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IHAROS SHATTERS ZATOPEK'S 10,000 METRE RECORD—28:42.8

KRIVONOSOV THROWS 217ft. 9½in.



Sandor Iharos seen during the closing stages of his fabulous world 10,000 metre record of 28:42.8, made at Budapest on July 15. (Planet News.)

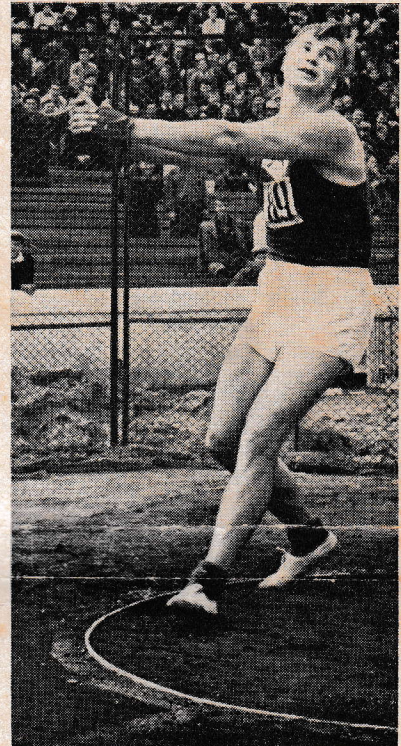
With America's Olympic team going into convalescence and Europe beset by one of the wettest Julys of the century, the torrent of world records in June was dammed to only three male and two female additions during July.

The highlight was Sandor Iharos' eclipse of the great Emil Zatopek's world 10,000 metres in the Nepstadion in Budapest on July 15. His time of 28:42.8 represented an advance which is the biggest leap forward in this standard event since August 1950 when Zatopek removed 18.6 sec. from his own performance at Turku in Finland. The event is fully described in Roberto Quercetani's report on p. 131. En route Iharos removed Dave Stephens' unrated record of 27:54.0 for six miles set at Melbourne on January 25 this year.

The Hungarian's scintillating debut at this distance fulfils all the threats of his coach Mihaly Igloi and also follows the pattern of the challenge of the under-distance men to established standards. Iharos's deed, in addition, confirms that the U.S.S.R. are going to meet strong Olympic opposition from their own satellites, in the non-American events.

July also saw the final clunk in the ding-dong battle between U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. for possession of the world hammer record. The mighty Mikhail Krivonosov competing at Minsk on July 8 got off a throw to 217ft. 9½in. so recapturing the record after the 96 hour tenure by America's Cliff Blair who at Needham, Mass., threw 216ft. 4½in. (N.B.—incorrectly reported in the July issue as 216ft. 5½in.).

In the women's events there were two new world records: The first came at Bucharest on July 14 when the lissom



Mikhail Krivonosov seen making the actual world record throw of 217ft. 9½in. (66.38m.), at the Belorussian Spartakiade in Minsk on July 8. (Planet News.)

Rumanian Iolanda Balas, vice-champion of Europe beat the unrated 5ft. 8½in. set by her Berne conqueror Thelma Hopkins at Belfast on May 5 by a margin of 11mm. Her clearance of 1.75m. represents 5ft. 8.90in. against the Ulster's girl's 5ft. 8½in. which is 1.739m.

On Russia's fastest track at Kiev the European 200 metre champion Maria Leontivna Itkina on July 21 broke the world 220 yards record of Marjorie Jackson and Marlene Mathews by four-tenths with 23.6 sec. The carrot-haired farm girl used the stamina of a 53.9 sec. 400 metre runner to steam through the 200 meter tape in 23.5 sec. on the way.

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NEW EMPIRE TEN MILE MARK

On June 30 at Randwick racecourse in New South Wales, Australia, Dave Power the Australian Open 10,000 metres record holder set a new British Empire 10 miles record. His time of 49:53.0 beat Fred Norris's mark of 49:53.2 set during a one hour race at Walton-on-Thames on April 28 this year.

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THE presence in England of Ion Opris, the former Rumanian record holder for the high hurdles, has brought into prominence a glaring defect in the International Olympic Committee's (I.O.C.) rules.

Opris being *persona non grata* with Rumania is excluded from representing the country of his birth while he is also excluded from representing the country which gave him political asylum.

Rule 9 (7) states, "Having once represented any member of the Federation in international competition, no contestant may thereafter represent any other member except in case of:—

- (a) Incorporation of one country in another,
- (b) Creation of a new country ratified by treaty, or
- (c) Where membership of the I.A.A.F. is acquired by the governing body of any colony where such membership did not previously exist."

These rules make no provision for stateless persons.

The I.O.C.'s bleatings about the fact that the Olympics are becoming too nationalistic would be listened to with a little more respect if they did something to implement the original Olympic protocol that the Games were championships of individuals. No single step could do more to restore the old Olympic spirit than to allow stateless persons to compete as individuals.

The "grey men" of athletic administration will doubtless complain that they cannot have stateless persons competing in the Olympic Games because it is an "administrative inconvenience." Administrative inconveniences

exist to be overcome. The solution is simple. An Association of Stateless Athletes could easily be established in some convenient, uncommitted country, such as Switzerland, and that Association could be affiliated to the I.A.A.F. and the I.O.C. It could vouch for the amateur status of its members and could also ensure that they were of a sufficient standard to compete alongside the representatives of other affiliates. The injustice of the present pandering to administrative convenience was poignantly demonstrated at the Wembley Olympics in London in 1948. Jānis Stendenziēks, a Latvian displaced person had to stay in the stands and watch the Finnish film actor Tapio Rautavaara win the Olympic javelin title with a throw of 228ft. 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. The month before, in Lincoln, Stendenziēks had thrown 233ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Here was a man who was deprived of the opportunity of winning an Olympic gold medal because of what the I.A.A.F. rules serenely describe as the "incorporation of one country in another."

An attempt to right this great wrong was made at Helsinki but the inconvenience involved was sufficient to sway the delegates into thinking that displaced persons and political refugees detach themselves from the opportunity of Olympic competition.

Ion Opris is one of the fastest hurdlers in Europe, and why should he not represent himself at Melbourne? If he is not given a chance, then the oft-quoted dictum about winning and taking part will ring with a hollow mockery.

THE EDITORS

IHAROS LEADS EUROPEAN PARADE

By *ROBERTO QUERCETANI*

EUROPEAN REPORT

4 World, 3 European Records

With four months to go before the start of the Melbourne Olympics, several European stars are showing signs of vastly improved form. Feature of this month's report are four world and three European records, plus an ever growing number of quality performances.

On Saturday, June 30, 23-year-old Janusz Sidlo of Poland was at the Milan Arena, where he used—for the first time in competition—a "Held" javelin of the long (over 240ft. throws) type. The result was an amazing 83.66 (274ft. 5½in.) achieved on the third attempt. The throw was not measured until the competition was over, so spectators had to wait quite some time before eventually learning that the Pole had beaten Soini Nikkinen's six-days-old record by 10 cms. (4in.). Sidlo's other throws were roughly calculated as follows: 246ft., 246ft., 256ft., 249ft., 239ft. Particularly worthy of note is the fourth throw of 256ft. which came just a few minutes after the record feat—few javelin men, if any, have ever shown such phenomenal energy in a post-record effort. Sidlo had been nursing an injury earlier in the season and his best before coming to Italy was a "modest" 237ft. 5½in. On July 8 at Poznan he threw 78.09 (256ft. 2¾in.)—his 17th winning effort over 250ft.

On Sunday, July 8, in the Byelorussian Spartakiad at Minsk, Mikhail Krivonosov threw the 16 lb. hammer 66.38 (217ft. 9¾in.) for another world record. This came as an ultra-quick response to the exploit of Cliff Blair, the American thrower who had got one off to 216ft. 4½in. (65.95) at Needham, Mass., only four days earlier.

The latest and most sensational world record was registered on Sunday, July 15, at Budapest, on the first day of the Hungarian Championships. Sándor Iharos was to make his competitive debut over 10,000 metres. The 13:40.6 5,000 metres man wanted to see how he could stand the strain of an extra five kilometres. And to test his stamina and condition to the utmost he had decided "to blast the first part"—in the best McKenley-Lou Jones 400 metres fashion! The race was run at 7 p.m. on the hyperfast Népstadion track. True

to his intentions, Iharos drew away from the rest of the field (which notably included little József Kovács, No. 3 on the All-Time List for this event!) in the very first lap, after which he had a 60-metres lead! The Magyar ace covered the first half of the race in a fantastic 14:14.0—time which would have won any Olympic 5,000 metres final except the one at Helsinki—then found that he had enough left to add another 5,000 metres in 14:28.8, barely six-tenths off Paavo Nurmi's best five kilometres effort. Iharos' 28:42.8 was 11.4 seconds under the listed world record, set by Emil Zátopek at Brussels in 1954. Here is how the new record compares with the old:

	Iharos (15/7/56)	Zátopek (1/6/54)
1,000 m.	2:46.8	2:48.0
2,000 m.	5:37.0 (2:50.2)	5:44.2 (2:56.2)
3,000 m.	8:29.0 (2:52.0)	8:38.2 (2:54.0)
4,000 m.	11:20.0 (2:51.0)	11:34.0 (2:55.8)
5,000 m.	14:14.0 (2:54.0)	14:27.6 (2:53.6)
6,000 m.	17:04.0 (2:50.0)	17:23.0 (2:55.4)
7,000 m.	19:57.0 (2:53.0)	20:16.4 (2:53.4)
8,000 m.	22:50.0 (2:53.0)	23:11.6 (2:55.2)
9,000 m.	25:47.0 (2:57.0)	26:07.4 (2:55.8)
10,000 m.	28:42.8 (2:55.8)	28:54.2 (2:46.8)
6 miles	27:43.8	27:59.2

Iharos thus annexed another world record, shaving 10.2 seconds off the six miles mark set by Dave Stephens of Australia early this year. Kovács was second at the 10,000 metres tape in 29:25.6.

The three European records also came from the Orient. First Jiri Skobla of Czechoslovakia added more inches to his shot putt mark of 1953 with a 17.57 (57ft. 7¾in.) effort. This was during a meeting in East Berlin on July 1. The Czech had four other throws over 55ft., his second best being 57ft. 3¾in.

The Moscow Spartakiad produced two European records. Vasily Kuznetsov amassed 7,694 points in the decathlon on July 3 and 4, and Leonid Shcherbakov hop, step and jumped 16.46 (54ft. 0in.) on July 4. The latter is barely four inches short of A. F. da Silva's world record. Shcherbakov began with 52ft. 9½in., and beat his year-old mark on the second try. No details as to wind conditions were released, but it should be noted that veteran Vladimir Sukharyev was credited with 21.3 for 200 metres on the same occasion, which is barely 0.1 off his personal best of as far back as 1951.

