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Parry O'Brien inches his way towards the 60-foot putt

THE INDOOR SEASON IN THE UNITED STATES by R.L.Quercetani

The all-important meetings of the U.S. indoor season saw a number of very brilliant performances as well as the rise to fame of several little known "quantities".

At the very top was the Olympic shot putt champion, 22 year old Parry O'Brien, who flew from California to meet a high class field in the AAU Indoor Championships at New York, Feb: 20, and not only won easily but also produced the longest putt ever recorded - FIFTY NINE FEET FOUR INCHES. A truly "veni, vidi, vici" exploit.

Another great record-breaker was the Olympic steeple-chase champion, Horace Ashenfelter, who in the NYAC Games at New York, Feb: 13, ran 2 miles in the new indoor 'best' of 8:50.5 . (c.f. Out door record 8:40.4 by Gaston Reiff in 1952 and best performances of Gunder Hagg 8:42.8, Gordon Pirie 8:47.4, and Chris Chataway 8:49.6)

Pole Vault standards in the February meetings were stretched to an all-time high and Eastern experts really began to rave about DON BRAGG, a freshman at Villanova College, who cleared 14'6" in the AAU meeting (more than 8 inches above his best 1953 mark), thus looming as one of the greatest prospects in the history of the event.

Here is an event by event survey. The Eastern meetings where standard indoor conditions reign will be taken first and followed by Middle West news where performances are done in otherwise outdoor conditions (e.g.cinders)

SPRINTS. Honours were evenly divided among the leading dashmen, but two of them were slightly ahead of the rest: Mike Agostini (Trinidad) and John Haines. The former had his field day in the Washington Star Games on Jan. 23, when he beat Art Bragg in a special sprint series. The star from Port of Spain, now a freshman at Villanova, celebrated his nineteenth birthday by sprinting 100 yards down America's longest board straightaway in the new indoor best of 9.6s. Later in the season the most consistent speedster was John Haines of Pennsylvania, who won the 60 yards title at the AAU meeting in 6.2s from Bragg and Lindy Remigino, the Olympic 100 metres champion. Lindy did not win a single final, yet he posted the season's fastest 50 yards time -5.2s-in a heat of the Philadelphia Inquirer meeting (Jan: 22).

MIDDLE DISTANCES. Mal Whitfield and Reggie Pearman provided some thrilling duels in the 600 yards. At Philadelphia Pearman outmanœuvred his rival in a'tactical' race (time 1ml2.8), thus scoring his fourth victory over "Marvelous Mal" in a sequence of 47 duels spanning 1947-54! Whitfield replied in the Boston AA meeting (Jan: 30) with a time of lml0.8(Pearman 2nd in lmll.0). In the Millrose Games on Feb: 6 Mal scored a good 'double' with a 1:10.7 '600' and a 1:54.2 'half'. Incidentally, it is worth noting that no man has ever run the 'half' inside 1:50 on a regulation 11-lap board track. In the AAU meeting Pearman and Whitfield competed in different races: the bespectacled Reggie won the 600 yards in 1:11.4 and Mal took the 1,000 yards in 2:11.0

In the mile department Luxemburg's Josy Barthel, the only European competing in the indoor season, won 6 races consecutively as he pleased, and ducked under 4m10.0 on 3 occasions: -4:07.7 (Boston, Jan: 30), 4:07.5 (New York, Feb: 6) and 4:08.5 (New York, Feb:13). In the AAU Championships he was content with a'modest' 4:11.7.As is his custom, Barthel always started his bid in the final quarter; in his 4:07.5 race he coverthe last 440 yards in 58.3s. (CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE (p.24)



HECTOR HOGAN WINS 3 AUSTRALIAN TITLES

From reports by eye-witness J.H.Galli Australian athletes, with the prize of a trip across the Pacific to Vancouver dangling before them, returned many excellent performances despite wet conditions during their national Championships at Sydney Cricket Ground on Feb. 11th and Feb. 13th.

Inevitably John Landy's mile on the first day, with H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, among the spectators, was the outstanding event. Landy's reputation lost nothing for "only" returning 4m 05.6 over the wet

Landy, ignoring a suicide first lap of 55 seconds by runner called Semple, covered the first circuit in 60 secs. and went into the lead at 700 yards. The half way mark was passed in 2m 02.0 and the 3/4 mile bell in 3m 05.0. Landy increased the already lengthening gap by adding a last lap in 60.6.

HECTOR D. HOGAN of QUEENSTAND

Second came Jim Bailey in 4m 12.8 and third Alex Henderson, a good prospect, in 4m 13.0. To say that the Australians were only disappointed by the performance of Denis Johansson, Finland's 4m 04.0 miler, would be putting it very mildly. The chain smoking Finn finished 8th in "about 4m 25.0".

Oddly enough on the Saturday, Johansson beat Landy but it was a question of 5th as against 6th place in the 880 yards won by stout hearted Jim Bailey in 1m 53.2 as Landy faded through the closing field. Landy made some alarming statements after this race about being "finished for the season" and having "no punch left in my legs" but as readers will learn from a report elsewhere in this issue the great Australian miler has since then run a mile in 4m 02.6.

Hector Hogan (see photo above) collected three titles and a gilt edged passport to Vancouver. The Queenslander took the 100 yards with a 9.5 heat and a 9.5 final, the long jump(poor run up) at 23 feet exactly and on the second day won over the tight turn furlong with a 21.5 heat and 21.6 final. Joe Levula, the giant Fijian Rugby Union star (and remember last season Fiji beat Australia in a Rugby international!) won his sprint heat in 9.7 and was 2nd to Hogan in the final in the same time.

Ken Doubleday-the last survivor of Australia's fine crop of post-war timber toppers-collected a high quality double over the highs in 14.2s and the lows (tight turn) in 23.6s. These marks were .2s and .3s respectively outside Ray Weinberg's British Empire Records and better than anything done in Europe last season.

Sensation of the meeting was the Dick Whittington story of the tall 18 year old David Lean from far off Launceston. The Tasmanian officals declined to send this inexperienced boy to Sydney on the basis of his 120y H.H. 15.8 and 220y L.H.time trials. After pleading they finally let him go at his own expense for the 1,500 mile round trip. Lean finished 5th and 3rd in his events, but on the second day he raised eyebrows with a 54.0 440 yards Hurdleshis very first race over the distance! When the final came along the young veteran quarter mile hurdler-despite bucking at the last two fences-breezed home in 53.0 clear of Geoff Goodacre (53.1s) for a new Australian domestic record! (CONTINUED BACK PAGE (p. 24.)

