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### Four world marks twice broken

#### KUTS 13:46.8 (5,000M) & CHROMIK 8:40.2 STEEPLECHASE

Five world records beaten, two equalled; one European record beaten and one equalled — this is the impressive tally of another month of non-stop activity in Europe.

Even the aureole of the fabulous 25 year old Hungarian Army officer Sándor Iharos was momentarily dimmed with the news from the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade that his world 5,000 metres record had been recaptured after only 8 days by Vladimir Kuts of Russia with a merciless 13:46.8.

The overall position is best grasped from the following table —:

EVENT	RECORD-BREAKER	NEW MARK	OLD MARK	FORMER HOLDER
1,000 M.	Audun Boysen(Norway) Göteborg, Aug. 30 István Rózsavölgyi(Hung) Budapest, Sept: 21	2:19.0	2:19.5	Audun Boysen(Norway) Gävle on Aug. 18 1954
1,500 M.	László Tábori(Hungary) & Gunnar Nielsen(Denmark) Oslo, Sept: 6	3:40.8	3:40.8	Sándor Iharos(Hungary) Helsinki on July 27 1955
5,000 M.	Sándor Iharos(Hungary) Budapest, Sept: 10 Vladimir Kuts(U.S.S.R.) Belgrade, Sept. 18	13:50.8 13:46.8	13:51.2	Vladimir Kuts(U.S.S.R.) Prague on Oct. 23 1954
3,000 M. Steeple-Chase	Jerzy Chromik(Poland) Brno, Aug. 31 Budapest Sept. 11	8:41.2 8:40.2	8:45.4	Pentti Karvonen(Finland) Oslo on July 15 1955 Vasiliy Vlasenko(U.S.S.R.) Moscow on Aug. 18 1955
Hammer	Mikhail Krivonosov(USSR) Belgrade Sept. 19	(211'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) 64.52m	(211'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ ) 64.33m	Mikhail Krivonosov(USSR) Warsaw on Aug. 4 1955

Greatest of all of the above feats is Vladimir Kuts recapture of his world's 5,000 metres record after 8 days in the hands of Sándor Iharos. The stocky 28 year old Ukrainian was running in the dusk at the Partizan Stadium in Belgrade on Sept. 18 in an international meeting. After a detaching first lap of 63.0 secs. he stuck religiously to the schedule of his trainer, Gabriel Korobkov passing the mile in an estimated 4:23.4, the 3,000 metres in 8:17.0 and the 4,000 metres in an unprecedented 11:05.0. His three miles time was not taken but must have been a little inside Chris Chataway's 13:23.2 — perhaps 13:22.5. Kuts won with his usual right arm salute over half a lap ahead of the luckless Hungarian Hubert Berta (14:19.0) and the Yugoslav Drago Stritof (14:25.0). The comparative kilometre times of the world's four fastest 5,000 metre runs looks thus—:

Runner	Time	1,000m	2,000m	3,000m	4,000m	5,000m	Notes
Vladimir Kuts	13:46.8	2:45.0	<u>5:30.0</u>	8:17.0	<u>11:05.0</u>	Not taken	(2:41.8)
Sándor Iharos	13:50.8	2:44.0	5:33.4	8:23.2	11:09.6	13:25.0	(2:41.2)
Vladimir Kuts	13:51.2	<u>2:38.5</u>	5:30.6	8:25.6	11:07.5	13:26.4	(2:43.7)
Chris. Chataway	13:51.6	2:41.6	5:31.7	<u>8:16.8</u>	11:10.0	13:27.1	(2:41.6)

(For details of other world records see R.L. Quercetani's report inside)

#### Zybina Putts 53'-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " - Otkalenko 2:05.0

Otkalenko, known to the Russians as 'Pin-up' Nina, racked up her 12th, 13th and 14th world records in September. In the G.B. v. U.S.S.R. match in Moscow on Sept. 11th she supplied an 2:08.8 anchor stage which clinched a 6:27.6 3x800 metres relay record; on Sept. 19 in Belgrade she chipped a fifth off her 800 metres mark with 2:06.4 while six days later in Zagreb on Sept. 25 she ran a dazzling 2:05.0. Other world marks by Russian girls were 6.288 m. (20'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) in the long jump by the 23 year old 11.7 sec. sprinter Galina Vinogradova at Moscow on Sept. 11 (c.f. the 20'7 $\frac{1}{2}$  (6.286m.) by Yvette Williams in New Zealand in 1954) and also on the same occasion an equalling of the 4x100 metres relay record of 45.6 secs. by the quartette Polinichenko, Vinogradova, Safronova and Itkina. The sixth mark was also of Russian origin when at Leningrad on Sept. 5 Galina Zybina added a centimetre to her previous best with a shot-putt of 16.29m. (53'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ).



Jerzy Chromik(Poland), winner of the Warsaw 5,000 metres in 13:55.2, who twice beat the world steeplechase record in 12 days with 8:41.2 and 8:40.2. This very shy 23 year old is also a 4:05.4 miler. He runs in London on Oct. 12.

#### TABORI & NIELSEN BOTH 3:40.8

From Norris Mc Whirter Oslo, Sept. 6

The greatest 1,500 metre duel in history ended here in the dusk at Bislet Stadium when the 26 year old printer from Copenhagen, Gunnar Nielsen, extracted a prodigious 40.8 sec. last 300 metres from the winning Hungarian László Tábori for both to tie Sándor Iharos's 40 year old world record of 3:40.8.

Audun Boysen and Nielsen had made a Scandinavian pact that after the local pace-makers had done Boysen would help the Dane to go for the 3:40.0 which his coach Emmanuel Rose believed possible for him. After 3 laps with 300 metres to go Tábori, not looking over-worried, was 6 metres back from the Dane. Boysen now eased down but Tábori (3:00.0) really got to work and coming off the last bend showed that he had narrowed the deficit to 2 metres. With just the 100 metre long home straight to go the wicked looking little Hungarian attacked the stately red-haired Great Dane. With desperate timing Tábori rollicked up to the pounding Nielsen and passed him in the last 3 strides to win by a body thickness (see page 177 also).

Also the evening saw a 14.6 high hurdles by Britain's Paul Vine and a fabulous solo 3,000m. steeplechase by Norway's Danny Kaye of the track, Ernst Larsen. Cheered to the echo he turned in an amazing 8:46.8 national record and later had the 21,000 crowd in hoots as he sniffed his carnations on the victory stand in the manner of Ferdinand the Bull.

On the first night (Sept. 5) Sándor Iharos turned out in the 800 metres to see if he could sharpen up on his personal record of 1:51.3. Leading with 300 metres to go the touring Achilles quartette Jock Beesley, Donald Gorrie, Ronald Day and David Law swept past to stage a dramatic finish—Gorrie (1:51.5), Beesley (1:51.5), Day (1:51.6), Law (1:51.7) thus aggregating a tenth inside the new world 4x 800 metres relay record of 7:26.4 set by the Russians. Brushed by Day, the bespectacled Gorrie crashed headlong and so failed to finish the 880 yards which was won by Day at 1:52.0.



# 14 G.B. v FRANCE MATCH RECORDS

## MIMOUN WINS FOR 6TH YEAR

Great Britain beat France in the 23rd edition of her oldest international match series. The British men won by 128 pts. to 85 and the English women by 60 points to 46. For the first time that it was France's turn the match was held outside Paris—the magnificent Municipal Stadium at Bordeaux being chosen.

The great heat undoubtedly hurt many of the marks and in some cases accounted for strange reversals of form. In any event the gate was very disappointing. Only 4,000 paid to see the day's events but the figure doubled on the Sunday. The French were annoyed at the withdrawal (because of exhaustion after his Canadian tour) of Gordon Pirie, coming as it did on top of the long forewarned absence of Chris Chataway (in Sweden with his Club).

René Bonino, the vice champion of Europe, took the 100 metres quite comfortably from Michael Ruddy. George Ellis, the bronze medallist in both sprints at Berne, returned to improved form to beat Martin du Gard in the 200 metres. The minor placings gave G.B. a one point lead in the sprints.

Michael Wheeler, the 20 year old Bournemouth schoolteacher, in characteristic forward leaning style, batted round the 400 metres in an excellent 47.7s but was too exhausted by the heat to take his rightful place on the victory stand. Jacques Degats (48.0) looked dangerous until the apparently flagging Wheeler flogged himself into producing an extra finish.

Derek Johnson also ran himself right out to win the 800 metres in 1:49.8—a "record du match". R. Dijan was a most dogged opponent. Brian Hewson and Ken Wood after a cagey three laps cut lose in the 1,500 metres and outclassed the opposition.

Derek Ibbotson broke the tape in the 5,000 metres sixty yards ahead of A. Labidi, who was full of fight until half a mile from home.

Alain Mimoun, whose appearance in this series are now in the nature of a tradition, won yet again. The Moroccan's shuffling gait carried him to a win by over 30 seconds from Frank Sando in 30:14.6. Jack Heywood, obviously disliking the heat, made a disappointing debut in international as did Tony Barrett in the 5,000 metres.

The sprint relay was a desperate affair. Shenton, a most experienced anchor leg man, just held off Bonino. Our quartet—with Wheeler in fine fettle again—beat the holders of the European Gold medals, France, quite easily in the 1,600 metres relay.

Jack Parker again won a maximum points private battle with Peter Hildreth, both being caught in 14.7s. Harry Kane returned to form to win the 400m hurdles. It seemed that Bob Shaw would have his usual win but then the Oxford man wilted away in the heat and Cury too passed him. Eric Shirley had an efficient and easy steeplechase win.

In the field events G.B. collected five wins. The French gained the High Jump on fewest failures; the pole vault through the veteran from Martinique Victor Sillon; and the javelin with a good 231'11" by M. Macquet. For us Ken Wilmshurst produced an excellent 24'3 3/4" that promised well for Moscow, but was pipped for the first time by a team-mate—Paul Engo from the British Cameroons, in the triple jump. Barclay Palmer confirmed his newfound consistency and power to win the shot with a handsomely respectable putt of 52'2 1/4".

