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THIRD WORLD RECORD IN 90 DAYS! Sandor Iharos fights a head-wind to record his 3:40.8 for 1,500 metres at Helsinki on July 28 in the Hungary v. Finland match. For details see page 168.

4 More World Records Beaten

MOENS 800M (1:45.7!) IHAROS (3:40.8), CHATAWAY (13:23.2) & KRIVONOSOV THROWS 211'-0⁵/₈"

from Roberto Quercetani

The oldest of all unmatched world running records - Rudolf Harbig's seemingly permanent 800 metre record of 1939 - was finally 'mortalized' on August 3rd.

The new record-holder is the 25 year old Roger Moens, a temperamental Belgian policeman whose 1:45.7 in the Norwegian capital city of Oslo well beat Harbig's 1:46.6.

As a matter of fact, Moens had first set his eyes on the record on July 14 - an historic anniversary of the fall of the most famous of all fortresses. But, as reported last month, Moens could manage no better than 1:47.6 on that day in Brussels. The sporting world had to wait another 20 days till August 3rd to see the fall of the Bastille of the track.

The exploit was achieved in the setting of a glorious Scandinavian evening at Oslo's celebrated Bislet track. Few record attempts have been as carefully planned as this one. The affair centred on two main figures in Moens and the 29 year old "hare de luxe" Audun Boysen of Norway. The rest of the cast were as the Scandinavians say "statisten" except for Norway's up and coming Ragnar Andersen, a 1:50.6 man. Moens had brought along from his Racing Club teammates Colemont, Vernimmen and Maho. Boysen's aides-de-camp were Tveit and Larsen.

After lengthy pre-race talks a first 400 metres in 52 to 52.5 secs. was "ordered". Larsen took charge from the gun and he negotiated the first lap as per prescription with Moens trailing 3 in 52.0 and Boysen 3 or 4 yards back. When Larsen called it a day, Moens took over at a relentless speed: contrary to what happens in nearly all 800 metre races, there was no "float" between the 400 and 500 metre marks. Boysen, who earlier this season had lowered his best 400 metre time to 47.7, started his bid with 300 metres to go. With his long sustained sprint he began to close the gap gradually and and at one time was no more than one metre behind Moens. The Belgian was however on guard and never allowed the Norwegian to draw level. In the very last stages of the race Moens actually increased his lead to 1½ metres.

A tremendous ovation greeted the news that Moens had recorded 1:45.7 and that Boysen had sliced 1½ secs. from his own Norwegian record set at Berne with 1:45.9. The two heroes had to negotiate a Lap of Honour which they did separately - probably to add to the distinction of the rite. Poor Ragnar Andersen was an untalked-of third in 1:51.8.

It was no major surprise that in ideal conditions the improvement should have been as much as 9 tenths. Arnie Sowell's 1:47.6y and Moens's own 1:47.0m at Nuremberg on June 29 each leading from gun to tape without any opposition were intrinsically worth every bit of Harbig's 1:46.6m in Milan when he was lead by Mario Lanzi for 600 metres.

Other European highlights, notably the 3:40.8 1,500 metres by Sandor Iharos and the 211' 0⁵/₈" (64.33 metres) hammer throw by Mikhail Krivonosov, are related in detail in the event-by-event survey opening on p.168.

WHITFIELD NOW 15th !!		
1:45.7	Moens	1955
1:45.9m	Boysen	1955
1:46.6	Harbig	1939
1:46.8'	Spurrier	1955
1:46.8	Courtney	1955
1:46.9'	Sowell	1955
1:47.1	Szentgali	1954
1:47.3m	De Mynck	1954
1:47.4n	Johnson	1954
1:47.4n	Tidwell	1955
1:47.5'	Nielsen	1955
1:47.6	Stanley	1955
1:47.8'	Santee	1955
1:47.8	Hewson	1955
1:47.9	Whitfield	1953
' = 880yds. less 0.7 s.		
n = non-winning time.		

WORLD'S TOP MARKS-1955

The following are the best marks produced anywhere in the world in each standard event upto the fourth week in August.

100 Yards	9.3	Jim Golliday (U.S.A.)	Evanston, Ill.	May 14
100 Metres	10.3	Willie Williams (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
	10.3m	Michael Agostini (Trinidad)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
	10.3	Rod Richard (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
220 Yds. (turn)	20.6	Bobby Morrow (U.S.A.)	Abilene, Tex.	June 3
400 Metres	45.4	Louis Jones Jnr. (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 18
800 Metres	1:45.7	Roger Moens (Belgium)	Oslo	Aug. 3
880 Yards	1:47.5	Lon Spurrier (U.S.A.)	Berkeley, Cal.	Mar. 26
1,500 Metres	3:40.8	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Helsinki	July 28
One Mile	3:59.0	Iászló Tábori (Hungary)	London	May 28
2,000 Metres	5:08.8	Istvan Rózsávolgyi (Hungary)	Budapest	May 28
3,000 Metres	7:55.6	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	May 14
Two Miles	8:33.4	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	London	May 30
Three Miles	13:23.2	Chris. Chataway (G.B.)	London	July 30
5,000 Metres	13:55.2	Jerzy Chromik (Poland)	Warsaw	Aug. 6
6 Miles	28:21.4	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	Apr. 23
10,000 Metres	29:10.6	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Minsk	Mar. 20
110m. Hurdles	13.8	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Calli, Columbia	Mar. 27
400m. Hurdles	51.4	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Minsk	May 21
3,000m. St/Ch.	8:45.4	Pentti Karvonen (Finland)	Oslo	July 15
	8:45.4	Vasiliy Vlasenko (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	Aug. 18
High Jump	6'11 ¹ / ₄ "	Ernie Shelton (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June 10
Pole Vault	15' 3"	Bob Richards (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	May 21
Long Jump	26' 4 ¹ / ₈ "	Rosilyn Range (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
Triple Jump	54' 3 ¹ / ₈ "	A.F.da Silva (Brazil)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
Shot Putt	59' 2 ¹ / ₄ "	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Toronto	July 23
Discus Throw	185' 3 ¹ / ₄ "	Karl Merta (Czechoslovakia)	Bresnice	July 17
Hammer Throw	211' 0 ⁵ / ₈ "	Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR)	Warsaw	Aug. 4
Javelin Throw	268' 2 ¹ / ₈ "	Franklin Held (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	May 21
Decathlon	7,980 pts	Rafer Johnson (U.S.A.)	Kingsbury, Cal.	June 10-11

The 100 metres run in 11.3 seconds by Mrs. Shirley Strickland de la Hunty (Australia) at Warsaw on August 4 was reported to have been wind assisted. The official record is 11.4s by Mrs. Marjorie Nelson. THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE will include eyewitness report of G.B. v U.S.S.R.

GREAT BRITAIN BEATS GERMANY 111-95

Chataway hacks Kuts' 3 miles record down to 13:23.2

by ROSS McWHIRTER
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Great Britain beat the (West) German men by 111 points to 95, and their women by 53 points to 50, in hot, but not unduly humid, weather on Saturday July 30 and Monday August 1. The aggregate attendance on the two days was over 60,000 and the profit on the meeting, sponsored by the "News Chronicle" was over £10,000 - which will be ploughed back into the sport.

The highlight of the first day and the whole match was the methodically calculated pulverisation of Russia's Vladimir Petrovich Kuts' world 3 miles record of 13 Mins, 26.4 s. down to 13:23.2 by the 'Red Fox' Chris Chataway. On the second Sydney Wooderson's British Allcomers', and former world's, 880 yards record of 1:49.2 was swept aside by both Derek Johnson (1:48.7) and Brian Hewson (1:48.9). Two other records were improved :- John Disley reduced his own two week old British Allcomers' 3,000 metres steeplechase mark of 8:56.6 down to 8:52.2; and Jack Parker equaled Ken Doubleday's (Australia) British National record of 14.3 seconds for the 120 yards high hurdles and also collected the English Native Record previously held jointly by Don Finlay and Peter Hildreth at 14.4s.

Germany had won 6 of the previous 7 international encounters between the countries which started with relay matches in 1929 and 1931. Great Britain's only previous win was in 1937 when Godfrey Brown outwitted Rudolf Harbig over 880 yards and last stage of a medley relay upon the outcome of which the whole issue turned. G.B. won by 69 points to 67. The only previous feminine battle was at Nienburg in 1953 and Great Britain won by 49 points to 47.

SPRINTS: 100 YARDS (a)=July 30 **220 YARDS** (b) = August 1.

Despite the absence of Heinz Fütterer, the double European Champion, Germany collected maximum points -8-3 twice - with Karl Kaufmann, 20 and Leonhard Pohl, 23. Kaufmann won the double in 9.8s and a curiously slow furlong in 22.0 with Pohl caught at 9.9s and 22.0. The form that won George Ellis two Bronze medals at Bern deserted him. The British sprinting with Roy Sandstrom (10.1), Ellis (10.2 & 22.5), and Willie Henderson (22.4) was incredibly bad.

440 YARDS: (a) Karl-Friedrich Haas of Nürnberg gave the second lane - usually the perquisite of a first string in an international match - to Hans Geister and then ran confidently in the blind outside lane with his characteristic gum shoeing style. Haas, showing excellent judgment, surged away off the crown of the home bend and won in 47.7s. Peter Fryer (48.2) and Michael Wheeler (48.8) were unable to reproduce their A.A.A. Championship pace but held off Geister (48.9) easily.

880 YARDS: (b) The German pair Friedel Stracke and Hans-Walter Friedrich won the race for the pole but Hewson and Johnson looked dangerously strong and relaxed as the field swept past the bell in 54.5 seconds. It was obvious that this was going to be a fast race - it had that unmistakable throb. The British pair attacked decisively down the long back straight. Hewson shot into in lead but Johnson was right on his heels as if connected by a driving rod. The gap opened steadily, so interest switched as to which Englishman would win. Pre-match opinion favoured Hewson strongly because Johnson had seemed badly overraced at the A.A.A. championships and had shown no sign of reproducing his 1:47.4m form of last August at Bern. Mid-way round the last bend Johnson pulled out wide and struck down the taunting Hewson. Both men worked very hard down the home straight. Johnson hit the tape 2 yards up and couldn't help looking pleased with himself. The justification was an excellent time of 1:48.7 with Hewson given 1:48.9. Both thus beat Arthur Wint's track record of 1:49.6 and Sydney Wooderson's obstinate mark of 1:49.2 set for a world's record in a handicap race at Motspur Park in 1938. Johnson now can style himself British Empire, British (Allcomers'), British (National), and English Native Record holder for 880 yards. Stracke and Friedrich were timed at 1:50.5 and 1:50.8.

ONE MILE: (a) A good field dawdled round the first lap in 71.4s. The British pair of Brian Hewson and Ken Wood resolutely refused to take the lead and German's Werner Lueg and Olaf Lawrenz replied by padding along at the head of a reluctant procession. The



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LEFT. Chris Chataway takes his turn at leading from Derek Ibbotson on his way to his 13:23.2 world's record for 3 miles. ABOVE. Jack Parker clears his last hurdle en route to his determined 14.3 secs. victory.

