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ZÁTOPEK MODERNIZES 5,000 (13:57.2) AND 10,000 METRES (28:54.2) INSIDE 48 HOURS

by R. L. QUERCETANI

The echo of Bannister's Dream Mile was still audible (actually, Russia's "Sovyetstkiy Sport" brought the news of this historic achievement to its readers only on May 29!) when Emil Zátopek came to Western Europe and put up an almost incredible Iron Man's stunt by breaking 3 world's records within 48 hours, first with a sizzling 13:57.2 for 5,000 metres at Colombes Stadium, Paris on Sunday, May 30, then with an amazing 28:54.2 for 10,000 metres at the little known Trois Tilleuls Stadium, Brussels, on Tuesday, June 1, passing the 6 miles mark in an official 27:59.2.

Remarkably enough, Zátopek achieved this almost superhuman double without the help of any "mechanical hare": in Paris he forged ahead after 300 metres and lapped all but 4 of his "opponents", while in Brussels he came to the fore in the second lap and, though reportedly looking uglier than ever, relentlessly negotiated the rest of the long distance in ever increasingly splendid isolation till the glorious end.

Intermediate times tell the story succinctly of these two exploits :-

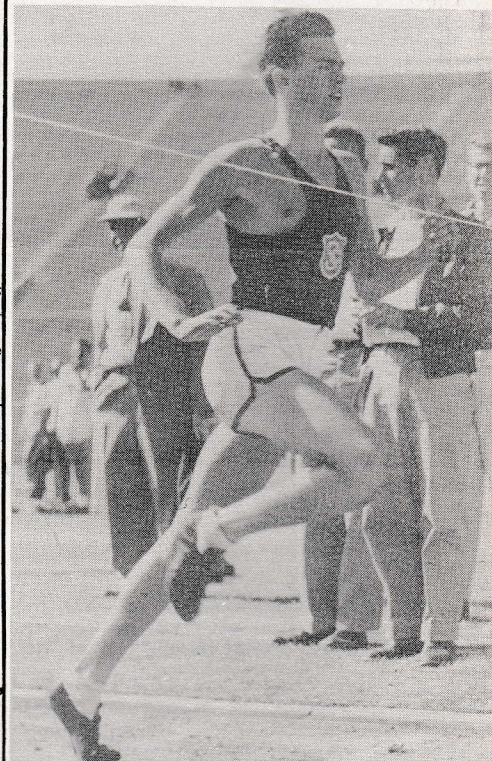
5,000 METRES (Paris May 30)			10,000 METRES (Brussels June 1)		
1,000m	2:47.2	(2:47.2)	1,000m	2:47.8	(2:47.8)
2,000m	5:34.4	(2:47.2)	2,000m	5:44.2	(2:56.4)
3,000m	8:23.4	(2:49.0)	3,000m	8:38.2	(2:54.0)
4,000m	11:13.4	(2:50.0)	4,000m	11:34.0	(2:55.8)
5,000m	13:57.2	(2:43.8)	5,000m	14:27.6	(2:53.6)
			6,000m	17:23.0	(2:55.4)
			7,000m	20:16.4	(2:53.4)
			8,000m	23:11.6	(2:55.2)
			9,000m	26:07.4	(2:55.8)
			10,000m	28:54.2	(2:46.8)

The first race was not timed at 3 miles. Judging from his 4,800m time at 13:27.0, his time at 3 miles (28.04 of metres further) must have been close to, if not superior to, Gunder Hägg's world mark of 13:32.4.

THE NEW AND THE OLD RECORDS :-			
5,000m Hägg(1942)	13:58.2	13:57.2	
6 Miles Zátopek(1953)	28:08.4	27:59.2	
10,000m Zátopek(1953)	29:01.6	28:54.2	

ran the first half in 14:27.6, the second in 14:26.6 - so it can be said that he BEAT PAAVO NURMI'S BEST FOR 5,000m (14:28.2) TWICE ON END. In more English terms, Zátopek is the first man to run the equivalent of two consecutive 3 miles in less than 14 mins. apiece!

The outstanding event in Europe so far is the javelin. The European reply to Bill Miller's 255'8"½ on May 22 at Modesto, California was on the following day at Kiev. In the course of a pentagonal meeting, consistent Vladimir Kuznetsov bettered his Russian record for the second time this year, with 78.19 (256'6"¾). Four days after this, on May 27 at Eldintarba (=Zoological Garden) ground, Helsinki, Toivo Hyytiäinen threw his "Held Special" 78.98 (259'1"½); thus breaking Yrjö Nikkanen's 16 year old Finnish record (258'2"¾), which is still - at least officially - the world's record for the event. (THE REST OF THE NEWS FROM EUROPE IS REPORTED EVENT BY EVENT ON BACK PAGE (page 50.))



JIM LEA, 1954's world top-ranking quarter-miler. This 21 year old, 6 foot, 160 pound athlete from the University of Southern California returned 46.7 secs. on June 12th to retain his N.C.A.A. 440 yards title at Ann Arbor, Mich., while on May 21 at the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays he anchored the Trojan 4x 440yds. team in 46.2 secs.

CHATAWAY 8:41.0 (2 MILES) & WILMSHURST 50'-1½" (H.S.J.)

The 1954 Whitsun British Games before a total crowd of over 70,000 on June 5th and 7th were highlighted by Chris Chataway's defeat of the Czech ace Stanislav Jungwirth by over 100 yards in the 2 miles in 8:41.0 and the purely British landmark of a first 50 foot triple jump by Ken Wilmshurst. The other big items were the 880 yards victory of Stanislav Jungwirth over Roger Bannister in 1:50.7 and the arrival of a new star in 21 year old Derek Johnson who won the domestic Inter-Counties' event in 1:50.2, passing through the 800 metres mark in an unofficially timed 1:49.5

Chataway's 'failure' to beat Gaston Reiff's 1952 world 2 mile record of 8:40.4 by six tenths was due to no lack of ability but a combination of jaded pace-making and tardy lap-calling. The 8:53 man Freddie Green lead for the first lap in 62.2 and then Chris Brasher, not surprisingly tired from his 4:09.0 mile 48 hours before, took over for a 2:09.6 first half-mile. Bannister (cont: p. 49.)

O'BRIEN 60'10" & SANTEE'S 3:42.8 1,500 METRES HEAD THE U.S. PARADE - from Dr. Don Potts.

Mopping up operations in the Battle of the Barriers brought forth two new world records when, on June 4th at the Compton Invitational, Wes Santee at last broke the three-way tie of 3:43.0 for 1,500 metres with a 3:42.8 'temps de passage' in history's second fastest mile (4:00.6) and on June 11 at Los Angeles O'Brien raised the shot record for the fourth time this year with 60'10" (18.54).

The 22 year old Kansan Santee began his counter-attack in earnest on May 29th when he moved from fifth to equal second on the world's all-time mile list with an American record of 4:01.3 at Kansas City. Nursing a slightly strained leg muscle Santee was nicely paced to near the bell first by Lloyd Koby and then by Art Dalzell. His lap times were 58.0; 62.2; 61.8 and 59.3 while at 1,500 metres (119.58 yds. short of the tape) he was caught at 3:44.7 - just 0.5 secs. outside his best of last July in Sweden. Only 6 days later Santee was on the war path again at Compton, California on June 4th. This time Marty Montgomery (a 4:14.2 man) set the early pace with 57.0 until relieved by Billy Tidwell who was dropped by the champion in the third lap. Santee hit the bell in 2:59.0 and passed three official timers at 1,500 metres in 3:42.8 thus dispatching Gunder Hägg's Göteborg record of 3:43.0 just 3 days (Cont: page 50.)

SANTEE RUNS 4:00.6 THEN 4:00.7

(cont: from front page.) short of its 10th birthday. A chill wind blowing down the home stretch gusted as Santee strove for the second tape and Bannister's record. However the last 119.6 yards took him 1.4 secs. longer to cover (17.8 against 16.4secs.) and he had to be content with a brilliant 4:00.6 for an American record and the second fastest mile in history. At Los Angeles with the waiting U.S. Marine drill sergeants only a few days away Santee on his one but last day as a civilian made a do or die effort on June 11th. This time he had Josy Barthel to contend with. After a first lap in 59.0, the pair reached the half-way mark in 1:59.0 and Barthel went strongly round the third lap to record 3:00.2 (Santee 3:00.4) at the bell. Nearing the 1,500 metre post the Olympic champion suddenly cracked leaving Santee to record 3:43.6 and to struggle on alone for 17.1 secs. to complete a 60.5 secs. last lap for a heart-breaking 4:00.7. Barthel trailed home second in a troubled 4:09.0.

O'Brien, the 6'3", 230 pound "Human Mortar", who was 22 last January 28, had his greatest night out yet when his series crescendoed thus 57'3" (17.45); 59'0" (17.99); 60'5" (18.43); 60'6" (18.44) then a world record 60'8" (18.50) followed by another world record 60'10" (18.54)! This was his seventh 60 foot plus putt.

U.S. EVENT BY EVENT ROUND-UP - DON POTTS

SPRINTS: Top sensation in the dash department was the 9.4 sec. 100 yards in a California High School Meet at Berkeley on May 22 by 18 year old James Jackson aided by an allowable wind of 4 m.p.h. Seven days later Jackson defeated Leamon King with 9.6 and 21.2 and on June 5th won the Pacific A.A.U. titles at Stockton with 9.6 and 20.8. This Alameda schoolboy who now shares Jesse Owens National Inter-scholastic record thus proved himself to be no one day wonder. Dean Smith (9.3w, May 1) kept his unbeaten record with a 9.5 at the South West Conference at Waco, Texas on May 6. At the Coliseum on May 21 the 'Dean' was the centre of storm when with a rolling start he downed a white hot field in 9.6 to beat Andy Stanfield and 1953's No.1 Willie Williams, who on May 29 won the Big 10 Title in 9.5 secs. The cinder debut of the co-holder of the world record Hec. Hogan of Australia at Modesto on May 22 resulted in a 1 foot 9.7 sec. victory for Rod Richard. Hogan was suffering from the after effects of inoculations but had the added misfortune to pull a muscle at the Pacific A.A.U. meet at Stockton on June 5th.

