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SANTEE CHALLENGES LANDY AS WHITFIELD AND JOSY BARTHEL ENTER THE LISTS

By Norris McWhirter

The world's most frustrated athlete, 23 year old Australian John M. Landy, having run his fourth sub 4:03.0 mile (4:02.3 in Melbourne on Jan. 21) (see Joe Galli's report below) has issued a plea for an invitation to Scandinavia where he might get good tracks and some real opposition. Within 36 hours the supremely confident Wes. Santee of America was quoted as saying "I will be happy to meet Landy anytime. His presence might prove stimulating". London and Paris are also making the Australian offers.

Adding fuel to the flames Josy Barthel, the reigning Olympic 1,500 metre champion, made a great indoor comeback (see R.L. Quercetani's Report p. 16.) on Jan. 16 at Boston. Capping everything the 800 metre champion Malvin Whitfield has announced that he has dedicated himself to the Four Minute Mile and that he has hardly felt 3:00.0 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile runs in training.

LANDY (4:02.3) DEAFENED BY 25,000 CROWD (From J. H. Galli)

John Landy was once again robbed of the chance to show the world what he can really do given the chance when on the evening of January 21st. at Melbourne's Olympic Park track he ran his fourth mile inside 4mins. 3secs. with a heartbreaking 4:02.3. Held at twilight in about 65 degs. F. the wind was once again in an unkind mood.

Landy took the lead after only 20 yards to pass the first lap in 59 secs. By the half-way mark he was 25 yards clear of the 8 man field and hit the bell in 3:02.1. As he neared the tape John slowed and having passed it he walked dejectedly away. Owing to the roar of what Joe Galli has termed the "unknowing and unthinking public", who tuned up to the unprecedented number of 25,000, Landy heard neither his first lap nor his second lap time and was thus running 'blind'. His comment was "I was strong at the finish but I just could not get that extra little bit". Second was Geoff. Warren 95 yards back with Olympic 5,000 metre finalist Les. Perry third. The comparison of Landy's four great solo mile runs is as follows:- The 4 best laps would have given him a time of 3:59.3

	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1500m Time
Dec. 12 1953 Melbourne	4:02.0	<u>58.2</u>	<u>60.4</u>	<u>61.6</u>	61.8	3:44.4
Dec. 13 1952 Melbourne	4:02.1	59.2	61.8	62.0	<u>59.1</u>	3:45.0u
Jan. 21 1954 Melbourne	4:02.3	59.0	61.3	61.8	60.2	3:45.8
Jan. 3 1953 Melbourne	4:02.8	58.4	60.8	<u>61.6</u>	61.8	3:44.4

For the rest of the news from Australia see J.H. Galli reporting on page 16.

AGOSTINI DEFEATS REMIGINO AND STANFIELD OVER 50 YARDS

From ROBERTO L. QUERCETANI

The American indoor season of 1954 got off to a quiet start with the Metropolitan A.A.U. Games, held at New York on January 9. At the Knights of Columbus Games on January 16 at Boston there were however two sensations when Josy Barthel made his fine indoor debut and 18 year old Mike Agostini from Trinidad won the 50 yard dash in 5.3 secs. with inches to spare on no less than the two Olympic sprint champions Andy Stanfield and Lindy Remigino!

Reverting to the story chronologically the outstanding performer of the day at the New York meet was Stanley Lampert, who put the leather-covered indoor shot 55'9" $\frac{3}{4}$ (17.01m) to win from his old rival Jim Fuchs (55'6" $\frac{1}{2}$). The tall Lampert, formerly a student at New York University, has had an erratic career though he has been one of the world's good shotputters ever since 1947. He really hit the headlines in 1949/50 when he twice (Continued page 16 col. 1)

© We apologise for the setting error of 4:02.2 instead of 4:04.2 for Santee's Sugar Bowl mile in the January 1954 issue. (Ed.)



HEIR-APPARENT TO THE VACANT WORLD'S HIGH JUMP CROWN- THE ONE SHOE CALIFORNIAN ERNEST EARL SHELTON. Next month in the March issue of 'ATHLETICS WORLD' we shall publish an account of the meteoric career which has already seen a 6'10" $\frac{3}{8}$ (2.086) clearance. It has been written exclusively for us by Dick Bank of the Public Relations Dept. of the University of Southern Californian. In 1953 Bank was the only man in the world to witness all three of the great world records in the high jump (6'11" $\frac{5}{8}$), the discus (194'6") and the javelin (263'10").

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SAND & CINDERS Prospects For A.D. 1954

At the threshold of the 1953 season we made so bold in this column to publish some predictions. Several were of course wide of the mark such as the thought that Zatopek was himself out of reach of his own 29:02.6 world 10,000 metres record and that Glenn Hardin could still sleep soundly on his 20 year old 400 metres hurdles record of 50.6 secs. Provided one regards sporting prognostications in the nature of a game then little harm can come of again indulging on another set for 1954.

In the sprints we feel that Illinois' fine coloured 100 yard man Willie Williams, who is so little known in Europe, must surely break through to a more general recognition. In Europe it looks as if the stocky little Fütterer will continue to rule the roost while his fellow countryman Haas will be out on his own at Berne with the Mongolian-looking Ignatyev of Soviet Russia. With Mal Whitfield dedicated to the mile America's Jesse Mashburn and Thane Baker will be hard put to it to preserve their country's half century long domination of the 400m/440yard distance. Over two laps Roger Moens of Belgium might be the man of the year.

During 1954 the 4 minute mile is clearly going to become an almost uninsurable risk. Big danger, of course, is that more than one of the chief contenders is going to shoot his bolt too early. The ideal place for it to be done is the Slottskogsvället track in Göteborg and the ideal date is one of Sweden's matchless August evenings. However the most dangerous, the most durable and the most self-assured of the protagonists Wes. Santee of America will set the ball rolling in April. Lanky who faces a nearly circular track at Sydney on February 9th is awaiting the best foreign offer. Perhaps the big clash will come at the Penn Relays at Philadelphia on the third Saturday in April. The revived Barthel and perhaps even England's Roger Bannister might also be on hand. There can be no question that if Santee plays his cards right he will lay the phantom-he is the only man in the world who has ever run the last 3 laps in under 3 minutes.

There is however one imponderable in the shape of the world 880 yard record-holder Mal Whitfield. There is a great danger of being lulled by his 3:59.4 1,500 metre debut last August into thinking that this 29 year old marvel has too much bounce to the ounce to become a real threat. He nonetheless has run 3 mins. flat in a recent 3/4 mile time trial and claims that he didn't notice it. Once the terrible deed has been done, as done it will be, there is a 'danger' that duels between Pirie and Bannister in England will become 'only races'.

In the 5,000 metres it at last seems that the diabolical Emil Zatopek is going to let the exasperated young hopefuls have their say. When one considers that his only Western rival, Gordon Pirie, improved during 1953 from 13:44.8 to 13:34.0 over 3 miles and from 28:55.6 to 28:19.4 over six miles and this was much less spectacular than Kuts 30 sec. jump in the 5,000metres (14:32.2 to 14:02.2) and Kovacs 74.6sec. jump in the 10,000 metres (30:35.8 to 29:21.2), then something is going to snap. There is here again one more sinister pointer to the future. It has only just been revealed that on November 15 Frans Herman of Belgium ran 5,000 metres at Audenarde in 14:22.6. The track has often been described as a 'potato field' and Belgian experts say Herman's mark can safely be regarded as the equivalent of 14:10 on a proper track.

