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## STEPHENS TWICE BEATS HUNGARIANS

(with acknowledgments to J. H. Galli)

Four major races highlighted Australia's end of the year athletics programme. All took place at Melbourne. On December 14 two of the Magyar Magicians, Sándor Iharos and László Tábori humbled the Australian two mile record holder Dave Stephens over that distance, although he ran 8:52.0—only a fifth slower than his best. Iharos won in 8:47.4 by inches.

On December 17 amid enhanced enthusiasm Stephens turned the tables with a great win over 5,000 metres in 14:07.2, with Tábori 30 yards behind and the world record holder Iharos a further 25 yards in the rear.

On December 21 doubters were silenced when Stephens confirmed his ability with a second win over Iharos in a three mile race in which he was timed at 13:37.6. At the same meeting István Rózsavölgyi won a mile in 4:03.0.

Then on January 4 John Landy caused considerable speculation on the possibility that he will train for the Olympic Games following a thirteen month retirement by finishing inches behind the world half mile record holder with both being timed in 1:51.8. Landy's previous best half mile time was 1:52.8 done in January 1954.

Dave Stephens removed 11.2 seconds from the Australian 3,000 metre record on December 7 at Melbourne by returning 8:11.2 on a bumpy grass track. Second and third and also inside Alan Lawrence's old record of 8:23.0 set last March were Les Perry, the Olympic plater, with 8:14.0 and Geoff Warren with 8:19.2. It should be noted, however, that in 1954, John Landy ran 3,000 metres in 8:09.4 in Finland. On the next day, the three Hungarians Iharos, Tábori and István Rózsavölgyi arrived in hot weather and were duly entertained at a civic reception, and

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### Landy's Great Come-back—1:51.8



Lon Spurrier (U.S.A.) the world half mile record holder seen beating John Landy (Australia) world one mile record holder by inches in a half mile race at Melbourne, on January 4. Both were timed at 1 min. 51.8 secs. (Central Press)



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## Sand and Cinders

“FLEET STREET (that is, the British national press) has done immeasurable damage to British sport.” These words were spoken to a Television audience of several millions on December 28th in a speech of reply at the Savoy Hotel by D. A. G. Pirie on receiving two awards—“Sporting Record’s” tenth annual “Sportsman of the year” and the B.B.C.’s “Sportsview” award.

This remark had the unfortunate appearance from the context of his other utterances in the speech of being provoked by the author’s personal and strong disagreement with the prior poll of the “Sportswriters’ Association,” which had named the athletes J. I. Disley as their Number One sportsman and B. S. Hewson as their number Four.

The sportswriters, it can be stated from personal knowledge, were undoubtedly influenced in their judgment by the fact that Disley was unbeaten throughout the season in any steeplechase by a foreign opponent, and suffered only one home defeat, whereas Pirie was placed third in the 10,000 metres in Moscow; was beaten by nearly half a minute by Zátopek in Prague over the same distance; lost two races, 800 metres (6th) and 1,500 metres (3rd) at Amsterdam in June; came third in a mile race at Toronto in August and on the domestic front was defeated in a half mile race and a two hour race. Added to this, having run well for 23 laps, he had to retire in the torrid A.A.A. six mile championship. It was equally borne in mind that Pirie, on the credit side, had three wins over Zátopek (two at 5,000 metres) and an impressive win over the Hungarian opposition over 2,000 metres at Brussels.

Pirie was indignantly assailed in many newspapers in the course of the next few days, who pointed out that they regularly sponsor and underwrite major athletics meetings. The fracas was not without

its humorous side. Some writers went so far as to refer in the vernacular to a condition, which in fact if it were known to medical science would no doubt be designated as *megacephalus*. In another interview, Pirie was reported as saying “Customers say it to me when they are buying my paint.”

Two national newspapers, the *Daily Herald* and the *News Chronicle*, having roundly condemned Pirie, invited readers’ opinions on the affair. Of the replies received the Herald duly reported that the great majority of letters “came out strongly” for Pirie; while the Chronicle admitted that their poll showed a 6—1 majority in his favour.

In our opinion the outburst, in view of the fact that a newspaper was the host at the ceremony at the Savoy Hotel, was an unfortunate lapse of good manners. Surely the ultimate justification of the “star system” in sport is that stars become catalysts in what is, or should be, a sociological asset. There must be some tacit partnership between the stars and the independently employed chroniclers of their deeds if this unselfish end is to be achieved. It is appreciated that many athletics enthusiasts have a far greater knowledge of the sport than some of those employed to write about it, but the same is true of politics, crime and fashion. Expert knowledge is often a positive disqualification since the average man’s knowledge of athletics goes very little beyond Nurmi, Wooderson, Bannister and Pirie.

If Pirie’s stirring successes, as seen on the television screen, heard on the radio and read in the newspapers are the means of inspiring some boy to embrace the exacting calling of athletics, then Pirie has played, albeit unconsciously, his greatest and most worthwhile role.

The Battle of the Savoy on December 28th will not have been fought in vain if there arises from it a truer perspective.



**SPRINGBOKS  
SET EMPIRE RELAY  
RECORD — 41.1 Secs.**

In the two final matches of the German tour of South Africa the honours went to the home athletes. On Wednesday, December 7, at Ermelo, the visitors competed in ten events but, obviously feeling the strain of their tour, could win only three.

A North-South Transvaal 4x110 yards relay team consisting of Chris Petty, Willie Nel, Gideon van Heerden and the Springbok Rugby wing three-quarter Karel (Tom) van Vollenhoven returned 41.3 secs. to equal the British Empire record already held by teams from Great Britain (1952), Canada and Nigeria (Vancouver, 1954) and a South African Police team (April 1955). (See Vol. 2, page 124.)

Magdalene Swanepoel, headed in the shot put by Maria Sturm with 43ft. 5in., was inspired to produce a new South African record of 43ft. 8in. Miss Swanepoel then threw the javelin 152ft. 3in. just 20 inches short of her own British Empire and South African record.

On Saturday, December 10, at Pretoria, in the second of the friendly internationals watched by 9,000 spectators, South Africa won seven of the twelve events in which the German team, making their last appearance, had entered competitors.

In conditions that were deteriorating because of a downpour of rain Hermine Geyser cleared 5ft. 5½in. in the women's high jump to beat Esther van Heerden's (now Mrs. Brand) record of 5ft. 5⅝in. set at Stellenbosch fourteen years ago. Mrs. Brand however retains the distinction of the best South African mark on record with her 1952 Helsinki Olympic height of 5ft. 5⅝in. Miss Swanepoel improved her three day old shot put record by 2 inches to 43ft. 10in.

The same 4x110 yards relay quartet as had done so well on the previous Wednesday improved to 41.1 secs. thanks to smooth baton work, to make the British Empire record for the event their sole property.

Hans Reider (Germany) set an All-Comers' best in the javelin with a throw of 222ft. 11in.

*(With acknowledgments to Alastair Matthews and John Powell)*

# WORLD TOP TEN LIST 1955

Below are the 1955 World's Best Performances. The bracketed number after the athlete's name indicates his 1954 world position.

## 100 METRES

10.3	Willie Williams (U.S.A.) (=4)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
10.3n	Michael Agostini (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
10.3	Rodney Richard (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
10.3	Heinz Fütterer (Germany) (1)	Wuppertal	Sept. 24
10.4	Dean Smith (U.S.A.)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
10.4	Leonid Bartenyev (U.S.S.R.) (=30)	Kiev	May
10.4	Yuriy Konovalov (U.S.S.R.)	Baku	May
10.4	Andrew Stanfield (U.S.A.)	Kingston, Jamaica	July 6
10.4	Richard Blair (U.S.A.)	Prague	July 21
10.4n	Boris Tokaryev (U.S.S.R.) (=30)	Warsaw	Aug. 3
10.4n	Manfred Germar (Germany) (=10)	Frankfort	Aug. 7
10.4	V. Babiyak (U.S.S.R.)	Leningrad	Sept.
10.4	Jose Telles da Conceição (Brazil) (=10)	Rio de Janeiro	Sept.
10.4	Ira Murchison (U.S.A.)	Wuppertal	Sept. 24
10.4	Ardalion Ignatyev (U.S.S.R.)	Odessa	Oct. 23
10.4	Hector Hogan (Australia)	Melbourne	Dec. 17
10.4m	Brian Randall (Australia)	Melbourne	Dec. 17

## 200 METRES (y=220 yards time less 0.1 sec.)

20.5y	Robert Morrow (U.S.A.)	Abilene, Texas	June 3
20.6	Heinz Fütterer (Germany) (1)	Cologne	Sept. 4
20.7	Rodney Richard (U.S.A.) (=56)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
20.8	Jose Telles de Conceição (Brazil) (=7)	Mexico City	Mar. 15
20.8y	James Golliday (U.S.A.) (=23)	Columbus	May 27
20.9y	J. W. Mashburn (U.S.A.)	Tulsa	May 14
20.9	Vaclav Janeczek (Czech.) (=13)	Erfurt	May 30
20.9	Boris Tokaryev (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow	July 10
21.0y	Dean Smith (U.S.A.)	Boulder, Col.	June 24
21.0	Andrew Stanfield (U.S.A.) (=5)	Port of Spain	May 9
21.0	Richard Blair (U.S.A.)	Ostrava	July 23
21.0	Leon Glaze (U.S.A.)	Athens	Aug. 4
21.0	Manfred Germar (Germany) (=23)	Cologne	Sept. 4

## 400 METRES (y=440 yards time less 0.3 sec.)

45.4	Louis Jones (U.S.A.) (3)	Mexico City	Mar. 18
45.6n	James Lea (U.S.A.) (2)	Mexico City	Mar. 18
46.0	Ardalion Ignatyev (U.S.S.R.) (1)	Moscow	June 25
46.2y	J. W. Mashburn (U.S.A.) (4)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
46.3yn	Russel Ellis (U.S.A.) (52)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
46.4y	Charles Jenkins (U.S.A.) (19)	Boulder, Col.	June 25
46.6y	Kevin Gosper (Australia) (6)	Los Angeles	May 20
46.6yn	Michael Larrabee (22)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
46.6	Voitto Hellsten (Finland) (=8)	Helsinki	Aug. 23
46.8y	Richard Maiocco (U.S.A.)	Boulder, Col.	June 24

