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Lon Spurrier closes Harbig with 1:47.5 880 yds Record

From BERT NELSON

Berkeley, California, March 26. Lon Spurrier achieved track immortality today with a magnificent 1:47.5 clocking which set a new world record for the half-mile run which must have taken Europeans even more by surprise than it did Americans.

This was no Bannister finally cracking four minutes; no Whitfield whittling away a few more tenths off his own mark; nor even a Derek Johnson fulfilling widely heralded promises. This was a bolt from the blue, for to all but a few keen and close followers of the sport Spurrier was just another runner, if not completely unknown.

Yet this drastic lowering of the 1:48.6 record shared by Mal Whitfield and Denmark's Gunnar Nielsen was neither a fluke nor totally unexpected. Spurrier was confident of his ability to do the trick and had actually planned his race for 53 to 55 secs. for the first lap and 1:48 for the finish. And those few who were close to Lonnie, and who have followed his career, with all its ups and downs, felt that a record was imminent.

Conditions were ideal. Spurrier was running on his home track at the University of California, from whence he was graduated in February. It is the Berkeley track that Herb McKenley calls the 'best middle-distance oval in the world', and the one on which he ran his reigning world record 440 yards in 46.0 back in 1948. The weather was warm and windless. And while there was no one in the race to urge him on, neither was there anyone to complicate matters.

A bit tight and doubtful before the race "probably from nervousness", Spurrier knew that he was right within 50 yards from the start that he had left so smoothly. Down the full 220 straightaway sped the 22 year old blond, hearing Coach Brutus Hamilton call out "twenty-five" as he passed a red flag planted at the furlong mark. His lead ever increasing, Spurrier was running beautifully as he passed the quarter post in 51.6 secs. Then came that true test, that third rough 220 where races are won and records broken. But Lon never faltered. Picking up only a few cries of encouragement from 2,500 fans, he again headed for the red flag.

SPURRIER'S PROGRESS

1951 1:56.9 (18)	Hamilton glanced at his watch, which would have read 1:19.3 had he
1952 1:53.7 (19)	stopped it. He yelled
1:53.4 (19)	out "You're under the
1:50.6m (19)=21	record. Keep going". And
1953 1:52.1 (20)=37	keep it up Spurrier did,
1954 1:52.0 (21)	finishing in good style
1955 1:49.6 (22)	and showing little sign
1:47.5 (22)W.R	of outward fatigue.

All three watches held by the official timers had 1:47.5 and two alternate timers had 1:47.4. An official measurement of the three turn course showed that Spurrier had run 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches over the prescribed 880 yards. (Continued p.136 col.1)

SANTEE ON THRESHOLD WITH 4:00.5, 4:04.2 & 4:04.6

From Roberto Quercetani

Wesley Santee, having returned to the 'boards' following his defeat in the Pan-American Games to record mile victories in 4:04.6 and 4:04.2, set a new United States record for the one mile with 4:00.5 outdoors at Austin, Texas on April 2. His previous best marks were 4:00.6 and 4:00.7 last season. The lap times were 59.2, 60.8, 61.0, and 59.5. Santee said he would take a rest and put back some weight before running hard again.

R.L. QUERCETANI REPORTS:- Wes Santee featured the closing stage of the 1955 American Indoor season with two impressive runs, covering the mile first in 4:04.6 then in 4:04.2 on successive nights, namely in Cleveland (March 25) and in Chicago (March 26), these being respectively the fourth and third fastest mile marks ever on "regulation" banked board tracks. This was a prompt recovery for the 23 year old Kansan, after his unexpected defeat in the 1,500 mtrs at the "Pan-Am" Games, a setback which in the international press had been variously attributed to altitude and/or Juan Doroteo Miranda of Argentina depending on viewpoints. (Miranda won at Mexico City by two feet in 3:53.2).

INDOOR TRACKS NOT CONDUCIVE TO RECORDS

In the above-mentioned two indoor races Santee was paced by teammates for about half the distance and won in each case by a "street". No matter how good his marks in these meetings, Wes ran the mile in 4:00.5 outdoors at Austin only a week later, which should furnish decisive evidence to the effect that the short indoor tracks, even banked board ones, are not conducive to record breaking—at least over such distances.

Prior to his departure for Mexico, Santee had won two other indoor races with times of 4:10.4 (New York, March 5) and 4:08.6 (Milwaukee March 12). There was no other sub 4:10 man in the March meetings but Charlie Jones, a freshman at Iowa University, began to loom as a great future prospect with a 4:11.4 clocking. The freshman outdoor "record" is held by Jack Dianetti (4:12.0 in 1947).

HARRISON DILLARD TRIES HIS HAND AT 'DASHES'.

And here, in a nutshell, are the March highlights for the other events. No startling time in the sprints. Harrison Dillard, the 1948 Olympic 100 metres champion, made his customary late season switch from the hurdles to the sprints at the New York Pioneer Club meeting (March 12): he beat such 'standouts' as Remigino and Bragg but was narrowly edged by Andy Stanfield in a 6.5 60 yards dash. On the same day at Milwaukee Jim Golliday, who is back from Army service and again at Northwestern University, was suprisingly beaten by a school-mate, freshman Charles Carroll, in a 5.3 50 yards dash.

KEVAN GOSPER APPROACHES RECORD

Empire Champion Kevan Gosper of Australia and Michigan State ran an excellent 48.2 on an eight-laps-to-the-mile dirt track at East Lansing, Mich., on March 5. (Cont. p.136 col.2)



Courtesy Track & Field News

LON SPURRIER whose 1:47.5 half mile record at Berkeley, Cal. represents the biggest single advance since 1895.

BRITISH RANKINGS

In this fourth and final instalment of "ATHLETICS WORLD'S" fourth annual British rankings we cover the four throwing events.

These lists are not intended to be an exhaustive summary of each ranked athlete's 1954 performances but a compilation which includes all their best and most significant marks.

SHOT PUTT

1951	1952	1953
1.Savidge	Savidge	Savidge
2.Giles	Giles	Giles
3.Pharaoah	Pharaoah	Pharaoah
4.Drummond	Horn	Horn
5.Horn	Holland	Palmer
6.Neville	Cox	Drummond

1st: JOHN ANDREW SAVIDGE (b.18.xii.24)
55' 0" 1st Leyton Floodlit 5/5
(shot was found to be a fraction light)

55' 2"	1st A.A.A. v.Wales (B.Nat.Rec.)	8/5
53' 11"	1st Caledonian Games	15/5
53' 0 1/2"	1st A.A.A. v.C.U.A.C.	20/5
54' 1"	1st Nottinghamshire Champs.	22/5
50' 3"	1st Sward Trophy	29/5
50' 11 3/4"	1st Cologne	30/5
55' 4"	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C. (shot was found to be slightly under-weight)	2/6

49' 3"	1st Inter-Counties	5/6
53' 1"	1st Kodak Sports	12/6
50' 3"	1st Southern Champs.	19/6
51' 0"	1st A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
53' 4"	1st Inter Services Champs.	14/7
50' 5"	1st Triangular International	17/7
52' 3"	1st Royal Navy Champs.	-/7
55' 0 1/2"	1st BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	5/8
52' 1"	1st British Games	14/8
53' 5"	1st Edinburgh Games	21/8
52' 9 3/4"	5th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	27/8
53' 11"	1st Combined Service v.A.A.A.	11/9
52' 7"	1st England v.Belgium	29/9
53' 3 3/4"	3rd London v.Moscow	13/10
51' 7 1/2"	1st Northern Cs v.Moscow	16/10

2nd: MARK PHARAOH (b. 18 vii 1931)

46' 6"	1st A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	6/5
46' 3"	2nd A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	2/6
46' 7 1/2"	1st Heathfield Meeting	12/6
45' 8"	1st Lancashire Championships	22/5
46' 0"	1st Northern Championships	19/6
47' 3"	1st Walton A.C. Championships	5/7
46' 10"	2nd A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
46' 10"	6th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	5/8
46' 2"	4th British Games	14/8
47' 6 3/4"	Qualified European Champs.	27/8
48' 0 1/2"	16th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	27/8
46' 6"	1st Uxbridge	4/9
49' 6"	2nd A.A.A. v.Combined Services	11/9
46' 4"	3rd England v.Belgium	29/9
49' 5"	4th London v. Moscow	13/10
47' 9 3/4"	3rd Northern Cs v.Moscow	16/10

3rd: THOMAS LOGAN

45' 0 1/2"	1st Ibrox	29/5
45' 10 1/2"	1st Shawfield	5/6
46' 7"	1st S.A.A.A. Champs.	26/6
46' 7 1/2"	1st Edinburgh	7/7
46' 1"	1st Nat.Police Champs.	14/8
44' 8"	1st Nairn Games	7/8
44' 9"	2nd Rangers Sports	21/8
47' 9"	1st Cowal Games,Dunoon	27-28/8
45' 11 1/2"	5th European Police Champs.	6-11/9

4th: JOHN B. BYRNE

46' 8"	1st Dublin	12/6
45' 1"	1st Dublin	30/7
45' 7 1/2"	2nd Ireland v.Wales	2/8
46' 2 1/2"	3rd Crusaders Meet,Dublin	4/8

5th: ROBERT EDWARD WILKINS (b.19 x 1934)

44' 4 1/2"	1st 67th R.A. v. Manchester U.	28/4
44' 0"	2nd Lancashire Champs.	22/5