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Below we list the third and penultimate instalment of the 1953 British Ranking in the same style as those for 1951 and 1952

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	_	3rd	AAA v BUSB	18/7
	10: 30.2	1st	AAA v Kent etc	25/7
	9:15.6m	2nd	AAA v Kent etc G.B. v France	1/8
	9: 23. 2m	lst	Battersea	1/8
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			Battersea	12/9
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BERNE STADIUM RECORDS

Below are listed the Neufeld Stadium records. Perhaps only Craig Dixon's 14.1 will survive next August's onslaught. 100m. Paul Hanni(Swiss) (10.5 (10.5 Jim Golliday(USA) 200m. Andy Stanfield(USA) 400m. George Rhoden(Jam.) 47.4 800m. Mal.Whitfield(USA) 1:52.2 1500m. Arne Andersson(Swe) 3:55.9 5000m. Herbert Schade(Ger)14:31.9 10000m. H.Eberlein(Germany)31:23.7 110h.Craig Dixon(USA) 14.1 400h. Richard Ault(USA) 51.4 51.4 H.J. Kimio Yada(Japan) P.V Beb Richards(USA) 14' 1"4 L.J Jean Studer(Swiss) 24' 5"4 T.J Keinshi Tegami(Jap)49'10"5
S.P Jim Fuchs(USA) 57'0"5
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H.T Teseo Taddia(It.) 171'7"8 J.T Josef Neumann (Swiss) 215' 3" 2/9 | 4x100 41.4 U.S. 4x400 3:15.9 Ger.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST

From Our Californian Correspondent DICK RANK "See that doorway". " It's only 7 feet. Heck, I can jump that." These are the words sometimes heard by the other students of the University of Southern California from the boyish looking 21 year eld Ernie Shelton, currently the worlds greatest high jumping prospect and the No.1 candidate for history's first 7 foot ascension.

Ernest Earl Shelton was born in Chanute, Kansas on October 28 1932. His family came to California in 1941 when he was nine. His interest in jumping came from his elder brother Warren, who set the local Washington High School rec--ord at 6'4"2. The younger Shelton appeared on the scene as a natural straddle-jumper but was prompted to switch to the Western Roll used by his brother in their backyard pit. In 1949 before he was 17 Ermie, who was endowed with great spring and suppleness, won the Los Angeles City Championships and had a best mark of 6'0". In 1950 at High School, by which time he had reverted to his own belly roll style, he topped 6'4" at the South Pacific AAU Meet while in his senior year(1951) he posted a best of 6'5" (1.959) at Los Angeles on April 7th a mark which ranked him 39th in America and 49th in the world.

In 1952 at the Valley Junior College he ran the high hurdles in 15.2 secs. but his season's best for the high jump was a relapse to 6'4"2. In February 1953 he entered U.S.C. where his early form was anything but encouraging. He started with a fifth place at the Long Beach Relays on March 14th at 6'3" while on the 28th of the same month he slumped to a 3rd place tie at 6'0". Suddenly in his sixth competition at a dual meet against the Los Angeles A.C. he sailed over $6'6''\frac{1}{4}$. On May 15 his great chance came at the Coliseum Relays at which the Olympic Champion himself, Walt. Davis, was due to compete. Said Shelton after clearing 6'7"3 for a two inch victory," I was sure I could beat him because the Coliseum pit is one of my favourites and I'm good at night". Next night at the annual California Relays he ran the giant Texan to a tie at 6'5".

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From then on Shelton became extremely consistent winning the Compton Relays at 6ft. 8 ins. (June 5), the South Pacific AAU at 6'8"2 (June 12) and clearing 6'7" a first time at the NCAA meeting at Lincoln. Fate then stepped in to halt his rapid climb as the heel spike in his left shoe(he uses no right shoe)broke off in the hard Macadam surface.

On the Tuesday following Ernie arrived at the Ann Arbor Stadium, Michigan with the Pacific Coast Conference team for the dual meet with the Big 10. Here he met the western meet with the Big 10. Here he meet with 1953 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6'9" 1955 6 had so irritated everyone with his long long

hesitations, on his own home track at Ferry Field. Shelton had no misses and when Mead had gone out at 6^{17} " $\frac{3}{8}$ the Trojan was all set to beat the USC record of 6^{19} " $\frac{3}{8}$ set in April 1940 by that other great one shoe jumper John Wilson. With the bar at 6'9" 38 Shelton made his 5 step approach followed by his precise leap and the bar stayed right where it was. He then made 3 attempts at 6'11" 5 to beat the world record of the man he most admires -Lester Steers.

After tying for second behind Davis's world record 6' 11"5 at the National A.A.U. meet at Dayton on June 27, Shelton went to Europe. There he ran up an amazing record. Despite the often very poor weather conditions and being slowed by a dose of food poisoning, he averaged better than 6'6's for 23 meetings of which he won 23. His average would have been higher still but for his habit for going straight for Davis's world record after clearing 2 metres $(6^16^{13}\frac{3}{4})$. The summary reads thus-:

	(2.00)	Helsinki	1/7	616113	(2.00)	Cologne		29/7
	(2.06)	Turku	3/7	617"	(2.01)	Berlin	-	2/8
	(1.94)	Tampere	5/7	618113	(2.04)	Hannover		5/8
616113	(2.00)	Tampere	6/7	617117	(2.03)	Oslo		6/8
	(2.00)	Pieksämäki	7/7	616"	(1.98)	London		8/8
616113	(2.00)	Pori	10/7	615112	(1.97)	Sarpsborg		10/8
616113	(2.00)	Kyröskoski	12/7	61613	(2.00)	Stockholm		11/8
	(2.08)	Turku	17/7	616113	(2.00)	Orebro		14/8
614113			19/7	612113	(1.90)	Eskilstuna		16/8
	(2.00)	Göteborg	23/7	616113	(2.00)	Copenhagen		20/8
616113	(2.00)	Hässleholm	26/7	61711	(2.01)	Göteborg		26/8



Action Photo - H. W. Neale.

The 6'2" 165 pound Shelton caught at the high point of his delicately timed straddle. Says Shelton "I can go 6 ft. 7 anytime I want now, it's just a breeze.".

Shelton has one regret about his European tour. At Turku on July 17, alongside the track made famous by Emil Zatopek in 1950, he had a long discussion with Finnish field event officials to get the bar set at 2.086 metres or 6'10" a. He cleared the height but the Finns insisted on recording the jump as 2:08 metres or 6'9"78.

The whole Shelton family is crazy about high jumping. His father, Warren Sr., thinks nothing of closing up his business to go to see Ernie jump 400 miles north in Berkeley. When the Trojans travel the family is glued to the radio or calling up newspaper offices to get the news. Their hero is as carefree and relaxed as they are keen. " I've got that mental barrier licked", he says, "You just don't know when it(7ft.) is going to come. Maybe at Dallas, maybe at the N.C.A.A. at Ann Arbor, maybe when I least expect it". With a disarming smile but with irresistible conviction he will add quite simply " This is the

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BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES WOMEN'S EVENTS

Women's athletics have gained greatly in popular interest by being included in the Olympic Games, the British Empire Games, and the European Championships. These three great athletic occasions were until 1928, 1934, and 1946 respectively exclusively male preserves.

