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## JOHNSON ADDS 96 PTS. TO MATHIAS DECATHLON WORLD RECORD AT 7,983! HELD THROWS JAVELIN 268'21"

By NORRIS MCWHIRTER

Four more world records toppled in the three weeks before mid summer's day.

On the hot balmy Californian night of May 21st at the 13th Modesto Relays, made famous by Warmerdams unapproached 15ft  $7\frac{3}{4}$  in. pole vault in 1942, Bud Held added nearly 5feet to his 1953 javelin record (263'10") with a titanic throw of 268'  $2^n\frac{\pi}{8}$ . Owing to the marker lines being 10 feet out he did not know he had broken the record until the final measuring operations were begun. In the same programme the Texas Longhorns clamped down on the ancient 1938 world 4x 110 yard relay record of 40.5 with a tornado 40.2 secs. to beat Houston (40.4) by two yards.

Dean Smith, the Helsinki finalist, set the pace with a tremendous lead-off leg. Alvin Frieden and Jerry Prewitt protected the margin with sweet baton-passing and great fire while Bobby Whilden held off Larry McBride of Houston in a powerful last

anchor stage to win by two yards.

In many ways the season's ninth world record at Kingsburg, California on June 10/ all by the big 19 year old negro Rafer Johnson was the greatest, for Bob Mathias's almost sancrosanct world decathlon total of 7,887 point became a back number.

The scene of this extraordinary feat of strength and versatility was in a little town in the Sam Joaquin Valley only 25 miles from Mathias's birthplace of Tulare.

Johnson fired his opening shot with a 10.5 secs. to equal Milt Campbell's all-time decathlon 'record' and so gain 1,125 pts. He was now 179 pts. ahead of Mathias's opening score for a 10.9 secs. 100 metres at Helsinki and never looked back. Johnson now added a 24.63% (also a paragonal back) long suppose 44'6" (also a personal best) long jump, a 45'3" ashot putt, a 6'0" high jump and a 49.7 sec. 400 metres for the greatest lst. day total on record 170 more than Mathias's

5:18.0 1,500metre for the record and his best was a depressing 5:23.0. When it came to it he

turned in a gr	eat 5:0	1.5. JOHNSO	N-MATHIAS	COMPARED
100 Metres	1,125	10.58.	10.9s.	948
Long Jump	960	24' 6"3	22'10"3	779
Shot Putt	750	45' 3"1	50' 2"3	912
High Jump	829	6' 0"3	6' 2"3	900
400 metres	868	49.7s.	50.2s.	828
1st Day Total	4,533			4.367
110 m.Hurdles	953	14.58.	14.78.	894
Discus Throw	849	154'10"3	153'10"	838
Pole Vault	681	12' 8"1	13' 1"3	745
Javelin	713	193'10"3	194' 3"1	715
1,500metres.	251	5:01.5s.	4:50.8s.	328
Total	7,980	,		7,887



## SANTEE JUST WINS IN 4:01.2. SEAMAN 4:01.4 & DWYER 4:01.8 AT COMPTON'S GREATEST.

In the words of statistician Don Potts writing in our famous comtemporary "Track & Field News" -"U.S.A. 1955 even before the N.C.A.A. and A.A.U. meets-has already clobbered. U.S.A. 1954". Dreamers in Russia, or anywhere else for that matter. who think that they will win gold medals at Melbourne in the traditional American preserves will have to return to stark reality.

World class marks were legion on June 3 at the 16th and greatest yet Compton (California) Invitational meeting. Wes Santee continued his battering at the brass bound door of the four minute mile without success. As it was his 4:01.2 headed by only a yard the greatest mile race yet seen in the United States. Bobby Seaman, who is still just in his teens, (see below) coming very fast

from the back was a short yard down in 4:01.4 (remember the record set by that chap Hagg way way back in Sweden in 1945), with Fred Dwyer, one of Franz Stampl's pupils by correspondence, who led at the bell (3:03.6), third in 4:01.8. Sid Wing was fourth in 4:08.8. Seaman's 1,500m/mile differential was a sensational 15.5 seconds. Compare that with Landy's 16.2 at Turku and

Bannister's 16.4 at Oxford.

Santee did not win the "Outstanding Performance Trophy" -that went to Horace Ashenfelter, Olympic steeplechase champion, for his American record of 8:49.6 for the two miles. Ferando Ledesma of the University of Southern California was second in 8:56.4 the fastest ever collegiate 2 miles ever.

Mal Whitfield, now in the 7th year of his Olympic reign as monarch of two laps, set his second fastest 880 yards with 1:48.9. Lang Stanley pushed Mal all the way returning 1:49.0-another Collegiate best of all-time.

J.W. Mashburn ran a No 5 of all-time 440y

in 46.5 just holding off a thrilling stretch drive by Russ Ellis caught in 46.6-the fastest "n" mark The world's greatest all-round athlete of all time.

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uay total on record- 170 more than Mathias's at Helsinki. After a 14.5 hurdle gambol, Rafer or at Helsinki. After a 14.5 hurdle gambol, Rafer or a 19 year old freshman(see left) Shelton only brushed off the high jump bar at 9 year old freshman(see left) Shelton only brushed off the high jump bar at 9 of his discus best, then that with best in the boole vault and javelin. He needed a 15.18.0 1.500metra for the first time through Ernie and the second 220 yards low hurdles and for the first time through Ernie RAFER JOHNSON, the University of Califyards low hurdles; and for the first time three mer cleared 14' 9" in the pole vault :-Richards (15'0"), and Ron Morris and Don Laz both 14'9". Quite a meeting ! American report p.150.

