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BANNISTER DOES IT - 3:59.4! 14 YDS FASTER THAN HÄGG'S GREATEST

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT BY NORRIS & ROSS McWHIRTER

"I had no idea it would be so difficult", those were the words spoken to us in a quiet corner of the Royal Court Night Club, Sloane Square, London by history's first 4 minute miler at 1.45a.m., nearly eight hours after that breathtaking physical explosion at Oxford University's Iffley Road track.

Roger Gilbert Bannister, the man had left Hägg's great 4 min. 01.3 sec. world's record 14 yards and 2 seconds behind, and but for a 15 m.p.h. wind might well have run 3 min. 57.0 sec., was making his first considered reflections on the deed that shattered a dream and resounded round the world.

The entry that will certainly appear on the next I.A.A.F. list will be :-

"1 Mile 3 mins 59.4 secs. R.G. Bannister (G.B. & N.I.) Oxford May 6 1954"

LONG AND CAREFUL PLANNING

The assault was planned last November. The annual A.A.A. versus Oxford University match is usually the first of the English season. The Association usually invite former Oxford runners, who have "gone down" from the University, to join their team. Like climbing Everest, so with the four minute mile, it is not the doing of it that really counts but doing it FIRST. The main difficulty in both feats is shortage of oxygen. The key that enabled the English to achieve these landmarks of human endeavour was plainly engraved with the one word "TEAMWORK".

ANXIOUS EYES ON THE OPPOSITION

Knowing full well the brilliance of the lone southern star, Australia's John Landy, and that the Californian season starts two months before ours, Roger's hopes were never very buoyant. None-the-less he trained hard through the bleak winter of uglamour on some of the more obscure of London's 22 loose and dusty tracks. (For training build up see Article on Page 35, written before the great race). As the plan began to take shape in early April Roger had not yet produced a 3/4 mile time trial (always his barometer of condition) within nine seconds of that fabulous 2:52.9 of July 1952 but in fact he had more training and strengthening work under his belt than ever before.

THE PLAN FOR THE DAY

The plan was simple. Olympic steeplechaser and training companion Chris Brasher was to run the first 2 laps in under 2 minutes and then carry on in the lead at the same pace for as long as possible. On the one word command "Chris" from Bannister, Chris Chataway, who was to lie in third position, was to come up and take Brasher's place in the lead. The command came at 2 1/2 laps. The red headed Chataway stepped into the lead and took Roger past the bell (3/4 mile mark) in 3:00.4. The plan was that he was then to carry on in the lead at the same pace for as long as possible. Chataway—a world class athlete in his own right—maintained that fantastic throbbing pace for 3 1/2 laps, then Bannister pulled out and began that stretch drive that none of the lucky 1,200 will forget until their dying day. The plan was intelligent and built on the pyramid principle. Chataway could not have stayed with Roger for as long as 3 1/2 laps, unless Brasher had paced him for as much as 2 1/2 laps and Bannister could not have run the four minute mile if he in turn had been deserted before 3 1/2 laps had been covered. The three conspirators were all members of the same side in the match, the A.A.A. team.

MISERABLE MISCONCEPTION

Talk of the self sacrifice of the two Christophers is a miserable misconception of the spirit of that team of three. All were personal friends, all members of the Achilles Club—Brasher elected from Cambridge and Chataway and Bannister from Oxford.

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"Thanks Chris," "Good Show Roger"



THE 60-FT. PUTT AND A 7-FT. HIGH JUMP

O'BRIEN 60 5 1/4. HOLDING A PRACTICE 7 FT.!

Intense activity in the United States has brought forth 5 marks which are superior to the listed world records of which two only are likely to see the record book. In chronological order :-

| Date | Place | Event | Mark | Record | |
|------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 17/4 | Lawrence | 4x110yR. | 40.3secs. | (40.3) | Texas University |
| 24/4 | Des Moines | Shot-Putt | 59'9 1/4" | (59'2 1/4") | Parry O'Brien |
| 24/4 | Commerce | High Jump | 7' 0" | (6'11 1/2") | Charles Holding |
| 1/5 | Astbury Pk. | Shot-Putt | 59'5 7/8" | (59'2 1/4") | Stan. Lampert |
| 8/5 | Los Angeles | Shot-Putt | 60'5 1/4" | (59'2 1/4") | Parry O'Brien |

The new sprint relay time came during the Kansas Relays. The 'Longhorn' team was lead off by Olympic 100 metre finalist Dean Smith with Jerry Prewitt, Al. Frieden and the 9.5 man Charlie Thomas following in that order. Because the wind aided both Frieden and Thomas (flying last 100 yards in 8.6 secs.) on the one turn track the claim may have to be referred to a plenary session of the IAAF since a matter of principle is involved. If passed the pre-war tally of world records drops from six to five.

Parry O'Brien's 59'9 3/4" effort at the Drake Relays was made in a side competition with the once blind Bill Bangert. His first putt was 57'1 1/2" (17.41) but this was merely a precursor of a mighty fourth putt which arched out to 59'9 3/4" (18.23). The worst of his six efforts was 56'6 3/4". Though A.A.U. rules say it takes three to make a competition, Mr. Dan Ferris, the Czar of U.S. track & field, (Cont: p.42

BRITISH RANKINGS

With the javelin rankings listed below the 1953 Survey is now completed.

THROWING THE JAVELIN

| 1951 | | 1952 | |
|------|------------------|------|--|
| 1. | Denley Miller | | |
| 2. | Miller Denley | | |
| 3. | Dalrymple Tucker | | |
| 4. | Hignell Gandy | | |
| 5. | Fisher Trickett | | |
| 6. | Wall Callaway | | |

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. | Richard Dennis William MILLER | | |
| 193' | 9 1/2" 1st Belfast | 22/4 | |
| 187' | 1 1/2" 1st Tourcoing | 10/5 | |
| 187' | 4 1/2" 1st U.A.U. | 16/5 | |
| 187' | 10" 3rd C.A.U. | 25/5 | |
| 201' | 5 1/2" 2nd All Ireland | 20/6 | |
| 197' | 6" 1st Reading | 27/6 | |
| 203' | 11" 1st BUSB v AAA | 18/7 | |
| 202' | 1 1/2" 1st Dublin | 6/8 | |
| 220' | 8" 1st NAAA v AAU(B) | 22/8 | |
| 2. | Michael John DENLEY | | |
| 194' | 10" 1st Sward Trophy | 9/5 | |
| 206' | 6" 1st Walton | 16/5 | |
| 201' | 9 1/2" 1st Paris | 17/5 | |
| 197' | 8" 1st C.A.U. | 25/5 | |
| 195' | 7" 1st Middlesex | 6/6 | |
| 206' | 10" 1st Kinnaid | 13/6 | |
| 197' | 3" 1st Southern | 20/6 | |
| 187' | 8 1/2" 2nd Reading | 27/6 | |
| 202' | 2 1/2" 1st Antwerp | 4/7 | |
| 208' | 7" 1st A.A.A. | 11/7 | |
| 210' | 7" 1st Middlesex v AAA | 24/6 | |
| 197' | 11" 1st Croydon | 15/7 | |
| 197' | 1 1/2" 3rd G.B. v France | 3/8 | |
| 203' | 0" 1st Alpertown | 10/8 | |
| 202' | 0 1/2" 1st AAA v Services | 15/8 | |
| 184' | 11 1/2" 3rd East Molesey | 12/9 | |
| 3. | Kevin Edward FLANAGAN | | |
| 190' | 9 1/2" 1st NAAA v. QUBAC | 9/5 | |
| 202' | 5" (EXH.) Lisburn | 20/5 | |
| 204' | 9" 1st Belfast | 25/5 | |
| 194' | 10 1/2" 1st NAAA Champs. | 13/6 | |
| 207' | 9" 1st RUC v E.Antrim | 15/6 | |
| 208' | 5" 1st RUC v Collegians | 17/6 | |
| 209' | 3" 1st All Ireland | 20/6 | |
| 202' | 8" 3rd A.A.A. | 11/7 | |
| 205' | 6" (EXH.) Belfast | 30/7 | |
| 198' | 1" 1st G.B. v France | 3/8 | |
| 208' | 4" 1st Belfast | 19/8 | |
| 199' | 3" 3rd G.B. v Germany | 29/8 | |
| 186' | 10 1/2" 4th G.B. v Sweden | 2/9 | |

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|------|-----------------------------|------|--|
| 4. | Dennis Edwin TUCKER | | |
| 193' | 6 1/2" 2nd C.A.U. | 25/5 | |
| 194' | 0" 2nd Tooting | 1/6 | |
| 187' | 8" 3rd Kinnaid | 13/6 | |
| 199' | 4" 3rd AAA v Middlesex | 24/6 | |
| 183' | 6 1/2" 4th Reading | 27/6 | |
| 198' | 6 1/2" 4th A.A.A. | 11/7 | |
| 193' | 7" 3rd Croydon | 15/7 | |
| 195' | 9" 2nd BUSB v AAA | 18/7 | |
| 205' | 0 1/2" 1st Eastbourne | 25/7 | |
| 203' | 3" 1st Dorking | 1/8 | |
| 199' | 10 1/2" 1st Aylesbury | 3/8 | |
| 181' | 10" 4th F.I.S.U. | 16/8 | |
| 195' | 8" 4th G.B. v Germany | 29/8 | |
| 193' | 2 1/2" 3rd G.B. v Sweden | 2/9 | |
| 200' | 1" 2nd East Molesey | 12/9 | |
| 202' | 7" 1st Lond.vStockholm | 23/9 | |
| 200' | 7 1/2" 2nd Eng.Weths: | 30/9 | |
| 5. | Colin George SMITH (Junior) | | |
| 186' | 8" 1st Hayes | 7/7 | |
| 197' | 9" 2nd Croydon | 15/7 | |
| 201' | 5 1/2" 1st Junior AAA | 25/7 | |
| 202' | 6" 2nd Alperton | 10/8 | |
| 209' | 6 1/2" 1st Southgate | 22/8 | |
| 191' | 5" 1st Imber Court | 5/9 | |
| 199' | 10" 1st City Charities | 9/9 | |
| 207' | 0" 1st East Molesey | 12/9 | |
| 6. | Douglas Edward John COSH | | |
| 169' | 6 1/2" 1st Brookman Trophy | 16/5 | |
| 178' | 7" 1st AAA v ULAC | 27/5 | |
| 195' | 1" 1st Tooting | 1/6 | |
| 191' | 5" 2nd Southern | 20/6 | |
| 200' | 8 1/2" 2nd AAA v Middlesex | 24/6 | |
| 186' | 0 1/2" 1st Ryder Trophy | 4/7 | |
| 183' | 9 1/2" 7th A.A.A. | 11/7 | |
| 189' | 8 1/2" 6th Croydon | 15/7 | |



Photo by E. D. Lacey.

PETER DRIVER, who has a best mile time of 4:12.6, two miles 9:08.6, ran his fastest ever 3 miles in the last 12 laps (14:18.6) of his great 6 mile debut in which he gained sixth spot on the world list. 20th Bernard Hames, 24:30:43.0; 21st Leo Cass, 34:30:54; 22nd Newington, 30:54.2

DRIVER JOINS ÉLITE

One of Britain's most exclusive clubs "The sub 29 Minute 6 Milers" on 24th April doubled its membership (3 to 6) at the White City in the Southern Counties' Championship race.

The early pace was set by Ken Norris dogged by Albert Ingles with miles of 4:42 4:51; 4:47; 4:54; and 4:57. At 2 1/2 paces Brian Driver, 21 was lurking 100 yds. back with 14:34.6 against the leaders 14:20.0. Inexorably he piled on the pace for a last 3 miles in a brilliant 14:18.6. In a 24th and last lap of 63.4 secs. he passed the Thames Valley duo 300 yds. out for victory in 28:53.2. For Norris (28:55.8) and Ingles (28:56.8) it was also their first time under 30 mins. let alone 29 mins.!

