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STEPHENS 27:54.0 LANDY 3:58.6

(From J. H. Galli)

Dave Stephens won the Victorian 6 miles title in the sensational new world's record time of 27 mins. 54.0 secs. at Melbourne, January 25 (see photo). Thus, Emil Zátopek's mark of 27 mins. 59.2 secs. set *en route* to his world record 10,000 metres at Brussels in June 1954 was eclipsed by 5.2 secs.

We thus have a comparatively rare example of the record for a metric event being less good than its equivalent English distance. Eye witnesses agreed that Stephens was easily fresh enough to have run on the extra 376 yards to smash the Czech's 10,000 metres record had that been required of him.

The conditions were not ideal, there being a stiff breeze blowing down the back straight and the temperature was a little lower than even a distance runner would prefer. Furthermore, Stephens, in order to avoid an inner lane badly cut by previous events, ran a lane wide during most of the latter half of this championship. Some estimated that he lost as much as ten seconds by having to do this. The breakdown of this brilliant run was:—

1st Mile	70, 69, 69, 70	4:38.0
2nd Mile	69, 70, 69, 70	4:38.0
3rd Mile	71, 72, 71, 69	4:43.0
4th Mile	71, 70, 71, 69	4:41.0
5th Mile	70, 71, 70, 71.2	4:42.2
6th Mile	69.8, 70, 68, 64.0	4:31.8

Stephens' previous best six miles was 28:38.0 also at Melbourne, on January 16, 1955. His ruthless pace cracked Les Perry (29:27.0) and Geoff. Warren (29:39.8) who were thus 7 secs. and 37.8 secs. respectively short of their own previous best marks. Warren was the last to lose contact but Perry was the last to be lapped. Stephens' running was beautifully relaxed, and far from appearing in agony, he wore a "beatific smile" all the way.

Stephens' first remark was "I'm shocked at how easy it was," and then, "Zátopek will be pleased. He is my friend and teacher."

The full enormity of the new record is best appreciated by the fact the three



Dave Stephens during his astounding world record 6 mile run of 27:54.0 at Melbourne on January 25. (A.P.)

2-mile sections were run in 9:16.0; 9:24.0 and 9:14.0 while the two 3-mile sections were covered in 13:59.0 and 13:55.0. Stephens, now vies with Kuts as Olympic 10,000 metre favourite.

John Michael Landy, the 25-year-old world one mile record holder, recaptured his British Empire record from Roger Bannister at Melbourne's Olympic Park on January 28, when he wracked up a brilliant *third* sub-four minute mile and history's second fastest at 3 mins. 58.6 secs.

In the jostle for the first bend by the big field Landy dropped to last which meant he had to run wide around many runners to cover the first lap in 61.2 secs. with Mervyn Lincoln (61.8 secs.) $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards back. At the half-way mark Landy (2:01.0) was full ten yards clear from the 22-year-old Bachelor of Commerce (2:03.0). Lincoln, who possesses rugged but unrelaxed power, applied pressure with a 59.0 secs. third lap (3:02.0) but was still unable to get on terms with the fast-stepping Landy (3:00.9). After the bell the tempo rose even farther with the world record holder flashing past the 1,500 metres post in 3:43.2 with Lincoln pounding 8 yards behind to record 3:44.4 to equal Landy's previous record. By covering the last section in 15.4 secs. Landy showed that despite his 13 months of no races he could raise a 57.6 secs. last lap—the fastest in the still slender chronicles of sub-4 minute miling. Lincoln's last lap was 58.6 secs. and his total time 4:00.6, which hoisted him to No. 7 on the all-time list, indicating frightening potential. Third in 4:07.6 was Ron Clarke the astounding 18-year-old whose recent record reads:—

Mile	1,500m.	Place	Date
—	3:55.6	Melbourne	Dec. 7
4:15.6	—	Frankston	Dec. 26
4:11.8	—	Melbourne	Jan. 21
4:07.6	3:51.4	Melbourne	Jan. 28
4:06.8	3:49.2	Sydney	Feb. 1

Clarke, who became 19 on February 21, has thus rendered the American Jack Dianetti's 1947 under 19 "world record" of 4:12.0 obsolete.

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Sand and Cinders

After a meeting lasting eleven hours the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America decided to suspend Wesley Santee for life by a vote of 14 to 1.

The 23 year old marine Lieutenant gave evidence for nearly an hour. The alleged offences were that he had accepted about £540 "excess expenses" in respect of three specific meetings in California last season, -the Stockton Pacific A.A.U. Championships; the Coliseum Relays at Los Angeles and a meeting at Modesto. There were also allegations of expense irregularities in respect of earlier meetings at Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington.

Three officials were also suspended for life—Tom Moore, former President of the Pacific Association A.A.U.; Fred Van Dyke, a reigning vice-President of the same organisation; and Al Franken, who handled publicity for the South Pacific A.A.U.

Santee's lawyer stated that he was going to file an injunction either in the State Supreme Court (New York) or a Federal Court to restrain the A.A.U. from their action.

Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, criticised the ban on the floor of the Senate and referred to the A.A.U. expenses rules as "decadent."

A few hours after the original pronouncement the secretary-treasurer of the A.A.U., Mr. Dan Ferris, put out a statement warning promoters of meetings that if they invited Santee to run they would lose A.A.U. sanction "for ever." Athletes were also warned that if they appeared at the same meeting as Santee they would "jeopardise" their own amateur status.

The rumpus caused by the Santee suspension can fairly be said to have outstripped that caused in 1912 in respect of Jim Thorpe the pentathlon and decathlon winner at the Stockholm Olympic Games and the dramatic suspension of Gunder Hägg and Arne Andersson in Sweden in 1945.

Divorced from all personalities, this affair, in which none can rejoice, serves as valuable food for thought. The earliest references to the word 'amateur', used in the sense here understood, were in 1801 and 1803. The original justification for any distinction between amateur and professional is often lost sight of. It was simply that if a man devoted a considerable part of his working day to achieving prowess at a sport he

might well become so proficient that his participation would discourage that of spare time ('amateur') performers. The virtue of sport was that it should be available for the enjoyment of the tens of thousands who could only give leisure hours to it. The existence of professionals would discourage mass participation by making the destination of such prizes and honours the sport had to offer a foregone conclusion.

It seems to us inevitable that when a man reaches world class his performances naturally attract public interest and publicity promoters will vie one with the other for the promise of his appearance. Payment, direct or indirect for appearance, then, only affects a tiny handful of all the serried ranks of athletes the world over. However, an athlete by joining a club that is affiliated to an amateur governing body makes a contract to be bound by and to keep as faithfully as possible their rules. The better the athlete the greater in quantity and in frequency are temptations put in his path. If

he wishes to yield to them, morally his correct course of action is first to release himself from his contract. This line of action, however, is not feasible because there is virtually no outlet in professional athletics. Rugby Union football is fortunate in Great Britain in that it has a sister game—Rugby League football that is ready to take on as professionals any good Union players who feel they must be paid. The absence of any parallel alternative in track and field athletics exacerbates the situation.

By accepting "appearance money" or other excessive perquisites for himself an athlete is preventing the ploughing back of money to his sport and in that respect is indulging selfishly in the deprivation of facilities for those less accomplished than himself. Amateurism is a state of mind.

Much pressure, a lot of it from the popular press, clamours for the obliteration of amateur rules. In our view, however, sociologically speaking, the continuance of the amateur state of mind is of the utmost importance, particularly when it is so frequently lost sight of that track and field athletics should be an enjoyable recreational pursuit rather than an obsessional aim.

FIFTH ANNUAL RANKINGS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Athletics World presents the first instalment of its fifth annual rankings of the Top Six United Kingdom athletes in each event. These rankings were first published for the 1951 season. Placings depend upon best performances (actual rather than potential) and win-loss records. The lists are *not* an exhaustive catalogue of each ranked athlete's performances, but include all those which are best and have significance.

e = estimated time.

m = mark made at metric distance.

w = wind assisted mark.

— = straightaway track.

100 YARDS (and 100 metres)

1951		1952	
1. Bailey		1. Bailey	
2. Shenton		2. Shenton	
3. Ellis		3. Jack	
4. Gregory		4. Gregory	
5. Pinnington		5. Lillington	
6. Wilkinson		6. Pinnington	
1953		1954	
1. Bailey		1. Ellis	
2. Shenton		2. Jones	
3. Jones		3. Shenton	
4. Jack		4. Box	
5. Lillington		5. Sandstrom	
6. Ellis		6. Lillington	

1st: Michael James RUDDY

(b. 12.i.1936)	
9.9w 1st	Leyton 4/5
10.0 2nd	White City 21/5
9.9w 1st	Belfast 11/6
10.0 1st	Chatham 29/6
11.1m 2nd	Stockholm 7/7
10.1 1st	Coventry 27/8
10.9m 2nd	G.B. v France 3/9
10.8m 2nd	G.B. v Czechs. 14/9
9.7w 2nd	Birmingham 24/9
9.9 2nd	London v Prague 12/10
10.2 2nd	Manchester 15/10

2nd: Eric Roy SANDSTROM

(b. 11.ix.1931)	
10.0 2nd	Leyton 4/5
10.4 1st	A.A.A. v N.C.A.A. 18/6
10.0 1st	Southern 25/6
10.2 1st	Motspur Park 29/6
9.8 1st	R.A.F. Champs. 6/7
10.0 1st	A.A.A. 16/7
9.8w 1st	Inter Services 20/7
10.1 2nd	A.A.A. v Eastern Counties 23/7
10.1 3rd	G.B. v Germany 30/7
10.0 2nd	G.B. v Hungary 12/8
10.0 1st	Edinburgh H. Games 20/8
10.2 2nd	Coventry 27/8
10.9m 4th	G.B. v France 3/9

10.7m 3rd	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
10.9m 3rd	G.B. v Czechs.	14/9
10.1 3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
9.7w 3rd	Birmingham	24/9
10.3 3rd	Manchester	15/10

3rd: Kenneth James BOX

(b. 1.xii.1930)		
10.0w 1st	A.A.A. v O.U.A.C.	12/5
10.0 1st	Manchester	21/5
10.1 1st	Loughborough	7/5
10.2 1st	Inter County (10.0sf)	28/5
10.1 2nd	British Games	30/5
10.1 1st	Lancs. Champs.	4/6
10.0 1st	Oxford	16/6
9.9 1st	Manchester	22/6
9.9 1st	N.C.A.A.	25/6
	injured.	

