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FIVE RUSSIANS OVER 200ft. WITH KRIVONOSOV AT 216ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

World's records have started to tumble again:—on April 25 at Nalchik, U.S.S.R., Mikhail Krivonosov, the world's greatest hammer thrower of all time improved his own record to 216' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (65.85m.). The European champion, whose name means "crooked nose" was compelled to improve because A. Samotsvetov threw 211' 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (64.41)! In this fantastic muscular pirouette Yuriy Nikulin, the squat Nikolay Ryedkin and Fyedor Tkachev also beat the double century with 205' 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (62.78), 201' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (61.55) and 200' 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (60.99). For good measure Ivan Krasnov beat the now pathetically démodé 60 metres standard with 60.66 (198' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ").

The U.S.S.R. are as certain to send three 200 foot men to Melbourne as the U.S.A. is to nominate three 18 metres (59' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") men for the shot putt.

TEXAS TEAM 40.1 secs.

The Texas University 4 × 110 yards sprint relay squad struck north to Lawrence, Kansas and at the Relay meeting there on April 21 shaved a tenth of a second off their own mark to return 40.1. The running order was George Schneider, Jerry Prewit, Bob Whilden and Frank Daugherty. The record has now been lowered to equal the value of the famous 39.8 secs. mark by Uncle Sam's men at Berlin in 1936 over 4 × 100 metres. No records in athletics are sacred today.

NOW NIEDER 60' 3"

The 60 foot shot putt barrier was punctured twice on April 14. Parry O'Brien approached his own world outdoor mark with 60' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Berkeley, while Bill Nieder, the 22 year old Kansan giant hit 60' 3" at Lawrence.



Fred Norris, 34-year-old Lancashire coal miner who became the third man in track history to run over 12 miles in the hour. Norris's next target is the Olympic marathon. (Action Photos.)

12m	809y	Zatopek	Sept. 30	1951
12m	268y	Zatopek	Sept. 14	1951
12m	69y	Norris	April 28	1955
12m	29y	Heino	Sept. 30	1945

FRED NORRIS SETS 10 mile & 1 hour EMPIRE RECORDS

At the Stompond Lane track at Walton-on-Thames on April 28 Fred Norris, the 34-year-old Lancashire coal miner who represented Great Britain in the 10,000 metres at Helsinki in 1952 became the third man in track history to top twelve miles in an hour's running. The story is best told in the exact order in which the records fell like skittles.

The five-man-field soon dropped 19-year-old G. A. North of Blackpool and later D. Baulch of Belgrave who ultimately came in third.

Jack Heywood (Herne Hill H.) won the race for the 7 miles post to beat Fred Norris's 1953 Native record of 35:21.8 with 34:56.2. Then Ken Norris, the English cross country champion collected W. E. Eaton's 8 miles native record of 40:29.4 set in 1936 at White City, with 39:55.2. Fred Norris took the lead for a new English Native record at 9 miles (44:57.8) and then passed 10 miles in 49:53.2 for a new Native, British (National) and (All-Comers') British Empire mark. Then the cross country international, who has his eye on the Olympic marathon, went on to reel off a total of 12 miles 69 yards and 1 foot for new records in the same four categories when the hour gun fired. The old British Empire records were 50:11.0 and 11 miles 1,575 yards set by the Scot Ian Binnie in 1953.

CHIGBOLU 6 ft. 9 ins.

Julius Obiefuna Chigbolu, 25 year old Nigerian policeman improved his year old British Empire high jump record with a 6ft. 9in. clearance at Lagos on April 14. Chigbolu, a one shoe jumper thus cleared a bar 11 inches above his head with his unorthodox Eastern cut-off style.

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HELSINKI OLYMPIC REPORT— SPECIAL OFFER

With the 1956 Games six months
away, many readers will want to refresh
their memories on the results of the
1952 Games. Accordingly, we make a
special offer of the back numbers which
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and September 1952), for 2s. 6d.
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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

New York, April 1956.

AMERICA's "hysteria" over
Russia's state subsidised
athletes has come in for some
powerful thought from chairman
of the International Olympic Com-
mittee, millionaire 1912 Olympic
decathlon finalist Avery Brundage.

Mr. Brundage was stung to
action by the demand by Senator
John Marshall Butler of Maryland
that the U.S. Olympic officials
should strive to have Russia's
"barbaric goon squads" banned
from the Melbourne Games. The
statement issued by the 67-year-
old Mr. Brundage from Chicago
is sufficiently important, we feel,
to be quoted fairly fully.

"Champions are not made by
subsidies or training camps, but
by diligence and intelligence. It
is not the strength of other people
that we in the United States need
fear. It is our natural complacency
and the softness in life brought
on by too much prosperity. If
Russian success in the Olympic
Games arouses us, and the rest of
the world, to correct our own
weaknesses it will serve a very
useful purpose. The fact that the
complaints (against Russia) have
come from a country (U.S.A.) that
has been notorious internationally
for gross irregularities in sport
at educational institutions has not
added to their validity and, I am
sorry to say, sound like sour grapes
to the rest of the world." He
concluded that the Russians are
doing a good job of heeding sixty
years of preaching

by the I.O.C. on the "tremendous
value" of national programmes
of physical education and com-
petitive sports.

While much of what Mr. Brundage
says is salutary it is a pity, we
feel, that he did not analyse the
motives of the Russians in
launching its £30,000,000 drive to
"win the Olympics." Despite the
fact that 10 of 24 Olympic track
events are rarely competed in the
United States, the U.S. team will
certainly collect the most gold
medals in 1956 and even perhaps
in 1960. In countries such as the
U.S. and the United Kingdom where
the five-day week and the eight-
hour day are almost "universal"
anyone who cannot find ample
time to train is, as Mr. Brundage
says, not much of an athlete.

Russia's mass physical education
drive, doubtless of great sociological
benefit in the drab lives of her
own people, must produce great
champions. These may spur the
champions in non-state controlled
countries to greater things. But,
unfortunately, the standards
reached by these full-time state
athletes may become so divorced
from those capable of being
achieved by ordinary "part time"
athletes that discouragement
rather than inspiration might
follow. A reduction in the
numbers willing to make the effort
to participate in the Olympic
Games would defeat the
fundamental objects of the
International Olympic Committee.

FINN RUNS 11.71 m.p.h. MARATHON IN 2 hrs. 14 mins. 14.0 secs.

From Norris McWhirter.

Boston, Massachusetts, April 19.

Antti Viskari, a 27 year old Finnish Army Sergeant, today set a new low for the 26 mile 385 yard marathon by returning a prodigious 2 hours 14 mins. 14.0 secs. here in the sixtieth and fastest ever Boston A.A. Marathon annual classic.

John Kelley (who came twenty-fourth last year), the local hero and favourite set a pulverising pace which soon had the 160 field wallowing. It was soon clear that only the Boston Athletic Association's own trio Kelley, Dean Thackwray and the American record-holder Nick Costes (third in 1955 in 2:19:57.0) would live with the two Finns Viskari and Eino Oksanen. Kelley led at the 17 mile mark going with great fire with the strong off-shore breeze in his back. Viskari, wearing the blue and white international vest of Suomi, was poised in second place. Just as Kelley gained the top of the second of the three so-called "Heartbreak Hills" the Finn moved up and stole a very rapid ten-yards lead. As he began the last long decline down to the sea-front and the waiting Mayor, the Finn had a forty-yards lead. Showing immense courage but a painfully extravagant high-kicking leg action, Kelley regained 40 of the 80 lost yards by the 23 mile post and this was still the interval as the astounding lank-haired Viskari almost knocked an unwelcome laurel wreath crown from the clutching hands of Mayor Hynes.

The ovation for the victorious Finn and for the man who had clipped nearly five and a half minutes off the American record was still in full throat when a third place grandstand battle arrived with Eino Oksanen outduelling the hard-training local school-teacher Nick Costes by 20 yards. Thereafter followed a trail of finishers including Ted Corbitt of the New York Pioneer Club and F.B.I. man Fred Wilt who finished tenth in an eloquent 2:29:27.0. The flamboyant Guatemalans including the 1952 winner Doroteo Flores in his petunia suit had a bad day and did not finish among the first twenty-five.

The crowds were already dispersing before anyone had managed to achieve the calm necessary to work out that in smashing Hideo Hamamura's 1955



Antti Viskari (Finland) 27, seen setting a world's best performance for the marathon when he won the 60th Boston event in 2 hours 14 mins. 14 secs. on April 19th. (Planet News, Ltd.)

record of 2:18:22.0 by 4 mins. 8 secs. and reducing Jim Peters' 1954 "best on record" of 2:17:39.4 by 3 mins. 24.6 secs. Antti Viskari had at one swoop raised the average speed from 11.42 m.p.h. to 11.71 m.p.h. Divorced from the differing conditions of the flat at Chiswick and the more helpful Boston contours, the speed difference is best visualised by the fact that on a 440 yards track the Finn would have come within 198 yards of thrice lapping Peters.

THE LEADING FINISHERS

	Time
1. Antti Viskari, Finland	2:14.14
2. Johnny Kelley, Boston	2:14.33
3. Eino Oksanen, Finland	2:17.56
4. Nick Costes, Boston A.A.	2:18.01
5. Dean Thackwray, Boston A.A.	2:20.24
6. Ted Corbitt, N.Y. Pioneer Club	2:28.06
7. Gordon Dickson, New York A.C.	2:28.45
8. Joe Tyler, San Diego, Calif.	2:29.17
9. Bob Cons, Los Angeles	2:29.24
10. Fred Wilt, New York A.C.	2:29.27
11. Tom Ryan, Culver City A.C.	2:29.35
12. Jim Daley, Jr., Westford, Mass.	2:31.25

FIVE RECORDS AS OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE BY RECORD MARGIN

By Ross McWhirter.

White City, April 7.

In drizzling weather Oxford University beat Cambridge for the ninth successive year, this time by the greatest ever recorded margin of points—48.

Alan Gordon beat Chris Chataway's 1953 meeting record for the mile by 2.2 sec. with a beautifully planned and executed 4:06.2. Toby Maxwell (U.S.A.) the former Princeton runner, guided Gordon through laps of 60.4 and 63.8 and then Paul Abrahams took over on the back straight. The Sussex miler towed Gordon passed the bell in 3:07.4 and handed over the lead with only 250 yards to go. Gordon came away strongly to finish a mile that was an exhibition of team tactics at their best, because the second string Abrahams (4:09.8) and Maxwell (4:13.8) also secured the remaining four points at the expense of M. J. Rowbottom (4:16.8) and R. J. Foster (4:17.8).

