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## 1954 Season—again the best of All-Time 53 World Records - Eclipse of Hägg

By Norris McWhirter

For the third time we ask the question "Was last season the greatest in the history of track and field athletics?". The verdict must again be an emphatic 'Yes'. The 1953 season was clearly established as the previous high-water mark but taking the best 1954 performances in the 18 standard events we find that they surpass them in 10 events.

Although the relative values accorded performances by the current scoring tables are far from satisfactory, they nonetheless serve in comparing one year with another. Overall the average number of points accumulated by the top marks of 1954 has leapt from the hitherto record figure of 1,286 pts. of 1953 to an astounding 1,373 pts. which translated to terms of a mile means the level of a 4:01.9 standard to one of 3:59.1!

The 1954 season brought forth all told 53 new world records. Of these 6 were men's standard Olympic events and 5 were women's. In total they were made up of 38 for men in 23 of their 66 scheduled events and 15 for women in 9 of their 20 scheduled events. In addition new ground was broken in the steeplechase and the marathon once again.

### 1954 & 1953 COMPARED

EVENT	NAME	COUNTRY	1954	TOP MARKS	1953
100 m.	Heinz Fütterer (Hector Hogan)	Germany Australia	10.2 10.2		10.3
200 m. (turn)	Heinz Fütterer	Germany	20.8		20.6
400 m.	Ardalion Ignatyev	U.S.S.R.	46.1		45.9
800 m.	Iajos Szentgáli	Hungary	1:47.1		1:47.9
1,500 m.	John Landy	Australia	3:41.8		3:44.2 (twice)
5,000 m.	Vladimir Kuts	U.S.S.R.	13:51.2		13:58.8
10,000 m.	Emil Zátopek	Czech.	28:54.2		29:01.6
110 m. h.	Jack Davis	U.S.A.	13.6y		13.8y
400 m. h.	Anatolij Yulin	U.S.S.R.	50.5		50.4
3,000m S/Ch	Pentti Karvonen	Finland	8:41.4a		8:44.4
High Jump	Bengt Nilsson	Sweden	(6' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ")	2.114 (2.124)	6' 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Pole Vault	Beb Richards	U.S.A.	15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(4.66) (4.59)	15' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Long Jump	John Bennett	U.S.A.	25' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(7.83) (7.89)	25' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	A.F.da Silva	Brazil	(53' 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ")	16.22 16.23	(53' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
Shot Putt	Parry O'Brien	U.S.A.	60' 10"	(18.54) (18.04)	59' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Discus Throw	Fortune Gordien	U.S.A.	192' 5"	(58.64) (59.28)	194' 6"
Hammer Throw	Mikhail Krivonosov	U.S.S.R.	(207' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")	63.34 62.36	(204' 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ ")
Javelin Throw	Soini Nikkinen	Finland	(261' 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ")	79.60 (80.41)	263' 10"

@ = mark made in mixed handicap  
a = waterjump sub-standard  
y = 120yds. hurdles time

### GORNO (2:24:55.0) BEATS KARVONEN IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 5th. European and Asiatic marathon running prestige received another nasty jolt from South America here today when the Argentinian Olympic vice-Champion, Reinaldo Gorno, ran away from the new European Champion Veikko Karvonen of Finland in the stadium lap to win the much vaunted International Marathon race in 2 hrs. 24mins. 55 secs. by 60 yards.

Driving rain never let up during the whole proceedings. The South Korean Choi Yoon Chil, who held the pre-Peters marathon 'record' at 2:26:07, let off at a great pace which only Tanaka tried to stay. After 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles (25km) Choi began to tire and the two little Finns Karvonen and Puolakka accompanied by the taller swarthy Gorno closed up on him. Over the closing stages Gorno and Karvonen ran stride for stride but on nearing the stadium the seemingly tireless South American easily drew away. His time was 2 minutes 31 secs. inside the old course record. Karvonen returned 2:25:10 with Puolakka third in 2:29:47 ahead of Choi, fourth, in 2:31:00. The first of the many Japanese to finish was Uchikawa who was fifth in 2:32:02. The 1948 Olympic champion Delfo Cabrera, who had accompanied Gorno, retired from the race in the comparatively early stages.



FAVOURITE FOR THE 1956 OLYMPIC LONG JUMP ?

MONTE UP SHAW (U.S.A.) 18, here seen making his 25ft.4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins (7.72m) jump at the University of California's stadium at Berkeley, Calif: on May 29th 1954.

Montague M. Upshaw was born on May 11 1936 and is the second oldest in a family of four of American nationality and English descent. He stands 6 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. tall and weighs 11 stone 5lbs. At Piedmont High School Upshaw has shown consistent improvement :-1952- 22 ft. 1in. (6.73m); 1953 - 23ft. 5in. (7.137m); 1954- 25 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (7.72m). His last eight competitive jumps were all over 24 feet. His coach Glen Johnson reports that Upshaw uses a 130 foot run-up with a single check mark. He hits top speed very early and gathers himself excellently before the board for his take off. He uses no hitch kick. Upshaw's success is based on tremendous height with a very good leg extension as he strikes the pit.

His other achievements are:- 100 yards 10.0 secs.; 220 yards 21.2 secs. (but in relay leg); 120 yards 3ft. 3in Hurdles 14.4 secs.

(Acknowledgements to Coach Glen M. Johnson and Photographer Chris Kjobech)

### NYENASHEV HITS 200'-7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (61.16M.)

Baku, December 1. Stanislav Nyenashev, 21, the world's fastest-turning hammer-thrower today became the fifth man in history to better 200 feet with a mighty throw of 200'7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (61.16m.) which now ranks him behind only the world record-holder Mikhail Krivonosov, Strandli of Norway and Cserrák, the reigning Olympic champion from Hungary.

The squat 5'8" (1.73m.) tall 16 stone (224 lb.) Caucasian had a previous best mark made here a year ago (Dec. 5 1953) of 199'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (60.70m.) which bettered Krivonosov's All-Soviet record of 198'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (60.51m.) set at Tashkent on Oct. 13 1952. Though he won the 1953 U.S.S.R. title Nyenashev has an erratic record.



# Europe's Last 1954 Kick

by R. L. Quercetani

The highest "proficiency" marks in the final stages of the 1954 European season went to 3 well-known quantities- namely, the sprinter Heinz Fütterer of Germany, miler Stan Jungwirth of Czechoslovakia and high jumper Benke Nilsson of Sweden. The speedster from Karlsruhe ran a legitimate 10.2 for 100 metres and 20.8 for 200 metres in the last meeting of his successful Japanese tournee. Jungwirth moved to fourth best ever in the 3,000 metres with a fine 8:05.4. Nilsson cleared 2.10 (6'10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>) from a board take-off in an indoor meeting in Sweden- a mere fraction of an inch under Kenneth Wiesner's best-on-record indoor performance of 6'10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in 1953.

Details on these and other marks are given in our event-by-event summary, which covers the few November highlights and some previously unreported marks made in the tail end of the season.

**FÜTTERER'S THREE WATCHES READ 10.2 SECS, 10.2 SECS AND 10.1 SECS.!**

**SPRINTS:** In the next to last meeting of his Japanese tour, at Kanazawa on Oct. 28, Fütterer ran 100 metres in 10.4. Then in the farewell meeting, held at Yokohama on Oct. 31- a Sunday- he made the headlines with a great 'double'. First he equalled the world's 100 metre record with a great 10.2 secs. This time the wind was 1.10 metres/sec. (2.46 m.p.h.) hence only 55% of the limit allowed by the I.A.A.F. The temperature was 19 C. (66 F.). The three official watches read 10.2, 10.1 (!) and 10.2 secs. Bert Steines, the German who won the bronze medal in the European 110 metre hurdles at Bern, was second in 10.5- two tenths under his previous best. This must have been a race in which, as the Germans say, "alles klappte" meaning everything went smoothly. The times of the two Nipponese who filled third and fourth places (Takata, 10.9 and Fujii 11.0) were, however, quite normal for the men who posted them. (It perhaps of interest to recall that back in 1902 a Japanese sprinter named Minoru Fuji is reputed to have recorded an electrically timed 10.24 secs. for a 100 metres. Ed.)

Later on the same day Fütterer celebrated with 20.8 secs. 200 metres, thus equalling his European best time of Oct. 16 made also round a turn at Osaka. He won by a street from his countryman Hans Geister (22.2), who only 10 days earlier at Hiroshima had posted a personal best of 21.3 secs.

The only decent November clocking in Europe was a 10.6 secs. for a 100 metres by an unknown Russian dashman, Martinov, at the Leningrad Winter Stadium during an indoor meeting held there early in the month.

