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NYENASHEV THROWS HAMMER 204'-1⁵/₈" , 204'-5⁵/₈" AND THEN 210'-1⁵/₈"!

Stanislav Nyenashev, known two years ago as the 'Boy Wonder' of Soviet athletics, competing in Baku, capital of the European border republic of Azerbaijan on December 12th (see Stop Press p.102) shattered the world's hammer record with a throw of 64.05 metres (210 ft. 1⁵/₈ ins.) for the final and 55th world record of 1954.



S. NYENASHEV

Year	Age	Best Mark
1950	17	50.12 (164'5 ¹ / ₄ " ⁽¹⁾)
1951	18	54.08 (177'5 ¹ / ₂ " ⁽²⁾)
1952	19	56.93 (186'9 ¹ / ₂ " ⁽³⁾)
1953	20	60.70 (199'1 ¹ / ₂ " ⁽⁴⁾)
1954	21	64.05 (210'1 ⁵ / ₈ " ⁽⁵⁾)

Though this Caspian Sea oil port, only 60 miles north of the Persian border, is normally mild in December, the weather on that day was cold and gloomy. The meeting was held in the Stalin Republican Stadium and great interest centred on the 'Molot' (hammer) due to the appearance of the squat 21 year old 5'6¹/₂" (1.70m.) tall Nyenashev who on November 21 had become the fifth 200 foot thrower in history and who, a few days before, had moved past the Olympic Champion Csermák to No.3 of all-time with a throw of 204'1⁵/₈" (62.22m.).

Nyenashev's first throw was a truly magnificent 204'5⁵/₈" (62.32m.) - which, because of Krivonosov's mighty 207'9³/₄" (63.34m.) throw at Bern (see p. 77), could only be claimed as an Azerbaijanian record.

In his next throw Nyenashev tried too hard and recorded 'only' 192'1¹/₂" (58.56) For his third attempt there was according to the 'Sovjetskiy Sport' a quiet and concentration among the crowd. The 1953 Russian champion wound up with 3 tremendously fast turns and

released the hammer in a high arching trajectory. The head struck the ground well beyond his two previous markers and was greeted with yells of 'Miravoyrekord' - a verdict which, after lengthy measuring operations, was confirmed by the Chief Judge Shelyev.

Commenting on this new world record Dr. Roberto Quercetani reports that according to Strandli there is nothing really startling about the form of the young Russian who is not known to excel in any other event, whereas Krivonosov has thrown the discus 160-163 feet on several occasions. Western observers have remarked that all Nyenashev's longest throws have so far occurred in his hometown of Baku, whereas in his appearances elsewhere he has been stuck in the 180-185 foot range. It should, says Quercetani, however be noted that he was rounding into form in the autumn when he threw 59.45m. (195'0¹/₂"⁽¹⁾) in the U.S.S.R. Championships in Kiev (his best non-Baku mark) in September when finishing second to Krivonosov to whom he has been a rather consistent loser.

DA SILVA 52'-5⁷/₈" , CONCEICAO 21.2 SECS.

From R.L. QUERCETANI

The Brazilian track season is a peculiar one, inasmuch as it begins in January and ends in December! The main activity is however limited to the areas of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo and the intervals between major meetings often stretch to whole weeks not to say whole months.

Adhemar Ferreira da Silva, the 27 year old Olympic hop, step and jump Champion, has had one of his best, if not his best, season to date. After his fine efforts in the South American Championships last April, when he twice missed regaining his world record by very narrow margins, he returned to the home scene with a fine 16.00 metres (52'5⁷/₈"⁽¹⁾) at São Paulo on Sept. 16. The very next day he improved on his personal best for the (Cont. Page 112)

Here it is!
266'-8¹/₂"
81.29m.

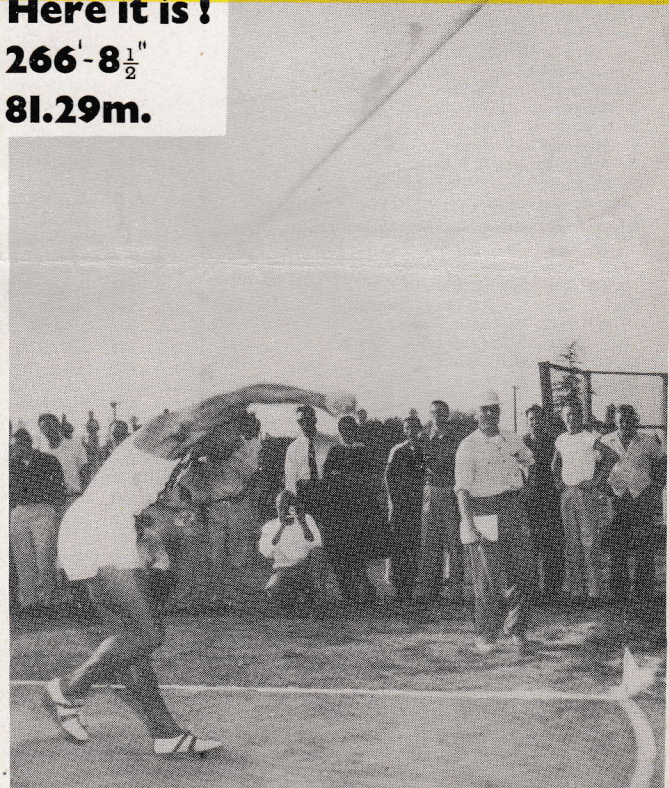


Photo by Don Winton.

This unique photograph from Pasadena, California shows Bill Miller making history's greatest competitive javelin throw of 266ft. 8¹/₂ ins. (81.29 m.) with an implement ³/₈ oz. overweight. The throw, made in one of the Pasadena All-Comers' Meetings, organized by the Winton Twins, on August 21 last, has been submitted to the A.A.U. for their consideration as a world record but owing to a trivial technicality is unlikely to be forwarded to the I.A.A.F. What happened was that the javelin (Held-type) was balanced in before the contest with a bare 3 millimetres to spare. On impact with the ground the spear broke and when mended the balance test showed the new centre of gravity to be 2¹/₂ mm. (little more than a 1/16th inch) beyond the permissible limit. All praise to the scrupulous strictness of the Americans but the evidence is that Miller's javelin conformed to every specification and was indeed 14.3 grams overweight and ¹/₄ in. longer than necessary when it was thrown.

MILLER'S PROGRESS	World	Place	Distance	Place	Date
Miller first came into prominence as a 21 year old at the Arizona State University when he set an N.C.A.A. javelin mark of 237'10". On July 3/4 that year at Santa	1949	(-)	208' 8" (63.47)	Inglewood	June 4
	1950	(17)	(226' 8 ⁷ / ₈ " ⁽²⁾) 69.11	Oslo	July 7
	1951	(6)	237'10" (72.49)	Modesto, Cal.	May 19
	1952	(4)	242' 7 ³ / ₈ " ⁽³⁾ 73.95	Vienna	Aug. 8
	1953	(14)	232' 2 ¹ / ₂ " (70.77)	Camp Lejeune	June 13
	1954	(5)	255' 8 ¹ / ₂ " (77.94)	Modesto, Cal.	May 22
	(21)	266' 8 ¹ / ₂ " (81.29)		Pasadena	Aug. 21

Barbara he set a fine 7,174 pts (1934 table) decathlon total which included a brilliant 2.03m. (6'7¹/₂"⁽¹⁾) high jump.

One additional point of interest on this photograph is the identity of the bespectacled on-looker just discernible to the right of the judge - he is, of course, the ubiquitous Ambrose (see p. 29.)

BRITISH RANKINGS 1954

"Athletics World" presents the first instalment of its fourth annual rankings of the Top Six United Kingdom athletes in each of the standard events which were first published for the 1951 season. Placings depend upon the win-loss records, best performances actual rather than potential. Notation.

- e = estimated time
- m = mark made at metric distance
- w = wind-assisted mark
- = straightaway track

100 YARDS (& 100 Metres)

	1951	1952	1953
1. Bailey	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey
2. Shenton	Shenton	Shenton	Shenton
3. Ellis	Jack	Jones	Jones
4. Gregory	Gregory	Jack	Jack
5. Pinnington	Lillington	Lillington	Lillington
6. Wilkinson	Pinnington	Ellis	Ellis
1st: GEORGE STUART ELLIS (b. 7.ix.1932)			
10.1	1st Universities A.U. (against wind)	15/5	
9.7w	1st Loughborough	26/5	
9.9	1st Inter-Counties	5/6	
9.9	1st Northern Counties	19/6	
9.9	1st A.A.A.Championships	10/7	
9.8	2nd Vancouver(heat)	31/7	
9.9	5th Vancouver(semi-final)	31/7	
10.9m	1st Bern(heat)	25/8	
10.7m	2nd Bern(semi-final)	26/8	
10.7m	3rd Bern(final)	26/8	
10.0	1st England v.Belgium	29/9	
9.9	1st Birmingham Floodlit	2/10	
10.9m	2nd London v. Moscow	13/10	
-	5th Northern Counties v. Moscow	16/10	
2nd: KENNETH JEFFERY JONES (b. 30.xii.1921)			
11.0m	6th Cologne (10.9 heat)	30/5	
10.0	4th Inter-Counties(10.0 heat)	5/6	
10.0	4th A.A.A.Championships(10.0 ht.)	10/7	
10.0	2nd Vancouver(heat)	31/7	
9.8	3rd Vancouver(semi-final)	31/7	
9.8	6th Vancouver(final)	31/7	
10.9m	2nd Bern(heat)	25/8	
10.7m	4th Bern(semi-final)	26/8	
3rd: BRIAN SHENTON (b. 15.iii.1927)			
-	2nd Leyton Floodlit(to Spooner)	5/5	
10.0	1st Caledonian Games	15/5	
9.9e	3rd Glasgow Police Sports	12/6	
10.0	1st Gillingham	19/6	
10.2	2nd A.A.A.Championships(10.1 ht.)	10/7	
9.9	2nd Vancouver(heat)	31/7	
9.9	5th Vancouver(semi-final)	31/7	
10.2	1st City Charities	8/9	
11.1m	4th London v. Moscow	13/10	
4th: KENNETH JAMES BOX (b. 1.xii.1930)			
10.0	1st Lancashire Championships	22/5	
9.9w	2nd Loughborough	26/5	
10.0	4th Inter-Counties(9.9 heat)	5/6	
-	3rd Northern Counties(9.9 heat)	19/6	
9.9	3rd A.A.A.Championships(10.0 ht)	10/7	
10.1	4th Vancouver(heat)	31/7	
10.1	1st A.A.A.v. Combined Services	11/9	
5th: ERIC ROY SANDSTROM (b.11.ix.31)			
10.0	1st Yorkshire Championship	22/5	
9.9	1st	2/6	
10.3	2nd A.A.A.Championships(ht)	9/7	
9.7w	1st R.A.F.v.Sussex (Eastbourne)	24/7	
10.9m	3rd Int. Meet:(White City)	2/8	
9.9	5th British Games	14/8	
10.9m	1st Rotterdam	20/8	
10.7m	1st Dordrecht	24/8	
9.9	2nd Birmingham Floodlit	2/10	
6th: ALAN WILLIAM LILLINGTON (b.4.ix.1932)			
10.3e	2nd Universities A.U.(against wind)	15/5	
9.9	2nd Inter Counties	5/6	
9.9	2nd Northern Counties	19/6	
10.1	1st Triangular International	17/7	
10.0	5th Vancouver(heat)	31/7	

