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Hogan Runs Valid 9.3 by J. H. GALLI

Hector Hogan, the 23 year old Queenslander, set the first men's world mark of the 1954 season and the first one on grass since 1931 when on the Sydney Sports Ground on March 13th he recorded a brilliant 9.3 secs. for the 100 yards so equalling Mel Patton's 1948 time in California.

Watched by his mother and father, Hogan came out of his bullet start in a low trajectory and rocketed towards the tape with his 5ft 7ins., 144 lbs. frame generating unprecedented power. The timekeepers recorded 9.3 secs. and the referee ruled no wind assistance and 'Hurricane Hec.' got down to kiss the slightly uphill track.

Arthur Hodson, Hon. Sec. of the A.A.A.U., will not however be forwarding any 100 metres forms to the I.A.A.F. at London's Halton House since the 10.2 sec. race an hour before was a mixed handicap stunt. Three girls were off the 100 yard mark just over 9 yards ahead of Hogan and Bill Job. Hogan ripped through the field to clock history's ninth 10.2 sec. mark, with Marlene Mathews a brilliant second in 10.5 secs. and Job third in 10.7 secs. (For the rest of the Australian news see back page, p.32 col. 2)

Veterans Win in Mexico By Norris McWhirter

Fifteen of the 21 men's track and field records were bettered at the VIIIth Central American and Caribbean Games staged on Mexico City's fast grey track between March 7th and 12th.

Athletes from 9 countries were on hand -- Columbia, Curacao, Cuba, Dominica, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panamá, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

Five old timers from the first post-war Olympics of 1948, dominated the short events. In the 100 metres heats the Cuban speedster Raul Mazorra Zamora ran a 10.4 secs. but in the final the 1946 and 1950 winner, the amazing 34 year old wealthy Havana lawyer Rafael Fortún Chacón, came right through for his hat-trick with 10.5 secs. with Leslie Iaing second also in 10.5 secs. Iaing won the 200 metres in 21.2 from the versatile Columbian hurdler Jaime Aparicio second (21.6n). The Cuban short distance specialists watched this fine mark from the sidelines.

In the 400 metres George Rhoden, who is planning a summer comeback, met his match in the person of the 33 year old Cuban Angel García Delgado, who at the coast resort of Barranquilla 8 years ago was humiliated by Jamaica's phalanx Arthur Wint (1st in 48.0), Herb. McKenley and Rhoden. This time the evergreen Angel fixed the grimacing world record holder on the tape with an inches win. Both were awarded 47.9 secs. Puerto Rico's Ovidio de Jesus was 3rd in 48.3 secs.

Rhoden, who won the 1950 800 metres in a painful 1:59.4, was this time beaten by Frank Prince (Panama) despite running his best ever of 1:54.9. Prince at 1:54.4 removed four tenths from Wint's old 1946 record. Above this distance the standards as always slumped badly. Prince took the 1,500 m. in 4:16.4 as against the lowly record of 4:07.4 set in 1946 by Wilfred Tull of Trinidad. The 1952 Boston Marathon winner, the Guatemalan Doroteo Flores won both the 5,000 metres (15:57.0) and the hot weather half-marathon (21.1 Km). He was however beaten in the 10,000 metres by the Mexican Indian Cruz Serrano, who shuffled round the 25 laps in bare feet to a record 32:59.4 -- nearly 10 minutes slower than the reported capabilities of his absent and doubtless legendary stable companion Gomez.

The 110 metres hurdles were another triumph for Cuba for the forgotten Samuel Anderson Schwyer (14.2 in 1951) turned up to nail Keith Gardner of Jamaica (14.5n) over the last hurdle in a storming 14.3 secs. so beating Horacio Quiñones's 1938 record of 14.8. In the 400 metre hurdles Jaime Aparicio shattered his own 54.9 sec. record with a fine 53.3 secs. to beat the Venezuelan Juan Leyva (53.8n) and Amadeo Francis of Puerto Rico and London University (54.3n). Jamaica took the relays in a fine 40.9 and 3:12.2.

Records in the field events were a 13'3" (4.05) pole vault by José Barbosa (P.R.); a 24'5" (7.46) long jump by Claudio Cabeja (Cuba); a 48'9" (14.86) triple jump by Victor Hernandez (P.R.); a 47'5" (14.46) shot putt by Ramón Rozario (P.R.); a 153'1" (46.96) hammer throw by Luis Betancourt of Cuba and finally a magnificent lanzamiento de la Jabalina of 222'1" (67.71) by the Helsinki decathlon man Reinaldo Oliver of Puerto Rico.

PREVIOUS VENUES

1926	Mexico City, Mexico.
1930	Havana, Cuba.
1935	San Salvador
1938	Panamá, Panamá.
1946	Barranquilla, Columbia.
1950	Guatemala City.



DAVID FRANCIS LEAN, the 18 year old Tasmanian quarter-mile hurdling sensation, who on March 1st at Hobart recorded 52.5 secs. This mark ranks the 6ft., 10 stone (140 lbs) schoolboy eleventh equal on the world's all-time list for the distance

51.6	Charles H. Moore (U.S.A.)	London	9/ 8/1952
51.8	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Alma Ata	25/ 9/1952
51.9	Armando Filiput (Italy)	Milan	8/10/1950
52.2	Leroy B. Cochran (U.S.A.)	Des Moines, Iowa	25/ 4/1942
52.2	Richard F. Ault (U.S.A.)	Oslo	31/ 8/1949
52.2	John McF. Holland (N.Z.)	Hamilton, N.Z.	23/ 2/1952
52.3	J. Walter Smith (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal.	/1947
52.4	George J. J. Lubbe (S. Africa)	Queenstown, S.A.	16/ 4/1949
52.4	Robert DeVinney (U.S.A.)	Des Moines, Iowa	26/ 4/1952
52.4n	D. Lee Yoder (U.S.A.)	Des Moines, Iowa	26/ 4/1952
52.5	Duncan White (Ceylon)	Auckland, N.Z.	7/ 2/1950
52.5	Joshua Culbreath (U.S.A.)	Dayton, Ohio	27/ 6/1953
52.5	David F. Lean (Tasmania)	Hobart	1/ 3/1954

RICHARDS DOES THE 100TH 15FT. VAULT

FROM ROBERTO L. QUERCETANI

To the Olympic champion Bob Richards at the Milwaukee Journal Games on March 13 fell the honour of contributing to track history its 100th 15 foot vault.

Richards had not had things his own way this year. Most Fridays he was flown to the Eastern meetings from California, where his 'eternity' commitments have kept him extremely busy of late. Furthermore he has been bothered for some time by a wrenched ankle. When he finally soared over 15'0" (4.578) at Milwaukee it was also the first 15 foot effort of the new season. The all-time tally is broken down thus:-

	Indoors	Outdoors	Total
R.E. Richards (U.S.A.)	42	7	49
C.A. Warmerdam (U.S.A.)	12	31	43
D.R. Iaz (U.S.A.)	6	1	7
D.D. Cooper (U.S.A.)	—	1	1
	60	40	100

Don Iaz and Jerry Welbourn tied for (continued p. 32)

@ Daniel Joubert's 9.4 sec. 100 yards at Grahamstown, S.A.

BRITISH RANKINGS

Compiled by J. N. ALLEN.

Below we give the fourth instalment of our 1953 British Rankings in the same style as in 1951 & 52

HOP, STEP and JUMP

1951		1952	
1. Cross	Coleman	2. Laing	Goldsmith
3. Goldsmith	Laing	4. Salmon	Cross
5. Field	Monteith	6. Wells	Wilmshurst

1. Kenneth Stanley David WILKINSHURST	45'3"	1st Leyton Floodlt.	6/5
45'7"	2nd Sward Trophy	9/5	
46'9"	1st CAU	25/5	
46'0"	1st Surrey Champs.	30/5	
46'3"	1st Southern Champs.	20/6	
46'6"	1st Insurance Chs.	30/6	
47'1"	1st A.A.A. CHAMPS.	11/7	
47'1"	1st Waddilove Trophy	18/7	
48'9"	1st G.B.v.France	1/8	
47'6"	1st AAA v.Services	15/8	
48'0"	1st G.B.v.Germany	30/8	
48'1"	3rd G.B.v.Sweden	4/9	
47'6"	1st City Charity	9/9	

2. Peter Edward GOLDSMITH	44'4"	3rd CAU	25/5
46'4"	1st Army Champs.	30/5	
45'3"	1st Inter Services	22/7	
46'1"	2nd Services v.AAA	15/8	

3. Norman Derek FINCH	46'5"	1st Aberystwyth	9/5
45'0"	1st Welsh Champs.	20/6	

4. R. McG. STEPHEN	43'7"	1st Edinburgh	1/5
44'7"	1st Scots Champs.	21/6	
46'1"	1st Dunoon	28/8	

5. Neville James COLEMAN	46'4"	1st Uxbridge	24/6
44'6"	8th A.A.A.CHAMPS.	11/7	

6. R. J. MCCOLGAN	45'10"	1st Belfast	9/5
45'1"	1st Belfast	25/5	
45'10"	1st All Ireland Chs.	20/6	
44'2"	2nd NIAAA v. AAU(B)	22/8	

PUTTING THE SHOT

1951		1952	
1. Savidge	Savidge	2. Giles	Giles
3. Pharaoh	Pharaoh	4. Drummond	Horn
5. Horn	Holland	6. Neville	Cox