# Iharos Runs 8:33.4

White City, London May 30. Hungary's 25 year old Sandor Iharos ended the "After you Gaston" era here today with a pulverizing 8: 33.4 two miles. After being towed to a record 6:31.1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles (64.0,63.7, 63.1,66.4(4:17.2),67.3 and 66.6) by Tabori, Iharos piled on an amazing 2:02.3 last balf (61.1,61.2) to run away from Ken Wood who finished second in the British Empire record time of 8:34.8.

This was the highlight of the two day Whitsun British Games. No 3,000 metre time was taken due to the timekeepers being on station a lap too early. Third in the race, behind Wood who had never beaten 9:00.0, was Tony Barrett with 8:45.8, 7th of all-time.

(N.B. Extra 3 pts. probably due to wrong 100m.pts) BOB SEAMAN, 19, the U.S. 4:01.4 miling sensation-another U.C.L.A. freshman. Inside.

## **BRITISH BEST PERFORMERS**

Below are listed the best British performances recorded a at June 18th. Notation: - n.= non-winning time; w = wind assistance above the limit; = mark made in 2,000m race; u= unofficially timed.

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10.0 R.J. Chambers	4/5	3:49.5 D.A.G.Pirie	11/6
10.0 K.A.B. Oluwu (Nigeria)	4/5	3:51.6 B.Jackson	1/5
10.0n E.R. Sandstrom	4/5	m= made during mile e	ent
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10.0 D.B.Cox	4/6	4:06:0 D.A.G.Pirie	8/6
10.0 W.Riddel	4/6	4:07.7n D.C. Iaw	18/6
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			21/5
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21.7 C.N. Gibbs	30/5	4:11.0 K.Wood	18/6
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22.0 G.E.Ellis	16/6	4:13.6 I Cameron	16/6
22.1 J.F.Groves	24/5	4:14.0 M.R. Maynard (20)	4/6
22.ln A.Segal	30/5	4:14.4n M.Rowbottom	24/5
22.2n J.Metcalf	16/4	4:15.0n C.W.Brasher	8/6
22.2 M.C.Wotton	14/5	7.17.011	
Strightaway	/-	ONE AND A HALF MILES.	
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49.0n M.Orrell-Jones	11/6	G. 45 On P. M. Donnet+	30/5
49.2n F.P.Higgins	30/5	9.52 2 P.B. Driver	21/5
49.4n R.I.Baker	21/5	8.56.8n F.D. Sando	21/5
49.4 P.G.Fryer	8/6	8:58.4n M.R. Maynard	21/5
49.5 R.D.Shaw	29/4	8:59.2 C.W.Suddaby	12/5
49.6 T.L.Higgins	21/5	8:59.6n H.V.Foord	21/5
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	24/5	13:42.2n M.R. Maynard	28/5
1:50.0 D.J.N.Johnson 1:50.6R B.S.Hewson	23/5	13:50.3 Roger Dunkley	4/6
1:52.3 D.C.E.Gorrie	11/6	13:54.8n I.Binnie	4/6
1:52.6 J.V.Beesley	24/5	14:01.6n J.Heywood	18/6
1:53.ln E.D.C.Buswell	16/6	14:02.2 P.B.Driver	11/6
1:53.3 B.Jackson	30/5	14:03.0n W.P.Ranger (10)	28/5
1:53.6 D.A.G.Pirie	18/6	14:03.2n M.R. Schofield	28/5
1:54.2 M.A.Rawson	28/5	14:05.0n G.Rhodes	30/5
1:54.2 M.Farrell	28/5	14:06.0n P.J.Pirie	18/6
1:54.5n I.M.Stewart (10)	21/5	14:08.8 C.W.Suddaby	21/5
1:54.5n R.D. Henderson	28/5	14:09.2 F. Norris	4/6
1:54.6 D.G.Stewart	8/6	14:09.9n H.J. Hicks	21/5
1:54.8 M.E.E.Denney	28/5	5,000 METRES.	
1:54.8 D.L.Lovelady	4/6	14:17.8 P.B.Driver	15/6
1:55. On R.J. Mackay	21/5	14:35.0n P.J.Pirie	15/6
1:55.0 G.Everett	30/5	14:35.0n M.R. Maynard	16/6



Action Photo by H. W. Neale

Red headed Peter Sydney CULLEN (b.24.8.1932) of Rotherham England's first javelin thrower to pass 220 feet (67.05m). He threw 220' 3" at Loughborough on May 14th for an English Native Record. The British (National) Record is still however Stanley A. Lay's (N.2.) 222'9"of 1928.