To complete our series of background

To complete our series of background articles on the forthcoming Vth Empire Games at Vancouver and the Vth European Championships at Berne here is the story and the records of the women's events in the Empire Games.Next month the fourth and last article will deal in like fashion with women's athletics in the European Championships.

Although there were five events for women in the 1928 Olympics at Amsterdam and although Canadian girls carried off the 4 x 100 metres Relay and the High Jump gold medals, there were no women's events at the Ist Empire Games at Hamilton in 1930.(Continext column)

BRITISH EMPIRE CHAMPIONS 100 YARDS 1934 Eileen M Hiscock (England) 11.3 1938 Decima J Norman (Australia) 11.1 Marjorie Jackson (Australia) 10.8 1950 220 YARDS Eileen M Hiscock (England) 25.0 1934 Decima J Norman (Australia) 24.7 1938 Marjorie Jackson (Australia) 24.3 1950 80 METRES HURDLES 11.8 1934 Marjorie R Clark (South Africa) Barbara Burke (South Africa) 1938 11.7 Shirley B Strickland (Australia) 11.6 1950 HIGH JUMP Marjorie R Clark (South Africa) 51311 51311 Dorothy B J Odam (England) 1938 513" 1950 Dorothy B J Tyler (England) LONG JUMP 1934 Phyllis Bartholomew(England) 17'11" 1938 Decima J Norman(Australia) 19' 0" 1950 Yvette W Williams(New Zealand) 19' 4" 8 JAVELIN THROW Gladys A Lunn (England) 1051711 125 7" 1938 Robina Higgins (Canada) 1950 Charlotte C McGibbon(Australia) 125' ("4 Events now discontinued :-880 YARDS Gladys A Lunn (England) 2m19.4 440 YARDS RELAY (220y x 110y x 110y) ENGLAND (N Halstead, E M Hiscock, E Maguire) 1938 AUSTRALIA (J Coleman, 49.4 A E Wearne, D J Norman) AUSTRALIA (M Jackson, 49.1 S B Strickland, V Johnston) 47.9 660 YARDS RELAY (220y x 110y x 220y x110y) 1934 CANADA (L Palmer, B White, E Meagher, A Dearnley) 1 AUSTRALIA (J Coleman, D J Norman, 1m14.4 T Peake, J Woodland) 1m15.2 AUSTRALIA (S B Strickland, V Johnston,

PROGRAMME OF WOMEN'S EVENTS AT VANCOUVER.

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DIANE COATES is the best javelin thrower produced yet in the British Empire.Miss Coates, 21 is a school teacher at Eastbourne, Sussex.Her British Empire record is 148'7" (45.30) set in winning the WAAA title in 1952.

Four years later at the White City Stadium, London there were nine events on the programme. Only four of them :- 100 yards, 80 metres Hurdles, High Jump and Javelin corresponded with the revised women's Olympic programme of 1932 at Los Angales. The other five events were the 220 yards and the Long Jump, which since 1948 have found Olympic favour, and the 880 yards and two peculiar relays, one for three sprinters and the other for four.

In Sydney in 1938 the 880 yards was dropped and the remaining 8 events remained unchanged at Auckland in 1950. This year at Vancouver some welcome and overdue changes are being made. First those two meaningless medley relays are being scrapped and a single 4 x 110 yards event takes their place. Putting the Shot and Throwing the Discus appear. Thus for the first time in 20 years the B.E.G. women's programme will correspond directly with the Olympic schedule.

Of the 25 events so far held girls from Australia have won ll, although in 1934 they did not produce a single winner. In 1938 Decima J Norman - dubbed the "Flying Handful" by the Sydney press -had a hand in five titles, a record unlikely to be surpassed. At Auckland the Australians marched off with 6 out of 8 titles. Dorothy Tyler performed the extraordinary feat of retaining her High Jump title after the lapse of 12 years, while Yvette Williams made what is likely to regarded merely as a debut by winning the Long Jump for New Zealand. England started well by winning all but three titles in 1934 but since then Mrs. Tyler (née Cdam) alone has raised St. George's Cross to the masthead. The Springboks scored through the Misses Clark and Burke and also pre-war Canada has chalked up one relay and a javelin title. The only other members to win a place in the first six have been Scotland and Rhodesia.

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100	YARDS			10.8	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Auckland	Feb.	4	1950	
220	YARDS			24.3	Marjorie Jackson (Australia)	Auckland	Feb.	9	1950	
80	METRES	HURDLES		11.4	Shirley B Strickland (Australia)	Auckland	Feb.	9	1950	
				11.4	June Schoch (New Zealand)	Auckland	Feb.	9	1950	
				11.4	Janet Shackleton (New Zealand)	Auckland	Feb.	9	1950	
HIGH	JUMP	1.60	51	3"	Marjorie R Clark (South Africa)	London	Aug.	4	1934	
		1.60	51	311	Dorothy B J Odam (England)	Sydney	Feb.	12	1938	
		1.60	51	311	Dorothy B J Tyler (England)	Auckland	Feb.	7	1950	
		1.60	51	311	Bertha Crowther (England)	Auckland	Feb.	7	1950	
LONG	JUMP	5.91	191	4115	Yvette W Williams (New Zealand)	Auckland	Feb.	11	1950	
JAVE	LIN	38.84	1271	5114	Charlotte C McGibbon (Australia)	Auckland	Feb.	9	1950	

EVENTS (9)	FIRST DAY Saturday July 31	SECOND DAY Tuesday August 3rd	THIRD DAY Thursday August 5th	FOURTH DAY Saturday August 7th
	Heats.S/Final.& FINAL			
220 YARDS		Heats and Semi Final	FINAL	
4 x 110 YARDS RELAY				FINAL
80 METRES HURDLES	Color to the second second second second		Heats and FINAL	
HIGH JUMP		FINAL		
LONG JUMP		FINAL		
SHOT PUTT	FINAL			777147
DISCUS THROW				FINAL
JAVELIN THROW	8, 200		FINAL	1

The Price of Barthel's Fame

Who is the favourite for the European 1,500 metre title at 4.10 p.m. on Sunday August 29th in the Neufeld Stadium, Berne.? If we look at the 1953 ranking list of Europe's fastest middle-distance runners we find -:

Roger Bannister(Great Britain) (mile in 4:02.0 worth) 3:43.8 Sune Karlsson(Sweden) Denis Johansson (Finland) 3: 44.8 Stanislav Jungwirth(Czech.) 3: 45.0

Right down in 23rd place we find the reigning Olympic Champion Josy Barthel of Luxemburg with a limping 3:49.2 in Paris in May. However his six months of oblivion have now been ended with his domination of all America's indoor milers and with his recal--citrant tendon injury healed

In the December 1952 number of ATHLETICS WORLD we publish--ed a 700 word feature on how Barthel rose from the 38th ranking 1,500 metre runner of 1951 to the Olympic Champion of 1952. Once again Gerard Rasquin, on whom we must congratulate his new 1:50.4 Luxemburg national record at Cologne last July, has supplied us with details of his countryman's training methods under the guiding light of Woldemar Gerschler.