Fourth was another of England's new Cross-Country team, Mike Maynard, 23 (29:26.8) just ahead of Peter Pirie, who was 28.4 sec outside his brazen schedule of 29mins. In sixth place was the phenomenal 44year old Charlie Smart of Belgrave Harriers, known irreverently as 'Grandpa' in the northern stands at White City in an age-defying 29:29.6! He was born in London on Dec. 9 1909.

SUMMARY: First six as above. 7th Alan Perkins, 24 29:34.0u; 8th Peter West, 32 29:36.6; 9th Hugh Ford, 25 29:46.6u; 10th J. Butler 29:50.0u; John Wood, 23 29:50.0u; 12th Maurice Baker, 22 29:56.8u; 13th John Bowen, 23 30:04.8u; 14th Michael Blyth, 24 30:06.0u; 15th Denis O'Gorman, 25; 16th David Haw, 27; 17th Jack Heywood, 21; 18th Frank Salvat, 19; 19th Arthur Bedford, 35

MILE CHECK LIST

The 'ATHLETICS WORLD' annual rankings serve the subsidiary purpose of enabling subscribers to maintain our British All-Time Best Performance Lists up to date. However in the case of the Mile List- No.1 in the series, published in March 1952, the qualifying limit of 4:15.0 has proved such that both in 1952 & 1953 several milers not ranked in the published top six have recorded marks that would have qualified. Below we publish a list of these which brings the total of British miles sub 4:15 to 186 l.

U.K. SOIL LIST No. 1 - ONE MILE

Alongside is the first in a new 'ATHLETICS WORLD' series showing the best marks ever put up on United Kingdom soil. The list includes the 28 miles run under 4:10.0 of which only 7 were achieved by visiting athletes. Twenty of the 28 marks were made on the red White City track in West London. Sydney Wooderson's 1939 track record of 4:07.4 was unbeaten until 1953 when Bannister set his A.A.A. Championship best of 4:05.2 on July 11. On Aug. 8 Pirie and Santee bettered the old mark while 32 days later Nankeville and Boyesen equalled it.

| (As at May 1st 1954) | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4:02.0 | Bannister(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:03.6 | Bannister(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:05.2 | Bannister(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:06.4 | Wooderson(G.B.) 1937 |
| 4:06.8 | Pirie(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:07.2n | Santee(U.S.A.) 1953 |
| 4:07.4 | Wooderson(G.B.) 1939 |
| 4:07.4 | Nankeville(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:07.4n | Boysen(Norway) 1953 |
| 4:07.8 | Bannister(G.B.) 1951 |
| 4:08.0n | Seaman(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:08.4 | Chataway(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:08.6n | Nankeville(G.B.) 1951 |
| 4:08.8 | Andersson(Sweden) 1945 |
| 4:08.8 | Nankeville(G.B.) 1949 |
| 4:08.8 | Macmillan(Australia) 1952 |
| 4:08.8 | Green(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:09.2n | Wooderson(G.B.) 1945 |
| 4:09.2 | Bannister(G.B.) 1951 |
| 4:09.2n | Parlett(G.B.) 1951 |
| 4:09.4 | Bannister(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:09.4 | Nankeville(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:09.4n | Toft(Sweden) 1953 |
| 4:09.6 | Nankeville(G.B.) 1951 |
| 4:09.8 | Hansenne(France) 1949 |
| 4:09.8 | Nankeville(G.B.) 1952 |
| 4:09.8n | Dunkley(G.B.) 1953 |
| 4:09.9 | Karlsson(Sweden) 1953 |

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|---------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| 4:09.8n | R.H.Dunkley | Birmingham | Oct. 3 1953 |
| 4:10.6n | P.J.Robinson | White City | Mar. 14 1953 |
| 4:10.6n | J.I.Disley | Birmingham | Oct. 3 1953 |
| 4:10.8n | D.C.Law | White City | Mar. 14 1953 |
| 4:11.0n | R.H.Dunkley | White City | July 11 1953 |
| 4:11.2 | J.I.Disley | Harrow | May 23 1953 |
| 4:11.2n | A.D.Breckenridge | Glasgow | June 13 1953 |
| 4:11.4n | D.C.Law | White City | July 11 1953 |
| 4:11.8 | R.H.Dunkley | Chiswick | June 13 1953 |
| 4:11.9 | A.D.Breckenridge | Edinburgh | June 27 1953 |
| 4:12.0 | J.W.Brown | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:12.0 | D.C.Law | White City | Sept. 30 1953 |
| 4:12.4n | D.C.Law | White City | Sept. 9 1953 |
| 4:12.5 | V.Milligan | Belfast | May 30 1953 |
| 4:12.6n | D.S.Crooks | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:12.6n | P.B.Driver | Birmingham | Oct. 3 1953 |
| 4:13.0n | P.J.Robinson | White City | Mar. 15 1952 |
| 4:13.0n | L.Eyre | White City | June 21 1952 |
| 4:13.0n | B.T.Barrett | Walton | July 4 1953 |
| 4:13.1 | F.Evans | Manchester | Aug. 2 1952 |

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|---------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| 4:13.1n | B.T.Barrett | White City | Sept. 9 1953 |
| 4:13.2 | P.B.Driver | White City | Sept. 9 1953 |
| 4:13.4n | P.J.Robinson | Cambridge | May 29 1952 |
| 4:13.4 | J.W.Brown | White City | Sept. 10 1952 |
| 4:13.4 | A.D.Breckenridge | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:13.6n | D.S.Crooks | White City | Sept. 9 1953 |
| 4:13.7n | A.D.Breckenridge | Dublin | July 15 1953 |
| 4:14.0n | R.H.Dunkley | White City | Sept. 30 1953 |
| 4:14.2n | J.W.Brown | White City | Sept. 9 1953 |
| 4:14.4n | D.A.G.Pirie | White City | Sept. 10 1952 |
| 4:14.4n | P.T.Blakiston | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:14.4n | D.C.Law | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:14.6 | A.B.Parker | Oxford | May 8 1952 |
| 4:14.6n | B.T.Barrett | White City | July 10 1953 |
| 4:15.0n | D.C.Law | Oxford | Feb. 26 1953 |

SUMMARY OF PERSONAL TOTAL OF SUB 4:15.0 MILE TIMES

| | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----|-----|--------------|----|
| 1st | S.C.Wooderson | 27 | 5th | D.G.Wilson | 10 |
| 2nd | G.W.Nankeville | 21 | 6th | C.J.Chataway | 9 |
| 3rd | L.Eyre | 18 | 7th | J.I.Disley | 8 |
| 4th | R.G.Bannister | 15 | 7th | D.C.Law | 8 |

Other sub 4:10 miles run by U.K. athletes but outside Britain are:-
 4:04.2n Wooderson in Sweden 1945
 4:08.3 Bannister in USA 1951
 4:09.2 Parlett in France 1951
 4:09.9 Bannister in N.Z. 1950
 The sub 4:10 tallies are thus:-
 Bannister (8) Nankeville (6)
 Wooderson (4) Parlett (2)

The Long Climb By Ross McWhirter

It is the extraordinary record of Roger Bannister that, in the 5 seasons since he was 19, he has lost but one race over his favourite distance—the mile. That occasion was in the dual match between London and Göteborg at the White City Stadium in Western London on August 6th 1949. He was severely spiked and trailed in third in 4:14.2 behind the Swede Sture Landqvist (4:12.8) and Roy Morley (4:13.8). Since then he has remained unbeaten in each of his rare appearances at the classic distance which total only 13 in 57 months.

It was in September 1946, on the old black sausage-shaped 3 lap track at Ifley Road, that Bannister made his miling debut in the Oxford Freshman's Sports trials. He was beaten in a mile won in 4:52.0. So unimpressive was he that he was not even picked to be in Oxford's 4x1 mile relay team against Cambridge, though it was an era of abysmally low standards in the early post-war days.

Owing to the severe winter of 1946/47 the track was quite unusable. There were no trials for the Oxford team for the annual match against Cambridge. As a reward for his regular services as a snow-shoveller rather than any great faith in his running potential he was tossed into the Dark Blue team as third string in the mile. The Sports were held in atrocious conditions on the loose re-surfaced White City track on March 22nd 1947. About 200 yards from home something clicked in Bannister's mechanism. One day short of his 18th birthday, he found himself able to stride away from his 5 pursuers to become the youngest mile winner in the 83 old series, in 4:30.8.

The subsequent progress of the 6'1 1/2" 154 lbs. Roger Gilbert Bannister is best shown in the accompanying table. The slow maturing process has gone on without a break for over 7 years. Not yet two months past his 25th birthday on March 23rd last, Bannister is now poised on the threshold of real miling greatness. For him now only two targets remain; the nine year old world record of the Swede Gunder Hägg set in 1945 and the Pimpernel of the track—the damned elusive 4 minute mile.

MANY ROADS LEAD TO ROME

Bannister's training methods are something upon which little has been written because little can be known. This is not only because his 4 or 5 times weekly dashes to London's more unfrequented tracks occur at unpredictable times, when he can squeeze in an hour away from St. Mary's Hospital. It is because as a physiologist he has a genuine dislike to mislead fellow athletes into thinking that his purely personal methods of training have any scientifically acceptable basis for anyone else. Though perhaps more conscious than any other athlete in the world that he is merely groping in an uncharted desert, he in fact uses quite conventional methods. This is not because he for a moment accepts their soundness but because, in the absence of even a vestige of acceptable evidence, he finds them neither better nor worse than other methods which require longer sessions.

For the last two winters he has come to the view that 'interval running' is quite a rewarding system of training because of its punishing intensity and infinite flexibility. He is hoping that it will provide a firmer base upon which competition will have less of a wearing down effect, though he seems to despair of it ever having the building up effect on him that it has on others. His favourite, if that word could be used, combinations are 15x150 yards, 10x440 yards, 3x880 yards or 2x3 laps. In addition he has long employed 3 lap time trials as a barometer of condition prior to any competitive test. Long slow warm-ups play no part in his scheme of things. Neither do vitamins or any other dieting fads.

A close discernment of his career to date show 3 phases. The early phase (1947 to 1949) was when the engine was more powerful than the chassis and he shunned competition, though contrary to all that has been written, he made an all-out bid to make Britain's trio for the Wembley Olympic 1,500 metre team. Then followed the second period from 1949 in America to 1952 when he developed the famous Bannister Burst with last laps ranged through 57.1 (4:09.9 in New Zealand); 56.7 (4:08.3 at Philadelphia); 56.6 (14 days later at the British Games) and finally 56.4 at the 1951 Kinnaird after a funereal bell in 3:19.8 in one of the most hash-settling gambits ever witnessed.

On May 2nd 1953 a new and inevitable phase opened with a

MATURATION

| Date | Time | Age |
|---------|---------|--------|
| 9/1946 | 4:52.0 | 17. 6 |
| 3/1947 | 4:30.8 | 17. 11 |
| 6/1947 | 4:24.6 | 18. 2 |
| 3/1948 | 4:23.4 | 18. 11 |
| 5/1948 | 4:22.8 | 19. 2 |
| 6/1948 | 4:18.7e | 19. 3 |
| 7/1948 | 4:17.2 | 19. 4 |
| 3/1949 | 4:16.2 | 19. 11 |
| 6/1949 | 4:11.1 | 20. 3 |
| 12/1950 | 4:09.9 | 21. 9 |
| 4/1951 | 4:08.3 | 22. 1 |
| 7/1951 | 4:07.8 | 22. 3 |
| 5/1953 | 4:03.6 | 24. 1 |
| 6/1953 | 4:02.0 | 24. 3 |

+ (Behind) e=estimated

RIGHT: Photographer H.W. Neale catches Co-Editor of "ATHLETICS WORLD"

Ross McWhirter telling Roger Bannister—some five minutes after his sub four minute mile—that his parents, Mr & Mrs Ralph Bannister of Harrow, had unknown to him come to Oxford to see the great mile. Roger's sister Joyce unfortunately was not there. She is to be married in September to Mr. Ronald Lance, a farmer, and Roger will be the 'best man'.