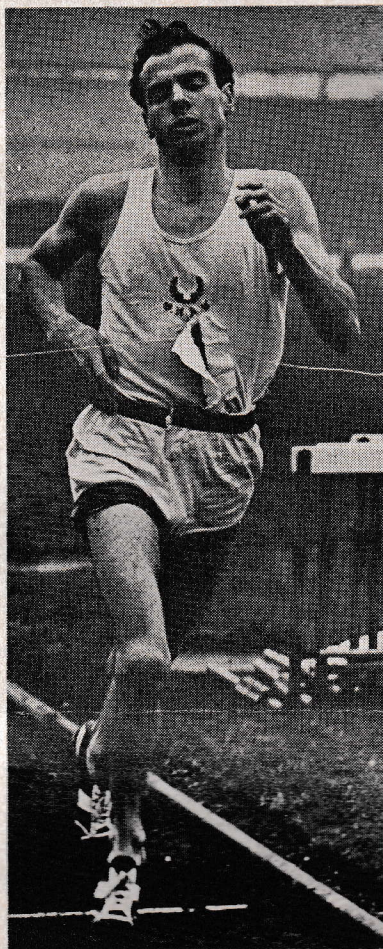
It was salutary to recall that the fifth man's time equalled C. C. Henderson-Hamilton's 1905 record that stood in veneration until 1949 when Roger Bannister returned 4:16.2 amid much adulation.

Ian Boyd, who proved himself to be Oxford's real No. 1 miler in the Oxford sports by beating Gordon, ran a pitiless solo three miles to slash 18.6 secs. off J. H. Knopf's 1954 mark and return 13:53.6, just a personal best by 0.8 sec. Derek Johnson played a President's role with a third successive winning of the 440/880 yards double—this time in 49.7 and a record 1:51.9.

The other two records were both in field events and by Dark Blues also.

The pre-war shot putt and discus marks of 49ft. 3½in. and 137ft. 5½in. by Ali Irfan (Turkey and Cambridge, 1937) and Ernest Hudson-Bennett (South Africa and Cambridge, 1939) respectively were modernised by Barclay "Tiny" Palmer and Peter Isbester with 52ft. 11in. and 149ft. 0in.

Cambridge could only win the two sprints in 14 events. The Light Blues despite performances like David Thornton's 1:52.7 half mile and Roger Dunkley's 14:03.0 three miles lost their



Alan Gordon winning the mile in 4:06.2 for the fourth post-war improvement of the meeting record and for Oxford's eleventh successive win in the event. (H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)

series lead and now only hold the meeting records for the 220, 440, High and Long Jumps. With the score since 1864 standing at 38-38 with six draws Oxford will try next year to take the lead and Derek Johnson with a fourth double can equal Harold Abrahams (1920-1923) record of winning eight events in these Sports.

Results:—Oxford beat Cambridge by 89 points to 39.

100 yards: W. M. Weale (C.) 10.1; R. G. Roberts (C.) 10.2; J. Metcalf (Ox.) 10.2; P. O. C. Oziah (Ox.) 10.3.

220 yards: R. G. Roberts (C.) 22.4; W. M. Weale (C.) 22.6; J. L. Booth (Ox.) 22.7; R. J. Solomon (Ox.) 23.2.

440 yards: D. J. N. Johnson (Ox.) 49.7; G. L. Critchlow (Ox.) 50.0; M. H. Chaplin (C.) 50.3; T. L. Higgins (C.) 50.4.

880 yards: D. J. N. Johnson (Ox.) 1:51.9; D. C. E. Gorrie (Ox.) 1:52.4; D. Thornton (C.) 1:52.7; J. V. Beesley (C.) 1:53.8.

One Mile (see text).

Three Miles: I. H. Boyd (Ox.) 13:53.6; R. Dunkley (C.) 14:03.0; P. D. Evans (Ox.) 14:14.6; P. D. Palmer (C.) 14:16.8; J. U. Shearn (C.) 14:23.4; J. Winch (Ox.) 15:09.4.

120 yards hurdles: C. D. Carrington (Ox.) 15.2; W. W. Kretschmar (Ox.) 15.2; I. W. R. Malcolm (C.) 15.3; A. M. Guthrie (C.) 15.9.

220 yards hurdles J. Metcalf (Ox.) 25.0; D. W. Donaldson (C.) 25.4; W. W. Kretschmar (Ox.) 25.7; M. R. Cook (C.) 26.9.

High Jump: C. M. G. R. Jenkins (Ox.) 6ft. 0in.; P. J. Pybus (C.) 6ft. 0in.; D. E. F. Luke (Ox.) 5ft. 11in.; B. E. Wardley (C.) 5ft. 10in.

Pole Vault: K. A. K. North (Ox.) 12ft. 9in.; M. E. Nugent (C.) 12ft. 6in.; E. H. Freitag (C.) 11ft. 9in.; A. G. G. Law (Ox.) 10ft. 0in.

Long Jump: D. E. F. Luke (Ox.) 21ft. 11in.; A. G. Whittaker (Ox.) 21ft. 8½in.; J. Medlyn 21ft. 3in.; R. Crosthwaite (C.) 20ft. 4½in.

Shot Putt: W. B. L. Palmer (Ox.) 52ft. 11in.; W. H. Robbins (Ox.) 45ft. 6in.; N. B. Howlett (C.) 41ft. 2in.; D. J. Mealings (C.) 39ft. 9in.

Discus Throw: P. Isbester (Ox.) 149ft. 0in.; G. R. Northern (Ox.) 136ft. 3in.; P. J. Watson (C.) 118ft. 8in.; N. B. Howlett (C.) 116ft. 11in.

Javelin Throw: W. W. Kretschmar (Ox.) 195ft. 9in.; R. W. Barber (C.) 178ft. 8in.; J. D. Waterstreet (C.) 177ft. 2in.; W. B. L. Palmer (Ox.) 166ft. 10in.

Invitation Hammer Event: D. W. J. Anthony 185ft. 5in.; I. S. Bain 183ft. 6in.; J. C. Bard 181ft. 5in.; M. J. Ellis 175ft. 0in.

BATTLE OF THE BLUES

*An imaginary all-time clash between
Oxford and Cambridge*

By Norris McWhirter

With the score standing at 38 all after 93 years of conflict between the athletics teams of Oxford and Cambridge you are now invited to sit back and witness what would happen if Oxford's greatest President, Roger Bannister (1949), and Cambridge's greatest, Harold Abrahams (1923), were able to call upon the full parade of talent that has known Iffley Road and Fenners since 1864 when history's oldest dual meeting was inaugurated on a bleak March day.

As in all dream matches, the conditions are ideal, the track lightning fast and every man at the top of his form and raring for his personal best performances, which in fact he achieves.

Being so ruthlessly based on best performances this match will hurt the susceptibilities of many—and justifiably. Where is R. M. N. Tisdall (C) the winner of four events on one afternoon in 1931, and where is M. J. Brooks (Ox) the high jump hero of 1876, or the great C. B. Fry? The author is well aware that many giants of the past could have done much better performances had they been required of them. There is however no room for sentiment in this paper match.

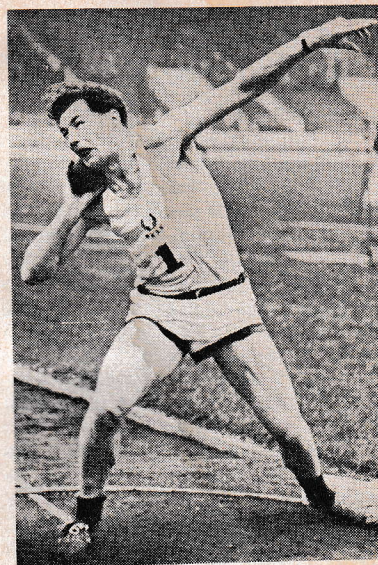
Colonel Evan Hunter, the 1913 Scottish 440 yards international against Ireland, is the starter. He is attired in his famous scarlet jacket and his scarlet cap bearing the symbol of a STAR followed economically enough by the letters TER. Down at their marks for the 100 yards are the Cambridge captain Harold Abrahams, fresh from his 10.52 secs. Olympic 100 metre victory, supported by the 1937 Light Blue President Godfrey Brown, holder of the Fenners' track record of 9.7 secs. (1937). Oxford field the 18 year old J. C. M. Wilkinson, 1947 world University 100 metre champion at 10.5 secs. and Dr. Austen Robinette Pinnington the English Native record holder who is always at his best in dual meets. In a log table finish, Wilkinson gets a Parisian verdict by less than two-hundredths of a second. Oxford 5 points, Cambridge 4. (5—4.)

For the furlong there is a redeployment of forces with Oxford fielding their

American straightaway specialist Bayes M. Norton of 1925 memory. Of their three 21.3 secs. men, Wilkinson, Alan Pennington and the Rev. Nicolas Stacey, Wilkinson gets the selection because his mark alone at Glasgow in 1951 was around a full turn and because it is supported by two metric 21.3 secs. in Cologne and Paris four years earlier. Cambridge field their rugby football blue and 1948 Olympian Dr. John Fairgrieve with the 21.6 secs. straightaway men Harold Abrahams and Dr. "Tiny" Davies standing down for Alan Sexton who proved himself able to negotiate the 180 degree turn in 21.7 secs. The draw is Norton, Fairgrieve, Wilkinson and Sexton. Coming into the home stretch the Oxford men have the measure of their opponents all the way and take maximum points (8—1) to win almost in line nearly three yards up on the Cambridge pair. (Score 13—5 to Oxford with 12 events to go.)

For the 440 yards, Cambridge's 1936 Olympic Gold Medal winner Godfrey Brown, who has escaped a throng of autograph hunters with his wily artificial limp, really means business. He is supported by the 1920 Gold Medal winner Guy Butler, cousin of the Lord Privy Seal. Bannister picks Alan Pennington who showed his mettle with a 47.3 secs. 400 metres against Harbig in 1939 and another native record holder Derek Johnson. With raking strides Brown shrugs his way into the lead, flows down the back straight but finds Pennington still there at 300 yards. Stamina wins the day with Brown setting a new track record of 47 flat, having passed the 400 metre mark in 46.7 secs., over four yards ahead of Pennington with Johnson third and Butler a heavily bandaged fourth. Oxford 4 points, Cambridge 5, and the board shows 17—10.

Two Olympic champions line up for the half mile in the persons of the 1924 and 1928 winner, barrister Douglas Lowe, both of whose medals were stolen in a burglary, and for Oxford his successor bespectacled Tom Hampson, the first man to be timed under 1 min. 50 secs. for two laps. Also in the field are the '55-'56 Presidents, Derek Johnson of Oxford and Jock Beesley of Cambridge. At the gun it is Johnson who



Canadian-born Barclay Palmer, Oxford's giant shot putter, an ardent weight training enthusiast, setting a new Oxford vs. Cambridge record of 52ft. 11in. Like his father, Palmer is going into the Church. (H. W. Neale, Action Photos.)

goes into the lead to pass the 400 metre post in an eye-brow raising 53.1 secs. The master of level pace, Hampson, follows well back with 55.1 secs. Modernity wins the day and with a second 400 metres in 54.3 secs. and teeth bared, Johnson passes the 800 metres post in 1 min. 47.4 secs. and carries on to break the tape in 1 min. 48.1 secs., a full 15 yards in the lead from Hampson, Beesley and Lowe. Oxford, with 8 points to Cambridge's 1, widen their lead with 25 to 11.