4th: Brian SHENTON (b. 15.iii.1927)

10.3 4th	British Games	30/5
9.9w 1st	Kinnaird	18/6
10.1 2nd	Chatham	29/6
	A.A.A. (eliminated in heat)	15/7
10.1 3rd	G.B. v Hungary	12/8
10.0 1st	City Charities	31/8
10.7m 4th	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
10.0 3rd	London v Prague	12/10
10.5 1st	Manchester	15/10

5th: Alan Charles THOMAS

(b. 19.iii.1937)		
10.2 1st	L.A.C. Schools	23/4
10.2 1st	London v Paris Sch.	30/4
10.0 1st	A.A.A. heat	15/7
10.0 1st	A.A.A. semi-final	15/7
10.1 3rd	A.A.A.	16/7

6th: Adrian BREACKER (b.)

10.3 2nd	Scots A.A.A.	25/6
10.2 1st	Army Champs.	2/7
9.9w 2nd	Inter Services	20/7
9.9w 1st	British Games	13/8
10.4 4th	Coventry	27/8
10.0 1st	Carshalton	17/9
10.1 4th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
10.5 4th	Manchester	15/10

220 YARDS (and 200 Metres)

1951		1952	
1. Bailey		1. Bailey	
2. Stacey		2. Stacey	
3. Shenton		3. Shenton	
4. Ellis		4. Jack	
5. Wilkinson		5. Ferguson	
6. Lewis		6. Gregory	
1953		1954	
1. Bailey		1. Ellis	
2. Shenton		2. Shenton	
3. Gibbs		3. Gibbs	
4. Jones		4. Jones	
5. Jack		5. Ruddy	
6. Ferguson		6. = Sexton	
		6. = Fryer	



Ken Norris, the winner of the 12 kilometres cross country race at San Sebastian, Spain on January 29. His time was 39:37.4. (A.P.)

1st: Michael James RUDDY

(b. 12.i.1936)	
21.6m 1st	Woodford (21.6m ht.) 7/5
22.2 1st	A.A.A. v O.U.A.C. 12/5
22.2 1st	Caledonian Games 21/5
22.0 1st	British Games 28/5
22.3 2nd	Inter County (21.8 ht.) 30/5
21.4 1st	Belfast 11/6
21.6 1st	Kinnaird Trophy 18/6
22.0 2nd	Southern 25/6
22.3 1st	Chatham 29/6
21.9m 2nd	Stockholm 6/7
22.1 4th	A.A.A. (21.9n sf) 16/7
22.0 1st	Glasgow Rangers 6/8

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21.7	3rd	G.B. v Hungary	13/8
21.6m	3rd	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
21.9m	2nd	G.B. v Czechs.	15/9
21.8	1st	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
21.5	1st	Birmingham (21.9 ht.)	24/9
21.4m	2nd	Bucharest (21.7 ht. and 21.7 sf)	3/10
21.6	1st	London v Prague	12/10
22.1	1st	Manchester	15/10
2nd: Clayton Neville GIBBS (b. 6.vi.1929)			
21.9m	2nd	Woodford	7/5
21.5	2nd	Staveley	21/5
22.3	2nd	Inter-County	28/5
22.2	1st	British Games (21.7 ht.)	30/5
22.0	1st	Surrey	4/6
21.7	2nd	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
21.8m	2nd	Amsterdam	19/6
21.6	1st	Southern	25/6
22.2m	3rd	Stockholm	6/7
22.2	5th	A.A.A. (21.7 sf)	16/7
3rd: George Stuart ELLIS (b. 7.ix.1932)			
22.5	4th	Inter County	30/5
22.0	1st	Oxford	16/6
22.4	2nd	Northern	25/6
21.7	2nd	A.A.A. sf (22.0 ht.)	15/7
22.0	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
22.5	4th	G.B. v Germany	1/8
22.9	1st	Coventry	27/8
21.7m	1st	G.B. v France	4/9
21.7m	4th	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
22.2	3rd	G.B. v Czechs	15/9
22.3	4th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
4th: Brian SHENTON (b. 15.iii.1927)			
22.3	3rd	British Games	28/5
22.5	1st	A.A.A. v U.L.A.C.	8/6
22.1	1st	London Insurance	28/6
22.8	1st	A.A.A. v Wales	9/7
21.8	3rd	A.A.A. sf.	15/7
22.3	6th	A.A.A.	16/7
22.3	2nd	Glasgow Rangers	6/8
21.9	1st	Edinburgh H. Games	20/8
22.0	1st	City Charities	31/8
22.0	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
22.2	2nd	Birmingham	24/9
22.2	3rd	London v Prague	12/10
22.2	2nd	Manchester	15/10
5th: William HENDERSON (b. 7.vi.1928)			
22.3	1st	Glasgow Police	4/6
22.7	1st	Scots A.A.A.	25/6
21.7	1st	A.A.A. sf (21.9 ht.)	15/7
22.1	3rd	A.A.A.	16/7
22.4	3rd	G.B. v Germany	1/8
22.5	3rd	Glasgow Rangers	6/8
22.3	4th	G.B. v Hungary	13/8
22.0	2nd	Edinburgh H. Games	20/8
22.0m	3rd	G.B. v France	4/9
6th: Robert Gwilym ROBERTS (b. 6.iv.1934)			
22.2	1st	Cambridge	11/4
21.9	1st	Oxford v Cambridge	16/4

21.9	1st	C.U.A.C. v A.A.A.	24/5
22.1	1st	O. & C. v Yale-W. Point	11/5
22.5	1st	A.A.A. v N.C.A.A.	18/6
440 YARDS (and 400 Metres)			
1951		1952	
1.	Wint	1.	Wint
2.	Pugh	2.	Dick
3.	Higgins, T. L.	3.	Higgins, T. L.
4.	Higgins, F. P.	4.	Lewis
5.	Lewis	5.	Stacey
6.	Johnson	6.	Fryer
1953		1954	
1.	Fryer	1.	Johnson
2.	Smith	2.	Fryer
3.	Sexton	3.	Dick
4.	Dick	4.	Higgins, F. P.
5.	Wint	5.	Higgins, T. L.
6.	Rawe	6.	Wheeler
1st: Michael Keith Valentine WHEELER (b. 14.ii.1935)			
49.1	1st	Imber Court	7/5
48.3	1st	Inter County (s.f.)	28/5
49.1	3rd	Inter County	30/5
49.4	1st	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
48.7m	1st	Rotterdam	3/7
48.2	1st	A.A.A. sf.	15/7
47.7	2nd	A.A.A.	16/7
48.8	3rd	G.B. v Germany	30/7
48.8	1st	Glasgow Rangers	6/8
48.3	1st	G.B. v Hungary	12/8
49.1	1st	Coventry	27/8
47.7m	1st	G.B. v France	3/9
47.4m	2nd	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
47.2me	1st	G.B. v Czechs. (45.9 for 390m.)	14/9
2nd: Peter Goodwin FRYER (b. 2.vii.1928)			
49.4	1st	A.A.A. v U.L.A.C.	8/6
47.7	1st	A.A.A. (48.8 sf.)	16/7
48.2	2nd	G.B. v Germany	30/7
48.8	3rd	G.B. v Hungary	12/8
49.1	1st	Edinburgh H. Games	20/8
48.1m	4th	G.B. v France	3/9
48.1m	3rd	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
48.2me	3rd	G.B. v Czechs. (46.9 for 390m.)	19/9
48.4	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
49.0	2nd	Birmingham	24/9
48.7m	1st	Copenhagen	1/10
49.2	1st	London v Prague	12/10
3rd: Derek James Neville JOHNSON (b. 5.i.1933)			
49.5	1st	Oxford v Cambridge	16/4
49.3	1st	O.U.A.C. v A.A.A.	12/5
48.3	1st	British Games	30/5
48.4	1st	Inter County	30/5
48.3	1st	O. & C. v Yale-W. Point	11/6
48.5	1st	Oxford	16/6
49.4	1st	Chatham	29/6
49.4	1st	Croydon	9/7
4th: John Derek WRIGHTON (b. 10.iii.1933)			
49.7	2nd	Cambridge	11/4
49.4	1st	U.A.U.	21/5