We can now give details of the March and April training that was carried out by the amazing little runner, who will be 27 on April 24 next, prior to the injury which ruined his 1953 season. AUTUMN AND WINTER BUILD UP

October and November 5 or 6 outings per week in the woods(min. of 12 hours. Walking, jogging, setting easy pace but working up a good sweat.

Began daily training. 5 days in the woods & December twice on the track with runs over 3,000 to 1,000 metres at an easy pace viz. 3:15 for 1.000 metres.

January and February Same program, but with a somewhat faster pace and the inclusion now of repeated(up to 12) 400 metre laps at 70 - 65 sec. pace.

DETAILED SPRING TRAINING

Marc	<u>h</u>		
lst	3x300m.(av 48secs.)	16th	Jogging
2nd	6x750m.(av 2mins.)	17th	6x1000m(av 2:52.0)
3rd	5x1000m(av 3:03.0)	18th	3x1600m(av 4:48.0)
4th	2x1600m(av 5:06.0)	19th	6x600m.(av
5th	6x600m.(av 1:39.0)	20th	Jogging
6th	Jogging	21st	12x400m(av 60.5 s)
7th	5x400m.(av.64secs.)	22nd	10x300m
8th	Rest	23rd	Jogging
9th	6x750m.(av 1:51.0)	24th	6x1000m(av 2:48.5)
10th	6x1000m(av 2:57.0)	25th	3x1600m(av 4:39.0)
llth	Jogging	26th	5x600m.(av 1:31.2)
12th	2x600(1:40)&2x400(60.0)	27th	Jogging
13th	3x1200m(av 3:33.0)	28th	Jogging
14th	Rest	29th	Relay Race on Road
15th	15x300m(av 47 secs.)	30th	Jogging
April		31st	3x1600m(av 4:29.0)
lst	10x400m(av 61.2)	llth	2x600m.(av 1:34.5)
2nd	4x800m.(av 2:11.5)	12th	4x800m.(av 2:11.3)
3rd	Jogging	13th	4x1200m(av 3:21.0)
4th	5x500m.(av 1:17.4)	14th	2x800m.(av 2:11.3)
5th	Jogging	15th	12x200m.
6th	Jogging	16th	8x300m.(av 46 secs.)
7th	4x1200m(av 3:20.8)	17th	16x300m.
8th	12x600m(av 1:38.6)	18th	5x350m.
9th	Rest	19th	12x300m.(av 45 secs.)
10th	10x400m(av 60.8 s)	20th	Jogging

In the longer run's the accent was upon finishing speed, e.g. in the 600 metre runs the important thing was not that they were run in 1:34 but that the last 200 metres was covered in 30 secs. (With Acknowledgements to Gerard Rasquin of the Association of Track and Field Satisticians.)

3 NEW INDIAN RECORDS: 400m in 49.6; Pole Vault 12'4" & Long J.23'0"3 On Dec. 29 at the Indian Universities' Champs: at Colombo, Ceylon C.Sankaran (Madras Univ:) set a best ever Indian mark of 23'0"3 for the long jump. At Madras on Jan. 24 K. George set a record of 12'4" in the pole vault while 5 days later on the same track J.B. Joseph of the Madras Police equalled Ivan Jacob's Feb. 1953 400 metre record of 49.6 secs. At Nagpur on Jan. 18 S.K. Upadhyaya was credited with a 10.5 sec. 100 metres (From our S.B.Asian Correspondent V.Kolatchoff) Ref. British All-Time List No.14 p.15-Date of 41.8n mark- 5/8/1928.



Here is EAMON KINSELLA Ireland's fast improving high hurdler who is a dark horse for the European 110 metres Hurdles title in August.Kinsella, eligible to compete now he is a member of the A.A.U. of Eire, is a consistant sub-15 seconds performer although competing on grass tracks.

At Dublin on July 11 last Kinsella set his best accepted mark of 14.7 secs.

If Kinsella wins at Berne it will not be the first time that Ireland has sprung a suprise. In Dublin in June 1932 Robert Tisdall won an Olympic trial for the 400 metres hurdles in 54.2y. At Los Angeles he won the Olympic 400 m Hurdles in 51.7 (revised time). Ireland has yet to win a European title. Photo by 'DUBLIN EVENING MAIL'

SHORT TAKES The Editors

HIS GREATEST TEAM: St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London was on February 17th the scene of a memorial service to the 66 year old Evan Hunter, former Secretary to the British Olympic Association. The holders of 7 Olympic gold medals were present including two of Britian's only 10 double gold medal holders in Douglas Lowe (800 metres 1924 and 1928) and Harry Mallin (Middleweight 1920 and 1924). In the address the 1908 400 metre runner Dr.Chevasse, the Bishop of Rochester referred to Colonel Hunter's fame as a starter "panoplied in that indescribable scarlet coat". In the Order of Service Psalm CXXI came the passage -:

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep "

Noone would have enjoyed its aptness more than the gay Colonel in whose memory competitors from every Games from 1908 to 1952 were assembled. It was his greatest team.

HAND-OFF SPECIALISTS: Two ex-champion junior shot-putters in England who have switched their talent from disfiguring the turf to disfiguring the faces of their opponents are the record-holder A.G.I.Wood (51'4" in 1949) and Euan Fergusson, who won the 1950 L.A.C. Schools title. Wood scored Yorkshire's only try in the 'Battle of the Roses' against Lancashire in the Northern Counties final. Fergusson plays for Oxford University and Scotland in the second row. Another field athlete in top class rugby football is Alec Valentine (Scotland and Royal Navy), who last season reached 178'10"2 with the hammer and is expected to become Scotland's 3rd 180 footer this year.

HOLD TIGHT: Dramatic news from Mexico City is that one of their Tarahumara Red Indians (only known to civilised man since 1937) named Gomez has set up some sensational running records of late. The richest is his 10,000 metres in 23:48.0 which at Helsinki would have enabled him to lap Zátopek not once, not twice but 5! times at a steady gait of 57.1 secs. per lap. However when it comes to shorter distances Gomez really hustles for his best mark for 1,500 metres is a smart 3:09.0. This epic race is equivalent to a mile in 3:22.8 and means that lapping at a brisk 50.7 secs. he must have eclipsed Rudolf Harbig's 800 metres world record en route by a trifling 5.8 secs. at 1:40.8. Gomez is expected to appear at Mexico City on March 6 -the opening day of the 1954 Central American Games which last two weeks. A short obituary will be carried in our April issue.

THE PERFECT RETORT: Back in 1948 the brilliant American 400 metre runner Cliff Bourland (46.1 in 1941) decided to make a comeback for the Wembley Olympic Games. At the Final tryouts he entered only for the 200 metres in which he made the team with a heat in 21.3 secs. and a third place in the final behind Patton and Ewell in 21.0 secs, each around the Evanston turn. Asked by a reporter why he had not gone for his former speciality -the 400 metresthe lean balding Californian business executive replied " ${\tt I^{\dag}m}$ too young to die ".