(1 mile cont: from previous column.) crowd responded to this not unamusing farce with a crescendo of slow hand-clapping as more and more realised that the chance of even a respectable time was draining away before their very eyes. The second lap was even slower at 72.2 for a 2:23.6 first 'half'. The third lap was 66.8 and so the bell tolled in 3:30.4. Hewson removed the grin from his face and poured on the fastest outdoor last lap yet seen - a blistering 51.2 secs. which left both the Germans and Wood wallowing. Nonetheless Lawrenz ran 52.0, Wood 52.2 and Lueg 54.6 for the last lap in this race of 'crazy mixed-up kids'. The final times for the record were:- Hewson 4:21.6; Lawrenz 4:22.6; Wood 4:22.8 and the ex-world 1,500 metre record-holder 4:25.2.

THREE MILES: (a)

The meeting record for this event stood at 13:34.0 put up by Gordon Pirie on a drizzling September night in the giant Berlin Olympic Stadium in 1953 en route to a 14:02.6 5,000 metres. That record was to be slashed by over 10 secs. Not a bated whisper of the dastardly plot to prune the world mark of 13:26.4 set by the Russian Kuts reached the ever-straining ear of Fleet Street. But having dipped his pen, licked a stamp and scribed a top secret missive the Fox had visited a Red pillar-box. His letter addressed to Yatesbury's R.A.F. Camp in Wiltshire to Derek Ibbotson suggested that alternating laps in the lead would fix both the Germans and Kuts.

The Cognoscenti were puzzled when Chataway went smartly into the lead from the gun. Such tactics were vulpine not lupine. They could not know that Lap 1 was 'his turn' and lap 2 was 'your turn' and so on for 10 laps. After the first mile in 4:26.0

THE OLD AND THE NEW		
Laps		
1	62.8	67.0
2	2:09.8	2:13.8
3	3:15.6	3:20.0
Mile	4:24.4	4:26.0
5	5:33.4	5:34.0
6	6:35.8	6:42.0
7	7:44.8	7:50.0
2 Miles	8:54.8	8:59.6
9	10:04.4	10:07.6
10	11:13.8	11:18.6
11	12:22.8	12:21.4
Total	13:27.1	13:23.1

with Chataway taking the lead for the third time it began to dawn that something was on. After the two miles had been reached in 8:59.6 with Chataway taking over and Schade his Helsinki conqueror gamely holding on, it was clear that this was a felonious expedition. The ninth lap took 68.0 secs. but Ibbotson coming up for his fifth stint in the lead took a dangerous 71.0 secs. for lap 10. Feeling the pace drop and knowing his was 5 seconds down on his October 2½ mile time Chataway took the reigns firmly into his own hands for a rousing last two laps.

Leaving the gallant Ibbotson behind and the two Germans well in rear, Chataway raised the pace with an extraordinary 11th lap in 63.6 which for the first time (see comparative table) brought him ahead of his old schedule. This however was only a warm up for to the accompaniment of an almost disbelieving roar of excitement the First Gentleman of the Track poured it on all the way for his own fourth world record with a 60.7 secs. twelfth circuit.

Meanwhile Ibbotson was in trouble and stumbled 5 yards short of the tape but managed to scramble over in 13:42.2 20 yards ahead of the 36 year old Solingen baker Herbert Schade

(Great Britain versus Germany continued from previous page.) who was timed at 13:44.8. Walter Konrad, who had won a 5,000 m. race at Belgrade on June 16 in 14:17.0 (worth say 13:47.0 for 3 miles) had to be content in this company with fourth place in 14:08.0.

SIX MILES: (b)

The sun temperature was at 94° and the German opposition to the British cross-country experts Ken Norris of Middlesex and Frank Sando of Kent was slight. Sando seemed to start with some idea of a fast time but then relented and Norris came up to his shoulder. For the rest of the race the two ran side by side with Norris always on the outside. To relieve the monotony they chatted about the results of each of the preceding match events. The only points of interest were the lapping of first Sigfried Stellar and then before the five miles mark the lapping of the 37 year old German captain Hermann Eberlein (32:08.6). Finally in the closing stages poor Stellar (32:32.6) was lapped a second time. In the circumstances the precision dead-heat between Norris and Sando in such a respectable time as 29:57.0 was a commendable effort. Both Germans received quite as much applause as the British pair who were still engrossed in conversation long after the finish.

METRIC TIMES. The following times were kindly supplied by Mr. H.A. Hathway—one of the eight official timekeepers—after the match. **MEN.** 200m Kaufmann 21.8; Pohl 21.8. 400m 47.5 Haas. 800m 1:48.0 Johnson; 1:48.3 Hewson; Stracke 1:49.7; Friedrich 1:50.0. 400m H. 52.5 Shaw. **WOMEN.** 200m 24.3 Scrivens 800m 2:08.8. Leather.

120 YARDS HURDLES: (a)

The four hurdlers rose as one man to the first two rows of barriers. Then Jack Parker suddenly opened a sudden three yard gap over the next two flights. The crowd roared. Hurdling with almost maniacal force Parker improved slightly on his lead and was pounding determinedly down the run in as Peter Hildreth, despite catching an early blow from Bert Steines' flailing arm, won the race for second from Steines of Koblenz and Karl-Ernst Schottes of Dusseldorf. All three were caught at 14.8. Parker's time of 14.3 equals the best accepted time ever by a United Kingdom hurdler—Don Finlay's performance over 110 metres at Paris in the 1938 European Championships.

440 YARDS HURDLES: (b)

Germany had the misfortune to have Kurt Bonah, whose 51.5 at Dortmund last year put him equal third on the world list, out with a pulled muscle, following his leg in the 4 x 440 yards relay on the first day. K. Kloss (57.0), who is a German student in London and had been knocked out of the A.A.A. heats a fortnight before, was a stop gap reserve. Bob Shaw all the pressure off toured the circuit of ten barriers in an efficient 52.7 and Tom Farrell (53.3) had no difficulty in holding off A. Maier of Munich (54.0).

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: (a)

The steeplechase found John Disley in excellent form despite the fact that the seasonal pressure of work at his new job—a mountaineering instructor in Wales—made it necessary for him to train during the night. From the start Chris Brasher, recently Roger Bannister's best man, also moved well. This tough bespectacled oil executive, whose hobbies are climbing mountains and racing cars, led Disley away from the two Germans—L. Muller (9:04.6) and Gunther Hesselmann (9:04.8)—excellent times for such a stiff course. For a time it even seemed that Brasher (8:56.0) might even win but then Disley with a lap to go put on the pressure and won going away by over 20 yards in 8:52.2 to lop 4.4 secs. off his two week old record. Disley, whose technique is excellent, finished so fresh that it would be an understatement to say that he was only back to his 1952 Bronze Medal (8:51.8) form shown at Helsinki. Disley is clearly in the top bracket of the 1955 brand of world class steeplechasers.

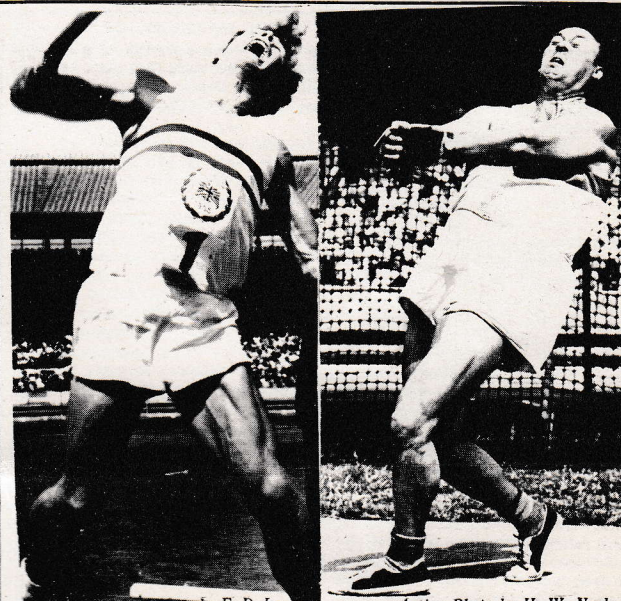
FIELD EVENTS: Great Britain's traditionally weak suit produced out of the eight events 4 wins, but superior second strings gave Germany a 49 points to 39 lead in this department.

HIGH JUMP: (a)

All four men were in at 5'10" and cleared first time. Paul Stableforth failed once at 6'0" and then cleared as the other three had done. At 6'2" Stableforth and H.J. Jeness (3rd) failed thrice. At 6'3" T. Puell failed first time whereas the red headed Glasgow Policeman Willie Piper rolled over first time. At 6'4" the one shod British champion reinforced his superior record by clearing second time while the German only managed the height on his last attempt. Both failed three times at 6'4½".

POLE VAULT: (b)

The Germans Julius Schneider and Karl-H. Thenee surprising-ly elected to start at only 11'6". Ian Ward, whose fair hair is



LEFT: Barclay Palmer (G.B.) making the best putt (51'0½") of his life. **RIGHT:** Karl Storch the doyen hammer thrower who at 42 years of age won the contest for Germany at 183'5" (with his last throw) by virtue of a longer second best throw.

(High Jump cont: confusingly as blond as is Elliott's, had a failure at 12'0", which height Elliott passed up. All cleared 12'6" first time except Elliott whose metal pole broke near the top causing him to fall awkwardly and painfully damage his knee. This mishap of course did not count as a trail (per I.A.A.F. rule 36(4)). By the time the bar was at 13'0" Elliott, tended by the St. John's Ambulance men and his hurdling fiancée Pamela Seaborne, was gamely prepared to try a vault. He cleared first time as did Schneider and Ward, Thenee was over on his last attempt. All attempts at 13'6" failed—two by the brave Elliott and three by the others. Thus Elliott won with a single vault. On the count back Schneider was second, Ward third and Thenee last in this rather odd competition.

LONG JUMP: (b)

The British can usually rely on strangers to the White City pit losing a foot of their form. The two Germans failed to oblige. M. Molzberger with 23'11½" and 23'11½" again, and D. Richter with 23'1", 23'9", 23'11" cracked off in great style—very little below their best ever marks. Ken Wilmshurst, the British Empire Games Champion at 24'8¾" and British captain, could only find 22'11½" in Round 3 amid 4 no jumps, while the Admiralty civil servant Arthur Cruttenden had a best of only 22'8" and that with his very last jump.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP: (a)

Theo Strohschneider lead the first round with 46'10" for the simple reason that the other three all no jumped. The British Empire champion Ken Wilmshurst hit 49'3" in the next round and then improved immediately to 49'7". Dennis Field in the third round moved up into third place with 46'5½". In round 4 H. Höhnke went into second place with 47'6". In the fifth round Strohschneider reinforced his third place with a clearance of 47'2".