(Shot Putt. R.E.Wilkins continued)

43' 8"	2nd Northern Championships	19/6
45' 7"	1st NCAA v.MCAA v.Wales Cardiff	26/6
45' 7"	3rd A.A.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
44' 5 1/2"	1st Poly H. v.The Hague	11/8
46' 0 1/2"	1st Poly H. v.Leiden v.Hague	14/8
45' 0 1/2"	1st Hull v. Rotterdam	20/8
44' 2 1/2"	1st Hull v.Dordrecht v.Rosendahl	24/8
45' 2"	3rd A.A.A. v.Combined Services	11/9

6th: GEOFFREY FRANCIS BUDD (b.28 vii 1931)

44' 7"	Prelims. U.L.A.C.Champs.	8/5
44' 3"	1st U.L.A.C.Champs.	8/5
45' 1"	1st U.A.U. Champs.	14-15/5
44' 11"	1st U.L.A.C. v. O.U.A.C.	20/5
43' 0"	6th Inter Counties Champs.	5/6
44' 5"	2nd Southern Champs.	19/6
46' 7 1/2"	1st Gothenburgh	1/7
44' 8"	6th A.A.A.Championships	9/7
44' 1"	5th British Games	14/8
43' 5"	1st City Charity Meeting	8/9

DISCUS THROW

1951	1952	1953
1.Duguid	Pharaoah	Pharaoah
2.Savidge	Savidge	Savidge
3.Pharaoah	Silbery	Silbery
4.Brewer	Williams	Feldmanis
5.Jansons	Brewer	Abbott
6.Drummond	Feldmanis	Williams.

1st: MARK PHARAOH (18 vii 1931).

163' 0 1/2"	1st A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	6/5
152' 2"	1st Lancashire Champs.	22/5
142' 4"	1st Sward Trophy	29/5
165' 8"	1st A.A.A. v.U.L.A.C.	2/6
156' 3"	1st Inter-Counties Champs.	5/6
153' 5"	1st Northern Champs.	19/6
155' 1"	1st Walton A.C.Champs.	5/7
156' 8"	2nd A.A.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
156' 5"	1st Triangular International	17/7
156' 11 1/2"	3rd BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	3/8
156' 9 1/2"	10th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	27/8
155' 10"	1st Uxbridge	4/9
159' 6"	1st A.A.A. v.Combined Services	11/9
164' 3"	3rd London v.Moscow	13/10
155' 11"	3rd NCAA v.Moscow Manchester	16/10

2nd: JOHN ANDREW SAVIDGE (b.18 xii.1924)

153' 4"	1st A.A.A. v.Wales	8/5
147' 4 1/2"	1st A.A.A. v.C.U.A.C.	20/5
137' 7"	3rd Sward Trophy	29/5
149' 4"	2nd Inter Counties Championships	5/6
144' 6"	1st Southern Championships	19/6
151' 5"	3rd A.A.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
143' 2"	1st Inter-Services Champs.	14/7
142' 10"	1st Navy Championships	-/7
148' 10"	2nd Triangular International	17/7
137' 4"	9th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	3/8
151' 11"	1st Combined Services v.A.A.A.	11/9
156' 2"	4th London v.Moscow	13/10

3rd: HYWEL LLOYD WILLIAMS (b.15 xii 1929)

146' 8"	2nd Wales v. A.A.A. Cardiff	8/5
145' 8"	1st Kenya A.A.A.Championships	-/6
148' 3"	5th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	3/8
148' 6 1/2"	Ex. Kenya	30/10

4th: K.MAKSIMOZYK

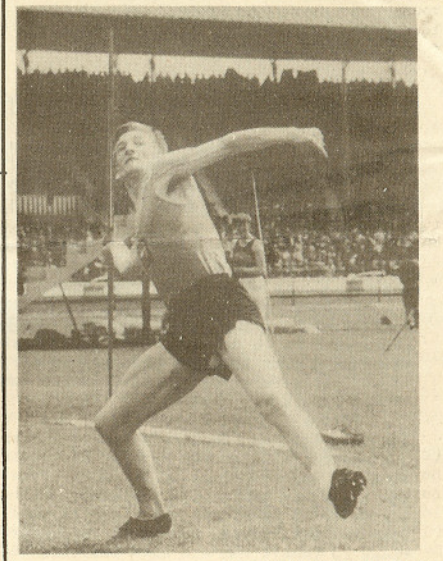
145' 1"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	13/4
139' 6"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	-/5
140' 0"	1st Inter Club Meet.	1/6
131' 11"	5th Inter County Champs.	5/6
135' 0"	1st S.A.A.A.Championships	26/6
137' 9"	1st S.A.A.A. v.Atalanta Club	6/7
137' 7"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	15/7
138' 9"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	31/8
143' 6"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	11/9
143' 7 1/2"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	25/9

5th: ERNEST JOHN AISNE BREWER

137' 5"	1st Merton	7/5
138' 1"	1st Surrey Championships.Mtsp Pk	22/5
140' 8"	1st Epsom	25/5
143' 0"	1st Mitcham	26/6
139' 3"	1st Imber Court	3/7
150' 9"	1st Mitcham	12/7

(Discus Throw.E.J.A.Brewer Continued)

142' 6"	1st Wimbledon	21/7
139' 3"	1st City Charity Meeting.	8/9
6th:GERARD ANTHONY CARR (b.1 ii 1936)		
143' 2 1/2"	1st Paris	9/5
129' 0"	1st Brockman Trophy Meeting	15/5
137' 3"	3rd Inter Counties Championships	5/6
135' 9"	1st Inter Club meeting	7/7
138' 1"	4th A.A.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
140' 9"	1st Inter Club Meeting	24/7



Action Photo by H. W. Neale

DENNIS TUCKER.4th in Empire Games javelin throw with 216' 7".

HAMMER THROW

1951	1952	1953
1. Clark	Douglas	Douglas
2. Allday	Clark	Valentine
3. Douglas	Allday	Anthony
4. Reidy	Reidy	Allday
5. Cullum	Valentine	Gandy
6. Valentine	Cullum	Silbery

1st: EWAN CAMPBELL KENNEDY DOUGLAS (b.14 xi'22)

176' 9"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	30/3
175' 8"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	13/4
180' 5"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	20/4
179' 3 1/2"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	11/5
171' 7"	1st Caledonian Games	15/5
176' 6"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	-/6
175' 7 1/2"	1st East of Scotland Champs.	8-10/6
183' 2 1/2"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	22/6
172' 5"	1st S.A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	26/6
182' 10"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	29/6
169' 10"	4th A.A.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
177' 5"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	15/7
171' 8"	2nd Triangular International	17/7
173' 3"	3rd BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	7/8
175' 5"	15th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	29/8
176' 4"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	7/9
185' 3"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	11/9
180' 6"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	14/9
188' 5"	1st Field Events Club Meet.	25/9

2nd: ALEXANDER RICHARD VALENTINE (b.5 ii 1928)

171' 6"	1st Wimbledon Park	15/5
170' 8"	2nd Caledonian Games	15/5
167' 0"	3rd Inter Counties Champs.	5/6
163' 4"	3rd Southern Championships	19/6
164' 5"	2nd S.A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	26/6
178' 5"	1st L.A.C.Championships	3/7
176' 11"	2nd A.A.A.Championships	9/7
173' 3"	1st Inter-Services Champs.	14/7
168' 10"	4th Triangular International	17/7

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Oxford Win for 8th time in row

White City Stadium, London April 16th: Four records went in the 81st edition (3rd springtime edition) of the world's oldest dual meeting as Oxford inflicted a 79-47 point defeat on Cambridge to set a new 'streak' record with an eighth consecutive win.

The sunniest hero was the telegenic Derek Johnson who handled the 'dirty double' with a 49.5 sec. 440 yards and a 1:52.5 'half'-six tenths inside his wintery 1954 mark. Other records came from the rangy Celt Gwilym Roberts (Cambridge) with an unlooked for 21.9 sec. round the potook furlong; from Bob Shaw (Oxford) whose 24.3 for the low hurdles was only a fifth of a second off the track record, and from the robust Winfried Kretzschmar who raised 203 ft. 1 in. in the javelin.

Oxford's parade event, the one mile, saw Ian Boyd run his 3rd best time of 4:09.0 while Alan Gordon (bell 3:5.5) followed up with a 4:10.6 thus bringing the average time of the top ten from the Oxford stable to a not unimpressive 4:09.5. There was dark blue solidarity in the 3 miles also with Chris. Suddaby registering one of the 24 personal bests of the meeting with a 14:13.8 3 miles.