FURLONG TIMES :-
(taken by H.M. Abrahams)

| | | |
|-----|-----------|------|
| 1st | 220 yds | 28.7 |
| 2nd | 440 yds | 29.0 |
| 3rd | 660 yds | 29.8 |
| 4th | 880 yds | 30.8 |
| 5th | 1,100 yds | 31.3 |
| 6th | 1,320 yds | 31.1 |
| 7th | 1,540 yds | 29.7 |
| 8th | 1,760 yds | 29.0 |

NOTE: The article was written on May 2.



return to level-pace. His 62.3, 61.9, 61.0, 58.4 in a blustering wind for a British All-Comers' record of 4:03.6 showed there was more to come. On June 6th however, in a bid to better his 50.6 relay time as a best 440 yards mark at the Edmonton track in the Middlesex Championships, he severely pulled a thigh muscle. His first pull in 6 seasons. Though hardly able to train at all he went to Mottspur Park 21 days later (see above) bent on putting himself through an even greater test. This time the laps were 59.6, 60.1, 62.1 and 60.2 for 4:02.0. Like all truly great mile runs this was an unimpressive spectacle because of a cruel sameness of the pace from gun to tape.

In the event of Bannister achieving anything spectacular on the debut to his ninth season at Oxford on May 6th (this will depend largely upon the kindness of the wind) it may be of almost historic importance to list his immediate preparation.

| | | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------|----------|--|
| April 12 | 7x880 Yards in 33 Mins.! | Thus 3min.rests | April 24 | 3/4 Mile in 3:00.0 in company with Chataway |
| April 14 | 3/4 Mile solo in 3:02.0 (laps 61,61 and 60) | | April 26 | 3/4 Mile in 3:14; 8 min rest. 3/4 Mile in 3:08.6 |
| April 15 | 880 in 1:53.0 solo | | April 28 | 3/4 Mile solo in 2:59.9 in high wind |
| April 16- | Rock-Climbing in 19 Scotland | | April 30 | Final two lap time trial 1:54. |
| April 22 | 10x440 (av. 58.9) 1st 56.3, last 56.3 | | May 1-6 | Rest. 6! days. |

LANDY SETS WORLD 'GRASS' RECORD AT 4:02.6

From Our Australian Correspondent JOE GALLI
John Landy, Australia's tireless wonder miler, ran his sixth sub 4 min. 3 sec. mile on April 19 at Bendigo, Victoria for a world's best ever on grass with 4:02.6. This beat his own 'grass' record of 4:04.2 set at Perth on Jan. 23 1953. His tally now reads 4:02.0; 4:02.1; 4:02.4; 4:02.6 (twice) and 4:02.8. In the Bendigo race he picked up a football stud early in lap 1 (back outside spike of right shoe), which he carried all the way over the rain soaked track. His lap times were 59.0, 1:59.4; 3:02.0 while the 1,500 metres was passed in 3:46.4 thus showing a full second more finishing speed than in his Feb. 23 4:02.6 at Melbourne.

Landy passed through London at 4.15 p.m. on May 1st on his way to Finland, where he makes his debut on May 31 and will have 9 races in 6 weeks including one in Stockholm on June 8.

Other closing marks were Miles: 4:11.0 Alex Henderson, Sydney Apr. 4 and Hec. Hogan's 9 event decathlon (no 1500m) with 4,854 pts.

The 4-Minute Mile Story

(Continued from the front page, Page 33.)

WILL THAT WIND NEVER DIE DOWN?

Bannister travelled up to Oxford by rail - a 63 mile trip from the London terminus of Paddington - on the morning of the race with Franz Stampfl, the Oxford University and Achilles Club coach and Bannister's adviser. Looking out of the window at the swaying trees tops and the whistling wind, they could only talk of the wind. Once in Oxford Roger went to the home of his wisest counsellor 'Charles' Wenden, a 30 year old member of the University staff, a former half miler, and a holder of the Military Cross for gallant service in the Army during the war. After a lunch of ham salad and prunes, prepared by Mrs Wenden, "Uncle Woger" stayed to play with Felicity, 4 and the solemn little Sally. With the wind still blowing hard Bannister arrived at the familiar 70 year old dressing rooms at Ifley Road at 5 p.m. - an hour before the attack. It was during Roger's tenure of office as first Hon. Secretary and then President of the O.U.A.C. that the University were pressed into spending £14,000 to convert the mellow old 3 laps to a mile cinder path into the severely standard and regulation 440 yards black cinder circuit. Changing into the new gold, blue and green hooped vest of the A.A.A. and pinning the number "41" on it, Bannister was still very dependent about the wind.

STAMPFL TAKES CHARGE

Franz Stampfl, who once had grappled with death for 6 hours in an oil covered sea when the "Andorra Star" was torpedoed in the Atlantic in 1940, probably saved the day by wisely insisting that the decision - to be or not to be - must be delayed until after the three conspirators had warmed-up. Black clouds were coming up from the Isis, a cold sharp shower sent most scurrying for shelter. The sun came out suddenly. A remarkably vivid double rainbow appeared and in the middle of the arch was the livid white and blood red cross flag of St. George of England flying from a church. With 15 minutes to go Stampfl asked if it was on first to Brasher (YES), Chataway (neutral), Bannister (No). A feeler to see if Chataway would be allowed to switch to the 2 miles had been resolutely turned down by the A.A.A. Team Manager Mr. L.R. Truelove. With five minutes to go Stampfl took a second count, having first pointed out how the wind had suddenly slackened - Brasher YES, Chataway Yes, Bannister No - but a weaker No. After a final 150 yard fast stride, Bannister seeing that the wind had obviously dropped, donned his spikes, specially made by a Lancastrian admirer, and said "Yes". It was on.

ONE FALSE START AND OFF!

There was a slight murmur of expectation from some of the 1,200 "crowd" as the six man field went up to the line. A seventh T.N. Miller of Oxford scratched at the last minute - he is still kicking himself quite viciously. The starter was Ray Barkway, the 1948 Olympic hurdler (14.9). Brasher, too eager for the fray, broke. Barkway warned him with the mild rebuke "Sorry Chris". Second time they were off, Brasher straight into the lead. Next Bannister well clear. Next Chataway. A specially rigged loudspeaker on the back straight was put there to give half lap times (I.A.A.F. Rule 18 sub section 8 - No one except the Announcer, shall call out any intermediate times to competitors). Bannister mis-heard my call of 26-27-28 as Brasher flashed past the 220 yards mark. Roger thought the call was 30 so shouted "Faster". Brasher heard aright, knew he was on schedule, and kept on at the same pace to reach the first quarter in 57.4. (see photo No. 2).

THE MIDDLE STAGES OF THE RACE.

The second lap was uneventful but when Brasher hit the half mile in 1:58.0 the response from the crowd warmed up. To most of them this was just an athletics meeting in which the mile must be good because a chap called Bannister was running - they knew Bannister because this was Oxford. In the third lap Brasher began to tire but not noticeably until on the back straight Bannister uttered his second word "Chris". Chataway stepped into the lead, Roger on his tail. The excitement mounted because it was obvious this was a cracking pace. The bell was tolled at 3:00.4 (see photo No. 4). Chataway running very smoothly still kept up the pace until with 230 yards to go Bannister pulled out to start that heart rending, ear splitting drive for the sanctuary of the tape. With determination written in his every line, his face now white and strained he flashed passed my brother Ross, the only 1,500 metres time-keeper. That watch read 3:43.0! Equal to the world's record. A world mile record - except for a stumble - was a certainty but would it, oh! would it, be the fabulous four minute mile? Punishing himself to completely new limits Bannister drove (Continued in next column)

for the tape that he remembers seeing. The cheering was deafening now. From long experience of watching mile finishes with one eye and a running stop watch with the other I knew that this was it. Bannister utterly exhausted collapsed into the arms of the Rev. Nicolas Stacey (Helsinki 200m semi finalist). Chataway plugged on to finish in a personal best of 4min 07.2 and William Hulatt having passed Brasher clocked 4min.16.0. Brasher finished untimed, but the other two were prevented from doing so by the spectators, who swarmed onto the track to congratulate the immortal miler.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Once the timekeepers came out of their huddle it was my duty to convey to the frenzied crowd some magic figures, which had been handed me by the 1:53.5 800 metre man John Bryant. Fighting down emotion I was determined not to depart from the measured tones of the 'crescendo-suspense' formula which by experience I've found to bring out the greatest response (and hence enjoyment) from England's normally undemonstrative crowds. The exact words which brought the news to the world were -:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, here is the result of Event Number Nine, the One Mile: First, Number Forty-one R.G. Bannister, of the Amateur Athletic Association and formerly of Exeter and Merton Colleges, with a time which is a new meeting and track record and which subject to ratification will be a new English Native, British (National), British (All-Comers'), European, British Empire and WORLD'S RECORD. The time is THREE (and lost in the roar were the words) MINUTES fifty-nine point four seconds."

Desmond Hackett of the 4,000,000 circulation London 'Daily Express' described the announcement thus "The public announcement of this record-shattering race must go down as the most perfect piece of English detachment. The former Oxford athlete, Norris McWhirter, with no more emotion than a porter announcing the next train to Crewe recited '..... I would remind Mr. Hackett of I.A.A.F. Rule 15 - the Duties of the Announcer.!"

THE AFTERMATH

Bannister's first words were "Did I do it?". Stampfl said "I think so". With his pulse at 155 and all colour drained from his sight, Bannister was set upon by autograph hunters, newsreel men and reporters. Quickly recovering, he sort Chataway and Brasher. The trio were photographed and then Bannister went over to old Walter Morris the groundsman, who had been at Ifley Road longer than any one can remember.

The meeting did not get started for another 25 mins. Back in Oxford's Vincent's Club Bannister had his first refreshment of a wine glass of water laced with table salt and then a shandy. The B.B.C. had a blue racing car ticking over outside. After some persuasion Bannister decided to submit to a hair-raising 65 minute drive to London. At Lime Grove T.V. studio he gave an interview of rare and adroit modesty. So to a night club and then to bed at 6.45 a.m. in Brasher's Highgate home. Two hours sleep, a hearty breakfast and back to St. Mary's Hospital, which had hoisted the Union Jack.

WHAT IT MEANS?

A mile in 3:59.4 rates 1,361 pts. on the Scoring Tables, which is higher than any other recorded track performance. It is 'worth' in equivalents

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|-------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 100m. | 10.12 | 1500m | 3:41.3 |
| 400m. | 45.25 | 5000m | 13:43.2 |
| 800m. | 1:44.0 | 10,000m | 28:56.4 |
| | | Two Miles | 8:33.9 |

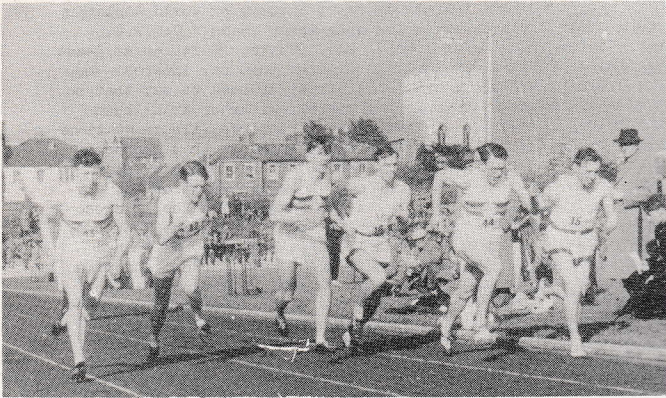
TAILPIECES and TIT-BITS

First TELEGRAM: From Lord (David) Burghley. **Best TELEGRAM:** "Congratulations to the World's Perfect Miler - R.L.G. **Best REMARKS:** A stray American who looked in "Boy, I'll have free dinners on this for the rest of my life."; A local Reporter "excuse me but can you tell if this is the first time anyone has ever run a mile in less than four minutes?"; **THE TIMEKEEPERS:** Harold Abrahams (3:59.4) "I feel as if an atom bomb has gone off!"; Bill Findlay (3:59.4) "I always knew he would do it" and 70 year old Charlie Hill (3:59.4) "I'll die happy!"; **THE TRACK:** Surveyors Certificate "One Mile and two inches". **QUOTES:** Gunder Hagg on a visit to Norway: "I fancied Bannister to do it"; Sydney Wooderson (record-holder 1937-42) "It's absolutely wonderful!"; Gordon Pirie: "Gosh, that's fantastic!"; John Landy: "Its great, great great. He's a great runner!"; Peter Curry (man who beat Bannister in his first ever mile race in 4:52.0 in 1946) "Oxford was exactly the right place to have done it!"; Feature Editor of a London Weekly "This is the first athletics meeting I've ever been to".