Kuznetsov's score was announced as 7,688 points, but we found that the

Russians had computed his marks under the 1950 Table. With the slight differences of the corrected 1952 version, his score increases to 7,694. Kuznetsov had the following marks:—

100 metres	10.7
Long Jump	7.16 (23ft. 5½in.)
Shot Putt	14.51 (47ft. 7¼in.)
High Jump	1.83 (6ft. 0in.)
400 metres	49.6
110 metres. H.	15.4
Discus Throw	46.86 (153ft. 8¾in.)
Pole Vault	4.10 (13ft. 5¾in.)
Javelin Throw	59.61 (195ft. 6¾in.)
1,500 metres	5:02.4

Only two men—R. Johnson and R. Mathias—have higher scores. The Muscovite is now sandwiched between Johnson and Milt Campbell in the 1955 World List, and should be able to improve on his total, for he can point among other things to a personal best of 14.5 for the high hurdles, which is 0.9 faster and worth 237 points more than what he did for the event in his decathlon. Incidentally, the 110 metres hurdles has become a key event under the new table and obviously this circumstance favours the speedy American specialists (it will be noted that Johnson, Campbell and Mathias all have personal bests of 13.8).

Our event-by-event survey follows:—

Sprints.—The main topic of conversation in this department these days is the injury sustained by Heinz Fütterer at Berlin on June 30. The man considered by many as perhaps the only European capable of "making" an Olympic final in the sprints, is out for several weeks and won't resume training until August. It happened in the traditional ISTAF meeting at the Olympic Stadium: in the 100 metres, Fütterer had been narrowly edged by Manfred Steinbach (time for both: 10.5), not without showing signs of an impending pain in the closing stage of the race. Later in the afternoon he was unwise enough to compete in the 200 metres and pulled up lame with 90 metres to go. Steinbach, 24, has shown consistent form recently: his reported 21.1 of June 24 at Amsterdam was, however, 21.2.

Of course there are more fast marks from U.S.S.R.: Vyacheslav Babiyak did 10.4 at Leningrad, June 26, and Leonid Bartenyev returned the same time at Kiev, July 1. Manfred Germar of Germany has a season's best of 10.5 (Linnich, June 24). Géza Varasdi of Hungary (a member of the famous Magyar relay quartet) took advantage

ROZSA RUNS 4:01.4 MILE AND JESZENSZKY 8:40.8 STEEPLECHASE

of a strong wind to clock 10.4 at Budapest, June 24.

Yuriy Konovalov still tops the 200 metres list with his 21.0 of last April, but his countryman Ignatyev came closer on June 27 at Leningrad with a 21.1 clocking. Twenty-four hours later on the same track, Ignatyev ran 400 metres in 47.0. The season's fastest time for the one-lap circuit belongs to Finland's Voitto Hellsten—46.7 at Helsinki, June 30. The Finn also has a 10.6 for 100 metres (Salo, June 24). Britain's F. P. Higgins (47.5y) and M. Wheeler (47.7y) are third and fourth respectively on the European year list.

MOENS 1:47.2, ROZSAVOLGYI 4:01.4, HERRMANN 7:59.0

Middle Distances.—Big names in the front positions: that's the latest development in the 800 metres. Roger Moens, after his return from America and before flying to the Congo, competed at Berlin on June 30 and did 1:47.2 in an impressive front race (400 metres in 52.8). Günther Dohrow of Germany was second in 1:48.4—a new personal best—while his arch rival Olaf Lawrenz took third in 1:49.2. In the Norway v. Eastern Germany match at Oslo, July 4, Audun Boysen began to make amends for his indifferent early season races with a good 1:48.3 victory over Helfried Reinnagel (1:49.2). Four days later the Eastern German team met the Danes at Copenhagen, and here it was Gunnar Nielsen's turn to emerge with a 1:48.0 clocking, while Siegfried Herrmann was second in 1:48.5. The latter is especially worthy of note because the German may concentrate on the 5,000 metres for the Olympics—and he has a 14:08.0 mark already. On the injured list in this department is Eire's great Ronnie Delaney. European 800 metres champion Lajos Szentgáli of Hungary has a season's best of 1:50.4 so far (Iharos was second in that race—1:52.0).

Stanislav Jungwirth of Czechoslovakia ran another good 1,500 metres race, this time at Belgrade on June 30: he had to go all out to win in 3:43.6 from Yugoslavia's Velisa Mugosa, who set a new national record of 3:44.0. Gunnar Nielsen used his great finish to emerge victorious in two "hot" races, in both of which he did 3:44.2. First at Copenhagen, June 28, when István Rózsavölgyi was second in 3:44.6 and

László Tábori third in 3:46.4, then again at Copenhagen, July 7, when Nielsen barely beat Klaus Richtzenhain of Eastern Germany (3:44.4). In the former race the runners were handicapped by cold weather (46° F.): even so, Nielsen covered the last 300 metres in 40.2. A. Valakin has a new U.S.S.R. record of 3:45.4 (Kiev, June 24). Lithuanian Jonas Pipynė was third in this race in 3:46.6.

István Rózsavölgyi won the season's fastest mile race on the Continent at Göteborg, July 3, with a personal best of 4:01.4. Dan Waern of Sweden was a surprising second in 4:03.2: what really gave rise to hopes of a Swedish revival in this event was the manner in which the young miler left behind such established celebrities as Tábori (4:03.6) and Iharos (4:06.6), even though the Hungarians were faster in the closing stage ("Rózsa" ran the last 109.35 metres in 15.2, Tábori in 15.6, as opposed to Waern's 16.4).

The Berlin meeting of June 30 produced two German records: Klaus Richtzenhain, 5:12.2 in the 2,000 metres, and Siegfried Herrmann, 7:59.0 in the 3,000 metres. The latter thus became history's fifth sub-8minutes man in what is probably the most popular non-Olympic event on the Continent.

IHAROS, CHROMIK, IBBOTSON MUGOSA UNDER 14 MIN. IN 5,000 METRES — KUTS 29:01.4 JESZENSZKY 8:40.8 IN STEEPLECHASE

Long Distances.—The score between Sándor Iharos and Jerzy Chromik, the two arch rivals from Central Europe, is now two to 1 in favour of the Hungarian. Last time they met was at Poznan, July 7, over 5,000 metres: Iharos won in 13:50.0 from Chromik, who lowered his Polish record to 13:51.0. Kazimierz Zimny, a 21-year-old Pole, was third in 14:06.4. This sensational youngster had run 3,000 metres in 8:09.4 at Bydgoszcz on July 1.

Another great 5,000 metres race was the one at Belgrade, July 1: about 24 hours after his great 3:44.0 for 1,500 metres, Yugoslavia's Velisa Mugosa competed in his first five kilometres race against Britain's Derek Ibbotson. The vastly improved Englishman won in 13:57.2, while Mugosa revealed great

potential with 13:58.8—not bad for a man whose best event until a couple of years ago was the 800 metres (personal best 1:50.2). Miklós Szabó II won the Hungarian 5,000 metres championship title in 14:05.0 from László Tábori, 14:05.4 (Budapest, July 16). Siegfried Herrmann's previously mentioned 14:08.0 was at Turku, June 12.

Prior to Iharos' world record, the best 10,000 metres time had been posted by Vladimir Kuts—29:01.4 at Moscow, June 30. Ukrainian Ivan Chernyavskiy did 29:31.2 at Kiev, July 1, edging Anufriyev (29:34.6). Aarne Ahlbom of Finland ran 29:47.4 at Göteborg, July 4. Two who covered the distance in less than half an hour for the first time are Thyge Tøgersen of Denmark and Gerhard Mitzschke of Eastern Germany—29:55.4 and 29:59.8, at Copenhagen, July 8.

Another great mark in the Hungarian Championships was László Jeszenszky's 8:40.8 in the 3,000 metres steeplechase (Budapest, July 16), time bettered so far only by Jerzy Chromik, in September 1955 (8:40.2). European champion Sándor Rozsnyói was not in the race, and second place went to Ferenc Dehény with 8:57.4. Fritz Janke of Germany ran 8:54.4 at Copenhagen, July 8. It is our impression that times in the 8:30 class are now within the compass of several steeplechasers, Chromik being perhaps the best prospect based on his 7:56.4 on the flat. Britain's Eric Shirley is fourth in the World Year List so far.

Hurdles.—The 14.3 clockings of Parker and Kinsella in the wind-assisted 110 metres race at Aldershot, June 30, are without recent parallel in Europe. The Irishman has the best collection of marks so far—14.4y at Dublin, June 25, and 14.4m in Paris, July 8. In the latter race he barely beat Edmond Roudnitska, who was given the same time, thus equalling Marie's French record. Bert Steines won a close one from his younger countryman Karl-Ernst Schottes at Koblenz, July 8, both men returning 14.4. Ion Opris' last result in Rumania, shortly before his clearance of the "last hurdle", was also 14.4.

Igor Ilin of U.S.S.R. appears to be the No. 2 400 metres man in that country just now: at Moscow, July 2, he ran 51.5, time bettered this year by Lituyev plus five Americans, only three of which will be in Melbourne. Ilie Savel of Rumania is Europe's third best performer just now with his 52.2y in the British Championships. A national

KASHKAROV JUMPS 6 feet 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches AND DANIELSEN THROWS 263' 5"

record went by the board at Poznan, July 8, as Janusz Kotlinski of Poland barely beat Attila Botár of Hungary, both men being clocked in 52.6. Josef Kost of Switzerland also beat his country's record with 52.7 in Paris, July 8 (second to Ilin, 52.4).

KASHKAROV 6ft. 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.
PORRASSALMI 25ft. 0in.
CHEN 52ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Jumps.—Charles Dumas' superb 7ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. was no doubt a setback for the growing European hopes in this event. But even so, the leading men from the Continent continue to improve, slowly but steadily. Igor Kashkarov again bettered his U.S.S.R. record with a 2.08 (6ft. 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.) clearance at Moscow, July 1. Eero Salminen of Finland has now developed into a consistent 6ft. 8in. man: on July 8, within a few hours' time, he did 6ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. at Kurikka and 6ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. at Ilmajoki. Bengt Nilsson has a half-dozen marks of 2.05 (6ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) and looks ready for a big jump when he will choose to give it a real try. He consistently beat America's Bernie Allard, the Notre Dame jumper who placed fourth at the Los Angeles "Tryouts". Vladimir Sitkin of U.S.S.R. did 6ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. at Kiev, July 1. Latest additions to the Two-metres Club are Yuriy Migulyev, Vsevolod Popov and V. Polyakov, all of U.S.S.R., who cleared 2.00 (6ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.).

Eeles Landström is back home, as usual, for his summer vacations, after another year at Michigan University. His best in Finland so far is 4.40 (14ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) at Helsinki, July 6. Six other men have cleared that same height recently: Bulatov, A. Petrov, Chernobay and Denisenko, all of U.S.S.R., and the two Poles, Zbigniew Janiszewski and Zenon Wazny (Poznan, July 8). Adding Sweden's Ragnar Lundberg (who has the season's best mark, 14ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. as reported last month), Europe can already point to eight 14ft. 5in.-plus men, a definite threat to U.S.A., considering that the latter lost no less than five of its six active 15-footers in the selecting process!