The Progress of British Athletics

By Norris McWhirter

Last year in our May issue(Vol.I No.15) my brother surveyed the progress of British athletics from 1930 to 1952. Now, in what we hope will be an annual survey, I am bringing the picture up to date as we reach the threshold of the 1954 season.

In the table across the bottom of the page we see the average standard of performance of the top ten United Kingdom performers in each of 18 events in 1953. In 9 of these an all-time 'high' has been established while in two more(long and triple jumps) the 1952 standards have been surpassed.

Dealing first with the deficit side we find that the 100 yards timings are right back to 1939 and 1948 levels while the furlong running is the wrong side of 'even time' for the first time since 1948. Heavy retirements have affected the quarter-miling while sheer lack of recruitment has had an adverse affect upon the high hurdling. It is a pity that the 2 mile steeplechase figure should have suffered a relapse just when it appears the new 1954 3,000 metre average will more nearly approach 9 minutes than is generally believed. The high jump at 6'2" at its lowest since 1948 is destined for a rise in 1954 while the long jump obstinately remains the sole surviving event in which pre-war levels have not been eclipsed. The triple jump and shot-putt figures are second only to the all too modest record figures of 1952 and 1951(adjusted).

On the credit side the steady annual improvement in the 280yards and 800 metres has been maintained while the remorseless advance over one mile has now reached close to even Sweden's vintage year of 1945. In the distance events the top ten averages are away ahead of the 1939 English Native Record records of 14:08 and 29:45.0 and indeed Hesketh's widely acclaimed British National Record against France in 1951 is eight tenths inferior to the new figure of 29:13.0! The 440 yds. hurdle zenith can be ascribed to the new supply of athletes coming into the event. The pole vault continues to inch its painful way towards 13 feet but at a plodding pace. The top all-time levels in the 3 long throws all come after hysteresises in the discus(1952).hammer(1951) and javelin(1951).

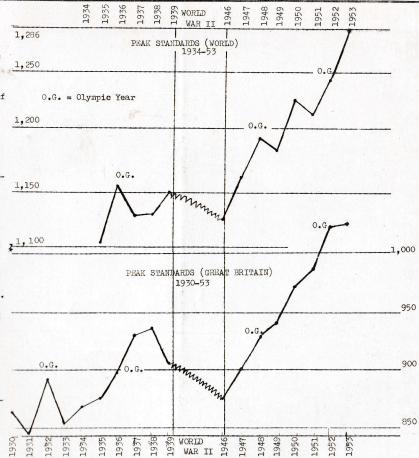
The Red Letter achievements of the 1953 season which will remain as land-marks are (1) The first sub 4:10.0 average for the mile

(2) The first sub 14:00.0 average for the 3 miles and (3) The first over 200 foot average for the javelin.

The obvious targets for 1954 will surely include a sub 29 minute figure and over 170 feet for the hammer throwers.

TABLES: No.1(right) WORLD AND UNITED KINGDOM PROGRESS COMPARED. The average of the aggregate of the topmost marks of each year for the 18 events listed in the International Scoring Tables are shown for the years-: World 1934-1953 and United Kingdom 1930-1953.

No.2(below) AVERAGE OF TOP TEN MARKS FOR UNITED KINGDOM IN 18 EVENTS



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YEAR	100 Yards	220Yds. (turn)	440 Yards	880 Yards	One Mile	Three Miles	Six Miles	120Yds. Hurdles	440Yds. Hurdles	1	High Jump	Pole Vault	Long Jump	Hop,Step & Jump	Shot Putt	Discus Throw	Hammer Throw	Javelin Throw
1939	9.96	22.02	49.53	1:55.0	4:16.9	14:23.4		15.43	57.69		6'1"	11' 9"5	23' 4"2	44'10"3	43 ' 10"8	133'10"8	143'11"5	181' 8"1
1947	9.98	22.00	49.80	1:55.9	4: 22.2	14: 33.0	(31:30.0)	15.80	58.50	-	6'1" ³	10'10"8	22'11" ³	4416"	43 ' 1"5	137' 5" ⁷ 8	146' 0"	178' 0"
1948	9.96	22.18	49.28	1:55.5	4:16.8	14:27.0	(31:05.0)	15.30		(10:41.0							151' 1"3	
1949	9.93	21.96	49.28	1:54.1	4:13.7	14:28.7	30:57.4	15.30	56.06	10:37.4	613114	11'8"	23' 0"4			W	154' 7"	
1950	9.85	21:98	48.93	1:53.7	4:12.9	14:19.7	30:57.5	15.19	55.79	10:33.0	6' 2"12	11'10"3	23' 0"2	46' 4"	461 2114	142'10"4	161' 0"4	192' 0"
1951	9.92	(21.75)	48.87	1:53.7	4:11.3	14:09.5	30:18.9	14.99		10:29.5		12' 2"8					160' 5"2	
195	9.92	21.96	(48.79)	1:53.6	4:10.8	14:00.4	29: 34.2	14.98	54.73	10:17.0				THE SALTE OF			165'10"2	
1953	9.96	22.06	49.11	1:53.3	(1:08.0)	(13:57.4)	(29:13.0)	15.06	54.59	10:18.8	6'2"	(12' 7")	23' 2"4	4612"3	461 8"8	144' 8"	169' 6"½	2021 9"3

HALBERG (N.Z.) RUNS 4: 04.2 MILE

The 20 year old Aucklander Murray G. Halberg looms as a serious contender for the 1954 British Empire Games Mile title after his electric 4:04.4 mile run at Auckland's Olympic Park on Feb. 13. The 5ft.10 in. 136 pound Halberg was one of a field of four. For a 58.0 first lap K.Downey led with Halberg (58.1) close behind. Bill Baillie, N.Z. Junior 880 yds. champion, then made the pace to the half way mark in 2:00.0 but from then on it was all Halberg. The teetotal non-smoker reached the bell in 3:02.0 and after a momentary falter regained his rhythm to break the tape in 4:04.4 60 yards ahead of Baillie(4:12.0u).

Halberg ran 880 yards in 2:08.0 as a 16 year old in 1949 and improved to 2:05.6 in 1950 only to suffer a football injury in in 1950 when he could do no better than 4:41.0 for a mile. On March 13th 1952 he caused a sensation by setting a Junior N.Z. mile mark at 4:17.2. Last year he ran only in club events but this season he opened with a 9:09.4 2 miles at Sturges Park and followed with a 4:12.2 mile(Dunedin, Jan. 26), a 4:16.0 mile (Basin Reserve, Jan. 30), a 1:54.0 'half' off 15 yards (Auckland, Feb. 6) and a 2:12.0 1,000yds from scratch on Feb. 10 to better Vernon Boot's old 2:14.6 mark.