Over the high hurdles Jack Davis was 1953's only sub 14 sec. man and though he may have some company this year his 3rd equal all-time ranking at 13.7 is secure. If Lituyev again gets loose on the springy peat-bottomed Budapest track anything can happen to the world's 400 metre hurdles record. Anything includes 49.9 secs. A new world best steeplechase mark seems certain when Rinteenpää, Kazantsev, Segedin and Disley clash since 45 secs. is logically a vulnerable differential between the best flat time and the best time over 35 barriers spaced round 3,000 metres.

In the high jump with world record at 6'11 1/2" America's Ernie Shelton is not going to quibble at 6' 3/4" and will be having 3 tries at 7 feet at his favourite pits. One of these is at Ann Arbor, Michigan, chosen site for the 1954 NCAA Meeting, and scene 19 years ago of Jesse Owens' longest standing of all world marks - the 26'8 1/4" (8.13m) long jump. The population of 4 15 footers in the pole vault seems destined to stay the same but Europe's total of 14 footers may be swelled by G.M. Elliott inter alia. All 4 of the world throwing records seem vulnerable particularly the discus with Gordien and the javelin if Held stays amateur.

SHORT TAKES by The Editors

THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH: At an investiture in New Zealand last month Yvette Williams, the Olympic long jump champion, was on hand to receive her salmon-pink and silver ribboned M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire). As Yvette approached the dais H.M. the Queen turned inquiringly to the Duke of Edinburgh, who is an athletics enthusiast, saying "Broad jump?" He nodded. After this incident the assertion that 'Broad Jump' is an Americanism for 'Long Jump' will be less easy to support.

ALEXANDER'S RAG-TIME TEMPO: Taking the Chair at a recent British Empire Games fund-raising committee meeting held in the House of Lords, Westminster Field Marshal Earl Alexander let drop some remarks about pace judgement. He said "In my day (he retired in 1923 having run the mile for Ireland in the 1914 Triangular International) we were taught to sprint in the last lap but nowadays they seem to prefer a steady pace throughout". We feel that it would have been more apt to say that comparatively speaking they nowadays sprint the whole way.

THEY JUST FADE AWAY: News has been received at the headquarters of the Amateur Athletic Association in London's Chancery Lane that their last surviving champion from the inaugural A.A.A. meeting of 1880 died in April 1953. He was 95 year old Lt-Col. E.A. Strachan. He won the Pole Vault at 10 ft. 4in. with the 'aid' of a stout ash pole carrying 3 iron prongs in its base. Ironically enough it was another of the pre-bamboo era men, T. Ray of the Ulverston Cricket and Football Club, who in 1887 made the journey to the United States to teach the art and at the same time capture the A.A.U. title at the new American record height of 11ft. 0 1/2". This record remained unbeaten by a native American for over 10 years!

THE TROJANS Contra Mundum !: It occurred to us that an all-time team from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles could beat the national record list of several whole nations if it came to a hypothetical single string 15 event dual meet. Imagine then our surprise then when we found that of the 44 nations for whom we possess national records only 23 scored better than a duck. Among those who would go down by 3 events to 12 would be Belgium, Great Britain and Hungary. Soviet Russia would fare a little better with 4 events to the Trojan's 11 while both Sweden and Finland would achieve this same score. By ranging Harbig, Lueg, Schade, Hölling, Long and Stöck the Germans would with their famous 40.1 sprint relay team win the day by the odd event 8 to 7. The rest of the U.S.A. would however triumph 11 events to 4. If all this seems a little far-fetched to you then take a look at the Trojan's records -:

100yds	Mel Patton	9.3	High Jump	Ernie Shelton	6'10 1/2"
220yds	Mel Patton	20.2	Pole Vault	Bill Sefton	14'11"
400 m.	Hubie Kerns	46.1	Long Jump	Al Olson	25'8 7/8"
880yds	Ross Bush	1:50.7	Shot Putt	Parry O'Brien	59'2 1/2"
1 Mile	Jim Newcomb	4:07.7	Discus	Sim Iness	190'0 1/2"
2 Miles	Leroy Weed	9:04.6	Javelin	Bob Peoples	234'3 1/2"
120ydsHH	Dick Attlesley	13.5	4x110ydr.	1938 Team	40.5
400 m.H	Walt Smith	51.8			

If you worried about reserves there are fellows like Cliff Bourland at 46.1 also and Earle Meadows at 14'11" also.

THEY ARE TELLING US: Recently we received a 14 page document with the compliments of the Secretary of the Royal Statistical Society. It contained reams and reams of equations including

$$r^{(n)}(s, d) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n+u)v} \prod_{v=0}^{n-2} (2+2e^{i\cos u}) dt du \text{ and, of course}$$

$$v(s) \sigma_1^2 = \left[\frac{\partial^2 \log \psi_1(it)}{\partial (it)^2} \right]_{t=0} = 2 \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r} - 4 \sum_{r=2}^n \frac{1}{r} \text{ and so on for pages \&}$$

pages. We read on enthralled. At last we came to the epoch shattering conclusion of it all.

"The general belief that there has been a considerable improvement in athletic performances over the last 100 years is confirmed".

THE MARCH ISSUE. We hope to include in the next issue a full account of the training being undergone by Joseph Barthel.

Got No Records, Got No Titles!

FREDDIE GREEN by Neil Allen

Twenty seven year old Freddie Green of Birmingham is a symbol of Britain's newly acquired distance-running standards. He possesses no national title nor any records but he could hold his own with all but the topmost exponents in the world over any distance from a mile to 5,000 metres. Besides being one of the 7 Britons to run under 4:10 for the mile during 1953 his 8:53.0 two miles ranked him 8th of the world all-time list while his 13:46.0 3 miles places him 6th on the equivalent list for that distance.

A subscriber to 'ATHLETICS WORLD', Freddie has kindly supplied us with some of the details of his early career and also some of his plans for the future. Writing from his home at Alum Rock near Birmingham he says --

"At the age of 16½ I was entered for the Birmingham Air Training Corps Cross-Country Race (1943) and dawkled into second place. Then a Birchfield Harrier's scout named Jack Ashton, who saw me running, had a talk with me and became my coach. Under his guidance at the age of 17 I won the Midland AAA one mile championship and that same year (1944) I confounded everybody including myself by beating the international Jack Holden (European Marathon champion 1950) over a 3 mile road relay leg at Wolverhampton. Unfortunately the death of my coach in a motor 'cycle accident a few months later made me give up athletics during my service life"

"Coming out of the Forces in February 1948, I was not much interested in athletics until the Birchfield track captain, Tommy Richards (not to be confused with the Olympic marathoner), asked if he could coach me. However his methods meant that in all my races I was to wait until the last lap before making my final challenge, and I was only training 3 times a week. So in 1951 I applied to the AAA for international class coaching and was sent to see C.A.J. Emery (the pre-war Cambridge 'Blue' who won the 1939 A.A.A. 3 miles (14:08.0) and the International Cross-Country title. I have never regretted this step. I pop over to see him at Lichfield, a distance of 15 miles, on my motor-bike (Freddie's top speed on a bike is over 90 m.p.h. on a disused aerodrome) about once a fortnight, and during the summer Jack sends me a weekly letter".

