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## O'BRIEN, PIRIE, KUTS AND ROZSNYOI SET WORLD MARKS

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OUT OF THE 24 OLYMPIC EVENTS

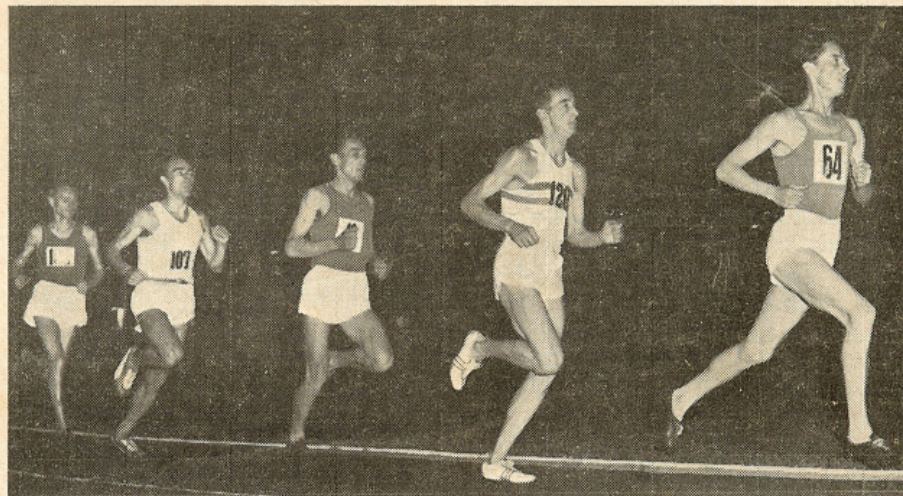
The World's record for every individual running event on the Olympic Games programme, except for the 800 metres, has been broken at least once this season.

In addition, the World's record for four of the eight field events and the 20,000 metres track walk have been improved; and the World's best performances for the marathon and 50 Kilometre road walk have also been set. The only events in which new World records have not been set are the relays, which come in for special attention at Olympic celebrations, the decathlon and the long jump, pole vault, hop, step and jump and discus throw.

Since our last issue four men's World's records have been bettered.

On September 3 at Eugene, Oregon, Parry O'Brien in a U.S.A. Olympic development meet, made his fourth and fifth improvements on his own shot putt record (61ft. 4½in. at Pasadena on August 18) with an opening 62ft. 3in., then a relapse to a mere 62ft. 0in.!, and then a final explosion with a putt of 62ft. 6¾in. O'Brien complained afterwards that he did not really get behind his record putt. What will the Human Mortar do next?

On September 4 at Malmö Gordon Pirie with 7 mins. 52.8 secs. and Istvan Rozsavolgyi (7:53.4) beat the 3,000 metres record of 7:55.6 previously shared by Pirie and Sandor Iharos (see separate report).



Three against one. Gordon Pirie seen running behind Iharos and in front of Tabori, Roger Dunkley and Istan Rozsavolgyi in the epic 3,000 metres world record race at Malmö, Sweden. (Planet News.)

On September 11 at Moscow, following his return from his abortive visit to London, Vladimir Kuts reduced Sandor Iharos's 10,000 metres record of 28:42.8 set 58 days ago at Budapest by the remarkable margin of 12.4 secs. to return 28:30.4 (see R.L.Q.'s report).

On September 16 Sandor Rozsnyoi reduced Semyon Rzhishchin's (U.S.S.R.) 32 day old mark of 8:39.8 to 8:35.6

Other late news was the smashing of Marjorie Jackson's 200 metre mark of 23.4 secs. set at Helsinki by the 18 year old Sydney girl Betty Cuthbert, who returned 23.2 secs. at the Moore Park Oval on September 16 at Sydney.

Henk Visser (Netherlands), on his visit to the Rumanian Championships, beat the 19 year old European Long jump record of 25ft. 11in. set by the late Luz Long at Berlin in 1937 with a leap of 26ft. 2in. (7.98 metres). The wind condition as yet remains unreported.

### R. L. Q. REPORTS

Olympic fever in European track has risen to spectacular heights: in the past 30 days since our last report, three world and four European records were renovated, and the general advance seemed to indicate that the representatives of this continent could go so far as to threaten the traditional American supremacy in such events as the high jump and the long jump. However, this record-breaking crescendo makes us wonder how many (or should we say how few?) of the European stars who were in the news this month will be able to reproduce a similarly good form 60 days hence, thousands of miles away from their familiar surroundings.

Pirie's great 3,000 metres race at Malmö, when he became the first man ever to have beaten the entire Magyar trio Iharos-Tábori-Rózsavölgyi in the same race, is fully analyzed in an eyewitness report by the Editor elsewhere in this issue.

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# SAND and CINDERS

## UNFAIR TO NINA

The last person who is receiving any proper consideration over the highly regrettable cancellation of the G.B. versus the U.S.S.R. match is Mrs. Nina Ponomaryeva herself.

Here is a married woman and a mother, well known as an Olympic champion and record holder, accused of petty larceny. She is not allowed to appear in court to stand her trial and is so deprived of what many believe to be an excellent chance of clearing her name. She is forced to jump her bail. She is, if the reports are correct, incarcerated in an Embassy in a foreign capital, which has not even a garden big enough for her to practise discus throwing. If still in London there is no report of her small son Sascha joining her. Her chances of even being allowed to defend her Olympic title successfully at Melbourne are in obvious jeopardy.

All this when many consider that even if she was found to have committed a theft, that because of the obvious mitigating circumstances she would be discharged.

Some, allowing their naturally intense disappointment about the cancellation of the match to transcend momentarily their common sense, said that the charge should never have been brought or once brought should have been dropped. They should reflect on the proven value of the truly democratic legal doctrine "the law is no respecter of persons." Why then is Mrs. Ponomaryeva in such a plight? The answer needs to be plain and straight.

It is because of the outrageous invasion of communist politics into the sport of Russia and her satellites.

If anyone doubts that let them read these extracts from *Pravda* the official organ of the communist party in Slovakia in a number published last summer. "An important factor in our foreign policy is the international relations of our sportsmen. A successful trip by the sportsmen of the U.S.S.R. or the people's democratic countries is an excellent vehicle of propaganda in capitalist countries. The success of our sportsmen abroad helps in the work of our foreign diplomatic missions and of our trade delegations. Czechoslovakia, as is known, belongs to almost all the international sport federations, and the work of our delegates at these conferences is often of great political importance. At many international conventions important political problems are solved, such as the matter of recognition as members of delegates from People's Democratic China and the People's Democratic German Republic, and the striving for the unity of German sport".

If anyone still doubts whether communist politicians and their policemen interfere with sport in communist governed countries listen to what Nina's fellow Olympic throwing champion Dana Zatopkova says in a recent copy of *Czechoslovak Sport*. "To represent us abroad we have sent people who were not in form but who had passed the two month's investigation and checking period for (political) reliability." "It (the communist sports organisation) appointed new officials who beforehand had had nothing in common with physical culture and were without the genuine enthusiasm of amateurs."

Our admirable contemporary *World Sports* published the simply told story of Ion Opris who did not return home to Rumania after the A.A.A. championships. He told of political interference in

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sport. He has since had his 14.3 secs. record struck off the roll and substituted by 14.9 secs. performance by a "more reliable" performer.

The Russian politicians call the Nina affair "a dirty provocation." True sportsmen the World over, and that includes, we are confident, Russia's fine and popular athletes, cannot but regard the activities of a small handful of fanatical and unrepresentative politicians as a pollution of sport.

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### SKOBLA 58' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

**Ostrava, August 25.**—Jiri Skobla, the 26-year-old Czech giant, raised his European shot putt record to 17.76 (58' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "") to resume seventh place on the All Time list for this event, behind six Americans. Skobla had the following series: 57' 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "", 57' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "", foul 58' 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "", foul, 58' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". On August 19 at Budapest he had thrown 17.63 (57' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ""), which at the time was also a new European record. The Czech has six winning marks over 17.50 (57' 5") so far this season.

### KUTS 28:30.4

**Moscow, September 11.**—During a "mass promotion" at the new Bolshoi Stadium, Vladimir Kuts set a fantastic world record of 28:30.4 for 10,000 metres, thus clipping no less than 12.4 secs. off Sándor Iharos' recent mark. The Russian, who in the past 12 months had bettered 29 minutes on three occasions (at least twice under bad conditions), achieved his great performance at 7 p.m. under floodlights. We would say that the reportedly cool atmosphere probably helped him, but then we remember how he came to international prominence in August 1953 at Bucharest after a torrid duel with Emil Zátopek, in quasi-tropical temperature. The curious side of Kuts' latest achievement is offered by his far from perfect judgment of pace, which only means that we still have a lot to see in long distance running before the "ultimates" may be approached. Kuts' intermediate times tell the story:

1,000 m.	2:42.5
2,000 m.	5:34.0 (2:51.5)
3,000 m.	8:24.4 (2:50.5)
4,000 m.	11:15.0 (2:50.6)
5,000 m.	14:08.0 (2:53.0)
6,000 m.	16:58.0 (2:50.0)
7,000 m.	19:55.0 (2:57.0)
8,000 m.	22:48.5 (2:53.5)
9,000 m.	25:42.5 (2:54.0)
10,000 m.	28:30.4 (2:47.9)

A comparison with Iharos' intermediate times as given in the August issue will show that Kuts accumulated most of his "lead" in the last kilometre, in which he was 7.9 secs. faster than the Hungarian, a novice to the distance. (In the meantime, however, we have found that Iharos' race at Budapest in July was not his first at the distance: back in 1952 he ran an insignificant 33:04.4.)