(a) = 1st day Sept. 3 (b) = 2nd day Sept. 4  
MEN'S EVENTS. (\* = Match record)

**100 metres.** (a) R Bonino (F) 10.8; MJ Ruddy (GB) 10.9; A David (F) 10.9; ER Sandstrom (GB) 10.9.

**200 metres.** (b) GS Ellis (GB) 21.7; JP M du Gard (F) 21.9; W Henderson (GB) & J Degats (F) = 3rd 22.0.

**400 metres.** (a) MKV Wheeler (GB) 47.7; J Degats (F) 48.0; C Haarhoff (F) 48.1; PG Fryer (GB) 48.1

**800 metres.** (b) \*DJN Johnson (GB) 1:49.8; R Dijan (F) 1:50.1; RD Henderson (GB) 1:50.7; A Lasreg (F) 1:53.8

**1,500 metres.** (a) \*BS Hewson (GB) 3:47.2; K Wood (GB) 3:49.4; M Bernard (F) 3:51.8; A Vincendon (F) 3:58.0.

**5,000 metres.** (a) \*GD Ibbotson (GB) 14:33.2; A Labidi (F) 14:43.8; BT Barrett (GB) 14:52.8; M Chiclet (F) 15:04.8.

**10,000 metres.** (b) A Mimoun (F) 30:14.6; FD Sando (GB) 30:45.8; B Aissa (F) 30:48.8; J Heywood (GB) 31:28.2

**4 x 100 metres Relay.** (a) G.B. (Ellis, Sandstrom, Ruddy, B Shenton) 41.8; France (David, C Lissenko, B van Carneghem, Bonino) 41.9

**4 x 400 metres Relay.** (b) \*G.B. (FP Higgins, Fryer, Wheeler, Johnson) 3:10.5; France (Y Camus, M Dugard, R Galland, Haarhoff) 3:11.7

**110 metres Hurdles.** (a) FJ Parker (GB) 14.7; PB Hildreth (GB) 14.7; M Bernard (F) 15.1; P Candau (F) 15.1

**400 metres Hurdles.** (b) H Kane (GB) 52.6; G Cury (F) 52.8; RD Shaw (GB) 53.1; R Bart (F) 53.7

**3,000 metres Steeplechase.** (b) E Shirley (GB) 9:11.4; J Soucours (F) 9:20.2; R Dunkley (GB) 9:24.0; M Simonet (F) did not finish.

**High Jump.** (b) M Fournier (F) 1.90/6'2 3/4"; W Piper (GB) 1.90/6'2 3/4"; O Okuwobi (GB) 1.85/6'0 3/4"; & J Leguehennec (F) 1.85/6'0 3/4" = 3rd.

**Pole Vault.** (a) \*V Sillon (F) 4.20/13'9 1/4"; GM Elliott (GB) 4.10/13'5 3/4"; I Ward (GB) 4.00/13'1 1/2"; C Chevillard (F) 3.80/12'5 1/2".

**Long Jump.** (b) KSD Wilmshurst (GB) 7.40/24'3 3/4"; AR Cruttenden (GB) 7.10/23'3 3/4"; R Cucuat (F) 7.04/23'1 1/4"; M Wanko (F) 6.80/22'3 3/4".

**Hop, Step & Jump.** (a) \*PB Engo (GB) 15.10/49'6 1/2"; Wilmshurst (GB) 15.07/49'5 1/2"; E Battista (F) 14.90/48'10 1/2"; P Williams (F) 14.78/48'5 1/2".

**Shot.** (b) WBL Palmer (GB) 15.91/52'2 1/4"; R Thomas (F) 15.53/50'11 1/2"; A Savidge 15.52/50'11"; P Palezinski (F) 14.08/46'2 1/4".

**Discus.** (a) \*M Pharaoh (GB) 48.52/159'2 1/4"; J Darot (F) 47.39/155'5 1/2"; GM Carr (GB) 45.79/150'2 1/2"; S Palezinski (F) 44.43/145'9 1/4".

**Hammer.** (b) \*PC Allday (GB) 56.55/185'6 3/4"; G Husson (F) 56.45/185'2 3/4"; ECK Douglas (GB) 55.33/181'6 3/4"; J Gorlieux (F) 48.41/158'9 1/4".

**Javelin.** (b) \*M Macquet (F) 70.69/231'11"; PS Cullen (GB) 66.96/219'8 1/2"; DE Tucker (GB) 66.82/219'2 1/2"; A Syrovitski (F) 66.62/218'6 1/2".

**RESULT:** GREAT BRITAIN 128 points FRANCE 85.  
(Great Britain won 15 events to France's 5)

### WOMEN'S EVENTS.

**100 metres.** (b) \*C Capdevielle (F) 11.7; M Francis (GB) 12.0; HJ Armitage (GB) 12.1; MA Piccardo (F) 12.3.

**200 metres.** (a) \*JC Scrivens (GB) 24.3; S Hampton (GB) 25.1; M Fluchot (F) 26.3; C Flament (F) 26.5.

**800 metres.** (b) \*DS Leather (GB) 2:08.6; N Gouilleux (F) 2:10.5; A Dawson (GB) 2:13.0; M Desport (F) 2:16.6.

**4 x 100 metres Relay.** (b) \*G.B. (A Pashley, Scrivens, Armitage, Francis) 47.0; France (Piccardo, M Lambert, M Jacquet, Capdevielle) 47.4.

**80 metres Hurdles.** (a) C Flament (F) 11.5; P Wainwright (GB) 11.7; PG Elliott (GB) 11.8; M Jacquet (F) 12.1.

**High Jump.** (a) DJB Tyler (GB) 1.59/5'2 1/2"; A Bennett (GB) 1.56/5'1 1/2"; M Gabarrus (F) 1.45/4'9"; Y Grenapin (F) 1.45/4'9".  
(Concluded in next column)

## Herman wins in 4:03.4

White City, London September 21.

Siegfried Hermann of Eastern Germany made a great impact by leading from gun to tape to win the mile at the A.A.A. Floodlit meeting, sponsored by the hitherto athletically backward 'DAILY EXPRESS'. His time was an excellent 4:03.4—only ever bettered by Tabori among visiting milers to Britain. Hermann's smooth, slightly lanky-like mincing stride took him through laps of 58.7, 63.3, 63.8, & 57.8. Little Josy Barthel of Luxembourg, who cried for joy at Helsinki three years ago, was second in 4:06.4; America's Joe La Pierre excelled himself with 4:06.6 for third and steeplechaser Chris Brasher came 4th in an eye-brow raising 4:06.8.



Rod Richard (USA-9.9) got a raw verdict in the 100 yards given to Manfred Gemar (Germany) in 9.8. Richard withdrew from the furlong which went to Michael Ruddy in 21.8 at the expense of Gemar (21.9).

Vice Champion of Europe at 400m—Finland's Voitto Hellsten demonstrated his power with a full quarter in 47.3. Brian Hewson (1:48.8) casually fried the 880 yards field. Lang Stanley, the tall coloured American was a floundering second in 1:50.4. The Finn Ilmari Taipale bested a close pack of home runners in the 5,000 metres, only rarely run in England, in 14:10.2.

Great enthusiasm was shown at the confident demolition of Pentti Karvonen (Finland) in the steeplechase by unbeaten John Disley, who set a majestic allcomers' record of 8:45.8, with Eric Shirley showing world class in 8:49.8. Karvonen finished the notoriously tough British course in 8:55.0.

Tall winsome Diane Leather, 22 set a thought provoking women's world mile best of 4:45.0.—Ten seconds faster than Bannister's first race at Oxford! No wonder Diane's five brothers think she's quite a girl. Birmingham, September 24th. Rod Richard set a time of 9.6 in this floodlit meeting but a 7 m.p.h. wind ruled it out as a record. Michael Ruddy was second in 9.7w, and Roy Sandstrom third also in 9.7w. Ruddy won the 220y (turn) in 21.5.

Peter Driver hit form to beat Derek Ibbotson in a three miles in 13:55.0; his best this season.

BEST U.K. MARKS 1955 (Concluded from page 175.)

### THROWING THE JAVELIN:

223' 1"	Peter Cullen	27/8
218' 3"	Richard Miller	-/8
200' 1"	C.P. Riach	4/8

**Long Jump.** (a) \*S Hoskin (GB) 5.92/19'5"; J Cops (GB) 5.86/19'2 3/4"; EMS Glotin (F) 5.71/18'8 3/4"; M Lambert (F) 5.65/18'6 3/4".

**Shot.** (a) G Lariviere (F) 12.33/40'5 3/4"; P Bobin (F) 12.11/39'8 3/4"; J Cook (GB) 12.06/39'6 3/4"; J Balkwill (GB) 10.58/34'8 1/2".

**Discus.** (b) M Giri (GB) 41.58/136'5"; S Needham (GB) 40.29/132'2 1/4"; Y Durand (F) 39.43/129'4 3/4"; P Laurent (F) 38.92/127'8 1/4".

**Javelin.** (a) E Pinard (F) 39.76/130'5 3/4"; P Bobin (F) 38.67/126'10 3/4"; F Robinson (GB) 38.38/125'11"; D Coates (GB) 36.95/121'2 1/2".

**RESULT:** GREAT BRITAIN 60 points FRANCE 46.

(Great Britain won 6 events to France's 4.)



# RUSSIANS TRIUMPH 137-93

## DISLEY 8:44.2 AND KUTS 29:08.2

### Britain Holds Russia to 4 points in track events

by NORRIS McWHIRTER.

Moscow, September 11th.

Russia defeated Great Britain by 137 points to 93 in the first ever international match between the two countries and by 83 points to 48 in the women's match here at the Dynamo Stadium in the Capital of the Soviets today.