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		SIX MILES.			4	100 METRES HURDLES.	
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28:	25.6n	K. L. Norris	23/4	53	.6u	H. Kane	28/5
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29.	02.0n	H.V. Foord	23/4	52	-7	R.D.Shaw	24/5
29.	10-4n	A. Perkins	23/4	53	.2	T.S.Farrell	28/5
20.	12 6n	A. Perkins B. T. Barrett	23/4	54	L On	H. Kane	28/5
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20.	17.00	C.O'Gorman K.F.Caulder (10) P.J.Pirie	23/4	55	4	N U Donner weight	8/6
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29:	40.6	A.E. Ingles	10/5	22	7.	r.b. niidietii	28/5
29:	46.4n	T. Harwood	23/4	20	. /n	H.G. Pinsent	
29:	54.0n	F.Salvat	16/5	50	1.0	C.A.R.Dennis	27/4
29:	54.8n	J.W. Brown	23/4	56	9n	K.S.D. Wilmshurst	8/6
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	14.8	R.D.Shaw	21/5	9:17	7.2n	Roger Dunkley	30/5
	14.8	P.B.Hildreth	30/5	9:22	2.0n	B.P. James	30/5
	14.8n	F.J. Parker	30/5	9:22	2.4n	J.A. Llewellyn	30/5
	14.9M	YARDS/110 M.HURDIES. R.D.Shaw P.B.Hildreth F.J.Parker P.A.L.Vine	16/6	9:29	3.2n	Roger Dunkley B.P.James J.A.Llewellyn E.G.Ellis	4/5
	14.9	G.M.Elliott	30/5			HIGH JUMP.	
	15.0n	G.M. Elliott A.M. Guthrie(S.Africa V.C. Matthews J.R. Birrell - White I.W.R. Malcolm d: F.J. Parker R.D. Shaw P.B. Hildreth C.E.E. Higham	)16/4			HIGH SOFE.	
	15.0	V.C. Matthews	16/6	61	5"	O.Okuwobi(Nigeria)	18/6
	15.ln	J.R. Birrell	21/5	61	4"	C. van Dyck (Gold Coas	t) 7/5
	15.2n	- White	16/6	61	5"	P.B. Stableforth	8/6
	15.3	I.W.R. Malcolm	24/5	61	2"	D.E. FLuke (Sierra Leor	ne)16/6
Wit	th wind	d:		61	1"3	W. Piper	28/6
	14.6	F.J. Parker	18/6	61	1"	G. H. Jeffries (N. Z.)	16/4
	14.7	R.D.Shaw	12/5	61	1"	A. J. P. Orton	21/5
	14.7n	P.B.Hildreth	18/6	61	1"	N.G.A. Gregor	31/5
	14.8n	C.E.E. Higham	18/6	61	011	D.W. Guildford	4/6
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	24.3	P.B.Hildreth	30/5	12'	6"	G.M.Elliott	28/5
	24.3	D.J. Merrett	18/6	12'	6"	N. G.A. Gregor	4/6
	24.6	P.A.L. Vine	11/6	121	6"	G.E. Broad	8/6
5	24.6n	F.J. Parker	18/6	121	5"1	G. M. Schmidt K. A. K. North(N. Z.)	15/6
	25.2n	D. O'Sullivan	30/5	121	4"	K.A.K. North(N.Z.)	11/6
	25.3n	A.M. Guthrie (S.Africa	)16/4	121	1"5	R.B. Hayden	8/5
	25.3	D. W. Donaldson	24/5	121	0"	R.B. Hayden M.Ash A.B. Hopkins	14/5
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#### **SURVEY OF THE "MAN-KILLER" EVENT** AMERICA DOMINATES THE 400 mtrs.-440 yds. HURDLES By Ross McWhirter

For our fifth survey of an event I have chosen the 400 metres/440 yards Hurdles. My only reason is that I am genuinely intrigued to see what happens when it is thoroughly analysed. This is the event dubbed by Dean B. Cromwell, the well known U.S.A. Olympic and Southern California (University) coach, "the man-killer of track and field". Its history has an important bearing on this survey.

Until comparatively recently the 400 metres hurdles (10 flights at 3 feet) could -although a standard Olympic event since 1900 (except 1912)-fairly be classed with the hammer throw and hop, step and jump as an unusual event. It seems that organisers of meeting did not favour it for one reason or other. Most important also is that in common with the two field events already mentioned this event is not on the usual American University and College schedule. The 220 yards low hurdles are favoured. If the Olympic event had been a regular one in the United States it would be fair to assume that their dominance would be much more overwhelming than it already is. It is just because it is so tough that athletes in their teens rarely have an opportunity to try their hand at it.

The pattern of this survey follows the previous ones exactly except that to add to the interest each competitors best time is also given for the period under review. If he sub-sequently improved it the fact is noted. The qualifying marks for "world class" are 53.0 secs. for the full 440 yards event and 52.6 secs. for the metric event. Most authorities accept the differential at 0.3 secs. instead of my 0.4 secs. I prefer the longer interval because, although to use 0.3s may be sound mathematics, in actual practice 0.4s is the more usual actual differential. When a performer qualifies over a quarter of a mile the fact is indicated by a "y" after the time.

The position at the end of the 1948 Olympic

season was as follows :-

U.S.A. 26 Hardin(50.6), Cochran(51.1), (Joseph) Patterson (51.6), McBain(51.6), Ault(51.7-later 51.4), Schofield(51.7), Smith(51.8), Kirk(51.9), Walker (51.9) \* Taylor(52.0), Simmons(52.0), Riley (52.1), Saling(52.1), Cuhel(52.2), Benke(52.2), (Estel) Johnson(52.2), Cummins(52.2), Meanix 52.6y), (Jack) Patterson (52.3), Erwin (52.3) Hofacre(52.7y), Snyder(52.4), Morrow(52.4), Doak (52.4), Gray(52.4), Gibson(52.6).
(Rune) Larsson(51.9), Pettersson(52.4), (Sixten) SWEDEN Larsson(52.4). Hölling(51.6), Glaw(52.0). GERMANY Arifon(51.6), Cros(52.5). Tisdall(51.7) FRANCE EIRE CEYLON White(51.8) Great Britain Burghley(52.2) Finland Storskrubb(52.2) Italy Facelli(52.4) Canada Loaring(52.9y)

Thus the all-time list after the first post war Olympic Games season shows 10 countries contributing 39 men. The United States had exactly twice as many world class men over this distance as the rest of the world put together. The rather poor developement of the long hurdles race in shown by number of the above performances actually achieved in Olympic competition.

