5	(1:57.3)	62.9	(3:00.4)	61.4	(2:04.3)	4:01.6
Roger Bannister (G.B.)	June 27 1953	London	59.6	60.1	(1:59.7)	62.1	(3:01.8)	60.2	(2:02.3)	4:02.0
John Landy (Australia)	Dec. 12 1953	Melbourne	58.2	60.4	(1:58.6)	61.6	(3:00.2)	61.8	(2:03.4)	4:02.0
John Landy (Australia)	Dec. 13 1952	Melbourne	59.2	61.8	(2:01.0)	62.0	(3:03.0)	59.1	(2:01.1)	4:02.1
Wesley Santee (U.S.A.)	June 6 1953	Compton, Cal.	62.9	62.4	(2:05.3)	58.2	(3:03.5)	58.9	(1:57.0)	4:02.3

FASTEST OF THE YEARS

1946	Lennart Strand (Sweden)	4:06.6
1947	Lennart Strand (Sweden)	4:07.0
1948	Gilbert Dodds (U.S.A.)	4:08.8
1949	Ölle Åberg (Sweden)	4:05.4
1950	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	4:06.2
1951	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	4:07.8
1952	John Landy (Australia)	4:02.1
1953	Bannister & Landy	4:02.0

ZÁTOPEK'S ASTOUNDING ROAD RUN

The full significance of Emil Zátopek's fabulous victory from the 2,140 strong field in the 29th annual Saint Sylvester New Year's Eve road race through the streets of São Paulo, Brazil does not seem to have dawned on the metric-resistant English speaking world. He ran the oft-measured course in this 29th annual event of 7,300 metres in 20 mins.30.0 secs. to win by over a minute from the reigning International Cross Country Champion Franjo Milhalić (cont: p.8)

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SHORT TAKES

by
The Editors

PRO PATRIA. We recently received one of the bravest documents ever compiled - "A Latvian All-Time Best Performers List". It came from an exiled subscriber in Western Australia. It reveals that several well known U.S.S.R. athletes are in fact Latvians. They include the 47.9 sec. 400 metre man Erich Pilags who ran in their 4 x 400 metres relay team and the mighty Otto Grigalka who this year putt the shot 55'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (16.80) and threw the discus 174'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (53.17) for a Soviet record. The best marks listed for Displaced Latvians in England include a remarkable 50'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.35) effort by Anton Puksts at Leyton on Oct.10th 1950. Puksts can probably claim to be the world's smallest 50 foot putter. Also listed is the tragic 233'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (71.31) javelin throw by Janis Stendzenieks, the 1947 and 1948 AAA Champion. This was achieved at Lincoln on June 19 1948. Five weeks later the Stateless athlete had to sit in the Wembley stands and watch the Finnish film actor Tapio Rautavaara win the Olympic title with a throw over 5 feet less.

QUITE SO. In a Televised Debate this month on the motion that 'The Emancipation of Women has led to the Enslavement of Men' the proposer taunted -:
"We all sprang from monkeys but men have sprung further" (longer)
The precise figure however was not quoted - it is, of course, 6'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

ACOUSTIC ANOMALY. Looking through the Swedish ranking lists the other day we noted that no fewer than 11 Anderssons had run the 800 metres in 1:59.9 or under during 1953. This state of affairs reminded us of the story of the beautiful Swedish valley to which tourists are often conducted. The tourist stands on a mound and bawls 'JOHNSON' at the top of his voice. After a lengthy silence back comes the echo - "WHICH Johnson?"

GUESS WHO! In last summer's 2nd Tactical Air Force Athletic Championships in Germany one of the competitors for the putting the weight event arrived in a staff car. He wore the 'scrambled eggs' hat of a Group Captain and wore the ribbons of the D.F.C. and the A.F.C. and the gold rosette of a Battle of Britain fighter pilot. His iron grey hair was more befitting that of an ambassador than an athlete but he nonetheless won the title. Guess who? It was the European Championship 110 metre hurries record-holder (14.3 secs.) Donald Finlay.

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK. Tucked away in a Southern Irish 'paper was a report that at the Munster Colleges athletics championships held in Cork a Clonmel High School boy broke the intermediate 7 lb. shot record with a putt of 53'9". His name T.O'Callaghan. His pedigree - son of Dr. Patrick O'Callaghan, the 1928 and 1932 Olympic hammer champion, who is now senior medical officer at a Mental Hospital.

HIGH POWERED. The U.S. 'Junior Olympic' 100 yard dash record was equalled in 1953 by a 17 year old boy named Jones who won with something in hand. He came from Richmond, California and his parents christened him Cadillac Jones. The eight cylinder boy had purred down the cinder straight to clock 9.9 seconds.

BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS LISTS 1953 - AMENDMENTS.
SENIOR LIST (see Vol. I No. 19 p. 2-Sept. 1953)
Hop, Step: Add 45'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " D. Ashing (R.A.F. & Q.P.H.) Yatesbury July 17
Shot-Putt Add 45'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " T.J. Logan (Victoria Pk.) (Scotland)
JUNIOR LIST (see Vol. I No. 19 p. 6-7 - Sept. 1953)
220 Yards Add 22.8Y H.R. Smith (Halesowen T.S.) Halesowen June 13
Mile Delete 4:22.1 A.S. Jackson (Roundhay Sch.) - over 19
Add 4:29.0 D.A. Pinkhard (Blackheath H.) Perry Barr July 18

J.W. BROWN CELEBRATES BOXING DAY WITH A PERSONAL BEST TWO MILES.
Jack William Brown, 28 year old Kent mile champion, improved his personal best mark for 2 miles in bitter weather on December 26th at the Belgrave Harriers meeting at Battersea Park, London. In high summer at the Fire Brigade Sports at the White City on August 22nd Brown ran 9:06.8 behind Chris Chataway who won the event in 9:06.4. At his own club's traditional post-Christmas meeting Brown entered the 2 mile handicap and was put off scratch. He beat a man awarded 350 yards start by 25 yards to win in 9:06.6. Brown's best mile is 4:12.0 set in an AAA heat this year.

20 YEAR OLD RUSSIAN THROWS HAMMER 199-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

It was a case of "he who flings last flings furthest" when on December 6 at Baku, capital of the southern Soviet state of Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea, the 20 year old USSR champion Stanislav Nyenashev broke the year old All Soviets record of 198'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (60.51) set at Taskent by Mikhail Krivonosov with a mighty heave of 199'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (60.70). This new mark not only raises the prodigy from ninth (189'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (57.63)) on the 1953 list to third but to third also on the all-time list behind only Sverre Strandli's world mark of 204'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (63.36) and Milos Mäca's 200'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (61.00) made 7 days later in Czechoslovakia.

PETERS AVERAGES OVER 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ M.P.H. IN 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE TEST!

Jim Peters, the world's fastest marathon runner, covered the very strictly surveyed 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Morpeth-Newcastle course in an astounding 66 mins. 8 secs. so bettering his last year's record by 58 secs. The annual New Year's Day event attracted particular attention this year because of the presence of the 22 year old Scot Ian Binnie, who last August 28 at Dunoon ran the world's best of 1953 and the 7th best ever 'hour run' when he covered 11 miles 1,571 yds. for a British Empire record. The Glasgow draughtsman fought hard over the opening 6 miles frequently surging close to the mighty Peters but in the end youth had to give way to experience and he finished second 800 yards behind.

Peters passed the 12 miles post in an incredible 59:00 and thus must have covered more ground in the full hour than did Zátópek in the first of his two world records of 1951 at Stará Boleslav (12 m. 268 yds and 12m. 809 yds.). Piling on the pace even harder Peters completed the last 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a fabulous 7:08 (4:45.6 miling pace) to achieve an overall average pace of 4:54 per mile! After the event the 35 year old optician said "It was my greatest race over any distance".

THANE BAKER BEATS MASHBURN IN 'SUGAR BOWL' 440

The classic annual Sugar Bowl outdoor meeting staged each year - end at New Orleans in Louisiana brought forth its usual share of good things as the last meeting of the old year. Transcending all was of course Santee's fantastic last lap to his 4:04.2 mile (see front page) which left Charles Capozzoli and the Swede Sture Landqvist so far behind.

In the 440 yards there was a clash between Thane Baker, who ran 20.8 round the Helsinki 200 metre turn from the sixth lane, and Jesse Mashburn, who is ranked No 2 in the world behind only Malvin Whitfield with best marks of 46.6m and 46.8y (twice). It was however Kansas State sprinter who triumphed with 47.9 - just 8 tenths shy of his Big 7 heat time last May. Over the 100 yards however there was defeat at the hands of Olympian Finis Dean Smith who made a come-back bid with 10.0 to oust both Baker and the 9.5 sec. Texan Charles Thomas.