QUARTER-MILE: Fulfilling his great promise of last season Trojan Jim Lea is the man to beat. The closest approach to his 46.7 secs. on June 12 at Ann Arbor, Michigan for his second N.C.A.A. title has come from the husky blond Jesse Mashburn when at the Coliseum on May 21 he outlasted George Rhoden (47.5n), Charles Jenkins and Walt Burnett (both 47.7n) with a 47.3 timing. At the Compton Nocturne Mashburn was edged out when Lea, who had been cut out on the bend and thus had to run around the field, stormed up and fell over the line in 47.1 against 47.2. Third was Rhoden (47.4) and fourth Thane Baker (47.5).

HALF-MILE: Mal Whitfield suffered one of the worst frights of his seven year long domination of the world of the two lap distance when at Compton he was passed 120 yards out by the amazing UCIA freshman Bob Seaman. The old master however retrieved the position in the closing strides with the season's best of 1:49.8 against Seaman's 1:49.9n. The effort may have cost him dearer than it appeared for the next day Wes Santee at Stockton handed him one of his very rare defeats by 7 full yards in 1:50.0

MILE: Harvard's famous track at Cambridge, Mass. on which Lovelock (4:07.6, 1933) and Glenn Cunningham (4:06.7, 1934) made their world records, was the scene of a still faster mark in a special mile race during the windswept Heptagonal Games by Josy Barthel who downed Fred Dwyer (4:07.2n) with his personal best for the English mile with 4:06.3 - just a second shy of Hagg's track record of 1943. After a distasteful fourth place in 4:19.6 behind Sweden's Ingvar Eriksson (4:13.4) at the Coliseum Relays (May 21) Mal Whitfield withdrew from the lists as a would-be miler.

TWO MILES: The only two sub 9 minute marks to date have been Wes. Santee's 8:58.0 (May 8) and a 8:58.8 by Gene Matthews of Purdue at Milwaukee on June 5th.

HIGH HURDLES: Co-holder of the Olympic record Jack Davis, who last year won 38 out of his 39 races, is very much tops. His Modesto win in 13.8 on May 22 was his fifth sub 14 flat mark in 8 days while at Compton on June 4 he looked really great as he closed to within a tenth of Dick Attlessey's 4 year old world marks with a 4 yard win over Willard Wright (14.1n) in 13.6 secs. Top low hurdler is Willie Thomson of Illinois whose 22.7 sec. on May 8 is on its own.

SHELTON 6'-10¹/₂", MILLER · 255' 8¹/₂"

HIGH JUMP: The duel for No.1 spot on the world's rankings between U.S.C.'s Ernie Shelton and the Texan Chuck Holding continued unabated in May and June after the latter had on April 24 cleared 7 feet in training. Shelton's 6'9³/₄" on May 8 was overtaken on May 15 when, at the aptly named Lone Star Conference Meet at Commerce, Texas, Holding cleared 6'10" (2.083). Shelton (see page 19) came right back at the Compton meeting on June 4 with a delicately executed straddle of 6'10¹/₂" (2.095). Of his three attempts at 7 feet the second was the narrowest of misses. Down in the troposphere a newcomer is the 5ft.9in. (1.75m.) tall Doug. Spainhower, who, on May 14, turned in a 6'8".

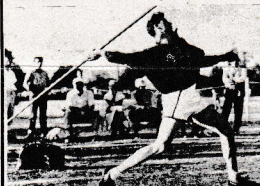
POLE VAULT: At the West Coast Relays on May 15 at Fresno 8 men scaled 14 feet or more. Winners were Olympic Champion Bob Richards and Booby Smith who both did 14'8" (4.47m.) while the next six tied for third at 14'0". A week later at the Coliseum the two Bobs tangled in a 3 way tie at the same height with Don Laz. Richards was back to Olympian heights at Pasadena on May 29 when he zipped over 14'11³/₄" (4.566m.).

LONG JUMP: Twenty-five men over 24 feet presages an up-turn in this long-slumped event. The three select men over 25 feet were joined on June 4th at Compton by the great George Brown with 25'0¹/₂" (7.63m.). John Bennett of Marquette remained well ahead with his early season 25'8¹/₂" (7.835m.).

SHOT-PUTT: The cinder wilderness stretching back from O'Brien's remotest putts remains uncratered apart from Lampert's great 59'15³/₄" effort at Asbury Park, N.J. on May 1. The mighty Tom Jones of Miami has been favouring a sprained wrist so has had to be content with marks two feet below his 56'3³/₄" (17.15m.) of April 10th. Pick of the second rank have been Roosevelt Grier (55'8¹/₂" May 1), Sweden's 'Fritz' Nilsson (55'4¹/₄") and John Stellern (55'4¹/₂" May 15) though on May 8 Don Vick (an all-time great with the 12 lb. shot) created a freshman's record which landed with a sinister thud at 54'0¹/₂" (16.47m.).

DISCUS THROW: In the relaxed atmosphere of a two-handed competition at Pasadena on May 3, Fortune Gordien set the 1954 standard with 192' 5". At Fresno on May 15 Gordien was formally served with notice that the 1956 Olympic crown might be as elusive as those of 1948 & 1952 for he found that his 182'9³/₄" was insufficient to defeat Parry O'Brien whose 184'1¹/₂" raised him to No.3 of all-time. The world record-holder, who on May 3 had fouled a throw of 196'4" (59.84m.), squared accounts with a fully-suited 181'10" which shunted O'Brien to second at 178'0". At Stockton it was Gordien again with 181'1¹/₂" with O'Brien 4th in 155'0¹/₂".

JAVELIN THROW: Bill Miller with a personal best of 255'8¹/₂" (77.94m.) at Modesto on May 22 is out on his own. The mark which ranks him sixth in the world (before last year he would have been second only to Yrjö Nikkanen) was made with a solid spear loaned by the convalescent Bud Held who was second with 243'4". At Compton Miller got another one off to 249'4" to beat Stanford's fast improving Les Long (235'9³/₄").



Bud Held making his 263'10" throw at Pasadena (8.8.1953)

WORLD RECORD RELAYS

In the welter of individual marks two world relay records failed to escape attention. On May 21 at the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays the 4 x880 yards figures of 7:29.2 (U.S. team in London in 1952) were bettered by three teams! In this greatest ever competitive relay Fordham (Terry Foley (1:54.7), Frank Tarsney (1:53.3), Bill Persichetty (1:51.1) and Tom Courtney (1:48.5)) totalled 7:27.3 to win over California, for whom Lon Spurrier anchored in an unavailing 1:49.5, in 7:28.5 and Occidental in 7:28.9. Two other great legs in the 7 team race were Peter Gray's 1:48.5 which brought Michigan from sixth to 1st in the third leg and Jim Terill's 1:49.8 which maintained Oxy in third place in the anchor stage. The fastest times over each stage would have totalled 7:22.6 while the fastest four in the race 7: 16.0!. The next night at Modesto the Texan quartet lead off by Dean Smith tied the listed world 4x110 yards relay figures of 40.5 though the importance of this depends on whether or not their 40.3 mark of April 17 at Lawrence is ratified by the I.A.A.F. (see p.33.)



Little known in Europe Willie Williams of Illinois ranked No.1 in the world for 1953 for the short sprint

'The Red Fox of Oxford' By Norris McWhirter

Sir John Falstaff once bellowed "Will you tell me, Master Shallow, how to choose a man? Care I for the limbs, the thews, the stature, the bulk and the big assemblance of a man: give me his spirit." If such was his yardstick then 5½ centuries later Falstaff would have singled out from any company Christopher John Chataway. With a spirit more fiery than his auburn hair, this Chelsea, London-born athlete showed the world his mettle at the Helsinki Olympic Games when, having fallen across the curb of the track just 150 metres from home in the 5,000 metres final, he picked himself up winded and semi-conscious to complete the course to finish 5th in a time 9.8 secs. faster than his previous fastest time.

The Chataway Story really opened on April 17th 1948 when a well knit miler from Sherborne School in Dorset went to the University of London track at Mootspur Park in Surrey to try his luck in the Public Schools' Mile race. The 17 year old came third behind two milers whose best times he soon overtook. The winner was Victor Milligan of Belfast in 4:35.2 some 40 yards ahead of David Law from Sheffield's King Edward VII School. On June 5th 1954 over six years later Milligan again beat Law over a mile with 4:09.2 as against 4:09.8 but neither have yet matched Chataway's 4:07.2 behind Roger Bannister's world record 3:59.4.

Having set a School record of 4:42.0, Chataway took his chance the next year on April 23rd 1948 when the Schools' Challenge Cup Meeting was staged at the White City Stadium. The other finalists included others not entirely unrecognised on the British athletics scene even in 1954. There were in addition to David Law his fellow 4x1,500 metre world record holder Ralph Dunkley (4:09.8); Peter Robinson (4:10.6) and Keith Marsden (4:12.8) both of them to win distinction at Cambridge and another Cambridge 'Blue' in John Knopf the 14:12.2 3 miler. Also present was D.F. Williamson of Cheltenham, who was the runner-up in the 1953 A.A.A. 880 yards. In this fine field which has since provided so much talent that came to bear fruit, it was Robinson who earned schoolboy immortality by winning in a record 4:25.2 having lost one of his shoes in the early stages. Unnoticed and unhailed the chunky red-haired Chataway plugged in second in 4:27.2.

During his spell of National Service in the Army in the 67th Regt. at Oswestry, Shropshire, Chataway came under the notice of the Officer Commanding, a Colonel Burnaby, who was clearly impressed by the enthusiasm of this singular Officer Cadet for cross-country running. The Colonel, who admitted to knowing nothing of running or runners, found the enthusiasm was infectious and soon a track began to be constructed at the camp. Less well endowed National Serviceman began to find that they were being measured up by that most merciless of instruments - the stop watch. In a very short space of time any young soldier of promise began to find that he was mysteriously drafted to Oswestry. The Colonel soon had a team which could win the Army Command Sports but his greatest reward came when, on July 26th 1950, the 19½ year old Officer Cadet Chataway, C.J. stormed four times round the black R.A.F. track at Uxbridge to win the Inter-Services Mile title in the record time of 4:15.6

His soldiering over, Chataway went up to Magdalen College, Oxford, where those with confidence of his assured future as a world class athlete blanched to see his \$1 million legs giving as good as they took in the middle of the front row of his College rugby football pack. He opened his 1951 season, 6 weeks after his 20th birthday on January 30th, by winning the Inter-Varsity mile for Oxford in 4:16.4. In May 1951 he had a busy month. On May 5th he ran John Parlett, the European 800 metres champion, to an inches finish in the Oxford v. London mile race to share a time of 4:12.0 which equalled Jack Lovelock's track record of 1931. On May 14th he won the International Two Miles event at the British Games in 9:03.8 - just 0.4 secs. outside Jack Emery's 1939 English Native record - by beating the tough Yugoslav Andrija Otenheimer (9:07.6), the Dutchman Hans Harting (9:11.0) and Gordon Pirie (9:15.4). On May 27th he was over in Paris and had a rough christening in the 5,000 metres with a third place in 14:47.8 behind Gaston Reiff (14:30.4) and Alain Mimoun of France.