In the 'highs' Bob Shaw was best away but had company over the run-in with the two Cambridge men, Mike Guthrie (a Springbok) and Ian Malcolm turning in an official 15.0 and 15.1. Bill 'Tiny' Palmer got off the second best ever putt of the meeting with 47ft. 1in. but he fouled on one over 48 feet. But for an off-day by Oxford's 6ft. 1in. jumper Luke all four men would have cleared 6 feet for the first time. Perhaps the most improved man of the whole meeting, which drew a ten thousand crowd, was the Scot Donald Gorrie who recorded 1:53.7 for second place in the 880 yards never having previously bettered 1:56. SUMMARY: 100 Yds. RG Roberts (C) 10.1; J. Metcalf (Ox) 10.2; T. Connolly (Ox) 10.3; 220 Yds. (turn) Roberts 21.9 (rec.); Metcalf 22.2; W.M. Weale (C) 22.6; 440 Yds. DJN Johnson (Ox) 49.5; M Orrell-Jones (C) 50.5; DC Brierley (Ox) (aged 34) 51.6; 880 Yds. Johnson 1:52.5 (rec.); DCE Gorrie (Ox) 1:53.7; JV Beesley (C) 1:54.3; CJ Cameron (C) 1:57.6; Mile: I.H. Boyd (Ox) 4:09.0; AD Gordon (Ox) 4:10.6; PG Corran (Ox) 4:16.4; MJ Rowbottom (C) 4:19.2; RN Dailey (C) 4:19.6; Three Miles: CW Suddaby (Ox) 14:13.8; AJ Weeks-Pearson (Ox) 14:25.2; JM McKean (Ox) 14:29.0; ED Palmer (C) 14:33.6; JH Knopf 14:45.8; JU Shearn (C) 14:57.0; 120 Yds. H.H. R.D. Shaw (Ox) 15.0; AM Guthrie (C) 15.0; IWR Malcolm (C) 15.1; 220 Yds. L.H. Shaw 24.3 (rec.); Guthrie 25.3; DW Donaldson (C) 25.7; H.J. GH Jeffries 6'1"; M Hutchison (C) & PJ Pybus (C) 6'0"; P.V. BH Freitag (C) 11'6"; K.A.K. North (Ox) 11'6" (retired injured); L.J. DRM Lillistone (C) 21'5" 1/2



SUMMARY continued from col. one. L.J. - G Goodwin (Ox) 20'7" 1/2; Roberts 20'0" 1/2; Shot Putt: WBL Palmer (Ox) 47' 1"; WM Robbins (Ox) 42' 8"; NB Howlett (C) 39'5"; Discus Throw: DS Henderson (Ox) 127'8"; T. Grindley (C) 125'3"; Robbins 118'8". Javelin Throw: WW Kretzschmar 203' 1" (rec.); P.B. Garland (C) 188'5"; G.S. Kent (C) 173'0"; Series score from 1864 now Oxford 37, Cambridge 38 and 6 draws.

HEWSON 3/4 M. IN 2:56.0!

Cambridge, April 11th: Brian Hewson, 22 served notice of great things to come with a brilliant 2:56.0 3/4 mile to better the 1951 Native record of 2:56.8 by the then 22 year old Dr. Roger Bannister and the world 'record' of 2:56.6 by Arne Andersson (Stockholm on July 5th 1944). Hewson led from the gun passing the 440 yds. in 59.4 and the 1/2 mile in 1:57.0. Second was M.J. Rowbottom in 3:09.6. Other Results: 220 Yds. 22.2 RG Roberts; 440 Yds. M. Orrell Jones 49.5; J.W. Wrighton 49.7; J.T. R.D.W. Miller 199'6".

Gwilym Roberts breaking the Oxford v. Cambridge 220 yard record with 21.9 sec. (turn).

BRITISH RANKINGS

Continued from p. Hammer Throw (AR Valentine)

169' 0" 1/2	6th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	7/8
	(170'11" 1/2 Qualifying round)	6/8
171' 11"	1st Midx v. Herts v. Bucks	28/8
181' 6"	1st Marlow	4/9
178' 7"	1st A.A.A. v. Combined Services	11/9
177' 3"	3rd London v. Moscow	13/10
3rd: DONALD WILLIAM JAMES ANTHONY (b.6 xl 1928)		
174' 10"	Ex. Manchester	8/5
169' 3"	1st Inter Counties Champs.	5/6
169' 0"	2nd Hammer Circle Meet.	7/6
170' 6"	3rd L.A.C. Champs.	3/7
172' 6"	3rd A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
173' 2"	1st Triangular International	17/7
171' 2" 1/2	4th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	7/8
	(171'9" Qualifying round)	6/8
174' 5"	2nd Hammer Circle Meet. Marlow	4/9
169' 11"	2nd A.A.A. v. Combined Services	11/9
172' 10" 1/2	3rd N.C.A.A. v. Moscow	16/10
4th: PETER CHARLES ALLDAY (b.27 vi 1927)		
166' 4"	1st Middlesex Champs.	22/5
172' 3"	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	2/6
170' 11"	1st Hammer Circle Meet.	7/6
170' 0"	1st Southern Championships	19/6
174' 10"	2nd L.A.C. Championships	3/7
169' 9"	5th A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	9/7
170' 9"	3rd Triangular International	17/7
170' 4"	5th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	7/8
	(172'5" Qualifying round)	6/8
173' 4"	4th British Games	14/8
164' 3"	4th London v. Moscow	13/10
5th: ARTHUR WILLIAM SILBERY (b.1 ii 1920)		
163' 10"	1st Surrey Championships	22/5
163' 5"	4th Inter Counties Champs.	5/6
173' 4"	1st Sandhurst	12/6
168' 4"	2nd Southern Champs.	19/6
173' 5"	1st Metropolitan Police Champs.	8/7
164' 3"	1st National Police Champs.	14/8

Also throws of 169' 2" and 168' 8".

6th: CARL A. HARPER		
160' 1"	1st Midland Championships	19/6
161' 0"	1st R.A.F. Championships	- /7
166' 5"	3rd Southgate	3/7
162' 11"	1st Uxbridge	4/9
159' 7"	4th Combined Services v. A.A.A.	11/9
JAVELIN THROW		
	1952	1953
1. Denley	Miller	Miller
2. Miller	Denley	Denley
3. Dalrymple	Tucker	Flanagan
4. Hignell	Gandy	Tucker
5. Fisher	Trickett	Smith
6. Wall	Callaway	Cook
1st: DENNIS EDWIN TUCKER (b.31 v 1928)		
185' 0"	1st Brockman Trophy	15/5
201' 5"	1st Surrey Champs.	22/5
204' 3"	1st Sward Trophy meeting	29/5
194' 11"	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	2/6
200' 1"	1st Inter Counties Champs.	7/6
197' 10"	1st Southern Counties Champs.	19/6
197' 10"	1st Kinnaid Trophy	26/6
195' 10"	4th A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
192' 0"	1st Triangular International	17/7
216' 7"	4th BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES	5/8
203' 0"	1st Uxbridge	4/9
199' 5"	1st England v. Belgium	29/9
204' 10"	4th London v. Moscow	13/10
2nd: RICHARD DENNIS WILLIAM MILLER (b. 10/5)		
191' 8"	1st Dublin	10/5
195' 8"	1st U.A.U.	15/5
201' 0"	1st Belfast	22/5
215' 2" 1/2	1st Belfast	26/5
189' 1"	1st Dublin (bt. Kretzschmar)	29/5
205' 8" 1/2	1st Dublin	4/6
192' 0"	4th Inter Counties Champs.	7/6
193' 3"	5th A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
187' 3"	5th Triangular International	17/7
222' 5"	1st Dublin	4/8

(N.B. Miller lost three times to Tucker but had examinations in mid-season)

3rd: RAYMOND ARTHUR CHARLES DAVIES		
197' 9"	1st U.L.A.C. v. Paris U.C.	1/5
193' 6"	3rd Inter Counties Champs.	7/6
200' 2"	1st United Hospitals v. R.M.A.	26/6
199' 1"	5th U.L.A.C. tour, Gothenburgh	1/7
197' 10"	2nd A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
210' 4"	1st Un.Hosp. v. Walton A.C.	31/7
199' 1"	1st A.A.A. v. Western Counties	7/8
199' 8"	1st Javelin Club Meet.	4/9
205' 11"	1st A.A.A. v. Combined Services	11/9
202' 6"	1st Ilford Pentathlon	18/9
197' 1" 1/2	2nd England v. Belgium	29/9
205' 10"	3rd London v. Moscow	13/10
4th: DONALD WILLIAM ROSS MACKENZIE (b.10 iv 192)		
193' 7"	1st Field Events Club Meeting	29/5
198' 1"	1st Scottish Univ. Champs.	- /6
196' 3" 1/2	1st East of Scotland Champs.	- /6
203' 8" 1/2	1st S.A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	26/6
197' 11"	1st U.A.U. v. Scottish Univs.	3/7
198' 10"	1st Atalanta v. S.A.A.A.	6/7
192' 4"	6th A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
200' 8"	1st Field Events Club Meeting	7/9
5th: MAURICE EDWARD MORRELL (b.18 ii 1933)		
173' 5"	1st Cheshire Championships	22/5
192' 10"	1st Northern Championships	19/6
198' 10"	1st A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS	10/7
6th: DOUGLAS EDWARD JOHN COGH (b.7 iii 1931)		
187' 2"	3rd A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	6/5
193' 11"	1st Kent County Champs.	22/5
186' 3"	2nd Southern Champs.	19/6
193' 1"	2nd Kinnaid Trophy	26/6
179' 10"	1st Ryder Trophy	3/7
197' 0"	1st Ladywell Park	21/7
189' 2"	1st Waddilove Trophy	24/7

HIGH JUMP RANKINGS. (see Page 122) After reconsideration it has been decided to re-rank this event as follows. N.G.A. Gregor becomes No. 5 and P.G. Stableforth No. 6 equal with R.C. Pavitt. The new No. 4 is Anthony P.J.S. ORTON (b. Oct. 1934). Orton cleared 6'2" on 28/8 and 6'1" on 7 occasions including a 7th place in the AAA (first Englishman).