SHOT PUT: (b)

The Hannoverian H. Lingnau led the opening round with 50'7½" from Karl Wegmann of Dortmund. Barclay Palmer misfired at only 44'10½". In the next round Wegmann took the lead with 51'5½" and in the third Lingnau improved to 51'3". In Round 4 the gigantic Canadian born Palmer (see above) produced the best effort of his life with 51'0¼" to place in British annals only second to the semi-retired John Savidge (55'2"). Wegmann advanced to 51'7" and Mark Pharaoh produced a depressingly poor best of only 45'5¾". Palmer had four no putts whereas Lingnau rapped out 6 putts all over 50 feet.

DISCUS THROW: (a)

Mark Pharaoh the broad shouldered R.A.F. Officer got in a first throw of 162'0½" and despite some very anxious moments that was enough to win. (Report continued & concluded P.

(GREAT BRITAIN Versus GERMANY MATCH REPORT CONCLUDED.) (Discus-)
The German reserve G.Noack threw 161'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the second round and 161'0" in the third. Nineteen year old Gerald Carr reached 144'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the fifth round and Martin Bührle of Heidelberg got his best distance with his last throw -measured at 159'1".

HAMMER THROW: (b)

This opening event on the second day started well for Great Britain with Peter Allday, who relatively speaking is the Mighty Atom of hammer throwing, reaching 183'5" and Dr.Ewan Douglas with 174'4" edging ahead of the 42 year old doyen of spin and grunt Karl Storch (172'2"). After two more rounds the picture changed considerably. Hugo Ziermann, a 31 year old Berlin policeman, threw 183'4" for second place by an inch and Storch (177'8") passed Douglas who had improved to 176'8".

In the final round Storch, the father, incidentally, of four daughters, put in a crafty cast of exactly 183'5" and so beat Allday because his second best throw was 180'0" compared with the Englishman's 175'0". Thus one little inch covered the first three in a thrilling and well presented contest, which was excellently commented by Dennis Cullum-the 'mid-husband' of British hammer throwing.

JAVELIN THROW: (b)

Dennis Tucker, Britain's slightly built but usually consistent thrower, lead with 204'9" after two rounds. Then red headed Peter Cullen went into the lead with 212'6" ahead of Luitpold Maier the German second string (207'5"). At last in the fourth round Heiner Will, Germany's 250 footer, came into action with a winning throw of 226'8". Tucker responded with 214'10" and then 219'10"-a personal best performance. Maier with his last throw improved over 12 feet but still just failed to oust Tucker from second place.

4 x 110 yards RELAY: (b)

The British sprinters redeemed themselves in this sprint relay with George Ellis and Roy Sandstrom presenting Michael Ruddy with a narrow lead which he impressively improved thus giving Brian Shenton an unworried anchor leg. As it was the Germans Kluck and Knoszer muffed their pass (the last one) and it certainly appeared that they should have been disqualified, but since Great Britain had already won the match and it was the last event nobody seemed very interested one way or the other. Britain's time was 41.5s, Germany's 42.2s.

4 x 440 yards RELAY: (a)

The last event of the first day produced a good win in the long relay for Great Britain. The background of the clash was that Germany were third at Helsinki (in European record time of 3:06.6) to only Jamaica and U.S.A. in the metric event and Great Britain were disqualified from first place at Bern thus giving the Germans the silver medals behind France. The first three British runners :-Peter Higgins (49.1), Michael Wheeler (47.9) and Peter Fryer (48.3) were able to establish a sufficient lead over J.Kuhl, Hans Geister and Kurt Bonah to make it safe for Derek Johnson (47.9) and not worthwhile for Karl-F Haas on the anchor. The result was a 15 yards win for Great Britain in 3:13.2 over Germany 3:16.0. After his stage Bonah had to have treatment for a pulled muscle. Next day he could not start in his speciality the 440 yards Hurdles.

Thelma Hopkins 19'-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " & 5'-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

100 YARDS (b)

This event turn out to be a key one because the British team were 23 points to 32 down on the first day and first and third in this sprint was the worst result Britain could stand and still win the match. As it turned out Margaret Francis a strong 22 year old medical student from Manchester led from gun to tape to equal the British Allcomers' record of 10.9. Heather Armitage of Yorkshire also got an excellent start and finished second in 11.1 well clear of Maria Sander (11.3) and Inge Fuhmann (11.4).

220 YARDS (a)

Tall long legged Jean Scrivens showed the field a clean pair of heels and romped home in 24.4 for a new British Allcomers' record, lopping .1s off Sylvia Cheeseman's 24.5 made on grass at Southampton in 1949. Shirley Hampton just got pipped for second place by Charlotte Böhmer. The timekeepers announced 24.9 and 25.2-one of those all too prevalent and obviously stupid errors that naturally bring groans from the crowd. Irene Brütting was fourth in 25.9.

880 YARDS (b)

Great Britain was banking on full points and Diane Leather of Birmingham and Betty Loakes of Kettering did not fail. Miss Leather ran laps of 64.7 and 64.8 so missing her own British record of 2:09.0 by .5s. Miss Loakes finished comfort-



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LEFT: Diane Leather the most consistent woman half miler in the world during this season. She won against Germany in 2; 09.5 & in 2:09.9 v. Hungary.

RIGHT: Thelma Hopkins put everything into the long jump. She won four events out of four in the internationals against Germany and Hungary.

(Women's 880 yards cont:)-ably ahead of Edith Schiller(2:15.8) and Marianne Weiss(2:17.3) in 2:12.8.

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY: (b)

With the score standing at Great Britain 50 -Germany 49 the crowd waited with bated breath for this final and deciding event. The British team in view of their 15 points to 7 in the sprints were favourites but it was not forgotten that the German girls clocked 45.9 to equal the world's record and collect the silver medals at Helsinki in 1952. The British quartette in the order Anne Pashley, Jean Scrivens, Heather Armitage and Margaret Francis by dint of spirited running and uncharacteristically good baton passing won easily in a new Best British performance of 46.9-only .6 outside the Australian held world's record. The Germans :- E. Butz, Inge Fuhrmann, Irene Brütting, and Maria Sander clocked 47.6.

80 METRES HURDLES: (a)

The result of this event was a slap in the eye to Great Britain who can afford to give nothing away besides the throwing events. The first three hit the tape in 11.3 with Pam Seaborne, co-holder of the British record at 11.2, sandwiched between Genta Gastl and Maria Sander. Margaret Francis, the W.A.A.A. champion disappointed in last place in 11.6.

HIGH JUMP: (b)

This was easily the best women's event. All jumpers cleared 4'10", 5'0", 5'1" (Germans only), and 5'2". At 5'3" (1m60)-where world class begins-both British jumpers were over first time and both Germans second time. At 5'4" again Mrs Dorothy Tyler, one of the world's wonders, and Miss Hopkins cleared first time. Ursula Ehrhardt failed but Inge Kilian, amidst much jubilation, cleared on her last trial. At 5'5" only the British Empire and European Champion Thelma Hopkins cleared and that at her last attempt. Miss Hopkins then proceeded to straddle over 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " first time and had three courageous-including one very close-attempts at 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in an effort to recapture for Britain Chudina's world mark.

LONG JUMP: (a)

Anneliese Seonbuchner with 18'6" lead after the first round from the European Champion Mrs. Jean Pickering (nee DesForges) 17'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", who clearly had not recovered from an ankle injury, Maria Sturm, Haas's fiancée, went into second place with 18'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", but then Thelma Hopkins cleared 18'8" for the lead which she improved to 19'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-an inch short of the British Allcomers record.

SHOT PUTT: (a)

Marianne Werner's first putt was 45'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and that was that. In Round 4 Annekatriin Lafrenz reached 42'9" to confirm second place. The English girls J. Cook and J. Balkwill reached their feeble bests of 38'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 35'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the 6th and last round.

DISCUS THROW: (b)

The German shot putters doubled in the discus. The powerful Lafrenz however won with 151'0" against Werner's 147'10". Miss Giri reached 132'9" and Miss Sylvia Needham only 125'1".

JAVELIN THROW: (a)

Except for a brief moment in the second round when Anne Collins split the Germans with a throw of 136'0" the story was the same. Almut Brömmel won with 150'10" and Edelgard Anhoff was second with 144'8". Miss Collins improved to 139'9" and wonder eyed Monica Podmore-a 17 year old from Stoke-on-Trent on her first ever trip to London-threw a promising 124'0".

U.K. BEST LIST

This fifth best performance list of the 1955 season takes in all reported marks to the fourth week in August. n = non-winning mark.

100 YARDS:

9.8	Roy Sandstrom	6/7
9.9	Kenneth Box	25/6
9.9n	D.G. Simmonds	6/7
9.9	Noel Fontyn(Burma)	15/7
9.9	A. Breaker	13/8
10.0	Alan Dunbar	14/5
10.0	Michael Ruddy	21/5
10.0	Ronald Chambers	1/6
10.0	George Ellis	25/6
10.0	William Furguson	25/6
10.0	Ivan Mayers(B.Guiana)	2/7
10.0n	Ronald Holtum	2/7
10.0n	David Segal (J)	6/7
10.0n	Karim Oluwu(Nigeria)	15/7
10.0	Alan Thomas (J)	15/7
10.0	Edward McKeating (J)	23/7
10.0n	Dennis Merrett	13/8

with wind:

9.8	Canute Thomas(Trin:)	21/5
9.9	Michael Ruddy	4/5
9.9n	Ivan Mayers(B.Guiana)	21/5
9.9n	A.F.Hatch	21/5
9.9	Brian Shenton	18/6

220 YARDS:

21.4	Michael Ruddy	11/6
21.6	Clayton Gibbs(Trin:)	25/6
21.7n	Peter Fryer	18/6
21.7n	Roy Sandstrom	15/7
21.7	William Henderson	15/7
21.7n	George Ellis	15/7
21.8n	Brian Shenton	15/7
21.9	Gwilym Roberts	16/4
21.9n	Samuel Clemson	15/7
22.0	William Ferguson	30/4
22.0n	Dennis Merrett	4/6
22.0n	Ivan Mayers(B.Guiana)	15/7

straightaway:

21.5n	Clayton Gibbs(Trin:)	21/5
22.0	David Segal(J)	2/7
22.0n	Ian Smith(J)	2/7

400 METRES:

48.2n	Peter Higgins	7/7
48.6n	John Wrighton	10/7

440 YARDS:

47.7	Peter Fryer	16/7
47.7n	Michael Wheeler	16/7
48.3	Derek Johnson	30/5
48.5n	Peter Higgins	16/7
48.7n	John Wrighton	30/5
48.8n	Terrence Higgins	16/7
49.0n	Michael Orrell-Jones	11/6
49.4n	Roger Baker	21/5
49.4	Brian Morris	1/7
49.4	James Paterson	(10)15/7
49.5	Robert Shaw	29/4
49.5	John Salisbury	16/6
49.6n	Harry Kane	30/5
49.6	Robert Quinn	25/6
49.7	John Metcalfe	25/4
49.7n	John Groves	4/6
49.7	Edward Buswell	30/7
49.8n	Donald Gorrie	26/4
49.8n	Harold Smith(J)	30/5
49.9n	Paul Burt	(20)16/6
49.9	David Rawe	28/6
49.9	Leonard Smith	7/7