For the mile the O.U.A.C. is the only club in the world able to field two sub four minute men with Dr. Roger Bannister and newscaster Christopher Chataway. Their one-time partner Christopher Brasher (4:06.8) together with the one-shoe schoolboy wonder Peter Robinson (4:10.6) have to play bridesmaid. The pace throbs from the gun with the traditional progression reversed, Bannister leading Chataway and Brasher third. After the first lap Bannister (58.8) is ten yards clear of Chataway (60.4) with Brasher and Robinson trailing. For the second lap Chataway plugs in a 61.0 against Bannister's 61.6 and closes the gap to seven yards. Bannister now puts in an excruciating third lap of 59.3 secs. against Chataway's level 61.1 secs. (Continued on page 86)

PUERTO RICAN SHOWS 400m. in 46.6

(by courtesy of A. I. D. Francis)

At San Juan on March 24, Ivan Rodriguez, a freshman of the University of Puerto Rico, watched by 15,000 wildly enthusiastic students, alumni and fans, beat the national 400 metres record holder Ovidio de Jesus (49.0) by over 15 yards to record 46.6. Rodriguez also set another national record in winning the 200 metres round a full turn in 21.5 and so helped the University to beat the Agricultural and Mechanical Arts College and the Catholic University by a narrow margin of 4 points. Two more national records came when de Jesus ran his 400 metres hurdles heat on March 23rd in 53.2, and on the next day when Reinaldo Oliver threw his "Held" javelin 232ft. 3in. Norberto Cruz ran 100 metres heat in 10.5 on the first day.

An earlier mark of interest, on February 25 at Rio Piedras, was Ruben Diaz' 10.4 100 metres, equalling the marks of Eulalio Villodas at Panama in 1938 and Manuel Rivera on the same track last year to tie the national record.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Miss Joy Crotty, the New Zealand triple sprint champion, ran the 100 yards in 10.5 secs. at Te Puke on March 24. The watches were tested and the ground surveyed but there will be no record granted because the race was a handicap one.

Miss Winnifred Garrod set a new javelin record of 142ft. 3in. at Timaru on March 16—an improvement of three feet on her own record.

Beverly Weigel, 15-year-old national champion, long jumped 19ft. 2½in. at Auckland on March 24. Miss Avis Brain ran 80 metres hurdles in 11.3 sec. at Hastings on April 7.

On March 29 at Otahuhu, Auckland, H. Roger won a six miles race from a five man field by 400 yards in 29 min. 02.6 sec.

On March 24 C. O. B. Rowley broke the record for Rugby School's rugged 11 mile cross country race with 63 mins. 50 secs. The event, known as the Crick Run, is the oldest event in athletics. It has records back to 1837.

BOOK SHELF

Sources for the History of Greek Athletics. By Dr. Rachel Sargent Robinson, Ph.D. Published by the Author at 338 Probasco Street, Cincinnati 20, Ohio, U.S.A. Price \$4.00. (pp. 289, lithoprinted).

This much needed book is in reality an expanded and improved version of Dr. Robinson's "*The Story of Greek Athletics*" privately published in 1927. The present edition contains chapters on periods earlier only touched upon, notably the legendary origins of the Games at Olympia. The author tends to the view that the Games have their origins in c. 1370 B.C. as opposed to the oft-quoted 776 B.C. It is hoped to supplement this notice in the June issue with a more adequate review of this fascinating and scholarly work.

Wanted.—1955 A.T.F.S. (World Sports) Annual. C. J. R. Thorne, 36 Sidney Street, Cambridge.

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At the bell it is Bannister (2:58.7) a spectacular 25 yards ahead of his rival (3:02.5). It looks all over but staging a grandstand finish, Chataway pours on a 57.3 secs. last lap which hacks the yawning gap to only seven yards at the tape which is snipped by Bannister in 3:58.8 against his pursuer's 3:59.8. Oxford 9 points, Cambridge 0, and the score at 34 to 11.

For the three miles ex world record holder Chataway comes up as fresh as a buttercup to win in 13 min. 23.2 secs. by nearly 200 yards from Roger Dunkley (13:50.3) second and Oxford 4:07.2 mile reserve Ian Boyd (13:53.6) third. For Cambridge, pre-war native record holder Peter Ward (14:02.0) comes fourth, just ahead of the Rev. Philip Morgan (Ox) (14:03.8). International cross country champion and 1939 A.A.A. champion Jack Emery (C) is sixth and last in 14:08.0. Score—Oxford 6, Cambridge 3, and the total 40 to 14.

Over the highs Cambridge sweep home with Peter Hildreth in 14.4 secs. a yard ahead of John Thornton with Oxford's only two 14.6 men Tom Langton-Lockton and canal expert Paul Vine just behind. Oxford 1, Cambridge 8. (Score 41—22.) For the low hurdles Oxford bring over million-

aire Jack Irwin from Wall Street to partner Vine, but European record holder Hildreth gets a narrow verdict with the impeccable stylist red-haired Simon Brooks fourth. Oxford 4, Cambridge 5. (Score 45—27.)

Meanwhile the field events have been going on apace. In the high jump the winner at 6 ft. 5½in. is Dr. Graham Jeffries with the Danish Fenners record holder Ivor Vind second with a 6ft. 4½in. cut-off. In a narrow fight for third Colin Gordon (Ox) inches out Dr. Rob Kennedy (C) with 6ft. 3½in. against 6ft. 3¼in. Oxford 6, Cambridge 3. (Score 51—30.)

For the pole vault the Light Blues rustle up a trump card in the person of American Oscar Sutermeister who reproduces his 1933 form of 13ft. 6in. only to find that Oxford's indestructible Andries Burger has gone over 13ft. 9in. face skyward. Tim Anderson, the 1950 Empire Games champion, grabs third spot at 13ft. 3in. Oxford 5, Cambridge 4. (Score 56—34.)

The Cambridge captain Harold Abrahams, winner of a record eight events in his day, settles the issue in the long jump with 24ft. 2½in. so shading Oxford's two 24 footers Ian Walker and the studious Jim Morrish who got that rarest of "double first," mathematics

and classics. Oxford 4 and Cambridge 5 (Score 60—39.)

For the shot putt the 18 stone 6ft. 7in. tall Barclay Palmer unleashes a withering 54ft. 0in. while his almost square second string W. W. Coe the 1906 world record holder, despite complaints about the curious circular-shaped ring, manages 49ft. 6in. for third. Ali Irfan is second with 49ft. 10½in., his 1942 Turkish record, and Cambridge don "Bonzo" Howland fourth. Oxford 6, Cambridge 3. (Score 66—42.)

Having passed 63 points Oxford have a dormy lead, but for the discus, Helge Sivertsen takes time off from Norway's parliament to win for them with 156ft. 6½in. ahead of Peter Isbester's 150ft. 10in., Vind's 146ft. and "Fenner" Bell's pre-war native record of 142ft. 10½in. Oxford 8, Cambridge 1. (Score 74—43.)

In the last event in the javelin the day is carried by Dennis Tucker at 219ft. 10in. with the man reputedly the handsomest at Oxford, Winfried Kretzschmar second at 214ft. 0in. Major Morville Chote, the little known English native record holder and war time blue, gets third place by 1½ inches with 203ft. 3in. from the 14.6 hurdling reserve, South African G. C. Weightman Smith. Oxford 8, Cambridge 1. (Final Result 82—44.)

FIFTH ANNUAL RANKINGS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

In this third instalment of *Athletics World's* fifth annual rankings we deal with the 220 yards low hurdles and the jumping events. 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.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES

No previous rankings in this event.

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

24.3	1st	Oxford v. Cambridge	16/4
24.9	1st	O.U.A.C. Sports	30/4
24.6	1st	Leyton	4/5
24.7	1st	Oxford	12/5
23.9	1st	O.U.A.C. v. U.L.A.C.	24/5
24.0	1st	Oxford	31/5
24.4	1st	Oxford/Cambridge v. Yale/W. Point	11/6
24.7	ht.	A.A.A.	15/7
23.8	2nd	A.A.A.	15/7
24.0	1st	White City	30/7
24.8	2nd	Glasgow Rangers	6/8

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

24.4	1st	Caledonian Games	21/5
24.3	1st	British Games	30/5
24.8	3rd	White City	11/6
24.4	1st	Midland Champs.	25/6
24.3	1st	Glasgow Rangers	6/8
23.3	1st	Imber Court	27/8

2nd=: **Paul Ashley Laurence VINE**
(b. 13.xii.1927).

25.7	2nd	Leyton	4/5
25.7	2nd	Oxford	12/5
25.2	2nd	Sward Trophy	14/5
24.7	2nd	Caledonian Games	21/5
24.6	2nd	British Games	30/5
24.6	1st	White City	11/6
25.4	1st	A.A.A. v. N. Counties	18/6
24.9	1st	Aldershot	2/7
24.3	ht.	A.A.A.	14/7
23.7	1st	A.A.A.	15/7
24.1	2nd	White City	30/7
24.9	3rd	Glasgow Rangers	6/8

4th: **Frederick John PARKER**
(b. 6.ix.1927).

24.8	2nd	White City	11/6
24.6	2nd	Southern Champs.	18/6
24.6	3rd	White City	30/7

5th: **Denis John MERRETT**
(b. 5.vii.1929).

25.2	1st	Sward Trophy	14/5
25.1	3rd	Caledonian Games	21/5
24.3	1st	Southern Champs.	18/6
24.7	3rd	A.A.A.	15/7
24.7	4th	White City	30/7

6th: **Donal O'SULLIVAN**
(b. 7.vi.1928).

—	3rd	O.U.A.C. v. U.L.A.C.	24/5
25.2	5th	British Games	30/5
24.8	ht.	A.A.A.	15/7
25.0	4th	A.A.A.	15/7

HIGH JUMP

1951

1.	Paterson
2.	Pavitt
3.	Gregor
4.	Leader
5.	Freeman
6.	Ramsay

1953

1.	Cox
2.	Wells
3.	Brinson
4.	Gregor
5.	Cunningham
6.	Button

1st: **Peter WELLS** (eligible for G.B. only in Olympic Games)
(b. 23.v.1929).

6' 7"	1st	Gisborne, N.Z.	8/1
6' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Dargaville, N.Z.	15/1
6' 5"	1st	N.Z. Champs.	12/3
6' 7"	1st	Auckland, N.Z.	26/3
6' 0"	1st	Christchurch, N.Z.	19/11
6' 5"	1st	Christchurch, N.Z.	26/11
6' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1st	Invercargill, N.Z.	3/12
6' 5"	1st	Christchurch, N.Z.	10/12
6' 6"	1st	Christchurch, N.Z.	21/12

2nd: **William PIPER** (b. 20.iii.1931).

6' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Glasgow	4/6
did not qualify		Scots Champs.	25/6
6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Victoria A.C. Meeting	28/6
6' 3"	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
6' 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	1st	British Police Champ.	23/7
6' 4"	1st	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
6' 2"	3rd	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
6' 4"	1st	Edinburgh Highland Games	20/8
6' 2"	1st	Dunoon	26/8
6' 6"	1st	Dunoon	27/8
6' 3"	2nd	G.B. v. France	4/9
6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
5' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4th	G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9
6' 2"	2nd	v. Czechs at Manchester	15/10

3rd: **Oladipo OKUWABI**
(b. 13.vi.1933).

6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Cambridge	23/4
6' 4"	1st	L.A.C. Relays	18/5
6' 5"	1st	Charlton	8/6
6' 4"	1st	Walton	11/6
6' 4"	1st	Inter-Club	2/7

6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	6th	Stockholm	7/7
6' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Croydon	9/7
6' 3"	2nd	A.A.A.	16/7
6' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	A.A.A. v. E. Counties	23/7
6' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. France	4/9
6' 2"	1st	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9

4th: **Charles VAN DYCK**
(b. 5.vi.1932).

6' 3"	1st	Bisham Abbey	17/4
6' 4"	1st	Imber Court	7/5
6' 0"	1st	Sward Trophy	14/5
6' 2"	1st	Middlesex Champs.	21/5
6' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1st	A.A.A. v. C.U.A.C.	24/5
6' 2"	1st	Inter Counties	30/5
6' 1"	1st	Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
6' 1"	2nd	Southern Counties	25/6
6' 2"	1st	Motspur Park	29/6
6' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	5th	Stockholm	7/7
6' 1"	3rd	A.A.A.	16/7
6' 2"	1st	Worthing	6/8
6' 3"	2nd	Edinburgh Highland Games	20/8
6' 3"	1st	Gt. Shelford	3/9
6' 2"	2nd	Sefton Brancker Trophy	17/9
6' 1"	2nd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
6' 2"	4th	London v. Prague	12/10

5th: **Paul Godwin STABLEFORTH**
(b. 7.v.1934).

6' 1"	1st	Walton	2/4
6' 1"	2nd	Bisham Abbey	12/4
6' 1"	3rd	L.A.C. Relays	18/5
6' 0"	2nd	U.A.U. Champs.	21/5
6' 0"	1st	Surrey Champs.	4/6
6' 2"	1st	U.L.A.C. v. A.A.A.	8/6
6' 1"	1st	Southern Champs.	25/6
6' 1"	4th	A.A.A.	16/7
6' 0"	4th	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
6' 1"	4th	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
6' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4th	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
6' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9
6' 0"	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
6' 2"	3rd	London v. Prague	12/10
5' 10"	4th	v. Czechs. at Manchester	15/10

6th: **E. A. STEWART**

5' 11"	1st	R.A.F. Tech. Training Cmd. Champs.	22/6
6' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1st	R.A.F. Champs.	6/7
5' 11"	1st	Inter Services Champs	20/7
5' 11"	1st	Coventry	27/8
6' 1"	2nd	Gt. Shelford	3/9
6' 2"	1st	Sefton Brancker Trophy	17/9

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CANTABRIAN
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT HAS
BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE
1956 OLYMPICS

LANDY RUNS HIS THIRD SUB

3:59.0 MILE

The amazing John Landy exactly equalled his Australian 1,500 metre and mile records of 3:43.2 and 3:58.6 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on the late afternoon of April 7. In perfect mild and windless conditions, but on a track made heavy by torrential rain earlier, Landy ran superlatively before the big crowd to register his third sub-3:59.0 mile. A slight surprise was that John Murray in running second in 4:06.8 beat his previous best by 7.2 seconds. Ron Clarke was third in 4:09.4. Geoff Warren, the only other starter, made sure it was going to be fast by racing through the quarter in 59.0, and the half mile in 2:02.0 followed by Landy, six yards down, Clarke and Murray. Warren pulled off, and Landy shot away into a clear lead. Murray looked finished in the back straight, and Clarke although well behind Landy was looking safe for second spot.

Landy maintained pressure and raced through the three quarters in 3:00.0. The crowd howled with delight then, as a record seemed probable. John gave it all he had, but the holding track must have cut a vital second from him, and he had to be content with 58.6 for the last circuit. Along the back straight it was Clarke's turn to look tired, and a rejuvenated Murray from well behind rapidly overhauled him. Murray got to the front on the last turn, and was well clear as he crossed the line. Clarke had been ill with a gastric attack a week earlier, and it had definitely taken the sting out of him. Nevertheless, Murray ran well, and he will be a powerful contender for a place in the Olympic 1,500 metres team. A trial definitely will have to be held for this event at least, as there are now four contenders for the two positions, after Landy.

Landy was both surprised at the time, and disappointed that he had gone so close to his record. "I hadn't trained well," said John later (he had a poisoned foot). "Early in the week I decided to rest. I thought I would be lucky to run 4:04.0 and just beat Clarke. But when I heard the threequarter time I gave it a go." When I mentioned Murray's improvement, Landy quipped, "There are too many improving now."

In a night meeting in Melbourne on March 24 on grass, Murray was a good second to Ron Clarke in the feature

two miles, clocking 8:57.4. Clarke ran 8:56.2, as against his previous best of 9:01.8 in January. Hec Hogan tried for Dr. John Bartram's Victorian 75 yards record of 7.5, but missed by 0.1 sec. Hec later ran his heat and final of the 100 yards handicap, from scratch, in 9.7 and 9.8.

Dave Stephens made amends for his failure in the Australian Championships by winning the Tasmanian three miles at Hobart, March 24 in 13:42.0. The race was on the lop-sided North Hobart Oval.

In Brisbane, March 16 Hec Hogan won the 100 yards in 9.8, Charles Porter the high jump with 6' 6", and Bruce Peever the pole vault with 13ft.

John Cann won the New South Wales decathlon title with 5,871 points on March 24/25 from Geoff Goodacre 5791. Cann is only 18, Goodacre edging 29. Goodacre has won the title five times from 1949.

At Bendigo, Victoria, on Easter Monday night, Geoff Warren won the Victorian 5,000 metre crown in 14:36.4 from David Fife, 18, formerly of Manchester (15:02.8).

The Australian women's championships at Brisbane Cricket Ground over Easter weekend were a dismal failure, and no guide to Olympic prospects. Form runners suffered in the worst imaginable conditions, following weeks of tropical rain the grass arena was a soggy morass, the girls plowing ankle deep in it.

In one of the 100 yards heats Shirley Strickland broke twice, but was not disqualified; although Maureen Dilger in the previous heat had been ordered out for doing the same.

It took seven tries to get the final field away, Wendy Hayes winning in 10.9 from Strickland and Marlene Mathews, the most consistent sprinter this country has produced (10.5, 11.5 and 24.0 this season).

Betty Cuthbert won the 220 in 25.0 from Miss Mathews. Shirley Strickland was nowhere.

On the second day Shirley was disqualified in the hurdles final for breaking twice. The title went to 20 year old Adelaide girl, Norma Austin, in 11.2.

Miss Strickland's (Mrs. Delahunty) only win was the 440 yards in 60.0.

Lone national record to fall was the javelin, Patricia O'Neill of New South Wales whipping the spear out to a moderate 136' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", thus adding more than 12 inches to the distance of 1950 Empiad winner Charlotte McGibbon.

Erica Willis did well in the conditions to long jump 18' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from Nancy Borwick (18' 3"). Erica earlier had cleared 19' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

AUSTRALIA 1955/56

100 Yards

9.5	Hector Hogan
9.6	Brian Randall
9.7	Alastair Gordon
9.7	Gary Bromhead

100 Metres

10.4	Hector Hogan
10.4	Brian Randall
10.6	Harold Burridge
10.6	Gary Bromhead

220 Yards

21.3	Hector Hogan
21.5	Gary Bromhead
21.5	Kevan Gosper
21.6	Brian Randall

440 Yards

47.2	Kevan Gosper
48.5	Graham Gipson
48.5	Leon Gregory
48.7	Ross Price

800 Metres

1:49.8	John Landy
1:50.1	Frank O'Connell
1:50.9	Don Macmillan
1:51.0	Geoff Fleming
1:51.5	Doug Henderson
1:51.6	John Murray

880 Yards

1:50.4	John Landy
1:50.8	Frank O'Connell
1:51.7	Don Macmillan
1:51.9	Doug Henderson
1:51.9	Geoff Fleming
1:52.0	Alex Henderson
1:52.3	Barry Almond
1:52.5	John Murray

1,000 Metres

2:23.9	Mervyn Lincoln
2:26.1	John Murray

1,500 Metres

- 3:43.2 John Landy
- 3:44.4 Mervyn Lincoln
- 3:49.8 Ron Clarke
- 3:50.8 Alex Henderson
- 3:51.8 John Plummer
- 3:52.1 Jim Bailey (in U.S.)

One Mile

- 3:58.6 John Landy
- 4:00.6 Mervyn Lincoln
- 4:05.8 Alex Henderson
- 4:06.8 Ron Clarke
- 4:06.8 John Murray
- 4:08.2 John Plummer
- 4:09.8 Geoff Warren
- 4:10.2 Alan Lawrence
- 4:10.4 Pat Clohessy

2,000 Metres

- 5:23.7 Geoff Warren

3,000 Metres

- 8:11.2 Dave Stephens
- 8:14.0 Les Perry
- 8:16.2 Ron Blackney
- 8:16.4 Geoff Warren

Two Miles

- 8:52.0 Dave Stephens
- 8:53.6 Mervyn Lincoln
- 8:54.0 Albert Thomas
- 8:55.2 Dave Power
- 8:56.2 Ron Clarke
- 8:57.4 John Murray
- 8:58.5 John Landy (in three mile)

Three Miles

- 13:27.4 John Landy
- 13:36.0 Albert Thomas
- 13:37.6 Dave Stephens
- 13:37.7 Dave Power
- 13:44.9 Alan Lawrence
- 13:48.4 Pat Clohessy
- 13:48.8 Geoff Warren
- 13:50.7 Les Perry
- 13:56.0 John Plummer

5,000 Metres

- 14:07.2 Dave Stephens
- 14:24.3 Dave Power

Six Miles

- 27:54.0 Dave Stephens
- 28:39.0 Alan Lawrence
- 28:39.8 Albert Thomas
- 28:45.8 Dave Power
- 29:06.4 Geoff Warren



Charles Porter, the Australian high jump champion who recently broke his national record with 6' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at St. Lucia to win the Queensland title. The previous Australian record was held by John Winter the 1948 Olympic champion with 6' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". (Planet News, Ltd.)