ARE THROWING EVENTS STILL ILLEGAL IN ENGLAND? By Ross McWhirter

The following news item that appeared recently in a London newspaper prompted me to a little versification and, less light heartedly, some research into the legality of athletic events in England.

"Percy Porter of Rushcroft Road, Brixton, who holds the hammer throwing record of Belgrave Harriers, was summoned at the South Western Magistrates Court today for 'wantonly throwing a missile to wit a metal ball attached to a wire' at Battersea Park contrary to the London County Council Bye-Laws.

"A Park Keeper said he saw Porter throw the hammer at the back of the athletic ground in the Park. After he had thrown it three times he stopped him. There was a person standing 30 yards away to the right.

"Porter in evidence said he had been trying out the hammer at Battersea Park for nearly three years. It was a 16 lbs. hammer officially recognised by the Amateur Athletic Association.

"The magistrate, Mr. Glenn Craske, said he thought he was taking as much care as he could. He was obviously a skilled hammer thrower, but accidents could happen and he thought it should not be allowed. But it must be stopped by some other way. The summons would be dismissed."

From further inquiries I learnt that the bye-law was over a hundred years old and that the magistrate decided that the throwing could not be described as "wanton" (=, according to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, "Sportive, gambolling, playful, irresponsible, capricious, unrestrained, wild")

"THIS IS THE TALE OF PERCY PORTER,
WHO THREW HIS HAMMER WHERE HE DIDN'T OUGHTER,
THE L.C.C., SHOWING NO MERCY,
SENDS A SUMMONS TO POOR OLD PERCY.
DETERMINED THEY WAS TO STAMP OUT THIS IARK
OF HURLING METAL IN BATTERSEA PARK.
"WANTON" THEY SAYS IT WAS
"NONSENSE", SAID THE BEAK (1) "ICOS,
MR. PORTER IS A HAMMER TECHNICIAN
WHAT NEEDED NO LEAVE NOR PERMISSION,
AND THIS WAS NO WAY TO PUT ON A BAN."
SO WHILE PERCY MERRILY ON HIS HEBEL PIVOTS
AND LETS FLY HIS HAMMER AS FAR AS HE CAN,
THE L.C.C. MUST LIKE IT, JUMP IT, AND REPIACE HIS DIVOTS!

References that many readers of the sparse literature on athletics history will call to mind on this subject of the law and athletics are: F.A.M. Webster's "ATHLETICS OF TODAY" (1929) at page 321 and 323. "In the Middle Ages weight putting seems to have been so popular in England that Edward III (1327-1377) prohibited the pastime by statute, because he feared that the sport might replace the practice of archery. To the best of my knowledge that statute has never been repealed, and so shot putting is still an illegal sport." "There was an amusing incident in connection with the shot putting (Webster is referring to a meeting at Mayland in Essex in 1911), and I have often wondered since if the local "bobby" (Policeman) was more erudite than the rest of us, although we had a couple of rising barristers in the competition. ... an official was nearly brained through getting in the way of the shot, which the policeman promptly impounded, so perhaps, after all, he had heard of Edward III's statute.

Webster seems to have been recollecting the passage in the first chapter of the first book ever written on athletics: Montague Shearman's classic "ATHLETICS" (1887): which said "we find Edward III especially prohibiting weight-putting by statute; but the statute, although never repealed, appears to have been more honoured in the breach than in the observance, for at the time of the decline of chivalry 'casting of the barre' was still a common pursuit."

Shearman in his turn was relying on an excerpt from the first sports book ever published "THE SPORTS AND PASTIMES OF THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND" by Joseph Strutt (1801): "the attention of the populace was so much engaged by this kind of exercise, that they neglected in great measure the practice of archery, which occasioned an edict to be passed in the thirty-ninth year of Edward III (i.e. 1365) prohibiting the pastimes of throwing of stones, wood, and iron" etc etc. Strutt gives a footnote in small type "Rot. claus. Memb. 23".

It is from this point that I started my researches. On consulting the Statute Book I could find no reference to an unrepealed Statute of Edward III with a bearing on the subject. Further delving into the Statutory Index revealed no repealed

Statute on this matter either. Determined not to be beaten I went to the Inner Temple library and asked to see "Rot. Claus. Memb. 23". Not an eye was batted. A copy of the book containing a translation of "Calendar of the Close Rolls" was duly brought up from the basement and dusted ready for my inspection the next day. These Rolls were started in the reign of King John (1199-1216) and were called "Closed" because they were presented to the addressee folded instead of open (patent). They are a unique source for students of social history, and numbered 20,000 filling many volumes. What I read was:-

CALENDAR OF CLOSE ROLLS

June 12 1365

Membrane 23d

Westminster

To the sheriffs of London.

"Order to cause proclamation to be made that every able bodied man of the said city on feast days when he has leisure shall in his sports use bows and arrows or pellets or bolts, and shall learn and practise the art of shooting, forbidding them under pain of imprisonment to meddle in hurling of stones, loggats (2) and quoits, handball, football, club ball, cambuc (3), cock fighting or other vain games of no value; as the people of the realm, noble and simple, used heretofore to practise the said art in their sports, whence by God's help came forth honour to the kingdom and advantage to the king in his actions of war, and now the said art is almost wholly disused and the people indulge in the games aforesaid and in other dishonest and unthrifty or idle games, whereby the realm is like to be without archers."

"The like to singular the sheriffs of England".

Thus we see that Strutt was right in referring to these words as an "edict" and that Shearman was mistaken in referring to them as a "statute". Statutes must have royal assent after a favourable resolution of both Houses of Parliament, and, except for a period from 1539 to 1547, ordinances and royal proclamations had not statutory force. It was during this period when Henry VIII gave his assent to a statute entitled "An Acte for Mayntenance of Artyllarie and debarringe of unlawful Games", known better by its short title :- "The Unlawful Games Act 1541". That act, which I can quote in the original since the English of the day was becoming more intelligible, complains that the people of England still like their games too much:-

"divse good and lawfull statutę have bene devised enacted and made... the whiche good and laudable Acte not withstandinge dıse and many subtyll & inventatyue and crafty psons, intendinge to defraude the same estatute, sithence the makinge thereof have founde and dayly fynde many and sondrie newe and crafty games and playes... to the highe displeasure of Almyghtie God". A fine of 40 shillings was imposed for keeping a place for Unlawful Games and a similar fine for "usage and hauntinge" such places.

The terms of the Act of 1541-which, to our modern eyes, oddly enough makes no distinction between games (healthy, outdoor activities) and gaming (unhealthy gambling-indoors)-were sufficiently sweeping to make any athletic event (whether track or field) illegal until the Gaming Act of 1845 repealed most of the 1541 Act.

Thus it seems that hammer throwers, shot putters, and others are not breaking the law in any general sense, although at criminal law they must watch out for the punishments applicable for breaking valid bye-laws, for breaches of the peace, and for committing a public mischief; and in civil law unliquidated damages arising from trespass to persons and/or goods and of course from negligence.

Footnotes. (1) "Beak" is slang for Magistrate. (2) loggats = pieces of wood thrown at a stake in the ground. (3) cambuc (see Hamlet V i 100) a variation of Cammock or Camcock, which was a game played in which a ball was driven with a crooked staff or club. A prototype of Golf (?).

D. BURGER (S.A.) 14.5s & 13'6"

Despite a poor grass track, and trying conditions (heavy rain) on the second day, the South African Championships at Pretoria on April 9 & 11 produced a number of records. The S.A. Police quartet Joe Fourie, Gideon van Heerden, B.J. Le Grange, & Sarel Coetzee equalled the British Empire 4 x 110y relay record of 41.3s. Dantjie Burger beat his cousin Andries in the pole vault, & won the 120y Hurdles.

SUMMARY: April 9th = (a) & April 11th = (b) 100 Yds. (a) Henry Phillips 10.0 (a schoolboy). 220 Yds. (b) W. Perkes 21.7 440 Yds. (b) Zach Joubert 48.3 880 Yds. (a) Phil Soine 1:52.6 1 Mile (b) Athol Jennings 4:13.2 (sixth straight win). 3 Miles (a) Jennings 14:39.8 6 Miles (b) Jan Barnard 30:25.4 (S.A. Rec.) MARATHON (a) Jan Barnard (time not known, 11 men under 3 hrs.) 120y H. (a) Dantjie Burger 14.5, Jacobus v.d. Merwe 14.5. 220y H. (b) v.d. Merwe 24.1 440y H. (a) Siegfried Rousseau 53.9.3, 000M S/C (a) John Yeo 10.03.3. H.J. (b) Joe Truter 6'3". P.V. (b) Dantjie Burger 13'6". Andries Burger 12'6". L.J. (a) Neville Price 24'11" 1/4, Donald Stuart 24'10" 1/4, Willie Nel 24'3" 1/2. H.S.J. (b) Stuart 48'11" S.P. Stephanus du Plessis (a) 49'2". D.T. (b) du Plessis (b) 164'2" H.T. (b) Mike Buys 168'3" 1/2 J.T. (b) Willem van Heerden 193'10" 1/2 DECATHLON (a & b) Gerald Brown (S. Rhodesia) 5,537 (1950) new S.A. rec. L.J. 23'8" 1/2 & personal bests in 7 other events! WOMEN'S EVENTS. 220 Yds. (b) Magdeld Myburgh 24.4 (eq. S.A. rec.) H.J. (a) Hermina Geyser 5'5".

SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

THE GREAT GRAND-DADDY OF THEM ALL.

The oldest track and field champion of all-time is HENRY ARTHUR WHATELY who won the 13th English 880 yards title in 1878 and celebrated his 100th birthday near Bath, England on April 6th.

Whately's success came two years before the Amateur Athletic Association was founded. The National Championships in those days were organised by the Amateur Athletic Club at Lillie Bridge, West Brompton, London. The race 78 summers ago was a dead heat between Whately, then a Christ Church, Oxford University undergraduate reading law, and Lees Knowles, a Cambridge University 'Blue' for 440 yds; 1 mile and 3 miles (1876-79). The time was 2m 03.2s-two minutes was not beaten in the championships until W.G. George won in 1882 in 1m 58.2s.

This Grand Old Man of the track never won his 'Blue' for Oxford, although he entered the championships as a member of the "O.U.A.C.". In 1881 Whately was admitted to practice as a solicitor (that was a year before the present Royal Courts of Justice were built), in 1882 he received his M.A. degree at Oxford, and after 55 years in practice in London he retired 19 years ago in 1936. Mr. Whately who lives at Midford Castle, near Bath is reported to be still keenly interested in athletics.

THE QUINTESENCE OF TWINHOOD. Our remarks on page 116 of our February issue under the heading "The Essence of Twinhood" has brought forth some valued correspondence. First we learn from Bert Nelson of "Track & Field News" that the Biles were not twins at all. Martin was 3 years old than Bob. Next came a letter from Father Coulthard recalling the incident of Feb. 26 1938 when at the Millrose Games at the Madison Square Gardens, New York, North Texas State College fielded an all-twin medley relay team composed of Wayne and Blaine Rideout and Elmer and Delmer Brown. Sportswriters castigated the entry as a burlesque but the twins returned new "world" record figures. The Rideouts were well matched for at Lawrence, Kansas on April 20th 1940 they ran a mile in 4:10.1 (Blaine) and 4:10.2n (Wayne). Even more zygomatic however was the twin act at the 1944 N.C.A.A. mile when Ross and Robert Hume of Michigan took charge of the field and tied for the title in 4:16.6.

89 YEARS TOO LATE? American Sportswriter Eugene Fitzgerald has reported the findings of his 'field-work' on History's First Four Minute mile. It took place at Fort Rice, Dakota in July 1865 in some garrison sports. The mile race was exactly three times round the walls. The winner was a cavalryman named W.H. Green who recorded an unpedestrian 3mins. 45 secs. to win by over 100 yards from a man named Winfrey whose place time was recorded as 4 mins. exactly. Being an incredulous man Fitzgerald got down to measuring the perimeter of the still standing Fort expecting to find it significantly under the advertised third of a mile (586 yds. 2ft.). His dusty task complete he added up the measurements to find that the lap was an impressive 670 yards and thus the whole distance of the race just 250 yards over the advertised distance. He then set out to try to find the graves of these two supermen. We are not surprised to hear that his search was fruitless. Why, guys like that don't have graves - they're immortals!

BASSO PROFUNDISSIMO. Some track statisticians only care for the superlative performances while others like to probe far and deep. Down among the Deep Men is the famous Asian expert V.V. Kolatchoff of Hong Kong. He has recently supplied us with unique data on the 500th best performances in some events. In long jump he states that 322 men have cleared 24 feet (7.31m.). The 100th best is 24'9" (7.56) the 500th is 23'6" (7.16m.) but research is pulling it back painfully towards 23'9" (7.24m.). Over 270 milers have run the mile in under 4:15.0 - well over double the number that ruled in 1948- while in the 800 metres/880 yards the 500th man is at 1:53.9m or 1:54.6y.

THE FROZEN CHOSEN. Six hundred athletes took part this year on 3rd. April in the world's most northerly track meeting known as the 'Festival of the North' staged right up in the Kola Peninsula at Murmansk, miles inside the Arctic Circle. The Commissar that dreamt this one up was a real sub-zero hero.

HEAVEN TO IT. Though Roger Bannister snatched world priority by 46 days with his epic mile at Oxford last May 6th he has been stymied in the matter of medical distinction. There is already a well established 'Bannister's Disease'. This complaint, angioneurotic oedema or giant urticaria, was first described back in 1876 when the mile record was just 4:24.5 and was later named after the well known dermatologist H.M. Bannister. There are however examples of two diseases named after doctors with the same name as is the case of Paget and Pick. We would suggest that if Bannister is the first to describe a man blowing up in trying to run an 8 minute 2 miles he should name the condition after the patient.

LONDON-BRIGHTON RECORDS SMASHED NORRIS'S RUN WORTH 28:57.6 FOR 10,000M!

Records fell wholesale during the 1955 British National Road Relay Championship on April 16 over the famous 54 mile 1,348 yds. route between London and Brighton. South London Harriers lived up to their Cardington form with a magnificent victory. Their 11 man team which included both Gordon and Peter Pirie and Peter Driver broke 4½ hours for the first time with 4hrs. 29 mins. 19 secs. so maintaining an average pace of 12.20 m.p.h. or 4:55.1 for each mile.

From a competitive view-point the star turn of the day was Frank Sando who erased Gordon Pirie's record of 33:27 for the long 6 mile 1,288 yds. Stage No.7 with 32 54 - equivalent to 10,000 metres in 30:23.0. In a great bid for Thames Valley Harriers bringing them from 6th to 4th over Stage 8 (6miles 206 yds) Ken Norris caused the major sensation. The record for this stage was the much disbelieved 28:35 set in 1954 by the greatest of road-runners Alec Olney. Norris none the less stormed through his stint in a breath-taking 28:30 - equivalent to 10,000 metres in 28:57.6 or 37.8 secs. inside his best track mark set in the London v. Moscow meeting last Oct. at White City. Despite benefits received from wind, gradient, absence of bends, the responsive surface and the scope for cutting a few yards off the centre-line measured distance, this was an outstanding piece of running.

Ken Wood, White City track mile record-holder at 4:04.8, won the first stage for Sheffield United H.& A.C. with a record 20:17 for the 4miles 589yds. so clipping 8 secs. off his own 1954 record. J. Cameron of Thames Valley removed 16 secs. off the Stage 2 record (5m. 138yds.) with 24:19 with steepchaser Eddie Ellis maintaining their pace with a third Stage (5m 1,416yds) a second inside Jackie Brown's 1954 mark of 28:21. Polytechnic's D. Layter lowered the Stage 4 (5m 186yds) record by 4secs. to 25:11 but Tommy Rowe's 8 year old fifth stage mark stood fast as did Alec Olney's for the sixth stint.

Stage 7 saw S.L.H. winging away with Gordon Pirie at the helm. Behind him it was Sando who was raising the pace. On the next and eighth stage Ken Norris blazed the trail. Down on the Brighton esplanade it was South London's Johnny Prince who however first have in sight nearly a mile to the good. **SUMMARY:** 1st: South London Harriers (R. Darchambaud, C. Wilson, P. J. Pirie, P. R. L. Morgan, J. Lyne, R. Ashforth, D. A. G. Pirie, P. B. Driver, J. R. Humphreys, M. W. Pirth and J. D. Prince) 4:29:19 (record); 2nd Polytechnic Harriers 4:33:15; 3rd Sheffield United H.& A.C. 4:33:29; 4th Belgrave Harriers 4:34:15; 5th Thames Valley Harriers 4:35:25.



E. D. Lacey

ROGER DUNKLEY 1st STAGE.

BAN-AMERICAN GAMES, REVISED RESULTS AND ADDITIONS. MASHBURN 400m 46.3.

Because of the time factor our reports and summary of this event had to be culled from numerous inexpert press and agency reports. Relying now on news from various eye-witnesses and D.H. Potts' expert report in our learned contemporary "Track & Field News" the following essential corrections are made.

Page 123. Mashburn's third place time was 46.3 s. (correct also p.128)

Page 125. 100m Fortin 10.7. 200m Springbett 21.7. Thomas's time was 21.4. 400m 5th Spence 48.8 6th Evaristo Eddie (Ven.) a.n.f. 800m Potts gives Spurrier's time as 1:50.3n 4 x 100m R. Canada 42.1, Dominica 42.2 4 x 400m R. Venezuela 3:15.6 110m H. Gardner 14.6 Iglesias 14.8 400m H. Aparicio 51.7 Mendez was 7th and Fernandez (Mexico) 6th. Long Jump. da Sar 7.84 therefore 25'8"½. H.S.J. 4th was Vera (Chile) at 15.30 Cabrejas did 15.00 (49'2"½). Additional information 400m :- 2nd S.F. Mel Spence 48.2, Revell (Canada) should read Harding (Canada) 48.3.

Page 128. Robert Clarke's 25'11"¼ in 1936 was at Milwaukee not Berlin. Women's Events. 60m for McDaniel read Isabelle Daniels. U.S.A. 4 x 100m R. was 47.0. Javelin Karen Anderson Amelia Wershoven (U.S.A.) was third.

KUTS 13th in CROSS COUNTRY RACE. Vincennes March 27th. Zatópek won the 18th L'Humanite Cross' over 9,500m. here today in 35:15. Chromik (Poland) 2nd. 35:20; Ullsperger (Czech) 3rd. 35:27; Kuts (USSR) 13th 36:41.

