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# JOHNSON ADDS 96 PTS. TO MATHIAS DECATHLON WORLD RECORD AT 7,983! HELD THROWS JAVELIN $268^{\prime} 2 \frac{1^{\prime \prime}}{}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ 

## By NORRIS McWhIRTER

Four more world records toppled in the three weeks before mid summer's day.

On the hot balny Californian night of May 21st at the 13th Modesto Relays, made famous by Warmerdams unapproached 15 ft $7 \frac{3}{4}$ in. pole vault in 1942 , Bud Held added nearly 5 feet to his 1953 javeliń record ( $263^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ ) with a titanic throw of $268^{\prime} 2{ }^{\prime \prime} \frac{7}{8}$. 0 wing to the marker lines being 10 feet out he did not know he had broken the record until the final measuring operations were begun. In the same programme the Texas Longhorns clamped down on the ancient 1938 world $4 \times 110$ yard relay record of 40.5 with a tornado 40.2 secs, to beat Houston (40.4) by two yards.

Dean Smith, the Helsinki finalist, set the pace with a tremendous lead-off leg. Alvin Frieden and Jerry Prewitt protected the margin with sweet baton-passing and great fire while Bobby Whilden held off Larry McBride of Houston in a powerful last anchor stage to win by two yards.

In many ways the season's ninth world record at Kingsburg, California on June 10/ 11 by the big 19 year old negro Rafer Johnso was the greatest, for Bob Mathias's almost sancrosanct world decathlon total of 7,887 point became a back number.

The scene of this extraordinary feat of strength and versatility was in a little town in the Sar Joaquin Valley only 25 miles from Mathias's birthplace of Tulare.

Johnson fired his opening shot with a 10.5 secs. to equal Milt Campbell's all-time decathlon 'record' and so gain $1,125 \mathrm{pts}$. He was now 179 pts. ahead of Mathias's opening score for a 10.9 secs. 100 metres at Helsink and never looked back. Johnson now added a $24^{\prime} 6^{n \frac{3}{3}}$ (also a personal best) long jump, a $4^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{4}}$ shot putt, a $6^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime \frac{3}{4}}$ high jump and a 49.7 sec .400 metres for the greatest 1 st . day total on record- 170 more than Mathias' at Helsinki. After a 14.5 hurdle gambol, Rafer got within $\frac{1}{4}$ " of his discus best, then that with best in the 乌ole vault and javelin. He needed a $5: 18.01,500 \mathrm{metre}$ for the record and his best was a depressing 5:23.0. When it came to it he turned in a great 5:01.5. JOHYSON-MATHIAS COMPARED

| 100 Metres | 1,125 | 10.5s. | 10.9 s . | 948 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Long Jump | 960 | 24. 6 " ${ }^{\frac{3}{4}}$ | $22 \cdot 10{ }^{\prime \prime} \frac{3}{4}$ | 779 |
| Shot Putt | 750 | 45' $3^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{4}}$ | $50^{\prime} 2{ }^{\prime \frac{3}{8}}$ | 912 |
| High Jump | 829 | $6^{1} 0{ }^{1 \frac{3}{4}}$ | $6^{1} 2^{\prime \prime \frac{3}{4}}$ | 900 |
| 400 metres <br> lst Day Total | $\begin{gathered} 868 \\ 4,533 \end{gathered}$ | 49.7 s . | 50.2 s . | $\begin{array}{r} 828 \\ 4,367 \end{array}$ |
| 110 m .Hurdles | 953 | 14.5 s . | 14.7 s . | 894 |
| Discus Throw | 849 | $154 \cdot 10{ }^{\prime \frac{3}{4}}$ | 153 '10" | 838 |
| Pole Vault | 681 | $12 \cdot 8{ }^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{2}}$ | 13' $1^{13} \frac{3}{8}$ | 745 |
| Javelin | 713 | 193'10" ${ }^{\frac{3}{8}}$ | 194' $3^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{8}}$ | 715 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1,500 \mathrm{metres} . \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ | 251 7,980 | 5:01.5s. | 4:50.88. |  |

## SANTEE JUST WINS IN 4:01.2, SEAMAN 4:01.4 \& DWYER 4:01.8 AT COMPTON'S GREATEST.

In the words of statistician Don Potts writing
in our famous comtemporary "Track \& Field News" - "U.S.A. 1955even before the N.C.A.A. and A.A.U. meets-has already clobbered. U.S.A. 1954". Dreamers in Russia, or anywhere else for that matter, who think that they will win gold medals at Melbourne in the traditional American preserves will have to return to stark reality. World class marks were legion on June 3 at the 16th
and greatest yet Compton (California) Invitational meeting. Wes Santee continued his battering at the brass bound door of the four minute mile without success. As it was his $4: 01.2$ headed by only a yard the greatest mile race yet seen in the United States. Bobby Seaman,who is still just in his teens, (see below) coming very fast
 from the back was a short yard down. in 4:01.4 (remember the record set by that chap H*gg way way back in Sweden in 1945), with Fred Dwyer, one of Franz Stampl's pupils by correspondence, who led at the bell ( $3: 03.6$ ), thind in $4: 01.8$. Sid Wing was fourth in $4: 08.8$. Seaman's $1,500 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{mile}$ differential was a sensational 15.5 seconds. Compare that with Iandy's 16.2 at Turku and Bannister's 16.4 at Oxford.

Santee did not win the "Outstanding Performance Trophy" -that went to Horace Ashenfelter, Olympic steeplechase champion,for his American record of $8: 49.6$ for the two miles. Ferando Ledesma of the University of Southerm California was second in 8:56.4 the fastest ever collegiate 2 miles ever.

Mal Whitfield, now in the 7 th year of his Olympic reign as monarch of two laps, set his second fastest 880 yards with $1=48.9$. Tang Stanley pushed Mal all the way returning $1: 49$. 0 -another Collegiate best of all-time.
J. W. Mashburn ran a No 5 of all-time 440 y in 46.5 just holding off a thrilling stretch drive py Russ Ellis caught in 46.6 -the fastest " n " mark The world's greatest all-round athlete of all time.
The world's greatest all-round athlete
RAFER JOHNSON, the University of Calif- As if all this were not enough, Ernie RAFER JOHNSON, the University of CalifShelton only brushed off the high jump bar at $\mathrm{O}^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{8}$ after clearing $6^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime \prime}$; Rafer Johnson, the Decathlon"wonder boy", turned in a 22.9 second 220 yards low hurdles; and for the first time three men cleared $14^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ in the pole vault :-Richards ( $15^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ ), and Ron Morris and Don Iaz both $14^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$.

Quite a meeting ! American report p. 150 .
Iharos Runs 8: 33.4
White City, Iond on May 30. Hungary's 25 year old Sándor Iharos ended the "After you Gaston" era here today with a pulverizing 8:33.4 two miles. After being towed to a record 6:31.1 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles (64.0,63.7, 63.1,66.4(4:17.2),67.3 and 66.6) by tábori, Iharos piled on an amazing 2:02.3 last half( $61.1,61.2$ ) to run away from Ken Wood who finished second in the British Empire record time of 8:34.8.

This was the highlight of the two day Whitsun British Games. No 3,000 metre time was taken due to the timekeepers being on station a lap too early. Third in the race, behind Wood who had never beaten 9: 00.0 , was Tony Barrett with 8: 45.8 , 7th of all-time

## BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS

Below are listed the best British performances recorded as at June 18th. Notation :- $n=$ non-winning time; $w=$ wind assistance above the limit; $*=$ mark made in $2,000 \mathrm{~m}$ race; $u=$ unofficially timed.
(N.B. All marks $\frac{100}{\text { YARDS. }}$ unless marked + ) 9.8 C.R.Thomas 9.8 - Merican 9.9 M.J.Ruddy $9.9 n$ I. Mayers 9.9n A.C.Hatch 9.9 B. Shenton 10.0 R.J.Chambers 10.0 K.A.B. Oluwu(Nigeria) 10.On E.R.Sandstrom 10.0n D.J.Merrett 10.0n R.G.Roberts
+10.0 K.J. Box
+10.0 A.S.Dunbar
10.0 J.A.Stevens
10.0 D.B.Cox
10.0 W.Riddel

200 ME TRES
21.6 M.J.Ruddy
21.9n C.N.Gibbs

220 YARDS.
21.4 M.J.Ruddy 21.7 C.N. Gibbs
21.7n. P.G.Fryer
21.9 R.G.Roberts 22.0 W.J.Ferguson 22.0n D.J.Merrett 22.0 G.E.Ellis 22.1 J.F.Groves $22.1 n$ A.Segal 22.2n J. Metcalf 22.2 M.C.Wotton Strightaway
21.5n C.N.Gibbs

400 METRES.
49.4 F.P.Higgins
49.6n R.I. Baker

## 440 YARDS.

48.3 M.J.K. Wheeler 48.3 D.J.N.Johnson 48.7n J.D.Wrighton 49.On M.Ôrell-Jones
49.2n F.P.Higgins
49.4n R.I. Baker
49.4 P.G.Fryer
49.5 R.D.Shaw
49.6 T.L.Higgins
49.6n J.Patterson
49.7 J.Metcalf
49.8n D.C.E.Gorrie