The watches got the lank blond haired Halberg at 4:04.3, 4:04.4 and 4:04.4 with laps in 58.1,62.0,61.9 and 62.4. Marathoner Arthur Lydiard is coaching his mature looking charge for 3 miles this season and has even put him through a 3hrs.15 mins. marathon. on the Sunday after his triumph, which eclipsed Roger Bannister's 4:09.9 mark of Dec. 30 1950 and Jack Lovelock's 1933 then world's record time of 4:07.6, Halberg and Lydiard went for a 12 mile road work-out. The pair train 2 hours a day 7 days a week.

On the same track, which was measured to be one foot over the mile for Halberg, Ernie Haskell, the 25 year old Lynndale distance star, also set new N.Z. figures this time in the 3 miles. His fine 13:55.8 beat not only Jim Daly's 14:06.0 national record but also Cecil Matthews' extra-territorial record of 13:59.6 at the 1938 Empire Games. Haskell was greatly helped in the early stages by Laurie King who finished second in 14:08.0.

Another N.Z. highlight has been the jumping of Peter Wells the English Native record-holder. On Jan.16 he cleared 6'4" while on the 23rd. he sailed over 6'6"5/16ths for an open record beating the 6'6" by the 1948 Olympic champion John Winter when winning the 1950 Empire title. On Feb.6 Wells(see p.18) cleared 6'3", the next Saturday 6'2" and on Feb. 20 at the Canterbury Championships 6'5" 2.

BLANKERS-KOEN'S LAST WORLD RECORDS GO

Wemen athletes ran up a 3-0 lead over the men in the 1954 'World Record Stakes' in the month of February. In 1953 they lost by 14 to 23. The first to score was the 18 year old Kiev Student Nad--ezhda Konyayeva on Feb.5 at Leningrad when she threw the 600 gram javelin 175'8"8(53.56m) to beat the 4 year old world mark of 175'2" (53.41) set by the chunky Natalia V. Smirnitskaja in 1949.

On Feb. 20 the last two records of the fabulous Fanny Blankers Koen went into the discard. At Sydney Marjorie Jackson-Nelson toured 220 yards round a sodden grass full turn to record 24.0 secs. - a fifth ahead of Fanny's 1950 mark of 24.2 at Brescia in Italy. After a lot of discussion the officals decided the reported 7 metre wind would not invalidate the claim. At Gisborne, N.Z. on the East Coast of the North Island Yvette Williams, a fellow M.B.E., at long last broke the Dutch housewife's 10 year old long jump record of 20'6"(6.25m.) with a valid 20'7"2(6.28m.) watched by her parents. In a nation-wide broadcast she revealed she has been training 3 hours

On Feb. 27 Pamela Bryant of Australia recorded the fastest ever feminine quarter-mile when she ran a fine 56.6 at Sydney so beating the 56.8 mark set by Nellie Halstead in her W.A.A.A. title run in London in 1932.

DICK BROWNING, AAU TUMBLING CHAMPION, SOMERSAULTS OVER 7FEET 2 INCHES In a gymnastic meeting versus Swedish athletes Dick Browning recent -ly cleared 7'2" - a two inch improvement on his vault pictured on page 16. His coach declared he took off from one foot only !

FIVE NEW INDIAN RECORDS: JOSEPH RUNS 48.9. REBELLO IN COME BACK At the Police Championships at Jullundur on Feb. 7 J.B. Joseph (see p. 21) ran 400 metres in 48.9 & Jagdev Singh ran the 400m. hurdles in 54.5 for national records. At Dehli on Feb. 12 Bhag Singh jumped 23 2"(record) and Ketar Singh reached 48'6" in the hop, step and jump. At the Dehli Athletic Meeting on Feb 7 & 8 Purdaman Singh put the shot 47'0" the first day and threw the discus $149'5^{11}\frac{1}{2}$ the second which were both records. Henry Rebello who in 1948 is alleged to have triple jumped over 53 feet in practise did 461712 at this same meeting (Acknowledgements to V.V.Kolatchoff of Hong Kong.)

Camaru, Feb. 14. Mervyn Richards set N.Z. pole vault record at 13 4 12

K. L. NORRIS UNBEATEN IN 16 RACES

K.L.Norris, the 22 year old Thames Valley Harrier, followed his great Epsom. Inter-Counties' win(see page 15) with sweeping victories at Mezidon in Normandy on Jan, 31 and in Belgium at Hannut on Feb.7. At the latter meeting Gordon Pirie ran in a brisk 3,700 metre event against Gaston Reiff to win by over 60 yards. In the longer event over 9,700m. Frank Sando and D. Walker, third, gave England a "magnigique triple britannique "..

On Feb. 13th Peter Driver won the South of the Thames race at Aylesford by 200 yards from M.R. Maynard. Herne Hill won the team race with the pole-vaulter F. Gettrup in their scoring six. Haileybury was the venue of the North of the Thames event which was won by the 14:10.0 3 miler Harry Hicks of Hampstead. George Knight won the Junior event in which the team honours went also to the Colorado striped Shaftesbury Harriers, who beetled in 58 points ahead of Finchley Harriers.

On Feb. 27th Norris returned to the fray to win the Southern Counties title over a 10 mile course that was a gluepot in parts and took in London's highest point (428 ft. Hampstead Hill) in a magnificent 58:46 by 5 secs. from Olympian Frank Sande and Peter Driver third. Gordon Pirie, who was wearing a McDonald Bailey red bow-tie, had dreamt Driver was going to win but at least had the consolation of seeing his club, South London, do so.

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C	onti	nued fr	om Page 24. R.L.Que	rcetani's	U.S. Indoor Re	port)
		ALL	-TIME BEST INDOOR F	OLE VAULT	ERS (Outdoors	
	15!	8"1/2	Cornelius Warmerda	m(15' 7"3	Chicago	20.3.43
	151	4"3/4	Robert Richards	(15' 1'등)	Chicago	17.3.51
	151	3"	Donald laz	(15' 1"3)	Washington	12.1.52
	141	911	A. Richmond Morcom	(14' 8"]	Cleveland	18.3.49
	141	9"	Jerry Welbourn	(14' 3")	New York	20.2.54
	141	8"	Donald Cooper	(15' 이념)	Philadelphia	18.1.52
	141	7"1/2	Harry Cooper	$(14' 1''\frac{3}{4})$	Chicago	19.3.49
	141	7"1/8	Earle Meadows	(14'11")	New York	8.3.41
	141	6"	Donald Bragg	(131 914)	New York	20.2.54
	141	5"3/4	Kenneth Dills	(14' 8")	Chicago	22.3.41
		5"3/4		(14' 5")		22.3.41
Th	e on	ly good	broad jump event	of the ind	oor season was	,as usual
in	the	AAU me	eting. Neville Price	(South Af	rica), the Brit	ish Empire
Re	cord	holder	now studying at Ol	clahoma, wo	n the title at	241511克
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from the unpredictable George Brown (23'8"). THROWS. Bernie Meyer, a New York teacher now in his thirties, amazed Eastern experts with a magnificent 58'1" putt at New York on Feb.13. This was a sesquipedalian improvement on his previous best and only 2 inches short of Jim Fuchs' indoor best (1951). Fuchs was second in this meet at 56'5". Mayer first came into national prominence in 1941, when, as a highschool boy at Morris H.S., New York, he putt the 12 pound shot 56'8"2. He then entered New York University, but owing to the war he had to wait until 1946 to produce anything startling with the 161bs ball; in that year he won the NCAA crown at 52'10"2. In 1948 the death of his father upset his Olympic plans, but he was courageous enough to try again four years later. He came to Los Angeles for the final'tryouts' with a best mark of 55'll" ; in a hectic battle at the Olympic Coliseum he achieved the seemingly impossible when he produced three putts of more than 56'0", that is, above his best! But his magnificent 56'7" only sufficed for fourth, behind Hooper, O'Brien and Fuchs. Under the circumstances Mayer perhaps ranked as the greatest of all athletes who failed to appear at Helsinki!