The 120 yard high hurdles were taken by the youthful Willard Thomson who gained fifth place on the 1953 American (world) ranking with a third place 14.1 mark in June last. This time he did 14.4sec.

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Good, But Not Good Enough

HISTORY'S GREATEST SECOND PLACE PERFORMANCES

At the Helsinki Olympics Herb McKenley ran 400 metres in 45.9 secs., Jack Davis scrambled the high hurdles in 13.7 secs., the Russian Kazantsev completed the 3000 metres steeplechase in 8:51.6 while his compatriot Leonid Shcherbakov triple-jumped 52'5" (15.98). None won his event. They are just four of the athletes to whom this article pays tribute - those who established world 'records' for a second place.

As would be expected America in general and California in particular has been the scene of the speediest 'sprinters-up'. We reproduce a photograph of the only occasion on which a man finishing a 100 yards in 9.4 secs. found that the tape had already been broken. The scene is the 22nd West Coast Relays at Fresno on May 15th 1948. An almost imperceptible breeze of 1 m.p.h. wafted across the lightning fast track as the 5 starters got down to their marks in a shade temperature of 90 degs. F. (32.2 C). There were four false starts in which the Panamanian Lloyd Ia Beach looked to be guilty 3 times. At the fifth time of asking the starter, Bob Strehle, got his field away but Ia Beach, anxious not to get tossed out, made a cautious start and soon found that his arch rival Mel Patton had a yard on him at the halfway mark. With a mighty surge the West Indian closed the gap to a single foot. The timers caught the winning Mel Patton in 9.3, 9.3 and 9.4 for the reigning world record while the two alternate watches read 9.3 and 9.4 secs. It seemed indeed that 9.4 was even ungenerous for this second place! Less than an hour later Ia Beach confirmed his quality with a world record equalling 100 m. in 10.2 secs. for a 3 yard victory over the 46.1 sec. 400 metre man Cliff Bourland.

The fastest ever 100 metre runner up was almost certainly the 180 pound negro Ralph Metcalfe in the famous 1932 Olympic 'photo-finish' at Los Angeles. Other 10.3n 100 metre marks were aptly enough recorded in the white heat of America's next two Olympic try-outs. In 1936 little Foy Draper, hero of that dynamic third leg in the U.S.A.'s world record 4x100 metre relay team in Berlin, ran 10.3 in the wake of Jesse Owens' sylphlike world record 10.2 secs. This race was remarkable insofar as third place went to Sam Stoller in 10.3 while Adrian Talley, who anchored the world 4x110 yard relay record team two years later, Harvey Wallender and George Boone took fourth, fifth and sixth places all in 10.4 secs. In the 1948 U.S. Olympic Tryouts at Evanston, Illinois in July Mel Patton was caught in 10.3 for the only other such occasion this time behind the self-congratulatory fandango of 'Barney' Ewell, who snapped the tape for history's seventh bona fide 10.2 metric century. Next day, July 10th, the rôles were reversed. This time it was Patton who got the verdict in the 200 metres when in 'lane 1' he lynxed round the full turn to fix the irrepressible 'Barney' on the tape for a 20.7 deadlock.

Reverting to straightaway sprints the earliest that any place timekeeper has ever been obliged to stop his watch after a flash one eighth of a mile distant is 20.5 secs. This was first at Los Angeles, when, that fastest of all turn runners, Andy Stanfield chased home a yard behind Patton in a 20.4 race in June 1949. The next occasion was at the 1952 Compton Invitational when it was Andy who lead home the pounding George Rhoden of Jamaica.

The story of McKenley's despairing 45.9 secs. 400 metres for the 1952 Olympic silver medal is too well known to bear retelling but it is a curious fact how rarely even 47 seconds is beaten by a runner-up in a full quarter mile race. The fastest officially timed second place was the 46.7 by the negro Dave Bolen, when finishing behind Herb McKenley at Salt Lake City on June 21 1947, when the Jamaican equalled his own world record with 46.2 secs.

Audun Boysen, the Norwegian psychology student, earned the distinction of the fastest non-winning 800 metre run when in a post 1952 Olympic meeting in Göteborg he almost vanquished the invincible Champion, Mal Whitfield. Whitfield set a personal best and a U.S. record with 1:48.0 while Boysen had the satisfaction of setting a new Norwegian record with 1:48.2. No such consolation prize came to the fastest ever half mile runner-up Lang Stanley of America on his great day for his 1:49.4 mark, again behind Whitfield, rated only two lines in the leading West Coast 'papers' next day. The occasion was the 1953 Compton Invitational - a meeting overshadowed by Wes Santee and his great 4:02.3 mile and Parry O'Brien's world record 59'2" shot putt. Stanley, whose 1:53.9 mark at the age of 18 is still unbeaten, was 10 yards behind Whitfield as the Champion hit the bell in 52 flat but made up 9 3/4 of these to finish such that the timers had to award them both 1:49.4.

As would only be befitting it is those great Swedish duellists Arne Andersson and Gunder Hägg who share the highest rating non-winning marks over the 1,500 metres and the one mile.



This classic photograph shows Melvin Emery Patton in the act of recording history's only 9.3 sec. 100 yards. Left to right Patton (9.3-world record), Abercrombie, Ia Beach (9.4 fastest ever runner-up) and (obscured) Heck. For the story see Column 1.

Wim Slykhuys's 8:10.2n 3,000 metre run is of interest not only because of Erik Ahldén (a 3:48.2 man) excelling himself with 8:09.6 but also for the fact that Zátopek was third in 8:16.0 at the distance at which he is vulnerable and also hates. Vladimir Kuts 14:04.0 5,000 metres was behind Zátopek's equal personal best of 14:03.0 while Schade's 29:24.8 was the centrepiece of the 1952 Germany v. Sweden match in which the hero was the 37 year old Valter Nyström, who won in 29:23.8. Both the fastest 3 and 6 mile place marks by Freddie Green and Frank Sando pay eloquent tribute to the depth building up in Britain behind the pioneering Gordon Pirie.

Turning to the field events we find that those two freak world record ties between the high jumpers 'Corney' Johnson and Dave Albritton and the pole vaulters Sefton and Meadows still rule the roost for stratospheric duels with Johnson & Sefton enjoying 'sole possession' for a matter of seconds rather than minutes.

Analysing the complete compilation below we find that 13 of the 33 listed greatest ever second place performances were achieved behind world records, 3 more behind world 'bests' and 2 more behind Olympic records. For the complete key turn to page 6.

100Yds	9.4	L.Ia Beach (Panama)	Fresno, Cal.	May 15 1948
100 M.	10.3	R.H. Metcalfe (USA)	Los Angeles	Aug. 1 1932
	10.3	F. Draper (USA)	Chicago	June 20 1936
	10.3	M.E. Patton (USA)	Evanston, Ill.	July 9 1948
	10.3a	A. Fernandez (Ecuador)	Guayaquil	Oct. 7 1950
200M (turn)	20.7	N.H. Ewell (USA)	Evanston, Ill.	July 10 1948
220Yds	20.5	A.W. Stanfield (USA)	Los Angeles	June 18 1949
	20.5	V.G. Rhoden (Jamaica)	Compton, Cal.	June 4 1952
400 M.	45.9	H.H. McKenley (Jam.)	Helsinki	July 25 1952
440Yds	46.7	D.B. Bolen (USA)	Salt Lake City	June 21 1947
800 M.	1:48.2	A. Boysen (Norway)	Göteborg	Aug. 6 1952
880Yds	1:49.4	L. Stanley (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5 1953
1000 M.	2:20.9	R. Moens (Belgium)	Oslo	Sept. 17 1953
1500 M.	3:44.0	A. Andersson (Swed)	Göteborg	July 7 1944
1 Mile	4:02.0	G. Hägg (Sweden)	Malmö	July 18 1944
3000 M.	8:10.2	W.F. Slykhuys (Neths)	Amsterdam	Aug. 15 1948
2 Miles	8:51.4	A. Andersson (Swed)	Stockholm	July 3 1942
3 Miles	13:46.0	F. Green (G.B.)	London	July 11 1953
5000 M.	14:04.0	V. Kuts (U.S.S.R.)	Bucharest	Aug. 5 1953
6 Miles	28:47.2	F.D. Sando (G.B.)	London	July 10 1953
10,000M	29:24.8	H. Schade (Germany)	Dusseldorf	Sept. 14 1952
110mH	13.7	J. Davis (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July 24 1952
400mH	50.9	A. Yulin (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	Aug. 24 1953
440yH	52.4	D.L. Yoder (USA)	Des Moines, Iowa	Apr. 26 1952
3000mS/C	8:51.6	V. Kazantsev (USSR)	Helsinki	July 25 1952
High J.	6' 9" 3/4	D.D. Albritton (USA)	New York	July 12 1936
Pole V.	14' 11"	E.E. Meadows (USA)	Los Angeles	May 29 1937
Long J.	26' 2" 1/4	J.C. Owens (U.S.A.)	Lincoln, Neb.	July 4 1935
H.S& J.	52' 5" 3/8	L. Shcherbakov (USSR)	Helsinki	July 23 1952
Shot	57' 3" 1/2	W.P. O'Brien (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 4 1952
Discus	180' 4"	S.G. Iness (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 12 1953
Hammer	195' 0" 1/8	S. Strandli (Norway)	Oslo	Sept. 5 1952
Javelin	247' 1" 1/2	C.C. Young (U.S.A.)	Malmö	Aug. 4 1953