The elapse of four more seasons shows the arrival of 20 new world class performers of which less than half are Americans-so the rest of world is just begining to start catching up. ADDITIONS DURING THE FOUR SEASONS 1949-1952.

35 +Moore(50.7), Yoder(51.4), Devinney(51.7), Black-mon(51.7), Frazier(52.0), Halderman(52.2), (William) Johnson(52.6y), Rauch(52.4), Gourdine (52.5). SWEDEN 5 +Ylander(52.2), Ericksson(52.4) (later 51.9). U.S.S.R. =Lituyev(51.2 later 50.4), Lunyev(52.0 later 51. Yulin (52.1 later 50.5) GREAT BRITAIN 3 +Gracie(52.3), Scott(52.4) GERMANY



2 +Filiput(51.6)

ITALY

Left. Great Britain's first world class 400 metre hurler Lord Burghley (David George Brownlow Cecil), who won the 1928 Olympic title at Amsterdam. His best ever performance was his 52.2 secs.at the Los Angeles Games in 1932 in fourth place behind his fellow Cambridge "Blue"
Bob Tisdall(Eire) and the Americans Glenn Hardin and Morgan Taylor.

Lord Burghley, who will be known as the Marquis of Exeter when he succeeds his father, has served as a Member of Parliament (1931-1943) and as Governor of Bermuda (1943-45). He is President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. and the (British) Amateur Athletic Association.

Among his other athletic achievements Lord Burghley won a 120 yards High and a 220 yards low Hurdles double for Cambridge against Oxford in 1925.26 and 27. He won no less than eight A.A.A. titles: 120yH. 1928,29 & 30(14.8);440yH. 1926.27.28.30(53.8) & 32.

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France
South Africa
                 2 =Lubbe(52.4y), Wilkie(52.9y)
Eire
Ceylon
New Zealand
                 1 =Holland(52,2v)
Finland
               Thus 39 becomes 59 and three new countries-U.S.S.R.
with three top class men, South Africa with 2 and New Zealand with
1-open their accounts. * * * * * *
The position mid way between the Helsinki and the Melbourne Games, i.e. at the end of the 1954 season, was as follows:-
                        ADDITIONS DURING 1953 and 1954.
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U.S.A. 37 +Culbreath(51.3),(William Johnson(52.9y).
GREAT BRITAIN 6 +Kane(51.8y),Whittle(52.7y),Shaw(52.3).
U.S.S.R. 5 +Hlin(51.9),Zhivotyagin(52.6). SWEDEN 5 GERMANY 4 +Bonah(51.5), Ulzheimer(52.6). FRANCE +Cury(51.7) 3 =Leppay(52.4), Lombos(52.5), Botar(52.5). Hungary +Mildh(51.5) Finland South Africa Eire 1 =Save1(52.0) 1 =Aparicio(52.2) Cevlon Columbia New Zealand Chile 1 =Gevert(52.4) Brazil 1 =Carneiro(51.9) Canada Australia

1 =Lean(52.3y)
Our total of world class performers now stands at 78, an increase of 19, drawn from 18 countries. The 6 new-comers were Hungary (with 3 men), Brazil, Australia, Rumania, Columbia, and Chile with one apiece. The United States only found 2 new men.

THE AVERAGE OF THE TOP TEN OF THE THREE BEST COUNTRIES :-

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Hardin (1934)
                                                                                    50.6 Lituyev (1953)
50.7 Yulin (1954)
51.1 Lunyev (1953)
                                                                                                                                                                                                     50.4 Kane (1954)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           Burghley (1932) 52.2
Gracie (1952) 52.3
 Moore (1952)
                                                                                                                                                                                                     50.5
Cochran (1948)
                                                                                                                                                                                                     51.7
Culbreath (1953)
                                                                                                                Ilin (1954)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                               Whittle (1953)
                                                                                     51.3
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           52.34
Yoder (1952)
Ault (1949)
                                                                                     51.4
                                                                                                               Zhivotyagin (1954)52.6
Bulantchik (1949) 52.9
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             Shaw (1954)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           52.3
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             Scott (1952)
Hardy (1953)
                                                                                     51.4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           52.4
 Patterson (1936)
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                                                                                     51.6
                                                                                                                Kumushka (1954)
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 McBain (1940)
                                                                                     51.6
                                                                                                                Bogatov (1954)
                                                                                                                                                                                                     53.2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             Simpson (1930)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        53.9
Schofield (1936)
                                                                                                               Yushchenko (1954)
                                                                                   51.7
                                                                                                                                                                                                   53.2 Dangerfield (1954) 53.9
DeVinney (1952)
Blackmon (1952)
                                                                                                                Popov (1952)
                                                                                     51.7
                                                                                                                                                                                                    53.4 Livingstone
                                                                                   51.7
51.31
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Germany comes a very close fourth with an average of 52.76 secs.
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## GREAT BRITISH GAMES Tábori 3:59.0, Chataway 3:59.8 & youngest of all Hewson 3:59.8

FOUR MINUTE MILE CLUB SIGNS ON THREE NEWLY QUALIFIED MEMBERS. by Norris McWhirter.