220 YARDS (& 200 Metres)

	1951	1952	1953
1. Bailey	Bailey	Bailey	Bailey
2. Stacey	Stacey	Shenton	Shenton
3. Shenton	Shenton	Gibbs	Gibbs
4. Ellis	Jack	Jones	Jones
5. Wilkinson	Ferguson	Jack	Jack
6. Lewis	Gregory	Ferguson	Ferguson
1st: GEORGE STUART ELLIS (b. 7.ix.1932)			
22.3	1st Universities A.U.	15/5	
22.0	1st Loughborough	26/5	
22.2	3rd Inter Counties	7/6	
22.0	1st A.A.A.Championships(s-final)	9/7	
21.5	2nd A.A.A.Championship	10/7	
21.9	1st Triangular International	17/7	
22.2	1st Vancouver(heat)	3/8	
22.0	1st Vancouver(semi-final)	3/8	
22.2	6th Vancouver(final)	5/8	
21.3m	1st Bern(heat)	28/8	
21.3m	1st Bern(semi-final)	28/8	
21.2m	3rd Bern(final)	29/8	
22.2	1st England v.Belgium	29/9	
22.2	1st Birmingham Floodlit	2/10	
22.3e	2nd Northern Counties v.Moscow	16/10	
2nd: BRIAN SHENTON (b. 15.iii.1927)			
21.8	1st Caledonian Games	15/5	
21.9	2nd British Games(to Remigino)	5/6	
22.1	1st Inter Counties	7/6	
-	2nd Glasgow Police(to Remigino)	12/6	
22.5	1st Kinnauld Trophy(into wind)	26/6	
22.1	1st A.A.A.(semi-final)(22.4 ht)	9/7	
21.5	1st A.A.A.Championship	10/7	
22.2	1st Vancouver(heat)	3/8	
22.1	2nd Vancouver(semi-final)	3/8	
21.5	2nd Vancouver(final)	5/8	
21.7	2nd British Games (to Gibbs)	14/8	
21.6m	1st Bern(heat)	28/8	
21.4m	3rd Bern(semi-final)	28/8	
21.3m	4th Bern(final)	29/8	
22.2	1st City Charities	8/9	
22.2	2nd England v.Belgium	29/9	
3rd: CLAYTON NEVILLE GIBBS (b.6.vi.29)			
22.3	1st A.A.A.v.Wales	8/5	
22.4	1st Brockman Trophy	15/5	
22.4	1st Surrey Championships	22/5	
22.0	2nd A.A.A.(semi-final)	9/7	
21.6	3rd A.A.A.Championships	10/7	
21.6m	1st International Meeting(White City)	2/8	
21.6	1st British Games	14/8	
4th: KENNETH JEFFERY JONES (b. 1.xii.1930)			
22.0m	2nd Cologne	30/5	
22.5	1st Welsh Championships	19/6	
22.2	3rd A.A.A.(semi-final)	9/7	
22.4	4th A.A.A.Championships	10/7	
22.7	4th Triangular International	17/7	
22.4	1st Vancouver(heat)	3/8	
22.1	2nd Vancouver(semi-final)	3/8	
21.9	3rd Vancouver(final)	5/8	
5th: MICHAEL JAMES RUDDY (b.12.i.1936)			
22.1	2nd Caledonian Games	15/5	
21.6e	1st Walton(Heathfield Shield)	12/6	
22.4	1st Southern Junior Champs.	3/7	
22.7	2nd A.A.A.(heat)	9/7	
21.9	1st A.A.A.Junior Championships	31/7	
22.2	1st Leyton Junior Floodlit	22/9	
6th: ALAN DUDLEY SEXTON (b. 2.viii.1930)			
22.3	1st Oxford v. Cambridge	13/3	
22.7	3rd Ox-Camb.v Penn-Cornell	12/6	
21.7	1st Southern (heat)(waterlogged)	19/6	
22.5	2nd Southern Championships	19/6	
6th: PETER GOODWIN FRYER (b. 2.vii.1928)			
21.9u	1st A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C.	20/5	
22.1	1st Midland Counties	19/6	
21.7//	1st Hurlingham	18/9	

WORLD RECORDS 1954(add p.90) 30 miles
 Walk Janos Somogyi(Hungary) 4:21:11.0 (no other details) **4x10 Yds.** 40.3 mark dis-allowed by A.A.U. who are putting up in lieu 40.5 by Texas University at Modesto (May 22) and Houston(May 29) to tie.



Action Photo by H. W. Neale

Britain's top three half milers seen after one lap in the Inter-Counties Championship event at the White City Stadium on June 5th last. Left to Right-Derek Johnston(1st-1:50.2); Ron Henderson(6th-1:54.6); Brian Hewson(2nd-1:52.0)

440 YARDS (& 400 Metres)

	1951	1952	1953
1. Wint	Wint	Fryer	Fryer
2. Pugh	Dick	Smith	Smith
3. Higgins TL	Higgins TL	Sexton	Sexton
4. Higgins FP	Lewis	Dick	Dick
5. Lewis	Stacey	Wint	Wint
6. Johnson	Fryer	Rawe	Rawe
1st: DEREK JAMES NEVILLE JOHNSON (b. 5.i.1933)			
49.6	1st O.U.A.C. Sports	4/3	
49.8	1st Oxford v.Cambridge	13/3	
49.7	1st Leyton Floodlit	5/5	
48.0	1st Oxford v.A.A.A.	6/5	
48.4m	1st Mantes	9/5	
49.2	1st Heat U.A.U. Champs.(48.7m)	14/5	
48.7	1st Final U.A.U.Champs.	15/5	
48.8	1st Oxford v.U.L.A.C.	20/5	
48.5	2nd British Games (L.Jones(USA))	7/6	
48.9	1st Ox-Camb v.Penn.-Cornell	12/6	
49.4	1st A.A.A.Championships (heat)	9/7	
48.7	1st A.A.A.Championships (s.-final)	9/7	
48.6	2nd A.A.A.Championships Final(Fryer)	10/7	
48.8	1st Berwick	19/7	
47.9	1st British Games (eq.Eng.Nat.Rec.)	14/8	
50.0	2nd Great Shelford (Fryer)	4/9	
2nd: PETER GOODWIN FRYER (b. 2.ix.1928)			
48.7	1st Caledonian Games	15/5	
49.2	2nd Inter-Counties (Dick)	7/6	
-	2nd Glasgow Police (L.Jones 47.5)	12/6	
48.5	1st Kinnauld Trophy	26/6	
49.5	1st A.A.A.Championships (heat)	9/7	
48.5	2nd A.A.A.Championships (s-final)	9/7	
48.4	1st A.A.A.Championships Final	10/7	
49.2	1st Triangular International	17/7	
48.6	1st B.E.G. (heat)	5/8	
48.9	3rd B.E.G. (semi final)	5/8	
48.4	4th B.E.G. Final	7/8	
48.6	3rd British Games	14/8	
48.0m	3rd European Championships (heat)	25/8	
49.9	1st Great Shelford (Johnston)	4/9	
49.7	1st A.A.A. v.Combined Services	11/9	
48.7	1st England v.Belgium	29/9	
49.0	1st Birmingham Floodlit	2/10	
48.2m	2nd London v.Moscow	13/10	

Survey of 5000m/3mile Running

Sweden top in quantity, but Gt. Britain in quality.

by Ross McWhirter.