In the above mentioned Yokohama trackfest of October 31st. Geister ran 400 metres in 47.2, his best for 1954, beating Heinz Ulzheimer (47.7n), who chose the occasion to announce his retirement from the track. Ulzheimer, the first German runner to achieve international standard in the early post-war years, won a bronze medal in the 800 metres at the Helsinki Olympics and the title of A.A.U. indoor 1,000 Yards Champion in February 1953.

**JUNGWIRTH SURPASSES KUTS AND CHATAWAY WITH AN 8:05.4 3,000 METRES**

**MIDDLE AND LONG DISTANCES:** Werner Lueg, former world 1,500 metre record co-holder, ruled off his account in Japan with 800 metre marks of 1:51.6 and 1:51.3: in the former race (Yavata, Oct. 24) one learns the seemingly impossible happened with Lueg (long known as a 'sitter' in his own country) leading from start to finish. On Oct. 28 in Czechoslovakia that fine prospect Cenek Hanka- probably the only Negro athlete to achieve international reputation in a continental country other than France and Portugal- recorded 1:51.8.

Jungwirth's 8:05.4 3,000 metres was made, quite naturally, at Stará Boleslav Houška on Oct. 28. His intermediate times were 1,000m. 2:34.4; 1,500m. 3:55.2 (!) and 2,000m. 5:17.8. Zátapek's protegee Ivan Ullsperger was second in 8:18.4

The European steeplechase champion Sándor Rozsnyói of Hungary set a promising personal best of 14:37.0 in the 5,000 metres on Oct. 24 at Budapest, finishing behind the European 1,500 metre record-holder Iharos who, as reported last month, won in 14:12.2

Some of the best Hungarian distance men indulged in one of their by now classic late season fatigues over 10,000 metres (not the least purpose of which seems to be that of raising the 'averages' in the national year lists) on Oct. 23 at Budapest. Miklos Szabó II won in 30:16.6 from Ernő Béres (30:18.6), Béla Juhász (30:21.8) and Iászló Jészenszky (30:24.2).

Nothing particularly worthy of note occurred in the hurdles department since our last report.

WORLD'S BEST 3,000 METRES	
7:58.7	Reiff 1949
7:59.6	Iharos 1954
8:01.2	Hägg 1942
8:05.4	Jungwirth 1954
8:05.8	Kuts 1954
8:06.2m	Chataway 1954
8:06.6	Herman 1953
8:06.6	Garay 1954
8:06.8n	Tabori 1954
8:07.8	Zátapek 1948

m = made in 2 Miles

## NILSSON 6'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (2.114M) OUT & 6'10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (2.10M) INDOORS



Bengt Nilsson, who is eagerly looking forward to his American trip (he is expected to compete in the American indoor season), tried a board take-off at Göteborg's Masshallen on Oct. 30. The twenty-year old sensation was once again phenomenal: he went over the bar at 6'6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (2.00m) and at 6'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (2.04m) at his first attempt, cleared 6'9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (2.08m) on his second try and 6'10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (2.10m) on his third. This last mark was just a couple of millimetres under Wiesner's 1953 mark at Chicago. Nilsson did not try to go higher but indulged in a practice jump (the man just can't stay on the ground) and on landing in the rudimentary pit, only covered with inadequate mattresses, he sprained an ankle and also injured a wrist. This may upset his plans for the American visit but Swedish experts say he will no doubt be fit for the A.A.U. Indoor Championships. (Feb. 19 at New York. Ed.)

EVER UPWARD & ONWARD	
Age	Best Mark
13	1.55m 5' 1"
14	1.65m 5' 4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
15	1.82m 5' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
16	1.86m 6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
17	1.90m 6' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
18	1.93m 6' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
19	2.01m 6' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
20	2.114m 6' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "

Viktor Chernobay, one of Russia's most consistent vaulters, raised his personal best to 14'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" at Odessa and Zbigniew Janiszewski of Poland cleared 13'11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" at Lodz on Oct. 24 which, significantly enough, suffices for only third in his country's year list.

Martin Rehak of Czechoslovakia hop, step and jumped 50'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"-his fifth 50 foot plus effort this year- at Prague on Oct. 30.

**NORDIC WINTER FORCES NIKKINEN TO CALL IT A DAY AT 261'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (79.60 m.)**

Soini Nikkinen desperately tried to break Held's world record for the javelin in the dying days of the autumn. On Oct. 31 he did 249'3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and 232'7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"-again in different meetings- and on Nov. 7 again turned out at Ianti and there managed 245'10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". Suomi's last kick however came from Paull Vesterinen, who went out into the snow outside the indoor hall at Otaniemi on Dec. 6 to register 70.77 metres (232'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>").

Heiner Will, the new German record-holder at 253' 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (77.12m.), supplied some comforting 'collateral' to the mark which at Tokyo on Oct. 10 occasioned some raised eye-brows when, at Yokohama on Oct. 31, he got one off to 245'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (74.72m.)

On the same day Poland learnt of her fourth 70 metre man when the 20 year old Jan Kopyto threw 230'3" (70.18m.) R.L.Q.

**YVETTE WILLIAMS CHANGES HER NAME TO CORLETT** Auckland, Dec. 11. Yvette Winifred Williams, the 24 year old world long jump record holder and Olympic Champion today married Mr. C. 'Buddy' Corlett, a physical training instructor.



**LATE SEASON RUMANIAN RECORDS FOR HURDLES** Cluj, Dec. 1 Ion Opris lowered the Rumanian 110 metres hurdles record from 14.6 to 14.3 in a late season meeting to day. Opris who returned 14.8 twice in winning his way to the Bern final thus joins Bulanchik and Stolyarov (U.S.S.R.) and Lorgor (Jugoslavia) as equal best of the European season. Raised also was the hammer record to 181'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" (55.20m.)

Knut Fredriksson (Sweden) one of 1954's three new 250 foot javelin throwers who, on Sept. 12 in the Helsinki Stadium threw 251'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (76.74m.) to add 17 feet to his previous personal best. He ranks No. 11 on the all-time list.



# FINAL 1954 BRITISH BEST PERFORMANCE LISTS

We here publish a final deep instalment of the best performances by United Kingdom athletes for the season of 1954.

Notation: n = non winning time; u = unofficial place-time m = time for metric distance.

## 1,500 METRES

3:42.2n+Roger Bannister	Vancouver	7/8
3:45.4n+Chris Chataway	Turku	21/6
3:49.2n Ian Boyd	Bern	29/8
3:49.8 Ken Wood	White City	2/8
3:51.2n Fred Wyatt	White City	2/8
3:52.4 Brian Hewson	Wimbledon	15/5
3:53.6 Chris Brasher	Saarbrucken	15/5
3:53.6n Ralph Dunkley	White City	13/10
3:54.8n Brian Barrett	Wimbledon	15/5
3:55.0n John Evans	White City	2/8
3:55.6n David Pemble	Stockholm	/9

+ = in course of a mile race

## ONE MILE

3:58.8 Roger Bannister	Vancouver	7/8
4:04.4n Chris Chataway	Turku	21/6
4:04.8 Ken Wood	White City	14/8
4:05.0n Victor Milligan	Vancouver	7/8
4:05.2 Gordon Pirie	New Beckenham	19/6
4:05.4n Brian Hewson	New Beckenham	19/6
4:05.8n Fred Wyatt	White City	14/8
4:06.3+ Alec Breckenridge	Atlantic City	3/5
4:07.2n Ian Boyd	Vancouver	7/8
4:08.0 Peter Driver	White City	7/6
4:08.6n David Law	Vancouver	5/8
4:09.0 Chris Brasher	White City	5/6
4:09.0n John Disley	Vancouver	5/8
4:09.6n Michael Whittaker	White City	9/7
4:09.8 Bill Nankeville	Walton	12/6
4:09.8n Brian Barrett	(16) White City	8/9
4:10.0n John Evans	White City	7/6
4:11.0n Ron Stonehouse	Birmingham	2/10
4:11.6u Fred Green	White City	5/6
4:11.8 Jackie Brown	White City	9/7
4:12.8n Keith Marsden	Cambridge	20/5
4:12.8n Roger Dunkley	Cambridge	20/5
4:12.0n Frank Sando	White City	8/9
4:13.2n G.T.Olding	Uxbridge	23/6
4:13.8n Alan Gordon	Motspur Pk.	20/5
4:13.8n E.R.Douglas	White City	7/6
4:14.0 Eddie Hardy	Manchester	2/6
4:14.1n W.T.Hulatt	Manchester	2/6
4:14.2n B.Bullen	Manchester	2/6
4:14.2n Eddie Ellis	Wimbledon	15/5
4:14.2u Ian Parr	White City	7/6
4:14.8u Dennis Crook	(32) White City	7/6