## 800 METRES.

1:49.5 B.S.Hewson
1:53,3 D.J.N.Johnson

## 880 YARDS.

1:50.0 D.J.N.Johnson
1:50.6R B.S.Hewson 1:52.3 D.C.E.Gorrie 1:52.6 J.V.Beesley 1:53.1n E.D.C.Buswell 1:53.3 B.Jackson 1:53.6 D.A.G.Pirie 1:54.2 M.A.Rawson 1:54.2 M.Farrell 1:54.5n I.M.Stewart 1:54.5n R.D. Henderson 1:54.6 D.G.Stewart 1:54.8 M.E.E.Denney 1:54.8 D.L.Lovelady 1:55.0n R.J.Mackay 1:55.0 G.Everett

THREE QUARTERS OF A MIIE
2:55.4 B.S.Hewson
1,500 METRES
3: 43.2m Bis. Hewson 3: 43.8 m C.J.Chataway 3:49.0 A.D.Gordon 3.49.5 D.A.G.Pirie 3:51.6 B.Jackson $m=$ made during mile $7 / 5$ ONE MIIE

3:59.8n C.J.Chataway
3:5.9.8n B.S. Hewson 4:04.8 P.B.Driver 4:05.8n Ralph Dunkley 4:06:0 D.A.G.Pirie 4:07.7n D.C. Law 4:08.0 A.D. Gordon 4:08.8* G.D. Ibbotson 4:09.0 I. H. Boyd 4:09.0 M.Warmsley 4:09.0n J.I.Disley 4:10.4 B.T. Barrett 4:11.0 K.Wood 4:11.8* E.Shirley 4:12.3 Roger Dunkley 4:13.2 E.Douglas 4:13.4 R.G.Beecroft 4:13.5 D.J.N.Johnson 4:13.6 J.Cameron 4:14.0 M.R.Maynard (20) 4: 14.4n M.Rowbottom 4:15.0n C.W.Brasher

ONE AND A HATF MITES.
6:31.8 K.Wood
2,000 METRES.
5:09.4 C.J.Chataway 5:09.8 D.A.G.Pirie 5:12.8n G.D. Ibbotson 5:21.8n E.Shirley

TWO MIISS.
8:34.8n K.Wood
$8: 45.8 \mathrm{n}$ B.T. Barrett 8:52.2 P.B.Driver 8:56.8n F.D.Sando 8:58.4n M.R.Maynard 8:59.2 C.W.Sudaby 8:59.6n H.V.Foord 8:59.8n K.F.Caulder 8:59.8n K.F. . $\mathrm{Can} \mathrm{K} . \mathrm{I}$. Norris 9:02.2 G.D. Ibbotson

THREE MIIES.
13:33.0 C.J.Chataway 13:34.6 G.D. Ibbotson I5: 36.6 n K. I. Norris 13:37.6n F.D. Sando 13:42.2n M.R. Maynard 13:50.3 Roger Dunkley 13:54.8n I. Binnie 14:01.6n J.Heywood 14:02.2 P.B.Driver 14:03. On W. P. Ranger $14: 03.2 \mathrm{n}$ M. R. Schofield 14:05.0n G. Rhodes 14:06.0n P.J.Pirie 14:08.8 C.W.Suddaby 14:09. 2 F. Norris 14:09.9n H.J. Hicks

5,000 METRES. 14:17.8 P.B.Driver
14:35.0n P.J. Pirie
14:35.On M.R. Maynard
7/6

(10)

30/5
$11 / 6$
$21 / 5$
$21 / 5$
$11 / 6$

15/6
15/6
$16 / 6$


Red headed Peter Sydney CULLEN (b.24.8.1932) of Rotherham England's first- javel in thrower to pass 220 feet ( 67.05 m ). He threw $220^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ at Loughborough on May 14th for an English Native Record. The British (National) Record is still however Stanley A.Iay's (N.Z.) 222'9"of 1928.



SIX MITES
21.4 D.A.G.Pirie

28: 25.6n K. 工. Norris 28:47.0 P. B. Driver

400 MEIRES HURDIES. 52.8 प T.S. Farrell
53.6 u H. Kane
57.On M.C. Jones 28/5

440 YARDS HURDIES.


$6^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$ O.0kuwobi(Nigeria) 18/6
$6^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ C. van Dyck(Gold Coast) $7 / 5$
$\begin{array}{lll}6^{\prime} & 2^{\prime \prime} & \text { P.B.Stableforth } \\ 6^{\prime} & \text { 2' }^{\prime \prime} & \text { D. }\end{array}$
$6^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ D.E.FLuke (Sierra Leoneh5/6
61 I" $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Piper
I' $^{\prime \prime}$ G.H. Jeffries(N.Z.)
$6^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime}$ A.J.P. Orton
$\begin{array}{lll}6^{\prime} & l^{\prime \prime} & \text { N.G.A.Gregor } \\ \text { 6' } & 0^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{4} & \text { D.W.Guildiord }\end{array} \quad 31 / 5$
$16 / 4$
$21 / 5$

POIE VAULI.

### 23.9 R.D.Shaw

24.3 P.B.Hildreth
24.3 D.J. Merrett
24.6 P.A. I. Vine
24.6n F.J. Parker
$25.2 n$ D. O'Sullivan
25.3n A. M. Guthrie(S.Africa)
25.3 D.W.Donaldson $24 / 5$
$\begin{array}{ll}25.3 \text { n K. B. Jones } & 18 / 6\end{array}$

| $25.4 n$ C.E.E.Higham | $11 / 6$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 25.6 C D.Salter | $14 / 5$ |



12' 6' G.M.Elliott $\quad 28 / 5$
12' $6^{\prime \prime}$ G.E.Broad $\quad 8 / 6$
$12^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{2}}$ G.M.Schmidt $\quad 15 / 6$

| $12^{\prime}$ | $4^{\prime \prime}$ | K.A.K. North (N. Z.) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $12^{\prime \prime}$ | $11 / 5$ |  |
| In R. B. Hayden | $8 / 5$ |  |

12 1 8 R. B. Hayden
$12^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ A.B.Hopkins
(British Best Performances or
concluded on page 150)

# SURVEY OF THE "MAN-KILLER" EVENT <br> AMERICA DOMINATES THE 400 mtrs.440 yds . HURDLES <br> By Ross McWhirter 

For our fifth survey of an event I have chosen the 400 metres $/ 440$ yairds Hurdles. My only reason is that I am genuinely intrigued to see what happens when it is thoroughly analysed. This is the event dubbed by Dean B. Cromwell, the well known U.S.A. Olympic and Southern California (University) coach, the man-killer of track and field". Its history has an important bearing on this survey.

Until comparatively recently the 400 metres hurdles ( 10 flights at 3 feet) could -although a standard Olympic event since 1900 (except 1912)-fairly be classed with the hammer throw and hop, step and jump as an unusual event. It seems that organisers of meeting did not favour it for one reason or other. Most important also is that in common with the two field events already mentioned this event is not on the usual American University and College schedule. The 220 yards low hurdles are favoured. If the $01 y m p i c$ event had been a regular one in the United States it would be fair to assume that their dominance would be much more overwhelming than it already is. It is just beçause it is so tough that athletes in their teens rarely have an opportunity to try their hand at it.

The pattern of thjs survey follows the previous ones exactly except that to add to the interesto each competitors best time is also given for the period under review. If he subsequently improved it the fact is noted. The qualifying marks for "world class" are 53.0 secs. for the full 440 yards event and 52.6 secs. for the metric event. Most authorities accept the differential at 0.3 secs. instead of my 0.4 secs. I prefer the longer interval because, although to use 0.3 s may be sound mathematics,in actual practice 0.48 is the more uspal actual differential. When a performer qualifies over a quarter of a mile the fact is indicated by a "y" after the time.

The position ${ }^{*}$ at ${ }^{*}$ the ${ }^{*}$ end ${ }^{*}$ of the 1948 0lympic season was as follows :-
U.S.A.

26 Hardin(50.6), Cochran(51.1), (Joseph) Pattierson (51.6) , McBain(51.6), Ault(51.7-1ater.51.4), Schofield(51.7), Smith(51.8), Kirk(51.9), Walke (51.9) * Taylor(52.0), Simmons (52.0), Riley (52.1), Saling (52.1), Cuhel (52.2), Benke (52.2), (Estel) Johnson(52.2), Cummins (52.2), Meanix (52.6y), (Jack) Pattersoni(52.3), Ervin(52.3), Hofacre(52.7y), Snyder (52.4), Morrow (52.4), Doak (52.4), Gray(52.4), Gibson(52.6).

SWEDEN
3 (Rune)Larsson(51.9), Pettersson(52.4), (Sixten) Larsson(52.4).
GERMANY
2 Hylling $(51.6)$, Glaw(52.0).
FRANCE
2 Arifon(51.6), Cros(52.5).
EIRE
Tisdall (51.8)
White (51.8)
CEYLON
Burghley(52.2)
Great Britain
Finland
Italy
1 Storskrubb(52.2)
Italy
1 Facelli(52.4)
1 Loaring(52.9y)
Thus the all-time list after the first post war $01 y m p i c$ Games season shows 10 countries contributing 39 men. The United States had exactly twice as many world class men over this distance as the rest of the world put together. The rather poor developement of the long hurdles race in shown by number of the above performances actually achieved in 0lgmpic competition.

*     *         *             *                 *                     *                         * 

The elapse of four more seasons shows the arrival of 20 new world class performers of which less than half are Americans-so the rest of world is just begining to start catching up. ADDITIONS DURING THE FOUR SEASONS 1949-1952.
$\mathrm{U}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{8} \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{j}}$
35 +Moore(50.7),Yoder(51.4), Devinney (51.7), Blackmon(51.7), Frazier(52.0), Hal derman(52.2), (William) Johnson(52.6y), Rauch(52.4), Gourdine (52.5).