a = doubtful timing

RECORDS ARE BEING IMPROVED WITH SUCH REGULARITY AND BY SUCH MARGINS AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT TRACK AND FIELD ENTHUSIASTS ARE IN REAL DANGER OF LOSING THEIR PERSPECTIVE OF PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. ATHLETICS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A SPORT WITHOUT A HISTORY, TRADITION AND WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY.

AS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO PAINTING IN THE BACKGROUND, WHICH HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT FADED BY THE INTERVENTION OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, "ATHLETICS WORLD" IS PUBLISHING TWO SPECIAL ARTICLES: - 'THE BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES' (below) AND 'THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS' (next issue). WE ARE ON THE EVE AGAIN OF THESE TWO GREAT MEETINGS, WHICH FALL MID WAY BETWEEN OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS, AND HAVE NOW, AFTER FOUR GATHERINGS EACH, ATTRACTED TO THEMSELVES THEIR OWN ATMOSPHERE.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES

In 1911 at the Crystal Palace Grounds, London a 5 event athletics meeting, styled the Festival of Empire, was held. Here was the germ of the idea of a full scale British Empire Games.

In August 1930, at Hamilton, Ontario Canada, the representatives of 11 members of the British family of nations - despite the black clouds of world economic depression - gathered together. On August 16th in glorious weather 20,000 people came to witness the opening ceremony.

Prior to 1920 track and field athletes from the British Empire only met at the Olympic Games. In the next decade they also met four times for the famous Relay Meeting versus the United States. The British Empire Games have become immensely popular with the athletes taking part. This friendliest of sporting occasions is one at which language presents little or no difficulty and there are no conflicting attitudes to sport.

THE TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAMME

This four yearly event is not of course, like the European Championships, solely an athletics meeting. There were changes in the events contested at London in 1934, at Sydney in 1938 and again at Auckland in 1950 but basically the programme has remained much as designed in 1930. Besides athletics there are Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Lawn Bowling, Rowing, Swimming, Weight Lifting, and Wrestling.

The athletics programme follows - but in English distances - the Olympic one very closely. The 100, 220, 440, and 880 yards; the 1, 3, and 6 miles; the Marathon; the 120 and 440 yards hurdles; the 4 x 110 and 440 yards relays; and the 8 standard field events match exactly the Olympic schedule. Of the remaining four events the Steeplechase (since 1934) and the decathlon do not - regrettably - find favour in an 'Empiad', while there are neither a seven mile track nor a 50 kilo: road walk included.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HONOURS

In the four celebrations of the British Empire Games to date the honours have been divided thus: -

England	26 titles	Scotland	3 titles
Canada	19 "	British Guiana	1 title
South Africa	12 "	Ceylon	1 "
Australia	11 "	Fiji Islands	1 "
New Zealand	7 "	Wales	1 "

At least four other countries have won places.

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES BEST PERFORMANCES

(M E N)

100 yds	9.6 a	Percy Williams (Canada)	Hamilton	Aug. 21 1930	
	9.6 b	John F Treloar (Australia)	Auckland	Feb. 4 1950	
220 yds	21.2	Cyril B Holmes (England)	Sydney	Feb. 10 1938	
440 yds	47.9 b	Denis V Shore (South Africa)	Sydney	Feb. 10 1938	
	47.9	William Roberts (England)	Sydney	Feb. 12 1938	
	47.9	Edwin J Carr (Australia)	Auckland	Feb. 11 1950	
880 yds	1m51.2	V Patrick Boot (New Zealand)	Sydney	Feb. 7 1938	
1 Mile	4m11.0	C William Parnell (Canada)	Auckland	Feb. 11 1950	
3 Miles	13m59.6	Cecil H Matthews (New Zealand)	Sydney	Feb. 5 1938	
6 Miles	30m14.5	Cecil H Matthews (New Zealand)	Sydney	Feb. 10 1938	
Marathon	2H:30m49.8	Johannes L Coleman (S.Africa)	Sydney	Feb. 7 1938	
4 x 110 yds R	41.6	Canada	Sydney	Feb. 10 1938	
		(J Brown, P Haley, J W Loaring, L G O'Connor)			
4 x 440 yds R	3m16.8	England	London	Aug. 7 1934	
		(D L Rathbone, G N Blake, C H Stoneley, G L Rampling)			
120 yds H	14.0 c	Thomas P Iavery (South Africa)	Sydney	Feb. 12 1938	
440 yds H	52.5	Duncan White (Ceylon)	Auckland	Feb. 7 1950	
HJ	1.98	6' 6"	John A Winter (Australia)	Auckland	Feb. 4 1950
PV	4.108	13' 5 ³ / ₈ "	Andries S Du Plessis (S.Africa)	Sydney	Feb. 12 1938
LJ	7.435	24' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Harold Brown (Canada)	Sydney	Feb. 10 1938
HSJ	15.634	51' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	Jack P Metcalfe (Australia)	London	Aug. 4 1934
SP	14.674	48' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Harry B Hart (South Africa)	London	Aug. 6 1934
DT	48.178	158' 0 ¹ / ₂ "	d Ian M Reed (Australia)	Auckland	Feb. 7 1950
HT	49.943	163' 10 ¹ / ₂ "	Duncan McD M Clark (Scotland)	Auckland	Feb. 4 1950
JT	63.132	207' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Stanley A Lay (New Zealand)	Hamilton	Aug. 23 1930

- Notes
- a- Time made in a heat with wind assistance
 - b- Time made in a semi-final
 - c- Time alleged to have been made with wind assistance
 - d- Reed won the title with a throw of 156'7"(48.032) but the circle was sub standard so he was allowed an extra trial.

EMPIRE GAMES HIGH WATER MARKS

Above is a complete list of the best marks recorded in the four meetings to date. There seems to be a great deal of confusion about so called 'British Empire Games Records'. Since these are not formally ratified they are in effect only 'Championship Bests'. The 'decision' to ignore Percy Williams heat time for 100 yards of 9.6s and Tom Iavery's much disputed 14.0s high hurdles in 1938 has given rise to much confusion and inaccuracy. It is earnestly to be hoped that the enthusiastic Canadian officials will adopt the principle of recording and acknowledging only performances that are truly equal to or better than previous marks in the Games. Wind gauge readings at Vancouver should only be of use if World's or Canadian Open or Domestic records are broken and require ratification. Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the simple question of what is or is not the best performance recorded in the British Empire Games.

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THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS

Harry Hart, the giant South African, is alone in possessing 4 winners medals. In both 1930 at Hamilton and in 1934 at the White City Stadium Hart won the shot and discus titles. In 1930 he also won third place with the javelin behind Stanley Lay and the Canadian D. Pilling.