It was a perfect Indian Summer's day (the Russians call it a Women's Summer) with the temperature slowly sinking from 86 F. during the four continuous hours of competition. Here was the No. 2 power in the world taking on the No. 4 power in the men's match and the first power competing against the second in the women's events with the results going very much as anticipated.

In the men's events two U.S.S.R. records, the 800 metres and the 4x400 metres relays, were bettered while John Disley bettered his own best ever United Kingdom steeplechase mark by a margin of 7.6 secs. with a fine 8 mins. 44.2. Three world records were put up by the girl athletes wearing red vests and outside white numbers in the long jump and 4x100 metres relay (equal) and in the 3 x 800 m. relay in which the average was reduced from 2:11.2 per stage to 2:9.2 for a total time of 2:27.6.

The organization was extremely efficient and the vast 31 event programme went through like clockwork. One or two innovations were of especial interest - particularly the practice of blowing a low-noted whistle when a triple-jumper made a no-jump so that he would not expend energy on a futile continuation of his trial. The judges' stand carried red and green traffic lights so that the white-coated starter Comrade Efremkin was able to tell when the judges and timekeepers were all set. Before the meeting began jazz music was played over the loudspeakers "to make the English athletes feel at home". The English-speaking announcer had a strong American accent and even referred to the "100 metre dash".

The proceedings were watched by a crowd of 70,000- over double the previous Soviet record for a purely athletic meeting. The crowd were rather undemonstrative by Western standards but hooted and whistled failures by their own representatives particularly in the steeplechase and the women's high jump which were, with the 1,500 m., Britain's only 'double' victories.

**SPRINGS:** Russia gained maximum points in this department. In the 100 metres the 22 year old blond-haired Leonid Bartenyev, unbeaten in 1955, came within a tenth of N. Karakulov's 7 year old track record with an impressive 10.5 secs. for a yard win over the 28 year old Boris Tokaryev. Sandstrom got away well but was very nearly caught by Brian Shenton on the line with both getting 10.7 sec. clockings. In the 200 metres Michael Ruddy really fought hard but his great effort around the turn cost him dear in the closing strides with first Yuriy Kononov (21.5) and then Tokaryev (21.5) edging past. George Ellis was not quite on his winning Bordeaux form though his time was the same at 21.7 secs. One learnt that Bartenyev has done 9.5 secs. for the flying 100 metres and that Tokaryev, who has been credited with 20.9, had an appendicitis operation (with a local anaesthetic!) last March.

**MIDDLE-DISTANCES:** Though not on his 46 flat form of last June the 25 year old co-holder of the European record Ardalion Ignatyev had matters well under control. Running from lane 2, he had to run faster than he had bargained for to get past the tenacious Michael Wheeler who really had the bit between his teeth. Had Wheeler (47.4 secs.) and Peter Fryer (48.1 secs.) swapped their lanes 3 and 1 it is probable that the former would have registered a personal best even closer to Ignatyev's 47.0 sec. Russia's second string, the young Moscovite V. Strizhevski (48.4 secs.) moved to fifth on the not yet solid Soviet all-time rankings.

The 800 metres caused as much pleasure in the Russian camp as did the steeplechase in the British. Owing to the single day contest the ill and jaded Derek Johnston had no support from Brian Hewson who was reserved for the 1,500 metres. The 27 year old Georgyi Ivakin batted straight out into the lead with a 26.0 sec. first 200 metres and a 52.4 secs. first lap. The Russian favourite and new Soviet record-holder (1:48.6) Nikolai Marichev, 24 followed closely while Johnston looked an uncomfortable third and Henderson was clearly already out of the hunt. The Russians never let up and passed the 600 metres in 80 secs. Coming round the last bend Johnston now living entirely on capital, made a brave but unavailing effort to round the two red-shirts who beetled onward. Ivakin who had run a front race the whole way got a close verdict in the new Soviet record.



With one lap to go Chris. Brasher leads John Disley over the water-jump in the Dynamo Stadium, Moscow. Third is the erstwhile world record-holder Vasilii Vlassenko (8:45.4) who finished third in 8:54.2. Disley's winning 8:44.2 was a British best and Brasher's 8:49.2 a personal best.

time of 1:48.5 with Marichev (1:48.7) and Johnson (1:48.9). Henderson, who was to be injured by a stray women's discus, was nowhere near his Bordeaux form and finished in 1:54.0.

The 1,500 metres was Britain's parade event with Hewson rather casually bettering the U.S.S.R. record time of 3:45.6 by six tenths. Vladimir Okorokov, the 24 year old Soviet record-holder, cut out the pace with a 2:03.0 first 800 metres. though in fact he kept half a stride behind the substitute O. Bragin who faded away after the 1,000 metres had been reached in 2:36.0. Okorokov took the lead at the bell and kept it all the way down the back straight but Hewson was clearly still toying with him and Ken Wood had closed up from the rear. Coming into the home stretch Hewson let go and the demoralized Russian was also passed by Wood in the closing strides. The times were Hewson (3:45.0), equivalent to a mile in 4:03.6, Wood (3:46.2), Okorokov (3:46.2) and Bragin (3:50.4).

At the presentation of competitors the crowd showed a true Oriental appreciation of power with an ovation for the red-haired newscaster Chris. Chataway. With the switch of Vladimir Kuts to the 10,000 metres, the race however was for him little more than a chore. The 25 year old Ivan Chernyavskiy churned through a first lap in 68.5 and the first kilometre in 2:53.8 (12.2 secs. slower than Kuts in London last October). The pace picked up a little with a second kilo in 2:51.6 (5:45.4) and a third also in 2:51.6 (8:37.0). This was too fast for the Russian second string N. Pudov (14:55.8) who fell away. At the bell the two white and the one red knight were still bunched. In the centre of the back straight with the crowd now breathing hard Derek Ibbotson made a floundering stab at taking the lead but the Russian was too strong for anything except the searing blast which struck him a moment later as Chataway jinked through the closing gap to take a contemptuous lead which, despite thrice looking over his shoulder, involved a last lap of 57.2 secs. and a last 200 metres in 25.1 secs. The Russian stuck to his guns and finished in 14:14.4 compared with Chataway's 14:12.0, with Ibbotson third in 14:24.2.

**LONG DISTANCE:** The 28 year old Iron Man Vladimir Kuts (spelt K-U-T-S in the official English edition of the programme), despite his new Soviet record of 29:06.2 fifteen days before in Lvov, declared himself worried by the presence of Gordon Pirie. Ever the front runner Kuts went straight into the lead for a 66.0 first lap and 2:15.6 for the 800 metres. At the 1,100 metre mark the 166 lbs. marvel put in a cruel burst. Though Kuts was 1.8 secs down on Zátópek's Brussels world record schedule at 3,000 metres with 8:40.0, his fourth kilometre was 2:49.0, as opposed to Zátópek's 2:55.8, so that at the 4,000 metre mark the Russian was a cool 5 secs. inside the Czech's comparative temps de passage. He eased off however to pass the half-way mark in 14:27.0 (six tenths inside) with Pirie and Ken Norris right behind. For the next 8 laps the two Englishmen held on though it seemed that when it came to a burst by Kuts Pirie's elastic was stronger than Norris's as regards getting back into station. In lap 21 Norris moved up to Kuts's shoulder. That was enough. Kuts piled on the pace and within a matter of seconds opened an 8 metre gap. Pirie in an effort to make up the deficit in the space of half a lap overreached himself and was from thence on a spent force. Encouraged by the crowd Kuts blazed on to stop the timekeepers watches with a raised right arm salute at 29:08.2 - the sixth best time in history. Over 210 metres behind Pirie and Norris were nursing one another home to share a time of 29:46.4 but with Norris getting the second place verdict. Grigoriy Basalayev was an unlapped fourth in 30:10.0 and may at 29 be on the decline.

**HURDLES:** Great Britain won this department by 19 pts. to 14 pts. In



# Disley sets British best-ever mark

the high hurdles Jack Parker established himself as Europe's No.1 by defeating the 23 year old Russian 14.2 sec. man Boris Stolyarov. Parker was best away but the Russian decathlon ace, who has tattooed quadiceps proved a tough nut and despite Hildreth's fine speed over the last 3 barriers the British pair were split. The times were Parker 14.4, his second best, Stolyarov 14.5 and Hildreth 14.5. The 24 year old Yuriy Petrov (14.8) did not look to have been capable of his August track record of 14.2 secs.

Russia fielded the European champion Anatoliy Yulin, 26 who had not bettered 52.0 in 1955 and the 27 year old Igor Ilyin whose best is 51.8 last August. The draw was Yulin on the inside, a listless looking Bob Shaw (lane 2), Ilyin (lane 3) and the British Empire record holder Harry Kane, a London fish-curer, who describes himself for passport purposes at least, as a 'Junior Executive'. Shaw never got going and Yulin was soon past him to destroy the symmetry of the echelon. The Russian looked to have things sewn up for a double win as they entered the home straight but they reckoned without the doggedness of Kane who got up over the ninth and tenth hurdles to split their 52.2 and 52.9 sec. timings with a 52.5 secs. mark. Shaw returned 53.6 secs.

From the British viewpoint the 3,000 metres steeplechase was a highlight. Russian put in her erstwhile world record co-holder Vasily Vlassenko, 27 and the 8:52.8 man Mikhail Saltykov, 29 against Britain's two Olympic men Disley, 26 and Brasher, 27. The laps were reeled off as follows -:

Lap 1 66.5	Lap 5 72.5 (5:51.0)	Disley 8:44.2
Lap 2 69.3 (2:15.8)	Lap 6 72.2 (7:03.2)	Brasher 8:49.2
Lap 3 71.3 (3:27.1)	Last lap 64.7 by Disley	Vlassenko 8:54.2
Lap 4 71.4 (4:38.5)	bell at 7:39.5. Result:	Saltykov 8:58.4

Vlassenko made the pace for the first five laps covering 2,000 metres in 5:51.0. His aquatic style at the water jump cost him a lot of energy and in lap six Brasher moved up into the lead soon to be relieved by Disley. The two Britishers finished strongly to record times equal in merit to miles in 4:02.2 and 4:04.6 and 3,000 metres on the flat in 8:01.7 and 8:06.4.