At the 1951 A.A.A. Championships Chataway lost the title for the 3 miles by a margin of less than a foot in the most fantastic last lap battle ever witnessed in the event. The winner was the now forgotten W.R. Beckett and the time for both him and Chataway was 14:02.6 while the last lap was 57.6 secs. After this episode the Oxford runner beat a far from fit Beckett in the G.B. v. Yugoslavia match in Belgrade over 5,000 metres in an adequate 14:50.6.

In the Olympic year of 1952 Chataway, now 21, moved from 6th to 3rd among British milers, with a record 4:10.2 mile for Oxford against Cambridge from second to first among three milers with an A.A.A. title win of 13:59.6 and an estimated 'temps de passage' of 13:43 before his fall at Helsinki. It was in this year at Oxford that he set a British All-Comers' two miles record of 8:55.6.

In 1953 Chataway had a disjointed season due to degree examinations at Oxford. Having run 4:13.1 in February he crowned his run of 3 cross country and 3 one mile victories for Oxford with a 4:08.4 on March 14th at the White City which, by leaving Peter Robinson (4:10.6n) behind in a pulverizing last lap, avenged an old score.

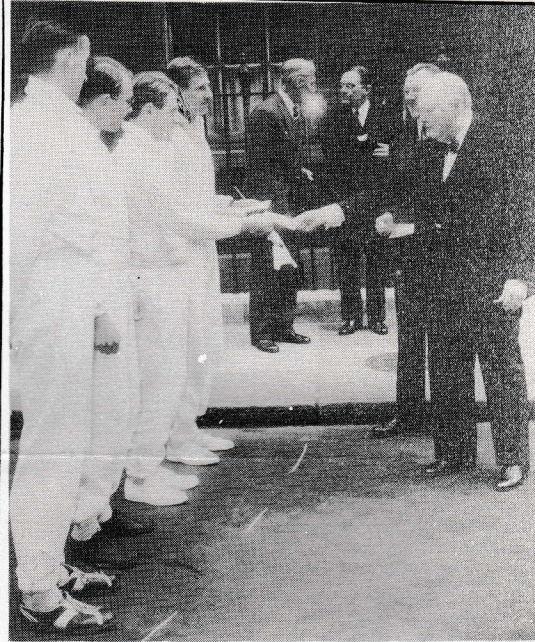


Photo by H. W. Neale.

CHRIS CHATAWAY, flanked by Roger Bannister, Chris Brasher and Gordon Pirie, being handed a cheque by Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill before a charity Church Reconstruction road relay through the London streets on June 2nd, 1954.

Apart from a laboured 4:11.8 lead-off stage in a Great Britain world record 4x1 Mile relay team on August 1st and a 4:12.4 mile win against France 48 hours later, Chataway's only other race of note in 1953 was his British Games Two Miles in 8:49.6 beating Gaston Reiff (retired), Gordon Pirie (8:55.6n) and Alain Mimoun (9:01.8n).

In the present 1954 season, now aged 23, Chataway opened his account with his brilliant piece of pace-making in the epic mile at Oxford in which he finished in 4:07.2. This chore over he concentrated for his bid on Gaston Reiff's world mile record scheduled for the second day of the British Games 33 days later on June 7th. On the first of these 33 days, the Sunday after his 4:07.2 mile he played 4 sets of tennis and on the second day ran 3x3 laps averaging 3:14 each. His only competition during this spell was D minus 13, May 25, when at Paddington he ran his fastest ever competitive 880 yards in 1:57.7 followed rapidly by a lonely 9:03.6 two miles. Immediately prior to the attempt, which but for the lack of effective lap calling arrangements would not have failed by a tantalizing 6 tenths of a second, Chataway had 6 days complete rest. His last work out on June 1st consisted of 3 x 1 mile averaging 4:19.8 while the evening before he ran 10 x 440 yards averaging 63 secs. Most remarkable of all his preparation was a 1½ miles at Mootspur Park on the morning of May 29. The track was inundated by rain of almost tropical intensity and was ankle deep in water. Unabashed and with sterling aid from Chris Brasher, Chataway splashed his way round six circuits in 6:33.2 - six tenths faster than John Joe Barry's world's fastest timed mark of 6:33.8 set in Glasgow in 1949.

AGE-PERFORMANCE PROGRESS CHART

Year	Mile	Two Miles	Three Miles
1949	4:42.0 (18.1)		
	4:27.2 (18.2)		
	4:25.0 (18.5)		
	4:15.6 (19.5)		
1951	4:12.0 (20.3)	9:03.8 (20.3)	14:02.6 (20.5)
1952	4:10.2 (21.1)	8:55.6 (21.4)	13:43 + (21.5)
1953	4:08.4 (22.1)	8:49.6 (22.3)	
1954	4:07.2 (23.3)	8:41.0 (23.4)	

+ estimated prior to fall at Helsinki.

BRITISH BEST LIST

This first comprehensive list of the 1954 season takes in all known marks up to June 12th.

100 Yards:

9.9	K.J.Box	5/6
9.9	G.S.Ellis	5/6
9.9n	A.W.Lillington	5/6
10.0	B.Shenton	15/5
10.0n	M.J.Ruddy(J)	15/5
10.0	E.R.Sandstrom	29/5
10.0	O.G.Young(Bermuda)	5/6
10.0n	NiDown	5/6
10.0n	W.J.Ferguson	5/6
With Wind:		
9.7	G.S.Ellis	26/5
9.9	P.G.Fryer	22/5
10.0	J.A.Spooner(J)	5/5
10.0n	K.A.B.Olowu(Nigeria)	26/5
10.0n	R.W.B.Darlington	26/5
10.0n	-Simpkiss	26/5

220 Yards (turn):

21.6	M.J.Ruddy(J)	12/6
21.8	B.Shenton	15/5
22.0	G.S.Ellis	29/5
22.0n	K.J.Jones	30/5
22.1	D.J.N.Johnson	8/5
22.1	M.C.Wooton	20/5
22.2	J.A.Spooner(J)	29/5
22.2	C.N.Gibbs(Trinidad)	7/6
22.2n	C.C.F.Thompson(B.Guiana)	12/6
22.3	A.D.Sexton	13/3
22.3	J.W.E.Walker	22/5
22.3m	J.Evanichik	5/6
Straightaway:		
22.0	K.J.Box	19/5

440 Yards:

48.0	D.J.N.Johnson	6/5
48.6	A.Dick	7/6
48.6	P.G.Fryer	12/6
49.0n	R.I.Baker	15/5
49.2n	J.E.A.Robertson	15/5
49.3	A.D.Sexton	4/3
49.4n	C.E.Parkinson	4/3
49.5n	T.L.Higgins	2/6
49.6	A.W.Scott	20/5
49.6n	P.J.Phillips	7/6
49.6	H.Kane	10/6
49.7	M.C.Jones	26/5
49.7	M.C.Wooton	5/6
49.8	P.L.Burt	10/5

880 Yards:

1:50.2	D.J.N.Johnson	5/6
1:51.3n	R.G.Bannister	5/6
1:52.0n	B.S.Hewson	5/6
1:52.7n	R.T.G.Day	5/6
1:53.0	D.A.C.Pirie	12/6
1:53.5n	A.Webster	5/6
1:53.6n	A.W.Scott	8/5
1:53.7n	W.A.Aylett	5/6
1:53.7n	R.T.Taylor	12/6
1:54.0n	F.Millard	12/6
1:54.5n	G.W.Nanckville	5/6
1:54.6n	R.D.Henderson	5/6
1:54.7	I.H.Boyd	6/5
1:54.8n	J.V.Beesley	4/3

800 Metres:

1:49.5u	D.J.N.Johnson	6/5
1:54.7	D.R.T.Macmillan(Aust)	23/5
1:54.8n	A.W.Scott	15/5

1,500 Metres:

3:43.0u	R.G.Bannister	6/5
3:46.0u	C.J.Chataway	6/5
3:52.4	B.S.Hewson	15/5
3:52.8	C.J.Chataway	13/6
3:53.6	C.W.Brasher	15/5
3:54.8n	B.T.Barrett	15/5



Action Photo by H. W. Neale.

Derek Johnson, 21, the Oxford medical student, who heads both the 440 yards and 880 yards list with 48.0 and 1:50.2, which latter time he is here seen setting at the White City Whitsun British Games on June 5th.