10,000 Metres

- 30:02.4 Dave Power
- 30:21.4 Geoff Warren
- 30:43.4 Les Perry

120 Yard Hurdles

- 14.3 Ray Weinberg
- 14.6 Ken Doubleday
- 14.8 John Chittick
- 14.8 Bryce Thomas

400 metres Hurdles

- 52.1 Geoff Goodacre

440 Yards Hurdles

- 52.4 Geoff Goodacre
- 53.5 Rod Carter
- 53.6 Terry Rothwell
- 53.9 Ross Parker
- 54.0 Geoff Jones
- 54.0 Dene Perrott
- 54.1 Tony Lethbridge
- 54.2 John Balderstone

3,000 Metres S.C.

- 9:05.2 Graham Thomas
- 9:16.4 Ron Blackney

4 x 880 Yards Relay

- 7:37.4 Geelong Guild (Vic.)

4 x Mile Relay

- 17:05.4 Western Suburbs (N.S.W.)

High Jump

- 6' 8 $\frac{5}{16}$ " Doug Stuart (U.S. indoors)

- 6' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Charles Porter

- 6' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ " Colin Ridgway

Pole Vault

- 13' 1" Bruce Peever

Long Jump

- 23' 11" Brian Oliver
- 23' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Ian Bruce
- 23' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Ron Gray
- 23' 9" John McCann
- 23' 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Mike Moroney
- 23' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Roy Canatori
- 23' 6" M. Rich

Hop, Step and Jump

- 50' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Brian Oliver
- 49' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Kevin Salt
- 49' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Colin Rutherford
- 48' 6" Alan Stevens

Shot Putt

- 51' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Barry Donath
- 50' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Peter Hanlin

Discus Throw

- 138' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Wes Balodis

Hammer Throw

- 166' 11" Neville Gadsden
- 162' 11" Martin Crowe
- 161' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Lloyd Hadfield

Javelin

- 202' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Bob Grant

JACK DAVIS FOUR TIMES UNDER 14.0 secs. FOUR DISCUS MEN BEAT 175' 0"

Newsletter from Dr. D. H. Potts.

Sprints.—Mike Agostini of Trinidad, who attends Fresno State College, has been the big item to date. His debut at Stockton on March 10 produced 9.4 and 20.7w. Then on the new crushed brick track at Bakersfield (site of the 1956 A.A.U. meet) he really cut loose, clocking 9.4 and 20.1. There was no wind, the temperature was 81°F. Even the Fresno coach admitted the Bakersfield track to be the fastest he's ever seen. Agostini was pushed by Alex Burl in the 100 yd. Burl, now in the services ran 9.5 in the 220, Agostini's competition was Jim Lea, who ran 20.6. The date of this meet was March 17. At Stanford, a week later, Mike coasted to 9.6 and 21.2 wins. He's been bothered by old knee injuries and did not run in recent meets. This world record in March during an Olympic year may not be the thing to do, however. One remembers how Metcalfe in 1932 and LaBeach in 1948 reached their season peak two months too early. But perhaps this time that formula doesn't apply since there is so much time between the end of the U.S. season (June 28) and the Olympics. That leaves ample time for one to slack off and then build up to a new peak.

Of the outstanding U.S. sprint candidates, only Bobby Morrow, 1955 100yd. champion, has seen much action. Morrow's bests (in the U.S.) to date have been 9.5 and 20.7w against only second-class (by U.S. standards) competition. World's fastest human Jim Golliday hurt himself in the Big 10 indoor meet. This time it was a muscle pull in the right leg, so it's not the old injury re-occurring. He will probably not be back in action until sometime in May. If his legs hold together, he should be unbeatable in the 100. His 6.0 for 60 yards was run at Madison, Wis. on February 25 on a dirt track. Other Olympic team favourites Leamon King and Dave Sime have just started their outdoor running. King ran 9.7 and 21.9 on March 24 and 10.0 and 21.5 on March 31. Sime opened up with a 9.5 in the Florida Relays at Gainesville on March 31.

Leamon King beat Mike Agostini at Berkeley on April 14. In the 100

King was off a bit better than Agostini and slowly inched away to a yard lead at 60. This he held to the tape. The track was soft from rains. In the 220 Agostini had a yard lead at the 100 but King pulled even by 140 and gradually went into the lead to win by two feet in 21.3. The two will meet again at Fresno on May 12. Morrow is still undefeated and ran 9.5 in the Texas Relays at Austin on April 7 beating Bobby Whilden of Texas. Dave Sime of Duke ran 9.4 and 20.8 in his outdoor debut at Ft. Jackson, S.C., on March 26. He followed this with a 9.5 in the Florida Relays at Gainesville on March 31. Morrow and Sime will meet at Des Moines on April 28. Golliday will probably not make his outdoor debut until May 5. They are making certain that he has had enough time for his leg to recover after the bad pull he sustained on March 3. Agostini ran 9.4w and 20.8 at Fresno on April 7. Whilden ran 9.5 at Lafayette, La., on April 14, but I don't have wind data on that one yet. Bill Woodhouse of Abilene Christian ran a windy 10.3 for 100m. at Denton, Texas, on April 14.

King easily beat Dick Dorsey of USC in the dual meet at Berkeley on April 7. King ran 9.8 and 21.5. Dick Bowen of Rice used a strong wind to clock 20.7 (and 9.5) at College Station on April 14. Bruce Lenoir was aided by only a slight wind in 9.6 and 20.6 clockings at Ruston, La., on March 24.

Quartermile.—As usual at this time of the year, the only fast clockings have been relay legs. Mashburn, of course, ran 47.1m. on January 1 in the Sugar Bowl meet, but the best since has only been 47.8 (by Lea at Bakersfield on March 17 and Ed Barron at Baton Rouge on March 24). In relays Lea has run 46.0, Russ Ellis and Mashburn 46.5, and Eddie Southern 47.0. Mal Whitfield is competing for Los Angeles State College this year and is running this event. So far he's done 48.5 and 48.4. George Rhoden, who lives in Los Angeles, is also running this year but he's coming around slowly. Best so far is 48.5n.

Lea clocked 47.6y at Los Angeles on April 7. Mike Larrabee ran 47.5

(Berkeley, April 7) and 47.6 (Los Angeles, April 17). Eddie Shinn did 47.7 at Los Angeles on April 7. Lang Stanley ran 47.9 at San Jose on April 7 and Ed Barron ran 47.8 at Baton Rouge, La., on March 24.

Half Mile.—Mal Whitfield has done well here. He came from behind against Eddie Shinn to win in 1:51.3 at Los Angeles on March 17 (Shinn 1:51.8) and then pulled the same trick against Bill Weiss a week later. This time it was much closer as both clocked 1:50.3 for the full 880yd.

Billy Tidwell ran 1:47.5 in a relay leg during the sprint medley event of the Texas Relays. Lon Spurrier ran his first 880 of the season in 1:51.9 at Berkeley on April 14. He had previously run in the mile (see below). Tom Courtney's debut was a 1:52.8 in the Quantico Relays on April 6. Rain ruined performances at this meet. The USC-Occidental dual meet at Los Angeles on April 17 matched Canadian Murray Coburn against Eddie Shinn. Coburn had just a bit more in the stretch as both clocked 1:51.4.

Mile.—Don Bowden of California beat a good field in 4:08.2 at Berkeley on March 24 for his season debut. Spurrier was second in 4:09.4 and Lowell Zellers was third in 4:09.8. Bowden, who ran 1:52.3 for a schoolboy 880yd. record in 1954, is a coming great. But this year may find him too young and inexperienced. Bill Dellinger nipped Australian Jim Bailey, both clocking 4:10.0 at Salem, Oregon, on March 31.

Ron Delaney of Villanova and Eire took the top spot here with a fancy 4:04.9 performance in a dual meet at West Chester, Pa., on April 14. There is some talk of getting him out to Los Angeles to run against Landy on May 5. Landy will run here in the US at Los Angeles on May 5 and then at Fresno on May 12. The USC-California dual meet at Berkeley on April 7 pitted Sid Wing against Don Bowden with a fast clocking expected. But Bowden dropped out after three laps with a very sore tendon. Wing, surprised by Bowden's withdrawal, succumbed to the last lap spurt of his teammate Wes McLeod of

Canada. McLeod ran 4:09.1 with Wing second in 4:10.7. Wing won against Oxy in 4:12.7 (April 17) with McLeod second in 4:13.1. At Berkeley on April 14 Lowell Zellers just nipped Lon Spurrier at the tape in 4:10.6, both getting that clocking. Bobby Seaman made his debut a good one with a 4:07.9 at Los Angeles on April 7. Dan Schweikert was second in 4:09.4 with Jerome Walters third in the same time. That gives us eleven at 4:10 or better already. Of course, three of these are not US citizens.

Distances.—Only items of any significance belong to young Max Truex of Southern California. He ran 5,000 metres in 14:31.4 at Los Angeles on March 10 and then ran a remarkably evenly paced two miles in 9:01.5 at Los Angeles on March 24. He won't figure in the international picture this year, but he will before he's through. Truex ran 9:10.0 at Berkeley (April 7) and 9:04.6 at Los Angeles (April 17). Nothing else worth mentioning at this or longer distances.

Hurdles.—Jack Davis is really hot and he's out to win at Melbourne. At the rate he's going it will take a world record to beat him. He is now in the Navy and is stationed in San Diego as is Milt Campbell. So far the season score is Davis 3, Campbell 1. Milt won at Los Angeles in 14.1 on March 24 when Jack hit the first and third hurdles. Davis closed but it was too late as he followed Campbell in 14.3. Davis's other season clockings are terrific: 13.8 (March 2), 13.7w (March 8), 13.7 (March 17 at Glendale), 13.8 (March 31). Campbell did 14.0, 13.8w, 14.0, respectively, on the first three occasions. Two others, Rafer Johnson and Bill Curtis have done 14.1 already. Johnson's came at Los Angeles on March 24, while Curtis did the trick at Odessa, Texas, on the same day. Curtis also ran 14.0w at Fort Worth on March 17.

Two good clockings in the 220 yard hurdles have shown up. Rafer Johnson ran 22.7 in the same meet as his 14.1, while Ancel Robinson of Fresno State ran 22.6 on the occasion of Agostini's 20.1 world record.

Best so far in the 400m. event is 53.4 by Gene O'Connor at Stillwater on March 26 and 53.6y. by Willie Atterbery at Los Angeles on March 10.

Davis beat Lee Calhoun at Quantico (April 7) with 13.8 to 14.1. Rafer Johnson ran 14.3 and 23.0 on April 7 (Los Angeles) and 14.3 and 23.6 on April 14. Ancel Robinson ran the lows in 22.2 with a 7 m.p.h. wind at Fresno

on April 7. This is the fastest clocking ever. He ran the highs in 14.2 on the same occasion. A week later he did 14.6 and 23.3 on the soft track at Berkeley. Ed Roberts beat out Bill Curtis in the Texas Relays (April 7) in 14.4. Curtis ran 14.1 with a wind at Denton, Texas, on April 14. Season best in the 400m. event is 53.1 by Gene O'Connor at Austin on April 7.