No 6 mile mark was registered for Kuts. Second at the 10,000 metres tape was the fast improving Pyotr Bolotnikov in 29:27.0. Ivan Chernyavskiy was third in 29:41.0, followed by Yevgeniy Zhukov, 30:15.8, and Aleksandr Anufriyev, 30:28.6.

### ROZSNYOI 8:35.6 IN STEEPLECHASE

**Budapest, Sept. 16.**—In the match Hungary v. Czechoslovakia at Népstadion, Sándor Rozsnyói negotiated the 3,000 metres steeplechase in 8:35.6, i.e. 4.2 secs. faster than Russia's Semyon Rzhishchin in his record run last August. Rozsnyói, who earlier in the season had improved his best for 3,000 metres flat to a significant 8:05.0 (at London's White City), covered the three kilometre fractions in 2:50.0, 2:56.4 and 2:49.2. Veteran László Jeszenszky was second in 8:45.8, after alternating in the lead with the European champion for most of the distance. Vlastimil Brlica of Czechoslovakia was third in 8:54.4.

### VISSER: FIRST EUROPEAN OVER 26'

**Bucharest, September 17.**—On the third day of the International Championships of Rumania, Luz Long's 19-year-old European long jump record (25' 11") was broken, somewhat unexpectedly, by Henk Visser of Holland, who produced a wonderful leap of 7.98 (26' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "") to share with Chuhei Nambu of Japan the honour of being the best non-American long jumper of all time. Visser, whose progression appeared in the July issue, was born in Curaçao, a Dutch colony in the West Indies, 24 years ago. He stands 1.89 (6' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "") and weighs 76 kilos (167 lb.). Jumping as he does with full use of his nervous energy, Visser is not the consistent type of jumper. In the Bucharest meet he began with 24' 3", produced his record jump on the second try, then had a marginal foul not far short of 26', after which he had to call it a day, having sensed a pain in his leg. According to such an outstanding Western export as T.T. (Torsten Tegner, the famous Editor of Sweden's "Idrottsbladet"), an eyewitness to the meeting, the wind during this long jump competition was negligible, and Visser's mark—chiefly the result of a super-fast runway is sure to be submitted for approval as a European record. The consistent Henryk Grabowski of Poland was second, and Oleg Fyodosyev of U.S.S.R. third, both at 7.68 (25' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "")—two more national records. This was

easily the best long jump event in European history (apart of course from the historic Olympic final in Berlin, 1936), with the fifth man at 24' 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

### LAUER, 19, FIRST NON-AMERICAN UNDER 14 SECS.

**Hamburg, September 22.**—Martin Lauer, the 19-year-old German sensation, made notable track history on the first day of the Germany v. Finland match with a 13.9 clocking over 110 metres hurdles. Besides lowering Håkan Lidman's 16-year-old European record by 0.1 sec., the German junior became the first non-American specialist to duck under the magic 14 seconds. The wind velocity was only 2 metres per second. Berthold Steines, who had finished a close second to America's Charles Pratt at the White City meeting of September 12, was again runner-up, this time in 14 secs. flat. Lauer, born early in 1937, is in his first year over senior hurdles. His best times over the junior barriers were: 14.9 in 1954, and 14.2 in 1955. This year he had equalled Steines' German record (14.3) on three occasions. He ran 100 metres in 10.6 early this season, finishing close behind such speedsters as Fütterer and Germar.

**Hamburg, September 23.**—"Ullo die sine record" is the motto of modern track stars. So, even on the second day of the Germany v. Finland match, a European record went by the board. Eeles Landström of Finland added 1 cm. ( $\frac{3}{8}$ "") to his 1-year-old pole vault mark with a 4.51 (14' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "") clearance. Considering that Uncle Sam is leaving most of his 15-footers at home (latest news, however, is that Bob Gutowski, a 15' 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ " man, may replace the injured Jim Graham, who has done no better than 14' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ""), Landström has a good chance of grabbing a medal of some kind in the Olympics.

Our event-by-event survey of other news follows.

### GERMAR—EUROPE'S FASTEST SPRINTER?

**Sprints.**—Two 10.3 marks over 100 metres were reported in August. Roy Sandstrom's surprising run at Budapest, August 19, was mentioned in the September issue. The Englishman was closely followed at the tape by Manfred Steinbach of East Germany, who was clocked in 10.4. Little known László Kiss of Hungary surprised his countrymen with a third place time of 10.4, as

he shunted Italy's Luigi Gnocchi to fourth (10.5—his sixth for the season). A more plausible 10.3 was credited to Manfred Germar of Germany at Karlsruhe on August 25. The assisting wind in this race was 0.7 metres/seconds. That the 21-year-old Cologne student is most probably Europe's fastest human just now was demonstrated in the White City meeting of September 12, when he won in 10.5 from Dave Sime, 10.7 (the American was, however, lacking condition and his injury had not healed yet) and Sandstrom, 10.8. September produced another 10.3, namely by 1954 European championship finalist Leo Pohl of Germany at Hamburg, on the 22nd. Pohl being a 10.6 man, his newest mark certainly seems flattering. Heinz Fütterer, making a comeback after a layoff of several months, was second in 10.5. The wind velocity was 2 metres per second. Another German, Lothar Knörzer, ran a wind-assisted 10.3 at Tailfingen, August 12.

Germar was a double winner at the German Championships, his furlong time being a personal best of 20.9 (August 18, Berlin). Another 20.9 was credited to Vilém Mandlík, the young Czech sprinter, at Ostrava on August 25. Hitherto unreported marks from Russia include a 21.0 by Tokaryev and a 21.1 by Bartenyev (no details).

#### HELLSTEN 46.5

Voitto Hellsten of Finland continues to amaze experts with his brilliant endurance tests. In the match against Sweden at Helsinki (September 8 and 9) he competed in all three sprints and also ran for Finland in the two relays! His best mark was a 21.3 for 200 metres on the 9th, equalling the Scandinavian record. Then the stocky Finn flew to London to compete in the White City meeting of September 12: not surprisingly, he did not have enough to catch England's F. P. Higgins, who staved off the attack of his rival from Suomi in the home-stretch to win by 0.1 in 47.1. But Hellsten had fully recovered by September 22, when he met Germany's Karl-Friedrich Haas in Hamburg. Same as in Bern, 1954, and in Helsinki, 1955, the slender Haas folded under pressure (47.3) and lost his third straight to the Finn, who rose to the occasion with a new Finnish record of 46.5, thus equalling Ignatyev's best for the season. The German gazelle, however, came back the following day to clock 21 flat in the 200 metres. Leonhard Pohl was

second in 21.1 and Hellsten had to be content with fourth in 21.4. (Same as in the Finland v. Sweden match, the Hamburg meet saw three men from each country in every event).

Higgins's 47.1 is good for sixth on the European Year list. In addition to Ignatyev and Hellsten, there are two others under 47 secs.: Haas, 46.8 (Berlin, August 18) and Adamik of Hungary, 46.9 (Budapest, August 19).

#### MOENS, BOYSEN NOT IN OLYMPICS?

**Middle Distances.**—Roger Moens ran an excellent 1:47.2 in the 800 metres at Budapest, August 20 (European champion Lajos Szentgáli was second in 1:47.8), and 1:48.0 at Malmö, September 3, then sustained a bad injury at Athens while training for a match against Greece. There are conflicting reports as to whether he will be able to resume training and competition in time for the Melbourne Games. Moens' No. 1 rival in Europe, Audun Boysen of Norway, ran the half-mile in 1:48.8 at Gävle, September 19, then announced that in all probability he will not go to Melbourne. The Norwegian psychologist reportedly prefers to spend a quiet week with his family in the fjords of his homeland rather than a hectic month in Melbourne.

The new Scandinavian sensations, Dan Waern of Sweden and Olavi Salsola of Finland, had a fierce feud at Helsinki in September. On the 8th, the Swede won the 1,500 metres in 3:43.6 from Salsola, 3:43.8, but on the following day Salsola turned the tables on the "new Hägg" in the 800 metres with a new Finnish record of 1:48.3. Waern was second in 1:48.6, a time he has now achieved on three occasions this year. Stefan Lewandowski of Poland lowered his country's record to 1:48.5 (Oslo, August 30, second to Boysen, 1:48.0).