Only a week after his 58 plus mark Mayer was outshone by Parry O'Brien who once again proved himself the greatest competitor in shot putt history. The powerful Californian reached 57^{12}^{13} with his first putt, then he brought the crowd to its feet with a sparkling 59 feet 4 inches (18.08 m.)-over a foot beyond Fuchs' indoor 'best' and also 115 better than his own outdoor record.Parry's other putts anti-climactic;55'6"2-56'7"2-56'10"-57'3"-. Any one of these, however, would have been good enough for him to retain his 1953 indoor crown, since Lampert barely beat Fuch and Mayer for second place at 55'2"12.

(Re: Lampert, a correction. (Feb: issue page 1.-his 55'9"3 was made outdoors on a cold afternoon at Columbia South Field, N.Y.) Last, but not least, phenomenal record in the AAU

meeting was Bob Backus' 63'5" with the 35lbs weight. This betters all known marks for the event, little practised in Europe, but very popular in the New England States. (R. L. Q.)

GOOD WEST AFRICAN MARKS: Lagos Jan. 9 A.K. Armu 9.9. Kano Jan. 30 P.Ogede, mile in 4:15.0(unconfirmed), Ezengu 9.75(rec.), Kunuji 12'6"(record). Lagos Feb.13 J.Chigbolu 6'4"2, Armu 22'11"2

WALLY HAYWARD on Jan 30 ran 20 miles on the track in 2hrs 00:11.7

BRAGG GOES FROM 13'-0" TO 14'-6" IN 9 MONTHS!

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE Col.1) The 27 year old Olympic Champion has his eyes set on Aug: 29 at Berne (date of 1,500 m. European Championship final) and his indoor races apparently amounted to no more than a mere warming-up operation. The second fastest mile performer on boards was Len Truex, who did 4:09.0 in finishing second to Barthel at Boston, Jan: 30.

LONG DISTANCES. Horace Ashenfelter was aiming at the indoor 2 mile record set by his friend and F.B.I.colleague Fred Wilt in 1952 -3:50.7. This target, however, turned out to be no sitting duck. In his first five attempts Ash fought gallantly but failed. His times were: -9:04.0 (Jan:16),8:59.2 (Jan:22),9:02.9 (Jan:23), 8:54.6 (Jan:30) and 8:53.3 (Feb:6). In the NYAC Cames at New York on Feb:13, "Wip" finally got his reward, but not without the generous co-operation of Fred Wilt himself, who, having just run the mile against Barthel, stationed himself on the sidelines and gave Ashenfelter very useful indications as to the intermediate times. "Nip's" eight quarters were :- 64.5 -66.6 -66.2 -67.2 (4:24.5) 67.5 66.1 -66.6 -65.8 (4:26.0). The final time 8:50.5 was 2/10th inside Wilt's previous mark.At the 3,000 m.mark Ashenfelter was unoffical ly clocked in 8:14.8. The week before, in his 8:53.3 two mile race, he had been timed in 8:17.7, which broke by 8.7 the record set by Paavo Nurmi in his fabulous 1925 indoor campaign.

In the AAU meeting Ashenfelter removed from the books another Nurmi record with an 11:27.4 clocking for 4,000 metres. He went on to win the 3 miles crown in 13:56.7.

HURDLES. Harrison Dillard had things his own way up to the AAU Championships, posting times of 5.6s (45 yards), 6.1 (50 yards) and 7.2 (60 yards). But in the 60 yards championship race "Bones" was to meet the man he fears most -Californian Jack Davis, the man with whom he shares the Olympic 110 metres hurdles record at 13.7. Dillard had won this indoor title for seven years in a row, starting back in 1947 when he returned home from Italy, where he served during the war with General Mark Clark's 5th Army. Needless to say, Dillard (lane 1.) was off to a fast start, but Davis (lane 4.) gradually closed the gap and finally nosed out his great rival by the narrowest of margins. Time 7.3 s. Pete McCreary was a close

JUMPS.Ken Wiesner, holder of the indoor high jump record at 6'10" this year found a most determined opponent in Herman Wyatt the tall, smooth Negro Western roller from San Jose, California. Both men tied at 6'9" at Boston, Jan: 30, for the season's best mark, but Wyatt won the AAU title at 6'8" and did 6'8" on three other occasions. Third best performer was Vic Fritts (who competed in England last August) with 6'8" at New York, Feb: 13. Ernie Shelton, the highly canvassed Californian, came to New York with Parry O'-Brien to compete in the AAU meeting but had to be content with a tie for second with Wiesner and Fritts at 6'6"4.

Track fans present at the NYAC Games on Feb: 13 were offered the greatest mass demonstration of pole vault efficiency ever registered in the annals of the event. When the bar was raised to 14'0", no less than NINE men went over that classic height, which was first mastered by Yale's Sabin Carr in the 1927 Outdoor IC4A's Championships. As the announcer properly pointed out, was of the nine was new to such a height, namely Dick Lynn,a graduate from New York University who had never done better than 13'6" in his college days. The funny side of the story is that Bob Richards, the arch priest of present day vaulters, cleared 14'0' only on his third attempt! But the Olympic champion, who has been bothered by a bad ankle of late, eventually won the event at 14'8", while FIVE men were involved in a tie for second at 14'4". These were Don Laz, the two Californians George Mattos and Fred "Red" Barnes, Jerry Welbourn and a young college freshman. Don Bragg. Tieing for seventh with Lynn at 14'0" were Earl Poucher of Florida and Van Zimmerman of New York. The previous greatest pole vault event was that of the Chicago Relays in 1949, when nine men cleared 13'11" and five went over 14'3".

In the AAU Championships Jerry Welbourn, an Ohio State graduate, beat everybody with a new personal best of 14'9", while Laz, Richards and Bragg tied for second at 14'6". It should be noted that Bragg FIRST CLEARED 13 FEET IN JUNE 1953 as a Penns Grove, N.J., high-school boy. In the AAU Outdoor Championship at Dayton, Ohio the amazing Bragg improved to $13^19^{11}\frac{1}{4}$ and tied for third with, among others, a 14^1 8" vaulter (Barnes). In the present indoor season Bragg did 13^16^{11} twice in January, then mastered 14^10^{11} for the first time in his career on Feb: 6. This was followed by the above mentioned 14'4" (Feb:13) and 14'6" (Feb:20).

