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THE DREAM MATCH

An imaginary all time clash
between U.S.A. and Europe

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With acknowledgements to The Irish Times

How good an imagination have you? Can you visualise the best three United States athletes of all time in each event competing against the best three Europeans of all time in a full 20-event match?

This really would be the "Match of the Century." Weather and track conditions are, of course, perfect, and the athletes are all in top form and capable of reproducing their best-ever performances for this very match.

In the 18 individual events, scoring will be 5 points for a win, 3 for second, 2 for third, and 1 for fourth, while a winning relay team scores 5 points as against 2 for the runner-up. Who will win — the United States or Europe? What do you think? The total of points available is 212, so see if you can forecast the final score. Go on, do it now, and write your forecast down.

The referee has already decided that McDonald Bailey qualifies for inclusion in the European team — he is co-holder of the European 100 metres record, and likewise some Russians have been selected, though they come from beyond the Urals and are, strictly speaking, Asiatic.

PAST AND PRESENT

However, the teams have paraded, and side by side with the stars of today marched Jesse Owens, Rudolf Harbig, Glenn Hardin, Les Steers and Cornelius Warmerdam, all world record makers of the past. So on with the contest!

In the 100 metres, the United States have three co-holders of the world record in Owens, Davis and Ewell, as against Europe's two, Bailey and

Fütterer, and these five runners hit the tape together in 10.2 a yard ahead of the European third string. $6\frac{3}{8}$ points to U.S.A. and $\frac{2}{3}$ to Europe.

Jesse Owens goes straight to the Long Jump pit where we see three American negroes against two Germans, Long and Leichum, and the Hungarian Foldessy. The Americans are clearly in the lead and it is no surprise to find that Owens ($26' 8\frac{1}{4}"$), Steele ($26' 6"$) and Range ($26' 4\frac{1}{8}"$) fill the first three places ahead of Long's $25' 11"$.

U.S. HOPES FADE

The 1,500 metres runners are off to a good start, and here the odds are on the three European co-holders of the world record, Iharos, Tábori (both Hungary) and Nielsen (Denmark). Santee and the 1952 Olympic runner-up, Bob McMillen are America's hopes, but, as the race progresses, these hopes fade. The European trio cross the line together in 3:40.8, a full two seconds ahead of Santee, with McMillen a further 17 or 18 yards behind.

While the hurdles are being put on the track, we can have a look at the early stages of the high jump. All jumpers have cleared 2 metres ($6' 6\frac{3}{4}"$), and the lath is now at $6' 8\frac{3}{8}"$, and again all are over though Europe's second and third strings only get there on the third attempt. The lath is raised again.

A pistol shot sends the high hurdlers on their way, and the three Americans, Attlesey, Davis and Dillard, are clear of the field from the first hurdle. Ten beautiful flights and Attlesey (13.5) triumphs over Davis, with Dillard third, both Davis and Dillard returning



Heino Oksanen (Finland) seen beating Joe Lancaster's 35-day-old 20 miles world's best performance with 1:45:28.0 at Barcelona, on Nov. 26. The Finns are in Spain for winter training. (Associated Press.)

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13.6. The Swede, Haakon Lidman (14.0) and Russia's "Baldy" Bulanchik (14.1) prove Europe's best. It is chastening to realise that the United States has had exactly 20 hurdlers capable of 13.9 or better!

HIGHER STILL HIGHER

Back at the High Jump, the lath is at 6' 11", and three straddle jumpers, Steers, Shelton and Nilsson, with one western roll expert, Davis, are still in the competition. All clear this height, but at 6' 11½" Steers alone fails thrice. Up goes the lath to 6' 11¾", which

Sand and Cinders

FIRST, let us wish you the compliments of the season and all success during 1956, whether it be as a competitor, official, coach, spectator or merely a moral supporter of athletics.

Secondly, may we thank the numerous readers who have written to say that they still like *Athletics World* in its new coat.

The main bone of contention in British athletics circles recently has been the passing of a rule to the effect that a record will not be passed if there has been any "unfair assistance" from pace-makers.

Dr. Roger Bannister, writing in the *Sunday Times*, thought there would be difficulties in interpretation. He wryly remarked that had the rule been in force internationally in 1954 his Oxford and

John Landy's Turku record-breaking miles would have been ruled out. In that case, Bannister would have achieved the first acceptable sub-four minute mile and the world's record at Vancouver in August 1954 when he beat John Landy (Australia) in 3 mins. 58.8 secs.

Chris Chataway criticised the new rule on an Independent Television programme by pointing out that the rule does not affect other countries. International matches are under I.A.A.F. rules, not those drawn up by the Amateur Athletic Association.

Others have stated as their opinion that the new rule would restore record breaking to its proper relative station.

THE EDITORS.

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proves too much for the two straddle merchants, but Davis rolls over to gain winner's points for the United States.

The 10,000 metres has been under way for some time now, and, beyond the fact that the Americans, Curt Stone and Fred Wilt, are already far behind, the race is still in the formative stages. We can have a look at the scoreboard to see how things are going. Oh! the States have a rather big lead with 36-1/10 points as against 18-9/10th for Europe.

Now the Discus event has begun to assume shape. All six throwers are over 180 feet, and I can see two flags beyond the 190 feet marker. We should get some details shortly.

With a couple of laps to go in the 10,000 metres, the European trio of Zátópek, Kovacs and Kuts have lapped the Americans, and, with maximum points safe for Europe, they can now indulge in a race among themselves.

Zátópek increases the pace and draws away to win in 28:54.2 — about 30 yards ahead of Kuts (28:59.2), with Kovacs a further 20 yards away third (29:02.8).

DISCUS RESULT

We have a result from the discus circle now. Gordien (U.S.A.), 194' 6"; Iness (U.S.A.), 190' 0¾"; Merta (Czecho-

slovakia), 185' 3¼"; O'Brien (U.S.A.), 184' 1½"; Klics (Hungary), 183' 0¾"; and Consolini (Italy), 181' 11¾". Some throwing!

Two track events complete the first day's programme. In the 400 metres, the United States athletes have drawn lanes 1, 3, 5, with Europe's best in lanes 2, 4 and 6. Away to a good start on the inside lane, Jones is already gaining ground, as is Lea in lane 3. Down the back straight it is obvious that Europe can only hope for third place, and the interest centres on this struggle. Jones wins in 45.4; Lea does 45.6 for second, and Whitfield, 45.9, just withstands the joint European challenge of Harbig (Germany) and Ignatyev (Russia), both of whom are given 46 seconds.

And so to the sprint relay, when America fields the team which won the 1936 Olympic title, and Europe is represented by an all-German team of Borchmeyer, Hornberger, Neckerman, and Scheuring. But slightly faster, man for man, the American quartet of Owens, Metcalf, Draper, and Wykoff draws slowly away to win by three yards — 39.8 against 40.1.

At the end of the first day the score, therefore, stands — U.S.A., 61-1/10th; Europe, 33-9/10th. How is your forecast now?

FOR SECOND DAY TURN TO BACK COVER



*Peter Fryer (see Spike Marks).
(H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)*

SPIKE MARKS

1. Bill Miller (U.S.A.) (see photograph) has turned professional.

2. Yvette Corlett (*nee* Williams) (N.Z.) is considering making a comeback for the Olympics.

3. John Landy will resume training in January, and if all goes well will make an Olympic bid.

4. Peter Fryer (see photograph), co-holder of the English Native record at 47.7 secs., has retired in favour of giving all his time to auctioneering in Peterborough.

5. Daphne Hasenjager (*nee* Robb), the South African sprint record holder and Olympic athlete has given birth to a daughter.

6. John C. M. Wilkinson, Oxford Blue and British international sprinter (21.3m. twice in 1947), has become engaged to Anne Price of Uxbridge, who earlier this year won a £2,000 diamond ring as a prize in a contest between the leading air hostesses of 11 world airlines held at Johannesburg.

7. Gordon Pirie recently announced on B.B.C. Television that his Achilles tendon injury may necessitate his complete retirement from athletics.

8. Adolfo Consolini, entering the 10th year of his reign as European

discus champion, 39 years of age on January 5th, made an official mark of 186ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (56.98m.) on December 12th at Bellinzona, for a new European record.

9. Shirley Cawley, 23, who won the bronze medal at Helsinki for the women's long jump, with 19ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., has decided to retire; she works at the Bank of England.

10. Famous athletes visiting Australia are the Hungarian trio Iharos, Tábori and Rózsavölgyi with their coach Mihalyi Igloi and the Americans Bobby Morrow, Rev. Bob Richards and either Wes Santee or Fred Dwyer. The Americans will go on to New Zealand.

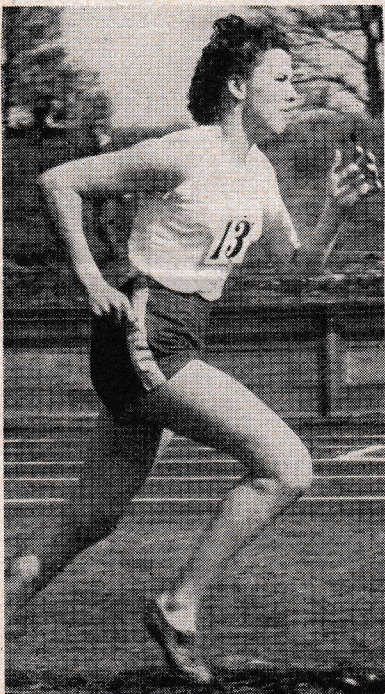
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*Shirley Cawley (see Spike Marks).
(H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)*



Bill Miller (See Spike Marks)

(H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)

THE LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE

The latest news from Europe is best divided into two parts, the first relating to the USSR Championships, last, but by no means least, title meet of the year, the second embracing the rest of the news from other sections of the Continent.

Tbilisi, venue of the 36th USSR Championships (November 13-17), with the same latitude as Rome, usually enjoys a winter climate almost as mild as that of the Eternal City. But on the first two days the weather was, for once, far from good, so that performances, especially on the heavy track, were generally below expectations. Later on, however, things changed for the better and the results improved accordingly. The overall standard was easily the greatest ever for a European country and at least two events, the hop, step and jump and the hammer throw, were in the highest Olympic class. Two main records went by the board: Vasilij Kuznetsov amassed 7,645 points to add no less than 353 points to his European decathlon record, and Otto Grigalka threw the discus 55.50 (182ft. 1in.) for a new USSR record.