Vilhelm Porrassalmi of Finland became Scandinavia's first 25ft. long

jumper at Helsinki, June 30, when he sailed for a leap of 7.62 (25ft.). Sweden's Torgny Wählander did 7.51 (24ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Lübeck, Germany, June 25, while Václav Martinek of Czechoslovakia raised his country's record to 7.49 (24ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Prague, June 23. The season's top performer, Curaçao-born Henk Visser of Holland, lost to Manfred Molzberger of Germany at Duisburg, July 1. From a competitive viewpoint, this event was interesting inasmuch as it matched four of Europe's best horizontal leapers. The result was disappointing: Molzberger 24ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., Visser 23ft. 9in., Heinz Oberbeck 23ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and Ronald Krüger 23ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Henryk Grabowski of Poland, another good jumper, did 7.48 (24ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Cracow, July 1.

Yevgeniy Chen hop, step, jumped 15.87 (52ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), second to Shcherbakov's 54ft. 0in. at Moscow, July 4. Konstantin Tsigankov was third at 15.79 (51ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.). Martin Rehák of Czechoslovakia jumped 15.58 (51ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) at Prague, June 23, and Ryszard Malcherczyk brought the Polish record to 15.49 (50 ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Berlin, July 1.

OVSEPYAN 56ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
DANIELSEN 263ft. 5in.

Throws.—Skobla, now 26, still has a pretty safe margin in the shot. A week after his new European record, namely on July 8 in Paris, he came close again with a 17.50 (57ft. 5in.) effort. Vartan Ovsepyan of U.S.S.R. broke his country's record with 17.28 (56ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.): this was at Erivan on the first day of the Armenian Spartakiad, June 24 (these meetings are preparatory to the national Spartakiad to be held at Moscow in August), and Ovsepyan had two other 17-metres throws. Veteran Georgiy Fyodorov did 16.79 (55ft. 1in.) at Moscow, June 30, and Czechoslovakia's young Jaroslav Plíhal reached 16.68 (54ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Berlin, July 1, second to Skobla's 57ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Adolfo Consolini threw the discus 55.67 (182ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Milan, June 30: on the same day, over in Los Angeles, Fortune Gordien wrested the lead from his eternal Italian rival with a new season's best of 187ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (57.21). Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia threw 54.54 (178ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.) at Prague, June 23.

Former European record holder Ferenc Klics of Hungary is back in the circle, fairly consistent in the 165ft.-170ft. range: however, he was twice beaten by America's Des Koch, one of the world's best all-around throwers and his country's No. 4 discus man at the Final "Tryouts". Boris Matveyev of U.S.S.R. threw 52.96 (173ft. 9in.) at Leningrad, June 27.

Mikhail Krivososov is head and shoulders above his European rivals. His mark at Bergen, June 19, was 63.69 (208ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), not 63.96 as we erroneously reported last month. The Byelorussian stalwart has been over 220ft. more than once in training. Anatoliy Samotsvetov threw 62.29 (204ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) at Moscow, July 1, and Ivan Krasnov had a new personal best of 61.70 (202ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) at Leningrad, June 26. U.S.S.R. now has eight 200-footers in this event—the selections for Melbourne are likely to produce thrills and drama of the best "American" tradition. Sverre Strandli of Norway has done no better than 60.58 (198ft. 9in.), Sarpsborg, June 28. Tadeusz Rut of Poland defeated Olympic champion József Csermák of Hungary at Poznan, July 8—61.16 (200ft. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) to 59.45 (195ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.).

Egil Danielsen of Norway has shown an incredible consistency in his javelin throwing. Though momentarily outshone by the record feats of Nikkinen and Sidlo, the 23-year-old Norwegian has been in the news with five 250-plus winning throws in less than two months. Early in July (shortly after his sensational 276ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. practice throw) he joined the select Club of 80-metres men: this was at Tönsberg, July 6, and his new record throw was 80.29 (263ft. 5in.). Twenty-four hours earlier, in Oslo, he had done 79.76 (261ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)! Michel Macquet of France quickly recovered from a slump to beat Soini Nikkinen at Tampere, July 2—78.48 (257ft. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) to 74.83 (245ft. 6in.). Heiner Will of Germany reached 77.94 (255ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.) with a "Held" javelin at Hamburg, but saw his record throw nullified by an irregularity in the runway.

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REPORT ON 67th A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ardour of the athletes at the 67th A.A.A. Championships at the White City Stadium on July 13 and 14 was not dampened by weather typical of London's wettest July since 1875. The performances were spoiled by the soggy state of the track and runways but championship bests were set in the 6 miles, the 3,000 metres Steeplechase and shot putt; and were equalled in the 440 yards and 440 yards hurdles.

The only British records set under the weeping sky were Ken Norris's 28:13.6 for 6 miles—a British All-Comers', British National and English Native record—beating Gordon Pirie's 1953 figures of 28:19.4. Norris also lowered Pirie's 9-day old English Native record (see page 128) of 23:32.8 by 2.4 secs. en route.

This greatest 6 miles race of all time—seven men under 29 mins. and 14 under 30 mins.—was on the first day and was watched by the Queen, who presented the cups, and the Duke of Edinburgh.

100 YARDS.

Championship best performance: 9.6 E. McDonald Bailey (Trinidad) 1950, 1951 and 1952.

Nobody recorded faster than 10.0 in the first round, but Alan Thomas and Ron Holtum who were third and fourth in the 1955 final were eliminated.

Next day there were three second round heats with two to qualify for the final. Titus Erinle (Nigeria) and Michael Ruddy made the final with 9.9 sec. each at the expense of Ken Box (10.0). The holder Roy Sandstrom, decked out in the pale blue of the R.A.F., ran smoothly for 9.9 sec. to win the second heat. The tall redhead Adrian Breacker accompanied him with a 10.0 timing. In the final heat John Young, a husky 18 year old schoolboy from Sutton Coldfield, who ricked his back winning in his heat the previous night made a great impression, winning in 9.9 sec. from the Scottish champion Alan Dunbar (10.0). For the final the air was fairly still but the red track was mushy. Erinle in lane 6 was fastest away but Young in lane 4 had easily the best pick-up and soon showed narrowly ahead. This 18 year old with a bucking style drove hard for the tape to beat the flailing Nigerian and the holder, Sandstrom,

by inches. Young joins J. R. Birrell, the 1948 120 yards hurdles champion, as the only other athlete to win an A.A.A. title since the war while still in his teens.

RESULT: Heats July 13. Semi-finals and final July 14.

1. John R. C. Young (Bishop Vesey's School) 9.9
2. Titus A. Erinle (Nigeria) 9.9
3. E. Roy Sandstrom (R.A.F.) 10.0
4. Michael J. Ruddy (Poly H.) 10.0
5. Adrian Breacker (Mitcham A.C.) 10.0
6. Alan S. Dunbar (Scotland) 10.1

220 YARDS

Championship best performance: 21.2s W. R. Applegarth (G.B.) 1914.

No less than 13 men achieved the necessary 22.4 secs. or better to receive standard medals in the first round. That fairly represents a clear improvement in furlong sprinting. David Segal was the fastest man with 21.9 sec. in heat 4; of the remaining 11 men left in all returned 22.3 or better except for Clay Gibbs (Trinidad) who advanced with a lowly 22.6 sec. clocking.

Ruddy (21.9) and James Spooner (22.0) qualified in the first of the three second round heats. Sandstrom (21.8) and Shenton (21.9) soon followed them into the final. David Segal (21.9) just managed to head Ion Wiesenmayer (22.0) the Rumanian who was runner up in the 1955 100 yards championship, to complete the final line-up.

The veteran 1950 European 200 metres champion Brian Shenton worked very hard round the bend and held his lead well against the fast-closing Rumanian. Years of experience have taught Shenton that nobody seems to win a furlong at the White City unless they come off the turn first to hit the straight with a lead.

RESULT: Heats and semi-finals July 13. Final July 14.

1. Brian Shenton (Poly H.) 21.8
2. Ion Wiesenmayer (Rumania) 21.9
3. Michael J. Ruddy (Poly H.) 22.0
4. David H. Segal (Thames Valley H.) 22.0
5. E. Roy Sandstrom (R.A.F.) 22.4
6. James A. Spooner (Essex Beagles) 22.8

440 YARDS

Previous Championship best perform-

ance: 47.7s P. G. Fryer (G.B.) and M. K. V. Wheeler (G.B.), 1955.

All five heats were won in 50.0 or better. Michael Wheeler (48.2) the 1955 runner-up was easily the most striking.

Peter Higgins, the new English Native record holder at 47.5 sec. won the first semi-final impressively in 48.3 sec. from Groves (49.3) and the Ulsterman Lewis (49.3) with Terry Higgins (49.4) (a finalist last year) just ousted. Wheeler matched this with 48.3 in the second semi-final in which Salisbury (48.8) ran powerfully and Malcolm Chaplin (49.5), the Cambridge Blue, beat the Irishman Dempsey for the last place in the final.

Wheeler in lane 2 deserved his decisive victory over Peter Higgins (lane 5) because he worked hard from the gun, whereas the Northern champion indulged in an over-long coast.

RESULT: Heats and semi-finals July 13. Final July 14.

1. Michael K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth) 47.7*
2. F. Peter Higgins (Southgate H.) 48.5
3. John E. Salisbury (Loughborough) 48.7
4. John F. Groves (U.L.A.C.) 48.8
5. Malcolm H. Chaplin (Achilles) 49.5
6. Harold B. Lewis (Northern Ireland) 49.5

* Equals Championship best performance.

880 YARDS

Championship best performance: 1m49.6 A. S. Wint (Jamaica) 1951.

No less than 25 men recorded 1:55.8 or better to win standard medals in the heats. British half miling—a traditional strong event—has had a poor year, but here was at least strength in depth. Both Britain's world class two lap men, Hewson and Johnson, had deserted to the mile.

Only the five heat winners, Davies (1:52.8), Lovelady (1:52.2), Rawson (1:52.7), Farrell (1:51.7) and Henderson (1:51.4) qualified on placing. The three fastest losers were Buswell (1:52.2) behind Farrell and the two Scotsmen Paterson (1:51.9) and Gorrie (1:52.2) who were second and third to Henderson. Thus the Rumanian S. Mihalyi (1:52.4) and Leslie Locke (1:52.4) were left out in the cold. The final next day was undistinguished. Only the winner surpassed his heat time of the previous evening. Rawson took command in the first lap and towed an ambitious but

BANNISTER'S RECORD SURVIVES—

Ibbotson Beats Chataway in 59.8 sec. Last Lap

reluctant field past the bell in 55.8 sec. Only Henderson looked a real danger but he faded and let Farrell, who had recovered well from a knock on the first bend into second place.

RESULT: Heats July 13. Final July 14.

1. Michael A. Rawson (Birchfield H.) 1:51.3
2. Michael A. Farrell (Birchfield H.) 1:52.2
3. Ronald D. Henderson (Elswick H.) 1:52.5
4. James V. Paterson (Scotland) 1:53.1
5. Edward D. C. Buswell (Gt. Yarmouth) 1:53.2
6. Donald C. E. Gorrie (Achilles) 1:54.4
7. Derek L. Lovelady (Sefton H.) 1:55.1
8. John E. Davies (Belgrave H.) 1:55.2

ONE MILE

Championship best performances: 4m05.2s R. G. Bannister (G.B.) 1953.