## 800 METRES (y=880 yards time less 0.7 sec.)

1:45.7	Roger Moens (Belgium) (5)	Oslo	Aug. 3
1:45.9n	Audun Boysen (Norway) (3)	Oslo	Aug. 3
1:46.8y	Lawrence Spurrier (U.S.A.) (55)	Berkeley, Cal.	Mar. 26
1:46.8	Thomas Courtney (U.S.A.) (15)	Kouvola, Finland	July 17
1:46.9y	Arnold Sowell (U.S.A.) (11)	Boulder, Col.	June 25
1:47.4yn	William Tidwell (U.S.A.) (20)	Boulder, Col.	June 25
1:47.5	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark) (6)	Copenhagen	Aug. 4
1:47.6	Lang Stanley (U.S.A.) (46)	Kingston, Jamaica	July 11
1:47.8y	Wesley Santee (U.S.A.) (10)	Modesto, Cal.	May 21
1:47.8	Brian Hewson (G.B.) (21)	London	Aug. 13



**1,500 METRES** (m=during a mile race)

3:40.8	Sándor Iharos (Hungary) (3)	Helsinki	July 28
3:40.8	László Tábori Talabircsuk (Hungary) (16)	Oslo	Sept. 6
3:40.8	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark) (7)	Oslo	Sept. 6
3:41.2	István Rózsavölgyi (Hungary) (13)	Hungary v Poland	Sept. 10
3:42.6n	Siegfried Herrmann (East Germany) (29)	Warsaw	Aug. 6
3:43.2m	Brian Hewson (G.B.)	London	May 28
3:43.4	Stefan Lewandowski (Poland) (54)	Budapest	Sept. 10
3:43.6m	Christopher Chataway (G.B.) (9)	Aldershot	July 2
3:43.8	Stanislav Jungwirth (Czechoslovakia) (5)	Bratislava	Sept. 24
3:44.0mn	Kenneth Wood (G.B.) (37)	Aldershot	July 2

**ONE MILE**

3:59.0	László Tábori Talabircsuk (Hungary) (=9)	London	May 28
3:59.8n	Christopher Chataway (G.B.) (=4)	London	May 28
3:59.8n	Brian Hewson (G.B.) (11)	London	May 28
4:00.5	Wesley Santee (U.S.A.) (3)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
4:01.4n	Robert Seaman (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
4:01.6n	Kenneth Wood (G.B.) (7)	Aldershot	July 2
4:01.8n	Frederick Dwyer (U.S.A.) (15)	Compton, Cal.	June 3
4:02.2	Murray Halberg (New Zealand)	Auckland	Dec. 28
4:03.0	Istvan Roszavölgyi (Hungary)	Melbourne	Dec. 21
4:03.0	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Copenhagen	Oct. 1
4:03.4	Siegfried Herrmann (East Germany)	London	Sept. 21

**5,000 METRES** (m=3 mile time plus 30 secs.)

13:40.6	Sándor Iharos (Hungary) (9)	Budapest	Oct. 23
13:46.8	Vladimir Kuts (U.S.S.R.) (1)	Belgrade	Sept. 18
13:53.2m	Christopher Chataway (G.B.) (2)	London	July 30
13:53.2n	László Tábori (Hungary) (43)	Budapest	Oct. 23
13:55.2	Jerzy Chromik (Poland) (16)	Warsaw	Aug. 6
13:57.6n	Jozsef Kovács (Hungary) (6)	Warsaw	Aug. 6
13:59.0n	Miklos Szabó (Hungary) (15)	Budapest	Oct. 23
13:59.8m	Gordon Pirie (G.B.) (25)	Manchester	June 21
13:59.8m	Frank Sando (G.B.) (5)	Chiswick	June 25
13:59.8mn	Kenneth Norris (G.B.) (22)	Chiswick	June 25

**10,000 METRES**

28:59.2	Vladimir Kuts (U.S.S.R.) (3)	Bucharest	Oct. 3
29:02.6	Jozsef Kovács (Hungary) (2)	Bratislava	Sept. 24
29:10.6	Aleksandr Anufriyev (U.S.S.R.) (9)	Minsk	May 20
29:14.6	Ivan Chernyavskiy (U.S.S.R.) (15)	Kiev	Oct. 2
29:19.0	Gordon Pirie (G.B.) (22)	London	Oct. 12
29:21.4n	Kenneth Norris (G.B.) (7)	London	Oct. 12
29:23.0	Jerzy Chromik (Poland)	Lodz	Oct. 25
29:25.6	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia) (1)	Prague	Sept. 15
29:28.4	Miklos Szabó (Hungary) (31)	Sofia	Nov. 6
29:29.2	Ivan Ullsperger (Czechoslovakia) (37)	Kladno	Oct. 16

**110 METRES HURDLES** (y=120 yards time)

13.8	Jack Davis (U.S.A.) (1)	Cali	Mar. 24
13.8y	Willard Thomson (U.S.A.) (=2)	Evanston	May 14
13.9y	Milton Campbell (U.S.A.) (=85)	Los Angeles	June 18
13.9y	Charles Pratt (U.S.A.) (=18)	West Point	May 21
14.0y	Rafer Johnson (U.S.A.) (=18)	Fresno, Cal.	May 14
14.1y	Joel Shankle (U.S.A.) (=9)	Philadelphia	Apr. 30
14.1y	William Youkers (U.S.A.) (=27)	v. Pittsburgh	May 18
14.2	Boris Stolyarov (U.S.S.R.) (=9)	Minsk	May 22
14.2	Yuriy Petrov (U.S.S.R.) (=44)	Moscow	Aug.
14.2y	Duane Root (U.S.A.) (=27)	Michigan	May 14
14.2y	Les Stevens (U.S.A.) (=18)	Evanston	May 14
14.2y	Willard Wright (U.S.A.) (=2)	Fresno	May 14
14.2y	Jim Ball (U.S.A.) (=85)	Los Angeles	May 20
14.2y	Joe Savoldi (U.S.A.) (=27)	Columbus, Ohio	May 28
14.2y	Jacobus van der Merwe (South Africa) (=85)	Bloemfontein	Dec. 3



*Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.) holder of the world shot put record, who is first again on the world list for the 1955 season with 59' 4½"*

*Heiner Will (Germany) eighth on the world javelin list this year. (E. D. Lacey)*







Kevan Gosper of Australia, a student at Michigan State College, U.S.A., who ran a 47.8 440 yards at Sydney on Dec. 10.

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## I.A.A.F. WORLD'S RECORDS

The latest I.A.A.F. list of ratifications disposed of the great majority of the pending 1955 crop of world's records. Before the 1956 European and U.S.A. seasons get under way again *Athletics World* will publish a completely revised and up to date list of officially accepted world's records, but meanwhile readers would probably like to note the following main men's records which still await decision (for full details see pages 8, 9 and 29). 5,000 metres, Kuts 13:46.8; Zátopek's new 15 miles and 25,000 metres marks; the U.S.S.R. Army's 4×800 metres relay; Krivososov's 211' 8½" hammer throw.

### 400 METRES HURDLES (y=440 yards time less 0.3 sec.)

51.0	Anatoliy Yulin (U.S.S.R.) (1)	Bucharest	Oct. 1
51.3	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.) (2)		
51.5	Josh Culbreath (U.S.A.) (=6)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
51.5	Igor Ilin (U.S.S.R.) (=8)	Kiev	Oct. 2
51.7	Ilie Savel (Rumania) (=12)	Bucharest	Aug. 20
51.7	Viesturs Kumushka (U.S.S.R.) (=75)		
51.7	Jaime Aparicio (Colombia) (11)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
51.9y	Robert Shaw (G.B.) (=12)	London	July 16
51.9	Kurt Bonah (Germany) (=3)	Stockholm	Aug. 28
52.1y	Don Dwyer (U.S.A.)	Boulder, Col.	June 24
52.1y	William Atterbury (U.S.A.)	Boulder, Col.	June 24
52.1	Hans Dittner (Germany) (=23)	Jena	Sept. 3

### 3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

8:40.2	Jerzy Chromik (Poland) (13)	Budapest	Sept. 11
8:44.2	John Disley (G.B.) (=22)	Moscow	Sept. 11
8:45.2	Sándor Rozsnyói (Hungary) (5)	Budapest	Sept. 11
8:45.4	Pentti Karvonen (Finland) (2)	Oslo	July 15
8:45.4	Vassiliy Vlasenko (U.S.S.R.) (=10)	Moscow	Aug. 18
8:46.8	Ernst Larsen (Norway) (9)	Oslo	Sept. 6
8:47.6	Eric Shirley (G.B.) (31)	White City	Oct. 12
8:48.0	Sven Laine (Finland) (21)	Helsinki	Aug. 23
8:49.0	László Jeszenszky (Hungary) (6)	Budapest	Oct. 23
8:49.2	Christopher Brasher (G.B.) (38)	Moscow	Sept. 11

## FIELD EVENTS

### HIGH JUMP

6' 11¼"	(2.114m.)	Ernest Shelton (U.S.A.) (2)	Los Angeles	June 10
6' 10¾"	(2.10m.)	Bengt Nilsson (Sweden) (1)	Stockholm	July 7
6' 10¼"	(2.089m.)	Charles Dumas (U.S.A.) (=65)	Los Angeles	June 10
6' 8¾"	(2.051m.)	Charles Holding (U.S.A.) (3)	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Apr. 30
6' 8¾"	(2.05m.)	Jaroslav Kovár (Czech.) (13)	Bratislava	Sept. 25
6' 8¾"	(2.05m.)	Vladimir Sitkin (U.S.S.R.) (=90)	Odesa	Oct. 23
6' 8⅝"	(2.047m.)	Floyd Smith (U.S.A.)	De Kalb, Ill.	Apr. 16
6' 8⅝"	(2.04m.)	Stig Pettersson (Sweden)	Göteborg	July 31
6' 8¼"	(2.038m.)	Julius Chigbolu (Nigeria) (=103)	Lagos	Apr. 16
6' 8¼"	(2.038m.)	Robert Barksdale (U.S.A.) (=42)	Baltimore	Apr. 16