SHEDEN $\quad 5+$ Ylander(52.2), Ericksson(52.4)(later 51.9).
U.S.S.R. $\quad 3=$ Lituyev(51.2 later 50.4 ), Lunyev 52.0 later 51 Yulin(52.1 later 50.55$)$.
GREAT BRITAIN 3 +Gracie(52.3), Scott(52.4)
GERMANY
2


Left. Great Britain's
first world class 400 metre hurler Lord Burghley (David George Brownlow Cecil), who won the 1928 Olympic title at Amsterdam. His best ever performance was his 52.2 secs.at the Los Angeles Games in 1932 in fourth place behind his fellow Cambridge "Blue" Bob Tisdall(Eire) and the Americans Glenn Hardin and Morgan Taylor.

Lord Burghley, who will be known as the Marquis of Exeter when he succeeds his father, has served as a Member of Parliament (1931-1943) and as Governor of Bermuda (1943-45). He is President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and the (British) Amateur Athletic Association. Among his other athletic achievements Lord Burghley won a 120 yards High and a 220 yards low Hurdles double for Cambridge against 0xford in 1925,26 and 27. He won no less than eight A.A.A. titles:-120yH. 1928,29 \& 30(14.8);440yH. $1226,27,28,30(53.8)$ \& 32 .

## ITALY

France
South Africa Eire
Ceylon
New Zeal and Finland Canada

2 +Filiput(51.6)
$2+\mathrm{Fi}$
2
$=$ Lubbe (52.4y), Wilkie (52.9y)
-
$=$ Holland (52.2y)
1 -l-open their accounts. * * * * *

The position mid way between the Helsinki and the Melbourne Games, i.e. at the end of the 1954 season,was as follows:ADDITIONS DURING 1953 and 1954.
U.S.A. $\quad 37+C u l b r e a t h(51.3)$, (William Johnson(52.9y).

GREAT BRITAIN 6 +Kane (51.8y), Whittle(52.7y), Shaw(52.3).
U.S.S.R. $\quad 5$ +Ilin(51.9), Zhivotyagin(52.6).

SWEDEN
GERMANY $\quad 4+\operatorname{Bonah}(51.5)$, Ulzheimer $(52.6)$
FRANCE $\quad 3+\operatorname{Cury}(51.7)$
Hungary $\quad 3=\operatorname{Leppay}(52.4)$, Lombos (52.5), Botar(52.5).
Finland
South Africa
Eire
Ceylon
New Zealand
Brazil
Australia
2
$2-$
$1-$

- Rumania
$1=$ Carneiro(51.9) Chile $\quad 1=$
1 =Carneiro(51.9) Canada $\quad$ =Gevert(52.4)
$1=\operatorname{Lean}(52.3 y)$
1 =Lean(52.3y)
78 , an increase of 19 , drawn from 18 countries. The 6 new-comers were Hungary (with 3 men), Brazil, Australia, Rumania, Columbia, and Chile with one apiece. The United States only found 2 new men. THE AVERAGE OF THE TOP TEN OF THE THREE BEST COUNTRIES :-
U. S.A

50 U.S.S.R.
Moore (1952)
Cochran (1948)
Culbreath (1953)
Yoder (1952)
Ault (1949)
Patterson (1936)
McBain (1940)
Schofield (1936)
DeVinney (1952)
Blackmon (1952)
AVERA GE
Averagi $\frac{51.7}{51.3}$
50.6 Iituyev (1953)
50.7 Yulin (1954)
51.1 Iunyev (1953)
51.3 Ilin (1954)
51.4 Zhivotyagin (1954
51.4 Bulantchik (1949)
51.4 Bulantchik (1949)
51.6 Kumushka (1954)
51.6 Kumushka (1954)
51.6
Bogatov (1954) $\frac{51.7}{51.31}$
$\begin{array}{llll}51.7 & 53.2 & \text { Simpson (1930) } & 53.9\end{array}$
51.7 Popov (1952) (1954) 53.2 Dangerfield (1954) 53.9
$\begin{array}{llrl}51.7 & \text { Popov (1952) } & 53.4 & \text { Livingstone- } \\ 51.7 & (+=440 y & \text { time } & -0.4 \mathrm{~s}) \\ 51.7 & \text { Learmonth }\end{array}$
G. B.
50.4 Kane (1954) 51.44 50.5 Burghley (1932) 52.2 51.7 Gracie (1952) 52.3 51.9 Whittle (1953) 52.3+ 6 Shaw (1954) Scott (1952) 2.3 $2.4+$
2.7
$\frac{0.43}{52.28}$ Learmonth(1928) $\frac{54.0}{52.74}$

# GREAT BRITISH GAMES Tábori 3:59.0, Chataway 3:59.8 \& youngest of all Hewson 3:59.8 

## FOUR MINUIE MILE CLUB SIGNS ON THREE NEWLY QUALIFIED MEMBERS.

 by Norris McWhirter.White City Stadium, London May 28th $\& 30$ th
The Whitsuntide British Games, sponswred by the "News of the World" -the newspaper with the highest circulation in the world-were set alight twice this year. On the first daySaturday May 28th there was the first triple sub four minute mile with Eungary's Laszlo Trabori Talabircsuk setting a new British Allcomers Record of 3 mins. 59.0 secs. followed Lome by Chris Chataway in 3:54.8 and inches behind Brian Hewson also 3:5y.8. Thus Roger Bannister's record of 3:59.4 lasted only a year and 22 days and is now relegated to becoming a British(National) and English Native Record. Un the second day -Monday May 30 th-another Hungarian ace Sandor Lharos made mincemeat of another of Gaston Reiffis records by hacking it to 8:33.4-a vicious imprôvēment. A holiday crowd of over $40,000 \mathrm{British}$ fans gave a thunderous reception to this awful performance and also to the 23 year old Sheffield clerk Ken Wood, who although confessing to not being fully trained so early in the season, returned a great $8: 34.8$ for a British Empire record and an easy No. 2 spot on the all time list.

These were two of the 10 international events. The main purpose of the meeting was to confirm that canary yellow vested Surrey men were to make their county the Champions for the 12th consecutive year (1937-1955) and that Middlesex were next best for the llth year running.

The highlights of this 20 event affair of motley coloured vests and shorts were a great 3 miles by Derek lbbotson of Yorkshire in $13: 34.6$ followed home by Franko Sando, Ken Norris and Hike Maynard all also inside 13:45.0; and the best ever British triple jump with Ken Wilmshurst(Surrey) cutting the sand at 50 ft. 8 ins.-just $7 \frac{1}{2}$ inches short of the Australian Jack Metcalfe's obstinate old British (National) record of $51^{\prime \prime} 3^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{2}$ set way back in the second British Empire Games at the same stadium 21 years ago.

## THE INTER-COUNTY EVENTS

In the 20 events new meting records were set for seven :- 3 miles; $3,000 \mathrm{~m}$ Steeplechase; long jump;hop, step $\propto$ jump; Discus; Hammer; and Javelin -and was equalled in both the 120y and 440 y hurdles.

The sprinting was on the whole rather disappointing but in the 220 yards preliminaries Clay Gibbs ' 21.7 and Michael Ruddy's 21.8 , if repeated lessons of past experience are any guide would have been worth 21.2 to 21.3 on a good Continental 500 metre track. The arrival of both M.J.K. Wheeler (48.3) and J.D. Wrighton (48.7) in the sub 49.0 sec.class for the full quarter mile was particularly welcome in view of the constant necessity of keeping our $4 \times 400 \mathrm{~m} / 440 \mathrm{y}$ relay squad, required in five forthcoming International matches, upto full strength.

The evenness of the quality of the halfmilers that rank after Derek Johnson and Brian Hewson was so marked that they were in a bumping, boring and spike flashing huddle well into the second lap. Ron Henderson, the favourite, would have done better than 5 th if he had been a little more aloof. Brian Jackson (see page 139) confirmed earlier promise by winning this turbulent race in 1:53.3. Gordon pirie let it be known that in the mile heats he intended to do something spectacular. This he achieved with a first lap in 58.0. Not in the least suprisingly the lack of opposition soon reduced this $3: 52.0 \mathrm{mile}$ pace to a slow puncture performance of 4:09.0. Pirie over the week-end had the misfortune to rick his shoulder when passing someone some training weights and was thus out of the final. Fred Wyatt's strong finish made him a worthy new champion but Sydney Wooderson's 1939 meeting record of 4:07.4 again escaped.

EVEN A LANCASTRIAN WAS IMPRESSED.
For any three miler in the world to beat Messrs. Sando,Norris and Maynard when they all beat a Pirie record of 13:44. O is highly impressive but Yorkshire's Derek Ibbotson showed a vigour in both arm and leg action that caused much comment. The contrast was most striking with the modern economy shuffle epitomised by Alain Mimoun's leg action and Freddie Green's shrugging arm action. Even a Lancastrian I meet was impressed. The Empire six mile champion kept himself fresh for his speciality so considering their prior exertions Sando's and Ibbotson's efforts were of high quality.

The suprise of the high hurdles was the 14.9 secs.by


TRACK HISTORY'S FIRST TRIPLE SUB FOUR MINUTE MILE. Winning in 3:59.0 is Laslo Tabori(Hungary-No.9). Left is Chris Chatavay (G.B.) 2nd in $3: 59.8$ and centre Brian Hewson (G.B.-No.7) 3rd also timed at $3: 59.8$.
(Action Photo. H.W.Neale).


