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## DAVIS CLEARS 7 FEET GOLLIDAY — 100 yds in 9.3 secs

By Norris McWhirter

Two of America's greatest athletes, the Olympic high champion Walter 'Buddy' Davis and the Helsinki 100 metre favourite Jim Golliday, had a field day when at venues 2,000 miles apart on May 14 they made track and field history.

At Beaumont, Texas the 6ft. 8 ins. tall professional basketball 'star', Walter Francis Davis, 24 cleared 7 feet (2m113) in an exhibition. Thus the height which eluded him as an amateur by  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. in 1953 succumbed. For Davis, father of 3 little girls, it was a particularly happy scene for it was at Beaumont on January 5th 1931 that he was born and were he live as a small boy when he fought his seven year long battle over the polio which crippled him at the age of six. After his great achievement Davis admitted that he had broken the seven foot barrier the week before in a work-out at Houston. With these latest two marks it would seem Davis, who set the official world record at 6'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " at Dayton, Ohio on June 27 1953, joins Lester Steers and Bill Stewart (both in practice in 1941) and the Czech Jiri Lansky (indoors last April in practice) as the fourth man to break the altitude barrier.

Turning from elevation to pure blazing speed, May 14 was a red letter day in the dash department when aided by a light 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  m.p.h. wind James J. Golliday, the muscular negro who won the 1951 A.A.U. 100 metre title in a record-equalling 10.3 secs., ran 9.3 secs. for the 100 yards at Evanston, Illinois. Golliday's mark was caught by 5 timekeepers who returned 9.2, 9.2, 9.3, 9.3 and 9.4 thus ensuring that the 23 year old Northwestern 'senior' will join Mel Patton (1948) and Australia's Hector Hogan (1954) in the select ranks of the 22 m.p.h. men.



WALT DAVIS—now professional



JIM GOLLIDAY—22m.p.h.

Points as an 8:33.6 two miles — 6.8 secs. faster than the listed world record standing in the name of the now dispossessed Belgian Gaston Reiff.

JOSEF DOLEZAL SETS TWO NEW WORLD WALKING MARKS—2 HOURS & 25 Km. Stara Boleslav, May 14. European 10,000m. Walking champion 34 year old Josef Dolezal today added 106 metres to the world 2 hour record with 25,701.86m (15m.1,708yds.) passing the 25 kilometre post in 1:56:43.0 for an inaugural world record.

## CHIGBOLU SETS EMPIRE RECORD AT 6'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "



JULIUS OBIEFUNA CHIGBOLU, 24 year old Nigerian Policeman, here seen clearing 6 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (2.038m) for a new British Commonwealth and Empire High Jump record at Lagos on April 16. Chigbolu uses his own unorthodox version of the Eastern cut-off. He is a one shoe jumper and stands about 5'10" tall. (acknowledgements for information to 2/Lt. I.E. Fraser, 1st Battalion The Gold Coast Regiment, and photograph by courtesy of "Daily Graphic (West Africa) Ltd.".)

## Start of the British Season

by ROSS McWHIRTER.

Bad weather blighted the start of what all associated with British athletics are confident will ultimately prove a record breaking season.

Faced with no less than five full scale two day internationals British athletes—both men and women—will be out to show that now only the world's premier track power, the United States and the champion nation of Eurasia, the U.S.S.R., for mens events, and Russia alone for women's, can produce from their vast populations a national squad to beat Britain.

These five engagements are as follows:—  
Great Britain & N.I. v. Western Germany White City, London Jul. 30/Aug. 1  
Great Britain & N.I. v. Hungary White City, London Aug. 12/13  
France v. Great Britain & N.I. Paris, France Sept. 3/4  
U.S.S.R. v. Great Britain & N.I. Moscow, Russia Sept. 9/10  
Czechoslovakia v. Great Britain & N.I. Prague, Czechosl. Sept. 14/15

With the known strength of the Hungarian field event exponents and the sturdy German revival in this department, it is to possible point winners in this field that Britain looks for most anxiously where talent is as rare as it is abundant in the middle distances. The opening two internationals—although home fixtures—will be very closely run.

Against this background then the early season promise of Peter Cullen a strongly built engineering student at Loughborough College, who threw the javelin 220'3" (67.13m) on May 14; the hammer throwing of Dr. Ewan Douglas (see p.139), Don Anthony and Alec Valentine; and the promise of a new regular 50 foot plus shot putter in Bill Palmer of Oxford, is important. Mark Pharaoh (discus), Ken Wilmhurst (long and triple jumps), and Geoff Elliott have no obvious second strings as yet, while the high jump cupboard stays obstinately bare.

Michael Ruddy in his two 21.6 200 metres on May 7 at Woodford showed the smoothness of style that hall marks the really effective sprinter. Derek Johnson (440 & 880y) and Bob Shaw (both hurdles) are not making the mistake of trying for optimum efforts too early in the season. In the middle distances talent abounds.

# WOMEN'S WORLD'S RECORDS

The complete list of Women's World's Records passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation as at May 1st 1955. ( 20 events ).

## RUNNING

100 Yards	10.4	Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia)	Sydney, N.S.W., Australia	Mar. 8 1952
220 Yards	24.0	Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia)	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	Aug. 5 1954
880 Yards	2m08.4	Nina Grigorivna Otkalenko (1) (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow, U.S.S.R.	July 18 1954
60 Metres	7.3	Stanislava Walasiewiczowna (Poland)	Lemberg, Poland	Sept. 24 1933
100 Metres	11.4	Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia)	Gifu, Japan	Oct. 4 1952
200 Metres	23.4	Marjorie Nelson (née Jackson) (Australia)	Helsinki, Finland	July 25 1952
800 Metres	2m06.6	Nina Grigorivna Otkalenko (1) (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	Sept. 16 1954

## RELAYS

4 x 110 Yards	46.3	Australian National Team (Shirley Barbara delaHunty (2), Verna Johnson, Winsome Cripps (3), Jackson)	London, England	Aug. 4 1952
4 x 220 Yards	1m39.9	Great Britain & Northern Ireland Team (Anne Pashley, Jean Newbould, Shirley Hampton, Ann Elaine Johnson)	London, England	Sept. 30 1953
3 x 880 Yards	6m36.2	Hungarian National Team (Anna Bácskai, Agnes Oros, Aranka Kazi)	Tata, Hungary	July 21 1954
4 x 100 Metres	45.6	U.S.S.R. National Team (Vyera Kalashnikova, Zinaida Safronova, Nadezhda Dvalishvili (4), Irina Robertnova Turova)	Budapest, Hungary	Sept. 20 1953
4 x 200 Mtrs.	1m36.4	U.S.S.R. National Team (Vyera Kalashnikova, Zinaida Safronova, Flora Kazantseva, Nadezhda Dvalishvili)	Bucharest, Rumania	Aug. 9 1953
3 x 800 Mtrs.	6m33.2	U.S.S.R. National Team (Nina Chernoshchok, Dora Barakhovich, Nina Grigorivna Otkalenko (1))	Budapest, Hungary	Sept. 19 1953

## HURDLES

80 Metres	10.9	Shirley Barbara delaHunty (2) (Australia)	Helsinki, Finland	July 24 1952
	10.9	Mariya Vasilievich Golubnichaya (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	Aug. 3 1954

## FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP	(5 ft. 8")	1.73m.	Aleksandra Georgievna Chudina (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev	May 22 1954
LONG JUMP	20 ft. 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	(6.28m.)	Yvette Winifred Williams (5) (N.Z.)	Gisborne, N.Z.	Feb. 20 1954
SHOT PUT	(53 ft. 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	16.28m.	Galina Ivanovna Zybina (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	Sept. 14 1954
DISCUS THROW	(187 ft. 1")	57.04m.	Nina Dumbadze (U.S.S.R.)	Tbilisi, U.S.S.R.	Oct. 18 1952
JAVELIN THROW	(182 ft. 0")	55.48m.	Nadyezhda Efimova Konyayeva (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev, U.S.S.R.	Aug. 6 1954

## PENTATHLON

4,704 points. Aleksandra Georgievna Chudina (U.S.S.R.) Bucharest, Rumania Aug. 8 1954  
 (200m 25.5; 80m H. 11.4; High Jump (5'4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") 1.63m; Long Jump (19'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") 5.81; S.P. (44'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") 13.42  
 (1) née Pletneva (2) née Strickland (3) now Mrs. Dennis (4) née Khnykina (5) now Mrs. Corlett.