### POLE VAULT

15' 3"	(4.648m.)	Robert Richards (U.S.A.) (1)	Modesto	May 21
15' 1"	(4.597m.)	Donald Bragg (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	June 18
14' 11"	(4.547m.)	Robert Smith (U.S.A.) (3)	Los Angeles	Feb. 5
14' 10"	(4.521m.)	Donald Laz (U.S.A.) (2)	Los Angeles	May 20
14' 9¾"	(4.515m.)	Walter Levack (U.S.A.) (33)	Palo Alto, Cal.	May 10
14' 9¾"	(4.515m.)	Ron Morris (U.S.A.) (=31)	Palo Alto, Cal.	May 10
14' 9⅝"	(4.50m.)	Eeles Landström (Finland) (=7)	Helsinki	Aug. 24
14' 8"	(4.470m.)	Jerry Welbourn (U.S.A.) (12)	Columbus, Ohio	Apr. 23
14' 7¼"	(4.45m.)	Ragnar Lundberg (Sweden) (=7)	Bucharest	Oct. 2
14' 6¾"	(4.43m.)	Edward Adamczyk (Poland) (17)	Poznan	Sept. 25

### LONG JUMP

26' 4⅜"	(8.03m.)	Roslyn Range (U.S.A.) (5)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
26' 3⅝"	(8.01m.)	John Bennett (U.S.A.) (1)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
26' 0⅜"	(7.93m.)	Gregory Bell (U.S.A.) (=53)	Boulder, Col.	June 24
25' 10"	(7.87m.)	Neville Price (South Africa) (4)	Bloemfontein	Dec. 3
25' 8⅝"	(7.84m.)	Ary Façanha de Sá (Brazil) (=45)	Mexico City	Mar. 14
25' 3"	(7.69m.)	James Gamble (U.S.A.) (40)	Prairie View, Texas	Apr. 2
25' 0⅝"	(7.64m.)	Malachi Andrews (U.S.A.) (7)	Tucson, Arizona	May 7
25' 0"	(7.62m.)	Heinz Oberbeck (Germany)	Bloemfontein	Dec. 3
24' 10¼"	(7.57m.)	Donald Stuart (South Africa)	Pretoria	Apr. 9
24' 9⅝"	(7.56m.)	Odón Földessy (Hungary) (3)	Budapest	Aug. 21



## HOP, STEP AND JUMP

54' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (16.56m.)	Adhemar F. da Silva (Brazil) (1)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
53' 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (16.35m.)	Leonid Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.) (2)	Warsaw	Aug. 3
52' 11" (16.13m.)	Arnoldo Devonish (Venezuela) (103)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
52' 0" (15.85m.)	Yevgeniy Chen (U.S.S.R.) (=21)	Moscow	June 26
51' 10" (15.80m.)	Martin Rehák (Czech.) (=5)	Bucharest	Oct. 3
51' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (15.78m.)	Valentin Demytyev (U.S.S.R.) (3)	Tblisi	Nov. 17
51' 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (15.69m.)	Oleg Fyedoseyev (U.S.S.R.) (=95)	Tblisi	Nov. 17
51' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.60m.)	Victor Hernandez (Cuba) (=50)	Mexico City	Mar. 16
50' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (15.50m.)	Vlastimil Kalecky (Czech.) (=87)	Bratislava	Sept. 24
50' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (15.45m.)	Vasiliy Ivanov (U.S.S.R.) (=18)	Tblisi	Nov. 17

## SHOT PUT

59' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (18.09m.)	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.) (1)	Toronto	July 23
59' 1" (18.00m.)	Thomas Jones (U.S.A.) (7)	Athens	May 21
57' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (17.66m.)	William Neider (U.S.A.) (32)	Lawrence, Kansas	May 20
57' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (17.53m.)	Ray Martin (U.S.A.) (21)	Los Angeles	May 20
57' 5" (17.50m.)	Don Vick (U.S.A.) (19)	Alhambra	Sept. 3
57' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (17.46m.)	Jiri Skobla (Czech.) (3)	Prague	Oct. 30
57' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (17.43m.)	Thomas Meyer (U.S.A.) (27)	Los Angeles	May 20
56' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (17.15m.)	Roosevelt Grier (U.S.A.) (9)	v. Boston Univ.	May 14
56' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (17.14m.)	Vartan Ovsepyan (U.S.S.R.) (14)	Erivan	Oct.
55' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (17.05m.)	Otto Grigalka (U.S.S.R.) (5)	Warsaw	Aug. 2

## DISCUS THROW

186' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (56.99m.)	Adolfo Consolini (Italy) (4)	Bellinzona	Dec. 11
186' 0" (56.69m.)	Karel Merta (Czech.) (15)	Manchester	Oct. 15
182' 1" (55.50m.)	Otto Grigalka (U.S.S.R.) (12)	Tblisi	Nov. 14
181' 0" (55.16m.)	Stephanus du Plessis (S.A.) (16)		Nov. 4
180' 11" (55.14m.)	Fortune Gordien (U.S.A.) (1)	Salem, Or.	Apr. 2
179' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (54.74m.)	Sim Iness (U.S.A.)	Santa Barbara	April 9
178' 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (54.41m.)	Boris Matveyev (U.S.S.R.) (6)	Warsaw	Aug. 3
178' 1" (54.28m.)	Thorsteinn Löve (Iceland) (30)	Reykjavik	Oct.
177' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (54.24m.)	József Szécsényi (Hungary) (10)	Budapest	Oct. 8
176' 10" (53.90m.)	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.) (2)	Madellin	Mar. 26

## HAMMER THROW

211' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (64.52m.)	Mikhail Krivonosov (USSR) (2)	Belgrade	Sept. 19
209' 7" (63.88m.)	Harold Connolly (U.S.A.) (45)	Cambridge, Mass.	Oct. 1
201' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (61.51m.)	Nikolay Ryedkin (U.S.A.) (15)	Tblisi	Nov. 17
201' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (61.48m.)	Jozsef Csermák (Hungary) (4)	Warsaw	Aug. 4
201' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (61.43m.)	Milos Máca (Czech.) (9)	Split	Nov. 12
200' 9" (61.19m.)	Sverre Strandli (Norway) (3)	Oslo	June 30
199' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (60.79m.)	Tadeusz Rut (Poland) (6)	Budapest	Sept. 11
199' 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (60.74m.)	Stanislav Nyenashev (USSR) (1)	Tblisi	Nov. 17
197' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (60.32m.)	Vladimir Plyechenkov (U.S.S.R.) (70)	Tblisi	Nov. 17
197' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (60.28m.)	Kresimir Racić (Yugoslavia)	Split	Nov. 6

## JAVELIN THROW

268' 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (81.76m.)	Franklin Held (U.S.A.) (8)	Modesto, Cal.	May 21
262' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (80.07m.)	Janusz Sidlo (Poland) (3)	Prague	June 28
261' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (79.64m.)	Soini Nikkinen (Finland) (2)	Tampere	Oct. 7
258' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (78.65m.)	William Miller (U.S.A.) (1)	Kingston, Jamaica	July 6
257' 0" (78.33m.)	Cy Young (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	May 20
256' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (78.04m.)	Sándor Krasznai (Hungary) (16)	Bratislava	Sept. 24
255' 7" (77.90m.)	Charles Vallman (Estonia) (23)	Tartu	May 28
252' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (77.00m.)	Heiner Will (Germany) (6)	Stockholm	Aug. 28
251' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (76.55m.)	Vladimir Kuznetsov (U.S.S.R.) (5)	Leningrad	Oct. 13
248' 10 $\frac{5}{8}$ " (75.86m.)	Viktor Tsibulenko (U.S.S.R.) (14)	Kiev	Oct. 7

# SHORT

*From Norris McWhirter, New York*

**Unbroken Contact.**—A new threat to Russia's three year supremacy of the 400 metres hurdles event has arisen in the 6ft. 10in. Bill Russell of Los Angeles (see Volume II, page 47, Short Takes) the All-American basketball star who once fell over a high jump bar at 6ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Russell has just made the lofty pronouncement "Other guys have to jump over hurdles, but I reckon I could walk over them." Russell is serious about training for the U.S. tryouts at Los Angeles in June. He really means to manslaughter the "man-killer" event and he has done a quarter-mile promenade on the level in 49.6 secs. It will be interesting to see in his bid to remain throughout in "unbroken contact with the ground" whether Russell shuffles in nine or just seven strides between what mortal mortals used to call the three foot hurdles.

**The First Shall Be First.**—The latest edition of the Medical Register lists the names of those 83,192 persons qualified to saw bones. The first name in this vast compilation is that of Dr. Frank Emile Aaron, M.B., Ch.B., who for three successive years ran home the winner of the English Cross Country Championship. Bravery ran in the Aaron family for his brother, the late Flight Sergeant Arthur Aaron, D.F.M., won "for unsurpassed gallantry" a posthumous Victoria Cross in 1943. It has been contended, not without justification, that Dr. Aaron's fourth place in the 1950 European 10,000 metres championship behind Zátópek, Mimoun and Koskela in 30:31.6 was the spark which ignited Britain's world leadership in this event (see Volume II, page 115).

**Fame Again.**—Poor old Bakersville, California, suffered a cruel blow on November 10 when the inhabitants suddenly read that they no longer boasted the world's deepest hole. In the Mississippi Delta marshlands, a Texan drilling company at 4 a.m. the previous day surpassed the fabulous 4 miles 362 feet of their "A" 7-4 test well. Some solace was soon to arrive with the announcement that the A.A.U. had chosen the 34,700 population township to be the scene of the pre-Olympic National track and field Championships. Considering that thirteen of the marks on the U.S. top ten lists were done in



# TAKES

A.A.U. meetings perhaps Bakersville will at least soon feature on another record list.

**Twelve Foot High Jumper.**—High jumpers should try some time to emulate the feat of Wilton Chamberlain, America's 7ft. 2in. tall, 16st. 6lb., basketball star from the University of Kansas. Unlike most really tall men he can really jump. He can touch a bar 12 feet above the ground with his finger tips. As for a basket 10 feet off the floor, he can caress it. Some day Britain's Whip and Carrot Club ought to set up the pole vault standards and stage a high-touching contest. Perhaps the Ministry of Education would even send along a grant if they said it was in the cause of Higher Education.