Four men have won three medals: -
David Burghley (England) 120yH; 440yH; 4 x 440yR-1930.
John Loaring (Canada) 440yH; 4 x 110yR; 4 x 440yR-1938
Arthur Sweeney (England) 100y; 220y; 4 x 110yR-1934
John Treloar (Australia) 100y; 220y; 4 x 110yR-1950

Seven others have won two medals: -
Cyril Holmes (England) 100y; 220y-1938
Edwin Carr (Australia) 440y; 4 x 440yR-1950
Cecil Matthews (N.Z.) 3 & 6 miles-1938
Jack Metcalfe (Australia) HSJ-1934 & 38
Malcolm Nokes (England) Hammer-1930 & 34
Godfrey Rampling (England) 440y; 4 x 440yR-1934
Edwin Thacker (South Africa) HJ-1934 & 38

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ROLL OF CHAMPIONS

Aug. 1930 at Hamilton	Aug. 1934 at London	Feb. 1938 at Sydney	Feb. 1950 at Auckland
100 YARDS			
1930 P Williams (Canada)	-	-	9.9
1934 A W Sweeney (England)	-	-	10.0
1938 C B Holmes (England)	-	-	9.7
1950 J F Treloar (Australia)	-	-	9.7
220 YARDS			
1930 S E Englehart (England)	-	-	21.8
1934 A W Sweeney (England)	-	-	21.9
1938 C B Holmes (England)	-	-	21.2
1950 J F Treloar (Australia)	-	-	21.5
440 YARDS			
1930 A Wilson (Canada)	-	-	48.8
1934 G L Rampling (England)	-	-	48.0
1938 W Roberts (England)	-	-	47.9
1950 E W Carr (Australia)	-	-	47.9

880 YARDS			
1930 T Hampson (England)	-	-	1m 52.4
1934 P A Edwards (British Guiana)	-	-	1m 54.2
1938 V P Boot (New Zealand)	-	-	1m 51.2
1950 H J Parlett (England)	-	-	1m 53.1
ONE MILE			
1930 R H Thomas (England)	-	-	4m 14.0
1934 J E Lovelock (New Zealand)	-	-	4m 12.0
1938 J W Ll Alford (Wales)	-	-	4m 11.6
1950 C W Parnell (Canada)	-	-	4m 11.0
THREE MILES			
1930 S A Tomlin (England)	-	-	14m 27.4
1934 W J Beavers (England)	-	-	14m 32.6
1938 C H Matthews (New Zealand)	-	-	13m 59.6
1950 L Eyre (England)	-	-	14m 23.6
SIX MILES			
1930 J W Savidan (New Zealand)	-	-	30m 49.6
1934 A W Penny (England)	-	-	31m 00.6
1938 C H Matthews (New Zealand)	-	-	30m 14.5
1950 W H Nelson (New Zealand)	-	-	30m 29.6

MARATHON			
1930 D McL Wright (Scotland)	-	-	2H 43m 43.0
1934 H Webster (Canada)	-	-	2H 40m 36.0
1938 J L Coleman (South Africa)	-	-	2H 30m 49.8
1950 J T Holden (England)	-	-	2H 32m 57.0
4 x 110 YDS. RELAY			
1930 Canada (L Miller, J R Brown, R A Adams, J R Fitzpatrick.)	-	-	42.2
1934 England (E I Davis, G T Saunders, W Rangeley, A W Sweeney.)	-	-	42.2
1938 Canada (J Brown, P Haley, J W Loaring, L G O'Connor.)	-	-	41.6
1950 Australia (W de Gruchy, D Johnson, A K Gordon, J F Treloar.)	-	-	42.2
4 x 440 YDS. RELAY			
1930 England (R Leigh-Wood, H S Townend, Lord Burghley, K C Brangwin.)	-	-	3m 19.4
1934 England (D L Rathbone, G N Blake, C H Stoneley, G L Rampling.)	-	-	3m 16.8

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Canadian preparations well ahead

The 5th British Empire and Commonwealth Games will be opened at the Empire Stadium at the Exhibition Grounds, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada at 8 p.m. on the evening of Friday July 30th.

So far no less than 23 members of the British Empire and Commonwealth have entered and three others -including Malta G.C.-will give their final decision this month. An entry on this scale easily constitutes a record.

There are 9 sports on the programme. The Track and Field Athletics section of 20 events for men and 9 events for women will be decided at the Empire Stadium which will seat 10,000 covered and 14,000 in the open. The men's programme is set out below in detail. The order of events and the number of preliminary rounds are in accordance with the Constitution of the Games, but circumstances may in some cases force a departure from the schedule duly laid down.

All athletes will live at the "Empire Games Village" in the grounds of the University of British Columbia, which is a 25 minute bus ride out from 'downtown' Vancouver.

The Village includes the following facilities :- a million Gymnasium, a women's Gymnasium, a Field House, a ¼ mile running track and jumping pits, a field for throwing events, medical and dental services, and a shopping area. For recreation there is a Golf Course belonging to the University one mile out, a tennis court, table tennis and even "juke boxes". The two dining rooms are run on the cafeteria system. Sea bathing is within easy access and the whole scenic setting of the University is widely famous.

Best ever marks on Canadian Soil

Besides the possibility of improving world's records and the probability of improving British Empire Records and British Empire Games Best Performances (listed opposite) competitors will have Canadian Open Records to shoot for.

In no less than seven of the 19 events the winning effort of the 1930 Games at Hamilton still stand as the best marks made on Canadian soil. These are :- 880 yards, one mile, three miles, six miles, 440 yards hurdles, 4 x 110 yards relay and the hop, step and jump. The details of the holders and marks are listed below in the Roll of Champions. In the remaining 12 events, according to our latest information the records are :- 100 YDS 9.6s Cyril Coaffee (1922), Leigh Miller (1928), Bert Pearson (1933), & Sigurd Neilson (1937) 220 YDS (turn) 21.4s Robert Kerr (1908 & 9) 440 YDS 47.5 Bob McFarlane (1947) 4x440 YDS RELAY 3m17.1 Univ. of Western Ontario (1947) 120 YDS HURDLES 14.4s Larry O'Connor (1937) HIGH JUMP 5'6" Bill Vessie (USA-1947) POLE VAULT 15'1"½ Robert Richards (USA-1952) LONG JUMP 24'11" Sam Richardson (1935) SHOT 50'11" Victor Frank (USA-1950) DISCUS 171'5"½ Byrl Thompson (USA-1950) HAMMER 182'4" Matt McGrath (Ireland/USA-1911) JAVELIN 225'11"½ Hans Moks (DP Estonia-1952).



HARRY B. HART of South Africa, the only man to win 4 British Empire Titles. He won his first Union shot-putt title in 1926 and his last in 1946 and has a best mark of 51'7" set in 1931. He also held South African records for the 220 yards hurdles, the pole vault, the discus (147'6" in 1931) and the javelin (204'7" in 1932). In addition to his 13 shot titles, 9 discus, 4 pole vault and 3 javelin he also won the hammer in 1928 making 30 in all. In 1928 he won the A.A.A. Decathlon title.

FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	THIRD DAY	FOURTH DAY
Saturday July 31st from 4.00 p.m.	Tuesday August 3rd from 3.00 p.m.	Thursday August 5th from 3.00 p.m.	Saturday August 7th from 3.00p.m.
100 Yards (Heats)	220 Yards (Heats)	220 YARDS (FINAL)	MARATHON (Start)
HIGH JUMP	440 Yards Hurdles (Semi-Final)	120 Yards Hurdles (Heats)	THROWING THE HAMMER
440 Yards Hurdles (Heats)	LONG JUMP	440 Yards (Heats)	440 YARDS (Final)
100 Yards (Semi-finals)	THREE MILES	One Mile (Heats)	ONE MILE (FINAL)
SIX MILES	THROWING THE DISCUS	HOP, STEP AND JUMP	POLE VAULT
100 YARDS (FINAL)	220 Yards (Semi-finals)	120 YARDS HURDLES (FINAL)	4 x 110 YARDS RELAY
880 Yards (Heats)	880 YARDS (FINAL)	PUTTING THE WEIGHT	THROWING THE JAVELIN (Marathon Finish)
	440 YARDS HURDLES (FINAL)	440 Yards (Semi-Final)	4 x 440 YARDS RELAY

