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MIKE AGOSTINI 20.1s. !

Michael George Raymond Agostini, the 21 year old Trinidadian of Portuguese extraction, who won the British Empire 100 yards title at Vancouver two seasons ago, has set a totally unexpected world's record of 20.1 for 220 yards and 200 metres.

On March 17 at Bakersfield, California, Agostini, noted at Vancouver as a smooth mover, flashed down the straightaway to clock 20.1 for the full furlong.

Four out of five timers agreed. There was no wind so the mark will be sent up to the A.A.U. for ratification and thence to the I.A.A.F.

The meeting was a triangular one and Agostini was representing the University of Fresno. He also ran a confirmatory 9.4 100 yards. One watch read 9.3.

Thus Mel Patton, another white sprinter, loses his seven year old world mark of 20.2 secs. listed for both the 220 yards and the fractionally shorter 200 metres.

It is interesting to recall that Agostini (see pen picture on page 5 of the June 1953 issue of *Athletics World*) has difficulty in hearing the starting gun owing to the legacy of a tonsils operation.

That very exclusive club "The 15 footers" has now raised its membership to seven. The all-time pole vault list now reads:—

Outdoors:—

1. 15' 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Cornelius Warmerdam 1942
2. 15' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Robert Richards 1954
3. 15' 2" Don Laz 1954
4. 15' 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Don Bragg 1955
5. 15' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Bob Gutowski 1956
6. 15' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Donald Cooper 1951

The following have superior indoor marks:—

- 15' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Cornelius Warmerdam 1943
- 15' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Don Bragg 1956
- 15' 5" Robert Richards 1955
7. 15' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Jerry Welbourn 1956

Welbourn cleared this height indoors at Milwaukee in March.

Don Bragg (see pen picture on page 43) achieved his great 15ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. indoor clearance at Madison Square Garden on March 3 following his first time clearances of 15ft. 0in. and 15ft. 3in. Not content he tried 15ft. 9in. three times but never came very near to clearing it.

Bob Gutowski (Occidental) became the No. 6 outdoor 15 footer at Los Angeles on February 25. This 21 year old six footer had had a late night and then played tennis in the morning before his clearance in the afternoon. Coached by Payton Jordan, Gutowski has a hand hold of 13ft. 4in. and hopes to improve it to 13ft. 8in.

Bill Neider (Kansas) putt the shot 59ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in the preliminaries of the indoor Big Seven meet at Kansas City on March 3. Only Parry O'Brien has beaten this indoors or out.

Leading American early outdoor season marks include the following:— Bobby Morrow has returned 9.6 and 20.7 (straightaway) at Fort Worth in his native Texas. At the same meeting at which Agostini set his world record, Ancel Robinson ran 220 yards low hurdles in 22.6 and the highs in 14.2. Bill Curtis was timed at 14.0 over the 120 yards high hurdles. At Los Angeles on March 24 Mal Whitfield, who has become a student again at the age of 30, won his speciality the half mile in 1:50.3. At Berkeley Don Bowden ran the mile in 4:08.2 to beat Lon Spurrier (4:09.4). Also on March 24 Morrow lowered his 100 yards time to 9.4 at Odessa, Texas.



Alain Mimoun, 35, the French cross country captain, winning the international cross country championship at Belfast on March 17. Mimoun thus equalled the record of Jack Holden (England) (1933, 1934, 1935 and 1939) in winning the event four times (1949, 1952, 1954 and 1956). The only other occasion on which Mimoun ran was in 1950 when Lucien Theys, the red-headed Belgian, beat Mimoun by eight seconds. (A.P.)

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HELSINKI OLYMPIC REPORT— SPECIAL OFFER

With the 1956 Games seven months
away, many readers will want to refresh
their memories on the results of the
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approximately 28,000 words, has been
quoted and reproduced in the athletics
press of several countries and is a full,
eye witness account.

SAND and CINDERS

SEVENTY countries will hoist
their national flags at
Melbourne in November for the
XVIth Olympic Games. The
number may well reach 72 or 73.

In 1948 at Wembley 59 countries
sent teams and in 1952 at Helsinki
a new record number of 68
nations appeared.

All this represents a triumph
for the "worthwhileness" of the
Olympic Games in general and
for the Australian organisers in
particular. Because at least three-
quarters of Olympic competitors
are from the Northern Hemisphere
the idea of holding the Games
"out of season" South of the
Equator was widely hailed as
impossible and ridiculous.

What was overlooked was that
Australians had loyally supported
the Games ever since their revival
in 1896 at Athens and that every
time it meant travelling great
distances (only in recent years by
air) and always in their winter.

The situation of the Games
this year should give Australians
every chance to show their full
sporting strength—already so
well known in the non-Olympic
sports of lawn tennis and cricket.
The timing and situation of the
Games will also enable the New
Zealanders to send easily their
largest ever team.

Other countries which will have
their best ever chances from the
calendar point of view are South
Africa and the South American
republics.

From a European and United
States standpoint however the
world of sport is being turned
upside down. But if the Southern
Hemisphere countries grasp their

first opportunity of an in-season
celebration then the upheaval will
have been worth it.

The holding of the Games in
Melbourne however will inevitably
have other repercussions. The
majority of competitors will have
to be away from earning their
livelihood longer than usual and
governing bodies have got to find
more money than ever before.

These strains will affect Great
Britain and the United States—
where money is still raised by
public subscription for an Olympic
effort—more than many other
European countries which enjoy
government grants-in-aid or legal-
ised raids on football pools profits.

If the Melbourne Games do not
kill amateurism then indeed it will
have proved itself a hard-dying
creed.

We believe that the true amateur
spirit is essential to bring out the
best in sport. The practice of the
creed is difficult, its esteem has
become tarnished, and many of
the attendant rules are plainly
anomolous. But for all that the
genuine amateur spirit in our
view is an ideal worth continual
striving for, and if the struggle is
given up then the Olympic Gold
Medal must eventually become a
nationalist and political bauble
made of dross.

If those countries and individ-
uals that have no tradition or
understanding of the conception
of amateurism would give as
much constructive thought to the
true values of the creed they wish
to replace it, as they do to sniping
at an ideal that is labouring under
difficulties, they would be serving
sport that much the better.

NORRIS WINS ENGLISH C.C. TITLE

By Norris McWhirter.

Warwick, March 3.

Ken Norris, 24, of Middlesex, the 1954 runner-up to Gordon Pirie at Birkenhead and third last year at Cardington when Pirie won again, won the 69th Championship here handsomely.

Norris was never headed by more than a yard or two by any of the 492 starters throughout the 9.2 mile run over the flat racecourse.

Pirie, who many thought would not even start owing to his tendon trouble, was well away in the front knot of runners, but by the end of the first lap he was in tenth position.

The two Norris's—Ken, 24, and Fred, the 34 year old coal miner who represented Great Britain in the Helsinki 10,000 metres (8th in 30:09.8)—opened a gap from Frank Sando, Ken Gates and Derek Walker. Eddie Hardy, having difficulty with breathing, had to retire and Derek Ibbotson was falling back.

Ken Norris surged away from his shorter namesake after a ding-dong struggle to win by 40 yards in 48 mins. 11 secs.

Ibbotson created a surprise by coming up through the rest of the field to take third place from the International Championship holder Frank Sando. Alan Perkins, whose wife Phyllis we heard had finished second to Diane Leather in the women's national Cross Country Championship at Sutton Coldfield earlier in the afternoon, finished a confident fifth. The next four men were all northerners—Gates, Walker, Johnny Wild and Alan Chorlton. Pirie, the holder, did well to hang on to 15th place at the expense of Mike Maynard.

The selectors' nine for the International two weeks ahead were the first seven, Chorlton in favour of Wild, and the absent Peter Driver only just back from Trinidad.

Sheffield United Harriers, with Walker 7th, Nichols 12th, Bargh 20th, Whattham 42nd, Charles 45th, and Hedley 46th, easily won the team title from Thames Valley and South London.

SENIOR RESULTS: (9.2 miles)

1.	48:11	K. L. Norris	(Thames Valley H.)
2.	48:17	F. Norris	(Bolton Utd. H. & A.C.)
3.	48:35	G. D. Ibbotson	(R.A.F., Yatesbury)
4.	48:42	F. D. Sando	(Aylesford P.M.)
5.	48:45	A. F. Perkins	(Ilford A.C.)
6.	48:47	K. Gates	(Pembroke H. & A.C.)
7.	48:58	D. Walker	(Sheffield Utd. H.)
8.	49:07	J. Wild	(E. Cheshire H. & A.C.)
9.	49:14	A. Chorlton	(Doncaster P.W.A.C.)
10.	49:28	G. Knight	(Essex Beagles)
11.	49:35	H. Hicks	(Hampstead H.)
12.	49:36	J. Nichols	(Sheffield Utd. H.)
13.	49:40	A. H. Brown	(Motherwell Y.M.C.A.)
14.	49:45	D. J. P. Richards	(Polytechnic H.)
15.	49:47	D. A. G. Pirie	(South London H.)
16.	49:48	M. R. Maynard	(Herne Hill H.)
17.	49:57	T. E. Harwood	(Queens Park H.)
18.	50:06	R. Hatton	(Birchfield H.)
19.	50:09	W. P. Ranger	(South London H.)
20.	50:11	A. Bargh	(Sheffield Utd. H.)

Teams:

1. Sheffield United H. & A.C.—172 points.
2. Thames Valley H.—250 points.
3. South London H.—270 points.
4. Bolton United H. & A.C.—336 points.
5. Birchfield H.—388 points.
6. Aylesford P.M.—448 points.

JUNIOR RESULTS: (6 miles)

1.	32:57	S. R. Langridge	(South London H.)
2.	32:58	A. Cocking	(Bramley & D.H.)
3.	33:17	F. J. G. Salvat	(Finchley H.)

Teams:

1. South London H.—42 points.
2. Manchester & District Lads' Club—156 points.
3. Southgate H.—190 points.

YOUTHS RESULTS: (3 miles)

1.	16:54	J. R. Parker	(Westbury H.)
2.	17:05	W. Goodwin	(Bellahouston H.)
3.	17:12	D. A. F. Haith	(Thames Valley H.)

Teams:

1. Liverpool H. & A.C.—126 points.
2. Wirral A.C.—152 points.
3. Shaftesbury H.—168 points.

HEWSON 1:51.4 IN TRINIDAD

By Bernard A. Linley

Pointe-à-Pierre, February 25/26.

The Southern (Trinidad) Games, 1956, were held at Guaraeara Park, on February 25/26. The main attraction was the six-man British athletics team.

On the first day, Brian Hewson (G.B.) although he had a badly cut heel, set a new Trinidad record of 1:51.4 in the 800 metres. The British captain, Ken Wilmshurst, set a new record in the triple jump with 46ft. 1in., while Peter Driver (G.B.) beat Eric Shirley (G.B.) by about 50 yards in setting a 5,000 metres record at 15:13.6. Also on

Saturday, Gittens (Grenada) equalled the Trinidad record in the high jump with 6ft. 5in.