**Last of the Few—Part II.**—We have found another 1896 Olympian who still lives to tell the tale (see Volume 3, No. 1, page 4). He is Robert S. Garrett of the United States. At the Olympic Games in Athens in 1896, Garrett won the Shot Put with 36ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (11.22m.) and the Discus with 95ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (29.15m.), came second in the Long Jump with a leap of 20ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (6.18m.) and third in the High Jump with 5ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (1.71m.).

**Science Friction.**—At Hayden Planetarium in New York, the management have provided a row of weighing scales so calibrated that they show what your weight would be on the Moon, and on various planets. The startling results give a good idea as to what the Lunar, Martian or Jovian track and field records are likely to be when we get there. A 200lb. (14st. 4lb.) shot putter on the Moon would tip the beam at a petite 32lb. (2st. 4lb.), but at least the 16lb. shot would be more manageable at slightly over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. On Jupiter, however, the likes of the 22 stone (308lb.) Jack Torrence would zoom the needle round to 58 stone (812 lb.). In a Jovian track meet the grunt and thud of a shot put contest would be deafening, but no-one would notice, since all eyes would be glued on the hurdlers pottering along over their nine inch barriers. It is intriguing to think that if the U.S. Railways were equal to transporting the "greatest man in the world", the 27 year old Robert Earle Hughes from his home at Fishook, Illinois, to the Hayden Planetarium weighing-in room his 67 $\frac{1}{2}$  stone (946lb.) would register 1.14 tons on the Jupiter scale.

## 100 YARDS

9.3	James Golliday (U.S.A.)	Evanston, Ill.	May 14
9.4	Lawrence McBride (U.S.A.)	Lafayette	Apr. 16
9.4	Michael Agostini (U.S.A.) (=8)	Fresno, Cal.	May 14
9.4n	Leamon King (U.S.A.) (=8)	Fresno, Cal.	May 14
9.4	Harry Nash (U.S.A.) (=8)	Madison, Wis.,	May 21
9.4	Robert Morrow (U.S.A.)	Abilene	June 3
Nine others at 9.5 secs.			
with wind:—			
9.1	Robert Morrow (U.S.A.)	Abilene	June 4
9.2	Dean Smith (U.S.A.)	College Station	Apr. 19
9.3	Lawrence McBride (U.S.A.)	Lawrence, Kansas	Apr. 23

## BRITISH TOP TEN LIST 1955

This compilation completes the 1955 British Top Ten List with the eight standard field events. As will be underlined in next month's feature in the March issue of *Athletics World*, the averages for all the throwing events and the triple jump represent all-time highs. The feature "World and British Standards Compared" is now being prepared.

(Track performances were published in the January issue)

### HIGH JUMP

6' 7"	P. Wells (N. Z. & London A.C.)	Gisborne, N.Z.	Jan. 8
6' 6"	W. Piper (Glasgow Police A.A.)	Dunoon	Aug. 27
6' 5"	O. Okuwobi (Cambridge H. & Nigeria)	Charlton	June 18
6' 4"	C. Van Dyck (London A.C. & Gold Coast)	Imber Court	May 7
6' 2"	P. G. Stableforth (Walton A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 8
6' 2"	D. E. F. Luke (Reading A.C. & Sierra Leone)	Oxford	June 16
6' 2"	G. E. Menta (London U.A.C. & Nigeria)	Motspur Park	June 29
6' 2"	R. C. Pavitt (Polytechnic H.)	Great Shelford	Sept. 3
6' 2"	M. C. Ash (Belgrave H.)	Great Shelford	Sept. 3
6' 2"	E. A. Stewart (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	Sept. 17

### POLE VAULT

13' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green A.C.)	Moscow	Sept. 11
13' 4"	I. Ward (Bury A.C.)	Glasgow	Aug. 6
13' 4"	G. M. Schmidt (South London H.)	Glasgow	Aug. 6
12' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	N. G. A. Gregor (Herne Hill H.)	Nairobi	Aug. 13
12' 7"	R. Petitjean (Manchester A.C.)	Widnes	July 30
12' 6"	G. E. Broad (Hermes A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 8
12' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	K. A. K. North (Achilles Club & N.Z.)	Oslo	Sept. 5
12' 3"	G. H. Howland (Shaftesbury H.)	White City	July 16
12' 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	R. B. Hayden (U.L.A.C.)	Paris	May 8
12' 0"	M. C. Ash (Belgrave H.)	Chiswick	May 14
12' 0"	A. B. Hopkins (Walton A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 8
12' 0"	M. E. Nugent (South London H.)	White City	Aug. 27

### LONG JUMP

24' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	Bordeaux	Sept. 4
24' 2"	K. A. B. Olowu (Loughborough College A.C. & Nigeria)	White City	July 15
23' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	A. R. Cruttenden (Brighton A.C.)	Bordeaux	Sept. 4
23' 2"	D. Brigden (Mitcham A.C.)	Chiswick	June 25
23' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	N. G. Hamilton (Instonians)	Belfast	Apr. 30
23' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	P. C. Luxon (Belgrave H.)	Croydon	July 9
22' 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	P. A. Whaley (London A.C.)	Chiswick	June 25
22' 9"	N. D. Watkins (Univ. of Leicester)	Leicester	June 8
22' 8"	A. McKelvey (Albert Foundry)	Belfast	Apr. 23
22' 8"	C. O. Alele (Cardiff H. & Nigeria)	Manchester	May 21



## HOP, STEP AND JUMP

50' 8"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	White City	May 30
49' 6½"	P. B. Engo (London A.C. & Nigeria)	Bordeaux	Sept. 3
47' 2½"	D. W. Field (Birchfield H.)	White City	July 16
47' 0"	J. E. C. Whall (London A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 8
46' 8"	T. McL. McNab (Shettleston H.)	Edinburgh	May 7
46' 6½"	P. E. Goldsmith (London A.C.)	Liverpool	July 23
46' 6½"	P. G. Stableforth (Walton A.C.)	Prague	Sept. 14
46' 6½"	R. H. Sussex (Merthyr A.A.C.)	Newport	July 9
46' 5½"	A. Ridings (Notts A.C.)	Nottingham	Apr. 30
46' 5"	M. F. Eggleton (R.A.F.)	Germany	Aug.

## SHOT PUT

53' 1¾"	W. B. L. Palmer (Achilles Club)	Bucharest	Oct. 2
51' 9¼"	J. A. Savidge (London A.C.)	Prague	Sept. 15
48' 4"	W. H. Robbins (Achilles Club)	Malvern	Mar. 19
47' 10½"	M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.)	Oxford	May 12
47' 6½"	T. J. Gaworski (Belgrave H.)	Highland Games	July 2
47' 5"	G. F. Budd (U.L.A.C.)	Motspur Park	May 14
46' 5"	J. B. Byrne (Clonliffe H.)	Dublin	June 20
46' 0"	G. A. Carr (Woodford Green A.C.)	Aldershot	July 20
45' 9"	C. R. G. Neville (Achilles Club)		May 21
45' 9"	T. A. Logan (R. & B. Constabulary)	Bute	Aug. 20

## DISCUS THROW

169' 11"	M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.)	Prague	Sept. 15
155' 10"	H. L. Williams (Roath H.)	Nairobi	July 30
153' 10½"	G. A. Carr (Woodford Green A.C.)	Prague	Sept. 15
152' 8"	O. A. Feldmanis (Mitcham A.C.)	Thames Ditton	July 2
148' 7"	K. Maksimczyk (Westbury H.)	Bristol	June 20
148' 3½"	E. A. Cleaver (Army)	Goslar	July 13
147' 10"	T. J. Gaworski (Belgrave H.)	Croydon	July 9
147' 9"	J. Sampson (R.A.F.)	Thames Ditton	July 2
145' 9"	J. A. Savidge (London A.C.)	Manchester	Oct. 15
144' 4"	P. Isbester (Ilford A.C.)	Chiswick	June 25

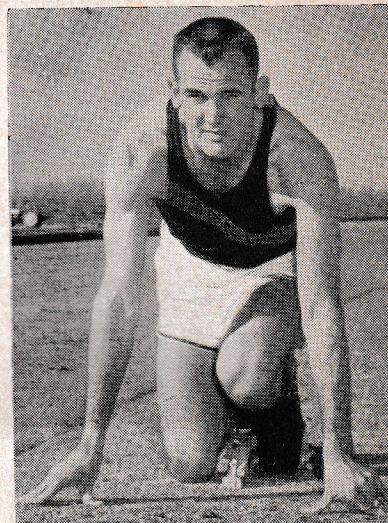
## HAMMER THROW

192' 6"	E. C. K. Douglas (Field Events Club)	Edinburgh	Apr. 28
186' 9"	P. C. Allday (London A.C.)	Sandhurst	July 9
185' 4"	A. R. Valentine (London A.C.)	Portsmouth	May 18
184' 5"	D. W. J. Anthony (Polytechnic H.)	Barnet	June 4
177' 0"	J. C. Bard (O.U.A.C. & U.S.A.)	White City	July 15
171' 6"	F. Gandy (London A.C.)	Glasgow	June 11
170' 7"	C. A. Harper (Belgrave H.)	Innsworth	June 18
164' 0"	P. L. Porter (Belgrave H.)	Southgate	July 2
163' 10"	M. J. Ellis (Thames Valley H.)	Marlow	Sept. 3
163' 1"	R. Kinnaird (South London H.)	London	May 28
161' 8"	M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.)	Uxbridge	Sept. 17

## JAVELIN THROW

223' 1"	P. S. Cullen (Loughborough College A.C.)	Coventry	Aug. 27
219' 10"	D. E. Tucker (Herne Hill H.)	White City	Aug. 1
218' 3"	R. D. W. Miller (Reading A.C.)	Bristol	Aug.
212' 6"	C. G. Smith (Thames Valley H.)	Chiswick	June 25
210' 1"	M. Harradine (Thames Valley H.)	St. Albans	Aug. 4
209' 5"	R. A. C. Davies (Hornchurch H.)	Hurlingham	Mar. 19
207' 11"	C. N. Loveland (London A.C.)	Chiswick	June 18
204' 11"	D. W. R. Mackenzie (Atalanta Club)	Edinburgh	May 28
202' 0"	M. Ruda (South London H.)	White City	May 30
201' 1"	J. C. Roberts (U.L.A.C.)	Cardiff	June 25
201' 1"	N. R. Hughes (Milocarian A.C.)	Aldershot	July 20

## UNBEATEN IN 32 MONTHS!



Bobby Morrow of Abilene, Texas, the U.S. 100 yards champion, has just completed an Australasian tour.