The 100 metres final (Nov. 14) was won in 10.5 by Boris Tokaryev, 28, who beat the year's most consistent century man, Leonid Bartenyev (10.5) by a narrow margin. Vladimir Sukharyev, the Helsinki Olympic finalist, made a successful comeback and took third in 10.6.

Ardalion Ignatyev was in very fine form: after an easy 47.4 win in the 400 metres on Nov. 14 (the runner-up, Latvian E. Pilags, was timed in 49.0), he whipped the Union's best sprinters in the 200 metres final (Nov. 16) with a scintillating 21.0, his best ever. Tokaryev, who holds the Russian record at 20.9, was a good second in 21.2. Yuriy Konovalov was third in 21.3 and Bartenyev, who does not like the furlong, finished a distant fourth in 21.7. The 25-year-old Ignatyev, with times of 10.4, 21.0 and 46.0, seems set for a great run in the Melbourne 400 metre final next November. It is interesting to note that for over thirty years Europe has not produced a single Olympic winner in the sprints (100 to 400): last to do the trick were

England's Harold Abrahams and Scotland's Eric Liddell, who won the 100 and the 400 respectively in the 1924 Olympics at Colombès, Paris.

Much was expected from the Tbilisi 800 metre final (Nov. 14). Georgiy Ivakin, winner of the event in the match against Great Britain, had lowered the Russian record to 1:48.4 at Batum in October, beating Anatoliy Osminkin (1:49.0). The Championship race, however, was one of those "tactical affairs" so frowned upon by Russian officials: Osminkin won in 1:51.9 from Oleg Bragin (1:52.2), record holder Ivakin (1:52.4) and Vladimir Okorokov (1:53.2). This last won the 1,500 metres on Nov. 17 in a fast 3:46.6, thus making amends for his "poor" showing in last year's Championship race, when he won in 3:54.6 but was not awarded the title since in the opinion of the judges he had been content to win with a "cheap" last minute drive. Second in this year's race was Boris Aleksyuk (3:49.8), while 800 metre champion Osminkin was third in 3:51.0. Okorokov, Moscow born and now 24, could threaten Kuts in the 5,000 metres in forthcoming years. He has run the distance in 14:11.4 already.

Vladimir Kuts easily took charge of the distance events: in the 10,000 metres, run on a heavy track on Nov. 13, he was timed in 29:47.0, his sixth sub-30 min. mark for the season. Place-getters here were Yevgeniy Zhukov (30:11.0), Aleksandr Anufriyev (30:11.6), N. Rummyantsev, a new man (30:12.0), Grigoriy Basalayev (30:17.0) and Vasilij Krivosheyn (30:18.0). Four days later Kuts annexed also the 5,000 metres title with a "modest" 14:08.6 (Sydney Wooderson's winning time in the 1946 European Championships at Oslo), and beat Nikolay Pudov (14:17.8), Ivan Chernyavskiy (14:18.2), Rummyantsev (14:18.6), while Anufriyev was a distant fifth in 14:24.4. Kuts' failure to break Zátópek's 10,000 metres record can be said to have been one of the few negative surprises of an otherwise fantastic European season. It is true, however, that conditions both in Bucharest (where he did 28:59.2) and in Tbilisi were not conducive to record performances.

The steeplechase (Nov. 16) produced one of those upsets which are so frequent in this event: S. Rzhshchin of Moscow won easily in 8:49.6 from an old acquaintance, Vladimir Kazantsev (8:55.8). The only other sub-9 min. man in this race was Mikhail Saltikov, third in 8:56.8.

The high hurdlers were up against adverse conditions and only one of them bettered 15 seconds: European champion Yevgeniy Bulanchik (14.9), who, for the first time this year, managed to beat 14.2 man Boris Stolyarov (15.0). This race was run on the second day, Nov. 14, when the track was in a very poor shape. Yuriy Lituyev won the 400 metres hurdles title (Nov. 16) for the sixth straight year and his time was an excellent 51.5. The eternal Lituyev-Yulin ring was finally broken as 27-year-old Igor Ilin, after acting as the third man for years, finally shot past European champion Yulin, 51.9 to 52.6. Viesturs Kumuska, who, as we now learn, was credited with 51.7 sometime last summer, could do no better than fifth at Tbilisi in 53.2. Fourth went to S. Kritzshtein in 52.7.

Five 2-metre men battled for the high jump title (Nov. 13) and Igor Kashkarov, winner of the event against Great Britain, finally emerged the victor with a 1.97 (6ft. 5½ in.) jump. He was followed by Viktor Degtyarev (6ft. 5½ in.), Vladimir Sitkin and R. Shavlakadze (both 6ft. 4¾ in.), Leonid Kuznetsov and Yuriy Stepanov (both 6ft. 2¾ in.). Shavlakadze, who hails from Georgia and is not 20 yet, cleared 2.00 (6ft. 6¾ in.) in a special post-Championships event on Nov. 18. One of the few events in which USSR has shown no progress this year is the pole vault: a 4.30 (14ft. 1¼ in.) clearance was good enough to win and the title (Nov. 15) went to Vitaliy Chernobay, the year's most consistent vaulter. Old Pyotr Denisenko, showing up well as usual in this meeting, Vladimir Bulatov and Anatoliy Petrov followed in that order, all with 14ft. 1¼ in. Three men cleared 4.20 (13ft. 9¾ in.) and one of these was, of course, Boris Sukharyev, who in the last four seasons has shown an exasperating consistency at that height (see September issue, page 178).

The long jump (Nov. 14) was won by G. Chervyak, a Ukrainian who was so far known only as a mediocre hop, step and jumper. He annexed the title with a leap of 7.38 (24ft. 2½ in.). Record holder Leonid Grigoryev was second at 24ft. 1¾ in. and one V. Keris was third at 24ft. 0¾ in. Whether this last is the

one and same Eriks Keris, who won the USSR title at 24ft. 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ in. in 1952 only to see his name deleted from all lists a few months later, we do not know. It will be noted, however, that the new Keris has a different initial and that unlike his predecessor, who was a Latvian, he represents R.S.F.S.R., the largest of the constituent Republics of the Soviet Union (capital Moscow).

The **hop, step and jump** (Nov. 17) produced results which compare at least on even terms with those of the 1952 Olympics. Leonid Shcherbakov had his hands full staving off the attacks of his younger countrymen but finally won at 15.92 (52ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.). Twenty-three-year-old Valentin Demytyev was second at 51ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., followed by Oleg Fyedosyev (51ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), Vladimir Ivanov (50ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), Oleg Ryakhovskiy and Dmitriy Yefremov (both 50ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.). Ryakhovskiy is an Asian as he represents the Uzbek Republic. Yefremov, a Ukrainian, is only 18! We do not know what happened to Yevgeniy Chen, the 52ft. man who had once beaten Shcherbakov earlier in the season: our guess is that he was one of the "also ran", maybe at 15 metres (49ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) or better.

The **shot put** (Nov. 16) produced excellent marks by European standards: 23-year-old Vartan Ovsepyan confirmed his recent progress with an impressive 17.12 (56ft. 2in.). Feliks Pirts of Esthonia became Europe's fifth 17-metre man with a fine 17.01 (55ft. 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.), while Otto Grigalka was third at 55ft. 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. Georgiy Fyodorov (53ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) and Boris Balyayev (52ft. 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) were fourth and fifth respectively. Grigalka had earlier (Nov. 14) won the discus title with a fine 55.50 (182ft. 1in.), a new USSR record. This 30-year-old man, while showing no progress in the shot put, has recently developed into a dangerous discus prospect. He is not yet as consistent as some of his European rivals but now and then he comes up with surprising efforts: last June, for example, he narrowly edged Consolini in Moscow. Certainly a great "outsider" for the discus title at Melbourne. Second in the Tbilisi event was decathlon man Kim Bukhantsev at 171ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Shock-headed Boris Matveyev took third at 170ft. 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. and was followed by V. Boyarintsev (167ft. 5in.), V. Shevkalevich (163ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) and Heino Heinaste (158ft. 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.).

The **hammer throw** (Nov. 17) turned out to be the greatest ball and chain

battle ever held, and this includes Olympic Games and European Championships. Mikhail Krivonosov missed his own world record by inches with a 64.41 (211ft. 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) effort — the fourth 210-plus throw of his career. Nikolay Ryedkin was second with a new personal best of 61.51 (201ft. 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) and former world record holder Stanislav Nyenashv, who is usually at his best by this time of the year, took third with 60.74 (199ft. 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.), his best ever in "hot" competition. Vladimir Plyechekov joined the 60-Metre Club with a 60.32 (197ft. 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) mark. Even the fifth and



Herbert Schade (Germany). Unbeaten in the recent German tour of South Africa and comes home with South African All-Comers' records for 3 and 6 miles. (I.N.P.)

sixth had performances which would have been good enough to win any Olympic title except that of 1952: Fyeodor Tkachev 196ft. 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. and Vladimir Veivods 196ft. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.!

Oldtimer Viktor Tsibulenko won the javelin throw (Nov. 13) at 74.81 (245ft. 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.) from Vladimir Kuznetsov (230ft. 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.) and Charles Vallman (221ft. 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.).

As related at the beginning of this report, a European record was broken in the decathlon (Nov. 15-16) when 23-year-old Vasily Kuznetsov amassed 7,645 points. He had a uniform series: 1st Day: 100 metres 10.9, long jump 23ft. 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ in., shot put 46ft. 11in., high jump 6ft., 400 metres 51.0; 2nd Day: 110 metres hurdles 14.9, discus 155ft. 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ in., pole vault 12ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., javelin 214ft. 4in. and 1,500 metres 5:11.4. The total was computed under the 1950 Scoring Table, but with the amendments passed at the 1952 I.A.A.F. Convention in Helsinki and now included in the latest I.A.A.F. book, Kuznetsov's total becomes 7,647 (948 instead of 946 points for his 10.9 100 metres). Kim Bukhantsev was a distant second (6,361), followed by Uno Palu (6,330) and high hurdler Boris Stolyarov (6,301).

KUZNETSOV'S PROGRESSION

(1934 Scoring Table)

1951	5,651 pts.
1952	5,840 pts.
1953	7,205 pts.
1954	7,959 pts.
1955	*8,239 pts.

* 7,647 pts. under 1952 Table.