On the second day, Sunday, February 26, Elliott set a new Trinidad discus mark of 123ft. 8in. Then he pole vaulted 12ft. 0½in. for another Island record. Eric Shirley, as there was no steeplechase, took the 1,500 metres in 3:56.0, to finish about six yards ahead of Peter Driver. The long jump was won by Ken Wilmshurst (21ft. 11in.) and to end the games Peter Driver ran an impressive 800 metres leg for Britain to win the 200×200×400×800 medley relay.

FRANCE AND MIMOUN IN SURPRISING TRIUMPH AT BELFAST

The 43rd International Cross Country Championship held at Balmoral, Belfast, on March 17, with England (holders), Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Spain, and Portugal entered was a complete and deserved triumph for North Africa. France's scoring six were all Moroccans or Algerians.

Six thousand watched as the runners prepared for the start to the accompaniment of the brass band of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which played Irish jigs.

Alain Mimoun, Zátopek's runner-up in the 1948 10,000 metres at Wembley and in both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres at Helsinki in 1952 added to his fabulous record in this event with a fourth win in five starts (see photo and caption).

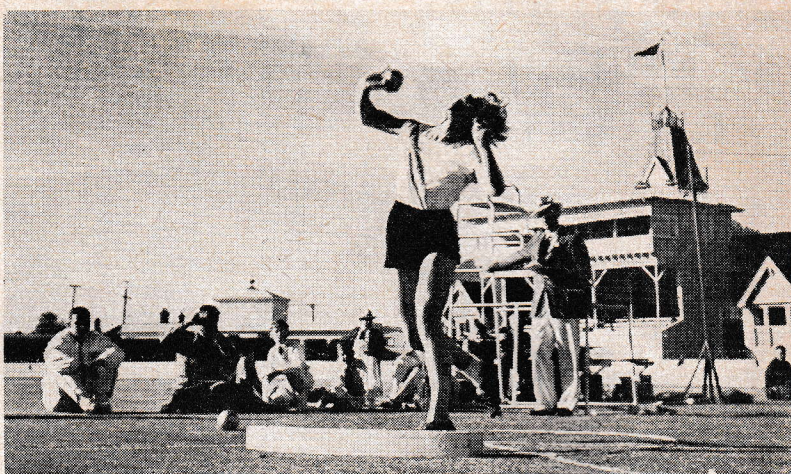
Most critics—and let it at once be admitted your Editors were among them—were thinking in terms of how wide England's winning margin would be. It was even recalled that in 1924 and 1932 England had scored grand slam wins with the minimum possible number of points—21. The English team had enjoyed a run of wins in the three previous championships.

The optimism still persisted despite the absence of men like Gordon Pirie, Eddie Hardy, Hugh Foord and Mike Maynard.

The blue-vested French team were well up in the head of the motley coloured comet as the field circled the enclosure twice before popping through a gap out on to the golf course. After two miles Mimoun had his front six well placed in the first 17.

The wind was troublesome, so the French captain called his men back thus making the white-clad and rose-badged English face it. The French surged ahead once the wind was at their backs again. The English thinned as Peter Driver, only recently back from the heat of Trinidad, and Derek Ibbotson were obviously uncomfortable. Alan Perkins and Derek Walker both had colds, the latter's so bad that he had to retire.

Frank Sando, running his usual crescendo race and the two Norris's, Ken, 24, and Fred, 34, ran up to form. At the end of this comparatively slowly run battle of tactics Mimoun with all his scorers handily placed cut loose. He scuttled off towards the tape like a swarthy beetle to win his fourth title, a feat only previously achieved by the inimitable Jack Holden.



Valerie Sloper, seen making her best yet put of 46ft. 3½in. on December 31. The man on the extreme left in the white track suit is Parry O'Brien.

Valerie Sloper.—Rarely can an athlete have made such fast progress as the new British Empire women's shot putt record holder—Valerie Isobel Sloper of New Zealand. Miss Sloper, who is only 18, works as telephone receptionist at a slipper factory at Christchurch. She stands 5ft. 11½in. tall.

In 1953, while at Christchurch Technical College she joined the C.T.C. Amateur Athletic Club and took up hurdling and sprinting "with very little success".

In 1954, however, she put herself under Valdemars Briedis, a Latvian, who had coached with considerable success in Holland. Willi Slykhuis and Wilhelmina Lust were two of his previous charges.

After one winter's training and coaching Miss Sloper improved from 26ft. to 35ft. in September 1954. Two months later she won a competition with 38ft. 0½in.

By the end of the 1954/55 season Miss Sloper had gained a second place (37ft. 4in.) medal in the shot and third

place in the discus (117ft. 9in.), in the New Zealand Championships.

In April 1955 Valerie really got down to work. Three nights a week at gymnastics and one of indoor training and then a four-hour session, including weight training on Saturday out of doors. In September 1955 the pay-off came. Successive competitions produced 42ft. 6in., 43ft. 3in., 43ft. 5½in., 43ft. 9¾in., then a New Zealand record of 45ft. 4½in., and on December 21 puts of 46ft. 1½in. and 46ft. 3½in. Meanwhile Miss Sloper's second event—the discus—improved to 128ft. 10½in. on November 5 at Canterbury.

Miss Sloper is quietly confident of hitting 50ft. 0in. in the 1956/57 season and although very respectful of Galina Zybina's fabulous world record of 54ft. 8¾in. she says it is "my ambition to accomplish such a standard in the future".

An interesting coaching point is that Miss Sloper uses the backward glide similar to that of Parry O'Brien the men's world record holder.

Result:—

1. A. Mimoun (France)	45:18
2. F. D. Sando (England)	45:28
3. K. L. Norris (England)	45:28
4. F. Norris (England)	45:36
5. H. Ameur (France)	45:43
6. B. Allal (France)	45:44
7. F. Herman (Belgium)	45:46
8. A. Amoros (Spain)	45:47
9. B. Benaissa (France)	46:00
10. B. Said Maguini (France)	46:10
11. Khallouf (France)	46:11
13. K. Gates (England)	46:13

17. P. B. Driver (England)
20. A. Chorlton (England)
46. G. D. Ibbotson (England)
51. A. Perkins (England)

Teams:—

1. France	(1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11)	42
2. England	(2, 3, 4, 13, 17, 20)	59
3. Belgium		131
4. Scotland		177
5. Portugal		178
6. Spain		185
7. Ireland		232
8. Wales		266

LANDY STOPS FOR 5 SECS. BUT STILL WINS MILE TITLE

By JOE GALLI

The Australian Championships at Olympic Park on March 10 and 12 were disappointing from the point of view of performances.

Only one Australian record—or two, rather, in the one race—was broken. This was by veteran (29 in June) Geoff Goodacre of Sydney, winner of the 440H in 52.4, passing 400m. in 52.1. This displaced the 52.5 set on March 1, 1954, in Hobart by David Lean, who later won the Empiad crown in 52.3.

The weather was excellent. First day a fairly stiff south wind; second day, no wind, no sun—ideal.

Organisation and presentation also excellent. In fact, from this point of view it was easily the best meet ever held in this country. And Olympic Park was packed to present capacity (it is not yet complete) on the first day, and nearly so on the second.

John Landy was, naturally, the national hero after winning the mile in 4:04.2, although he stopped for 5 to 5½ secs. in lap three.

Had there been no accident, then Landy would have run between 3:58 and 3:59. But he made no effort at all to break his own world record—which he could comfortably have done.

The story of the mile as I saw it is:—

As the field sorted itself out Bob Morgan-Morris took the lead and went through the first ¼ in 59.0, followed by Clarke, John Plummer (NSW), Alex Henderson (NSW—built along Bannister lines), and Landy (perhaps 61.0).

The "half" went by in 2:02.0, Morgan-Morris still leading from Clarke, Henderson, Landy (perhaps 2:03.0) and Merv Lincoln (4:00.6 in January, but looking unhappy this time).

Morgan-Morris was dropped sharply as Clarke headed Landy around the first turn in lap 3. In to the back straight, and Landy appeared to make as though to start his front ride home, but he eased back behind Clarke as they approached the 220 mark.

Approaching the second turn Plummer (doing a great job of shepherding for team-mate Henderson, as he did later in the three miles for Alan

Lawrence) moved just ahead of Clarke (who seemed to be tired), with Henderson (on the curb) and Landy right on top.

Then it happened 160 yards from the ¾s. Clarke might have bored in against the almost-level (and inside of him) Henderson, or tipped Plummer's heel, or was himself tipped by Landy—whatever caused it, Ron was suddenly sprawled out on the track.

Henderson slipped through on the curb, but Landy alongside of him had to scramble over Clarke, whose arm he spiked.

Landy ran on perhaps five yards, turned on to the grass infield, looked back, and moved to Clarke with arms outstretched. Clarke urged him on, and for a tick Landy appeared lost. He turned to see the other runners going around the turn, and was immediately off in hot pursuit.

Despite the 45-50 yard gap, there was no doubt in my mind that Landy would catch them. He was running too freely and confidently not to do it.

Henderson passed the ¾s in 3:06, with Plummer, Lincoln and Landy trailing. As the Press was located in the uncompleted stand, we were away across the other side from the finish (this is temporary, until the stand is complete), and we could not see just how far Landy was back, but perhaps it was 15 yards.

Henderson was still up front coming off the first turn, but there was no holding Landy, who swept on to a comfortable win. He had run the last lap no worse than 56.0, and the last 119½ yards in 14.4.

Henderson clocked 4:05.8 (2.2 inside his previous best), and a tired-looking Lincoln only 4:08.8.

Had there been no accident, Henderson might well have been nearer 4:02. He would have run faster behind Landy, had he been there from, say, 500 yards (from the tape).

"It all happened so quickly I have no clear recollection of it", said Landy later. "I felt I was responsible for Clarke's fall, and stopped because I did not know what injury I might have done him".

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THE FOUR 4 Min. MILER



John Landy wins the Australian three miles championship at Melbourne in 13:44.2 having already won the mile two days previously in 4:04.2 despite stopping. (I.N.P.)

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"When I saw the other runners going around the turn I was horrified. I just had to catch them".

The 3 miles was uninspiring. Dave Stephens planned 66 sec. laps, but at the mile (4:28) he was 4 secs. out, and seemed to give it away. It was terribly disappointing, because this would have been the first race since Vancouver that Landy would have had to fight to win.

Dave just seemed to pack up. He had been worried by Achilles tendon trouble, following the 6 miles record. But this wasn't the real Stephens, the man who fought back viciously against Iharos, and whose ruthless, scintillating pace in the 6 miles was a glory to watch.