800 METRES:

1:47.8	Brian Hewson	13/8
1:48.0	Derek Johnson	1/8
1:51.3n	Jock Beesley	6/7

880 YARDS:

1:48.6	Brian Hewson	13/8
1:48.7	Derek Johnson	1/8

880 YARDS(Cont:)

1:51.4n	Ronald Henderson	16/7
1:51.9n	John Douglas(Aust:)	16/7
1:52.0n	Donald Gorrie	16/7
1:52.4n	Richard McKay	12/8
1:52.6	Jock Beesley	24/5
1:52.6n	Norman Lloyd	16/6
1:52.6	Peter Driver	21/7
1:52.8n	Ernest Gallagher(10)	16/7
1:53.1n	Edward Buswell	16/6
1:53.3	Brian Jackson	30/5
1:53.6n	Gordon Pirie	18/6
1:53.6	Martin Warmesley	23/7
1:54.2	Michael Rawson	28/5
1:54.2	Michael Farrell	28/5
1:54.3	Peter Clark	25/6
1:54.5	Edward Caiger	6/7
1:54.5	I.M.Stewart	21/5
1:54.6	Gordon Stewart (20)	8/6
1:54.6n	Alan Murray-Carter	15/7
1:54.7n	Derek Lovelady	15/7
1:54.7n	Frederick Millward	15/7
1:54.7	Antony Day(J)	30/7
1:54.8	Michael Denney	28/5
1:54.9n	Donald Randall	28/5

1,000 YARDS:

2:08.0	Brian Hewson	21/6
2:11.9	John Evans	24/5

1,000 METRES:

2:20.2	Brian Hewson	21/6
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1,500 METRES:

3:43.2+	Brian Hewson	28/5
3:43.6+	Christopher Chataway	2/7
3:44.8n+	Kenneth Wood	2/7
3:48.0	John Evans	6/7
3:49.5	Gordon Pirie	11/6
3:49.8n	Alan Gordon	16/6
3:51.6	Brian Jackson	7/5
3:52.8n	David Law	6/7
3:53.4	Martin Warmesley	10/7

+ made in mile race

ONE MILE:

3:59.8n	Christopher Chataway	28/5
3:59.8n	Brian Hewson	28/5
4:01.6n	Kenneth Wood	2/7
4:04.8	Peter Driver	18/6
4:05.8n	Ralph Dunkley	18/6
4:06.0	Gordon Pirie	8/6
4:07.7n	David Law	18/6
4:07.6n	Brian Barrett	13/6
4:07.9n	Alan Gordon	18/6
4:08.2	John Evans	(10)29/6
4:08.2	Brian Jackson	6/7
4:08.8	Derek Ibbotson	21/5
4:09.0	Ian Boyd	16/4
4:09.0	Martin Warmesley	21/5
4:09.0n	John Disley	28/5
4:09.4n	Christopher Brasher	13/8
4:09.6	Frank Wyatt	(17)30/5

The 19 milers with marks between 4:10.0 and 4:15.0 are listed in the July-Aug. issue on p.

2,000 METRES:

5:09.4	Christopher Chataway	11/6
5:09.8	Gordon Pirie	21/5
5:10.9	John Disley	
5:12.8n	Derek Ibbotson	

ONE AND A HALF MILES:

6:26.0	Gordon Pirie	5/7
6:30.8n	John Thorpe	5/7
6:31.0n	Kenneth Norris	5/7
6:31.8n+	Kenneth Wood	30/5
6:32.0	Peter Driver	20/6

+ made in a two mile race

TWO MILES:

8:34.8	Kenneth Wood	30/5
8:45.8n	Brian Barrett	30/5
8:52.2	Peter Driver	21/5
8:53.8+	Gordon Pirie	21/6
8:56.2	Derek Ibbotson	6/8
8:56.8n	Frank Sande	21/5
8:57.4	Tony Osborne	6/7

TWO MILES (Cont:)

8:58.4n	Michael Maynard	21/5
8:59.2	Christopher Suddaby	12/5
8:59.6n	Hugh Poord	(10)21/5
8:59.6+	Christopher Chataway	30/7
8:59.8n	Kenneth Caulder	21/5

THREE MILES:

13:23.2	Chris.Chataway	30/7
13:29.8	Gordon Pirie	21/6
13:29.6	Frank Sande	25/6
13:29.6n	Kenneth Norris	25/6
13:34.6	Derek Ibbotson	28/5
13:40.8n	Brian Barrett	25/6
13:42.2n	Michael Maynard	28/5
13:48.0n	Hugh Poord	25/6
13:49.6n	Kenneth Caulder	25/6
13:50.2n	Peter Pirie	(10)25/6
13:50.3	Roger Dunkley	4/6
13:50.6n	Jack Braughton	25/6
13:53.8n	Dennis O'Gorman	25/6
13:54.8n	Ian Binnie	(14)4/6

The 12 3 milers with marks from 14:00.0 to 14:10.0 were listed in the July-Aug. issue on p.154.

5,000 METRES:

14:17.8	Peter Driver	15/6
14:20.8	Michael Maynard	7/7
14:22.6n	Jack Heywood	7/7

6 MILES:

The 21 six milers with marks under 30 minutes are listed in the July-August issue on p.154.

120 YARDS/110 METRES HURDLES:

14.3	Jack Parker	30/8
14.4n	Peter Hildreth	12/8
14.7n	Christopher Higham	10/7
14.8n	Robert Shaw	6/7
14.9n	Paul Vine	16/6
14.9	Geoffrey Elliott	30/5
15.0n	Michael Guthrie(S.A.)	16/4
15.0	Victor Matthews	16/6
15.0	J.R.Bradley	20/7
15.1n	Joseph Birrell	21/5
15.1n	Robin Tolson	25/6
15.1n	J.T.Johnston	20/7
15.2n	T.C.White	16/6

with wind:

14.7	Robert Shaw	12/5
14.7	Paul Vine	22/6

220 YARDS HURDLES:

The 11 low hurdles who have recorded 25.3 or better are listed on page 154.

440 YARDS HURDLES:

The 14 quarter mile hurdlers who have recorded under 57.0 are listed on page 154.

3,000 METRES STEEPCHASE:

8:52.2	John Disley	30/7
8:56.0n	Christopher Brasher	30/7
8:56.2n	Eric Shirley	13/8

The 12 steepchasers who have also recorded inside 9:30.0 are listed on page 154.

HIGH JUMP:

The 12 high jumpers who have cleared 6'1" or better are listed on page 154, to which total add :-

6' 1"	Bill Little(S.A.)	-
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POLE VAULT:

13' 6"	Geoffrey Elliott	16/7
13' 4"	Ian Ward	6/8
13' 4"	Geoffrey Schmidt	6/8
12' 7"	Raymond Petitjean	30/7
12' 6"	Norman Gregor	4/6
12' 6"	George Broad	8/6
12' 4"	Kenneth North(N.Z.)	11/6
12' 3"	Gilbert Howland	16/7



Photo by E. D. Lacey

Mark Pharaoh, Britain's leading discus thrower who has a grass circle mark of 166'9" made at Rugeley, Staffs. and a practice mark of 175'9" at Motspur Park on August 9th.

Pole Vault (Cont:)

12' 1 1/2"	Rex Hayden	8/5
12' 0"	Malcolm Ash	14/5
12' 0"	A.B.Hopkins	8/6

LONG JUMP:
List unaltered from page 158.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP:
List unaltered from page 158 except -- delete mark attributed to John Garner on 30/5 & N.B.

SHOT PUT:

46' 4 1/2"	Ilcyd Parry	16/7
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List unaltered except--:

51' 0 1/2"	Barclay Palmer	1/8
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DISCUS THROW:

166' 9"	Mark Pharaoh	9/7
155'10"	Hywell Williams	30/7
152' 8"	Otto Feldmanis	2/7
150' 4 1/2"	Gerald Carr	12/8
148' 7"	Konstanty Maksimczyk	20/6
148' 3 1/2"	Eric Cleaver	13/7
147'10"	Ted Gaworski	9/7
147' 8"	James Sampson	2/7
144' 4"	Peter Isbester	25/6
143' 7 1/2"	John Savidge	21/5
142' 1"	D.Children	9/7

HAMMER THROW:
List unaltered from page 158

JAVELIN THROW:

220' 3"	Peter Cullen	14/5
219'10"	Dennis Tucker	1/8
212' 6"	Colin Smith	25/6
210' 1"	Malcolm Harradine	4/8
209' 5"	Ray Davies	19/3
207'11"	Clive Loveland	18/6
206' 0"	Richard Miller	19/3
204'11"	Donald Mackenzie	28/5
202' 0"	Michael Ruda	30/5
201' 1"	John Roberts	25/6
201' 1"	N.B.Hughes	20/7

LATE ADDITIONS:

880y	1:53.3n	Edward Caiger	12/8
1,500m	3:52.1	Martin Walmsley	14/8
2 M	8:57.4n	Ray Hatton	6/7
5,000m	14:18.6	Derek Ibbotson	20/8
400mH	54.8n	Clive Dennis	14/8
HST.	46'6 1/2"	Peter Goldsmith	23/7
H.T.	160'7"	Charles Reidy	-/7

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HUNGARY BEATS GREAT BRITAIN 116½-93½

**Tabori Double:- 4.05 &
13:44.6 Hewson 1:48.6**

by NORRIS McWHIRTER

Hungary (population 9½ million) won the title of world No.3 power of 1955 in track and field from a bid for that position by Great Britain (population 50 million) by winning the first ever international between the countries by 116½ points to 93½ points. The encounter was watched by a total of over 65,000, and took place in the "News of the World" sponsored British Games at the White City Stadium on August 12 and 13.

The British women's team again wiped out an overnight deficit and won their match convincingly by 60 points to 53. The weather the first evening was fair but rain varying from a steady drizzle to a downpour -plus a blustering wind-made the second day one of drips and puddles.

The Hungarian men fielded a very well balanced team and thoroughly deserved their victory in a strange arena. Some of their stars were only 5 days out of the hot competition at Warsaw (see R.L.Q.'s report).

The British team was disappointing on the whole and perhaps a little dispirited by a run of bad luck over the absence of Geoff Elliott (pole vault) and Derek Johnson (880y & 4 x 440y relay) and their failure to collect even the losers' 2 points in the sprint relay owing to disqualification.

A tactical lesson was well rubbed home. Chris Chataway's famed finish is not so good as the Hungarians Tabori's and Iharos's in races as slow as 4:05.0 and 13:44.6. Had the fourth placers Ken Wood in the mile and Derek Ibbotson in the three miles been able and/or willing to hot the pace up to bells in 3 minutes and 12:25.0 the story could have been different but personally I doubt if Chataway-who had just had all the worry of changing jobs from a brewer to a "newcaster"-was quite in the frame of mind at the time for such an arduous sort of double.