KAREN ANDERSON (left) the 16 year old schoolgirl from Pennsylvania, who won the Pan-American javelin event at Mexico City with a throw of 161'3" (49.15). Miss Anderson won the A.A.U. title last year with 127'1" after only five weeks coaching from A.R. ("Boo") Morcom, the former 14'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" pole vaulter. With normal progress this girl will be a threat to the Russians at Melbourne.

The following three marks have not been submitted for ratification :-

60 metres. 7.3s Nadezhda Dvalishvili at Oslo, Norway Oct. 2 1953.

220 yards. 24.0s Marjorie Jackson at Sydney Feb. 20 1954.

80 m. Hurdles. 10.9s Edna M. Maskell (Northern Rhodesia) at Vancouver Aug. 5 1954.

This reason for non-submission of the hurdles mark was that the wind exceeded the limit. The reasons for the exclusion of the other two marks is not known to us. ANALYSIS. Of the 21 records accepted for 20 events U.S.S.R. hold 11; Australia 6; and G.B., Poland, Hungary & N.Z. 1 each.

## AUSTRALIAN SEASON

from JOE GALLI

The following are the leading and noteworthy marks set during the Australian season 1954-1955.

<u>100 yards:</u>	9.5	Hec Hogan
	9.7	Bill Job
<u>100 metres:</u>	10.3w	Hec Hogan
<u>220 yards:</u>	21.4	Bill Job
	21.5	Hec Hogan
<u>440 yards:</u>	47.7	Kevan Gosper
	48.2	Leon Gregory
<u>880 yards:</u>	1:51.6	Don Macmillan
	1:52.7	Frank O'Connell
	1:53.3	Pete Melhuish
	1:53.5	John Murray
	1:53.5	John Douglas
<u>One Mile</u>	4:05.8	Don Macmillan
	4:08.6	John Plummer
	4:09.6	Allan Lawrence
	4:10.6	Terry Sullivan
	4:10.8	Geoff Warren
	4:12.4	Alex Henderson
	4:13.0	Les Wakefield
	4:13.1	Bob Morgan-Morris
<u>Two Miles</u>	8:51.9	Dave Stephens
	8:55.2	Les Perry
	9:01.0	Geoff Warren
	9:02.0	John Plummer
	9:04.0	John Landy
	9:07.6	Allan Lawrence
<u>Three Miles</u>	13:31.8	Dave Stephens
	13:56.8u	Geoff Warren
	14:04.8	Neil Robbins
	14:05.0	Allan Lawrence
	14:08.0	Jack Davey
	14:23.2	Geoff Warren
<u>5,000 Metres</u>	14:29.6	Dave Stephens

<u>Six Miles</u>	28:38.0	Dave Stephens
	29:02.0	Geoff Warren
	29:26.0	Kieth Ollerenshaw
	29:42.4	Neil Robbins
<u>120 Yds. Hurdles</u>	14.8	John Loveday
	14.9	Kieth Short
<u>220 Yds. Hurdles (t)</u>	23.1	Geoff Goodacre
<u>440 Yds. Hurdles</u>	53.3	Dave Lean
	54.0	Geoff Goodacre
<u>High Jump</u>	6'6"	Charles Porter
<u>Pole Vault</u>	13'4"	Bruce Peever
<u>Long Jump</u>	23'8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Ian Bruce
	23'5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	Hugh Jack
<u>Hop, Step &amp; Jump</u>	49'1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Kevin Salt
	48'11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Alan Stevens
	48'10"	Brian Oliver
	48' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Ron Gray
<u>Shot Put</u>	47' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Peter Hanlin
<u>Discus Throw</u>	145'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Tony Kenk
<u>Hammer Throw</u>	163' 8"	Neville Gadsden
<u>Javelin Throw</u>	200' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Bob Grant
<u>Decathlon (1950)</u>	5,965 pts	Ian Bruce

Editor's comment. The salient feature of the Australian season is of course the amazing upsurge of talent in the 1,2,3 & 6 miles. Pre-war Australia was only noted for her sprinters and high, long, and especially her triple, jumpers. John Landy seems to have started a new fashion. The Australian season was off balance from the start with the Empire Games being held last August. Conditions - both weather and track - are rarely helpful in Australia.

**THELMA HOPKINS (N. Ireland) JUMPS 20 feet.**

The British Empire and European High Jump champion Thelma Hopkins, 19 opened her new season with a wind assisted long jump of 20'0" and a high jump of 5'5" at Cherryvale, Belfast on Saturday May 7th.

## NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Mrs. Yvette Corlett (née Williams) plans to resume training for next year's Olympic Games at Melbourne. She will concentrate on the discus and shot, giving priority to the former event. As regards her main speciality - long jumping - Mrs. Corlett will only enter if after training her competitive performances are liking to come upto the standard that has won her the Olympic title in 1952 and the Empire titles of 1950 and 1954.

Gary Watkins aged 14 years and 3 months long jumped 19 ft. 2 ins. at Whakatere on March 29.

Peter Wells the 26 year old London born New Zealander who wore the rose of England in the Empire Games at Auckland in 1950; the Union Jack of Great Britain at Helsinki in 1952; and the silver fern of New Zealand at Vancouver in 1954 has the following marks of 6 ft. 6 ins. or better since going to New Zealand.

6'6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	Christchurch	23rd January 1954
6'6"	Christchurch	20th March 1954
6'6"	Auckland	27th November 1954
6'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Papakura	11th December 1954
6'7"	Auckland	18th December 1954
6'7"	Gisborne	8th January 1955
6'7"	Auckland	26th March 1955

**A 1924 OLYMPIC CHAMPION FADES AWAY.**

Anthony William "Nick" Winter, the Australian who won the Olympic Games hop, step and jump title at Paris in 1924 with 50'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (15.53) - the best jump of his life - was found dead, aged 60, at his home in Pagewood, Sydney on May 8.

The popular "Nick" Winter set an Australian record of 49'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in 1921 and won his only national title (47'3") in 1930 at 35.

## Early Season Results

### DOUGLAS HITS 192'6" (58.67)

At the Field Events Club meetings in Edinburgh on April 7, 14, 21, & 28th Doctor Ewan C.K. Douglas, 32 threw the hammer 178' 1", 188' 0", 187' 7" and 192' 6" respectively. The last throw will be submitted for ratification as a Scottish All-Comers' & Native record. Douglas, however failed by 9 inches to regain his British (National) Record, which stands at 193' 3" (58.90) to the credit of Havildar Mahomet Iqbal (Pakistan), 27 for his mark at the White City Stadium set on August 14th last.

Ewan Douglas's progress table is as follows :-

1948 (25)	163' 4"	(49.79)	Watford May 15
1949 (26)	163' 4"	(49.79)	Glasgow June 25
1950 (27)	178' 5"	54.39	Paris Sept. 10
1951 (28)	179' 10"	(54.81)	Edinb: June 16
1952 (29)	181' 5"	(55.29)	Dunoon Aug. -
	179' 1"	(54.59)	London May 24
1953 (30)	183' 2"	(55.83)	Edinb: July 28
1954 (31)	188' 5"	(57.43)	Edinb: Sept. 25
1955 (32)	192' 6"	(58.67)	Edinb: Apr. 28

x = sloping ground record disallowed

### 13 UNDER HALF-HOUR

White City, April 23 rd. Ken Norris, 23 ran the 6 miles in 28:25.6 to become the No. 4 on the world all-time list yet failed to win the English Southern Counties District title here today. The victor was Gordon Pirie who piled on a last lap of 61.8 secs. to win in his 3rd best time of 28:21.4.

The field for the race was a stalwart 24. Cross Country International Hugh Foord made the early pace with laps of 57.4 and 72.0 to hit the mile in 4:41.0 with Norris and Pirie on his tail. In the 6th lap Pirie slid into the lead, followed by Foord and Norris with Ken Caulder 45 yards back ahead of the Empire Champion Peter Driver. Pirie passed the 2 miles in 9:24.8 and the half-way mark in 14:08.4 with Foord (14:12.0), Norris and then Caulder (14:24.2).