With sprints of 9.4 and 20.7 seconds to his credit Morrow is a strong candidate for a place in the United States Olympic squad. He is 6ft. 1½in. tall, weighs 12st. 2lb. (170lb.) and was born on 15 October, 1935, at San Benito, at the southern tip of the "Republic" of Texas in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

After graduation he married his high school sweetheart Jo Ann. Husband and wife are now both sophomores (second year students) at Abilene Christian College.

Morrow had won 40 straight races until he was at last beaten in the A.A.U. 220 yards final at Boulder, Colorado, last June. Thirty-two months however have elapsed since any other sprinter has beaten him over 100 yards. Last June with the aid of a 7 m.p.h. wind, Morrow turned in a 9.1 seconds mark in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics finals at Abilene. Only Mel Patton (7 May, 1949) had previously recorded such a fast wind aided sprint.

Just before setting out for New Zealand, Morrow said on his activities after winning the title of 100 yards champion of the United States:—

"I didn't do anything this summer but run a few jack rabbits, and I caught 'em too. But I just about got my legs in shape. I don't know if I'll make the Olympic team, but I'm sure going to try."



# WIND SPOILS MORROW'S

## 9.3 secs in NEW ZEALAND

**Morrow 9.3 and 21.0; Spurrier 1:49.3; O'Brien 58ft. 4in. in N.Z.**—The three man A.A.U. team of Parry O'Brien, world record holder at the shot; Lon Spurrier, world half mile record holder; and Bobby Morrow, the American 100 yards champion, each won two events at the first of their six scheduled competitions in Australasia.

In sunny but windy conditions on the grass track at Carisbrook, Dunedin, on December 17 Morrow won the sprints in 9.8 and 21.4. Spurrier won the 440 yards in 49.3 from P. Smith, who was given the same time, and the 880 yards in 1:53.6 from P. Sidon (1:54.8).

Parry O'Brien lobbed all six putts beyond the flag indicating his fellow countryman Al Hershey's N.Z. all-comers' record of 52ft. 1½in. set in 1947. His best was 56ft. 11in. with his second trial. O'Brien only needed a ragged throw of 148ft. 5in. to win the discus.

**New Women's Empire Shot Put Record.**—At the second meeting, which was at Christchurch on December 21, an 18 year old girl, Valerie Sloper, stole the thunder. This technical college student putt the 4-kilo shot 46ft. 3¼in. for a new British Empire record, beating the previous mark of 45ft. 9½in. by Miss Yvette Williams (now Mrs. Corlett), set at Vancouver in winning the British Empire title in 1954. In view of her extraordinary progress and her young age, Miss Sloper might well develop into the most dangerous challenger in this Russian speciality. Meanwhile, she seems certain of a place in the All Blacks' side for Melbourne. O'Brien reached 56ft. 10in., but improved slightly in the discus with 151ft. 7in.

Morrow again won the sprint double with 9.8 and 22.3. Spurrier did best of all with an easy half mile win in 1:51.2.

On Boxing Day at Napier, the Americans had a field day before a 4,000 crowd. Morrow was chased by Morrie Rae to a New Zealand record equalling 9.6 and won the furlong in 21.0 by three yards from Rae for a new record.

The famous 1:49.4 half mile mark made by Doug Harris in beating the American Johnny Fulton in 1947 was broken by one-tenth by Lon Spurrier in a 40 yards win.

Parry O'Brien, the third member of the triumvirate, improved his shot mark to 57ft. 9in. New Zealand resident records went to L. R. Mills of Auckland with a discus mark of 145ft. 0in., and to Miss Beverley Baxter (no relation to the well known Canadian-born Member of Parliament, theatre critic and knight of the same name) with a javelin throw of 127ft.

**Halberg's 4:02.2 Mile.**—The final meeting at Auckland on December 28 gave the 7,000 spectators the thrill of a great 4:02.2 mile by Murray Halberg and a 9.3 wind assisted dash by Morrow. O'Brien flexed his 19 inch biceps and obliged with a final shot put record of 58ft. 4in.—the sort of achievement that puts him in that very select category of an Olympic favourite. O'Brien made a new discus record also with a comparatively modest 159ft. 3in.

Halberg's mile has only ever been surpassed in the Southern Hemisphere by John Landy. He cut 2.2 seconds off his own N.Z. record. Bill Baillie finished second in an excellent 4:03.6 and Lon Spurrier was reported at an excellent 4:08.0—an improvement of 8.4 seconds on his previous best set in 1954.

Halberg opened with a 58.0 sec. lap and followed it up with a second in 63.0 secs. Baillie took the lead at half way to reach the bell in 3:04.0. Halberg struck with 330 yards to go, opened an ever-growing gap and maintained speed and form impressively to the tape.

The Texan Morrow, whose high pick up and flashing white socks gave a great impression of power, won his 9.3 secs. 100 yards in gathering dusk from Rae who was unofficially timed at 9.5 secs. Morrow won the 220 yards round the turn in 21.0 despite a visible "coast". The wind ruled out both records. The American trio left next day for Australia.

New Zealand's athletes achieved some other good marks before and during the Americans' tour.

Early in December at Auckland Halberg ran 1,500 metres in 3:48.6 only beating Neville Scott by one yard. On December 10 Halberg turned in an 800 metres in 1:51.7. A week later at the same centre Baillie headed Halberg in the opening leg of a 4×1 mile relay to be timed at the centre line in 4:09.4—

four-tenths of a second ahead of his rival. Baillie's team, Lynndale with G. Parker, I. Crum, and E. Haskell competing, went on to win in 17:44.6 for a new New Zealand record.

At Invercargill on December 8 Valerie Sloper, whose new British Empire shot record was reported above, reached 43ft. 9¾in. to oust Yvette Corlett's (née Williams) New Zealand record by three quarters of an inch. Miss W. Garrard of Canterbury threw the javelin 131ft. 8½in. to beat the old record by 4ft. 3¼in. On December 10 at Christchurch, Miss Sloper advanced to 45ft. 4¼in.

New Zealand's Olympic trials over metric distances are being held at Napier on March 24.

## U.S. OUTDOOR DATES

April 27/28	
Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.
Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May 12	
Heptagonal Games	West Point, N.Y.
May 25/26	
I.C.4.A.'s Ch'ships	New York
June 15/16	
N.C.2.A.'s Ch'ships	Berkeley, Cal.
June 22/23	
A.A.U. Ch'ships	Bakersville, Cal.
June 29/30	
Olympic Tryouts	Los Angeles, Cal.

## ENGLISH NATIVE RECORDS

The following English Native records were approved by the A.A.A. General Committee on December 3:—

**20 Miles:**—1:47:53.0, J. J. Lancaster (Manchester A.C.), Walton-on-Thames, 22 Oct., 1955.

**2 Hours:**—22 miles 418 yards, J. J. Lancaster (Manchester A.C.), Walton-on-Thames, 22 Oct., 1955.

**25 Miles Walking:**—3:34:09.8, D. J. Thompson (Metropolitan Walking Club), Alperton, 1 Oct., 1955.

**4 Hours Walking:**—27 miles 1,411 yards, D. J. Thompson (Metropolitan Walking Club), Alperton, 1 Oct., 1955.

The following performance, which has been passed as a British (All-Comers') and British (National) record by the British Amateur Athletic Board, was formally confirmed as an English Native record:—

**3,000 m. St/Ch:**—8:47.6, E. Shirley (Finchley H.), White City, 12 Oct., 1955.



# HOP, STEP AND JUMP SURVEY

By ROSS McWHIRTER

Recently *Athletics World* made surveys of the national contributions to certain track events—1,500 metres/1 Mile (Vol. 2 page 101), 3 Miles/5,000 metres (page 107), 6 Miles/10,000 metres (page 115), 800 metres/880 yards (page 123), 400 metres/440 yards hurdles (page 146).

Now for the first time we explore a field event. The hop, step and jump has been, in its present form, a standard Olympic field event since 1900, but it can still be regarded as under-patronised compared, for example, with the high jump. One of the main reasons for this is that the event is not yet on the United States collegiate programme, although there is increasing pressure that it should be.

Nonetheless, improvements in the last two seasons have been enormous, so I have taken the admittedly rather high 50 foot mark (15.24m.) as my criterion of world class.

After the 1948 Olympic Games season the All-Time list showed only 36 such world class performers, but the high number of 13 countries contributed to them. This latter seems to be a common factor in under-developed events as we found also in the 400 metres/440 yards hurdles. The position then was as follows:—

Japan	14	Tajima, Togami, Kin, Oshima, Harada, Nambu, Omuro, Hasegawa, Oda, Furuta, Miyakawa, Maeda, Sotami, Yoda.
Australia	5	Metcalf, Miller, Dickinson, Winter, Avery.
Sweden	4	Svensson, Ahman, Moberg, Johnsson.
U.S.A.	3	Brown, Ahearn, Romero.
Finland	2	Tuulos, Rajasaari.
Norway	1	Ström.
Argentina	1	Brunetto.
Netherlands	1	Peters.
Peru	1	Bringas.
Austria	1	Kotratschek.
Germany	1	Wöllner.
Brazil	1	de Oliveira.
India	1	Rebello.

It will be noted that Japan, with 14 men, equalled the contribution of the next four countries put together.

During the next four years, 1949–52, 13 new men arrived, and three new countries, including U.S.S.R., added performers.



Ken Wilmshurst, captain of the British team touring the West Indies in February. He tops the 1955 British long jump and triple jump lists and comes eleventh on the world triple jump list.

Additions between 1949 and 1952:—		
Japan	16	+Imuro, Sagawa.
Australia	7	+Oliver, McKeand.
U.S.A.	5	+Ashbaugh, Shaw.
Sweden	4	—
Brazil	3	+A. F. da Silva, H. C. da Silva.
Finland	3	+Hiltunen.
U.S.S.R.	2	=Shcherbakov, Zambrimborts.
Norway	1	—
Argentina	1	—
Netherlands	1	—
Peru	1	—
Austria	1	—
Germany	1	—
India	1	—
Venezuela	1	=Devonish.
Portugal	1	=Ramos.