The first sub-2:20 marks of the year at the seldom run 1,000 metres were posted by Roger Moens at Malmö on September 4, 2:19.6, and by Brian Hewson at Manchester on September 22, 2:19.9. In the former race, Derek Johnson was second in 2:20.4.

#### ROZSA 3:41.4, THEN 1:48.7

István Rózsavölgyi is still in good form. In the match against Czechoslovakia at Budapest he first ran 1,500 metres in 3:41.4 (September 15) then improved on his personal best for 800

metres with a significant 1:48.7 (September 16). Tábori began to show marked improvement by taking second in the 1,500 with 3:42.6 as Stanislav Jungwirth of the visiting team was third in 3:43.0. In the shorter distance, Szentgáli and Jungwirth did 1:49.2 and 1:49.4 respectively. The Russian 1,500 metres record was beaten twice in ten days, first by Sergey Sukhanov, 3:45.0 in Moscow, September 11, then by Lithuanian Jonas Pipynė, 3:44.6 at Bucharest, September 20. It should also be mentioned that Gunnar Nielsen, the great Dane, has returned to the warpath: however, he finds it difficult to regain his former condition.

Klaus Richtzenhain of Germany ran the fastest mile for September at Bergen, on the 17th: 4:01.8. Nielsen was second in 4:03.8 and Arne Hamarsland third with a new Norwegian record of 4:04.0. Veteran Ingvar Ericsson of Sweden, who has one of the highest tallies of sub-3:50 performances in the "metric mile", made a surprising comeback at Stockholm, September 14, running the English mile in 4:02.4—his best ever!

#### CHROMIK 29:10.0, MIMOUN, 36, 29:13.4

**Long Distances.**—Sándor Iharos, who this year has no truly fast time at distances under 3,000 metres, ran the 5 kilometres in 13:46.6 at Stockholm, September 1, extending his countryman Miklós Szabó to a personal best of 13:54.4. Other good clockings at this distance are: J. Kovács 14:03.6 (Budapest, September 16) and Z. Krzyszkowiak, Poland, 14:05.6 (Warsaw, September 8).

Jerzy Chromik still has to make his steeplechase debut this year. So far he has been concentrating on longer distances. At Warsaw on September 9 he ran 10,000 metres in 29:10.0, a new Polish record. France's 36-year-old Alain Mimoun still has experts raving about his second place time of 29:13.4, *sixteen* seconds faster than his previous best of 1952 when he was Zátopek's eternal second. Times at 6 miles: Chromik 28:18.8, Mimoun 28:19.0, indicative of the Pole's good finish. József Kovács ran 10,000 metres in 29:12.6 (Stockholm, September 2) and Herbert Schade once again annexed the German title with 29:38.8 (Berlin, August 17).

**Steeplechase.**—Ernst Larsen of Norway, who with John Disley and Curre Söderberg of Sweden makes up the trio of Europe's steeplechase veterans, has

recently bettered 8:50 on four occasions: 8:42.4 (on his favourite Trondheim track), 8:42.6, 8:45.4 and 8:46.2! All this in a month's time. Olavi Rinteenpää of Finland did 8:47.6 at Helsinki, September 9.

**Hurdles.**—Prior to Lauer's 13.9, a fast high hurdles clocking had been credited to Eamonn Kinsella of Eire at Belfast, September 1, when the 9.8 century man from Dublin took advantage of a wind to return 14 secs. flat. The White City race of September 12 matched some of Europe's best against America's Charles Pratt. The powerful Negro just won in 14.3 from Steines of Germany, 14.3, Edmond Roudnitska of France, 14.3, Jack Parker, 14.4, and Peter Hildreth, 14.5. Kinsella was, unfortunately, in another race, which he won easily in 14.4.

Parker, with three wind-assisted 14.3, is incidentally the unluckiest man of the lot, statistically speaking.

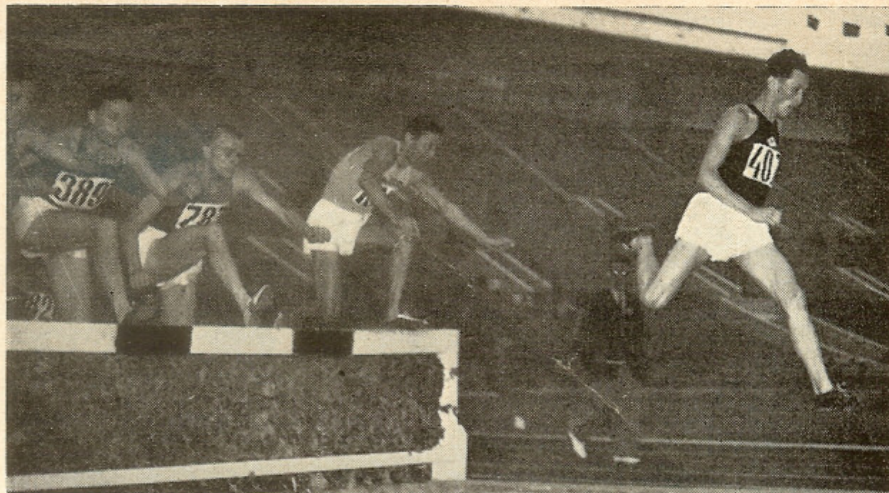
Previously unreported Russian marks include: 14.2 by Vyacheslav Bogatov and 14.4 by Aleksandr Ryedin.

Yuriy Lituyev ran the intermediate hurdles in 50.9 (September 15) and 51.5 (September 16) at Bucharest, beating in the latter race Ilie Savel of Rumania, 52.1, and European champion Anatoliy Yulin, 52.8. This last had done 52.3 the day before: he is desperately trying to attract the selectors' attention, but seems so far relegated to No. 4 or 5 among top Russian specialists.

## NILSSON AND KASHKAROV

6' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

**Jumps.**—The latest European marks in the high jump (in addition to those returned by the most recent 6' 8"-plus men from overseas, Earl Haisley of Jamaica and Charles Porter of Australia) sound as a warning to U.S.A., the long reigning sovereign of the event. First Bengt Nilsson, at Stockholm, September 2, then Igor Kashkarov, at Bucharest, September 16, cleared 2.09 (6' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). Both failed rather badly at 2.12 (6' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). Others improving fast are Stig Pettersson of Sweden, 6' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Björn Thorkildsen of Norway and the returning Jiri Lánsky of Czechoslovakia, 6' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " both. Newest members of the 2-metres-Club are Egon Nilsson of Sweden, 6' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Gian Mario Roveraro of Italy, 6' 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (this tall 20-year-old jumper is the first Italian to do the trick) and Eino Simelius of Finland, 6' 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Just for good measure, Sweden has a third Nilsson (Bengt II) who has done 6' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " already. Journalists and



*Semyon Rzhishchin, the 23 year old Red Army private seen making his world Steeplechase record of 8:39.8 which lasted for 33 days. Following him are previous world record holder Vladimir Kazantsev (389) and Vasilij Vlasenko (787). (A.P.)*

statisticians are likely to get confused in future years!

Landström's already mentioned mark is not the best made in Europe this year. Bob Gutowski came all the way from U.S.A. to Rumania to clear 4.55 (14' 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ ") at Bucharest, September 15, leaving some of the best Europeans way below, at 14' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". (For the record, those who cleared the latter height were: Janiszewski, Preussger, Chernobay and Adamczyk). Poland now has four men at 14' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or better! Best is Zbigniew Janiszewski with 14' 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (Warsaw, September 9). Chernobay tops the Russian list with a previously unreported 14' 6".

## SIX EUROPEANS OVER 25'

European long jumpers, though admittedly inferior to their American rivals in both speed and physical resources, continue to improve steadily. One who has perfected his technique through the years is Jorma Valkama of Finland, an 11.0 century man, who jumped 7.77 (25' 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") at Turku, September 16. Torgny Wählander was second at 7.53 (24' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "), thus becoming the third Swede to reach that very distance. Latest 25-footer is Kazimierz Kropidlowski of Poland, with 7.70 (25' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") at Zagreb, September 22. This brings to six the number of Europeans who have mastered 25' so far this season. Manfred Molzberger won the German title at 7.59 (24' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "), Berlin, August 18. Ken Wilmschurst is ninth best European with his recent 24' 8" at Uxbridge. (Arthur Cruttenden's 24' 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ " at Prague earlier in the season was made with an assisting wind. However, he reached that distance

twice and had a third best jump of 24' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ": so far, we do not know the velocity of the wind in these other jumps.)

Vitold Kreer hop, step and jumped 15.91 (52' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ")—second best in the world this season—at Bucharest, September 15, beating his countryman Chen, 15.77 (51' 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ "). Walter Hertsens of Belgium added more than two feet to his previous best at Liège on August 26 with a 15.81 (51' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") effort. Wilmschurst is—on paper—eleventh best European at 51' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

**Throws.**—Vartan Ovsepyan again bettered the Russian shot putt record, this time with 17.40 (57' 1"), at Bucharest on September 16. "Tiny" Palmer is third on the European list, if his Wealdstone mark of 56' 4" is approved. Germany's second string, Dieter Urbach, has improved to 55' 3". Silvano Meconi has upped the Italian record to 54' 11".