In a bid to snatch the English Native 4 mile (18:35.2 by Pirie in 1953) and the 5 mile record (23:34.2 by Pirie in 1953) Ken Norris skirted into the lead at the close of the 16th lap but he was well short passing the 5 miles in 24:55.4. At this stage Pirie was a lurking second and Foord a receding 3rd. with Dennis O'Gorman a stout fourth, Alan Perkins 5th, Caulder 6th and Tony Barrett 7th. In the last lap Pirie cut down Norris 250 yards from home with a devouring 61.8 secs. last lap in which the closing furlong was reportedly of only 27 secs. duration. The full result was such that the average time of the first six was only 11 secs. slower equivalently than the Helsinki 10,000 metres final.

1. Pirie	28:21.4	13. A. J. W. Pearson	29:53.0
2. Norris	+28:25.6	14. J. Thorpe	30:05.2
3. Foord	+29:02.0	15. R. Lambert	30:15.5
4. Perkins	+29:10.4	16. R. Clark	30:15.8
5. Barrett	+29:12.6	17. P. Perry	30:27.2
6. O'Gorman	+29:15.0	18. M. Blyth	30:32.6
7. Caulder	+29:13.8	19. M. Baker	30:41.8
8. Driver	29:32.4	20. J. Lyne	30:51.8
9. P. J. Pirie	29:36.2	21. R. Newington	31:25.0
10. A. B. Ingles	29:46.4	22. D. Haw	31:31.7
11. T. E. Harwood	29:45.4	23. J. F. Bowen	31:55.8
12. J. W. Brown	29:54.8	+ = Personal Best.	

### HEWSON 1:52.5 IN GALE

Wednesday May 4th.

The 5th annual Floodlit Meeting at Eton Manor, Leyton, London E. attracted a powerful entry but marks were badly hurt by the chilly blustering weather.

Michael Ruddy (Polytechnic H.), having won his 100 yards heat in 9.9s, won a blanket finish final from Dennis Merrett (Belgrave H.) and Gwilym Roberts (Achilles Club)-all three being caught in 10.0. The wind assistance was above the limit but the cold was beyond a joke.

Len Smith (Rochester), 2nd in the A.A.A. 440y two seasons ago, made a welcome return to take his speciality in 50.9 in a tight finish from M. Orrell-Jones (Achilles Club).

Brian Hewson, the A.A.A. Champion, ran a very dominant 880y in 1:52.5, with little known Brian Jackson (Essex Beagles) a stout hearted second in 1:54.9. Peter Driver, the Empire 6 mile champion, outstripped a stuttering 2 mile team race field to win in 9:11.2. John Cameron (R.A.F.), an honours graduate of the London School of Economics, ran an eye catching last lap to pass five men, including team-mate Ken Norris (T.V.H.), to grab second place in 9:16.4.

Bob Shaw impressively beat an all Achilles Club 220 yards hurdles field with a 24.6 heat and final round the very tight turn. Both performances were full of snap and precision. John Disley won a rather forlorn and dreary 3,000m Steeplechase in 9:25.4.

Achilles Club trounced the field by 20 yards in a one mile medley relay when Donald Gorrie (660y) handed over a handsome lead to Messrs. Bob Stinson, Mike Guthrie, Orrell-Jones and for the last 440y Bob Shaw.

The best field event was the shot-putt in which T. Gaworski with 46' 2" beat Geoff Budd (45' 11") and Geoff Elliott was third with a personal best of 45' 8" - worth 762 points to a decathlon man.

Sheila Hoskins (Spartan) had the best win in women's events by taking the 100 metres in 12.2w from Jean Rouse (12.2nw) and Jean Scrivens (12.3nw).

Afterwards Major the Hon. Arthur Villiers invited the leading entries and officials to a champagne party. R. McW.

#### THE PIRIE BROTHERS WARM UP IN GERMANY.

Gordon Pirie and his elder brother Peter ran a 3,000m race at Freiburg on May 7 in 8:22.4 and 8:29.2n respectively. Helmut Thumm (Germany) was third. On the next day Gordon Pirie ran a rather cagey mile in 4:12.4 (last lap 59.9) to beat Rolf Lamers (4:17.2). Peter Pirie ran another 3,000m, also at Heilbron, in 8:35.6n.

Obviously determined that Pirie should not "do a Bannister" on them this rather tame opening gambit by the Pirie brothers was covered by the London Daily Mail, News Chronicle and Daily Express each with their specialists-Messrs. Doug. Wilson, Roy Moor (both former British internationals) and Sydney Hulls. Fleet Street will not have to wait much longer however!

#### TWO RECORDS AT L.A.C. SCHOOLS' MEETING

White City, April 23: Alan Thomas equalled the 1939 and 1950 best time of 10.2 secs. in the 100yds. and John Conway set a new best ever British Junior ¼ mile steeplechase mark of 3:31.0 bettering the late P. R. K. Burley's July 1939 mark. Other marks - :440yd: C. Turnham 51.6; 880yd: A. Batchelor 1:59.6; Mile: C. Plumpton 4:24.6; D.T. G.M. Laimbeer 145' 2"; J.T. M. Johnson 193' 7".



New arrival on the British track scene Brian Jackson (Essex Beagles) 23, here seen winning the 1,500 metres in 3m51.6s at Woodford Bridge on May 7. He had already run a half mile in 1:54.9n at Leyton on May 4. (Photo: E. D. Lacey)

### SHAW'S 'TREBLE' AS OXFORD WIN 8 V A.A.A.

Oxford, May 12th.

A stiff cold wind blowing off the Isis ensured that record-breaking was kept to a minimum at Iffley Road for the 1955 edition of the annual A.A.A. v. Oxford University match. The only track record to go was a 27 year old one in the rarely contested 440 yard hurdles in which Bob Shaw (O.U.A.C.) sliced 5 tenths off the late Tom Livingstone-Learmonth's mark of 54.6 set in the 1928 Southern meeting.

Though A.A.A. laws make betting strictly prohibited the 120 yards highs and the 220 yd. lows were also 'Shaw Things' with the Welsh Champion recording 14.7 because of and 24.7 in spite of the wind.

Shaw's 54.1 sec. circuit was exactly matched in the mile by stocky Ken Wood (A.A.A.) who after being buffeted for 3 laps to a 3:20.1 bell let loose with a searing 54.1 last lap to record 4:14.2 which dropped Alan Gordon, Oxford's No. 2, by 12 yards.

Chris Suddaby put one across on the A.A.A. two mile selection, Ken Norris and Mike Maynard when he went 30 yards before the bell to cover the last lap in 61.8 and become Britain's 11th sub 9 min. two miler with 8:59.2. Norris (9:01.2) and Maynard (9:01.4) fought out second place.

Unjustified expectations of a fast 'half' were deflated when Derek Johnson allowed a tactical 60 sec. first 'quarter' with Chris Chataway in the race for some shock treatment. Johnson burst the last 300 yards to record 1:54.0 with Donald Gorrie (1:55.8) ousting Chataway (1:55.9) for second. Michael Ruddy (AAA) left the Bern hero George Ellis 5 yards back in the furlong with a raking 22.2 into the wind.

Best of the field events were a 49' 2" & a 49' 6" by 'Tiny' Palmer (OUAC), a 161' 9" discus throw by Mark Pharaoh and a 209' 11" from Winnie Kretzschmar (O.U.A.C.) and a personal best of 201' 0" from Malcolm Harradine (A.A.A.) in the javelin. The sprint relay saw Robin versus Roger Pinnington over the anchor stretch with the Native record-holder moving with former fire. Match Result: AAA 56 pts., Oxford 37pts.

## SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

**EXTRA INCENTIVES:** "How fast can a man run when he is running for his life." ? This is a thought which must have crossed your mind more than once. Yet data on the subject is, by the nature of things, very sparse. Many track fans nurse a sneaking suspicion that Homo Sapiens chased by a charging bull could perhaps better even Hal Davis's 25 mph burst in the 1943 A.A.U. 100 metre final at New York. It was thus with some delight that the other day we chanced upon perhaps the only published data on the subject. It was in an appendix to Meinertzhagen the author of the learned paper on 'Velocity of Mammal Movement'. Under 'Species' Man there was the entry -:

Kenya Masai warrior chased by rhinoceros Stop Watch 18.4 m.p.h.  
Our doubts that this figure really represented the speed of a man in mortal terror were soon resolved by a more sinister entry lower down the appendix but bearing the same reference source. Under 'Species' Rhinoceros, African there was the entry -:

Kenya Stop Watch. Trotting (chasing a Masai) 27.2 m.p.h

**MORE RAW SPRING:** Last September in this column (page 74) we published the first ever compilation of the greatest heights ever achieved by high jumpers in clearing the bar above their own physical height. We refrained from commenting upon the fact that we had no definite evidence of a single instance of a girl high jumper ever having bettered her own height let alone approach the male record of 13 ins. set by the Nigerian Ifeajuna at Vancouver last July. We had in mind Aleksandra Chudina of Russia, the women's world record-holder at 5ft. 8 ins. who stands over 6 feet; her three predecessors Mrs. Michael Lerwill (height 5ft. 7 $\frac{7}{8}$  ins.), Mrs. Francina Blankers-Koen (height over 5ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.) and Mrs. Dorothy Tyler (nee Odam) (height 5ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.) and also the reigning Olympic champion Mrs. Esther Brand of South Africa (height at least 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.).