+ = Boardwalk track

## 2,000 METRES

5:19.8 Gordon Pirie	Freiburg	8/5
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## 3,000 METRES

8:06.6 Chris Chataway	White City	7/6
8:16.6 Peter Driver	Voss	7/9

## THREE MILES

13:27.2n Chris Chataway	White City	13/10
13:32.2 Freddie Green	White City	10/7
13:37.4n Frank Sando	Vancouver	3/8
13:47.0n Peter Driver	Vancouver	3/8
13:47.2 Ken Norris	White City	14/8
13:47.2n Michael Maynard	White City	14/8
13:47.4 Gordon Pirie	White City	5/6
13:53.6n Peter Pirie	White City	14/8
13:55.0n Pat Ranger	White City	10/7
13:55.0n Fred Norris	White City	14/8
13:56.0n Ken Wood	White City	10/7
13:57.9n Len Eyre	Glasgow	12/6
13:59.6n Harry Hicks	Croydon	19/6
13:59.6n Ian Binnie	(14) Vancouver	3/8
14:00.4n George Ibbotson	Hull	11/9
14:01.6u Hugh Foord	White City	10/7
14:03.4n Fred Wyatt	Croydon	19/6
14:05.0u Mike Schofield	White City	10/7
14:05.6n Alan Perkins	Croydon	19/6
14:05.6n IAC Thompson	Uxbridge	30/6
14:06.8 W.T.Hulatt	Darlington	21/6
14:09.0n Eddie Ellis	Alperton	21/7
14:09.4 David Parmenter	Leamington	22/5
14:11.0n P.C.Perry	White City	5/6
14:12.2 John Knopf	(25) White City	14/3

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## 100 YARDS.

9.8n George Ellis	Vancouver	31/7
9.8n Ken Jones	Vancouver	31/7
9.9 Ken Box	White City	5/6
9.9n Alan Lillington	White City	5/6
9.9 Bill Ferguson	Birmingham	19/6
9.9n Brian Darlington	Birmingham	19/6
9.9 James Raitton	St.Helens	3/7
9.9n Brian Shenton	White City	10/7
9.9n Clay Gibbs	White City	14/8
9.9n Roy Sandstrom	Birmingham	2/10
10.0 CJW Haines	Cheltenham	27/3
10.0 Michael Ruddy	White City	15/5
10.0n Noel Down	White City	5/6
10.0n BV Kinsey	St.Helens	3/7
10.0 WE Miller	Ilford	21/7
10.0n James Spooner	Birmingham	24/7
10.0 Ronald Chambers	Belfast	24/7
10.0 WH Mitchell	Cambridge	7/8
10.0 R Norton	Gibraltar	12/9

Wind assisted marks--:

9.7 George Ellis	Loughborough	26/5
9.7 Roy Sandstrom	Eastbourne	24/7
9.9 Peter Fryer	Wellingborough	22/5

## 100 METRES

10.7 Roy Sandstrom	Dordrecht	24/8
10.7n Ken Jones	Bern	26/8
10.7n George Ellis	Bern	26/8
10.9n Clay Gibbs	White City	2/8
10.9 Michael Ruddy	Leiden	14/8

## 200 METRES

21.2n George Ellis	Bern	29/8
21.3n Brian Shenton	Bern	29/8
21.6 Clay Gibbs	White City	2/8
22.0n Michael Wotton	Malmo	7/7
22.1n Roy Sandstrom	White City	2/8
22.3n Alan Dick	Amsterdam	13/6

## 220 YARDS (turn)

21.5 Brian Shenton	White City	10/7
21.5n George Ellis	White City	10/7
21.6n Clay Gibbs	White City	10/7
21.7 Alan Sexton	Croydon	19/6
21.9 Michael Ruddy	Birmingham	31/7
21.9n Ken Jones	Vancouver	5/8
22.0n James Spooner	Birmingham	31/7
22.1 Derek Johnson	Oxford	8/5
22.1 Peter Fryer	Birmingham	19/6
22.2n David Wetters	Oxford	8/5
22.2n William Ferguson	Birmingham	19/6
22.2n Roy Sandstrom	Hull	11/9
22.3 J.W.E.Walker	Cannock	22/5
22.3n Ken Box	Hull	11/9
22.4 P.J.Phillips	Motspur Park	1/5
22.4n Derek Milton	Wimbledon	15/5
22.4n Dennis Merrett	Wimbledon	15/5
22.4 Michael Wotton	Motspur Park	2/6
22.4 J.F.Groves	Croydon	19/6
22.4n Harry Kane	Birmingham	2/10
Straightaway		
21.7 Peter Fryer	Hurlingham	18/9
22.0 Ken Box	Leeds	

## 400 METRES

48.0n Peter Fryer	Bern	25/8
48.3n Alan Dick	Bern	26/8
49.2 Michael Wotton	Halsingborg	4/7
49.7n W.H.Dundas	Stockholm	/9

## 440 YARDS

47.9n Derek Johnson	White City	14/8
48.4 Peter Fryer	White City	10/7
48.5 Alan Dick	White City	

48.7n Peter Higgins	White City	9/7
48.7n Harry Kane	Vancouver	5/8
49.0n Roger Baker	Motspur Park	15/5
49.0n Michael Wheeler	Chiswick	26/6
49.0n Terry Higgins	White City	14/8
49.2n JBA Robertson	White City	15/5
49.3 Alan Sexton	Cambridge	4/3
49.4n Cecil Parkinson	Cambridge	4/3
49.4n D McDonald	Glasgow	12/6
49.6 Angus Scott	Cambridge	20/5
49.6n Peter Phillips	White City	7/6
49.7 Martin Jones	Loughborough	26/5
49.8 PL Burt	Manchester	10/5
49.8 Len Smith	Uxbridge	30/6
49.9 Dennis Rawe	Southampton	3/7
50.0 Derek Milton	Woodford	17/4
50.0 JF Groves	Walton	5/7



Peter Pirie, the 13:53.6 three-miler (Neale).

## 800 METRES

1:47.4n Derek Johnson	Bern	28/9
1:50.2 Brian Hewson	Bern	25/8
1:51.1n Ron Henderson	White City	2/8
1:51.2n Bill Aylett	White City	13/10
1:51.5n Ron Day	White City	2/8

## 880 YARDS

1:50.2 Derek Johnson	White City	5/6
1:51.2n Brian Hewson	Vancouver	3/8
1:51.3n Roger Bannister	White City	5/6
1:51.6 Ron Henderson	White City	29/9
1:51.9n Ian Boyd	Vancouver	3/8
1:52.7n Ron Day	White City	5/6
1:52.7n David Law	Glasgow	12/6
1:52.7n James Hamilton	Vancouver	3/8
1:52.8n Brian Grogan	White City	14/8
1:53.0 Gordon Pirie	Walton	12/6
1:53.2n Ernest Gallagher	White City	9/7
1:53.2n Bill Aylett	White City	14/8
1:53.5n Albert Webster	White City	5/6
1:53.6n Angus Scott	Cardiff	8/5
1:53.7n Bob Taylor	Walton	12/6
1:53.7n Fred Millward	White City	14/8
1:53.8n M.Farrell	Birmingham	2/10
1:54.0 Victor Milligan	Belfast	30/6
1:54.1n Desmond Williamson		30/6
1:54.2n Ronald Stonehouse	White City	9/7
1:54.4n Chris Chataway	White City	29/9
1:54.5n Bill Nankeville	White City	5/6
1:54.6n Norman Lloyd	Croydon	19/6
1:54.7n EDC Buswell	Birmingham	2/10
1:54.8n Jack Beesley	Cambridge	4/3
1:54.8 B Goater	Uxbridge	30/6
1:54.9n R.B. Stoddart	White City	17/7



**1954 BRITISH LIST CONCLUDED**

(3 Mile List cont:)

14:13.2 Jackie Brown	Wimbledon	15/5
14:13.4n J.Stevenson @	White City	15/5

@ also reported at 14:05.2n,Glasgow 12/6

5,000 METRES

13:51.6 Chris Chataway	White City	13/10
14:19.0n Ken Norris	White City	2/8
14:22.2n Michael Maynard	White City	2/8
14:27.2n Peter Pirie	White City	2/8
14:28.0n David Pemble	Stockholm	10/9
14:29.2n Peter Driver	White City	13/10
14:33.8n Hugh Poord	White City	2/8
14:35.0n Alan Perkins	White City	2/8
14:37.4n John Disley	Cologne	30/5
14:42.8n Freddie Green	Bern	26/8

