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Dear Dick:

I have just finished researching all of my track literature and this is what I've culled out to date on the All-Time Greats Computer List. I'll pass this information on to you, if you can find someone with more data they are welcome to incorporate my data, or if someone (like RQ) wants to send me some data I'll be glad to dig out further information.

The marks listed are the yearly best for the athlete unless I put an AL in front of it which means "at least". You said you had post-1948 data so I've stopped with Hagg's final season- 1945. My data comes from T&FN, TN, 1947 Olympic Handbook, NCAA guides for '42-46, and Olympic books, plus a couple other hardbacks. Biggest problem is finding marks for each athlete for each year. Most of below are only best ever.

1880 4:23.2 Walter George 1879 George AL 4:26.2 1920 A.G. Hill(GB) 4:01.8m A. Bortin(Fr) AL 4:23.0
1921 3:51.0 Otto Peltzer(Ger) Albert Hill(GB) 4:13.8
1882 4:19.4 George B.R. Wise(GB) AL 4:29.0 H.B. Stallard(GB) 4:14.2 1922 D. McPhee (GB) AL 4:27.4

1884 4:18.4 George 1881 B.R. Wise(GB) AL 4:24.4 1923 3:53.0 Nurmi 4:10.4
Edvin Wide(Swed) 4:13.1
H.B. Stallard(GB) AL 4:21.6

1886 4:12.8 George George(pro?) 1883 Willie Snook(GB) AL 4:25.8 1924 3:52.6, 3:53.6 Nurmi 3:57.0 D.G.A. Lowe (GB) 3:57.0
AL 4:16.2 Willie Cummings(GB)(pro?) AL 3:55.0 W. Scherrer(Switz)
T.B. Nelder(GB) AL 4:25.8 1925 3:55.6 H.B. Stallard(GB) B. MacDonald(GB) AL 4:18.0
W.R. Seagrave(GB) AL 4:21.6

1926 3:51.0 Otto Peltzer(Ger) 1934 Cunningham 4:06.7
3:51.8 Edvin Wide(Swed) 3:48.8 Bill Bonthron 4:08.9
G. Baretton(Fr) AL 4:17.4 Sydney Wooderson 4:15.2
Ralph Rose(NZ) 4:13.6 AL 4:12.8 Lovelock AL 4:13.4 (beat Wooderson's 4:13.4)
Gunnar Ajorgren(Swed) 4:15.0 Aubrey Reeve(GB) 4:14.8

1927 C. Ellis(GB) AL 4:17.0 1928 3:52.0 Harri Larva(Fin) 4:11.0 3:50.5 Eugene Venzke(US)
3:52.6 Hans Wichmann(Ger) 3:50.8 Erik Ny(Swed) 4:12.6
3:53.1 Eino Purje(Fin) 4:11.6 3:54.0 Umberto Cerati(It)
AL 3:53.6 Jules Ladoumegue(Fr) AL 3:54.6 Beccali
AL 3:54.8 Eino Purje(Fin) AL 3:55.2 Miklos Szabo(Hung)
C. Ellis(GB) AL 4:20.8 AL 3:57.0 Roger Normand(Fr)
1929 Leo Lermond(US) 4:13.0 AL 3:57.8 Friedrich Schaumburg(Ger)
C. Ellis(GB) AL 4:22.0 AL 3:59.4 Janusz Kusocinski(Pol)
1930 3:49.2 Jules Ladoumegue(Fr) AL 3:59.6 Marri Matilainen(Fin)

Ralph Hill(US) 4:12.4
Rufus Kiser(US) 4:13.0
R.H. Thomas(GB) AL 4:14.2 4:14.0

1931 Jules Ladoumegue(Fr) 4:09.2 1935 Lovelock AL 4:11.2
3:55.0 Reginald Thomas(GB) 4:13.4 AL 3:52.1 Cunningham
Frank Crowley(US) 4:14.4 Wooderson 4:12.7
3:53.6 Roger Normand(Fr)
Robert Graham(GB) 4:12.0
Aubrey Reeve(GB) 4:13.4
Richard Bauer(US) 4:15.0