Now however we have news from our excellent New Zealand correspondent P.N. Heidenström of an Antipodean girl who has wrought a revolution for the more earthbound sex. She is the newly 15 Mary Donaghy - 'just a baby' standing 5ft. 2 ins. at most. She was first noticed at a graded scratch meeting in Hamilton on 18 Dec. 1954 where she cleared 4'10" with a scissors. She was then placed in the care of Peter Sharpley of Loughborough memory who switched her to the Western roll. On Feb. 2nd she tied Noeline Swinton with 5'0" and on Feb. 26 at Kerepehi she equalled Dorothy Tyler's New Zealand record of 5ft. 3ins. On March 19 at Tokanui she made differential history with an exhibition jump of 5ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins. and finally at Paeroa on March 29th she broke all records with 5ft. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins. or over two inches above her own tresses.

**VELLY MUCH HURRY:** Biggest surprise in the recent annual Hongkong Civilians v. Services meeting was the appearance of an unknown police man who had arrived armed with a note from his Officer saying that he could be used as a walker. After three laps Policeman Ng Hing-chi was 20 yards ahead of the field and walking in impeccable style. Overcome by the excitement at the way in which his unheralded and unsung entry was spreadeagling the field, Capt. Spooner, the Chief Race Walk Judge, ran up to Ng and bawled "Keep going man, its in your pocket". The Chinese flatfoot looked round with a look of incredulity spreading across his countenance, and he broke into a run. Confronted at his disqualification with a cross-examination in his own language he explained that he thought "That man was telling me to hurry up".

**'SLAVERY UMBRAGE'** Between now and the opening of the XVI th Olympic Games in November next year we are going to hear a lot about Mr. Avery Brundage, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee. Mr. Brundage has had a remarkable career both on the track and in business. In 1914 he won the A.A.U. All Round championship and retained it in 1915. This competition was a real man-killer for, unlike the present day decathlon in which the 10 events are spread over 2 days, all ten were crammed into one day within only 5 minute intervals between the finish of one and the start of the next. In 1918, aged 31, Brundage came back to win for a third time. The event which nearly killed him was not the pole vault in which he landed on his head but the 880 yd. walk which he won in 3mins. 2.2 secs. His comment was that the event was the "nearest that mankind will ever come to experiencing the pangs of childbirth." Within 10 years of retiring Brundage was a millionaire as President of the Avery Brundage Construction Company which built among other things the 14 acre Ford Motor Plant in Chicago in ten months flat. Because of his inflexible resolve to keep track and field and other Olympic sports amateur he has attracted much abuse from some of America's more virulent sportswriters for whom he cares less than nothing. In 1936 he ordered home the U.S. team's No.1 pin-up girl, swimmer Eleanor Holmes, for breaking training rules and drinking champagne after hours. One columnist screeched 'Where other guys have a heart this guy Brundage has a discus.' When the iron-rimmed "Pope of Amateurism" goes into action at Melbourne we can be certain that even the Russians wont have a dull moment.

## WORLD'S BEST MARKS TO MID-MAY

100 yards	9.3	Jim Golliday (USA)	Evanston, Ill.	May 14
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) (twice)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
200 metres (t)	20.7	Rod Richard (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
220 yards	20.8	Dick Blair (USA)	v. Okla. A&M.	Apr. 16
400 metres	45.4	Lou Jones (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 18
880 yards	1:47.5	Lon Spurrier (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	Mar. 26
1 mile	4:00.5	Wes Santee (USA)	Austin, Texas	Apr. 2
3,000 metres	7:55.6	Sandor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	May 14
2 miles	8:51.9	Dave Stephens (Aust.)	Sydney	Jan. 19
3 miles	13:31.8	Dave Stephens (Aust.)	Melbourne	Feb. 23
6 miles	28:21.4	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	Apr. 23
10,000 mtrs.	29:33.0	Emil Zátopek (Czecho-)	Stára Boleslav	May 14
120y Hurd.	13.7	Willard Thomson (USA)	Evanston, Ill.	May 14
220y Hurd. (t)	23.1	Geoff Goodacre (Aust.)	Sydney	Jan. 8 or 15
440m Hurd.	51.5	Josh Culbreath (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
3,000m S/C.	8:57.8	Nikolay Tolstopyatov (USSR)	Nalchik	Apr.-
High Jump	6'10"	Ernie Shelton (USA)	v. California	Apr. 16
Pole Vault	15' 1"	Bob Richards (USA)	Colorado	May.-
Long Jump	26' 4" $\frac{1}{8}$	Rosslyn Range (USA)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
Hop, Step & J. 54'	3" $\frac{3}{4}$	A. F. da Silva (Brazil)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
Shot Putt	58' 8" $\frac{1}{2}$	Parry O'Brien (USA)	Rio de Janeiro	Apr. 11
Discus	180' 11"	Fortune Gordien (USA)	Salem, Oregon	Apr. 2
Hammer	197' 5" $\frac{1}{2}$	Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR)	Nalchik	Apr.-
Javelin	257' 6"	Bud Held (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	Mar. 26
Decathlon	7,055 pts.	Rafer Johnson (USA)	Los Angeles	Feb. 18/19

Note: Dick Dorsey of Santa Monica reported at 20.7 for 220y str. Sim Iness reported to have made an exhibition throw of 185'4". Bud Held reported to have made an exhibition throw of 262'9" at Eugene, Oregon on April 16.

Please note that the unofficial world "record" of 2:56.0 for 3/4 mile by Brian Hewson (G.B.) made at Cambridge on April 11 has NOT been allowed as an English Native Record because it was found that he ran only 1,316 yards instead of 1,320. Hewson will have another attempt shortly.

**CORRECTION:** LONDON-BRIGHTON RELAY report (p.133) In the fourth stage Bernard James (Essex Beagles) brought his club from 10th to 4th with a stage record of 25:00.0 beating B.G. Ellis's old mark by 15 secs. Ack: S. Robins.)

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# De Athletics - ITS GENESIS

By Ross McWhirter

One copy of the programme of the Exeter College, Oxford inaugural meeting held in the autumn of 1850 may conceivably still exist (see Athletics by Montague Shearman (New Edition-1898) at pages 41 & 45) but no complete record of results exists today.

The oldest existing report of an athletics meeting in any detail is almost certainly that contained in the archives of the Oxford University Athletic Club, founded in its first form as an ad hoc Committee of five on November 15th 1860. Here in a good state of preservation is a copy of the printed programme, the results, the accounts and a manuscript report by the Secretary.

Let me take you back nearly 95 years to Tuesday December 4, 1860 and let us stand in the rain on the edge of Magdalen Cricket Ground, which is bounded on one side by the Marston Road and on the other by the River Cherwell, a tributary of the Isis, and let us see what happens.

It is raining very hard. The first "Oxford University Foot Races & Athletics Sports" are not to be blessed with fair weather. The Ground "kindly lent by the Stewards of the Magdalen Cricket Club" is in very bad shape. The rain is so heavy and the mud ankle deep so the five Stewards of the meeting are consulting earnestly whether or not to postpone the event "sine die".

Let us take a closer look at these harassed pioneers. First there is Mr. Edwyn Arkwright (Merton) tall, handsome and with a fair moustache; he is the Honorary Secretary and the prime mover. Mr. H. F. Blair (Corpus Christi College) has black mutton chop whiskers—somewhat bedraggled, but Mr. H. B. Middleton of Magdalen College is clean shaven but rather saturnine for all that. There is no photograph of Mr. J. Thynne (Exeter College) but the fifth member of the Committee Mr. J. G. Watkins (Christ Church), who was the Hon. Treasurer and therefore had extra worry wore a pencil moustache set off with a goatee beard.