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Not much to report from other European countries. The season is over almost everywhere and little more is to be expected, save perhaps for USSR's southern regions.

Most interesting of all recent marks is a 57.28 (187ft. 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) discus throw by Adolfo Consolini of Italy. This great achievement, however, will not receive official recognition since it occurred in a meeting not sanctioned by the Italian Federation, namely at Vanzaghello, near Milan, on Nov. 20. The circle had been traced in the middle of a soccer field. The implement, however, was regular as to weight and the throw was measured with a steel tape. Consolini had two other throws over 56 metres (183ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.). At Formia on Nov. 23 he bettered his Italian record of 1950 for the fourth time in a month with an official 55.77 (182ft. 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.). The 38-year-old Italian has competed in 30 official meetings so far this season and his average is a fantastic 53.53 (175ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.). Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia, holder of the European record at 186ft., has a season's average of 52.75 (173ft. 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) after 33 meetings. Consolini also participated in 6 unsanctioned meetings, in which he produced marks that would up his

season's average further. It is to be noted that in October/November he consistently threw in the 180ft. range: this prompts us to wonder what he could have achieved in a series of meetings held all in the same place under steady conditions — an opportunity which was offered to Fortune Gordien in 1953/54 at Pasadena. This same reflection also applies to Karel Merta, who like Consolini achieved his longest throws under the most varying conditions. Without wishing to detract from the known merits of Gordien, holder of the world record at 194ft. 6in., we may point out as a matter of fact that his best outside Pasadena is — whether casually or not we do not know — 186ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Milos Máca of Czechoslovakia first equalled, then beat, his hammer record at Split, Yugoslavia, on November 12, with throws of 200ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. and 61.43 (201ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.).

Some of the best Finnish athletes went to Spain to enjoy sunshine on the Mediterranean and also competed in a few meetings there. Jorma Valkama showed his usual consistency in the long jump with marks of 24ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and 24ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. at Barcelona on successive days (Nov. 26 and 27). Voitto Hellsten ran 300 metres in 33.6, which, if we are not in error, is the year's fastest time at this seldom run distance. Soini Nikkinen had to go for an all out effort against France's improving Michel Macquet. In the above-mentioned Barcelona meeting, Nikkinen twice edged his French rival, 240ft. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 236ft. 7in. and 238ft. 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 236ft. 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.

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A recently released USSR Year List brought to our knowledge a number of hitherto unreported marks. Outstanding among these are the following: 100 metres, 10.5 by T. Shevchenko and L. Fedyayev; 200 metres, 21.4 by M. Kazantsev; 400 metres, 48.2 by Yuriy Lituyev (this equals his best ever); 800 metres, 1:50.0 by Boris Aleksyuk; 5,000 metres, 14:13.0 by A. Anufriyev; 110 metres hurdles, 14.4 by Y. Bulan-chik; 400 metres hurdles, Y. Lituyev 51.3 (second best in the world this year), I. Ilin 51.5, V. Kumuska 51.7, V. Bogatov 52.4; long jump, V. Popov 24ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; hop, step and jump, V. Ivanov 50ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in., K. Tsigankov 50ft. 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.; discus K. Valeshko 168ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; hammer S. Nyenashev 195ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., V. Plyechenkov 194ft. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ in., D. Yegorov 193ft. 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

ZIBINA, VINOGRADOVA EXCEL IN WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The most sensational mark in the USSR Women Championships, held at Tbilisi, Georgia, in conjunction with the men's events, was posted once more by Galina Zibina, who put the shot on Nov. 15 the fabulous distance of 16.67 (54ft. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.), thus improving on her world record for the fourth time this season. Her great 1955 progression reads thus:

Leningrad, Sept. 4	16.29	(53' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ")
Stalinabad, Oct. 23	16.32	(53' 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ ")
Stalinabad, Nov. 8	16.45	(53' 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ ")
Tbilisi, Nov. 15	16.67	(54' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ")

The Tbilisi event was easily the greatest in feminine shot put history: Z. Doyinikova was second at 51ft. 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ in., T. Tishkievich third at 51ft. 10in. and M. Kuznetsova fourth at 49ft. 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

Another Galina, Vinogradova by last name, first won the USSR long jump title at 6.24 (20ft. 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.) on Nov. 13, then shattered the world record in a special post-Championship event on Nov. 18 with a leap of 6.31 (20ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.). Her series on this last occasion was stupendous: 19ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. — 20ft. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. — 20ft. 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ in. — 20ft. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ in. — 19ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. — 20ft. 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Another feature of these championships was Ludmila Lisenko's fine victory over world record holder Nina Otkalenko in the 800 metres — times 2:05.8 and 2:06.4.

U.S. INDOOR CAMPAIGN FIXTURES 1956

The following dates and venues have been advised for the leading indoor meetings in the U.S.A. for the 1956 winter season.

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| Jan. 7 | Metropolitan Association Championships, New York, N.Y. |
| 14 | Knights of Columbus Meet, Boston, Mass. |
| 20 | "Philadelphia Enquirer", Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 21 | "Washington Evening Star", Washington, D.C. |
| 28 | Boston A.A., Boston, Mass. |
| Feb. 4 | Millrose A.A., New York, N.Y. |
| 11 | New York A.C., New York, N.Y. |
| 18 | National A.A.U. Championships, New York, N.Y. |
| 25 | I.C.A.A.A.A. Championships, New York, N.Y. |
| Mar. 3 | New York Knights of Columbus, New York, N.Y. |
| 10 | "Milwaukee Journal", Milwaukee, Wisconsin. |
| 16 | Cleveland Knights of Columbus, Cleveland, Ohio. |
| 24 | "Chicago Daily News", Chicago, Illinois. |

INDOOR GUIDE—WORLD'S BEST PERFORMANCES

To assist readers in following the 1956 American Indoor season (see Fixture List on this page) we are publishing a list of the best recorded performances over the more standard distances.

60 yards	6.1	Achieved by at least 20 sprinters since 1938.
600 yards	1:09.5	Malvin Whitfield (U.S.A.) New York 28 Feb., 1953
880 yards	1:50.5	John Borican (U.S.A.) New York 25 Mar., 1942 (1:50.0.m)
1,000 yards	2:08.2	{ Donald Gehrman (U.S.A.) New York 16 Feb., 1952 Arnold Sowell (U.S.A.) New York 19 Feb., 1955
1,500 metres	3:48.3	Wesley Santee (U.S.A.) New York 5 Feb., 1955
One Mile	4:03.6	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark) New York 5 Feb., 1955
Two Miles	8:50.5	Horace Ashenfelter (U.S.A.) New York 20 Feb., 1954
Three Miles	13:45.7	Gregory Rice (U.S.A.) New York 28 Feb., 1942
60 yards Hights	7.1	Harrison Dillard Chicago 20 Mar., 1948
High Jump	6' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	Kenneth Wiesner (U.S.A.) Chicago 28 Mar., 1953
Pole Vault	15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Cornelius Warmerdam (U.S.A.) Chicago 20 Mar., 1943
Long Jump	25' 9"	Jesse Owens (U.S.A.) New York 23 Feb., 1935
Shot Put	59' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.) New York 19 Feb., 1955 (18.12m.)

N.B.—Agostini's 9.6 100 yards at Washington on 23 January, 1954, was not ratified by the A.A.U.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPORT

Discus throwing and long jumping provided the top news from South Africa where a 10-strong German team has just concluded a six weeks' tour. The Empire discus champion Fanie du Plessis threw 175ft. 6in. on October 29 and on November 4 improved to exactly 181ft. 0in. On neither occasion (as seems unfortunately to happen rather often) were there sufficient "registered officials" for the marks to go forward as new British Empire and South African records. Thus the immensely strong du Plessis had to be content with his throw of 170ft. 6½in. in the friendly international at Bloemfontein on December 3 as an official South African record. Du Plessis threw 169ft. 7½in. at Vancouver for the Empire title, but the British Empire record was by then, and still is, the property of the Canadian Gino Roy Pella, his runner-up in the Empire Games, who threw 171ft. 6in. at Windsor, Ontario, in May 1954. The South African record holder's unratified 181ft. 0in. has only ever been surpassed by Gordien, Iness, Consolini, Merta, O'Brien, Klics and Grigalka.

Neville Price, the 1950 British Empire Games long jump champion at Auckland (24ft. 0in.), who was not selected to defend his title at Vancouver in 1954, has been wreaking a fearful revenge on South Africa's selectors. At Johannesburg on November 26 Price cleared 25ft. 3¾in., to improve by three inches his own South African record set at Pretoria as long ago as 1950.

At Bloemfontein on December 3 the presence of the German Heinz Oberbeck inspired Price to even greater efforts. The South African started off with a no-jump. The German reached 24ft. 1½in. and the South African second string, Don Stuart took the first round with 24ft. 2in. — his best of the series. In round two, Price cut the sand at 24ft. 10½in. but the German snatched back the lead with 25ft. 0in. exactly. Oberbeck thus secured sixth spot on the German All-Time List and his personal best performance. His premature jubilation seemed to nettle Price, and clad in the green and gold Springbok colours, this much underrated athlete hit the board as sweet as a nut and soared out to 25ft. 10in. Bedlam broke loose as the announcement was made in the magnificent Free State Stadium. Esther Brand, the reigning women's Olympic high jump

champion, was the first to congratulate Price as he dusted the sand off himself.

The only four white men who have ever surpassed Price's new British Empire mark are John Bennett, Robert Clark, Ed. Hamm (all U.S.A.) and Luz Long (Germany).

The German tour opened at Paarl on November 5 and the visitors won by 9 events to 5. The best mark was Jakobus Swart's 14.2 secs. win over 120 yds. hurdles against Bert Steines. Swart's mark was disallowed as a record because the weights on the hurdles were sub-standard, so Thomas Lavery's 14.3 secs. mark of 1937 was reprieved for a few more days. South Africa's other wins were the 220 yds. low hurdles (Swart 25.9 secs.); the discus, and two women's events — 100 yds. (11.3) and the long jump (19ft. 0in.) that went to Fenna van Heerden, an 18-year-old schoolgirl from Ceres. The Germans collected the sprint double — Manfred Germar, 9.7 secs. and 21.7 secs.; the 880 yds. in 1:57.5, by Friedel Stracke; a tactical mile by Werner Lueg in 4:28.2; three miles by Herbert Schade 15:00.8; long jump, 23ft. 11½in. by Heinz Oberbeck; a double by Hermann Rieder (shot 47ft. 1in. and javelin 210ft. 9½in.); and the women's 80 metre hurdles in 11.7 secs. by Anneliese Seonbuchner (see photo).