WORLD'S RECORDS (MEN)

The complete list of World's Records for the 50 scheduled men's events (excluding the 15 track walking records accepted for the 17 approved distances) passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as of April 1st 1955.

RUNNING

100 yards	9.3	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 15 1948
	9.3	Hector Demis Hogan (Australia)	Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	Mar. 3 1954
220 yards	20.2	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 7 1949
440 yards	46.0	Herbert Henry McKenley (Jamaica)	Berkeley, California, U.S.A.	June 5 1948
880 yards	1:48.6+	Malvin Groston Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Turku, Finland	July 17 1953
	1:48.6+	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Copenhagen, Denmark	Sept. 30 1954
1 Mile	3:58.0	John Michael Landy (Australia)	Turku, Finland	June 21 1954
2 Miles	8:40.4	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Paris, France	Aug. 26 1952
3 Miles	13:26.4	Vladimir Petrovich Kuts (U.S.S.R.)	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Oct. 23 1954
6 Miles	27:59.2	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Brussels, Belgium	June 1 1954
10 Miles	48:12.0	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Sept. 29 1951
15 Miles	1:16:26.4	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Oct. 26 1952
100 metres	10.2	James Cleveland Owens (U.S.A.)	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.	June 20 1936
	10.2	Harold Davis (U.S.A.)	Compton, California, U.S.A.	June 6 1941
	10.2	Lloyd Berrington LaBeach (Panama)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 15 1948
	10.2	Henry Norwood Ewell (U.S.A.)	Evaston, Illinois, U.S.A.	July 9 1948
	10.2	Emmanuel McDonald Bailey (Trinidad & G.B.)	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Aug. 25 1951
	10.2	Heinz Fütterer (Germany)	Yokohama, Japan	Oct. 31 1954
200 metres	20.2	Melvin Emery Patton (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 7 1949
400 metres	45.8+	Vincent George Rhoden (Jamaica)	Eskilstuna, Sweden	Aug. 22 1950
800 metres	1:46.6	Rudolf Harbig (Germany)	Milan, Italy	July 15 1939
1,000 metres	2:19.5	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Gävle, Sweden	Aug. 18 1954
1,500 metres	3:41.8	John Michael Landy (Australia)	Turku, Finland	June 21 1954
2,000 metres	5:07.0	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels, Belgium	Sept. 29 1948
3,000 metres	7:58.8	Gaston Etienne Ghislain Reiff (Belgium)	Gävle, Sweden	Aug. 12 1949
5,000 metres	13:51.2	Vladimir Petrovich Kuts (U.S.S.R.)	Prague, Czechoslovakia	Oct. 23 1954
10,000 metres	28:54.2	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Brussels, Belgium	June 1 1954
20,000 metres	59:51.8	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Sept. 29 1951
25,000 metres	1:19:11.8	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Oct. 26 1952
30,000 metres	1:35:23.8	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Oct. 26 1952
1 HOUR	12m809yds(20.052)	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stará Boleslav-Houštka, CSR.	Sept. 29 1951

RELAYS

4 x 110 yards	40.5+	University of Southern California, U.S.A.	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 14 1938
		(Ieland La Fond, William C. Anderson, Payton Jordan, Adrian Talley)	Jordan, Adrian Talley	
	40.5+	Texas University, U.S.A.	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 22 1954
		(Finis Dean Smith, Jerry Prewitt, Alvin Frieden, Charles Thomas)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	
4 x 220 yards &	1:24.0	University of Southern California, U.S.A.	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 20 1949
4 x 200 metres		(George Pasquali, Ronald Frazier, Norman Stocks, Patton)	London, England	Aug. 9 1952
4 x 440 yards	3:08.8	Amateur Athletic Union Team, U.S.A.	London, England	Aug. 9 1952
		(Gerald Eugene Cole, John William Mashburn, Reginald Pearman, Whitfield)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 21 1954
4 x 880 yards	7:27.3	Fordham University, U.S.A.	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	May 21 1954
		(Terrence Foley, Frank Tarsney, William Persichetty, Thomas Courtney)	London, England	Aug. 1 1953
4 x 1 Mile	16:41.0	Great Britain & Northern Ireland Team	London, England	Aug. 1 1953
		(C. J. Chataway, G. W. Mankeville, D. C. Seaman, R. G. Bannister)	Berlin, Germany	Aug. 9 1936
4 x 100 metres	39.8	United States Olympic Games Team	Berlin, Germany	Aug. 9 1936
		(Owens, Ralph H. Metcalfe, Foy Draper, Frank C. Wykoff)	Helsinki, Finland	July 27 1952
4 x 400 metres	3:03.9	Jamaican Olympic Games Team	Helsinki, Finland	July 27 1952
		(Arthur Stanley Wint, Leslie Alphanzo Laing, McKenley, Rhoden)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	July 25 1954
4 x 800 metres	7:26.8	Soviet Army Team	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	July 25 1954
		(Oleg Ivanov Ageyev, Sergey Sukhanov, Gennadiy Modoy, Georgiy G. Ivakin)	Budapest, Hungary	July 14 1954
4 x 1,500 mtrs.	15:21.2	Budapesti Honved Sport Egyesulet, Hungary	Budapest, Hungary	July 14 1954
		(László Tábori Telabercsik, István Rózsavölgyi, Ferenc Mikes, Sándor Iháros)		

HURDLING

120 yards(3ft.6in.)	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesay (U.S.A.)	Fresno, California, U.S.A.	May 13 1950
	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesay (U.S.A.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 10 1950
220 yards(2ft.6in.)	22.3	William Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.	June 21 1947
440 yards(3ft.0in.)	51.3	Yuriy Nikolayvich Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	London, England	Oct. 13 1954
110 metres(3ft.6in.)	13.5	Richard Harold Attlesay (U.S.A.)	Helsinki, Finland	July 10 1950
200 metres(2ft.6in.)	22.3	Frederick Wolcott (U.S.A.)	Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.	June 8 1940
	22.3	William Harrison Dillard (U.S.A.)	Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.	June 21 1947
400 metres(3ft.0in.)	50.4	Yuriy Nikolayvich Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Budapest, Hungary	Sept. 20 1953

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP	6' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	(2.12m) Walter Francis Davis (U.S.A.)	Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.	June 27 1953
POLE VAULT	15' 7 ¹ / ₂ "	(4.77m) Cornelius Anthony Warmerdam (U.S.A.)	Modesto, California, U.S.A.	May 23 1942
LONG JUMP	26' 8 ¹ / ₂ "	(8.13m) James Cleveland Owens (U.S.A.)	Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.	May 25 1935
HOP, STEP & JUMP(53')	2' 2 ¹ / ₂ "	16.23m + Leonid Mikhailovich Shcherbakov (USSR)	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	July 19 1953
SHOT PUT	60' 10"	(18.54m) William Farry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	June 11 1954
DISCUS THROW	194' 6"	(59.28m) Fortune Everette Gordien (U.S.A.)	Pasadena, California, U.S.A.	Aug. 22 1953
HAMMER THROW	(207') 9 ¹ / ₂ "	63.34m + Mikhail Petrovich Krivososov (USSR)	Bern, Switzerland.	Aug. 29 1954
JAVELIN THROW	263' 10"	(80.41m) Franklin W. Held (U.S.A.)	Pasadena, Calif., U.S.A.	Aug. 8 1953

DECATHLON 7,887 points(1950)98,450 pts(1934) Robert Bruce Mathias (U.S.A.) Helsinki, Finland July 25/6/1952
 (1st Day: 100m. 10.9 -Long Jump 22'10¹/₂" -Shot Putt 50'2¹/₂" -High Jump 6'2¹/₂" -400 m. 50.2
 2nd Day: 110m. Hurdles 14.7-Discus 153'10"-Pole Vault 131'1¹/₂"-Javelin 194'3"-1,500m. 4:50.8)

MARKS EQUAL OR SUPERIOR TO THOSE LISTED BUT NOT YET RATIFIED :- +

880 yards. 1:47.5 by Lon Spurrier (U.S.A.) Los Angeles March 26th 1955.

400 metres. 45.4 by Louis Jones (U.S.A.) Mexico City, Mexico March 18th 1955.

4 x 110 yards Relay. 40.5 by Houston Univ.(Jones, Beck, Boone, McBride) March 5th 1955. (Timing doubtful-no application)

HOP, STEP & JUMP. (54'3¹/₂") 16.56m by Ademair Ferreira da Silva (Brazil) Mexico City, Mexico March 16th 1955

HAMMER THROW. (210'1¹/₂") 64.05m by Stanislav Nyenashev (U.S.S.R.) Baku, U.S.S.R. December 12th 1955

ANALYSIS

Of the 59 records accepted for the 49 events the United States provide 27 holders in 22 events. The remaining 32 records are shared :- Czechoslovakia 8 (all by Zátopek); U.S.S.R. 7; Australia, Belgium, and Jamaica 3 each; Germany and Great Britain 2 each; and Denmark, Norway, Panama, and Hungary one each.

It will be noted that neither of those great athletics countries Sweden and Finland, which had 9 records on the list last April, has a single one left standing.

Five marks survive from pre-war days and 3 others were made during the 1939-45 War period. Of the remaining 51 records no less than 29 have been set since the last Olympic Games at Helsinki in the summer of 1952.