Last month I wrote a survey on world class running over the 1,500 metres/1 mile distance; the object of this article is to subject the 3 miles/5,000 metres event to exactly the same treatment. World class for this event is regarded as reached by those athletes recording times of 14:00.0 secs. or under for 3 miles and/or of 14:30.0 secs. or under for 5,000 metres. The rule of thumb conversion of 30 seconds is slightly unflattering to the 3 milers. (who here are underlined)

After the 1948 Olympic Games season was over an examination of the all-time list showed that 48 athletes from 13 different countries had reached our "world class" standard. The position was as follows :-

SWEDEN	17	Hägg, Hellström, (Arne) Andersson, Kälarne, Jacobsson, Durkfeldt, Nyberg, Tillman, Larsson, Östbrink, Nilsson, Ahldén, Borg, Ricne, Johansson, Albertsson, Flodqvist.
FINLAND	15	Mäki, Heino, Pekuri, Lehtinen, Iso-Hollo, Kurki, Salminen, Höckert, Tuominen, Perälä, Järvinen, Nurmi, Askola, Mäkelä, Koskela.
GERMANY	5	Eberlein, Schaumberg, Syring, Fellersmann, Eitel.
UNITED STATES	2	Hill, Rice.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1	Zátopek.
GREAT BRITAIN	1	Wooderson.
Netherlands	1	Slykhuis.
Belgium	1	Reiff.
		Hungary 1 Kelen
		Poland 1 Kusocinski
		Argentina 1 Ibarra
		Japan 1 Murakoso
		New Zealand 1 Matthews

After the passage of four more seasons the position at the end of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic season was :-

Additions since 1948:-

SWEDEN	21	+(Ake) Andersson, Lindmark, Westin, Nystrom.
FINLAND	20	+Posti, Salonen, Taipale, Tuomaala, Julin.
GERMANY	6	+Schade.
GREAT BRITAIN	5	+Pirie, Chataway, Parker, Sando.
UNITED STATES	5	+Wilt, Stone, Capozzoli.
U.S.S.R.	4	+Popov, Kazantsev, Anufriyev, Semyonov.
Hungary	4	+Béres, Kovács, Péntes.
Yugoslavia	3	+Milhalid, Ceraj, Pavlovid.
France	2	=(Jacques) Vernier, Mimoun.
Norway	2	=Stokken, Saksvik.
Belgium	2	+Theys.
Australia	2	=Perry, Landy.
Poland	2	+Graj.
Czechoslovakia	1	-
Eire	1	Barry.
Argentina	1	-
Netherlands	1	-
		Japan 1 -
		New Zealand 1 -
		Denmark 1 =Planck.

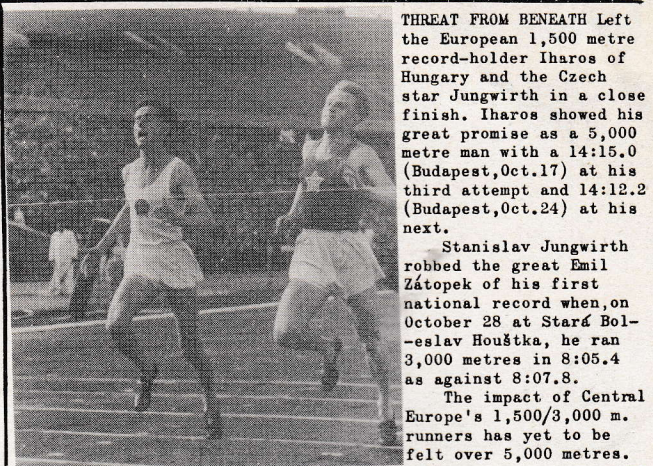
Thus 48 becomes 85 and 20 nations contribute instead of only 13. Sweden and Finland are still head and shoulders the best but the shape of things to come is already becoming apparent. Great Britain add four young runners to the retired Sydney Wooderson and Russia make a decisive entry also with four men. Zátopek and Slykhuis receive no support from their countrymen. Hungary and Yugoslavia shows signs of gathering strength.

1953 and 1954 PRODUCE MANY NEW MEN

The last two seasons have yielded 43 new world class 5,000 metres/3 miles runners - more than that is than during the previous four seasons 1949-50-51-52.

The current order mid-way between the Helsinki and Melbourne Games is :-

		Additions since 1952
SWEDEN	24	+Dilén, Jonsson, Lundh
FINLAND	22	+Rinteenpää, Haikkola
GREAT BRITAIN	17	+Green, Norris (K), Maynard, Driver, Pirie (P), Ranger, Norris (F), Wood, Eyre, Hicks, Binnie, Pemble
U.S.S.R.	10	+Kuts, Krivosheyn, Basalayev, Okorokov, Chernjavskiy, Zhukov
HUNGARY	9	+Garay, Szabó II, Juhász, Iharos, Tabori
GERMANY	8	+Gude, Laufer
Poland	5	+Chromik, Plonka, Ozog
United States	5	-
Belgium	4	+Herman, Hanswyck
Yugoslavia	4	+Stritof



THREAT FROM BENEATH Left the European 1,500 metre record-holder Iharos of Hungary and the Czech star Jungwirth in a close finish. Iharos showed his great promise as a 5,000 metre man with a 14:15.0 (Budapest, Oct. 17) at his third attempt and 14:12.2 (Budapest, Oct. 24) at his next.

Stanislav Jungwirth robbed the great Emil Zátopek of his first national record when, on October 28 at Stará Boleslav Houštka, he ran 3,000 metres in 8:05.4 as against 8:07.8.

The impact of Central Europe's 1,500/3,000 m. runners has yet to be felt over 5,000 metres.

Czechoslovakia	3	+Ullsberger, Santruček		
New Zealand	3	+Haskell, Daly		
Australia	3	+Warren		
Norway	3	+Egge		
France	2	-		
Eire	1	-	Japan	1 -
Argentina	1	-	Denmark	1 -
Netherlands	1	-	Kenya	1 =Maiyoro

The total number of world class 5,000 metre and 3 milers, according to our definition, is now 128. No less than 21 countries have produced qualifiers, although Kenya is the only newcomer in the last two seasons.

Sweden has maintained numerical supremacy but still lacks any men of the super class to fill the yawning 15 second gap between Hägg and their next best man. Little Finland holds on firmly to her great traditions.

Just as in my analysis of miling (p.101) so here the most striking advance is made by Great Britain. The reluctance of 'metric countries' to wake up to the quality of Britain's young crop of three milers will make the shock of 'Perfidious Albion's' sudden rise all the greater.

Russia with more and more of her teeming millions harnessed creeps up steadily and must in due time pass the Scandinavians. Hungary and Poland, whose athletes probably has similar social incentives to do well to those urging on the Russians, are advancing fast. The United States and France lag sadly as the rest of the world - including now Australasia - march by.

GREAT BRITAIN (1st)				FINLAND (2nd)			
Chataway	13:51.6	1954	Mäki	14:08.8	1939		
Green	(14:02.2)	1954	Heino	14:09.6	1944		
Pirie (Gordon)	14:02.6	1953	Koskela	14:13.2	1949		
Sando	(14:07.4)	1954	Taipale	14:13.8	1954		
Wooderson	14:08.6	1946	Haikkola	14:14.2	1954		
Driver	(14:17.0)	1954	Posti	14:14.6	1953		
Norris (Ken)	(14:17.2)	1954	Julin	14:15.0	1954		
Maynard	(14:17.2)	1954	Pekuri	14:16.2	1939		
Parker	14:18.2	1952	Lehtinen	14:16.9	1932		
Pirie (Peter)	(14:23.6)	1954	Iso-Hollo	14:18.3	1932		
AVERAGE	<u>14:10.6</u>		AVERAGE	<u>14:14.1</u>			
U.S.S.R. (3rd)				SWEDEN (4th)			
Kuts	13:51.2	1954	Hägg	13:58.2	1942		
Anufriyev	13:58.8	1953	Ahldén	14:13.2	1948		
Kazantsev	14:08.8	1952	Albertsson	14:15.0	1952		
Popov	14:16.0	1952	Hellström	14:15.8	1941		
Okorokov	14:16.0	1954	Nyström	14:15.8	1952		
Semyanov	14:18.2	1952	Ake Andersson	14:16.0	1952		
Chernyavskiy	14:22.6	1954	Arne Andersson	14:18.2	1941		
Krivosheyn	14:23.4	1953	Kälarne	14:18.8	1939		
Basalayev	14:24.4	1954	Jacobsson	14:19.8	1944		
Zhukov	14:27.8	1954	Dilén	14:22.6	1953		
AVERAGE	<u>14:14.7</u>		AVERAGE	<u>14:15.3</u>			

Bracketed times were made over 3 miles & 30 secs. were added. (With acknowledgements to Roberto L. Quercetani)

News From South Africa

Fanie du Plessis, the British Empire Discus Champion, cannot have his throw of 171'1"½ (52.16m) made at Krugersdorp back on October 30th recognised as a new British Empire or South African (domestic) record. The reason is that irksome one that there was a "lack of recognised officials" present when the throw was made. Du Plessis is going to give up the shot putt (best 51'5"¾ (15.69m) at Johannesburg 17th April last) for the time being in order to concentrate on the discus. Fortune Gordien (U.S.A.) holds the South African record at 173'5"½ (52.87m) and du Plessis' best official throw so far is his title winning effort of 169'7"½ (51.70) set at Vancouver.

Less unfortunate was Dalene Swanepoel who has twice improved her best javelin mark of 143'9"½ (43.83m) with officially recognised throws. First she beat her Vancouver Empire title mark by 2'8" to record 146'5"½ (44.64) at Pretoria on November 20th and then on December 4th also at Pretoria she threw 148'11" (45.39). This last mark ranks as a new British Empire record ousting the English schoolteacher Diane Coates's 148'7"½ (45.30m) set in winning the W.A.A.A. title in London in 1952. (see photograph p.20).

In both the other women's throwing events South African records have been improved. Left handed Anna Fick threw the discus 144'0"½ (43.90) at Benoni on November 13 so beating her own official record of 143'5"½ (43.72) set last March. Miss Swanepoel putt the 4 kilo shot 42'10"½ (13.07) on November 20th at Pretoria to beat her old mark of 41'7" (12.68). Connie Bekker beat the old record also with 41'10" (12.76) at Pretoria on December 4th.