100 YARDS: (a)

Great Britain had dropped George Ellis the European 100 metres bronze medalist in favour of Brian Shenton, 28 the 1950 European 200 metres champion. The veteran Béla Goldoványi, 30 year old architect, however was well away and in his ugly but effective style looked a winner all the way, and was timed at 9.8s. Roy Sandstrom was nearly two yards down in 10.0s, with Shenton a clear third in 10.1s. László Zerándi, 27 had the misfortune to pull a muscle but managed to finish in 10.8s.

220 YARDS: (b)

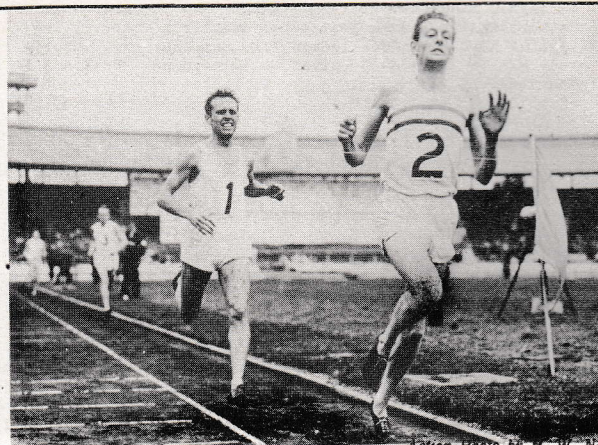
Michael Ruddy the 19 year old Maidstone sprinter took Ellis's place but just failed to spilt the remarkably frisky Hungarians. Goldoványi hit the long straight first with Ruddy and the 400 metre man Zoltán Adamik (not the long jumper Jakabfy as announced) in line just behind him. Goldoványi increased his lead to win a fine sprint double in an excellent 21.5-(only Dick Blair(U.S.A.) on the previous day and McDonald Bailey many times have ever run faster at the White City). Adamik got an inches decision over Ruddy both being caught at 21.7. Willie Henderson was never in the hunt at 22.3.

440 YARDS: (a)

Great Britain looked to this event for maximum points but as the field came off the last bend it was obvious that, although Ferenc Bánhalmi(49.7) was out of contention, Zoltán Adamik was full of running. Michael Wheeler, 20 year old schoolmaster, the co-holder of the English Native record at 47.7 had to work very hard to win from the outside lane in 48.3 from the black haired Hungarian (48.5). Auctioneer Peter Fryer could not make his usual rate of advance and hammered himself home in 48.8s.

880 YARDS: (b)

Great Britain suffered a severe body blow with the withdrawal, owing to tonsillitis, of Derek Johnson, holder of the British Allcomers' record at 1:48.7. Brian Hewson, 22 however ran with great power-more than he has so far ever revealed. The reserve-tall Brian Jackson of Essex, scarcely ranked in Britain's top ten, did his job to the best of his ability by trying to take Hewson to the bell in 52.0s. Hewson had to pass Jackson 30 yards out from the half way mark and going like a quarter miler passed it in 53.6s. The highly strung European champion Lajos Szentgáli went after Hewson who rounded into the back straight with a lead of nearly 15 yards. The blustering wind and his daring pace gradually took its toll of Hewson's powers but he gained the tape still 2½ yards up on Szentgáli. Hewson's time equalled the much battered officially listed world's record of 1:48.6 but now



Action Photo by H. W. Neale

Hewson beating European Champion Szentgáli in 1:48.6 (Empire record).

it gains only eighth equal place on the "new look" all-time list, but more tangibly the British Empire, British Allcomers' and English Native Records. Hewson's was a great piece of front running in most unhelpful conditions-clearly he will turn in much faster times in the future. Szentgáli returned a most creditable 1:48.9 with István Rózsavölgyi third in 1:51.0 and Jackson (1:53.4) despite all just a tenth outside his previous best. The times taken for the first three at 800 metres were 1:47.8; 1:48.1; and 1:50.2.

ONE MILE: (a)

The Hungarians nominated Lt. Sándor Iharos, 25 holder of the world's 1,500m, 3,000m and 2 miles records and László Tabori, 24 holder of the British Allcomers' mile record at 3:59.0. Great Britain put in Chris Chataway, 24 the three miles world record holder and Ken Wood, 23 the British Empire two miles record holder. No wonder the 30,000 were hushed and the B.B.C. rearranged their programmes to televise the event. Wood started from the inside position but failed to gain the pole from Tabori who was tamely allowed to slow the first lap right down to 66.5 secs and so wreck completely what comparatively slender chances Chataway had of even spitting the Magyars let alone winning. Wood -bolting the stable door after the horses had fled- went into the lead after about 500 yards but the Hungarians (one photograph shows a broad smile) trotted along quite happily as the half mile was reached in 2:06.8 and, for all Wood's belated efforts, the bell in 3:08.6. In the last lap in the inevitable tear up the overdistance British runners were left wallowing as the lean Hungarians scampered through from the rear pell-mell down the back straight in an awful crescendo. Tabori was given the verdict in 4:05.0 but many thought his superior officer Iharos (also 4:05.0) beat him in the last stride. Chataway made a game effort to hang on but he tied up in the slip stream and reached the broken tape in 4:06.4 (Wooderson's world record time of 1937!) and Wood (4:08.2) came in last.

Being wise after the event (Although I did publish this opinion before the race), Hewson with his quarter miling ability (48.8 in a relay leg) was the obvious man for this sort of two-a-side race from Britain's point of view. If the Hungarians had been frightened of his finish they would have had to have taken the first lap much faster and so drawn their own stings and then perhaps then fallen victim to Chataway's finish which is only relatively so good, and so a race winner, in a fast even pace mile.

3 MILES: (b)

The Hungarians had Ernő Béres, 27 year old teacher of sports and Great Britain Derek Ibbotson, 23 year R.A.F. serviceman from Yorkshire fresh for the race whereas Tabori and Chataway had their miles only 20 hours behind them. The race proceeded with Chataway and occasionally Ibbotson sharing the lead through a possibly sufficient first mile of 4:30.6 but then a disastrously slow one of 4:42.8. Thus when the bell was tolled at 12:47.6 it was exactly as if, except perhaps for Ibbotson, the previous 11 laps covered had been a mere formality. In Indian file and running with piston-like precision the field in the order Ibbotson, Chataway, Tabori and Béres hauled into the back straight for the last time. Chataway, determined to keep the initiative, pulled out of line with 250 yards to go in an attempt to pass Ibbotson who seemed to resist his challenge. That gave Tabori his split second chance and in no time he and Chataway, who had been unable to get away cleanly, were at it ding-dong round the home bend. (Continued on page 167).

(GREAT BRITAIN v. HUNGARY Continued-3 miles) The Hungarian again moved the more easily and he just edged away from Chataway who was struggling hard but never looked like catching him. Tábori was a clear winner in 13:44.5 (given as 13:44.6 per the I.A.A.F rule) with Chataway getting the same official time of 13:44.6. Béres (13:48.2) had no difficulty in passing Ibbetson (13:52.2) for third place and so to inflict a 7-4 points defeat on G.B.

SIX MILES: (a)

This race was a complete triumph for Gordon Pirie who had failed to finish the A.A.A. 6 miles through heat stroke. As the race developed it became clear that the 27 year old Hungarian economist Miklós Szabó was going to be out of the hunt. The half way mark was passed in 14:18.8. Tiny József Kovács, a 29 year old textile worker, tried hard to run between the British pair Ken Norris, the A.A.A. champion and Gordon Pirie, the British Empire record holder. When Kovács put in a sudden burst Pirie at once replied with a sprint and snatched back the lead. Norris did not respond and a wide gap opened. The cross country champion however kept his head and soon his relentless even pace brought him up level again with the lead after two laps more had unreled. With the three together again Kovács tried again to take the lead and succeeded momentarily at 5½ miles. Pirie and Norris never relaxed the pressure and suddenly and dramatically Kovács dropped his arms. He had been cracked. Pirie and Norris amid mounting cheers reached the bell together. Was there to be a repeat of the Norris/Sando arranged dead-heat of the G.B. v Germany match? No, this was to be revenge sweet revenge for Pirie. The tall paint salesman sped away down the back straight and with twinkling stride opened an ever increasing gap to win by 30 yards in 28:36.0. Norris was timed at 28:41.8, Kovács at 29:12.4 and the lonely Szabó at 29:36.8.

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES: (a)

Again Britain's high hurdlers produced maximum points. Peter Hildreth, 27 (whose father sprinted in the 1924 Olympic Games) was determined to beat his arch rival Jack Parker, 27. Off to a good start engineer Parker showed ahead at the third hurdle and then opened a two yard gap by the fifth. Hildreth from then on, hurdling with almost equal fury, closed the gap flight by flight but was still two feet in arrears as the pair careered over the line. Both were timed at 14.4. This was an equal personal best performance for Hildreth (he did 14.4 in 1952) and Parker's second best time. In the wake of this exhilarating domestic battle came Imre Retezár, a student of entomology, in 15.0 and then Antal Lippay—an admitted makeweight drafted in from the 400 metres hurdles—in only 15.8.

440 YARDS HURDLES: (b)

Unbeaten this season Bob Shaw won this first event of the second day from lane 3 narrowly but without undue effort in 53.1 from 24 year old Army man Attila Botár (53.2) who was inside him. Harry Kane (53.4), the British Empire record holder at 51.8, made a gallant effort to gain the sorely needed points for second place but had obviously not recovered completely from his obstinate ankle injury to be able to find his customary finish. All the times were depressed by the wet and windy conditions. Railway worker Antal Lippay was a poor fourth in 55.5—perhaps his 32 years are being at last to tell.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: (b)

With the match already obviously won by Hungary this event provided a great cheer for the English—and especially any Welsh—spectators. Nobody really expected a grand slam win with the reigning European Champion Sándor Rozsnyófi, 24 in the field. Ferenc Dehény, a textile worker, became divorced from the proceedings well before the vital last lap. Shirley led narrowly from Rozsnyófi at the bell. Disley then swept passed both into a confident and increasing lead to win in 8:55.4. Eric Shirley set an excellent personal best of 8:56.2 to beat Rozsnyófi (8:56.8) by 3 yards after a spirited duel down the back stretch, which at the White City is the home straight at the end of its notoriously tough steeplechase course.

FIELD EVENTS: Hungary won this department by 55½ points to 32½.

HIGH JUMP: (a)

Towards the end of the first evening with only the sprint relay and the high jump left to be decided Great Britain led by 40 points to 37. The disqualification in the relay and the unexpectedly good form of the Hungarian high jumpers gave the visitors a net gain of 10 points—it was the turning point of the whole match. The first casualty was Paul Stableforth who could not clear 6'1". At 6'2" István Hagya and William Piper were over first time and Árpád Bodó second time. Piper failed at 6'3" but both Hungarians cleared on their third and last trials. At 6'4" Hagya was over first time and Bodó second. The bar was then raised to 6'5"½—a new Hungarian record—and Bodó who is a country boy, cleared on his last effort. In an almost empty stadium he failed at 6'6"½—the all-important 2 metre mark.