RATIFICATION: The new mile time was ratified as an English Native, British (National) and British (All-Comers') Record within 45 hours by the A.A.A. and B.A.A.B.

PROGNOSTICATION: On April 29th 'ATHLETICS WORLD' Staff made their forecasts and, as has been customary, wrote them on the door. Pat wrote 4:01.8; Neil Allen 4:01.2; Norris 3:59.5.

THE 4-MINUTE MILE IN THE MAKING



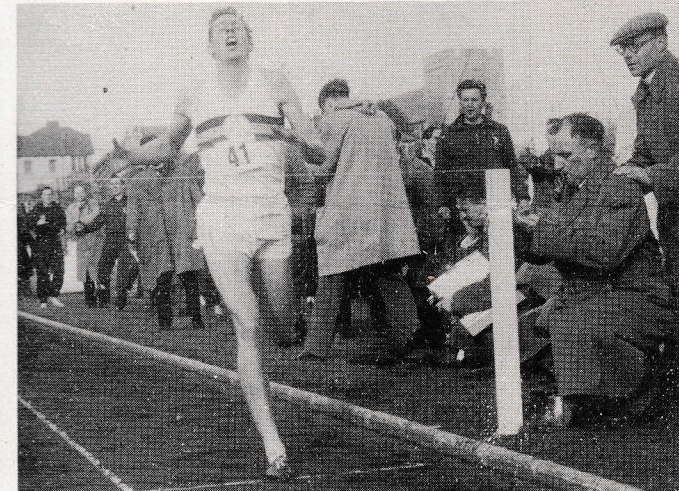
The line-up. L. to R: W. Hulatt (AAA); Chataway (AAA); Bannister A.K. Gordon (Ox.); Brasher (AAA) and G. F. Dole (Oxford). Note the St. George's flag straining at its halyards on the steeple.



At the bell: Chataway having taken the lead from Brasher after 2½ laps passes in 3:00.4 with Bannister at 3:00.5. Clutching the loud-speaker pole is David Law, a 4:10.8 man.



Nearing the end of lap 1. Brasher (57.4); Bannister (57.5) and Chataway (57.6). The rest nowhere. In the middle of the barrel-chested trio, Bannister cuts his stride to 85 inches.



The tape. Seven years of training pays off in 3mins. 59.4secs. Clutching the recorder's board in anguish is Oxford Don D.J. Wenden—one of Bannister's closest confidants.



Just past the half-way mark; Brasher (1:58.0); Bannister (1:58.2) and Chataway (1:58.4). The announcer calling out the lap times is visible (behind Bannister's hip) 'mike' in hand.



Pulse 155, colour vision nil. Bannister is supported by the Achilles Club coach Franz Stampfl, a 247 ft. javelin thrower, and right L.R. Truelove, the A.A.A. Team Manager.

All Six Action Photos by H. W. Neale.

BRITISH ALL-TIME LIST NO. 16 - HIGH JUMP

Compiled by Norris McWhirter

In this sixteenth list in 'ATHLETICS WORLD'S' series on the best United Kingdom performances of All-Time we deal with the high jump. Since on March 17th 1876 the Hon. Marshall Jones Brooks (died Jan.5th 1944) became the first man to clear 6 feet in the world over 100 British athletes have repeated the feat. In this list however we deal merely with jumps in excess of 6'5".

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|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| (2.019) | 6' 7 ¹ / ₂ " | ALAN PATERSON | Glasgow | Aug. 2 1947 |
| (2.007) | 6' 7" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 11 1949 |
| (2.007) | 6' 7" | Alan Paterson | Helensburgh | July 22 1950 |
| 2.00 | (6' 6 ³ / ₄ " | Alan Paterson | Antwerp | July 7 1946 |
| (2.000) | 6' 6 ³ / ₄ " | Alan Paterson | Hamilton | June 2 1950 |
| (1.994) | 6' 6 ¹ / ₂ " | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | Aug. 3 1946 |
| (1.991) | 6' 6 ¹ / ₂ " | PETER WELLS | Bristol | Aug. 20 1949 |
| 1.99 | (6' 6 ¹ / ₂ " | Alan Paterson | Paris | Sept.10 1950 |
| (1.989) | 6' 6 ¹ / ₂ " | Peter Wells | Christchurch,N.Z. | Jan. 23 1954 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson (10) | Dublin | July 10 1946 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 5 1948 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 25 1949 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | RONALD PAVITT | London | Aug. 6 1949 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 24 1950 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Stirling | May 12 1951 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 9 1951 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | Aug. 4 1951 |
| (1.981) | 6' 6" | Peter Wells | Christchurch,N.Z. | Mar. 20 1954 |
| (1.975) | 6' 5 ³ / ₄ " | Alan Paterson | Dunoon | July 28 1951 |
| (1.969) | 6' 5 ³ / ₄ " | Alan Paterson (20) | Belfast | June 8 1946 |
| (1.969) | 6' 5 ³ / ₄ " | Peter Wells | Canterbury,N.Z. | Feb. 20 1954 |
| (1.962) | 6' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | Peter Wells | London | Aug. 6 1949 |
| 1.96 | (6' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | Alan Paterson | Oslo | Aug. 23 1946 |
| 1.96 | (6' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | Alan Paterson | Paris | Sept. 7 1947 |
| 1.96 | (6' 5 ¹ / ₂ " | Alan Paterson | Brussels | Aug. 27 1950 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | B.HOWARD BAKER | Huddersfield | June 25 1921 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Coventry | May 15 19 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Manchester | July 17 1948 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Ronald Pavitt | Edinburgh | Sept. 3 1949 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson (30) | Glasgow | May 14 1949 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Auckland,N.Z. | Feb. 4 1950 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | Aug. 5 1950 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | London | Aug. 7 1950 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Edinburgh | Sept. 2 1950 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | London | May 26 1951 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Glasgow | June 26 1951 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Ronald Pavitt | New Eltham | June 30 1951 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Ronald Pavitt | London | July 14 1951 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson | Helensburgh | July 21 1951 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Alan Paterson (40) | Montreal | May 6 1952 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Peter Wells | New Southgate | May 17 1952 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Peter Wells | London | May 24 1952 |
| (1.956) | 6' 5" | Peter Wells (43) | Christchurch,N.Z. | Mar. 27 1954 |

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| SUMMARY--: | Alan Sinclair PATERSON (Victoria Pk.A.A.C.) | 30 | Marks |
| | Peter WELLS (London Athletic Club) | 8 | Marks |
| | Ronald Cecil PAVITT (Polytechnic Harriers) | 4 | Marks |
| | Benjamin HOWARD BAKER (Liverpool H. & A.C.) | 1 | Mark. |

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SHORT TAKES

by
The Editors

SIX YEARS LATER: On page 180 of our Short History of World Athletics (published in 1951), there was a footnote which reads "C.C.P.O. Thompson (Brit. Guinea) is reputed to have cleared 25 ft. on at least two occasions - details not available." Judge then our interest when E. McDonald Bailey of No.4 Great James Street 'phoned to say that he had heard that 'Bush' Thompson was a ticket collector at Kilburn Station, London. We soon found that there were three Kilburn stations in London. At the third (needless to say) we learnt that Thompson had been transferred, aptly enough, to Shepherd's Bush station near the White City Stadium. At neither Shepherd's Bush station had anyone heard of him. Eventually by ringing a number on the Primrose Exchange we tracked him down. Charles Cazlan Fitz-Osborne Thompson, formerly a Lieutenant in the South Caribbean Regiment, had indeed cleared over 25 feet. His best was 25 ft. 9³/₄ ins. (7.86m) sometime in November 1947 in Georgetown, British Guiana. We arranged lunch to which C.C.F.O. Thompson will bring his press cuttings. So one more of the ever dwindling number of gaps in the world all-time best performance lists promises soon to be filled.

FASTEN LIFEBELTS: Olympic Bronze Medalist John Ivor Disley tells us he was recently in his Welsh native capital city of Cardiff. He met an official who buttonholed him and insisted in taking him off to the new Maindy Stadium, which will probably be the venue of the 1958 British Empire Games, so that he could inspect their latest acquisition. He was confronted with some major earthworks. "Look you mon", said his host waving towards the yawning canyon, "'tis the BIGGEST water-jump in the country". (A.A.A. Rule 106 happily states that the water jump shall be 13 ft. 1³/₄ ins. (4 metres) in width).

DOWNRIGHT SAVAGERY: British track fans have at times been a little confused by the exact rank of British Empire Shot Putt record-holder John Savidge in the Royal Marines. The following incident may not be entirely unconnected with their bewilderment. On the Far East Station Savidge was serving in a cruiser which possessed a snow white awning which was the pride not merely of the ship but of the whole Fleet. One hot day the Royal Marines were paraded on the quarterdeck with fixed bayonets in honour of a Chinese Nationalist General, who was to be received by the Admiral. Sgt. Savidge was, as his stature demands (6ft.7ins.), the right hand marker. After the ceremonial the Guard were brought to the slope. Drowned by the crash of rifle stocks on brawny shoulder bones was a sinister little tearing noise. Before the Commander whose face was by now the colour of an over ripe plum could get out a word, the Marine Lieutenant had turned his guard into line. "By the right, quick march" came the order. Unblinking and unabashed Sgt. Savidge pressed smartly on to the accompaniment of a rending noise which rose to a sickening crescendo as the tattered remnants of the sailmaker's masterpiece fluttered slowly onto the deck beneath.

ALL CHANGE, PLEASE: Passengers in a compartment of a Devon-bound train gathering speed out of Paddington terminus, London were some time ago amazed to see a burly young man in a raincoat utter some gruff foreign-sounding oaths, reach for his case from the rack and fling open the door, out his case and himself on to the rails. It is unlikely that they will ever know who the man was. It was we can reveal the Afrikans-speaking Andries Burger who last month bashed his way over 13ft 9 ins. to equal the British Empire pole vault record. He mistook the train for one bound for Oxford and saw nothing unusual about the incident. He explained that as a boy the school bus which served his neighbourhood only stopped to take on passengers. To get off you had to jump.

SPECIALIZATION: Just before his return to Trinidad, we gave the world 100 metre record-holder E. McD. Bailey a lift in a taxi from Great James Street towards the City. After we had dropped him off the cab driver turned round and said "Was that McDonald Bailey?". On assuring him it was the old cabby chuckled in a knowing sort of way and spoke the following words -:
"He's going to have a job to beat this new fella Gordon Pyree".

HANDICAP EVENTS: You will doubtless know all about the world's best for a high jump with a track suit on - Walt Davis's 6'7³/₈" in 1952 and may be you have heard of Miss Savrooj Malhotra. She won an 80 metre hurdles race in Delhi last month in long pantaloons which completely covered her legs right down to her track shoes. Her time was in the circumstances a creditable 13.0 secs. However for real handicaps we thought you might like to know the world's mile record pick-a-back. It was set on April 12 1915 in Melbourne by Noah Young at 8mins. 30 secs. His 'load' weighed just 150 pounds.