Landy again was fireless, once Stephens fell back, and was content to follow average pace until lap 11, when he went to the front. Alan Lawrence (28:39 6-miler) made a brilliant finishing sprint from 200 yards, but Landy, hearing the crowd's roar increased his own pace to get in by 2.7 secs. in a mediocre 13:42.2.

Stephens was about 300 yards back of Landy when the latter went through the tape.

Lawrence won the diffident 6 miles with a 300 yards sprint which upset the hopes of Geoff Warren, who, although he made a spirited bid from the 220 yards, couldn't make enough impression. Lawrence's time was 29:05.2.

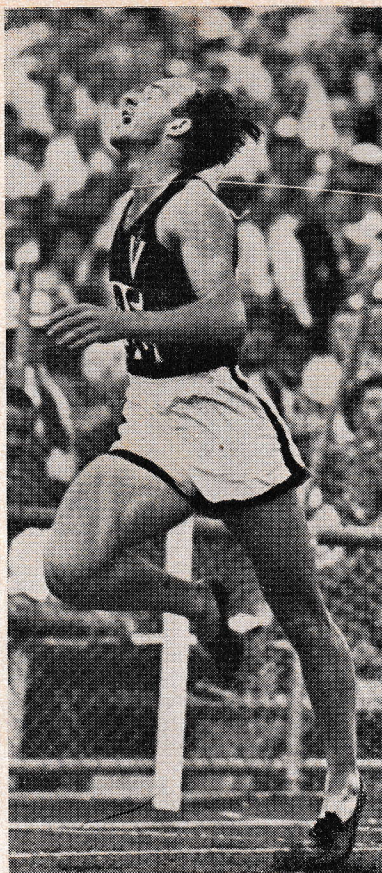
Both 3 and 6 miles suffered from the loss of Albert Thomas, 21-years-old Sydney boy with 13:36.0 and 28:39.8 to his credit. An attack of 'flu and being dosed up with sulphur drugs weakened him badly.

False starts in the 100 yards final (3) and 440 (2) robbed Hec Hogan and Kevan Gosper of sensational times. Instead they produced only 9.7 and 48.4.

Hogan made amends with a beautiful 21.3 220 yards, not previously rated a good distance for him. Runner-up in both dashes was Morrie Rae (21 of N.Z.), in 9.7 and 21.5. He impressed everybody with his good style.

Most impressive track winner (to me) was Frank O'Connell (22) of Perth. Frank, whose previous best 880 was 1:52.1, didn't fool about; he went straight into the lead, and "killed" the opposition, leading all the way for a 1:50.8 result—0.4 outside Landy's national record.

Geoff Fleming, almost last at 440, came home wonderfully to finish second



Hec Hogan, co-holder with the Americans Mel Patton (1949) and Jim Golliday (1955) of the world's 100 yards record at 9.3 secs., seen winning the Australian 220 yards title at Melbourne in 21.3 secs. (I.N.P.)

in 1:51.9, with Alex Henderson third in 1:52.0.

Ray Weinberg, an almost certain 120 yards hurdles winner (possibly in 14.0), had to miss out, tragically. A week before the meet Ray developed ulcers on the eye that has troubled him before. An urgent operation fixed that, but he had to keep both eyes covered for nearly two weeks, and thus could not even see the meeting.

Ray had been appointed captain of the Victorian team, and he was led on to the arena to take the oath of amateurism on behalf of the competitors. His enthusiastic wife, Shirley, provided a running commentary on all events through both days, doing it so thoroughly that I am assured she outdid the radio men.

In Weinberg's absence (it won't affect his Olympic chances), the 120 yards hurdles went to old rival (and fellow Helsinki finalist) Ken Doubleday in 14.6, from John Chittick, a junior with little experience, 14.8.

Goodacre, a great competitor who has been in the title winning since way back in 1948, won the 220 yards hurdles in 23.8 as well as the 440 yards hurdles.

Brian Oliver, who bettered 51ft. winning the 1950 Empiad hop step and jump, and who has been out of competition for a year as an Air Force Flight-Lieutenant in tropical Darwin, made a wonderful return to win with 50ft. 5½in., and took the long jump with a wind assisted 23ft. 11in.

Colin Rutherford, a Victorian of previously average talent, was second in the hop, step and jump with 49ft. 0¼in.

Major surprise was Barry Donath's defeat in the shot putt. Our first 50-footer (51-plus actually) was leading with 50ft. 4½in. when old rival Peter Hanlin (NSW) stepped into the ring for his last try, and heaved the ball 50ft. 11¾in.—thus beating his personal best by over 12in. (Donath has yet to win a national crown.)

Charles Porter, long, bespectacled Brisbane athlete, who earlier had set an Australian high jump record of 6ft. 7½in., won a good duel with Colin Ridgway (Victoria, now 17), 6ft.6in. to 6ft. 5in.

The loose cinder surface did not help jumpers or throwers, although the latter would not have been anywhere near world figures.

Summary

100 yards 1. Hec Hogan 9.7; 2. Morrie Rae (N.Z.) 9.7; 3. Gary Bromhead 9.8.
220 yards 1. Hogan 21.3; 2. Rae 21.5; 3. Kevan Gosper 21.6.
440 yards 1. Gosper 48.4.
880 yards 1. Frank O'Connell 1:50.8; 2. Geoff Fleming 1:51.9; 3. Alex Henderson 1:52.0 (heat times included 1:51.9 by O'Connell, 1:52.1 by Fleming, 1:52.2 by Doug Henderson, 1:52.3 by Barry Almond, 1:53.8 by Ron Clarke, and 1:54.7 by Don Macmillan—who ran poorly in the final).
One Mile: 1. John Landy 4:04.2; 2. Alex Henderson 4:05.8; 3. Merv Lincoln 4:08.8; 4. John Plummer 4:10.2.
Three Miles: 1. Landy 13:42.2; 2. Alan Lawrence 13:44.9; 3. Dave Power 13:47.8; 4. Geoff Warren 13:48.8; 5. John Plummer 13:56.0.

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Six Miles: 1. Lawrence 29:05.2; 2. Warren 29:06.2; 3. Power 29:11.4.
120 yards Hurdles: 1. Ken Doubleday 14.6w; 2. John Chittick 14.8; 3. John Loveday 15.1.

220 yards Hurdles: 1. Goodacre 23.8.
440 yards Hurdles: 1. Geoff Goodacre 52.4; 2. Rod Carter 53.7; 3. Ross Parker 54.1.

High Jump: 1. Charles Porter 6' 6"; 2. Colin Ridgway 6' 5".

Pole Vault: 1. Bruce Peever 12' 4".
Long Jump (with wind assistance): 1. Brian Oliver 23' 11"; 2. Ian Bruce 23' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. R. Canatori 23' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4. M. Rich 23' 6".

Hop, Step and Jump: 1. Brian Oliver 50' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Colin Rutherford 49' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3. Alan Stephens 48' 6".

Shot Put: 1. Peter Hanlin 50' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2. Barry Donath 50' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Discus Throw: 1. C. Rann 133' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
Hammer Throw: 1. Herb Barker 156' 4".

Javelin Throw: 1. Bob Grant 192' 10".
4 x 110 yards Relay: 1. 41.9 secs., New South Wales Team.

Other Australian News

John Landy clipped 4.4 off Dave Stephens' Australian 3 miles record, with 13 27.4 in Melbourne on February 25. Here was a scintillating run by John. His laps were 68.1, 68.2, 66.7, 66.0 (4:29.0), 67, 67, 67, 68.5 (8:58.5, 4:29.5), 68.5, 69.4, 69.2, 61.8 (4:28.9).

It was an interclub meet, no opposition. Ron Clarke paced Landy for six laps (6:43.0) then withdrew.

Ron Clarke's last miles as a junior were 4:14.4 (February 11), 4:09.2 (February 18). On February 25 (then 19) he ran 1:54.3; on March 3 4:09.2, March 4 3:51.8, and 1:53.8 in heat of Australian 880 yards, but nowhere in the final. All above marks were made in Melbourne.

In South Australian State Championships in Adelaide, February 18/25, Leon Gregory won the 440 yards in 48.5 and 880 yards in 1:54.5, and Geoff Jones won the 440 yards hurdles in 54.0.

In the Western Australian championships at Perth, February 11/18, Frank O'Connell ran 48.9 and 1:52.1.

In the New South Wales championships at Sydney, February 25/March 3 (they've had terrible weather for months):—1st day: Gosper 48.1, Alex Henderson 4:09.0 (3:50.8), Goodacre 25.1 for 220 yards hurdles, Mike Moroney long jumped 23ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. with a broken arm, Hanlin won the shot put



Marlene Mathews (Australia) the obvious favourite to succeed Marjorie Nelson-Jackson for the women's Olympic sprint titles. (Planet News.)

with 49ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. 2nd day: Gary Bromhead won 220 yards in 21.5 (disqualified for briefly crossing into outer lane) and Gosper second in 21.5 also, 3,000 metres steeplechase, Graham Thomas 9:05.2 (record) and 440 yards hurdles Geoff Goodacre 52.9 (personal best performance; old mark 53.1).

Queensland championships at Brisbane, February 25. Charles Porter won the high jump with 6ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (a record) and Bill Tree came second with 6ft. 4in. Cinders rolled into soggy turf helped. Porter is coached by a doctor who has made a study of the high jump event.

In Yallourn (Victoria) on February 19 in hot and dusty conditions, Geoff Warren ran a 10,000 metres in 30:21.2 with Les Perry second in 3:43.4. Melbourne, on March 4: Warren 3,000 metres 8:16.4. Perth, on March 3: O'Connell 1:52.7. Adelaide, March 3: Gregory 400 metres in 48.6.

Women

No doubt about this Marlene Mathews, Sydney's handsome 21 year old (5ft. 6in. tall with strong legs). She won the New South Wales 100 yards on February 25 on soggy grass in 10.5 into a stiff wind, the 220 yards on March 3 on cinders in 24.0 (equalling Marjorie Jackson's official world record) and on March 10 on grass won 100 metres in 11.5.

Worth watching are: Betty Cuthbert (Sydney) aged 16. Betty was second to Marlene in all three above races, clocking 10.6, 24.2 (unofficial) and 11.5.

Marlene Mathews has taken over from Shirley Strickland as Australia's Olympic gold medal hope. She looks like winning at least one gold medal, and getting a silver or bronze, maybe even two gold.

Strickland won the Western Australian 100 yards in 11.0, 200 metres in 24.5, 220 yards in 24.5, 440 yards in 56.9. Pam Robertson won 80 metres hurdles in 11.3.

In the Victorian championships, Mrs. Nancy Boyle (a mother) won 75 yards in 8.4, 100 yards in 10.8, 100 metres in 11.9, 220 yards in 24.9.