(4 x 440 yds. Relay cont.-)		HIGH JUMP		PUTTING THE SHOT	
1938 Canada (W Dale, J Fraser, J W Loaring, J Orr.)	- 3m 16.9	1930 J H Viljoen (South Africa)	- 6' 3"	1930 H B Hart (South Africa)	- 47' 10"
1950 Australia (R E Price, G V Gedge, J Humphreys, E W Carr.)	- 3m 17.8	1934 E T Thacker (South Africa)	- 6' 3"	1934 H B Hart (South Africa)	- 48' 1"½
120 YDS. HURDLES		1938 E T Thacker (South Africa)	- 6' 5"½	1938 L A Fouche (South Africa)	- 47' 6"
1930 Lord Burghley (England)	- 14.6	1950 J A Winter (Australia)	- 6' 6"	1950 M Tuicakau (Fiji Islands)	- 48' 0"½
1934 D O Finlay (England)	- 15.2	POLE VAULT		THROWING THE DISCUS	
1938 T P Lavery (South Africa)	- 14.0	1930 V W Pickard (Canada)	- 12' 3"	1930 H B Hart (South Africa)	- 135' 11"
1950 F J Gardner (Australia)	- 14.3	1934 C J S Apps (Canada)	- 12' 9"	1934 H B Hart (South Africa)	- 136' 3"
440 YDS. HURDLES		1938 A S du Plessis (South Africa)	- 13' 5"¾	1938 E E Coy (Canada)	- 146' 10"½
1930 Lord Burghley (England)	- 54.4	1950 T D Anderson (England)	- 13' 0"½	1950 I M Reed (Australia)	- 158' 0"½
1934 F A R Hunter (Scotland)	- 55.2	LONG JUMP		THROWING THE HAMMER	
1938 J W Loaring (Canada)	- 52.9	1930 L Hutton (Canada)	- 23' 7"½	1930 M C Nokes (England)	- 154' 7"½
1950 D White (Ceylon)	- 52.5	1934 S Richardson (Canada)	- 23' 6"½	1934 M C Nokes (England)	- 158' 3"½
TWO MILES STEEPCHASE (discontinued in 1938)		1938 H Brown (Canada)	- 24' 4"½	1938 G W Sutherland (Canada)	- 159' 9"½
1930 G W Bailey (England)	- 9m 52.0	1950 N G Price (South Africa)	- 24' 0"	1950 D McD M Clark (Scotland)	- 163' 10"½
1934 S G Scarsbrook (England)	- 10m 23.4	HOP, STEP AND JUMP		THROWING THE JAVELIN	
		1930 G Smallcombe (Canada)	- 48' 5"	1930 S A Lay (New Zealand)	- 207' 1"½
		1934 J P Metcalfe (Australia)	- 51' 3"½	1934 R Dixon (Canada)	- 196' 11"
		1938 J P Metcalfe (Australia)	- 50' 10"	1938 J A Courtwright (Canada)	- 206' 0"½
		1950 B L Oliver (Australia)	- 51' 2"½	1950 L J Roininen (Canada)	- 187' 4"½

262'11¹/₂ - METAL JAVELIN & GRASS RUN-UP!

("ATHLETICS WORLD" has received a long letter from the new European javelin record-holder Janusz Sidlo which has been kindly translated for us by the Polish Embassy in London. His name is pronounced Yanush Sheed-woe)

JANUSZ SIDLO was born at Szopienice on June 19 1933 the son of a coal miner. He first saw a track meeting as a 15 year old boy in 1948 at Zabrze and was most impressed by Alexandra Chudina's javelin-throwing. Thereafter it was his ambition to become also a 'Rzut Oszczepem'.

After gaining second place in his school sports in 1949 with 176'3³/₈(53.73) with the junior javelin he was dispatched to a camp run by the Academy of Physical Training of Warsaw where he met his coach Szalest. At the Polish Junior Championships Janusz improved to 184'6¹/₂(56.25) but in the Poland v. Rumania Junior International as he says "I suffered from competition fright rather badly and took fourth place with a throw of 168'1¹/₂(51.29)".

In 1950 before his 17th birthday Janusz threw 181'3¹/₄(55.25) with his first try with the full weight senior (800 gram) javelin. The next went 188'1¹/₈ and the next 192'9³/₈. In 1951 after a diligent winter's training he first exceeded 60 metres(196'10¹/₄) and took the Polish title at 206'8⁵/₈ and 12 days later in Bucharest reached 67'88(222'8³/₈).

Of the Olympic year 1952 Sidlo writes "my guardians considered that I should devote most of my time to studying". His best mark in 1952, during which time he enrolled into the Warsaw Academy of Physical Training, was 224'5¹/₂(68.42) made early in April in Warsaw.

During 1953 Sidlo had 9 competitions in which he improved to 229'1¹/₈(69.84) at Warsaw on June 21



and then to 234'3"(71.40) again at Warsaw on Sept.21. The big throw of 262'11¹/₂(80.15) came on Oct.2 at Jena in the Poland v. East German match. This was with an ordinary metal javelin. In my opinion, concluded Sidlo, "the following factors contributed; excellent weather, excellent throwing field(a run-up on grass), my physical and mental state and the elimination of an old mistake, which caused my javelins to get away to the right."

KEY TO WINNERS (FROM P.3)

- 9.3 by Patton World Rec.
- 10.3 by Tolan World Rec.
- 10.2 by Owens World Rec.
- 10.2 by Ewell =World Rec.
- 10.1a by Ia Beach World Best
- 20.7 by Patton =World Best
- 20.4 by Patton
- 20.4 by Stanfield
- 45.9 by Rhoden Olympic Rec.
- 46.2 by McKenley World Rec.
- 1:48.0 by Whitfield
- 1:49.4 by Whitfield
- 2:20.4 by Boysen World Rec.
- 3:43.0 by Hägg World Rec.
- 4:01.6 by Andersson World Rec.
- 8:09.6 by Ahldén
- 8:47.8 by Hägg World Rec.
- 13:43.4 by Pirie
- 14:05.0 by Zátópek
- 28:19.2 by Pirie World Rec.
- 29:23.8 by Nyström
- 13.7 by Dillard Olympic Rec.
- 50.7 by Lituyev
- 52.4 by DeVinney
- 8:45.4 by Ashenfelter Olympic Rec.
- 6' 9³/₄ by Johnson(tie)World Rec.
- 14'11" by Sefton (tie)World Rec.
- 26' 3" by Peacock
- 53' 2¹/₄ by da Silva World Rec.
- 58' 5¹/₂ by Fuchs
- 186' 2¹/₄ by Gordien
- 195' 9³/₈ by Storch
- 253' 4¹/₂ by Hyttiäinen

British All-Time Best Performance List No.13-PUTTING THE WEIGHT

In this thirteenth compilation in the ATHLETICS WORLD series on the best British Performances of All-Time we cover Putting the Weight. Since the event is dominated by one man -John Andrew Savidge, we have listed his 39 putts of 53 feet and over followed by a best performers list taking in all United Kingdom athletes who have bettered 44 feet.

A compilation of the best marks of J.A.Savidge

16.71	54'9 ³ / ₈	International Meeting	Paris	May 4 1952
16.71	54'9 ³ / ₈	G.B. v. France		Aug.23 1952
(16.70)	54'9 ³ / ₈	Invitation Meeting	Dorking	Sept20 1952
(16.58)	54'5"	Notts.County Champs.	Rainworth	June 2 1951
(16.52)	54'2"	Nore Command Champs.	Chatham	June19 1952
(16.50)	54'1"	A.A.A.Championships	White City	June21 1952
(16.37)	53'8 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A.Championships	White City	June21 1952
16.37	53'8 ¹ / ₂ "	G.B. v. Germany	Berlin	Aug.30 1953
(16.35)	53'8"	Invitation Meeting	Dorking	Sept20 1952
(16.35)	53'7 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A.Championships	White City	June21 1952
(16.33)	53'7"	G.B. v. France	White City	Aug. 1 1953
(16.31)	53'6 ¹ / ₂ "	G.B. v. France	White City	Aug. 4 1951
(16.30)	53'6"	British Empire v. U.S.A.	White City	Aug. 4 1952
(16.29)	53'5 ¹ / ₂ "	'Kodak'Sports	Wealdstone	June 7 1952
(16.28)	53'5"	A.A.A. v B.U.S.B.	Manchester	July18 1953
(16.27)	53'4 ¹ / ₂ "	Caledonian Games	White City	May 24 1952
(16.27)	53'4 ¹ / ₂ "	Nore Command Champs.	Chatham	June19 1952
(16.25)	53'3 ¹ / ₂ "	Inter-Services Champs.	Aldershot	July 2 1952
(16.23)	53'3"	A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C.	Cambridge	May 29 1952
(16.23)	53'3"	British Empire v. U.S.A.	White City	Aug. 4 1952
(16.23)	53'3"	Floodlit Meeting	Leyton	May 6 1953
16.23	53'2 ¹ / ₂ "	G.B.'v. Jugoslavia	Belgrade	Aug.25 1951
(16.21)	53'2 ¹ / ₂ "	Caledonian Games	White City	May 24 1952
(16.20)	53'2"	A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C.	Cambridge	May 21 1953
16.20	53'1 ¹ / ₂ "	International Meeting	Paris	May 4 1952
(16.19)	53'1 ¹ / ₂ "	Caledonian Games	White City	May 24 1952
(16.19)	53'1 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A. Championships	White City	June21 1952
16.19	53'1 ¹ / ₂ "	Olympic Games	Helsinki	July21 1952
16.18	53'1 ¹ / ₂ "	Olympic Games	Helsinki	July21 1952
(16.17)	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A. Championships	White City	June21 1952
(16.17)	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	Oxford	May 2 1953
16.17	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	Olympic Games	Helsinki	July21 1952
16.17	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	International Meeting	Tourcoing	May 10 1953
(16.17)	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	'Kodak'Sports	Wealdstone	June 7 1952
(16.17)	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	Inter-Services Champs.	Aldershot	July 2 1952
(16.17)	53'0 ¹ / ₂ "	A.A.A. Championships	White City	July10 1953
(16.15)	53'0"	A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	Oxford	May 8 1952