Karel Merta appeared to be in excellent form about a month ago, when he threw the discus 56.37 (184' 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") on July 27, and 55.28 (181' 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") on August 5, both times at Libis. On August 12 at Karlsbad he produced a mighty 57.95 (190' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") with a light discus—what the difference was is not to be gathered from Czech reports. But on August 20 at Budapest, in his first major test of the season, the Czech was badly beaten by Ferenc Klics of Hungary—168' 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 176' 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Still at Budapest, September 16, Klics too was defeated, namely by Gejza Valent of Czechoslovakia, who threw 174' 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". The only high calibre man still undefeated is, of course, Consolini. But the veteran Italian is not in good form right now. After some unimpress-

sive 170-plus marks in Italy, he met Russia's best, Grigalka and Matveyev, in Bucharest, September 15. It will be remembered that Grigalka beat Consolini by about ten inches last year to become the first European other than Tosi to do the trick since 1940! Even in this year's meet, the Russian was in the lead up to the fourth try, with 172' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Consolini had to go all out to reach 172' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and finally 174' 9 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". Matveyev, who has a season's best of 179' 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (previously unreported), was third at 172' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Merta has not been selected so far ("lack of discipline" is the official reason) and Gordien is slightly injured. As a result, anything can happen in the Melbourne discus final.

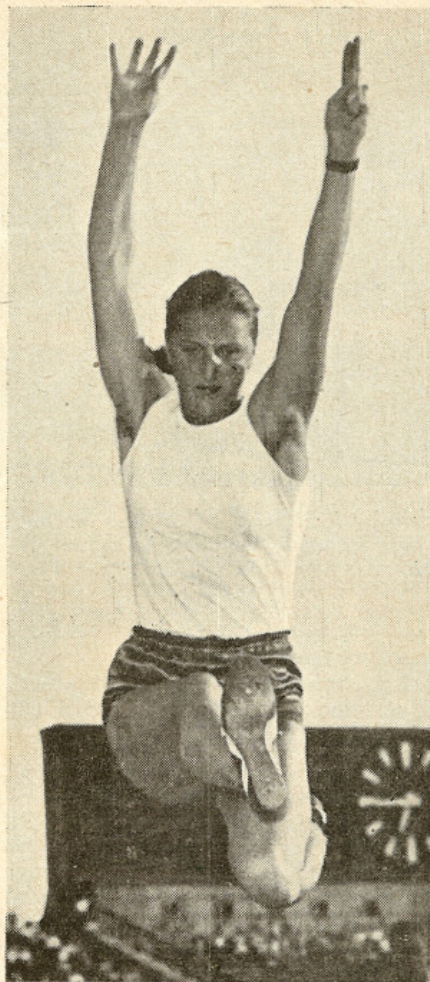
#### SAMOTSVETOV 213' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Best recent mark in the hammer is Krivosov's 214' 10" at Bisham Abbey near Marlow on September 2 (he had a second best of 213' 9"). Anatoliy Samotsvetov, who though not as consistent as his master is nonetheless improving fast, reached 65.03 (213' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") at Bucharest, September 17, defeating Rut of Poland, 205' 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". This last had previously thrown 63.57 (208' 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "), August 31 at Oslo, beating former world record holder Sverre Strandli, 202' 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ". Olympic champion József Csermák improved to 62.35 (204' 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") at Budapest, September 16, and Oldrich Engel brought the Czech record to 61.66 (202' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") at Usti nad Labem, September 2.

#### POLAND HAS THREE

##### 266-PLUS MEN!

The eagerly awaited Danielsen-Sidlo clash at Oslo, August 30, saw the world record holder in a slump, probably the result of his recent illness. Danielsen won easily at 79.88 (262' 0 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") as Sidlo was . . . third with 246' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Poland's latest find, Jan Kopyto, placed second at 255' 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". At Warsaw, September 9, the amazing Kopyto, who is barely 22, got one off to 81.12 (266' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ")! And Poland has a third prospect for Melbourne in the person of 25-year-old Andrzej Walczak, the man who bettered 250' at the White City recently. Walczak has a season's best of 81.20 (266' 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") made at Wroclaw, August 27. This country has this year shown an improvement greater than that of any other European track power. Then Sidlo has now regained his former consistency, with throws of 80.47 (264' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ ") at Budapest, September 16 and 80.44 (263' 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") at Zagreb,



Elzbieta Dunska-Krezinska, 21, seen making the actual jump of 20 ft. 10 in. (6.35 m.) which won her the world record at 6.45 p.m. on August 24 in the Nepsstadion, Budapest. (Planet News.)

September 23. In the former meet, Viktor Tsibulenko set a new Russian record of 79.89 (262' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). Soini Nikkinen is in poor form now, and was in fact outclassed by Olavi Kauhanen at the Finnish Championships. Kauhanen threw 77.35 (253' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "), Lahti, August 26. Yet another national record fell as Heiner Will of Germany threw 79.41 (260' 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") at Colombes, Paris, on September 2. The Melbourne final will probably match eight men credited with marks ranging from 260' to 274': Sidlo, Danielsen, Nikkinen, Held, Walczak, Kopyto, Tsibulenko and Will. Defending champion Cyrus Young and France's Michel Macquet, with their 259-plus marks, will be in close attendance! We know what impression this would make on old-timers, but future track historians are likely to look back to the "Danielsen days" with indifference!

#### LAUER 7,201 PTS. IN DECATHLON

In addition to his 13.9 in the 110 metres hurdles, Martin Lauer set a new German decathlon record of 7,201 pts. during the match with Finland (Hamburg, September 22/23). This total has been excelled by only seven men in history. Lauer again scored high in track events: 110 m. 10.6, 400 m. 47.8 and 110 m. hurdles 14.4. Torbjörn Lassenius of Finland raised his country's record to 6,991 pts. Another national record went to the credit of Fritz Vogelsang of Switzerland who in Zurich, September 22/23, amassed 6,798 points.

R. L. Q.

#### HEWSON 2:19.9

Manchester, 22 September.

Brian Hewson despite lack of opposition and no calling of interval times took fourth place on the world's 1,000 metres all-time list with 2 min. 19.9 secs. The top three are Audun Boysen (Norway) and Istvan Rozsavolgyi (Hungary), co-holders of the world record at 2 min. 19.0 secs. and Roger Moens (Belgium) 2:19.6). Hewson showed a welcome return to form, taking the lead at 500 metres, he sailed away from Lang Stanley (USA) 2:25.2 with J. D. Veals a sound third in 2:26.6.

The mile was a disappointment when Gordon Pirie withdrew suffering from a cold and from the after effects of his Olympic trip injections (also given to Hewson). Chataway versus Ibbotson turned into a tactical race after Ibbotson went to the front after a 2:01.0 half and only got to the bell at 3:08.6. Ibbotson (4:09.8) stumbled on the home bend and Chataway won comfortably enough in 4:09.2 with Roger Dunkley third in a personal best of 4:09.8. (With acknowledgements to R. E. Wilkins.)

#### TURN RUNNING

It is well recognized that negotiating a 180 degree bend slices over four tenths of a second from the time of a furlong runner. The average time of the top ten straight and the top ten curved 220 yard runners show averages of 20.74 sec. against 20.3 sec. on the straightaways.

This makes all the more magnificent the world baseball record for the fastest time for circling the bases. In 1943 Donald Weir of the University of California belted round the diamond in 13.6 seconds. This involved 120 yards plus 3 right angle bends!

# BRITISH YEAR LIST 1956

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

As reported at October 1st.