White City Stadium, London May 28th & 30th

The Whitsuntide British Games, sponsered by the "News of the World" -the newspaper with the highest circulation in the world-were set alight twice this year. On the first day-Saturday May 28th there was the first triple sub four minute mile with Hungary's Laszlo Tabori Talabircsuk setting a new British Allcomers Record of 3 mins, 59.0 secs. followed home by Chris Chataway in 3:59.8 and inches behind Brian Hewson also 3:59.8. Thus Roger Bannister's record of 3:59.4 lasted only a year and 22 days and is now relegated to becoming a British (National) and English Native Record. On the second day -Monday May 30th-another Hungarian ace Sandor Iharos made mincemeat of another of Gaston Reiff's records by hacking it to 8:33.4-a vicious imprévément. A holiday crowd of over 40,000 British fans gave a thunderous reception to this awful performance and also to the 23 year old Sheffield clerk Ken Wood, who although confessing to not being fully trained so early in the season, returned a great 8:34.8 for a British Empire record and an easy No.2 spot on the all time

These were two of the 10 international events. The main purpose of the meeting was to confirm that canary yellow wested Surrey men were to make their county the Champions for the 12th consecutive year (1937-1955) and that Middlesex were next best for the 11th year running.

The highlights of this 20 event affair of motley coloured vests and shorts were a great 3 miles by Derek Ibbotson of Yorkshire in 13:34,6 followed home by Franko Sando, Ken Norris and Mike Maynard all also inside 13:45.0; and the best ever British triple jump with Ken Wilmshurst(Surrey) cutting the sand at 50ft.8 ins. just  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches short of the Australian Jack Metcalfe's obstinate old British (National) record of  $51'3''\frac{1}{2}$  set way back in the second British Empire Games at the same stadium 21 years ago. THE INTER-COUNTY EVENTS.

In the 20 events new meeting records were set for seven :- 3 miles; 3,000m Steeplechase; long jump; hop, step & jump; Discus; Hammer; and Javelin -and was equalled in both the 120y and 440v hurdles.

The sprinting was on the whole rather disappointing but in the 220 yards preliminaries Clay Gibbs' 21.7 and Michael Ruddy's 21.8, if repeated lessons of past experience are any guide would have been worth 21.2 to 21.3 on a good Continental 500 metre track. The arrival of both M.J.K. Wheeler (48.3) and J.D. Wrighton (48.7) in the sub 49.0 sec. class for the full quarter mile was particularly welcome in view of the constant necessity of keeping our 4 x 400m/440y relay squad, required in five forth-coming International matches, upto full strength.

The evenness of the quality of the halfmilers that

rank after Derek Johnson and Brian Hewson was so marked that they were in a bumping, boring and spike flashing huddle well into the second lap. Ron Henderson, the favourite, would have done better than 5th if he had been a little more aloof. Brian Jackson (see page 139) confirmed earlier promise by winning this turbulent race in 1:53.3. Gordon Pirie let it be known that in the mile heats he intended to do something spectacular. This he achieved with a first lap in 58.0. Not in the least suprisingly the lack of opposition soon reduced this 3:52.0 mile pace to a slow puncture performance of 4:09.0. Pirie over the week-end had the misfortune to rick his shoulder when passing someone some training weights and was thus out of the final. Fred Wyatt's strong finish made him a worthy new champion but Sydney Wooderson's 1939 meeting record of 4:07.4 again escaped.

EVEN A LANCASTRIAN WAS IMPRESSED. For any three miler in the world to beat Messrs. Sando, Norris and Maynard when they all beat a Pirie record of 13:44.8 is highly impressive but Yorkshire's Derek Ibbotson shower a vigour in both arm and leg action that caused much comment.
The contrast was most striking with the modern economy shuffle epitomised by Alain Mimoun's leg action and Freddie Green's shrugging arm action. Even a Lancastrian I meet was impressed. The Empire six mile champion kept himself fresh for his speciality so considering their prior exertions Sando's and Ibbotson's efforts were of high quality.



TRACK HISTORY'S FIRST TRIPLE SUB FOUR MINUTE MILE. Winning i 3:59.0 is Laslo Tabori(Hungary-No.9).Left is Chris Chataway(G.B.) 2nd in 3:59.8 and centre Brian Hewson (G.B.-No.7) 3rd also timed (Action Photo. H.W. Neale). at 3:59.8.



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Ken Wilmshurst wins the Inter Counties Hop, Step & Jump title for Surrey at 50ft. Sins. in a best ever British Performance. (E.D.Lace)

Continued from the foot of the previous column) the pole vaulter, Decathlon expert Geoff Elliott-despite a noisy collision with the 8th barrier. T.S. Farell showed international class with 53.2, thus equalling Alec Hardy's meeting record for the 440 yards hurdles. John Disley showed that he is ready to duck under 9 mins. again for the steeplechase with his thoughtful record of 9:02.6.

Five records of the meeting out of eight field events at least showed progress. Nothing in this department compared with Wilmshurst's double for Surrey with 23.9% and 50.8% out of White City's famous jumpers' slough of Despond.

Anyone in contact with Coach Franz Stampfl would have known that the International Mile was going to be rather special. Hewson was in there for the specific purpose of running a sub 4 minute mile but Chataway was thought not yet to be sufficiently trained to go inside his personal best of 4:04.4 behind Landy at Turku. Airsickness robbed the race of the European 1,500m. record

holder Sandor Iharos(say it Shandor EE-ho-rosh.