EMPIRE BEST PERFORMANCES

With the Southern Hemisphere season now closed, we list the top ten marks from the British Empire as at May 1st 1954 in each of the standard events. The Games records are in parentheses. Additions in the remaining 12 weeks are most likely to spring from the United Kingdom and Canada, for which most of the marks listed are still of 1953 origin.

100 YARDS: (9.6 Percy Williams(Canada) 1930
9.6 John Treloar(Australia) 1950)

| | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|
| 9.3 | Hector Hogan(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 9.4 | Michael Agostini(Trinidad) | 4.53 |
| 9.6 | Gideon van Heerden(South Africa) | 11.53 |
| 9.6m | Balwant Singh(India) | 2.54 |
| 9.6m | Abdul Khalique(Pakistan) | 2.54 |
| 9.6m | Leslie Laing(Jamaica) | 3.54 |
| 9.6m | M. Sharif Butt(Pakistan) | 3.54 |
| 9.6 | Edmund Mendelsohn(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| (m = 100metres(109.36yds) in 10.5 sec) | | |

220 YARDS: (21.2 Cyril Holmes(England) 1938
21.1 Michael Agostini(Trinidad) 4.53
21.2m Leslie Laing(Jamaica) 3.54
21.3 Hector Hogan(Australia) 3.54
21.4 Gideon van Heerden(South Africa) 2.54
21.5 William Job(Australia) 1.54
21.5 Edward McGlynn(Australia) .54
21.5 Edmund Mendelsohn(South Africa) 3.54
21.5m Muhammad Aslam(Pakistan) 3.54
21.6 Brian Shenton(England) 7.53
(m = 200metres(218.72yds) time.)

440 YARDS: (47.9 Denis Shore(S.A.) & William Roberts(Eng), 1938; Edwin Carr(Aust.), 1950.)

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|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 47.3 | Maurice Curotta(Australia) | 5.53 |
| 47.5 | George Rhoden(Jamaica) | 5.53 |
| 47.9 | Gerald Evans(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 47.9 | Zach Joubert(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 48.0 | Graham Gipson(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 48.1 | Jack Carroll(Canada) | 5.53 |
| 48.1 | Peter Fryer(England) | 5.53 |
| 48.1 | William Butchart(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 48.2 | Alan Sexton(England) | 5.53 |
| 48.2 | Graham Wright(South Africa) | 4.54 |

880 YARDS: (1:51.2 Patrick Boot(N.Z.), 1938)

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 1:50.7 | Roger Bannister(England) | 8.53 |
| 1:51.9 | Brian Hewson(England) | 8.53 |
| 1:52.1 | Leonard McRae(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 1:52.1 | Frank O'Connell(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 1:52.2 | Angus Scott(England) | 8.53 |
| 1:52.4 | James Bailey(Australia) | 4.54 |
| 1:52.5 | John Ross(Canada) | 5.53 |
| 1:52.9m | Brian Gorogan(England) | 8.53 |
| 1:52.9 | John Landy(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 1:53.1 | Derek Johnson(England) | 3.54 |
| (m = 800metres(874.89yds) in 1:52.2) | | |

ONE MILE: (4:11.0 William Parnell(Can), 1950)

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|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 4:02.0 | Roger Bannister(England) | 6.53 |
| 4:02.0 | John Landy(Australia) | 12.53 |
| 4:04.4 | Murray Halberg(New Zealand) | 2.54 |
| 4:06.8 | Gordon Pirie(England) | 8.53 |
| 4:07.4 | William Mankeville(England) | 9.53 |
| 4:08.0 | Donald Seaman(England) | 7.53 |
| 4:08.4 | Christopher Chataway(England) | 3.53 |
| 4:08.8 | Fred. Green(England) | 10.53 |
| 4:09.8 | Ralph Dunkley(England) | 10.53 |
| 4:10.6 | Peter Robinson(England) | 3.53 |
| 4:10.6 | John Disley(Wales) | 10.53 |

THREE MILES: (13:59.6 Cecil Matthews(N.Z) 1938)

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|---------|-----------------------------|------|
| 13:34.0 | Gordon Pirie(England) | 8.53 |
| 13:46.0 | Fred. Green(England) | 7.53 |
| 13:48.0 | Frank Sando(England) | 5.53 |
| 13:55.8 | Ernest Haskell(New Zealand) | 2.54 |
| 13:55.8 | Geoffery Warren(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 13:57.6 | James Daly(New Zealand) | 3.54 |
| 14:01.0 | David Parmenter(England) | 8.53 |
| 14:01.0 | Kenneth Norris(England) | 9.53 |
| 14:01.4 | Ian Binnie(Scotland) | 6.53 |
| 14:02.0 | Leonard Dyre(England) | 7.53 |

SIX MILES: (30:14.5 Cecil Matthews(N.Z), 1938)

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|---------|-------------------------|------|
| 28:19.4 | Gordon Pirie(England) | 7.53 |
| 28:47.2 | Frank Sando(England) | 7.53 |
| 28:53.2 | Peter Driver(England) | 4.54 |
| 28:53.4 | Ian Binnie(Scotland) | 7.53 |
| 28:55.8 | Kenneth Norris(England) | 4.54 |
| 28:56.8 | Albert Ingles(England) | 4.54 |
| 29:01.8 | James Peters(England) | 4.53 |
| 29:12.4 | Walter Hesketh(England) | 7.53 |
| 29:18.0 | Colin Gray(England) | 7.53 |
| 29:26.2 | Neil Robbins(Australia) | 3.54 |

MARATHON: (2H:30:49.8 Johannes Coleman(S.A.) 1938)

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|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| 2:18:34.8 | James Peters(England) | 10.53 |
| 2:24:38.0 | Stanley Cox(England) | 9.53 |
| 2:24:48.0 | Roley Guy(Australia) | 9.53 |
| 2:26:00.0 | Keith Ollerenshaw(Australia) | 9.53 |
| 2:26:39.0 | Geoffrey Iden(England) | 6.53 |
| 2:26:43.0 | Allen Lawrence(Australia) | 9.53 |
| 2:27:01.0 | Allan Lawton(England) | 6.53 |
| 2:27:21.0 | Bryce McKay(Australia) | 9.53 |
| 2:28:11.0 | Arthur Dunn(Australia) | 9.53 |
| 2:32:57.0 | D. Fotheringham(England) | 6.53 |

120 YARDS HURDLES: (14.0 Thomas Lavery(S.A) 1938)

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| 14.2 | Kenneth Doubleday(Australia) | 2.54 |
| 14.3 | Piet Greyling(South Africa) | .53 |
| 14.5 | Chris Botha(South Africa) | .53 |
| 14.5 | Keith Gardner(Jamaica) | 3.54 |
| 14.6 | Jack Parker(England) | 5.53 |
| 14.6 | Peter Hildreth(England) | 7.53 |
| 14.6 | John Loveday(Australia) | 2.54 |
| 14.8 | Paul Vine(England) | 8.53 |
| 14.8 | Michael Guthrie(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 14.8 | Jacob van der Merwe(S.Africa) | 4.54 |

440 YARDS HURDLES: (52.5 Duncan White(Ceylon) 1950)

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| 52.5 | David Lean(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 52.7 | Harry Whittle(England) | 7.53 |
| 52.7m | David Gracie(Scotland) | 8.53 |
| 52.7m | Jagdev Singh(India) | 2.54 |
| 53.1 | Alec. Hardy(England) | 7.53 |
| 53.3 | Geoffrey Goodacre(Australia) | 2.54 |
| 53.3 | Ronald Wilkie(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 53.5 | Etienne Roux(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 53.6 | Francis Swanepoel(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 53.8 | R. Carrot(Australia) | 2.54 |
| m = 400metres(437.44yds) time.) | | |

HIGH JUMP: (6'6" John Winter(Aust.), 1950)

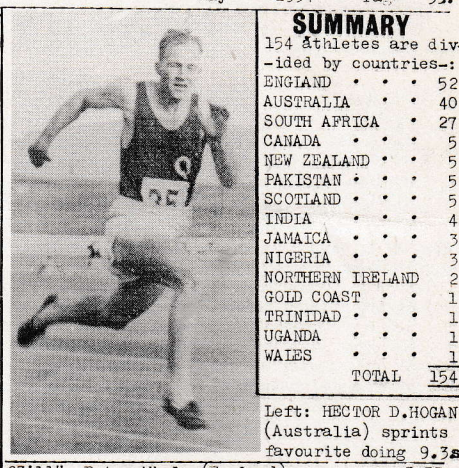
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| 6' 7 ³ / ₈ " | John Vernon(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 6' 6 ³ / ₈ " | Douglas Stuart(Australia) | 3.53 |
| 6' 6 ¹ / ₈ " | Peter Wells(England/N.Z.) | 1.54 |
| 6' 6 ¹ / ₈ " | Atolu(Uganda) | 7.53 |
| 6' 5 ³ / ₈ " | Joseph Truter(South Africa) | 9.53 |
| 6' 5" | Kevin McMahon(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 6' 5" | Andries du Preez(South Africa) | 2.54 |
| 6' 5" | Murray Jeffries(New Zealand) | 3.54 |
| 6' 4 ³ / ₈ " | J. Chigbolu(Nigeria) | 3.54 |
| 6' 4 ¹ / ₈ " | Adeymi(Nigeria) | 3.54 |

POLE VAULT: (13'5³/₈" Andries du Plessis (South Africa), 1938.)

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 13' 9 ³ / ₈ " | Geoffrey Elliott(England) | 8.53 |
| 13' 9" | Andries Burger(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 13' 7 ³ / ₈ " | Ronald Miller(Canada) | 9.53 |
| 13' 4 ³ / ₈ " | Mervyn Richards(New Zealand) | 2.54 |
| 13' 3 ³ / ₈ " | Norman Gregor(Scotland) | 8.53 |
| 13' 3 ³ / ₈ " | Peter Denton(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 13' 0" | Bruce Peever(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 12' 9" | Ian Ward(England) | 7.53 |
| (5 at 12'6") | | |

LONG JUMP: (24'4³/₈" Harold Brown(Can.), 1938)

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 25' 2" | Neville Price(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 25' 1 ³ / ₈ " | Hector Hogan(Australia) | 11.53 |
| 24' 1 ³ / ₈ " | Hugh Jack(Australia) | 12.53 |
| 24' 1 ³ / ₈ " | William O'Grady(Australia) | |
| 24' 0" | Brian Oliver(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 23' 11 ³ / ₈ " | Harold Rall(South Africa) | |
| 23' 11 ³ / ₈ " | Donald Stuart(South Africa) | 11.53 |
| 23' 11 ³ / ₈ " | Karim Oluwu(Nigeria) | 3.54 |



SUMMARY
154 Athletes are divided by countries:-
ENGLAND . . . 52
AUSTRALIA . . . 40
SOUTH AFRICA . . . 27
CANADA . . . 5
NEW ZEALAND . . . 5
PAKISTAN . . . 5
SCOTLAND . . . 5
INDIA . . . 4
JAMAICA . . . 3
NIGERIA . . . 3
NORTHERN IRELAND 2
GOLD COAST . . . 1
TRINIDAD . . . 1
UGANDA . . . 1
WALES . . . 1
TOTAL 154

Left: HECTOR D. HOGAN (Australia) sprints favourite doing 9.3s

23' 11" Peter Whaley(England) 5.53
23' 10³/₈" J. Pentz(South Africa) 4.54

TRIPLE JUMP: 51' 3³/₈" Jack Metcalfe(Aust), 1934.)
50' 0³/₈" Brian Oliver(Australia) 3.54
50' 0³/₈" Paul Eseri(Nigeria) 4.54
49' 10"

SHOT-PUT: (48' 1³/₈" Harry Hart(S.A.), 1934.)