1. John Andrew SAVIDGE	56'8"	(EXH.)Penley,Herts	16/3
53'0"	1st AAA v CUAC	2/5	
53'3"	1st Leyton Floodlt.	6/5	
53'0"	1st Tourcing	10/5	
53'2"	1st AAA v CUAC	21/5	
48'0"	1st CAU	23/5	
52'6"	1st Caledonian Gms.	30/5	
53'0"	1st A.A.A.CHAMPS.	11/7	
53'5"	1st AAA v BUSB	18/7	
52'6"	1st Royal Navy Chs.	8/7	
53'7"	1st G.B.v.France	1/8	
52'7"	3rd British Games	8/8	
53'8"	1st G.B.v.Germany	30/8	
51'10"	1st G.B.v.Sweden	3/9	
52'8"	1st East Molesey	12/9	
52'5"	1st London v Stockh.	23/9	
52'4"	1st England v Neths.	30/9	

2. John Alfred GILES	44'9"	2nd CAU	23/5
48'7"	2nd Caledonian Gms.	30/5	

3. Mark PHARAOH	46'1"	1st Ladywell Pk.	18/4
44'11"	2nd Sward Trophy	9/5	
45'9"	1st UIAC v AAA	27/5	
46'9"	1st Lancs Champs.	6/6	
44'4"	1st Northern Champs.	20/6	
45'6"	3rd A.A.A.CHAMPS.	11/7	
46'10"	2nd G.B. v.France	1/8	
47'0"	2nd P.I.S.U. Gms.	15/8	
46'11"	1st NCAA v AAU(B)	22/8	
46'9"	4th GB v Germany	30/8	
44'9"	4th GB v Sweden	3/9	
44'10"			

4. Patrick Philip HORN	44'4"	3rd CAU	23/5
43'3"	1st Hampshire Chs.	13/6	
43'9"	1st Southern Champs.	20/6	
44'3"	4th A.A.A.CHAMPS	11/7	
44'1"	2nd AAA v BUSB	18/7	
47'1"	4th British Games	8/8	

5. William Berkeley Livingstone PALMER	44'11"	1st Oxford	6/2
40'0"	3rd Oxford v.Camb.	14/3	
46'1"	2nd OUAC v AAA	2/5	
44'0"	3rd Sward Trophy	9/5	
41'0"	1st U.A.U.	16/5	
43'1"	2nd Glasgow Police	6/6	

6. James DRUMMOND	44'9"	1st Edinburgh	1/5
45'6"	1st Scots AAA	21/6	
44'2"	2nd Highland Games	22/8	

THROWING THE DISCUS

1951		1952	
1. Duguid	Pharaoh	2. Savidge	Savidge
3. Pharaoh	Silbery	4. Brewer	Williams
5. Jansons	Brewer	6. Drummond	Feldmanis

1. Mark PHARAOH	150'0"	1st Walton	25/4
148'11"	2nd Sward Trophy	9/5	
142'9"	2nd C.A.U.	23/5	
155'10"	1st UIAC v AAA	27/5	
155'2"	1st Lancs.	6/6	
162'5"	1st N.C.A.A.	20/6	
156'4"	1st A.A.A.	11/7	
150'3"	2nd BUSB v AAA	18/7	
157'2"	1st G.B. v France	3/8	
152'0"	3rd G.B. v Germany	29/8	
157'3"	1st G.B. v Sweden	2/9	
147'10"	1st Guernsey	12/9	
151'6"	1st England v Neths:	30/9	

2. John Andrew SAVIDGE	166'0"	(EXH.) Penley,Herts.	10/3
141'1"	1st AAA v OUAC	2/5	
155'3"	1st Sward Trophy	9/5	
142'8"	2nd Tourcoing	10/5	
145'5"	1st AAA v CUAC	21/5	
150'6"	1st C.A.U.	23/5	
146'5"	3rd A.A.A.	11/7	
156'1"	1st AAA v BUSB	18/7	
145'6"	3rd G.B. v France	3/8	
139'8"	4th G.B. v Germany	29/8	
146'0"	4th G.B. v Sweden	2/9	
146'11"	1st East Molesey	12/9	
144'8"	2nd England v Neths:	30/9	

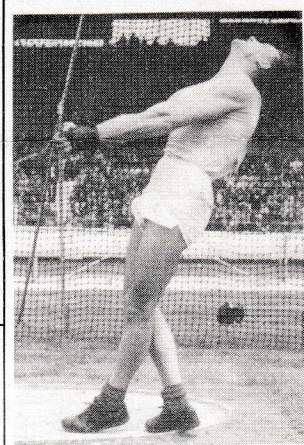
3. Arthur William SILBERY	135'1"	1st Charlton Park	9/5
140'2"	1st Imber Court	20/6	
125'11"	6th Southern	20/6	
137'9"	2nd AAA v Services	16/8	
141'7"	1st Imber Court	22/8	
141'4"	1st Imber Court	5/9	
145'8"	1st Imber Court	29/8	

4. Otto Arturis FELDMANIS	136'4"	4th Sward Trophy	9/9
139'6"	1st Merton Park	12/5	

4. FELMANIS (Cont)	146'1"	1st Wimbledon	21/7
140'0"	2nd Battersea	11/10	

5. James Willis ABBOTT	140'9"	1st Halton	25/4
129'9"	1st AAA v OUAC	2/5	
126'7"	3rd C.A.U.	23/5	
131'3"	1st Sussex	6/6	
131'6"	2nd Southern	20/6	
144'10"	2nd Wimbledon	21/7	

6. Hywell Lloyd WILLIAMS	142'1"	1st Aberystwyth	25/4
132'4"	1st Welsh AAA	20/6	
131'0"	6th A.A.A.	11/7	
140'10"	3rd Wimbledon	21/7	
130'5"	-- AAA Decathlon	29/8	



Action Photo - H. W. Neale.

Dr. Ewan DOUGLAS, who at Berlin in August inflicted on the Germans their first international match defeat in the hammer since 1935.

THROWING THE HAMMER

1951		1952	
1. Clark	Douglas	2. Allday	Clark
3. Douglas	Allday	4. Reidy	Reidy
5. Cullum	Valentine	6. Valentine	Cullum

1. Ewan Campbell Kennedy DOUGLAS	164'8"	1st C.A.U.	23/5
171'1"	1st Edinburgh	16/6	
174'0"	1st Scots A.A.A.	27/6	
175'0"	1st Edinburgh	30/6	
172'4"	1st Edinburgh	12/6	
172'1"	1st Edinburgh	7/7	
172'11"	3rd A.A.A.	11/7	

1. DOUGLAS (Cont)	183'2"	1st Edinburgh	28/7
177'8"	1st G.B. v France	1/8	
167'0"	3rd British Games	8/8	
178'8"	1st G.B. v Germany	30/8	
173'1"	2nd G.B. v Sweden	3/9	

2. Alexander Richard VALENTINE	165'7"	1st Hawick	6/6
170'3"	4th A.A.A.	10/7	
172'2"	3rd Wimbledon	21/7	
178'10"	1st Services v AAA	15/8	
177'7"	1st Bisham Abbey	5/9	
179'5"	EXH. Bisham Abbey	5/9	

3. Don William James ANTHONY	164'3"	1st Wimbledon	16/5
163'9"	2nd C.A.U.	23/5	
167'0"	3rd Caledonian	30/5	
164'6"	2nd Malden	4/6	
165'5"	1st Herts.	6/6	
170'10"	1st Harpenden	13/6	
174'8"	1st A.A.A.	10/7	
173'5"	1st Wimbledon	21/7	
159'7"	6th British Games	8/8	
157'9"	4th G.B. v Germany	30/8	
156'6"	4th G.B. v Sweden	3/9	

4. Peter Charles ALLDAY	164'11"	1st Sward Trophy	9/5
171'1"	1st Wimbledon	16/5	
161'7"	3rd C.A.U.	23/5	
168'4"	1st Caledonian	30/5	
167'9"	1st Malden	4/6	
161'7"	2nd Middlesex	6/6	
166'9"	1st Harpenden	13/6	
174'4"	1st IAC Relays	17/6	
167'7"	1st Southern	20/6	
171'0"	1st Harrow	24/6	
173'5"	2nd A.A.A.	10/7	
172'10"	2nd Wimbledon	21/7	
164'8"	4th G.B. v France	1/8	
163'5"	5th British Games	8/8	
164'2"	2nd Bisham Abbey	5/9	

5. Frank GANDY	161'1"	1st Loughborough	25/4
157'0"	4th C.A.U.	23/5	
159'7"	1st Lancs.	6/6	
161'2"	1st NCAA v Eire	27/6	
169'7"	5th A.A.A.	10/7	
156'10"	4th Bisham Abbey	5/9	

6. Arthur William SILBERY	163'6"	3rd Wimbledon	16/5
171'3"	1st Surrey	30/5	
157'10"	3rd Southern	20/6	
160'4"	1st Police	4/7	
161'9"	7th A.A.A.	10/7	
160'0"	2nd AAA v 'Services	15/8	
166'11"	1st Imber Court	5/9	
159'2"	3rd Lond.vStockholm	23/9	

The Javelin has been held over. Amendments: 120Yds HH. AAA Champs. F.J.Parker did not compete(p.14). High Jump (p.18) D.R.J.Cox add 6'4" AAACUAC 21/5. 3rd eq. not 4th 8/8.