48.7	2nd	Inter County	30/5
49.9	2nd	A.A.A. v U.L.A.C.	8/6
48.9	1st	Southern	25/6
49.0	1st	Motspur Park	15/6
48.9	1st	Southgate	2/7
48.6m	2nd	Saarbrucken	10/7
48.7	4th	A.A.A.	16/7
48.9	3rd	F.I.S.U.	/8
48.8	1st	City Charities	31/8
48.8	4th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
49.9	2nd	London v Prague	12/10
49.6	1st	Manchester	15/10
5th: Francis Peter HIGGINS (b. 16.xi.1928)			
49.4m	1st	Woodford	7/5
50.6	2nd	A.A.A. v O.U.A.C.	24/5
49.2	4th	Inter County	30/5
50.2	1st	Glasgow Police	4/6
49.1	1st	Northern	25/6
48.2m	3rd	Stockholm	7/7
48.5	3rd	A.A.A. (48.8 ht.)	16/7
49.1	3rd	Birmingham	24/9
6th: Terence Langley HIGGINS (b. 18.i.1928)			
49.6	1st	Caledonian Games	21/5
49.7	2nd	British Games	30/5
49.9	6th	Inter County	30/5
49.4	1st	Surrey	4/6
49.8	2nd	Brockman	9/7
48.8	5th	A.A.A.	16/7
49.1	5th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
880 YARDS (and 800 Metres)			
1951		1952	
1.	Wint	1.	Wint
2.	Parlett	2.	Webster
3.	Bannister	3.	Bannister
4.	Evans	4.	Evans
5.	Webster	5.	White
6.	Morley	6.	Day
1953		1954	
1.	Bannister	1.	Johnson
2.	Scott	1.	Bannister
3.	Hewson	2.	Hewson
4.	Nankeville	3.	Henderson
5.	Grogan	4.	Aylett
6.	Law	5.	Boyd
		6.	Day
1st: Brian Stanford HEWSON (b. 4.iv.1933)			
1:52.5	1st	Leyton	4/5
1:50.6	relay leg	Tooting	23/5
1:49.6m		Hengelo	1/6
1:52.5	1st	Aldershot	2/7
1:48.9	2nd	G.B. v Germany	1/8
1:49.3	2nd	Glasgow Rangers	6/8
1:48.6	1st	G.B. v Hungary	13/8
1:48.2m	1st	G.B. v Czechs.	15/9
1:48.8	1st	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
2nd: Derek James Neville JOHNSON (b. 5.i.1933)			
1:52.5	1st	Oxford v Cambridge	16/4
1:53.7	1st	O.U.A.C. Sports	29/4
1:53.3m	1st	Woodford	7/5
1:54.0	1st	O.U.A.C. v A.A.A.	12/5

1:50.0	1st	Oxford	24/5
1:52.1	1st	British Games	28/5
1:50.8	1st	Dublin	15/6
1:52.8	1st	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
1:49.3m	2nd	Stockholm	6/7
1:50.1m	1st	Stockholm	7/7
1:51.4	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
1:52.1	1st	Darlington	20/7
1:50.3	2nd	Dublin	21/7
1:48.7	1st	G.B. v Germany	1/8
1:49.7	3rd	Glasgow	6/8
1:49.8m	1st	G.B. v France	4/9
1:48.9m	3rd	G.B. v U.S.S.R.	11/9
1:51.2m	3rd	G.B. v Czechs.	15/9

3rd: Ronald Dryden HENDERSON
(b. 13.v.1934)

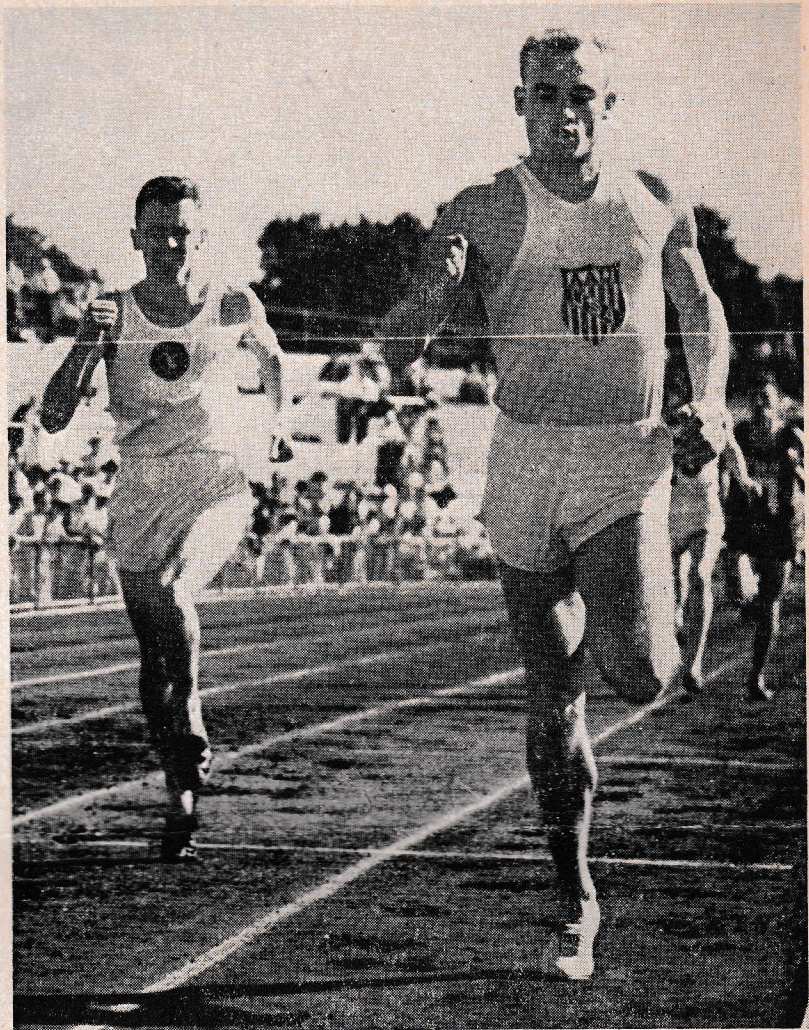
1:54.5	2nd (ht)	Inter County	28/5
1:55.2	5th (f)	Inter County	30/5
1:56.4	3rd	Glasgow Police	4/6
2:00.4	1st	A.A.A. v N.C.A.A.	18/6
1:53.6	2nd	N.C.A.A.	25/6
1:55.1	1st	A.A.A. v Wales	9/7
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1:54.0m	4th	G.B. v Moscow	11/9

4th: Donald Cameron Easterbrook
GORRIE (b. 2.iv.1933)

1:53.7	2nd	Oxford v Cambridge	16/4
1:55.8	2nd	O.U.A.C. v A.A.A.	12/5
1:52.8	1st	U.A.U.	21/5
1:53.4	2nd	Oxford	24/5
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1:52.7	1st	Dunfermline	30/6
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1:53.5m		Sarpsborg	/9
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1:59.5	3rd	London v Prague	12/10
1:53.8	2nd	Oxford	15/11

5th: Jock Vivian BEESLEY
(b. 30.xi.1929)

1:54.3	3rd	Oxford v Cambridge	16/4
1:52.6	1st	C.U.A.C. v A.A.A.	24/5
1:53.5	5th	British Games	28/5
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1:51.3m	4th	Stockholm	6/7
1:51.6m		Stockholm	7/7
1:55.5	2nd	A.A.A. v Wales	9/7



Lon Spurrier seen winning the invitation 1,000 metres at Olympic Park, Melbourne on January 7 in a new Australian record time of 2:23.7. Mervyn Lincoln was a close second. (A.P.)

1:50.3m	1st	Ely	1/8
1:53.2m		Gothenburg	30/8
1:51.5m	1st	Oslo (1:52.3y)	5/9
1:56.9m		Sarpsborg	/9
6th=:		David Charles LAW (b. 9.ix.1930)	
1:51.6e	3rd	Dublin	21/7
1:51.7m	4th	Oslo (1:52.5y)	5/9
1:53.4	5th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
6th=:		Ronald Thomas George DAY (b. 24.iv.1932)	
1:56.3	2nd	Southern Champs.	24/6
1:56.0	1st	Chiswick	17/8
1:54.5m	5th	Gothenburg	31/8
1:57.0m	1st	Skövde	2/9
1:51.6m	3rd	Oslo (1:52.2y)	5/9
1:52.5m	2nd	Sarpsborg	8/9
1:52.7	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9

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220 Yards:—Simpson's 22.3 was at Nottingham, Aug. 20.
440 Yards:—51.2 D. Wells (Dorking St. Paul's A.C. & A.T.C.), A.T.C. Championships, July 23; 51.4 D. Searle (Ilford A.C.), Ilford, August 20.
120 Yards Hurdles:—Montgomery's mark (Cambuslang H.A.C.) was on July 2.
Discus:—148' 4" A. Hooker (Ilford C.H.S. & Ilford A.C.), Ilford, June 11; 146' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " W. McDowell (Worksop College), Manchester, May 28; 141' 0" (y) M. R. Lindsay (Queens Park H.), Woodford, June 14; Yaxley's mark was at Charlton Park, and not at Cambridge.
Javelin:—191' 10" C. S. Southgate (Old Fullarians A.C.), Watford, June 21.

BOOK REVIEWS

BRITAIN FAILS TO KEEP PACE

By NORRIS McWHIRTER

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS, by Bresnahan of Tuttle and Cretzmeyer. Published by the C.V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Missouri. This newly arrived fourth Edition of a book well-known in coaching circles as the Gospel of St. Bresnahan and the Blessed Tuttle, was first published in 1937 and revised in 1947. The early editions of the book were regarded in the nature of a classic, but nowadays the multitude of excellent coaching books tend to make it just another coaching book. Nonetheless, strenuous efforts have been made to bring the book up to date, particularly in the shot putt in which there are some excellent drawings of the step back style, pioneered by world record holder Parry O'Brien. In the section on straddle jumping however, one notices that the "ideal form" at the high point still persists with the leading arm cocked up in a way which is not currently regarded as ideal. The adverse exchange rate of \$2.80 to the £1 makes the retail price of this 528 page manual very nearly £2. Nonetheless one is delighted that this fine book has been brought up to date and it is one which no student of athletic technique can afford to do without.

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1956 HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ANNUAL by Dick Bank (published by Track and Field News, \$1.00).

This 32 page booklet constitutes a great step forward in the hitherto uncharted waters of junior statistics. The event-by-event all time best lists for U.S. High School athletes makes reading which is both fascinating and frightening. It is to be hoped that Dick Bank's great work will be the forerunner of the compilation of world's best performances for all age brackets between say 20 and 14.