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| 53' 8 ³ / ₈ " | John Savidge(England) | 8.53 |
| 51' 5 ³ / ₈ " | Stephanus du Plessis(S.Africa) | 4.54 |
| 50' 1" | John Short(South Africa) | 3.54 |
| 49' 5" | John Pavelich(Canada) | .53 |
| 49' 4 ¹ / ₈ " | Barry Donath(Australia) | 3.54 |
| 48' 7 ³ / ₈ " | John Giles(England) | 5.53 |
| 48' 5 ³ / ₈ " | Peter Hanlin(Australia) | 2.54 |
| 47' 1 ³ / ₈ " | Patrick Horn(England) | 8.53 |
| 47' 1 ³ / ₈ " | Parduman Singh(India) | 2.54 |
| 47' 0 ³ / ₈ " | Mark Pharaoh(England) | 8.53 |

DISCUS THROW: (158' 0³/₈" Ian Reed(Aust.), 1950)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 164' 9 ³ / ₈ " | Gino Roy Pella(Canada) | 4.54 |
| 162' 5 ³ / ₈ " | Mark Pharaoh(England) | 6.53 |
| 160' 11" | Stephanus du Plessis(South Af.) | 11.53 |
| 157' 10" | Ian Reed(Australia) | 1.54 |
| 156' 1" | John Savidge(England) | 7.53 |
| 153' 9 ³ / ₈ " | Nico van Marle(South Africa) | 2.54 |
| 150' 10" | J.L. Dreyer(South Africa) | 11.53 |
| 145' 8" | Arthur Silbery(England) | 8.53 |
| 144' 10 ³ / ₈ " | James Abbott(England) | 7.53 |
| 142' 3 ³ / ₈ " | J. Pavelich(Canada) | .53 |

HAMMER THROW: (163' 10³/₈" Duncan Clark(Scot), 1950.)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 186' 4 ³ / ₈ " | J.L. Dreyer(South Africa) | 4.54 |
| 183' 2" | Ewan Douglas(Scotland) | 7.53 |
| 178' 10 ³ / ₈ " | Alec. Valentine(Scotland) | 8.53 |
| 177' 9" | Muhammad Iqbal(Pakistan) | 3.54 |
| 174' 8" | Don. Anthony(England) | 7.53 |
| 174' 4 ³ / ₈ " | Peter Allday(England) | 6.53 |
| 171' 3 ³ / ₈ " | Arthur Silbery(England) | 5.53 |
| 169' 7" | Frank Gandy(England) | 7.53 |
| 168' 1 ³ / ₈ " | Dennis Cullum(England) | 6.53 |
| 167' 4" | Thomas Mullins(Australia) | 3.54 |

JAVELIN THROW: (207' 1³/₈" Stanley Lay(N.Z.), 1930.)

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 220' 8" | Richard Miller(Northern Ireland) | 8.53 |
| 216' 4 ³ / ₈ " | John Achurch(Australia) | 2.54 |
| 214' 8 ³ / ₈ " | John Veitch(South Africa) | 10.53 |
| 210' 7" | Michael Denley(England) | 6.53 |
| 210' 4" | Muhammad Nawaz(Pakistan) | 3.54 |
| 209' 3" | Kevin Flanagan(Northern Ireland) | 6.53 |
| 208' 9" | Hans Moks(D.P./Canada) | 9.53 |
| 207' 0" | Colin Smith(England) | 9.53 |
| 205' 0 ³ / ₈ " | Dennis Tucker(England) | 7.53 |
| 200' 8 ³ / ₈ " | Douglas Cosh(England) | 6.53 |

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORDS

The complete list of Women's World's Records passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as May 1st 1954. (20 events)

RUNNING

| | | | | |
|------------|--------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| 100 Yards | 10.4 | Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia) | Sydney, N.S.W. Australia | Mar. 8 1952 |
| 220 Yards | 24.2 | Francina Elsje Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) | Brescia, Italy | June 29 1950 |
| 880 Yards | 2m14.5 | Valerie Margaret Ball (Great Britain) a. | London, England | Sept. 17 1952 |
| 60 Metres | 7.3 | Stanislava Walasiewiczówna (Poland) | Lemberg, Poland | Sept. 24 1933 |
| 100 Metres | 11.4 | Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia) | Gifu, Japan | Oct. 4 1952 |
| 200 Metres | 23.4 | Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia) | Helsinki, Finland | July 25 1952 |
| 800 Metres | 2m7.3 | Nina G. Otolenko (U.S.S.R.) b. | Moscow, U.S.S.R. | Aug. 27 1953 |

RELAYS

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|----------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 4 x 110 Yards | 46.3 | Australian National Team | London, England | Aug. 4 1952 |
| 4 x 220 Yards | 1m39.9 | Great Britain Team | London, England | Sept. 30 1953 |
| 3 x 880 Yds. | 6m49.0 | Great Britain Team | London, England | Aug. 3 1953 |
| 4 x 100 Metres | 45.6 | U.S.S.R. Team | Budapest, Hungary | Sept. 20 1953 |
| 4 x 200 Mtrs. | 1m36.4 | U.S.S.R. Team | Bucharest, Rumania | Aug. 9 1953 |
| 3 x 800 Mtrs. | 6m33.2 | U.S.S.R. Team | Budapest, Hungary | Sept. 19 1953 |

HURDLING

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|-----------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 80 Metres | 10.9 | Shirley Barbara de la Hunty | Helsinki, Finland | July 24 1952 |
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FIELD EVENTS

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|---------------|--|--|---------------------|---------------|
| HIGH JUMP | (5 ft. 7 ¹¹ / ₈) | 1.72m. Sheila Lerwill (Gt. Britain) e. | London, England | July 7 1951 |
| LONG JUMP | (20 ft. 6") | 6.25m. F.E. Blankers-Koen (Neths.) | Leiden, Netherlands | Sept. 19 1943 |
| SHOT PUTT | (53 ft. 1 ³ / ₈) | 16.20m. Galina Zybina (U.S.S.R.) | Malmö, Sweden | Oct. 9 1953 |
| DISCUS THROW | (187 ft. 1 ¹ / ₂) | 57.04m. Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.) | Tbilisi, U.S.S.R. | Oct. 18 1952 |
| JAVELIN THROW | (175 ft. 2 ¹ / ₂) | 53.41m. Natalia V. Smirnitckaja (USSR) | Moscow, U.S.S.R. | Aug. 5 1949 |

PENTATHLON

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 418 points | Gisela Mauermeyer (Germany) | Stuttgart, Germany | July 16/17 '38 |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|

a. Ball-nov Winn: b. Otolenko-formerly Pletneva: c. de la Hunty-formerly Strickland: d. Dvalishvili formerly Khnykina: e. Lerwill formerly Alexander: f. Smirnitckaja formerly Dyatlova.

MARKS SUPERIOR TO THOSE LISTED BUT NOT YET APPLIED FOR.

220 Yards. 24.0 Majorie Nelson (née Jackson) at Sydney, Australia Feb. 20 1954.
 880 Yards. 2m12.6 Ursula Jurewitz (Eastern Germany) at Budapest, Hungary Aug. 19 1953. (Note Eastern Germany is not affiliated to the I.A.A.F. so no recognition for this record seems possible.)
 60 Metres. 7.3 Nadezhda Dvalishvili (née Khnykina) at Oslo, Norway Oct. 2 1953. (Equals World's & Russian rec.)
 Long Jump. 20ft. 7¹¹/₈ (6.28) Yvette Winifred Williams (N.Z.) at Gisborne, New Zealand Feb. 20 1954.
 Javelin Throw. 175ft. 8¹¹/₈ (53.56) Nadezhda Konyayeva (U.S.S.R.) at Leningrad, U.S.S.R. Feb. 5 1954.

ANALYSIS.

Of the 20 accepted records U.S.S.R. hold 7, Australia 5 and Great Britain 4. The Netherlands hold 2, and Germany and Poland 1 apiece. These latter two are the only pre-war survivors. Of the remaining 18 no less than 11 have been set since the 1952 Olympic Games.

All records were set in Europe except for Mrs. Nelson's two short sprint records (100 yds. & 100 mtrs.)

Women's Championships of Europe 1938-54

The first time the women athletes of Europe met to decide who were the champions of the Continent they did so at a separate meeting at Vienna in 1938. In 1946 and 1950 the Championships were decided in conjunction with the men's meeting. The Pentathlon was added in 1950 and the 800 metres will be added at Berné in August. Fanny Blankers-Koen has been the most successful athlete with no less than 5 Gold Medals.

| 100 METRES | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1938 | Stanislava Walasiewiczówna (Poland) 11.9 |
| 1946 | Yevgeniya Sechenova (U.S.S.R.) 11.9 |
| 1950 | Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 11.7 |
| 200 METRES | |
| 1938 | Stanislava Walasiewiczówna (Poland) 23.8 |
| 1946 | Yevgeniya Sechenova (U.S.S.R.) 25.4 |
| 1950 | Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 24.0 |
| 4 x 100 METRES RELAY | |
| 1938 | GERMANY (Fini Kohl, Käthe Krauss, Emmy Albus, Ida Kühnel) 46.8 |
| 1946 | NETHERLANDS (E.E. Blankers-Koen, Martha Adema, ...) 46.8 |

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BEST PERFORMANCES

| Women's Events | |
|-------------------|--|
| 100 metres | 11.7 Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) Brussels Aug. 25 1950 |
| 200 metres | 23.8 Stanislava Walasiewiczówna (Poland) Vienna Sept. 18 1938 |
| 4 x 100 m. Relay | 46.8 Germany (Fini Kohl, Käthe Krauss, Emmy Albus, Ida Kühnel) Vienna Sept. 19 1938 |
| 80 metres Hurdles | 11.1 Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) Brussels Aug. 26 1950 |
| High Jump | 1.64 5'4 ¹¹ / ₈ " Ibolya Csák (Hungary) Vienna Sept. 18 1938 |
| | 1.64 5'4 ¹¹ / ₈ " Nelly van Balen-Blanken (Netherlands) Vienna Sept. 18 1938 |
| | 1.64 5'4 ¹¹ / ₈ " Feodora Solms (Germany) Vienna Sept. 18 1938 |
| Long Jump | 5.88 19'3 ¹ / ₂ " Irmgard Praetz (Germany) Vienna Sept. 16 1938 |
| Shot | 14.32 46'11 ¹ / ₈ " Anna Andreyeva (U.S.S.R.) Brussels Aug. 23 1950 |
| Discus | 48.03 157' 6 ¹ / ₈ " Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.) Brussels Aug. 25 1950 |
| Javelin | 47.55 156' 0" Natalia V Smirnitckaya-Dyatlova (USSR) Brussels Aug. 23 1950 |
| Pentathlon | 3,204 pts Arlette Ben Hamo (France) (Note -a) Brussels Aug. 25/6 1950 |

| 1950 | Nettie Timmer, Gerda Koudys) 47.8 |
|-------------------|---|
| | GREAT BRITAIN (Elspeth Hay, Jean C Desforges, Dorothy G Hall, June F Foulds) 47.4 |
| 80 METRES HURDLES | |
| 1938 | Claudia Testoni (Italy) 11.6 |
| 1946 | Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 11.8 |
| 1950 | Francina E Blankers-Koen (Netherlands) 11.1 |
| HIGH JUMP | |
| 1938 | Ibolya Csák (Hungary) 1.64 5' 4 ¹¹ / ₈ " |
| 1946 | Anne-Marie Colchen (France) 1.60 5' 3" |
| 1950 | Shelia Lerwill (Great Britain) 1.63 5' 4 ¹¹ / ₈ " |
| LONG JUMP | |
| 1938 | Irmgard Praetz (Germany) 5.88 19' 3 ¹ / ₂ " |
| 1946 | Gerda Koudys (Netherlands) 5.67 18' 7 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1950 | Valentina Bogdanova (U.S.S.R.) 5.82 19' 1 ¹ / ₈ " |
| SHOT PUTT | |
| 1938 | Hermine Schröder (Germany) 13.29 43' 7 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1946 | Tatyana Syevryukova (USSR) 14.16 46' 5 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1950 | Anna Andreyeva (U.S.S.R.) 14.32 46' 11 ¹ / ₈ " |
| DISCUS THROW | |
| 1938 | Gisela Mauermayer (Germany) 44.80 146' 11 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1946 | Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.) 44.52 146' 0 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1950 | Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.) 48.03 157' 6 ¹ / ₈ " |
| JAVELIN THROW | |
| 1938 | Lisa Gelius (Germany) 45.58 149' 6 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1946 | Klaudia Mayuchaya (U.S.S.R.) 46.25 151' 8 ¹ / ₈ " |
| 1950 | Natalia V Smirnitckaya (USSR) 47.55 156' 0" |
| PENTATHLON | |
| 1950 | Arlette Ben Hamo (France) 3,204 pts. |