EARLY SEASON MARKS (Marks in University Sports omitted)

440 Yards	49.3	A.D.Sexton(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	March 4
	49.4n	C.E.Parkinson(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	March 4
	49.6	D.J.N.Johnson(C.U.A.C.)	Oxford	Feb. 27
880 Yards	1:53.7	R.T.G.Day(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	March 4
	1:54.8n	J.V.Beasley(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	March 4
1 Mile	4:15.5	D.C.Iaw(Achilles Club)	Oxford	Feb. 27
3 Miles	14:13.8	J.H.Knopf(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	Feb. 16
120 Yds Hurdles	14.7	C.E.E.Higham(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	March 6
220 Yds Hurdles	24.9	P.E.Hildreth(Poly.H.)	Eton	March 27
High Jump	6'1"	G.A.Jeffries(OUAC/N.Z.)	Oxford	Feb. 27
Long Jump	23'11"	K.A.B.Olowu(Loughboro')	Cambridge	March 4
Shot-Putt	45'10"	W.E.L.Palmer(O.U.A.C.)	Oxford	Feb. 27
Discus-Throw	139'5"	D.E.L.Slater(C.U.A.C.)	Cambridge	March 4
Javelin Throw	199'	W.W.Kretzschmar(O.U.A.C.)	Eton	March 27
	191'6"	R.A.C.Davies(Woodford G.)	Kingston	March 22

Oxford Beat Cambridge 7th time running

Three meeting records were broken as Oxford University beat the pre-match favourite Cambridge University by 70 points to 56 in very chilly weather at the White City Stadium, London on March 13th. This was the Dark Blues' seventh consecutive victory—a run of success only equalled in the 90 years life of this oldest of all dual meetings by Cambridge from 1926-1932. The Light Blues still lead the series by 38 matches to 36 with 6 ties.

The first record came in the 880 yards when the Cambridge favourite Ron Day, having failed in two kicks down the back straight to shake off Derek Johnson, was smoothly passed by the black haired Oxford man 70 yards out. Johnson removed 1.1secs. from the 1934 record set by Norman Penrose Hallowell, the 1932 Olympian (6th in 1,500m.) and "Yank at Oxford". Day's 1m54.6s timing in second place was the best ever performance of any Light Blue in the Sports—and that includes D.G.A. Lowe, J.C. Stothard, A.G.K. Brown and A.W. Scott. Johnson's arrival is a welcome addition to Britain's 880y/800m ranks, which have never really closed the gap made by the retirement of the reigning British Empire Games and European Championship title holder John Parlett.

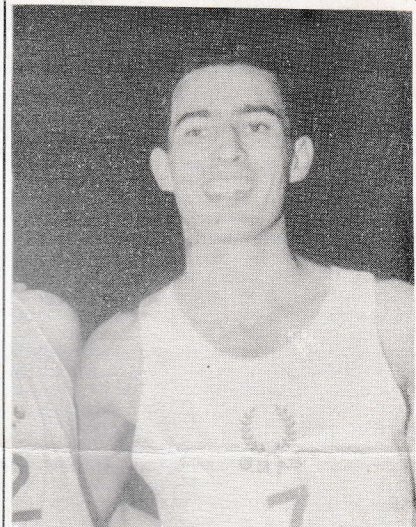
Tall-almost Piriesque—John Howard Knopf (Cambridge) removed a round dozen seconds from the year old 3 mile match record (the fourth post-war improvement) with a confident 14m 12.2 secs. Knopf, who is of Alsace-Lorraine origin, stands 6ft. 1in., weighs only 10 stone 6lbs and is clearly a sub 14 minute prospect. Tony Weekes-Pearson, who stands only 5ft. 6in. hung on gallantly to return 14m 22.6 so also beating the previous record time.

The third match record added some relief to a crop of field event performances that were obviously stunted by the bitter cold. The nineteen year old German Winfried Kretschmar improved the 1938 javelin mark of 191 ft. 10 ins. set by the Czech decathlon man J.F.K. Klein to 197 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

Alan Sexton, although 5 feet down at 50 yards, surged through strongly to win the 100 yards in 10.1 secs. For Cambridge, Sexton under a warm sun looks like becoming a consistent sub 10 seconds performer. He had no difficulty completing the double, taking the tight pot-hook furlong in 22.3 secs. However at 440 yards Sexton (49.9) met his match in the compact shape of the half mile winner Derek Johnson. In the final event Johnson provided an exciting close with a 2 foot win in 49.8 secs.

The tall Etonian Chris Higham collected a 120y HH/220y LH double for Oxford for the second year running with improved times of 15.1 secs. and 25.2 secs.

The most exciting of an afternoon of close finishes was in the mile. American George Dole, formerly of Yale and now studying Arabic and Hebrew at Oxford, did his new Alma Mater proud with an inches win in 4m 15.2s over Keith Marsden, who fell through the tape in exactly the same time. Oxford have not lost the mile since 1939.



DEREK JOHNSON. Will he become the logical successor to John Parlett this season?

OXFORD 9 - CAMBRIDGE 5

100 YARDS, AD Sexton (C) 10.1; BDP Watters (Ox) 10.2; RD Shaw (Ox) 10.4
 220 YARDS, AD Sexton (C) 22.3; CE Parkinson (C) 22.5; BDP Watters (Ox) 22.9
 440 YARDS, DJN Johnson (Ox) 49.8; AD Sexton (C) 49.9; CE Parkinson (C) 50.7
 880 YARDS, DJN Johnson (Ox) 1m 53.1; RTG Day (C) 1m 54.6; JV Beesley (C) 1m 58.7 RECORD
 ONE MILE, GF Dole (Ox) 4m 15.2; K Marsden (C) 4m 15.2; AD Gordon (Ox) 4m 21.4
 THREE MILES, JH Knopf (C) 14m 12.2; AJ Weeks-Pearson (Ox) 14m 22.6; CW Suddaby (Ox) 14m 42.4 RECORD
 120 YARDS HURDLES, CEE Higham (Ox) 15.1; RD Shaw (Ox) 15.5; JG Barker (C) 15.9
 220 YARDS HURDLES, CEE Higham (Ox) 25.2; GE Villiers (Ox) 25.3; DW Donaldson (C) 25.7
 HIGH JUMP, PJJ Daniel (Ox) 5'10"; GA Jeffries (Ox) 5'10"; GA Marwood (C) 5'10"
 POLE VAULT, MC Jenkins (Ox) 11'3"; GS Jones (C) 11'3"; J Lyons (C) 11'3"
 LONG JUMP, IME JEFFERY (C) 21'4 1/2"; GE Villiers (Ox) 21'2 1/2"; FJ Dakin (Ox) 20'9 1/2"
 PUTTING THE WEIGHT, WBL Palmer (Ox) 43'8"; DEL Slater (C) 41'5 1/2"; AGG Law (Ox) 40'6 1/2"
 THROWING THE DISCUS, DEL Slater (C) 127'6 1/2"; TR Newell-Price (C) 120'10"; WBL Palmer (Ox) 118'1 1/2"
 THROWING THE JAVELIN, WW Kretschmar (Ox) 197'2 1/2"; PB Garland (C) 179'3 1/2"; A Dye (C) 173'11 1/2" RECORD

PIRIE RETAINS G.C. TITLE BY 200 YDS.

Perhaps the largest crowd ever to witness a cross-country race in Britain turned out to see Gordon Pirie, 23 defend his title at Arrose Park, Birkenhead on March 13. No fewer than 14 of Britain's sub 14:15 sec. three milers were in the huge line-up. Pirie covered the first 880 yds. of the 9 1/2 mile course in close to 2 mins. with Southern Champion Ken Norris 20 yds. back. After 10 furlongs Norris closed but the Champion did not want company and after 3 miles was over 30 yards clear again.

Behind Norris (22), were Sando (23 next day), Driver (22), Ranger (25), Gray, Derek Walker (25), Maynard (23), Wood (23), Hatton, Hardy (25) and Fred Norris (32). There was little change to the end except Hatton faded to 14th and Chorlton (26) and Jim Peters (35) improved to 11th and 12th.

In 21st position was Gordon's brother Peter but South London's bid for the team title foundered upon the solid strength of Bolton United whose sixth man was 37th. A surprise 29th was Alan Parker the Olympic 5,000 metre runner.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY PEDIGREE OF THE FIRST TEN MEN HOME

Name	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Gordon Pirie	1.	1st	2nd	2ndJ	20thJ	12thJ	8thY
Ken Norris	2.	31st	5thJ	11thJ	140thJ	6thY	-
Frank Sando	3.	2nd	5th	-	23rdJ	4thY	4thY
Bill Gray	4.	3rd	23rd	-	27th	-	-
Peter Driver	5.	1stJ	11thJ	96thJ	-	-	-
Pat Ranger	6.	4th	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Walker	7.	10th	45th	31st	-	21stJ	5thJ
Mike Maynard	8.	-	-	-	44thJ	-	-
Ken Wood	9.	26th	106th	-	-	-	-
Eddie Hardy	10.	12th	8th	6th	-	-	6thJ

J = Junior Race Y = Youths Race

SUMMARIES : THE SENIOR

- DAG PIRIE (South London H) 50.55
- KL NORRIS (Thames Valley H) 51.23
- ED SANDO (Aylesford P.M.) 51.32
- CM GRAY (Small Heath H.) 51.38
- PB DRIVER (South London H) 51.45
- W RANGER (Bastbourne R.) 51.47
- D. WALKER (Sheffield Un.H) 51.51
- MR MAYNARD (Heme Hill H) 51.52
- K WOOD (Sheffield Un.H) 52.07
- E.L.HARDY (Derby & County H) 52.18
- A. CHORLTON (Doncaster P.W.) 52.20
- J.H. PETERS (Essex Beagles) 52.22
- F. NORRIS (Bolton Un.H) 52.56
- R. HATTON (Birkfield H.) 52.59
- F.L. WYATT (Bristol A.C.) 53.01
- E SHIRLEY (Finchley H.) 53.08
- L EYRE (Harehills Lib.C.H.) 53.12
- MW BAKER (Horsham Blue Star H) 53.15
- GP OLDING (Hornsey St. Mary) 53.24
- W BERRY (Bolton Un.H.) 53.32

Teams: - 1. BOLTON UN.H. 13, 20, 23, 25, 34, and 37

2. SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS 259pts

3. BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS 287pts

409 runners & 39 clubs completed course.