Ken Wilmshurst wins the Inter Counties Hop, Step \& Jump title for Surrey at 50ft. 8ins, in a best ever British Performance. (E.olacg)
(Continued from the foot of the previous column) the pole vaulter Decathlon expert Geoff Elliott-despite a noisy collision with the 8 th barrier. T.S.Farell showed international class with 53.2 , thus equalling Alec Hardy's meeting record for the 440 yards hurdles. John Disley showed that he is ready to duck under 9 mins . again for the steeplechase with his thoughtful record of $9: 02.6$.

Five records of the meeting out of eight field events at least showed progress. Nothing in this department compared with Wilmshurst's double for Surrey with $23^{\prime \prime} 9^{\prime \frac{1}{2}}$ and $50 \cdot 8^{\prime \prime}$ out of White City's famous jumpers * slough of Despond.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.
Anyone in contact with Coach Franz Stampfl would have known that the International Mile was going to be rather special Hewson was in there for the specific purpose of running a sub 4 minute mile but Chataway was thought not yet to be sufficiently trained to go inside his personal best of $4: 04.4$ behind Landy at Turku. Airsickness robbed the race of the European $1,500 \mathrm{~m}$. record holder Sandor Iharos(say it Shandor EE-ho-rosh.

The nine man field was towed through a precise first lap of 59.9 by Oxford's $4: 09.8$ miler Alan Gordon with Chataway 60. second and the 24 year old 4:05.2 Hungarian miler Laszlo Tabori Talabircsuk, 24 third in 60.5 . Gordon running with commendable pace judgement rapped out the next lap also in 60.4 to pass the half--way mark in $2: 00.8$ with the A.A.A. 880 yard champion Brian Hewson second, Chataway third and Tabori a lurking fourth. Gordon just lasted the 5 th furlong and then Hewson took the brunt not out of altruism but because with amazing confidence he thought that he could run away to win under 4 minutes.

After a bell in $3: 02.0$ the 40,000 crowd saw both of miling's 'Laws of Accelerations' proved once again. Entering the back straight Tabori closed up and Chataway put in an unsustained tactical kick - "He who accelerates twice is lost". Coming off the last turn Tabori, who had lain third while Hewson and Chataway wer rubbing shoulders, moved late and decisively from behind only 50 yards from home. -"He who accelerates from behind wins". Tabori, whose style is as colourless as it is effective, ended what had for him been a Cook's Tour a good $4 \frac{1}{2}$ yards ahead of his guides whose only gratuities were their times. Tabori had magnificently broken Roger Bannister's European and British All-Comers record in its

## SUMMARY

## CNTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

(a) = 1st day May 28th
(b) = 2nd day May 30th Yards. (a) KJ Box(Lancashire) 10.2;G. E111s (Cumber $\frac{100}{\text { Festmorland }}$ ) 10.2 ; W.J. Ferguson(Nottinghamshire) 10.2. Box won the first semi-final in 10.0 .
220 YARDS. (b) GN Gibbs(Surrey) 22.2; MJ Ruddy (Kent) 22.3 ; $\frac{20}{\text { PG }}$ Fryer (Northamptonshire) 22.4. Gibbs ran the second semi-final in 21.7 and Ruddy won the first heat in 21.8. 440 YARDS. (heats \& $-f$ (a), final (b)) DJN Johnson (Essex) 440 AARDS 4 . 48.4;JD 49.1 ; FP Higgins(Northumberland \& Durham) 49.?. Wheeler won the first semi-final in 48.3 .
880 YARDS. (heats (a), Pinal (b)) B Jackson (Essex) 1:53. 3 ; IIA Rawson(Warwickshire) 1:54. 3;M Farrell(Staffordshire) 1:54.7.-RD Henderson (N \& D) 1:54. 5 n in lst heat. Rawson 1:54.2;Farrell 1:54.2, MEE Denny (Worcestershire) 1:54.8 1:54.2; 3 nard
in 3rd heat. WF Warmsley (Cheshire) 4:10.2;DC Law (Yorkshire) 4:10.6; JS Evans (Midalesex) 4:11.6; KR Douglas(Essex) $4: 13.2$. DAG Pirie won the first heat in 4:09.0, but was injured next day so had to withdraw from the fingl. Evans won the second heat in $4: 09.8$.
THREE MILES. (a) GD Tbbotson(Yorks.) 13:34.6;FD Sando(Kent) 13:37.6; KI Norris (Middlesex) 13: 39.0; MR Maynar (Surrey) 13:42.2;WP Ranger(Sussex) 14:03.0;M Schofield (Essex) 14: 03.2;J Thorpe(Hertfordshire) 14:11. 2 u ;G Rhodes(Staffs.) 14:14.2u.
SIX MILES. (b) PB Driver (Surrey) 28:47.0;FD Sando (Kent)
 29:11.8;D O'Gorman(Herts.) 29:18.6.
TWO MILES WALK. (b) J Barraclough (Lancs.) 14:19.6.
SEVEN MILES WAIK, (a) R Hardy (Derbyshire) 5i:52.6.
120 YARDS $\frac{120}{\text { FJ }} \frac{\text { Parker }}{}$ (Surrey) 14.8;GM E11iott (Essex) 14.9;PAL Vine (M1ddlesex) 15.0; JR Birrell(Lancs.) 15.1
${ }_{4}$ M10 YARDS HURDLES . (a) TS Farrell (Lance.) 53.2; H. Kane $\frac{40}{(M i} \frac{Y A R D S}{\text { dalesex }} \frac{\text { HURDLAS }}{} 5.0$; BAR Thomas (Kent) 56.3 .
3,000 METRES STREPLECHASE. (b) JI DIBIey (Kent) 9:02.6; KE Johnson(Leicstershire) 9:07.8;RG Beecroft (Lancs.) 9:13.0;R Dunkley(Midalesex) 9:17.4.
HIGH JUMP; (b) C Van Dyck(Midiesex) ${ }^{6}$ '2"; DEF Luke (Berkshire) $6^{\prime \prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$.
thirteenth month of life. Chataway's pectoral superiority gained him second place over the more slender Hewson who shared his 3: 59.8 so becoming at 22 years and 1 month the fifth and youngest of the new breed of sub 4 minute men. Chataway maintained his unbroken record of having witnessed all seven occasions in 4 races of which he has run in three. Hewson was caught at an official 3:43.2 at the 1,500 metres while both Chataway and Tabori were accorded 3:43.8.

LAP AND 1,500 METRE TIMES IN THE SEVEN FOUR MINUTE MILES.
Bahnister(GB) 6/5/54 0xford Iandy(Aust.) 21/6/54 Turku Bannister(GB) 7/8/54 Vancouver Landy(Aust.) 7/8/54 Vancouver Tabori (Hungery) as/5/55 Iond on Chataway (GB) $28 / 5 / 55$ London Hewson (GB) $28 / 5 / 55$ London
$57.5 \quad 1: 58.2 \quad 3: 00.5 \quad 3: 43.0 \quad 3: 59.4$ $\begin{array}{llll}58.5 & 1: 58.7 & 2: 57.2 & 3: 41.8 \\ 3: 58.0\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}58.8 & 1: 59.4 & 2: 58.7 & 3: 42.2 & 3: 58.8\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}58.2 & 1: 58.2 & 2: 53.4 & 3: 41.9 & 3: 59.6 n\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}58.2 & 1: 58.2 & 2: 53.4 & 3: 41.9 & 3: 59.6 n \\ 60.5 & 2: 01.6 & 3: 02.7 & 3: 43.8 & 3: 59.0\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}60.5 & 2: 01.6 & 3: 02.7 & 3: 43.8 & 3: 59.0 \\ 60.4 & 2: 01.4 & 3: 02.5 & 3: 43.8 & 3: 59.8 \mathrm{n}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}60.6 & 2: 01.2 & 3: 02.0 & 3: 43.2 & 3: 59.8 n\end{array}$

Bela Goldovanyi, the 29 year old Magyar sprint relay specialist, quite unrattled by false starts won an undistinguished sprint by inches from Ken Box in 10.1 but was unable to match the smooth-striding Michael Ruddy over the 220 yards which was won in 22.0 secs.

Derek Johnson despite turning out to win the 440 yards for Essex(heat, semi-final and final) found time to inflict a double defeat on his this time uninspired Bern conquorer Lajos Szentgali in a straightforward 48.3440 yards and a tactical 1:52.1 880 yards. The European 800 metre champion recorded only 1:53.3 for fourth behind also Germany's 0.Lawrenz and Scotland's Donald Gorrie.