Savidge has three marks made in exhibition superior to 55feet -:

(17.28)	56'8 ¹ / ₂ "	Herts. Coaching Course	Penley	Mar.16 1953
(16.96)	55'8"	'Young Athletes'Course	Motspur Park	Jan. 8 1953
(16.83)	55'2 ¹ / ₂ "	'Young Athletes'Course	Motspur Park	Jan. 4 1952

THE 33 TOP UNITED KINGDOM PERFORMERS

16.71	54' 9 ³ / ₈ "	J.A.Savidge(RNAC(South))	Paris,France	May 4 1952
(15.44)	50' 8"	J.A.Giles(Southgate H.)	Motspur Park	May 3 1950
(14.85)	48' 9"	R.L.Howland(Achilles)	Queenstown,SA	Sept25 1935
(14.48)	47' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	M.Pharaoh(Manchester A&CC)	White City	July14 1951
(14.36)	47' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	P.P.Horn(Portsmonth A.C.)	White City	Aug. 8 1953
(14.35)	47' 1"	A.J.A.Watson(Millocarians)	Aldershot	July17 1936
(14.31)	46' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	H.E.A.Moody(South London)	Nelson,N.Z.	Feb.27 1950
(14.14)	46' 5"	J.H.Drummond(Heriot A.C.)	Edinburgh	May 28 1951
(14.12)	46' 4"	P.Hincks(Achilles Club)	Cambridge	Mar.11 1937
(14.09)	46' 3"	A.F.Johnston(Millocarians)	Grove Park	June 8 1940
(14.05)	46' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	W.B.L.Palmer(Achilles)	Oxford	May 2 1953
14.01	(45' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	P.Jones(B.A.O.R.)	Hannover	Sept.1 1951
14.00	(45' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	C.R.G.Neville(Achilles)	Rome	Sept23 1951
(13.97)	45' 10"	T.H.Barratt(N.G.T.E. S.C.)	Coalville	June 4 1949
(13.94)	45' 9"	K.H.Fridie(London A.C.)	Abertillery	Aug. 9 1933
(13.93)	45' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	H.Reeves(Manchester Police)	White City	Aug.19 1933
(13.93)	45' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	T.Kirkwood(Bellahouston H)	Aberdeen	Sept26 1906
(13.92)	45' 8"	C.E.Beckwith(Millocarians)	Cologne	July 1923
(13.85)	45' 5 ¹ / ₂ "	T.J.Logan(Victoria Pk.AAC)	Scotland	1953
(13.81)	45' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	W.M.T.Holland(Achilles)	White City	June21 1952
(13.80)	45' 3 ¹ / ₂ "	A.F.Bandidt(Millocarians)	Chiswick	June17 1939
(13.76)	(45' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	R.S.Woods(Achilles Club)	Athens,Greece	Apr.10 1927
(13.75)	45' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	A.Cox(Dorking St.Pauls)	Dorking	Sept20 1952
(13.71)	44' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	E.Anderson(Dundee Police)	Imber Court	July 3 1937
(13.69)	44' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	E.J.A.Brewer(O.Rutlish)	Motspur Park	May 3 1950
(13.65)	44' 9 ¹ / ₂ "	D.McD.M.Clark(R.Ulster C.)	Belfast	June 7 1947
(13.58)	44' 7"	K.S.Duncan(Achilles Club)	Aldershot	June 1939
(13.58)	44' 7"	A.G.I.Wood(Army A.A.)	Catterick	June22 1950
(13.57)	44' 6 ¹ / ₂ "	J.Banes(Achilles Club)	White City	Mar.15 1952
(13.52)	44' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	G.M.Elliott(Woodford G.)	Motspur Park	May 27 1953
(13.44)	44' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	A.L.Milligan(London A.C.)	WinchmoreHill	June12 1938
(13.43)	44' 1"	L.Reavell-Carter(R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 1948
(13.42)	44' 0 ¹ / ₂ "	D.F.A.Vanhegan(Southgate)	Chiswick	May 10 1952

@-Only other putt over 50 feet was 15.36(50'4³/₈) in Paris Aug28 1952
 a-Putt made from a 7 foot square without stop board.

BRITISH RANKINGS 1953

"ATHLETICS WORLD" presents the first instalment of its third annual BRITISH RANKINGS in the same style as those for 1951 and 1952. Placings depend upon win-loss records and actual and not potential performance. Notation:
 e = estimated mark
 m = mark made at metric
 w = wind-aided (distance)
 // = straightaway track

100 YARDS (& 100 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Bailey	Bailey
2. Shenton	Shenton
3. Ellis	Jack
4. Gregory	Gregory
5. Pinnington	Lillington
6. Wilkinson	Pinnington
1. Emmanuel McDONALD BAILEY	
10.8m 1st Leyton Floodlit	6/5
9.9 1st C.A.U.	23/5
9.8w 1st Caledonian Games	30/5
10.3e 4th Aylesbury	30/5
10.0 1st Darlington	1/6
10.2 1st AAA v CUAC	4/6
9.7 1st Middlesex(Ht.10.0)	6/6
10.7m 1st Rijswick(twice)	7/6
9.9 1st Kinnaird	13/6
9.8 1st Southern(ht.10.0)	20/6
10.6m 1st Antwerp	4/7
9.6w 1st AAA (heat)	10/7
10.0 1st AAA (semi-final)	11/7
9.8 1st AAA	11/7
2. Brian SHENTON	
10.9m 2nd Leyton Floodlit	6/5
9.7w 1st Staveley	16/5
9.9 2nd C.A.U.	23/5
9.8w 2nd Caledonian Games	30/5
Disqual. Kinnaird	13/6
10.8m 1st Brussels	17/6
9.7w 1st NCAA	20/6
10.2e 3rd AAA (heat)	10/7
- 3rd AAA v BUSB	18/7
9.9 2nd G.B. v France	3/8
10.0 1st Aylesbury	3/8
10.3 2nd British Games II	8/8
11.0m 3rd G.B. v Germany	29/8
10.7m 1st G.B. v Sweden	2/9
10.8m 1st Oslo	5/9
9.9 1st London v Stock.	23/9
10.2 1st England v Neths:	30/9
3. Kenneth Jeffrey JONES	
10.2 1st Welsh Champs.	20/6
10.0 1st AAA (heat)	10/7
10.4 3rd AAA (semi-final)	11/7
10.2e 4th AAA	11/7
9.9 3rd G.B. v France	3/8
10.8m 2nd G.B. v Germany	29/8
10.8m 2nd G.B. v Sweden	2/9
4. William JACK	
- 2nd Glasgow Police	13/6
10.0 1st Scots Champs.	27/6
10.9m 4th Antwerp	4/7
5. Alan William LILLINGTON	
9.9w 1st U.A.U.	16/5
- 6th C.A.U.	23/5
11.3m 1st British Games I	25/5
10.0 1st Hull	4/7
10.0 1st BUSB v AAA	18/7
10.0 1st Eng.Univs. v.Scots	
6. George Stuart ELLIS	
- 5th C.A.U.	23/5
10.4 1st AAA v ULAC	27/5
2nd AAA (heat)	10/7
10.3 2nd AAA (semi-final)	11/7
10.2e 5th AAA	11/7
10.0 1st Inter-Services	22/7
10.2 1st NCAA v AAU(B)	-