One Mile:

3:59.4	R.G.Bannister	6/5
4:07.2n	C.J.Chataway	6/5
4:08.0	P.B.Driver	7/6
4:08.8	I.H.Boyd	12/6
4:09.0	C.W.Brasher	5/6
4:09.2n	D.R.T.Macmillan(Aust)	5/6
4:09.2n	V.Milligan	5/6
4:09.2n	K.Wood	7/6
4:09.4n	F.Wyatt	7/6
4:09.8	B.S.Hewson	29/5
4:09.8n	D.C.Law	5/6
4:09.8	G.W.Nanckville	12/6
4:10.0n	J.S.Evans	7/6
4:10.2	J.I.Disley	20/5
4:10.6	D.A.G.Pirie	22/5
4:11.2n	B.T.Barrett	22/5
4:11.6u	F.Green	5/6
4:12.4n	J.W.Brown	7/6
4:12.8n	K.Marsden	20/5
4:12.8n	R.Dunkley(J)	20/5
4:13.8n	A.K.Gordon	20/5
4:13.8n	E.R.Douglas	7/6
4:14.0	E.L.Hardy	2/6
4:14.1n	W.T.Hulatt	2/6
4:14.2n	-Bullen	2/6
4:14.2u	I.H.Parr	7/6
4:14.2n	E.G.Ellis	15/5
4:14.8u	D.S.Crooks	7/6

2,000 Metres:

5:19.8	D.A.G.Pirie	8/5
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3,000 Metres:

8:06.2	C.J.Chataway	7/6
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Three Miles:

13:47.4	D.A.G.Pirie	5/6
13:56.2n	F.D.Sando	5/6
13:57.0	W.P.Ranger	12/6
13:57.8n	G.Warren(Australia)	12/6
13:57.9n	L.Eyre	12/6

14:00.6	I.Binnie	12/6
14:04.2	H.J.Hicks	22/5
14:06.0n	K.L.Norris	4/5
14:06.8	M.R.Maynard	22/5
14:09.4	D.Parmenter	22/5
14:09.8	J.H.Peters	1/6
14:11.0	F.Norris	22/5
14:11.0n	P.C.Perry	5/6
14:11.8	M.R.Schofield	22/5
14:12.2	J.H.Knopf	14/3
14:13.2	J.W.Brown	15/5
14:13.4n	J.Stevenson	15/5
14:15.2n	C.W.Suddaby	22/5

5,000 Metres:

14:37.4	J.I.Disley	30/5
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Six Miles:

28:38.8	F.D.Sando	7/6
28:49.0n	K.L.Norris	7/6
28:53.2	P.B.Driver	24/4
28:56.8n	A.E.Ingles	24/4
29:07.4n	J.H.Peters	7/6
29:25.8n	D.Walker	7/6
29:26.8n	M.R.Maynard	24/4
29:28.4n	P.J.Pirie	24/4
29:29.6n	J.C.Smart	24/4
29:34.0u	A.F.Perkins	24/4
29:36.6u	P.G.West	24/4
29:46.6u	H.V.Foord	24/4
29:50.0u	J.Butler	24/4
29:50.0u	J.D.Wood	24/4
29:56.8u	M.A.Baker	24/4

120 Yards High Hurdles:

14.7	C.E.E.Higham	6/3
14.7	P.B.Hildreth	6/5
14.9n	F.J.Parker	7/6
15.2n	R.D.Shaw	6/5
15.2	A.I.D.Francis(P.Rico)	8/5
15.5	P.A.L.Vine	18/5
15.5	V.C.Matthews	20/5
15.5n	S.J.Q.Robinson	7/6
15.5n	K.B.Jones	7/6
15.6	G.M.Elliott	7/6

440 Yards Hurdles:

53.3	H.Kane	5/6
53.4n	A.J.Hardy (or 54.2 ?)	5/6
54.2	A.I.D.Francis(P.Rico)	2/6
54.8n	N.Dangerfield	5/6
56.0	T.J.Farrell	14/5
56.1n	I.H.Walker	14/5
56.3	K.S.D.Wilmshurst	2/6
56.5	D.K.Gracie	15/5
56.9	C.A.R.Dennis	29/5
57.3n	J.Hancock	2/6
57.6	V.C.Matthews	5/6

3,000 Metres Steeplechase:

9:04.2	J.I.Disley	7/6
9:09.8n	K.E.Johnson	7/6
9:14.0	E.G.Ellis	22/5
9:18.0n	E.L.Hardy	7/6
9:24.2n	T.Bailey	7/6
9:26.4n	W.Berry	7/6

High Jump:

6'6" ¹ / ₂	P.Wells	23/1
6'3"	W.Little(S.Africa)	24/4
6'3"	C.Van Dyck(G.Coast)	6/5
6'2" ¹ / ₂	G.H.Jeffries(N.Z.)	15/5
6'2"	R.C.Pavitt	8/5
6'2"	N.G.A.Gregor	12/5
6'1" ¹ / ₂	P.G.Stableforth	12/6
6'1"	A.P.Orton	20/5
6'1"	D.R.T.Cox	7/6
6'0"	M.J.Rickard	15/5
6'0"	J.McKenzie	15/5
6'0"	D.Luke(Nigeria)(J)	7/6

Pole Vault:

14' 0"	G.M.Elliott	12/6
13' 0"	N.G.A.Gregor	8/5
12' 9"	I.Ward	5/6
12' 6"	G.M.Schmidt	5/6
12' 3"	G.D.Howland	-/5

Pole Vault(cont:);		
12' 0"	R.Petitjean	15/5
12' 0"	A.B.Hopkins	22/5
12' 0"	G.E.Broad	22/5
12' 0"	R.B.Hayden	2/6

Long Jump:

24' 0" ¹ / ₂	K.S.D.Wilmshurst	22/5
23' 11" ¹ / ₂	K.A.B.Olowu	4/3
23' 5"	A.R.Crutenden	5/6
22' 10" ¹ / ₂	L.Pinder	11/6
22' 9"	L.H.Platt	5/6
22' 8"	G.D.Goodrich	6/5
22' 5" ¹ / ₂	D.Bridgen	22/5

Hop, Step and Jump:

50' 1" ¹ / ₂	K.S.D.Wilmshurst	7/6
47' 0"	J.E.C.Whall	17/4
45' 7"	J.H.B.Monteith(Jam)	15/5
45' 5" ¹ / ₂	R.M.Stephen	24/4
45' 1" ¹ / ₂	D.W.Field	22/5
45' 1"	N.M.MacLeod	15/5

Shot-Putt:

55' 4"	J.A.Savidge	2/6
46' 6"	M.Pharaoch	6/5
46' 4"	A.Puksts(DE/Latvia)	5/6
45' 10" ¹ / ₂	W.B.L.Palmer	27/2
45' 1"	G.F.Budd	15/5
45' 1"	G.A.Carr(J)	15/5
45' 0" ¹ / ₂	T.A.Logan	29/5
44' 1"	P.P.Horn	8/5
44' 1"	A.E.Cook	22/5
44' 0" ¹ / ₂	A.T.Morgan	22/5
44' 0"	R.E.Wilkins	22/5

Discus Throw:

165' 8" ¹ / ₂	M.Pharaoch	2/6
153' 4"	J.A.Savidge	8/5
146' 8"	H.L.Williams	8/5
143' 2" ¹ / ₂	G.A.Carr(J)	9/5
142' 0"	T.J.Gaworski	29/5
141' 1"	O.Feldmanis	29/5
140' 8"	E.J.A.Brewer	25/5
140' 7" ¹ / ₂	D.E.L.Slater	20/5

Hammer Throw:

180' 5"	E.C.K.Douglas	1/5
173' 7"	A.W.Silbery	12/6
172' 3"	P.C.Alday	2/6
171' 6"	A.R.Valentine	15/5
169' 3"	D.W.J.Anthony	5/6
160' 7" ¹ / ₂	R.S.Scott	29/5
158' 10"	M.Pharaoch	22/5
157' 5"	F.Gandy	22/5
155' 4"	J.Lally	1/5
155' 1"	C.A.Harper	5/6

Exhibition:

179' 7"	A.R.Valentine	19/5
174' 10"	D.W.J.Anthony	8/5

Javelin Throw:

215' 2" ¹ / ₂	R.D.W.Miller	26/5
214' 0"	W.W.Kretzschmar(Germ)	6/5
204' 3"	D.E.Tucker	29/5
198' 1"	D.W.R.Mackenzie	5/6
194' 11"	F.Gandy	29/5
193' 11"	D.E.J.Cosh	22/5
193' 6"	R.A.C.Davies	7/6
190' 6"	C.G.Smith	6/5

With Wind:

197' 9"	R.A.C.Davies	1/5
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Two Miles:

8:41.0	C.J.Chataway	7/6
8:57.8	J.I.Disley	2/6
9:01.4	F.D.Sando	6/5
9:03.6n	F.Green	7/6
9:05.4	M.R.Maynard	20/5
9:05.4	C.W.Suddaby	20/5
9:06.0n	L.Eyre	7/6
9:09.0n	P.J.Pirie	7/6
9:09.8n	D.A.Llewellyn	20/5
9:10.6n	T.Bailey	2/6
9:11.4	E.G.Ellis	29/5
9:11.6n	K.L.Norris	20/5
9:11.6n	W.P.Ranger	2/6

BRITAIN'S TOP FORTY

The list below sets out in Pointage (per current International Scoring Tables) Order the best marks of all time by United Kingdom athletes as JUNE 15th. Each man is listed for his highest scoring mark in each separate event (but where there were two marks e.g. 1,500m/Mile in one race only the best is given). For unpointed English distances (e.g. 6 Miles) adjustments have been made and the points calculated put in brackets.