SIX MILES

28:34.8 Peter Driver	White City	9/7
28:38.2n Frank Sando	White City	9/7
28:38.2 Ken Norris	White City	13/10
28:56.8n Albert Ingles	White City	24/4
28:57.8n Jim Peters	White City	9/7
29:09.0n Ian Binnie	White City	9/7
29:10.0 Hugh Poord	Hove	11/9
29:17.0 Gordon Pirie	Manchester	13/11
29:17.2n Tony Weeks-Pearson	White City	9/7
29:21.0n Fred Norris	White City	9/7
29:21.6n Jack Heywood	White City	9/7
29:23.5n Peter Pirie	White City	9/7
29:25.0n Peter West	White City	9/7
29:25.8n Derek Walker	White City	7/6
29:26.8n Michael Maynard	White City	24/4
29:29.6n Charlie Smart	White City	24/4
29:30. u Lawrence Tawn	White City	9/7
29:34.0n Alan Perkins	White City	24/4
29:46.4 George Ibbotson	Bradford	7/8
29:50.0n J.Butler	White City	24/4
29:50.0n John Wood	White City	24/4
29:56.8n Maurice Baker	(22)White City	24/4

10,000 METRES

29:27.6n Frank Sando	Bern	25/8
29:35.4 Ken Norris	White City	13/10
30:03.6n Peter Driver	Bern	25/8
30:07.2 Gordon Pirie	Manchester	13/11

120 YARDS HURDLES

14.6n+Jack Parker	Bern	29/8
14.6 Peter Hildreth	Dublin	18/9
14.7 Chris. Higham	Oxford	6/3
15.1 Bob Shaw	Cardiff	19/6
15.1n R.T.Tolson	White City	10/7
15.2n W.H.Clephan	White City	10/7
15.2n+Paul Vine	Brussels	1/9
15.3n Vic Matthews	Croydon	19/6
15.3 Geoff.Elliott	Uxbridge	30/6
15.4 Clive Dennis	Edinburgh	6/7
15.4n Donal O'Sullivan	White City	10/7
15.5n John Robinson	White City	7/6

+ = made over 110 metres(120.30 Yards).

400 METRES HURDLES

51.5u Harry Kane	White City	13/10
52.3n Bob Shaw	Bern	29/8
53.9n Neil Dangerfield	White City	2/8
56.9n B.A.R.Thomas	White City	2/8

440 YARDS HURDLES

51.8n Harry Kane	White City	13/10
53.3n Bob Shaw	Vancouver	3/8
53.7n David Gracie	White City	10/7
54.2n Alec.Hardy	White City	5/6
54.6n Neil Dangerfield	White City	10/7
55.5 Tom Farrell	Aberdeen	3/7
55.6n Ian Walker	Motspur Pk.	8/5
55.6n Donal O'Sullivan	Edmonton	22/5
55.6 W.H.Clephan	Edinburgh	26/6
55.8u Ken Wilmshurst	Vancouver	31/7
55.9n Clive Dennis	White City	10/7
56.7n Derek Brierley	White City	9/7

**440 YARDS HURDLES (cont.)**

57.0 G.W.Thirlby	Birmingham	19/6
57.0 Paul Vine	White City	8/9
57.3n J.Hancock	Motspur Pk.	2/6
57.3n David Woodford	White City	14/8
57.7n D.Slater	White City	8/9
57.8n H.G.Pinsent	Motspur Pk.	2/6
57.9n Ron Ede	White City	8/9

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

9:00.8 Ken Johnson	White City	10/7
9:00.8 John Disley	White City	13/10
9:04.0n Eric Shirley	White City	10/7
9:06.6n Chris.Brasher	White City	10/7
9:10.2n Eddie Hardy	White City	10/7
9:14.0 Eddie Ellis	Edmonton	22/5
9:20.6n R.G.Bescroft	Manchester	19/6
9:22.2n Roy Morley	White City	14/8
9:24.2n Tom Bailey	White City	7/6
9:25.4n P.Hedley	Manchester	19/6
9:25.6 David Pemble	White City	21/8
9:27.2 A.E.Foster	White City	2/8
9:35.6n B.James	White City	10/7
9:37.2 Tony Llewellyn	Chiswick	29/5

HIGH JUMP

6' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Peter Wells	Christchurch	23/1
6' 4" Derek Cox	Dublin	3/7
6' 3" Bill Piper	Dunoon	27/8
6' 2" Ron Pavitt	Imber Court	8/5
6' 2" Norman Gregor	Maidstone	12/5
6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Paul Stableforth		12/6
6' 1" E.Button	Imber Court	8/5
6' 1" Tony Orton	Cambridge	20/5
6' 1" John Bellinger	Croydon	19/6
6' 1" K.M.Phillips	Cardiff	2/8
6' 0" M.J.Rickards	Motspur Pk.	1/5
6' 0" J.S.Warwick	Belfast	2/6
6' 0" KinnairdCunningham	Glasgow	15/6
6' 0" Nigel Reid	Tooting	31/7
6' 0" J.Billington (15)	Birmingham	31/7

POLE VAULT

14' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Geoff Elliott	Bern	28/8
13' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Norman Gregor	Glasgow	7/8
13' 6" Geoffrey Schmidt	Wealdstone	21/7
13' 0" Ian Ward	Glasgow	7/8
12' 6" George Broad	White City	2/8
12' 6" Raymond Petitjean	Aberdeen	3/7
12' 5" Gilbert Howland	Hampstead	21/6
12' 2" Bill Piper	Edinburgh	26/6
12' 0" Bert Hopkins	Edmonton	22/5
12' 0" Rex.Hayden	Motspur Pk.	2/6
12' 0" Geoff.Calladine	Manchester	19/6
12' 0" Paul Delight (12)	Aberdeen	3/7

LONG JUMP

24' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Ken Wilmshurst	Vancouver	5/8
23'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> D.Brown	Old Sarum	7/7
23'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Arthur Cruttenden	White City	17/7
23' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Derek Cox	Vancouver	5/8
23' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Leslie Pinder	Doncaster	3/7
23' 2" Percy Luxon	Alperton	14/8
22'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Maldwyn Chapman	Acton	28/5
22'11" D.Bridgen	Alperton	14/8
22'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Peter Whaley	Birmingham	24/7
22' 9" Len.Platt	White City	5/6
22' 9" G.H.Cain	White City	17/7
22' 8" Gerald Goodrich	Oxford	6/5
22' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Geoff.Calladine	Uxbridge	30/6

with wind:

23' 2" Ken Box	Aldershot	26/6
23' 2" Peter Whaley	Chiswick	26/6

HOP,STEP AND JUMP

50' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Ken Wilmshurst	White City	7/6
47' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Jim Monteith(Jam)	Hull	11/9
47' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> T.Mc.I.McNab	Leeming	26/5
47' 0" Johnny Whall	Wimbledon	17/4
46' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> I.McNight	Dublin	26/6
46 Michael Eggleton		
46' 5" R.McG.Stephens	Aberdeen	3/7
46' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Peter Goldsmith	Eastbourne	31/7
46' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Paul Stableforth	Hull	11/9



Leslie Pinder, Britain's little known A.A.A. Decathlon Champion of 1951-52-53-54. (Neale).

46' 1" R.J.McGolan	Belfast	31/7
45' 9" Percy Luxon	Battersea	21/7
45' 7" Sgt.Ashworth	Hull	11/9
45' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Malcolm Rimmer	White City	10/7
45' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> A.D.Fleming	Eastbourne	31/7
45' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> David Field	Leamington	22/5
45' 1" N.M.McLeod	Motspur Pk.	15/5
45' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> I.C.Cuthbertson	Southgate	26/6

PUTTING THE WEIGHT

55' 2" John Savidge	Cardiff	8/5
49' 6" Mark Pharaoh	Hull	11/9
46' 8" J.B.Byrne	Dublin	12/6
46' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Geoff.Budd	Goteborg	1/7
46' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Tom Logan	Edinburgh	7/7
46' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> R.E.Wilkins	Leiden	14/8
45'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> W.B.L.Palmer	Oxford	27/2
45' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Bill Robbins	Oxford	12/11
45' 6" James Drummond	Edinburgh	26/6
45' 2" Chris.Neville		
45' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Geoff.Elliott	Vancouver	5/8
45' 0" Gerald Carr	Wimbledon	15/5
45' 0" Jack Giles	Southgate	3/7
44' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> R.Taylor	Edinburgh	19/5
44' 5" A.E.Cook	Uxbridge	23/6
44' 1" Pat Horn	Southampton	3/7
44' 0" G.Brooks	(17)Alperton	17/8