Green's training methods are based upon 'interval' running. At the peak of the season it goes something like this;

- 5 x 200 metres (interspersed by 200m. jog) in 28 secs.
- 30 x 400 metres (interspersed by 200m. jog) in 65-67 secs.
- 5 x 200 metres (interspersed by 200m. jog) in 28 secs.

Usually three days before a big event he runs a $\frac{3}{4}$ distance time trial at full speed. The 3 weeks before his 4:08.8 mile he ran 3:05.0 to 3:07.0 once weekly and also managed to get down to 8 x 440 yards laps (interspersed by 440 yd. jogs) each at only 60 secs. His peak was last September and this is how he wound up his season --

Wednesday	Sept. 30	8:53.0	Two Miles at White City
Thursday	Oct. 1		$\frac{3}{4}$ hour jog only
Friday	Oct. 2		$\frac{1}{4}$ hour warm, 60-jog 220-60-jog 220-60, $\frac{1}{4}$ hour cool.
Saturday	Oct. 3	4:08.8	One Mile at Birmingham

During this winter Green has been getting up to 100 miles per week, though for 3 weeks he was out of training due to a strained peroneal nerve (a legacy from an Achilles tendon strain).

His main problem is one only too well known by many British athletes-- finding the time to train. Green works as a clerk from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and has to go to bed at 9.30 p.m. to get his minimum ration of sleep necessary for such a regime.

Below we list the performance record of the 10st.4lb. (144 lb.) 5'9" Birchfield Bustler --the story of an athlete, knowing the limitations of his natural talents, several times nearly gave up. His first big break came as early as June 18 1949 when he won the 'Kinnaid 3 Miles' in 14:36.0. The next year, aged 23, he ran 14:14.6 for 5th place in the AAA Championships. In 1951 he was 'nearly trampled to death' while in 1952 he was fourth in 14:09.8.

Note: Green did not mention that he was a paratrooper and that on the 39th of his 42 jumps his 'chute all but 'candled' resulting in considerable injury.



Birmingham Sunday Mercury

FREDDIE GREEN seen winning the 1953 Birchfield Mile race in 4:08.8. Behind him were world relay record-holder Ralph H. Dunkley (4:09.8m) and oft-times A.A.A. mile champion Bill Nankeville (4:10.0m). The race was held under floodlighting at Birmingham on October 3rd, 1953.

GREEN'S PROGRESSIVE RECORD OVER 1-3 MILES.

Year	One Mile	Two Miles	Three Miles
1948	-	9:22.0	-
1949	4:22.1	-	14:36.0
1950	-	9:09.3	14:14.6
1951	-	9:13.0	14:29.8
1952	4:16.0	9:15.0	14:04.0
1953	4:08.8	8:53.00	13:46.0

There is some evidence that this time behind Pirie was 8:52.0 which would raise Green from 8th to 6th on the World all-time list (Ed.)

YVETTE JUMPS 20'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " TISHKYEVICH PUTS 50'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "!

Yvette Williams, the Olympic long jump champion, set a new New Zealand record of 20'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.18m) when competing at Wellington on Jan. 9th. Another jump of 20'5" (6.22m) was not allowed on account of wind assistance in the same way as her 20'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.29m) leap in Feb. 1952. Yvette also set a new British Empire discus record with 151'6" (46.17m).

Latest news from Russia (kindly sent by Luigi Mengoni of Italy) is that the amply built Mlle. Tamara Tishkyevich sometime in 1953 somewhere in Russia became history's second feminine 50 foot shot-putter with 50'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.38m). Other hitherto unrevealed marks (all without dates or venues) which require to be added to the 1953 list (Dec. 1953 p.2) are --
 100m: Kalashnikova 11.8; 200m: 24.6, Turova 24.7, M. Itkina 24.7
 400m: Bystrova 56.7; 800m: N. Tyurkina 11.3; HJ: L. Mochilina (not Churilova) 1.67; DT: Bagryantseva 161'5"; JT: Konyayeva 171'5"

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Ross McWhirter

Following my article last month on the British Empire Games I shall now endeavour to set out in like manner some basic information on that other great inter-Olympic athletic occasion - the European Championships.

The instigator of these Championships was Sziland Stankovits of Hungary whose original proposals were made in 1926 and were turned down by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as being contrary to Rule 10 of the Constitution.

In 1932 at Los Angeles efforts were renewed and the obstructing Rule was altered by a meeting of the Congress of the I.A.A.F. In 1933 the Council of the I.A.A.F. adopted regulations for European Championships and authorised the Italian Federation to proceed to organise a meeting for 1934 on a trial basis.

At the 12th Congress of the world governing body, held at Stockholm in August 1934, M. Stankovits reported on the preparation at Turin. The I.A.A.F. then decided to make the Championships permanent.

The Turin event was so successful that the following year at Warsaw European representatives were asked to consider how often they wanted a Championship Meeting for their continent to be held. In 1936 at the Berlin Congress it was resolved to make the European Championships a quadrennial event to be held mid-way between Olympic Celebrations. France was awarded the Second European Championships, which were held at the Colombes Olympic Stadium in Paris with great success.

In 1942 the World was at war but with remarkable resilience as early as 1946 the Championships were revived at Oslo. On this occasion the women's events were incorporated (see article in next month's issue) and the Russians made a last minute arrival by air. (Cont: next page)

WHERE THE 93 EUROPEAN TITLES HAVE GONE.

No less than 16 European countries have produced athletes who have won a Gold Medal in the four European Championship meetings so far held. The distribution is :-

1. Sweden	16 titles	8=Iceland	3 titles
2. Finland	15 "	8=U.S.S.R.	3 "
3. Germany	14 "	11=,Estonia	2 "
4. Great Britain	12 "	11=,Hungary	2 "
5. France	7 "	11=,Norway	2 "
6. Netherlands	6 "	14=,Denmark	1 title
7. Italy	5 "	14=,Latvia	1 "
8=,Czechoslovakia	3 "	14=,Switzerland	1 "

In addition to the above countries 7 others have provided men who have placed in the first six of an event - Austria, Belgium, Greece, Luxemburg, Portugal, Turkey and Yugoslavia. It should be noted that both Estonia and Latvia have been "forcibly incorporated" in the U.S.S.R. Of the leading athletic nations U.S.S.R. first entered the Championships in 1946 and Great Britain did not enter the first Championships held at Turin in 1934.