| BERNE, 1954. | 1. Wednesday August 25th | 2. Thursday August 26th | 3. Friday August 27th | 4. Saturday August 28th | 5. Sunday August 29th |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| EVENTS (11) | | | | | |
| 100 METRES | | Heats 4.00 | S/Final 3.50 FINAL 6.10 | Heats 4.00 | FINAL 3.15 |
| 200 METRES | | | | | |
| 800 METRES | Heats 6.10 | | FINAL 5.00 | | |
| 4 x 100 METRES RELAY | | | | | FINAL 4.45 |
| 80 METRES HURDLES | | | Heats 4.30 | S/Final 11.00 FINAL 5.05 | |
| HIGH JUMP | Qualifying 4.40 | | | FINAL 4.15 | |
| LONG JUMP | | FINAL 4.50 | | | |
| SHOT PUTT | | FINAL 6.00 | | | |
| DISCUS THROW | | | FINAL 4.10 | | |
| JAVELIN THROW | FINAL 6.00 | | | | |
| PENTATHLON | | 1st Event 10.30 | 5th Event 5.15 | | |

2 EMPIRE RECORDS IN SPRINGBOK CHAMPS

From ALASTAIR MATTHEWS

Captain J.L. "Vic" Dreyer, the 15½ stone (215lbs.), 6ft. 2in. instructor at the Military College Vtvoogte, Pretoria broke the British Empire Hammer record (Ewan Douglas's 179'10", 1951) at the Northern Transvaal Championships at Pretoria on April 3rd with a throw of 184ft. 4ins. Forty-eight hours later, after travelling all night, he arrived at the Orange Free State township of Trompsburg and raised his mark to 186'4" (56.81). This mark on April 6th will not be applied for owing to sloping ground.

Dreyer showing fine consistency took the South African title in the Wembley Stadium, Johannesburg on April 19th with 183' 5"½. Dreyer, who is coached by post by Franz Stampfl, will be remembered as the man who was 5th at 133'8" in the 1952 A.A.A. Champs. in London. He now lifts upwards of 15 tons a day in weight-training and has touched 190 feet in training.

The former Oxford University pole vaulter Andries Burger made a brilliant come-back in the land of his birth when he tied Geoff Elliott's 13'9" Empire record to win the Union title. 'Os' first-timed at 12'11"½ and then took 13'6" with nearly a foot to spare. He sailed over 13'9" second time but called it a day as eager officials were setting the bar at 14 feet.

Other highlights were 'doubles' by Gerald Evans, who ran 47.9 secs and 1:53.9 for the 'quarter' and 'half'; and a du Plessis SP/DT 'double' at 51'5"½ and 160'4"½ with two fouls in the 166'-170' range. SUMMARY: 1st Day April 17th; 2nd Day April 19th.

100 Yds: (a) E. Mendelsohn 9.8; 220 Yds: Mendelsohn 21.7 (b); 440 Yds (b) G. Evans 47.9, Z. Joubert 47.9n, J. Vogelsang 48.5n; 880 Yds: (a) Evans 1:53.9, F. Swanepoel 1:54.1n; Mile: A. Jennings 4:14.3 (= rec.) D. Pypens 4:18.0; (b); 3 Miles: (a) Jennings 14:43.2; Marathon: (a) J. Mekler 2:35:25.0, W. Hayward 2:41:01.0 (v. tough course); 4x110 Yds: South Transvaal 42.0 (a); 120 Yds H.H.: (a) J. van der Merwe 14.8, P. Greyling 14.3; 220 Yds IH: (b) R. Wilkie 24.2, Greyling 24.3, J. Swart 24.4; 440 Yds H: (a) Wilkie 53.3, E. Roux 53.5n, S. Rousseau 53.9n; 2 Mile S/Ch: (a) J. Yeo 10:43.7; High Jump: (b) J. Truter 6'3"½; Pole Vault: (b) A. J. Burger 13'9" (= Empire rec.), D. Burger (cousin) 12'5"; Long Jump (a): J. Pentz 23'10"½, P. Boonzaaier 23'8"½, V. Staegeman 23'8"½; Hop, Step (b): Boonzaaier 48'7"½, E. Cooper 47'6"; Shot Putt (a): S. du Plessis 51'5"½, J. Short 45'9" (injured hand); Discus Throw: (b) du Plessis 160'4"½, S. Smit 141'11"½; Hammer Throw (b): J. Dreyer 183' 5"½, C. Blomerus 150'6"; Javelin Throw: (b): J. Veitch 210'11", G. Burger 190'5"½.

800M. IN 1:50.9 & 6'6¾ H. JUMP AT SÃO PAULO

José Telles da Conceição was the star of the South American Championships held at São Paulo, Brazil from April 17th to 25th. The Olympic High Jump Bronze Medalist besides collecting his speciality at 6'6"¾ (2.00m) for a new South American record equalled the 200 metres record of 21.2 with a 4 yard win over Columbia's Jaime Aparicio (21.7).

The meeting was somewhat spoilt by the so far unexplained absence of the Argentinian athletes. Other sub-Continental records were an 800 metres victory in 1m.50.9 by Ramón Sandoval of Chile from Argemiro Roque (1:53.6) and Adelon Dias Netto both Brazilians; and a 4 x 100 metres sprint relay by Brazil in 40.8. The Olympic Hop, Step and Jump Champion and former World Record holder Ademar Ferreira da Silva hit his Helsinki form exactly with a great effort of 16.22m or 53'2"½, and supporting leaps of 52'10"¼ (16.11) and 52'7"¾ (16.04). Three days after the championship proper (on April 21) da Silva produced 53'1" (16.18) in a special event - here truly is the greatest exponent of the event yet produced!

Jaime Aparicio (Columbia) won the 400m Hurdles by a full second in 52.5 from Wilson Gomes Carneiro (Brazil), who won the 110 metres High Hurdles in 14.3s. The 3,000 metres steeplechase - a comparatively new event in South America - was won in a new best time of 9:14.9 by Edgar Mitt (Brazil).

Long Jumping which lags behind the other field events in most parts of the world seems to thrive in South America. Fermín Walter Donazar (Uruguay) who was in the sub 7 metre class last year blossomed out with a winning 7.51 or 24'7"¾ to beat Mario Gonzalez's (Brazil) best of 7.47 (24'6"¾).

Other Winners: - 100 metres Paulo Cabral (Brazil) 10.6; 400 metres Mario Nascimento (Brazil) 48.3; 1,500 metres Jaime Correa (Chile) 3:56.3; 5,000 metres Jaime Correa (C) 15:00.1; 10,000 metres Jaime Correa (C) 31:14.0; "Half Marathon" Geraldo Alves (Brazil) 1h:13:01.8; 4 x 400m Relay Brazil 3:15.6; PV 3.90 (12'9"½) Brigidio Iriarte (Ven); SP 15.32 (50'3"¾) Alcides Damros (B); DT 47.44 (155'7"¾) Eduardo Julve (Peru) HT 50.65 (166'2"¾) Walter Kupper (B); JT 61.33 (201'2"½) Carlo Monger (Peru)

CARR SETS NEW JUNIOR MARKS IN S.P. & D.T.

Britain at last showed the production of a junior field events athlete comparable with the formidable American High School prodigies, when Gerald Carr made his 1954 debut at the London Athletic Club's Schools meeting at the White City Stadium on April 23 and 24. The 6ft. 2ins tall, 14+stone Wanstead boy shattered all previous national standards in the discus (3lbs 5 ozs) with a throw of 165'0"½ (50.35), and managed a shot putt of 52'8" (12 lbs.) (16.05m), which, though below the top 20 American junior marks, sufficed to beat the previous British Junior Best by 16 inches. Carr's discus mark would by comparison have won third place on the 1953 U.S. High Schools list. More impressive even than Carr in the Shot Putt was D.R. Harrison (Sherborne-Chataway's old school), who reached 51'1" and can obviously improve his technique to a far greater extent than can the winner.

Another British Junior best was achieved in Throwing the 12lbs Hammer, Michael Ellis, who had been coached upto an impressive practice, on the previous Tuesday, of 184'10", reached 175'4" in the first competition of his life. P.J. Strickland, from that deservedly famous athletics school - John Fishers of Purley, was not far behind with 174'2"½.

On the track perhaps the most notable achievement was by R. Grounds (Millfield) who won the Under 16 440 yards by the grotesque margin of 15 yards in 52.6! Of the 879 boys who entered the one who had to swallow the bitterest pill was W.R.E. White (Campbell College) who, having won his 880 yards heat in an unnecessarily fast 1m.58.0 (¾ a second inside the meeting record), found himself hopelessly outrun in the final, won by T.A. Jameson (Lancing) in 1 min. 59.3 secs. M. Berisford (Repton), who is reputed to run a fantastic weekly milage in training on Pirie lines, was second and a very tired White third.

OTHER WINNERS: 100 yards J.Spooner (Plaistow C.G.) 10.3; 440 yards C.J.W. Haines (Malvern) 50.5; Mile, B.G. Stone (Brockley C.G.S.) 4:25.4; 120 yards Hurdles, B. Brett (Portsmouth G.S.) 15.6; 4 x 110 yds. Relay Royal Belfast A.T. 45.8; Mile Walk, A.T. Tomson (Latymer Upper) 7:23.8; 3/4 mile Steeplechase, A.T. Ratcliffe (R.N.C., Dartmouth) 3:41.6; HJ D. Luke (Gold Coast & King's, Taunton) 5'11". LJ S. Orman (Hackney Down G.S.), the holder, 21'5"½. PV, A.C. Cowey (Bede G.S.) 11'0". JT, C.N. Loveland (St. Bede's) 179'6"½. CHALLENGE CUP - G.A. Carr (Wanstead C.H.)

EARLY SEASON - BRITISH MARKS LIST 2

Additions to the first 1954 list of Best British Marks (p.26) are listed below. Those marked + rank for inclusion in Empire List.