Ronnie Delaney (Eire), Ireland's best-ever miler seen winning the sprint medley relay at the Penn Relays wearing the colours of Villanova University. (Planet News, Ltd.)

High Jump.—Season best is still 6ft. 9in. (2.057) by Vern Wilson. He has done it twice now, the second time being at San Jose on April 7. But Wilson was second to Jack Razzeto on April 14 at Berkeley. Razzeto did 6ft. 7½in. (2.019) to Wilson's 6ft. 5in. (1.956). Dick Dailey also did 6ft. 7½in. (Berkeley, April 7) and Ernie Shelton had the same figure in an exhibition at Austin on April 7. On that occasion Don Stewart, the Southern Methodist Univ. Freshman, did 6ft. 8in. (2.032) to win the Freshman event (Texas Relays). Charles Dumas has done nothing great lately, but he wins easily against his Junior College competition. Others over two metres are: Nick Dyer 6ft. 7½in. (2.010) (Los Angeles, April 7) and Bill McDonald 6ft. 6½in. (2.00) (Lafayette, La., April 14).

Pole Vault.—At Los Angeles on April 17, Bob Gutowski bested the two trojan vaulters Ron Morris and Walt Levack. Gutowski cleared 14ft. 10in. (4.52) to 14ft. 6in. (4.42) for Morris and 13ft. 6in. (4.11) for Levack. Gutowski did 14ft. 8in. (4.47) at Los Angeles on April 7. Morris hit 14ft. 9in. (4.49) at Berkeley on April 7 with Levack second at 14ft. 4in. (4.37). Don Bragg won in the rainy Quantico Relays (April 7) with 14ft. (4.26). Tied for second at 13ft. 6in. (4.11) were Jerry Welbourn and Eeles Landström. Bragg did 14ft. 8½in. (4.49) at West Chester, Pa., on April 14. Other good marks are: 14ft. 6½in. (4.44) by Earl Poucher (Gainesville, March 31) and 14ft. 5½in. (4.41) by Jim Graham (Lawrence, Kans., April 14). Second to Graham was Charles Manwarring at 14ft. 2in. (4.31).

Broad Jump.—Still no 25-footers outdoors yet. Rafer Johnson did a good 24ft. 10½in. (7.57) at Palo Alto on April 14. Kent Floerke won the Texas Relays with 24ft. 6½in. (7.48) and hit this mark again on April 14 at Lawrence. Monte Upshaw, who broke Jesse Owen's high school record two years ago reinjured his knee on March 31 and will probably never jump again.

Hop, Step and Jump.—Best to date are: 48ft. 9½in. (14.87) by Glenn Beerline (Austin, April 7) and 48ft. 8½in. (14.85) by Jack Smith at Lafayette, La. (April 14).

Shot Putt.—Bill Nieder became the second 60-footer in history with an excellent 60ft. 3in. (18.36) at Lawrence on April 14. On the same day at Berkeley, Parry O'Brien did 60ft. 8½in. (18.50), to beat Charles Butt (55ft. 4½in. (16.87). Nieder also did 59ft. 9in. (18.21) in the Texas Relays (Austin, April 7).

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POLE VAULT

1951	1952
1. Gregor	1. Elliott
2. Anderson	2. Anderson
3. Elliott	3. Gregor
4. Broad	4. Calladine
5. Dear	5. Ward
6. Petitjean	6. Howland
1953	1954
1. Elliott	1. Elliott
2. Gregor	2. Gregor
3. Ward	3. Schmidt
4. Calladine	4. Ward
5. Anderson	5. Petitjean
6. Schmidt	6. Broad

1st: **Geoffrey Michael ELLIOTT**
(b. 7.iv.1931).

12' 6"	2nd Inter Counties	28/5
12' 6"	1st R.A.F. Champs.	6/7
13' 5½"	2nd Saarbrucken	10/7
13' 6"	1st A.A.A.	16/7
13' 0½"	1st Inter Services Cham.	20/7
13' 6"	1st A.A.A. v. E. Counties	23/7
13' 0"	1st G.B. v. Germany	1/8
13' 5½"	2nd G.B. v. France	3/9
13' 9¼"	3rd G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
13' 9¼"	1st G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9
13' 0"	1st Copenhagen	1/10
13' 0"	3rd London v. Prague	12/10

2nd: **Ian WARD** (b. 24.ii.1929).

13' 0"	1st Rotherham	21/5
13' 0"	1st Inter Counties	28/5
13' 1½"	— Berne	3/7
13' 3"	1st Widnes	30/7
13' 0"	3rd G.B. v. Germany	1/8
13' 0"	1st Watford	2/8
13' 4"	1st Glasgow Rangers	6/8
13' 0"	2nd G.B. v. Hungary	13/8
13' 0"	1st Edinburgh Highland Games	20/8
13' 1½"	3rd G.B. v. France	3/9
13' 1½"	4th G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
12' 9½"	3rd G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9
13' 3"	1st v. Czechs. at Manchester	15/10

3rd: **Geoffrey Michael SCHMIDT**
(b. 27.ix.1934).

12' 5½"	— Brussels	15/6
12' 3"	1st Army Champs.	2/7
12' 6"	3rd A.A.A.	16/7
13' 0½"	2nd Inter Services	20/7
12' 6"	2nd E. Counties	23/7
13' 4"	2nd Glasgow Rangers	6/8
12' 9"	4th G.B. v. Hungary	13/8

4th: **Norman George Allan GREGOR**
(b. 15.iii.1923).

12' 0"	4th Inter Counties	28/5
12' 6"	2nd Glasgow Police	4/6
12' 0"	1st Chatham	29/6
12' 0"	1st Nairobi, Kenya	24/7
12' 6"	1st Nairobi, Kenya	30/7
12' 11¾"	1st Nairobi, Kenya	13/8

5th: **Raymond PETITJEAN**
(b. 1.iv.1929).

12' 0"	1st Caledonian Games	21/5
12' 0"	1st N.C.A.A. v. A.A.A.	18/6
12' 3"	5th A.A.A.	16/7
12' 7"	2nd Widnes	30/7
12' 4"	1st Chester	1/8
12' 0"	2nd Coventry	27/8
12' 0"	2nd A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9

6th: **George Edward BROAD**
(b. 6.viii.1933).

12' 0"	3rd Inter Counties	28/5
12' 0"	1st Surrey Champs.	4/6
12' 6"	1st A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
12' 5¾"	4th Stockholm	6/7
12' 6"	3rd Glasgow Rangers	6/8
11' 6"	4th London v. Prague	12/10

LONG JUMP

1951	1952
1. Williams	1. Williams
2. Walker	2. Cruttenden
3. Cruttenden	3. Platt
4. Broad	4. Dixon
5. Whaley	5. Darlow
6. Askew	6. Broad
1953	1954
1. Cruttenden	1. Wilmshurst
2. Whaley	2. Cruttenden
3. Walker	3. Cox
4. Wilmshurst	4. Pinder
5. Platt	5. Luxon
6. Goodrich	6. Brown

1st: **Kenneth Stanley David WILMSHURST** (b. 9.iv.1931).

24' 3"	1st Jersey	9/4
23' 11½"	w1st Sward Trophy	14/5
23' 9¼"	1st Inter Counties	28/5
23' 0"	1st Surrey Champs.	4/6
23' 1"	1st Kinnaird Trophy	18/6
23' 2½"	1st Southern Champs.	25/6
23' 11½"	1st Luxembourg	24/7
22' 11½"	3rd G.B. v. Germany	1/8
23' 1"	3rd G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
23' 7"	3rd Budapest	21/8
24' 3¼"	1st G.B. v. France	4/9
23' 7¼"	3rd G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
23' 7½"	1st G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9

2nd: **Karim Ayinla Babalola OLOWU**
(b. 7.vi.1924).

23' 4½"	1st Loughborough	4/5
23' 1"	1st U.A.U. Champs.	21/5
23' 6"	1st U.A.U. v. O.U.A.C.	16/6
23' 4½"	1st Newcastle	2/7
24' 2"	1st A.A.A.	15/7
23' 10½"	1st London v. Prague	12/10
23' 3"	3rd v. Czechs. at Manchester	15/10

3rd: **Arthur Roy CRUTTENDEN**
(b. 18.ii.1925).

23' 2"	— Battersea Park	-/4
22' 10½"	2nd Inter Counties	28/5
23' 2½"	1st Sussex Champs.	11/6
22' 9"	2nd A.A.A.	15/7

6 NEW SOUTH AMERICAN RECORDS

The South American continent held their Championships at Santiago, Chile, from April 14-22, and six sub-continent records were established. Ramon Sandoval (see page 96) of the host country turned in a great double with 800 metres in 1:49.0 for a ten yards victory over Eduardo Balducci of Argentina (1:51.5); and a 3:48.4 1,500 metres gold medal, this time 30 yards clear of the same opponent. Santiago Nova (Chile) set a new Steeplechase standard with 9:09.0 and Colombia won the 1,600 metres Relay in 3:14.6, with the help of Jaime Aparicio, who had already won the 400 metres in 47.7 and the 400 metres hurdles in 52.0.

The other two records were in the women's long jump and javelin won by Gladys Erbetta (Argentina) and Marlene Ahrends (Chile) with 19' 3½" and 159' 10½" respectively.



Oswaldo Suarez (Argentina) winner of the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and half marathon (1 hr. 08 min. 53.6 secs.) in the Nineteenth South American Championships held at Santiago, April 14-22. He is entering the Olympic marathon. Is he to be the successor of Zabalo, Cabrera, Guinez and Gorno?

NEWS FROM U.S.S.R.

The Northern Caucasian town of Sochi, by now a well-known summer resort on the Black Sea, played host in late March to some of the Union's best athletes. A mark which received notable publicity was Yuriy Bashlikov's 10.5 for 100 metres. This Muscovite is barely 20 and was first heard of in 1955 when he ran the metric sprints in 10.6 and 21.9. Second to him at Sochi was V. Stupak, 10.6. Anatoliy Samotsvetov, a steadily improving hammer man, reached 59.65 (195ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) with the ball and chain, less than 2ft. short of his 1955 best. Another star of the four-day meeting was Igor Kashkarov, who rolled over a high jump bar set at 2.00 (6ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.). This 23-year-old, he too a Muscovite, won the event against Great Britain last year and set a new Russian indoor "best" of 2.05 (6ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) on March 11 last. Good early season clockings were returned by Yuriy Zakharov (14:27.6) and Anatoliy Osminkin (1:51.9).