Twenty-three men beat 4:15.0 in the heats on Friday evening. That compares with twelve last year, and marks a new high-water mark in British miling. The qualification for the final was by winning one of the four heats or being among the five fastest losers. As three men tied for that last place (4:10.6) the final field was eleven strong.

Hewson won the first heat in 4:09.4 from the Belgian André Ballieux (4:10.6). Non-qualifiers were B. Hallowell (4:11.2), R. B. Hatton (4:11.4), L. D. Reed (4:11.6), J. C. Cameron (4:12.0) and S. A. G. Threed (4:14.7). In heat two, Wood won impressively (4:09.8) from McDonald (4:10.6). Non-qualifiers were A. V. Lewis (4:11.4), R. Verheuen (Belgium, 4:11.8), D. W. F. Collins (4:13.2), M. L. Barratt (4:13.6), I. Stewart (4:13.6) and E. R. Douglas (4:14.4).

In heat three, Ian Boyd set the fastest time with 4:08.4 and brought home with him four other qualifiers as follows:—Clark (4:08.6), Langenus (Belgium, 4:08.8), Gordon (4:09.0) and Morrison (4:09.2).

In the final heat, Derek Johnson won by inches from the Scottish champion George Everett, both returning 4:10.6 to beat John Evans (4:13.2).

The final opened at a funereal pace. It looked as if the field were treading water rather than running. Johnson

took a reluctant lead for a 66.0 sec. first lap, McDonald headed the soporific file at the half mile after a lap of 64.4 sec.

In the third lap there was a slight quickening. Clark, in R.A.F. blue, reached the bell after a lap of 61.1 sec. Ken Wood who had been quite happily dragging his feet in the rear shot like a cork from a bottle just before the bell and stole a long lead. Hewson, was still boxed, and so was caught napping. Finally, Hewson and Johnson got clear, but the crafty Wood was winging his way home strongly. So the craftsman at miling from Sheffield, beat two men capable of giving him a thirty yards thrashing in a half mile.

RESULT: Heats July 13. Final July 14.

1. Ken Wood (Sheffield) 4:06.8
2. Brian S. Hewson (Mitcham) 4:07.4
3. Ian H. Boyd (Herne Hill) 4:09.6
4. George E. Everett (Scotland) 4:10.0
5. Derek J. N. Johnson (Woodford) 4:10.8
6. A. Langenus (Belgium) 4:10.8
7. Peter R. Clark (R.A.F.) 4:12.4
8. Alan D. Gordon (Achilles) 4:13.0
9. J. J. W. McDonald (Westbury H.) 4:13.6
10. André Ballieux (Belgium) 4:13.6
11. J. W. Morrison (Cambridge H.) 4:15.6

THREE MILES

Championship best performance: 13m32.2s F. Green (G.B.) and C. J. Chataway (G.B.) 1954.

This will be the longest remembered race of the 1956 meeting. Last season Derek Ibbotson, the fair-headed Yorkshireman had had to play second fiddle to Chris Chataway, famous as a television commentator. Now Ibbotson had a great chance of reversing last year's race in which the "red fox" had turned on a blow-torch finish for a 56.4 sec. last lap to coast home for a 25 yard win. Chataway had only run once (a mile in 4:12.8) this season; had dejectedly failed to beat 15 mins. in a time trial at Birmingham the week before; and had generally been burning the cathode ray tube at both ends.

Mike Schofield and Mike Maynard alternated in the early lead. Ibbotson was in front at a mile in 4:32.8 and a



Ken Wood seen winning his first A.A.A. title beating the holder Brian Hewson on the mud-bespattered White City track in a tactical 4:06.8. (I.N.P.)

lap before 2 miles was reached, covered in 9:04.8, Ibbotson and Chataway had broken clean away from the whole field. Chataway was chugging along behind his rival as they reached the bell (45,000 inched further forward in their seats). Chataway delayed his effort, but besides being later, the burst was not lethal. Chataway gained the pole round the home turn, but Ibbotson was breathing down his neck and was stoking up for a final burst. Amid a crescendo of excitement Ibbotson got up to win by 2 feet. Both were given 13:32.6—excellent time on such a soggy track.

With all his hard work paying off, Ibbotson was obviously delighted but so was Chataway who amazed himself at how fast he could run on so little training.

Chataway's A.A.A. record time-wise is Played 5, Won 2, Drawn 3. In 1951 Bill Beckett beat him by inches both returning 14:02.6. In 1952 Chataway won in 13:59.6 from Alan Parker. In 1953 he was absent in Canada. In 1954

NORRIS MOVES TO No. 3 OF ALL-TIME

Fred Green beat him by inches in the then world record time of 13:32.2. In 1955, as related, Chataway won in 13:33.6 and now for the third time he is second in the same time as the winner.

RESULTS: July 14.

1. G. Derek Ibbotson (R.A.F.) 13:32.6
2. Christopher J. Chataway (Achilles) 13:32.6
3. Frank L. Wyatt (Bristol) 13:50.2
4. Michael R. Maynard (Herne Hill) 13:53.2
5. Frank G. J. Salvat (Finchley) 13:54.2
6. Edward L. Hardy (Derby) 13:55.6
7. Alan F. Perkins (Ilford) 13:58.0
8. Jack W. Brown (Belgrave) 14:00.0
9. Stanley E. Eldon (Windsor) 14:05.0
10. Laurie D. G. Reed (South London H.) 14:05.0
11. B. Tony Barrett (Surrey) 14:12.0
12. George Rhodes (North Staffs) 14:14.0
13. Kenneth F. Caulder (Surrey) 14:15.0

SIX MILES

Previous Championship Best Performance: 28m19.4s D. A. G. Pirie (G.B.) 1953.

This event with its unexpectedly exciting finish was the highest standard six miles race of all time with seven men inside 29 mins. and average for the first six of 28:36.5 comparing with 10,000 metres averages of 29:42.7m at Helsinki in 1952 and 29:34.6m at Berne in 1954.

Had Gordon Pirie also been on parade it would have been certain that this national championship race would have transcended any *international* event.

Fifteen starters lined up and were jerked through the first mile by Foord in 4:33.2. After ten laps Foord found that his 35 yards lead had evaporated and first Ken Norris and then Sando and Knight closed up so that the top knot went through the 3 miles mark in 14:06.2. In lap 13 Ken Norris put in a tactical burst and completely detached himself from his pursuers. He hit 4 miles in 18:43.6 and at 5 miles clipped Pirie's 9 day old English Native 5 mile mark of 23:32.8 at Croydon (July 4) with 23:30.4—not that this was noticed by the announcer or the morning press.

Norris was now nearly 80 yards clear of the field and the 3 year old British Empire and All-Comers' record of 28:19.4 by Pirie in 1953 seemed in danger. Norris passed the bell in 27:06.0. Sando came up gliding softly along and suddenly applied a 63 sec. last lap to close to within 4 yards of Norris so finishing second for the fourth year in succession. Norris's magnificent 28:13.6 hoisted him past Kovács and Pirie from 5th (28:25.6) to third on the world all time list behind only Dave Stephens and Zátopek. Sando shot from ninth (28:38.2 finishing second in 1954) to fourth with a personal best of 28:14.2.

RESULT: July 13.

1. Kenneth L. Norris (Thames Valley H.) 28:13.6*
 2. Frank D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.S.C.) 28:14.2
 3. Hugh V. Foord (Brighton A.C.) 28:30.6
 4. Peter B. Driver (South London H.) 28:52.0
 5. Fred Norris (Bolton United H.) 28:52.8
 6. George Knight (Essex Beagles) 28:55.8
 7. A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.) 28:56.2
 8. J. E. Nichols (Sheffield United H.) 29:03.0
 9. B. B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva) 29:08.0
 10. A. H. Brown (Scotland) 29:12.0
 11. G. Rhodes (North Staffs H.) 29:37.0
 12. A. E. Ingles (Thames Valley H.) 29:50.0
 13. Number 22 (unidentified) 29:52.0
 14. J. E. Gamlin (Westbury H.) 29:54.0
- * New Championship Best Performance.

120 YARDS HURDLES

Championship best performance: 14.4s D. O. Finlay (G.B.) 1938, R. H. Weinberg (Australia) and P. B. Hildreth (G.B.) 1952.

Seventeen was the entry for this event made up of the 27 year old Rumanian accountant Ion Opris (pronounced Yon Oprish), the 25 year old Irish boiler-maker from Dublin Eamon Kinsella and 15 home-bred hurdlers including three past winners in Birrell (1948), Parker (1951-54-55) and Hildreth (1950-53).

In the heats Kinsella (14.9) and Hildreth (14.9) were the only ones under 15 seconds (heat 3). The slowest qualifier was the previously injured Oxford Blue Carrington in 15.3. Both Tolson (15.2) and Sutton (15.4) failed to

get through. At 3.34 p.m. one minute before the final the 14.3 sec. Rumanian record holder Opris decided that this was going to be his last turn out for the People's Republic. The English tradition for having the in-field thickly populated with officials meant that representatives of the Free Rumanian movement were undetected by the Rumanian team managers, one of whom was believed to be armed.

The start was a good one with Kinsella and Parker perhaps best away with Opris and Hildreth close up. Over the seventh it looked as though Kinsella had it, but in lane 2 Hildreth really got into his stride and his enhanced stamina from 440 yards hurdling paid off with a flashing inches victory.

RESULT: Heats and final July 14.

1. Peter B. Hildreth (Poly H.) 14.5
2. Eamon Kinsella (Ireland) 14.6
3. F. John Parker (South London H.) 14.6
4. Ion Opris (Stateless) 14.6
5. Victor C. Matthews (London A.C.) 15.1
6. C. David Carrington (Achilles Club) 15.3

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES

Championship best performance: 23.7s P. A. L. Vine (G.B.) 1955.

This most infant of championship events, now in its fifth year was graced by only 9 contenders. The two under-staffed heats were won in a gentle 25.6 by the European record holder Paul Vine and O'Sullivan, both from Oxford, the former in insurance and the latter a psychiatrist. In the final Vine, who was running with a half-healed pulled muscle, nursed himself round the turn and held on to win by 3 yards in 24.5 sec. O'Sullivan in lane 6 was edged out for second place by D. R. Kay in 24.9 sec. while the Ayrshireman Johnson, 22, was fourth.

RESULT: Heats and final July 13.

1. Paul A. L. Vine (Achilles) 24.5
2. D. R. Kay (Blackpool & Fylde) 24.9
3. Donal O'Sullivan (Achilles) 25.0
4. J. T. A. Johnston (R.A.F.) 25.1
5. Victor C. Matthews (London A.C.) 25.2
6. Kenneth B. Jones (Cambridge H.) 28.5

440 YARDS HURDLES

Previous championship best performance: 52.2 sec. R. D. Shaw (G.B.) 1955.