Marlene Middlemiss won the Victorian 80 metres hurdles in 11.3, a time she has done more than once. This earned her a place in the Victorian team for the Australian women's championships in Brisbane at Easter. She was working as salesgirl in the shoe store. She asked her boss if her holidays could be brought forward to permit her to compete. The boss's answer was the sack, on the spot! Marlene didn't have to worry, though. Offers of better jobs quickly poured in.

South Australian Women's Championships: Norma Austin, 80 metres hurdles in 11.3; Pat Bergin, high jump 5ft. 3in. (best in Australia this season).

Queensland Women's Championships: Pat Duggan, 100 yards in 10.7.

PRINTING DISPUTE

This prolonged dispute is now over. The long delay in the appearance of this issue has been caused by the great backlog of work that piled up during the dispute. It will unfortunately take about three issues to get "Athletics World" back to its scheduled publication date.

FIFTH ANNUAL RANKINGS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

In this second instalment of *Athletics World's* fifth annual rankings we deal with the middle and long distance track events, the hurdles and the steeplechase. Please note that these lists are not intended to be exhaustive but aim to include each athlete's best and most significant marks. Standard notations are used.

ONE MILE (and 1,500 metres)

1951	1952
1. Bannister	1. Bannister
2. Nankeville	2. Nankeville
3. Parlett	3. Chataway
4. Eyre	4. Law
5. Parker	5. Disley
6. Chataway	6. Seaman

1953	1954
1. Bannister	1. Bannister
2. Pirie	2. Chataway
3. Nankeville	3. Wood
4. Seaman	4. Milligan
5. Chataway	5. = Boyd
6. Green	5. = Hewson
	7. Pirie

1st: **Christopher John CHATAWAY**
(b. 31.i.1929).

4:13.9	1st Durban	19/1
3:59.8	2nd British Games (3:43.8m)	28/5
4:00.8	1st Aldershot (3:43.6m)	2/7
4:18.2	1st Chelsea	6/8
4:06.4	3rd G.B. v. Hungary	12/8

2nd: **Brian Stanford HEWSON**
(b. 4.iv.1933).

4:13.6	1st Rayleigh Floodlit	20/4
4:16.8	1st Staveley	21/5
3:59.8	3rd British Games (3:43:2m)	28/5
3:50.3m	1st Cleve	30/5
3:47.8m	1st Amsterdam	9/6
4:14.2	1st Motspur Park	15/6
4:05.4	1st A.A.A.	16/7
4:06.6	1st Inter-Services	20/7
4:21.6	1st G.B. v. Germany	30/7
3:45.6m	2nd Budapest	21/8
4:08.0	1st White City	31/8
3:47.2m	1st G.B. v. France	3/9
3:45.0m	1st G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
3:48.4m	1st G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
4:03.6	2nd Copenhagen	1/10
4:04.8	1st London v Prague	12/10
4:15.2	1st Manchester	15/10

3rd: **Kenneth WOOD** (b. 21.xi.1930).
4:14.2 1st A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.
(54.1 last lap) 12/5

—	2nd Staveley	21/5
4:11.0	1st Bradford	18/6
4:10.2	1st N.C.A.A.	25/6
4:01.6	2nd Aldershot (3:44.8m)	2/7
4:07.4	ht. A.A.A.	15/7
4:06.2	2nd A.A.A.	16/7
4:22.8	3rd G.B. v. Germany	30/7
4:09.8	2nd Glasgow Rangers	6/8
4:08.2	4th G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
4:05.4	1st Emsley Carr	13/8
4:08.8	1st Edinburgh	20/8
3:49.3m	2nd G.B. v. France	3/9
3:46.2m	2nd G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
3:49.0m	2nd G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
4:10.4	2nd Birmingham	24/9

4th: **Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE**
(b. 10.ii.1931).

4:12.4	1st Heilbron	8/5
4:09.0*	— Manchester	21/5
4:09.0	ht. Inter-Counties	28/5
4:08.6	1st Surrey	4/6
4:06.0	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
3:54.0m	3rd Amsterdam	9/6
3:49.5m	1st Barlingen	11/6
4:08.6*	— Croydon	6/7
4:17.7	1st S.L.H.	13/7
4:13.2	3rd Toronto	20/8

*=made in a 2,000 metres race.

5th: **Peter Brian DRIVER**
(b. 26.vi.1932).

4:16.8	1st S.L.H. Trials	30/4
4:13.6	1st Sward Trophy	14/5
4:13.2	2nd Surrey	4/6
4:04.8	1st Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
4:20.6	1st Tooting	18/7
4:10.6	1st Civil Service Champs.	23/7

6th: **Ralph Henry DUNKLEY**
(b. 18.i.1930).

3:56.4m	1st U.L.A.C. v. Paris Univ.	8/5
4:16.6	3rd A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	12/5
4:11.0	5th British Games	28/5
4:18.0	4th A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
4:05.8	2nd Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
4:08.0	1st Motspur Triangular	29/6
4:08.8	4th A.A.A.	16/7
4:07.2	2nd Emsley Carr	13/8
4:13.4	4th London v. Prague	12/10

THREE MILES (and 5,000 metres)

1951	1952
1. Beckett	1. Chataway (=1)
2. Chataway	2. Pirie (=1)
3. Pirie	3. Sando
4. Parker	4. Parker
5. Hicks	5. Green (=5)
6. Morgan	6. Morgan (=5)

NIELSEN SETS SOUTH AFRICAN MILE RECORD OF 4:05.9

By A. G. Matthews

Gunnar Nielsen, the red-headed Dane, left South Africa's shores with the records for 800 metres, 1,500 metres and one mile. Building up from a mile in 4:14.0 on a tiny track at Durban and then 4:09.4 at Port Elizabeth on February 11 he turned in 4:05.9 at Bellville, which is just outside Cape Town, on February 14. Touring this four-lap grass track Nielsen soon left Ernst Kleynhans and Edward Brewster (4:18.6 and 4:19.9) far behind. Travelling the 1,000 odd miles to Pretoria Nielsen appeared in a special race on February 18 over 800 metres. Despite a disastrous start in which he collided with Francois Swanapoel on the first bend and which caused him to fall back to last place, Nielsen was second at the 400 metres post. With 200 yards to go only Paul Soine was still in contention. Turning into the home straight it took all the Dane knew to beat the South African. The result was Nielsen 1:50.6 (record); Soine 1:50.9 (best ever South African performance); Swanapoel 1:52.6; Hodgson 1:52.7; Oberholzer 1:52.9. Nielsen found he was no exception to the rule that it is highly uncomfortable to run fast over middle distances above 5,000 feet altitude. He left a great impression and proved an inspiration to our half milers.

Summaries of recent events of note:—

Sprints.—Top man is Wesley Perkes who has returned to form with three 9.7 marks. In one however on February 18 at Pretoria he was beaten by inches by Chris Petty (9.7).

Middle Distances.—Piet vander Leeuw of Natal cracked Schalk Booysen's and Paul Soine's 1:52.2 national half mile mark with 1:51.8 at Durban on March 10.

Hurdles.—Following a 14.3 at Pretoria on February 18, "Koos" van der Merwe again equalled his national record of 14.2, this time at Benoni on March 10. Van der Merwe was under pressure the whole way from Danie Berger who returned 14.3 for a personal best.

Jumps.—There is great excitement at the deeds of Hendrik Kruger, the pole vaulter studying at Oklahoma University. He won the "Big Seven" with 14ft. 4½in. and since then has improved to 14ft. 6½in. in another indoor meet. Neville Price maintains form with 24ft. 10in. at Johannesburg on January 14 and since then has been supported



Ron Clarke, holder of the world's best time for a junior (under 19) at one mile (4:06.8) and 1,500 metres (3:49.2) at Sydney on February 1, 17 days before his 19th birthday. The previous record was Don Bowden's (California) 4:11.7.

by Gideon van Heerden and the Springbok Rugby Football wing three-quarter Tom van Vollenhoven who both did 24ft. 5½in. at Pieter Maritzburg on February 4. The Rugby wing cleared 24ft. in all six jumps.

Throws.—Barice van Houten set a personal best performance of 49ft. 6½in. at Benoni on March 10. Harry Hart's hoary old domestic shot put record of 51ft. 7in. set way back in 1931 finally toppled to John Short who did 51ft. 8½in. also at Benoni on March 10. Fanie du Plessis has no marks to report as he recently got married.

Women.—Magdalena Swanapoel set a new British Empire javelin record with 154ft. 1¼in. at Pretoria on February 22. Anna Fick, the three-fingered, left-handed discus thrower set a new South African discus record by the minute fraction of ¾in. with 146ft. 10¾in. at Pretoria on February 18. Another new national mark was Fenna van Heerden's 19ft. 4in. long jump at Paarl on March 10.

1953	1954
1. Pirie	1. Chataway
2. Green	2. Green
3. Sando	3. Sando
4. Norris, K. L.	4. Pirie
5. Binnie	5. Norris, K. L.
6. Eyre	6. Driver

1st: **Christopher John CHATAWAY**
(b. 31.i.1931).

14:39.4	1st	Johannesburg	15/1
13:33.0	1st	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
13:33.6	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
13:23.2	1st	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
13:44.6	2nd	G.B. v. Hungary	13/8
14:12.0m	1st	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9

2nd: **Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE**
(b. 10.ii.1931)

13:29.8	1st	Manchester	22/6
14:16.4	1st	Brockman	9/7
14:03.8m	1st	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
14:23.6m	1st	Copenhagen	1/10
14:19.0m	1st	Manchester	15/10

3rd: **Kenneth Leonard NORRIS**
(b. 11.vii.1931).

14:05.4	1st	Middlesex	21/5
13:39.0	3rd	Inter-Counties	28/5
13:42.4	1st	British Games	30/5
13:36.6	2nd	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
13:29.8	2nd	Southern	25/6
14:40.0m	1st	Saarbrucken	10/7
14:04.0m	3rd	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
14:16.8m	6th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9

4th: **George Derek IBBOTSON**
(b. 17.vi.1932).

14:19.4	1st	Yatesbury	30/4
14:15.2	1st	Club match	14/5
13:34.6	1st	Inter-Counties	28/5
13:57.4	1st	Yorkshire Champs.	4/6
13:39.8	1st	N.C.A.A.	25/6
13:50.8	1st	R.A.F. Champs.	6/7
13:37.0	2nd	A.A.A.	16/7
13:52.8	1st	Inter Services	20/7
13:42.2	2nd	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
13:52.2	4th	G.B. v. Hungary	13/8
14:18.6m	6th	Budapest	21/8
14:33.2m	1st	G.B. v. France	3/9
14:24.2m	3rd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
14:11.2m	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
13:56.0	2nd	Birmingham	24/9

5th: **Frank Dennis SANDO**
(b. 14.iii.1931).