The nine man field was towed through a precise first lap of 59.9 by Oxford's 4:09.8 miler Alan Gordon with Chataway(60.4 second and the 24 year old 4:05.2 Hungarian miler Laszlo Tabori Talabircsuk,24 third in 60.5. Gordon running with commendable pace judgement rapped out the next lap also in 60.4 to pass the half--way mark in 2:00.8 with the A.A.A. 880 yard champion Brian Hewson second, Chataway third and Tabori a lurking fourth. Gordon just lasted the 5th furlong and then Hewson took the brunt not out of altruism but because with amazing confidence he thought that he could run away to win under 4 minutes.

After a bell in 3:02.0 the 40,000 crowd saw both of miling's 'Laws of Accelerations' proved once again. Entering the back straight Tabori closed up and Chataway put in an unsustained tactical kick - "He who accelerates twice is lost". Coming off the last turn Tabori, who had lain third while Hewson and Chataway were rubbing shoulders, moved late and decisively from behind only 50 yards from home. -"He who accelerates from behind wins". Tabori, whose style is as colourless as it is effective, ended what had for him been a Cook's Tour a good 4½ yards ahead of his guides whose only gratuities were their times. Tabori had magnificently broken Roger Bannister's European and British All-Comers' record in its

SUMMARY INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

(a) = 1st day May 28th (b) = 2nd day May 30th

100 Yards. (a) KJ Box(Lancashire) 10.2;G.Ellis(Cumberland & Westmorland) 10.2;W.J.Ferguson(Nottinghamshire) 10.2.

Box won the first semi-final in 10.0.

220 YARDS. (b) CN Gibbs(Surrey) 22.2;MJ Ruddy(Kent) 22.3;

PG Fryer(Northamptonshire) 22.4. Gibbs ran the second semi-final in 21.7 and Ruddy won the first heat in 21.8.

440 YARDS. (heats & s-f (a),final (b)) DJN Johnson(Essex)

45.4;JD Wrighton(Hertfordshire) 48.7;MKJ Wheeler(Hampshire) 49.1;FP Higgins(Northumberland & Durham) 49.2.

Wheeler won the first semi-final in 48.3. INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS. Wheeler won the first semi-final in 48.3. Wheeler won the first semi-linal in 40.0.
880 YARDS. (heats (a),final (b)) B Jackson(Essex) 1:53.3;
MA Rawson(Warwickshire) 1:54.3;M Farrell(Staffordshire)
1:54.7.-RD Henderson(N & D) 1:54.5n in 1st heat.Rawson
1:54.2;Farrell 1:54.2,MEE Denny(Worcestershire) 1:54.8 in 3rd heat. one mile. (heats (a), final (b)) FL Wyatt (Somerset) 4:09.6;
MF Warmsley (Cheshire) 4:10.2; DC Law (Yorkshire) 4:10.6;
JS Evans (Middlesex) 4:11.6; ER Douglas (Essex) 4:13.2.

DAG Pirie won the first heat in 4:09.0, but was injured next day so had to withdraw from the final. Evans won the second heat in 4:09.8. THREE MILES. (a) GD Dbotson(Yorks.) 13:34.6;FD Sando(Kent 13:37.6;KL Norris(Middlesex) 13:39.0;MR Maynard(Surrey) 13:42.2;WP Ranger(Sussex) 14:03.0;M Schofield(Essex) 14: 03.2; J Thorpe (Hertfordshire) 14:11.2u; G Rhodes (Staffs.) 14:14. 2u. SIX MILES. (b) PB Driver(Surrey) 28:47.0; FD Sando(Kent) 28:47.4; GD Ibbotson(Yorks.) 28:52.0; HV Foord(Sussex) 29:11.8; D O'Gorman(Herts.) 29:18.6. 29:11.8;D 0'Gorman(Herts.) 29:18.6.

TWO MILES WALK. (b) JL Barraclough(Lancs.) 14:19.6.

SEVEN MILES WALK. (a) R Hardy (Derbyshire) 51:52.6.

120 YARDS HURDLES. (b) PB Hildreth(Bedfordshire) 14.8;
FJ Parker(Surrey) 14.8;GM Elliott(Essex) 14.9;PAL Vine
(Middlesex) 15.0;JR Birrell(Lancs.) 15.1

440 YARDS HURDLES. (a) TS Farrell(Lancs.) 53.2;H.Kane
(Middlesex) 54.0; BAR Thomas(Kent) 56.3.

3.000 METRES STEEPLECHASE. (b) JI Disley(Kent) 9:02.6;
KE Johnson(Leicstershire) 9:07.8;RG Beecroft(Lancs.)
9:13.0;R Dunkley(Middlesex) 9:17.4.

HIGH JUMP. (b) C Van Dyck(Middlesex) 6'2";DEF Luke(Berkshire) 6'1";PVA McLoughlin(Yorks.) 6'0";A Courtier(Wiltshire) 6'0".

thirteenth month of life. Chataway's pectoral superiority gained him second place over the more slender Hewson who shared his 3: 59.8 so becoming at 22 years and 1 month the fifth and youngest of the new breed of sub 4 minute men. Chataway maintained his unbroken record of having witnessed all seven occasions in 4 races of which he has run in three. Hewson was caught at an official 3:43.2 at the 1,500 metres while both Chataway and Tabori were accorded 3:43.8.

LAP AND 1,500 METRE TIMES IN THE SEVEN FOUR MINUTE MILES.