THROWING THE DISCUS

165' 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Mark Pharaoh	Motspur Pk.	2/6
156' 5" John Savidge	White City	13/10
150' 9" Ernest Brewer	Malden	12/7
148' 3" Hywell Williams	Vancouver	3/8
143' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Gerald Carr	Paris	9/5
140' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> David Slater	Cambridge	20/5
140' 2" Geoff.Elliott	Uxbridge	30/6
140' 1" James Drummond	White City	17/7
138' 3" C.Purves		28/8
137' 7" D.Ellis	Epsom	25/5
134' 0" J.L.Donnelly	Edinburgh	5/7
133' 7" C.Scott	Belfast	12/6
133' 4" Ewan Douglas	Edinburgh	29/6

THROWING THE HAMMER

188' 5" Ewan Douglas	Edinburgh	25/9
181' 6" Alec.Valentine	Marlow	4/9
174'10" Peter Allday	Wimbledon	7/7
174' 5" Don Anthony	Marlow	4/9
173' 5" Arthur Silbery	Imber Court	8/7
166' 6" Frank Gandy	White City	14/8
166' 5" Carl Harper	Southgate	3/7
161' 5" R.S.Scott	Edinburgh	2/10
161' 0" James Lally	Belfast	12/6
158'10" Mark Pharaoh	Manchester	22/5
158' 6" Michael Ellis	Imber Court	28/8
156' 8" P.L.Porter	Wimbledon	30/6
155'10" K.Kinnaird	Kenley	25/6

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# Survey of World Class Miling

by Ross McWhirter

The aim of this article is to examine the recent trends of the various contributions by different countries to world class running over 1,500 metres/one mile. The two events will be treated as one because to do otherwise would produce a distorted picture— for example any attempt to forecast the result of an Olympic 1,500 metres championship without taking miles into account would be without sense. Where, in this article, evaluation between the two distances is required the 1950 International Scoring tables are used.

After the 1948 Olympic Games season was over an examination of the all-time list showed that 32 athletes from 11 countries had beaten 3 mins.50.0 secs. for 1,500 metres and/or 4 mins.09.2 (its "official" equivalent) for the 1 mile. The position was as follows :-

SWEDEN	12	Hägg, Strand, Andersson, Eriksson (H), Persson, Bergkvist, Ahlsen, Gustafsson, Ahlden, Kärlane, Spangert, Malmberg.
U.S.A.	10	Mehl, Cunningham, Moore, Dodds, Bonthron, Fenske, San Romani, Hulse, Lash, Zamperini.
FRANCE	2	Hansenne, Ladoumègue
NEW ZEALAND	1	Lovelock
GREAT BRITAIN	1	Wooderson
BELGIUM	1	Reiff
Hungary	1	Szabó
Italy	1	Beccali
Czechoslovakia	1	Cevona
Netherlands	1	Slykhuus
Finland	1	Johansson

After the passage of four more seasons the position at the end of the next Olympic season was as follows :-

SWEDEN	20	Landqvist, Åberg, Eriksson (I), Bengtsson, Gottfridsson, Halmborg, Karlsson (K-E), Karlsson (S).
U.S.A.	14	Newcombe, McMillen, Dreutzler, Santee
GREAT BRITAIN	5	Nankeville, Bannister, Parlett, Robinson.
FRANCE	4	El Mabrouk, Vernier (Jean)
FINLAND	4	Taipale, Vähäranta, Pystynen
HUNGARY	4	Garay, Béres, Iháros
GERMANY	4	Lueg, Dohrow, Lammers, Kluge
Belgium	2	Herman
Czechoslovakia	2	Jungwirth
Australia	2	Macmillan, Landy
U.S.S.R.	2	Velsveebel, Byelokurov
Netherlands	1	-
Yugoslavia	1	Otenheimer
New Zealand	1	-
Italy	1	-
Eire	1	Barry
Canada	1	McEwen
Luxemburg	1	Barthel
Norway	1	Boysen
Denmark	1	Nielsen

Thus 32 becomes 72 and 20 nations contribute instead of only 11. The main observations are that Sweden with her spring of talent unabated produced 8 new world class performers. The United States show a relatively disappointing increase of 4 new men. Great Britain move to third with 4 men to add to Wooderson. France doubles from 2 to 4, whereas Finland and Hungary do even better to find three men each to rank with their previously lone stars. Australia and U.S.S.R. make a strong first appearance with 2 men each. Germany does best of all by founding a new tradition with no less than 4 runners.

## FURTHER GREAT CHANGES IN 1953 and 1954.

The picture, however, does not remain still and the upward surge of standards has never before been so marked. Mid-way between Helsinki and Melbourne the current order is :-

SWEDEN	24	Lundberg, Toft, Albertsson, Waern
GREAT BRITAIN	19	Seaman, Pirie, Chataway, Green, Wood, Milligan, Hewson, Wyatt, Boyd, Driver, Law, Brasher, Disley, Breckenridge (4:06.3 on 3/4 mi. str.)
U.S.A.	17	Dwyer, Capozzoli, LaPierre



Action Photo by Neale

Three of the 1954 recruits to world class miling: Ken Wood (G.B.) 4:04.8 beats László Tábori (Hungary) 4:05.2 and (obscured) Fred Wyatt (G.B.) 4:05.8 in the "Emsley Carr" Mile at White City, London on August 14th.

GERMANY	9	Lauffer, Lawrenz, Emde, Herrmann, Deutzlander
FINLAND	8	Huttunen, Kakko, Vuorisalo, Tuomaala
HUNGARY	7	Rózsavölgyi, Tábori, Mikes
U.S.S.R.	6	Kurchurin, Marityev, Bagreyev, Okorokov
France	4	-
Poland	3	Lewandowski, Potrzebowski, Chromik
Czechoslovakia	3	Zvolensky
Belgium	2	-
Australia	2	-
Yugoslavia	2	Mugosa
New Zealand	2	Halberg
Canada	2	Ferguson
Netherlands	1	-
Italy	1	-
Eire	1	-
Luxemburg	1	-
Norway	1	-
Denmark	1	-

The total number of world class milers (by our, I think reasonable, definition) is now 116. These sub 3:50.0 performers come from 21 countries. Only Poland has been added to the list in the last 2 seasons.

The most remarkable feature of these last two seasons is the upsurge of newcomers from Great Britain, which thereby leaps from being a bad third to a threatening second to Sweden's magnificent record of leadership.

The ten best performers of all time from the top three miling nations - in terms of one mile - as at the end of the 1954 season :-

SWEDEN (1st)	GREAT BRITAIN (2nd)	U.S.A. (3rd)
Hägg 4:01.3	Bannister 3:58.8	Santee 4:00.6
Strand (4:01.4)	Chataway (4:04.1)	McMillen (4:03.8)
Andersson 4:01.6	Wooderson 4:04.2	Hulse 4:06.0
Karlsson (4:02.7)	Wood 4:04.8	odds 4:06.1
Eriksson H. (4:02.9)	Milligan 4:05.0	Dreutzler (4:06.6)
Landqvist (4:03.4)	Pirie 4:05.2	Cunningham 4:06.7
Eriksson I. 4:03.6	Nankeville (4:05.4)	Mehl (4:06.7)
Persson 4:03.8	Hewson 4:05.4	Dwyer 4:07.1
Åberg (4:04.1)	Wyatt 4:05.8	San Romani 4:07.2
Gustafsson 4:04.6	Boyd 4:07.2	Lash 4:07.2
AVERAGE 4:02.9	AVERAGE 4:04.6	AVERAGE 4:05.8

(performances in brackets are converted from 1,500m)

## Christmas Greetings

The Editors would like to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas and a successful 1955. "Athletics World" is now sent each month to 57 different countries and we wish to thank all those whose support makes it possible to continue this venture.

Next year the international calendar is even more crowded and with a highly successful celebration of the British Empire Games at Vancouver and of the European Championships at Bern behind us, we look forward to an exciting pre-Olympic season.



# Oxford Gain Record 6-1 Relays Win

Oxford, 25th November.

Oxford University emerged from the 28th Annual Relay Meeting against Cambridge University with 6 wins to 1—the most decisive win ever by the Dark Blues, equal to the 1929, 1934 and 1935 margins by their traditional opponents. In addition Oxford captured meeting records in the 4 x 880 yds; 4 x 120 yds. and 4 x 220 yds. Hurdles—the former being the only record held by Cambridge.

In spite of wet and windy weather the performances were of the highest ever standard reached at this attractive autumn meeting. Oxford won the 4 x 110 yds. in 43.0 secs. by five yards from Cambridge. Derek Johnson anchored the Oxford quartet. In the 4 x 880 yards a 1:54.0 anchor leg by Ian Boyd (3rd at Vancouver) gave Oxford the record of 7:49.8 but Cambridge although 20 yards behind also beat their own previous mark by 1/5th sec. with 7:55.0 thanks chiefly to a 1:56.0 final stage by Jock Beasley.