Japan's and Australia's famous traditions in the event were maintained with two new men each. Despite their diffidence Olympic stimulus moved the United States up to third place. Brazil supplied two performers of the highest quality in the two da Silva's.

In the three complete seasons since the Helsinki Games a prolific crop of 50 footers have come on the scene which distorts the hitherto traditional pattern.

Additions during 1953, 1954 and 1955:—

Japan	18	+Kogake, Abe.
U.S.S.R.	13	+Demytyev, Samokhvalov, Tsigankov, Fyedoseyev, Ivanov, Yefremov, Bute, Tyerkel, Chen, Kreer, Ryakhovskiy.
Australia	7	—
U.S.A.	5	—
Sweden	5	+Norman.
Brazil	4	+Figueira.
Finland	4	+Lehto.
Germany	3	+Kleinert, Strohschnieder.
Czecho-slovakia	3	=Rehák, Kálecký, Mráček.
Bulgaria	2	=Gurgushinov, Kirchev.
Poland	2	=Weinberg, Dziejowski.
Cuba	2	=Hernández, Cabrejas
Norway	1	—
Argentina	1	—
Netherlands	1	—
Peru	1	—
Austria	1	—
India	1	—
Venezuela	1	—
Portugal	1	—
South Africa	1	=West.
Rumania	1	=Sorin.
Hungary	1	=Bolyki.
Great Britain	1	=Wilmshurst.
Nigeria	1	=Esiri.

Thus the final figure at the end of 1955 is that the world has now produced 81 50 footers and no less than 25 countries have made some contribution. The salient development since Helsinki is that the Russians have shot into second place and looked like overhauling Japanese dominance within the next two years. Australia and the United States mark time, although the latter is bound to produce some new blood with three places on the Melbourne trip going spare. A general awakening in Central Europe and the Balkans also becomes apparent. Little Cuba produces two men, but perhaps they were considerably favoured by the high altitude at Mexico City during the Pan-American Games. The only force likely to threaten Russia's increasingly firm grip on this event is if the American collegiate authorities decide to include hop, step and jump in their major championships and dual meets.



## BRAZILIAN BONANZA

**900,000 Cheer Norris Home, Sao Paulo, Dec. 31-Jan. 1.**—Ken Norris became the first Briton to win the annual South American classic, the San Sylvestre Road Race when tonight he beat a field of 290 competitors over the 4 miles 943 yards (7,300m.) course. Nearly a million people lined the route for this 31st race through the streets of Sao Paulo. In accordance with tradition the start was made at 11.40 p.m., but despite the drastic reduction in the field from the peak of 2,140 in 1953 it was a ragged affair in which the lone Briton was badly left. After two kilometres Norris fought his way into the lead with only the Swede Thomas Nilsson and the swarthy Yugoslav Drago Stritof providing an escort. The torrid heat prevented any too close approach to Zatopek's course record of 20:30.0 in the 1952-53 race, in which he passed the 5,000 metres mark in an estimated 14:02.4.

Nonetheless the dour battle between Stritof and Norris, the only world ranking track runner in the field, provided the *afficiados* with much excitement. Norris cracked his opponent only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  blocks away from the finishing line to win by nearly 30 yards. The first ten finishers were as follows:—

K. L. Norris (G.B.)	22:18.1
D. Stritof (Yugoslavia)	22:23.6
L. Rodrigues Gonzaga (Brazil)	22:31.0
Konrad (Germany)	22:47.6
Oliveira (Brazil)	22:45.0
Miranda (Argentina)	22:58.6
Mendez (Brazil)	23:00.2
Calixto (Brazil)	23:05.2
Santos (Brazil)	23:10.0
Novas (Chile)	23:33.0

After 48 hours' recuperation, Norris was again the victor in the traditional post-San Sylvestre 5,000 metres track event, winning in 15:04.9 from the Finn Erikki Sairanen (15:06.6) who had collapsed from the heat in the earlier race.

**Wood's 8:06.2 3,000 Metres.**—It was reported some weeks ago that Ken Wood had run 3,000 metres in 8:06.2. This, we learn from Wood himself, is not true. However, he is reputed to have done 7:56.0 (timed from the stands) during Iharos' world record two miles (8:33.4 at White City on May 30 when he recorded 8:34.8.

**1952 A.T.F.S. Annual.**—We still have a few of the 1952 A.T.F.S. Annual (reduced to 5s. each) left. Get one now before they become unobtainable.



*Don Bragg, 1955's addition to the All-American club of 15 foot pole vaulters*

## HISTORY'S FIFTH 15-FOOTER

Twenty year old Bragg, representing Villanova, cleared 15 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  in. to win the five-hour long N.C.A.A. title battle at Los Angeles, on June 18. He now stands No. 4 on the all time list behind Warmerdam (15ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.), Richards (15ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.), and Laz (15ft. 2in.) and ahead of the one-time 15-footer Don Cooper (15ft. 0 $\frac{1}{8}$  in.).

Bragg attributes his vaulting ability to swinging on a rope as a boy between trees in his garden at Renns Grove, N.J. This Tarzan act set him on the road to his present muscular physique of 6ft. 3in. in height and 13st. 4lb. (186lb.). But coach Jim Elliot has to work hard on polishing his raw technique. His progress is:— 13ft. 9 $\frac{1}{8}$  in. (High School); 1954—14ft. 0in., 14ft. 4in., 14ft. 6in.; 1955—14ft. 7in., 14ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., 15ft. 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  in.

Bragg's hobbies include Glee Club and Choir Singing but his vaulting ambition is to beat Warmerdam's 13 year old world's record and make the U.S. Olympic squad. (With acknowledgments to Jim Gallo, Villanova University)



**CONSOLINI—186ft. 11½in.**

By R. L. Quercetani

The pathian shot of last season went to the credit of veteran Adolfo Consolini, Italy's perennial discus champion. His Swiss friends offered him one more opportunity to recapture the European record, which the 25 year old Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia had recently raised in Manchester to 186ft. 0in. (56.69m.).

On a fair winter afternoon at Bellinzona (Switzerland) on December 11, Consolini succeeded in his attempt with a throw of 56.98m. (186ft. 11½in.). His full series was:—179ft. 10½in., 175ft. 8½in., 182ft. 10¼in., 186ft. 11½in.,

174ft. 8in., foul. The event was officially sanctioned, so the new mark is certain to be submitted to the European Commission of the I.A.A.F.

Consolini's mark is best in the world for 1955. The three-time European champion has been No. 1 on the world discus lists on six occasions, namely in 1941 (inches ahead of Indiana's Archie Harris, the greatest Negro discus thrower of all time), 1945, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1955. His Bellinzona mark better by 1 cm. (¾in.) the European "All-Comers' Record" (no such thing officially exists here in Europe, so this is only a statistical expression) set by Fortune Gordien at Hämeenlinna, Finland, in 1949. Only two men have thrown the discus farther than Conso-

lini: Gordien in 12 meetings 1953-54 always in Pasadena, and Sim Iness once, in the 1953 N.C.A.A. Championships at Lincoln, Neb.

In the 19th year of his career Consolini competed in 31 official meetings and averaged 53.64m. (175ft. 11¾in.). On 4 January, 1956, that is, one day before his 39th birthday, he became the father of a boy, whom he described to interviewing press men as "twice as heavy as a discus" (admittedly quite a riddle for most of his non-initiated listeners!). Neither Adolfo nor his Vienna-born wife do not know as yet whether their first son Sergio has in mind to secure to the family another 20 years of dominance on Italian discus circles.

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN RECORDS

Just as the Canadian Open Records inevitably suffered drastic revision with the holding of the Empire Games at Vancouver in 1954, so the Australian Open Records will be virtually rewritten as a result of the Olympic Games next November-December. Below is a list of Australian Open Records as at 1 January, 1946 (\*=the record has not yet been considered for ratification). This list is confined to events on the Olympic programme but Australian Open Records over English distances are also likely to be beaten wholesale in meetings prior to and after the Games, not least when the British Empire meets the U.S.A. at Sydney in their traditional post-Olympic match (†=best on record).

100 metres	10.5	G. A. McLachlan (Queensland)	Brisbane	18 Jan., 1946
	10.5	A. W. de Gruchy (Western Australia)	Perth	22 Dec., 1951
	10.5	A. K. Gordon (South Australia)	Melbourne	9 Feb., 1952
	10.4*	H. D. Hogan (Queensland)	Melbourne	17 Dec., 1955
200 metres	21.0	H. H. McKenley (Jamaica)	Sydney	22 Jan., 1949
400 metres	47.0	M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.)	Sydney	29 May, 1948
800 metres	1:51.2	V. P. Boot (New Zealand)	Sydney	7 Feb., 1938
1,500 metres	3:44.4	J. M. Landy (Victoria)	Melbourne	3 Jan., 1953
	3:44.4	J. M. Landy (Victoria)	Melbourne	12 Dec., 1953
5,000 metres	14:07.2*	D. J. Stephens (Victoria)	Melbourne	17 Dec., 1955
10,000 metres	30:02.4*	D. W. Power (N.S.W.)	Sydney	9 Nov., 1955
4×100 metres Relay	41.6y	Canadian Empire Games Team (J. Brown, P. Haley, J. W. Loaring, L. G. O'Connor)	Sydney	12 Feb., 1938
	41.6y	Australian Olympic Team (M. J. Curotta, T. Bruce, J. L. Bartram, J. F. Treloar)	Sydney	28 Feb., 1948
	41.6y	Victorian A.A.A. Team (J. W. Dunne, R. W. Watt, E. I. Gillon, J. L. Bartram)	Sydney	22 Jan., 1949
4×400 metres Relay	3:17.0y	Canadian Empire Games Team (W. Dale, J. Fraser, J. W. Loaring, J. Orr)	Sydney	12 Feb., 1938
Marathon	†2:22:17.0*	K. Ollerenshaw (N.S.W.)	Sydney	24 Sept., 1955
50 km. Road Walk	†4:53:33.0	W. T. Behan (N.S.W.)	Melbourne	25 Sept., 1948
110 metres Hurdles	14.3	R. H. Weinberg (Victoria)	Melbourne	8 Nov., 1952
400 metres Hurdles	52.5y	J. M. Holland (N.Z.)	Sydney	25 Feb., 1950
	52.5y	D. F. Lean (Tasmania)	Hobart	1 Mar., 1954
3,000 metres St/Ch.	†9:08.4*	G. E. Thomas (N.S.W.)	Sydney	31 Dec., 1955
High Jump	6' 7¼" (2.01m.)	J. A. Winter (Western Australia)	Perth	28 Feb., 1948
Pole Vault	13' 6½" (4.13m.)	F. I. Woodhouse (Victoria)	Melbourne	19 Feb., 1938
Long Jump	24' 10¾" (7.59m.)	T. Bruce (South Australia)	Perth	25 Jan., 1947
Hop, Step and Jump	51' 9¾" (15.78m.)	J. P. Metcalf (N.S.W.)	Sydney	14 Dec., 1935
Shot Putt	57' 5¼" (17.50m.)	W. P. O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Melbourne	4 Jan., 1956
Discus	152' 10½" (46.60m.)	I. M. Reed (Victoria)	Melbourne	12 Feb., 1949
Hammer	174' 0" (53.03m.)	T. L. Mullins (N.S.W.)	Sydney	8 Nov., 1952
Javelin	217' 1¾" (66.19m.)	M. Sippala (Finland)	Melbourne	28 Jan., 1935
Decathlon	5,963 points	I. B. Bruce (South Australia)	Adelaide	27/28 Dec., 1954



# SPIKE MARKS

## OLYMPIC GAMES TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

Emil Zátopek has written a book entitled "My Training and My Races."