Bannister(GB) 6/5/54	Oxford	57.5	1:58.2	3:00.5	3:43.0	3:59.4
Iandy(Aust.) 21/6/54			1:58.7			3:58.0
Bannister(GB) 7/8/54			1:59.4			3:58.8
Landy(Aust.) 7/8/54						3:59.6n
Tabori (Hungary) 28/5/55			2:01.6			
Chataway(GB) 28/5/55						3:59.8n
Hewson (GB) 28/5/55						3:59.8h

Bela Goldovanyi, the 29 year old Magyar sprint relay specialist, quite unrattled by false starts won an undistinguished sprint by inches from Ken Box in 10.1 but was unable to match the smooth-striding Michael Ruddy over the 220 yards which was won in 22.0 secs.

Derek Johnson despite turning out to win the 440 yards for Essex(heat, semi-final and final) found time to inflict a double defeat on his this time uninspired Bern conquorer Lajos Szentgali in a straightforward 48.3 440 yards and a tactical 1:52.1 880 yards. The European 800 metre champion recorded only 1:53.3 for fourth behind also Germany's 0.Lawrenz and Scotland's Donald Gorrie

The Hungarians had asked for a 3 mile event specially for Joszef Kovacs, the Bern 10,000 metre silver medallist, since they reckoned that 2 miles was so short for him. A 3 mile field was rapidly stratched up but the result was an unhappy one for the little 29 year old stayer. Ken Norris, fresh from a 13:39.0 personal best only just over 45 hours earlier, pitched straight in for a 160 yard win in 13:42.4 from the 26 year old road haulier George Rhodes(14:05.0n) with the luckless Kovacs a weary sixth.

POLE VAULT. (a) I.Ward(Lancs.) 13'0"; GM Elliott(Essex)
12'6"; GE Broad(Surrey) 12'0"; NGA Gregor(Kent) 12'0".
LONG JUMP. (a) KSD Wilmshurst(Surrey) 23'9"1; AR Cruttenden(Sussex) 22'10"1; PA Whaley(Dorset) 22'10"
HOP, STEP & JUMP. (b) KSD Wilmshurst(Surrey) 50'8" PB Engo (Middlesex) 48'11"; J. Garner (Staffs) 46'9".
SHOT PUTT. (a) WBL Palmer(Oxfordshire) 49'1"; JB Byrne (Cheshire) 45'2"; T Gaworski(Surrey) 44'9"
DISCUS THROW (a) M Pharaoh(Lancs.) 160'1"; GA Carr(Essex) 144'0"; J Sampson(Kent) 139'8"; PM Clarke(Leicestershire) 134'2". 134 '2". AMMER THROW (a) DWJ Anthony(Herts.) 179'5"; PC Allday (Middlesex) 167'11"; R Kinnaird(Surrey) 163'1".

JAVELIN THROW (b) PS Cullen(Yorks.) 204'11"; M Ruda(Surrey) 202'0"; RAC Davies(Essex) 199'11"; F Gandy(Lancs.) 198'6"; ME Morrell(Cheshire) 190'3".

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. 100 YARDS. (b) B Goldovanyi (Hungary) 10.1; KJ Box(G.B) 10.1.
220 YARDS. (a) MJ Ruddy(G.B) 22.0; CN Gibbs(G.B) 22.3; B
Shenton(G.B) 22.3; B Goldovanyi (Hungary) 22.4.
440 YARDS. (b) DJN Johnson(G.B) 48.3; TL Higgins (G.B) 49.7; 440 YARDS. (b) DJN Johnson(G.B) 48.3;TL Higgins(G.B) 49.7;
L Szentgali (Hungary) 49.8;Hennig(Germany)49.9.

880 YARDS. (a) DNJ Johnson(G.B) 1:52.1;O Lawrenz(Germany)
1:52.5;DCE Gorrie(G.B) 1:53.0;L Szentgali (Hungary) 1:53.3.

ONE MILE. (a) L Tabori (Hungary) 3:59.6;CJ Chataway(G.B)
3:59.8;BS Hewson(G.B) 3:59.8;JI Disley(G.B.) 4:09.0;
RH Dunkley(G.B) 4:11.0;R Lamere (Germany) 4:12.4.

TWO MILES. (b) S. Iharos (Hungary) 8:35.4;K Wood(G.B.)
8:34.8;BT Barratt(G.B.) 8:45.8;K Caulder(G.B) 9:03.8;
CW Suddaby(G.B) 9:06.8;MR Schofield(G.B) 9:07.8. Wood was timed at 6:31.8 at 1½ miles for an English Native Record.

THREE MILES. (b) KL Norris(G.B) 13;42.4;G Rhodes(G.B)
14:05.0;I Binnie(G.B) 14:12.2;G Knight(G.B) 14:14.2;
HJ Hicks(G.B) 14:16.0;J Kovacs(Hungary) 14:16.6.

120 YARDS HURDLES. (a) FJ Parker(G.B) 14.9;B Steines
(Germany) 14.9;PAL Vine(G.B) 15.0;PB Hildreth(G.B) 15.3. Vine (G.B) 14.5; FAL VINE (G.B) 15.0; FB Hildreth (G.B) 15.3.

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES. (b) PB Hildreth (G.B) 24.3; PAL

Vine (G.B) 24.6; A. Botar (Hungary) 25.0; B. Steines (Germany)

25.2; D O'Sullivan (Ireland) 25.2.

ONE MILE MEDLEY RELAY. (b) Great Britain "A" (B Jackson,

B Shenton, MC Wotton, MJK Wheeler) 3:26.2; Great Britain
"B" (Evans, PG Fryer, E Sandstrom, FP Higgins) 3:27.2;

British Empire (Douglas (Aust:), Eneli (Nigeria); OG Young (Bermuda), H Kane (G.B) 3:30.8.