As however our fellow spectators and the first arrivals among the 150 "Candidates for the prizes", not in the least deterred by the torrents of rain, started to trickle into the Ground, the Big Five, in the words of Mr. Arkwright "determined to proceed with the business of the day, accordingly all the sawdust, that could be anywhere procured, was spread on the course, and cabs and messengers sent to all parts of Oxford to collect all who wished to see the sport".

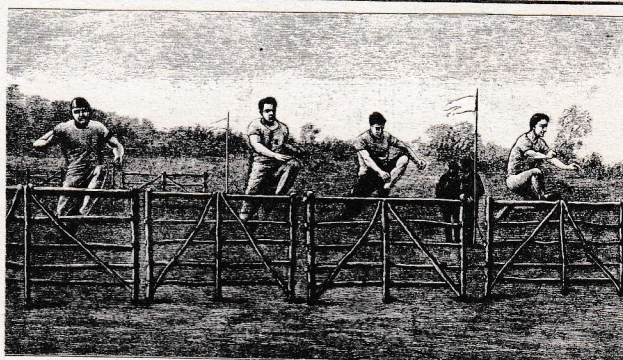
The first event at 12.0 noon was "Flat Race, 100 yards" divided into 3 Heats with two to qualify. Twenty six men entered, each wearing a different arrangement of coloured ribbons from the left shoulder. The finalists were Kelly (Oriol) & Burnett (Balliol) from the first heat; Poole (Trinity) & Le Marchant (Christ Church) from the second; and the Hon. E. Stanhope (Christ Church) and Price (Jesus) from the last. Burnett won the final and received a silver tankard worth £7.7s. Stanhope was second and Price third, their prizes being worth £4.36s and £1.1s respectively. The time of this race and the others does not seem to have been taken, but the omission was rectified the very next year.

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, the 19 year old heir to the throne, "accompanied by General Bruce, Sir Edmund and Lady Head and Col. Keppel" were present throughout the whole of the afternoon. The Prince, (Later King Edward VII 1901-1910), was so interested in the sport that he decided to send the Secretary a donation of £10 towards the fund for buying a Challenge Cup for the winner of the Steeplechase. (This trophy cost £125.10s and was awarded to the winner of the event in 1860, 61, & 62 Mr. R. H. Collins; to A. Hannam in 1864; and thereafter to the winner of the 3 miles event from 1868 to this very day.)

The next event was a hurdle race over 120 yards and 10 flights of sheep hurdles hired (together with sacks) at a fee of £6.15.0. Burnett, wearing a plain white ribbon, despite having no rest from his 100 yards heat & final and his hurdles heat won this event also and a second tankard valued at the slightly enhanced rate of £7.10s. At 12.40 the high jumpers, who were allowed three trials each, came out. Mr. Powell of Oriol cleared 5 ft. 4½, which sufficed to beat the 10 other competitors.

A band, whose liquid refreshment cost the committee £113s. struck up spasmodically throughout the afternoon. The accounts showed that 188 spectators bought programmes priced 6d each. Horses and dogs were expressly forbidden entry to the Ground.

The results of the rest of the events were :-  
 FLAT RACE, ONE MILE Philpotts (New College). RUNNING LONG JUMP Powell (Oriol) 17 ft. 4ins. HURDLE RACE, QUARTER-OF-A-MILE, 12



High Hurdling in the early days. The style is the old "bent leg" method of clearance which is not remarkable in view of the garb then in vogue and the crudity of the 3 ft. 6 in sheep hurdles staked rigidly into the ground. C. N. Jackson's 16.0s performance on Nov. 15 1866 at Oxford, repeated in March 1867, stood unbeaten for 20 years.

HURDLES Burnett (Balliol). THROWING THE HAMMER (probably 19lbs) Dolphin (Oriol) 63 ft. FLAT RACE, 300 YARDS Burnett (Balliol). THROWING THE CRICKET BALL Gilbert (Magdalen) 104 yards. STEEPLECHASE Collins (Lincoln) SACK RACE Collins (Lincoln) CONSOLATION STAKES, QUARTER-OF-A-MILE, FLAT RACE Haines (Exeter). The total value of the prizes at cost was £109 7s.

## ZÁTOPEK SPEAKS

(The 'Birmingham Post' recently printed an article based on an interview with Emil Zátopek by the Reuters news agency. This item was of such interest that we reproduce it).

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Emil Zátopek expects D. A. G. Pirie to challenge his supremacy in 10,000 metre races this year. Zátopek, who twice last year had to yield the victor's laurels in 5,000 metre races to V. Kuts, confessed this in a talk with Reuter about the coming track season.

Zátopek, now 32, has set himself the task of breaking two more world records in long-distance events this year, but he seemed doubtful of his prospects in future 5,000 metre races.

"My strongest opponents - Kuts, Pirie and C. J. Chataway, of Britain - are younger than me and faster over this distance. Perhaps Landy of Australia will also try the 5,000 metres as well as his much-improved countryman, Stephens, who trained with me in Czechoslovakia in 1953. There will be others - perhaps new, unknown runners.

"Who is the best of all these? It is very difficult to say. Last year Pirie had very bad luck with his foot injury. Like everyone else, I had expected that he would greatly increase his speed. Even the experts have not come to any conclusion whether Chataway or Pirie is the more talented. It is true that Chataway is unusually speedy, even compared with Bannister. Pirie not only has good speed, but is very persistent.

"On the other hand, Kuts was a tremendous surprise last year. He is wonderful and has a quality which very few runners possess of being able to set a pace from the start and keep it up to the finish. He is very strong and energetic. One would not think it from his build.

"Stephens, who still writes to me, was perhaps the biggest surprise. I did not expect such a great improvement from him as he made last year, judging from reports. I must say it is possible that Australians are justified in regarding him as their future long-distance 'hope.'

"So far as I have heard, Landy's speed has deteriorated slightly since his tour of Europe last year. But that was to be expected after travelling round in different climates. Sometimes it is even good to take it easy for a while and then start again."

Zátopek's plans for 1955 include running at a youth sports festival in Warsaw in August as well as at various international meetings in Czechoslovakia. He said that he realized the 'spring' had gone from his running when he finished third behind Kuts in a 5,000 metres race at Prague last October, when the Russian set up the world record time of 13min51.2secs. To get this spring back, Zátopek said, he cut his usually long daily training schedule to only 20 runs over 400 metres last November and December. He ran with big strides so as to re-train his muscles. After Christmas he increased to 60 runs and later to his normal 70 or 80.

# BEST BRITISH MARKS

Below are listed the early season British marks recorded upto May 14th.

## 100 YARDS.

9.9	M.J.Ruddy	Leyton	4/5
10.0	R.J.Chambers	Belfast	4/5
10.0n	E.R.Sandstrom	Leyton	4/5
10.0n	D.J.Merrett	Leyton	4/5
10.0n	R.G.Roberts	Leyton	4/5
10.0n	K.J.Box	Oxford	12/5

All marks wind assisted to some extent.

## 200 METRES.

21.6	M.J.Ruddy	Woodford	7/5
21.9n	C.N.Gibbs	Woodford	7/5

## 220 YARDS.

21.9	R.G.Roberts	White City	16/4
22.0	W.J.Ferguson	Nottingham	30/4
22.2n	J.Metcalf	White City	16/4
22.2	M.C.Wooton	Motspur Park	14/5

## 400 METRES.

49.4	F.P.Higgins	Woodford	7/5
49.6n	R.I.Baker	Paris	8/5

## 440 YARDS.

49.3	D.J.N.Johnson	Oxford	12/5
49.5	M.Orrell-Jones	Cambridge	11/4
49.5	R.D.Shaw	Oxford	29/4
49.7n	J.Wrighton	Cambridge	11/4
49.7	J.Metcalf	Oxford	26/4
49.8n	D.C.E.Gorrie	Oxford	26/4
49.8	R.I.Baker	Motspur Park	14/5

## 880 YARDS.

1:52.5	D.J.N.Johnson	White City	16/4
1:52.5	B.S.Hewson	Leyton	4/5
1:53.7n	D.C.E.Gorrie	White City	16/4
1:54.3n	J.V.Beesley	White City	16/4
1:54.9n	B.Jackson	Leyton	4/5

## 1,500 METRES.

3:51.6	B.Jackson	Woodford	7/5
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## ONE MILE.