**100 METRES** (10.67 is equivalent to 9.8 and 10.78 is equivalent to 9.9 for 100 yds.)

10.3	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)	Budapest	Aug. 19
10.67	J. R. C. Young (Bishop Vesey's GS)	Perry Bar	July 17
10.67n	B. Shenton (Polytechnic H.)	Perry Bar	July 17
10.7	J. F. Groves (U.L.A.C.)	Waexjo	Aug. 9
10.78	B. D. Cox (Norton and Stockton A.C.)	Durham	May 14
10.78	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)	White City	May 19
10.78n	K. J. Box (Liverpool H. & A.C.)	White City	May 19
10.78	P. M. Crosby (Leeds)	Temple Newsam	June 2
10.78n	S. Orman (Polytechnic H.)	Oxford	June 13
10.78n	P. Toner (Albert Foundry A.C.)	Dublin	June 23
10.78n	R. J. Chambers (Short & Harland's A.C.)	Dublin	June 23
10.78	D. H. Segal (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 3
10.78n	R. J. Baddeley (Army)	Manchester	July 25

With wind:—

10.56	K. J. Box (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
10.67	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)	Dover	June 2
10.67	M. K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth A.C.)	Southampton	June 9
10.67	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)	Staveley	June 30
10.67	R. J. Baddeley (Army)	Aldershot	June 30

**200 METRES** (\*=220 yards time less 0.1 secs.)

21.2n	B. Shenton (Polytechnic H.)	Prague	July 21
21.5*	J. R. C. Young (Bishop Vesey's G.S.)	Perry Bar	July 17
21.5n*	M. J. Ruddy (Polytechnic H.)	White City	Aug. 4
21.5	F. P. Higgins (Southgate H.)	Barking	Sept. 8
21.6n	R. G. Roberts (Cambridge U.A.C.)	Amsterdam	June 24
21.7n	M. K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth A.C.)	Croydon	Aug. 15
21.7n	E. R. Sandstrom (R.A.F.)	White City	Sept. 12
21.8*	D. H. Segal (R.A.F.)	White City	July 13
21.9n	J. A. Spooner (Essex B.)	White City	Sept. 12
21.9*	A. S. Breacker (Mitcham A.C.)	White City	July 13

**400 METRES** (\*=440 yards time less 0.3 secs.)

47.1	F. P. Higgins (Southgate H.)	White City	Sept. 12
47.4*	M. K. V. Wheeler (Bournemouth A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
47.4n	J. V. Salisbury (Loughborough Coll. A.C.)	Budapest	Aug. 19
48.1n*	J. F. Groves (U.L.A.C.)	White City	May 21
48.2n*	J. D. Wrighton (Southgate H.)	White City	May 21
48.3n*	T. S. Farrell (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	Manchester	June 23
48.4	A. D. Sexton (Belgrave H.)	Bonn	Aug. 22
48.5*	R. Woodland (Wimbledon A.C.)	Tooting Bec.	Aug. 22
48.6n	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)	Oslo	July 30
48.7n*	G. L. Critchlow (Achilles Club)	Oxford	June 13

**800 METRES** (\*=880 yards time less 0.7 secs.)

1:47.5	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Glasgow	Sept. 15
1:47.7n	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)	Oslo	July 30
1:49.7	M. A. Rawson (Birchfield H.)	Istanbul	Aug. 12
1:50.0n	M. A. Farrell (Birchfield H.)	Glasgow	Sept. 15
1:50.7*	R. D. Henderson (Elswick H.)	White City	July 13
1:50.8*	D. C. E. Gorrie (Achilles Club)	Oxford	Mar. 10
1:51.1n	J. V. Paterson (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	Glasgow	Aug. 4
1:51.4n	M. F. Walmsley (Manchester U.A.C.)	Helsinki	June 4
1:51.5*	D. L. Lovelady (Sefton H.)	White City	July 13
1:51.5n*	E. D. C. Buswell (Gt. Yarmouth A.C.)	White City	July 13

**1,500 METRES** (\*=1 mile time converted according to I.A.A.F. tables)

3:41.3*	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	White City	Aug. 6
3:43.2n	B. S. Hewson (Mitcham A.C.)	Budapest	Sept. 29
3:43.4	K. Wood (Sheffield Utd. H. and A.C.)	White City	May 19
3:43.4n	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	White City	Sept. 12
3:44.7n*	I. H. Boyd (Herne Hill H.)	White City	Aug. 6
3:45.9*	P. B. Driver (S.L.H.)	Motspur Park	June 2
3:46.4n	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	White City	Sept. 12
3:46.4n	A. D. Gordon (Achilles Club)	White City	Sept. 12
3:46.8	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)	Sarpsborg	Aug. 2
3:47.0n	E. Shirley (Finchley H.)	White City	May 19



Tamara Tishyevich, favourite for the Olympic shot put title at Melbourne. This 16 stone Russian girl won the Spartakiade title in August with 53 ft. 2½ in. (A.P.)

## RICHTZENHAIN 3:43.0

The long awaited clash between the two top personalities in British athletics—Chris Chataway and Gordon Pirie—which took place over 1,500 metres at the White City Stadium on Wednesday, 12 September, was an anti-climax. These two had last met 37 months before at the same Stadium in the "Emsley Carr" mile when Pirie beat Wes Santee and Chataway was fourth.

The man who stole the show was the East German Klaus Richtzenhain who won in 3 mins. 43.0 secs.—equalling R. G. Bannister's best ever performance on British soil made during the famous first 4-minute mile. Richtzenhain moved into the lead with a lap and a half to go and soon it was apparent that only Pirie, Chataway and Oxford's Alan Gordon could match the German's pace. As the field reached the long back straight, it was obvious that Chataway was finding the pace too hot. Despite his personal best ever performance of 3 mins. 43.4 secs., Gordon Pirie was unable to catch his red-vested adversary, who thus secured revenge for a defeat by Pirie when the latter ran 3 mins. 43.7 secs. at Amsterdam on June 24. Chataway finished in 3 mins. 46.4 secs. perhaps having lost his speed edge by training specifically for the 5,000 metres in the match from which the Russians withdrew. Alan Gordon achieved a personal best of 3 mins. 46.4 secs.

**5,000 METRES** (\*=3 miles time plus 28 secs.)

13:36.8	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	Bergen	June 19
13:56.2*	G. D. Ibbotson (R.A.F.)	White City	Aug. 4
13:59.6	C. J. Chataway (Achilles Club)	Budapest	Sept. 29
14:02.8n*	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	Ibrox Park	June 9
14:03.2*	H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
14:06.0n*	K. L. Norris (T.V.H.)	White City	Aug. 4
14:12.0	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.)	White City	Sept. 12
14:14.6n*	F. L. Wyatt (Bristol A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
14:14.6n	A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)	White City	Sept. 12
14:18.6n*	M. R. Maynard (Herne Hill H.)	Motspur Park	June 23

**10,000 METRES** (\*=6 miles time plus 60 secs.)

29:13.6*	K. L. Norris (T.V.H.)	White City	July 13
29:14.2n*	F. D. Sando (Aylesford P.M.)	White City	July 13
29:17.2	D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.)	Croydon	July 4
29:30.6n*	H. V. Foord (Brighton A.C.)	White City	July 13
29:42.8n*	A. F. Perkins (Ilford A.C.)	White City	April 21
29:52.0n*	P. B. Driver (S.L.H.)	White City	July 13
29:52.8n*	F. Norris (Bolton Utd. H.)	White City	July 13
29:55.8n*	G. Knight (Essex Beagles)	White City	July 13
30:03.0n*	J. E. Nichols (Sheffield Utd. H. and A.C.)	White City	July 13
30:07.8*	B. B. Heatley (Coventry Godiva H.)	Perry Bar	May 23

**3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE**

8:46.6	J. I. Disley (L.A.C.)	White City	Aug. 4
8:47.2n	C. W. Brasher (Achilles Club)	White City	Aug. 4
8:51.6	E. G. Shirley (Finchley H.)	White City	July 14
9:00.4n	E. G. Ellis (T.V.H.)	White City	Sept. 12
9:05.2n	C. W. Suddaby (Achilles Club)	Stockholm	July 26
9:05.6n	R. G. Beecroft (Clayton-le-Moors H.)	White City	July 14
9:07.6n	A. J. Llewellyn (Walton A.C.)	White City	July 14
9:11.0n	P. Hedley (Sheffield Utd. H. and A.C.)	White City	July 14
9:13.2	R. Dunkley (Shaftesbury H.)	Motspur Park	May 16
9:18.0n	D. C. Pemble (Kent Constabulary)	Motspur Park	June 23

**110 METRES HURDLES** (including wind-assisted marks) (\*=120 yds. time)

14.3	F. J. Parker (S.L.H.)	Aldershot	June 30
14.3*	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	White City	Aug. 4
14.7	R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)	White City	May 19
14.8n	V. C. Matthews (London A.C.)	Prague	July 21
14.8n*	P. A. L. Vine (Achilles Club)	Manchester	July 25
14.8n*	C. D. Carrington (Achilles Club)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
14.9n*	J. T. A. Johnston (R.A.F.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
15.0*	A. Hannah (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	St. Andrews	June 2
15.1*	J. R. Bradley (Army)	Aldershot	June 30
15.1n*	A. L. Smith (Army)	Aldershot	June 30
15.1n*	R. A. Sutton (Polytechnic H.)	Manchester	July 25

**400 METRES HURDLES** (\*=440 yards time less 0.3 secs.)

51.7	R. D. Shaw (Achilles Club)	Budapest	Sept. 30
52.1n	H. Kane (London A.C.)	Budapest	Sept. 30
52.6*	T. S. Farrell (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	White City	May 19
52.6	P. B. Hildreth (Polytechnic H.)	White City	Aug. 6
53.4n*	D. J. N. Johnson (Woodford Green A.C.)	Oxford	June 13
53.5n*	J. Metcalf (Achilles Club)	Oxford	June 13
53.7n*	J. Richards (Loughborough Coll. A.C.)	Oxford	June 13
54.0	D. H. R. Salter (U.L.A.C.)	Oslo	July 30
54.2n*	A. Hannah (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	Manchester	May 25
54.3n*	C. J. Andrews (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 18

**HIGH JUMP**

6' 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " (2.018m.)	P. Wells	Christchurch, N.Z.	Feb. 2
6' 4" (1.929m.)	P. G. Stableforth (Walton A.C.)	Dudelange, Lux.	July 29
6' 3" (1.904m.)	W. M. Piper (Glasgow Pol. A.C.)	Glasgow	June 9
6' 2" (1.879m.)	M. J. C. Ludlow (Hythe A.C.)	Dover	June 2
6' 2" (1.879m.)	A. M. Law (Paisley Pol. A.C.)	Dunfermline	July 5
6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " (1.866m.)	C. W. Fairbrother (R.A.F.)	Forres	July 14
6' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " (1.866m.)	D. Wilson (Hercules A.C.)	Hurlingham	Sept. 8
6' 1" (1.853m.)	10 athletes.		