220 YARDS (200 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Bailey	Bailey
2. Stacey	Stacey
3. Shenton	Shenton
4. Ellis	Jack
5. Wilkinson	Ferguson
6. Lewis	Gregory
1. Emmanuel McDONALD BAILEY	
21.8 1st Bedford	14/5
21.0 // 1st Staveley(ht.21.3	16/5
& semi-final 21.1)	
21.8 1st C.A.U.	25/5
21.7w 1st Caledonian	30/5
22.0 2nd Kinnaird	13/6
21.3 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
21.4 1st AAA(semi-final)	10/7
21.4 1st AAA	11/7
2. Brian SHENTON	
22.3 3rd C.A.U.	25/5
21.7w 2nd Caledonian	30/5
22.4 1st Aylesbury	30/5
22.0 1st Kinnaird	13/6
22.3m 2nd Brussels	17/6
21.6 1st Ryder Trophy	4/7
22.1 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
21.9 2nd AAA(semi-final)	10/7
21.9 2nd AAA	11/7
- 3rd AAA v BUSB	18/7
21.7 1st G.B. v France	1/8
22.4 1st Aylesbury	3/8
21.8 2nd British Games II	8/8
21.8m 2nd G.B. v Germany	30/8
21.5m 1st G.B. v Sweden	3/9
21.7m 1st Oslo	5/9
22.1 1st Lon.vStockholm	23/9
3. Clayton Neville GIBBS	
22.0 1st AAA v CUAC	2/5
22.8 2nd AAA v CUAC	21/5
22.0 2nd C.A.U.	25/5
22.1 3rd Kinnaird	13/6
22.1 1st Southern	20/6
21.9 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
21.8 1st AAA(semi-final)	10/7
22.3 3rd AAA	11/7
22.4 2nd G.B. v France	1/8
22.4 3rd British Games II	8/8
22.3 2nd Lond.v Stockholm	23/9
4. Kenneth Jeffery JONES	
22.7 1st Welsh Champs.	20/6
22.2 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
22.5 3rd AAA(semi-final)	10/7
disqual. AAA	11/7
22.5 1st Wales v AAA	27/6
21.8m 2nd G.B. v Sweden	3/9
5. William JACK	
22.0 2nd Glasgow Police	13/6
22.0 1st Scots. Champs.	27/6
22.2m 3rd Antwerp	4/7
22.1 2nd AAA(semi-final)	10/7
22.3 4th AAA	11/7
22.2m 4th G.B. v Germany	30/8
6. William Joseph FERGUSON	
21.6 // 2nd Staveley	16/5
22.1e 3rd Caledonian	30/5
22.1 3rd Glasgow Police	13/6
22.4 1st MCAA	20/6
22.1 3rd AAA(semi-final)	10/7
- 5th AAA	11/7
440 YARDS (400 Metres)	
1951	1952
1. Wint	Wint
2. Fugh	Dick
3. Higgins T.L	Higgins T.L
4. Higgins F.P	Lewis
5. Lewis	Stacey
6. Johnson	Fryer
1. Peter Goodwin FRYER	
49.0 2nd Leyton Floodlit	6/5
48.8 1st CAU(s-f)(ht.49.4)	23/5
48.1 1st C.A.U.	25/5
49.2 1st AAA v CUAC	21/5

440 Yards(cont:)-Fryer

48.7m 1st Brussels	16/6
50.3 1st MCAA	20/6
49.3 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
48.8 1st AAA(semi-final)	10/7
48.9 1st AAA	11/7
49.0 1st Waddilove	18/7
48.7 2nd G.B. v France	1/8
48.9 3rd British Games II	8/8
49.2m 4th G.B. v Germany	29/8
48.3m 1st G.B. v Sweden	3/9
48.9y 3rd Orebro (48.5m)	5/9
49.5 2nd Lond.vStockholm	23/9
49.4 2nd England v.Neths:	30/9
49.0 1st Birmingham	3/10
2. Leonard Alan SMITH	
49.9 1st Charlton Park	2/5
49.0 1st Leyton Floodlit	6/5
49.4 1st C.A.U.(heat)	23/5
48.8 3rd CAU (49.1 s-f)	25/5
49.6 1st AAA v ULAC	27/5
48.8 1st Southern	20/6
49.4 2nd AAA (49.4 s-f)	11/7
48.6 1st G.B. v France	1/8
49.2 2nd Edinburgh Games	22/8
48.3m 3rd G.B. v Germany	29/8
48.4m 2nd G.B. v Sweden	3/9
49.4 1st England v.Neths:	30/9
49.5 2nd Birmingham	3/10
3. Alan Dudley SEXTON	
50.3 2nd Oxford v Cambridge	14/3
50.0 3rd Leyton Floodlit	6/5
49.6 2nd CUAC v AAA	21/5
48.2 2nd CAU(49.9 s-f)	25/5
49.1 1st Surrey Champs.	30/5
49.9 1st Ox-Camb. v Yale etc	13/6
4. Alan DICK	
48.8 1st OUAC Sports	26/2
48.7 1st OUCAC v Schools	7/3
48.8 1st Oxford v Cambridge	14/3
5. Arthur Stanley WINT M.B.E.	
50.3 2nd ULAC v AAA	27/5
50.4 1st Aylesbury	30/5
50.4 1st Inter Hospitals	13/6
49.2 1st Middlesex v AAA	24/6
49.0 1st Sudbury	18/7
6. David James RAWE	
48.8 3rd AAA v CUAC	21/5
50.0 2nd British Games I	23/5
49.9 1st Kinnaird	13/6
49.9 2nd Southern	20/6
49.5 1st Insurance AA	23/6
49.2 1st Ryder Trophy	4/7
49.5 3rd AAA	11/7
49.5 1st AAA v Comb.Ser.	15/8



PETER FRYER who plans to retire after the 1954 season. Standing 6'4" (1.95m) his best mark is 48.1y

440 Yards(cont:) Rawe

49.6 1st City Charity	9/9
49.2 1st London v Stockholm	23/9
880 YARDS (800 Metres)	
1951	1952
1. Wint	Wint
2. Parlett	Webster
3. Bannister	Bannister
4. Evans	Evans
5. Webster	White
6. Morley	Day
1. Roger Gilbert BANNISTER	
1:54.5m 1st Casablanca	18/4
1:55.3 1st ULAC Champs.	9/5
1:51.9 1st ULAC v CUAC	30/5
1:51.1m	
1:50.7 1st G.B. v France	3/8
2. Angus Weatheritt SCOTT	
1:57.1 1st Wimbledon	25/4
1:56.4 1st AAA v Wales	27/6
1:53.7 2nd Ryder Trophy	4/7
1:55.0 3rd AAA (heat)	10/7
1:56.5 1st AAA v BUSB	18/7
1:52.2 2nd British Games II	8/8
1:52.5m 3rd G.B. v Germany	29/8
1:52.1m 3rd G.B. v Sweden	2/9
3. Brian Stanford HEWSON	
1:57.1 1st Leyton Floodlit	6/5
1:55.7 2nd AAA v CUAC	21/5
1:57.6 2nd C.A.U.	23/5
2:00.5m 3rd Amsterdam	31/5
1:54.2 1st Army Champs.	1/7
1:54.7 1st AAA(heat)	10/7
1:54.2 1st AAA	11/7
1:55.8 1st Inter-Services	22/7
1:55.8 1st AAA v Kent-Sussex	25/7
1:51.9 2nd G.B. v France	3/8
1:53.0 3rd British Games II	8/8
1:53.0m 4th G.B. v Germany	29/8
1:52.3m 4th G.B. v Sweden	2/9
1:51.6m 2nd Oslo	5/9
1:53.8 1st East Molesey	12/9
1:53.0 2nd London vStockholm	23/9
1:56.1 2nd England v Neths:	30/9
4. George William MANKEVILLE	
1:52.6m 3rd British Games I	25/5
1:54.3 1st Southern	20/6
1:55.9 1st England v Neths:	30/9
5. Brian Eric GROGAN	
1:55.0 1st Loughborough	2/3
1:56.2 1st C.A.U.(heat)	23/5
2nd AAA v BUSB	18/7
1:54.6m FISU Dortmund	15/8
1:52.2m 2nd FISU Dortmund	16/8
6. David Charles LAW	
1:56.8 1st OUAC Sports	26/2
1:54.5 1st OUAC v AAA	2/5
1:56.3 3rd Ox-Camb v Yale etc	13/6
ADD 220 yards/200 metres list :-	
McDonald Bailey 21.4m Antwerp	4/7
PLEASE NOTE :- These lists are not exhaustive but are intended to record every good mark and every significant mark.	
RETROSPECT 1953	
British strength in these four lower distances is only mediocre. Next month the One, Three and Six Miles rankings will show an extremely high standard of performance.	
E. MacDonald Bailey in his last season as an amateur kept his No.1 positions easily. Shenton for the third year was a double runner-up. A feature of the sprint is the welcome return of Ken Jones to collect a No.3 and a No.4 place.	
Fryer and Smith rose fast in the 440y. Bannister was untested while Hewson was gaining experience.	

LANDY'S MILE - THE FINEST YET ?

(Points from correspondence with eye-witness Joe Galli of Melbourne)

The first half of the 'Down Under' season has been, of course, dominated by Johnnie Landy's magnificent 4:02.0 mile made on a perfect day on December 12 in Melbourne—a city notorious for bad conditions. There were 4 starters but only John Douglas finished and that 200 yards in arrears. Landy led all the way reeling off laps in 58.2, 60.4 and 61.6 for a 3:00.2 bell. Going past the 1,500 metres mark in 3:44.4 he exactly equalled his record during his 4:02.8 mile on Jan. 3rd 1953. Coming into the home stretch for the last time, Landy, burdened by the hopes of an unthinking and unknowing public, was hit by an adverse breeze of 4.1 m.p.h., hesitated 5 yards before the tape and stopped only two strides past it for a 61.8 last lap.