ROLL OF CHAMPIONS

1934 Ist Championships at Turin, Italy	
1938 IInd Championships at Paris	
1942 Championships not held owing to war	
1946 IIIrd Championships at Oslo	
1950 IVth Championships at Brussels	
100 METRES	
1934 Christiaan Berger (Netherlands)	10.6
1938 Martinus Osendarp (Netherlands)	10.5
1946 Jack Archer (Great Britain)	10.6
1950 Etienne Bally (France)	10.7
200 METRES	
1934 Christiaan Berger (Netherlands)	21.5
1938 Martinus Osendarp (Netherlands)	21.2
1946 Nikolay Karakulov (U.S.S.R.)	21.6
1950 Brian Shenton (Great Britain)	21.5
400 METRES	
1934 Adolf Metzner (Germany)	47.9
1938 Godfrey Brown (Great Britain)	47.4
1946 Niels Holst Sørensen (Denmark)	47.9
1950 Derek Pugh (Great Britain)	47.3

1934 Miklós Szabó (Hungary)	1m52.0
1938 Rudolf Harbig (Germany)	1m50.6
1946 Rune Gustafsson (Sweden)	1m51.0
1950 John Parlett (Great Britain)	1m50.5
1,500 METRES	
1934 Luigi Beccali (Italy)	3m54.6
1938 Sydney Wooderson (Great Britain)	3m53.6
1946 Lennart Strand (Sweden)	3m48.0
1950 Willem Slijkhuis (Netherlands)	3m47.2
5,000 METRES	
1934 Roger Rochard (France)	14m36.8
1938 Taisto Mäki (Finland)	14m26.8
1946 Sydney Wooderson (Great Britain)	14m08.6
1950 Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	14m03.0
10,000 METRES	
1934 Ilmari Salminen (Finland)	31m02.6
1938 Ilmari Salminen (Finland)	30m52.4
1946 Viljo Heino (Finland)	29m52.0
1950 Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	29m12.0
MARATHON	
1934 Armas Toivonen (Finland)	2H52m29.0

1938 Väinö Muinonen (Finland)	2H37m28.8
1946 Mikko Hietanen (Finland)	+(2H24m55.0)
1950 Jack Holden (Great Britain)	2H32m13.2
+ By error the course was only 25 miles	
4 x 100 METRES RELAY	
1934 Germany (Egan Schein, Erwin Gillmeister, Gerd Hornberger, Erich Borchmeyer)	41.0
1938 Germany (Manfred Kersch, Gerd Hornberger, Karl Neckermann, Wilhelm Leichum)	40.9
1946 Sweden (Stig Danielsson, Inge Nilsson, Olle Laessker, Stig Håkansson)	41.1
1950 U.S.S.R. (Vladimir Sukharyev, Lev Kalyayev, Levyan Sanadze, Nikolay Karakulov)	41.5
4 x 400 METRES RELAY	
1934 Germany (Helmut Hamann, Hans Scheele, Harry Voigt, Adolf Metzner)	3m14.1
1938 Germany (Hermann Blazejczak, Manfred Bues, Erich Linnhoff, Rudolf Harbig)	3m13.7
1946 France (Bernard Santona, Robert Chef'D'Hotel, Yves Cros, Jacques Lunis)	3m14.4
1950 Great Britain (Martin Pike, Leslie Lewis, Angus Scott, Derek Pugh)	3m10.2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BEST PERFORMANCES

(M E N)

100 m	10.4 a	Orazio Mariani (Italy)	Paris	Sept. 3 1938	
	10.4na	Wijnand van Beveren (Netherlands)	Paris	Sept. 3 1938	
200 m	21.2	Martinus B Osendarp (Netherlands)	Paris	Sept. 4 1938	
400 m	47.3	Derek C Pugh (Great Britain)	Brussels	Aug. 25 1950	
800 m	1m50.5	H John Parlett (Great Britain)	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950	
1,500 m	3m47.2	Willem F Slijkhuis (Netherlands)	Brussels	Aug. 27 1950	
5,000 m	14m03.0	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950	
10,000 m	29m12.0	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Brussels	Aug. 23 1950	
Marathon	2H:32m13.0 b	John T Holden (Great Britain)	Brussels	Aug. 23 1950	
4 x 100 m R.	40.9	Germany	Paris	Sept. 5 1938	
		(Manfred Kersch, Gerd Hornberger, Karl Neckermann, Wilhelm Leichum)			
4 x 400 m R.	3m10.2	Great Britain	Brussels	Aug. 27 1950	
		(Martin W Pike, Leslie C Lewis, Angus W Scott, Derek C Pugh)			
10,000 m W.	46mol.8	Fritz Schwab (Switzerland)	Brussels	Aug. 24 1950	
50 km RW.	4H:38m20.0	John A Ljunggren (Sweden)	Oslo	Aug. 23 1946	
110 m H.	14.3	Donald O Finlay (Great Britain)	Paris	Sept. 4 1938	
400 m H.	51.9	Armando Filiput (Italy)	Brussels	Aug. 27 1950	
3,000 m S/C.	9mol.4	Raphaël Pujazon (France)	Oslo	Aug. 25 1946	
HJ	2.00	6' 6 ³ / ₈ "	Kalevi Kotkas (Finland)	Turin	Sept. 7 1934
PV	4.30	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ " c	Armin Scheurer (Switzerland)	Brussels	Aug. 25 1950
	4.30	14' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Ragnar Lundberg (Sweden)	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950
LJ	7.65	25' 1 ¹ / ₂ "	Wilhelm Leichum (Germany)	Paris	Sept. 3 1938
HSJ	15.39	50' 5 ¹ / ₈ "	Leonid Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.)	Brussels	Aug. 23 1950
SP	16.74	54'11"	Gunnar Huseby (Iceland)	Brussels	Aug. 25 1950
DT	53.75	176' 4 ¹ / ₈ "	Adolfo Consolini (Italy)	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950
HT	58.77	192' 9 ¹ / ₈ "	Karl Hein (Germany)	Paris	Sept. 4 1938
JT	76.87	252' 2 ¹ / ₈ "	Matti H Järvinen (Finland)	Paris	Sept. 3 1938
Decathlon	6,695 pts.	nd	Orn Clausen (Iceland)	Brussels	Aug. 24/5 1950

Notes a-Time made in a semi-final

b-The time of 2H:24m55.0 set by Mikko Hietanen (Finland) at Oslo in 1946 was over a short course of 25 miles (40.2 kms).

c-Performance achieved in the course of the Decathlon.

d-Ignace Heinrich (France) won the 1950 event, which was computed on the 1934 Tables, with 7,364 pts. Clausen scored 7,297 pts. On the current, 1950, Tables Clausen's score is 39 points better than Heinrich's. The 1950 Tables will be used at Berne.

MOST SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS IN THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only Wilhelm Leichum (Germany) has won three Gold Medals. In 1934 he won the Long Jump, retained it in 1938 with the current Championship 'Best' and also ran in Germany's record holding 4 x 100 metres relay team.

Fifteen athletes have won two Gold Medals :-

C.D. Berger (Neths.)	100m & 200m '34	A. Metzner (Germany)	400m & 1,600mR '34
A. Consolini (Italy)	DT '46 & '50	M.B. Osendarp (Neths.)	100m & 200m '38
R. Harbig (Germany)	800m & 1,600mR '38	D.C. Pugh (Gt. Britain)	400m & 1,600mR '50
G. Hornberger (Germany)	400mR '34 & '38	I. Salminen (Finland)	10,000m '34 & '38
G. Huseby (Iceland)	SP '46 & '50	H. Scheele (Germany)	400mH & 1,600mR '34
M.J. Järvinen (Finland)	JT '34 & '38	S.C. Wooderson (Gt. Brit.)	1,500m '38 ; 5,000m '46
N. Karakulov (USSR)	200m & 400mR '50		
O. Laessker (Sweden)	LJ & 400mR '46	E. Zátopek (Czecho.)	5,000m & 10,000m '50

Only Sydney Wooderson spanned the war period with victories. Five other athletes, however, achieved places in the first six both before and after the war :- Consolini was 5th in the discus in 1938; Lidman was second in the 110m H in 1938; Muinonen was 2nd in the Marathon in 1946; Attervall was 6th in the 1938 Javelin and Sulo Bärlund (Finland) was 4th ('38) and 6th ('46) in the Shot.