The best sprint mark so far is still Willie Nel's 9.7s at Kimberley back on Sept. 19th, but he suffered an inches defeat (both 9.8s) by Edmund Mendelssohn at Pretoria on December 4th. A newcomer, Wesley Perks stands at 2 all with Mendelssohn over the 100 yards but beat him in 21.6s over the furlong on the Dec. 4th meeting.

Middle distance running—even with the threat of Chris Chataway—remains disappointing but Jan Barnard (of Vancouver Marathon memory) lopped 34 seconds off his previous

best 3 miles to return 14:37.8 at Pretoria on Dec. 4th for the No. 5 spot on the Union's all time list. + + +

Best hurdlers thus far are Jacobus "Kooos" van der Merwe with 14.8s and 24.2s and Etienne Roux with 24.4n and 53.5s (equal personal best). + + +

On November 11th at Pretoria Jacobus Dreyer threw the hammer 180'3"½ (54.95m) with Mike Buys, who is only 19, second at 166'5"½ (50.74m)—an improvement of just over 16 feet on his previous best. Andy Botes was third with 163'0" (49.68). + + +

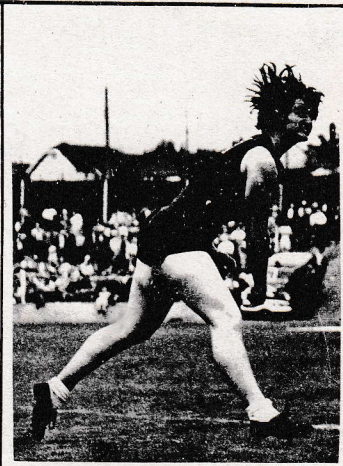
Thirteen Springboks have cleared over 23 feet (7.01m) in the long jump this season. + + +

John Powell of Rhodes University is organising the first ever National Course for Coaches in South Africa. It is being held at Bloemfontein on January 17-21 and before Christmas 115 enthusiasts had enrolled. + + + + +

The only South African married couple ever to have represented their country abroad—Esther Brand (née van Heerden), the reigning Olympic High Jump champion, and J.J. Brand, the cyclist, have produced a son and heir—Johan—at their home in Bloemfontein. + + + + +

Chris Chataway's two races at Johannesburg (3 miles on Jan. 15) and Durban (1 mile on Jan. 19) will be fully covered in the February issue of "Athletics World". + + + + +

Messrs. H.N. Beinart, A.A. Joubert, and A.G. Matthews have produced an excellent booklet on South African athletics performances. A very interesting all-time list is included. The price is 2/- (but allow for overseas postage) and it can be obtained from A.G. Matthews at 38, Tulleken Avenue, Pretoria.



MAGDALENA CATHERINA SWANEPOEL (S.A.)

BRITISH RANKINGS 1954 (Continued from p.106).

440 Yards (& 400 metres) continued.

3rd: ALAN DICK (b.15.iv.30)	5/5
2nd Leyton Floodlit	8/5
50.0n 2nd Cardiff	25/5
49.8 1st Paddington	7/6
48.6 1st Inter-County Championships	19/6
49.4 2nd Southern Counties Champs.	9/7
48.5 1st A.A.A. Championships (s-Final)	10/7
49.6 5th A.A.A. Championships Final	17/7
50.0 2nd Triangular International	5/8
48.9 1st B.E.G. (semi-final)	7/8
48.6 6th B.E.G. Final	14/8
49.6 5th British Games	25/8
48.7m 2nd European Championships (heat)	26/8
48.6m 5th European Championships (s-Final)	29/9
49.2 2nd England v. Belgium	2/10
49.4 2nd Birchfield Floodlit	
4th: FRANCIS PETER HIGGINS (b.16.xi.28)	
3rd Caledonian Games	15/5
49.0 2nd A.A.A. Championships (s-final)	9/7
48.7 3rd A.A.A. Championships Final	10/7
49.1 1st B.E.G. (heat)	5/8
50.3 6th B.E.G. (semi-final)	5/8
5th: TERENCE LANGLEY HIGGINS (b.18.i.28)	
49.7 2nd A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	6/5
49.9 1st A.A.A. v. Wales	8/5
50.2 2nd Brockman Trophy	15/5
49.6 2nd A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	2/6
50.1 3rd British Games	7/6
49.4 1st Southern Counties	19/6
49.2 3rd A.A.A. Championships (S-Final)	9/7
49.1 4th A.A.A. Championships Final	10/7
49.0 4th British Games	14/8
6th: MICHAEL K.V. WHEELER (b.14.ii.1935)	
49.4 3rd Southern Championships	19/6
49.0 2nd Kinnaid Trophy	26/6
49.2 1st A.A.A. Championships (Heat)	9/7
5th A.A.A. Championships (S-Final)	9/7

880 YARDS (& 800 metres)		1951	1952	1953
1. Wint	Wint	Bannister		
2. Parlett	Webster	Scott		
3. Bannister	Bannister	Hewson		
4. Evans	Evans	Nankeville		
5. Webster	White	Grogan		
6. Morley	Day	Law		
1st: DEREK JAMES NEVILLE JOHNSON (b.5.i.33)				
1:53.1 1st Oxford v. Cambridge	13/3			
1:54.4 1st Essex Champs. (Woodford)	22/5			
1:50.2 1st Inter-Counties	5/6			
1:53.1 1st Ox-Camb. v. Cornell-Penn.	12/6			
1:51.6 1st B.E.G. (heat)	31/7			
1:50.7 1st B.E.G. Final	3/8			
1:51.8m 2nd European Championships heat	25/8			
1:51.0m 3rd European Championships semi	27/8			
1:47.4m 4th European Champs: Final	28/8			
2nd: BRIAN STANFORD HEWSON (b.4.iv.33)				
1:52.2 1st A.A.A. v. Wales	8/5			
1:54.3 1st Surrey Champs: (Motspur Pk.)	22/5			
1:52.0 2nd Inter-Counties	5/6			
1:52.8 1st A.A.A. Championships (Heat)	9/7			
1:52.2 1st A.A.A. Championships Final	10/7			
1:52.7 1st B.E.G. (Heat)	31/7			
1:51.2 2nd B.E.G. Final	3/8			
1:52.4 1st Alpertown	18/8			
1:50.2m 1st European Championships heat	25/8			
1:51.2m 6th European Championships semi	27/8			
1:55.6 1st A.A.A. v. Combined Services	11/9			
1:52.1 1st Birchfield Floodlit	2/10			
1:50.8m 1st London v. Moscow	13/10			
3rd: RONALD DRYDEN HENDERSON (b.13.v.1934)				
1:59.8 1st Northumberland Champs.	30/5			
1:54.6 6th Inter Counties	5/6			
1:55.9 2nd Northern Champs.	19/6			

1:55.9 A.A.A. Championships (heat)	9/7
1:52.2 2nd A.A.A. Championships	10/7
1:51.1m 2nd International Meet (White City)	2/8
1:53.5 1st Rangers Sports	7/8
1:51.7 1st British Games	14/8
1:56.2 2nd A.A.A. v Combined Services	11/9
1:51.6 1st England v. Belgium	29/9
4th: WILLIAM ALFRED AYRTON (b. 26.iv.1931)	
1:55.0 1st Brockman Trophy	15/5
1:58.4 1st Kent Championships	22/5
1:53.7 5th Inter Counties	5/8
1:54.0 1st Southern Counties	19/6
1:53.4 3rd A.A.A. Champs. (heat 1:54.0)	10/7
1:52.1m 5th International Meet (White City)	2/8
1:53.2 5th British Games	14/8
1:57.0 2nd Hurlingham	11/9
1:51.2m 2nd London v. Moscow	13/10
1:57.7 1st Northern Counties v. Moscow	16/10
5th: IAN HUGH BOYD (b. 8.xii.1933)	
2:04.1 4th Oxford v. Cambridge (injured)	13/3
1:54.7 1st O.U.A.C. v. A.A.A. (high wind)	6/5
1:56.1 1st O.U.A.C. v. U.L.A.C.	20/5
1:54.2 3rd Southern Counties	19/6
1:55.2 2nd Kinnaid Trophy	26/6
1:51.9 3rd Vancouver (heat 1:56.0)	3/8
6th: RONALD THOMAS GEORGE DAY (b.24.iv.1932)	
1:54.6 2nd Oxford v. Cambridge	13/3
1:55.6 1st U.A.U. Championship	15/5
1:55.1 1st A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C.	20/5
1:56.5 1st Middlesex Championship	22/5
1:52.7 3rd Inter Counties	5/6
1:57.1 4th Ox-Camb. v. Penn.-Cornell	12/6
1:54.2 2nd Southern Counties	19/6
1:55.2 Ht A.A.A. Championship (2nd)	9/7
1:51.5m 4th International Meet (White City)	2/8
The "Track and Field News" World Rankings for 1954 list Derek Johnson No.4 behind Szentgali, Nielsen and Boysen. Other British half-milers listed post-war were Parlett (3rd 1950, 9th 1951) Bannister (6th, 1950) and Webster (8th 1952).	

SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

A STUDY IN BRONZE: In our January issue last year we wrote a full page article of 1,400 words entitled "Good But Not Good Enough". In this we listed all the greatest second place performances that had ever been achieved. In deference to the insatiable appetite of some of our readers we are encouraged to attempt a similar compilation listing the best performances ever put up to gain a third place. Here it is -:

100 Yds.	9.5	Ken.Kave(U.S.A.)	Baltimore	May 9 1953
100 m.	10.3	Sam Stoller(U.S.A.)	Chicago	June 20 1936
200 m.(turn)	20.8	Jim Gathers(U.S.A.)	Helsinki	July 23 1952
220 Yds.	20.6	Payton Jordan(U.S.A.)	Philadelphia	June 29 1941
400 m.	46.1	Cliff.Bourland(U.S.A.)	Philadelphia	June 29 1941
440 Yds.	46.9	Eugene Littler(U.S.A.)	Palo Alto	June 21 1941
800 m.	1:47.4	Audun Boyssen(Norway)	Bern	Aug. 28 1954
880 Yds.	1:50.4	Hal.Butler(U.S.A.)	Compton,Cal.	June 5 1953
1,500 m.	3:45.2	Gaston Reiff(Belgium)	Luxembourg	Aug. 20 1952
	3:45.2	Ingvar Ericsson(Sweden)	Göteborg	July 23 1953
Mile	4:03.8	Rune Persson(Sweden)	Malmö	July 17 1945
2 Miles	8:54.8	Kauko Pekuri(Finland)	Helsinki	July 7 1939
3 Miles	13:37.4	Frank Sando(G.B.)	Vancouver	Aug. 3 1954
5,000 m.	14:04.2	József Kovács(Hungary)	Bucharest	Aug. 5 1953
6 Miles	28:44.3	Aleksandr Anufriyev(USSR)	London	Oct. 13 1954
10,000 m.	29:27.6	Frank Sando(G.B.)	Bern	Aug. 25 1954
110 m.h.	14.0y	Alberto Triulzi(Arg.)	Modesto,Cal.	May 19 1951
	14.0y	Harrison Dillard(USA)	Compton,Cal.	June 4 1952
400 m.h.	51.5	Sven-Oswald Mildh(Fin.)	Bern	Aug. 29 1954
440 Yds.	51.9	Anatoliy Yulin(USSR)	London	Oct. 13 1954
3,000 m.S/C	8:51.8	John Disley(G.B.)	Helsinki	July 25 1952
H.J.(2.05)	6' 8 ³ / ₈ "	Adam Berry(U.S.A.)	Philadelphia	June 29 1941
P.V.(4.46)	14' 7 ⁷ / ₈ "	Earle Meadows(U.S.A)	Milwaukee	July 3 1937
L.J.(7.74)	25' 4 ¹ / ₂ "	Naoto Tajima(Japan)	Berlin	Aug. 4 1936
HSJ.(15.54)	50'11"	Arnaldo Devonish(Venz)	Helsinki	July 23 1952
S.P.(17.36)	56'11 ¹ / ₂ "	James Fuchs(U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	May 27 1952
DT.(54.45)	178' 8"	Leon Patterson(U.S.A.)	Pasadena	June 3 1954
HT.(59.72)	195'11 ¹ / ₂ "	József Csermák(Hung.)	Bern	Aug. 29 1954
J.T.(75.55)	247'10 ³ / ₈ "	Otto Bengtsson(Sweden)	Helsinki	Sept.12 1954

Well there you are. One of the remarkable factors about this compilation surely is that of the 27 events listed the best ever third-place marks in 8 of them were products of the days before the post-war era opened. The Olympic Games claim 4 events while the 1941 A.A.U. Championships annexe 3. In case you think that the above are easily separable from the best ever fourth places record we could cite Derek Johnson's 1:47.4 800 metres at Bern and the unfortunate ex world record-holder George Varoff's 14ft.7⁷/₈ins. pole vault at Milwaukee in 1937.

THEM BARRIERS: Many have said that track and field's last glamorous barrier -the first valid 7 foot high jump- has already had most of its gilt removed by Messrs. Browning(p.16) and Holding(p.33). We now have new evidence about Browning's two-footed backward flip over a bar in the Illinois University Gymnasium in Chicago. A study of a 16 m.m. film of Browning's feat by Ronald Murray, former naval Lt.-Cdr. and D.S.C. who is the Hon.Secretary of the 'Whip and Carrot' Club, reveals that the bar was set at 7ft. 1in. on the pegs. For his take-off Browning used an agility mat at least four inches thick. Assuming that there is only half an inch sag in the bar and that the mat compresses an inch under his take-off, we find the best height with which we can charitably credit him is 6ft. 9³/₈ins.(2.07m.)..... which ranks him outside the 'Top Ten' one-footed jumpers in track and field athletics.

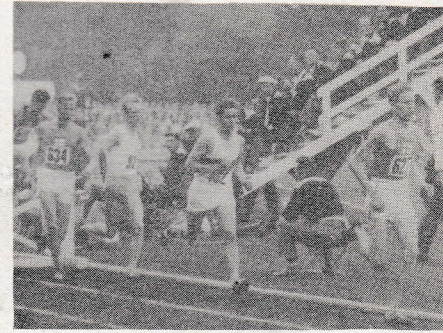
TOO MANY KUCS. We don't know about you but if we see the 'Daily Express' writing about Vladimir Kuc again we'll scream. The world 5,000 metre record-holder signs himself 'B.Kyu' which in Russian is pronounced V.Kootz and written in English V.Kuts. The 'Kuc' version is derived from the programme of the European Championships in Bern because the Swiss write the 'tz' sound as a 'c' and were therefore perfectly correct in rendering the Cyrillic script Kyu as Kuc, which in English we would have thought rhymed with a 'duck'.

ALL IN A NAME. Some athletes are cursed with unfortunate names. There was the famous U.S. 4:09.7 miler named Weed not to mention the former Soviet record-holder Nikitina and the great Canadian prospect Tobacco. Their lot is however surely lighter than the unfortunate London youngster who recently on sending in his entry form for a 100 yard handicap race had to reveal to the handicappers that his name was Lightning. Also in this category was the Polish 400 metres champion named Mach who expired in the first heat at Bern with an unavailing 48.9 secs. Why had he only lived up to his supersonic name he would have lapped Ignatiev twice before he could have moved 13 metres away from his blocks.

Pentti Karvonen by Raino Puottula

The title of the world's fastest steeplechaser has been transferred from one Finn to another. Pentti Kalevi KARVONEN has succeeded Olavi Osvald RINTEENPÄÄ. At Dortmund on September 19 in the Germany versus Finland international Karvonen reduced Rinteenpää's 8:44.4 mark set at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on July 2nd 1953 by exactly three seconds. The exact worth of this great performance is subject to debate because the spread of the water beyond the hurdle instead of being 3.66 metres (12 feet) was only about 2.5 metres (just over 8 feet). In Karvonen's own opinion the advantage might have been as much as five seconds.

Pentti Karvonen who stands 6ft.11¹/₄ tall and weighs 10 stone 3 lbs, was born on August 15th 1931 at Koivisto in the province of Karjala, which now stands within the boundaries of the Russian Empire. He was the second child of the carpenter Julius Karvonen. Pentti has 5 brothers (including 22 year old Reino who has a 9:11.4 3,000mS/C mark) and 3 sisters.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Pentti Karvonen(634)(4th in 8:55.2); Ernst Larsen(Norway-92)(3rd in 8:53.2); Helmut Thumm(Germany-452)(9th in 9:07.6); Olavi Rinteenpää(Finland-627)(2nd in 8:52.4). The early stages of the 3,000m S/C final at Bern.

As a child of 5 and 6 Pentti showed keenness on skiing. When he was 8 the family were uprooted by the out-break of the winter war between Russia and Finland and were evacuated from their birth place first to Kuusisto and Kaarina near Turku and then after the war to Porvoo near Helsinki, where they now live. Pentti first showed interest in athletics at the age of 15. As he approached 20 his ability as a cross country runner lead him to believe that he might have possibilities as a steeplechaser.

His debut was on September 7th 1953 in an interclub meeting of the Porvoo Urheilijat. Karvonen won easily in 9:23.6 (his best 3,000 metres flat was 8:32.2). Three weeks later Pentti ran at Turku and his time of 9:21.0 ranked him 72nd equal in the World and 8th in Finland. Karvonen's third steeplechase of his career produced a sensational improvement. At Warsaw on June 20th Pentti was beaten by the Russians Fyeodor Marulin and Viktor Kurchavov but with the amazing time of 8:56.6 he in turn beat those experienced athletes László Jeszenszky of Hungary and the Russian Mikhail Saltikov. Karvonen, 23 confirmed his new form by forcing Rinteenpää to 8:47.6 at Helsinki on July 8th with a great 8:48.6. Pentti has run a fair number of 3,000 and 5,000 metres races on the flat but his times are markedly slower than Rinteenpää's, (see below)

Karvonen's successes are based on his excellent water-jump and hurdling technique. Karvonen has beaten his chief rival twice. Once at Dortmund as mentioned above when

EVENT	KARVONEN	RINTEENPÄÄ
800m.	1:59.7	1:58.4
1,500m.	3:57.6	3:51.0
3,000m.	8:22.4	8:14.8
5,000m.	14:35.2	14:22.0
10,000m.	31:04.8	30:00.2

Rinteenpää returned 8:46.0 and then again at Budapest two weeks later when Pentti won the international match event against Hungary by beating the European Champion Sándor ROSZNYOI(8:51.0) and his countryman(8:56.6) in the time of 8:50.4.

Pentti tells me that he trains in the autumn and winter 3 to 4 times a week with runs of 9 to 12 miles (15-20kms) on road and through the forests. In the spring and summer he rests only on one day a week. If he is on the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift at the photo-gravure department of the Werner Söderström Printing works he trains from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. or if it is his week for the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift he then trains in the mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

SHORT TAKES cont:) **THEY MOSTLY FADE AWAY:** Sir Alan Rook has published the result of his findings on the longevity of a group of 1,482 members of Cambridge University who were undergraduates between 1860 and 1890. The survey included 772 'sportsmen', 374 'intellectuals' and 336 who were undistinguished athletically or academically. It was shown that 73 of the group had met their end by suicide- of these no less than 60 were from the 'intellectual' group.