The Hungarians had asked for a 3 mile event specially for Joszef Kovacs, the Bern 10,000 metre silver medallist, since they reckoned that 2 miles was so short for him. A 3 mile field was rapidly stratched up but the result was an unhappy one for the little 29 year old stayer. Ken Norris, fresh from a 13:39.0 personal best only just over 45 hours earlier, pitched straight in for a 160 yard win in 13:42.4 from the 26 year old road haulier George Rhodes(14:05.0n) with the luckless kovacs a weary sixth.
POLE VAULT. (a) I. Ward (Lancs.) $13^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$; GM Elllott (Essex) $12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} ; \mathrm{GE} \mathrm{Broad}^{(S u r r e y)} 18^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$; NGA Gregor (Kent) $12^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$. LONG JUMP. (a) KSD WIImshurst (Surrey) $23^{\circ} 9^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{2} ; A R$ Crutten-

HOP, STEP \& JUMP (b) KSD Wilmshurst (Surrey) 50'8" PB Engo (Midalesex) $48^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime} ; J . G a r n e r(S t a f f s) 46^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$.
SHOT PUTT. (a) WBL Palmer (Oxfordshire) $49^{\prime} I^{\prime \prime} ; J B$ Byrne (Cheshire) $45^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime} ; T$ Gaworski (Surrey) $44^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$
DISCUS THROW (a) M Pharaoh(Iancs.) $160^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime}$;GA Carr (Essex) $144^{\prime} \mathrm{O}^{\prime \prime} ; \mathrm{J}$ Sampson(Kent) $139^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime} ; \mathrm{PM}$ Clarke (Leicestershire) $134^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$.
HAMMER THROW (a) DWJ Anthony (Herts.) $179^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime} ; P C$ Allday
(M1ddlesex) $167^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime} ; R$ Kinnaird (Surrey) $163^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime}$
JAVELIN THROW (b) PS Cullen(Yorks.) 204'11"; M Ruda (Surrey) $202^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} ; \overline{R A C D a v i e s(E s s e x) ~} 19^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime} ; F$ Gandy(Lancs.) $198^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime \prime}$; MR Morrell (Cheshire) $190^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

100 YARDS. (b) B Goldovanyi (Hungary) 10.1; KJ Box (G.B) 10. 1. $\frac{100}{220}$ YARDS. (a) MJ Ruddy (G.B) 22.0; CN Gibbs (G.B) 22. 3; B Shenton(G.B) 22.3; B Goldovanyi (Hungary) 22.4.
440 YARDS. (b) DJN Johnson (G.B) 48. 3; TL Higgins (G.B) 49.7; L szentgali (Hungary) 49.8; Hennig (Germany) 49.9.
880 YARDS. (a) DNJ Johnson (G.B) $1: 52.1 ; 0$ Lawrenz (Germany) 1:52.5;DCE Gorrie(G.B) 1:53.0;工 Szentgali (Hungary) 1:53.3. ONE MILE. (a) L Tabori (Hungary) 3:59. $\theta$; CJ Chataway (G.B)
3:59.8;BS Hewson(G.B) 3:59.8;JI Disley (G.B.) 4:09.0;
RH Dunkley (G.B) 4:11.0;R Lamers (Germany) 4:12.4.
TWO MILES. (b) S. Tharos (Hungary) $8: 33.4 ; \mathrm{K}$ Wood (G. B.)
8:34.8;BT Barratt(G.B.) 8:45.8;K Caulder (G.B) 9:03. 8;
CW Suddaby (G.B) 9:06. 8; MR Scholield(G.B) 9:07.8. Wood was timed at 6:31.8 at $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles for an English Native Record. THREE MILES. (b) KJ Norris(G.B) 13;42.4;G Rhodes (G.B)
14:05.0;I Binnie(G.B) 14:12.2;G Knight(G.B) 14:14.2;
HJ Hicks(G.B) 14:16.0;J Kovacs (Hungary) 14:16.6.
120 YARDS HURDLES. (a) FJ Parker (G.B) 14.9;B Steines
(Germany) 14.9;PAL Vine (G.B) 15.0;PB Eildreth (G.B) 15.3.
220 YARD8 LOW HURDLES. (D) PB Hildreth(G.B) 24. 3 ;PAL
Vine (G.B) 24.6;A.Botar (Hungary) 25.0;B. Steines (Germany)
25.2;D 0 'Sullivan (Ireland) 25. 2.

ONE MILE MEDIEY REIAY. (b) Great Britain "A" (B Jackson, $\frac{B}{S h e n t o n, M C ~ W o t t o n, ~ M J K ~ W h e e l e r) ~ 3: 26.2 ; G r e a t ~ B r i t a i n ~}$ "B" (Evans, PG Fryer, E Sandstrom, FP Higgins) 3: 27.2; British Tmpire (Douglas(Aust:), Eneli(Nigeria); OG Young (Bermuda), H Kane (G.B) 3:30.8.

## SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

MUSTARD AND GINGER. Arriving here recently from San Diego,California is the latest gem from Dr.Donald H. Potts, America's No. 1 track statistician. It is "The All-Time U.S. List" with a 100 best performances in each of the regular college programme events. The booklet is published by Track \& Field News in a mustard coloured jacket at $\$ 1$. Its messare is also pure mustard to the European. Take a peek at the 100 yard list : -2 at 9.3 s , 13 at 9.4 s , 58 at 9.5 s , and then by special generous extension room has been found to mention the names, affiliations, venues and dates relating to the 158 'no-good bums' who could only raise 9.6 s !!

In the high jump there are a number of Americans who have eased themselves over 6 ft. 8 ins. $(2.032 \mathrm{~m})$-a mere 39 of them to be precise. In the pole vault there is a 14 footer(4.26) by name to be precise. In the pole vault there is a Dave Seed(Unattached). He comes in at No. Turning to the shot putt there is a note of bathos for the last and looth name is that of the late Ieon Patterson-his career ended well short of his promise with a best mark of 51ft. $8 \frac{1}{2} i n s .(15.76 m)$.

In the fascinating supplement a number of nonqualifying marks are noted. Two of particular interest are the 9.5 s 100 yards by Art Pollard made in a "telegraphic meet" in 1953 and a $4: 11.4$ mile way way back in 1917 by Joe Stout on a race track in Chicago.
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NEITHER DO THEY SPIN. One of the difficulties that beset hammer throwers, or at least some of them, is a giddiness and hence lost of balance during their third revolution. Clearly such athletes must have something to learn from ballerinas who spin round like humming tops then stand without so much as a tremor on the point of one dainty foot. The most twirls or should we say fouettés en tournant called for in any ballet is the 32 off the reel in the choreography. of the Swan Iake. The world record however was set by the New Zealander Miss Rowena Jackson, curiously enough in Melbourne, in 1940 at 121 turns.! It is all really a case of "Consider the lillies of the ballet, they toil not but by gum they can spin."
TIME AND MOTION STUDY. The Baiga, a primitive tribe of Indians who live in the Satpura Hills between the Narbada and Tapti Rivers, live in great fear of earthquakes. These are not uncommon occurrences and at the first intimation of a ground tremor all the able bodied male members of the tribe leap around driving hugh 6 and 9 inch nails into the ground to make it firm again. Clearly a detachment should be sent to Merboume to speed up the interminable delays baused by the fastening down of starting blocks for each round of the shorter flat races and hurdles events.

## BRITISH - U.S.A. UNIVERSITIES TIE

oxpord-Cambridge tie with Yale-West Point in the 34th between English and American Universities since 1894 resulted in a tie at 8 events all. The visitors only won the short sprint (Bob Kyasky(W.P.) 10.1) and the sprint relay in a series record equalling 42.1 on the track and the home side only the javelin (Winnie Kretzschmar(0) $20012^{\prime \prime}$ ) in the field.

Series records were set in the 2 miles by John Knopf (C) 9:11.8; High Jump-Rogerson Meyer(Y) $6^{1} 4^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{4} ;$ Discus-Stuart Thomson (Y) $159^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$;Hammer-Tom Henderson(Y) $175^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$; and the javelin.

The key race was the 220 yards in which Gwilym Roberts (Cambridge) beat the Henry Thresher (Yale), a former IC4A's champion, with his late kick in 22.1 (turn). Derek Johnson(ox) returned the season's fastest time thus far with a 48.3 quarter and Donald Gorrie also set a best in Englad for the series with a 1:52.3 half. Hardly recovering his breath from examinations Bob Shaw won a hurdles double in 15.1 and 24.4 (turn).

In a special event Chris Chataway ran a noble $2,000 \mathrm{~m}$
in a British best time of $5: 09.4$, thus beating Gordon Pirie's $5: 09.8$ of three weeks standing. Chataway had support from Eric Shirley(Finchley H.) who was passed just before he reached the mile in a personal best of $4: 11.8$.

## PELER DRIVER RUNS A GREAT $4: 04.8$ MIIE AT THE KINNAIRD MEETING.

Chiswick.Stadium, June 18th. Peter Driver(South fondon Harriers) ran a mile leading from gun to tape in $4: 04.8$ and in so doing drew three other men to personal bests:-Ralph Dunkley(Poly.H) 4:05.8;David Iaw and Alan Gordon, both of Achilles, $4: 07.7$ \& $4: 08.0$. Achilles Club, at one time almost monotonously the winner of this unofficial British Club Championship, after three years in the discard, came back strongly to beat Polytechnic Harriers the promotors by 57 points to 40 . Their best winner was Chris Chatway who won a great 3 miles in 13 m 33.0 by giving Ken Norris (Thames Valley) (13:36.6) the kiss of death in the

## U.S.A.:- SHOT 59'I', HAMMER 202 $2^{\prime \prime} 3 \frac{{ }^{\frac{3}{8}}}{8}$

AMERICAN SUMMARY. Sprints. Bobby Morrow with a good 9.4 and a 7 m.p.h. wind assisted 9.1 on June 4 at Abilene challenges Jim Golliday (9.3s) for world sumpremacy in a vintage year. Morrow equalled the world's best of 20.6 round a turn for 220 yards on June 3 also at Abilene but oddly enough 20.6 is "only" also the best straightaway mark. That was set by Bob Kyasky on May 28 and he was beaten by G. Roberts in London on June 11 (see this page).