The watches read 4:01.8, 4:01.9, 4:02.0 and 4:02.0 (N.B. It has not been stated anywhere which were the 3 official watches and which the 'alternate'. If the alternate was one of the two 4:02.0 ones then Landy's 'statistical' time must be reckoned as 4:01.9 Ed.) Landy was disappointed by his time. Though he tries to give the impression that he doesn't care about records, he desperately wants to satisfy the customers. "Two little seconds is not much but when you are on the track those 15 yards seem solid and impenetrable—like a cement wall."

Points to consider in assessing this run as the greatest ever over a mile are (1) The dirt track is third or fourth grade and the inside lane was so loose that a pencil can be pushed into it. (2) Hägg and Andersson, who ran only 5 and 3 yards faster, had years of hectic rivalry whereas Landy is entirely on his own. (3) Landy got very little oral encouragement. The British Empire record-holder says he is going to have two more tries—the first in Melbourne in January and the second in Sydney in February, adding "0.5 sec. would be the limit, unless I fluke a world record".

Landy thinks Santee is the only man who could break Hägg's 4:01.4 "in a year or two". Galli adds "Don't get the idea that John couldn't beat Bannister, Lueg, Karlsson et al. He'd leave them for dead. I am not plugging Landy because he is an Australian. I have no nationalist tendencies at all. In fact it is something I abhor. But I know he is a great runner."

DECEMBER SUMMARY: Dec. 1st: 2 Miles: 9:03.0 Les Perry; 6 Miles: Neil Robbins 30:20.0 (rough grass track, one short straight); Dec. 5th: At Melbourne Mile: Perry 4:13.8; Dec. 6th: 1,000 m. Landy 2:25.5, Boon 2:31.0; 3,000 m. Geoff. Warren 8:24.5, Dave Stephens 8:25.6, Perry 8:26; At Melbourne. Dec. 12th: At Melbourne 880 yds. 1:53.1 Len Mcrae; 3 Miles: 14:07.2 Geoff. Warren; 120 yds HH 14.6 Ken Doubleday; Long Jump: 23'11" Hugh Jack. At Sydney 100 yds: 9.6w Peter McGlynn; Mile 4:15.8 Jim Bailey; 120 yds HH: 14.9 Jim May. December 19th At Melbourne Mile 4:16.2 Landy (Temp: 102 degrees). January 1st Mile Landy 4:13.8.

3 BRITONS IN CROSS-COUNTRY WINS

Jim Peters, Bill Boak and D. Walker of Sheffield all gained cross country victories as guests in Continental promotions during the first half of the winter season. In both the Lyons race on Dec. 13th and the Ostduinkerke, Belgium event on Dec. 26th the 3 man team from England scored 1-2-4. **SUMMARIES--**

November 15 "Royal Beerschot, Antwerp". 1 JH Peters(Eng) 22:36; 2, M Vandewattyne(Belg) 23:02; 3, J Smets(Belg) 23:07; 4, WF Slykhuus(Hol) 23:13; - WP Ranger(Eng.) and DH Holden(Eng.) were 9th and 14th.

November 23 "Cross des Nations", Brussels (8,200 metres) 1, F Mihalic (Jugo) 27:36; 2, F Herman(Belg) 28:01; 3, U Julin(Fin) 28:21; 4, De Troyer(Belg) 28:39; 5, CM Gray(Eng) 28:44; 11, R Hatton(Eng); 27, W Hesketh(Eng). **Teams--** 1, Jugoslavia 14; 2, Finland 21; 3, Belgium 'B'.

December 13 "Lyons Race"(4 1/2 miles) 1, W Boak(Eng) 23:35; 2, J.H. Peters(Eng) 23:40; 3, L Soucours(France) 23:41; 4, CM Gray(Eng) 23:42

December 26 "Ostduinkerke Race", Belgium (7,000 metres)(alleged) 1, D Walker 19:39; 2, A Chorlton(Eng) 20:20; 3, Serroels(Belg) 20:25; 4, WP Ranger(Eng) 21:35.

ZÁTOPEK THRILLS A MILLION REVELLERS

(continued from page 1.) of Jugoslavia. This means even at level pace he must have passed through the 5,000 metre mark in 14:02.4 !! - this is six tenths faster than his personal best time for the distance on the track. In practice it seems more probable that his pace to this point would have been faster than the average for the whole race and that he was faster than the world track record of 13:58.2 set by Hägg in 1942.

A further pointer to the Czech's phenomenal pace was that Mihalić though over 300 metres behind finished within 4 secs. of his record time of 1952 of 21:28.0 with 21:32.0. The Czech was only 6 secs slower at the finish of the 7,300 metre (4m.943 yds) course than his 'temps de passage' for 7,000 metre during his world record 10,000 m. run at Stará Boleslav Houštka on November 1. The event lent more weight to the growing evidence of high speeds attained in road runs with their hard regular surfaces and absence of time-consuming bends. No longer can such performances be dismissed by calling the distance into question. They are consistently faster than track times.

The race was timed to start at 11.40 p.m. with a pistol fired on the last note of the Brazilian National anthem. Matters were mistimed so that the immense cohort tore off at 11.34 p.m. and thus Zatopek, who rapidly came to the head of the 'corrida' with Lucien Theys, finished 5 1/2 minutes before the New Year began. After reaching the top of a rise having run 2,700 metres the Czech 'Locomotive', who was by now 35 yards ahead of Theys, Mihalić, Jacques Vernier and the Finn Taipale, became a 'funicular' and receded from the view of his pursuers. Wild scenes of enthusiasm greeted his victory such that even at 3 a.m. it was impossible to get within 1/4 mile of the finish. One million people are estimated to have watched the event which was first staged in 1924. **SUMMARY:** 1, Emil Zátopek(CSR) 20:30.4 (record) 2, Franjo Mihalić (Jugoslavia) (Winner 1952) 21:32; 3, Gonzaga (Brazil) 21:51; 4, Lucien Theys (Belgium) (Winner 1950) 22:4.9; 5, T. Nilsson (Sweden) 22:27.2; 6, Miranda (Argentina) 22:27.9; 7, Inoue (Japan) 22:34.9; 8, Ilmari Taipale (Finland) 22:36.



ÖDÖN FÖLDESSY (Hungary), the Olympic bronze medal broad jumper, now ranked No.2 in the world behind George Brown (USA). Földessy's progress report reads: -1950-24'11", 1951-24'3 1/2", 1952-24'4 1/2", 1953-25'5 1/2". This Hungarian is the best long jumper in Europe since the war and must be counted the favourite for the European Championship at Berne in August. He has beaten 25' three times but is still 5 1/2" behind Luz Long's (Germany) European Record of 25'11" set in 1937 at Berlin.

SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S JAVELIN RECORD. Miss D. Swanepoel threw 133'11 1/2" at Vereeniging on 28th Nov. She beat the '37 mark by 4'11 1/2".

U.S. INDOOR CAMPAIGN 1954

Beneath are listed the principal indoor fixtures in the 1954 American season which will be reported upon by Roberto L. Quercetani in future issues. It is hoped to include a complete compilation of World's Best Indoor Records in the February issue.

INDOOR FIXTURES

- Jan. 16 Knights of Columbus Meet
Boston, Mass.
- Jan. 22 Philadelphia Inquirer Meet
Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jan. 23 'Evening Star' Meet
Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 30 Boston A.A. Meet; Boston
- Feb. 6 Milrose A.A. Meet; New York
- Feb. 6 Michigan A.A.U. Relays
Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Feb. 11 Metropolitan Intercollegiate
Champs. New York
- Feb. 13 New York A.C. Meet; New York
- FEB. 20 A.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS
NEW YORK
- Feb. 27 I.C.4 A's Champs.; New York
- Mar. 6 New York Pioneer Club Meet
New York
- Mar. 6 Heptagonal Games
Ithaca, N.Y.
- Mar. 13 Milwaukee Journal Meet
Milwaukee, Wis.
- Mar. 19 Knights of Columbus Meet.
Cleveland, Ohio
- Mar. 20 Knights of Columbus Meet.
New York
- Mar. 27 Chicago Daily News Meet.
Chicago, Ill.
- OUTDOOR FIXTURE
- May 28-29 I.C.4 A's Champs.
New York

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