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# SIME BEATEN

The meeting was an Olympic trial for the West and East German teams who are combining for Olympic purposes. The visitors won 10 out of the 22 events which rather depressed the home crowd, who perhaps did not appreciate that few of Britain's Olympic team were running in their right events. Because the communications between the announcers and the mid-field officials was so poor, many fine performances went past unheralded. Andrzej Walczak (Poland) smashed Bud Held's 1952 British All Comers' Javelin record of 240ft. 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in. with a fine throw of 252ft. 0in. Olavi Kauhanen (Finland) also beat the old figures with 242ft. 8in.

The defeat of the "World's fastest human" Dave Sime (10.7 secs.) over 100 metres by Manfred Germar (Germany) with 10.5 secs. was a depressing surprise to the organisers and spectators alike. Peter Higgins was the best British performer of the evening when he beat Finland's Voitto Hellsten (47.2 secs.) over 400 metres in 47.1 secs.—a personal best performance; and then ran a heroic leg in the 4 × 400 metres relay in 46.0 secs. to give Michael Wheeler a handsome anchor leg lead over K-F Haas. The German champion ran intelligently and overhauled Wheeler for the visitors to return 3 mins. 7.8 secs., a best performance on British soil, with the British quartet achieving 3 mins. 8.0 secs., the fastest ever by a national team.

In the shot putt 19-year-old Tony Rowe, a blacksmith, reached 51ft. 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>in. behind Barclay Palmer and John Savidge, thus achieving a new British high water mark in this event.

The most impressive performance in the women's events was the runaway victory of Ursula Donath (East Germany) in 2 mins. 7.5 secs. with Mrs. Phyllis Perkins (2 mins. 7.9 secs.) and Diane Leather (2 mins. 8.4 secs.) fully extended. Two Great Britain 4 × 100 metres women's relay teams beat the German quartette with the Olympic selection of Heather Armitage, Ann Pashley, Mrs. June Paul and Sheila Hoskin returning 45.7 secs.—0.3 secs. slower than their record run at Hurlingham on the previous Saturday.



# LAWRENCE

## 14:01.8

### 5,000 METRES

From Joe Galli. Sydney, September 8.

Dave Stephens' Australian 5,000 metre record of 14:07.2 set last December when he beat Tabori and Iharos in Melbourne was well and truly beaten today by two fast finishing countrymen. Allan Lawrence recorded 14:01.8, beating Albert Thomas (14:03.8) by 12 yards. Thomas led at three miles in 13:39.8 with Lawrence at his shoulder. Lawrence showed his tremendous finish by covering the last 188 yards in an almost unbelievable 22.0 sec.

This compares with Willie Slykhuis's famous 22.3 sec. differential in a 14:35.2 race in Birmingham in October 1952.

Other leading marks of late have been a 9.7 sec. 100 yards by co-world record holder Hec Hogan (Melbourne, September 8), a 4:05.8 mile by Merv Lincoln and a 4:10.4 mile by Ron Clarke, still overweight after Army service at the same meeting. Charles Porter is becoming wonderfully consistent, doing 6ft. 7in. at Brisbane on the same day. At Sydney on September 9 Graham Thomas set an Australian steeplechase record with 8:59.4 beating the old mark by a margin of 5.8 sec. Peter Hanlin added two inches on to his shot putt record with 51ft. 4½in. on the same occasion.

In the Australian marathon championships at Melbourne on September 8 John Russell, a 24 year old New South Welshman won easily in 2H26:37.8. He helped to carry off poor Keith Ollerenshaw who was passed 800 yards from the finish and was in a state of collapse. His time was 2H27:31.2, with Les Perry third in 2H29:08.0 and Rowley Guy fourth in 2H29:37.8. The verdict was that the Olympic course is a tough one.

Jim Bailey is back in the country and says he could beat Landy who is training quietly.

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#### POLE VAULT

13' 3" (4.038m.)	G. M. Elliott (Woodford Green A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
13' 3" (4.038m.)	I. Ward (Bury A.C.)	White City	Aug. 6
13' 0½" (3.975m.)	G. E. Broad (Hermes A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 2
12' 9" (3.886m.)	M. C. Ash (Belgrave H.)	Motspur Park	June 23
12' 6" (3.809m.)	M. E. Nugent (Achilles Club)	White City	April 7
12' 6" (3.809m.)	R. Petitjean (Middleton H. and A.C.)	Chester	Aug. 6
12' 4" (3.758m.)	G. D. Howland (Shaftesbury H.)	Maidstone	June 30
12' 3" (3.733m.)	A. B. Hopkins (Walton A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
12' 1" (3.582m.)	C. K. Fletcher (Bridgend A.C.)	Cardiff	June 23
12' 0" (3.657m.)	5 athletes.		

#### LONG JUMP

24' 8" (7.518m.)	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	Uxbridge	Sept. 8
24' 5" (7.442m.)	A. R. Cruttenden (Polytechnic H.)	Uxbridge	Sept. 8
23' 4" (7.111m.)	E. Darlow (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 4
23' 3" (7.086m.)	R. F. Coleman (Essex Beagles)	Cambridge	May 24
23' 3" (7.086m.)	A. G. Whittaker (London A.C.)	Oxford	June 13
23' 0½" (7.023m.)	K. J. Box (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	White City	July 13
23' 0½" (7.023m.)	G. N. Lewis (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 25
22' 10" (6.959m.)	K. H. Parker (Lunesdale A.C.)	Craiglockhart	July 5
22' 9" (6.934m.)	N. G. Hamilton (Queen's U., Belfast)	Belfast	May 26
22' 8" (6.908m.)	R. McG. Stephen (Glasgow U.A.C.)	Linkfield	July 21

with wind assistance:—

24' 8" (7.518m.)	A. R. Cruttenden (Polytechnic H.)	Prague	July 22
23' 7" (7.188m.)	A. G. Whittaker (London A.C.)	Oxford	May 10
23' 7" (7.188m.)	K. J. Box (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
23' 0" (7.010m.)	N. G. Hamilton, (Queen's U., Belfast)	Belfast	April 21

#### HOP, STEP AND JUMP

51' 2¼" (15.60m.)	K. S. D. Wilmshurst (Walton A.C.)	White City	Aug. 6
48' 1½" (14.668m.)	D. W. Field (Birchfield H.)	Budapest	Sept. 30
48' 1" (14.655m.)	D. C. Frost (Army)	Oldenberg	Sept. 1
47' 5" (14.45m.)	M. T. Rimmer (Liverpool H. and A.C.)	Colwyn Bay	Sept. 8
47' 4½" (14.44m.)	G. W. Roden (T.V.H.)	Barking	Sept. 8
47' 1½" (14.36m.)	T. M. McNab (Jordanhill T.C.A.A.C.)	Edinburgh	April 28
46' 11½" (14.31m.)	F. Wyers (Darlington H.)	Liverpool	June 2
46' 9" (14.25m.)	L. C. Parry (Bolton Utd. H. and A.C.)	Liverpool	June 2
46' 5" (14.15m.)	R. M. Stephen (Glasgow U.A.C.)	Belfast	May 12
46' 5" (14.15m.)	G. T. J. Britten (Essex Beagles)	Woodford Bridge	Sept. 15
46' 4" (14.12m.)	H. M. Murray (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	Craiglockhart	May 2