4:09.0	I.H.Boyd	White City	16/4
4:10.6n	A.D.Gordon	White City	16/4
4:12.4	D.A.G.Pirie	Heilbron Ger.	8/5
4:13.4	R.G.Beecroft	Manchester	30/4
4:13.6	B.S.Hewson	Chelmsford	20/4
4:13.6	P.B.Driver	Chiswick	14/5
4:14.2	K.Wood	Oxford	12/5
4:14.7	J.S.Evans	Motspur Park	14/5
4:16.0n	Warmsley	Manchester	30/4
4:16.4n	P.G.Corrion	White City	16/4
4:16.6n	R.Dunkley	Oxford	12/5

## 3,000 METRES.

8:22.4	D.A.G.Pirie	Freiburg Ger.	7/5
8:29.2n	P.J.Pirie	Freiburg Ger.	7/5

## TWO MILES.

8:59.2	C.W.Suddaby	Oxford	12/5
9:01.2n	K.L.Norris	Oxford	12/5
9:01.4n	M.R.Waynard	Oxford	12/5
9:11.0n	A.J.Weeks-Pearson	Oxford	12/5
9:11.2	P.B.Driver	Leyton	4/5

## THREE MILES.

14:11.0	D.J.P.Richards	Motspur Park	14/5
14:13.8	C.W.Suddaby	White City	16/4
14:14.0	R.Hatton	Nottingham	30/4

## SIX MILES.

28:21.4	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	23/4
28:25.6n	K.L.Norris	White City	23/4

Ten others recorded between 29.00.0 and 30.00.0 -see report on page 139.

29:57.8	J.Haywood	Walton-on-T.	14/5
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## 120 YARDS HURDLES.

15.0	R.D.Shaw	White City	16/4
15.0n	A.M.Guthrie(S.A.)	White City	16/4
15.2	J.R.Birrell	Loughborough	14/5
14.7w	R.D.Shaw	Oxford	12/5
15.0w	V.C.Matthews	Loughborough	4/5
15.1w	P.A.L.Vine	Oxford	12/5

## 220 YARDS HURDLES.

24.3	R.D.Shaw	White City	16/4
25.2	D.J.Merrett	Chiswick	14/5
25.2n	P.A.L.Vine	Chiswick	14/5
25.3n	A.M.Guthrie(S.A.)	White City	16/4

## 440 YARDS HURDLES.

53.7	R.D.Shaw	Oxford	12/5
55.2n	T.S.Farrell	Oxford	12/5
55.8	D.Salter	Motspur Park	14/5
56.1n	H.Kane	Chiswick	14/5
56.4n	P.B.Hildreth	Chiswick	14/5

## NOTICE TO READERS

Although the Editors receive a considerable volume of reports of meetings and correspondence from all over the United Kingdom, some ranking performances - particularly non-winning ones - inevitably escape their attention.

Accordingly readers are invited to send in details of marks (including their own) on a post card to "ATHLETICS WORLD", c/o LLOYDS BANK, 222 THE STRAND, LONDON W.C.2, in order that these monthly lists can be the more complete.

Please state if timing is unofficial and/or if there is any wind assistance beyond the limit or competitive irregularity.

## 3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE.

9:24.2	K.E.Johnson	Birmingham	7/5
9:25.4	J.I.Disley	Leyton	4/5
9:29.2n	E.G.Ellis	Leyton	4/5

## HIGH JUMP.

6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	O. Okuwobi	-	23/4
6' 1"	G.H.Jeffries(N.Z.)	White City	16/4
6' 0"	M.Hutchison	White City	16/4
6' 0"	P.J.Pybus	White City	16/4
6' 0"	G.E.Menta	Motspur Pk.	30/4
6' 0"	W.Piper	Edinburgh	7/5
6' 0"	A.P.S.Orton	Oxford	12/5
6' 0"	C.Van Dyck	Chiswick	14/5

## POLE VAULT.

12' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	R.Hayden	Paris	8/5
12' 0"	G.M.Elliott	Leyton	4/5
12' 0"	H.Ash	Chiswick	14/5

## LONG JUMP.

24' 3"	K.S.D.Wilmshurst	Alperton	12/2
23' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	K.A.B.Oluwu(Nigeria)	Loughboro'	4/5
23' 2"	A.R.Crutenden	Battersea Pk	-/4
23' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	N.G.Hamilton	Belfast	30/4
22' 8"	A.McKelvey	Belfast	23/4
22' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	R.Coleman	Erith	30/4

With wind

23' 6"	P.J.Luxon	Chiswick	14/5
22' 11"	G.D.Goodrich	Chiswick	14/5

## HOP, STEP & JUMP.

47' 10"	K.S.D.Wilmshurst	Jersey C.I.	9/11-4
46' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	A.Aidings	Nott'ham	30/4
46' 2"	D.Field	Nott'ham	30/4
45' 11"	T.Roden	Woodford	7/5
45' 9"	I.McKnight	Belfast	30/4
45' 9"	A.H.McRoberts	Belfast	30/4
45' 6"	R.J.McColgan	Belfast	4/5
45' 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	H.M.Murray	Edinburgh	7/5

Exhibition

46' 8"	T.McNab	Edinburgh	7/5
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Add: Mile 4:13.9 CJ Chataway Durban 19/1; H.S.J. FC Luxon Hurlingham 19/3 and D.T. O.Feldmanis 141'11" Mitcham 9/5.



Photo by E. D. Lacey  
Michael Ruddy, 19 who came to fame by beating McDonald Bailey off scratch over 100yd in 1953.

## SHOT PUTT.

49' 9"	W.B.L.Palmer	Oxford	29/4
48' 4"	W.H.Robbins	Malvern	19/4
47' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	M.Pharoah	Oxford	12/5
47' 5"	G.F.Budd	Motspur Pk.	14/5
46' 2"	T.Gaworski	Leyton	4/5
45' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	J.P.Jones	Jersey C.I.	9/11-4
45' 9"	J.B.Byrne	Dublin	4/5
45' 8"	G.M.Elliott	Leyton	4/5
45' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	G.M.Carr	Oxford	12/5

## DISCUS THROW.

161' 9"	M.Pharoah	Oxford	12/5
136' 6"	E.C.K.Douglas	Edinburgh	21/4
136' 3"	G.M.Carr	Woodford	7/5
135' 10"	O.Feldmanis	Alperton	12/2
135' 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	G.F.Budd	Paris	8/5

## HAMMER THROW.

192' 6"	E.C.K.Douglas	Edinburgh	28/4
179' 0"	D.J.N.Athony	Loughborough	4/5
175' 10"	A.R.Valentine	Imber Court	7/5
164' 10"	C.A.Harper	Alperton	2/4
162' 0"	R.Kinnaird	Imber Court	7/5
160' 0"	F.Gandy	Manchester	30/4
157' 7"	P.Porter	-	30/4
151' 5"	J.Lally	Belfast	4/4

## JAVELIN THROW.

220' 3"	F.S.Cullen	Loughborough	14/5
209' 5"	R.A.C.Davies	Hurlingham	19/3
206' 0"	R.W.D.Miller	Hurlingham	19/3
201' 8"	C.G.Smith	Alperton	12/2
201' 0"	M.Harradine	Oxford	12/5
194' 10"	J.B.Lawson	Dublin	26/3
193' 2"	M.Ruda	Hurlingham	19/3

SHAW 53.7 for 440yds. HURDLES IN SWARD TROPHY Chiswick, May 14: Bob Shaw defeated the Empire record-holder Harry Kane in a wind-swept 440yd. hurdle duel here today with 53.7 against 56.1 with Peter Hildreth third in 56.4. In the mile event Peter Driver surged a last lap in 59.8 for a rugged 4:13.6 to go away from Oxford's No. 2 Alan Gordon(4:16.5n). Best marks in the field were Ken Wilmshurst's 23'11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" with Percy Luxon second with a personal best of 23'16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" and Dick Miller's 205'0" javelin throw which broke the meeting best by one inch(Dennis Tucker's 1952 mark). 'Tiny' Palmer took the shot with his third best of 48'10" while the 23 year old Malcolm Ash, back from Australia, won the pole vault 6 inches below his best with 12'6". London Athletic Club retained the Trophy.

# WORLD & BRITISH PROGRESS COMPARED

By NORRIS McWHIRTER

Last year our Annual Survey covered the period 1930 to 1953. We now bring the picture up to date as we stand on the thresh-hold of the pre-Olympic Season of 1955.

In the table across the bottom of the page we see the average standard of performance of the 'Top Ten' United Kingdom performers in each of the 18 standard events. In 1953 9 all-time 'highs' were attained while in 1954 13 of the 18 events reach a new high water mark. The last surviving pre-war best -that in the long jump- finally toppled and now the oldest peak figure is the one for high jump in the Paterson-Pavitt-Wells era.