1.	1,361	R.G.BANNISTER (Achilles Club)	Mile	3:59.4
2.	1,271	D.A.G.PIRIE (South London Harriers)	10,000m	29:17.2
	(1,270)	D.A.G.Pirie	6 Miles	28:19.4
3.	1,262	C.J.CHATAWAY (Achilles Club)	2 Miles	8:41.0
4.	1,225	S.C.WOODERSON (Blackheath Harriers)	Mile	4:04.2
	1,210	R.G.Bannister	1,500m	3:46.0
	1,210	C.J.Chataway	1,500m	3:46.0
	1,203	D.A.G.Pirie	5,000m	14:02.6
5.	(1,200)	F.D.SANDO (Aylesford Paper Mills S.C.)	6 Miles	28:38.8
6.	1,195	G.W.NANKEVILLE (Walton Athletic Club)	1,500m	3:46.6
	(1,190)	D.A.G.Pirie	3 Miles	13:36.4
7.	1,186	J.I.DISLEY (London Athletic Club)	3,000m S/C	8:51.8
	1,186	D.A.G.Pirie	2 Miles	8:47.4
8.	1,178	A.W.SWEBNEY (Milocarian Athletic Club)	100m	10.4
9.	(1,166)	K.L.NORRIS (Thames Valley Harriers)	6 Miles	28:49.0
	1,163	S.C.Wooderson	5,000m	14:08.6
	1,161	D.A.G.Pirie	3,000m	8:11.0
	1,160	D.A.G.Pirie	Mile	4:06.8
10.	1,152	A.G.K.BROWN (Achilles Club)	400m	46.7
11.	(1,152)	P.B.DRIVER (South London Harriers)	6 Miles	28:53.2
12.	(1,152)	I.BINNIE (Victoria Park A.A.C.)	6 Miles	28:53.4
	1,151	F.D.Sando	10,000m	29:51.8
	1,146	G.W.Nankeville	Mile	4:07.4
	1,142	S.C.Wooderson	1,500m	3:48.7
13.	(1,142)	A.E.INGLES (Thames Valley Harriers)	6 Miles	28:56.8
14.	1,140	W.ROBERTS (Salford Harriers)	400m	46.8
	1,135	S.C.Wooderson	800m	1:48.4
	1,135	D.C.SEAMAN (London Athletic Club)	1,500m	3:49.0
	1,134	D.C.Seaman	Mile	4:08.0
	1,134	P.B.Driver	Mile	4:08.0
15.	(1,131)	F.NORRIS (Bolton United Harriers)	6 Miles	29:00.6
16.	(1,128)	F.GREEN (Birchfield Harriers)	3 Miles	13:46.0
17.	(1,127)	J.H.PETERS (Essex Beagles)	6 Miles	29:01.8
	1,127	F.Green	2 Miles	8:53.0
	1,126	C.J.Chataway	Mile	4:08.4
18.	(1,125)	W.R.APPIEGARTH (Polytechnic Harriers)	220 yds.	21.2
	(1,125)	A.W.Sweeney	220 yds.	21.2
19.	1,125	W.RANGELEY (Salford Harriers)	100m	10.5
20.	(1,125)	C.B.HOLMES (Manchester University A.C.)	220 yds.	21.2
	1,125	C.B.Holmes (Manchester Athletic Club)	100m	10.5
21.	1,125	J.C.M.WILKINSON (Oxford University AC)	100m	10.5
22.	1,125	A.MCCORQUODALE (London Athletic Club)	100m	10.5
23.	1,122	J.A.SAVIDGE (London Athletic Club)	Shot Putt	55'4"
	1,118	F.Green	Mile	4:08.8
24.	1,118	I.H.BOYD (Heme Hill Harriers)	Mile	4:08.8
25.	1,115	P.J.ROBINSON (Achilles Club)	1,500m	3:49.8
	(1,115)	F.D.Sando	3 Miles	13:48.0
26.	1,114	C.W.BRASHER (Achilles Club)	Mile	4:09.0
27.	1,110	L.EYRE (Leeds Harehill Harriers)	1,500m	3:50.0
28.	1,110	H.J.PARLETT (Dorking St.Pauls A.C.)	Mile	4:09.2
29.	1,110	V.MILLIGAN (Instonians)	Mile	4:09.2
30.	1,110	K.WOOD (Sheffield United Harriers)	Mile	4:09.2
	1,109	L.Eyre	2 Miles	8:54.7
31.	1,106	F.I.WYATT (Bristol A.C.)	Mile	4:09.4
32.	1,105	D.B.PELL (Heme Hill Harriers)	1,500m	3:50.2
	1,103	C.J.Chataway (Walton Athletic Club)	5,000m	14:18.0
33.	1,101	A.B.PARKER (Barrow Athletic Club)	5,000m	14:18.2
34.	1,100	D.C.IAW (Achilles Club)	1,500m	3:50.4
35.	1,098	A.S.PATERSON (Victoria Park A.A.C.)	High Jump	6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
36.	1,098	R.H.DUNKLEY (Polytechnic Harriers)	Mile	4:09.8
	1,098	D.A.G.Pirie	2,000m	5:19.8
37.	1,098	E.S.HEWSON (Mitcham Athletic Club)	Mile	4:09.8
	1,098	D.C.Iaw	Mile	4:09.8
38.	(1,095)	W.HESKETH (Manchester Athletic Club)	6 Miles	29:12.4
	1,095	R.H.Dunkley	1,500m	3:50.6
39.	1,094	J.S.EVANS (University of London A.C.)	Mile	4:10.0
	1,092	F.Green	3,000m	8:17.4
	1,090	J.I.Disley	Mile	4:10.2
40.	1,085	A.PENNINGTON (Achilles Club)	400m	47.3
41.	1,085	D.C.PUGH (South London Harriers)	400m	47.3

(A.D.Breckenridge's mile in 4:06.3 (1,172 pts) was on a track that was straight for 3/4 mile.)

SHORT TAKES

by The Editors

'TISN'T FAIR. The author G.K.Chesterton once said that to enjoy oneself one must "Go through life wondering". Well it seems that one man who disproves this formula is 1924 Olympic 100 metre champion and champion broadcaster Harold Abrahams. He never wonders about anything for long. Last month he saw John Savidge of awning fame lose a British Empire record of just over 55 feet (16.76m) because the shot which had been supplied was $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (14 grams) too light. Harold wondered if this made a measurable difference. There was a consultation with the mathematical experts at Britain's National Physical Laboratory and back came the answer - $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. would make the (to us surprising) difference of 2.8 inches (7 cms.)

More serious however were their calculations on the effect of latitude. Because the Earth is an oblate spheroid (i.e. flattened at the poles) the gravitational pull is less at the equator than elsewhere. The impulse required for a 60 foot putt at the North or South Pole would send the shot 60'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " or nearly 9 centimetres further at the equator. No wonder those Texan high jumpers in the Deep South are so good - they just don't know what real gravity is!

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST AND THE FIRST..... There is an athlete going round London who claims that he finished in front of Roger Bannister at Oxford on May 6 and that he does not even pretend to be a miler. The man is the 14.8 sec. high hurdler Paul Vine, son of the well known Magistrate. On investigating this seemingly extravagant claim we had to admit that it was in fact irrefutable. He finished last in the preceding race.

SANS ROLL, SANS STRADDLE..... Ever heard of an American track athlete without a coach? No, well hear now about the 6ft. 9 in. (2.06m) tall Bill Russell of the University of San Francisco. USA have no regular coach, so business efficiency expert Dean Roy C.Hall does his best. In April Russell fell over a bar set at 6' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (2.02m). He takes a few gigantic steps and then when still 9 feet away lunges into space. His legs don't thereafter even move. Dean Hall proudly stated that Russell's form was improving. Why in earlier days Russell had a take off point 10 feet from the bar. In the broad jump Russell is, if anything, less technique-conscious. He brings no measuring tape only raw spring to the pit and on the day of his big high jump leapt 22ft.6ins. of which only 20ft. 5ins (6.25m) counted. Sports writer Darrell Wilson, who has been watching Russell's broad jump technique, described it with the classic sentence "He runs for a while and then takes off".

FAST FURLONG. Angus Scott, the British Olympic 400 metre hurdler and European Gold medal winner (4x400m.) was recently timed over a 220 yards straightaway in a remarkable 10.4 secs. The snag was that the 26 year old 52.4 sec. hurdler was in a car at the time and the timekeepers were wearing police uniform. In England's built-up areas the fastest permissible 220 yard time is, of course, only 15.0 secs. to be inside the 30 m.p.h. limit, while the watches showed that Scott was turning in a handy 43.26 m.p.h. Scott did not like to explain that on the track we use three timekeepers and time not to a fifth but to a tenth of a second over distance of less than 1,000 metres.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS. Last month on page 38 we published a list of the topmost high jumps by United Kingdom athletes. The only pre-war mark which survived belonged to the famous England goal-keeper B.Howard Baker of Chelsea and the Corinthians, who held the English Native record at 6'5" (1.956 m.) from 1921 till 1949. Despite his 8 amateur 'caps' between 1921 and 1929 and his full international against Ireland in 1926 he selected as his telegraphic address the word "HJUMPER".

IT'S HERE AGAIN. The 1954 "World Sports' Annual" edited by Roberto Queretani and Fulvio Regli was published early this month. This masterpiece of 232 pages is as always a goldmine of invaluable data. Did you know there was a 6ft. 9 ins. high jumper who last year ran a wind-assisted 100 yards in 9.7 secs.? Just see page 18 and there he is. In the Belgian Championships summary you find that a sprinter was disqualified for not "defending his chance to the utmost."! Most refreshing we found was that there still a few 19th century records left. Oldest perhaps is Thomas Conneff's Irish 4 mile record of 19:44.4 set on Aug.20th 1887. It was 41 years ago that in 1912 his body was found washed ashore in the Philippines.

We have been requested to point out that the cluster of stop-watch holders round the finish post at Oxford on the occasion of the 4 Minute mile were not officials but undergraduates. The A.A.A. Time-keepers were stationed on the other side of the 12 lane wide track. Also A.K.Gordon and G.F.Dole completed the course.

AKAGIS (JAPAN) 48.5 ASIAN BEST EVER

The Second Asian Athletics Championships held at Manila, capital city of the Philippine Islands, in very hot weather, from May 2nd-5th, produced some good sprinting, quarter miling and high jumping. The hurdling and hammer throwing also showed that track and field in on the move in the world's most populous Continent.

Of the seven high jumpers who cleared 1.90 (6'2³/₄) four negotiated the next height of 1.95 (6'4³/₄). At 2.00 (6'6³/₄) all failed, but the ultimate winner Ajit Singh (India) was over bodily twice his hand tipped the bar off, while the Olympic straddle jumper from Ceylon-Bthiriveerasingham (who is nearly as tall as his name is long) had his hand in the pit when his foot tipped the lathe, which fell after two seconds of tantalizing teetering.

The only Asian "record" went in the 400 metres. The existing mark of 48.7 secs was beaten by the first three men-Japan's Kanji Akagi won in 48.5, with the handsomely bearded Joginder Singh (India) and Chen Ying-Long (China) both at 48.6. Jagdev Singh (see A.W. p29) was not in contention for the 400m Hurdles final owing to a strained hip muscle which troubled him in a heat. The first two in the javelin Muhammed Nawaz and Jalal Khan, both from Pakistan, came to Manila credited with exhibition trial marks of 218'7" and 221'7" respectively to their credit made at Rawalpindi in April.

In the women's events Chuhei Nambu's daughter Atsuko distinguished herself by taking the 100m in 12.5, setting the fastest 200m time (25.3 in a heat) and finishing a close second in Dad's speciality the long jump. The biggest surprise was the defeat of the fancied Japanese 4 x 100m relay team by the Indian girls Christine Brown, Violet Peters and the d'Souza sisters Mary and Stephanie in 49.5s. The Japanese Shot, Discus and Javelin victories were all well up in the "respectable" class - the shot mark would have collected 6th place at Helsinki.