Last May our annual survey of the ever advancing standards of performance in track and field athletics covered the period 1930-1954. We now bring the picture up to date as we enter the season of the third post-war Olympic celebration.

The chart shows both world and British standards at an all-time high of 1,350 and 1,097 points respectively. The pointages represent the average of international scoring points for the top world and the top United Kingdom 1955 exponent in each of the 18 measurable events, viz.: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 metres; 110 metres and 400 metres hurdles; the 3,000 metres steeplechase and the eight standard field events, making 18 in all.

It may be argued that world standards cannot be reflected merely by the peak mark achieved in each season in each event but in fact these performances represent the pinnacle of a whole pyramid of performances. Looking at the graph so produced we find that the Olympic year of 1936 was the pre-war peak, but despite the break in continuity caused by the war this total of 1,155 points was surpassed in 1947 (1,160 points). In the post Olympic season of 1949 and that of 1951 there were recessions, but otherwise each succeeding season has brought forth a new peak.

Turning to the Great Britain graph we see that, apart from the lift provided by the unaccustomedly fine conditions provided for the 19-man team at the Los Angeles Olympics of 1932, the pre-war trend was surely but slowly upward until the outbreak of World War II truncated the 1939 season. It was not till 1949 that the 1938 level was surpassed but progress

has been steady in each of the ten post-war seasons. However, in 1955, despite its already giddy heights, the world graph climbed 18 points and the United Kingdom graph only 8 points due mainly to the unsustained levels in the pole vault, long jump and shot putt.

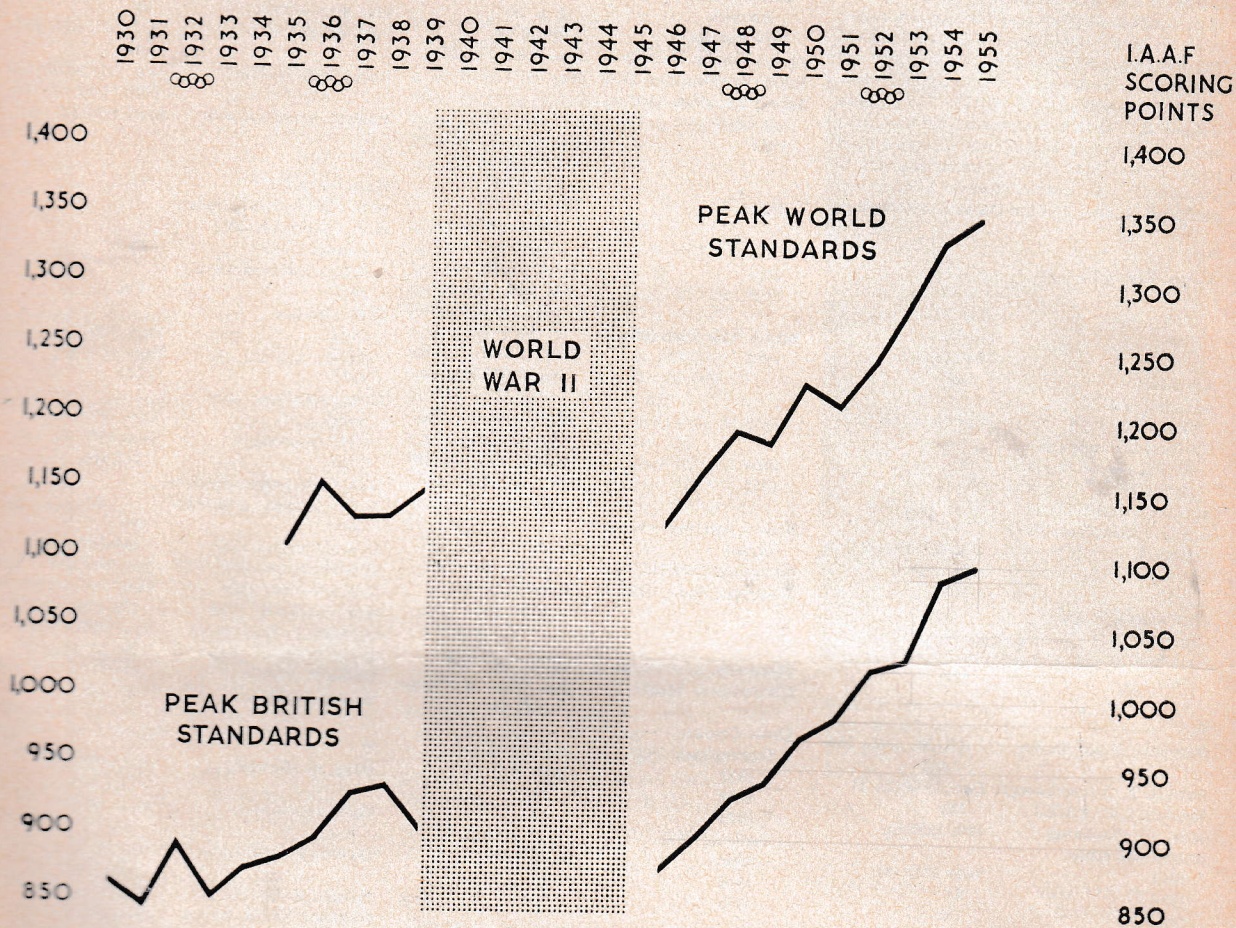
Neither of the 1955 advances compares with the 1954 record annual increment of 46 points for the world (1,286 to 1,332) and 61 points for Great Britain (1,028 to 1,089). Thus entering the 1956 season we find the British national standard 253 points in arrears of the peak world standard, compared with 243 points in 1954. Translated into more qualitative terms, it could be said that our national standard was in relation to the world's topmost exponents as a 4:00.3 mile is to one run in 4:10.3. Time of course must always be on the side of the lower of two asymptotic curves.

My second table gives a better perspective to national progress since the average of the top ten performances achieved in each event each season are listed for the nine seasons since 1947 with 1939 thrown in for comparison.

It will be seen that all-time highs have been secured in 14 of the 18 events listed with only the short sprint and three of the jumps lagging. Landmarks in 1955 were (1) the miling average descending below 4 min. 5 sec. (2) a drop of nearly two-tenths in the hurdles (3) the discus average over 150 ft. for the 1st. time (4) the hammer average surpassing the pre-war English native record, the sixth event to do so, and (5) the surpassing of 210 feet in the javelin.

Year	100 Yards	220 Yds. (turn)	440 Yards	880 Yards	One Mile	Three Miles	Six Miles	120 Yds. Hurdles	440 Yds. Hurdles
1939	9.96	22.02	49.53	1:55.0	4:16.9	14:23.4		15.43	57.69
1947	9.98	22.00	49.80	1:55.9	4:22.2	14:33.0	(31:30.0)	15.80	58.50
1948	9.96	22.18	49.28	1:55.5	4:16.8	14:27.0	(31:05.0)	15.30	(58.00)
1949	9.93	21.96	49.28	1:54.1	4:13.7	14:28.7	30:57.4	15.30	56.06
1950	9.85	21.98	48.93	1:53.7	4:12.9	14:19.7	30:57.5	15.19	55.79
1951	9.92	21.75	48.87	1:53.7	4:11.3	14:09.5	30:18.9	14.99	55.62
1952	9.92	21.96	48.79	1:53.6	4:10.8	14:00.4	29:34.2	14.98	54.73
1953	9.96	22.06	49.11	1:53.3	4:08.0	13:57.4	29:13.0	15.06	54.59
1954	9.89	21.88	48.75	1:51.7	4:05.3	13:44.9	28:59.4	15.05	54.52
1955	9.90	21.74	48.67	1:51.1	4:04.6	13:36.2	28:54.2	14.79	54.28

WITH WORLD'S 1955 PROGRESS



Steeple-chase	High Jump	Pole Vault	Long Jump	Hop, Step and Jump	Shot Putt	Discus Throw	Hammer Throw	Javelin Throw	Year
	6' 1"	11' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	23' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	44' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	43' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	133' 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	143' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	181' 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	1939
	6' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	10' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22' 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	44' 6"	43' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	137' 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	146' 0"	178' 0"	1947
(10:41.0)	6' 1"	11' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	45' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	43' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	134' 9"	151' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	184' 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	1948
10:37.4	6' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	11' 8"	23' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	45' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	45' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	137' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	154' 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	187' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1949
10:33.0	6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	11' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	23' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	46' 4"	46' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	142' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	161' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	192' 0"	1950
10:29.5	6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	12' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	23' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	46' 2"	46' 9"	143' 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	160' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	191' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	1951
10:17.0	6' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	12' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	23' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	46' 10"	46' 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	142' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	165' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	196' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	1952
10:18.8	6' 2"	12' 7"	23' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	46' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	46' 8"	144' 8"	169' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	202' 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	1953
9:12.9m	6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	12' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	23' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	46' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	47' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	147' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	171' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	204' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1954
9:05.8m	6' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	12' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	23' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	47' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	47' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	151' 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	174' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	210' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	1955

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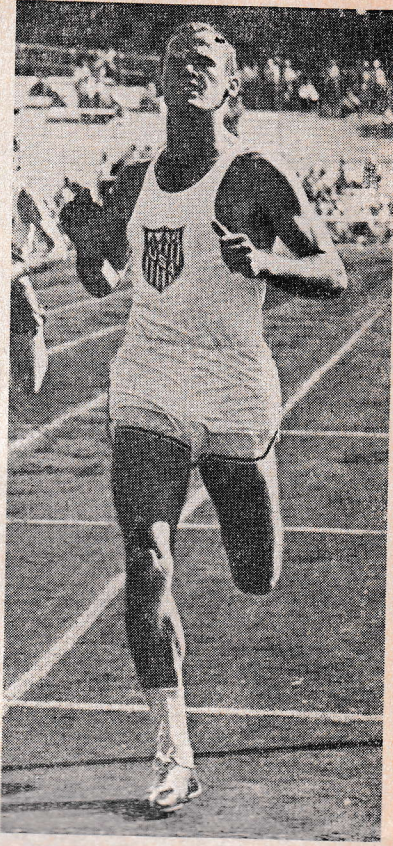
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SIME 9.5, REAVIS 6ft. 10ins.