1932 AL 3:51.2 Luigi Beccali 1936 3:47.8 Lovelock
AL 3:52.6 Jerry Cornes(GB) 4:14.2 3:48.4 Cunningham AL 4:13.5
3:52.6 Venzke 3:49.2 Beccali
3:52.7 Norwood Hallowell(US) 4:14.8 AL 3:55.2 Bonthron
AL 3:52.8 Phil Edwards(Can) AL 3:55.3 Venzke
3:53.0 Ward Hardman(US) Wooderson 4:10.8
AL 3:53.4 Glenn Cunningham(US) 3:49.9 Archie San Romani(US) AL 4:09.0
3:53.6 Frank Crowley(US) 4:15.0 3:50.4 Phil Edwards(Can)
3:53.9 Henry Brocksmith(US) 4:11.6 3:51.4 Jerry Cornes(GB)
3:54.0 Janis Kusocinski(Pol) 3:53.8 Robert Goix(Fr)
AL 3:54.6 Erik Ny(Swed) James Stothard(GB) 4:11.6
Lovelock 4:12.0 Thomas Deckard(US) 4:15.0
Joseph Mangan(US) 4:14.8

1933 Jack Lovelock(NZ) 4:07.6
Bill Bonthron(US) 4:08.7
3:49.0 Luigi Beccali
Raymond Sears(US) 4:14.1
Reginald Thomas(GB) AL 4:14.2

1937 ^{3:57.0, 3:50.3} Wooderson 4:06.4
 San Romani 4:07.2
 Cunningham 4:07.4
 Henry Kalarne(Swed) 4:08.8
 James Smith(US) 4:11.0
 Olle Pettersson(Swed) 4:12.2
 Peter Bradely(US) 4:13.4
 C.A. John Emery(GB) 4:13.8
 Beccali 4:10.9
 3:52.8⁰ Don Lash(US) 4:07.2
 3:48.6 Miklos Szabo(Hung)
 3:52.2 Mihaly Igloi(Hung)
 3:52.8 Lennart Nilsson(Swed)
 3:53.2 Hans Lehne(Nor)
 3:53.2 Friedrich Schaumburg(Ger)
 3:53.5 Reginald Thomas(GB)
 3:53.8 Toivo Hoppania(Fin)

1938 Cunningham 4:07.2
 San Romani 4:10.4
 Mel Trutt(US) 4:11.4
 James Alford(GB) 4:11.6
 Wm. Southworth(US) 4:13.0
 J. Greg Rice(US) 4:13.0
 Zamperini 4:08.3
 Gerald Backhouse(Aust) 4:12.3
 Vernon Boot(NZ) 4:12.6
 3:50.0 Joseph Mostert(Belg) 4:11.6
 3:48.7 Wooderson ^{AL 4:13.4}
 3:49.4 Charles Fenske(US)
 AL3:55.2 Beccali
 3:52.5 Kauko Pekuri(Fin)
 3:53.1 Martti Matilainen(Fin)
 3:53.3 Jack Emery(GB)
 3:53.4 Tauno Peussa(Fin)
 3:53.8 Manne Salminen(Fin)
 AL3:56.5 Miilo Hartikka(Fin)

*YBAR?—Nurmi 3:55.8 at age 36

1939 Cecil Cole(US) 4:13.8
 James Davis(US) 4:14.2
 Cunningham 4:11.6
 Wooderson 4:07.4
 Fenske 4:11.0
~~Walter Mehl(US) AL 4:14.5~~
 San Romani 4:11.8X
 Joseph Mostert(Belg) 4:10.4
 3:48.8 Arne Andersson
 3:50.0 Miilo Hartikka(Fin)
 3:50.2 Dennis Pell(GB) 4:12.0
 3:50.2 Ludwig Kaindl(Ger)
 John Woodruff(US) 4:12.8
 3:51.5 Blaine Rideout(US)
 Wayne Rideout(4:14.1)
 3:52.0 Herbert Jacob(Ger)
 3:52.4 Harri Mehlhose(Ger)
 3:52.6 Zamperini AL 4:13.6
 3:53.5 Taisto Maki(Fin) 4:12.0
 3:53.8 Werner Kortling(Ger)

1940 Les MacMithhell(US) 4:12.0
 Fenske 4:08.3
 John Munski ~~4:11.6 to 4:11.9~~
 3:47.9 Walter Mehl(US) 4:11.6
 3:48.0 Cunningham
 3:48.5 Paul Moore(US) 4:11.5
 Niilo Hartikka(Fin) 4:11.2
 3:48.8 Henry Kalarne
 3:48.8 or .9 Hagg
 3:49.0 Ake Spangert(Swed) 4:09.4
 3:51.2 Toivo Sarkama(Fin) 4:11.2
 Blaine Rideout 4:10.1
 Dixon Garner(US) 4:14.8
 Roy Fehr(US) 4:14.8