Quarter Miling. Besides the Mashburn/Ellis 46.5/.6 duel already mentioned,British Empire Champion Australian Kevan Gosper of Michigan with 46.9 beat Lou Jones (47.2) and Jim Iea (47.2) at the Coliseum Relays on May 20. With Mike Larrabee at 46.9 even Jamiaca's great 3: $03.94 \times 400$ metres Olympic relay is not safe at Melbourne.

Half Miling. The States have six men "operating under 1:50.0 with Lon Spurrier still in the lead. Miling. Wes Sentee is no longer out on his own. Nine others are under 4:10.0 but your Editors dinner bet with Cordner Nelson that G. B!s top ten average would again be better than the U.SIs still looks tasty with the mid-June call over at $4: 05.8$ compared with $4: 06.5$. Jim Bailey(Australia) however won the N.C.A.A. mile in 4:05.6 at Los Angeles on June 18 from Bill Dellinger (4:06.2), Seaman (4:06.9). Bailey provious best was 4:12.0 at Sydney last September.

Hurding. With four men under 14.0 s an Olympic clean sweep looks certain in 17 months time. Top man are Jack Davis 13.8 temporarily off form after a car accident-, Willard Thomson 13.8, Charles Pratt 13.9 and the N.C.A.A. champion Milt Campbell 13.9.

The jumps. The only thing to beat Ernie Shelton is 7 feet but even that is trembling. Shelton beat prodigy Charles Dumas in a $6^{1} 11^{11} \frac{1}{4} / 6^{1} 10^{11 \frac{1}{4}}$ duel at Los Angles on June 10. Eight men have hoist themselves over $14^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ of which 4 have gone on to $14^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ and then you come to Bob Richards at $15^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ on May 21 at the Califoraia Relays. After the Mexico City alarm Jesse Owents needn't even bother to read the sports page of his 'paper.

The throws. Husky Tom Jones, who come to London in 1953, grabbed the top spot from Parry ${ }^{\circ}$ Brien with 59'1" on May 21. Parry came back at the N. C, A.A. with 59'1" ${ }^{\frac{7}{p} \text {. Harold Connolly threw the hamne }}$ 202' STOP PRESS. The "World Sports" A.T.F.S. 1955 ANNUAL is now out. Send ramittances of 7 s 6 d to 185 Fleet Street, London, England. Indispensable! BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS CONCLUDED. (Continued from page 146. LONG JUMP.
24' $3^{\prime \prime}$ K.S.D.Wilmshurst
23' 6" K.A.B. Oluwu(Nigeria) $2312^{\prime \prime}$ A.R.Cruttenden 231 1" ${ }^{11}$ N. G. Hamilton 22'10" ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ D.Brigden 22'10" P.A.Whaley 22' 9" N.D.Watkins $\begin{array}{lll}221 & 8^{\prime \prime} & \text { A.McKelvey } \\ 221 & 8^{\prime \prime} & \text { C.O.Alele }\end{array}$ with wind:
23' 6" P.J.Iuxon $23^{1} 5^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{2}}$ N. G. Hamilton 22'11" G.D. Goodrich

## HOP,SIEP AND JUMP.

## $50^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ K.S.D.Wilmshurst

$48^{\prime}$ ב" P.B.Engo(Nigeria)
47' O" J.E.C. Whall
45' 9" J. G.Garner
$46^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime x}$ T. McNab
46' $5^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{2}}$ A.Aidings
$46^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ D.Field
$46^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ K. I. Selby
$4^{\prime}$ 그" $1 \frac{1}{2}$ G.W. Roden
45' $9^{\prime \prime}$ I. McKnight
45' 9" A.H. McRoberts
45' $6^{\prime \prime}$ R.J.McColgan
With wind:
$46^{\prime} 0^{1 \prime \frac{1}{2}}$ I. MčKnight
SHOT PUTT.
$50^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ J.A.Savidge
49' 9" W.B. In Palmer
48' $4^{\prime \prime}$ W.H.Robbins
$47^{\prime} 10^{11} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{M}$. Pharaoh
$47^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$ G.F.Budd
$47^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ R. Taylor
$46^{\prime \prime} 5^{\prime \prime}$ T. Gaworski
45' $9^{\prime \prime \prime} \frac{1}{2}$ J. P. Jones
45' "' $^{\prime \prime}$ J.B.Byrne
45' $8^{\prime \prime}$ G.M.Blliott
45' 1"t ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ G.M.Carr

| M. Pharaoh | 8/6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| R. Taylor | 28/5 |
| K. Macs imcyk | 4/6 |
| G. M. Carr | 28/5 |
| J.A.Savidge | 21/5 |
| O. Feldmanis | 9/5 |
| E.C. K. Douglas | 12/5 |
| J. Sampson | 28/5 |
| E.J.A.Brewer | 4/6 |
| G. F. Budd | 21/5 |

HAMMER THROW.
E.C.K.Douglas $\quad 28 / 4$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { A.R.Valentine } & 19 / 5 \\ \text { D.W.J.Anthony } & 4 / 5\end{array}$ P.C.Allday $\quad 8 / 6$
$11 / 6$

## F. Gandy

C.A. Harper P. Hinnaird R.Kinnair M.Ellis
P.Porter J. Ially G. Vainoskis JAVELIN THROW.

| 22013 ' | P.S.Cullen | 14/5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 210'7" | C.G.Smith | 18/6 |
| 209' $9^{\prime \prime}$ | D.E. Tucker | 11/6 |
| 209' $5^{\prime \prime}$ | R.A.C.Davies | 19/3 |
| 207'11" | C.N. Loveland | 18/6 |
| $206^{\circ} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | R.W.D.Miller | 19/3 |
| 204'11" | D.W.R.McKenzie | 28/5 |
| $202^{\prime \prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | M.Ruda |  |
| $201^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | M. Harradine |  |
| $198^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ | F. Gandy | , |
| $196^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | P.B. Garland |  |
| $195^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | M. E. Morrell |  |
| 194'10" | J.B. Tawson | $26 / 3$ |
| Note also:- N.Fontyn(Burma) 100y |  |  |
| 10.0 \& 220 y 22.2 4/6. HT. J.C. Bard |  |  |
| (U.S.A.) 173'1" 30/4.JT.W.W.Kretz- |  |  |
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## EUROPEAN REPORT

## by R. L. Quercetani

SPRINIS
Fastest 100 metre mark so far is 10.4 , by Russia's Leonid Bartenyev (Kiev, May) and Yuriy Konovalov (Baku, May): the former has beaten most of the Union's fastest dashmen, notably including Ignatyev, on several occasions and the latter will be remembered by English track fans as the fine, tall sprinter who was a rather imp--ressive winner both in London and Manchester last autumn. From the standpoint of competition, however, the best sprint races were at Prague on June 8 and 9 in the Rosicky Memorial meeting. (Evzen Rosický, killed in 1942 had been at one time the holder of the Czech 800 metre record at $1: 54.6$ ). On the first day Vaclav Janecek of Czechoslovakia beat Heinz Futterer by a scanty margin in a 10.6100 metres, coming up from behind with a spirited last minute rush. This was the first defeat suffered by the European champion since June of last year. On the second day the German evened the count in the 200 metres, tharks to his speed round the turn, with the fast finishing Janecek a close second. Times - 21.3 and 21.4. The two had met for the first time this season on May 29 at Erfurt, Futterer being then the winner in 10.5 from Janecek, 10.6 . The Czech, it will be remem--bered, had an excellent season in 1953 but was most disappointing in the 1954 European Championships. Now he seems to be in good form as is shown also by his 20.9 for 200 metres on the second day of the Erfurt meeting (May 30). The Erfurt track has a circumference of 500 metres and in the furlong not even one fourth of the distance is run round the turn. Furthermore, the runners were aided by a wind on $1.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, just under the limit (it is difficult for statisticians to understand why the wind limit must necessarily be the same for 100 as for 200 metres!). Not surprisingly, this race produced many fast clockings: Horst Schulz was second in 21.1, followed by Werner Schneider, 21.2, Walter Erdmenger, 21.3, Emil Kiszka, 21.4 and Lin--denlaub, 21.4! All these men, except Kiszka, tho is a Pole, are from Eastem Germany. So far 8 Europeans have run the 100 in 10.5 or better: among them are two young Germans, 20-year old Manfred Germar, who has done 10.5 three times, and 22-year old Manfred Ste--inbach, who ran a close second to Futterer in a 10.5 race at Heid--elberg on May 25. Apart from the above-mentioned Erfurt times, the best 200 metre mark so far is 2l.1.by Russia's Ardalion Ignatyev (Nalchik, May). This powerful runner also tops the 400 metre list with a 47.4 (Minsk, May 20). On this occasion he beat the holder of the world's 400 metre hurdles record, Yuriy Lituyev, who was timed in 48.4. Voitto Hellsten of Finland promises to be in the sub-47 secs. class this year: he did 47.8 in his opening meet.