By ROBERTO QUERCETANI

The 1956 U.S. indoor season was off to a surprisingly fast start in January, and in more than one event old-timers were "edged" by oncoming novices.

Only a month ago few Olympic forecasters, if any, would have mentioned sprinters Dave Sime and George Sydnor, hurdler Lee Calhoun and high jumper Phil Reavis as prospective visitors to Melbourne next November. Now, even allowing for the fact that indoor performances are not always confirmed outdoors, these four newcomers have established themselves as Olympic prospects.

Dave Sime (he curiously pronounces his name Sim) came up with an indoor best of 9.5 for 100 yards on a flat board track at Washington, D.C., on January 21. For reasons unknown to us, Mike Agostini's 9.6 of 1954 on the same track never was approved as a record by the A.A.U., so that the mark listed as indoor best is still Louis Clarke's 9.8 of 1924. In the Washington Star Games, Sime also won the 70 yards in 7.0 and the 80 yards in 8.0. In these races he showed his heels to men like Olympic champion Andy Stanfield and Pan-American champion Rod Richard. Sime is a 19-year-old, white dashman, 6ft. 2in. tall and weighing 185 pounds. Being a sophomore at Duke University (Durham, N.C.) he is what the Americans call a "sophenom." Last year his best marks outdoors were 9.6 and 21.1

George Sydnor, a member of the powerful Villanova team which seems to dominate the indoor picture this year, won the sprints in the two Boston meetings (January 14 and 28). His best time, 5.4 for 50 yards, may not seem really great (best-on-record mark for the distance is Barney Ewell's 5.1 of 1939, which however is listed by the A.A.U. only as a "noteworthy performance"; the shortest sprint distance considered for record purposes being the 60 yards "dash"), but he too beat Richard and Stanfield, not to count poor Remigino, who has never won a major title in U.S.A. and could aptly be referred to by U.S. announcers as "merely an Olympic champion."

Lee Calhoun, a little collegian from North Carolina who, back in 1954, served with the U.S. Army in the Far East, begins to loom as an heir apparent to the throne of the long reigning king

of indoor hurdlers, Harrison ("Bones") Dillard. Calhoun beat the veteran Olympian by inches at Philadelphia on January 20, equalling Dillard's indoor record for 50 yards with a scintillating 6.0. "Bones" was out for revenge at Boston on January 28 but had to withdraw from the final with a lame right leg. Calhoun won the 45 yards there in 5.6 from Charles Pratt (a 13.9 man outdoors) and Lou Knight, a Mahattanite hailing from Jamaica.

Another Villanova College star, Phil Reavis, has been the best high jumper so far. He began with 6ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. at Boston on January 14 and went on to clear 6ft. 10in. at Philadelphia six days later, moving to third on the All Time indoor (board take-off) list after Ken Wiesner (6ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) and Herm Wyatt (6ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.). On January 28 at Boston, Reavis met California's great Ernie Shelton and the two tied for first at 6ft. 9in. Boston-bred Phil first appeared on the scene in 1954, when he cleared 6ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. as a Somerville High School youngster, then barely 17. He reached national prominence last year with a 6ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. clearance indoors.

Ronnie Delaney of Eire, so far the only big star from abroad to compete indoors this year, won the season's first top-class mile race at Boston, January 28, with a fine 4:06.3. Only four men (Nielsen, Santee, Dodds and Dwyer) have run faster than the 21-year-old Irishman on regulation banked board tracks. Delaney, who was such a surprise with his 1:50.2 800 metres in the Berne prelims back in 1954, won after a great finishing burst from Len Truex (8 yards back, time not known yet), Joe Deady and . . . Wes Santee. This last, however, was making his first indoor start of the season after suffering a leg injury.

Bob Richards was as supreme as ever in the pole vault. He added three more units to his unique collection of 15-foot vaults, his best—15ft. 3in.—being achieved, as usual, on the good Philadelphia boards on January 20. In this meeting another Villanovan, 21-year-old Don Bragg, was second at 15ft. 0in.—the second 15-foot clearance of his meteoric career (he won the N.C.A.A. title at 15ft. 1in. last year in Los Angeles). Mid-westerners Don Laz and Jerry Welbourn tied for third at 14ft. 10in.

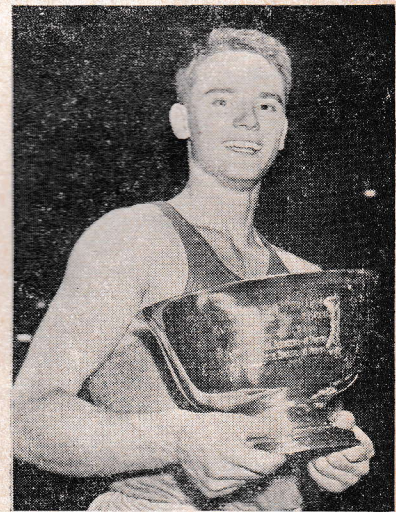
Other prominent stars in these early season meetings were Charles Jenkins (600 yards in 1:11.4), Tom Courtney (1,000 yards in 2:11.9) and above all Arnie Sowell, who clocked a fantastic 1:48.6 half-mile in a relay at Boston on January 14. This latter performance on a short indoor circuit would sound incredible if one did not remember that Sowell ran a 45.4 quarter in an outdoor relay race last year. Here is in fact a man to watch (or should we say *the* man to watch) for the Olympic 800 metres.

Horace Ashenfelter is still the No. 1 specialist in the long grind department, his best two-mile mark so far being 9:01.1.

On a bitterly cold afternoon at New York, January 7, George Shaw broad jumped 24ft. 9in.: this was at Columbia's South Field, hence outdoors, but on a broad runway.

Best shot putter so far is Ken Bantum of Manhattan College, who heaved the 16-pound ball 56ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. at West Point on January 21.

NEW DASHMAN'S INDOOR 9.5 secs.



Dave Sime, 19 year old Duke University sophomore, holding his trophy after setting a new indoor world 100 yards record of 9.5 secs. in the Washington Star Games on January 21st. He also won the 70 and 80 yards races, and beat Stanfield in all three events. (Planet News)

INDOOR MILES PROGRESSION LIST

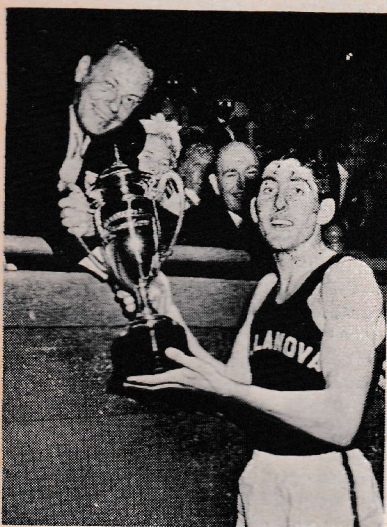
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4:19.8	H. L. Trube	1909
4:18.8	Oscar Hedlund	1913
4:18.2	Abel Kiviat	1913
4:16.0	J. W. Overton	1917
4:14.6	Joie Ray	1919
4:12.0	Paavo Nurmi (Finland)	1925
4:12.0	Joie Ray	1925
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4:06.4	Gilbert Dodds	1944
4:05.3	Gilbert Dodds	1948
4:03.8	Wesley Santee	1955
4:03.6	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	1955



America's Dave Sime winning the Millrose Games 60 yard dash in 6.2 secs.—one tenth outside the world indoor record. 2nd was John Haines and 3rd George Syndor.
(A.P.)

O'BRIEN REACHES 61ft.5ins!



Ronald Delaney of Dublin after winning the Wanamaker mile in 4:09.5 at the Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden on February 4th.
(Planet News)

Almost certain promise of a new advance beyond the 60 foot shot putt barrier was given at the A.A.U. indoor championships at Madison Square Garden, New York, this evening. World record holder Parry O'Brien (see photo, *Athletics World*, vol.3 pg.36) unleashed a stupendous putt of 61'5" (17.225m) before 13,000 spectators.

In 1955 disappointment was expressed that O'Brien was unable to reproduce his form of 1954 when he raised the world outdoor record in five instalments from 59'9¾" to the existing 60'10". His best 1955 outdoor mark was "only" 59'4½" at Toronto on July 23 while his best 1955 indoor mark was 59'5½". O'Brien's 1956 campaign in defence of his Olympic title really got under way when he returned from New Zealand and Australia, where he registered records in New Zealand of 58'4" and in Australia of 57'5¼". Competing in New York on February 11th, also in Madison Square Garden, in the New York A.C.'s annual promotion the 23 year old Californian opened up with a series of 57'11½" (17.67m), 57'1" (17.40m), 59'4.5/8" (18.10m), 59'9" (18.21m) and 59'3" (18.06m). His biggest putt bettered his own world indoor record of 59'5½" which he set on February 19th 1955 in the same ring.

After the interval of a week O'Brien again returned to the American Madison Square Garden for the American Championship and on this occasion he was in even greater form. His first two efforts were both beyond the 60 foot mark, but each time he came out of the confines of the 7 foot circle. The third effort was a mere restrained 58'6" (17.83m). The fourth putt sailed out to 59'5" (18.084m). Having fluffed the fifth putt the mighty Olympic champion wound himself up for the most stupendous heave ever witnessed. It was clear that all records had been shattered as officials gathered around to measure off the almost unbelievable 61'5" (18.725m). With this magnificently co-ordinated explosion O'Brien has instated himself as the cast-iron favourite for any Olympic title. The only man who could seriously challenge him would be Jim Fuchs, who though much stronger than in the days when 11 times surpassed 58 feet, is too preoccupied in the television industry to devote sufficient time to training. O'Brien's mark also again underlines the need for a complete revision of the international scoring tables and joins Cornelius Warmerdam's 15'8½" pole vault in 1943 as the only other example of an indoor performance superior to the listed world outdoor record.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

SHORT

From J. H. Galli, our Australian Correspondent.