BRITISH RANKINGS 1953

Below are listed the second instalments of ATHLETICS WORLD'S third annual British Rankings in the same style as for those for 1951 and 1952. Placings depend on the athletes actual record during 1953 and not upon his potential. The lists are not exhaustive but include every significant mark & every class performance. Notation m=metric mark; w=wind-aided; Ht=heat time; e=estimated time.

ONE MILE (and 1,500 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Bannister	Bannister
2. Nankeville	Nankeville
3. Parlett	Chataway
4. Eyre	Law
5. Parker	Disley
6. Chataway	Seaman

1. Roger Gilbert BANNISTER

3:58.5m	1st	Rabat	19/4
4:03.6	1st	AAAvOUAC (3:47.0m)	2/5
4:09.4	1st	British Games I	23/5
4:02.0	1st	Motspur (3:44.8m)	27/6
4:05.2	1st	AAA (Ht 4:17.4)	11/7

2. Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE

4:16.8	1st	Wimbledon	25/4
4:18.6	1st	Brockman Trophy	16/5
4:11.0	1st	Inter-Banks	18/7
4:06.8	1st	Emsley Carr (3:51.8)	8/8
3:53.4m	1st	Bergen	18/8
3:52.2m	1st	Odda	22/8

3. George William NANKEVILLE

3:52.2m	4th	Paris	17/5
4:16.8	1st	Darlington	1/6
4:15.0	1st	Walton	6/6
4:09.4	1st	Walton	4/7
4:10.4	3rd	AAA (Ht 4:12.2n)	11/7
4:13.8	3rd	Emsley Carr	8/8
3:52.0m	2nd	G.B. v Germany	30/8
3:46.6m	2nd	G.B. v Sweden	3/9
4:07.4	1st	'City Mile'	9/9
4:10.0	3rd	Birmingham	3/10

4. Donald Charles SEAMAN

4:13.4	2nd	British Games I	23/5
4:12.0	1st	Belfast	30/5
4:13.6	2nd	Kinnaid Trophy	13/6
3:53.8m	3rd	Brussels	17/6
4:08.0	2nd	AAA (Ht 4:17.8)	11/7
4:13.2	2nd	G.B. v France	3/8
4:14.9	1st	AAA v Comb.Serv	15/8
3:54.8m	4th	G.B. v Germany	30/8
3:49.0m	3rd	G.B. v Sweden	3/9
3:51.8m	3rd	Oslo	6/9

5. Christopher John CHATAWAY

4:13.1	1st	O.U.A.C. Sports	26/2
4:08.4	1st	Oxford v Camb.	14/3
4:02.4m	1st	Casablanca	18/4
4:25.6	1st	Fez	21/4
4:21.0	1st	Ox/Camb US Tour	13/6
4:12.4	1st	G.B. v France	3/8
4:14.8	4th	Emsley Carr	8/8

6. Freddie GREEN

4:24.0	2nd	Brockman Trophy	16/5
4:18.6	1st	C.A.U. (Heat)	23/5
4:18.3	1st	Sedgeley	3/8
4:14.4	1st	Uxbridge	5/9
4:08.8	1st	Birmingham	3/10

THREE MILES (and 5,000 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Beckett	Chataway
2. Chataway	Pirie
3. Pirie	Sando
4. Parker	Parker
5. Hicks	Green
6. Morgan	Morgan

1. Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE

13:54.8	1st	Leyton	6/5
13:46.0	1st	C.A.U.	23/5

THREE MILES (continued)

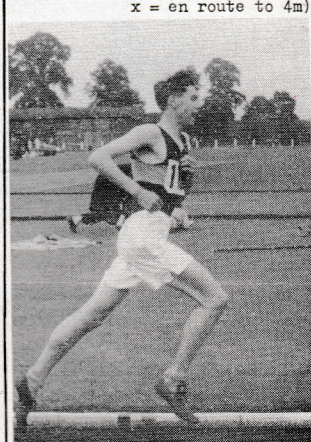
13:54.2	1st	Surrey	30/5
13:54.2	1st	Kinnaid	13/6
14:18.8m	3rd	Brussels	17/6
13:41.8	1st	Southern	20/6
13:43.4	1st	AAA	11/7
13:36.4	1st	G.B. v France	1/8
14:02.6m	1st	GBvGer. (13:34.0)	29/8
13:53.2x	1st	Birmingham	3/10

2. Freddie GREEN

14:15.0	1st	MCAA	20/6
14:17.2	1st	AAA v Wales	27/6
13:46.0	2nd	AAA	11/7
13:51.0	2nd	G.B. v France	1/8
13:55.8	2nd	British Games	8/8
14:27.2m	2nd	GBvGer. (13:56.2)	29/8
14:27.6m	1st	G.B. v Sweden	2/9

3. Frank Dennis SANDO

13:48.0	2nd	C.A.U.	23/5
14:02.0	1st	Kent	13/6
13:59.0	3rd	British Games	8/8
14:14.0	x	2nd Birmingham	3/10



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4. Kenneth Leonard NORRIS (above)

14:13.8	3rd	C.A.U.	23/5
14:02.6	2nd	Kinnaid	13/6
14:05.8	1st	Reading Trophy	27/6
14:22.5	1st	Army Champs	30/6
14:09.6u	7th	AAA	11/7
14:08.6	1st	Inter-Service	22/7
14:17.6	5th	British Games	8/8
14:06.8	2nd	Comb.Serv. v AAA	15/8
14:01.0	1st	Lond. v Stock.	23/9

5. Ian BINNIE

14:01.4	1st	Scots Champs.	27/6
14:02.8	4th	AAA	11/7
14:18.2	6th	British Games	8/8

6. Leonard EYRE

14:02.0	3rd	AAA	11/7
14:44.8	1st	Civil Service	18/7
14:31.4m	3rd	G.B. v Sweden	3/9

SIX MILES (and 10,000 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Pirie	Sando
2. Hesketh	Pirie
3. Gray	Norris, F.
4. Birch	Hesketh
5. Robins	Gray
6. Aaron	Peters

1. Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE

28:47.4	1st	Southern	18/4
28:19.4	1st	AAA	10/7
29:17.2m	1st	GBvSw (28:20.0)	3/9

2. Frank Dennis SANDO

28:47.2	2nd	AAA	10/7
29:33.4	3rd	G.B. v France	3/8
30:21.0m	1st	GBvGer (29:19.2)	30/8
29:56.2m	2nd	G.B. v Sweden	3/9

SIX MILES (continued)

3. Ian BINNIE			
29:20.7	1st	Scots Champs.	26/6
28:53.4	3rd	AAA	10/7
30:01.0+	1st	Dunoon	28/8

4. James Henry PETERS

29:01.8	2nd	Southern	18/4
30:09	+ 1st	British Games	25/5
29:07.4	4th	AAA	10/7
29:06.6	2nd	G.B. v France	3/8

5. Walter HESKETH

	2nd	NCAA	16/5
31:38.1m	1st	Brussels	17/6
29:12.4	5th	AAA	10/7
31:41.4m	2nd	G.B. v Germany	30/8