Three days later on November 9 at Bellville, Herbert Schade put up a great performance in the 6 miles to win in 28:44.0 — a time only ever previously beaten by four Continental and four English runners. Schade's time was a slashing 99.4 improvement on Jan Barnard's record set at Pretoria last April. Schade's reached the three-mile post in 14:26.8 but by a mile later he had lapped the entire field — some of them twice. The German local government official's final three miles was covered in 14:17.2, which was only 1.2 secs. outside John Roberts' South African record for that distance set last February. Kenneth Willmott was second in 31:06.0.

The next best performance was the 4:13.7 by Ernst Kleynhans, only ever beaten by Athol Jennings amongst South Africans, when he ran 2 seconds faster at Cape Town in 1954.

Germar, having won the 220 yds. in 21.8, won the 100 yds. in 10.0, but he had obviously pulled a muscle a few yards from home.

The highlight of the third German appearance, which was at Port Elizabeth on November 12, was the mile. Werner Lueg ran a waiting race, not taking Athol Jennings until 50 yds. from the tape. Lueg's winning time was 4:09.5 and 2½ yds. behind was Jennings, whose 4:09.9 constituted a new South African record.

Schade collected the 3 mile record in 14:13.3, which pleased the crowd rather more than the Germans themselves. David Tee, a local athlete, hacked 3.1 seconds off his own previous best 880 yds. to win by inches from Steines (1:53.1) in 1:53.0.

At the fourth meeting at Middelburgh on November 17, Schade beat the South African two mile domestic record time set by Jan Barnard at Durban last January at 9:20.2 with 9:18.5. The German's time, however, was wrongly claimed as an All-Comers' record since it will be remembered that Chris Chataway returned 9:12.2 on January 17 last at Cape Town. John Veitch beat Rieder in the javelin by nearly 6ft. with a throw of 209ft. 4in. Edith Allnutt equalled the Eastern Province All-Comers' 100 yds. record with 11.1 secs.

At the fifth meeting on November 19 at Queenstown, the outstanding performances were over the shorter distances. 18-year-old Henry Phillips, the surprise winner of the national title last season, won the short sprint in 9.7 secs. and the furlong equally impressively against a stiff wind in 21.9 secs. The Germans did not bring a quarter-miler in their party so Piet van Zyl and the brilliant 18-year-old Malcolm Spence of Rhodes University had a domestic battle with the former winning by inches, but both being timed in an excellent 47.7 secs.

The sixth match at Trompsburg on November 24 was ruined by eight hours' previous rain, so no really noteworthy performances were recorded on the mushy track.

The seventh match was at the Wanderers' Ground, Johannesburg, on November 26 and it was here that Neville Price did his 25ft. 3¾in. leap already mentioned. Next best mark was "Kooos" van der Merwe's 14.3 secs. high hurdles timing that equalled Tom Lavery's 18-year-old record. Lueg, affected by the altitude, suffered his first defeat when Paul Soine finished 100 yds. ahead of him in the mile in 4:19.1.

At the eighth match, at Potchefstroom on December 1, Schade ran the first mile of his career and won it in 4:17.6. Lueg returned to form to take the half mile in 1:52.7. Malcolm Spence won a great quarter mile in 48.2 secs. from the South African champion Zach Joubert, who was given the same time.

On December 3 at Bloemfontein, 5,500 came to watch the first of the two "friendly internationals" between Germany and South Africa and were rewarded by a feast of record-breaking. The highlight was the already mentioned 25ft. 10in. long jump by moustachioed Neville Price, who still has an American accent. Next in merit was the hurdling of two Jacobuses. Van der Merwe beat Bert Steines (14.4) in a new South African record of 14.2, while Swart won the 220 yds. low hurdles in an excellent 23.5 (turn). Du Plessis here set his new official discus record of 170ft. 6½ in.

Willem Nel won the 100 yds. in 9.7 secs. from Phillips who returned the same time, but the 18-year-old made no mistake in the 220 yds. breasting the tape in front of Gideon van Heerden, both being returned at 21.4. Stracke won the half mile for Germany in the match that mattered in 1:53.3 in a close finish.

Lueg toyed with Jennings (4:13.4) and Soine (4:14.3) to win a foxy mile in 4:13.2. Schade maintained his unbeaten record by winning the three miles in 14:29.2. John Veitch got his javelin out to 215ft. 6½ in. but Rieder rose to the occasion to throw 224ft. 9½ in. for another South African All-Comers' record.

Magdeld Myburgh won a great sprint in 10.9 secs. from Edith Allnutt (11.0). Hermine Geyser won the high jump with a respectable 5ft. 4in.

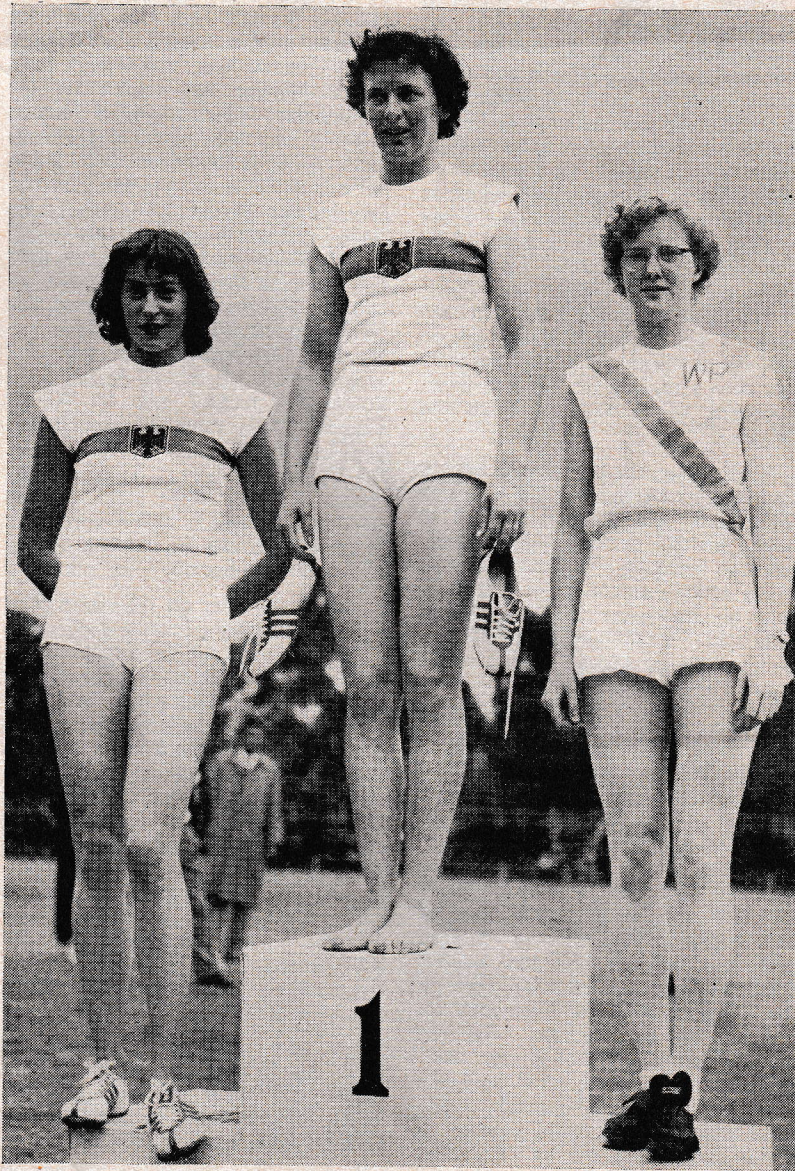
The most disappointed man in South African athletics must be Joe Truter, who although he has beaten 6ft. 6in. four times and has won 84 of his 90 competitions, has never represented South Africa.

Reports are awaited on the second and final international between South Africa and Germany, held at Pretoria on December 10. The only news to hand so far is that a Transvaal sprint relay team returned 41.1 secs. to break the British Empire record of 41.3 secs. held jointly by a Great Britain, a Canadian, a Nigerian and a South African Police team.

Van Cortlandt Park, New York

November 14, 1955 (from Norris McWhirter).

The IC4A cross country title was won here today by 23-year-old Henry Kennedy from Glasgow, who was running in the all black of Michigan State. He took the lead after the first mile of the five mile course and triumphed over a field of 182 starters to finish in 24:30.3—one-fifth outside the course record which was set by Charlie Cappozoli, the Georgetown Olympian who won the 1952 race, at Helsinki. Second was Robert Delaney from Ireland, running for Villanova, in 24:53.0 and third Arnold Sowell, the negro from Pittsburgh, Pa. (1:47.0 half miler) in 24:58.0.



Left to right: Maria Sturm (Germany), Anneliese Seonbuchner (Germany) and B. Sampson (South Africa) on the rostrum after an 80 metres hurdles race at Paarl during the tour of the Union by West German athletes. (Planet News Ltd.)

SHORT TAKES

Grate Guns.—Has athletics missed the greatest thrower of all-time? That's what some Americans feel when they read about the great Don Grate of Chattanooga. Back in 1910 a baseball player named Sheldon Lejeune hurled the 5 oz. baseball a prodigious 426ft. 9½in. That mark remained unbeaten for 42 long years until, on 7 Sept., 1952, the mighty Southern Association outfielder Grate unleashed a throw of 434ft. 1in. — over 12 feet farther than the longest recorded throw ever made with a cricket ball. This was not the last word for in August 1953 Grate wound himself up for a pitch of 443ft. 3½in. It is impossible not to believe that here was a man who had the architecture to surpass even Bud Held's longest ever practice javelin throw of 278ft. 8in. (84.98m.) and so approach the 300ft. (91.44m.) throw which will come before we are all too much older.

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Canvas Ahoy!—Since being based in New York for a few weeks I have come to notice that no team gets beaten anymore. They bow. However, sometimes they only get upset, edged or shaded, but at other times they get crushed or blasted. After the annual Harvard-Yale ballgame the 96 point headlines screeched "YALE RIPS HARVARD 21 - 7." I am sure England's "The Times" would have been content with a 12 point cross-head "Harvard unsuccessful."