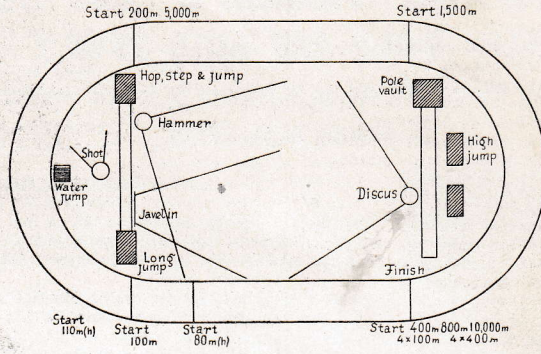
**FIELD EVENTS:** The Russians, largely as expected, made a clean sweep of the 8 field events winning 64 points to 24. Their only close shave was in the long jump in which Grigoryev, the Soviet record-holder at 25'10" (7.62m.), only managed second place from Ken Wilmschurst at 23'7" by dint of a better second jump.

**Jumps:** In the high jump Paul Stableforth (6'0"½) and Bill Piper (6'2"½) were quickly eliminated leaving the field to the 21 year old curly-haired Vladimir Sitkin to straddle 6'4"½ (1.95m) and the new-comer Igor Kashkarov, 22 to roll over a personal best height of 6'7"½ (2.01). Kashkarov had 3 attempts to better Stepanov's 3 month old Soviet best of 6'7"½ (2.02m.). The pole vault was graced by a magnificent built-up pit. Ian Ward duly made his 4.00 metres (13'1"½) while Geoff. Elliott cleared his season's best of 4.30 m. (13'9"½). The muscular Russians Vitaliy Chernobay, 26 and Vladimir Bulatov, 26 both from the vast Burevesnik Club soon had the bar up to 4.42 metres (14'6") and each cleared their personal bests amid some enthusiasm. The long-jumping was not comparable. The 19 year old Oleg Fedosyev won with his second jump of 7.20m (23'7"½) compared with his best of 24'1"½ (7.36m.). The 29 year old 25 footer of last year Leonid Grigoryev got second place by virtue of two jumps at 7.19m (23'7") against the injured Ken Wilmschurst's one. Arthur Crutenden was fourth with 6.88m (22'6"½). In the triple jump the European record-holder Leonid Shch-erbakov got in a 50'9"½ (15.48m.) effort with his first trial and thereafter failed to register. Vitold Kreer was 3 times over 15 metres (49'2"½) with a best of 15.26m (50'0"½) with his third. Ken Wilmschurst injured himself and refused after scoring the single point for fourth with 44'0"½ (13.42m.) while Dennis Field made 14.05m (46'1"½) for third with his fifth effort.

**Throws:** The little Estonian powerhouse Feliks Pirts, 25 got off a shot-putt to 55'8"½ (16.99m.) with his 4th putt which settled the issue. Unlike Pirts the newly married Otto Grigalka was well below his best ever of 55'11"½ (17.05m.) and could only manage 53'8"½ (16.38m.). John Savidge tailed off after an opening 51'2"½ (15.61m) putt (others of 50'6"½ and 50'1"½) while Barclay Palmer was similarly unable to better his solid opening effort of 52'3"½ (15.94m.) with a next best of 51'5"½ (15.68m.). The shock-haired Boris Matveyev got in his usual good one in the discus with his fifth which sailed out to 52.16m. (171'1"½) while Grigalka after 3 no throws registered 49.52m. (162'5"½) with his last. Mark Pharoah reached 48.78m. (160'0"½) with his third while Gerald ('Garth') Carr hit a personal best with his first throw of 46.49m. (152'6"½). His second best was 152'4"½.

The world record-holder, who is partial to the occasional 'pappyrusa' (cigarette), was in gay form with the hammer - so gay that he registered four 200 foot no-throws, two of which made large divots on the grey-black track. Krivososov could afford such levity since his second effort was a valid 61.79m. (202'8"½). The bull-necked

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Nikolay Ryedkin, 27, Russia's No.3 exponent, registered 194'5" (59.26m.) or only less than a metre below his best. Peter Allday got in a very consistent series with throws of 180'11"½, 182'9"½, 185'2", and 180'8"½ but Ewan Douglas had four no throws and a best with his sixth of only 52.79m. (173'2"½).

The Russians fielded their 24 year old record-holder Vladimir Kuznetsov (256'6"½ last year) and the 27 year old Anatoliy Gorshkov for the javelin which was the opening event. Kuznetsov settled the issue with his first throw of 72.38m. (237'5"½) consolidated by two others of 71.73m. (235'4") and 70.24m. (230'5"½). Gorshkov shook his lank blond hair in frustration when he could manage only 68.78m. (225'7"½) which was over 20 feet below his best recently at Warsaw. Peter Cullen was signalled for 67.73m. (222'2"½) but this turned out to be an error and his best reverted to his second throw of 63.82m. (209'4"½). Dennis Tucker, the only thrower with 6 valid efforts, only managed to raise 200 feet with his last trial of 61.24m. (200'11").

**RELAYS:** The Russian sprinters, coached by Vladimir Filin, showed very fine baton drill and despite being drawn on the outside drew steadily away to win by 6 yards in 40.6secs. - only 3 tenths outside their National record set in 1952 at Helsinki. Their order was Boris Tokaryev, 28, Lev Kalyayev, Yuriy Konovlov, 26 and Leonid Bartenyev, 22. The British team running in the order George Ellis, Roy Sandstrom, Michael Ruddy and Brian Shenton recorded 41.2 secs.

The long relay proved a thrilling affair. Peter Higgins ran the opening stage in his best ever of 47.9 secs. to gain 2 metres on the 19 year old Boris Grachev. Peter Fryer put in a 47.3 sec. stint which dropped Ivakin by another 5 metres which interval was further stretched by Mike Wheeler's 46.9 sec. third stage against Yuriy Lituyev's 47.7 secs. Thus at the last exchange Derek Johnson had a full 15 metres on the great Ardalion Ignatyev. The Russian seized the baton and blinded off in pursuit covering the first 200 metres in what must have been inside 21.5 secs. He had wiped out Johnson's lead by the crown of the last bend but had done the trick far too extravagantly. Had Ignatyev heeded the Latin motto 'festina lente' (hasten slowly) he would be the hero of a really great anchor run. Nonetheless Johnson staved off the assault in masterly style and recorded 47.3 secs. against the Russian's 45.9 secs. The total time for Great Britain's 4 foot victory was 3:09.4 (her second best ever) while the Russians at 3:09.6 lowered their 1954 National record of 3:10.2 made at Prague by six tenths. So ended a fine match under floodlight. (For Women's report see October issue.)

## FIJIANS CARRY OFF MALAYAN TITLES IN GOOD TIMES.

Josefa Levula, the powerful Fijian Rugby football star, took the sprint double at the Malayan A.A.A. Championships held on the grass track at Ipoh, in Perak on August 26 & 27. The Sultan, a keen fan, watched from the timekeepers stand. Levula's times were: 100 yards heat 9.8; semi-final 9.8, final (26th) 9.8; and 220 yards heat 21.5, final 21.8. Enorsi Levula also did 9.8 in his semi-final just beating an Englishman Peter (not Alan) Lillington (9.9n).

Another Fijian soldier Tomasi Naidole won both hurdles and the hop, step and jump. In the high hurdles he just beat his fellow islander Josiah Kobiti, both returning 14.6; he then won the 440 yards hurdles in 54.5. Naidole's triple jump win was on the first day with a clearance of 48ft. 8ins. Peter Grose (Singapore) won the hammer from Charles Reidy with 154'11".

On Aug 19 Jerome Henderson (Singapore) cleared 6'2"½ in the high jump; and at Seria Brunei P.C. Gabuh on July 30 won the North Borneo triple jump title against the wind with 47ft. 4"½. (Acknowledgements to V.V. Kolatchoff of Hong Kong).



# U.K. BEST MARKS

This sixth best performance list of the 1955 season takes in all reported marks to the end of September and for the main part is confined to the top 10 in the standard events. Significant marks at 'odd' distances are included. Notation: n = non-winning time.

**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 Adrian Breaker	13/8
9.9 R.Jackson	20/8
9.9n Peter Lillington	26/8

& 15 sprinters at 10.0

with wind:

9.7w Michael Ruddy	24/9
9.7w Roy Sandstrom	24/9
9.8 Canute Thomas (Trin.)	21/5
9.8 P Toner	10/9

& 3 sprinters at 9.9.

**100 METRES:**

10.7n Roy Sandstrom	11/9
10.7n Brian Shenton	11/9
10.8n Clayton Gibbs(Trin.)	19/6
10.8n Michael Ruddy	14/9

**220 YARDS (turn):**

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(Brit.Guin)	15/7

(Straightaway):

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

**300 YARDS:**

30.7 Michael Wheeler	2/7
30.8n Brian Shenton	2/7

**400 METRES:**

47.4n Michael Wheeler	11/9
48.2n Peter Higgins	7/7
48.6n John Wrighton	10/7
48.8n Michael Orrell-Jones	1/9

**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
49.2n D.J.Parker	31/8
49.4n Roger Baker	21/5
49.4 Brian Morris	1/7
49.4 James Paterson	15/7

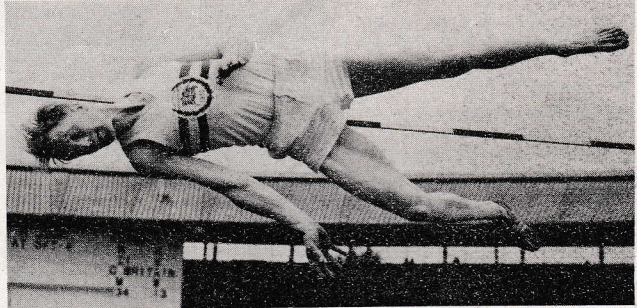
**800 METRES:**

1:47.8 Brian Hewson	13/8
1:48.0 Derek Johnson	1/8
1:50.3+ Jock Beesley	1/8
1:50.7n Ronald Henderson	4/9
1:51.5 Donald Gorrie	5/9
1:51.6n Ronald Day	5/9
1:51.7n David Law	5/9

+ 880yds handicap off 5yds.