British All-Time List No. 17

2 MILES & 3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

Compiled By Ross McWhirter

In the sixteenth list, published last May, we dealt with the high jump. We now turn to the steeplechase which, though it was established as an Olympic event as early as 1900, only received recognition as an I.A.A.F. world record scheduled event in 1954. First we list the best United Kingdom performances of all-time over the now standard 3,000 metres distance and then by way of postscript an all-time list for the now obsolescent 2 mile Steeplechase.

3,000 METRES (ONE MILE 1,520.83 YARDS) STEEPLECHASE

8:51.8 n	John DISLEY	Helsinki	July 25 1952
8:59.4	John Disley	Helsinki	July 23 1952
9:00.8	Kenneth JOHNSON	White City	July 10 1954
9:00.8	John Disley	White City	Oct. 13 1954
9:03.2 n	Christopher BRASHER	Helsinki	July 23 1952
9:04.0 n	Eric SHIRLEY	White City	July 10 1954
9:04.2	John Disley	White City	June 7 1954
9:05.4	John Disley	White City	Sept. 23 1953
9:06.2	John Disley	White City	Aug. 4 1952
9:06.4	Eric Shirley	(10)White City	Aug. 14 1954
9:06.6 n	Christopher Brasher	White City	July 10 1954
9:07.6 n	John Disley	Bern	Aug. 28 1954
9:09.4 n	Christopher Brasher	White City	Aug. 4 1952
9:09.8 n	Kenneth Johnson	White City	June 7 1954
9:10.2 n	Edward HARDY	White City	July 10 1954
9:10.6	Eric Shirley	White City	Aug. 2 1954
9:10.8	Kenneth Johnson	White City	Aug. 1 1953
9:11.2	John Disley	Paris	Aug. 24 1952
9:11.6	John Disley	White City	Sept. 26 1951
9:11.6	John Disley	(20)White City	Sept. 30 1953
9:13.5	Christopher Brasher	White City	May 24 1952
9:13.6 n	Kenneth Johnson	White City	Aug. 14 1954
9:13.6 n	John Disley	White City	Aug. 26 1954
9:14.0 n	Christopher Brasher	Helsinki	July 25 1952
9:14.0	Edward ELLIS	Edmonton	May 22 1954
9:14.6	John Disley	Oslo	Sept. 5 1953
9:15.2 n	Kenneth Johnson	White City	Aug. 2 1954
9:15.6 n	Edward Ellis	White City	Aug. 1 1953
9:15.8 n	Edward Hardy	White City	Aug. 14 1954
9:16.4 n	Edward Hardy	(30)White City	Aug. 2 1954
9:16.6	John Disley	White City	May 25 1953
9:17.0	Edward Ellis	Alperton	May 8 1954
9:17.0 n	Eric Shirley	Edmonton	May 22 1954
9:17.0 n	Edward Ellis	White City	June 7 1954
9:17.0	Edward Hardy	Manchester	June 19 1954
9:17.4	Christopher Brasher	Leyton	May 7 1952
9:17.4	John Disley	Leyton	May 6 1953
9:17.6 n	Kenneth Johnson	Bern	Aug. 26 1954
9:18.0 n	Kenneth Johnson	Stockholm	Sept. 2 1953
9:18.0 n	Edward Hardy	(40)White City	June 7 1954
9:18.4	John Disley	Southgate	June 28 1950
9:18.8	Thomas EVENSON	Los Angeles	Aug. 1 1952
9:19.8	Christopher Brasher	Brussels	June 17 1953
9:19.8 n	Edward Ellis	(44)White City	Sept. 30 1953

TWO MILES (3,218.69 METRES) STEEPLECHASE

9:44.0	John DISLEY	White City	June 21 1952
10:02.8	Edward ELLIS	White City	July 11 1953
10:03.6 n	Christopher BRASHER	White City	June 21 1952
10:03.6 n	Kenneth JOHNSON	White City	July 11 1953
10:04.0 n	John Disley	White City	July 14 1951
10:05.4 n	John Disley	White City	July 15 1950
10:06.8 n	Kenneth Johnson	White City	June 21 1952
10:08.6	John Disley	White City	June 2 1952
10:12.0 n	David ROSE	White City	June 2 1952
10:12.6	John Disley	(10)White City	May. 20.1950
10:13.8	Thomas EVENSON	White City	July 2 1952
10:14.2	George BAILEY	Ilkeston	June 22 1935
10:14.2 n	William BERRY	White City	July 11 1953
10:14.8 n	George BAILEY	White City	July 2 1932
10:17.0 n	William Berry	White City	June 21 1952
10:18.8 n	John Disley	White City	Aug. 6 1951
10:19.0	John BROMLEY	Chiswick	May 9 1953
10:21.0	Geoffrey SAUNDERS	Manchester	Aug. 6 1949
10:21.0	John Disley	White City	June 10 1950
10:21.6 n	David Ross	(20)White City	June 21 1952
10:21.8 n	E.J.Kean	White City	July 11 1953
10:22.2	John Disley	White City	May 14 1951



Action Photo by H. W. Neale

Eric Shirley, the former Middlesex County Cross-Country Champion, who moved to No.4 on the all-time British steeplechase list on his 2nd run.

10:22.2	David Ross	White City	June 20 1953
10:23.0	Roy MORLEY	Uxbridge	June 7 1952
10:23.4	S.G.SCARSBROOK	White City	Aug. 7 1934
10:23.4	George Bailey	White City	July 7 1935
10:23.4n	E.J.Kean	Uxbridge	June 7 1952
10:23.4	Raymond HATTON	Uxbridge	Sept. 5 1953
10:23.6n	Walter Berry	White City	June 2 1952
10:23.6	Christopher Brasher	(30)Manchester	July 18 1953
10:24.0n	Frederick HOLT	Manchester	Aug. 6 1949
10:24.0	Michael BARRITT	Reading	June 23 1951
10:24.6n	Kenneth Johnson	White City	June 2 1952
10:24.8	Thomas Evenson	White City	July 11 1936
10:24.8	John Bromley	Motspur Park	May 30 1953
10:25.0n	Rene HOWELL	(36)White City	July 14 1951

(Notation: n = non-winning time)

Note: A number of steeplechase performances, loosely referred to as of 2 miles, which are more properly described as 'Eight Lap'

Events include --

9:47.2	W.C.Wylie	Glasgow	Aug. 7 1937
9:52.0	George Bailey	Hamilton, Canada	Aug. 24 1930
9:57.6	J.E.Webster	Glasgow	Aug. 6 1927

SUMMARY:

	Number of Marks		
	3,000m.	2 Miles	Total
John Ivor Disley (London Athletic Club)	15	8	23
Kenneth Edward Johnson (Leicester College)	7	3	10
Christopher William Brasher (Achilles Club)	7	2	9
Edward George Ellis (Thames Valley Harriers)	5	1	6

LEADING PERFORMANCES BY FOREIGN STEEPLECHASERS IN BRITAIN.

3,000 metres.

9:00.8n	László Jeszenszky (Hungary)	White City	July 10 1954
9:03.8	Helmut Gude (Germany)	White City	Sept. 17 1952
9:04.6	Tore Sjöstrand (Sweden)	Wembley	Aug. 5 1948
9:08.2n	Erik Elmsäter (Sweden)	Wembley	Aug. 5 1948
9:08.8n	Fyeodor Marulin (U.S.S.R.)	White City	Oct. 13 1954
9:10.2	Helmut Thumm (Germany)	White City	July 17 1954

2 Miles.

9:58.6	Petar Šegedin (Yugoslavia)	White City	July 14 1951
10:02.4	Petar Šegedin (Yugoslavia)	White City	July 15 1950
10:06.4n	Petar Šegedin (Yugoslavia)	White City	June 21 1952
10:06.6	Volmari Iso-Hollo (Finland)	White City	July 8 1933
10:08.4	Alex Guyodo (France)	White City	Aug. 6 1951

IFEAJUNA CLEARS 6'8¹/₄" IN PRACTICE

Ibadan, Nigeria. It is reported that the British Empire High Jump Champion Emmanuel Arinze Ifeajuna, 20, now studying medicine at the University College here, has suffered a suspected cartilage injury in his right knee which will cause a long lay-off. In the Freshman's v. Seniors Sports in late October he cleared 6'6³/₄" (2.00m.) and in early November recorded a practice mark of 6'8¹/₄" (2.038m.) which was one quarter of an inch higher than his mark at Vancouver on July 31. The physical height of Ifeajuna has been confirmed as 5'7" (not 5'6³/₄") so that his latest mark would have given him a clearance of 33.47cms or 13¹/₄" above his own head. (see page 74, September issue 'Raw Spring').

PERRY RUNS 8:55.2 2 MILES BAREFOOT

from J. H. GALLI.

Olympic 5,000 metre finalist Les Perry (32 on Jan. 29) is back as Australia's No. 1 trackman. On Dec. 8th in a Geelong Twilight Meeting he zoomed from 50th to equal eighth on the 1954 world Two Mile list in a magnificent come-back from heartbreaking ankle trouble for an Australian home record of 8:55.2. With 500 points of rain on the grass track Perry decided to run barefooted. He overhauled Dave Stephens in a 60.8 sec. last lap, Stephens rallied but could not bridge the gap though his place time of 8:57.8 was two fifths inside Landy's former record.

John Landy was himself a depressing, ill but game fifth in 9:16.8 and announced a withdrawal for the season. The world's fastest miler might well take heart from Perry's example that an off spell to a top class athlete does not prevent him coming back even more strongly after a lay-off.

The British Empire 440 yard champion Kevin Gosper ran a glorious 47.7 sec. 'quarter' while Dave Lean in his first post-Empiad outing returned 24.1 and 53.3 secs. for the hurdles. If Lean gets to America he will surely worry Lituyev's new world 440 yd. hurdle mark of 51.3 secs. In the high jump Col Ridgeway, aged 15, cleared 6'0"½!