13:37.6	2nd	Inter-Counties	28/5
13:29.8	1st	Southern	25/6
14:00.0	3rd	Birmingham	24/9
13:52.4m	2nd	London v. Prague	12/10
14:28.0m	3rd	Manchester	15/10

6th=: **Brian Tony BARRETT**
(b. 17.vi.1933).

13:40.8	3rd	Southern	25/6
13:46.6	3rd	A.A.A.	16/7
14:13.2	2nd	Coventry	27/8
14:52.8m	3rd	G.B. v. France	3/9

6th=: **Kenneth WOOD** (b. 21.xi.1930).
14:10.8 2nd A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9

SIX MILES (and 10,000 metres)

1951	1952
1. Pirie	1. Sando
2. Hesketh	2. Pirie
3. Gray	3. Norris, F.
4. Birch	4. Hesketh
5. Robins	5. Gray
6. Aaron	6. Peters

1953	1954
1. Pirie	1. Sando
2. Sando	2. Driver
3. Binnie	3. Norris, K. L.
4. Peters	4. Peters
5. Hesketh	5. Binnie
6. Gray	6. Ingles

1st: **Douglas Alastair Gordon PIRIE**
(b. 10.ii.1931).

28:21.4	1st	Southern	23/4
—	—	A.A.A. (ret'd. 23rd lap)	15/7

28:36.0	1st	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
29:46.4m	3rd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
29:54.0m	2nd	G.B. v. Czechs.	15/9
29:32.0m	1st	Turku	25/9
29:19.0m	1st	London v. Prague	12/10

2nd: **Kenneth Leonard NORRIS**
(b. 11.vii.1931).

28:25.6	2nd	Southern	23/4
29:00.6	1st	A.A.A.	15/7
29:57.0	1st	G.B. v. Germany	1/8
28:41.8	2nd	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
29:46.4m	2nd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
29:21.4m	2nd	London v. Prague	12/10

3rd: **Frank Dennis SANDO**
(b. 14.iii.1931).

28:47.4	2nd	Inter-Counties	30/5
29:31.0	2nd	A.A.A.	15/7
29:57.0	1st	G.B. v. Germany	1/8
30:45.8m	2nd	G.B. v. France	4/9
30:08.0m	3rd	G.B. v. Czechs.	15/9

4th: **Peter Brian DRIVER**
(b. 26.vi.1932).

29:32.4	8th	Southern	23/4
28:47.0	1st	Inter-Counties	30/5
30:06.4	6th	A.A.A.	15/7

5th: **George Derek IBBOTSON**
(b. 17.vi.1932).

28:52.0	3rd	Inter-Counties	30/5
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6th: **Hugh Vivian FOORD**
(b. 30.iii.1929).

29:02.0	3rd	Southern	23/4
29:11.8	4th	Inter-Counties	30/5

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120 YARDS HURDLES (and 110 m.)

1951	1952
1. Hildreth	1. Hildreth
2. Parker	2. Parker
3. Finlay	3. Vine
4. Vine	4. Higham
5. Barkway	5. Hart
6. Birrell	6. Birrell

1953	1954
1. Hildreth	1. Parker
2. Parker	2. Hildreth
3. Vine	3. Higham
4. Higham	4. Shaw
5. O'Sullivan	5. Vine
6. Matthews	6. Matthews

1st: **Frederick John PARKER**
(b. 6.ix.1927).

14.9	1st	British Games	28/5
14.8	2nd	Inter-Counties	30/5
14.6w	1st	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
14.9	1st	Southern	25/6
14.9	1st	Motspur Park	29/6
14.8	1st	Aldershot	2/7
14.7	ht.	A.A.A.	16/7
14.6	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
14.3	1st	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
14.4	1st	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
14.4m	1st	Budapest	21/8
14.7m	1st	G.B. v. France	3/9
14.4m	1st	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
14.6m	1st	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9

2nd: **Peter Burke HILDRETH**
(b. 8.vii.1928).

15.2	1st	Caledonian	21/5
15.3	4th	British Games	28/5
14.8	1st	Inter-Counties	30/5
15.2	1st	A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
14.7w	2nd	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
15.1	1st	M.C.A.A.A. (15.0 ht.)	25/6
—	2nd	Aldershot Invitation	2/7
14.8m	1st	Stockholm	6/7
14.8	ht.	A.A.A.	16/7
14.7	3rd	A.A.A.	16/7
14.8	2nd	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
14.4	2nd	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
14.8	1st	White City	31/8
14.7m	2nd	G.B. v. France	3/9
14.5m	3rd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
14.7m	2nd	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
14.7	1st	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
14.7m	3rd	Bucharest	-10
14.5	1st	London v. Prague	12/10

3rd: **Christopher Eric Edward HIGHAM** (b. 7.vii.1930).

15.2	1st	Yorkshire Champs.	4/6
15.3	2nd	A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
14.8w	3rd	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
14.8	1st	N.C.A.A.	25/6
15.0	ht.	A.A.A.	16/7
14.8	4th	A.A.A.	16/7
14.7m	2nd	Saarbrücken	10/7
14.7m	sf.	San Sebastian	12/8
14.9m		Goteborg	30/8
14.9m		Uddevalla	1/9

14.8m		Stockholm	3/9
14.8m		Oslo	5/9
14.9m		Sarpsborg	8/9
15.8	5th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
15.2	3rd	London v. Prague	12/10

4th: **Paul Ashley Lawrence VINE**
(b. 13.xii.1927).

15.1w	2nd	A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	12/5
15.4	2nd	Caledonian	21/5
15.4	1st	Middlesex	21/5
15.0	3rd	British Games	28/5
15.0	4th	Inter Counties	30/5
15.5	3rd	A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
14.9m		Belgrade	16/6
14.7w	1st	Norwich	22/6
14.9	2nd	Southern	25/6
15.3	1st	Insurance	28/6
—	3rd	Aldershot Invitation	2/7
15.0	ht.	A.A.A.	16/7
14.9	5th	A.A.A.	16/7
15.2	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
15.2		London v. Prague	12/10

5th: **Robert Douglas SHAW**
(b. 27.xii.1932).

15.0	1st	Oxford v. Cambridge	16/4
15.0	1st	Oxford	30/4
14.7w	1st	A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	12/5
14.8	1st	U.A.U.	21/5
15.1	1st	Oxford and Cambridge v. Yale & W. Point	11/6
15.2	1st	Welsh A.A.A.	25/6
14.8m	2nd	Stockholm	6/7
14.9		Guernsey	23/7

6th: **Victor Charles MATTHEWS**
(b. 23.vi.1934).

15.0w	1st	Loughborough	4/5
15.2w	3rd	A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C.	12/5
16.1	1st	Sward Trophy	14/5
15.0	2nd	U.A.U.	21/5
15.3	5th	British Games	28/5
15.3	1st	Surrey	4/6
15.0	1st	Oxford	16/6
15.2	3rd	Southern	25/6
15.1	2nd	Motspur Park	29/6
15.2	1st	Newcastle	2/7
15.1	ht.	A.A.A.	16/7
15.4	3rd	San Sebastian	13/8
15.4	4th	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9

440 YARDS HURDLES (and 400 m.)

1951	1952
1. Whittle	1. Gracie
2. Scott	2. Scott
3. Parker	3. Whittle
4. Davis	4. Hardy
5. Gracie	5. Davis
6. Clephan	6. Parker
1953	1954
1. Whittle	1. Kane
2. Gracie	2. Shaw
3. Hardy	3. Gracie
4. Scott	4. Dangerfield
5. Parker	5. Hardy
6. Kane	6. Farrell

SHORT TAKES

The First shall be First (contd.).—In the past we have recorded athletes with gallantry decorations (February 1956, page 38). One serious omission was Lt. Richard Shea, the West Point indoor miler, who was killed in Korea on 8 July, 1953, and who on 27 April, 1955, was posthumously awarded the gold studded pale blue ribbon of America's supreme gallantry decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Brevity is Sanguinary.—The longest running commentary on record was one of 27 hours 15 minutes by one Pierre Chouinard of the Canadian station CKAC in 1955, but what is the shortest ever interview? We think we have the answer. When England's Ken Norris won the San Sylvestre midnight race on last New Year's night he was in poor shape. The confused start, the noise of fireworks, the cobbles, the car fumes and the tough pace combined to make his legs feel like rubber during the last few yards. A broadcasting company's interviewer thrust a microphone into Norris's face as he staggered over the line amid a blizzard of flash-bulbs and said words to the effect, "What does it feel like, Ken Norris, to have won this great race?" The answer at least had the merits of veracity and brevity—"Bloody!"

The Home S-t-r-e-t-c-h.—Even continental 800 metre runners should spare a thought for the horses at Washington Park race track in the United States. It has the longest home stretch of any race course in America. Coming off the rails for the last time the unfortunate animals have to cover 510 yards before they reach the winning post.

CHRIS 1st, 2nd and 3rd

On Saturday, March 24, at Roehampton, in the Thames Hare and Hounds ten miles Challenge Cup cross country race, Chris Suddaby (55:03.0) came first, Chris Brasher (55:28.0) was second, and Chris Chataway (56:45.0) was third. They all broke the former record.

CANTABRIAN
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT HAS
BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE
1956 OLYMPICS

1st: **Robert Douglas SHAW**
(b. 27.xii.1932).

54.1 1st O.U.A.C. v. A.A.A. 12/5
53.7 1st Sward Trophy 14/5
53.8 1st U.A.U. 21/5
52.7 1st Oxford 24/5
55.2 1st Welsh A.A.A. 25/6
53.0m 1st Stockholm 7/7
52.2 1st A.A.A. 16/7
52.7 1st G.B. v. Germany 1/8
53.1 1st G.B. v. Hungary 13/8
53.1m 3rd G.B. v. France 4/9
53.6m 4th G.B. v. U.S.S.R. 11/9
52.1m 1st G.B. v. Czechs. 15/9
52.8 1st A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9

2nd: **Harry KANE** (b. 24.v.1933).

56.5 Tooting 30/4
56.1 2nd Sward Trophy 14/5
57.2 1st Middlesex 21/5
54.0 2nd Inter-Counties (53.6m) 28/5
55.2 2nd Glasgow Police 4/6
54.8 1st Southern 25/6
55.1m 1st Rotterdam 3/7
53.2 4th A.A.A. 16/7
53.4 3rd G.B. v. Hungary 13/8
57.8 1st Coventry 27/8
52.6m 1st G.B. v. France 4/9
52.5m 2nd G.B. v. U.S.S.R. 11/9
52.5m 2nd G.B. v. Czechs. 15/9
53.6 1st London v. Prague 12/10
53.6 1st Manchester 15/10

3rd: **Thomas Stuart FARRELL**
(b. 23.ix.1932).