**880 YARDS:**

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



Bill PIPER, a 24 year old Glasgow policeman, who cleared 6 ft. 6 ins. (1.981) at Dunoon on August 27, to rank equal third with Ron Pavitt on the British alltime list. The 1952 European Champion Alan Paterson, also a Scot, holds the British (National) Record at 6'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (2.019) (1947) and Peter Wells, who has settled in New Zealand, has also cleared 6'7"<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (1954). Action Photo HW Neale.

**880 Yards continued)**

1:51.4n Ronald Henderson	16/7
1:51.9n John Douglas(Aust.)	16/7
1:52.0n Donald Gorrie	16/7
1:52.0 Michael Farrell	21/9
1:52.2 Ronald Day	5/9
1:52.3n Jock Beesley	5/9
1:52.4n Richard Mackay	12/8
1:52.5n David Law	5/9

**1,000 YARDS:**

2:08.0 Brian Hewson	21/6
2:11.4 Brian Jackson	26/7
2:11.9 John Evans	24/5

**1,000 METRES:**

2:20.2 Brian Hewson	21/6
2:25.6n Jock Beesley	2/9

**1 MILE:**

2:55.4 Brian Hewson	7/6
2:58.2 Gordon Pirie	2/7
2:58.2n Brian Jackson	2/7
2:58.8n Brian Barrett	2/7

**1,500 METRES:**

3:43.2+ Brian Hewson	28/5
3:43.6+ Christopher Chataway	2/7
3:44.0n+Kenneth Wood	2/7
3:48.2n John Evans	6/7
3:48.2n David Law	31/8
3:48.6n Alan Gordon	

+ = made in course of mile.

**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
4:06.8n Christopher Brasher	21/9
4:07.0n John Cameron	21/9
4:07.6 Brian Barrett	13/6
4:07.7n David Law	18/6
4:07.9n Alan Gordon	18/6
4:08.2n John Evans	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 Walmsley	21/5
4:09.0n John Disley	28/5
4:09.2n Eric Shirley	31/8
4:09.6 Frank Wyatt	30/5

**2,000 METRES:**

5:09.4 Christopher Chataway	11/6
5:09.8 Gordon Pirie	21/5
5:10.9n John Disley	7/7
5:12.8n Derek Ibbotson	21/5

**1 1/2 MILES:**

6:26.0 Gordon Pire	5/7
6:30.8n John Thorpe	5/7
6:31.0n Ken Norris	5/7

**1 1/2 MILES continued)**

6:31.8n+Kenneth Wood	30/5
6:32.0 Peter Driver	20/6

+ = made in 2 miles race

**3,000 METRES:**

8:12.2 Christopher Chataway	31/8
8:13.2n Kenneth Norris	30/8
8:15.4n Christopher Brasher	31/8

**TWO MILES:**

8:34.8n 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 Sando	21/5
8:57.4 Tony Osborne	6/7
8:57.4n Ray Hatton	6/7
8:58.4n Michael Maynard	21/5
8:59.2 Christopher Suddaby	12/5
8:59.6n Hugh Foord	21/5
8:59.6+ Christopher Chataway	30/7
8:59.8n Kenneth Caulder	21/5

+ = made in 3 miles race.

**THREE MILES:**

13:23.2 Christopher Chataway	30/7
13:29.8 Gordon Pirie	21/6
13:29.8 Frank Sando	25/6
13:29.8n 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 Foord	25/6
13:49.6n Kenneth Caulder	25/6
13:50.2n Peter Pirie	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	4/6

**5,000 METRES:**

14:03.8 Gordon Pirie	14/9
14:04.0n Kenneth Norris	14/9
14:10.8n Kenneth Wood	21/9
14:11.2n Derek Ibbotson	21/9
14:11.2n Frank Sando	21/9
14:12.0 Chris.Chataway	11/9
14:12.8n Jack Heywood	21/9
14:17.8 Peter Driver	15/6
14:20.8 Michael Maynard	7/7

**FOUR MILES:**

18:49.0 Dennis O'Gorman	21/7
18:49.2n George Rhodes	21/7

**SIX MILES:** 21 six milers with marks under 30 mins. are listed in the July-August issue on page 154, to which add Ray Hatton 29:22.8 on 25/5.

**10,000 METRES:**

29:32.0 Gordon Pirie	25/5
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10,000 metres continued)

29:46.4n Kenneth Norris	11/9
30:00.8n Frank Sando	15/9

**120 YARDS/110 METRES HURDLES:**

14.3 Jack Parker	30/8
14.4n Peter Hildreth	12/8
14.6m Paul Vine	4/9
14.7m Christopher Higham	10/7
14.8m Robert Shaw	6/7
14.9 Geoffrey Elliott	30/5
15.0n Michael Guthrie(S.A.)	16/4
15.0 Victor Matthew	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

with wind:

14.7 Robert Shaw	12/5
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**220 YARDS HURDLES: (turn)**

List unchanged from that on p 154. (straightaway)

23.3 Peter Hildreth	27/8
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**400 METRES HURDLES:**

52.1 Robert Shaw	15/9
52.5n Harry Kane	11/9
54.8 Clive Dennis	14/8
55.0 Paul Vine	5/9

**440 YARDS HURDLES:**

52.2 Robert Shaw	16/7
53.0n Thomas Farrell	16/7
53.2n Harry Kane	16/7
53.6n Peter Hildreth	21/9
54.4 Derek Salter	9/7
55.3n Clive Dennis	16/7
55.4n Brian Thomas	8/6
55.4n Neil Dangerfield	8/6
55.4n Eric di Verteull	16/6
55.6n I.H.Walker	31/8

**3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE:**

8:44.2 John Disley	11/9
8:49.2n Christopher Brasher	11/9
8:49.8n Eric Shirley	21/9
9:05.2n Kenneth Johnson	16/7
9:09.2n Roger Dunkley	16/7

Then ten men with marks between 9.10 and 9.30 are listed on p.154.

**FIELD EVENTS:** Only new or improved marks not noted on page 165 are listed.

**HIGH JUMP:**

6' 6" William Piper	27/8
6' 2" Ronald Pavitt	3/9
6' 2" Malcolm Ash	3/9
6' 2" E.A.Stewart	17/9

**POLE VAULT:**

13' 9" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Geoffrey Elliott	11/9
12' 11" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Norman Gregor	15/8
12' 5" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Kenneth North(N.Z)	5/9
12' 0" M.E.Nugent	27/8

**LONG JUMP:**

24' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Kenneth Wilmshurst	4/9
23' 3" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Arthur Cruttenden	4/9

**HOP, STEP AND JUMP:**

49' 6" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Paul Engo(Nigeria)	3/9
46' 6" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Peter Goldsmith	23/7
46' 6" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Peter Stableforth	14/9
46' 5" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Michael Eggleton	-

**SHOT-PUTT:**

52' 10" Barclay Palmer	27/8
51' 9" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> John Savidge	15/9
45' 9" Tom Logan	20/8
45' 7" R.J.Harris	21/9

**DISCUS THROW:**

169' 11" Mark Pharaoh	15/9
153' 10" <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Gerald Carr	15/9

**HAMMER THROW:**

163' 10" Michael Ellis	3/9
160' 7" Charles Reidy	-/7

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# G.B. Beats Czechoslovakia 117-95

EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT BY NORRIS McWHIRTER. Prague, Sept. 14-15

Great Britain established herself as the world's No.4 power and the third power in Europe behind only Russia and Hungary as she beat Czechoslovakia by the unexpectedly large margin of 117 pts. to 95. Pre-match forecasts suggested despite a number of injuries, notably to her leading shot-putters, the Czechs would win 107 to 105 points.

The stands of the Army Stadium on the Strahov Hill to the westward of the City of the Hundred Spires were filled with a most friendly and well informed crowd of 35,000. Britain opened the second day in bleak weather leading 51 points to 44 since the sprint relay disqualification had been rightly over-ruled since Michael Ruddy's two strides on the line could hardly have constituted a 'material' advantage.

Vaclav Janeček was master of both sprints in 10.6 and 21.7 though Ruddy's 21.9 secs. run had him worried in the 200 metres. The fast-improving Michael Wheeler was robbed of an almost certain personal best of anyway 47.2 secs. in the 400 metres which in fact turned out to be a 390 metres covered in 45.9 secs.

The 800 and 1,500 metres saw Brian Hewson's complete mastery. On the two lap route he hit the tape 53.0 secs. after the bell to win by over 15 yards from the hard-fighting Liška in 1:48.2 or only four tenths outside his personal best. In the 1,500 metres on the first day he saved himself with an effortless looking 55.4 sec. last lap to come home 3 yards ahead of the fast-finishing Ken Wood (3:49.0) in a breezy 3:48.4.