"I feel that, in fairness to John Landy, the matter of paced records should be cleared up. It results from comment in the January *Athletics World*.

At Turku, Landy led for more than half the distance. There was no prior planning to have Chataway in the race. Chataway did not pace Landy; rather, Landy paced Chataway to a new personal time; John winning by a crushing margin. Landy would never have been a party to such a schemed "race" as Bannister employed (at Oxford). He said repeatedly that he wanted to do it (the 4 minute mile) "fair dinkum." Bannister cannot justify his own doubtful method by saying "Well, Landy did it too," because it is untrue. I don't know who first gave us this fabrication about Landy, but even at this late date it must be scotched.

Best wishes, Joe Galli "

From R. G. Bannister, British Empire mile champion, and first sub 4 minute miler.

"... You were probably away when my comments on the new A.A.A. rules were published but quite jokingly I merely commented that when my own race (Oxford) was banned for pacing and Landy's (Turku) disallowed for being a publicised world record attempt I would find that I had recovered a world record (Vancouver). If I can find the cutting I will send it to John Landy, because it was certainly not my intention to belittle him in any way. With best wishes,

Yours ever, Roger. (Bannister)."

Editors: We are glad to be able to ventilate this misunderstanding due to an over-condensed editorial, particularly as it concerns a most valued and able correspondent and two long-standing subscribers.

From Ralph C. Craig, the 1912 Olympic 200 metre champion.

"May I compliment you on the new dress for *Athletics World*. It is most attractive and your expansion of coverage should be very valuable to

some of us who are trying to keep in touch with world developments in athletics.

Cordially, Ralph C. Craig,
Albany, N.Y., U.S.A."

Editors: Besides winning the Stockholm 200 metres in 21.7 secs. Ralph Craig was in the 1948 and 1952 U.S. Yachting team, thus setting an Olympian span record of 40 years.

From Mr. W. Franke, Littleport, Cambridgeshire.

"Dear Sirs, I was wondering whether you had a record of the best indoor performances for the following events:—Men, 60 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 3,000 metres and 60 metres hurdles. Women, 60 metres, 60 metres hurdles, high jump, long jump and shot putt. Yours sincerely, W. Franke."

Editors:

MEN—

60 metres—6.6 J. C. Owens, New York, Feb. 23, 1935.

6.6 B. Johnson, New York, Feb. 23, 1935.

6.6 B. Johnson, New York, Feb. 26, 1938.

400 metres—47.9 L. B. Cochran, New York, March 25, 1942.

47.9 H. H. McKenley, Chicago, March 15, 1947.

800 metres—1:50.0 J. Borican, New York, March 25, 1942.

3,000 metres—8:17.7 H. Ashenfelter, New York, Feb. 6, 1954.

60 metres hurdles—not quoted, but 65 metres record is 8.3 by A. Tolmich, New York, Feb. 22, 1941.

WOMEN:

60 metres—not quoted, but 60 yards is 6.9, Elizabeth Robinson, at Oak Park, Ill., March 27, 1931; and 70 yards 7.9 at Chicago, Ill., March 19, 1931.

60 metres hurdles—not quoted, but 70 yards (5 at 2ft. 6in.) 9.6, Helen M. Filkey, Chicago, Ill., April 23, 1926.

High Jump—S. Lerwill (G.B.), Wembley, Nov. 13, 1953.

Long Jump and Shot Putt are doubtless held by Vinogradova and Zybina respectively but we have seen no formalized claims.

Tender Trap.—Many athletes have idiosyncrasies. One of the most incongruous is that of the mighty William Parry O'Brien, who set the world's shot putting record, May 1954, at 60ft. 10in. (18.54m) 5 days after Bannister's first 4 minute mile. He never uses his right hand for shaking hands. This hypercaution is in contrast to his feminine opposite number Galina Zybina of Russia who has a nutcracker handshake sufficient to bring any man to his knees. It is clear that O'Brien would never make a politician in the United States where there is a theory that the best way to get votes is to shake hands with those who have got them. The record was established on New Year's Day 1907 when President "Teddy" Roosevelt achieved an astounding record of 8,513 handshakes in a day.



Embarras de Richeesse.—Talking of shot-putters and their incapacities, let us pass a vote of sympathy to their wives. Jim Fuchs, who 11 times surpassed 58 feet, was married in New York on January 14 to a charming society writer.

When in New York, Jim invited me to meet his then fiancée at the Yale Club near the 67 platform Grand Central Station. He is known as Jimbo in the club where he had just finished a marathon squash match against an opponent who calls him "Killer." His very pretty wife-to-be eventually arrived weighted down with a bracelet of his medals which quite outdid even the manacle-like regalia worn by the irrepressible Sophie Tucker.

TAKES

The Greatest Of These Is Mercy.—There is a sinister move afoot among some of Britain's leading 3 milers to have statisticians record their season's best 2 miles in sections. In 1955 both Gordon Pirie (8:53.8) and Chris Chataway (8:59.6) achieved their season's best two miles *en route* to personal bests in the 3 miles. Now we have a claim from the St. Sylvestre champion Ken Norris for an 8:55.0 two miles based on the first and last miles of his great 13:29.8 duel at Chiswick last June with International Cross Country champion Frank Sando.

High-Kickers.—Our remarks last month about Wilton Chamberlain have led to our being supplied by Arthur Gold with details of the British high-kick record. This was established by Derek Cox, the 1953 A.A.A. high jump champion. In a competitive work-out, he managed to dislodge a bar resting on pole vault standards at a height of 9ft. 9in. We reckon that Ernie Shelton, who can get his hips up to 7ft. could set a world's "record" at around 10ft. 4in.

Billionth Second Stop Watch.—Dr. Clarence Zener of Westinghouse Research Laboratories, Pittsburgh, has announced the arrival of the billionth second "stop-watch." This mechanism described as a photomultiplier tube would really have settled the endless argument about who is the fastest human of all time.

Earliest Promoter?—In Charles Dickens: His Tragedy and Triumph, Volume 2, pp 1056-57, there occurs a passage about Dickens promoting a "day of foot races" for working men in his meadow near Chatham, Kent. Reader John Evans dates this meeting c. 1865.

Fanny By Floodlight.—Latest athlete to be added to the short list of those to whom statues have been erected (Paavo Nurmi and Jim Thorpe are others) is Mrs. Francina Blankers-Koen. Despite strong newspaper criticism that the statue's "well-developed muscles" were unfeminine and un-Dutch the Rotterdam authorities have persisted with the statue outside the Zoological Gardens. It seems a bit hard on the poor sculptor, since Fanny possessed sharply delineated quadriceps, though judging from our photograph perhaps he rather overdid it.

NEW 30 MILE MARK



Robert H. Pape, the new world 30 mile record holder, who has been running 20 miles three times a week since August.

(H.W.Neale, Action Photos)

Hong Kong, January 25

At Caroline Hill at 5.10 p.m. this evening in good conditions Robert Henry Pape, 32 year old commissioned Master-at-Arms, set a new world's best performance for 30 miles of 2 hours 54 mins. 45.0 secs.

The previous best recorded time on a track for this event was Jackie Mekler, the red-headed South African marathon runner's 2 hours 57 mins. 48.0 secs. at Germiston, South Africa on January 15, 1955. The previous best by a United Kingdom runner was that of 3 hours 00 mins. 16.4 secs. set up by the 1950 British Empire and European marathon champion Jack Holden at the White City Stadium, London, on October 26, 1946.

Less than 100 enthusiasts were present to see Jim Peters' training

companion break the tape, having passed the full marathon distance in 2 hours 34 mins. 44.4 secs. Pape was accompanied on this floodlit 120-lap grind by four other runners. They dropped out at 53, 71 and 85 laps but Wong Lung-Kong kept running for over three hours and covered 25 miles.

Pape was assisted by the lap scoring and time-calling of his wife, Diana. In his last naval appointment in England the Papes lived at Southsea. He is now at the Fleet Mail Office, at H.M.S. Tamar.

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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.

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MARKS FROM FAR AND WIDE

At Shanghai on December 25, Mikhail Krivonosov had a merry Xmas with a 63.24 (207ft. 5½in.) hammerthrow. His countryman Nikolay Ryedkin was second with 193ft. 3¼in. The Russians did well on the field but had unimpressive marks on the supposedly poor track. Otto Grigalka won the discus at 174ft. 0½in., Ovsepyan the shot put at 54 ft. 9¼in. and Vlad. Kuznetsov the javelin at 242ft. 3½in. The representatives of the Chinese People's Republic are reportedly making good progress. In fact they have dislodged from the list of national records many of the marks posted in pre-war days, yet they still have a long way to go before they may represent a threat to Japan's Asian supremacy.

Yuriy Stepanov high jumped 2.02 (6ft. 7½in.), equal to his personal best, at Leningrad in January.

Zbigniew Janiszewski pole vaulted 4.35 (14ft. 3¼in.) in an indoor meeting at Warsaw in January. This is 2in. over his outdoor best.

Bobby Smith again showed remarkable early season form with a 14ft. 6in. pole vault clearance at San Diego, California, in January.

(R.L.Q.)

HAMMER SURVEY

By ROSS McWHIRTER

In the progress of no athletic event have such giant strides been taken as in the Hammer Throw.