In 1953 the red letter achievements were (1) the first sub 4:10.0 mile average; (2) the first sub 14 min. 3 miles average and (3) the first over 200 foot average in the javelin. For 1954 I prophesied the first sub 29 min. 6 mile average and a hammer figure of over 170 feet, both of which came to pass. The only obvious targets for 1955 are to wipe out the straggling sprint levels of 1950 and 1951 and that of the high hurdles in 1952. In 1955 we must expect new all-time peaks in every single event except the high jump.

YEAR	Top Ten Average	Pre-War Native Record
1952	14:00.4	14:08.0
1952	29:34.2	29:45.0
1952	196'9" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	194'2"
1953	144'8"	142'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1954	4:05.3	4:06.4

The small table on the right shows how post-war averages have overtaken pre-war English Native records in the 3 miles, 6 miles, javelin, discus and now even the mile. The 1955 additions to this list will be the pole vault (12'9"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), the triple jump (47'4"), and the hammer throw (172'0"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>).

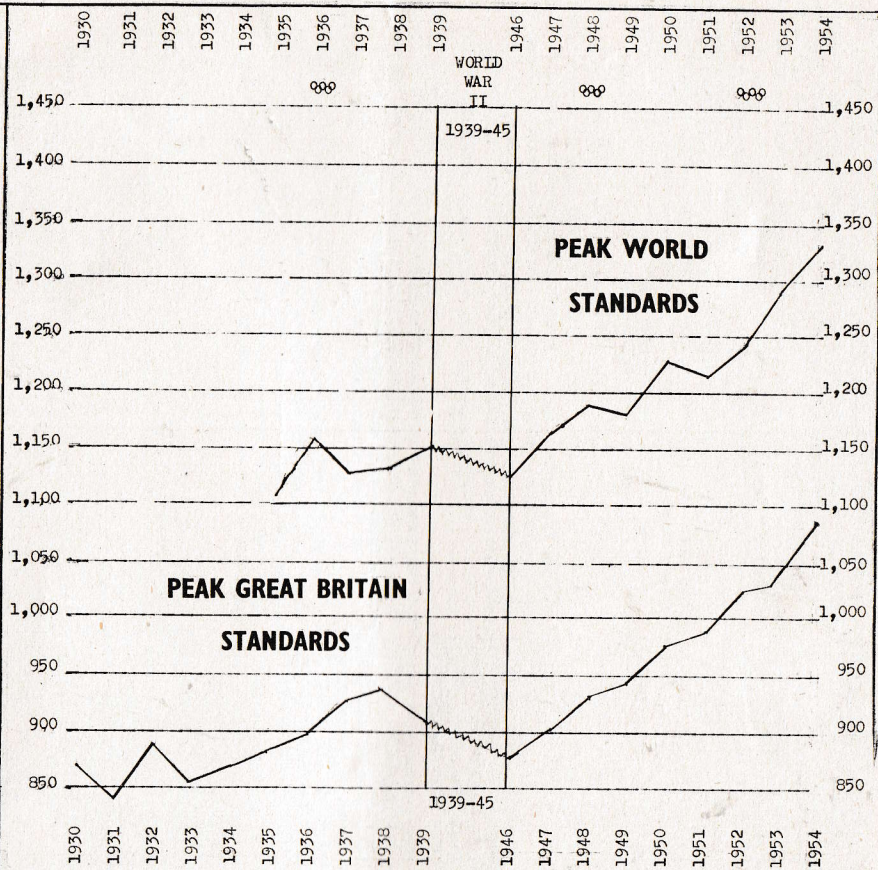
Turning now to the world picture we find that in terms of peak performances (see right hand table) measured in terms of decathlon points the world as a whole took an upward bound from 1,286 pts. to 1,332 pts. (46 points) compared with the previous annual increment record of 43 points as between 1952 and 1953. For Great Britain there was also an unprecedented leap of 61 points from 1,028 pts. to 1,089.6 pts.

Thus as we enter 1955's major competition our national peak stands 243 pts. behind the World's best or translated into more qualitative terms it could be said that our national standard was in relation to the world's topmost exponents as a 4:10.2 mile is to one run in 4:00.3. With world standards now nearing almost unstable heights time is on our side!

TABLE No.1 (right) WORLD AND UNITED KINGDOM TRENDS COMPARED. The average of the aggregate of the topmost marks of each year for the 18 events listed in the I.A.A.F. Scoring Tables are shown for the World 1934-1954 and the United Kingdom 1930-1954.

TABLE No.2 (left) AVERAGES FOR THE TOP TEN FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM 1939-1954.

YEAR	100 Yards	220Yds. (turn)	440 Yards	880 Yards	One Mile	Three Miles	Six Miles	120Yds. Hurdles	440Yd Hurdles	Steeple Chase	High Jump	Pole Vault	Long Jump	Hop, Step & Jump	Shot Putt	Discus Throw	Hammer Throw	Javelin Throw
1939	9.96	22.02	49.53	1:55.0	4:16.9	14:23.4		15.43	57.69		6'1"	11' 9" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	23'4" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	44'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	43'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	133'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	143'11" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	181'8" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1947	9.98	22.00	49.80	1:55.9	4:22.2	14:33.0 (31:30.0)		15.80	58.50		6'1" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	10'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	22'11" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	44'6"	43' 1" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	137' 5" <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	146' 0"	178' 0"
1948	9.96	22.18	49:28	1:55.5	4:16.8	14:27.0 (31:05.0)		15.30 (58.00)	(10:41.0)		6'1"	11' 2" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	22'7" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	45'7" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	43' 7" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	134' 9"	151' 1" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	184'6" <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1949	9.93	21.96	49.28	1:54.1	4:13.7	14:28.7	30:57.4	15.30	56.06	10:37.4	6'3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	11' 8"	23'0" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	45'9" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	45' 8" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	137' 0" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	154' 7" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	187'5" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1950	9.85	21.98	48.93	1:53.7	4:12.9	14:19.7	30:57.5	15.19	55:79	10:33.0	6'2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11'10" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	23'0" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	46'4"	46' 2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	142'10" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	161' 0" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	192' 0"
1951	9.92	21.75	48.87	1:53.7	4:11.3	14:09.5	30:18.9	14.99	55.62	10:29.5	6'2" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	12' 2" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	23'2" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	46'2"	46' 9"	143' 4" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	160' 5" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	191'11" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1952	9.92	21.96	48.79	1:53.6	4:10.8	14:00.4	29:34.2	14.98	54.73	10:17.0	6'3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	12' 5" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	23'1" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	46'10"	46' 4" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	142' 4" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	165'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	196' 9" <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1953	9.96	22.06	49.11	1:53.3	4:08.0	13:57.4	29:13.0	15.06	54.59	10:18.8	6'2"	12' 7	23'2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	46'2" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	46' 8"	144' 8"	169' 6" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	202' 9" <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
1954	9.89	21.88	48.75	1:51.7	4:05.3	13:44.9	28:59.4	15.05	54.52	9:12.9m	6'2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	12' 9" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	23'4" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	46'10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	47' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	147' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	171' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	204' 2" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>



## Krivososov downs Nyenashev

U.S.S.R.: Krivososov beats Nyenashev.

Late in April many of the Union's leading athletes gathered in the Northern Caucasian town of Nalchik, one of Russia's best-known "track factories", for a big early season rehearsal.

Although weather conditions were slightly worse than expected (only 12°C. or 53°F. on the second day of the meeting) performances in general were good, in some cases excellent. The hammer throw saw the first 1955 clash between Mikhail Krivososov, the European champion, and Stanislav Nyenashev, history's first official 210'-plus man. Not unexpectedly, the consistent Krivososov won easily with a good 60.19 (197'5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"), the first 60 metres throw of the European season. Nyenashev reached 188'11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" which did not even suffice for second, since Army man Yuriy Nikulin got one off to 191'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" his best ever. As we now learn, Nyenashev was born in March 1934, so he is barely 21, hence even younger than reported at the time of his record throw.

The sprints were loaded with talent: 16 men ducked under 11 seconds for the 100 metres. Leonid Bartenyev, who ran the anchor leg in the Berne relay final, was twice credited with 10.5. In one of these races Boris Tokaryev was a close second, also in 10.5. (Earlier in the season there had been two other 10.5 clockings, by Levon Sanadze and Ivan Sukhorukov). Ardalan Ignatyev equalled his personal best (10.6), while Sanadze could do no better than 10.7. Ignatyev won the 200 metres in 21.4, with the improving Bartenyev a close second in 21.5.