THE JUNIOR

- KF CAULDER (Surrey AC) 32.19
- BT BARRETT (Surrey AC) 32.31
- JS EVANS (Polytechnic H) 32.35
- BB Heatley (Coventry Godiva H) 32.44
- D Wright (Bolton Un.H.) 32.48
- ML Barratt (Baling H.) 32.52
- J Pike (Westbury H.) 32.54
- P Hedley (Sheffield Un.H.) 32.56
- K Harland (Cambridge H) 32.59
- AS Jackson (Leeds St. Mark's) 33.03
- G Knight (Essex Beagles) 33.05
- AJ Beveridge (Exter H.) 33.07

TEAMS: - 1. SHEFFIELD UN.H. (8, 28, 53, 56)

2. LIVERPOOL PEMBROKE 166 pts

3. WOODFORD GREEN A.C. 166 pts

215 runners completed the course and 32 clubs finished with a complete team.

Y O U T H S

- A Cocking (Bramley & Dis.H) 15.57
- B Grubb (Sheffield Un.H) 16.01
- D Welch (Harrogate A.C.) 16.07
- L.D. Reed (South London H.) 16.08
- D. Shaw (Leeds's St. Mark's) 16.15
- C.P. Crump (Woodford Green A.C.) 16.16
- S.R. Langridge (South London H.) 16.17
- K. Gilligan (Waterloo H & A.C.) 16.25
- S. Eldon (Windsor & Eton A.C.) 16.26
- J. Anderson (Saltwell H.) 16.27
- B. Cook (Bilston Town A.C.) 16.30
- B. Deary (Waterloo H & A.C.) 16.31

TEAMS: - 1. SOUTH LONDON H. (4, 7, 17, 54)

2. MACCLESFIELD H. (15, 20, 47, 59)

3. THAMES VALLEY H. (34, 44, 55, 64)

302 runners completed the course and 49 clubs finished with a complete team.

THE WORLD'S FASTEST STEEPLECHASER

OLAVI RINTEENPÄÄ

by
RAINO PUOTULLA

During the first half of the 20th Century Finnish athletes set many world records. As late as 1949 we still had 8 marks on the I.A.A.F. list. Now we have but one - Yrjö Nikkanen's 79.70m (258'2") javelin throw and even that has now been surpassed by the world's first two 80 metre men, Bud Held of America and Janusz Sidlo. Such now is the world wide development in track and field athletics that the 4 million people of Finland can no longer compete against the other 2,200 million with the success possible before they were aroused.

However 1953 saw one world mark by a Finn which though it has not full I.A.A.F. status nonetheless brought us great satisfaction. I refer to the 3,000 metre steeplechase of Rinteenpää, who ran a brilliant 8:44.4 over the 1952 Olympic course in the Helsinki Stadium on July 2nd last.

The Finns have long-standing traditions in the event ever since Ville Ritola won the 1924 Olympic title in Paris which was retained by Toivo Loukola (1928) and Iso-Hollo (1932 and 1936). The great Berlin triumph by Volmari Iso-Hollo in 9:03.8 remained the last word in steeplechasing for 7 years and 14 days till on Aug. 22 1943 at Östersund the Swedish specialist Erik Elmsäter shaved off four tenths. Less than a year later competing in Stockholm on Aug. 4 1944 Elmsäter became the 1st man in history to better 9m. with 8:59.6. Finland's hopes of regaining the 'record' were dashed with the report from Moscow on July 10th 1951 that the NKVD man Vladimir Kazantsev had shattered even this now nearly 7 year old mark with an unbelievable 8:49.8. The story is well known of the still more recent development on our own Helsinki track where the FBI man Horace Ashenfelter won the 1952 Olympic crown over Kazantsev, who 44 days before had in Kiev improved his personal best to 8:48.6. Who then is this man who has wrested back supremacy for Finland against the might of the U.S.S.R and the U.S.A.?

He is Olavi Osvald Rinteenpää born in Helsinki on Sept. 24th 1924, the son of a carpenter. His debut on the track was not until he was 23 and his club Tuusulan Voima-Veikot called for a volunteer for a 3,000 metre event in a club match in 1947. Olavi was timed at 9:36.6. His progress as a 3,000 metre runner is shown on the accompanying table (2 mile equivalents have been inserted for the benefit of home and American readers. Ed.) but it was not until 1951 that his destiny was cast. One day Olavi was training as usual at Kapyla (now famous to the Western world as the Olympic Training track) when he was approached by the wise and portly old 192 ft (58.67) pre-war hammer-thrower Uno Veirilä, who was impressed by the 'light-running' of the 26 year old Olavi and thus advised him to experiment with the steeplechase.

At the Finnish Championships of 1951 the 6ft., 142 lbs. (1.83cm, 64½ kg.) dental mechanic entered for his first steeplechase. He came fifth with a promising 9:27.4 and before the 1951 season was over managed 9:16.0 at Valkeakoski.

Apart from Olavi's 3,000 metre flat marks listed above, some of his other flat performances are of some interest. His best 800 metres was a 1:58.4 mark in 1951 while his best 1,500 metres was last season in 1953 when he ran 3:51.0 (equiv: to a mile in 4:10.4) at Virolahti on July 12 so to rank fifth among his countrymen for the season. Last season also Olavi ran 5,000 metres in 14:22.0 early on in June at Helsinki which gave him the 15th ranking in the whole world while in 10,000 metres his 30:00.2n mark at Inatria on July 13th gave him 11th place in the world.

Rinteenpää is trained as he says by two people. First Suomi's National Coach Armas Valste and secondly, for inspiration, his wife Hillevi. His present day club is the famous Maple Tree Club, Helsingin Kisa-Veikot, who have counted Hannes Kolehmainen, Albin Stenroos (the 1924 Olympic marathon winner and now head groundsman at the Olympic Stadium), the late Taisto Mäki, Matti Järvinen and also Kalevi Kotkas among their members.

Olavi tells me that he trains 5 or 6 times a week in the winter months (November to March) but in the spring steps it up to 12 or even 13 times a week. His winter includes mostly running but also some weight-lifting, swimming and 'string-jumping' (skipping? Ed.). In the winter his sessions last between 1½ and 2 hours but in the summer when he trains twice a day he takes an hour in the forenoon and two hours in the evenings.

What then of the future? The unassuming Olavi predicts that his mark will fall in the summer of 1954. "In the future a performance of 8:30 is not impossible for a light, hard-trained man who can run the 3,000 metres better than I (see above)". He added "It will not be many years before such a boy grows up".

RINTEENPÄÄ'S PROGRESS ON THE FLAT FROM 1947 AT AGE OF 23 Year(Age) 3,000m. 2 Mile Equiv:

1947 (22)	9:36.6	10:21.6
1948 (23)	9:15.4	9:58.8
1949 (24)	8:50.2	9:31.6
1950 (25)	8:47.2	9:28.3
1951 (26)	8:36.6	9:17.0
1952 (27)	8:16.6	8:55.6
1953 (28)	8:14.8	8:53.8



RIGHT. RINTEENPÄÄ IN ACTION.
The Finn is not the fastest of the world's top steeplechasers. Ashenfelter (8:45.4) has clocked 8:14.8 en route to his 2 mile indoor world's best of 8:50.5 (worth 8:11.7). Helmut Gude (8:50.0) ran a flat 3,000 m. in 8:13.6 in Cologne in 1952.

SPRINGBOK BOONZAAR LEAPS 49' 7"

Forecasts of the destination of British Empire Games titles to be contested at Vancouver in July/August will be sadly awry if they overlook the standard of performance reached in the field events recently in South Africa.

British Empire field event standards are notoriously short of world class, whereas the sprinting, hurdling and more recently distance running standards have brought Olympic honours. In the 7 flat and 2 hurdling events in the Helsinki Games athletes from the British Empire won 19 places in the first 6, compared with only 2 places in the 8 field event contests. British Empire field event titles will go less cheaply than ever before at Vancouver and South Africa has revealed at least one good claimant for nearly every one, although their National Championships have yet to be held.

HIGH JUMP. Joe Truter 6'5"½ Port Elizabeth 28/11/53; Albert du Preez 6'5" Pretoria 20/2; S. Cooper 6'4"½ Krugersdorp 23/1.

POLE VAULT. This is a weak spot in the Springboks' armour. There is no obvious successor to A.S. du Plessis, the Empire Games record holder and 1938 winner. A.J. Burger, the record holder for the Oxford and Cambridge Sports, is still in competition and cleared 12'6" at Pretoria 20/2.

LONG JUMP. Twenty Five Footer Neville Price, the British Empire Record holder and A.A.U. Indoor Champion, now at Oklahoma University will head the S.A. representation. Best home marks are: A. Delport 23'10"½ Bloemfontein 27/2; G. van Heerden 23'1" Pretoria 16/1.