Except perhaps now in Russia hammer throwing—despite its spectacular nature—is still an under-patronized event. For example it is not on the American collegiate programme—in fact in the United States it is almost entirely confined to New England. A further thickening in the ranks of 200 footers would certainly occur if a craze caught on in California.

If we take 185 feet (56.38m.) as our lower limit for world class, we find that on an all-time basis at the end of the 1948 Olympic season only a tiny band of 12 men qualify, of whom 5 are Germans and 4 are Irish-born.

Germany	5	Blask, Storch, Hein, Mayr, Lutz.
Ireland	2	O'Callaghan, Healion.
U.S.A.	2	Ryan, McGrath.
Finland	1	Veirila.
Hungary	1	Nemeth.
Sweden	1	Ericson.

The next four seasons saw the arrival of Russia with 7 new men and 4 other countries contributing — Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Norway and Italy.

U.S.S.R.	7	Kanaki, Krivonosov, Ryedkin, Dibenko, Nyenashev, Morozov, Tumanov.
Germany	6	+Wolf.
U.S.A.	4	+Felton, Blair.
Ireland	2	—
Hungary	2	+Csermak.
Yugoslavia	2	=Zerjal, Gubijan.
Czechoslovakia	2	=Dadák, Maca.
Norway	1	=Strandli.
Finland	1	—
Sweden	1	—
Italy	1	=Taddia.

The next three seasons, 1953-54 and 55 produced more (32) new 185 feet plus performances than the whole previous history of the event could muster.

U.S.S.R.	19	+Tkachev, Shorin, Nikulin, Krasnov, Veivods, Sepp, Mikotin, Plyechenkov, Samotsvetov, Tarasyuk, Yegorov, Alekseyev.
U.S.A.	8	+Engel, Backus, Connolly, Hall.
Germany	6	—

Czechoslovakia	5	+Engel, Malek, Kypta.
Yugoslavia	3	+Racic.
G.B.	3	=Douglas, Valentine, Allday.
Rumania	3	=Spiridon, Dumitra, Rascanescu.
Ireland	2	—
Hungary	2	—
Sweden	2	+Asplund.
Finland	2	+Halmetoja.
Poland	2	=Rut, Niklos.
Norway	1	—
Italy	1	—
Pakistan	1	=Iqbal.
Bulgaria	1	=Popov.

The ranks of world class have thus swollen from 12 in 1948 to 61 at the end of 1955 and the number of countries contributing has advanced from 6 to 16.

The outstanding feature is the sudden appearance of Russian throwers and their rapid production of accomplished throwers in such numbers. The U.S.S.R. have more than double the number of 185 foot plus men than the U.S.A. and as many as the next three countries put together. The hammer is, after all, half the Russian national emblem.

Also very noticeable is that the Irish and German pioneers have been unable to keep pace with their pioneering efforts by both failing to produce a single new recruit at least since 1952.

NIELSEN RUNS 4:06.0

On February 4th at Benoni, South Africa, Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark) set a new South African All-Comers' record for 1,500 metres with 3:52.2. Second was Paul Soine in 3:53.4—a new South African Domestic record. Athol Jennings, who set a South African one mile record of 4:09.9 on November 12 1955, came third in 3:56.7. Michael Hodgson was fourth in an estimated 4:30, while E.Kleynhans collapsed at the tape—a victim of the thin air.

Other marks at this meeting were:—Wes Perkes' 21.7 for 220 yards; and "Kooos" van der Merwe's 14.8 for 120 yards hurdles.

At Durban on February 8th in driving rain Nielsen ran a mile in 4:14.0 from Soine (4:14.5), Hodgson (4:14.7) and Jennings (4:14.9).

On February 11th at Port Elizabeth, Nielsen ran a mile in 4:09.4 beating Jennings (4:12.2). Nielsen, running on the Belleville grass track in Cape Town on February 16th toured the mile in 4:06.0 passing through the 1,500 metres in 3:50.0—both new South African all-Comers' records. (With acknowledgments to A.G. Matthews)

AMENDMENTS TO U.K. LIST

100 yds. Box's first 9.9 was on June 21. 9.9 J.R.C.Young (Bishop Vessey G.S.), Leicester, July 2.
440 yds. 48.1, J. Richards (Notts A.C.), Nottingham, August 20. 49.1, J.V.Paterson, (E.U.A.C.) Edinburgh, June 18.

Long Jump. A.McKelvey should read J.W.A.McKelvey (Queens Univ., Belfast)
Hop, Step & Jump. McLeave is the same person as McClune.

Javelin. M.Harradine's best mark in 1955 was 210' 5", Alperton, 8/10

T.V.H. FIELD EVENTS MEETING.

Alperton, February 11.

SP 1st. D.Edelman (Junior) 44' 1";
2nd. T.Gaworski 43' 4"; 3rd. L.Chinnery (Junior) 42' 10"; 4th. T.Bland 42' 6";
5th. A.Cook 42' 1"; 6th. D.Vanhagan 41' 9".

DT 1st. M.Lindsay (Junior) 137' 6";
2nd. T.Gaworski 136' 6"; 3rd. J. Butterfield 136' 2".

HT 1st. D.Anthony 173' 7"; 2nd. I. Bain 161' 9"; 3rd. J.Bard 151' 6";
4th. C.Harper 151' 4".

JT 1st. C.Smith 189' 0"; 2nd. M. Harradine 180' 10"; 3rd. E.Banister 178' 5"; 4th. M.Johnson 172' 0".

Conditions:—Snow showers, N.E. wind and freezing hard.

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

48.9 secs. by Arogundade.

H. Arogundade, the 19-year-old brother of the anchor-man in Nigeria's erstwhile British Empire 4 x 110 yards record team, shattered the Nigerian 440 yards record at Ibadan on January 7 last with a fine 48.9 secs.

Another Nigerian record went in the 220 yards when in the same meeting Amu, having run a 9.8 secs. 100 yards, broke Godfrey Eneli's old 22.2 secs. furlong mark with 22.0 secs.

SANDSTROM'S 9.8 APPROVED.

The following record performance was recently approved by the General Committee of the A.A.A.:— English Native Record E.R.Sandstrom (R.A.F.) 100 yards, 9.8 secs., Uxbridge, 6/7/55.

The following was noted as a noteworthy performance:— London to Brighton running; T.Richards (S.L.H.) 5:27:24.0, 24/9/55.

HALBERG RUNS 4:01.8, 8:51.4 & 13:38.8

Murray Halberg, 22, the New Zealand one mile record holder (4:04.2) broke his own two mile record when at Sturges Park, Otahuhu on January 26 he recorded an excellent 8 mins. 51.4 secs.

The field was greatly hampered by a strong head-wind all the way down the back stretch. W. B. Baillie piloted them round the first two laps in an over-brisk 2:06.0 with H. Rodger taking over to lead past the half-way mark in 4:18.0. In the fifth lap, Halberg, who had been trailing nearly 20 yards back at the mile (4:21.0) shot through to take the lead and made a strictly solo effort to the end. He passed a 3,000 metre post in 8:16.0 and broke the tape in 8:51.4, nearly 150 yards ahead of Baillie (9:11.4) with Scott third in 9:18.4.

Two days later on January 28 at the Olympic Stadium, Auckland, M. Hahn shattered the oldest resident record on the N.Z. list by throwing the javelin 211ft. 10ins. The old mark was Stanley Lang's 206ft. 6ins. dating from 1929. It was Lang who also last year lost his 1928 British National record of 222ft. 9ins. to Peter Cullen. Hahn is now gunning for the N.Z. Open record of 218ft. 8½ins. set by the Finn Martti Sippila in 1935, the year after his 236ft. 8½ins. (72.16m.) throw had made him the world's No. 3.

In the junior category there was a brilliant 880 yards by the 18-year-old M. G. Stephens who in a temperature of nearly 90°F (32°C) on the Park Oval, Masterton, on January 21, recorded 1 min. 54.4 secs.

Among the girls, Margaret Stuart lowered the national 80 metres hurdles record a tenth to 11.4 secs. at a floodlit meeting in Hastings. In so doing she beat the Australian girls Gwen Wallace and Gloria Cook.

On February 1st, also at Hastings, she beat Miss Cooke by three yards to lower her record by another tenth to 11.3 secs. She also beat Miss Cooke by inches over 100 yards in 11.2 secs.

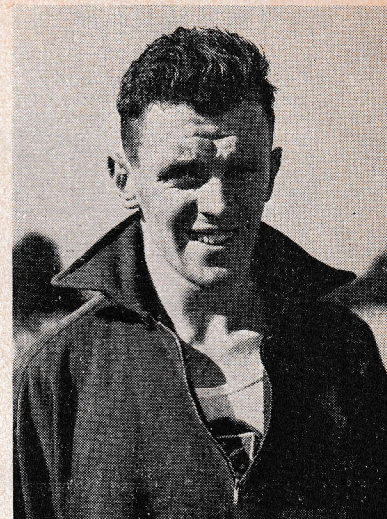
A team of five Fijians are touring New Zealand. Their first appearance on February 1st produced a discus throw of 155' 3" by Mesulame Rakuro — only 4 feet short of Parry O'Brien's recent national open record. Then, on February 4th Orisi Dawai clocked 9.9 secs. for 100 yards at Invercargill, though it appears that he may have beaten the gun. On the same date, at Christchurch Peter Wells jumped 6' 7.3/8" in a match between Canterbury and Wellington.

In a strong wind at Sturges Park, Otahuhu on February 2nd, Murray Halberg ran a brilliant 13:38.8 for a new New Zealand 3 mile record. The first mile was reached in 4:30.0 and the second in 4:41.0. Halberg finally shook Baillie off in a 61 sec. last lap. The old record of 13:55.8 was set in 1954 by Ernest Haskell at Auckland.