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Nickname of the Year.—John Savidge, winner of the shot for Great Britain v. Czechoslovakia in his third post-retirement debut has a nickname for the man who ousts him as Britain's No. 1 — the 6ft. 6½in. (2.00 metres) tall 53 footer, Oxford University divinity student William Barclay Livingstone Palmer who also competes for the Achilles Club. Ex-marine Sergeant Savidge refers to him as "The Original Achilles heel"!

Solar Texas.—A Texan in New York was telling tall stories, in the true Texan fashion. One of his audience said, "Well, at least the sun is the same size in Texas as it is here in New York." The Texan replied, "Well, it isn't exactly the same. There are two suns. One is just the little old regulation sun, and the other one is the great, big, round Texan sun."

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Shooting Stars.—Sitting at dinner on the "Queen Mary" in mid-Atlantic, an American at my table said that he had seen a terrible newsreel of an English long distance runner staggering all over the track. Interposing that this was doubtless Jim Peters at Vancouver in August 1954, I mentioned just how harrowing the incident had been to witness. Meaning to instance an extreme example of the near hysteria which overcame some spectators, I cited the case of one distraught woman who actually screamed "Why don't they shoot him?" A particularly earnest little mid-Westerner (or should I say "culture vulture?") with pebble glasses thereupon shook his head sadly and said, "She must sure have had a real load of dough on the guy coming up from behind — they just shouldn't allow betting at those sort of track meets!"

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The Human Jack.—Some readers may have wondered why in some countries track and field athletics is called LIGHT athletics. The reason is simply that this is done to differentiate the pursuit from HEAVY athletics. In the latter, the weights hoisted are prodigious. The greatest weight ever raised by a human being is a record now 59 years old. It was in Chicago in 1896 that the massive 33-year-old French-Canadian Louis Cyr got his back under a trestle loaded with weights totalling 4,133 lb. or 1.86 tons.

The Human Lamp-Post.—In a "Short Take" in June 1954 we alluded to the coloured American Bill Russell who without a roll or a straddle cleared 6ft. 7½in. In case anyone has wondered what became of this San Francisco marvel, it can be reported that he had now grown to 6ft. 10in. (2.08) and has become one of the deadliest amateur basketball players in the U.S. He merely stations himself alongside the basket and provided his team shoot reasonably accurately he does the rest with deft deflection. After shaking off the autograph hunters Russell reticulates his lengthy frame into his Volkswagon and drives home ignorant of the fact that seven feet is probably within his compass.

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How to Stay in Shape.—America has, as we all knew she would, at last provided the answer to the athlete's prayer — an entirely new system of *passive exercise* WITHOUT *effort*. This complete solution to the training problem is the Office Gym. The lucky owner merely lowers himself ever so gently onto the camp bed like structure. Then his secretary presses a button and the office gymnast is put through a few minutes of rhythmic, motorised motion which works wonders for him. Some younger executives are probably able to push the button for themselves but in either event it is a case of "Just relax! There's no undressing and *no* perspiration." You too can be the owner of one of these machines ready to plug in for just \$290 or £103 11s. 4d. (carriage extra).

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Stand Back.—Don't be surprised if America's 56ft. 3½in. shot putter Roosevelt Grier puts the 16 lb. ball out of sight next season. He is hopping mad and has been kicking himself so hard of late that something will have to snap. Recently he was the victim of a "currency switch" by a couple of crooks which left him with a lapful of stage notes and \$500 (£178) the poorer.

BRITISH TOP TEN FOR 1955 SEASON

100 YARDS

9.8	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)
9.9	K. J. Box (Liverpool H. & A.C.)
9.9n	D. G. Simmonds (R.A.F.)
9.9	N. Fontyn (Burma & Hercules A.C.)
9.9	A. Breaker (Army & Mitcham A.C.)
9.9n	P. Lillington (Army)
9.9n	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)
10.0	15 athletes.

220 YARDS

21.4	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)
21.6	C. N. Gibbs (Trinidad & Herne Hill H.)
21.7n	P. G. Fryer (London A.C.)
21.7n	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)
21.7	W. Henderson (Benwell A.C.)
21.7n	G. S. Ellis (London A.C.)
21.8n	B. Shenton (Polytechnic H.)
21.9	R. G. Roberts (Cambridge U.A.C.)
21.9n	S. Clemson (Pilkington Recreation)
22.0	3 athletes.

440 YARDS

47.7	P. G. Fryer (London A.C.)
47.7n	M. K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth A.C.)
48.3	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)
48.5n	F. P. Higgins (Southgate H.)
48.7n	J. D. Wrighton (Southgate H.)
48.8n	T. L. Higgins (Herne Hill H.)
49.0n	M. Orrell-Jones (Achilles Club)
49.2n	D. T. Harker (Inter-Banks A.A.)
49.4n	R. I. Baker (Polytechnic H.)
49.4	B. H. A. Morris (Army & Belgrave H.)
49.4	J. V. Paterson (Edinburgh U.A.C.)

880 YARDS

1:48.6	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)
1:48.7	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)
1:51.4n	R. D. Henderson (Elswick H.)
1:51.9n	J. G. Douglas (Polytechnic H. & Australia)
1:52.0n	D. C. E. Gorrie (Achilles Club)
1:52.0	M. A. Farrell (Birchfield H.)
1:52.2	R. T. G. Day (Achilles Club)
1:52.3n	J. V. Beesley (Achilles Club)
1:52.4n	R. J. Mackay (Hornsey H.)
1:52.5n	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)

ONE MILE

3:59.8n	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)
3:59.8n	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)
4:01.6n	K. Wood (Sheffield United H. & A.C.)
4:04.8	P. B. Driver (South London H.)
4:05.8n	R. H. Dunkley (Polytechnic H.)
4:06.0	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)
4:06.8n	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)
4:07.0n	J. R. Cameron (Thames Valley H.)
4:07.6	B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)
4:07.8n	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)

TWO MILES

8:34.8n	K. Wood (Sheffield United H. & A.C.)
8:45.8n	B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)
8:51.2	G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood H.)
8:52.2	P. B. Driver (South London H.)
8:53.8*	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)

Uxbridge	July 6
Manchester	June 25
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White City	July 15
White City	Aug. 13
Ipoh, Malaya	Aug. 26
White City	Oct. 12

Belfast	June 11
Chiswick	June 25
Chiswick	June 18
White City	July 15
White City	July 15
White City	July 15
White City	July 15
White City	July 15
White City	April 16
White City	July 15

White City	July 16
White City	July 16
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White City	July 16
White City	June 11
White City	Aug. 31
Manchester	May 21
Aldershot	July 1
White City	July 15

White City	Aug. 13
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White City	July 16
White City	July 16
White City	July 16
White City	Sept. 21
Oslo	Sept. 5
Oslo	Sept. 5
White City	Aug. 12
Oslo	Sept. 5

White City	May 28
White City	May 28
Aldershot	July 2
Chiswick	June 18
Chiswick	June 18
Motspur Pk.	June 8
White City	Sept. 21
White City	Sept. 21
White City	Aug. 13
Chiswick	June 18

White City	May 30
White City	May 30
White City	Oct. 12
White City	May 21
Manchester	June 21

AUSTRALIAN REPORT

With acknowledgments to Joe Galli for information and comment.

Highlights of the early Australian season have been the meteoric rise of Pat Clohessy with an inches victory over three miles in 13:48.4 over Dave Power (13:48.6) the Australian national cross country champion, on November 5; and new ground broken in the shot put with 51ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. from Barry Donath at Melbourne on November 19.

Twenty-two-year-old Clohessy had improved in the space of 10 months from 15:55.0 to 13:48.4. Clohessy is a country boy from Tamworth in New South Wales. On October 29 he beat Alan Lawrence (4:15.8) in a mile with 4:15.2, but on November 12 at Sydney, Lawrence avenged this defeat in 4:10.2 with Clohessy inches back in 4:10.4.

Twenty-three-year-old Barry Donath, who stands 6ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. tall and weighs 16 stone at last applied his full power to the shot for a put of 51ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., thus smashing Louis Fouché's all-comers' mark of 49ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. set in 1938 before representing South Africa at the 3rd British Empire Games. Peter Hanlin also had a 49ft. 10in. put made at Sydney on October 15 awaiting ratification.

Commenting on Donath's performance Joe Galli says "previously Donath had been too tense in the ring and this inability to relax obviously restricted his distances. In 1954-55 he fell away badly to do little better than 46ft. But Franz Stampfl has effected a change of mental approach and now Barry may go on to 55ft., I believe, and Percy Cerutti is sure that in the past mental barriers have stopped too many Australians. They thought world class performances were for supermen from abroad only. Now they are beginning to see that it isn't so hard after all. Their attitude to performances now will make a tremendous difference within a few years."

Summary of leading performances in Australia:—

100 yds.—Bruce Rowan ran 9.7 with slight wind assistance at the age of only 16 in the Sydney Schools Meeting on October 6. Bill de Grouchy, an Australian representative in the 1950 Empire Games, returned to form at Perth on November 19, with 9.8 secs. Best mark so far from co-world record holder Hector Hogan is his 9.8 secs. at Warragul on December 4.

440 yds.—The best so far is Graham Gipson's 48.5 at Perth on December 3. Gipson, with 48.7, beat 18-year-old John Goodman (49.1) on November 19 also at Perth.

880 yds.—Best marks so far are Frank O'Connell's 1:53.6 on November 26 and his 1:53.9 on November 12 both at Perth. National champion Don MacMillan was married on December 10 and will not compete until January.

Mile.—When Lawrence beat Clohessy, Alex Henderson was third in 4:11.2 and John Plumber fourth in 4:12.0. Dave Stephens set his personal best performance of 4:14.0 at Melbourne on November 5. Clohessy ran 4:11.2 at Tamworth on December 4. Merv Lincoln, having run 4:12.4 at Melbourne on November 19 improved to 4:12.0 on December 3.

2 Miles.—Best mark so far is 32-year-old Les Perry's 9:01.8 at Melbourne on November 5. At Sydney on November 19 Dave Power in 9:04.4 beat Henderson (9:04.7) and Graham Thomas (9:05.0).

3 Miles.—After the Clohessy-Power duel comes Perry's personal best of 13:50.7 on a five-lap-to-the-mile track at Melbourne on November 12. Ron Blackney ran 14:03.6 at Ballarat on November 26.