HOP, STEP & JUMP. Fifty Footer Ellis West has been having fierce competition from Peit Boonzaaier, whose best marks are: 49'7" Bloemfontein 27/2, 49'10" Pretoria 6/2, 48'11" Brakpan 13/2. Other marks E. West 48'11" Pretoria 6/2; S. Cooper 48'9" Brakpan 13/2.

SHOT PUTT. If they are sent, two men certain to win places are: S. du Plessis 49'5" Bloemfontein 27/2, 49'3" Pretoria 6/2, 49'1" Pretoria 20/2, 48'2" Benoni 30/1; and John Short, the national champion, 49'0" Pretoria 20/2, 48'9" Benoni 30/1.

DISCUS THROW. du Plessis has only two possible rivals for the title: Mark Pharaoh (England) and Ian Reed (Australia), the winner at Auckland in 1950. "Fanie" du Plessis' best marks are: 160'4" Krugersdorp 23/1, 157'0" Pretoria 20/2, 154'10" Bloemfontein 27/2. He was once beaten by N. van Marle with 153'9" to his throw of 151'10" at Pretoria 6/2.

HAMMER THROW. Vic Dreyer's only serious Empire rival now is Scotland's Brian Douglas. Best recent marks are: 177'3" Benoni 30/1, 175'4" Pretoria 20/2, 175'4" Bloemfontein 27/2.

JAVELIN THROW. Johnny Veitch is an obvious threat to Richard Miller (Northern Ireland), Michael Denley (England) and John Achurch (Australia) with: 222'9" (exhib.) & 220'10" (exhib.) at Port Elizabeth on 20/2 and 23/11/53, and 201'6" Bloemfontein 27/2.

Leading track marks were Gideon van Heerden's 21.4 220 yards at Bloemfontein on 27th Feb. in the Orange Free State Championships; two excellent 440 yards performances by a junior - Gerald Evans: 48.4 at Pretoria in the De Loor Shield Meeting on 6th Feb., and 48.6 in the triangular match between N. Transvaal, S. Transvaal, and Orange Free State at Pretoria on Feb. 20th; a half mile in 1:54.8 by E. Kleynhans in the De Loor Meeting.

The leading marks by South African women athletes are a 40'5" shot putt (National Record) by Madeline Swanepoel at Krugersdorp on Jan. 20th; a 5'4" High Jump by H. Geysler at Bloemfontein on 27th Feb., and 137'9" and 135'2" in the discus by H. Grobler (Pretoria 20/2) and left hander A. Fick (Brakpan 13/2)

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO A.G. MATTHEWS OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA)

In next month's issue (May) it is hoped to include an article on how Mal Whitfield intends to adapt his usual 400m/800m training to miling. The article on the European Championships (women's events) which has been held over, will also appear.

PROGRESSIVE RECORD

Mark	Age	Date
9:27.4n	26 years	Aug. 20 1951
9:16.0	26 years	Aug. 23 1951
9:03.0	27 years	June 27 1952
8:59.4n	27 years	July 23 1952
8:55.2n	27 years	July 25 1952
8:54.4	27 years	Sept. 14 1952
8:44.4	28 years	July 2 1953

SHORT TAKES

by
The Editors

HOW DO YOU VIEW? "Track and Field News", edited by our good friends the Nelson Brothers, has now definitely nailed the man who has seen the finest collection of athletics performances. He is the young Los Angeles sportswriter George Ambrose. His collection is enough to make most mouths water. Last season his dispossessed Harley Tinkum. They now score as follows -:

100 Yds.	9.3	9.3	High Jump	6'11" ³ / ₈	6'11" ³ / ₈
220 Yds.	20.2	20.2	Pole Vault	15' 2"	15' 5" ³ / ₄
440 Yds.	46.2	46.2	Long Jump	26' 6"	26' 6"
880 Yds.	1:49.4	1:49.4	Shot-Putt	59' 2" ¹ / ₄	59' 2" ¹ / ₄
Mile	4:02.4	4:02.4	Discus	194' 6"	190' 0" ³ / ₄
2 Miles	8:53.9	8:53.9	Javelin	256' 4"	248' 10"
120Yds HH	13.5	13.5	Average Score		
220Yds LH	22.3	22.3	per Tables	1,302 pts	1,292 pts

We should judge that super-nuts Ambrose and Tinkum know one another quite well by sight if not to talk to. In case Europeans are worried about the triple jump and hammer standards we can report that Tinkum's are 53'2"³/₈ and 197'11"³/₈. He was in the front row at Helsinki. **HAPPY DREAMS!** At a press interview in Sweden last month Gunder Hägg was asked to nominate his favourite for the Drömmilen (Dream Mile). He was given 6 names -: Bannister, Barthel, Landy, Lueg, Pirie and Santee. The man whose 4:01.4 record is now in its 105th month of life drew out a pencil and without hesitation quickly underlined the name of the 25 year old Briton Roger Bannister. Hägg, who has recently slimmed almost back to his old racing weight of 149lbs., was reported to have said that he intends to take his holidays from his millinery job in Berne where he hopes to see the 'English Doctor' achieve the long-awaited Drömmilen. We predict however (a) Bannister will run the 800 metres and (b) the winner of the 1,500 metres will ease off after breaking a tape some 119.8 yds. short of the mile distance.

INCENTIVES AND M.P.H. There have been accusations of late about the failure of Australian timekeepers to call out intermediate times. A glaring example recently was Hogan's 10.2 sec. 100 metre run at Sydney. We are reliably informed that Hec. did not hear his 100 yard time en route. No wonder his pace judgement went to pot over the last nine yards! We would suggest that the real reason why Hogan (see p.25) only equalled the record was because the girls off 9 yards exhibited that old feminine failing of running not quite fast enough when they are being chased by males.

AND THE REST IS SILENCE. Each day of the Central American Games in Mexico City we breathlessly scanned the reports to learn how last month's hero, the Tarahumara Red Indian Gomez, was making out among the ordinary athletes who had entered. His fellow Tarahumarans shook their heads slowly when questioned about him. We can only conclude that he won the 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 metres before his shadow had time to straighten up and the lap-scorers missed him.

IN THE NEWS. Some subscribers may have been puzzled to read of No.15 Great James Street appearing in the news columns in the case of McWhirter and McWhirter v. Holborn Borough Council. The gist was that the Electoral Registration Officer contended that our company McWhirter Twins Limited and not we personally occupied the premises and thus we were debarred from having votes on the London County Council and the Holborn Borough Council to whom we pay rates. After a two day hearing, during which we conducted our own case, His Honour Judge Done found in our favour and ordered the Town Hall to instate us on the Register. Apparently none of the other directors of Britain's 252,000 private limited companies had ever challenged the Municipal interpretation of the Law since 1918. (vide 'Law Journal' Vol.CIV p.204. Plaint No K.305)

ZATOPEK LEADS RUSSIANS HOME

Emil Zátopek, making his first appearance since his 37th consecutive 10,000 metre win at São Paulo last January, crushed an all star cast from Eastern Europe at the annual 'Cross de L'Humanité' at his pet distance at Vincennes outside Paris on March 21st.

The unlicensed race was unconvincingly styled an 'Exhibition' to lessen ructions between the Communist Fédération Sportive Gymnique du Travail (F.S.G.T.) and the Fédération Française d'Athlétisme (F.F.A.) and all times were 'unofficial'. Unwilling to cause a complete East-West split the F.F.A. are unlikely to press the breach of Rule 9(5) (invitations must pass through governing bodies) with the I.A.A.F.

The Leningrad sailor Vladimir Kuts tried to dog Zátopek but at the half-way mark was 7 secs. down. The effort left him open to the attack of Poland's 14:21.6 5,000m. man Jerzy Chromik, who came in 2nd nearly 350 yards behind the tumultuously received and heavily grimacing Czech (30:34 u). 'Les Girls' in their own race were led home by the Soviet's 5'3" Iron Ambadress Nina Otolenko, whose 40 yard win over Komarova and world 3x300m relay record-holder Solopova made a deep impression. **SUMMARY:** 1, Zátopek (CSR) 30:34; 2, Chromik 31:26; 3, Kuts 31:34; 4, I. Pozhidayev (USSR) 31:38; 5, A. Anufriyev (USSR) 31:47; 6, Basalanyev (USSR) 31:59; 7, I. Semyonov (USSR) 32:05; 8, N. Popov; 9, F. Vanin (USSR).

BRITISH ALL-TIME LIST NO. 15. 1,600M & MILE RELAYS.