6. Colin M. ('Bill') GRAY

31:05.0m	1st	Antwerp	4/7
29:18.0	6th	AAA	10/7

120 YARDS HURDLES (110 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Hildreth	Hildreth
2. Parker	Parker
3. Finlay	Vine
4. Vine	Higham
5. Barkway	Hart
6. Birrell	Birrell

1. Peter Burke HILDRETH

15.0	1st	AAA v OUAC	2/5
15.1	1st	Sward	9/5
15.1	1st	Brockman Trophy	16/5
15.3	2nd	C.A.U.	25/5
14.8w	1st	Caledonian	30/5
15.0	2nd	Kinnaid Trophy	13/6
14.9	1st	Southern (Ht 14.8)	20/6
14.9	2nd	Ryder Trophy	4/7
14.6	1st	AAA	11/7
14.7	1st	G.B. v France	1/8
14.6	2nd	British Games II	8/8
14.6w	1st	Fire Brigade	22/8
15.0m	2nd	G.B. v Germany	29/8
14.7m	2nd	G.B. v Sweden	2/9
14.7m	1st	Oslo	6/9
14.8	1st	London v Stockholm	23/9
14.9	1st	England v Neths	30/9

2. Frederick John PARKER

15.1	2nd	Sward Trophy	9/5
14.6m	1st	Tourcoing	10/5
15.3	2nd	Brockman Trophy	16/5
15.1	1st	C.A.U.	25/5
14.9	1st	Kinnaid	13/6
		(AAA arrived late, also injured)	
-	2nd	AAA v BUSB	18/7
15.0	3rd	G.B. v France	1/8
15.0	3rd	British Games II	8/8
14.7w	2nd	Fire Brigade	22/8
14.8m	1st	GB. v Germany	29/8
14.6m	1st	G.B. v Sweden	2/9
14.9m	2nd	Sodertalje	5/9
15.0	2nd	London v Stockholm	23/9
		fell 4th England v Neths:	30/9

3. Paul Ashley Lawrence VINE

15.3	3rd	AAA v OUAC	2/5
-	4th	Sward Trophy	9/5
15.3	1st	AAA v OUAC	21/5
15.3	3rd	C.A.U.	25/5
15.1w	2nd	Caledonian	30/5
15.0u	1st	Middlesex	6/6
15.0	3rd	Kinnaid	13/6
15.5	2nd	Southern	20/6
14.9	1st	Ryder Trophy	4/7
15.0	2nd	AAA	11/7
15.0	1st	BUSB v AAA	18/7
15.3	4th	British Games II	8/8
14.9m	3rd	FISU Games (Ht 15.2)	16/8
14.8w	3rd	Fire Brigade	22/8
15.2	1st	City Charity	9/9

4. Christopher Eric Edward HIGHAM

15.1	1st	OUAC (Ht 15.0w)	28/2
15.3	1st	Oxford v Camb.	14/3
15.3	1st	Eton	25/3
15.2	2nd	OUAC v AAA	2/5
15.3e	3rd	Sward Trophy	9/5

120 YARDS HURDLES (cont)

4. Higham			
15.1w	1st	U.A.U.	16/5
-	5th	Ox/Camb US Tour	13/6
14.9u	3rd	Philadelphia	20/6
-	5th	British Games II	8/8
15.2m	5th	FISU (Ht 15.4m)	16/8
-	4th	East Molesey	12/9

5. Donald O'SULLIVAN

15.2u	2nd	OUAC Sports	28/2
15.5	2nd	Oxford v Camb.	14/3
15.4	4th	OUAC v AAA	2/5
15.2w	2nd	U.A.U.	16/5
-	6th	Kinnaid Trophy	13/6
15.1	3rd	AAA	11/7
16.1m	5th	FISU Heat	13/8
15.2w	1st	Wimbledon	22/8
15.5	2nd	East Molesey	12/9

6. Victor Charles MATTHEWS

-	5th	Kinnaid Trophy	13/6
15.7	3rd	Southern	20/6
15.2	4th	AAA	11/7
15.5	2nd	AAA v Comb Serv.	15/8
15.4	1st	East Molesey	12/9

440 YARDS HURDLES (400 Metres)

1951	1952
1. Whittle	Gracie
2. Scott	Scott
3. Parker	Whittle
4. Davis	Hardy
5. Gracie	Davis
6. Clephan	Parker

1. Harry WHITTLE

56.1	1st	U.A.U.	16/5
55.8	1st	OUAC v AAA	21/5
54.0	2nd	C.A.U.	23/5
52.7	1st	AAA (Ht 56.5)	11/7
55.7	1st	AAA v BUSB	18/7
53.2	2nd	G.B. v France	3/8

BRITISH ALL-TIME LIST NO 14. -SPRINT RELAYS

In this fourteenth compilation in the ATHLETICS WORLD series on the best British Performances of All-Time we include for the first time a relay event-the 4x 100 metres and the 4x 110 yards sprint relays.

Notation -: n = non-winning time y = 4x110 Yards time

SPRINT RELAYS 4 x 100 METRES (4 x 109.36 Yards) and
4 x 110 YARDS (4 x 100.58 Metres).

40.6n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Helsinki	July 27 1952
	(E.McD.Bailey,W.Jack,J.A.Gregory,B.Shenton)		
41.0n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Helsinki	July 27 1952
	(E.McD.Bailey,W.Jack,J.A.Gregory,B.Shenton)		
41.1	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Paris	Aug. 23 1952
	(E.McD.Bailey,W.Jack,J.A.Gregory,B.Shenton)		
41.2n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Paris	July 13 1924
	(H.M.Abrahams,W.Rangeley,L.C.Royle,W.P.Nichol)		
41.2n	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Paris	Sept. 5 1938
	(M.M.Scarr,A.G.K.Brown,A.W.Sweeney,E.L.Page)		
41.2	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Belgrade	Aug. 25 1951
	(E.McD.Bailey,N.D.Stacey,J.C.M.Wilkinson,B.Shenton)		
41.2	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Helsinki	July 26 1952
	(E.McD.Bailey,W.Jack,J.A.Gregory,B.Shenton)		
41.3y	ENGLAND AND WALES TEAM	London	July 5 1952
	(E.McD.Bailey,J.A.Gregory,A.W.Lillington,B.Shenton)		
41.3n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	London	Aug. 7 1948
	(A.McCorquodale,J.A.Gregory,K.J.Jones,J.Archer)		
41.4y	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	London	Aug. 4 1951
	(E.McD.Bailey,N.D.Stacey,J.A.Gregory,B.Shenton)		
41.4n	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Paris	Sept. 5 1938
	(M.M.Scarr,A.G.K.Brown,A.W.Sweeney,E.L.Page)		
41.4	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	London	Aug. 6 1948
	(A.McCorquodale,J.A.Gregory,K.J.Jones,J.Archer)		
41.6	'Olympic A Team'	Beckenham	June 26 1948
	(J.C.M.Wilkinson,J.Fairgrieve,P.H.Vallé,A.McCorquodale)		
41.6	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Paris	Sept.10 1950
	(A.R.Pinnington,B.Shenton,J.A.Gregory,E.McD.Bailey)		
41.6	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Stockholm	Sept. 2 1953
	(G.S.Ellis,K.J.Jones,W.Jack,B.Shenton)		
41.7n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Los Angeles	Aug. 7 1932
	(D.O.Finlay,S.C.Fuller,S.E.Englehart,E.L.Page)		
41.7n	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Berlin	Aug. 29 1953
	(K.J.Jones,A.W.Lillington,W.Jack,B.Shenton)		
41.8ye	ENGLAND EMPIRE GAMES TEAM	Sydney	Feb. 1938
	(K.S.Duncan,C.B.Holmes,K.J.Richardson,L.M.Wallace)		
41.8n	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Amsterdam	Aug. 1928
	(C.W.Gill,E.R.Smouha,W.Rangeley,J.E.London)		
41.8n	ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Cologne	Aug. 30 1931
	(F.P.Reid,G.T.Saunders,H.J.Cohen,J.E.London)		
41.8	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Istanbul	Sept. 1 1951
	(E.McD.Bailey,N.D.Stacey,A.Webster,J.C.M.Wilkinson)		
41.8	ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES TEAM	Paris	Aug. 1937
	(A.G.K.Brown,K.S.Duncan,A.Pinnington,C.B.Holmes)		
41.9n	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950
	(J.A.Gregory,A.Grieve,B.Shenton,A.R.Pinnington)		
41.9n	GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONAL TEAM	Brussels	Aug. 26 1950
	(J.A.Gregory,A.Grieve,B.Shenton,A.R.Pinnington)		
42.0	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM	Paris	July 12 1924
	(H.M.Abrahams,W.Rangeley,L.C.Royle,W.P.Nichol)		
42.0	Oxford University Athletic Club	Hanover	Aug. 13 1947
	(P.F.D.Wallis,A.R.McWhirter,N.D.McWhirter,J.C.M.Wilkinson)		