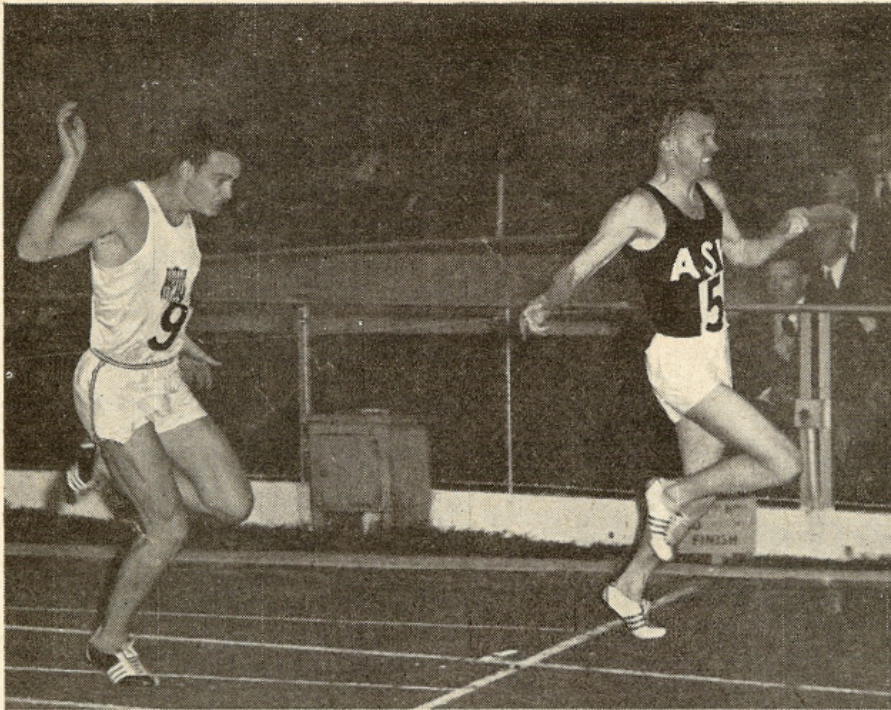
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47' 8" (14.53m.)	H. M. Murray (Edinburgh U.A.C.)	St. Andrews	June 2
47' 6" (14.48m.)	W. H. Robinson (Army)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
47' 0" (14.33m.)	L. C. Parry (Bolton Utd. H. and A.C.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
46' 7" (14.20m.)	R. M. Stephen (Glasgow U.A.C.)	St. Andrews	June 2

#### SHOT PUTT

56' 4" (17.17m.)	W. B. L. Palmer (Achilles)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
53' 9¼" (16.389m.)	J. A. Savidge (L.A.C.)	Budapest	Sept. 30
51' 7" (15.72m.)	A. Rowe (Doncaster P.W.)	Aylesbury	Sept. 22
50' 3" (15.32m.)	G. A. Carr (Woodford Grn. A.C.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
49' 4" (15.04m.)	M. R. Lindsay (Q.P.H.)	Paddington	Aug. 22
48' 8" (14.83m.)	E. G. Wieland (Royal Navy)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
48' 4" (14.73m.)	M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.)	Manchester	June 23
47' 9½" (14.57m.)	R. J. Harris (Belgrave H.)	Tooting	April 28
47' 5" (14.45m.)	N. Morgan (Q.P.H.)	Tooting	April 21
47' 4" (14.43m.)	M. T. Lucking (Felsted School)	Barking	Sept. 8

# PIRIE BEATS ALL THREE



Manfred Germar (Germany) seen defeating the "world's fastest human" Dave Sime (U.S.A.) in 10.5 sec. Sime (10.7) was running at only 7/8ths power owing to a suspect muscle. Wearing No. 7 is Roy Sandstrom who recorded 10.8 sec. for third place, over four yards slower than his Budapest timing in August. (A.P.)

## Malmö, Sweden

A discord was struck in the 1956 Hungarian Rhapsody when Britain's Gordon Pirie made the World 3,000 metres record his sole property here at the famous Malmö Idrottsplats this evening.

The occasion was the annual M.A.I. two-day international meeting held every year in Sweden's third city at the 393-65 metre track made famous by Gunder Hägg's 1945 mile record of 4:01.4 which defied the World for nearly nine long years.

The centrepiece was the 3,000 metre race on the second day for which Hungary's team manager Josef Sir brought the mighty Honved Trio known as the Tabori-Rozsavölgyi-Iharos Organization together with their manager Mihaly Igloi. The object of the exercise was to mount an offensive against Britain's Gordon Pirie, who, by capturing Iharos's 5,000 metre World record on June 19th and equalling his 3,000 metre record three days later, is the fly in the ointment to the intended Magyar monopoly for all World records from 1,000 to 10,000 metres.

It was one of Southern Sweden's softest September evenings, with the flags hanging limp and just a tang in the clear sharp air of the scent of pine. All was bustle and buzz as the red-vested Hungarians and the two Britons, Pirie and Roger Dunkley, together with the lone Swede Johansson lined up in the back straight for 7½ laps of what promised to be a most gruelling fight in which no quarter would be asked and none given. There was a false start in which an over-anxious Iharos revealed that he was the one whom Igloi had detailed for the early pace making.

As he walked back, Pirie, who exhibited less signs of strain than anyone, consoled him with the remark, "Don't be so anxious". The World 10,000 metre record holder was not amused. There was no mistake next time and the field whirled straight into the first bend in a tight bunch with Iharos in the van and Pirie second. Iharos piled on the pace down the home stretch and completed the first 400 metres in 59.6 secs. as Tabori, wearing his usual wicked smile, flashed up from third place behind Pirie.

## DISCUS THROW

174' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (53.04m.)	M. Pharaoh (Walton A.C.)	Prague	July 22
169' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (51.65m.)	G. A. Carr (Woodford Grn. A.C.)	Ilford	Aug. 18
154' 11" (47.24m.)	E. A. Cleaver (Army)	Detmold	July 10
154' 10" (47.22m.)	T. J. Gaworski (Belgrave H.)		May
154' 7" (47.11m.)	M. R. Lindsay (Queens Park H.)	Aylesbury	Sept. 22
153' 4" (46.74m.)	P. Isbester (Ilford A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
153' 4" (46.74m.)	J. Sampson (Kent A.C.)	Motspur Park	June 23
150' 8" (45.92m.)	K. Maksimczyk (Westbury H.)		July 10
150' 5" (45.84m.)	W. B. L. Palmer (Achilles Club)	Aylesbury	Sept. 22
148' 6" (45.26m.)	O. A. Feldmanis (Mitcham A.C.)	Thames Ditton	Aug. 25

## HAMMER THROW

195' 7" (59.61m.)	P. C. Allday (London A.C.)	Bisham Abbey	Sept. 2
190' 9" (58.14m.)	D. W. J. Anthony (Polytechnic H.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
187' 11" (57.28m.)	M. J. Ellis (T.V.H.)	Uxbridge	July 18
184' 0" (56.08m.)	I. S. Bain (Achilles Club)	Oxford	May 10
183' 8" (55.98m.)	E. C. K. Douglas (F.E.C.)	Craiglockhart	June 28
183' 2" (55.83m.)	A. R. Valentine (London A.C.)	Croydon	Aug. 15
181' 0" (55.17m.)	D. McD. M. Clark (in N.Z.)	New Zealand	July
170' 0" (51.82m.)	W. M. Dixon (R.A.F.)	Uxbridge	July 1
168' 5" (51.33m.)	C. A. Harper (Birchfield H.)	Uxbridge	Sept. 8
167' 11" (51.18m.)	C. J. Reidy (Milocarion A.C.)	Singapore	Aug. 4