6 Miles.—In setting a new Australian open 10,000 metres record of 30:02.4 Dave Power passed the 6 mile post in 29:08.4 at Sydney on November 9. Graham Thomas was second in 29:48.0 and 30:50.0.

220 yds. low hurdles.—Geoff Goodacre, the veteran hurdler showed a rejuvenated 24.0 round a turn at Sydney on October 29.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase.—Graham Thomas set an Australian best on record of 9:20.2 at Sydney on November 12.

Field Events.—Youth came to the fore in the high jump with 6ft. 3in. by Colin Ridgway at Melbourne, on November 5 and 6ft. 0in. by Bob Armstrong, aged only 14, at Perth on November 12. The best long jump so far is 23ft. 10½in. by Ron Gray at Sydney on October 14. Gray did 48ft. 0½in. at the triple jump also at Sydney on October 22 but Kevin Salt did 48ft. 11¼in. at Perth on November 26.

Women.—Marlene Mathews ran 100 yards with slight wind assistance in 10.7 at Sydney on November 12 and a good 10.8 on October 29 with Fleur

8:56.8n F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)
8:57.4 A. Osborne (Small Heath H.)
8:57.4n R. R. Hatton (Birchfield H.)
8:58.4n M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.)
9:59.2 C. W. Suddaby (Achilles Club)

*=made in the course of a three mile event.

THREE MILES

13:23.2 C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)
13:29.8 D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)
13:29.8 F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)
13:29.8n K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)
13:34.6 G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood H.)
13:40.8n B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)
13:42.2n M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.)
13:48.0n H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.)
13:49.6n K. L. Caulder (Surrey A.C.)
13:50.2n P. J. Pirie (South London H.)

SIX MILES

28:21.4 D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)
28:25.6n K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)
28:47.0 P. B. Driver (South London H.)
28:47.4n F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)
28:52.0n G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood H.)
29:02.0n H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.)
29:10.4n A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)
29:12.6n B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.)
29:13.0n T. O'Gorman (St. Albans City A.C.)
29:13.8n K. F. Caulder (Surrey A.C.)

120 YARDS HURDLES

14.3 F. J. Parker (South London H.)
14.4n P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)
14.6m P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)
14.7mn C. E. E. Higham (Achilles Club)
14.8mn R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)
14.9 G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green A.C.)
15.0n A. M. Guthrie (South Africa & Cambridge U.A.C.)
15.0 V. C. Matthews (London A.C.)
15.0 J. R. Bradley (Army A.A.)
15.1n J. R. Birrell (Loughborough College A.C.)
15.1n R. T. Tolson (Hull Spartan A.C.)
15.1n J. T. Johnston (R.A.F.)

220 YARDS HURDLES

23.3|| P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)
23.7 P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)
23.8n R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)
24.3 D. J. Merrett (Belgrave H.)
24.6n F. J. Parker (South London H.)
24.8n D. O'Sullivan (Achilles Club)
25.1n D. H. R. Salter (University of London A.C.)
25.1 J. Metcalf (Achilles Club)
25.2 V. C. Matthews (London A.C.)
25.2 C. E. E. Higham (Achilles Club)

440 YARDS HURDLES

52.2 R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)
53.0n T. S. Farrell (Liverpool H. & A.C.)
53.2n H. Kane (London A.C.)
53.6 P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)
54.4 D. H. R. Salter (University of London A.C.)
55.3 C. A. R. Dennis (Atalanta Club)
55.4 B. A. R. Thomas (Army)
55.4 N. H. Dangerfield (St. Albans City A.C.)
55.4 E. A. de Verteuil (Reading A.C.)
55.6 I. H. Walker (University of London A.C.)

3,000 METRES STEEPLCHASE

8:44.2 J. I. Disley (London A.C.)
8:47.6 E. Shirley (Finchley H.)

White City May 21
Birmingham July 7
Birmingham July 7
White City May 21
Oxford May 12

White City July 30
Manchester June 21
Chiswick June 25
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White City July 30
White City Aug. 12
Oslo Sept. 5
Saarbrucken July 10
Manchester May 21
White City May 30
White City April 16
Manchester May 21
Aldershot July 20
Manchester May 21
Manchester June 25
Aldershot July 20

Hurlingham Aug. 27
White City July 15
White City July 15
Chiswick June 18
Chiswick June 18
White City July 15
White City July 15
Oxford Nov. 15
Oxford June 16
Manchester June 25

White City July 16
White City July 16
White City July 16
White City Sept. 21
Newport July 9
White City July 16
Motspur Park June 8
Motspur Park June 8
Oxford June 16
White City Aug. 31

Moscow Sept. 11
White City Oct. 12

8:49.2	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)	Moscow	Sept. 11
9:05.2	K. E. Johnson (Leicester College of A. & T.)	White City	July 16
9:09.2	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	White City	July 16
9:10.8	R. G. Beecroft (Clayton le Moors H.)	Manchester	June 25
9:13.4	E. L. Hardy (Derby & County H.)	White City	July 16
9:16.6	R. Stonehouse (Farnham A.C.)	White City	July 16
9:18.8	D. C. Pemble (Kent Constabulary A.C.)	Chiswick	June 25
9:21.4	D. Gallagher (Army)	Germany	June 22

METRIC DISTANCES

100 METRES

10.7n	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
10.7n	B. Shenton (Polytechnic H.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
10.8n	C. N. Gibbs (Herne Hill H. & Trinidad)	Amsterdam	June 19
10.8n	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)	Prague	Sept. 14

200 METRES

21.4	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)	Bucharest	Oct. 3
21.7	G. S. Ellis (London A.C.)	Bordeaux	Sept. 4
21.8n	C. N. Gibbs (Herne Hill H. & Trinidad)	Amsterdam	June 19

400 METRES

47.4n	M. K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth A.C.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
48.1n	P. G. Fryer (London A.C.)	Bordeaux	Sept. 4
48.2n	F. P. Higgins (Southgate H.)	Stockholm	July 7
48.8	M. Orrell-Jones (Achilles Club)	Karlstad, Sweden	Aug. 31
48.6n	J. D. Wrighton (Southgate H.)	Saarbrücken	July 10

800 METRES

1:47.8	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	White City	Aug. 13
1:48.0	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)	White City	Aug. 1
1:50.3*	J. V. Beesley (Achilles Club)	Ely	Aug. 1
1:50.7n	R. D. Henderson (Elswick H.)	Bordeaux	Sept. 4
1:51.5	D. C. E. Gorrie (Achilles Club)	Oslo	Sept. 5
1:51.6n	R. T. G. Day (Achilles Club)	Oslo	Sept. 5
1:51.9n	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)	Oslo	Sept. 5

*=880 yards handicap off 5 yards.

1,000 METRES

2:20.2	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Manchester	June 21
2:25.6n	J. V. Beesley (Achilles Club)	Karlstad	Sept. 1
2:26.6n	K. Wood (Sheffield United H. & A.C.)	Manchester	June 21

1,500 METRES (+ =made in a mile race.)

3:43.2+	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	White City	May 28
3:43.6+	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	Aldershot	July 2
3:44.8n+	K. Wood (Sheffield United H. & A.C.)	Aldershot	July 2
3:48.0n	D. C. Law (Achilles Club)	Stockholm	Sept. 2
3:48.2n	J. S. Evans (Polytechnic H.)	Stockholm	July 6
3:48.6n	A. D. Gordon (Achilles Club)	Oslo	Sept. 6
3:49.5	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	Barlingen	June 11
3:51.6	B. W. Jackson (Essex Beagles)	Woodford	May 7

2,000 METRES

5:09.4	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	White City	June 11
5:09.8	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	Manchester	May 21
5:10.9n	J. I. Disley (London A.C.)	Stockholm	July 7
5:12.8n	G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood H.)	Manchester	May 21

3,000 METRES

8:12.2	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	Göteborg	Aug. 31
8:13.2	K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)	Codertalye	Aug. 30
8:15.4n	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)	Göteborg	Aug. 31

5,000 METRES

14:03.8	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	Prague	Sept. 14
14:04.0n	K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)	Prague	Sept. 14
14:10.8n	K. Wood (Sheffield United H. & A.C.)	White City	Sept. 21
14:11.2n	G. D. Ibbotson (Longwood H.)	White City	Sept. 21
14:11.2n	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	White City	Sept. 21
14:12.0	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	Moscow	Sept. 11
14:12.8n	J. Heywood (Herne Hill H.)	White City	Sept. 21
14:17.8	P. B. Driver (South London H.)	Brussels	June 15
14:20.8	M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.)	Stockholm	July 7

Mellor 2 yards back in 11.0. Shirley Strickland returned to 10.8 form at Perth on November 19 and an unknown called Kath Evans from retired Marjorie Jackson-Nelson's home town of Lithgow was also reported at 10.8 early in November. It is obvious that the dropped baton incident at Helsinki can be avenged next December with so much talent about. Best 220 yards is Miss Mathews' 24.7 at Sydney on November 12 and the best hurdles 11.1 by Miss Strickland at Perth on November 19.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Some prodigious performances are reported from very young athletes in New Zealand. A 15-year-old boy, David Norris is reported to have cleared 47ft. 1½in. in the hop, step and jump. Beverley Weigel, who as a 14-year-old schoolgirl ran 100 yards in 11.3 and cleared 18ft. 4½in. in the long jump, is now 15 and has improved her performance in the latter event to 18ft. 8½in. All her performances are made barefoot. 18-year-old Valerie Sloper from Christchurch put the women's shot 43ft. 3in. on November 19. Morrie Rae, the New Zealand sprint champion equalled his own record of 9.7 at Papakura on November 26 on an uneven track but the time will not be accepted because it was made in a handicap race heat. Rae is looking forward to meeting the American sprinter Bobby Morrow next month.

NEWS FROM SOUTH-EAST ASIA

V. V. Kolatchoff reports that Tan Eng-Yoon, who is now at Loughborough College in England on a three year scholarship, set a Singapore and Malayan record in his speciality, the hop, step and jump with 49ft. 7½in. (15.13m.) before leaving his home. Eng-Yoon is 26 years old and a school teacher by profession. He will be sadly missed because he has been the mentor of many Asian Games star performers. Eng-Yoon made his record on September 10 in the colony's first ever floodlit meeting at the Jalan Besar Stadium, beating Thomasi Naidole who set a best ever Fijiin performance with 49ft. 2¾in. (15.00m.).