SUMMARY (Men's & Women's events)

100m 1 Abdul Khalig (Pakistan) 10.6; 2 Genaro Cabrera (Philippines) 10.7; M Gabriel (India) 10.8 (May 4) 200m 1 Butt Sharif (Pak) 21.9 (21.6 in heat May 2); Muhammad Aslam (Pak) 22.0 (21.9 in Semi-final May 3); Xavier Stephen (Hong Kong) 22.2 (May 5) 400m 1 Kanji Akagi (Japan) 48.5 2 Jaginder Singh (India) 48.6; 3 Chen Ying-Long (China) 48.6 (May 4) 800m 1 Yoshitaka Muroya (Japan) 1:54.5; 2 Sohan Singh (India) 1:54.6; 3 Michio Ueki (Japan) 1:55.8 (May 5) 1,500m 1 Choi Yun Chil (Korea) 3:56.2 (May 2) 5,000m Osamu Inoue (Japan) 15:00.2 (May 3) 10,000m Choi Chung Sik (Korea) 33:00.6 (May 5).
4 x 100m R 1 Japan 41.2; 2 Pakistan 41.5; 3 Philippines 42.2 (May 5) 4 x 400m R 1 Japan 3:17.4; 2 India 3:18.0; 3 Philippines 3:21.6 (May 5) 110m H 1 Sarwan Singh (India) 14.7; 2 Kawata-Yukiyoshi (Japan) 14.8; 3 Nakashi-Takehiko (Japan) 14.8 (May 4) 400m H 1 Khan Mirza (Pak) 54.1; 2 Chan Onn Leng 54.8 (heat 54.5 May 3); 3 Jaime Pimentel (Philipp.) 55.6 (May 5) 3,000m S/C Susumu Takahashi (Japan) 9:15.0. (May 3) HJ 1 Ajit Singh (India) 6'4³/₄; 2 Yukio Ishikawa (Japan) 6'4³/₄; 3 Franco Andres (Phil.) 6'4³/₄; 4 N. Bthiriveerasingham (Ceylon) 6'4³/₄ (May 2) PV 1 Sawada Bunkichi (Japan) 13'4³/₄; 2 Matsumoto Toyokichi (Japan) 12'10" (May 5) LJ Sagawa Noriaki (Japan) 23'0³/₈ (May 2) HSJ 1 Noriaki (J) 49'7³/₈; 2 Yoshio Iimuro (Japan) 48'9³/₈; 3 Choi Yung Ki (Korea) 48'13³/₈; 4 Kasuo Tame (Japan) 47'7³/₈ (May 5) SP 1 Parduman Singh (India) 46'4³/₈; 2 Yoshio Kojima (Japan) 45'0³/₈ (May 5) DT 1 Parduman Singh (I) 142'3³/₈ (May 2) HT 1 Yoshio Kojima (Japan) 177'0³/₈; 2 Muhammad Iqbal (Pak) 169'11³/₈; 3 Song Kyo Sik (Korea) 166'8³/₈ (May 3) JT 1 Muhammad Nawaz (Pak) 210'10³/₈; 2 Jalal Khan (Pak) 208'7³/₈ (May 5) Dec 1 Yang Zuan-quang (Formosa) 5,454 pts. (new tables).

Women's events :- 100m Atsuko Nambu (Japan) 12.5; Mary Klass (Singapore) 12.5 (May 4) 200m Tanaka Midori (Japan) 26.0 (May 3) 4 x 100m R 1 India 49.5; 2 Japan 49.6; 3 Philippines 50.4 (May 5) 80m H Iwamoto Michiko (Japan) 11.7 (May 3) HJ Ahuba Kraus (Israel) 5'11³/₈; 2 Miyoko Takahashi (Japan) 5'0³/₈; 3 Mieko Muro (Japan) 5'0³/₈ (May 4) LJ 1 Takahashi Yoshie (Japan) 18'7³/₈; 2 Atsuko Nambu (Japan) 18'6³/₈ (May 4) SP 1 Yoshino Toyoko (J) 40'4³/₈; 2 Yoshida Motoko (J) 40'3" (May 4) DT 1 Yoshino Toyoko (J) 140'7³/₈; 2 Nomura Taeko (Japan) 131'0³/₈ (May 5) JT 1 Kurihara Akiko (J) 144'6³/₈; 2 Inden Yasuko (J) 139'7³/₈ (May 5). (Acknowledgements to V.V. Kolatchoff (Hong Kong) and Luigi Mengoni (Italy) (both of the A.T.F.S.))

THREE MORE WORLD RECORDS FOR CZECH WALKER JOSEF DOLEZAL IN 16 DAYS Josef Dolezal increased his tally of world walking records from 3 to five when on April 30 at Stara Boleslav he covered 15km. in 1:05:59.6 (old mark 1:07:54.0, his own) and 10 miles in 1:09:45.8 (old mark 1:10:55.8 by Mikaelsson in 1945) and on May 15 in Prague he walked 20 miles in 2:33:09.4 as against John Ljunggren's 2:39:22.8 in August 1952 in Sweden.

REMIGINO 9.6, BOYSEN 1:50.0, ELLIOT 14'-0"

A crowd of 35,000 packed the Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow on June 12th to see an 8 nation meeting at which records tumbled like 9 pins. Little Lindy Remigino made light of the loose cambered track as he rattled his way to a 9.6 century thus tying the mark first set as a British All-Comers' record by his countryman Ed. Conwell in May 1947 and subsequently 7 times equalled by E. McD. Bailey. Second in 9.9 was the Dutchman H. Rulander inches ahead of Brian Shenton.

Most heart-warming deed for the home crowd was the long-awaited 14 foot pole-vault from 23 year old Pilot Officer Geoffrey Elliott for a British Empire and National record. As he squirmed in the mound of earth, he saw the lathe quiver but oblige. Remembering no doubt both his Service's motto of "Per Ardua Ad Astra" and his coach, Geoff Dyson, sitting in the bereft and gripping stands at White City, Elliott had 3 determined but unsuccessful attempts at 14'4", which if cleared would have placed him third among Europe's 17 14-footers behind only Pyotr Denisenko and Ragnar Lundberg.

In the half-mile there was a Scandinavian Test Match from which the Norwegian psychological student Audun Boysen outsped the red-haired Dane Gunnar Nielsen (1:50.8) and the haughty Swede Tage Ekfeldt with a brilliant 1:50.0 timing. Only Wooderson (1:49.2) and Wint (1:49.6) have bettered this soil mark which took 7 tenths off Mal Whitfield's previous Scots' All-Comers' record. Other results:- 220 Yards: Remigino (US) 21.3; Shenton 22.0; Gibbs 22.3; 440 Yds: L. Jones (US) 47.5; Fryer (48.6 heat) 49.3; Scott; Mile: Macmillan 4:12.6; I. Ericsson 4:14.2; J.W. Brown 4:15.0; Three Miles: Ranger 13:57.0; G. Warren (Australia) 13:57.8; Eyre 13:57.9; Binnie (Scots' native record) 14:00.2; 440 Yds: H; Kane 53.7; Francis (P. Rico) 54.1.

BOYD 4:08.8 AS AMERICANS WIN 9-6

Only a faithful 3,000 braved torrential rain to see the 29th dual match between Oxford-Cambridge and an American University combination - this time Cornell-Pennsylvania at White City on July 12. Highlight in the water carnival was a fine 4:08.8 mile by 20 year old Ian Boyd from Oxford, who provided all 6 of the home wins. Keith Marsden, Cambridge's third fastest ever miler at 4:12.8, led through laps of 60.2 and 63.2 but yielded after another furlong to leave Boyd on his own for a 3:07.4 bell and 61.4 sec. last lap to become Oxford's fourth faster ever miler behind Bamister, Chataway and Lovelock.

John Haines, A.A.U. indoor dash specialist bucked his way to a powerful 9.9 and 22.2 sprint 'double' while Derek Johnson fought back with an excellent 48.9 and 1:53.1 quarter and half-mile beating the 1:51.8 Penn champion Paul Raudenbush in the latter. The 'Big Red' captain McAllister Booth nosed out Chris Higham (Oxford) in a tight high hurdle dual (both 15.0) but romped away with the 'lows' in 24.6. Result: Cornell-Pennsylvania 9 events; Oxford-Cambridge 6 events.

GORDON PIRIE RUNS 1:54.6, 1:53.0 and 1:53.6 INSIDE 110 MINUTES! Riled by his recent 'poor press' Gordon Pirie confounded the prophets of doom with his greatest yet display of speed and stamina at the Walton-on-Thames track on June 12. After a 1:54.6 heat he outkicked Bob Taylor (1:53.7) and Bannister's winter training companion Fred Millward, 23 (1:54.0) with a 1:53.0 final - previous best 1:56.7. Just 50 minutes later he wound up his afternoon's sport with a breezy relay leg in 1:53.6 for South London Harriers. Other note-worthy marks were an impressive 21.6 furlong by 18 year old Michael Ruddy and Bill Nankeville's seventh sub 4:10 mile in 4:09.8.

AFTER 3:59.4 - 4:29.0! BANNISTER SCORES 'DOUBLE' AT HOSPITAL MEETING Unrecovered from a painful muscle cramp after his 9:09.2 2-mile debut, Roger Bannister helped St. Mary's Hospital to win the Inter-Hospitals trophy for the first time since 1900 at Motpur Park on June 12th with a 1:59.1 'half' and a 4:29.0 dead-heat with Jim Scott-Wilson, his 1949 Inter-Varsity Cross-Country conqueror.

SPRINGBOKS LEAVE OUT PRICE (25'2"), VAN HEBERDEN (9.6&21.4) & TRUTER (6'6³/₈) The South African selectors, restricted by poor finances were able to nominate only a team of seven athletes for the Vth British Empire Games at Vancouver. Nominated:- Jan Barnard (2:25:31.8 Marathoner, Port Elizabeth, May 31); Jackie Mekler (Marathoner); 'Os' Burger (13'9" pole vaulter; Vick Dreyer (186'4³/₈ Hammer); 'Fanie du Plessis (51'5³/₈ shot & 160'11" discus); Johnny Veitch (220'10" x javelin) and the 23 year old Dalene Swanepoel (javelin). Un-nominated Neville Price the 25 foot broad jumper now at Oklahoma University, who last season went over 24 feet in 28 of his 30 meets; Gideon Van Heerden (9.6 & 21.4 sprinter); the hyper-distance ace Wally Hayward (10th in Olympic Marathon) and Joe Truter the 6'6³/₈ high jumper.