Peter Driver (South London H.) is going to the West Indies with Ken Wilmshurst, Geoff Elliott, Clay Gibbs and Brian Hewson in mid-February. Chris Chataway was never able to accept his invitation owing to his work as a Television news-caster.

British international miler Brian Jackson (4:08.2) of Essex Beagles has decided to retire from athletics because of pressure of work. Incidentally he recently became the father of twins.

It is reported that the Hungarian Olympic competitors are taking language classes to make life easier for them at the Winter Olympics at Cortina d'Ampezzo and at Melbourne in November.

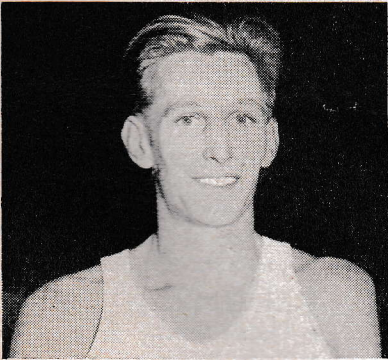
Horace Ashenfelter (U.S.A.) will not be defending his Olympic steeplechase title at Melbourne. He cannot leave his work at the F.B.I. or his family for so long.

The wife of Italy's 39-year-old European discus champion since 1946, Adolfo Consolini, gave birth to a bambino on January 5. He has been named Sergio.

Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark) has accepted an invitation to compete in South Africa shortly.

Alan B. Parker, who ran in the 5,000 metres at Helsinki, with Chris Chataway and Gordon Pirie, is running again for the Scottish Club, Braidburn A.C.

Peter Wells (see photograph) in New Zealand, has cleared 6ft. 5in. twice lately:—the first time on November 26 and the second time on December 10, both at Christchurch.



Peter Wells (N.Z.) who tops the British high jump list for 1955 with a leap of 6ft. 7½in. See New Zealand report. He has recently changed his job and moved to Amberley, North Canterbury, where there is no jumping pit.  
(H. W. Neale, Action Photos)

### MEN

100 metres	10.3	E. Tolan (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	1932
	10.3*	J. C. Owens (U.S.A.)	Berlin	1936
	10.3*	J. C. Owens (U.S.A.)	Berlin	1936
	10.3	H. Dillard (U.S.A.)	London	1948
200 metres	20.7	J. C. Owens (U.S.A.)	Berlin	1936
	20.7	A. W. Stanfield (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
400 metres	45.9	V. G. Rhoden (Jamaica)	Helsinki	1952
	45.9	H. H. McKenley (Jamaica)	Helsinki	1952
800 metres	1:49.2	M. G. Whitfield (U.S.A.)	London	1948
	1:49.2	M. G. Whitfield (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
1,500 metres	3:45.2	J. Barthel (Luxemburg)	Helsinki	1952
	3:45.2	R. E. McMillen (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
5,000 metres	14:06.6	E. Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Helsinki	1952
10,000 metres	29:17.0	E. Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Helsinki	1952
†Marathon	2:23:03.2	E. Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Helsinki	1952
4×100 metres Relay	39.8	U.S.A. Team (J. C. Owens, R. H. Metcalfe, F. Draper, F. C. Wykoff)	Berlin	1936
4×400 metres Relay	3:03.9	Jamaica Team (A. S. Wint, L. A. Laing, H. H. McKenley, V. G. Rhoden)	Helsinki	1952
110 metres Hurdles	13.7	H. Dillard (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
	13.7	J. Davis (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
400 metres Hurdles	50.8	C. H. Moore (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
	50.8	C. H. Moore (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
3,000 metres St/Ch.	8:45.4	H. Ashenfelter (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
20,000 metres Walk		New Event.		
†50,000 metres Road Walk	4:28:07.8	G. Dordoni (Italy)	Helsinki	1952
High Jump	6' 8¼" (2.04m.)	W. F. Davis (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
Pole Vault	14' 11½" (4.55m.)	R. E. Richards (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
Long Jump	26' 5⅝" (8.06m.)	J. C. Owens (U.S.A.)	Berlin	1936
Hop, Step and Jump	53' 2½" (16.22m.)	A. F. da Silva (Brazil)	Helsinki	1952
Shot Putt	57' 1⅜" (17.41m.)	W. P. O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
Discus	180' 6½" (55.03m.)	S. G. Iness (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
Hammer	197' 11⅝" (60.34m.)	J. Csermák (Hungary)	Helsinki	1952
Javelin	242' 0¾" (73.78m.)	C. C. Young (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952
Decathlon	7,887 points	R. B. Mathias (U.S.A.)	Helsinki	1952

\*=Owens returned 10.2 in a wind-assisted semi-final (Berlin, 1936).

†=Courses vary. Best time on record.

### WOMEN

100 metres	11.5*	H. H. Stephens (U.S.A.)	Berlin	1936
	11.5*	M. Jackson (Australia)	Helsinki	1952
200 metres	23.4	M. Jackson (Australia)	Helsinki	1952
4×100 metres Relay	45.9	U.S.A. Team (M. Faggs, B. Jones, J. Moreau, C. Hardy)	Helsinki	1952
	45.9	German Team (U. Knab, M. Sander, H. Klein, M. Petersen)	Helsinki	1952
80 metres Hurdles	10.9‡	S. B. Delahunty (Australia)	Helsinki	1952
High Jump	5' 6¼" (1.68m.)	A. Coachman (U.S.A.)	London	1948
	5' 6¼" (1.68m.)	D. J. B. Tyler (G.B.)	London	1948
Long Jump	20' 5¾" (6.24m.)	Y. W. Williams (N.Z.)	Helsinki	1952
Shot Putt	50' 1½" (15.28m.)	G. I. Zybina (U.S.S.R.)	Helsinki	1952
Discus	168' 8½" (51.42m.)	N. A. Romaschkova (U.S.S.R.)	Helsinki	1952
Javelin	165' 7" (50.47m.)	D. Zátopkova (Czech.)	Helsinki	1952

\*=H. H. Stephens returned a wind-assisted 11.4 secs. (Berlin, 1936).

‡=S. B. Delahunty returned 10.8 secs., M. Sander (Germany) 10.9, and J. C. Desforges (G.B.) 10.9, in a wind-assisted semi-final, (Helsinki, 1952).



## OLYMPIC BID?



Landy, without formally announcing any total retirement, had been absent from the track for thirteen months. He has been teaching at an annexe of the well-known Geelong Public School in the Whittlesea Ranges near Mansfield where there is no flat ground upon which to train. Landy however has been keeping himself in condition with slow jog trotting over uneven paths. After his race against the world record-holder Landy was cautious in saying that on the evidence of that one race he would definitely go for the Olympic title at 1,500 metres. He did say "I am very fit and strong and will run in a mile event later this month." Later he strengthened his attitude by saying that he would "sound the depths thoroughly" before deciding finally to go into full training. He said he would require four and possibly more tests over various distances before knowing that he stood a very good chance at the Olympics. Otherwise he said, "It won't be worth my while making the necessary sacrifices."

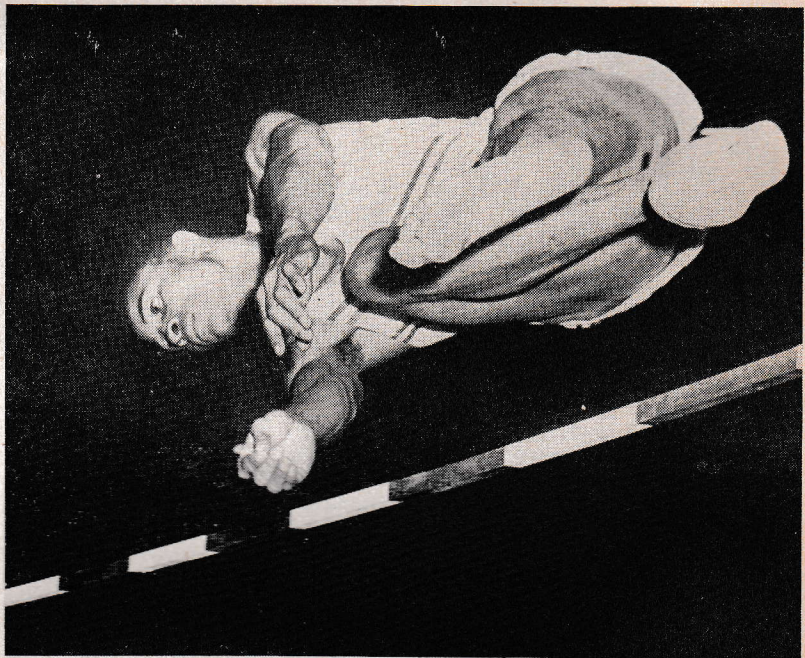
## MORROW 9.4—O'BRIEN 57' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " HENDERSON RUNS 4:08.0 MILE

*Late reports from Australia supplement our report on pages 33 and 48.*

On December 31 at Sydney Graham Thomas set a new Australian 3,000 metres steeplechase best performance, slashing 12.4 secs. off his own previous best, to record 9:08.4.