SUMMARY OF OTHER LEADING MARKS: (For early season marks see report on Page 103). 100 Yds: 9.8 Bill Job, (Bathurst Dec. 5th); 9.9 Job, Ted McGlynn, Ray Land, Kieth Chapman and Gary Bromhead (Sydney Dec. 11) 200 Metres: 21.5 Hec Hogan, 21.6n Tony Booth (Brisbane, Dec. 11); 22.0y 21.7 Hogan (Brisbane, Dec. 4); 440 Yds. 48.9 Ross Parker (aged 18), 49.0 Bill Job (Sydney Dec. 11); 800 Yds. 1:54.5 Peter Melhuish (Melbourne Dec. 4th), 1:54.7 John Murray, 1:55.0n Len McRae, 1:55.8n Don Mac-Millan (all Geelong, Dec. 8th); Mile. 4:12.0 Allan Lawrence, 4:12.4n John Plummer (both Sydney, Dec. 11), 4:14.8 Terry Sullivan (Melbourne, Dec. 18), 4:16.4 Frank O'Connell (Perth Dec. 11) (new West Australian resident record); 4x1 Mile Relay: 17:14.6 Western Suburbs A.C. (Pete Melhuish, Dave Power, Keith Ollerenshaw, John Plummer) (Australian rec.) 3 Miles: 14:06.0 Allan Lawrence (Sydney Dec. 18) (N.S.W. state rec.), 14:16.0 Lawrence (Melbourne Dec. 4), 14:17.0n Ollerenshaw; 220 Yds IH. 25.5 Hogan (Brisbane Dec. 18); 440 yds IH: 54.9 Geoff Goodacre (Sydney Dec. 18); 3,300m St/Ch 9:11.0 Kieth Wright (Dec. 18) (no water jump but extra hurdle); Hop, Step and Jump: 48'6"½ Kevin Salt (Perth, Dec. 18); Javelin Throw: 204'10" Bob Grant (exhibition) (Geelong, Dec. 8).

PETER WELLS 6-7½" IS U.K. BEST EVER

English Native record-holder (6'6"¾ in 1949) Peter Wells, 25 raised his New Zealand record from 6'6"¾ to 6'7"¾ (2.019m) at Papakura's Prince Edward Park on Dec. 11th. Wells, now moved to the North Island, was in his best ever form with a first time clearance at 6'6"¾. Thus Wells, eligible only for Great Britain at Melbourne, at the 11th hour has made 1954 an historic year for U.K. field events since, by equalling Paterson's much discussed 1947 mark at Glasgow, absolute national 'records' have been now set in all four jumps and all four throws.

Other sound marks from New Zealand include Murray Jeffries' new national junior record of 6'5"¾ at Auckland on Dec. 4th and the 166'3"¾ residential hammer record by the Vancouver captain J.M. Carr at Hataitai Park, Wellington. At Papakura on Dec. 11 Morrie Rae, 19 ran a wind-assisted 100 yards in 9.7 secs.

The New Zealand Championships are scheduled for March 11 & 12 at Auckland. Among those invited are Hec Hogan, the 9.3 sec. sprinter.

MIHALIC WINS 19TH SÃO PAULO NOCTURNE

São Paulo, Jan 1. The International Cross-Country Champion Franjo Mihalic of Yugoslavia regained his St. Sylvestre title by winning here to-night from a 286 man field over the 7,300 (4miles 943 yds.) course of the midnight 'Corrida' in 21 mins. 50 secs. winning by over 200 metres from the Brazilian Fraire (22:27.3). Third was Marcel van de Wattyne (belgium) (22:30.5), fourth Correa (Chile) 22:33.3, and fifth Tauer of Germany in 22:35.3. The winner's time compared ill with the debarrred Zatopek's course record of 20:30.4, in which he must have passed the 5,000 metre post in 14:02.4 (see p.8 this volume), and also his own 21:28 in 1952-53 and his last year's place time of 21:32.0.

SANTEE SLOWED TO A 4:14.0 AT SUGAR BOWL. MASHBURN WINS IN 48.0 New Orleans, Jan. 2 Torrential rains caused the postponement of Wes. Santee's fast mile bid till today. A heavy track in the 17th annual 'Sugar Bowl' meet slowed him to a 10 yard win over Bill Tidwell in 4:14.0 (laps: 68, 62, 65, 59.) Other results: 100yds: Dean Smith 9.8, 440 Yds. J.W. Mashburn 48.0, Jim Lea 48.8n; 120yds H.H. Willard Thomson 14.3; 4x110yds R. Houston tied Texas Univ. in 42.0 secs.

BRITISH BEST PERFORMANCES

Since the publication of our 1954 Best British Performance Lists the following new data has been communicated.

ADDITIONS

440Yds:	49.7n Michael Wotton (White City)	5/6
Mile:	4:14.0 Bob Taylor (Drayton)	8/5
2 Miles:	9:00.7 John Wood (Welwyn)	3/7
	9:03.2n Ken Caulder (White City)	21/8
3 Miles:	14:07.4n Tom Harwood (White City)	10/7
	14:09.4n Ken Caulder (White City)	10/7
	14:09.8 Jim Peters	1/6
	14:10.2n John Wood (White City)	14/8
440y H.	55.8n Clive Dennis (Edinburgh)	26/6
	57.0 B.A.R. Thomas (Aldershot)	
	57.9 P.D. Kelly (Portsmouth)	14/7
3,000m S/C	9:29.2 Ray Hatton (Uxbridge)	4/9
	9:30.6n Tony Llewellyn (Uxbridge)	4/9
	9:36.4 D. Gallagher (Portsmouth)	14/7
H.J.	6'7"½ Peter Wells (Auckland, N.Z.)	12/12
	6'12" Paul Stableforth (Guernsey)	
	6'12" Tony Orton (Hamstead)	28/8
	6'1" IAC Brown (? Australian)	
	6'0" A. Ireland (Uxbridge)	7/7
	6'0" John Fullbrook (Edmonton)	13/7
H.S.J	47'7"½ Tom McNab (Edinburgh)	26/6
	47'6"½ Mike Eggleton (Uxbridge)	7/7
	46'19"½ H.M. Murray	5/6
	45'13" C. Mills (Cwmbran)	10/7
S.P.	45'1"½ Cpl. Robinson (Uxbridge)	7/7
	47'19" Tom Logan (Cowal)	31/8
D.T.	148'6"½ Hywell Williams (Kenya)	30/10
	139'1" John Sampson (Uxbridge)	30/6
	135'6" Frank Gandy	12/6
	134'2" E. Cleaver (Aldershot)	
	134'1" Geoff. Budd (Motspur Pk.)	
J.T.	181'2" D.C. Williams (Portsmouth)	14/7

AMENDMENTS

L.J. Pinder's 23'2"½ York not Doncaster
J.T. Patrick's 198'5" Portsmouth not Edinburgh

NORRIS WINS BY 61 SECS.

'County Day' (January 1st) saw Britain's wealth of distance track runners to the fore. Ken Norris, 11th fastest 10,000 metre man of all-time, had a runaway win for the Middlesex title at Trent Park in 41:35 with his club, Thames Valley Harriers winning the team title again. At Coulsdon Gordon Pirie won the Surrey title by 130 yards from Mike Maynard with Empire 6 Mile Champion Peter Driver 3rd in 41:20. With Peter Pire 5th and M. Firth ninth South London easily retained their team title. Frank Sando had a narrow win over Tony Weeks-Pearson for the Kent title at Farningham in 35:40. Other new County Champions were:- Beds & Hunts. J. Lawrence (42:29); Berks: D.R. Booker (35:05); Bucks: RA. Foulkes (48:11); Cambs: R.C. Townsend (40:01); Essex: E. Baverstock (38:31); Gloucs: G. BHawkins (38:03); Hants: P.R. Clarke (41:30); Herts: M.J. Blyth (46:15); Lincs: K. Barnsdale; Northants: R. Hemmings (40:52); Notts: E. Morley (40:03); Oxford: P.G. Porter (37:15); Suffolk Ft/Lt D. Haw (46:11); Sussex: H.V. Poord (39:28); Warwick: J.P. Lake (37:39); Worcs: B. Browning (44:09) and Wiltshire D.V. Amor (34:55).

HERMAN WINS OVER DRIVER FROM FIELD OF 67. Brussels, Jan. 9 Frans Herman today won the 7½ mile Brains L'Alleud race here in 35:50 from Peter Driver (36:18) with Lucien Theys third in 36:46.

WEATHER RUINS ARGENTINA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Buenos Aires, Dec. 11 & 12. J.D. Miranda set a national 1,500 m. record of 3:56.1 in winning the 1954 title at the track championships which could not be completed owing to heavy rain. Other results were:- 100m. R. Zabala 10.5 400m. J.C. Acosta 48.8; 5,000m: O. Suarez 14:51 11.0m: E. Kocourek 14.7, M.A. Gonzalez 14.8n. Ingeborg Pfeller threw the discus 45.37 (148' 10"½) but she will not get a S. American record because it was too thin (Tomas Rector).

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OPRIS TIES BEST 1954 EUROPEAN MARK WITH 14.3 Ion Opris lowered the Rumanian 110m. hurdles record from 14.6 to 14.3 at Cluj on Nov. 7th tying Lorger, Bulanchik and Stoloyar as No. 1 on the 1954 European rankings. (R.L.Q.)

CONCEICAO'S GREAT 1ST DAY TOTAL - 4,343 PTS

R.L. QUERCETANI'S REPORT (continued from page 105)

long jump with a 7.33m. (24'0³/₈) effort. After a series of consistent 50 foot plus marks he wound up with 51'3", still at Sao Paulo on December 5.