All records (except one of the 9.3s 100 yards) were made in the Northern Hemisphere:- 34 in Europe (including U.S.S.R.);:- Czechoslovakia 8; Finland 7; Belgium, Great Britain, Sweden 3 each; U.S.S.R. and Hungary 2 each; and Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, and Switzerland 1 each; 23 in the United States, of which 16 were made in California; and one in Japan. The vintage years are 1954 (17); 1953 (7) & 1952 (7); 1949 (5) & 1948 (5); 1951 (4) & 1950 (4).

Twelve athletes have 2 or more records. Zátopek (8); Patton (5); Attlesay (3); Owens (3); and Reiff (3).

STUART (Australia) clears 6'-8"

(R.L.Q.'s report continued from the front page and concluded) with Len Robinson a close second in identical time. It should be noted that the indoor record for 440 yards (a rarely run event) is held by Herb McKenley at 47.9, which mark he set at Chicago on a dirt track in 1947. One of the seasons most thrilling races from a competitive standpoint was the 800 yards run at the N.Y. Knights of Columbus meeting on March 5 with four men in a one yard blanket finish—Joe Gaffney first in 1:12.1; Mal Whitfield, still not fully recovered, second inches back; veteran Reggie Pearman third and new star Charlie Jenkins fourth. Mal came back on March 26 in Chicago with a 1:11.0 victory.

Tom Courtney, one of America's greatest half mile "hopes", ran the distance in 1:52.6 at New York on March 12; this is believed to be the second fastest "half" on record for a flat indoor track. Ronnie Delaney, the Villanova freshman from Eire, beat Courtney in a sizzling 1,000 yards race at New York, on March 5, the times for the two being 2:10.1 and 2:10.2. Gene Maynard did 2:10.5 for the same distance at Chicago Daily News's gala on March 26.

It was the familiar "semper Ash" story in the two-mile department: the Olympic steeplechase champion clocked 8:56.6 on March 5 and 9:01.2 on March 26.

The evergreen Harrison Dillard finished yet another indoor season on a high note by equalling his own 60 yards hurdles record of 7.1s at Chicago on March 26.

SIX FEET SIX INCHES FOR HIGH JUMP BECOMES "DEVALUED".

This year there has been a new rise in high jump standards, seven men having cleared 6'8" or better! This astounding total was reached on March 25 at Cleveland when DOUG STUART of Australia and Michigan State cleared exactly that height on his third and final attempt, after Vic Fritts had done the trick on his first try. The American had had a prior 6'8" clearance at New York on March 5; whereas the Australian had previously done 6'7" $\frac{1}{2}$ at Milwaukee on March 12.

Stuart thus equalled the best outdoor mark ever made by a British Commonwealth and Empire jumper—Ifeajuna's 6'8" at Vancouver last July.

There is an ever increasing number of U.S. jumpers in the 6'6" range, so that this limit, long considered as the threshold to national class (much the same as the 14' limit in the pole vault) has now fallen the victim of devaluation. There are for example, no less than 3 Smith's at 6'5" $\frac{1}{2}$ or better in the 1955 U.S. Indoor list, namely Laverne S. of the Armed Forces (6'8"), Mark S. of Wayne Univ. (6'7" $\frac{1}{2}$) and Floyd S. of North Illinois (6'5" $\frac{1}{2}$).

Bob Richards set a new Madison Square Garden record for the pole vault on March 5 with a great 15'4" $\frac{1}{2}$. He then cleared 15'1" on March 12 and 15'0" on both March 25 & 26. In the last of these meetings (Chicago) Richards was, for the first time this year, tied by his arch-rival Don Laz, who thus achieved the ninth 15 foot clearance of his career. Also in this event the general standard is at an all-time high: the indoor campaign has seen seven men at 14'4" or higher.

Noteworthy in the shot putt is the constant progress of Bill Neider, a 6'3", 215-pounds giant from Kansas, who reached 53'10" $\frac{3}{8}$. Neider held the U.S. Interscholastic record for a short time in 1952 (60'9" $\frac{3}{8}$ with the 12 lbs implement) before losing it to Leon Patterson, the California who was to die late in 1954. As a freshman Neider did 49". His best last year was 52'9".

5 RUSSIAN HAMMER MEN OVER 180 FT.

The Russians had a sort of national "Spring Championship" meeting at Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from March 8 through to March 11. There were some notable absentees, especially from the Moscow area. In the hammer throw, despite the absence of the country's three best specialists, Krivonosov, Nyenashev, and Ryedkin, five men bettered 180 feet, as follows: F. Tkachev 190' $\frac{5}{8}$, V. Plyechonkov 189'9" $\frac{3}{8}$, Yu. Nikulin 187'9" $\frac{7}{8}$, A. Tumanov 184'11" $\frac{5}{8}$, Mikotin 181'1" $\frac{1}{2}$. A man with an English name, Hunt, was sixth at 175'5" $\frac{1}{2}$. Bald-headed Yevgeniy Bulanchik, the European high hurdles champion, met one of his rare defeats on Russian soil when 23 year old Boris Stolyarov, a fine all-rounder, beat him in a 14.5s race. Bulanchik did 14.7 for second and Yuriy Lituyev was third in 14.8.

Fyedor Listopad set a new U.S.S.R. pentathlon record of 3,427 points, with a long jump 22'0" $\frac{1}{4}$, javelin 217'6" $\frac{3}{8}$, 200 metres 23.3, discus 129'1" $\frac{1}{8}$ and 1,500 metres 4:27.6. Vasily Kuznetsov was the previous record holder at 3,415 points. It is to be noted that the Russians have finally adopted the 1950 Scoring Table, after apparently ignoring it till late last year. In this meeting one Slugin ran 1,500 metres in 3:58.2 beating among others the "famous" Juan GOMEZ, a Spanish student in Moscow. (Cont. in next col)

(Concluded from previous column). Slugin's time was incorrectly reported as 3:48.2 in many European papers. Gomez, incidentally, ran the distance in 3:54.4 last year, and ranked 11th in the U.S.S.R. Year list for the event.

Mikhail Krivonosov threw the hammer 196'0" $\frac{3}{8}$ in the Byelorussian Winter Championships at Brest late in February.

Fütterer's Record

Heinz Fütterer set an unofficial world record of 6.5s for 60 metres in the German Indoor Championships at Kiel's Ostsee-halle on March 12. To make this even more amazing, the double European sprint champion, actually produced the following series, all in one evening: 6.5 (heat), 6.6 (quarter-final), 6.6 (semi-final), and again 6.5 (final). Jesse Owens in 1935, Ben Johnson in 1935 & 1938 and Herbert Thompson in 1939 all did 6.6 on American Indoor tracks in the course of A.A.U. title meetings—the event then switched back to a 60 yards dash.

Twenty one year old Karl-Heinz Wegmann putt the shot 16.21 (53'2" $\frac{1}{4}$) for the first 16-metres-plus effort by a German in post war years during a meeting at Bochum on March 20. The mark, however, achieved on a slightly sloping ground.

ITALY: Adolfo Consolini, the European discus champion of 1946, 1950 and 1954, now 38 years old, inaugurated his nineteenth season in the circle with a 177'9" $\frac{1}{2}$ throw at Vanzaghello on March 19.

SPURRIER CRACKS WORLD 1,000 YD. MARK

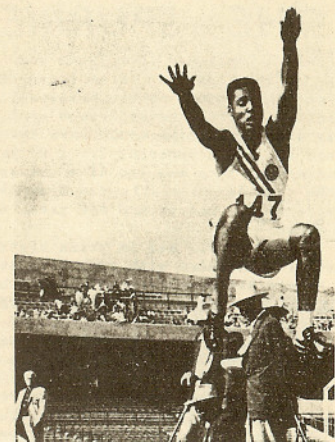
Berkeley, Cal. April 15th: Lonnie Spurrier, the 20 day old world 880 yard record-holder added a world's best 1,000 yard time to his laurels by lowering Chuck Fenske's American record from 2:09.3 to 2:08.5. Having broken the old 1,000 yards mark set at Milwaukee in 1939 by a 1:52.1 man, Spurrier did not quite possess the steam to get to his second target—the world's 1,000 metre record of 2:19.5 set last August at Gavle by Audun Boysen of Norway. He nonetheless came home in 2:21.3 which would have been a world record until as recently as Stanislaw Jungwirth's 2:21.2 mark in Oct. 1952.

TWO NEW 56 FOOT SHOT-PUTTERS—BILL NIEDER 56'0" $\frac{3}{8}$ & RAY MARTIN 56'0" $\frac{1}{2}$. The world's total of 56 foot plus shot putters was swelled from 15 to 17 in the space of a week when America, already claiming 13 of the old total, added yet two more. First came Ray Martin (ranked No. 21 at 53'8" $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1954) with 56'0" $\frac{1}{2}$ on April 2nd. In the Southern Cal. v. Occidental meet followed on April 9th by Bill Nieder of Kansas (ranked No. 32 at 52'9" in 1954) with 56'0" $\frac{1}{2}$ at Fayetteville. Other late marks from the U.S. are: 4x880 Yards Relay: 7:29.5 (fifth fastest ever) by San Francisco Olympic Club (Spurrier ran 1:49.3 (50.5 first lap) for anchor stage) Santa Barbara April 9; Pole Vault 14'11" Bob Richards Santa Barbara, April 9; Shot-Putt: 56'9" $\frac{1}{2}$ Tom Jones (personal best) at Oxford, Ohio April 16; Javelin: 236'0" $\frac{3}{8}$ Les Bitner, at Fayetteville April 9.