Oxford went into a 3-0 lead with some spirited high shuttle hurdling. Bob Shaw was too fast for the Cambridge South African Antony Guthrie and broke the tape in 63 secs - 3/10ths secs. faster than Oxford's 1938 record. Cambridge keep the match alive by winning the 4 x 220 yards sprint relay in the moderate time of 1:30.5 secs. The home side went further ahead in the 4 x 220 yds. low hurdles in which Derek Johnson made a 25.0 sec. debut over the third stage to hand over a lead to Bob Shaw who twinkled over the anchor stage with an effort which at 24.0 secs. would have been a European record in a scratch event. Having spent themselves overmuch in the 4x880 yds. race the Oxford milers just missed out on the record with a laboured 17:38.6.

The last event the 4x440 yds. was as always fought out in the half-light. The Dark Blues' second man, 33 year old Derek Brierley put in a spirited run to which stages of 49.2 and 48.5 secs. were added by Shaw and Johnson. Johnson was well held for 9 tenths of the way by Orrell-Jones of Cambridge who recorded 49.7.



Bob Shaw seen in action in the semi-finals of the European Championships at Bern in which he recorded 52.5 secs.

## BANNISTER WINS WORLD POLL

Stuttgart, Dec. 1st. Roger Bannister became the first Englishman ever to win the World-Wide Press Poll on the 'Athlete of the Year' when he took the 1954 title with 68 points from Russia's Vladimir Kuts (61 pts.). The past winners have been:-

1947	Alex Jany (France)	Swimming
1948	F. Blankers-Koen (Neths.)	Athletics
1949	Emil Zatopek (Czech.)	Athletics
1950	Bob Mathias (U.S.A.)	Athletics
1951	Emil Zatopek (Czech.)	Athletics
1952	Emil Zatopek (Czech.)	Athletics
1953	Fausto Coppi (Italy)	Cycling
1954	Roger Bannister (G.B.)	Athletics

As has been customary track and field again dominated the picture with 11 of the 35 persons cited with football 4 and motor racing and swimming 3 each.

Despite the Vancouver verdict a large number of sports 'papers placed Andy above Bannister while 'Sovietkiy Sport' did not include him their top ten. The great Paris sports daily 'L'Equipe' listed their five choices as O'Brien-Kuts-Schemansky-Landy-Cleveland.

Other placings for the final awards were 3rd Landy (38pts); 4th Bobet (French cyclist) (32 pts); 5th Futterer (21½ pts) 6th Schemansky (American weight-lifter) (20) 7th Fancio (Argentine race driver) (14) and 8th O'Brien (1½ pts). Other athletes were 13th Chataway 5; 25th Nilsson 2; 30th Stubbnick (1), Peters (1) and 34th Zybin (½).

OXFORD LEVEL SCORE WITH CAMBRIDGE 32-32 Wimbledon, Dec. 4. Finishing only 3 secs. outside the 7½ mile course record of 40:30; Ian Boyd (holder), Weeks-Pearson and C.W. Suddaby clinched a 29-49pt Oxford C-C win. Addenda and Corrigena Junior Rankings. Continued from bottom of Col. 3

Pole Vault Substitute for Reynolds No. 7 10'9" R.G. Reynolds (Felsted) Felsted 10/7 Add 10'6" A. Somerville (Merchant's Tailors, Crosby) St. Helens 3/7 Shot Putt add 47'5" B. Coe (Shaftesbury H) Hendon 24/5

Discus Throw delete marks at 151'6" and 143'1" (A.G. Sayer) - youths implements. Javelin Throw Add 185'4" mark date is 26/6 179'11" M. Cauty (T.V.H.) Chiswick /6 or /7.

## UNITED KINGDOM DEEP 1954 YEAR LIST -Concluded.

### THROWING THE JAVELIN

222' 5"	Dick Miller	Dublin	4/8
216' 7"	Danis Tucker	Vancouver	5/8
210' 4"	Ray. Davies	Walton	31/7
203' 8"½	Donald Mackenzie	Edinburgh	25/6
202' 4"	Kevin Flanagan	Vancouver	5/8
198' 5"	Bill Patrick	Edinburgh	14/7
198' 0"	M. Morrell	White City	10/7
197' 4"	John Garner	Rugeley	12/6
197' 0"	Doug. Cosh	Battersea	21/7
195' 9"	C.F. Riach	Nairn	14/8
195' 0"	Malcolm Harradine	Alperton	18/8
194' 11"	Frank Gandy	Chiswick	29/5
193' 4"	George Bell	Edinburgh	6/7
190' 6"½	Malcolm Dalrymple	Stockholm	/9
190' 6"	Colin Smith	Oxford	6/5
192' 6"	Michael Ruda (13)	Marlow	10/10
187' 11"	J.C. Roberts	Cardiff	19/6
187' 10"	D.G. Andrews	Manchester	14/6
187' 5"½	P. Cullen	Cambridge	4/3
185' 4"	C.N. Loveland	Manchester	19/6
185' 1"	A.V. Perrot	Belfast	17/5
185' 0"	W.H. Fryer	Cambridge	20/5
184' 4"	Michael Denley	Chiswick	29/5
183' 9"½	Sgt. Abueer	Kasfareet	/5
182' 2"	Denis Jacobs	Hove	22/5
181' 2"	R. Sexton (26)	White City	7/6

### TWO MILES

8:41.0	Chris. Chataway	White City	7/6
8:54.8	Michael Maynard	Windsor	31/7
8:54.8	Gordon Pirie	White City	21/8
8:55.0	Brian Tony Barrett	White City	13/10
8:56.0	Freddie Green	Birmingham	8/7
8:57.8	John Disley	Motspur Pk.	2/6
8:57.8n	John Evans	Windsor	31/7
8:59.6	Ken Norris	White City	8/9
9:00.2n	Pat. Ranger	White City	13/10
9:00.8n	Michael Schofield	White City	21/8
9:01.4	Frank Sando	Oxford	6/5
9:05.4	Chris Suddaby	Motspur Pk.	2/6
9:06.0n	Ian Eyre	White City	7/6
9:09.0n	Peter Pirie	White City	7/6
9:09.2u	Roger Bannister	White City	7/6
9:09.8n	Tony Llewellyn	Motspur Pk.	20/5
9:09.8	Ralph Dunkley	Croydon	18/8
9:08.8	Michael Barrett (14)		28/8
9:09.8n	E.R. Douglas	White City	8/9
9:10.6n	Tom Bailey	Motspur Pk.	2/6
9:11.4	Eddie Ellis	Chiswick	29/5
9:12.0	Hugh Foord	Walton	12/6
9:12.0	Ray Hatton	Birmingham	24/7
9:13.8n	Albert Ingles (24)	Motspur Pk.	2/6

Any additions and amendments to the above compilations will be gratefully received Ed.)

### BRITISH JUNIOR RANKINGS 1954 (Additions to pp92-3)

#### HAMMER THROW (see page 93.)

185'8"	M.J. Ellis (Thames Valley)	Alperton	7/6
174'2"½	P.J. Strickland (J. Fishers)	White City	24/4
156'9"	J. Pullinger (Gosport A.C.)	Eton Manor	22/9
143'10"	W.F. Foster (J. Fishers)	White City	24/4
140'2"	D. Miles (Mansfield H.)	Birmingham	31/7
138'9"	A.C. Holloway (J. Fishers)	Motspur Pk	22/5
136'8"	A. Ridgewell (Fettes Sch)	Edinburgh	25/7
135'10"	G. Littlemore (Eton Manor)	Eton Manor	22/9
132'0"	C.W. Radford (Bedford A.C)	Birmingham	9/6
131'6"	P. Jackson (Preston Manor)	Marlow	4/9

Addenda and Corrigena to pages 92 and 93

100yds	Add 10.05 P.J. Kingston (Epsom)	Epsom	31/3
220yds	Add 22.5 P.J. Kingston (Epsom)	Epsom	31/3
880yds	Add 1:58.8n+B. Fox (Sale H.)	Birmingham	31/7
	1:58.8n+J.D. Veals (Manchester & District L.C.H.)	Birmingham	31/7
	1:59.0 R. Chase (Shaftesbury)	Birmingham	31/7
Mile	Add 4:22.0 D. Browning (Woodford Green A.C.)	Ashton	21/7
120 yds	H.H. 15.0 Fairweather for 10/7		7/7

(continued in Col. 2.)

## SWEEPING BRITISH C-C SUCCESSES

Britain used her caucus of 22 sub 30min. 6 milers to dominate the early season Cross-Country reunions on the Continent.