Right: Sándor Ibaros, 25 and László Tábori, 24 wind up a double victory in the mile for Hungary with a 56.2 sec. last lap.

This greatest pair of middle distance runners since Gunder Hägg and Arne Andersson will probably deploy Ibaros (1,500m.) and Tábori (5,000m.) at the Melbourne Olympics 14 months hence.

Others believe that Coach Mihály Iglói plans for both to 'double' at these distances.



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POLE VAULT: (b)

With Geoffrey Elliott the European bronze medal winner still out from his injury received when his pole broke in the match against Germany, this contest was only a battle for second place behind the 6'5" tall Budapest lawyer Tamás Homonnay. At 12'0" Ferenc Kovács, a policeman, had a failure. At 12'6" Ian Ward, 26 had a failure. At 12'9" Kovács, Ward and Geoffrey Schmidt, 20 all cleared second time. At 13'0" Schmidt departed but Kovács and Ward both made first time clearances. At 13'3" both failed thrice and so on the count back 2nd place was shared with 3½ points going to each. Homonnay meanwhile cleared 12'9" and 13'3" first time, and then 13'9" without failure. He managed 14'0" on his last trial and abandon the quest of improving his own Hungarian record after two failures at 14'4".

LONG JUMP: (a)

Ödön Földessy the elastic gaitered European champion cleared 23'6"½ in the opening round and that won the event. Arthur Cruttenden, 30 equalled his best this season with 23'2"½ in the second round and that sufficed for second place. In round 4 Ken Wilmshurst cleared 23'1" to secure third place from Sándor Jakabfi (22'7"½). Földessy, the 26 year old police officer, whose great successes are in spite of varicose veins, produced supporting jumps of 23'2"½, 23'5" and 23'5"½.

HOP, STEP and JUMP: (b)

In round 1 István Bolyki, a 26 year old student cleared 48'2", whereas Ken Wilmshurst no jumped. In the next round however Wilmshurst reached 48'11"½ to the Hungarians 48'10" and that won Britain's only field event. In round 3 Dennis Field, very near his best, cleared 47'0"½ thus easily beating 20 year old Róbert Németh (45'6"½) for third place. Wilmshurst recorded 48'10"½ in round four.

SHOT PUT: (b)

János Mihályfi, an earnest 20 year old, opened up with 50'2"½. The gigantic Barclay Palmer, a Canadian born Oxford undergraduate, responded with 50'10" to take a fleeting lead but Mihályfi then putt 50'11"½, and improved later to 51'7" and finally 52'0". Palmer's best putt was wrongly recorded and hence misreported at 50'1"—in fact he had other efforts of 50'8" 50'11", and 50'9"½—thus showing a welcome and new degree of consistency. Mark Pharaoh, who so obviously dislikes this event, only managed 44'8"½. His fellow discus enthusiast József Szécsényi putt 49'7"½ in the 6th and final round.

DISCUS THROW: (a)

József Szécsényi, 23 started with 162'6" to which Mark Pharaoh's rejoinder was only 147'6"½. In the next round the R.A.F. officer was shunted back into third place by Karoly Levai, 26 year old Army officer, who got off his best throw of 159'4". Pharaoh immediately responded with 160'7". In round 4 the two leaders improved: Szécsényi to 168'0" and Pharaoh to 163'11". Gerald Carr a conscientious 19 year old broke new and very promising ground with 150'4"½ in Round 6.

HAMMER THROW: (b)

The 1952 Olympic Champion "Joska" Csermak, 22 (Cont: p17)

CHROMIK (POLAND) BEATS IHAROS IN A 13:55.2 5,000 METRES by R.L.Q.

SPRINTS. Event by Event Survey by R.L.Quercetani continued.

European champion Heinz Fütterer of Germany is only slowly regaining his 1954 form. On July 17 in Karlsruhe, however, he was soundly thrashed by Thane Baker, the Helsinki silver medallist from USA. The American did 10.7 and 21.2 against Fütterer's 10.8 and 21.4 excellent times on a soft, newly-laid track. Then, in the German Championships at Frankfurt, Fütterer had more headaches. In the 200 metre final on August 6 he was nipped at the tape by his 19-year old teammate Karl Kaufmann (winner of both sprints in London) in a 21.4 photo finish. The following day in the 100 metres, Fütterer won by inches from 20-year old Manfred Germar. Time for both, in spite of a slight adverse wind, 10.4. Kaufmann, who was German Junior champion last year, did not run the shorter sprint. The quartet of the Karlsruher SC, Lothar Knörzer, Kaufmann, Fütterer and Peter Mayer, used this 500-metre track to do 40.8 twice in the 4 x 100 metres relay (August 5 & August 7), thus equalling the best-on-record time by a European club team (SC Charlottenburg in 1929).

Russian sprinters fared pretty well at the Warsaw Festival. On August 3 Leonid Bartenyev, still undefeated at the shorter sprint this season, edged his countryman Boris Tokaryev by a narrow margin, both doing 10.4. Veteran Béla Goldoványi of Hungary and Yuri Konovalov of USSR were third and fourth respectively, both in 10.5. The 200 metres final two days later was won by Václav Janecek of Czechoslovakia in 21.2 from Edward Schmidt of Poland and Bartenyev, both 21.3. Tokaryev was only fourth which may have surprised those who had taken for granted his 20.9 of July 10 in Moscow (new USSR record). No details as to wind velocity or length of curve are so far available on that Moscow race, in which Konovalov was second in 21.1. On July 17 still in Moscow, Tokaryev ran 21.2, with Konovalov again second in 21.4.

The French 100 metres record of 10.5 was attained by two more sprinters in the national championships at Colombes (Paris) on August 6: Alain David and long jumper Constantin Lissenko took advantage of a 1.70 m/s wind to join Valmy, Bally and Bofino on the record book. Wisely enough, the French Federation continues to disregard all sprint marks made by its sprinters outside the metropolis! Vincenzo Lombardo of Italy, a 47.8 400 metres man, used a track with only a short curve and an aiding wind of 1 m/s to set a new Italian 200 metres record of 21.1 at Athens on August 4, during the Inter-Allied Service Championships. He was sandwiched between two Americans, Glaze, first in 21 flat and Murchison, third in 21.3.

As we now learn, the Federation of Eastern Germany has decided to disregard the non-winning marks made in the 200 metres race at Erfurt on May 30 (Schulz 21.1, Schneider 21.2 etc.) after pictures revealed that the interval between these men and the winner (Janecek 20.9) was far larger than indicated by the time differentials.

Best 400 metres mark in recent weeks was Haas' 46.9 on his home track at Nuremberg, July 18. Voitto Hellsten of Finland equalled his national record of 47 flat at Helsinki, July 27. Other new national records included Jacques Degats' 47.3 for France at Barcelona on July 21 and Boysen's above-mentioned 47.7 for Norway at Oslo on July 25.

MIDDLE DISTANCES.

The upsurge of great 800 metre marks is such that the European year list already shows 12 men in the sub-1:50 range. Ekrem Kocak of Turkey with his excellent national record set at Barcelona on July 24 and Horst Liell, the 22-year old German champion (Frankfurt, August 7) share the 13th spot at 1:50.0. Next to the Moens-Boysen race in Oslo one should mention a hectic duel between America's Tom Courtney and Denmark's Gunnar Nielsen at Copenhagen on August 4. The American set a terrific pace, passing the 400 metre mark in 51.0, then put up a strong resistance against the fast finishing Dane, finally losing by inches. Both runners were timed in 1:47.5 for 800 metres and in 1:46.2 for 880 yards, the latter being for Nielsen a new European record. Also worthy of mention is Ronnie Delaney's new Irish record of 1:50.0 (880 yards) in his two-yard victory over Derek Johnson at Dublin on July 21. This rapidly improving Irish youngster shapes up as a great outsider for next year's Olympics: early in August he moved to the mile and turned in an amazing 4:05.8!

Returning to Courtney (who on July 31 in Brussels was beaten by Moens, 1:49.0 to 1:48.1) it should be said that the runner-up of the AAU half-mile final has shown a fantastic endurance



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The indefatigable Tom Courtney (USA) beating Brian Hewson (1:49.3) and Derek Johnson (1:49.7) at the Glasgow Rangers in 1:49.2 on August 6 during his European trip, bettering 1:50 in no less than 5 countries within 3 weeks' time!

The recent crop of 1,500 metres marks could hardly be better. It includes the first, second, fourth and sixth best marks of all time! Sándor Iharos lowered the world record to 3:40.8 in the dual meet with Finland at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on July 28. In intrinsic merit this mark is inferior to Leamy's 3:58 mile. The Hungarian was once again aided by his Honvéd teammate István Rózsavölgyi in the pace setting (400 m. 56.9; 800 m. 1:55.7!; 1,000 m. 2:26.2; 1,200 m. 2:57.2). "Rózsa" was second in 3:42.8. At Warsaw on August 6 "match winner" László Tábori returned a great 3:41.6, second best ever, to win from Rózsavölgyi, who improved to 3:42 flat - his fourth sub-3:45 mark this season! Siegfried Herrmann of East Germany bettered Lueg's All German record with a scintillating 3:42.6 for third. Stefan Lewandowski of Poland was fourth in 3:45.0 and Vladimir Okorokov of USSR fifth in 3:45.6 - new national record for Russia. One should mention at least three other races: Oslo, July 15, Gunnar Nielsen (still undefeated this season at both 800 and 1500 metres) 3:44.2, Danish record, Herrmann 3:44.4, Jerzy Chromik, Poland, 3:44.8 (national record); Lappeenranta, Finland, August 6: Jorma Kakko 3:45.6, Olavi Salsola 3:46.0 (this last was so far known only as an 800 metres man!), Pertti Erkkäre 3:46.6; Frankfurt, August 7, German Championships, Lueg 3:44.4, Olaf Lawrenz 3:44.6. A good indication of present-day trends is given by the fact that poor Velisa Mugosa of Yugoslavia bettered 3:50 five times in 17 days and nobody apparently noticed it, outside his home country! (To be sure, Mugosa's best this year is a "common" 3:48.0).

Fastest mile mark on the continent so far is 4:03.4 by the invincible Nielsen (Copenhagen, July 21). Jerzy Chromik of Poland was second in this race at 4:05.4. Only outstanding 2,000 metres race since our last report was the one at Borås, Sweden on July 29: Ingvar Ericsson 5:09.6 (Swedish record), Bertil Källevägh 5:09.8 and Fred Dwyer, USA, 5:10.0 (American record).

LONG DISTANCES.

Eero Tuomaala of Finland ran 3,000 metres in 8:03.6 (Finnish record and fourth best ever on the All Time list) at Turku on July 20. Frans Herman of Belgium returned to the distance he likes best (exactly as his countryman Reiff) on August 5 in Stockholm and was timed in 8:07.8.