1941 3:47.6, 3:48.6 Hagg 4:09.2
 Hagg 1st in World List and World Rank
 3:48.6 Andersson
 P. Kendall(US) AL 4:11.8
 3:51.0 Bror Hellstrom(Swed) 4:09.6
 3:49.2 Jonsson-Kalarne(Swed??)
 3:51.4 Les MacMithhell(US) 4:10.4
 3:52.2 John Isberg(Swed)
 3:52.6 Olle Akerberg(Swed) 4:13.4
 3:53.4 Gusztav Harsanyi(Hung)
 Richard Peter(US) 4:11.5
 Phil Leibowitz(US) 4:09.3
 Ed Culp(US) 4:11.4ATL(I have 4:10.8n
 at NCAA)
 Leroy Weed(US) 4:09.7
 Robert Ginn(US) 4:10.1
 Campbell Kane(US) 4:11.8

1942 3:45.8, 3:47.6 Hagg 4:06.1, 4:04.6
 Hagg 1st in World List and World Rank
 Andersson 4:06.2 2nd World List and Rank
 MacMithhell AL4:12.2
 3:51.4 Leroy Weed AL 4:15.1
 3:51.4 Rolf Seidenschnur(Ger)
 Kane(US) AL 4:14.0
 3:52.6 Ingvar Haglund(Swed)
 3:53.4 Ollie Pettersson(Swed)
 3:54.0 Willy Rank(Ger)
 Ginn(US) AL 4:11.1
 Donald Burnham(US) 4:12.5
 Arthur Cazares(US) 4:15.0
 Robert Madrid(US) 4:15.0

1943 3:45.0 Andersson 4:02.6 1st WL & WR
 Hagg 4:05.3, 4:05.4, 4:06.9, 4:12.3
 2nd WL and WR
 Rune Gustafsson(Swed) 4:04.6
 Bill Hulse(US) 4:06.0
 3:47.8 Arne Ahlsen(Swed) 4:06.6
 3:48.5 Gil Dodds(US) 4:06.1
 3:51.0 Aage Poulsen(Den)
 3:51.8 Hans Liljekvist(Swed)
 3:52.0 Ake Durkfeldt(Swed)
 3:53.2 Martti Salovaara(Fin)
 3:53.6 Bjorn Ekstedt(Swed)
 3:53.8 Erik Bondensson(Swed)
 3:53.8 Knut Claesson(Swed)
 Dunn(US) AL 4:17.1
 Burnham(US) AL 4:18.2

1944 3:43.0 Hagg 4:02.0 1st WL & WR
 3:44.0 Andersson 4:01.6 2nd WL & WR
 Robert Hume(US) 4:14.6
 Ross Hume(US) 4:14.6
 3:48.2 Rune Gustafsson(Swed)
 Burnham(US) AL 4:17.0
 3:50.0 Bertil Andersson-Ronneby(Swed)
 3:50.6 Ingvar Bengtsson(Swed)
 3:53.2 Alexandr Pugatjevski(USSR)
 3:53.6 Gunnar Olsson(Swed)
 3:54.0 Lazlo Hives(Ger)
 3:54.0 Staffan Renhorn(Swed)
 Roland Sink(US) AL 4:17.7

~~1945 or 1946 Wooderson ran 4:04.2~~

1945 3:45.4 Hagg 4:01.3 1st WL & WR
3:45.8 Andersson 4:02.2 2nd WL & WR
3:46.2⁰ Rune Persson(Swed) 4:03.8
3:48.4⁰ Wooderson 4:04.2
3:48.2 Erik Ahlden(Swed)
3:47.0 Lennart Strand(Swed) 4:04.8
Marcel Hansenne(Fr) 4:08.2
Ross Hume(US) AL 4:18.5
3:49.4 Sven Malmberg(Swed)
3:50.4 Rudolf Eriksson(Swed)
3:50.6 Hilding Eriksson(Swed)
3:50.8 Bertil Albertsson(Swed)
Roland Sundlin(Swed) 4:14.6
Doug Wilson(GB) 4:11.4