Nov. 14 'Cross de Niel', Antwerp. 1, Maynard (E) 24:22; 2, Dillien (Belg) 24:29; 3, Walker (E) 24:34; 4, Roels (Belg) 24:38; 5, R. Hatton (E) 24:45. Team England 9pts, Belgium 12, Holland 34.

Nov. 21 'Cross du Soir', Brussels. 11,000m. 1. Pirie G. (E) 35:56; 2, Kovacs (Hung) 36:09; 3, Mihalic (Jugo) 36:29; 4, Ahlbom (Fin); 5, Driver (E) Team; Finland 22pts, 2=England & Jugo. 25 pts.

Dec. 5 'Cross International de Lille'; Lille. 1, Mihalic (Jugo) 30:07; 2, Norris, K. (Eng) 30:21; 3, Ranger (E) 30:27; 4, Stritof (Jugo) 30:31; 14, Chorlton (E); 16, Eyre (Eng).

Dec. 12 'Grand Prix de Courcelles'; Charleroi. 10,000m. 1, Driver (E) 34:48; 2, Theys (Belg) 5yds 3, Walker (E) 15yds; 4, Reiff (Belg) 7, Norris P. (E). Team England 11pts, Belgium 16 pts.

STOP PRESS: NYENASHEV HITS 210'11"½ (64.05 M.)!! Moscow, Dec. 14 Nyenashev (see front page) today set a new world's and Soviet hammer-throwing record of 64.05 metres to better Krivonosov's unratified mark of 63.34m (207'9"½) at Bern. British Rankings Add 220yds Groves 22.2 22/6 440yds. HB Lewis 49.9n 15/7; S.P. Smith 44'0"12/5.



## SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME:** In Britain and particularly in the suburbs of London it has been said somewhat cynically that the major preoccupation of the populace is "Keeping Up With the Jones's". A survey given us by Melvyn Watman shows very clearly that in the field of track athletics it is not the Jones's but the Davis's who are the ones who have to be kept up with. Why the Jones's are not even finalists in the name stakes for which the qualifiers based on the International Scoring Tables and the average pointages obtained by the top six men bearing various surnames are as follows -:

1. DAVIS		2. JOHNSON	
Walter(U.S.A.) 1953	6'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Cornelius(U.S.A.)	1936 6' 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Hal. (U.S.A.)	1941 10.2	Ben (U.S.A.)	1938 10.3
Jack (U.S.A.)	1954 13.6y	Derek (Gt.Britain)	1954 1:47.4m
Lew (U.S.A.)	1949 54'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	James (U.S.A.)	1933 10.4
Wendall (U.S.A.)	1933 47.4y	Charles (U.S.A.)	1953 9.5
Glem (U.S.A.)	1947 20.9y	Kenneth(Gt.Britain)	1954 9:00.8
Average 7,315 points.		Average 7,115 points	
3. WILLIAMS		4. BROWN	
Percy(Canada)	1930 10.3	George (U.S.A.)	1952 26' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Archie (U.S.A.)	1936 46.1m	William (U.S.A.)	1940 9.5
Tom (U.S.A.)	1951 9.5	'A.F.' (Jamaica)	1938 10.4
Willie(U.S.A.)	1954 9.5	Godfrey (Gt.Britain)	1936 46.7
Victor(U.S.A.)	1931 47.4y	Delmer (U.S.A.)	1937 20.7y
Lilburn(U.S.A.)	1939 53'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Arthur (U.S.A.)	1949 20.9y
Average 6,988 points		Average 6,979 points	
5. MILLER		6. SMITH	
Bill (U.S.A.)	1954 25'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dean (U.S.A.)	1951 10.3
Wilbur(U.S.A.)	1938 20.6y	William (U.S.A.)	1942 9.5
Erwin(U.S.A.)	1939 47.1y	Mark (U.S.A.)	1953 6' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Lloyd(Aust.)	1939 51'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	Willard (U.S.A.)	1943 6' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Sherman(USA)	1952 47.4y	Humbert (U.S.A.)	1938 6' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Don (U.S.A.)	1951 48.0y	J.Walter (U.S.A.)	1947 51.8m
Average 6,891 points		Average 6,853 points	

**A MAIDEN OVER:** A problem which confronts prominent girl athletes when they get married is under what name to compete. Newly back from her honeymoon in Jersey we asked European long jump Champion Mrs. Ronald Pickering (Jean Desforges as was) how she intended to deal with the point. Her answer was one which others would do well to follow. In scratch races she will continue to be Jean Desforges but in any handicap events she will be Mrs.Pickering.

**EIGHTY YEARS AHEAD OF HIS TIME:** The other day we chanced upon a reference of an old sea captain of the 1870's whose motto was one which many Olympic aspirants would do worse than adopt during the coming two seasons. He was the notorious Captain 'Bully' Hayes, who was the skipper of one of the clippers on the Australia run. The competition being of the fiercest he used the cram on every stitch of sail and then padlock the sails to the spars and sprits so that the crew could not reef them when running into gale force winds. With his being within an ace of being dismasted the bull-like roar of the old Captain could often be heard thundering above the howl of the wind "Hell or Melbourne".

**A FLASH IN THE PAN?** Though 1954 was the year of the breaking of the four minute mile barrier, the first 60 foot shot putts and the disappearance of the last of the world records of Gunder Hägg and Panny Blankers-Koen, there are many who feel that the most significant item was the appearance of the great distance runner from Kenya, Nyandika Maiyoro. Suggestions that this living denial of the long-standing claim that the negro races are without stamina was a flash in the pan are not we learn supported by the facts. Living almost in the next hut in the Kisii Preserve to Maiyoro (pulse 72) is another athlete, who had he been given the opportunity, might well have proved as sensational. He is Muchangera (pronounced M'Chung-air-rah.). In the Kenya Goan Sports on Oct. 31 last we learn that two 15 year old Kenyan boys named Edward Nganga and Stanley Mugumia recorded 15:22.0 and 15:27.0, respectively, for the 3 miles.

**ONE WOMAN + ONE HORSE = ONE MAN.** The equestrian world recently went into paroxysms of praise for Great Britain's leading horsewoman Miss Pat Smythe who in Brussels managed to cajole her mount 'Prince Hal' over 2metres 20cms. (7ft. 2ins.) for a woman's world record. This exactly equals the world's best recorded 2-footed backward flip set by a man without a horse (see Dick Browning p.16 in February issue). Since women are on the whole lighter than men it seemed rather extraordinary to us pedestrians why the men's world high jump mark on a horse should at 2m 47 (8ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.) (Capt.A.L.Morales(Chile) on 'Huaso' in Santiago in Feb.1949) be so much better. The answer we learn is, as with the discus, "It's all a matter of knees".

## Landy Off Form - by Joe Galli

John Landy has not at all suprisingly disappointed Australian track enthusiasts following his return from his great exploits in Europe and Canada. Obviously Landy, who was ill while a spectator at Bern, must be tired and needs a rest. Furthermore as he is away from home and University routine gaining teaching experience his athletics could only be adversely affected.

At Melbourne on November 13th having won a slow 880 yds. in 1:58.2 and run the 880 yds. stint in a medley relay, Landy suffered the worst beating of his career in a 3 mile race. The winner was Dave Stevens (who ran in the Communist World Youth Festival Games at Bucharest against Zátópek in 1953) in his personal best time of 14:12.4. Well in rear came Terry Sullivan (14:46.0) and Geoff Warren (14:50.0-exactly a minute slower than his 6th place at Vancouver). Then as much behind again came the world record holder for the one mile-John Landy in a sad 15:34.4.

Five days later at an evening meeting also at Melbourne Landy looked more like his old self and ran two miles in 9:04.0 but the winner was again Stevens in a personal best time-9:01.4-the second fastest ever by an Australian over the distance. Behind Landy came John Pierce (9:12.2), Neil Robbins (9:13.0)-both personal bests-Les Perry (9:14.9) and Geoff Warren (9:15.0). All except Landy are members of Australia's best distance running club Williamstown A.C.

BUT LANDY HAS INSPIRED THE MILERS OF 'DOWN UNDER'.

Even if Landy is off form now-and he is threatening to retire completely now that his teaching career has taken him so far from a track-his influence seems to have had a marked effect on Australia's milers both senior and junior. Best early season mark was 26 year old Victor John Plummer's 4:10.2 at Sydney on November 27. He led from gun to tape to defeat Alex Henderson (4:12.4) and Dave Power (4:13.6). Les Wakefield, who is only 19, lopped nearly 6 seconds off his previous best, to return 4:13.6 at Sydney on Nov. 13, in a close finish with Marathoner Allan Lawrence (4:13.8). Australia now has 13 milers inside 4:15.0 on her all-time list.