Highlight of the Warsaw Festival, track-wise, was the 5,000 metres race of August 6. Zátopek saw his domain invaded by great milers such as Iharos and Chromik. After a first kilometre in 2:46 the grand old man forged ahead to slow down operations (!) and the 2,000 metres mark was reached in 5:37. But the new generation just could not tolerate Emil's funeral pace. At 3,000 metres (8:30) Chromik and three Hungarians, Iharos, Szabó and Kovács, pulled away and from then on it was a ding-dong battle down to the bitter end. Iharos apparently refrained from taking charge of the operations and this probably cost him the first place. The 4,000 metres was reached in 11:19. The amazing Chromik, idol of the home crowd, successfully staved off all the last-minute attacks of the Hungarians and reached the tape in 13:55.2, ahead of Iharos (13:56.6), Kovács (13:57.6), Szabó (14:00.6). Zdzisław Krzyszkowiak of Poland was fifth in 14:05.8 and poor Zátopek sixth in 14:11.4, his best for the season. After this great race the All Time List

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had Chromik third behind Kuts and Chataway, Iharos fourth, Kovács sixth, and Szabó ninth! In other words, no less than four of the marks made in this race had bearing on the 10-best list of all time! Other notable 5,000 marks: Vladimir Okorokov, USSR 14:11.4 (Moscow, July 21), Herbert Schade, Germany, 14:11.6 (Frankfort, August 7), which won him a selection as the outstanding athlete of the German Championship meet, and Ilmari Taipale, Finland, 14:12.6 (Lappeenranta, August 6).

Four days before the great 5,000 metres race, Zátópek had won the Warsaw 10,000 metres in 29:34.4 from Grigoriy Basalayev, USSR, 29:50.6, Stanisław Ozog, Poland, 29:51.8 (national record) and Anufriyev, USSR, 29:52.6. As usual, this last faded after an impressive start earlier in the season. Kovács won the 10,000 metres of the Hungary vs. Finland match at Helsinki in 29:45.6 from Hamu Posti (29:55.0).

STEEPLECHASE.

Plenty of fine marks here too. Pentti Karvonen again lowered the official world record, this time with 8:45.4 (Oslo, July 15): His kilometre fractions were as follows: 2:49, 3:01, 2:55.4. Later on the blond Finn had to bow to European champion Sándor Rozsnyói: at Helsinki on July 27 the latter set a new Hungarian record of 8:48.0, while Karvonen, who apparently lacks an effective finishing kick, was second in 8:50.2. Ernst Larsen of Norway lowered his national record to 8:48.4 on his favourite Trondheim track. Young Vasily Vlasenko of USSR ran 8:50.2 in Moscow, then 8:49.4 in Warsaw, thus coming dangerously close to Vladimir Kazantsev's Russian record.

HURDLES.

Another of those surprising Russian short distance marks occurred in Moscow early in August when Yuriy Petrov ran 110 metres hurdles in 14.2. This man has been on the warpath for many years now. Earlier in the season he had done 14.6 on three occasions. A more convincing mark was Stanko Lorger's 14.3 at Ljubljana on July 17, equalling his own Yugoslav record. In Warsaw the high hurdles saw the victory of Russia's young Boris Stolyarov, 14.4 in a heat and 14.6 in the final. In the decathlon event Stolyarov was again timed in 14.4. Tor Olsen of Norway and Ion Opris of Rumania engaged in a fierce battle at Sarpsborg on July 27: the young Scandinavian won by a narrow margin and both men were timed in 14.5.

Some notable marks also at 200 metres hurdles, though not on a par with Vine's 23.7 (220 yards) in the BAAA final. Bert Steines of Germany ran 23.8 (Koblenz, July 23) and 23.9 and Jan Mrázek of Czechoslovakia ran 24 flat.

Those two eternal rivals, Lituyev and Yulin of USSR, were again facing each other at the Warsaw Festival. Each tried to kill the other with an infernal pace and the result was that neither had much left when Rumania's Ilie Savel, runner-up to Bob Shaw in the BAAA 440 yards final, came up with a strong finishing kick to win in 52.1. Yulin was second in 52.2 and Lituyev a discouraged thirdd in 52.8, this being his second loss since the 1952 Olympics. Other good marks include K.G. Johnson, Sweden, 52.3-n (Stockholm, August 5), Guy Cury, France, 52.4 (Barcelona, July 24), Wolfgang Fischer and Werner Möller, both Germany, 52.7 (Frankfort, August 7). This event cannot be dismissed without mentioning Josh Culbreath, the AAU champion, who for the third straight year went through his European tour undefeated. This little Negro, who on account of his supposedly mediocre speed is not valued highly in the States, did 51.6 (Boras, July 29) and 51.9 while in the Old Continent. He also ran 100 metres in 10.7....

JUMPS.

At the time of writing, after 10 fascinating duels, Bengt Nilsson leads 6 to 4 from his great American rival Ernie Shelton. The Swede equalled his season's best, 2.10 (6'10³/₈") at Gävle, July 23, and Shelton jumped 2.08 (6'9³/₈") at Malmö, August 9. Sweden truly has a parade event here, for 20-year old Stig Pettersson came practically from nowhere to clear 2.04 (6'8³/₈") in the Swedish Junior Championships at Göteborg on July 31! This was more than 3 inches over his previous best. Last year Pettersson was second to Nilsson in the Swedish Junior meet at 1.88 (6'2"). To show that his great mark was only to a small extent due to Göteborg's magic high jump pit, Pettersson bettered 2 metres in two more meets. Tall Bertil Holmgren became Sweden's third 2-metre man for the season on August 5 in Stockholm as he cleared 6'6³/₈". Maurice Fournier of France won the Mediterranean title at Barcelona (July 22) from his coloured countryman Thiam, both doing 6'6". Fournier had cleared 2.00 (6'6³/₈") at Chaville on July 17, but the bar was found to be not "réglementaire."

Czechoslovakia has another good prospect in Zdeněk Matějka, who cleared 1.985 (6'6³/₈") at Karlovy Vary on July 31.

The European pole vault champion, Beles Landström of Finland, seems to have taken full advantage of his freshman year at Michigan University. Back home in July for his summer vacations, Landström put up a fine series, certainly unprecedented in European vaulting history: 14'5³/₈" at Saarijärvi, June 25; 14'6" at Helsinki, July 11; 14'7¹/₄" at Seinäjoki, July 14; and finally 4.47 (14'8") at Kouvala, July 17 for a new European record. Landström, who placed 14th in the Olympic decathlon in 1952, can point to the following, steady progression:

Year	Age	Best Mark	Year	Age	Best Mark
1946	14	8'10 ³ / ₈ "	1951	19	13'9 ³ / ₈ "
1947	15	10'6"	1952	20	13'9 ³ / ₈ "
1948	16	12'2 ⁷ / ₈ "	1953	21	13'11 ³ / ₈ "
1949	17	12'5 ³ / ₈ "	1954	22	14'5 ³ / ₈ "
1950	18	13'1 ³ / ₈ "	1955	23	14'8"

The Finn is 6'1¹/₄" tall and weighs 176 pounds. It is doubtful if Denisenko (previous record holder at 14'7³/₈" or 4.46 m) and Lundberg, both well in their thirties, will be strong enough to stage a "comeback." The Russian has done no better than 14'1¹/₄" so far this season, while the Swede moved to 14'5³/₈" at Almhult on July 15. Best Russian vaulter as of now is Vitaliy (not Viktor as previously reported) Chernobay, who won also in Warsaw, with 14'3³/₈" from Zenon Wazny of Poland and Vladimir Bulatov of USSR 14'1¹/₄" both. Giulio Chiesa of Italy won the Mediterranean title from Roubanis of Greece and Sillon of France with a 14'0³/₈" clearance.

As expected Ödön Földessy of Hungary is now back on top of the long jump list. After doing 7.55 (24'9³/₈") at Budapest, July 16, he defeated his good Finnish rival, Jorma Valkama, at Helsinki, 24'8³/₈" to 24'6³/₈". Then the German Championships, as often in the past, produced some good marks in this event: 21-year-old Ronald Krüger put up a fine series of 24-plus marks and equalled Földessy's season best at 24'9³/₈" to win from Dietrich Richter, 24'7³/₈" (Frankfort August 6). Valkama himself improved to 24'7³/₈" at Varkaus, August 2, and seems to have the Finnish record at his mercy. The Dutch colonial, Henk Visser, did 24'6³/₈" at Rotterdam (July 3). 8-metre man John Bennett of USA broad jumped 7.77 (25'5³/₈") at Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, on July 23 - best in Europe since Willie Steele's Olympic mark of 1948 in London.

In the Warsaw Festival, Shcherbakov was out for revenge against his young countryman Yevgeniy Chen. The latter was in the lead till the third round, then Shcherbakov took over with 16.02 (52'6³/₈"). Chen answered with his second best ever, 51'10", but that was all he could do for the day. On his last try Shcherbakov, aided by a wind of yet unspecified velocity, reached 16.35 (53'7³/₈"), second longest mark on record and more than 4 inches over his own European mark. Martin Rebak was third at 50'8³/₈". Woellner's 19-year-old German record was beaten first by East German Wolfgang Kleinert with 50'3³/₈", then by West German Theo Strohschneider with 50'2³/₈". The latest 50-plus man from Russia is Oleg Ryakhovskiy at 50'5³/₈". Anything under 15 metres (49'2³/₈") is not worth much these days in Europe.

THROWS.

Otto Grigalka finally caught Jiri Škoblja off guard: this was at Warsaw on August 2 and the Russian produced the first 17-metres mark of the season, 17.05 or 55'11³/₈". The Czech, who had competed in only three meets up to then, did 55'6³/₈" for second. Feliks Pirts was third at 54'4³/₈" and János Mihályfi of Hungary fourth at 53'7¹/₄", a new Hungarian record. In spite of its steady progress in depth, Europe seems to have lost valuable ground against America in this event. 20-year-old Don Vick, who is something of an O'Brien "in-the-making", produced a fine 17.32 (56'9³/₈") at Varberg, July 25, fractionally superior to his longest throw in USA.

In reverse, Europe has recaptured many a position vis-à-vis the United States in the discus. Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia raised the European record to a most respectable 56.47 (185'3³/₈") in the West Bohemian town of Breznice on July 17. Only Gordien and Iness have done better. He achieved this on his first try, then had three more 170-plus throws. Merta is a 25-year-old stalwart 6'1¹/₄" tall and weighing 238 pounds. His improvement through the years reads as follows:

Year	Age	Best Mark	Year	Age	Best Mark
1949	19	128'0 ³ / ₈ "	1953	23	166'9 ³ / ₈ "
1950	20	138'5 ³ / ₈ "	1954	24	171'3 ³ / ₈ "
1951	21	145'11 ³ / ₈ "	1955	25	185'3 ³ / ₈ "
1952	22	151'8 ³ / ₈ "			

At Warsaw on August 3 Merta did 173'7³/₈", then 173'11" - his best ever in important meets - but had to bow to Russia's Boris Matveyev, an unpredictable thrower who chose the occasion to reach

DELANEY 4:05.8, CALLANAN 24FT. 5INS.