Helio Coutinho da Silva, now 31, who is still suffering the after-effects of his triple leg fracture on the day (Nov. 18, 1951) he attained 15.99m. (52'5¹/₂) has been a sad loss but Brazil seems to have another prospective record breaker in Jorgely dos Santos Figueira, who has done 50'9¹/₂ and 50'7⁷/₈. Like Coutinho, Figueira is a "carioca" (inhabitant of Rio) and the Brazilian 'aficionados' are anxiously looking forward to his future duels with the reigning Olympic Champion, who is a Paulista.

In connection with A.F. da Silva's latest broad jump mark, it may be an apt moment to publish a comparison of the broad-jumping ability of the 12 greatest triple jumpers of all-time, that is down to the famed Nambu—the best non-American long jumper ever.

NAME AND NATIONALITY	BEST TRIPLE JUMP	BEST LONG JUMP	Diff.
L. Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.)	53' 3" ¹ / ₈ 16.235	24' 1" 7.34	29' 2" ¹ / ₈
A.F. da Silva (Brazil)	53' 2" 16.22	24' 0" 7.33	29' 2"
N. Tajima (Japan)	52' 5" 16.00	25' 4" 7.74	27' 1" ¹ / ₈
H.C. da Silva (Brazil)	52' 5" 15.99	22' 7" 6.90	30' 9" ³ / ₈
K. Togami (Japan)	52' 0" 15.86	25' 0" 7.64	26' 11" ³ / ₈
G. Kin (Japan)	52' 0" 15.86	25' 1" 7.66	26' 10" ³ / ₈
K. Oshima (Japan)	51' 10" 15.82	24' 6" ³ / ₈ 7.47	27' 4" ³ / ₈
K. Strom (Norway)	w-51' 10" 15.82	24' 5" ⁴ / ₈ 7.46	27' 4" ¹ / ₈
J. Metcalfe (Australia)	51' 9" 15.78	24' 0" 7.31	27' 9" ³ / ₈
M. Harada (Japan)	51' 8" 15.75	24' 10" ⁷ / ₈ 7.59	26' 9" ¹ / ₈
S. Kogake (Japan)	w-51' 8" 15.75	22' 10" 6.98	28' 10" ³ / ₈
C. Nambu (Japan)	51' 7" 15.72	26' 2" ¹ / ₈ 7.98	25' 4" ³ / ₈

(Note: The above table shows that the average differential is such that the triple-jumper can attain a distance of double his long jump distance plus one metre viz. 7.45m. x 2 + 1.00 = 15.90m. By this reckoning Wilmhurst who long jumped 24'8³/₈ (7.53) might be expected to attain 16.07m. or 52'8³/₈ and a proficient 26 foot long-jumper 55ft. 3ins. Conversely H.C. da Silva's long jump potential should perhaps have been 7.50m. (24'7¹/₄). Ed.)

Only two of the above men—H.C. da Silva and Nambu—were outstanding sprinters. Their best times were 10.4 and 10.5 for the 100 metres. The best high jumper was Metcalfe at 6'6¹/₈ (1.984) while Kogake was the only good high hurdler at 15.1 secs.

Reverting from our digression to the Brazilian season we find that the No. 1 star has been the Helsinki high jump bronze medal winner Jose Telles da Conceicao. After his excellent early season efforts (10.5 for the 100 metres, 21.2 for the 200 metres and a 2.00 metres (6'6³/₈) high jump), he made his debut in the decathlon at Rio on Dec. 11 and 12.

In the five events on the first day he amassed a total of 4,343 points (new table): one of the highest totals in the annals of the event. The greatest first day total we can recall is offhand the 4,385 points by the eccentric North Carolina star Bill Albans in the 1950 A.A.U. Championships (10.6; 24'6¹/₄, 39'0¹/₄, 6'2³/₄ and 49.5) to finish with a total of 6,923 points. The Brazilian negro began by equalling his best over the 100 metres with a 10.5 secs. clocking followed closely by a fine 24'3³/₈ (7.40m.) broad jump. His shot-putt was a modest 34'3³/₈ (10.46m.) but he soon made amends by clearing the high jump bar set at 6'4³/₈ (1.95m.). His time in the 400 metres was a good 49.8 secs. On the second day, however, his poor technique in the three field events (pole vault, discus and javelin) pulled him down considerably and he had to be content with a total of 6,173 points. This was good enough for a new Brazilian record though Da Conceicao's second day marks were 110m. hurdles 15.9; discus 98'8¹/₄ (30.05m); pole vault 7'10¹/₂ (2.40m.); javelin 136'5⁷/₈ (41.29) and 1,500 metres 4:51.2. This last does not look so bad if one considers that the great Mr. Decathlon, Bob Mathias, did slightly better (4:50.8) only in the last decathlon of his career.

As a 'four-event' man, da Conceicao can now vie with his great countryman Jose Bento de Assis, who over a decade ago produced the following series; 100 metres 10.5 secs. (10.3 w.); 200 metres 21.2 secs.; 400 metres 47.6 secs. and long jump 24'9¹/₄ (7.55m.).

R.L.Q.

FAST SPRINT TIME IN GOLD COAST
Takoradi, Dec. 4 The veteran sprinter G.S. Laryea recorded a wind-assisted 9.65 secs. 100yd victory here today over Bukare Bashiru (9.68) and A.O. Lawson (9.8). Wind disallowed record.

MIRACLE MILE—OFFICIAL DATA
Information received from official sources in Vancouver reveal that the 1,500 m. times were Landy 3:41.9 (3 watches); Bannister 3:42.2 (unofficial, probably 1 watch only); Ferguson 3:47.0 (new Canadian rec.)

BOB RICHARDS - SANS POLE AT 6FT. 2³/₈ INS.

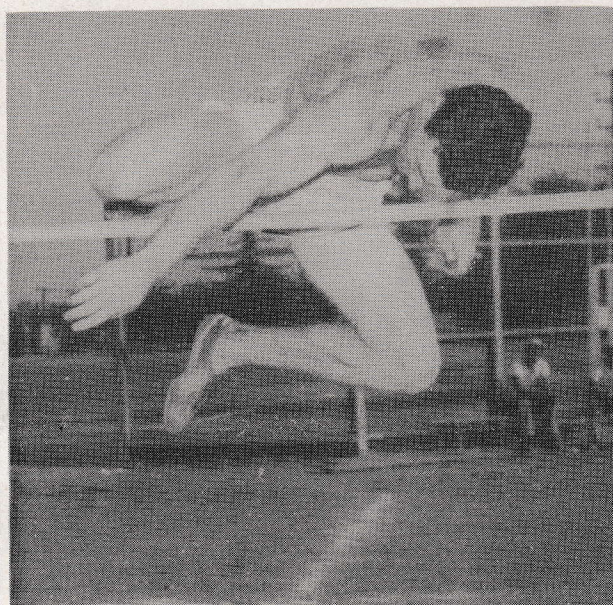


Photo by Don Winton.

Bob Richards, the Olympic pole vault Champion seen making a 6ft. 2³/₈ in. high jump clearance on the first day of his 7,315 point decathlon at Pasadena on July 30-31 last. The 28 year old vicar's score moved him up to No. 2 of all-time behind only Bob Mathias and his score on the 1934 tables (cf. Glenn Morris's Berlin world record of 7,900) was 7,947 points. For his full details see p. 80, September issue.

VASILYEV 10.4 & TKACHEV 190FT. 7³/₈ INS.

NEW RUSSIAN MARKS COME TO LIGHT FROM MAGAZINE "SOVIETSKIY SPORT"

Dr. Roberto Quercetani reports that late in December "Sovietkiy Sport" published a 'Top Ten' List of the best 1954 performers from the Soviets in the Olympic events. As is now customary, this compilation brought to light a number of marks (unfortunately without dates or places) hitherto unknown among Western statisticians. First of all, it should be noted that Vladimir Sukharyev's best 100 metres time for the season is 10.6 not 10.4 as previously reported. Even so, Russia can still point to four 10.4 men (at least on paper), because in addition to Sanadze, Ryabov and Mikhail Kazantsev there comes a complete "unknown" by the name of L. Vasilyev!. Most of the other additions have a bearing on the field events. Aleksandr Vyereshchagin is at 49'6⁷/₈, the 10th 15 metre plus man in the triple jump this year (1954). Vartan Ovsepyan has a shot putt mark of 54'6³/₈. In the hammer throw in which event the 10th man, Valentin Sepp of Estonia, has a mark of 185ft. 8³/₈ ins. (56.60m.), the new marks include a 190'7³/₈ by F. Tkachev of Kiev and a 189'5³/₈ by A. Tumanov of Moscow. It is also finally worthy of note that in the high jump, hitherto considered as the U.S.S.R.'s 'Achilles Heel', eight men have cleared 6'4³/₈ (1.95m.) or better headed by the lanky Yuriy Stepanov at 6'6".

Obituary Notice.

At Baku on December 12th 1954 the life of the International Scoring Tables passed peacefully to its close at the hands of an international assassin named Nyenashev.

The Table had long been in poor health ever since trying conclusions with a highly muscular American film actor by name of Fortune Gordien at Pasadena on Aug. 22 1953 whose attentions with a 4.4 lb. discus induced a near fatal temperature of 1,509 pts. After further shock treatment from Messers O'Brien (1,517 pts.) and Krivonosov (1,546 pts) the latest Russian assault broke all records in hyperthermy with a figure which can only be estimated at 1,655 pts. This produced instant collapse.

The funeral was attended by a small gathering of statisticians and a large gathering of pole vaulters some of whom behaved with the most unseemly levity. There were no representatives from the Press, except for the Manchester Guardian, while the Finnish Embassy were also unrepresented.