Herb Elliot, aged 16, ran a mile in Perth, W.A. on November 6th in 4:25.6. Five Australians under 18 have run a mile in under 4:30.0 this summer.

HOGAN AND GOSPER SHOW EARLY FORM

Hector Hogan, co holder of the world's 100 yards record at 9.3 secs, won both his heat and the final of a 100 yards handicap at Brisbane on Nov. 27 in 9.6 secs. Don Brennen, aided by a stiff breeze ran 100 yards at Adelaide on Nov. 22 in 9.5 secs.

Bill Job, 26 year old Sydney barrister, despite wet conditions set up a New South Wales A.A.A. Inter-club 220 yards record of 21.4 secs. on Nov. 20 at Sydney. An unknown G. Bromhead, was second in 21.9 secs.

British Empire Champion Kevin Gosper won a 440 yards, his speciality, in 48.9 secs. at Sydney on Nov. 27. Gosper returns to his studies at Michigan State University in January and hopes to get in a full summer season of track in 1955. At Sydney on Nov. 13 Ross Parker, aged 18, ran 440 yards in 49.8 secs. Journalist John Treloar rates him a world class prospect.

Best of the early season half miles was John Douglas's personal best of 1:54.6 at Melbourne on November 18. The only notable mark over hurdles was veteran Geoff Goodacre's 24.3 secs. over the 220 yards lows at Sydney on November 20 on a wet track.

In the high jump nobody has yet surpassed 18 year old Charles "Chiller" Porter's amazing 6 foot 6 inch clearance back on October 2 at Brisbane for an Australian Junior Record. Porter using a straddle from a poor grass take-off went from 6'2" straight to 6'5" before his big jump. Porter thus joined Jack Metcalfe (6'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "-1933); Jack Winter (6'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-1948); Doug Stuart (6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-1953); and John Vernon (6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-1954) as Australia's 5th six-and-half-footer.

Other field event marks were:-Long Jump 23'1" Bill O'Grady at Perth Nov. 27. Hop, Step and Jump 48'5" Kevin Salt at Perth Nov. 20. Javelin Throw. 197'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Bob Grant at Melbourne Nov. 27.

## PETER WELLS - FOURTH TIME OVER 6'6"

Auckland, November 27. Peter Wells, holder of the English Native high jump record, today cleared 6'6" (1.981 m.) for the 4th time in his career. Wells, who has now moved with his wife to the North Island, has his sights on raising his New Zealand All-comers' mark of 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " which he set at Christchurch last January 23rd.

On the British All-Time List (see page 38) Wells now has a total of 9 clearances over 6'5" against the 4 by the 1952 Olympic finalist Ron Pavitt and the 30 of Alan Paterson, now retired in Canada.



# The Magyar Baton Magicians — 114 years but 22.1 m.p.h.



László Zarándi, 26

Géza Varasdi, 27

György Csányi, 32

Béla Goldoványi, 29

The best baton-changers in the world are the Hungarian National 4 x 100 metres relay team seen above. This quartet, when 106 years old, won the bronze medals at Helsinki—behind U.S.A. (40.1s) and U.S.S.R. (40.3s) in 40.5s. Two years later at Berne—now totalling 114 years in age—the same four Hungarians, running in the same order, won the European sprint relay title in 40.6s beating Great Britain (40.8s) and U.S.S.R. (40.9s). The Hungarians use the unusual extended arm "alternate" baton passing method, thus avoiding the need for the two middle runners to execute a hand shift—which action is notorious for breaking up the rhythm of a sprinter. If the World's Record holding team of Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe, Foy Draper and Frank Wykoff had had the Hungarian differential between their aggregate best 100 metre times and their best relay time (i.e. 10.8+10.7+10.5+10.5=42.5 minus 40.5 = 2.0 secs.) then the World's record, which has stood for 18 years, should be 10.2+10.3+10.3+10.3=41.1 minus 2.0 secs =39.1s instead of 39.8s!

## POOR OPPOSITION FOR SANTEE'S BID

Will Wes Santee become the first American and the third man in track history to crash the four minute barrier at New Orleans, Louisiana on December 31st? Santee, with the retirement of Dr. Roger G. Bannister (Great Britain) and the temporary—if not permanent—retirement of John M. Landy (Australia), is easily the fastest miler currently in action. He holds the United States record at 4 mins:00.6 secs., set at Compton, California on June 4 of this year, despite unhelpful conditions. Exactly a week later on June 11 at Los Angeles Santee returned a confirmatory 4 mins:00.7 secs. That these performances were set by a man of only 22 would indicate that Santee's best times should be ahead of him.

Santee won this "Sugar Bowl" mile event last year in 4:04.2, with a last lap of 55.0 secs., so lopping 6½ seconds off Glenn Cunningham's meeting record. This year Santee's main obstacle will be to overcome the absence of opposition that will compel him to go hard. So far it is known that Sture Landqvist (Sweden), who was at his best three seasons ago with a great 3:44.8 1,500 metres and was third in the event last year; two Norwegians—Fred Eckhoff and Bjorn Bogerud—with best times of 4:12.8 and 4:13.2 and some local talent will be lined up. It is reported that Audun Boysen (Norway) is going to America very shortly. If his services could be secured Santee would then have a great chance because he would be assured of company in the last lap—without which no four minute mile looks possible.

## U.S. INDOOR CAMPAIGN FIXTURES 1955

The following dates and venues have been advised for the leading indoor meetings in U.S.A. for the 1955 winter season.

January 8th	Metropolitan Association Champs.	New York, N.Y.
January 15th	Knights of Columbus Meet	Boston, Mass.
January 21st	'Philadelphia Inquirer' Meet	Philadelphia, Pa.
January 22nd	'Washington Evening Star' Meet	Washington, D.C.
January 29th	Boston A.A. Meet	Boston, Mass.
February 5th	Millrose A.A. Games	New York, N.Y.
12th	New York Athletic Club Games	New York, N.Y.
19th	National A.A.U. Championships	New York, N.Y.
26th	I.C.A.A.A. Championships	New York, N.Y.
March 5th	N.Y. Chapter Knights of Columbus	New York, N.Y.
19th	'Milwaukee Journal' Games	Milwaukee, Wis.
25th	Cleveland Knights of Columbus Meet	Cleveland, Ohio.
26th	'Chicago Daily News' Relays	Chicago, Ill.

(The Canadian Indoor Championships will be at Hamilton on March 19)

## PROVISIONAL U.K. FIXTURES FOR 1955

The following dates have been advised by the Amateur Athletic Association for the 1955 calendar but are subject to change.

Feb. 12	Thames Valley H. Field Event Meeting	Alperton
March 12	81st Oxford v. Cambridge Sports (2.15 p.m.)	White City
May 14	Sward Trophy	Chiswick
May 21	Universities' Athletic Union Championships	Manchester
May 21	Caledonian Games	White City
May 28/30	British Games & C.A.U. Championships	White City
June 4	County Championships	Various
June 11	Inter-Area Match (South v. Midlands v. Wales)	Bristol
11	Oxford-Cambridge v. Yale-West Point	White City
June 18	Kinnaird Trophy	Chiswick
June 25	Area Championships	Various
July 2	Ryder Trophy Meeting	Southampton
July 15/16	A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	White City
July 23	AAA Marathon and AAA Senior Relays	(Northern Venue)
July 30/		
Aug. 1	GREAT BRITAIN v. GERMANY	White City
Aug. 7/14	International Student Games	San Sebastian
Aug. 12/13	GREAT BRITAIN v. SWEDEN & British Games	White City
Aug. 13/27	A.A.A. Summer School	Loughborough
Aug. 20	Highland Games	Edinburgh
	A.A.A. v. Combined Services	
Aug. 22/23	International Meeting	Oslo
Sept. 3/4	GREAT BRITAIN v. FRANCE	Bordeaux
Sept. 9/10	GREAT BRITAIN v. U.S.S.R.	Moscow
Sept. 14/15	GREAT BRITAIN v. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Prague

## BANNISTER CALLS IT A DAY

London, December 9th. Speaking at the 6th Annual Sportswriters' Dinner at the Press Club off Fleet Street Dr. Roger Bannister announced his retirement towards the end of an after-dinner speech. The time was 9.43 p.m. and never can a good speech have so ruined a dinner. The rush to the 'phones left the last man to speak, Chris Chataway, with a half empty room.

Bannister who from December 14th becomes a House Physician at St. Mary's Hospital will be on a 100 plus hour week and thus will find it quite impossible to fit in any training. He had been unbeaten over the English mile since he was 20 in 1949.