Vladimir Kuts seems to be rounding into form: he scored an easy double with 14:26.4 and 30:03.0. Yuriy Lituyev opened his 1955 account in the intermediate hurdles with an excellent 51.7. Nikolay Tolstopyatov became Russia's tenth sub-9 minute steeple-chaser with 8:57.8. In the high jump three men—Vladimir Sitkin, Aleksey Kamayev and Igor Kashkarov, went over 6'4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" which height (1.95 m.) has now been cleared this year by six Russians. It should not now be long before one of these jumpers masters the classic 2 metres (6'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"). Pyotr Denisenko took the pole vault at 14'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>", Leonid Grigoryev long jumped 23'8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and young Yevgeniy Chen reached 50'9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in the hop, step and jump. Otto Grigalka showed good early season form with 54'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" in the shot and 169'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" in the discus.

**Germany:** Germar runs 100m. in 10.5s.

Twenty year old Manfred Germar loomed as a future threat to Fütterer when on May 1 at Cologne he posted a fine 10.5 for the 100 metres. On the same day Fütterer ran 10.6 and 22.2 on a soft track, with Berne finalist Leo Pohl runner-up on both occasions with 10.8 and 23.2. In the same meeting at Wolfsburg Hermann Lingnau, another fast improving youngster, put the shot 16.04 (52'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"), longest putt by a German since the Wüllke-Trippe-Stöck era. Heiner Will had an impressive 237'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" throw in the javelin and Werner Bahr high jumped 6'4".

Germany may soon get some long awaited "ersatz" for the three hammer throwing Karls (Storch-Hein-Wolf) if early season marks mean anything: Heinz Prechtl threw the ball and chain 184'1" at Rosenheim on April 24 and Hugo Ziermann did even better with 187'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" at Neu-Isenburg on April 17. Both these throwers, however, are in their "thirties".

**Czechoslovakia:** Good discus throwing.

Good marks in the throwing events featured the opening meeting of the 1955 season at Stara Boleslav on April 14. Two men bettered 50 metres in the discus: Karel Merta 168'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and Jan Vrabel 164'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". Oldrich Engel threw the hammer 185'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

**Bulgaria:** First Fifty Foot Triple Jumper.

Two men beat the national hop, step and jump record in a meeting held at Sofia on April 18. Ljuben Gurgushinov won with 50'1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and former record holder Nikola Dagarov was second with 49'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". Even the third man, K. Kirchev, came fairly close to matching the old record with a good 48'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

**France:** First 70 Metres Javelin thrower in sight?

Michel Macquet is just now an odds-on favourite to become France's first 70 metre man in the javelin. On May 1 at Rennes he brought the national record upto 67.25 (220'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"). Earlier in the month he had reached 226'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in an exhibition. This event has been for ages France's Achilles Heel in track and field.

**THREE SOUTH AFRICAN RECORDS.**

From A.G. Matthews.

Prior to their championships (see brief report on p.132) three Union records fell:—John Roberts ran 3 miles at Paarl on Feb. 25 in 14:15.8; Magdalena Swanepoel put the shot 43'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Pretoria on March 19 and Anna Fick, a left hander, threw the discus 146'10" at Port Elizabeth on March 26. Correction. Daniel Burger, the Pole Vault & 120y H. champion is the nephew not the cousin of A.J. "Oz" Burger. Uncle & nephew both cleared 13'0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" at Biftn. on Mar. 5.

## U.S. ROUND-UP - WILLARD THOMSON 13.7

With her national championships still a month away, United States trackmen are as animated as ever. The highlights event by event have been these—:

**SPRINTS:** On the same day (May 14) as Jim Golliday's 9.3 at Evanston, Illinois, there was a man who came second in a race in 9.4! This was at Fresno, Cal. —reputedly the world's fastest sprint stretch— where the British Empire Champion Mike Agostini edged out the newly 18 year old Leamon King both recording 9.4 secs. At Princeton also on May 14 John Haines, thrice A.A.U. 60 yard dash champion, recorded his best over the extra 40 yards to total 9.5 secs.

**QUARTER-MILE:** Gem in this department was Arnie Sowell's 45.4 440yard anchor stint at Pittsburg in a 4x440 yard relay on May 7. The Pan-American 800 metre champion had shown on April 23 at the Ohio Relays at Columbus perhaps the greatest day's work ever seen. On the 'cuppy' track he turned in a 2:58.5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile in a distance medley, then he eased off to a winning 1:49.2 880 yd. stage in a 3:23.0 mile medley and wound up with a 46.4 440 yard anchor stage to miss Michigan's Grant Scruggs by 6 inches on the wire'. Running for Michigan State Kevin Gospor, the Australian Empire champion turned in 46.3. Other hot marks were J.W. Mashburn's 46.9 at Miami (May 14) and 47.2 by Eddie Southern at Austin, Tex. (May 7). (No confirmation of this latter, Ed.)

**MILE:** The U.S. record-holder Wes Santee has been twice battered down by strong winds. At Miami on May 7 he ran 4:07.0 and at Fresno on May 14 he passed the 1500m. post in 3:46.5 and fought his way to a 4:06.5 finish. The world 'under 19' mile record held since 1947 by Jack Dianetti went at Berkeley, Cal. on May 7 when the sensational 18 year old 1:51.5 half-miler Don Bowden turned in a 4:11.7.

**HIGH HURDLES:** The world (American) slump in this event seems to be over. Running at Evanston, scene of the 1948 U.S. Olympic 'Try-Outs' Willard Thomson ran a 13.7 heat and 13.8 final over the ten striped barriers. Another fast mark was Charles Pratt 14.1 at New York on May 7.

**HIGH JUMP:** Ernie Shelton's (6'10", Los Angeles on Apr. 16) closest support from Floyd Smith and Bob Barksdale who cleared 6'8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" and 6'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" on the same day and from Floyd Jeter (6'8")

**POLE VAULT:** Sensation here was news from an inter-schoolastic meet in Phoenix, Arizona telling of a 16 year old Jim Brewer who cleared 14'2". But for the 40 min. measuring delay Brewer's coach believes 'his boy' would have done 14'6"! Eight vaulters only now head Brewer in the U.S. Rankings.

**SHOT-PUTT:** Parry O'Brien caught up with himself on the A.A.U. tour when at Rio, Brazil he hit 58'8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" but the mighty columnar-necked Tom Jones got one off to a menacing 57'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" at the Ohio Relays at Columbus on April 23.

**DISCUS:** Shades of things to come came from the Olympic Champion Sim Iness—the man, some believe, who could stop Marciano. In an exhibition he threw 185'4" or nearly 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet further than Gordien's season's best of 180'11" at Salem.

**HAMMER:** An unconfirmed report tells that on May 14 at Princeton A1 Hall threw a cool 193'6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>".

**JAVELIN:** Bud Held came within 13 inches of his world record when in an exhibition at Eugene, Oregon on April 16 he threw 262'9" (80.08m.). At Fresno on May 14 Held hit 262'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" to beat Bill Miler (255'3"), his closest rival. The Olympic Champion Cy Young is still finding 250 ft. elusive.

## 18-YEAR OLD SCHOOLBOY CLEARS 6'-10"!

Fresno, Cal. May 16. A late report from Fresno, California states that Charles Dumas, the 18 year old 6 foot, 172 lb. high schoolboy from Centennial H.S., Compton has cleared 6'10" in a contest with Ernie Shelton who cleared the same height. Dumas set a U.S. Inter-schoolastic record of 6'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" at Inglewood on April 14 reportedly clearing the bar by over 2 inches.

**ZATOPEK CRACKS IN THE 6th KILOMETRE OF HIS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT.** Stara Boleslav, May 14. Emil Zatopek made a gallant bid to lower his own world 10,000 metres record of 28:54.2, set at Brussels on June 1st last year, here today. He passed the 5,000 metres post in 14:26.2 (compared with 14:27.6 at Brussels) and was still 1.4 secs. ahead at 6,000 metres. However thereafter he began to fade and finished in 29:33.0 with Sandrucek a remote second in 30:14.8.

**SHOT PRESS:** Nalchik, May 17. Ignatyev equals USSR 200m. record. 21.1.