## MIDDIE DISTANCES

In the 800 metres there is nothing so far to excel Derek Johnson's $1: 50.0 \mathrm{y}$ (the equivalent of $1: 49.3 \mathrm{~m}$ ). In fact, second on the list is another Briton, Brian Hewson, who did $1: 49.6$ in a solo race at Hengelo, Holland, on June 1. This was the third exacting race in four days for the 22 -year old Briton. After his $3: 59.8$ mile at the White City on May 28, he flew to Germany where he turned in an easy 3:50.4 for 1,500 metres at Cleve on May 30. Roger Moens of Belgium is expected to come dangerously close to Harbig's fabulous 1:46.6: the temperamental Belgian has two sub-1:50 marks already, 1:49.7 at Brussels on June 5 and 1:49.9 at Bergen, Norway, only two days later! One should also mention the fine 1:50.4 halfmile run by Eire's young Ronnie Delaney against America's best runners in the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays of May 20.

From 1,500 to 3,000 metres the Hungarians reign supreme. Sándor Iharos missed his European 1,500 metre record by only two tenths at Budapest on May 21 with a scintillating 3:42.6. His Hon--véd teammate István Rózsav甘ligyi was second in 3:43.2 after setting the pace for most of the distance. Lászld Tábori, who was to become the world's third 4 -minute miler the following week in London, had started with a first lap in 58 secs., but even so he managed to fin-- ish in $3: 46.8$. There was another record attempt on the same Honvéd (Army Club) track two weeks later (June 4): In the absence of thard the race was uon by Rózsavblgyi in $3: 42.8$. Tábori was second in 3:45.0 and Erny Béres third in $3: 45.8$. It should be noted that Iharos, Rózsav8lgyi and Tábori are all members of the same Club,the Honvéd of soccer fame. With the help of the ir companion Ferenc Mikes (who did 3:47.2 last year!) they should be able to create fabulous world records for the $4 \times 1,500 \mathrm{~m}$. and $4 \times 1$ mile relays. Over the metric distance, for example, they should run at least 5 seconds faster than they did last year, (when they lowered the rec--ord to $15: 21.2$ ) thus becoming the first quartet to average less than 3:50 per man!
beat Dohrow twice in a recent Berlin meeting, running the 1,500 , who


Sandor IHAROS(Hung ary) $8: 38.4$ and Ken W00D(G.B.) 8:34.8 seen a few moments after the greatest two mile race of all-time, at the White City Stadium on May 30th. Action Photo by H.W.Neale.
metres in 3:47.4 (June 4) and the 800 metres in $1: 50.3$ (June 5), and Klaus Richtzenhain, who also indulged in one of those now so "chic" short-interval "doubles" with times of $3: 48.8$ (May 29) and $1: 50.4$ (May 30) in the above-mentioned Erfurt meeting. Richtzenhain is 21 and last year he could do no better than 1:57.0 and 4:01.2!

Istvan Rózsav8lgyi also tried to break Reiff's 2,000 metre record (5:07.0) on May 28 at Budapest, while Iharos and Tábori were in London, but had to be content with a fine $5: 08.8$, one second faster than Gordon Pirie's time at Manchester the week before, these three being eventually the only sub-5:10 clockings in the history of this seldom run distance.

## IONG DISTANCES

The incredible Hungarian Rhapsody began at Budapest on May 14: it was a special 3,000 metre event at the Fonved track that Sánd or Iharos, aided as usual by Tábori and ROszav\&lgyi, began to put an end to the "After-You-Gaston Era." Iharos' superb 7:55.6, 3.1 secs. under Reiff's record, was achieved after the followint intermediate times: $1,000 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{2:37.6} 2,,000 \mathrm{~m} 5: 18.4$. Iharos ran the first half in $3: 58.6$ and the second in $3: 57.0$ ! Both his first and his last laps were timed in 60.6. Tábori was second in $8: 11.6$, Ernd Béres third in 8:14.0 and young Hubert Berta fourth in 8:20.8. There have been two other sub-8:10 clockings, both national records: Jerzy Chromik of Poland 8:40.6 and Eero Tuomaala of Finland 8:08.8 (watch out for the former if and when he returns to the steeplechase:)

23-year old Ivan Ullsperger of Czechoslovakia has, the two fastest 5,000 metre clockings - 14:10.0 at Brno, May 28 and 14:09.8 at Prague, June 9; What is more, in both of the se races he beat 01d Master Emil Zatopek by convincing margins. In the Brno race Zátopek was second in 14:19.6, reportedly without going all out, but in Prague, though trying as hard as he could, he saw himself outsprinted by Ullsperger in the decisive stage and finished well beaten in 14:11.8. Yistein Saksvik set a new Norwegian record of 14:16.0 in the Helsinki meet of June 4, beating Ilmari Taipale, 14:17.8.

A notable return to form was that of Aleksandr Anufriyev, who on May 20 at Minsk easily vanquished the phenomenal Kuts, dep--riving him of his USSR 10,000 metre record with a great 29:10.6, time so far bettered only by Zátopek and Kovacs. Anueriyev ran the first half in 14:26.0 and the second in 14:44.6. Kuts was timed in 29:59.6, but this sufficed only for fourth, behind Vasiliy Krivosh--yein, 29:34.2, and Grigoriy Basalayev, 29:39.2. Zátopek, who from now on intends to concentrate on this distance (and on longer ones, in preparation for the Melbourne Marathon), clocked 29:33.0 at Stará Boleslav on May 14. Another of his many"pupils," Jiri Santrucek, was second in $30: 14.8$.

## STEEPLECHASE

The steadily improving Vastimil Brlica of Czechoslovakia caused a minor surprise at Prague on June 8 when he beat European champion Sándor Rozsnyói of Hungary with a new national record of 8:53.8. The Hungarian did 8:59.2 for second. The year's fastest time, however, was posted by László Jeszenszky of Hungary at Buda--pest on May $21-8: 52.8$.
(Report continued, and concluded with the hurdles and field events, overleaf-)

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HUKDIES.
Boris Stolyarov, Russia's 22-year old decathlon specialist ( 6,859 points under the new scoring system last year), turned in fine 14.2 for 110 metres hurdles at Minsk on May 22 . Only three Europeans (Iidman, Finlay and Bulanchik) have done better. It would appear that the long reign of the bald-headed Yevgeniy Bu_anchik ( 1954 European champion in 14.4) is about finished, for this veteran has been beaten on several occasions this year, his best time so far being no better than 14.7. A man to be watched in this event is Stanko Lorger of Yugoslavia, who has done 14.5 twice (Zagreb, June 5 and Prague, June 8). He seems to possess a basic speed beyond the capabilities of most if not all his European rivals, having recently travelled over the flat route in 10.6 and 21.7. Lorger is 24 and his best time for the high hurdles last year was 14.3 .

Yuriy Lituyev is still in a class by himself in the inter--mediate hurdles and it would now appear that his unexpected defeat in last year's European Championships was Just an occasional mishap. He nas beaten the European title holder, Anatoliy Yulin, with ast--ounding ease on two occasions: at Nalchik, April 25, Lituyev won in 51.7 from Igor Ilin, 52.8, and Yulin, 52.9 and at Minsk, May 21, ne world record nolder produced a fine 51.4 , best in the worla lor tue world record holder produced a Iine 51.4,
1955 , to win from Yulin, 52.8 and İin, 53.3 .

## JUMPS

A new 2-metre man in the hign jump is Yugoslavia's Vlado Marjanovic, who cleared the classic 2.00 ( $6^{\prime} 6 \frac{5^{\prime \prime}}{4}$ ) first in Belgrade, May 8, then in Prague, June 9 , beating on the latter occasion Ion Syter of Rumania, also $6^{1} 6_{4}^{3 \prime 1}$, and Jaroslav Kovár of Czechoslovakia, $6^{\prime} 4^{\frac{3}{4} \prime \prime}$. This last had set a new Czech record of $6^{\prime} 8_{8}^{3 \prime \prime}$, equal second best ever by a European, a few days earlier in Prague. Jirí Lanský, potential $\mathfrak{y}$ y the best Czech jumper, is still handicapped by injuries and has done no better than $6^{1} 4^{\frac{3}{\prime \prime \prime}}$ so far. His best practice jump indoors was $6^{1} 9^{\frac{7}{8} 11}$, not $7^{1 \frac{1}{4} 11}$ as widely reported in many papers.Russia indoors was $6^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}{ }^{\prime \prime}$, not $7^{\prime \frac{1}{4} " 1}$ as widely reported in many papers. Russ
has 7 men at $6^{\prime} 4^{\frac{3}{4} \prime \prime}$ or better, yet the long-awaited 2 -metre man is still "round the corner." A notable national record was set by Erdal Akkan of Turkey with $615 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

Viktor Chernobay, Russia's most consistent vaulter in 1954 ops the vaulters' list with a $14{ }^{\prime} 5 \frac{71}{4}$ (Kiev, May). The most notable rogress here is that of Giulio Chiesa, who at Thonon on May 29 becam taly's first 14-footer with a $14^{\prime} 0^{\frac{1}{2}}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ clearance, then improved to $14^{\prime} l_{4}^{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ on June 4 in Rome. Pyotr Denisenko, the European record holder has also done $14^{\prime} 1 \frac{1}{4} \prime \prime$, but on another occasion he was unable to clear $1^{\prime} 1^{\frac{1}{4} \prime \prime}$. Other national records were set by Randolf Peukert for Germany, $14^{\prime} 0^{\frac{1}{2} \prime \prime}$ at Erfurt on May 29, and by Dimitar Chlebarov for Bulgaria, $13^{\prime} 11 l^{3 \prime \prime}$ at Sofia on May 15. Peukert was the first athlete from Eastera Germany (DDR) who managed to better a "Pangermanic" record in an Olympic event.