SHIRLEY BEATS JOHN DISLEY

Twenty-two contenders minus the injured holder Bob Shaw, collected their numbers for this event. The army's C. J. Andrews was the fastest non-qualifier with a 55.4 sec. 3rd place in heat 3. The fastest time was 53.7 sec. by Ilie Savel of Rumania who in 1955 had been edged out by Shaw (52.2) in 52.6. For the final the draw the Swede Swartz on the inside, Savel, the Scot Hannah, Farrell, British Empire record holder Harry Kane and in lane 6 the Oxford all-rounder J. Metcalf. Savel had the field stitched up from the start and took Farrell at the ninth hurdle for a clear five yard victory in the championship record equalling time of 52.2 sec. which was close in merit to his Rumanian record of 51.7 sec. set last year in Bucharest.

RESULT: Heats July 13. Final July 14.

1. Ilie Savel (Rumania) 52.2*
2. Thomas S. Farrell (Liverpool) 53.0
3. John Metcalf (Achilles) 54.6
4. Per-Olov Swartz (Sweden) 55.4
5. A. Hannah (Scotland) 55.5
6. Harry Kane (London A.C.)

* Equal championship best performance.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

Previous championship best performance: 8m56.6s J. I. Disley (G.B.) 1955.

Fifteen starters presented themselves for this 7½ lap grind. After much chopping and changing around in the early stages Britain's Big Three Shirley, Disley and Brasher were alone with the Rumanian record holder Strzelbisch. At the bell Brasher was dropped and Disley forged on with Shirley lurking. Just before the last water jump Shirley brushed through on the inside to give the cheap stands a grandstand sprinting finish with a 10 yard victory over the holder whose meeting record he slashed by 5 seconds.

RESULT: July 14.

1. Eric Shirley (Finchley H.) 8:51.6*
2. John I. Disley (London A.C.) 8:53.4
3. Christopher W. Brasher (Achilles) 9:02.6
4. Tadeu Strzelbisch (Rumania) 9:04.4
5. Roger G. Beecroft (Clayton-le-Moors) 9:05.6
6. J. A. Llewellyn (Walton A.C.) 9:07.6
7. P. Hedley (Sheffield United) 9:11.0
8. C. Aioanei (Rumania) 9:13.0
9. C. W. Suddaby (Achilles) 9:26.0

10. A. C. Porter (Finchley H.) 9:28.0

* New Championship best performance.

HIGH JUMP

Championship best performance: 6ft. 5in. R. C. Pavitt (G.B.) 1951; B.M.P. O'Reilly (Eire) 1954.

There were twenty-three starters and that ten only qualified at 6ft. was a commentary on the conditions. Even of those only three—Okuwobi, Soeter and Stewart could clear even that modest height without failure. In the final Wardley went out at 6 ft. and the Nigerian Menta at 6ft. 1in. When the bar was raised to 6ft. 2in. the Scotsman Law and Piper (the holder) and Stewart (6th) of Jamaica departed. The last surviving Englishman, Stableforth and Ludlow who had equalled their personal bests at 6ft. 2in., failed three times at 6ft. 3in. and so placed fourth equal. Western Roller O'Reilly of Ireland and Michigan University sat out at this height; Soeter cleared first time and Okuwobi with his cut-off on the second attempt. The Irishman and Nigerian were defeated at 6ft. 4in. three times and so Soeter, with a first time clearance straddled over to win the contest without failure. The Rumanian however failed thrice to set a new championship best performance with the bar at 6ft. 5½in.

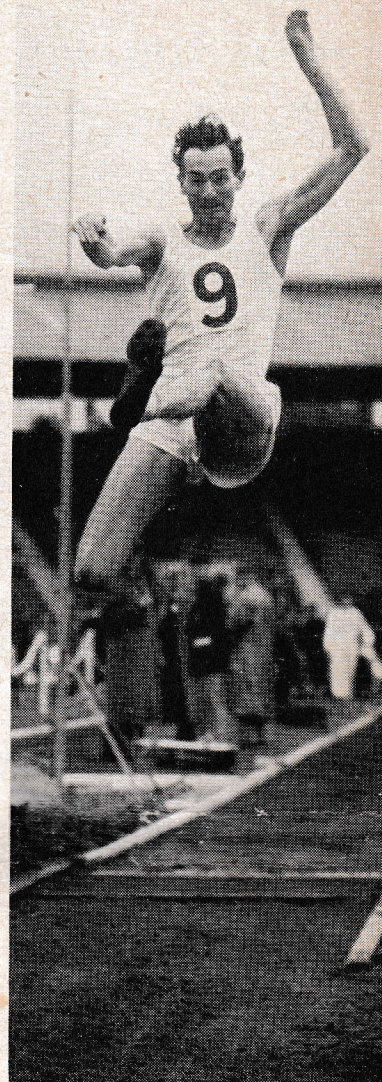
RESULT: Qualifying July 13. Final July 14.

1. Ion Soeter (Rumania) 6' 4"
2. Oladipo Okuwobi (Nigeria) 6' 3"
3. Brendan M. P. O'Reilly (Eire) 6' 2"
4. = Paul G. Stableforth (Walton) 6' 2"
4. = M. C. J. Ludlow (Hythe) 6' 2"
6. B. A. Stewart (Jamaica) 6' 1"

POLE VAULT

Championship best performance: 14ft 0in. T. Homonnay (Hungary) 1954.

The qualifying competition on the first day somewhat uselessly reduced the nine starters to seven finalists, all of whom cleared 11ft. 6in. Next day V. McGann (Eire) went out at 11ft. and Nugent (6th), Porter (5th) and Hopkins (4th) all failed at 12ft. 6in. Ward, Elliott and Broad all cleared first time. At 13ft. Ward again cleared first time, but Broad had the misfortune to buckle his arm in falling and retired in pain on a stretcher. Elliott, the holder, who has had a lot of muscle trouble, failed first time and then went



Arthur Cruttenden, the 31 year old A.A.A. long jump champion seen winning his title at the White City. At Prague on July 22 he came within less than an inch of the British best ever performance with a jump of 24ft. 8in. (I.N.P.)

straight for 13ft. 6in. Both vaulters failed, leaving Ward the winner of the championship for the first time.

RESULT: Qualifying July 13. Final July 14.

1. Ian Ward (Bury A.C.) 13' 0"
2. Geoffrey M. Elliott (Woodford Green) 12' 6"
3. George E. Broad (Hermes) 12' 6"
4. Anthony B. Hopkins (Walton) 12' 0"
5. S. R. Porter (St. Pauls C.A.C.) 12' 0"
6. Michael E. Nugent (South London H.) 12' 0"

PALMER SETS SHOT RECORD

LONG JUMP

Championship best performance: 24ft. 8in. A. Maffei (Italy) 1938.

Seventeen started in the qualifying jump which Wilmshurst, after two no-jumps, won with 23ft. 5in. Arthur Whittaker, the Oxford Blue, retired hurt from fifth place, thus letting Ken Box into the final.

In the competition proper, Cruttenden went into the lead with 22ft. 11½in. from Wilmshurst (22ft. 10½in.). In the third round Cruttenden improved to 23ft. 4in. with Box taking second place at 22ft. 11in. Then Box, who was after all lucky to be in the final at all improved to 23ft. 0½in. and in the fifth round Cruttenden cleared 23ft. 9½in. for the winning jump. Meanwhile, Wilmshurst in the last four rounds had not recorded a valid performance. In the final round, Cruttenden cleared 22ft. 6½in. and then Wilmshurst improved to 23ft. 0in. to strengthen his third place. The three minor placers all failed to beat their qualifying marks.

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 13.

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| 1. Arthur R. Cruttenden (Poly H.) | 23' 9½" |
| 2. Kenneth J. Box (Liverpool) | 23' 0½" |
| 3. Kenneth S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.) | 23' 0" |
| 4. David Brigden (Mitcham) | 21' 10" |
| 5. Stanley Orman (Poly H.) | 21' 4½" |
| 6. R. F. Coleman (Essex Beagles) | 21' 3" |

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

Championship best performance: 50ft. 9in. W. Peters (Netherlands) 1927.

Sixteen started, five making the qualifying standard of 46 ft. with Engo at 45ft. 11½in. being added to make up the final numbers. The British Empire champion Wilmshurst won his fourth successive title with 49ft. 9in. on his second trial. The next four men had their best performances in the first round. Roden (sixth) was the only man not to improve on his qualifying mark.

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 14.

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| 1. Kenneth S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton) | 49' 9" |
| 2. E. Y. Tan (Singapore) | 48' 1½" |
| 3. Paul B. Engo (Nigeria and Camerouns) | 47' 1½" |
| 4. Dennis W. Field (Birchfield) | 46' 7½" |
| 5. F. Wyers (Darlington H.) | 46' 6" |
| 6. George Roden (Thames Valley H.) | 45' 11½" |

SHOT PUTT

Previous championship best performance: 54ft. 1¾in. J. A. Savidge (G.B.) 1952.

Out of fifteen starters, only four qualified as of right by beating 46ft., with Wieland (45ft. 10in.) and Pharaoh making up the strength.

In the final Barclay Palmer had the series—no putt, 52ft. 10in., 53ft. 3in., 54ft. 2in., 51ft. 2in. and 50ft. 2in. His fourth trial beat John Savidge's championship best by a quarter of an inch. Savidge himself had his best putt in the first round. Rowe, a 19 year old blacksmith from Doncaster, made a fine debut with 47ft. 3in., 47ft. 11in. and 47ft. 8in. before finally reaching 48ft. 0in. for third place.

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 13.

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| 1. W. Barclay L. Palmer (Achilles) | 54' 2"* |
| 2. John A. Savidge (London A.C.) | 49' 7" |
| 3. Anthony Rowe (Doncaster) | 48' 0" |
| 4. B. Habas (Israel) | 47' 7" |
| 5. Mark Pharaoh (Walton A.C.) | 47' 2" |
| 6. E. Wieland (Royal Navy South) | 45' 7" |

* New Championship best performance.

DISCUS THROW

Championship best performance: 175ft. 9½in. G. Tosi (Italy) 1951.

Pharaoh, the holder, Isbester (147ft. 1in.) and Cleaver qualified with their first throws and Carr with his second. The next best, Feldmanis (139ft. 6in.) and Sampson made up the final six. Pharaoh, who had lost his English Native record already to Carr, threw 164ft. 1in. with his very first throw from the concrete circle to win his fourth A.A.A. title. Carr in the second round threw 160ft. 2in. and that was his only valid throw of the competition. Cleaver, the Army champion, threw 147ft. 10in. in the first round.

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 14.

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| 1. Mark Pharaoh (Walton A.C.) | 164' 1" |
| 2. Gerald A. Carr (Woodford Green) | 160' 2" |
| 3. Eric A. Cleaver (Army) | 147' 10" |
| 4. Peter Isbester (Ilford) | 145' 5" |
| 5. John Sampson (Kent) | 144' 2" |
| 6. Otto A. Feldmanis (Mitcham) | 136' 7" |

HAMMER THROW

Championship best performance: 194ft. 11in. J. Csermak (Hungary) 1954.