3 UNDER 2 HRS. 20 MINS. IN BOSTON RACE

STOP PRESS: Boston, Mass. April 20: Asia wrested back the Boston marathon title today when the little 26 year old Jap law student Hideo Hamamura (No. 8 on Japan's all-time list at 2:27:26.0 at Nagoya on Dec. 6 1953) shattered the course record by 29 secs. for a brilliant 2:18:22.0 so beating Keizo Yamada's 1953 mark, and second spot on the all-time list. Second 200 yards back was Eino Pulkkinen, Finland's No. 5, in 2:19:23 and 3rd Nick Costes (USA) in 2:19:57. No wind detail.

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PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPION ROSSLYN RANGE (U.S.A.) CLEARING 26' 4" $\frac{1}{8}$ (8.03) (see 128 (March))

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THE SPURRIER STORY

(SPURRIER-Continued from front page column 1.)

An hour or so later the new record holder completed a tremendous double. Emotionally drained, and lacking incentive, Spurrier nevertheless sped through a 46.3 quarter mile relay stint. This time could have been even faster had he not slowed behind an opponent for a while on the last turn before deciding the pace was too slow and so pulling out and passing on the outside. So easily did Spurrier complete his double that records at 400 metres and 440 yards do not appear to be out of his grasp.

Few men in track history have burst into international prominence with such a splash as Spurrier. Long after his record has been lowered he will be remembered as the "unknown" who clipped 1.1 seconds off the 880 yards mark. Not since Harbig's dramatic reduction of Sydney's Wooderson's 11 month old world record for 800 metres of 1m 48.4s by 1.8 seconds at Milan in July 1939 has there been anything comparable in the two lap event.

Who then is Lon Spurrier? Statistically, he is 5ft. 11 3/4 ins. and 11 stones 6 lbs., although he looks lighter, and was born on May 27 1932. His first year of running was as a 'senior' in high school, when he ran 50.5s for the 440 yds. and a practice 2:01.6 for the 880 yards just before he was 18.

In college Spurrier did not break 50 secs. in his freshman year. But as a 'sophomore' he turned to the 880 yds. and started the road through heartbreak to triumph. Coming fast at the end of the season, he ran 1:50.6 for 800m in the N.C.A.A., then was fifth in the Olympic try-outs.

A bad arch kept him under wraps for most of the 1953 season. Finally, in fairly good shape at the end of it, he was ready for the N.C.A.A. He outran the body of the field, but had the misfortune to be bumped, spun off stride, and knocked back 15 yards and so out of the hunt. That he still managed to make up ground from then on, and finish fifth, counted only to those who were watching closely.

Last year Spurrier had early season leg trouble, yet ran 1:52.0 against Wes Santee. Then another, and worse, pull shelved him for weeks. Still, with a heavily bandaged leg, he blazed through a 1:49.5 leg in the Coliseum Relays. Unfortunately he caught a heavy chest cold two days before the Conference Meet and never lost it for six months, which included an educational but ineffective tour to Scandinavia.

So it was all potential, and little results, when Spurrier went to work to break the world mark before April 29. Just as Bannister had his reason for an early season effort, so did Spurrier—he was due for Air Force service on that date. Unless he made a name for himself on the track before then he would run the risk of never being given an opportunity to train for the Olympics once in the Service.

Training alone, Lon stayed free of injuries and got into fine condition. In February he ran on three separate tracks in Los Angeles in 1:51.6, 1:51.5, and 1:49.8. The latter mark was impressive enough to put him on the Pan American Games squad. He ran 1:50.4 in a tune up meet at Houston, Texas on March 8. At Mexico City he finished 3/10th back from Arnie Sowell's 1:49.7 800m, after having raced and broken Mal Whitfield over a full 300 metres of the last lap. One medical expert said that Mexico City's 7,400+ ft. altitude made the time between 1.5s and 2 full seconds slower for the 800m—now it looks as if he were right.

While Spurrier had gained some measure of reputation, he still was not satisfied that the Air Force would know who he was. So, with an eye on the calendar, he set out after his goal, and the rest is history.

What the future holds is more of a mystery as regards Spurrier than for most athletes. His Air Force career calls for flight training, which is difficult to mix with athletics. Yet he is determined to run at Melbourne. After that probably no more track, although he would have his best years ahead of him. "There are other important things in life" Lon says, but he may change his mind.

NOTE BY NORRIS McWHIRTER. Comparing Spurrier's great run with Rudolf Harbig's world 800 metres record of 1:46.6 at Milan in 1939 is difficult because of the metric/yards problem and more so because the Italian Mario Lanzi lead at 200m, 400m and 600m. However working on the best available data the races would seem to compare thus:—

	220 yards	440 yards	660 yards	800 mtrs.	880 yds.
Harbig (1939)	(25.4)	(53.1)	(1:20.3)	1:46.6	(1:47.3)
Spurrier (1955)	25.0	51.6	1:19.3	(1:46.8)	1:47.5

With Spurrier and Sowell in the field against the first five at Bern: Szentgali, De Mynck, Boysen, Johnson and Moens the days of Harbig's record would seem to be closely numbered.



This photograph gives a clear impression of how wide Spurrier's winning margin was over Dave Pratt (1:52.9), Len Simpson (1:53.9), and Gene Jones (1:54.4).

WORLD'S BEST MARKS AT APRIL 16

Never before can a season have produced as many top class marks so early in its course. After the third Saturday in April, so far as reports have reached us, the situation is as follows:—

100 yards	9.3w	Bobby Morrow (USA)	Commerce, Texas	Apr. 16
100 metres	10.3	Willie Williams (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
	10.3n	Mike Agostini (Trin.)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
	10.3	Rod Richard (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
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200 metres (t)	20.7	Rod Richard (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
220 yards (str.)	20.4w	Bobby Whilden (USA)	Laredo, Texas	Mar. 12
400 metres	45.4	Lou Jones (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 18
880 yards	1:47.5	Lon Spurrier (USA)	Berkeley, Calif.	Mar. 26
1,000 yards	2:08.5	Lon Spurrier (USA)	Berkeley, Calif.	Apr. 15
1,000 metres	2:21.3	Lon Spurrier (USA)	Berkeley, Calif.	Apr. 15
1,320 yards	2:56.0	Brian Hewson (G.B.)	Cambridge	Apr. 11
1 mile	4:00.5	Wesley Santee (USA)	Austin, Texas	Apr. 2
2 miles	8:51.9	Dave Stephens (Aust.)	Sydney	Jan. 19
3 miles	13:31.8	Dave Stephens (Aust.)	Melbourne	Feb. 23
6 miles	28:38.0	Dave Stephens (Aust.)	Melbourne	Jan. 13
110 metres H.	13.7w	Jack Davis (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
400 metres H.	51.5	Josh Culbreath (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
High Jump	6'9" ¹ / ₂	Ernie Shelton (USA)	Houston, Texas	Mar. 8
	6'9" ¹ / ₂	Ernie Shelton (USA)	Santa Barbara, Cal	Apr. 9
Pole Vault	14'11" ¹ / ₂	Bobby Smith (USA)	Los Angeles	Feb. 5
Long Jump	26'4" ¹ / ₂	Rosslyn Range (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
Hop, Step & Jump	54'3" ¹ / ₂	A.F. da Silva (Brazil)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
Shot Putt	57'8" ¹ / ₂	Parry O'Brien (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
Discus Throw	180'11" ¹ / ₂	Fortune Gordien (USA)	Salem, Oregon	Apr. -
Hammer Throw	196'0" ¹ / ₂	Mikhail Krivonozov (R)	Brest, USSR	Feb. -
Javelin Throw	257'16"	Bud Held (USA)	Berkeley, Calif.	Mar. 26
Decathlon	7,055 pts.	Rafer Johnson (USA)	Los Angeles	Feb. 18/19

CHIGBOLU RAISES RECORD TO 6'-8¹/₄"

Lagos, April 16th. J.O. Chigbolu, a Nigerian Policeman, won the triangular Inter Colonial match high jump event between Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria with a new British Empire & Commonwealth record of 6'8¹/₄" (2m.038). The previous best was Emmanuel Ifeajuna's 6'8" Empire title victory at Vancouver. (Doug. Stuart (Australia) also cleared 6'8", but indoors,—see report page 135).

This event was keenly awaited at Lagos, high jumping being the centre piece of any Nigerian meeting, and Ifeajuna was to compete. No other details of the match are yet to hand. However at the Nigerian Championships, also at Lagos, on April 9 the High Jump was won by Y.B. Folami at 6'6" with Chigbolu and Ifeajuna, second and third at the same height. Titus Erinle won the 100 yards in 9.7 secs. Paul Esiri, the silver medallist at Vancouver won the Hop, Step & Jump with 48'3¹/₄".

Back on January 8 in the Athletes Welfare Association meeting at Yaba, Gold Coast Erinle won the Long Jump with 23'10¹/₂", V. Odofin at 23'8¹/₂" and, another noted sprinter, A.K. Amu was third with 23'2¹/₂".

SENSATIONAL TRAINING JUMP. Jiri Lánky (Czechoslovakia) is reported to have cleared 2.14 (7'0¹/₂") in training. His best competitive jump to date is 2.03 (6'7¹/₂") at Prague on October 24 1954.