In this fifteenth compilation in the ATHLETICS WORLD series on the best United Kingdom marks of all-time we cover the 4 x 400 metres and 4 x 440 yards relay events. The figures in parentheses represent the average time recorded per stage be it 400 metres or 440 yards. Notation: n = non-winning time. y = 4x400 time

RELAYS:	1,600 METRES (4 x 400 METRES) and	m = 4x400 time
	ONE MILE (4x440 YARDS)	
3:09.0m	(47.25)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM Berlin 9. 8.1936 (F.F.Wolff, G.L.Ramplng, W.Roberts, A.G.K.Brown)
3:10.0m	(47.50)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM Helsinki 27. 7.1952 (L.C.Lewis, A.Dick, T.L.Higgins, N.D.Stacey)
3:10.2m	(47.55)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM Brussels 26. 8.1950 (M.W.Pie, L.C.Lewis, A.W.Scott, D.C.Pugh)
3:11.2m	(47.80)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM Los Angeles 7. 8.1932 (C.H.Stoneley, T.Hampson, Lord Burghley, G.L.Ramplng)
3:12.5m	(48.125)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM Helsinki 26. 7.1952 (L.C.Lewis, A.Dick, T.L.Higgins, N.D.Stacey)
3:13.6y	(48.40)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM London 6. 8.1951 (T.L.Higgins, N.D.Stacey, D.C.Pugh, A.S.Wint)
3:13.6m	(48.40)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM Paris 24. 8.1952 (D.K.Gracie, A.W.Scott, A.Dick, P.L.Higgins)
3:14.0m	(48.50)	ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES TEAM @ Paris 29. 8.1937 (J.C.Horsfall, J.G.Barnes, A.Pennington, A.G.K.Brown)
3:14.2m	(48.55)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM London 7. 8.1948 (L.C.Lewis, M.W.Pie, D.C.Pugh, W.Roberts)
3:14.4m	(48.60)	GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC TEAM Berlin 8. 8.1936 (F.F.Wolff, G.L.Ramplng, W.Roberts, A.G.K.Brown)
3:14.5m	(48.625)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM Oslo 8.1946 (D.R.Edo, B.W.Elliott, D.C.Pugh, W.Roberts)
3:14.8m	(48.70)	Polytechnic Harriers Krefeld 31. 8.1952 (G.A.Duffy, T.L.Higgins, G.R.Davis, A.S.Wint)
3:14.9m	(48.725)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM Paris 9.1938 (J.G.Barnes, A.G.Baldwin, A.Pennington, A.G.K.Brown)
3:15.0m	(48.90)	ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL TEAM Cologne 30. 8.1931 (K.C.Brangwin, Lord Burghley, J.A.T.Hanlon, G.L.Ramplng)
3:15.0m	(48.90)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM Paris 10. 9.1950 (H.J.Parlett, H.Whittle, A.W.Scott, L.C.Lewis)

(Also Best ever U.K. club performance - all members of Achilles.)

Owing to the haphazard methods used for timing individual stages not a great deal of reliability can be attached to those reported even officially (see October 1953 issue of ATHLETICS WORLD p.4). However 'for the record' we list the topmost marks known to us.

45.9y	(Anchor)	A.G.K.Brown (Achilles Club)	White City	15.8.1936
46.2m	(Anchor)	D.C.Pugh (South London H.)	Brussels	27.8.1950
46.4m	(Third)	W.Roberts (Salford A.C.)	Berlin	9.8.1936
46.6m	(Medley)	G.L.Ramplng (Hillocarian A.C.)	Cologne	30.8.1931
46.7m	(Third)	Lord Burghley (Achilles Club)	Los Angeles	7.8.1932
46.7m	(Second)	G.L.Ramplng (Hillocarian A.C.)	Berlin	9.8.1936
46.7m	(Anchor)	A.G.K.Brown (Achilles Club)	Berlin	9.8.1936
47.2m	(Second)	L.C.Lewis (Walton A.C.)	Brussels	27.8.1950
47.2m	(Third)	T.L.Higgins (Herne Hill H.)	Helsinki	26.7.1952
47.3m	(Anchor)	N.D.Stacey (Achilles Club)	Helsinki	27.7.1952
47.4m	(Second)	A.Dick (Achilles Club)	Helsinki	27.7.1952
47.4m	(Third)	T.L.Higgins (Herne Hill H.)	Helsinki	27.7.1952
47.6m	(Second)	T.Hampson (Achilles Club)	Los Angeles	7.8.1932
47.6m	(Third)	A.W.Scott (Achilles Club)	Brussels	27.8.1950
47.6m	(Third)	A.W.Scott (Achilles Club)	Paris	10.9.1950

Addition				
3:13.4y	(48.35)	G.B.INTERNATIONAL TEAM	London	3. 8.1953
		(A.W.Scott, D.J.Rawe, L.A.Smith, P.G.Pryer)		

JAGDEV REPORTED AT 52.7 FOR 400m. H.

Our correspondent V.V.Kolatchoff, of Hong Kong, the leading authority on Asian marks, writes to say "things are really pepping up in India and Pakistan". It seems to us that if the great sub-Continent of India/Pakistan with its teeming population of nearly 400,000,000 becomes athletically awakened then some sensational performances will be in store in future years.

Leading marks recently (additional to those reported on p.23) are:- 100 METRES 10.4 Gabriel (I) Poona 13/2; 10.5 S.K.Upadhyaya (I) Nagpur 18/1, Balwant Singh (I) New Delhi 13/2, Abdul Khalik (P) Montgomery 13/2, (with wind) Muhammad Aslam (P) Rawalpindi -/2.200 METRES 21.7 (? wind) Aslam Rawalpindi -/2.800 METRES 1:54.5 Sohan Singh Dhanoa (I) Colombo 8/2, SHOT 47'11"¹/₂ Parduman Singh (I) Delhi 32/3, HAMMER 176'0" (exhib.) Muhammad Iqbal (P) Rawalpindi.

From the Kashmir R.N.Newman reports an unconfirmed 52.7 400m Hurdles by Jagdev Singh, the National record holder, put up at Montgomery. (This athlete's previous best marks were 54.5 & 54.3 ED.)

WORLD'S RECORDS

The complete list of World's Records passed for men's events (except the 15 track walking records accepted for the 17 approved events) passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as of April 1st 1954.

RUNNING

100 yards	9.3	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 15 1948
220 yards	20.2	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 7 1949
440 yards	46.0	Herbert Henry McKenley (Jamaica)	Berkeley, California, U.S.A.	June 5 1948
880 yards	1:48.6	Malvin Groston Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Turku, Finland	July 17 1953
1 Mile	4:01.4	Gunder Hägg (Sweden)	Malmö, Sweden	July 17 1945
2 Miles	8:40.4	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Paris, France	Aug. 26 1952
3 Miles	13:32.4	Gunder Hägg (Sweden)	Göteborg, Sweden	Sept. 20 1942
6 Miles	28:08.4	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Nov. 1 1953
10 Miles	48:12.0	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Sept. 29 1951
15 Miles	1:17:28.6	Mikko Hietanen (Finland)	Kokkola, Finland	May 23 1948
100 metres	10.2	James Cleveland Owens (U.S.A.)	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.	June 20 1936
	10.2	Harold Davis (U.S.A.)	Compton, California, U.S.A.	June 6 1941
	10.2	Lloyd Berrington LaBeach (Panama)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 15 1948
	10.2	Henry Norwood Ewell (U.S.A.)	Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.	July 9 1948
	10.2	Emmanuel McDonald Bailey (Trinidad & G.B.)	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Aug. 25 1951
200 metres	20.2	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 7 1949
400 metres	45.8	Vincent George Rhoden (Jamaica)	Eskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 22 1950
800 metres	1:46.6	Rudolf Harbig (Germany)	Milan, Italy	July 15 1939
1,000 metres	2:20.8	Malvin Groston Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Eskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 16 1953
1,500 metres	3:43.0	Gunder Hägg (Sweden)	Göteborg, Sweden	July 7 1944
	3:43.0	Lennart Strand (Sweden)	Malmö, Sweden	July 15 1947
	3:43.0	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Berlin, Germany	June 29 1952
2,000 metres	5:07.0	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels, Belgium	Sept. 29 1948
3,000 metres	7:58.8	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Gävle, Sweden	Aug. 12 1949
5,000 metres	13:58.2	Gunder Hägg (Sweden)	Göteborg, Sweden	Sept. 20 1942
10,000 metres	29:01.6	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Nov. 1 1953
20,000 metres	59:51.8	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Sept. 29 1951
25,000 metres	1:20:14.0	Mikko Hietanen (Finland)	Kokkola, Finland	May 23 1948
30,000 metres	1:35:23.8	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Oct. 26 1952
1 HOUR 12m809yds (20,052m)		Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	Sept. 29 1951

RELAYS

4 x 110 yards	40.5	University of Southern California, U.S.A.	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 14 1938
		(Leland LaFond, William C. Anderson, Payton Jordan, Adrian Talley)		
4 x 220 yards &	1:24.0	University of Southern California, U.S.A.	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 20 1949
4 x 200 metres		(George Pasquali, Ronald Frazier, Norman Stocks, Patton)		
4 x 440 yards	3:08.8	Amateur Athletic Union Team, U.S.A.	London, England	Aug. 9 1952
		(Gerald Eugene Cole, John William Washburn, Reginald Pearman, Whitfield)		
4 x 880 yards	7:29.2	United States National Team	London, England	Aug. 4 1952
		(William Ashenfelter, Pearman, John B. Barnes, Whitfield)		
4 x 1 Mile	16:42.8	Gefle Idrottsforening, Sweden	Stockholm, Sweden	Aug. 5 1949
		(Ingvar Bengtsson, Gösta Bergqvist, Olle W. Åberg, Henry Eriksson)		
4 x 100 metres	39.8	United States Olympic Team	Berlin, Germany	Aug. 9 1936
		(Owens, Ralph H. Metcalfe, Foy Draper, Frank C. Wykoff)		
4 x 400 metres	3:03.9	Jamaican Olympic Team	Helsinki, Finland	July 27 1952
		(Arthur Stanley Wint, Leslie Alphanzo Laing, McKenley, Rhoden)		
4 x 800 metres	7:28.0	U.S.A., Czechoslovakia (Army Team)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR	July 29 1953
		(Dušan Čikel, Alfred Stržinec, Ludvík Liška, Stanislav Jungwirth)		
4 x 1500 metres	15:27.2	Great Britain & Northern Ireland Team	London, England	Sept. 23 1953
		(Ralph Henry Dunkley, David Charles Law, Douglas Alastair Gordon Pirie, George William Nankeville)		