55.2 2nd A.A.A. v. O.U.A.C. 12/5
56.4 1st Loughborough 14/5
55.2 2nd U.A.U. 21/5
53.2 1st Inter-Counties (52.8m) 28/5
53.8 1st Glasgow Police 4/6
53.5 1st U.A.U. v. Oxford 16/6
54.1 1st N.C.A.A. 25/6
54.8 2nd A.A.A. v. Wales 9/7
55.7 1st Loughborough —
53.0 3rd A.A.A. 16/7
53.3 2nd G.B. v. Germany 1/8
53.1 2nd A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9
54.4 2nd Manchester 15/10

4th: **Peter Burke HILDRETH**
(b. 8.vii.1928).

56.4 3rd Sward Trophy 14/5
55.7 4th A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C. 8/6
56.1 3rd Glasgow Police 4/6
53.8m 3rd Stockholm 7/7
53.6 3rd A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9
54.0 2nd London v. Prague 12/10

5th: **Derek Harold REX SALTER**
(b. 21.vi.1932).

58.2 4th U.L.A.C. v. Paris Univ. 8/5
55.8 1st Motspur Park 14/5
55.3 1st U.L.A.C. v. A.A.A. 8/6
57.0 1st Inter-Hospitals 11/6
56.4 1st Motspur Park 15/6
54.8 1st Motspur Park 29/6
54.4 1st A.A.A. v. Wales 9/7
54.8 5th A.A.A. 16/7
57.0m 5th San Sebastian 14/8
55.6 1st White City 31/8

6th: **Clive A. R. DENNIS** (b. 1.v.1929).
56.7 1st E.U.A.C. v. St. Andrews 27/4
56.8 3rd U.A.U. 21/5
57.2 1st Edinburgh 7/6
56.9 1st Scots A.A.A. 25/6
56.3 1st Dunfermline 30/6
56.0 1st Newcastle 2/7
55.3 6th A.A.A. 16/7
54.8m 3rd San Sebastian 14/8

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

1951

1. Disley 1. Disley
2. Brasher 2. Brasher
3. Barratt 3. Johnson
4. Howell 4. Ross
5. Berry 5. Berry
6. = Bromley 6. Morley
6. = Puddicombe

1953

1. Disley 1. Disley
2. Ellis 2. Johnson
3. Johnson 3. Shirley
4. Brasher 4. Brasher
5. Berry 5. Hardy
6. Bromley 6. Ellis

1st: **John Ivor DISLEY** (b. 20.xi.1928).

9:25.4 1st Leyton 4/5
9:02.6 1st Inter-Counties 30/5
9:00.6 1st Stockholm 6/7
8:56.6 1st A.A.A. 16/7
8:52.2 1st G.B. v. Germany 30/7
8:55.4 1st G.B. v. Hungary 13/8
8:44.2 1st G.B. v. U.S.S.R. 11/9
9:06.4 1st G.B. v. Czechs. 15/9
8:48.8 1st A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9
8:50.0 2nd London v. Prague 12/10

2nd: **Eric SHIRLEY** (b. 3.iv.1929).

8:59.4 1st Southern 25/6
9:03.4 3rd A.A.A. 16/7
8:56.2 2nd G.B. v. Hungary 13/8
9:11.4 1st G.B. v. France 4/9
8:49.8 2nd A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9
9:00.0 1st Bucharest —/10
8:47.6 1st London v. Prague 12/10

3rd: **Christopher William BRASHER**
(b. 21.viii.1928).

9:07.4 2nd Stockholm 6/7
8:59.4 2nd A.A.A. 16/7
8:56.6 2nd G.B. v. Germany 30/7
9:10.8 Stockholm 3/9
8:49.2 2nd G.B. v. U.S.S.R. 11/9
9:06.8 2nd G.B. v. Czechs. 15/9
8:52.6 3rd London v. Prague 12/10

4th: **Kenneth Edward JOHNSON**
(b. 14.x.1928).

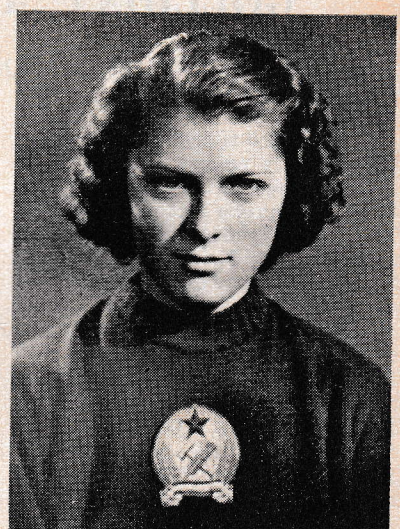
9:24.2 Birmingham 7/5
9:07.8 2nd Inter-Counties 30/5
9:17.0 1st Saarbrücken 10/7
9:05.4 4th A.A.A. 16/7

5th: **Roger DUNKLEY** (b. 20.vi.1935).

9:32.0 1st Middlesex 21/5
9:17.2 4th Inter-Counties 30/5
9:15.4 1st R.A.F. Champs. 6/7
9:23.8 1st Inter-Services 20/7
9:09.2 5th A.A.A. 16/7
9:24.0 3rd G.B. v. France 4/9

6th: **Roger George BEECROFT**
(b. 12.x.1933).

9:15.4 1st Lancashire 4/6
9:13.0 3rd Inter-Counties 30/5
9:10.8 1st N.C.A.A. 25/6
9:37.8 6th A.A.A. Floodlit 21/9



Vera Neszmelyi, 16, the Hungarian 100 metres champion, is one of Europe's leading contenders for the Olympic women's 100 and 200 metre sprints against the strong Australian bid to keep Marjorie Nelson-Jackson's titles "down under".

Neszmelyi trains four or five times a week under "Kleri" Kovacs. These usually comprise two workouts on the Honved track, two gymnasium sessions and one two-hour cross-country outing. Her best marks so far are: 100 metres, 11.5, 200 metres, 24.1.

Fashion Note: Vera has cut off her "pony tail". Reason—"People make fun of it so much".

FOUR NEW INDIAN RECORDS

With acknowledgments to
V. V. Kolatchoff

At the Indian Championships at Patiala, February 24/27, Lavy Pinto set a new Indian record of 21.5 in his 200 metres heat. The Asian Champion Ajit Singh Bhullar with a 6ft. 5in. high jump clearance; Ram Mehar with 23ft. 7½in. in the long jump; and Parduman Singh with 48ft. 10½in. in the shot put, all set new Indian records.

In the high hurdles Hanif Malik set a new Pakistani record over the metric distance with 14.6 at Rawalpindi early in February, and at Ambala on February 10 Shri Chand Ram equalled the Indian 110 metre hurdles record with 14.7

NEW RECORDS FOR O'BRIEN, GOLLIDAY AND JENKINS

By R. L. QUERCETANI

For the third straight year W. Parry O'Brien Jr., a veteran of 24, has outshone all heroes of the indoor campaign with his inimitable shot putting ability. The big Californian made only two appearances at New York's Madison Square Garden and each time spectators were offered a new indoor best. At the N.Y.A.C. Games on February 11 the Olympic champion raised his own indoor record (59ft. 5½in. in 1955) to 59ft. 9in. He had a phenomenal series: 57ft. 11¼in., 59ft. 4½in., 58ft. 8¼in., 59ft. 9in., 57ft. 1in. and 59ft. 3½in. His poorest throw (57ft. 1in.—maybe the shot slipped off his hand?!) was equal to the famous world outdoor record set by Jack Torrance, Louisiana's "Elephant Baby", at Oslo, in 1934, an achievement which at the time prompted more than one reputed observer to say the human ultimate in this event had been finally reached. But the drill-like O'Brien was not content. A week later at the National Indoor Championships (February 18) he was, as he likes to say, "mentally ready" for something big. However, in the qualifying rounds he began with two fouls, so that his third try had to result in a "safety throw": 58ft. 6in. In the final he improved to 59ft. 4in., then indulged in another foul before finally throwing the leather-covered ball **61ft. 5¼in. (18.72 metres)**! This mark also better O'Brien's outdoor record (60ft. 10in. at Los Angeles in 1954). Parry has now set his eyes on 62ft. as his target for the Olympic year, but while at it he could well go so far as to present the metric-minded world with a world record of 19.00 metres (62ft. 4in.). This Santa Monica born phenomenon was last beaten in a shot put event in June 1952 at the U.S. Olympic Tryouts. To achieve such a stability of success in a country which in 1955 had six other shotputters in the range 56ft./59ft., is in itself a fantastic record. Newcomer Kan Bantum and veteran Stan Lampert took turns in placing second to O'Brien, the former with 56ft. 1in. on February 11, and the latter with 56ft. 0in. on February 18.

Another great record-breaker was Jim Golliday, the powerful Negro

sprinter from Northwestern University. In a triangular meeting at Madison, Wisconsin, on February 25, Golliday broke the most frequently tied of all records (6.1 for the 60 yards dash) by running the classic indoor sprint distance in **six seconds flat**. The present record on the books is shared by almost a score of men, including such celebrities as Metcalfe, Owens, Ewell, Stanfield and Eddie Conwell. Golliday's historic run was on a dirt track. The following week in the "Big Ten" Championships, Golliday pulled a muscle after breasting the tape in a 6.2 heat. It is reported that this injury will keep him out of running for one month at least. This great sprinter, certainly the No. 1 century specialist of the past five years, has been up against muscular trouble in almost every season. Three other "dashmen" have run 60 yards in the record-equalling time of 6.1. They are Dave Sime and George Sydnor, the newcomers we talked of in last month's issue, and John Haines, who won the event also at the Nationals for his fourth straight A.A.U. Indoor title! American sprinters seem ready for an all-out attack on the 100 yards and 100 metres records in the Olympic year.

Charles Jenkins clipped two-tenths off Whitfield's 500 yards record with a sizzling 56.4 (N.Y.A.C. Games, February 11). In doing so the smooth striding Negro from Villanova College left Lou Jones, holder of the outdoor 400 metres record (45.4), far behind.

Next to the record-breakers, the outstanding figure in recent indoor meetings was Don Bragg, a 21-year-old vaulter also from Villanova. So far he still has to defeat Richards, the long reigning king of the event. The Reverend seems to hypnotise his rivals, but Bragg is now doing 15ft. consistently and even Richards will have to watch him more and more. In the A.A.U. Championships the two tied at 15ft. 1in., while Leroy Poucher was third at 14ft. 10in., thus equalling his personal best. The following week in the I.C.4.A. Championships (February 25) Bragg improved to 15ft. 2in. and in the Knights of Columbus Games (March 3)

he went a fraction over Richards's best ever mark with a great 15ft. 5¼in. In his unsuccessful attempts at 15ft. 9in. Bragg showed such potential that few experts, if any, would now doubt his ability to succeed where the great Richards has always failed, namely against Corny Warmerdam's once unapproachable figures ("Dutch" still holds both the indoor and the outdoor record with 15ft. 8½in. and 15ft. 7¾in. respectively).