Note Great Britain's time for 6th place in the 1932 Olympic 4x 100 metre final was only inches back from 3rd at 41.6 secs.

England Native record holder for the high jump (6'6³/₈) in 1949 at Bristol) Peter Wells cleared 6'3" at Timaru(Nov.21);6'3³/₈" at Christ church(Dec.12) and 6'3³/₄" also at Christchurch on Jan.9

BRAZILIANS STORM THE TRACK AS ZÁTOPEK RUNS 30:09.0 AT SÃO PAULO. A crowd of 20,000 attended the annual post-St.Sylvestre track meet in São Paulo to see Zátopek run 10,000 metres. On the rain-soaked track the Champion was unable to maintain the early pace(5,000m. in 14:45)but nonetheless lapped the field twice to win in 30:09.0. The crowd besieged the track and no one else could finish. Ilmari Taipale ran a 3:59.7 1,500m and Mihalic a 14:54.0 5,000 metres.

ADDENDA and CORRIGENDA: British Shot-Putt List(Vol.2 p.6) Logan's mark was at Dunoon on Aug.29.: Vol.2 p.2 Nyenashev's 199'1¹/₂" hammer throw was inferior also to Storch's 199'4¹/₂" & hence fourth best of all-time;Vol.1 No.22 p.6 Paddock's mark was over 110yds. Fuchs'121b. shot record is 67'1". Some amendments to Mathias' earlier Decathlon scores(Vol.1 No.22 p.5) will be published shortly.

INDOOR GUIDE - WORLD'S BEST PERFORMANCES

To assist readers in following the 1954 American Indoor season(see Fixture List,Vol.II p.8),we are publishing a list of the best recorded performances over the more standard distances.

60 Yards	6.1@ Ben Johnson	New York	Feb. 5 1938
600 Yards	1:09.5 Malvin Whitfield	New York	Feb. 28 1953
880 Yards	1:50.5 John Borican(1:50.0m)	New York	Mar. 25 1942
1,000 Yards	2:08.2 Donald Gehrman	New York	Feb. 16 1952
One Mile	4:05.3b Gilbert Dodds	New York	Jan. 31 1948
Three Miles	13:45.7 Gregory Rice	New York	Feb. 28 1942
60 Yds Highs	7.1 Harrison Dillard	Chicago	Mar. 20 1948
	7.1 Harrison Dillard	Chicago	Mar. 19 1949
High Jump	6'10 ³ / ₄ " Kenneth Wiesner	Chicago	Mar. 28 1953
Pole Vault	15' 8 ¹ / ₂ " Cornelius Warmerdam	Chicago	Mar. 20 1943
Long Jump	25' 9" Jesse Owens	New York	Feb. 23 1935
Shot Putt	58' 3 ¹ / ₂ " James Fuchs	New York	Feb. 10 1951

@ Since equalled by 9 others on 17 occasions including Stanfield and Thane Baker in 1953.

b Glenn Cunningham ran 4:04.4 in 1938 on a track with big laps.

FALSE CLAIM BY JAP TO HAVE BEATEN ZÁTOPEK'S WORLD 10 MILE RECORD. The report that the Japanese Yonosuke Hayashida had run 10 miles in 48:09.0(3 secs inside Zátopek's 1951 mark) at Osaka on Jan.15 relates, it is learned, to a road race and not a track event.

K. L. NORRIS WINS FROM 304 OVER DERBY COURSE

The 22 year old Middlesex and Army Cross Country champion Ken. Norris had a runaway victory in the first major C-C fixture of the season -the Inter-Counties Championship staged at Epsom Racecourse on Jan.16 over 7¹/₂ miles. Norris took the lead from the 304 man field(representing 34 Counties) at the half-mile mark (2:15) and was never again headed as he toured the 3 big 2¹/₂ mile laps in 12:27,12:33 and 12:42 to finish 90 yards clear of the fast finishing Bill Boak(Cumberland) in 39:57

Lancashire regained her title in a close battle with Yorkshire(the holders)with 96pts. to 110. Third to finish was Frank Sande(Kent) followed by D.Walker(Yorks),Len Eyre(Yorks)(holder), George Knight(Essex);Bill Gray(Warks.);Fred.Norris(Lancs),Jim Peters(Essex),K.Wood(Yorks),Pat Ranger(Sussex) & 12th K.Gates(Lancs)

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FUCHS AND BARTHEL MAKE INDOOR COMEBACKS

(cont. from front page.) managed to beat the best Fuchs, Iampert has only once before bettered 17.00 metres and that dates from June 1949 when he hit 56'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (17.24m) again in New York. (Fuchs, it will be remembered, severely strained some ligaments in his right hand just prior to his courageous third place at Helsinki.)

The best runner on the flat board track was Horace Ashen-felter, who won the 3 miles in 14:02.9. His brother Bill lost the mile to the consistent Gordon McKenzie (4:16.9) by 12 yards. The 27 year old George Rhoden, who promises to be back in stride for the outdoor season, again showed that the boards are not to his liking as he finished fourth in the 600 yards, won in 1:14.3 by Maicocco. Paul Ewing had to take a 'flyer' to upset Olympic 200 metre champion Andy Stanfield in a 6.5 sec. 60 yard dash.

The man regarded by many as one of the hottest favourites for the 4 minute mile, Josy Barthel, made a most successful indoor bow at the Knights of Columbus Games a week later on January 16 with a 4:10.3 victory. Curiously enough this was only the second competitive mile of his career— he did 4:15.4 in his first ever attempt at the White City, London on July 3rd 1948 when finishing second to Bill Nankeville in the A.A.A. Championship race beating, among others, the then 19 year old Roger Bannister (4:17.2n). The Luxemburg ace had to let loose with his famous finishing kick to pass veteran Fred Wilt in the hectic last lap. Wilt was only inches back second in 4:10.4 with Len Truex third in 4:17.8 and one-time king of indoor milers Don Gehrmann a remote fourth in 4:25.1. (N.B. Barthel's 'quarter' times were reported elsewhere as 59.9, 60.2, 69.5 and 60.5 Ed.)