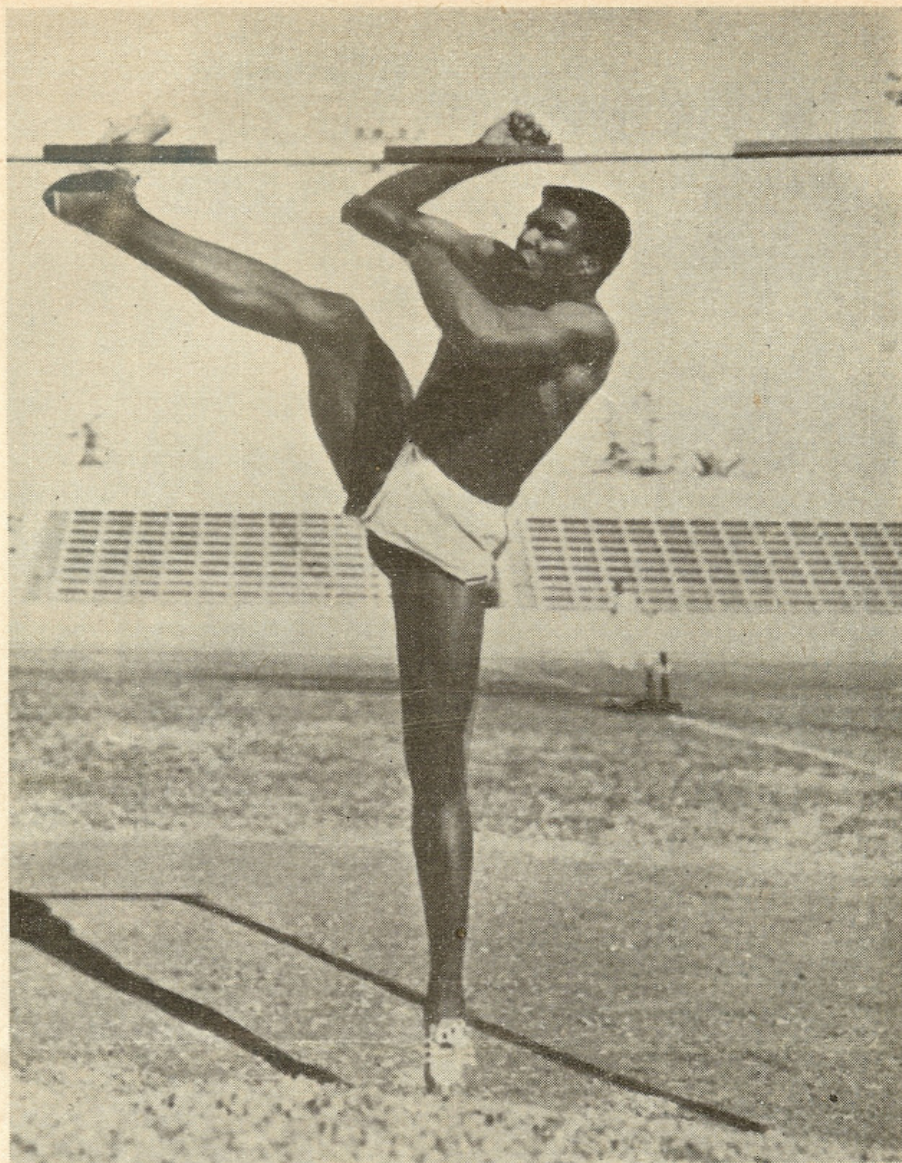
## JAVELIN THROW

233' 6" (71.17m.)	P. S. Cullen (Rotherham H.A.C.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
225' 8" (68.78m.)	C. N. Loveland (Army)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
217' 11" (66.42m.)	M. L. Harradine (T.V.M.)	Uxbridge	June 2
207' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (63.16m.)	D. E. Tucker (Herne Hill H.)	Prague	July 21
203' 9" (62.10m.)	R. A. C. Davies (U.L.A.C.)	White City	Sept. 12
202' 8" (61.77m.)	A. J. Farmer (L.A.C.)	Hurlingham	July 18
202' 7" (61.74m.)	R. D. W. Miller (Reading A.C.)	Sweden	Sept. —
202' 6" (61.72m.)	D. E. J. Cosh (Herne Hill H.)	Wealdstone	Aug. 11
199' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (60.77m.)	D. W. R. Mackenzie (T.V.H.)	Manchester	May 28
195' 6" (59.59m.)	E. W. Bannister (Army)	Liverpool	June 2
194' 4" (59.23m.)	J. Gribler (Army)	Boscombe	July 28

It was now abundantly clear that the Hungarians were working on the pyramid principle and that "Rozsa" was being teed up ready for the strike in the closing lap. Still smarting under Pirie's 2,000 metre victory over them last year, the Honved trio were now really ganged up. Tabori ripped through the 800 metres in 2:03.0 (Pirie 2:03.5) and towed Pirie past the 200 metre mark in 3:08.4. Just before the half-way mark at 1,500 metres, Iharos came back to head the four-man file which at this pace had, little wonder, detached itself from the 8:09.4 man Dunkley and the luckless Swede Johansson.

At the 1,500 metre mark passed in 3:57.0 the shouted orders of Sir at Igloi were shut out by the rising crescendo from the 10,000 crowd whose enthusiasm by now knew no bounds. After four laps the 1,600 metres time of 4:14.3 indicated that the first mile had occupied 4:15.5 and that the pace must be further increased if Hungary was to unbracket the World record. By about 200 metres later, Tabori had shot his bolt and the co-holder of the World record Iharos showed his head passing through the 2,000 metres in 5:19.2 with Pirie clocking 5:19.5. Despite an agonising effort the wincing Iharos could not manage the sixth lap in better than 67.7 secs. At 500 metres from home the carefully nurtured world 1,500 metre record-holder frisked into the lead, his blond hair bobbing menacingly. The 2,000 metre mark had been reached in 18 whole seconds or 120 yards slower than on the occasion of his great 2,000 metre record of 5:02.2 made in Budapest last October and he was now set to run away from the tall gaunt mechanically striding Englishman. Looking much like the 1:48.8 800 metre man he is, "Rozsa" tore past the bell in 6:55.7 and indulged in an extravagant burst round the penultimate bend which rocked Pirie. The dearly bought gap of nearly three metres closed as if by elastic and down the back straight for the seventh and last time Pirie seemed to have the measure. The din renting the night air by now must have been nearly audible across the strait in Denmark. The crowd had a slight partiality for the outnumbered Englishmen but more than anything they wanted a better finish and a new World record.

Round the last bend it was Rozsa's all the way. He pulled wide coming into the long home stretch but bearing up majestically on the outside came Pirie punching out a tired shrugging stride. Rozsavölgyi was at the top



*Charlie Dumas, the world high jump record holder seen in action at the point of his left-footed take off. (A.P.)*

end of his register while Pirie was here well short of his best distance. Displaying his immense stamina and competitive fire Pirie cracked the third and toughest of his three adversaries. First they were level and then irresistibly first one, then two, then three metres of night showed between the two.

Here was a classic to match in excitement the Miracle Mile, the Chataway-Kuts duel and the Bislet 1,500 metre finish between Nielsen and Tabori a year to the night before. Completing the last lap in 57.0 secs., Pirie had come home four yards to the good in a phenomenal 7:52.8 for his fifth World record. "Rozsa" also bettered the not so old figures of 7:55.6 with a magnificent 7:53.4.

Pursued by photographers loosing off a flurry of flashbulbs and by other British athletes from the Achilles Club team, Pirie jogged on round to the start. There he was launched on a tumultuous waving lap of honour in which programmes were flung in his path as the brilliant announcer Kurt Alexandersson goaded the crowd on. Later Rozsavölgyi was sent on another lap of honour and the two sweat-streaked warriors shook hands on the rostrum for the presentation by the former World 1,500 metre record holder Lennart Strand, who was recently blinded in one eye in an out-board motor accident. Also present were the now almost portly Gunder Hägg and Britain's greatest ever 400 metre runner A. G. K. Brown.



Lee Calhoun, the United States high hurdles champion. Here seen in an indoor workout under his coach Leroy T. Walker of North Carolina College. Calhoun came to the fore with world indoor records in the 50, 60 and 70 yards hurdles with times of 6.0 at Philadelphia on Jan. 20, 7.1 in New York on Feb 11 and 8.3 at Washington on Jan. 21. Calhoun made his high hurdles debut on May 1 1952 at the Penn Relays with a time of 14.8 sec. which he later improved at the Carolina Relays to 14.7 sec. After a spell in the Army he came back in 1955 to record 14.3 sec. for 2nd place in the All-Army track championships and displayed his versatility with a 6ft. 3in. high jump in Korea. In 1956 after making three world records indoors he sharpened up his speed with a 9.8 100 yards at the South Carolina Open Meet in April and a 13.8 hurdles at Baltimore in May.

## BOOK SHELF

### Who's Who in Olympic Track and Field

This book, available in Europe about November 1, contains personal data on over 150 athletes who are considered likely to be medal winners at Melbourne. A typical entry gives full name, place and date of birth, height, weight, whether married and occupation.

An athlete's progression is then given followed by a short athletic biography giving main achievements, titles and records held.

This book is patently obviously indispensable to all keen followers of the Games.

The supply is limited so early orders are advised from Roberto Quercetani, 27 Borgo San Jacopo, Florence, Italy, or Bert Nelson, Box 296, Los Altos, California, U.S.A., enclosing an international money order for \$4 (28s. 7d.). Air speeded copies will cost \$1 (7s. 2d.) extra.

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### PIRIE versus CHATAWAY

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Distance	Time and Placing	Event	Place and Date	Chataway's Time and Placing
1. Cross Country		Surrey Junior	Feb., 1949	3rd
2. Cross Country	35:46.0 12th	National Junior	Bromford Bridge 12 Mar., 1949	35:56 14th
3. 1 mile	4:18.0 3rd	Inter-services	Uxbridge 26 July, 1949	4:15.6 1st
4. 2 miles	9:15.4 4th	British Games	White City 14 May, 1951	9:03.8 1st
5. 1 mile	4:16.8 2nd	Kinnaird Trophy	Chiswick 16 June, 1951	4:17.2 3rd
6. 5,000 metres	14:59.0 2nd	G.B. v Turkey	Istanbul 1 Sept., 1951	14:56.6 1st
7. 3 miles	14:12.0 4th	A.A.A. Champs.	White City 14 July, 1952	14:02.6 2nd
8. 5,000 metres	14:18.0 4th	Olympic Games	Helsinki 24 July, 1952	14:18.0 5th
9. 2 miles	8:55.6 2nd	British Games	White City 25 May, 1953	8:49.6 1st
10. 1 mile	4:06.8 1st	'Emsley Carr Mile'	White City 8 Aug., 1953	4:14.8 4th
11. 1,500 metres	3:43.4 2nd	International Meeting	White City 12 Sept., 1956	3:46.4 3rd

Notice to Readers: A saving of four pages on this issue has been made to allow for our full Olympic report from Norris McWhirter who is already on his way to the Games.