At Melbourne on January 4 leading marks besides the thrilling race over 880 yards between Lon Spurrier and John Landy (see front page photo) were Bobby Morrow (U.S.A.) beating Brian Randall by 4 yards to record 9.4 secs. Hec Hogan was third. Merv Lincoln won the 2 miles in 8:53.3.

Alex Henderson set a New South Wales resident record for one mile with 4:08.0 at Sydney on January 7 and John Cann, 17 years old, set a new Australian junior record for the 220 yards low hurdles in 24.2 secs. to beat the senior record holder Geoff Goodacre by inches. The place times behind Lon Spurrier in his 1,000 metres race at Melbourne on January 7 were Merv Lincoln second in 2:24.0 and John Murray third in 2:26.0. At the same meeting Parry O'Brien smashed Donath's Australian open shot put record with a put of 57ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Donath did 49ft. 2in.



*Herman C. Wyatt of the U.S. Army, world's No. 1 indoor high jumper in 1955 at 6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.*

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## COUNTY C.C. RESULTS—JAN 7

ESSEX (7½ miles, at Woodford Green).—E. Baverstock (Essex Beagles) (holder), 40:1, 1; A. Perkins (Ilford A.C.), 40:9, 2; G. Knight (Essex Beagles), 41:14, 3; R. Garrett (Woodford Green A.C.), 41:25, 4; A. Lewis (Woodford Green A.C.), 41:34, 5; J. Langwith (North London H.), 41:40, 6. TEAMS.—Ilford A.C., 2, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18=77 pts., 1; Essex Beagles (holders), 1, 3, 15, 21, 30, 36=106 pts., 2; Woodford Green A.C., 4, 5, 19, 25, 26, 29=108 pts., 3.

HERTFORDSHIRE (7¼ miles, at Welwyn Garden City).—D. O'Gorman (St. Albans City A.C.), 40:14, 1; M. J. Blyth (holder) (St. Albans City A.C.), 41:0, 2; J. D. Wood (Barnet A.C.), 41:1, 3. TEAMS.—St. Albans City A.C. (holders), 32 pts., 1; Welwyn A.C., 82 pts., 2; Watford H., 106 pts., 3.

KENT (7½ miles, at Aylesford).—R. Forster (Aylesford Paper Mills S.C.), 41:10, 1; A. J. Weeks-Pearson (Blackheath H.), 41:27, 2; R. Houghton (Orpington A.C.), 41:45, 3. TEAMS.—Blackheath H. (holders), 55 pts., 1; Aylesford Paper Mills S.C., 108 pts., 2; Cambridge H., 176 pts., 3.

LANCASHIRE (8 miles, at Great Lever, Bolton).—F. Norris (Bolton U.H.), 36:50, 1; K. Gates (Liverpool Pembroke H.), 37:18, 2; J. Haslam (Bolton), 37:39, 3; R. Beecroft (Clayton le Moor), 37:40, 4; G. A. North (Blackpool and Fylde), 37:51, 5; J. Robinson (Pembroke), 38:20, 6.

MIDDLESEX (7½ miles, at Cockfosters).—K. L. Norris (Thames Valley H.) (holder), 40:18, 1; C. W. Suddaby (Achilles Club), 40:34, 2; M. L. Barratt (Ealing H.), 40:47, 3; H. J. Hicks (Hampstead H.), 41:2, 4; T. Harwood (Queen's Park H.), 41:5, 5; J. S. Evans (Polytechnic H.), 41:12, 6. TEAMS.—Thames Valley H. (holders), 1, 10, 15, 16, 18, 22=82 pts., 1; Finchley H., 6, 12, 24, 29, 30, 33=134 pts., 2; Polytechnic H., 5, 13, 19, 20, 41, 47=145 pts., 3; Highgate H., 158 pts., 4; Hampstead H., 214 pts., 5; Queen's Park H., 271 pts., 6.

STAFFORDSHIRE (6 miles, at Wolverhampton).—G. Rhodes (North Staffs. H.), 34:32, 1; R. Hatton (Birchfield H.), 35:21, 2; C. Kemball (Wolverhampton H.), 35:36, 3; K. Rickhuss (Tipton H.), 35:47, 4; C. Ruston (Wolverhampton H.), 35:53, 5; D. Mathews (Stourbridge and Wordsley H.), 35:57, 6. TEAMS.—North Staffs. H., 74 pts., 1; Wolverhampton H., 93 pts., 2; Stourbridge and Wordsley H., 112 pts., 3.

SURREY (7½ miles, at Caterham).—P. B. Driver (S. London H.), 47:45, 1; K. Caulder (Surrey A.C.), 48:11, 2; M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.), 49:3, 3; B. T. Barrett (Surrey A.C.), 49:31, 4; R. S. Clark (Herne Hill H.), 49:34, 5; H. Boyd (Herne Hill H.), 49:34, 6. TEAMS.—Herne Hill H., 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 25=63 pts., 1; South London H. (holders), 1, 8, 9, 18, 21, 27=84 pts., 2; Walton A.C., 7, 12, 16, 20, 22, 33=110 pts., 3.

SUSSEX (7½ miles, at Horsham).—H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.) (holder), 41:8, 1; M. Baker (Horsham Blue Star H.), 41:24, 2; H. Martin (Horsham Blue Star H.), 41:52, 3; P. Abrahams (Brighton A.C.), 42:16, 4; A. E. Foster (Brighton A.C.), 42:56, 5; B. Theurer (Brighton A.C.), 43:9, 6. TEAMS.—Brighton A.C. (holders), 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9=33 pts., 1; Horsham Blue Star H., 62 pts., 2; Bexhill A.A.C., 111 pts., 3.

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then watched the State lawn tennis championship final between Lewis Hoad and Ashley Cooper. The next day an Australian very popular in British athletic circles, Don MacMillan, ran a half mile race at Melbourne at 3.30 p.m. and married Miss Geva Donaldson at Christchurch, South Yarra, at 6 p.m.

The tactical pattern of Stephens' second win over the Hungarians on December 21 was interesting and exciting. It was a murky day and the rain came down steadily. Stephens took command of the race by the mile mark at which he headed Iharos in 4:42.0. Stephens breezed along for the next five laps with a masterfully steady pace. These laps were timed at 68.0, 68.0, 68.0, 66.0 and 67.0 secs. With three laps to go the only other Australian in contention was Dave Power, a 27 year old Wollongong bank clerk. In the tenth lap the Hungarian took over the lead from a seemingly wilting Stephens, who even fell behind Power. But in the eleventh lap it became plain to see that the "Flying Milkman" was playing possum and suddenly became revitalised to repass Power and get within five yards of Iharos at the bell. The Hungarian had just put in two laps of 67.0 and 66.0 secs.

Iharos held off two challenges by the Australian in the penultimate furlong.



Dave Stephens seen leading Sándor Iharos and László Tábori in a two mile race at Melbourne, on December 14. Stephens led right up to the last furlong but was beaten eventually by the Hungarians. (Associated Press)

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Stephens, however, gathered himself and surged into the lead in the middle of the back straight with a withering burst. The Hungarian's head jerked. It was all over. Stephens was timed at 13:37.6, Iharos at 13:42.3, and Power in a personal best time of 13:46.8. Stephens' last lap was an impressive 61.0 secs.

There was also great excitement in the mile, when John Douglas, third in the A.A.A. 880 yards last July, took the field through the first lap in 57.0 secs. Although Tábori was trying hard to slow things up from the front the half mile was reached in 1:59.6. The possibility of Landy's Southern Hemisphere and Australian open record of 4:02.0 being beaten went sour when Rózsavölgyi then in turn further eased the pace with 65.8 third lap to bring the bell time down to 3:05.4.

However, the excitement was not over, because Merv. Lincoln, of Melbourne University, still felt fresh so made a great bid to take the lead round the first turn on the last lap. But "Rózsa's" tremendous acceleration was equal to the challenge. Tábori came through in the slipstream to grab second place but Lincoln was full of fight and held his form gallantly right to the tape. Rózsavölgyi set a personal best of 4:03.0 and Tábori gained the decision for second place with 4:04.6, a time he shared with the 22 year old Lincoln who thereby hacked no less than 7.4 secs.

off his previous best personal time.

The exciting possibility of Australia having an Olympic favourite when the Games are being held in their country for the first time arose as a result of a significant return by John Landy. It took the specialist world record-holder Lon Spurrier of U.S.A. a great effort to beat the Geelong schoolmaster by inches in 1:51.8—a time only six-tenths outside Vernon Boot's Australian open record set when he won the Empire Games title at Sydney in 1938.

On January 7, after making his own pace Spurrier clipped 7.6 secs. off the Australian open 1,000 metres record at Melbourne to return 2:23.8.

## LANDY TOURS 3 MILES IN 13:39.0

Melbourne, January 14

World mile record-holder John Landy, 25, further probed his condition with a twinkling 13:39.0 3-mile tour here today. He thus sliced 21 secs. from his previous personal best of 14:00.0 (Melbourne on 1 Nov., 1952) made just before he came to fame.

Dave Stephens, who now finds that his illustrious countryman has closed to within 7.2 secs. of his own record of 13:32.8, will clash with Landy on the second day of the Victoria State Championships on Monday, January 30. Landy has declared his intention of testing his 19 month old world mile record of 3:58.0 at the Australian National Championships in March.

## NAGALAM ETHIRI-VEERASINGHAM 6' 7"

—According to an unconfirmed report Ceylon's high jumper, with the sesquipedalian name, made 6ft. 7in. in an exhibition high jump. Shadi Lal's Indian long jump record of 23ft. 7in. (1954) was beaten at Poona on December 4 by B. F. Britto, but the exact distance has not yet been reported.

V. V. Kolatchoff of Hong Kong is shortly publishing two statistical booklets: one on 1955 British Commonwealth and Empire performances (50 men and 30 women) and the other on Asia's best performers. The costs will range between 2s. and 5s. In order that the demand may be assessed, readers are invited to let *Athletics World* know by postcard if they would buy such booklets.