HURDLING

120 yards (3ft. 6in.)	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesey (U.S.A.)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 13 1950
	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesey (U.S.A.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 10 1950
220 yards (2ft. 6in.)	22.3	William Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.	June 21 1947
440 yards (3ft. 0in.)	51.6	Charles Hewes Moore (U.S.A.)	London, England	Aug. 9 1952
110 metres (3ft. 6in.)	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesey (U.S.A.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 10 1950
200 metres (2ft. 6in.)	22.3	Frederick Wolcott (U.S.A.)	Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.	June 8 1940
	22.3	William Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.	June 21 1947
400 metres (3ft. 0in.)	50.4	Iuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Budapest, Hungary	Sept. 20 1953

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP	6 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	(2.12 m.)	Walter Francis Davis (U.S.A.)	Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.	June 27 1953
POLE VAULT	15 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	(4.77 m.)	Cornelius Anthony Warmerdam (USA)	Modesto, Cal., USA	May 23 1942
LONG JUMP	26 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	(8.15 m.)	James Cleveland Owens (U.S.A.)	Ann Arbor, Mich, USA	May 25 1935
HOP, STEP & JUMP	53 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	(16.23 m.)	Leonid Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	July 19 1953
SHOT PUT	59 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	(18.04 m.)	William Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal., USA	June 5 1953
DISCUS THROW	194 ft. 6 ins.	(59.28 m.)	Fortune Everette Gordien (U.S.A.)	Pasadena, Cal., USA	Aug. 22 1953
HAMMER THROW	200 ft. 11 ins.	(61.25 m.)	Sverre Strandli (Norway)	Oslo, Norway	Sept. 14 1952
JAVELIN THROW	258 ft. 2 ins.	(78.70 m.)	Jrjö Nikkanen (Finland)	Kotka, Finland	Oct. 16 1938

DECATHLON

DECATHLON	7,887 points (1950) (8,450 pts (1934))	Robert Bruce Mathias (U.S.A.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 25/6/1952
(1st Day: 100m. 10.9- Long Jump 22'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "- Shot Putt 50'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "- High Jump 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "- 400 m. 50.2				
2nd Day: 110m. Hurdles 14.7- Discus 153'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "- Pole Vault 13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "- Javelin 194'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "- 1,500m. 4:50.8)				

MARKS EQUAL OR SUPERIOR TO THOSE LISTED BUT NOT YET APPLIED FOR :-

100 yards 9.3s by Hector D. Hogan (Australia) Sydney March 13th 1954.
 3 miles 13m 31.4s by Vladimir Kuts (U.S.S.R.) Budapest Sept: 20th 1953 (This mark was unofficially timed so is unlikely ever to receive ratification.)
 100 metres 10.2s by Hector D. Hogan (Australia) Sydney March 13th 1954.
 1,000 metres 2m 20.4 by Audun Boyesen (Norway) Oslo Sept: 17th 1953
 4 x 800 metres 7m 27.4 by U.S.S.R. Team (Nikolai Byelokurov, Sergey Arkharov, Pyotr Chevgun, Gennadiy Mody) Moscow July 12th 1951. (Although an official U.S.S.R. record the passage of time would indicate that no application is now intended.)
 Throwing the Hammer 204'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (62.36) by Sverre Strandli (Norway) Oslo Sept: 5th 1953

MARKS AWAITING FULLER CONSIDERATION BY THE NEXT PLenary SESSION OF THE I.A.A.F. :-

15 Miles 1 H: 16m 26.4 s by Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia) Stará Boleslav-Houštka Oct: 26th 1952.
 25,000 metres 1 H: 19m 11.8s by Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia) Stará Boleslav-Houštka Oct: 26th 1952
 4 x 1 mile 16m 41.0 by Great Britain & N. Ireland Team (Christopher J. Chataway, G. William Nankeville, Donald C. Seaman, Roger G. Bannister).
 Throwing the Javelin 263'10" (80.41) by Franklin W. Held (U.S.A.) Pasadena, Calif. August 8th 1953.

ANALYSIS.

Of the 57 records accepted for the 49 events the United States provide 27 holders in 22 events. The remaining 30 records are shared :- Czechoslovakia 7 (Zátopek 6); Sweden 6; Belgium, Finland, & Jamaica 3 each; Germany, Great Britain, & U.S.S.R. 2 each; Norway, & Panama 1 each.

Six marks survive from pre-war days and seven were made during the 1939-45 War period. Of the 44 remaining records 17 have been made since the last Olympic Games.

All the records were made in the Northern Hemisphere:- 37 in Europe (Sweden 9, Finland 8, Czechoslovakia 7, Great Britain 4) and 20 in the United States (13 in California)

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N.Z. BOY OF 16 CLEARS 6'5"

The New Zealand Championships at Seddon Park, Hamilton on March 5th & 6th were held in ever deteriorating conditions, ending in a continuous downpour of rain.

Laurie King retained his 6 miles title on the first day in 29:44.6, which was only 1.2 seconds outside his record at Dunedin last year. (King returned 29:47.8 at Christchurch on March 20th). Max Carr achieved the best hammer mark yet by an N.Z. born athlete with a cast of 164'9" to beat the Empire Champion Duncan Clark (161'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

M. Rae won his 100 yards heat in 9.7 with wind assistance, but was beaten by a short yard in the 220 yards (turn) low hurdles final by D. Fleming in 24.0w.

Next day Rae won the short sprint final in 10.0w. D. W. Jowett having taken his 220 yards heat in 21.2, with wind assistance, won the final in 21.7 without aid.

Murray Halberg won the mile in 4:15.4 with over 70 yards in hand. Peter Wells won the High Jump at 6'11" from a 16 year old boy, Murray Jeffries, who cleared 6'0". On March 12 this boy in more reasonable conditions at Dunedin won the N.Z. Junior title at 6'5", so equalling the listed National record set by J. H. Borland (4th Empire Games Auckland 1950). Jeffries' elder brother - Graham - is at Oxford University (see p. 26) and competed in the A.A.U. High Jump at Dayton, Ohio last season.

Ed. Haskell failed in the 3 miles (stomach trouble), which was won by J. C. Daly in 14:39.4. At Christchurch on March 20 the new champion ran the distance in 13:57.6. The Taylor twins won the hurdles :- E. A. 120y 15.5 & D. M. 440y 55.8.

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ENGLAND SWEEP BOARD IN 28TH WIN

By Norris McWhirter

Such was England's superiority in the 41st International Cross-Country race, over a 9 mile course at Bromford Bridge in the N.E. environs of Birmingham, that one felt that her second team would still have won - certainly if Pirie, Bill Gray, Boak and Fred. Green had all been available.

Ken Norris hit the front as the 62 starters from the 4 home countries, Spain, Belgium and France scrambled from the pens. Welshman Philip Morgan (14:03.8 in 1952) lead at 1 mile in inside 5 mins. from Ranger and Mimoun, Norris, the Scot Bannon and Prat. At 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles with the order Ranger, Mimoun, Norris and Lucien Hanswijk, the field swung into a loop of rugged woodland. On re-emerging onto the racecourse (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles) for the first of 3 more complete circuits it could be seen the English had 5 in the first 7.

At the 2 way mark Mimoun was still being held by Norris 60 yards ahead of Pat Ranger, Sando (2nd in 1953), the big blond Belgian Hanswijk, Derek Walker, Eddie Hardy & Marcel Vanderwattynne (2nd in 1946 at Ayr and only 5 appearances short of D. Phillips all-time record of 14 (1922-37).

Watched by 11 previous winners from Bill Freeman (1921) to Geoff. Saunders (1951) the red-vested little Algerian Mimoun came shambling out of the woods for the 4th and last time 100 yds. clear to draw away to win in a brilliant 47:51. SUMMARY: 1, Mimoun (F) 47:51; 2, Norris (E) 48:13; 3, Ranger (E) 48:21; 4, Sando (Capt. E) 48:25; 5, Walker (E) 48:53; 6, Hanswijk (B) 49:07; 7, Driver (E) 49:09; 8, Hardy (E) 49:10; 9, Chorlton (E) 49:13; 10, Vandewattynne (B) 49:15; 14, Bannon (S); 18, Wood (E)



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Alain Mimoun (France), 33 leading Ken Norris (E) 22, for a third victory (others 1949 and 1952). Mimoun is now one short of Jack Holden's record total of 4 (1933-34-35-39)

26, Maynard (E): 60 finished. Teams: 1, England (28th win) 29pts; 2, France 85pts; 3, Belgium 102 pts; 4, Spain 146pts; 5, Scotland 170 pts; 6, Wales 263 pts; 7, Ireland 279pts. Crowd 4,500.

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MITCHELL CLEARS 6'8 3/4; WHITFIELD RUNS 70.1S '600' WARREN-13:55.8, VERNON-6'7 1/2 SET AUSSIE RECORDS

(Continued from page 25.) second place in the Milwaukee meeting at 14'8 1/2. Jim Harrington, whose father Paul was AAU pole vault champion in 1926 with 13'0", cleared 14'4 1/2 for fourth. Harrington, now 21, had a previous best of 14'3 1/2, made as a junior (third year student) at Notre Dame last year.