Lee Calhoun has now established himself as the new king of indoor hurdlers. His 7.1 for 60 yards hurdles (N.Y.A.C. Games) equalled Dillard's world record. Arnie Sowell came close to the 1,000 yards record at the Nationals with an "easy" 2:08.4. Woodruff's heir apparent at Pitt is expected to succeed "Long John" also as winner of the Olympic 800 metres title.

High jumper Phil Reavis, who had done 6ft. 10in. in January, appeared to be past his peak in the all important February meetings. Bob Barksdale of Morgan State cleared 6ft. 9in. in the N.Y.A.C. Games but in the A.A.U. Championships nobody could beat Ernie Shelton, who won at 6ft. 9in. from Bernie Allard (6ft. 8in.) and six others, including Reavis and Barksdale, at 6ft. 6in.

The indoor season on the dirt surfaces of Midwestern Universities is also producing many fine marks. Next to Golliday's previously mentioned 6.0 for 60 yards, one is bound to record the achievements of shotputter Bill Nieder and long jumper Gregory Bell, who loom as Olympic prospects of the highest calibre. Nieder, the big Kansan, heaved the 16lb. shot 58ft. 5¾in. in a dual meet with Oklahoma on February 4. He confirmed his fine form in the Michigan State Relays with 57ft. 6¾in. and in a dual meet against Michigan with 58ft. 0¼in. Bell, who pulled a major upset in the U.S. Outdoor Championships last year with his 26ft. 0½in. win, has done 25ft. 6¼in. and 25ft. 4¼in. in dual meets. Bell is a sophomore at Indiana University.

Students "imported" from abroad are apparently deriving notable benefits from the teachings of U.S. coaches. Eeles Landström of Michigan, the European pole vault champion and record holder, did 14ft. 5¾in. at Ann Arbor on February 3 and promises to be the No. 1 rival of American vaulters in Melbourne. South African Hendrik Kruger, now at Oklahoma, did 14ft. 0in., which is not far from Geoff Elliott's British Empire record (14ft. 1¼in. at Berne in 1954). Also progressing by



Charley Jenkins (Villanova) sets a world's best time for the indoor 500 yards in 56.4 secs. at New York on February 11. The previous mark of 56.6 secs. was set by Mal Whitfield in 1953. (I.N.P.)

leaps and bounds is Doug Stuart of Australia and Michigan, who high jumped 6ft. 8⁵/₈ in. in the Michigan A.A.U. Relays (Ann Arbor, February 3). This mark is fractionally superior to Julius Chigbolu's British Empire best of 6ft. 8¹/₂ in. in 1955. Brendan O'Reilly of Eire, jumped 6ft. 7¹/₂ in. on February 25, almost two inches over his previous best.

THREE NIGERIAN RECORDS

A. K. Amu ran 220 yards in 21.8 and 440 yards in 48.3 in an inter-regional match on March 18 at Enugu. The quarter-mile mark equalled the record set earlier in the month by Alatishi. Peter Esiri set new hop, step and jump figures of 49ft. 9in. Julius Chigbolu cleared 6ft. 7¹/₂ in. at Kano in February, and later 6ft. 7in. at Lagos in the same month. Ajo was second with 6ft. 6in.

BRITISH EARLY SEASON MARKS

The following noteworthy performances have been reported up to March 24th.
i = indoor mark.

100 YARDS

10.0	J. Metcalf	Oxford	-/3
10.0	P. O. C. Ozieh (Nigeria)	Oxford	3/3

220 YARDS

21.9	J. Metcalf	Oxford	9/2
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440 YARDS

48.9	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	6/3
49.1	G. L. Critchlow	Oxford	6/3
49.4	J. D. Wrighton	Oxford	24/3
49.6n	J. Metcalf	Oxford	24/3

800 METRES

1:51.4	B. S. Hewson	Trinidad	26/2
1:52.2	J. R. Cameron	Hurlingham	17/3

880 YARDS

1:51.5	D. C. E. Gorrie	Oxford	10/3
1:51.8n	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	10/3
1:55.0	D. Thornton	Cambridge	5/3

1,000 METRES

2:27.8n i	C. W. Brasher	Dortmund	5/2
2:29.6n i	J. I. Disley	Kiel	4/2

ONE MILE

4:07.3	I. H. Boyd	Oxford	24/3
4:10.0n	A. D. Gordon	Oxford	10/3
4:10.3n	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	24/3
4:17.7n	C. T. Maxwell (U.S.A.)	Oxford	10/3
4:18.0	M. J. Rowbottom	Eton	22/3
4:18.5n	P. D. Evans	Oxford	10/3

3,000 METRES

8:19.0n i	J. I. Disley	Dortmund	5/2
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TWO MILES

9:05.0	A. D. Gordon	Oxford	28/1
9:05.0	I. H. Boyd	Oxford	28/1

THREE MILES

13:54.4	I. H. Boyd	Oxford	10/3
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220 YARDS HURDLES

25.1	J. Metcalf	Oxford	-/3
25.1	W. W. Kretschmar (Germany)	Oxford	24/3
25.2	D. W. Donaldson	Cambridge	8/3

HIGH JUMP

6' 7 ³ / ₈ "	P. Wells	Christchurch, N.Z.	4/2
6' 3"	O. Okuwobi (Nigeria)	Hurlingham	17/3
6' 1"	D. E. F. Luke (Sierra Leone)	Oxford	-/3

and four at 6' 0".

LONG JUMP

23' 2"	D. E. F. Luke (Sierra Leone)	Oxford	10/3
22' 11 ¹ / ₂ "	A. G. Whittaker	Oxford	24/3

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

46' 9"	P. B. Engo (Nigeria)	Hurlingham	17/3
46' 1"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst	Trinidad	26/2

SHOT PUT

54' 0"	W. B. L. Palmer	Oxford	10/3
46' 0"	W. H. Robbins	Oxford	24/3

BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH RECORDS

(AS AT 15th MARCH, 1956)

MEN

RUNNING

100 yards	9.3	Hector D. Hogan (Australia)	Sydney	13/ 3/54
220 yards (turn)	21.0	Herbert H. McKenley (Jamaica)	Sydney	22/ 1/49
440 yards	47.0	Denis V. Shore (South Africa)	Krugersdorp	10/12/38
880 yards	1:48.6	Brian S. Hewson (England)	London	13/ 8/55
1 mile	3:58.6	John M. Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	28/ 1/56
	3:58.6	John M. Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	7/ 4/56
2 miles	8:34.8	Kenneth Wood (England)	London	30/ 5/55
3 miles	13:23.2	Christopher J. Chataway (England)	London	30/ 7/55
6 miles	27:54.0	Dave Stephens (Australia)	Melbourne	25/ 1/56
10 miles	50:11.0	Ian Binnie (Scotland)	Dunoon	28/ 8/53
15 miles	1:19:19.4	John W. Stone (England)	Walton-on-Thames	23/10/54
One hour	11ml. 1,575y.	Ian Binnie (Scotland)	Dunoon	28/ 8/53

RELAYS

4 × 110 yards	41.1	North-South Transvaal Team (Chris Petty, Willie Nel, Gideon van Heerden, Karel van Vollenhoven)	Pretoria	10/12/55
4 × 220 yards	1:27.1	University of Western Ontario Team (D. C. McFarlane, J. C. Parry, W. D. LaRochelle, R. M. McFarlane)	London, Ontario	29/ 5/47
4 × 440 yards	3:09.2	Jamaican Team (Arthur S. Wint, Leslie A. Laing, Vincent G. Rhoden, Herbert H. McKenley)	White City, London	9/ 8/52
4 × 880 yards	7:30.6	Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team (G. William Nankeville, A. Webster, F. Evans, H. J. Parlett)	London	26/ 9/51
4 × 1 mile	16:41.0	Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team (C. J. Chataway, G. W. Nankeville, D. C. Seaman, R. G. Bannister)	London	1/ 8/53

HURDLING AND STEEPLECHASING

120 yards Hurdles	14.0	Ray H. Weinberg (Australia)	Melbourne	9/ 2/52
220 yards Hurdles (turn)	23.1	Geoffrey C. Goodacre (Australia)	Sydney	8/ 1/55
440 yards Hurdles	51.8	Harry Kane (England)	London	13/10/54
3,000 metres Steeplechase	8:47.6	Eric Shirley (England)	London	12/10/55

FIELD EVENTS

High Jump	6' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Julius O. Chigbolu (Nigeria)	Lagos	16/ 4/55
Pole Vault	14' 0"	Geoffrey M. Elliott (England)	Glasgow	12/ 6/54
	14' 0"	Geoffrey M. Elliott (England)	Vancouver	7/ 8/54
	14' 0"	Geoffrey M. Elliott (England)	London	13/10/54
Long Jump	25' 10"	Neville G. Price (South Africa)	Bloemfontein	3/12/55
Hop, Step and Jump	51' 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	John P. Metcalfe (Australia)	Sydney	14/12/35
Shot Putt	55' 2"	John A. Savidge (England)	Cardiff	8/ 5/54
Discus Throw	171' 6"	G. Roy Pella (Canada)	Windsor, Ontario	14/ 5/54
Hammer Throw	193' 3"	Mohammad Iqbal (Pakistan)	London	14/ 8/54
Javelin Throw	224' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	John D. Achurch (Australia)	Vancouver	5/ 8/54
Decathlon	5,975 points	Peter M. Mullins (Australia)	Hastings/Napier, N.Z.	2 & 3/ 1/48

WOMEN

100 yards	10.4	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Sydney	8/ 3/52
220 yards	24.0	Marjorie Nelson-Jackson (Australia)	Sydney	20/ 2/54
	24.0	Marjorie Nelson-Jackson (Australia)	Vancouver	5/ 8/54
	24.0	Marlene Matthews (Australia)	New South Wales	3/ 3/56
440 yards	56.6	Pamela Bryant (Australia)	Perth	28/ 2/54
	56.6	Diane S. Leather (England)	London	21/ 8/54
880 yards	2:09.0	Diane S. Leather (England)	London	19/ 6/54
4 × 110 yards Relay	46.3	Australian National Team (Shirley B. Strickland, Verna Johnson, Winsome Cripps, Marjorie Jackson)	London	4/ 8/52
4 × 220 yards Relay	1:39.9	Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team (Anne Pashley, Jean Newbould, Shirley Hampton, Anne E. Johnson)	London	30/ 9/53
3 × 880 yards Relay	6:46.0	Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team (Diane S. Leather, I. Anne E. Oliver, Nora R. Smalley)	London	17/ 7/54
High Jump	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Sheila Lerwill (England)	London	7/ 7/51
Long Jump	20' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Yvette W. Williams (N.Z.)	Gisborne	20/ 2/54
Shot Putt	46' 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Valerie I. Sloper (N.Z.)	Christchurch	21/12/55
Discus Throw	151' 6"	Yvette W. Williams (N.Z.)	Gisborne	9/ 1/54
Javelin Throw	154' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Magdalena C. Swanepoel (South Africa)	Pretoria	22/ 2/56

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

From D. K. R. Phillips of Watford.