The man whose name is a nightmare to name-board operators—Nagalam Ethiriveerasingham—raised his Ceylon record at his national championships at Colombo on September 11 by high jumping 6ft. 5in.

CAMBRIDGE WIN RELAYS 4-3

(Fenners, Cambridge, 24th Nov.)

Despite cold and windy conditions the 4 x 1 mile record was broken by the Oxford team, in which A. D. Gordon's leg was timed at 4:16.1. D. J. N. Johnson's anchor leg in the 4 x 440 yds. was timed at 48.2 secs.

4x110.—1, Cambridge (D. W. Donaldson, J. Scott-Oldfield, E. Samuel, R. G. Roberts) 43.0 secs.; 2, Oxford (J. Metcalf, J. L. Booth, R. H. Exell, D. J. N. Johnson).

4x220.—1, Cambridge (T. L. Higgins, M. Orrell-Jones, J. R. Scott-Oldfield, R. G. Roberts) 1:30.2, 12 yds.; 2, Oxford (R. H. Exell, J. L. Booth, C. C. Bayne-Jardine, P. G. Creed).

4x440.—1, Oxford (J. Metcalf, R. J. Solomon, G. L. Critchlow, D. J. N. Johnson) 3:22.2, 2 yds.; 2, Cambridge (J. V. Beesley, M. Chaplin, T. L. Higgins, M. Orrell-Jones).

4x880.—1, Oxford (M. Spankie, P. Abrahams, A. D. Gordon, D. C. E. Gorrie) 7:56.2, 2 yds.; 2, Cambridge (P. J. Bentley, D. Loades, D. Thornton, J. V. Beesley).

4x1M.—1, Oxford (I. H. Boyd, M. Mancey-Jones, A. D. Gordon, D. C. E. Gorrie) 17:33.0 (rec.), 4 yds.; 2, Cambridge (P. D. Palmer, B. P. Price, R. Dunkley, M. J. Rowbottom).

4x120Hdls.—1, Cambridge (D. S. Fawcus, D. R. M. Lillistone, A. M. Guthrie, I. W. R. Malcolm) 1:04.1, 12 yds.; 2, Oxford (C. D. Carrington, J. C. Nugent, D. M. Tierney, W. W. Kretzschmar).

4x220Hdls.—1, Cambridge (P. J. Pybus, A. M. Guthrie, I. W. R. Malcolm, D. W. Donaldson) 1:42.8, 7 yds.; 2, Oxford (W. W. Kretzschmar, J. B. Kidd, D. J. N. Johnson, J. Metcalf).

Rochampton, December 3

Oxford broke the 32-32 tie today by winning the 65th Oxford v. Cambridge 7½ miles cross country race by 37 points to 41. This is their fifth consecutive victory and the first time they have led Cambridge in this event. The first sixteen were as follows:—

1	I. H. Boyd &	
	A. D. Gordon (O)	39:01.0
3	R. J. Foster (C)	39:15.0
4	R. Dunkley (C)	39:25.0
5	P. D. Evans (O)	39:39.0
6	P. Abrahams (O)	40:10.0
7	J. U. Shearn (C)	40:12.0
8	P. D. Palmer (C)	40:19.0
9	M. J. Rowbottom (C)	40:46.0
10	J. W. S. Rickett (C)	40:53.0
11	D. Barber (O)	41:07.0

Continued Col. 2

10,000 METRES

29:19.0	D. A. G. Pirie (South London H.)	White City	Oct. 12
29:21.4n	K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.)	White City	Oct. 12
30:00.8n	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.)	Prague	Sept. 15

110 METRES HURDLES

14.6	F. J. Parker (South London H.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
14.5n	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
14.7	C. E. E. Higham (Achilles Club)	Saarbrücken	July 10
14.8n	R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)	Stockholm	July 6
14.9	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)	Belgrade	June 16

400 METRES HURDLES

52.1	R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)	Prague	Sept. 15
52.5n	H. Kane (London A.C.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
53.8n	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	Stockholm	July 7
54.8	C. A. R. Dennis (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	San Sebastian	Aug. 14

n=non-winning time.

Continued from Col. 1

12	E. Doorbar (O)	...	41:26.0
13	J. Lawrence (C)	...	41:51.0
14	R. Ll. Morgan (O)	...	42:13.0
15	T. W. Shaw (O)	...	42:52.0
16	M. J. Palmer (C)	...	43:25.0

OLYMPIC WEATHER

Our Australian correspondent Joe Galli reports on the weather at Melbourne in 1955 on the days corresponding to the Olympic programme for track and field in 1956.

Nov. 23—humid, cloudy afternoon, some showers.

Nov. 24—heavy rain all afternoon.

Nov. 26—cloudy, cold, stiff wind.

Nov. 27—fine, cool, fairly sharp wind.

Nov. 28—fine (mild).

Nov. 29—hot north wind, very unpleasant—as usual here.

Nov. 30—fine.

Dec. 1—fine.

We can perhaps be sure of two perfect days, that is fine and windless. Probably there will be one torrential rainfall (say 5 inches in 24 hours), and plenty of strong wind, either south (cold) or north (hot).

Late spring—early summer is not a good time in Melbourne. Doubtful, too much wind. No good for track.

Joe McGhee, 26, British Empire and Scottish marathon champion stands a good chance of selection for Great Britain's Olympic team bound for Melbourne next November. (H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)



ADDITIONS TO 'CROP OF WORLD RECORDS'

published in December issue.

MEN

2 hours Walk	25,865m.	Anatoliy Vedyakov (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	7/10
30,000 metres Walk	2:20:40.2	Anatoliy Vedyakov (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	7/10
30 miles Walk	4:18:23.4	Janos Somogyi (Hungary)	Budapest	28/8
50,000 metres Walk	4:28:24.8	Janos Somogyi (Hungary)	Budapest	28/8
50,000 metres Walk	4:27:28.0	Ladislav Moc (Czechoslovakia)	Znojmo	13/11

WOMEN

400 metres	54.8	Zinaida Safronova (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	22/7
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1955 & 1954 COMPARED

Event	Name and Country	1955	1954
		Top Marks	
100m.	W. Williams (U.S.A.)	10.3	10.2
	M. G. R. Agostini (Trinidad)		
	R. R. Richard (U.S.A.)		
	H. Fütterer (Germany)		
200m. (turn)	H. Fütterer (Germany)	20.6	20.8
400m.	L. Jones (U.S.A.)	45.4	46.1
800m.	R. Moens (Belgium)	1:45.7	1:47.1
1,500m.	S. Iharos (Hungary)	3:40.8	3:41.8
	L. Tabori (Hungary)		
	G. Nielsen (Denmark)		
5,000m.	S. Iharos (Hungary)	13:40.6	13:51.2
10,000m.	V. P. Kuts (U.S.S.R.)	28:59.2	28:54.2
110m. Hurdles	J. Davis (U.S.A.)	13.8	13.6y
400m. Hurdles	A. Yulin (U.S.S.R.)	51.0	50.5
3,000m. St/Ch.	J. Chromik (Poland)	8:40.2	8:41.4a
High Jump	E. E. Shelton (U.S.A.)	6' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (2.114)	(2.114) 6' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Pole Vault	R. E. Richards (U.S.A.)	15' 3" (4.64)	(4.66) 15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Long Jump	R. R. Range (U.S.A.)	26' 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (8.03)	(7.83) 25' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hop, Step & Jump	A. F. da Silva (Brazil)	54' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (16.56)	(16.22) 53' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Shot Putt	W. P. O'Brien (U.S.A.)	59' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (18.09)	(18.54) 60' 10"
Discus Throw	K. Merta (C.S.R.)	186' 0" (56.69)	(58.64) 192' 5"
Hammer Throw	M. P. Krivonosov (U.S.S.R.)	211' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (64.52)	(63.34) 207' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Javelin Throw	F. W. Held (U.S.A.)	268' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (81.76)	(79.60) 261' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "

a=Sub-standard water jump

TOP-SCORING YEARS (Based on average pointages of peak marks).

1955	1,343	1951	1,212
1954	1,314	1948	1,193
1953	1,286	1949	1,184
1952	1,243	1947	1,160
1950	1,228	1936	1,151

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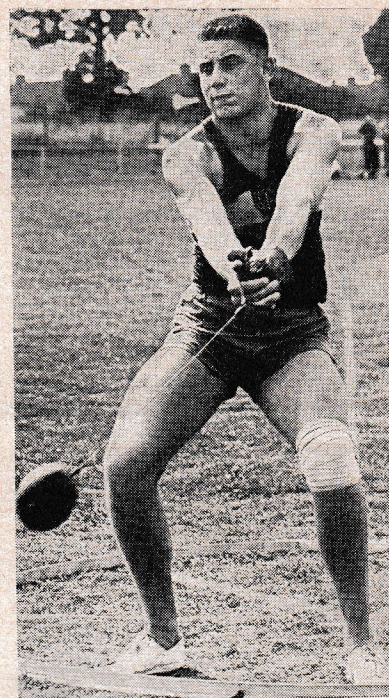
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Michael Ellis (T.V.H.) who set a new British Junior (12 lb.) best performance for the hammer with an excellent 195ft. 9in. last month at Alperton. (H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)



Clay Gibbs (Trinidad) for whom the athletics tour to the West Indies next January with Brian Hewson, Ken Wilms-hurst and Geoff Elliott will be a visit to his home country. (H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)

ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

to Juniors list in December issue.