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Chataway avenges Bannister's half-mile defeat

(cont: from front page col.2) then took over the lead for a 64.2 sec. third lap (3:13.8) and a 66.6 sec. fourth lap (4:20.4). Brasher again came up into the lead at the 4½ lap mark but this fifth lap in 68 secs. was too tardy when records were to be broken. Chataway realising things had died on him manfully resolved to carry the pace on his own. Rapidly detaching himself from the rest of the field including the lurking Jungwirth he went past the 1½ mile post in 6:33.4 - 2.4 secs inside Gordon Pirie's English Native record. Piling Everest upon Kinchinjanga he supplied closing laps of 64.6 and 63.0 to pass the 3,000 metre marker in 8:06.2 and break the tape in a tantalizing 8:41.0 for an English Native, British National, British All-Comers' and British Empire record and the second fastest time ever. Second was Jungwirth in 8:55.8 over 100 yards in arrears with a partially fit Frans Herman third (8:57.2). In seventh place behind Green, Len Eyre and Peter Pirie in 9:09.2 was Bannister, who, true to his forebodings, suffered intense muscle trouble which on June 12th humbled him to a 4:29.0 mile.

On the first day of the meeting Bannister ran his first race since his great mile at Oxford 30 days earlier in the 880 yards against Czechoslovakia's 1:49.5 man Stanislav Jungwirth, 24. Bannister, who had had to rupture all his training plans due to the hectic aftermath of being history's first 4 minute miler, found himself in a Claudine Pass. He was not sufficiently well trained to attempt a world record nor was he able to risk trailing Jungwirth and find that he had nothing left with which to counter-attack. Nankeville set out at a tremendous pace over the first 220 yards but then eased down to pass the bell in 54.2 secs. with Bannister slowly closing the gap. With 300 yards to go he eased himself into the lead but there was no fire there and after an uneasy 150 yards the scarlet-vested Czech wagged his way up to his shoulder and delivered a coup de grâce for a 4 yard victory in 1:50.7 as against Bannister's 1:51.3.

Jungwirth's time was soon to be shaded when the Inter-County event came on. The expected Battle Royal between Brian Hewson (Surrey) and Derek Johnson (Essex) was over before the 660 yards post was reached for, having let the A.A.A. Champion do all the work for a 54.2 sec. first lap, Johnson pounced with 300 yards to go. Staying very close to the ground Johnson's most economical stride ate up the remaining yards. He flashed over the specially flagged 800 metre line in an unofficial 1:49.5 and stopped the official watches at the finish line in 1:50.2 thus climbing from equal 12th at 1:52.9 to second on Britain's all-time list.

Other standouts were the mile races, both the international won in 4:09.0 by British Guinea born Chris Brasher and the Inter-County event won by South London Harrier Peter Driver in 4:08.0. Behind these two no fewer than six other men set personal bests inside 4:11.0. At the other end of the scale the sprinting was the best ever seen in Britain by home products for, despite middy conditions, nothing worse than 'evens' got a man into the final and all told 3 men George Ellis, the winner, Ken Box, his fellow Loughborough student, and Alan Lillington, 21 all recorded 9.9's in circumstances in which even Lindy Remigino was all out to muster 9.8 on his way to a 10.6 100 metres.

Gordon Pirie fulfilled an ambition in breaking the A.A.A. Mile 'Standard' in a 3 mile race when he covered the first third in a suicidal 4:22.0, passed the two miles in 9:01.6 and then, not unnaturally, faded to 13:47.4-his 7th best time. Frank Sando, 23 ran a fluent second in 13:56.2 and then on the second day (June 7th) flowed round 24 laps for a personal best of 28:38.8 which time at Helsinki would have improved him from 5th to a close-up third. In the 440 yards Cambridge's Alan Sexton gave the race to the Oxford stayer Alan Dick, representing his native Northumberland & Durham, by taking Peter Fryer round the first half in 22.0 to his own 21.9. Forty yards from the tape the only man who could stay on the ground was Dick who stalked home in a robust 48.6 secs.

In the field most joy came from the triple jump pit where officials found that their tape was not long enough to measure the second effort of Ken Wilmshurst. After a 47 foot opening effort the canary-vested Surrey man really let go making marks like a dinosaur's footprints in the soggy cinders. Having secured a new tape his distance was found to be 50'1½ which hoisted him from sixth to first on the British Empire ranking ahead of Brian Oliver of Australia (50'0½) and Paul Eseri of Nigeria (50'0½).

SUMMARY: (for initials of U.K. athletes see Ranking lists) Inter County Events:-
100 Yds: 1, Ellis 9.9; 2, Lillington 9.9; 3, Down 10.0; 4, Box 10.0; 5, Young 10.1;
220 Yds: 1, Shenton 22.1; 2, Gibbs 22.2; 3, Ellis 22.2; 440 Yds: 1, Dick 48.6; 2, Fryer 49.2; 3, Phillips 49.6; 4, Baker 49.6; 880 Yds: 1, Johnson 1:50.2; 2, Hewson 1:52.0; 3, Day 1:52.7; 4, Webster 1:53.5; 5, Aylett 1:53.7; 6, Henderson 1:54.6; Mile: 1, Driver 4:08.0; 2, Wood 4:09.2; 3, Wyatt 4:09.4; 4, Evans 4:10.0; 5, Brown 4:12.4; 6, Douglas 4:13.8; 7, Parr 4:14.2; 8, Crooks 4:14.8; 3 Miles: 1, Pirie 13:47.4; 2, Sando 13:56.2; 3, Ranger 14:05.0; 4, Eyre 14:06.2; 5, Hicks 14:08.4; 6, P.C. Perry 14:11.0. 6 Miles: 1, Sando 28:38.8; 2, Norris K.L. 28:49.0; 3, Peters 29:07.4; 4, Walker 29:25.8; 5, Maynard 29:34.8. 120 yds H.H.: 1, Hildreth 14.8; 2, Parker 14.9; 3, Higham 15.3; 440 Yds. M.H.: 1, Kane 53.3; 2, Hardy 3; Dangerfield 54.8; 3,000m S/Ch.: 1, Disley 9:04.2; 2, Johnson 9:09.8; 3, Ellis 9:17.0. High Jump: 1, Cox 6'11"; 2, Luke 6'10"; 3, Orton 6'10"; 4, Stableforth 6'10"; Pole V.: 1, Elliott 13'0"; 2, Schmidt 12'6"; 3, Ward 12'6"; Long J.: 1, Cruttenden 23'5"; 2, K. Wilmshurst 23'2"; 3, Platt 22'9"; Hop, Step & J.: Wilmshurst 50'1½; 2, Whall 45'7"; Shot-Putt: 1, Savidge (single putt) 49'3"; 2, Puksts 46'4"; Discus: 1, Pharaoh 156'3"; 2, Savidge 149'4"; 3, Carr 137'3"; Hammer: 1, Anthony 169'3"; 2, Allday 167'0"; 3, Valentine 167'0"; Javelin: 1, Tucker 200'1"; 2, Gandy 194'3"; 3, Davies 193'6"; 4, Miller 192'0"; 2 Mile W.: 1, Coleman 14:05.2; 2, Howell 14:15.4; 7 Mile W.: 1, Hardy 53:41.4; 2, Hawkins 54:25.2; Result: Surrey 84pts; 2, Middlesex 67pts; 3, Essex & Lancs: 53 pts.



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Stanislav Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia) winning the British Games International 880 Yards in 1:50.7 from Roger Bannister (G.B.) (1:51.3) and Lucien De-Muyneck (Belgium) (1:52.4) at the White City on June 5,

INTERNATIONAL EVENT RESULTS: 100 Metres: 1, Remigino (USA) 10.6 (9.8y); 2, Lillington (GB) 11.0; 3, Janecek (CSR) 11.0; 220 Yards: 1, Remigino 21.8; 2, Shenton 21.9; 3, Jan-eczek 22.0; 440 Yards: 1, L. Jones (USA) 48.4; 2, Johnson (GB) 48.5; 3, T. L. Higgins 50.1; Mile: 1, Brasher 4:09.0; 2, Macmillan (Aust) 4:09.2; 3, Milligan (GB) 4:09.2; 4, Law (GB) 4:09.8; 5, Boyd (GB) 4:10.2; 6, F. Herman (Belg) 4:11.4; 7, Green (GB) 4:11.6; Two Miles: 1, Chataway (GB) 8:41.0 (3,000m 8:06.2); 2, Jungwirth (CSR) 8:55.8; 3, Herman 8:57.2; 4, Green (GB) 9:03.6; 5, Eyre (GB) 9:06.0; 6, Pirie, PJ (GB) 9:09.0; 7, Bannister 9:09.2; Mile Medley Relay: 1, G.B. (Johnson (440, 48.6), Fryer, Shenton, Nankeville) 3:26.4; 2, British Empire (I. Ormsby (Aust), Young (Bermuda) G. Eneli (Nigeria), Macmillan) 3:29.8; 3, A.A.U. (Jones, Smith, Remigino, Lamb) 3:31.2

CHUDINA RAISES WORLD RECORD TO 5'8"

The stately 6'2" tall blonde Alexandra Chudina, 31, at Kiev on May 22 set a new Soviet's and world women's high jump record with her effective scissor style at 1.73m. (5'8") thus adding one centimetre to the July 1951 mark of England's Mrs. Sheila Lerwill. At this same meeting Nadyezhda Konayeva improved upon her 53.56 (175'8½) with the javelin with a throw which sailed on to 55.11m (180'9½).

DIANE LEATHER RUNS FIRST FEMININE FIVE MINUTE MILE

21 year old daughter of a Birmingham doctor, Diane Leather twice improved the world's best recorded performance for the mile within 72 hours when, on Wednesday May 26 she removed one tenth off Edith Treybal's (Rumania) mark with 5:00.2 and on Saturday May 29 on the same hard red Perry Barr track ran 4:59.6. The event has only twice been run outside the United Kingdom since 1922.