The 'clou' of the match was the 5,000 metres in which there was the closest three man finish in history - a single metre covered Gordon Pirie, Emil Zátopek and Ken Norris in that order. The Britons blasted off from the start to try to shake the old Colonel who was but a week away from his 34th birthday. However it was Zátopek who made a fine get away only to be headed by Pirie (first lap 64.8) and Norris. The kilometre splits tell the story of the swaying fortunes:-

1st Km.	2nd Km.	3rd Km.	4th Km.	Last Lap
2:44.6 Pirie	5:33.0 Pirie	8:24.6 Norris	11:19.6 Norris	62.4
2:44.9 Norris	5:33.5 Norris	8:25.4 Pirie	11:21.9 Pirie	61.8
2:47.6 Zátopek	5:33.6 Zátopek	8:26.7 Zátopek	11:22.0 Zátopek	59.1

At the 3 miles post, 188 yards before the winning post Pirie recorded 13:38.2, Norris 13:38.4 and the storming Zátopek, reminiscent of his last lap at Wembley 7 years ago, 13:39.6. Just before the crown of the last bend Pirie went very wide almost causing Norris to check his stride and so balk Zátopek. In the home straight Zátopek looked far the most compact as his fiery spirit refused to be quenched. Pirie gave a couple of agonized glances over his shoulder but held on well but despite a well-timed drop finish Norris was just nipped as the quadruple Olympic gold medal winner lurched in to split the English pair in a crazy mixed-up finish. The great race brought forth a ovation in which the neglected Tomis (5 miles 14:01.8) came in for his fair share to finish in 14:31.0

The gallant Colonel, whose best 10,000 metres in 1955 had been 29:33.0, turned out on the second day for the 25 lap grind and gave forth his greatest dual meet 'double' ever. Pirie and the International Cross-Country champion Frank Sando piled in a 67.2 first lap and a 2:17.2 first 800m. Zátopek was soon after this 30 metres behind but anyone knowing this man who has gained 16 world records was not so much sorry for him but for those he was pursuing. After 11 laps he caught them and after 6 more revelling in his new found company he forged on serene and alone. The six mile times were 28:27.0; 28:49.6 and 28:53.0. Zátopek's total time of 29:25.6 was his 36th under 30 mins.

**SUMMARY:** (a)=1st day Sept.14 (b)=2nd day Sept 15  
**100 METRES:** (a) V Janeček(Cz) 10.6; MJ Ruddy (GB) 10.8; ER Sandstrom (GB) 10.9; M Horčic (Cz) 11.0.  
**200 METRES:** (b) V Janeček(Cz) 21.7; MJ Ruddy (GB) 21.9; GS Ellis (GB) 22.2; J Sequens (Cz) 22.4.  
**390 METRES:** (a) MKV Wheeler (GB) 45.9; V Janeček (Cz) 46.6; PG Fryer (GB) 46.9; P Vrečnik (Cz) 47.6.  
**800 METRES:** (b) BS Hewson (GB) 1:48.2; L Liška (Cz) 1:50.6; DJN Johnson (GB) 1:51.2; S Jungwirth (Cz) 1:51.3.  
**1,500 METRES:** (a) BS Hewson (GB) 3:48.4; K Wood (GB) 3:49.0; S Jungwirth (Cz) 3:49.8; D Čikel (Cz) 3:50.4.  
**5,000 METRES:** (a) DAG Pirie (GB) 14:03.8; E Zátopek (Cz) 14:04.0; KL Norris (GB) 14:04.0; M Tomis (Cz) 14:31.0.  
**10,000 METRES:** (b) E Zátopek (Cz) 29:25.6; DAG Pirie (GB) 29:54.0; FD Sando (GB) 30:00.8; J Santrůček (Cz) 30:22.2.  
**110 METRES HURDLES:** (a) FJ Parker (GB) 14.6; PH Hildreth (GB) 14.7; I Veselický (Cz) 15.1; V Bečvarovský (Cz) 15.4.

**400 METRES HURDLES:** (b) RD Shaw (GB) 52.1; H Kane (GB) 52.5; L Bartoš (Cz) 53.1; D Zajdlík (Cz) 55.2.  
**3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE:** (b) JI Disley (GB) 9:06.4; OW Brasher (GB) 9:06.8; V Brlica (Cz) 9:08.0  
**J Slavíček (Cz) 9:12.4.**  
**4 x 100 METRES RELAY:** (a) GB (Ellis, Sandstrom, Ruddy, B Shenton) 41.0; Czechoslovakia (F Brož, Horčic, Janeček, Sequens) 41.2.  
**4 x 400 METRES RELAY:** (b) GB (PP Higgins, Kane, Fryer, Wheeler) 3:13.6; Czechoslovakia (Vrečnik, J Jirásek, Poděbrad, Mandlík) 3:18.8.  
**HIGH JUMP:** (b) J Kováč (Cz) 1.98/6'6"; J Lánský (Cz) 1.98/6'6"; PG Stableforth (GB) 1.85/6'0"; W Piper (GB) 1.80/5'10".  
**POLE VAULT:** (b) GM Elliott (GB) 4.20/13'9"; J Krejcar (Cz) 4.10/13'5"; I Ward (GB) 3.90/12'9"; J Šmehlík (Cz) 3.90/12'9".  
**LONG JUMP:** (b) KSD Wilmshurst (GB) 7.20/23'7"; J Fikejz (Cz) 7.11/23'3"; AR Cruttenden (GB) 7.07/23'2"; L Man (Cz) 7.05/23'1".

**HOP, STEP & JUMP:** (a) V Kálecký (Cz) 15.25/50'0"; J Mráček (Cz) 15.09/49'6"; PG Stableforth (GB) 14.18/46'6"; DW Field (GB) 14.02/45'11".  
**SHOT PUT:** (b) JA Savidge (GB) 15.78/51'9"; WBL Palmer (GB) 15.75/51'8"; J Stoklasa (Cz) 15.73/51'7"; J Šmid (Cz) 47'11".  
**DISCUS THROW:** (b) K Merta (Cz) 55.00/180'5"; Z Čihák (Cz) 51.91/170'3"; M Pharaoh (GB) 51.79/169'11" (Best ever British performance); GA Carr (GB) 46.90/153'10" (personal best).  
**HAMMER THROW:** (a) M Mäca (Cz) 58.73/192'8"; O Engel (Cz) 57.62/189'0"; PG Alliday (GB) 55.93/183'6"; BCK Douglas (GB) 52.27/171'6".  
**JAVELIN THROW:** (a) J Perek (Cz) 69.97/229'6"; PS Cullen (GB) 65.20/213'11"; DE Tucker (GB) 64.47/211'6"; J Jílek (Cz) 63.11/207'0".  
**RESULT:** GREAT BRITAIN 117-CZECHOSLOVAKIA 95. (G.B. won 12 events to Czechoslovakia's 8) The women's match won by Great Britain by 58 points to 48 will be reported in October.



ONLY ONE FOOT ON THE GROUND! A freak photograph showing Jungwirth and Liška leading Brian Hewson, the winner in 1:48.2, and Derek Johnson in the 800 metres event in the Great Britain v. Czechoslovakia match.

Jack Parker once again broke the tape in the high hurdles for his fifth straight international victory this time in 14.6 secs. Peter Hildreth, the new European low hurdle record-holder, stayed very close all the way. In the long hurdles Bob Shaw, drawn in lane 1, showed his old snap and breezed home in his second best ever time of 52.1 secs. ahead of Harry Kane upon whom the thought of a relay stint caused a early 'knock-off' after the ninth barrier.

Fresh from their Moscow triumph Disley and Brasher were all for a tactical 'one-two' in the steeplechase against the thuggish looking Vlastimil Brlica, the Czech record-holder at 8:49.8. Disley's first kilometre was 3:06.7. Intent on his private battle with Brasher, Brlica tripped headlong over a barrier in the 5th lap. Disley's last lap of 60.6 was too much for the Czech who was shunted to third by Brasher's storming finish.

The sprint relay saw atypically good baton-passing by the British team in the outside lane who finished in their equal third best ever time of 41.0. The long relay was a procession with Higgins (48.8), Kane (48.4), Fryer (48.4) and Wheeler (47.9) winning by over 30 yards.

The Czechs Kováč (right foot shoeless straddle) and Lánský (roll) both cleared 1.98m (6'6") but failed at 6'7" (2.01m). Piper troubled by the half grass half cinder take-off had a poor day. In the pole vault Geoff Elliott missed out on 4.00m (13'11"), cleared 13'9" (4.20m) and went straight on for three failures at 14'11" (4.30m). Ken Wilmshurst made a do or die effort in the long jump to win with 7.20m (23'7") but Arthur Cruttenden was 4 cms. back from Jaroslav Fikejz's best and second jump. Both Kálecký and Mráček were in good triple-jumping form and the injured skipper Wilmshurst waved Stableforth out of the contest after his personal best of 46'6" (14.18m).

The shot-putt result was tinged with sentiment as Britain's 30 year old stand-by's first effort of 15.78 (51'9") lasted the day. Palmer came through with his last putt to snatch second place having been 20 cms. behind with 50'11". The discus was full of interest with the 'black teddy-bear' Karel Merta, 25 showing his immense power with a series of 179'8" - 172'11" - 169'6" - 179'5" - 180'5" - and 177'0". Pharaoh bracketted his best ever with two of 155'3". In the hammer throw Milos Mäca (pronounced Martza) and (continued on p.178)



# R.L.Q.'s SEPTEMBER REPORT

**SPRINTS** - German sprinters had a field day at Cologne on September 4. First in the 100 metres, which 20-year-old Germar won from Fütterer, thus reversing the order of finish in the recent German Championship race. The time for both was again 10.4. Karl Kaufmann, Fütterer's 19-year-old Karlsruhe teammate, finished third in 10.5, beating by a narrow margin Pan-American champion Rodney Richard, also timed in 10.5. About an hour later, in the 200 metres which on that 500-metre track is run around only half a turn, Fütterer got off to his usual fast start and for the first time this year managed to keep going at full speed down to the end (his training in recent months had seldom exceeded 2 hours per week!). The reward came in form of a 20.6 clocking, which equalled Arthur Bragg's track record and was two tenths under Fütterer's own best. Germar, who in his career has always concentrated on the shorter sprint distance, was second in 21 flat, ahead of Richard (21.2). In fairness to the American it should be said that he still had to shake off the effects of a transoceanic air trip plus a first meeting at Brussels, Belgium, the night before. On September 11 in Paris he evened the count with Germar (10.6 to 10.7) and also ran 200 metres against the wind in 21.5. Returning to the Cologne race, no mention of an assisting wind was to be found in the accounts we read. It is a fact, however, that this "detail" is too often overlooked in continental papers (which is sometimes due to the lack of an anemometer in the place concerned).