Nothing bis to report from the broad jump department.Eur-- opean champion OdBn Fbldessy of Hungary still has to make his debut A new Russian Junior record was set by Anatoliy Kriushkov at Minsk on Nay 21 with a fine $24^{\prime} 4 \frac{1}{8}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ leap; the event was won by Leonid Grigoryev at $24^{\prime} 4 \frac{7}{8}$ ". Zdenek Procházka of Czechoslovakia showed marked improvement when he beat his more famous countrymen Fikejz and Mart--inek at Lomice, May 14 with a $24^{\prime} 3^{3} 3^{\prime \prime}$ effort.

The crop of hop, step and jump marks is easily the finest ever by this time of the season. Russia alone has 10 men over 15 metres ( $49^{\prime} 2^{\frac{1}{2}} 1$ ) , with 20 -year old Yevgeniy Chen on top at $50^{\prime} 9^{\frac{1}{2}}{ }^{\prime \prime}(\mathrm{Nal}$ --chik,April 26) and 22-year old Valentin Dementyev as the most con--sistent (best mark $5017 \frac{1}{2} 11$ at Mar olent in Dementyev as the most conhas to enter the picture at Minsk, May 22). Leonid Shcherbakov still held by Martin Rehák of Czut the no.l spot on the European list at Prague on June 9.0 nly only two Europeans, Shcherbakov and Norway's Kaare Strbm (the latter with the help of a wind), have done better. Rehák is a very consistent jumper, having bettered 50 feet in all of his 4 meets so far.

## THROWS

With Skobla still nursing his injured foot, Otto Grigalka is alone in the $55-$ plus bracket, his best so far being 55'5"at Minsk on May 21. A great future prospect is Czechoslovakiats Jaroslav Plihal who at 19 has done $53^{\prime} 10 \frac{7}{8} 1$. But he was once beaten by Reijo Koivisto of Finland, who brilliantly opened the 1955 Finnish season with a new national record of $53^{\prime} 4^{\frac{1}{2} \prime \prime}$ (Mikkeli, May 29), thus removing from the list a 19-year old mark set by the Berlin silver medallist Sulo Bder--lund. Germany has her first 16 -metre men since pre-war days in Her--man Lingnau, $52^{\prime} 7^{\frac{1}{2} \prime \prime}$, and Karl-Heinz Wegmann, $52^{\prime} 6_{4}^{\frac{3}{4} \prime \prime}$

Adolfo Consolini continues to defy the laws of time. The set of his recent marks includes a $177^{\prime} 0_{8}^{3 \prime \prime}$ in Milan, a $176^{1} 10^{3} 3^{\prime \prime}$ in Mont--reuil, France, a $176^{\prime} 6^{\frac{71}{8}}$ in Cleve, Germany, and a $176^{\prime} 8 \frac{7}{6}$ " again in Milan! Such an "automatism" over a period of many years is probably

## WORLD'S TOP 1955 MARKS

The following are the best marks achieved anywhere in the orld in each event up to the beginning of the fourth week of June.

|  |  | Jim Golliday(USA) | Evanston, Ill. | May |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 metres | 10.3 | Willie Williams(USA) | Mexico City | Mar. |
|  | 10.3 n | Mike Agostini( Trinidad) | Mexico City | Mar |
|  | 10.3 | Rod Richard(USA) | Mexico City | Mar. |
| 200 metres( $t$ ) | t) 20.7 | Rod Richard(USA) | Mexico City |  |
| 220 yards (t) 20.6 |  | Bobby Morrow(USA) |  | ne |
| 400 metres | 45.4 | Louis Jones(USA) | Mexico City | Mar. |
| 440 yards | 46.5 | J.W.Mashburn(USA) | Compton, Cal. | June |
| 800 metres | 1:47.5 | Roger Moens(Belgium | Brussels | June |
| 880 yards $\frac{3}{4}$ mile | 1: 47.5 | Lon Spurrier(USA) | Berkeley, Ca | Mar. |
|  | 2:55.4 | Brian Hewson(G.B.) | Padd ingto | June |
| $1,500 \mathrm{~m}$. | 3:42.2 | István Rószavölgyi(Hu | Belgrade | June |
| One Mile | 3:59.0 | László Tábori (Hungary | White Cit | May |
| 2,000 m. | 5:08.8 | István Rószavölgyi(Hun) | Budapest | May |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3,000 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { Two Miles } \end{aligned}$ | 7:55.6 | Sandor Iharos(Hungary) | Budapest | May |
|  | 8:33.4 | Sándor Iharos(Hungary) | White City | May |
| 3 Miles | 13:31.8 | Dave Stephens(Australia) | Melbourne | Feb |
| $\begin{aligned} & 5,000 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 6 \text { Miles } \end{aligned}$ | 14:09.8 | Ivan Ullsperger (Czech | Prague | un |
|  | 28: 21.4 | Gordon Pirie(G.B.) | White Cit | Apr |
| $10,000 \mathrm{~m}$. | 29:10.6 | Alexsandr Anufriyev( | as | May |
| $120 \mathrm{yds.H}$ | 13.8 | Willard Thomson(USA) | Evanston | May |
| $220 \mathrm{yds.H}$ (t | (t) 23.1 | Geoff.Goodacre(Austra | Sydney | Jan. |
| $400 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{H}$ | 51.4 | Yuriy Lituyev(USSR) | Minsk | May |
| 3,000m.S/Ch 8;52.8 |  | Iászló Jeszenszky(Hu | Budapes | May |
| H.J. $6^{\prime} 111^{\prime \frac{1}{4}}$ |  | Ernie Shelton( | Los Angeles | June |
| P.V. $\quad$ I | $15^{\prime \prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ | Bob Richards | Los Angeles | May |
|  | $26^{1} 4^{\text {tt }} \frac{1}{8}$ | Rosslyn Range(USA) | Mexico City | Mar |
| L.J. | $54^{1} 3$ "13 ${ }^{\frac{3}{5}}$ | A.F.da Silva(Brazil) | Mexico City | Ma |
| Shot | $59^{1} 1^{117} 8$ | Parry O'Brien(USA) | Los Angeles | June |
| Discus 18 | $180^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ | Fortune Gordien(USA) | Salem,Oregon | Apr. |
| Hammer 20 | $202^{1} 3^{13}{ }^{3}$ | Harold Connolly(USA) | Boston | Apr. |
| Javelin 268(add 120 y | $268^{1} 2^{117}$ | Bud Held (USA) | Modesto | May |
|  | yds.H 13 | 8msecs. by Jack Davis(USA) | at Cali on | ch 27 |

## Máca $200^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime \frac{1}{4}}$ \& Sidło $260^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$

unprecedented in track history, but even so one can easily predict that his unique record in being undefeated against Europeans(other than Tosi) since 1940 is likely to be stopped soon, because the opp--osition is prowing stronger and stronger. Most serious candidates to the succession of the long reigning Adolfo are Jozsef Szecsényi to the succes two young thro of Hungary and Zdenek Cink of Czechoslovak -wers met at Prague on June 8 and the Hungarian won at $172^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime a g a-}$ -inst $169^{\prime} 11 l^{\frac{3}{4} \prime \prime}$ for the amazing Czech. Second best mark on the Eur--opean list so far is that of inconsistent Jan Vrabel, another Czech (173'3 $3^{\prime \prime}$ at Lomnice, May 14). Ot to Grigalka has a good 171'98 (Minsk, May 20), on which occasion hamer thrower Krivonosov was a brilliant second with $168^{\prime} 0^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ".

Surprisingly enough, the hard working European hammer throwers have so far produced nothing to match Hal Connolly's $202^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$ (which, as we now learn, is not likely to be accepted as a U.S. record because the officials were reportedly watching another event at the time the throw was made!!). Milos Máca added a few inches to his own Czech record with a mark of 61.22 ( $200^{\prime} 10_{4}^{1 \prime}$ ) at Stárá Boleslav on May 14. But he was soundly beaten by Olympic champion J bsef Csermák of Hungary on June 9 in Frague, when he could only manage $189^{\prime} \frac{7}{8} \prime \prime \prime$, good for fourth behind Csermák, $193^{\prime} 9^{\frac{1}{4} \prime \prime}$, Jiri Dadåk, 190'933", and Josef Málek, 189'4". Krivonosov is still the most consistent Russian thrower, but at Minsk on May 21 he needed every inch to beat the rapidly improving Fyeodor Thachev, who on an earlier occasion had done $196^{1} 7^{\frac{7}{8}} 1$. Stanislav Nyenashev has several marks in the range $187^{1 / 188^{\prime}}$ but was beaten twice in major meetings. Another old Hammer Hand, Sverre Strandli, is grad--ually moving to his usual high standard, his best so far being 195'61".

Janusz SidZo, European champion and record holder, is till the best of the continental javelin throwers, especially in ig meets. After throwing $246^{\prime}$ even in his own country (Warsaw, May 21) he went to Finland and decisively beat the best Suomi special--ists at Helsinki, May 26, with $245^{\prime} 9^{5}$ " (it should be added, however that this was the opening meet of the Finnish season). At Kouvola on May 30 Sidło got one off to $260^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$, his second best ever and bettered so far this season only by "Bud" Held. Soini Nikkinen of Fin--land is 2nd on the list at $241^{\prime} 5^{5 \prime}$ ", a distance achieved a few days later also by Heiner Will of Germany.A notable event was the arrival of France's lst 70 -metre man in the person of 23 year old Michel Macquet, $234^{1} 5^{\frac{3}{4}}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ at Thonon on May 29.