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| 220Yds: | 22.1 | D.J.N. Johnson (O.U.A.C.) | Oxford | May 8 |
| 440Yds: | 48.0+ | D.J.N. Johnson (O.U.A.C.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 49.6 | R.T. Baker (U.L.A.C.) | Motspur Park | May 8 |
| | 49.7n | T.L. Higgins (Herne Hill H.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 49.9n | A. Dick (Achilles Club) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| 880Yds: | 1:52.2 | B. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| | 1:53.6n | A.W. Scott (Achilles Club) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| | 1:54.7 | I.H. Boyd (O.U.A.C.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| Mile | 3:59.4+ | R.G. Bannister (Achilles Club) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 4:07.2+ | C.J. Chataway (Achilles Club) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 4:11.4 | V. Milligan (Instonians) | Dublin | May 4 |
| | 4:11.6 | J.S. Evans (U.L.A.C.) | Motspur Park | May 8 |
| | 4:12.2 | I.H. Boyd (O.U.A.C.) | Oxford | May 8 |
| | 4:13.0 | B.S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.) | Tooting | Apr. 24 |
| | 4:13.8 | J.I. Disley (London A.C.) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| 2 Miles | 9:01.4 | F.D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C) | Oxford | May 6 |
| 3 Miles | 14:04.6 | W.P. Ranger | Dublin | May 4 |
| | 14:06.0n | K.L. Norris (Thames Valley H.) | Dublin | May 4 |
| 120yHH | 14.7w | P.B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H) | Oxford | May 6 |
| High Jump | 6'3" | C. Van Dyck (London A.C.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 6'2" | G.A. Jeffries (O.U.A.C./N.Z.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 6'2" | R.C. Pavitt (Polytechnic H.) | Imber Court | May 8 |
| Pole Vault | 13'0" | N.G.A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| | 13'4"½ | G.M. Elliott (Woodford Green) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| Triple Jump | 48'10"+ | K.S.D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C) | Woodford | Apr. 17 |
| | 47' 0" | J.E.C. Whall (Kent A.C.) | Wimbledon | Apr. 17 |
| Shot | 55' 2"½ | J.A. Savidge (R.N. (South) A.C.) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| Discus 163' | 0"4 | M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 153' 4" | J.A. Savidge (R.N. (south) A.C.) | Cardiff | May 8 |
| Javelin 214' | 0"0 | W.W. Kretschmar (O.U.A.C) | Oxford | May 6 |
| 1500m | 3:43.0u | R.G. Bannister (Achilles Club) | Oxford | May 6 |
| | 3:46.0u | C.J. Chataway (Achilles Club) | Oxford | May 6 |

CORRIGENDA p.25 for 52.3yH Walt. Smith read 53.0y June 6th 1947.

SEVEN FOOT HIGH JUMP NOT VALID

cont:fromfront page col.2) indicated that forms would be submitted to the I.A.A.F. for whom it takes two to make a competition. The significance of this ruling was temporarily made more important when on May 1st news came from Astbury Park, N.J. that Stan Lampert had come through with a most unlooked for 59'5 1/2" (18.13). Lampert, a 6'5" tall New Yorker's whose erratic career is seen in the table alongside, was to enjoy glory for a very brief spell for on May 8 in Los Angeles O'Brien made the putt to end putts with a titanic 60'5 1/4" (18.42). This stupendous effort thus followed in-side 48 hours of the four minute mile.

ALL THIS AND THE SEVEN FOOT JUMP TOO!

At Commerce, Texas another epoch-opening mark was made when the 23 year old 6'7" tall 171 lbs. Chuck Holding cleared a bar at 7 feet in training on April 24th. In fact what happened was that Dr. Hawthorne, Director of Physical Education at East Texas State set the bar at what he thought was 7 ft. 2 ins. Holding hit it but it did not fall. On remeasurement it was found to be exactly at 7 feet! Holding's attempt to repeat the feat at San Marcos, Tex. on May 1 amounted to 'only' 6'7 1/2". His meteoric career is shown (left). Though he topped the world list in 1951 at the age of still 20 his rating was only fifth while his improved competitive record in 1953 gave him both 4th ranking and 4th rating.

| LAMPERT | | |
|---------|------|-----------|
| 1947 | (12) | 52'4 1/2" |
| 1948 | (15) | 52'5 1/2" |
| 1949 | (2) | 56'6 1/2" |
| 1950 | (7) | 55'0 1/4" |
| 1951 | (16) | 52'7 1/2" |
| 1952 | (8) | 55'2" |
| 1953 | (23) | 52'8 1/2" |

HOLDING

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|------|-----|----------|
| 1951 | (1) | 6'9 1/2" |
| 1952 | (2) | 6'9 1/2" |
| 1953 | (4) | 6'9 1/2" |

U.S. ROUND-UP from Dispatches by Don Potts.

SPRINTS: Speediest 100 yard mark to date was a 9.3 by Olympic 4th placer Dean Smith at Dallas on May 1. The world record-equalling time has no chance, however because of a 7.7 m.p.h. aiding wind. Smith also had a 9.4w at College Station, Tex. on April 10 but the fastest valid marks to date are his 9.5 at Austin (Apr. 7) and a 9.5 by Frank Daugherty at Houston (March 6). Heading the 220 yard list at 20.7 is this same freshman. The time was registered at Austin on the same day as Smith's 9.5. Three other men are under 21 flat.: 20.8 Bill Swisshelm (Hunt Beach 13/3), Frank Newman (Miami) and Fred Lucas (San Jose, 10/4) both at 20.9. Les Laing hit 21 flat on May 1.

QUARTER-MILE: Out ahead is Jim Lea of U.S.C. who ran a relay leg in 46.7 at Los Angeles on Apr. 3. A week later he ran 47.8 while at Berkeley on May 1 he returned 47.0 over 440 yards to match his personal best of 46.7m made at the Compton Relays in 1953.

HALF-MILE: The only mark inside 1:52.0 to date stands to the credit of the indefatigable Wes Santee, who on April 18th married Dana Lou Denning. This was a 1:51.2 at Berkeley on Apr. 10. Earlier however Santee had run relay stages in 1:48.3 at Austin on Apr. 2 in anchoring the Kansas mile medley relay team to a world's best of 3:20.2 so bettering their own previous fastest of 3:21.8 at Austin on Mar. 27th 1953. The next day Santee ran the anchor leg in Kansas's 7:34.1 4x 880 yards relay team in 1:49.5!

ONE MILE: Here again Santee has dominated the picture. On April 3rd at Austin, Texas he ran a last leg in a 4x1 mile relay for Kansas in 4:06.0. On Apr. 10th at Berkeley he ran 4:05.5 (60.7, 61.7, 62.2 & 3:49.1m and 60.9). On his wedding eve on Apr. 17 at Lawrence he ran a fine 4:03.1 to win by over 100 yards (laps: 59.5, 61.7, 63.3, 58.6). At the Drake Relays on Apr. 24 Santee ran a 4:07.4 stage to bring Kansas a U.S.A. Medley Relay record of 9:50.4. The previous evening he had run a 1:49.8 leg in a 3:21.4 sprint medley. On May 1st his advertised world record attempt on the 880 yards realised only 1:53.5 at Manhattan.

HURDLES: King of the Highs is Olympic silver medallist and co-record holder Jack Davis. After a 14.1 at Santa Barbara on Apr. 17, Davis returned 14.0 secs. at Des Moines in a special Drake Relay event on Apr. 24. Over the long route Olympian Lee Yoder ran 53.6y at the same meeting while on the first day of the Penn Relays little Josh Culbreath returned 52.4 for the 400 metres hurdles.

HIGH JUMP: The nearest approach to Holding's 7 foot practice leap has been his own 6'9 1/2" jump at Odessa, Tex. back on March 27. On the 10th April Ernie Shelton came within 1/16th of this with 6'9 7/16ths in the USC v Stanford meet at Los Angeles. Two more over 6'8" have been Les Vanover also at Odessa and Floyd Jeter (6'8 5/8") at Bakersfield (nearby the World's deepest oil well) on Apr. 9.

POLE VAULT: High Light has been Don Laz's 15'2" clearance at the Ohio Relays (Columbus, Apr. 17). This mark 1/4" higher than his only other 15 foot outdoor clearance at Los Angeles on Apr. 21 1951 shows that his slump to 12th spot in the 1953 world list meant little. Ahead of a host of 14 footers are Earl Poucher 14'7 1/4" (4.45) (Auburn, Apr. 24) and Red Barnes 14'6" at Fresno the day before.

LONG JUMP: Malachi Andrews got in the first good mark of the (col. 2)

EMPIRE BESTS: PRICE (25'2"), PELLA (164'9 3/4")

season with a 25'0 1/4" at Tuscon (Mar. 27). At Austin on Apr. 2nd John Bennett got a beautiful 25'8 1/2" ahead of South Africa's Neville Price whose 25'2" (7.67) is the best ever by an Empire athlete apart from 'Bush' Thompson's great leap in 1947. George Brown kept his hand in with a 25'2 1/2" (7.68) exhibition at Los Angeles on Apr. 9th.

DISCUS: The Santa Barbara Relays on April 17 saw discus history when Leon Patterson, who in 1952 putt the 12 lb. shot 60'9 1/2", won fourth place in 175'3" (53.41)! Out ahead were world record man Fortune Gordien (186'2 1/2"), the tow-haired Des Koch (177'5 1/2") and 3rd Parry O'Brien with 176'5". At Whittier on Apr. 9 Gordien had had an exhibition throw of 187'2" (57.05) while at Pasadena on Apr. 2 he registered a brilliant series: 180'1 1/2"; 184'8 1/2"; 185'8 1/2"; 185'7 1/2"; 188'6 1/2"; Canada's Roy Pella threw 164'9 3/4" on April 23.

NEW MARATHON THREAT

A new star in marathon running arose when at the Portuguese Championships at Lisbon at 9 a.m. on April 11th Jose Araujo, 30 (right) ran on the out-and-home course in 2:21:00.6 - time only ever beaten by Jim Peters (G.B.) at Turku on Oct. 4 (2:18:34.8) and Enschede on Sept. 12 (2:19:22.0). Araujo, 5'5" and 119 lbs. dropped Claudino Martins (2:29:36.4) after the turn which was reached in 70:44.1.



THE LAST OF 42,195 METRES!

EUROPEANS SWEEP BOSTON MARATHON

Japan's past dominance of the annual classic marathon race at Boston was ended on Apr. 19 when Veikko Karvonen, 28 led home Jim Peters of Britain, 35 in a fast 2:20:39.0 despite adverse winds. It was Karvonen's 7th win in 15 marathons and Peters's only loss apart from the Olympics in 10 races. The 122 pound Finn had got in over 40 practice runs with Erkki Puolukka in his 28 day pre-race sojourn whereas Peters flew in only 54 hours before the off.

SUMMARY: 1) Veikko Karvonen (Fin.) 2:20:39; 2) Jim Peters (G.B.) 2:22:40; 3) Erkki Puolukka (Fin.) (28) 2:24:25; 4) Kurau Hiroshima (Jap) (25) 2:25:30; 5) Katsua Nishida (Jap) (25) 2:27:35; 6) Delfo Cabrera-Gomez (35) 2:27:50; 7) John Kelley (U.S.) (23) 2:28:51.

WHITFIELD HANDED 2 DEFEATS BY BRECKENRIDGE (4:06.3) & HALBERG (N.Z.)

World half-mile record-holder Mal Whitfield was handed two mile defeats by two Vancouver prospects in 9 days. On April 24 at the Penn Relays, Philadelphia the 20 year old New Zealander record holder at 4:04.4 drew away steadily from the gun to win in 4:10.0 (just 1.7 secs outside Bannister's 1951 event record). Whitfield came home ahead of Fred Wilt (4:18.0) in 4:16.7. At Atlantic City, N.J. at the annual Boardwalk Mile the 22 year old American born Scot Alex Breckenridge was brought in as a last minute pace-maker for Whitfield on the "L" shaped boarded track for which the best time was set at 4:05.5 in 1950 by Fred Wilt. In a real 'Rags to Riches' story it was the Olympic champion who paced the Villanova student to a 4 yard victory with 4:06.3 against 4:06.9. The track is regarded as 'worth' about 4 secs. which ties up with Breckenridge's best of 4:11.2 on a regular 4 lap track (Glasgow, 13/6/53).

2 SOVIET RECORDS

On May 2nd in Russia two Soviet records were bettered when Mikhail Krivonosov raised his hammer record to 199'2 3/4" (60.74). His No. 4 position on the world list remains the same. Vladimir Kuznetsov added 2 cms. to his javelin record with 251'4 1/8" (76.61) thus staying in eighth spot. Janusz Sidlo (Poland) has two early marks of 231'7 1/2" & 229'2 1/2" while the great Consolini opened with 173'8 1/2", then 174'8".

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The 5'10 1/2" (1.80m) high jump by the Athens girl student Arghyriou reported on April 1st was an Aprilkamt (April Fool).