At the postponed Clonliffe Harriers' Meeting at College Park, Dublin on August 4 Ronnie Delaney, 21 broke Victor Milligan's Irish All-Comers' mile record at his first ever attempt over the distance with 4:05.8. The mark—the fourth fastest ever on grass—was set in a framed handicap. The lap times were 58secs, 2m 1s., and 3m 5s. with a 50.8 sec. last lap and 3:49.9 for 1,500metres.

At Ballymena, County Antrim on July 20 European and Empire women's high jump champion Thelma Hopkins broke the British Pentathlon record with 3,723 pts. (English Table). In the process she set an Ulster All-Comers' record in the high jump at 5'5"½ and in the 80 m. hurdles at 11.8 secs. Her other marks were shot—30'6"½ (no putt 33'0"); 200 metres 25.2 secs. and Long Jump 16'11" (no jump 17'11"). Second was the fellow Irish hockey international Mrs. Maeve Kyle with 2324 points.

Eionnbar P. Callanan B.A., M.L.B., Ireland's muscular broadcaster joined fellow solicitor Peter O'Connor (world record 24'11"½ in 1901, Tim O'Connor (24'4"), Paddy Anglin (24'2") and W.J.M. Newburn (24'0"½) as the island's fifth 24 footer in winning the 1955 N.A.C.A. crown with a fine 24ft. 5 ins. at the Iveagh Grounds, Dublin. This gave him the 5th spot on the 1955 European list. Denny Hyland of Carlrow set an Irish Native record of 12ft. 2ins. also on July 30.

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HAMMER THROW Continued) opened with the winning throw of 193'2", just 21 inches short of his British Allcomers' record. The 1948 Olympic Champion Imre Németh, 38 reached his best mark for two seasons with 192'0" in Round 5 which also included the best British efforts—181'11" by Ewan Douglas and 178'9" by his fellow Scot Alex Valentine. An odd feature of the event was that all throwers, except Valentine, hit their own personal markers—which are stuck in the ground to indicate a competitor's best throw, during the course of the contest.

JAVELIN THROW: (b)

The conditions of wet turf, rain and wind were obviously exasperating but nonetheless the throwing was incredibly bad. Gergely Kulcsár, 21 year old student opened with 210'6" and Tucker took second place with only 188'2". In round 2 Kulcsár's strong arm produced 213'2½ and that won the competition and believe it or not none of the other three beat 200'0". In round 3 Sándor Krasznai, an engineer, showed 198'3½ for second place and Colin Smith 177'7" for fourth. Tucker's best was 194'3½ for third in round 4. Kulcsár's two final throws into the weeping sky were measured at 204'9"½ and 209'7"½.

4 x 100 YARDS RELAY: (a)

The wonderful 118 year old Hungarian machine of Zarándi, Varasdi, Csányi and Goldoványi changed into their lucky green pants in which they won the European title. They flowed round the track like a Rolls-Royce executing 3 precise alternate style baton passes to win in 41.6. The British team by comparison (Henderson-Sandstrom-Ruddy-Shenton) was like a wheezing jalopy. It spluttered and crashed gears at the last exchange, finished in 42.4 and was quite properly disqualified.

4 x 440 YARDS RELAY: (b)

Peter Higgins gained a slight lead on Ferenc Bánhalmi, which Terry Higgins (no relation)—a reserve for the sadly missed Derek Johnson—hung onto against Lajos Szentgáli until the change zone. Here there was a tangled change over with Wheeler. The winner of the match quarter mile put in a lot of work against Egon Solymosy to give Peter Fryer, the A.A.A. champion 5 yards on Zoltán Adamik. Fryer was obviously off form and Zoltán Adamik running extremely well passed the tall Englishman in the home straight to win in 3:16.2 as against 3:16.6.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEAM WIN 8 OUT 11 EVENTS AGAINST HUNGARY (60-53).

The outstanding track event in the women's match-run in conjunction with the men's—was the close run 220 yards in which tall Jean Scrivens beat 16 year old Vera Neszemlyi by inches, both being timed at 24.3—a new British Allcomers' record. Thelma Hopkins, 19 collected her almost customary double with an excellent high jump of 5'7"—the best in the world this year—and a long jump win by 7 inches with 18'7" over the 1948 Olympic champion Olga Gyarmati. Anne Collins prevented a repeat clean sweep in the throwing events with a second place in the javelin with 146'5". SUMMARY: (a) = 12th (b) = 13th Aug. 100 YDS: (a) Neszemlyi (H) 10.9; Anne Pashley (G.B) 10.9; Margaret Francis (G.B) 11.1. 220 YDS: (b) Scrivens (G.B) 24.3; Neszemlyi (H) 24.3; Shirley Hampton (G.B) N/T. 880 YDS: (a) Diane Leather (G.B) 2:09.9; Aranka Kazi (H) 2:11.5; Anna Bócskai (H) 2:12.5. 4 x 110 YDS RELAY: (b) G.B. (Pashley, Scrivens, Armitage, Francis) 47.4; Hungary 48.0. 3 x 880 YDS RELAY: (b) G.B. (Smalley, Loakes, Leather) 6:48.4; Hungary 6:50.6. 80 METRES HURDLES: (a) Pam Seaborne (G.B) 11.4; Francis (G.B) 11.5; Gyarmati (H) 11.8. HIGH JUMP: (b) Thelma Hopkins (G.B. & N.L.) 5'7"; Dorothy Tyler (G.B) 5'4"; Ida Németh (H) 5'1". LONG JUMP: (a) Hopkins (G.B) 18'7"; Gyarmati (H) 18'0"; Margit Péntes (H) 18'0". SHOT PUT: (b) Mária Fehér (H) 44'1"½; Jusztina Szentia (H) 43'6"½; J Cook (G.B) 39'6"½. DISCUS THROW: (a) Zsuzsa Serédi (H) 137'2"½; Klára Wicián (H) 133'1"½; Sylvia Needham (G.B) 122'10"½. JAVELIN THROW: (a) Ilona Iaczó (H) 147'2"½; Anne Collins (G.B) 146'5"; Erzsébet Vigh (H) 144'8"½. Miss Wicián (discus) is Canadian born.

STANLEY RUNS 1:47.6m ON GRASS IN JAMAICA

From Richard G. Ashenheim

Records tumbled wholesale during the A.A.U.'s 5 night tour of floodlit sport during the Jamaican Tercentenary Meeting from July 6 to 13 on the sharp-cornered grass Sabina Park track in Kingston.

Outstanding was Lang Stanley's fine 1:47.6 800 metres (first lap 53.0) to beat the world ½ mile record-holder Lon Spurrier on the third night (July 11th). Next in merit were Milt Campbell's two 14 flat hurdle marks followed on the 13th by a flight in 13.9 secs. On the opening night Bill Miller threw the javelin a magnificent 258' 0"½.

Other records included 9.6 centuries by Andy Stanfield (9th) and Campbell (12th) 440 yds. in 47.8 by Spurrier (9th), a 4:10.4 mile by Joe La Pierre (9th) and a 53.6m hurdles mark by the Puerto Rican Amadeo Francis (11th). In the field Earl Poucher cleared 14'0"½ (6th) and 14'1"½ (12th) in the pole vault and Charles Dumas slipped over 6'6"½ on the 9th.

Local talent provided native records of 1:54.0m and 1:55.0y by Mal Spence on the 6th and the 9th while the schoolboy E.L. Haisley, 18 cleared 6'4"½.

WOMEN'S 400 METRES WORLD'S RECORD?

Ursula Donath, formerly Jurewitz, of Eastern Germany beat Nina Otkalenko (USSR)

in the 400 metres at the Youth Games at Warsaw in 54.4 seconds on August 6. Otkalenko's time was 55.58. This new time is an improvement of 6/10th on Mrs. Donath's time of last season. The event is now on the schedule of I.A.A.F. world's records but Eastern Germany is not yet recognised by the Federation.

RUSSIAN TEAM CLAIM NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR 4 x 800 METRES RELAY.

A Soviet Army team claimed by running a 3,200 metres relay in 7:26.4 at Riga, capital of Latvia, on August 2nd to have beaten the official world's record by 4/10th of a second. The listed record of 7:26.8 was set at Kiev by a Russian Army quartet on July 25 last year. The names of the runners, who had to average 1:51.8 per leg, were not announced by Moscow radio.

(cont: from page 169) 54.41m. (178'6"½). Jozsef Szecsenyi, the serious blond-haired young Hungarian, was third at 169'1"½. Otto Grigalka placed a poor sixth which was rather disappointing for a man who, after beating Consolini, had raised the Russian record to 54.96m. (180'3"½) at Moscow on July 22. Consolini won the Mediterranean title handily with 173'3"½ and Szecsenyi threw 175'4"½ at Budapest on July 17.

Europe has two great competitors and potential Olympic champions in hammer thrower Mikhail Krivonosov of U.S.S.R. and javelin thrower Janusz Sidlo of Poland. Both seem to thrive in 'hot' company. The 26 year old Krivonosov once more defeated Europe's leading hammer men at Warsaw on Aug. 4. On this day, the Olympic champion Jozsef Csermak of Hungary began to look like a threat to Krivonosov when he opened with a fine 198'0"½. The Russian answered with 197'2"½. On his second try Csermak went so far as to break the Magyar record with a 201'8"½ (61.48m.) effort. This was more than Krivonosov could stand. On his second trial he unleashed one to 207'8"½ (63.32m). While Csermak began to tie up the Byelorussian on his third try brought forth a roar with an astounding 64.33 metres (211'0"½) for a new "miravoyekord" bettering Stanislav Nyenashev's 1954 world mark (p.105) by almost a foot. Krivonosov, who in the opinion of Russian experts is a potential 220 footer, wound up with two more 60 metre plus throws. Third in this contest was Nikolay Ryedkin of Russia with a personal best of 197'6"½ (60.20), followed by the Czech Milos Maca at 195'8"½. The 42 year old Karl Storch got one off to 195'9"½ in the German Championships at Frankfurt on Aug. 7. The latest Russian "find" is Anatoly Samotsvetov who threw 193'7"½ at Leningrad on July 23.

Sidlo reportedly suffering from tuberculosis still produced an amazing series of 250 foot plus throws at Warsaw (Aug. 6) winning with 255'8"½ ahead of Aleksandr Gorskov (USSR) at 246'1"½. Finland have shown new talent but have Nikkinen at 249'4"½ and Olavi Kautanen at 246'8"½.

MOENS - 1:45.7



Roger Moens seen at the close of his world's record 800 metres at Oslo. He is the only man in the world to have 6 times bettered 1 min. 48 secs.
1:45.7 Aug. 3 1955
1:47.0 June 29 1955
1:47.5 Aug. 28 1954
1:47.5 June 15 1955
1:47.6 July 14 1955
1:47.8n Aug. 28 1954