CSERMÁK THROWS 200 7/8

SPRINTS Fastest metric century so far in Europe is by an American speedster-Jim Golliday the 1951 AAU champion, who is now with the U.S. Army in Germany. On May 27 at Berlin, after a close battle with Peter Kras of Germany (10.5s), the powerful Golliday was credited with a 10.4 timing. Heinz Fütterer, Europe's No.1 sprinter last year, has done 10.5 already, as have Ardalion Ignatyev (U.S.S.R.), Theo Saat (Netherlands) and Edward Szmít (Poland). Ignatyev has the best 200 metres marks thus far with 21.5.

On Budapest's hyper-fast "Nepstadion" track on May 29, Germany's veteran halfmiler Heinz Ulzheimer ran a good 47.6 for 400 metres. Ignatyev opened with 47.9 at Kiev on May 21.

MIDDLE DISTANCES Stanislav Jungwirth has the fastest 800 metres time so far: 1:50.4 at St.Boleslav on May 14 (he went on to clock 1:51.1 for the 880 yards). He also has run the 1,500 metres in 3:47.6 (St.Boleslav) on April 30 and 3:48.4 (Colombes, Paris) on May 30. Istvan Rozsavölgyi of Hungary, who came up like a comet last year, did 3:48.0 at Budapest on May 29, beating Siegfried Herrmann of Germany (3:49.0) and Sándor Garay of Hungary (3:49.8).

LONG DISTANCES Even apart from Zátopek, there have been many meritorious exploits here. Poland's 22 year old Jerzy Chromik (14:21.6 & 30:39.4 last season) has shown remarkable speed over shorter distances- 800m 1:54.4; 1,500m 3:49.2; 2,000m 5:20.0 and especially 3,000 metres in 8:10.8 (with a great second half in 4:00.0!). This was to be the prelude to his 5,000m debut at Budapest on May 30. Here, however he encountered the first hitch - 26 year old Miklós Szabó II (hence not the same man as the well-known M. Szabo who was one of Europe's best middle distance aces before the war) beat the Pole in a hectic finish with an impressive 14:14.4. Chromik was second in 14:14.6, followed by Lucien Hanswyck of Belgium (14:15.8) and József Kovács of Hungary (14:17.8).

Kovács had been beaten also in an earlier race, on May 16, when veteran Sándor Garay (British readers will remember him as the 1947 A.A.A. Mile champion (4:10.6)) stunned Hungarian experts with a 14:13.4 mark (Kovács 14:17.0). In Russia the two top stars of 1953, Anufriyev and Kuts, have shown poor form of late. In Germany Herbert Schade is attempting a "comeback" and has already done 8:17.8 and 14:21.6.

Prior to his world's record race at Colombes, Zátopek did 14:04.0 for 5,000 metres at St.Boleslav on May 14-the intermediate times were :- 2:47.6; 5:38.4; 8:27.8; & 11:19.2.

In the 10,000m two young Russians, Grigoriy Basalaye and Albert Ivanov, have shown notable progress of late: on May 23 at Kiev Basalaye won a rather close decision in 29:45.4, Ivanov being only 0.2 sec. slower.

STEEPLECHASE On May 22 at Kiev Viktor Kurchavov ran 3,000m Steeplechase in 8:49.0. According to Russian papers also the second man (Marulin) and the third (Saltikov) bettered 9 minutes-their times were no however published. At Budapest on May 29 Laslo Jeszenszky improved on his own Magyar record with 8:52.4. Ferenc Deheny was second in 8:59.6.

JUMPS Two young Czechs, Jaroslav Kovár and Vladimír Savcinský, have the best high jump mark -6'6" (St.Boleslav, May 14), but Sweden's Bengt Nilsson has done 6'7 7/8" in training and should break his country's record (6'7 1/2") this season.

The only 14 footer in the pole vault so far is Ali Albov of U.S.S.R. with 14'1 1/2" at Kiev on May 21. Another fine effort was that of Greece's Geogios Roubanis, who set a new national record of 4.26 (13'11 3/4") at Athens on May 8 in an international against Egypt. At 13'9 3/8" one more national record (Denmark's) was bettered, by Richard Larsen, and another (Italy's) was equaled, by Edmondo Ballotta.

Ödön Földessy is still the only European broad jumper of American "caliber"- he has marks of 25'2 1/4" (May 1) and 24'11 1/4" (May 30), both made at Budapest.

A Russian student of Civil Engineering, A. Tverkel, is (in the momentary absence of L. Shcherbakov) the best triple jumper, with a series of marks in the 49'-50' range. His best is 50'1 1/8" made at Kiev, May 22.

THROWS Jirí Skobla of Czechoslovakia should improve on his European record of 57'6 1/2", since already he has done 56'5 1/2" at Gottwaldov, May 15. A man to be watched in Bern is, of course, Roland "Fritz" Nilsson of Michigan University and Sweden, who has done 55'4 1/2" with the shot and 173' with the discus "on the other side".

At 37 Adolfo Consolini of Italy, who has entered the eighth year of his reign as European Discus Champion, is still as good as ever: he did 55.26 (181'3 3/8"), his fourth best ever, on May 22 at Milan, and had another 55-plus throw, which was however ruled a

WORLD'S TOP 1954 MARKS TO MID-JUNE

The following are the best recorded marks anywhere in the world up to mid-June.

100 Yds:	9.3	Hec. Hogan (Australia)	Melbourne	March 13
100 M.	10.3	Jim Golliday (USA)	Oberhausen	June 2
220 Yds:	20.5	Art Pollard (U.S.A.)	New York	May 28
440 Yds:	46.7	Jim Lea (U.S.A.)	Ann Arbor	June 12
880 Yds:	1:49.8	Mal Whitfield (USA)	Compton	June 4
1,500 M.	3:42.8	Wes. Santee (USA)	Compton	June 4
One Mile	3:59.4	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	Oxford	May 6
3,000 M.	8:06.2	Chris. Chataway (G.B.)	London	June 7
2 Miles	8:41.0	Chris. Chataway (G.B.)	London	June 7
5,000 M.	13:57.2	Emil Zátopek (C-S.R.)	Paris	May 30
6 Miles	27:59.2	Emil Zátopek (C-S.R.)	Brussels	June 1
10,000 M.	28:54.2	Emil Zátopek (C-S.R.)	Brussels	June 1
120 y.H.H.	13.6	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Compton	June 4
220 y.L.H.	22.7	Willard Thomson (USA)	Champaign	May 8
400m.h.	51.1	Yuriy Lituyev (USSR)	Berlin	June 8
3,000m S/C	8:49.0	Viktor Kurchavov (USSR)	Kiev	May 22
H.J. (2.095)	6'10 1/2"	Ernie Shelton (U.S.A.)	Compton	June 4
P.V. (4.62)	15' 2"	Don Laz (U.S.A.)	Columbus	April 17
L.J. (7.89)	25'10 1/2"	John Bennett (U.S.A.)	Ann Arbor	June 12
HS&J 16.22	(53' 2 1/8")	A.F.da Silva (Brazil)	Sao Paulo	April 17
S.P. (18.54)	60'10"	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June 11
D.T. (58.64)	192' 5"	Fortune Gordien (USA)	Pasadena	May 3
H.T. 61.14	(200' 7 1/8")	József Csermák (Hungary)	Budapest	May 30
J.T. 78.98	(259' 1 1/8")	Toivo Hyytiäinen (Finland)	Helsinki	May 27

Of the 24 marks listed above 12 are already superior to the top marks recorded during 1953 (see Nov. 1953 issue, front page.) and one, the 100 metres, equals the best.

LANDY ON THE RAMPAGE - 4:01.6 TWICE

Before a 13,000 crowd on the fast Turku track on May 31 John Landy, the Southern Hemisphere's greatest athlete, over-reached himself with laps of 56.4, 60.4 and 61.4 to reach the 3/4 mile mark in an unprecipitated 2:58.2 only to fade to a 3:43.4 1,500 metres and a total time of 4:01.6. Denis Johansson finished second in 4:11.8. Eight days later on the heavy Stockholm track on June 8th Landy, paced by Nils Toft for 2laps he achieved the same magnificent result but by way of laps in 59.5, 60.0, 61.5 and 60.6 for the last. Landy said that the cinder tracks in Scandinavia were so fast compared with what he had been used in Australia that "It feels like flying".

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LANDY RUNS 2,000 METRES-5:12.6 Imatra, Finland, June 16. John Landy ran 2,000 metres in the equal fifth fastest clocking of all-time with 5:12.6.

BRITISH RANKINGS LATE ADDITIONS Victor Milligan at Belfast on June 16 ran 4:06.7 (57.7 4th lap) for the fastest ever Irish Mile. AID Francis 440yH 54.1n 12/6.

EUROPEAN REPORT CONTINUED (from previous column) foul, at Colombes on May 30. In seven appearances so far this season his "worst" winning throw has been 173'4 1/4". In Bern Consolini will, however, encounter stiff opposition from Ferenc Klics and Nilsson. The Hungarian did 174'6 7/8" at Budapest on May 16: what is more, he has inspired his 22 year old countryman József Szécsényi to a good mark of 167'1 1/8".

Hammer throwers have been working hard, as is their custom: Olympic champion József Csermák of Hungary moved to second on the all time list with a magnificent 61.14 (200'7 1/8") at Budapest on May 30. He is now followed by Mikhail Krivosov, USSR, 199'3 3/8" (Nalchik, May 2); Sverre Strandli, Norway 194'7 3/8" (Flensburg, May 30); Stanislav Nyenashev, USSR, 194'4 1/8" (Baku, May 16-with "four complete turns in the ring", according to a Russian newspaper); Ivan Gubijan, Yugoslavia, 193'10 1/2" (Belgrade, May 1) and the rapidly improving Josef Malek, a 21 year old Czech soldier, 191'3 3/8" (St.Boleslav, May 14). -Thus 6 190 footers already!

The javelin exploits of Hyytiäinen and Kuznetsov have been related at the beginning of this article (front page). It should perhaps be added that the Finnish Federation has decided to wait till the next I.A.A.F. Convention in Bern (August) before pronouncing judgment on the "Held Special" type of javelin now being used by Hyytiäinen and other Finnish throwers. On June 2 at Tampere the Olympic bronze medallist had 1 throw with his "Held Special" -255'3"- and 5 others with a "normal" javelin, with which he did no better than 248'2". Janusz Sidlo of Poland has thrown his metal javelin 246'1 1/2" (Warsaw, May 23). (R.L. Quercetani's Report Concluded.)