Despite the rain, five passed 170ft. to qualify as of right and the American John Bard with 169ft. 8in. made up the final field. The holder, Douglas went into an immediate lead with 182ft. 8in. Anthony grabbed the lead back for England with 186ft. 10in. in the third round, and Allday took second place with 183ft. 8in. in the next round. When everyone else was either fouling or weakening Allday took his first A.A.A. title with a fine cast of 187ft. 11in. with his very last throw. This was a remarkable performance for a man who weighs only 164 lb.

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 13.

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| 1. Peter C. Allday (London A.C.) | 187' 11" |
| 2. Don W. J. Anthony (Poly H.) | 186' 10" |
| 3. Ewan C. K. Douglas (Scotland) | 182' 8" |
| 4. J. Lawlor (Eire) | 175' 5" |
| 5. Iain S. Bain (Achilles) | 172' 10" |
| 6. John C. Bard (U.S.A. and Achilles) | 168' 8" |

JAVELIN THROW

Championship best performance: 222ft. 9in. S. A. Lay (N.Z.) 1928; D. Zamfir (Rumania) 1955.

The Rumanian Zamfir did not arrive as expected to defend his title. Harradine won the qualifying competition on the new cinder run-up with 208ft. and Morrell, the 1954 champion, failed up to finish in the first six. In the second round of the final Harradine (200ft.) lost his lead to the red-headed native record holder Cullen (200 ft. 10in.) who in the next round produced the winning throw of 214ft. 2in. Next to throw was Davies who reached 201ft. 1in. to put Harradine back into third position. In the fifth round Loveland ousted Davies for second with 203ft. 4in.

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U.S. TRYOUT TITBITS

Courtesy "Track & Field News"

Los Angeles Coliseum, June 29/30

Last month we reported briefly the highlights of this historic meeting and gave the first six places in all events. We have now received Cordner Nelson's excellent eye-witness story published in our famous contemporary "Track and Field News." Here with full acknowledgements is a shortened version of that report.

"Paralyzing tension in this meet to choose the U.S. Olympic team produced shocking surprises, heart-rending disappointments, almost unbelievable drama, and the most fantastic quality of performances ever witnessed. The fierce competition resulted in six world's records and ten American records broken or tied, plus meet records in all events except one.

100 Metres.—Ira Murchison (second in 10.4) "as stubby as a .45 calibre bullet and almost as fast" and Thane Baker (third in 10.4) tied the world record of 10.2 sec. in the very first heat, despite a 3 m.p.h. head wind. Bobby Morrow (first in 10.3) was easing up noticeably in his heat but still returned 10.2! Morrow's explanation of the final being slower than the heats was that the Coliseum track top-dressed with calcium chloride tends to break up.

200 Metres.—Bobby Morrow (first in 20.6) hit the curve dead level with Thane Baker (second in 20.7). Morrow explained afterwards that his "jaws were flopping" so he knew that he was sufficiently relaxed, so when he saw Baker coming up he "put on more push." Morrow was only running to win. Andy Stanfield the reigning Olympic champion, now 28, wore a broad bandage ("a charlie horse") above his right knee. He started slowly deliberately but then poured it on rapidly in the closing stages to draw away from the other five finalists and make sure of being at Melbourne to defend his title.

400 Metres.—Lou Jones, 24, was in lane 8 in the final when he set the world record of 45.2. Jim Lea (second in 45.8) was in lane 7. Jones, despite Lea's fast start opened a three yard gap on the back straight and was unofficially timed over 200 metres in 21.3! Despite Lea's all-out effort Jones stole another yard while spectator George Rhoden, the former world record holder from



The fastest 800 metres of the year. Tom Courtney winning the U.S. Olympic tryout, in U.S. record time of 1:46.4. Behind him left to right are Lang Stanley (4th—1:47.9), the world half mile record holder Lon Spurrier (3rd—1:47.6), Arnie Sowell (2nd—1:46.9) and Mal Whitfield (5th—1:49.3) the 1948 and 1952 Olympic champion in his last race. (Planet News.)

Jamaica, gasped: "Look what they're doing to that 400 metres."

800 Metres.—In the heats 8 of the United States' 9 fastest of all time qualified! Tom Courtney (first in 1:46.4) and Arnie Sowell (second in 1:46.9) used starting blocks (these are not allowed by A.A.A. rules for races over 440 yards—Ed.). Sowell covered the 400 metres in 51.7 to lead with the 1948-1952 Olympic champion Mal Whitfield second and Courtney eight yards back. Whitfield thrilled his fans by easing into the lead just before the last turn. Sowell was second and Courtney seven yards back third. Sowell ran wide to Whitfield's shoulder and Courtney came booming up from the back to make it three abreast. Sowell pulled into a lead as Whitfield faded. Courtney surged ahead to win with a powerful burst. Courtney said: "It's funny how I took Arnie. I passed him just off the last curve, that's just about where he usually goes by me." Whitfield (fifth in 1:49.3) a tenth outside his double Olympic record, said: "This was my last race. I'm retired."

1,500 Metres.—There was a fifteen-man field—two men were spiked. The winner, Jerome Walters (3:47.6) ate nothing for two days before the race because he was so nervous. Ted Wheeler (second 3:48.0) attributed his second place to the fact that both Don Seaman and Fred Dwyer tied up. A 19 year old "madman in the blue of California came rushing up from the rear with gigantic strides." It was Don Bowden and he was still five yards behind Dwyer, then lying third with only 30 yards to go. Bowden made the team in the last stride.

5,000 Metres.—Bill Dellinger set a new U.S. citizen record by winning in 14:26.0 and was timed at 3 miles in 13:59.5.

10,000 Metres.—The Olympic selection was based on the A.A.U. results. Max Truex, third in the 5,000 metres will presumably have to run both events though he is not yet 21 years old.

110 Metres Hurdles.—Jack Davis, left leg first, in lane 4 and Lee Calhoun, right leg first in lane 5 were never more

than 6 inches apart throughout the entire race. Both dipped forward so far at the finish that they hit the tape with their heads. After a long huddle the judges called a dead heat in 13.6 sec.

400 Metres Hurdles.—Eddie Southern (second in 49.7 sec.) right-legged and Glenn Davis (winner in 49.5 sec.) left-legged, both took 13 strides between hurdles. Davis in the disadvantageous 6th lane chopped to 17's over the last three hurdles and only beat the Texan in lane 5 by superior power on the run-in. Announcer Dick Nash was nearly drowned by the roar of the crowd when he said Davis's time was 49.6. The Officials later changed that to 49.5 sec. on re-examination of the watches.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase.—The winner, Phil Coleman, 24, set a time of 9:00.3 for the fastest steeplechase yet seen in the United States. He had been a place winner in the A.A.U. for the last four years and admitted that he had spent "8 long years" in preparation. The Olympic champion Horace Ashenfelter (3rd in 9:02.4) said he would not go to Melbourne "if I can't get into shape."

High Jump.—Fourteen men cleared 6ft. 4½ in.; "only seven" cleared 6ft. 6½ in., of which five negotiated 6ft. 8½ in. At 6ft. 9½ in. the battle was on. Bernie Allard missed, Phil Reavis, who stands only 5ft. 9½ in. tall, rolled over smoothly. Charlie Dumas and Ernie Shelton also missed first time. Vern Wilson rolled over. In the second round Allard missed, but Dumas cleared. Shelton narrowly missed. In the final round Allard was eliminated and so was the world's most consistent jumper in the last two seasons, the heartbroken Ernie Shelton. The team had selected itself—Dumas, Wilson, and Reavis. Dumas went on for a first time clearance of 6ft. 10½ in. The other two failed. At 10.15 p.m. after one failure at 7ft. 0¾ in. Dumas clad in a dark red vest, silver pants and green shoes, floated over without even a touch. Bedlam broke loose.

Pole Vault.—Thirteen men were over 14 feet and a record total of ten cleared 14ft. 4in. Seven men, excluding the injured Don Bragg, cleared 14ft. 8½ in. and then the bar was raised "only two inches." Bob Richards and fellow Olympian George Mattos cleared first time. The other five all failed at the new height and Jim Graham made the team with the fewest failures, at 14ft. 8½ in. Richards wanted to get on with the competition so had the bar put up to 15ft. 1in. and despite a forty-two-piece band blaring in his ears as it counter-

marched beside the runway he cleared the height. He couldn't get his third attempt at 15ft. 3in. in because of the presentation of the entire Olympic team. Later he told Laz "I wanted to break your Coliseum record."

Long Jump.—This was the only event in which the final Olympic tryout record survived. The Coliseum pit is notoriously bad but the ground record was broken first by the grizzled negro Greg Bell with 25ft. 8½ in. and then tied by the diminutive John Bennett—the best white jumper of all time.

Hop, Step and Jump.—19 year old Ira Davis, a slim negro was lying fourth with only two rounds to go. With his fifth effort he made the team, won the competition and set a new American record of 51ft. 4¾ in.

Shot Putt.—After world record holder Parry O'Brien had won the event with a world record tying 60ft. 10in. on his second putt he revealed that he had had a chipped bone in his mighty right wrist since mid-June. Ken Bantum, the 6ft. 6in. tall coloured giant showed himself to be the world's fastest shot putter, zipping across the ring without any dip to shove out putts to 59ft. 6¾ in. and 59ft. 9½ in. Bill Nieder, history's second 60-footer, was in a slump and managed "only" 58ft. 1½ in. for third.

Discus Throw.—The 33 year old world record holder Fortune Gordien reverted to the classic Consolini style and abandoned his high speed long step. His second toss went out to 187ft. 8¾ in., for the world's longest throw this season. Al Oerter the 19 year old Kansas Sophomore showed his incredible progress with 178ft. 7½ in.—in 1954 he set a "world" junior record at the age of 17 with a throw of 184ft. 2in.

Hammer Throw.—Al Hall, a tremendous competitor with astounding speed in the ring emerged triumphant with 197ft. 7½ in. after which he commented "that's cutting it close." Cliff Blair three times dented the running track beyond the 190ft. mark with a best of 196ft. 11½ in. while Hal Connolly with 196ft. 6½ in. for third said "I just didn't have it today."

Javelin Throw.—World record holder Bud Held was hoist with his own petard when 23 year old Benny Garcia knocked him off the team with a Held javelin by a full inch with 234ft. 4½ in. Cy Young with his hobbling run-up clinched a chance to defend his Olympic title with 244ft. 11in. while Phil Conley of Cal-Tech made his greatest ever throw of 244ft. 1in. for second place and in the process surpassed Young's outmoded Olympic record of 242ft. 0¾ in.

7 BRITISH BESTS IN PRAGUE

Seven best ever British performances were set up in Prague during the two day match (July 21 and 22) in which London's men lost 103 points to 120 and her women won by 63 points to 43.

Three landmarks, one male and two female, were passed. In the discus four-time A.A.A. champion Mark Pharaoh sailed the 4.4 lb. platter out to 174ft. 0¼ in. (53.04m.) so well beating the previous best ever British performance of 169ft. 11in. he made from the self-same circle last September 15. In the women's discus Mrs. Suzanne Allday hit 150ft. 4¼ in. (45.83m.) against her previous best of 148ft. 5½ in. in the rather paler context of a national record of 169ft. 11¼ in. by Olga Fikotová. Mrs. Allday also broke new ground with putts of 44ft. 10¼ in. and 45ft. 11¼ in. (14.00m.).