On February 6th at Ellerslie Halberg was successful in his attempt on his own New Zealand 1,000 yards record of 2:12.0, returning 2:10.4; and in the same meeting H. Rodger broke Lawrence King's year old six mile record of 29:06.8 set at Auckland, with 28:53.8. Hahn made another attempt on the javelin record, but wind assistance spoiled his best effort of 209' 10".

Halberg announced his intention of making an attempt on the four minute mile on February 11th at Auckland. He did not succeed in breaking four minutes, but in cold, windy conditions on a grass track he lowered his own New Zealand record of 4:02.2 set on December 28th 1955, to 4:01.8 with young Neville Scott (who has run 1500 metres in 3:48.8) a close second in 4:02.6. The lap times were 59.5, 61.5, 60.5 and 60.3. Halberg's 1,500 metre time was not taken, but it is estimated as under 3:45.0.

But owing to a technical fault Hahn's mark will not be allowed as a record.



Mervyn Lincoln (Australia), now No.7 on the world all time one mile list with 4:00.6. (A.P.)

FOUR NEW INDIAN RECORDS.

Shot Putt:— Ishar Singh achieved 48' 4½" at Patiala on January 4.
Hammer Throw:— Devi Dayal threw 166' 3" at Ambala on January 6.
5,000 metres:— Gurdial Singh ran 15:01.1 at Ambala on January 7.
100 metres:— Shadi Lal ran 10.4 at Poona on January 21.

WORLD'S FASTEST MARATHONS—1955

2:18:22.0	Hideo Hamamura (Japan)	Boston	April 19
2:19:23.0	Eino Pulkkinen (Finland)	Boston	April 19
2:19:57.0	Nick Costes (U.S.A.)	Boston	April 19
2:20:16.0	Paavo Kottila (Finland)	Boston	April 19
2:20:28.0	Reinaldo Gorno (Argentina)	Boston	April 19
2:21:21.6	Veikko Karvonen (Finland)		
2:21:23.8	S. Kuznyetsov (U.S.S.R.)	Tblisi	Nov.
2:21:40.0	Gustaf Jansson (Sweden)	Boston	April 19
2:22:05.0	Galaktionov (U.S.S.R.)	Tblisi	Nov.
2:22:17.0	Keith Ollerenshaw (Australia)	Sydney	Sept. 24

FASTEST EVER WIND ASSISTED 100 YDS.

Time	Name	Best		Venue	Date
		Legal Mark	Wind Speed		
1. 9.1	Melvin Patton	(9.3)	6.6 mph	Los Angeles, Cal.	May 7 1949
	Robert Morrow	(9.4)	7.0 mph	Abilene, Tex.	June 4 1955
3. 9.2	Carlton Terry	(9.6)	no data	College Station, Tex.	May 2 1941
	Telford Neely	(9.7)	no data	Baton Rouge, La.	Apr. 30 1949
6. 9.2	Dean Smith	(9.5)	16 mph	College Station, Tex.	Apr. 19 1955
	"Jesse" Owens	(9.4)	no data	Madison, Wis.	May 16 1936
9.3n	Fred. Ramsdell	(9.6)	no data	College Station, Tex.	May 2 1941
	Dean Smith	(9.5)	7.0 mph	Dallas, Tex.	May 1 1954
9.3	Robert Morrow	(9.4)	8.0 mph	Commerce, Tex.	Apr. 16 1955
	Dean Smith	(9.5)	9.0 mph	Lawrence, Kans.	Apr. 23 1955
9.3n	Larry McBride	(9.4)	9.0 mph	Lawrence, Kans.	Apr. 23 1955
	James Golliday	(9.3)	4.55 mph	Columbus, Ohio	May 28 1955
(13) 9.3	Robert Morrow	(9.4)	6.5 mph	Auckland, N.Z.	Dec. 28 1955

★ APOLOGIES ★

We regret the perhaps variegated appearance of this issue of "Athletics World". It has been produced under considerable difficulty during the printing strike, and we wish to convey our thanks to all those who have co-operated in its production. A complete round-up of the U.S. indoor season by Dr. Quercetani will appear in the next issue.

LANDY'S 46 MILES

Below are listed every mile run by the world's fastest miler John Michael Landy of Australia.

3:57.9	Turku	June	21	1954
3:58.6	Melbourne	Jan.	29	1956
3:59.6n	Vancouver	Aug.	7	1954
4:01.6	Turku	May	31	1954
4:01.6	Stockholm	June	8	1954
4:02.0	Melbourne	Dec.	12	1953
4:02.1	Melbourne	Dec.	13	1952
4:02.4	Melbourne	Jan.	21	1954
4:02.6	Melbourne	Feb.	23	1954
4:02.6	Bendigo	April	19	1954
4:02.8	Melbourne	Jan.	3	1953
4:04.2	Perth	Jan.	24	1953
4:05.6	Sydney	Feb.	11	1954
4:05.9	Melbourne	March	4	1954
4:07.0	Brisbane	March	19	1954
4:07.9	Melbourne	March	6	1954
4:08.0	Melbourne	Jan.	10	1953
4:09.2	Melbourne	Nov.	21	1953
4:09.4	Hobart	March	1	1954
4:09.4	Adelaide	Feb.	21	1953
4:09.8	Melbourne	Dec.	5	1953
4:10.0	Belfast	June	25	1952
4:11.0	Melbourne	Jan.	12	1952
4:11.0n	London	June	21	1952
4:11.0	Melbourne	Jan.	31	1953
4:11.0	Sydney	March	7	1953
4:11.1	Bendigo	Feb.	18	1953
4:11.4h	Vancouver	Aug.	5	1954
4:11.8	Melbourne	Jan.	23	1954
4:12.4	Bathurst	March	8	1953
4:13.4	Melbourne	Feb.	9	1952
4:13.6	Sydney	Feb.	2	1952
4:13.8	Brisbane	Jan.	26	1952
4:13.8	Kerang	Jan.	1	1954
4:14.6	Melbourne	Nov.	10	1951
4:14.8	Melbourne	Nov.	15	1952
4:14.8	Melbourne	March	1	1953
4:15.0	Sydney	Jan.	30	1952
4:15.0	Geelong	Oct.	17	1953
4:15.4	Melbourne	May	13	1953
4:16.0e	Hobart	May	—	1951
4:17.0	Melbourne	Oct.	25	1952
4:18.0	Melbourne	Oct.	27	1951
4:18.4h	London	June	20	1952
4:21.0	Melbourne	March	3	1951
4:26.0	Melbourne	May	14	1952

e = estimated
h = heat time
n = non-winning



John Landy moving up to take the front position for the first time in his third sub-four minute mile. In the lead is Staveley; behind Landy is Mervyn Lincoln and behind Lincoln, on the inside, is Ron Clarke, now just 19 years old. (A.P.)

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On January 30 in the Victorian Championships also in Melbourne Landy blazed on in his heart-warming comeback with two Australian records. The event was the 880 yards championship, and this time he was clear of the opposition coming off the first turn. His first lap was 56.0 with the genial Don Macmillan pounding along behind. Landy's last lap was a decisive 54.4 secs. which carried him past the 800 metres in 1:49.8 and across the half mile in 1:50.4. Macmillan recorded 1:51.7 (a tenth slower than his mark made in Melbourne on February 23, 1955) and Doug. Henderson was third in 1:51.9.

Other interesting Australian marks are British Empire champion Kevan Gosper's new open record of 47.2 secs. at Sydney 1st February, three days after a 48.4 effort; and Hec Hogan's return to form with a 9.5 secs. 100 yards followed closely by Randall (9.6) and A. Gordon (9.7). Hogan pulled a muscle on January 30 in a 21.8 furlong and was beaten by Randall (21.6). Marlene Matthews, an obvious successor to Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, ran 100 yards in 10.5 at Sydney on January 21st and 10.6 also at Sydney, on February 1st.

On February 4 Miss Mathews recorded another 10.5 sec. 100 yards at Sydney and added a furlong in 24.5 secs. Gosper's 440 yards mark of 47.2 sec. bettered the old All Comers' record of 47.5 secs. set by the Canadian Bill Fritz on the Olympic Park grass track in Melbourne on the night of February 15th 1938. It also bettered the resident record shared at 47.6 secs. by Morrie Curotta, the 1948 Olympic 400 metre finalist and the 1950 British Empire 440 yards champion Edwin Carr junior. In the race

which was run around two tight turns the runner-up was the reigning British Empire 220 yards champion, tow-haired Don Jowett in the black and silver colours of New Zealand.

John Landy anchored a Geelong Guild A.C. quartet for an Australian 4x880 yards relay record of 7:37.4 with a stage in 1:53.4. This was at Geelong on February 1.

Remarkable evidence of Australia's natural distance talent was provided on the same day at Sydney. Albert Thomas dropped his personal best for 3 miles by 31.4 secs. (in just a month!), to record 13:36.0 for a victory over Dave Power (13:37.6 — previous personal best being 13:46.8) and Alan Lawrence — 13:45.4 (previous best 14:25.6). Thomas celebrated his 21st birthday on February 8. In the night before (February 7) Lawrence turned the tables in winning the New South Wales State 6 mile championship in 28:39.2 by four yards from Thomas (28:39.8), Power (28:45.8) and Graham Thomas (29:17.0), (previous best 30:09.6). This race was Albert Thomas's first ever six miles. Such performances indicate that Australia will soon seriously challenge Hungary as the world's leading low-population track power. On February 4th at Sydney, Ron Clarke, who left the ranks of the juniors on February 21, got in an Australian junior 380 yards record of 1:54.9, behind Alex Henderson (1:54.6), on a rough track and in a big boring field. The Australian mile championship in which Landy may well improve upon his Turku time is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, while the three miles championship in which Stephens may appear will be on Monday, March 12.

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