A list of the eleven best indoor (board take off) vaulters of all time will serve to underline the amazing progress of Bragg. Of the eleven it should be noted that only Don Cooper, Meadows and Dills-have done better outdoors. (Cont; P. 23)

SANTEE MENACES WITH 4:02.6 IN RELAY

Wes Santee recently amazed Midwestern experts with a series of truly great performances. Competing at East Iansing, Michigan, on Feb: 13, in the colours of his "alma mater", the University of Kansas, Santee first ran a fantastic mile relay leg of 4:02.6, then, only 40 minutes later, he came back to turn in a 1:51.8 in another relay event! In the first of these races he gave Kansas University a record 9:51.4 for the medley relay over 440x 880 x 1,320 x 1 mile. Two days later (Monday, Feb. 15) on the same track Santee competed in a triangular meet Kansas-Illinois-Michigan State. This time he won the individual mile in 4:04.9 with 80 yards to spare on John Cook of Michigan State. Wes loped along the 220 yards cinder track with his unique short stride and, as is his custom, burst into full speed at the half way mark. His performance betters Gil Dodds' indoor record of 4:05.3 (1948). but it will get separate listing in the AAU Record Book, since the race was on a flat cinder track, hence under outdoor conditions, with the aggravating factor that Santee had to negotiate 8 full laps instead of the usual four as on any regulation outdoor track.

In the Michigan AAU Relays, held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Feb.6, the gigantic Tom Jones (who competed in England last season) fell only three inches short of his best 1953 mark with a great 55'4" shot putt. Roland Nilsson of Sweden was second with 53'10". (R. L. Q.)

LANDY'S REPLY IS 4:02.6 IN A GALE

John Landy added another gem to his unrivalled stockpile of fast miles when at 7.p.m. on Feb. 23 on Melbourne's fourth rate cinder circuit at Olympic Park he ran 4:02.6 with a wind of over 25 m.p.h. blowing down the finishing straight. It was his fifth sub 4:03 effort in just over 14 months !. Len McRae towed Landy through laps off 57.5 and 61.5(1:59.0) from whence Landy opened a wide gap for a 3:01.0 bell and 3:45.4 at the 1,500m.post. Once again as Cerutty says he was not"prepared to die" but his pretty 'pacer' style carried him to a heartbreaking 61.6 last lap. Jim Bailey was second in 4:12.0.

Landy now has12 marks at 4:10 and under and another 15 under 4:15.0 -: A TALLY OF JOHN LANDY'S GREATEST MILE RUNS



COMPETITION.

4:02.0 Melbourne 12/12/53 4:11.0 WhiteCity 21/6/52 4:02.1 Melbourne 13/12/52 4:11.0 Melbourne 7/2/53 4:02.4 Melbourne 21/1/54 4:11.0 Sydney 7/3/53 4:02.0 Melbourne 12/12/53 4:11.0 WhiteCity 21/6/52
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4:02.8 Melbourne 3/1/53 4:12.4 Bathhurst 8/3/53
4:04.04.2 Perth 24/1/53 4:13.4 Melbourne 16/2/52
4:05.6 Sydney 11/2/54 4:13.6 Sydney 2/2/52
4:08.0 Melbourne 17/1/53 4:13.8 Brisbane 26/1/52 4:09.2 Melbourne 21/11/53 4:13.8 Brisbane 25/1/52 4:09.2 Melbourne 21/11/53 4:14.6 Melbourne 10/11/51 4:09.4 Adelaide 21/2/53 4:14.8 Melbourne 15/11/52 4:09.8 Melbourne 5/12/53 4:14.8 Melbourne 1/3/53 4:10.0 Belfast 25/6/52 4:15.0 Sydney 30/1/52 4:11.0 Melbourne 12/1/52 4:15.0 Geelong 17/10/53

Also at Melbourne on Feb. 23 Barry Donath set a newAustralian shot record with 49'0". Other leading marks include -: 880 YARDS 1:52.1 Len McRae,1:52.9 JM Landy Melbourne Jan: 9. (new Australian Domestic Record).LONG JUMP 24'0" B.Oliver NSW Champs.Sydney Jan:16-23;24'3" H.Hogan Brisbane Jan:30.HOP,STEP &

JUMP 49'10" K Salt Perth Jan: 23.0NE MILE (behind landy's 4:02.3 (see report p.9)-4:12.0n G. JOSY BARTHEL WINNING Warren, 4:12.4nL.Parry. 440 YARDS HURDLES 53.8 D.Lean Melbourne Feb:20. THE WANAMAKER MITE IN 4:07.5. HE HAS NOW

+ Add Landy's 4:11.8 at Melbourne 23/1/54. WITHDRAWN FROM INDOOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO JOE GALLI (Victoria)

(SEE ACCOUNT ON FRONT PAGE (page 17). 100 YARDS: 1, H. Hogan 9.5; 2, J.Levula (Fiji) 9.7 220 YARDS: 1, H. Hogan 21.6 (heat 21.5) 440 YARDS: 1, W.Job 48.8; 2, H. Rhaggard inches 880 YARDS: 1, J. Bailey 1:53.25, Johansson (Finland) 6, J. M. Landy ONE MILE: 1, J. M. Landy 4:05.6; J. Bailey 4:12.8; 3, A. Henderson 4:13.0 THREE MILES: 1, G. Warren (against doctor's orders) 14:11.4; 2,A.Lawrence 14:16.4 3,J.Pierce 14:17.0 (Perry withdrew after 7 laps) SIX MILES:1, A. Lawrence 29:38.4 2, L. Perry 40 yards 120 YARDS HURDLES: 1, K. Doubleday 14.2; 2, J. Loveday 14.6 220 YARDS HURDLES:1,K.Doubleday 23.6 440 YARDS HURDLES: 1, D.Lean (Tasmania) 53.0; 2,G.Goodacre 53.1; 3,R.Carter 53.6 HIGH JUMP:1, J. Vernon 6'6"; 2, K. McMahon 6'5" POLE VAULT: 1, B. Peever 13'0" LONG JUMP: 1,H.Hogan 23'0" HOP, STEP & JUMP: 1,B.Oliver 48'3" 2;2, K.Salt 47'0" 4 SHOT PUTT: 1,P.Hanlin 48'5" 2,B.Donath 40'3" DISCUS THROW: 1,I.M.Reed 140'10" HAMMER THROW:1,T.Mullins 160'0" JAVELIN THROW: 1,J.Achurch 216'5";2,B.Grant 202'8" Marks in 440yH,Shot and Javelin are new Australian Records. Hogan had a share in a fourth title when Queensland won the 4 x 110 yards relay in 42.0 secs.