Stanislav Nyenashev, now 22, threw the hammer 59.91 (196ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) in a meeting held at Tbilisi, one of Russia's best known athletic centres. He had five valid throws, the shortest of which travelled 192ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Maybe he will soon return to his record form of late 1954. Estonian Heino Heinaste beat V. Shevkalovich in the discus—167ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 165ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. European record holder Leonid Shcherbakov hop, step and jumped 15.36 (50ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.).

Little known A. Salaijskals was credited with 10.5 for 100 metres at Krasnodar, while Georgian L. Antadze was second in 10.6. Last year, no fewer than 54 Russians were listed at 10.7 or better in the metric century, and just as many were credited with 10.8! It is a known fact, however, that no discrimination between legal and wind-assisted marks is made there, at least for listing purposes. Still at Krasnodar, Dmitriy Yegorov, one of Russia's eight 60-metres hammer men, threw 191ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Here again, U.S.S.R. has a truly imposing "breadth"; in 1955 no less than 27 Russians bettered 180ft. and the 100th man on the list showed a mark of 156ft. 0in. Without wishing to detract from this "facit", we'd say that it is perhaps too early to evaluate the true worth of hammer marks. Certainly, the amazing achievements of America's Hal Connolly and of Pakistan's Sgt. Muhammad Iqbal have somewhat contributed to devalue the hitherto unsurpassed capacity of European throwers.

R.L.Q.

22' 8"	4th	G.B. v. Germany	1/8
23' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2nd	G.B. v. Hungary	12/8
23' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2nd	G.B. v. France	4/9
22' 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4th	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
23' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. C.S.R.	15/9
22' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4th	London v. Prague	12/10
4th: David BRIGDEN (b. 6.vi.1934).			
22' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Tooting Bec	24/4
23' 2"	2nd	Southern Champs.	25/6
22' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3rd	A.A.A.	15/7
22' 9"	1st	Croydon	6/8
5th: N. G. HAMILTON.			
23' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Belfast	30/4
22' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4th	U.A.U. Champs.	21/5
22' 11"	1st	Belfast	28/5
23' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w	1st	N.I.A.A.A. Champs.	4/6
6th: Percy C. LUXON (b. 23.vi.1930).			
22' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	—	Cambridge	11/4
23' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "w	2nd	Sward Trophy	14/5
21' 3"	1st	Middlesex Champs.	21/5
21' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4th	Inter Counties	28/5
22' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
22' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Palmer's Green	2/7
23' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Croydon	9/7
22' 7"	1st	A.A.A. v. E. Counties	23/7
23' 0"	1st	Belgrave Champs.	6/8

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

1951	1952		
1. Cross	1. Coleman		
2. Laing	2. Goldsmith		
3. Goldsmith	3. Laing		
4. Salmon	4. Cross		
5. Field	5. Monteith		
6. Wells	6. Wilmshurst		
1953			
1. Wilmshurst	1. Wilmshurst		
2. Goldsmith	2. McNab		
3. Finch	3. Whall		
4. Stephen	4. Eggleton		
5. Coleman	5. Stephen		
6. McColgan	6. McColgan		
1954			
1. Wilmshurst	1. Wilmshurst		
2. Goldsmith	2. McNab		
3. Finch	3. Whall		
4. Stephen	4. Eggleton		
5. Coleman	5. Stephen		
6. McColgan	6. McColgan		
1st: Kenneth Stanley David			
WILMSHURST (b. 9.iv.1931).			
47' 10"	1st	Jersey	9/4
46' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Sward Trophy	14/5
50' 8"	1st	Inter-Counties	30/5
47' 8"	1st	Surrey Champs.	4/6
48' 3"	1st	Southern	25/6
48' 2"	1st	A.A.A. v. Wales	9/7
49' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	A.A.A.	16/7
49' 7"	1st	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
48' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	G.B. v. Hungary	13/8
49' 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	—	Budapest	21/8
49' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	2nd	G.B. v. France	3/9
44' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	4th	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
2nd: Paul Bamela ENGO (b. 5.x.1931).			
46' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Leyton	4/5
47' 11"	1st	Middlesex Cham.	14/5
47' 9"	—	Uxbridge	21/5
48' 1"	2nd	Inter-Counties	30/5
47' 4"	2nd	Southern	25/6
47' 3"	1st	Motspur Park	29/6



Not the Indian rope trick. This Pakistani pole vaulter is practising with an elastic cross bar introduced by Tony Traill for coaching during his recent tour of the Commonwealth Republic.

49' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2nd	A.A.A.	16/7
47' 11"	1st	A.A.A. v. E. Counties	23/7
49' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	G.B. v. France	3/9
47' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
48' 7"	3rd	London v. Prague	12/10
3rd: Denis William FIELD (b. 20.ix.30)			
46' 2"	1st	Nottingham	30/4
45' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4th	Inter-Counties	30/5
46' 2"	1st	Bristol	11/6
45' 3"	1st	Midland	25/6
47' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3rd	A.A.A.	16/7
46' 5"	4th	G.B. v. Germany	30/7
47' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. Hungary	13/8
46' 1"	3rd	G.B. v. U.S.S.R.	11/9
45' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	4th	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9
4th: John Edwin Charles WHALL			
(b. 28.vi.1934).			
46' 0"	1st	Imber Court	7/5
44' 7"	2nd	Sward	14/5
46' 1"	1st	Kent Champs.	4/6
47' 0"	1st	A.A.A. v. U.L.A.C.	8/6
46' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	R.A.F. Champs.	5/7
44' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3rd	A.A.A. Floodlit	21/9
44' 11"	4th	London v. Prague	12/10
5th: Thomas McI. McNAB			
(b. 16.xii.1933).			
46' 8"	1st	Goldenacre	7/5
46' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1st	Goldenacre	18/5
46' 2"	—	St. Andrews	28/5
46' 2"	—	Glasgow	6/6
45' 1"	2nd	Scottish A.A.A.	25/6
45' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1st	Edinburgh	20/8
6th: Paul Godwin STABLEFORTH			
(b. 7.v.1934).			
46' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	3rd	G.B. v. Czechs.	14/9

SOINE RUNS 1:50.6

By A. G. Matthews.

Paul Soine, promising South African middle distance runner, clipped the 880 yards national record of 1:52.2 held by Schalk Booysen (1949) and himself (1955) by 1.6 secs. with a fine run of 1:50.6 at the Northern Transvaal Championships in Pretoria on March 17. Running on a grass track he led all the way and won on his own. Bertie Oberholzer being second in 1:54.0. At Durban on March 10 Piet van der Leeuw had lowered the record to 1:51.8 after outdistancing Michael Hodgson the junior half-miler.

Other pre-national championship records were the ancient record of Harry Hart in the shot (51ft. 7in. in 1931) which fell to John Short (51ft. 8½in. at Benoni on March 10), Anna Fick's new women's discus mark of 146ft. 10½in. at Pretoria on February 18, and a wind assisted 10.7 100 yards by Magdel Myburgh at Bloemfontein on March 9. Other good marks were:—440 yards hurdles 52.5 Gert Potgieter, 18, Pretoria, March 16; 100 yards 9.7 C. Petty, Pretoria, March 17; 220 yards 21.5w Perkes, Benoni, March 10; 440 yards 48.0 W. Perkes and J. Vogelsang, Pretoria, March 17; 880 yards 1:53.5 E. Brewwater, Paarl, March 10; 120 yards hurdles 14.2 J. van der Merwe; 14.3 D. Burger, Benoni, March 10; 14.5 J. Severt, Paarl, March 10; Discus 170ft. 9½in. S. du Plessis, Pretoria, March 17 (South African record).

The national championships held in Bloemfontein over Easter, 31 March and 2 April, were completely spoilt by two cloudbursts, one at 12 noon of the first day, the next on the Sunday, April 1, at 6 p.m., and a further torrential downpour on the 2nd when the mile was practically obscured from the spectators. Had conditions been ideal it would have been the best ever championship meeting. Four 9.7 and four 9.8 dashmen were in the heats of the 100 yards, won on a damp track in 9.7, 9.7, 9.8 and 9.8. Paul Soine retained his title in the half-mile on a sodden track in 1:52.3 and the mile won by Jennings in 4:23.4 was worth every bit of 4:10.0 if the high wind, driving rain and flooded track are taken into account. Dalene Swanapoel lost her javelin title to Terry Fisher of Rhodesia; under the circumstances the lighter athlete triumphed over the heavier one on the slippery runway. Also mentionable was Danie Burger's 13ft. vault and Price's 24ft. 5in. long jump.

SOUTH AFRICAN JUNIOR RUNS 1:52.5 and 4:13.8

Gail Hodgson, a strongly built student from Natal University, won the South African Under-19 titles for the 880 yards and one mile at Maritzburg on April 6 and 7 in the remarkable times of 1:52.5 and 4:13.8. The previous junior half mile record was 1:54.2 set by Gideon Bosman in 1944 and the previous mile standard was 4:22.9. In the mile Hodgson was well behind Derek Carrington (S. Transvaal) at the half mile mark, reached in 2:10.0, but then came through very strongly. Athol Jennings (4:09.9) and Ernst Kleynhans (4:13.7) are the only South Africans ever to have run faster miles.

Other outstanding results were:—

Under 19: 100 yards 10.0 and 220 yards 22.1 by H. Phillips; 440 yards 48.2 by M. Spence; 220 yards hurdles 24.4 by G. Potgieter.

Under 17: 220 yards 22.5 by H. Blomberg; 110 yards hurdles 14.0 by F. Roux; Long Jump 22ft. 5¼in. by J. Claassen.



Bespectated Jaime Aparicio (Colombia), winner of a great 400 metres/400 metres hurdles double in the South American Championships in 47.7 and 52.1.

BORNEO HEADHUNTERS FOR MELBOURNE OLYMPICS

Olympic plans of the Colony of North Borneo whose A.A.A. recently became the fourth Asian organisation to publish its Year Book, have been boosted up by policeman Gabuh bin Tiging, hop, step and jumping 49ft. 4½in. followed by a schoolmaster Sium bin Diau with 47ft. 7in. Gabuh is a Dusun tribesman from the interior while Sium hails from seafaring Bajau natives—forefathers of both belonged to the once notorious Head Hunters of Borneo. The N.B.A.A. is only six years old.

OXFORD WIN TWICE AT PENN RELAYS

Oxford University's visit to Philadelphia's famous Penn Relay Carnival produced wins in the 4 × 880 and 4 × 1 mile events on April 28 and a decisive defeat by a great Villanova team in the distance medley on April 27.

The rodeo conditions and high temperature (83 degrees) combined to hurt the times. Donald Gorrie, Derek Johnson, Alan Gordon and Ian Boyd won the 4 × 1 mile by 70 yards from Michigan and Manhattan in 17 min. 35.3 sec. In the 4 × 880 yards, Johnson had to turn a 15 yards deficit into a 15 yards lead to record 1:52.1 and a total time of 7:40.6, to beat Manhattan and New York. It is amusing to note that this team improved exactly 10 seconds on the quartet that won on the last English visit in 1920—but 7:50.6 was then a world's record.