"...I studied the list of Landy's miles with interest and I thought you might like to know that I have unearthed two more performances. Both are confirmed. They are: 4:11.0, Melbourne, February 7, 1953, and 4:16.2, Melbourne, December 19, 1953.

From W. F. C. Davies of Chiswick.

"...Readers of *Athletics World* may be interested to know that the Veterans' Athletic Club held its Silver Jubilee Dinner at the Empire Restaurant on Saturday, February 18. One of the guests was Joe Deakin, very sprightly at 77 years of age, and still running. He is the proud owner of an Olympic Gold Medal, gained in the three miles team race in 1908. Before the end of a most enjoyable evening Joe decided to become a member of the 'Vets' and declared his intention of giving the boys some hard races in the near future."

START OF THE AMERICAN OUTDOOR SEASON GUTOWSKI IS SIXTH 15-FOOTER

In one of the opening meetings of the Californian outdoor season, Bob Gutowski of Occidental College pole vaulted 15ft. 0½in. to join Warmerdam, Richards, Laz, Don Cooper and Bragg as sixth member of the "15-Foot Club". The spectacular rise to fame of this new star is evidenced by his best marks in previous years: 13ft. 6in. in 1954 and 14ft. 6½in. in 1955. Phil Conley of the California Institute of Technology threw the javelin 237ft. 11¼in.; it should be remembered that in this event the United States outshone even Finland in 1955 with 14 70-metres men (229ft. 7¾in.) to 12.

NEWS FROM RHODESIA

Two noteworthy performances at the beginning of the Rhodesian athletics season were:—

Marathon: 2:33.0 by D. J. Dodds at Bulawayo on December 4, 1955.

Women's Shot Put: 40ft. 4½in. by Terry Fisher at Bulawayo on January 15, 1956.

NEWS FROM WEST AFRICA

Saturday, February 4th, at Lagos, Nigeria. Island vs. Mainland.

100 yards 9.9 Amu; 220 yards 22.1 G. Esan; 440 yards 48.3 M. T. Alatishe; 2nd 48.9 Arogundade; 880 yards 1:57.2 D. A. Agbebiyi; One Mile 4:28.2 B. Aghadinno; High Jump 6' 6" O. Odobo; Long Jump 24' 1" Olowu; Hop, Step and Jump 49' 2¾" Esiri.



Bob Barksdale (Morgan State), U.S. latest high jump discovery, clears 6ft. 9in. with a back lay-out to beat Walter Marty's venerable 22 year old N.Y.A.C. Games record of 6ft. 8¾in. at Madison Square Garden. (A.P.)

BRITISH EARLY SEASON MARKS (continued from page 77)

DISCUS THROW

156' 7"	G. A. Carr	Hurlingham	17/3
150' 10"	P. Isbester	Dartmouth	19/3
140' 5"	O. A. Feldmanis	Hurlingham	17/3
137' 11"	M. Lindsay	Hurlingham	17/3

HAMMER THROW

173' 8½"	E. C. K. Douglas	Edinburgh	7/1
173' 7"	D. W. J. Anthony	Alperton	11/2
172' 6"	J. C. Bard (U.S.A.)	Oxford	24/3
171' 4"	I. S. Bain	Oxford	10/3
167' 0"	D. McD. M. Clark	Dunedin, N.Z.	4/2

JAVELIN THROW

193' 9½"	W. W. Kretschmar (Germany)	Oxford	10/3
189' 0"	C. G. Smith	Alperton	11/2
180' 10"	M. Harradine	Alperton	11/2

EUROPEAN INDOOR MÁRKKS:

STEPANOV 6ft. 8½in., **BRENNER** 2:23.0, **SKOBLA** 56ft. 4½in.

The high jump boom in U.S.S.R. shows no sign of declination. Only twelve months ago the Union still had no 2-metre man: in 1955 six Russians reached or bettered that limit and in January 1956 two men already showed record form. Igor Kashkarov cleared 2.03 (6ft. 7¾in.) in the Moscow Winter Championships but only a few days later, on January 25 in Leningrad, Yuriy Stepanov went over the bar at 2.04 (6ft. 8¾in.). These marks were from dirt take-offs.

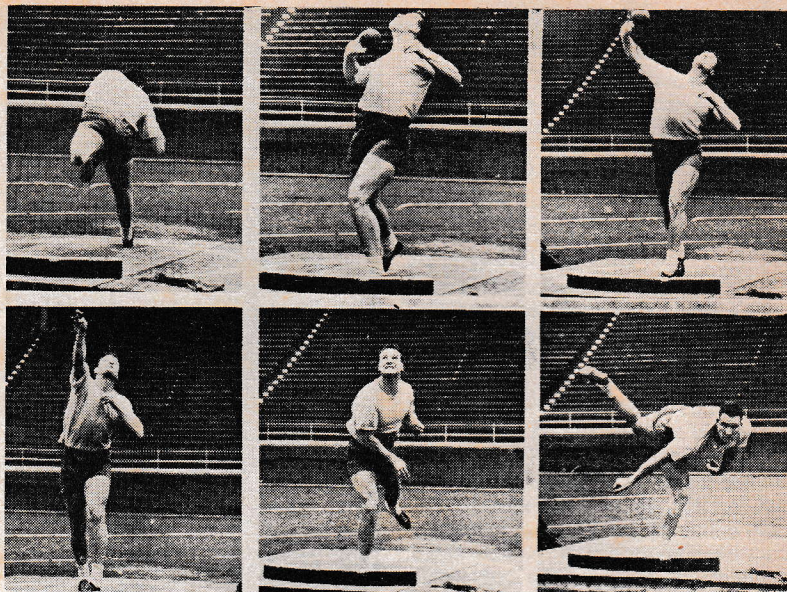
In Germany, the "twin" indoor meetings at Kiel (February 4) and Dortmund (February 5) saw in action some of Europe's best known athletes. In the Kieler Ostseehalle, Jiri Skobla of Czechoslovakia put the shot 56ft. 4½in., longest ever in European indoor history. Chris Basher of England was second to steeplechaser Ernst Larsen of Norway in the 3,000 metres, 8:26.4 to 8:25.8. John Disley competed in the 1,000 metres event against some of Europe's most promising middle distance prospects and placed third in 2:29.6, behind Edmund Brenner (2:28.0) and Klaus Richtzenhain (2:28.6) of Germany but ahead of Ragnar Andersen of Norway (2:30.6). At Dortmund, Brenner ran one of the finest races in European indoor history with a swift 2:23.0 for 1,000 metres. This was on a 160-metre banked board track. Andersen was second in 2:25.3 and Brasher fourth in 2:27.8. Disley ran a fine 8:19.0 in the 3,000 metres but was narrowly beaten by Olaf Lawrenz (8:18.8), Germany's 3:44.6 1,500 metres man. Ernst Larsen was third in 8:24.4.

Zbigniew Janiszewski pole-vaulted 14ft. 3¼in. in the Polish Indoor Championships at Warsaw.

MORRIE RAE WINS N.Z. SPRINTS IN 9·7 AND 21·6

The New Zealand Championships held on the grass track at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, on March 16/17, were a strange mixture of good marks and very disappointing ones. The conditions on the first day, although humid, were calm but next day the temperature dropped and a gusty wind hurt the sprint and hurdles times.

The weather accounted for Morrie Rae's being unable to improve on his preliminary times of 9.7 and 21.6 in winning the sprint finals in 9.8 and 21.9. Murray Halberg (4:06.4) beat 21 year old Neville Scott (4:08.4) in the mile title race. These two world class



Parry O'Brien, holder of the indoor (61ft. 5½in.) and the world's outdoor (60ft. 10in.) shot put records, shown in sequence. O'Brien must be the clearest favourite in any of the 24 men's events on the Olympic programme. (Planet News.)

performers have both triumphed over adversity. Four years ago Halberg had a very serious football accident and nearly died. When Scott was a child of four he pulled an electric kettle of boiling water over his chest and arms. As a result he had to spend the next three years in hospital and almost lost the power of speech. Only by dint of heroic determination has Scott overcome his stutter and now speaks normally.

Bill Baillie won the three miles in 14:03.0. The home-country exiles Peter Wells and Duncan Clark won their specialities. Wells under pressure from Murray Jeffries (6ft. 6in.) won the high jump at 6ft. 7in. Clark, now 40 years old, won the hammer at 164ft. 5in. Brightest field event spot was the 13ft. 9in. pole vault clearance by M. D. Richards. Only Geoff Elliott and the South African Hendrik Kruger (now Oklahoma University) who recently cleared 14ft. 6½in. indoor have had better marks in the Commonwealth.

M. Hahn beat the New Zealand open javelin record of 218ft. 8½in. set by the Finn Martti Sippila in 1935 with 220ft. 1½in. Now only grandfather Stanley Lay's best ever of 222ft. 9in. in London in 1928 remains among New Zealand marks ahead of Hahn.

1956 New Zealand Champions:—100 yards M. Rae 9.8; 220 yards M. Rae 21.9; 440 yards P. E. Smith 48.4; 880 yards Penlington 1:54.9; One Mile

M. Halberg 4:06.4; Three Miles W. D. Baillie 14:03.0; Six Miles H. Rodger 30:17.8; Marathon A. W. Richards 2:31:46.0; 120 yards Hurdles D. M. Taylor 15.4; 220 yards Hurdles D. E. Fleming 24.5; 440 yards Hurdles D. E. Fleming 55.1; High Jump P. Wells 6' 7"; Pole Vault M. D. Richards 13' 9"; Long Jump P. S. Price 22' 0"; Hop, Step and Jump R. W. Webb 46' 1"; Shot Put A. W. Jeffries 46' 0¾"; Discus Throw R. A. Williams 131' 11"; Hammer Throw D. McD. M. Clark 164' 5"; Javelin Throw M. Hahn 220' 1½"; Decathlon (Auckland, March 9/10) R. A. Williams 6,036 points.

The women's championships were held in fine weather at Seddon Park, Hamilton, and showed a high all-round standard. The main features were the triple sprint victory—75 yards (8.4 heat), 100 yards (11.0) and 220 yards (24.8 heat)—by Miss J. Crotty.

In the throwing events, in which British Empire athletes have always lagged so badly, there were welcome signs of great improvement to come. Valerie Sloper (see separate article) duly won the shot with 45ft. 6¾in., but her discus throw of 129ft. 5in. was not nearly good enough to beat Miriam Whisker who won the title with 134ft. 7in. The javelin went to Beverley Baxter with a throw of 130ft. 4in. Yvette Williams (now Mrs. Corlett) saw her perpetual trophy go to a 15 year old schoolgirl, Beverley Weigel, who won the long jump at 18ft. 10¾in.