The anemometer took the gilt off some of the sterling track performances but did not invalidate 20 year old Vilém Mandlík's brilliant 21.1 sec. 200 metres victory over Brian Shenton, 29, whose 21.2 sec. was a personal best tying the best ever timed U.K. mark.

Mrs. June Paul with her 24.1 sec. mark beat Jean Scrivens' time of 24.2 sec. set in Budapest in October 1954 but her inspired 11.5 sec. 100 metres had a wind component well over the limit as did Mrs. Pamela Elliott's fine 11.0 sec. and Pauline Wainwright's 11.2 sec. in the 80 metre hurdles.

Other near misses for British best were in the long jump by Arthur Cruttenden with 24ft. 8in. (7.52m.), just ¾ inch behind Wilmshurst's winning Vancouver jump in 1954 and in the shot putt in which Barclay Palmer with 55ft. 1¾ in. (16.80m.) was fractionally behind John Savidge's 55ft. 2in. record of May 1954. John Disley ran an 8:49.2 steeplechase to beat the chunky little Brlica for the season's best while personal bests were run by Ian Boyd with a 3:46.8 1,500 metres behind Jungwirth, 2:10.6 by Mrs. Phyllis Perkins and 2:11.9 by Madeleine Wooller in the 800 metres, Audrey Bennett's 5ft. 5in. high jump. In the high hurdles Hildreth's 14.4 sec. and Vic Matthews' 14.8 were aided by a wind slightly over the limit as was Sheila Hoskin's fine 6.04 metres (19ft. 9¼ in.) long jump.

BRITISH YEAR LIST 1956

Notations.—n = non-winning; i = indoors; m = metres; R = Relay stages;
u = unofficial. J = Junior

3:47.0n	E. Shirley	19/5
3:47.4u	J. S. Evans	19/5
3:49.1n	R. Dunkley	24/6
3:49.8n	D. J. N. Johnson	30/6

100 YARDS

9.8	J. R. C. Young (J)	17/7
9.8n	B. Shenton	17/7
9.9	T. Erinle (Nigeria)	12/5
9.9	B. Cox	14/5
9.9	M. J. Ruddy	19/5
9.9n	K. J. Box	19/5
9.9	P. M. Connolly	25/5
9.9	P. Crosby	2/6
9.9n	S. Orman	13/6
9.9n	P. Toner	23/6
9.9n	R. J. Chambers	23/6
9.9	E. R. Sandstrom	23/6
9.9	D. H. Segal	3/7
9.9n	N. S. Fontyn (Burma) (14)	4/7

with wind:—

9.8	M. J. Ruddy	2/6
9.8	M. K. V. Wheeler	9/6
9.8n	O. G. Young	9/6
9.8	E. R. Sandstrom	30/6
9.8	R. J. Baddeley	30/6
9.9n	J. A. N. Railton	30/6
9.9n	D. A. Morrison	30/6

100 METRES

10.8	B. Shenton	21/7
10.9n	M. J. Ruddy	21/7

200 METRES

21.2n	B. Shenton	22/7
21.6n	R. G. Roberts	24/6
22.0	M. J. Ruddy	19/5
22.0n	E. R. Sandstrom	19/5

220 YARDS

21.6	J. R. C. Young	17/7
21.7	R. G. Roberts	12/5
21.8	M. K. V. Wheeler	9/6
21.8	B. Shenton	14/7
21.8	E. R. Sandstrom	13/7
21.9	D. H. Segal	13/7
21.9	M. J. Ruddy	13/7
22.0	J. A. Spooner	30/6
22.0	A. Breacker	13/7
22.1n	S. Clemson	24/5
22.1	J. R. Crumplin	2/6
22.1	J. R. G. Robertson	11/6
22.1n	G. C. Thomas	13/7
22.1n	J. R. Boughton	13/7
22.1n	G. S. Ellis	25/7
22.2	J. Metcalf	10/3
22.2	A. S. Dunbar	5/5
22.2n	C. N. Gibbs	2/6
22.2	K. C. Goodchild	2/6
22.2n	W. Henderson (20)	13/7
22.2n	K. J. Box	25/7

wind assisted and straightaway:—

20.8*	E. R. Sandstrom	30/6
20.9*	M. J. Ruddy	30/6
21.0n*	F. Connor	30/6
21.6	J. A. Spooner	13/6
21.9	J. Metcalf	10/3
22.0n	G. S. Ellis	13/6

*12.27 m.p.h. wind.

400 METRES

47.7	F. P. Higgins	21/7
48.0n	M. K. V. Wheeler	21/5
49.1n	J. D. Wrighton	21/5

440 YARDS

47.5	F. P. Higgins	21/5
47.7	M. K. V. Wheeler	23/6
48.2	J. E. Salisbury	13/6
48.4n	J. F. Groves	21/5
48.5n	J. D. Wrighton	21/5
48.6n	T. S. Farrell	23/6
48.9	D. J. N. Johnson	6/3
49.0n	G. L. Critchlow	13/6
49.1n	H. Kane	24/5
49.1n	J. V. Paterson (10)	26/5
49.3	M. H. Chaplin	16/5
49.3n	H. B. Lewis	13/7
49.4n	T. L. Higgins	13/7
49.6n	J. Metcalf	24/4
49.7	A. D. Sexton	30/6
49.8	R. Quinn	30/6
49.8	J. Richards	5/7
49.9	G. S. Ellis	2/6
49.9	C. J. W. Haines (19)	30/6

800 METRES

1:49.8n	B. S. Hewson	19/5
1:51.4n	M. F. Walmsley	4/6
1:52.7	D. C. E. Gorrie	22/7
1:53.4n	D. A. F. Haith (J.)	3/7

880 YARDS

1:50.3	B. S. Hewson	25/7
1:50.9n	M. A. Rawson	25/7
1:51.2n	D. J. N. Johnson	25/7
1:51.4	R. D. Henderson	13/7
1:51.5	D. C. E. Gorrie	10/3
1:51.7	M. A. Farrell	13/7
1:51.9n	J. V. Paterson	13/7
1:52.2	D. L. Lovelady	13/7
1:52.2n	E. D. C. Buswell	13/7
1:52.4n	L. C. Locke (10)	13/7
1:52.6n	P. Abrahams	21/5
1:52.6n	M. T. Blagrove	21/5
1:52.7n	D. J. Thornton	7/4
1:52.8	J. E. Davies	13/7
1:53.0	D. G. Stewart	30/5
1:53.1n	M. F. Walmsley	13/7
1:53.2n	M. J. Rowbottom	13/7
1:53.3n	M. Spankie	6/6
1:53.3n	P. D. Barber	30/5
1:53.3	R. J. Mackay (20)	22/6
1:53.6	P. Healey	18/7
1:53.8n	J. V. Beesley	7/4
1:54.5n	M. E. E. Denney	13/7
1:54.6n	J. D. Veals	13/7
1:54.8n	H. P. Stewart	8/5
1:54.8n	K. C. Kirby (26)	13/7

1,500 METRES

3:43.4	K. Wood	19/5
3:43.7	D. A. G. Pirie	24/6
3:46.8n	I. H. Boyd	21/7

ONE MILE

4:03.6	D. A. G. Pirie	9/6
4:04.6	P. B. Driver	2/6
4:04.8n	B. S. Hewson	2/6
4:04.9n	I. H. Boyd	9/6
4:06.2	A. D. Gordon	7/4
4:06.2	K. Wood	12/5
4:06.8	D. J. N. Johnson	26/5
4:07.0	G. D. Ibbotson	4/7
4:07.5n	G. Everett	9/6
4:08.6n	J. R. Cameron (10)	16/6
4:08.6n	P. R. Clark	13/7
4:09.2n	M. F. Walmsley	21/5
4:09.2n	J. A. Morrison	13/7
4:09.4n	C. W. Brasher	16/6
4:09.8n	P. Abrahams	7/4
4:10.4	E. Shirley	4/7
4:10.6	J. S. Evans	5/5
4:10.6n	J. Thorpe	21/5
4:10.6n	B. Hallowell	16/6
4:10.6n	J. J. W. McDonald (20)	13/7
4:11.4n	J. E. Davies	30/6
4:11.4n	R. R. Hatton	13/7
4:11.4n	A. V. Lewis	13/7
4:11.6n	R. Dunkley	12/5
4:11.6n	L. D. G. Reed	13/7
4:11.8n	K. W. Rickhuss	21/5
4:12.4	M. T. Blagrove	-/6
4:12.5	F. D. Sando	-/6
4:12.8	C. J. Chataway	27/6
4:13.0	B. T. Barrett (30)	12/5
4:13.2n	D. W. F. Collins	13/7
4:13.4	J. I. Disley	14/4
4:13.6n	M. L. Barratt	13/7
4:13.6n	I. Stewart	13/7
4:13.8n	M. J. Rowbottom	24/5
4:13.8n	P. D. Barber	23/6
4:14.0	F. L. Wyatt	-/5
4:14.0n	S. R. Langridge	23/6
4:14.4	W. H. Watkins	28/5
4:14.4n	E. R. Douglas (40)	13/7
4:14.7n	S. A. G. Theed	13/7
4:14.8	P. D. Walker (42)	28/4

3,000 METRES

7:55.6	D. A. G. Pirie	22/6
8:09.4n	G. D. Ibbotson	26/5
8:14.4	K. L. Norris	25/6
8:19.0ni	J. I. Disley	5/2
8:20.8	B. T. Barrett	4/7
8:20.8	F. G. J. Salvat	4/7
8:22.6	S. R. Langridge	4/7
8:24.8n	M. R. Maynard	21/5
8:26.4ni	C. W. Brasher	4/2
8:26.6n	R. G. Beecroft	26/5

TWO MILES

8:45.6	G. D. Ibbotson	30/5
8:47.8	H. V. Foord	27/6
8:53.4	C. J. Chataway	25/7
8:53.6n	J. I. Disley	25/7
8:53.6n	F. L. Wyatt	25/7
8:57.0n	G. Knight	27/6
8:57.4n	F. D. Sando	30/5
8:58.4n	C. W. Brasher	25/7
9:00.0	J. R. Cameron	27/6