The distance medley Villanova squad that beat the Dark Blues in meeting record time with 9:58.1 was Charley Jenkins (880) Roland Simpson (440), Alex Breckenridge (1,320 yards) and Ronnie Delaney (mile). It was ironic that a Scot and an Irishman were included in the American team. Boyd was passed by Delaney (4:09.6) with an impressive 57.9 last lap.

THANE BAKER RUNS 29.4 300 yds.

Columbus, Ohio, April 21.

The 1952 Olympian Thane Baker in a comeback bid today shattered Herb McKenley's 10-year-old world's best for 300 yards (29.8 sec. in 1946) with a brilliantly sustained 29.4 sec. performance. The thick-set blond Air Force officer was pressed most of the way by the 20-year-old Glenn Davis from Ohio State who recorded a fine 30.2 sec.

Before this event Baker had had a 9.3 sec. 100 yards disallowed owing to an 8 m.p.h. wind while Davis had well defeated the Tasmanian British Empire 440 yards hurdles champion Dave Lean (now of Michigan State) in a 400 metres hurdles event in 54.4 sec. Harrison Dillard, the 1948 Olympic 100 metres champion and one-time 13.6 sec. high hurdler, won a hurdles race in a casual 14.7 sec.

L.A.C. SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

White City, April 20/21.

100 yards I. R. Smith 10.7; 440 yards R. R. P. Grounds 50.9; 880 yards T. J. Blythe 1:58.3; One Mile P. M. Collins 4:24.8; One Mile Walk M. S. Shannon 7:08.4; 120 yards Hurdles P. R. Brunyee 15.2; One Mile Steeplechase C. J. B. Bryan 4:57.2; 4 × 110 yards Relay Shrewsbury 45.2; High Jump M. G. A. Day 5' 10"; Pole Vault A. J. F. Pitt 11' 3"; Long Jump A. N. Duerr 22' 2"; Shot Putt M. R. Lindsay 55' 2"; Discus M. R. Lindsay 168' 5"; Hammer P. Ritchie 162' 2"; Javelin M. F. Johnson 200' 0"; Invitation Six Miles H. V. Foord 28:38.6 (see Early Season Marks).



Hugh Foord (Brighton A.C.) seen winning the six miles invitation event at the White City on April 21st in 28 mins. 38.6 secs. Foord now ranks number five, behind Pirie, K. L. Norris, Driver and Sando on the British All-Time list. (E.D. Lacey).

BRITISH EARLY SEASON MARKS

The following noteworthy performances have been reported up to April 30.
i=indoor mark

100 YARDS			
10.0	J. Metcalf	Oxford	-/3
10.0	P. O. C. Ozieh (Nigeria)	Oxford	3/3
10.0w	N. G. Hamilton	Belfast	21/4
220 YARDS			
21.9	J. Metcalf	Oxford	9/2
440 YARDS			
48.9	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	6/3
49.1	G. L. Critchlow	Oxford	6/3
49.1	F. P. Higgins	Chelmsford	18/4
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
880 YARDS			
1:51.5	D. C. E. Gorrie	Oxford	10/3
1:51.8n	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	10/3
1:52.7n	D. Thornton	White City	7/4
1:53.8n	J. V. Beesley	White City	7/4
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			
4:06.2	A. D. Gordon	White City	7/4
4:07.3	I. H. Boyd	Oxford	24/3
4:09.8n	P. Abrahams	White City	7/4
4:10.3n	D. J. N. Johnson	Oxford	24/3
4:13.4	J. I. Disley	Glasgow	14/4
4:13.8n	C. T. Maxwell (U.S.A.)	White City	7/4
4:14.8	P. Walker	Leeds	28/4
4:16.8n	M. J. Rowbottom	White City	7/4
4:17.3	R. Dunkley	Chelmsford	18/4
4:17.8n	R. J. Foster	White City	7/4
3,000 METRES			
8:19.0n i	J. I. Disley	Dortmund	5/2
TWO MILES			
9:01.0	G. D. Ibbotson	Glasgow	14/4
9:05.0	A. D. Gordon	Oxford	28/1
9:05.0	I. H. Boyd	Oxford	28/1
THREE MILES			
13:53.6	I. H. Boyd	White City	7/4
14:03.0n	R. Dunkley	White City	7/4
SIX MILES			
28:38.6	H. V. Foord	White City	21/4
28:42.8n	A. F. Perkins	White City	21/4
29:14.0n	G. Knight	White City	21/4
29:28.4n	C. W. Suddaby	White City	21/4
29:34.0n	B. T. Barrett	White City	21/4
29:37.8n	K. F. Caulder	White City	21/4
29:48.3n	S. E. Eldon	White City	21/4
220 YARDS HURDLES			
25.0	J. Metcalf	White City	7/4
25.1	W. W. Kretschmar (Germany)	Oxford	24/3
25.1	D. W. Donaldson	Cambridge	—/3

HIGH JUMP

6' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	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

POLE VAULT

12' 9"	K. A. K. North (N.Z.)	White City	7/4
12' 6"	M. E. Nugent	White City	7/4

LONG JUMP

23' 2"	P. B. Engo (Nigeria)	Oxford	10/3
23' 0" ^w	N. G. Hamilton	Belfast	21/4
22' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ^w	A. G. Whittaker	Oxford	24/3

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

47' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	T. McI. McNab	Edinburgh	28/4
46' 9"	P. B. Engo (Nigeria)	Hurlingham	17/3
46' 1"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst	Trinidad	26/2

SHOT PUTT

54' 0"	W. B. L. Palmer	Oxford	10/3
47' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	R. J. Harris	Tooting	28/4
47' 5"	N. Morgan	Tooting	21/4
46' 0"	W. H. Robbins	Oxford	24/3

DISCUS THROW

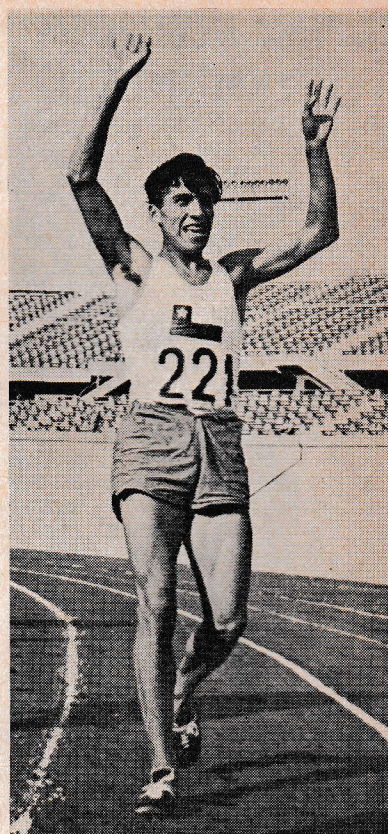
156' 7"	G. A. Carr	Hurlingham	17/3
150' 10"	P. Isbester	Dartmouth	19/3
140' 5"	O. A. Feldmanis	Hurlingham	17/3
137' 11"	M. R. Lindsay	Hurlingham	17/3

HAMMER THROW

185' 5"	D. W. J. Anthony	White City	7/4
183' 6"	I. S. Bain	White City	7/4
181' 5"	J. C. Bard (U.S.A.)	White City	7/4
175' 0"	M. J. Ellis	White City	7/4
173' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	E. C. K. Douglas	Edinburgh	7/1

JAVELIN THROW

195' 9"	W. W. Kretschmar (Germany)	White City	7/4
189' 0"	C. G. Smith	Alperton	11/2
180' 10"	M. L. Harradine	Alperton	11/2



Ramon Sandoval (Chile), who set new South American records for both the 800 metres and the 1,500 metres in 1:49.0 and 3:48.4 in the recent Championships.

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O'Brien won at Quantico (April 7) with 57ft. 4in. (17.47). Ken Bantum was second with 55ft. 11in. (17.04), and Dave Owen third at 53ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (16.27). Al Oerter, a teammate of Nieder, did 54ft. 7in. (16.63) on April 14. Ray Martin of USC did 55ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (16.84) at Berkeley (April 7) and 55ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (16.82) at Los Angeles on April 17. Don Vick hit 57ft. 5in. (17.50) to equal his personal best at Los Angeles on April 7. A week later at Palo Alto he did 56ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (17.20) to beat Al Cheney (54ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. —16.47). Tom Bonorden hit 54ft. 4in. (16.56) behind Nieder on April 7. Bobby Gross was third at 53ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (16.42), while Robert Van Dee was fourth with 53ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (16.30). John Kahnert of California and Argentina was third against USC on April 7 with 53ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (16.29), Butt taking second at 54ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (16.54).

Discus Throw.—Santa Barbara had four men over 175ft. again. This was

March 31. O'Brien won at 184ft. 10in. (56.33), Des Koch was second at 180ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (55.08), Ron Drummond was third at 180ft. 6in. (55.01), and Don Vick was fourth at 175ft 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (53.35). Kelly Hester did 167ft. 1in. (50.92) and didn't even place. Season best now in possession of world record holder, Fortune Gordien. Fortch did 186ft. (56.69) at Los Angeles on April 8. The day before he hit 171ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (52.40), again at Los Angeles. Les Koch beat O'Brien at Quantico with 164ft. 7in. (50.17) to 161ft. 8in. (49.27). The rain didn't help. A week later, when O'Brien did his 18.50 he also threw the platter 181ft. 8in. (55.37). Rink Babka of USC did 174ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (53.10) against California (Berkeley, April 7). He just nosed out Charles Butt who did 174ft. 1in. (53.06). Babka beat Kelly Hester on April 17 with 161ft. 8in. (49.27) to 160ft. 6in. (48.92). Don Vick and Ron Drummond, teammates at UCLA traded wins on April 7 and April 14. Vick did 167ft. 4in. (51.00) and 163ft. 3in. (49.76)

while Drummond did 167ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (50.91) and 166ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (50.86). Al Oerter won the Texas Relays event with 165ft. 3in. (50.37) and improved to 174ft. 3in. (53.11) at Lawrence on April 14. Bobby Gross did 170ft. 2in. (51.84) at College Station on April 14.

Hammer Throw.—Hal Connoihy's debut came at Quantico on April 7. He did 201ft. 1in. (61.29) which was excellent considering weather conditions. Bob Backus was second with 184ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (56.19). Cliff Blair did 182ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (55.49) at West Point on April 14.

Javelin Throw.—Results were good at Berkeley on April 14: Young 242ft. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (73.72), Long 236ft. 5in. (72.06), and John Bugge 230ft. 7in. (70.28). Young did 238ft. 5in. (72.67) at Fresno on April 7. Ben Garcia hit 236ft. 6in. (72.08) at Tempe, Ariz., on March 29. Leo Long did 241ft. (73.45) at Palo Alto on March 31 with Bugge second at 230ft. 9in. (70.33). No other throws over 69 metres.