A NEW HIGH JUMP STAR FROM ILLINOIS

Herm Wyatt, the season's most consistent high jumper, was handed one of his rare defeats at Milwaukee, March 13, when Ron Mitchell of Illinois cleared 6'8 3/4. Wyatt, who goes over the bar with such astounding ease, was second at 6'7 1/2 and indoor record holder Ken Wiesner third at 6'6 1/2. Mitchell has shown steady progress this season. Prior to his triumph at Milwaukee he had the following set of marks from dirt take-offs in Midwestern college meetings: 6'6 1/2 (Feb. 13); 6'7 1/2 (Feb. 15); 6'7 3/4 (Feb. 20); 6'8 1/2 (Feb. 27) and 6'7 1/2 in the Big Ten Championships on March 6.

Stan Lampert, the veteran New York shot putt star, achieved a personal best of 56'10 1/2 in the N.Y. Pioneer Club Games on March 6. Bernie Mayer was second at 56'3 3/4. The list of the best marks of 1954 (leather covered shots, board rings) is truly amazing and certainly unprecedented --

59'14" (18.08) Parry O'Brien	56'15" (17.19) Jim Fuchs
58'1 1/2 (17.71) Bernie Mayer	54'7" (16.63) Albert Thompson
56'10 1/2 (17.33) Stan Lampert	

SANTEE RUNS 4:06.5 FOR FOURTH FASTEST BOARD MILE OF ALL TIME

In the running events the outstanding late season results were those of Wes Santee, Mal Whitfield and Tom Courtney. Running his first mile of the season on boards, in the Big Seven Conference Meet at Kansas City on February 27, Santee turned in an excellent 4:06.5. Only Glenn Cunningham (4:04.4 on a 6 2/3rds lap in 1938) and Gilbert Dodds (4:05.3 (1948) and 4:06.4 (1944) on an 11 lap) have ever run faster on boards. Giant posters reading "GO WES" were probably intended to inspire the great Kansan star to something approaching the "Dream of Dreams". But lack of competition, the high number of laps (12) and possibly the fatigues of the previous weeks (1:51.8 880 leg 41 mins. after a 4:02.6 mile leg on Feb. 13 followed 48 hrs. later by a 4:04.9 on unbanked clay) proved too much even for Santee.

MAL WHITFIELD RUNS SEASON'S FASTEST 600 YARDS IN THE CLOSING MEETING

In the last meeting of the 1954 campaign at Madison Square Garden, on March 20, Mal Whitfield ran 600 yards in 1:10.1 - the year's fastest clocking and topped it off with a 1:53.6 'half'. Tom Courtney, a 20 year old Fordham relay star, emerged with a fine 2:10.9 for 1,000 yards in the ICAA Championships at New York on Feb. 27. A week later he ran 880 yards in 1:52.7 on a flat board track - a remarkable effort. On this same occasion Harrison Dillard entered his first sprint for the year but was edged by a 19 year old Morgan State star, Ken Kave, in a 6.4 sec. 60 yards dash. At New York on March 20, Dillard returned to the hurdles and equalled his season's fastest timing for 60 yards: 7.2 secs., a tenth outside his world's best of 7.1 secs. first set 6 years ago in 1948.

KUZNETSOV 234 4 5/8 DESPITE SNOW

The U.S.S.R. Indoor Winter Championships were held from March 14 to 18 at Leningrad's Zimniy (winter) Stadium. The only outstanding performer on the track was Ardalion Ignatyev, a leading contender for the European 200m. & 400m. titles at Berne in August. Ignatyev, after nipping the Union's fastest dashmen in a 10.7 sec 100 metres, sped round four turns of the dirt track to cover 400 metres in a good 49.1 secs. Many leading distance men were in Paris (see p.29)

In the pole vault four men cleared the bar at 13'9 3/4; the Uranian Vladimir Bulatov was a surprise winner from Viktor Chernobay, Ali Albov and Pyotr Denisenko, the record holder. A. Tverkel, a Moscow engineering student, added a 1 cm (4 1/8") to his best hop, step and jump mark as he reached 50'1 1/2. Latvian born Otto Grigalka added 2" to Heino Lipp's indoor best by putting the shot 53'5 1/2. Javelin thrower Viktor Tsibulenko was second with a personal best of 51'7 1/2, and Lipp, now 32, was third at 51'4 1/2.

The "long" throws, held outside in wintry conditions, produced good marks: - a discus throw of 162'6 3/4 by Boris Matveyev, a javelin throw of 234'4 5/8 by Vladimir Kuznetsov, and a hammer victory for Mikhail Krivososov over the young Caucasian, Stanislav Nyenashev by 186'1 1/2 to 176'6 1/2. (R.L.G.)

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BORNEO SHOT-PUTT RECORD 40'10" Sibidol, from a head-hunting tribe, has set a Borneo shot record of 40'10" (From G.S.Kler, Jesselton.)

SHELTON CLEARS 6'8" OUTDOORS
Los Angeles, March 13. H.J. Shelton 6'8"; D.T. Koch 172'11 1/2"; Patterson 170"0". March 6 120yHH Davis 14.2

BUD HELD THROWS 280 FT. PRACTICE
Reported from California: J.T. 280' Held; DT 178' Patterson; WHM. Whitfield 2:59.6

Hec Hogan confirmed his expected ability over 220 yards on March 20 at Brisbane when he won the Queensland title on a heavy grass track in 21.3 secs. The previous night when the long grass was wet he ran a 9.7 sec. 100 yards. To round things off he entered the hop, step and jump but could not better his season's best of 44'9 1/2.

Right over in Perth on March there came news of an eleventh hour Vancouver bid by Graham Gipson, the 9.8 sprinter cum 1/4 miler. He set the 1953-54 season's best mark with a fine 48.0 secs.

John Landy, who is due to arrive in Finland late in May, ran his tenth sub 4:10 mile of the season at Brisbane on March 19 in 4:07.0. His unprecedented tally now reads thus --

4:02.0 Melbourne Dec.12	4:07.0 Brisbane Mar.19
4:02.4 Melbourne Jan.21	4:07.9 Melbourne Mar. 6
4:02.6 Melbourne Feb.23	4:09.2 Melbourne Nov.21
4:05.6 Sydney Feb.11	4:09.4 Hobart Mar. 1
4:05.9 Melbourne Mar. 4	4:09.8 Melbourne Dec. 5

On March 4 at Melbourne Geoff Warren, 22 set a new Australian 3 mile record, beating the 13:57.8 of Les Perry, with a fine 13:55.8. Warren accompanied by one of Australia's 10 sub 1:55.0 half-milers, Ian Ormsby (1:54.4) of the Geelong Guild sails for England in the 'Otranto' on April 15 and should be seen at the White City at the A.A.A. Championships against Gordon Pirie.

At Hobart on March 1st John Vernon turned in his third 6'6" clearance in a row. A week later, however, on March 8 at Ballarat he sailed over 6'7 1/2 to beat 1948 Olympic Champion John Winter's record of 6'7 1/2 made at Perth in Feb. 1948, 5 months before his Wembley triumph. Vernon's new mark is only a 1/4 inch below the late C.L. de Jongh's South African and British Empire record of 6'7 3/4 set in Pretoria in Sept. 1950.

Another Australian record came again from the 21 year old Barry Donath. After 49'0" at Melbourne (Feb. 23) and 49'0 1/2 there on Feb. 27, he reached 49'4 3/8 from the same ring on March 13. In the pole vault Peter Denton with 13'3 3/4 on March 13, also at Sydney, scaled the highest since Fred Woodhouse's 13'6 1/2 in 1938. Reigning Empire triple jump champion Brian Oliver at the same meeting, showed a flash of his true form with 50'0 1/2.

AUSSIE GIRLS PILE UP WORLD CLASS MARKS - 15 Year Old High Jumps 5'4" !

Australian girl athletes, like the men, made the 1953-54 season by far their greatest. At their championships at Perth on March 1st Marjorie Nelson equalled the listed world 220 yard mark with 24.2 to beat Winsome 'Winks' Cripps (24.4) and Marlene Mathews (24.5). She also won the 100 yards in 10.6 from Mathews (10.8n) and Cripps (10.8n). Mathews, who ran 10.5n in Hec Hogan's 10.2 sec. 100 metres, also had a 10.6 of her own on the same day (Sydney, March 13). At this meeting the diminutive Gwen Wallace equalled the Australian record of Olympic Champion Shirley Delahunty with 11.2 secs. The tiny teen-ager beat Shirley in the 80 metre hurdles title race at Perth on March 1st in 11.5 with an 'unknown', Norma Austin second also in 11.5. It was here that the 15 year old Carol Bernoth broke D.J. Carter's 1936 record of 5'3 3/8 with an amazing 5'4". (J.H.GALLI)

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McKENLEY STILL UNBEATABLE 222 YDS - 21.1!
At Lilydale, Victoria on March 12 Herb. McKenley won a 220yds race from 2 yards behind scratch in 21.1 secs. On March 5 he turned in a Professional world record of 46.7 secs for 440yds. (1st 220yds in 22.0 secs.)

STOP PRESS: Chicago Mar. 27. 50yds: Willie Williams 5.3; Mile: Santee 4:11.8; 60yh: Dillard 7.2; H.J. Mitchell 6'9 1/2 (2.06) Wyatt 6'7 1/2 (2.03). Last indoor meeting.

RIGHT: The greatest woman distance runner of all-time, Nina Otolenko of the U.S.S.R. who won at Paris on March 21st