YEAR'S TOTAL OF WORLD RECORDS 44 TO DATE

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100 yards	9.3	Leamon King (U.S.A.)	Fresno, Cal.	12/5
	9.3	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Raleigh, S.C.	19/5
	9.3	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Stockton, Cal.	2/6
	9.3	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Sanger, Cal.	9/6
220 yards	20.1	Michael Agostini (Trinidad)	Bakersfield, Cal.	17/3
	20.1	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Durham, N.C.	12/5
	20.0	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Sanger, Cal.	9/6
440 yards	45.8	Jim Lea (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	26/5
6 miles	27:54.0	David Stephens (Australia)	Melbourne	25/1
	27:43.8	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	15/7
10,000 metres	28:42.8	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	15/7
100 metres	10.2	Bobby Morrow (U.S.A.)	Houston, Tex.	19/5
	10.2	Ira Murchison (U.S.A.)	Compton, Cal.	2/6
	10.2	Bobby Morrow (U.S.A.)	Bakersfield, Cal.	22/6
	10.2	Bobby Morrow (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	29/6
	10.2	Ira Murchison (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	29/6
	10.2	Thane Baker (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	29/6
200 metres	as for 220 yards			
400 metres	45.2	Louis Jones (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	30/6
3,000 metres	7:55.6	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	Trondheim	22/6
5,000 metres	13:36.8	Gordon Pirie (G.B.)	Bergen	19/6
4 × 110 yards	40.1	Texas University (U.S.A.)	Lawrence, Kan.	21/4
		(George Schneider, Jerry Prewitt, Bob Whilden, Frank Daugherty)		
4 × 220 yards	1:24.0	Abilene Christian College (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	26/5
(& 4 × 200 metres)		(Bill Woodhouse, James Segrest, Don Conder, Bobby Morrow)		
4 × 880 yards	7:25.2	South Pacific A.A.U. (U.S.A.)	Modesto, Cal.	26/5
		(Jerome Walters, Hal Butler, Danny Schweikart, Bill Weiss)		
4 × 800 metres	7:26.2	Russian Team		17/5
		(Juan Gomes, Anatoliy Osminkin, Valentin Kovalev, Govalov)		
	7:25.2 as for 4 × 880 yards			
120 yards Hurdles	13.5	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Sanger, Cal.	9/6
110 metres Hurdles	13.4	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	Bakersfield, Cal.	22/6
220 yards Hurdles	22.2	David Sime (U.S.A.)	Durham, N.C.	5/5
200 metres Hurdles	22.2 as above			
400 metres Hurdles	49.5	Glenn Davis (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	29/6
High Jump	7' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Charles Dumas (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles, Cal.	29/6
Shot Putt	61' 1"	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Salt Lake City	5/5
	61' 4"	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	New York	18/6
Hammer Throw	216' 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (65.85m)	Mikhail Krivonosov (U.S.S.R.)	Nalchik	25/4
	216' 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	Cliff Blair (U.S.A.)	Needham, Mass.	4/7
	217' 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (66.38m)	Mikhail Krivonosov (U.S.S.R.)	Minsk	8/7
Javelin Throw	274' 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (83.56m)	Soini Nikkinen (Finland)	Helsinki	23/6
	274' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	Janusz Sidlo (Poland)	Milan	30/6
30 miles Walk	4H12:03.4	Ladislav Moc (Czech.)	Prague	21/6
20,000 metres Walk	1H28:45.2	Leonid Silin (U.S.S.R.)	Kiev	13/6
50,000 metres Walk	4H21:07.0	Ladislav Moc (Czech.)	Prague	21/6

LEADING WORLD MARKS (other than World Records)

880 yards	1:48.7	Lang Stanley (U.S.A.)	San Jose	21/4
1 mile	3:58.6	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	28/1
	3:58.6	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	7/4
	3:58.6	Jim Bailey (Australia)	Los Angeles	5/5
2 miles	8:45.6	Derek Ibbotson (G.B.)	Motspur Park	30/5
3 miles	13:27.4	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	25/2
10 miles	49:53.0	David Power (Australia)	Randwick	30/6
800 metres	1:46.4	Tom Courtney (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	30/6
1,000 metres	2:21.7	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Brussels	24/6
1,500 metres	3:41.8	Siegfried Herrmann (E. Germany)	Berlin	20/7
440 yards Hurdles	51.5	Eddie Southern (U.S.A.)	Houston, Tex.	9/6
3,000 m Steeplechase	8:40.8	Lászlo Jeszenszky (Hungary)	Budapest	11/7
Pole Vault	15' 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Don Bragg (U.S.A.)	Stockton	2/6
Long Jump	26' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Ernest Shelby (U.S.A.)	Bakersfield	23/6
Hop, Step & Jump	54' 0"	Leonid Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.)	Nalchik	28/4
Discus Throw	187' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Fortune Gordien (U.S.A.)	Los Angeles	30/6

BRITISH RANKINGS CONCLUDED

SIX OVER 180 FEET WITH HAMMER

with wind:—

24' 8"	A. R. Cruttenden	22/7
23' 7"	A. G. Whittaker	16/5
23' 4"	D. E. F. Luke	
	(Sierra Leone)	10/5
23' 0"	N. G. Hamilton	21/4

HOP, STEP & JUMP

49' 9"	K. S. D. Wilmshurst	14/7
49' 0"	P. B. Engo	
	(Nig. & Cameroons)	21/7
48' 3½"	E. Y. Tan	5/7
47' 3½"	D. C. Frost	30/6
47' 1½"	T. McI. McNab	28/4
46' 11½"	F. Wyers	2/6
46' 9"	L. C. Parry	2/6
46' 7½"	D. W. Field	14/7
46' 6"	G. Roden	7/7
46' 5"	D. W. Field	7/7
46' 4"	H. M. Murray	2/5
46' 3"	R. McG. Stephen	12/5
46' 3"	P. S. Cullen	21/5
46' 3"	M. T. Rimmer	2/6
46' 2"	E. Robinson (J)	21/7
46' 1½"	G. Britten	23/6
46' 0½"	R. H. Sussex	21/5

with wind:—

47' 8"	H. M. Murray	2/6
46' 7"	R. McG. Stephen	2/6

SHOT PUTT

55' 1½"	W. B. L. Palmer	22/7
52' 11"	J. A. Savidge	7/7
49' 9"	A. Rowe (J)	25/7
48' 7"	A. Robertson	18/7
48' 4"	M. Pharaoh	23/6
47' 9½"	R. J. Harris	28/4
47' 7"	M. R. Lindsay (J)	30/6
47' 5"	N. Morgan (J)	21/4
47' 5"	G. A. Carr	4/7
47' 0"	J. D. Jones	30/5
46' 0"	W. H. Robbins (10)	24/3

exhibition:—

55' 6"	W. B. L. Palmer	4/7
53' 4"	J. A. Savidge	30/5
	* shot light.	

DISCUS THROW

174' 0½"	M. Pharaoh	22/7
168' 2"	G. A. Carr	9/6
153' 4"	P. Isbester	23/6
153' 4"	J. Sampson	23/6
147' 10"	E. A. Cleaver	14/7
147' 0"	E. J. A. Brewer	5/6
146' 8"	T. J. Gaworski	23/6
146' 0"	K. Maksimczyk	9/6
145' 1"	B. S. Green	30/6
143' 6"	O. A. Feldmanis	23/6
143' 1"	J. J. Butterfield	31/5
142' 10"	J. Drummond	31/5
140' 6"	B. Dodd (13)	2/6

HAMMER THROW

191' 3"	P. C. Allday	30/6
190' 1"	D. W. J. Anthony	30/6
184' 0"	I. S. Bain	10/5
183' 1"	M. J. Ellis	17/5
183' 8"	E. C. K. Douglas	28/6
181' 5"	J. C. Bard (U.S.A.)	10/5
181' 1"	A. R. Valentine	21/5
167' 0"	D. McD. M. Clark	
	(in N.Z.)	4/2
166' 9"	P. L. Porter	5/6
164' 11"	C. A. Harper	19/5
164' 2"	F. Gandy	19/5
162' 1"	M. Pharaoh	27/6
161' 0"	J. Simmonds (Australia)	10/5

JAVELIN THROW

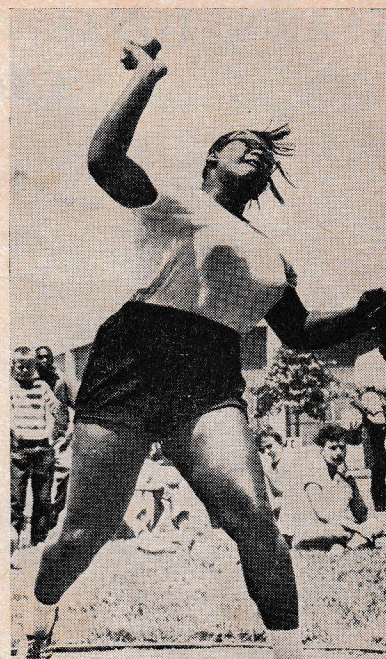
218' 10"	P. S. Cullen	18/7
217' 11"	M. Harradine	2/6
207' 2½"	D. E. Tucker	21/7
203' 4"	C. N. Loveland	14/7
201' 1"	R. A. C. Davies	14/7
199' 5"	D. E. J. Cosh	5/5
199' 4½"	D. W. R. Mackenzie	5/5
198' 3"	W. W. Kretzschmar	
	(Germany)	13/6
195' 6"	E. W. Bannister	2/6
194' 4"	R. D. W. Miller	12/5
194' 3"	M. Lanning	2/6
193' 7"	C. G. Smith	2/6
191' 1"	H. Hampton	2/6
190' 7"	D. J. McNab	29/6
190' 3"	M. J. W. Dalrymple (15)	2/6

SHORT TAKE

Barometric Records

The famous Mexico City meeting in March 1955 at 7,350 feet above sea-level brought to the forefront how helpful low barometric pressure can be in the "explosive" events. The lowest recorded figure in the world is 886.8 millibars (26.29 inches) in the calm centre of a typhoon measured in August 1927 while the lowest recorded in the British Isles is 925.5 m.b. at Ochtertyre Crief in Perthshire at 8.30 p.m. on January 26, 1884.

Barometers also play a big part in the life of some athletes. The record here is 43 amassed in six years by former Welsh 100 yards champion Gareth Morgan. On one occasion he collected no less than five in a single meeting for a new Welsh Native record.



America's answer to the Soviet Union's monopoly of strong women is 222 lb. 21 year old Los Angeles housewife Earlene Brown. She recently broke the American shot putt record with 48ft. 5in. and is reported to possess "immense potential." (Planet News.)

A.A.A. REPORT concluded

RESULT: Qualifying and final July 14.

1. Peter S. Cullen (Rotherham) 214' 2"
2. Clive N. Loveland (Army) 203' 4"
3. Ray A. C. Davies (U.L.A.C.) 201' 1"
4. Malcolm Harradine (Thames Valley) 200' 1"
5. Dennis E. Tucker (Herne Hill H.) 198' 4"
6. Dennis E. J. Cosh (Herne Hill H.) 190' 9"

The Two Mile Walk was won by Woodford Green's R. F. Goodall in 14:20.8 and the Seven Mile Walk by Highgate Harrier G. W. Coleman in an impeccable 50:19.0.

Points Score based on first claim clubs:—Six pts. for first place down to 1 pt. for a sixth place.

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| 1st | Achilles Club | 36 pts. |
| 2nd | Polytechnic Harriers | 24 pts. |
| 3rd | Royal Air Force | 23 pts. |
| 4th | Walton Athletic Club | 22 pts. |
| =5th | Woodford Green A.C. | 21 pts. |
| =5th | London Athletic Club | 21 pts. |