100 YARDS			
10.0	D. H. Segal (T.V.H.)	Uxbridge	July 6
10.0	W. D. Riddels (R.B.A.I.)	Belfast	June 4
220 YARDS			
22.1	D. H. Segal (T.V.H.)	White City	May 30
22.3	M. Simpson	Notts v. Fenland	
22.5	I. R. Smith (Blackheath H.)	Reading	July 23
<i>Straightaway:—</i>			
22.0n	I. R. Smith (Blackheath H.)	Hurlingham	July 2
22.3n	D. W. Needham (Millfield School)	Hurlingham	July 2
440 YARDS			
51.5	D. Wells (A.T.C.)	White City	Aug. 12
120 YARDS HURDLES			
15.2	R. Woodland (Wimbledon A.C.)	Southampton	Aug.
15.6	G. J. Manning (Dorking St. Pauls A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 4
15.8	W. G. Montgomery	Scots Junior Championships	
15.8n	M. Brown (Cheshire Schools)	Manchester	July 16
15.8n	D. Bond (Bedford Schools)	Manchester	July 16
15.8n	R. Wadie (Lincolnshire Schools)	Manchester	July 16
HIGH JUMP			
5' 10"	A. J. Bateman (Sussex Schools)	Manchester	July 16
POLE VAULT			
11' 1"	R. G. Reynolds (Felsted School)	Felsted	July 13
10' 9"	C. Easty (Essex Schools)	Manchester	July 16
10' 9"	G. Morris (Bridgend A.C.)	Welsh Record	
LONG JUMP			
21' 4½"	R. A. Kingdon (Denstone College)	Leek	June 4
Holloway's mark was done at Leek			
B. Francis is a youth			
21' 4"	R. M. Fisher (Halifax H.)	Chesterfield	July 2
22' 0½"	J. B. Stewart (R.B.A.I.)	Belfast	July 2
HOP, STEP AND JUMP			
Bell's mark was probably at Farningham, June 4			
44' 7"	R. E. Herron (Sullivan Upper S.)	Belfast	May 28
42' 10½"	E. L. Robinson (Essex Schools)	Manchester	July 16
SHOT PUTT			
Chinnery, Edelman and Lindsay are all youths			
Lindsay's and Edelman's marks were at Paddington			
Hackman's mark was done on June 4			
49' 2"	M. T. Lucking	Mill Hill	July 23
DISCUS THROW			
P. Yaxley is a youth			
142' 4"	M. T. Lucking	Mill Hill	July 23
HAMMER THROW—list should read as follows:—			
195' 9"	M. J. Ellis (T.V.H.)	Alperton	Sept. 10
181' 2"	J. Pullinger (Gosport A.C.)	Marlow	Sept. 3
169' 3"	L. Rigamonti (John Fisher S.)	Motspur Park	June 7
160' 5"	J. Deane (A.A.S. Arborfield)	Arborfield	May 24
156' 1"	P. Saunders (Eton Manor)	Eton Manor	Sept. 14
150' 3"	J. Graham (Watford G.S.)	Watford	June 19
149' 11"	R. Bacon (A.A.S. Chepstow)	Caerleon	July 2
147' 9"	P. Jackson (T.V.H.)	Uxbridge	May 21
147' 2"	P. A. Ritchie (City of London School)	Alperton	Sept. 10
142' 2"	L. Hall (T.V.H.)	Alperton	Sept. 10
140' 7"	H. G. Von Bertele (John Fisher S.)	White City	April 22
JAVELIN THROW			
199' 5"	B. D. Whitaker (Derby)	Reading	July 23
197' 2"	J. Clayton (Culford S.)	Bungay	June 18
190' 9"	R. F. Clark (Wirral A.C.)	Fazakerley	June 25
186' 1"	R. E. Herron (Sullivan Upper S.)	Hollywood, Co. Down	May 25

STOP PRESS

9.2 Sec. 100 Yards Mark for Golliday Nearly Through

From Norris McWhirter, New York, December 4

Having examined all the returns of the timekeepers at their national headquarters here in 233 Broadway, the A.A.U. put forward a claim at their annual convention at Louisville, Kentucky, today that Jim Golliday's 9.3 sec. 100 yards at Evanston, Illinois, on May 14 must be recorded as 9.2 sec.

This surprising move was based on the fact that the five watches read 9.2, 9.2, 9.3, 9.3, and 9.4 and that it was maintained that neither of those reading 9.2 were "alternates." The claim was not however upheld and the I.A.A.F. will be presented only with 9.3 sec. forms.

The occasion arose at the "Big 10" meeting. Golliday, representing Northwestern University was aided by a legal 3.5 m.p.h. wind, compared with the 4.47 m.p.h. limit. Doubts about Golliday's rightfulness in joining Mel Patton as a "World's Fastest Human" were dispelled when a fortnight later at Columbus, Ohio, he ran a wind-aided 9.4 secs., another 9.3 secs. (4.55 m.p.h. wind) and a 9.5 secs. final on a water-logged track capped by a 20.9 secs. furlong round a full turn. After another 9.5 sec. in the N.C.A.A. meeting Golliday pulled a muscle in the Pacific Coast Conference v. Big 10 meet. Golliday who ran a 10.4 secs. 100 metres in 1952 is many people's favourite for the Olympic title. He won the A.A.U. title in 1951.

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THE DREAM MATCH

Second Day

Yesterday we saw the first day of a "dream match" between the greatest athletes of all time from the United States and Europe. On a scoring basis of 5, 3, 2, 1, in the individual events, and 5, 2 in the relays the United States held an overnight lead with 61-1/10th points against 33-9/10th.

Two field events start the second day's programme as the hammer and pole vault get under way at opposite ends of the arena. In the hammer, Europe is in the happy position of having two men capable of over 200 feet as reserves. All six competitors are throwing over 190 feet as we leave to watch the pole vault.

Here the European third string, Lundberg (Sweden), has just been eliminated. He cleared 14' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", but failed at 14' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", which height proves to be the limit for Pyotr Denisenko (Russia). The four remaining competitors clear 14' 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", but at 15 feet Eeles Landstroem (Finland) fails once again to penetrate that celestial region, which has an all-American population of five! Warmerdam, Richards and Laz get over 15' 2", Laz fails at 15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", but the other pair are over, and go on to attempt 15' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". "The Vaulting Vicar" finds this beyond his capabilities, but not so Warmerdam, who soars over for one of the greatest-ever athletic feats.

RUSSIANS IN LEAD

Back at the hammer, the last round has just been completed. Two Russians, Krivonosov (211' 8") and Nyenashev (210' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") are clear of the others, while Harold Connolly prevents maximum points for Europe with a throw of 209' 7", ahead of the world's first 200-footer, Strandli (Norway), whose best is 204' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ".

The hurdles are now out on the track for the 400 metres event, and as the gun goes the six hurdlers set off in unison and cross the first three hurdles together. After this, some changes are seen as both third strings flag just perceptibly. The other four, two Russians, Lituyev and Yulin, against two Americans, Hardin and Moore, are still rising to the hurdles almost together. As they round the last bend it is clear that the Russians have forged just slightly ahead and as they come over the last flight, the order is Lituyev,

Yulin, Hardin and Moore, and that is how they finish. The winner's time is 50.4 and there was a tenth of a second between each of the first four.

CLOSING THE GAP

The 800 metres is next with a star-studded field, each of whom is capable of better than 1:47.0! Two thrilling laps with all six runners in close touch for the greater part of the race are climaxed by a terrific finish in which the three Europeans: Moens (Belgium), 1:45.7; Boysen (Norway), 1:45.9; and Harbig (Germany), 1:46.6, outrace their American rivals, Courtney and Spurrier (1:46.8) and Sowell (1:46.9) up the straight.

Meanwhile, the hop, step and jump has been in progress some little time and here again the Europeans are fighting hard to overcome the first day's points deficit. America's best is William Brown whose 50' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " leaves him 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches behind the Czech, Martin Rehak. Exactly 52 feet is the effort of Russian Yevgeniy Chen, while away out in front with 53' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ " is European champion Leonid Shcherbakov (Russia).

Now, what's the score? The United States still leads, but only by 78-1/10th points to 71-9/10th and excitement is mounting.

The shot gets under way as the starters in the 200 metres are summoned. In the shot, the first putts indicate that America will have a "full house," and so it proves, as O'Brien (60' 10"), Lampert (59' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") and Jones (59' 1") get well ahead of Czech thrower Sköbla (57' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

STRIDE FOR STRIDE

The 200 metres runners are on their marks — "set" — and they're off. Olympic champion, Andy Stanfield, is matched stride for stride by team-mate Bobby Morrow, round the bend with their third string just ahead of German Heinz Futterer. The leaders finish abreast in 20.5, while Futterer gets up with a great finish to share third place in 20.6.

Next event is the 5,000 metres, and here Europe has an invincibly strong team of Kuts, Iharos and Chataway, while America is represented by Fred Wilt, Curt Stone and Ralph Hill. But once again, American long distance running is shown in an unfavourable light as the European trio draw steadily

away. At 1,000 metres, Chataway leads; at 2,000 metres, Kuts is in front; at 3,000 metres, Chataway has regained his lead. His effort, however, takes a lot out of him and first Kuts and then Iharos pass him. Kuts grinds merrily along and draws away to a convincing win in 13:46.8, almost 30 yards ahead of Iharos (13:50.8), who manages to resist Chataway's fighting finish for a time of 13:50.6.

With three events to go, Europe is now 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ points behind the U.S. total of 98 $\frac{3}{4}$.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION LAST

The javelin is expected to provide another points gain for Europe, and so it proves, but only just. Olympic champion, Cy Young, throws 257' 0", but finds himself last in this competition! Olympic runner-up, Bill Miller, is fifth with 257' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", while the Helsinki bronze-medallist, Toivo Hyytiainen (Finland) gets a point for fourth place with 259' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". His Finnish compatriot, Soini Nikkinen (261' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), wins third place behind the American winner, Franklin Held (268' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), and Janusz Sidlo, of Poland, whose best throw was 262' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Another Olympic champion is out of luck in the 3,000 metres steeplechase where Horace Ashenfelter (8:45.4) leads his team home, but only finished fourth in the race.

Jerzy Chromik (Poland) 8:40.2, John Disley (Great Britain) 8:44.2 and Olavi Rintepää (Finland) 8:44.4 score another maximum for Europe, and now the United States is only 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead.

And so Europe's only hope is that the American team in the 4 x 400 metres relay will not finish or will be disqualified. But no one could feel happy about such an outcome to a grand contest, and the United States 1952 Olympic team scores a 22-yard victory over the German Olympic team of the same year — 3:04.0 to 3:06.6

U.S. TRIUMPH

And so the "match" is over and the United States has triumphed by 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ points to 102 $\frac{3}{4}$ for Europe. How good was your forecast?

At any rate, I hope you enjoyed the fantasy, but you will notice that I have not tried to draw any conclusions from the result. Incidentally, a United States versus the Rest of the World match would differ but slightly, though here the Rest, chiefly due to the Jamaican quarter-milers, would win by 108 points to 104.