BOB RICHARDS SUFFERS FIRST DEFEAT IN 19 MONTHS FROM DON LAZ !

A surprise occurred in the pole vault, which saw the 32 long winning streak by Bob Richards broken by Don Laz. The tall blond Olympic runner-up cleared 14'9", while Richards had to be content with one of his poorest marks in recent years - 14'3". The last defeat of the Reverend dated back to the 1952 Compton Invitation -al won by Laz at 14'6". During the 1953 indoor season Richards had an impressive total of 11 consecutive defeats over his arch rival during which he never failed to clear the bar set at 15 ft or more !

The evergreen Harrison Dillard took the 45 yard hurdles in 5.6 secs. - this marked his 42nd consecutive triumph in the Boston Garden !! Horace Ashenfelter won the 2 miles in 9:04.0 with Charles Capozzoli second 80 yards back and Canada's NCAA 2 mile champion Rich Ferguson third.

The 600 yards was won by the 19 year old Charles Jenkins in 1:12.2. This rapidly improving Negro was saluted as America's future quartermile No. 1 when he ran an impressive 48.1 in last year's New England A.A.U. Meet—the only American schoolboy who has done better is Gene Cole with 48.0 in 1948. Jenkins shares second place on the U.S. Interscholastic All-Time List with Sherman Miller (1950) and J.W. Mashburn (1951). Among the earlier holders of this American High School record was the famous 'Ted' Meredith (48.8 in 1912).

R.L.Q.

LAW AND SAVIDGE WIN AT PARIS INDOOR MEETING

On January 16 Paris' "Palais des Sports" was the theatre of the first indoor meeting ever held in France attended by some 5,000 people. It was obvious that Europeans have a long way to go to acquire the experience to build fast indoor tracks ...and the ability to travel fast on them once built.

English athletes were highly successful in this their continental indoor debut. David Law, the F.I.S.U. 1,500 metre champion, won the 1,000 metres in 2:32.0 from Don Seaman (2:36.3) with French international Antoine Vincendon (2:36.3, inches back) third. Patrick El Mabrouk had one of his days off and was fifth. John Savidge put the shot 15.99m (52'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$), beating France's Raymond Thomas (48'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$) and Belgium's colonial record-holder, Willy Wuyts (45'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$). Chris Higham went over the 50 metre hurdles in 7.4sec. Heinz Fütterer (Germany) beat Peter Whaley's Wembley 50 yd record by a tenth with a 5.4sec. heat and won the final in 5.5. The distance had been shortened from 50 metres for safety. Don Macmillan won the 3,000 metres (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ laps) in 8:41.2 from Stefan Jüpfert of Germany (8:43.0) and the 20 year old Oxonian Ian Boyd (8:48.0). Etienne Roques, the man tipped to become France's 3rd 2 metre man won the high jump with 6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$. The injured Derek Cox (G.B.) was a good second at 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$, beating France's highly touted duo Thiam (6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$) and Damitio (6'0") (From report by R.L.Q.)

HOGAN 9.5 SALT FOULED ON 50'-1" TRIPLE JUMP

From Our Australian Correspondent J.H.Galli

Landy opened his 1954 account on January 1st. at Kerang some 180 miles north west of Melbourne with a 4:13.8 mile. In view of the hot near-gale winds and the choking clouds of dust John fairly estimated this to be worth around 4:7.0. Also at this meeting Ian Reed set new Australian discus figures with a throw of 157'10". This mark, like the 'extra trial' long jump of 25'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by Hec. Hogan, will not however find its way on to the record book since the circle was of chalk marked on the grass. The local hotelier Ray Weinberg turned out to finish second in a 100 yard race. With a new home, a wife and baby son named Brett, this great 14.0 sec. high hurdler seems perhaps to be near the end of a career during which he received only intermittent competition and no coaching and poor tracks. Winsome Cripps, of dropped baton memory, ran here a 10.7 100 yards with the wind and also an excellent 24.8 sec. furlong.

January 9th was the day chosen by Landy for a 2 mile record attempt at Melbourne. Having toured 8 laps on a grass track in bare feet a few days before in a 'fair dinkum' 8:53.0 John was confident of smashing his old mark of 9:01.0 set at Geelong on Feb. 4th 1953. A steady 17 ft/sec (11 m.p.h.) wind and terrific heat once again humbled him. After a 4:24.4 first mile he felt like hurling in but carried on to record 8:58.2 for a new if not wholly satisfying record.

On the same day at 3 other State capitals there were noteworthy marks. At Brisbane Hec Hogan ran his third 9.5 sec. 100 yards in 12 months to beat Ted Eden (9.8n) by nearly 3 yds. At Adelaide Mrs. Marjorie Jackson-Nelson made her post-nuptial debut with a 10.7 century which suggests she will again be unbeatable at Vancouver. Over in the west at Perth Kevin Salt, world ranking triple jumper, lost a 50'1" effort because of a faulty take-off board.

At the New South Wales 6 mile championships on Jan. 12 marathon runner Allan Lawrence ran an extraordinary 61.0 ! last lap to knock over 30 secs. off his previous best time to finish in 29:58.0. Second was Kieth Ollerenshaw in 30:04.0 who improved over a full minute.

On Jan. 16 at Melbourne Len McRae had his moment of glory when, despite a temperature of nearly 130 degs. in the sun, he defeated John Landy (personal best of 1:52.9) over 880 yards in the new domestic Australian record of 1:52.1. The husky blond 24 year old thus beat Don Macmillan's 24 month old record of 1:52.4. Ironically enough it was Don who introduced McRae to the sport. Landy led at the bell in 56.6 but was outkicked.

In an inter-club event on Jan. 23 Landy only 24 hours after his 4:02.3 effort on the same track ran a mile in 4:11.8 to win the event by over 60 yards.

GERMAN INDOOR MEET ATTRACTS 10,000. Frankfurt, Jan: 9. On the new banked board track AAU 1000 Yards Champion Heinz Ulzheimer ran 400m. in a remarkable 49.4secs. In the shot-putt Ernst Schmidt reached 50' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and Heinz Fütterer won the 70m. sprint in 7.7 secs.

HERB. MCKENLEY RUNS 120 YARDS IN 11.2 Melbourne, Jan: 26. The professional world 120yd. record of 11.25 set in 1909 by the 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec. 100yd man Jack Donaldson was broken by Herbert H. McKenley today. Timed by 2 watches.

AGONSTINI BREAKS 30 YEAR OLD MARK Washington, Jan: 23. Mike Agostini celebrated his 19th birthday here by breaking the rarely run U.S. 100 Yard Indoor (9.8, 1924) with 9.6 secs.

Left: America's A.A.U. Acrobatic Champion, 5ft. 9in. Dick Browning of Illinois seen making a 7foot high jump from a two footed take off with a backward somersault. Coach Charley Pond is now experimenting with I.A.A.F. Rule 35(1) "Competitors must take-off from one foot."

THE 7FT. JUMPER