Leonid Bartenyev of USSR is still undefeated over 100 metres and has three 10.4 clockings to his credit. He should be rated at least the equal of Vladimir Sukharyev, the Russian record-holder at 10.3 and an Olympic finalist in 1952. The "obscure-mark-of-the-month" award should go to the 10.4 of one V.Babiyak at Leningrad early in September (so far unconfirmed). His previous best was 10.7 in beating Ardalion Ignatyev in July.

Václav Janeczek of Czechoslovakia, with recent 200 metre marks of 21.1 and 21 flat, has again confirmed that the furlong suits him better than the 100 metres. And he may turn seriously to the 400 metres one day: after all, he ran 47.7 in 1953 and on one occasion this year he was clocked in 46.9 during a relay race. Bela Goldoványi lowered his best legitimate mark to 21.2 at Budapest on Sept. 11, incidentally a Nepstadion record.

Voitto Hellsten of Finland ran a great 46.6 for 400 metres at Helsinki on Aug. 23 - fourth best ever in European history after Harbig and Ignatyev (both 46.0) and Haas (46.3). This last was also in that race but finished a badly beaten second in 47.6. Hellsten's greatest Iron Man's Stunt came in the match with Sweden at Stockholm, Sept 10 & 11. In fact, he was responsible for the victory of his Finnish team over their Swedish "cousins": on the first day, he won the 100 metres in 10.7 and the 400 metres in 47.0, then ran a gallant though unsuccessful anchor leg in the 4x100 metre relay; on the second day he won the 200 metres in 21.5 (equal to his best ever) and won the 4x400 metres relay for Finland with a 47.0 anchor leg! The progression of this short, compact and extremely reliable "all-round sprinter" reads as follows:

Year	Age	100 m.	200 m.	400 m.
1949	17	11.2	23.2	-
1950	18	11.1	22.8	-
1951	19	10.8	22.2	50.7
1952	20	10.9	21.8	49.8
1953	21	10.7	21.7	48.1
1954	22	10.8	21.5	47.0
1955	23	10.6	21.5	46.6

Audun Boysen again bettered his Norwegian 400 metre record, this time with a remarkable 47.4 (Karlstad, Aug. 31). An interesting mark is Iajos Szentgáli's 48.0 at Budapest on Sept. 10 - his best ever.

## 19 Europeans under 1:50.0!

**MIDDLE DISTANCES** - Boysen's improved speed partly explains his recent victories over his arch-rivals Moens (1:48.4 to 1:48.5, Brussels, Sept. 3) and Nielsen (1:50.8 to 1:51.5, Bergen, Sept. 11). Moens, however, ran a fine 1:48.6 half-mile (800 metre time, 1:47.9) at Bologna, Italy, on Sept. 8. So far we have counted 19 Europeans in the sub-1:50 bracket this season! Typical of the times we live in was the "fact" for Sept. 11. On that day, in four different European capitals, four races with only a few of the best Europeans at this distance produced the following results: **Moscow**, Georgiy Ivakin 1:48.5 (new Russian record); **Nikolay Marichev** 1:48.7; **Derek Johnson** 1:48.9; **Budapest**: **István Rózsavölgyi** 1:48.8, **Iajos Szentgáli** 1:48.8, **Roman Kreft** 1:48.9 (new Polish record); **Paris**: **Lang Stanley**, USA, 1:49.5, **Werner Lueg** 1:49.8, **Josef Steger** 1:49.8 (new Swiss record); **Stockholm**: **Olavi Vuorisalo**, Finland, 1:50.2, **Rolf Gottfridsson**, Sweden, 1:50.2. Ivakin's performance was no major surprise, for the Russian had done 1:48.7 and 1:49.6 a few weeks earlier, besides lowering his 400 metre best to 48.4. Kreft of Poland and above all 400-metre man Steger of Switzerland, however, soundly thrashed the four previous "bests." The Swiss removed from his country's lists a record that had stood for 27 years: **Paul Martin's** (1924 Olympic runner-up) 1:51.8 of 1928! Audun Boysen shaved half a second off his 1,000 metre

world record at Göteborg on Aug. 30 with a most respectable 2:19.0. His 800 metre time was 1:50.8 by official watches a shade slower by not less reliable unofficial ones. Paul Schmidt of Germany was second in 2:22.6. The Norwegian was alone in the lead for more than half of the distance. Sándor Iharos lowered the Hungarian record to 2:20.8 on a soggy track at Budapest: He expects to do at least two seconds better next time.

In the 1,500 metres /1 mile department the lucky Scandinavian fans saw two of the most dramatic finishes in history. First at Stockholm on Sept. 2, over 1 mile, the Hungarian duo Tábori-Iharos barely held off a wild charging Gunnar Nielsen at the end, the times for the three, who finished in that order, being 4:03.6, 4:03.6 and 4:03.8. Nielsen, who only two days earlier in Göteborg had set a new Danish 1,500 metre record of 3:43.0 (actually 3:42.9) covered the last 109.35 metres separating the metric from the English distance in an unheard of 14.2! Winner Tábori covered the same distance in 14.6, Iharos in 14.8. Then, on Sept. 6 at Bislet Stadium, the 1,500 metres of the year saw Tábori and Nielsen equal Iharos's world record, 3:40.8, thus re-establishing the three-way tie of a few years ago (Hegg-Strand-Lueg at 3:43.0), in the record lists. The story of this race is best told by the intermediate times: (as given by the Hungarian "Nepsport")

400m: Hotvedt 56.4; Nielsen, Boysen, Tábori 58.0  
800m: Hotvedt 1:58.0; Nielsen 1:59.2; Boysen 1:59.4; Tábori 2:00.0  
1,200m: Nielsen 2:59.2; Boysen 2:59.4; Tábori 3:00.0

Boysen, who has recently indulged in much under-distance running, was unable to hang on for more than 1,200 metres and finished a distant third in 3:48.4, barely ahead of Britain's Alan Gordon, 3:48.6. Tábori thus covered the last 300 metres in 40.8! He and Gunnar Nielsen passed each other more than once in the last 100 metres, and the Hungarian "match winner" finally edged his great Danish rival by inches in their spasmodic lunge for the tape. After these energy-absorbing clashes the seemingly invincible Tábori was licked on his own ground at Budapest on Sept. 10 by his teammate István Rózsavölgyi, 3:41.8 to 3:41.2. This was sweet revenge for "Rozsa", who this year has run the metric "mile" in 3:44 or better seven times, just to be outshone by his club mates Iharos and Tábori.

Olavi Vuorisalo of Finland came dangerously close to Denis Johansson's Finnish record at Stockholm on Sept. 10 with a 3:45 flat. Also worthy of note are the times returned at Budapest on Aug. 20: Rózsavölgyi 3:44.0, Hewson 3:45.6, Strzinek (Czechoslovakia) 3:46.0, I. Ericsson (Sweden) 3:46.2, Velisa Mugosa (Yugoslavia) 3:46.2, new national record. Eleven men (!) bettered 3:50 in this race.

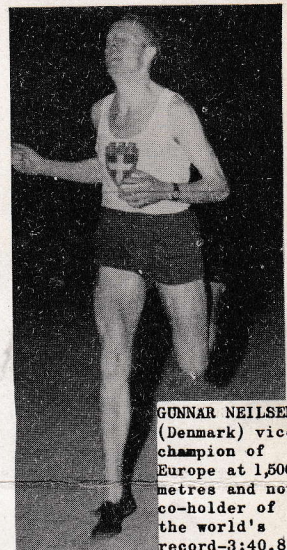
A new Russian 2,000 metre record was set at Moscow on Aug. 30 (after the first half of a soccer match) by Vladimir Okorokov: 5:09.8.

## FIVE HUNGARIANS UNDER 14:02.0

**LONG DISTANCES** - Another great race, still in the Budapest meet of Aug. 20, was that over 5,000 metres: after helping his countrymen all along, Iharos sprinted to win in 13:57.6 (last 400 metres in about 55 secs.!) and was followed by Szabó, 13:59.2, Ernő Béres 14:01.0, József Kovács 14:01.4 and Hubert Berta, 14:01.8, all of Hungary! Derek Ibbotson, who has run over much this year, was sixth in 14:18.6. Vladimir Kuts made a "comeback" at the right time, and his impressive progression is told by the following data: **Army Championships**, Lvov: Aug. 22, 5,000 metres in 14:03.6, Aug. 26, 10,000 metres in 29:06.2 (new Russian record); **Moscow**, Sept. 3, 5,000 metres in 13:57.8; **Moscow**, Sept. 11, 10,000 metres in 29:08.2. His 10,000 metres time at Lvov is second only to Zátopek's world record: on that occasion Kuts ran the first half in 14:35.0, the second in 14:31.2. Little József Kovács of Hungary ran the 10 kilometres in 29:27.4 at Budapest on Sept. 11, beating Hubert Berta, 29:48.0. Herbert Schade of Germany ran 29:41.8 in the match against Sweden (Stockholm, Aug. 28). There have been 16 Europeans under 30 minutes so far this season, and USSR has 9 men under 30:20.

## STEEPLECHASING REVOLUTION

**STEEPLECHASE** - When Chromik set the house on fire, the old-established steeplechase specialists reacted as best they could. Britain's great John Disley is second on the 1955 as well as on the All Time list with his 8:44.2, then comes Rozsnyói at 8:45.2, as related above. In the



**GUNNAR NIELSEN** (Denmark) vice champion of Europe at 1,500 metres and now co-holder of the world's record-3:40.8.





**HEINZ FUTTERER, 20.6**  
for 200 metres.  
Lityuev's European record for 200 metres low hurdles - 23.5. This was on Sept. 4 and the German narrowly beat a U.S. Army hurdler, Dick Howard (23.6).

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## BULATOV (14'5 1/4") BEATS LANDSTROM

**JUMPS** - Bengt Nilsson continues to appear in dozens of meets, big and small, all over Sweden, usually reserving his best marks for the big occasions: his best recent jump is 2.08 (6'9 3/4") at Stockholm on Sept. 10. USSR now has four men at 2.00 (6'6 3/4") or better, the latest additions being Igor Kashkarov (6'7 3/4") and Viktor Degtyarev (6'6 1/2").

Eeles Landstrom suffered his first European defeat of the season at Helsinki on Sept. 2, when he and Russia's Vladimir Bulatov both cleared 14'5 1/4", with the latter winning on fewer misses. Landstrom then went on to defeat his old Swedish rival Ragnar Lundberg easily at Stockholm, Sept. 11, 14'7 1/4" to 14'1 1/4". To make it really bitter for "Ragge", another Finn, oldtimer Jukka Piironen also cleared 14'1 1/4" and took second on fewer misses. Piironen is a great competitor: his few 14-plus clearances have all occurred in highly important meets - he was third in two European Championships, 1950 and 1954 (in the latter he tied with Geoff Elliott). While talking of pole vaulters, it is time for us to mention an obstinate Russian performer by the name of Boris Sukharyev. This man's best mark in each of the past four seasons has been 4.20 (13'9 3/8"): in fact we have counted about a dozen 13'9 3/8" marks for him from 1952 to date. Shall we ever report his first 14' clearance? The Russian Championships in late November at Tiflis should produce some excellent marks in this event: that country already has half a dozen 14-plus men and several others close behind, and this is an event in which stiff competition never fails to produce great marks.

Big news from broad jump pits: Ádám Földessy of Hungary, undefeated outside his home country since the 1952 Olympics, was badly beaten at Budapest on Sept. 11. The frail-legged Hungarian (slightly injured?) could do no better than 23'8 3/8". What was more surprising, Henryk Grabowski of Poland produced the first 25-plus jump of the season with a fine 7.73 (25'4 3/8"). This mark however, was disallowed as a Polish record because of an aiding wind over the limit. In the same meet Grabowski also had a legal jump of 7.55 (24'9 1/4"), which will make the books. His countryman Zbigniew Iwanski, second in the Berne final last year, did 7.50 (24'7 1/4"). Best legitimate mark of the season is Földessy's 7.56 (24'9 3/8") at Budapest on Aug. 21. The Germans have added more good marks to their excellent broad jump list: Horst Ihlenfeld, East Germany, 24'7 3/8", and Heinz Oberbeck, 24'6 3/8".

Best hop, step and jump mark in September so far is Shcherbakov's 51'7 1/4" in the Moscow Spartakiade. Valentin Dementyev had done 51'6 3/8" in Moscow on Aug. 17. Best Nordic performer in this event which was once dominated by Scandinavians

wake of the three leaders are Vasilij Vlasenko of USSR, 8:45.4 (new national record), Ernst Larsen of Norway, 8:46.8 (national record), Sven Iaine of Finland, 8:48.0, and Vlastimil Brlica of Czechoslovakia, 8:49.8 (national record). Adding Brasher's 8:49.2 and Pentti Karvonen's 8:45.4 (the latter reported in an earlier survey) we have nine men under 8:50. No other event has shown such a revolution in the top ranks of the All-Time list.

## PARKER THE TOP MAN

**HURDLES** - Britain's Jack Parker can now be rated as the no. 1 European high hurdler for 1955: he has done 14.3 once and 14.4 three times, and what is more he has beaten Russia's 14.2 man, Boris Stolyarov. Parker's record compares on almost even terms with that of Donald Finlay in 1937/38. Only other news - worthy items here are Bert Steines' 14.5, which equaled a 20-year-old German record, and Kenneth Johansson's two 14.5, third best ever by a Swede. Steines used the short turn

of Cologne's 500-metre track to equal Yuriy Lityuev's European record for 200 metres low hurdles - 23.5. This was on Sept. 4 and the German narrowly beat a U.S. Army hurdler, Dick Howard (23.6).

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is Tapio Lehto of Finland at 50'3 3/8".

## MERTA SUCCEEDS CONSOLINI

**THROWS** - Estonian Feliks Pirtz added 1 centimetre to the shotput record of his Baltic motherland when he threw 16.99 (55'8 7/8") against England (Moscow, Sept. 11): former Estonian record holder was Heino Lipp. There has been little movement in this event of late, and Skobla, again injured, is only third in the European Year List.

Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia, the new holder of the European discus record, has now attained the Consolini consistency level: his best recent mark is 178'5 1/2" in the Czech Championships (Brno, Sept. 9). Returning to the field after the mid-summer "siesta" which is athletically at least a necessity in Mediterranean countries, Adolfo Consolini threw 178'2 1/2" (Milan, Sept. 11). Most amazing mark in the discus is perhaps Kim Bukhantsev's 169'10" in beating Grigalka at Moscow, Sept. 3. Bukhantsev was known so far only as a good decathlon specialist (7,330 points under 1934 table).

Krivonosov has, of course, the best recent hammer mark - 208'5 1/4" (Moscow, Aug. 18). USSR has about a dozen men capable of 190' or better, so the Russian Championships at Tiflis should be really worth something in this event too. By that time, late November, Stanislav Nyenashev, the former record holder, should be ready to show a more decent form than in the past few months. Next to Krivonosov, Tadeusz Rut of Poland has been perhaps the most consistent European: at Budapest on Sept. 11 he beat the Hungarians, Csermak and Németh, with a new Polish record of 60.79 (199'5 1/2"). Ivan Gubijan raised his own Yugoslav record to 185'10" in the Balkan Games (Istanbul, Aug. 14).

Janusz Sidzo now has a total of eight 250-plus javelin marks, counting 1955 marks only. This equals the record set last year by Soini Nikkinen of Finland, who recently raised his 1955 best to 258'1 1/4" (Karmala, Aug. 28). Heiner Will of Germany produced another of his unexpected "full hits" in the match against Sweden: 77 metres even, or 252'7 1/2", inches short of his German record (Stockholm, Aug. 28). The Finns have shown improved form of late: little Pauli Vesterinen, regarded as technically the most proficient of all Suomi "keihäs" men, has done 248'5". Olavi Kauhanen, and above all Jouko Rantanen have also been good recently: the latter, a little known 23-year-old man, surprised everybody by taking the Finnish title with 245'10" (Kuopio, Aug. 14).

## World's Best Marks 1955

The following are the best marks achieved anywhere in the world this year into the fourth week of September.

100 Yds.	9.3 Jim Golliday (USA)	Evanston, Ill.	14/5
100 Mtrs.	10.3 Willie Williams (USA)	Mexico City	14/3
	10.3n Michael Agostini (Trinidad)	City	14/3
	10.3 Rod Richard (USA)	Mexico City	16/3
200 Mtrs. (t)	20.6 Heinz Futterer (Germany)	Cologne	4/9
220 Yds. (t)	20.6 Bobby Morrow (USA)	Abilene, Texas	3/6
400 Mtrs.	45.4 Louis Jones (USA)	Mexico City	18/3
800 Mtrs.	1:45.7 Roger Moens (Belgium)	Oslo	3/8
880 Yds.	1:47.5 Lon Spurrier (USA)	Berkeley, Calif.	26/3
1,000 Mtrs.	2:19.0 Audun Boysen (Norway)	Gothenburg	30/8
	2:19.0 István Rózsavölgyi (Hung.)	Budapest	21/9
1,500 Mtrs.	3:40.8 Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Helsinki	28/7
	3:40.8 László Tábori (Hungary)	Oslo	6/9
	3:40.8n Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Oslo	6/9
One Mile	3:59.0 László Tábori (Hungary)	London	28/5
2,000 Mtrs.	5:08.8 István Rózsavölgyi (Hung.)	Budapest	28/5
3,000 Mtrs.	7:55.6 Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	14/5
Two Miles	8:33.4 Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	London	30/5
Three Miles	13:23.2 Chris. Chataway (G.B.)	London	30/7
5,000 Mtrs.	13:46.8 Vladimir Kuts (USSR)	Belgrade	18/9
Six Miles	28:21.4 Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	London	23/4
10,000 Mtrs.	29:02.8 József Kovács (Hungary)	Bratislava	25/9
110m Hurd.	13.8 Jack Davis (USA)	Calif., Columbia	27/3
400m Hurd.	51.4 Yuriy Lityuev (USSR)	Minsk	21/5
3,000m St.	8:40.2 Jerzy Chromik (Poland)	Budapest	11/9
High Jump	6'11 1/4" Ernie Shelton (USA)	Los Angeles	10/6
Pole Vault	15' 3" Bob Richards (USA)	Los Angeles	21/5
Long Jump	26' 4 3/8" Rosslyn Range (USA)	Mexico City	14/3
Triple Jump	54' 3 3/4" A.F. da Silva (Brazil)	Mexico City	16/3
Shot	59' 4 1/2" Parry O'Brien (USA)	Toronto	23/7
Discus	185' 3 1/2" Karel Merta (Hungary)	Breznice	17/7
Hammer	211' 8 1/4" Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR)	Belgrade	19/9
Javelin	268' 2 3/8" Franklin Held (USA)	Modesto, Calif.	21/5
Decathlon	7,980 pts. Rafer Johnson (USA)	Kingsbury, Cal.	10-11/6

(concluded from p.176) Olrich Engel were, of course, too good for the two Britons. Allday was his consistent self with 176'10"-179'3 1/8"-183'6"-no throw-181'7 1/8" and 181'6" whereas Douglas followed his opening 171'6" with 5 rapid no-throws. Peter Cullen lead the javelin up to the 5th round at 213'11" till Jan Perek finally came through. It was with his last throw (211'6 1/4") that Tucker made the 'double split'.