# SHORT TAKES by The Editors.

MUSTARD AND GINGER. Arriving here recently from San Diego, California is the latest gem from Dr.Donald H.Potts, America's No.1 track statistician. It is "The All-Time U.S. List" with a 100 best performances in each of the regular college programme events. The booklet is published by Track & Field News in a mustard coloured jacket at \$1. Its message is also pure mustard to the European. Take a peck at the loo yard list: - 2 at 9.3s, 13 at 9.4s, 58 at 9.5s, and then by a special generous extension room has been found to mention the names, affiliations, venues and dates relating to the 158 'no-good bums' who could only raise 9.6s !!

In the high jump there are a number of Americans who have eased themselves over 6ft.8 ins.(2.032m) -a mere 39 of them to be precise. In the pole vault there is a 14 footer(4.26) by name Dave Seed(Unattached). He comes in at No.93. Turning to the shot putt there is a note of bathos for the last and 100th name is that of the late Leon Patterson-his career ended well short of his promise with a best mark of 51ft. 82ins.(15.76m).

In the fascinating supplement a number of nonqualifying marks are noted. Two of particular interest are the 9.5s 100 yards by Art Pollard made in a "telegraphic meet" in 1953 and a 4:11.4 mile way way back in 1917 by Joe Stout on a race track in

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NEITHER DO THEY SPIN. One of the difficulties that beset hammer throwers, or at least some of them, is a giddiness and hence lost of balance during their third revolution. Clearly such athletes must have something to learn from ballerinas who spin round like humming tops then stand without so much as a tremor on the point of one dainty foot. The most twirls or should we say fouettes en tournant called for in any ballet is the 32 off the reel in the choreography. of the Swan Lake. The world record however was set by the New Zealander Miss Rowena Jackson, curiously enough in Melbourne, in 1940 at 121 turns.! It is all really a case of "Consider the lillies of the ballet, they toil not but by gum they can spin."

TIME AND MOTION STUDY. The Baiga, a primitive tribe of Indians who live in the Satpura Hills between the Narbada and Tapti Rivers, live in great fear of earthquakes. These are not uncommon occurrences and at the first intimation of a ground tremor all the able bodied and at the lifts invination of a ground triving hugh 6 and 9 inch nails into the ground to make it firm again. Clearly a detachment should be sent to Melbourne to speed up the interminable delays baused by the fastening down of starting blocks for each round of the shorter flat races and hurdles events.

# BRITISH - U.S.A. UNIVERSITIES TIE

White City, London. Saturday June 11. Oxford-Cambridge tie with Yale-West Point in the 34th between English and American Universities since 1894 resulted in between English and American Universities since 1894 resulted in a tie at 8 events all. The visitors only won the short sprint (Bob Kyasky(W.P.) 10.1) and the sprint relay in a series record squalling 42.1 on the track and the home side only the javelin (Winnie Kretzschmar(0) 200'2") in the field.

Series records were set in the 2 miles by John Knopf (C) 9:11.8;High Jump-Rogerson Meyer(Y) 6'4" thiscus-Stuart Thomson (Y) 159110" thumper-Tom Handerson (Y) 17518" and the javelin.

(Y) 159'10"; Hammer-Tom Henderson(Y) 175'8"; and the javelin.

The key race was the 220 yards in which Gwilym Roberts (Cambridge) beat the Henry Thresher(Yale), a former IO4A's champion, with his late kick in 22.1 (turn). Derek Johnson(Ox) returned the season's fastest time thus far with a 48.3 quarter and Donald Gorrie also set a best in Englad for the series with a 1:52.3 half. Hardly recovering his breath from examinations Bob Shaw won a hurdles double in 15.1 and 24.4(turn).

In a special event Chris Chataway ran a noble 2,000m in a British best time of 5:09.4, thus beating Gordon Pirie's 5:09.8 of three weeks standing. Chataway had support from Eric Shirley(Finchley H.) who was passed just before he reached the mile in a personal best of 4:11.8.

PETER DRIVER RUNS A GREAT 4:04.8 MILE AT THE KINNAIRD MEETING. Chiswick Stadium, June 18th.

Peter Driver (South London Harriers) ran a mile leading from gun to tape in 4:04.8 and in so doing drew three other men to personal bests:-Ralph Dunkley(Poly.H) 4:05.8; Bavid Iaw and Alan Gordon, both of Achilles, 4:07.7 & 4:08.0. Achilles Club, at one time almost monotonously the winner of this unofficial British Club Championship, after three years in the discard, came back strongly to beat Polytechnic Harriers the promotors by 57 points to 40. Their 45' 8" G.M. Elliott 4/5 (U.S.A.) 173'1' schmar(Cermany) giving Ken Norris(Thames Valley)(13:36.6) the kiss of death in the last lap. Gordon Pirie not suprisingly lost the am to Johnson(152.8) IATE ADDITION. Pole Vault. 12'0" R. Petitjean 18/6.

## U.S.A.:- SHOT 59'1," HAMMER 202'3%

AMERICAN SUMMARY. Sprints. Bobby Morrow with a good 9.4 and a 7 m.p.h. wind assisted 9.1 on June 4 at Abilene challenges Jim Golliday (9.3s) for world sumpremacy in a vintage year. Morrow equalled the world's beat of 20.6 round a turn for 220 yards on June 3 also at Abilene, but oddly enough 20.6 is "only" also the best straightaway mark. That was set by Bob Kyasky on May 28 and he was beaten by G. Roberts in London on June 11 (see this page).

Quarter Miling. Besides the Mashburn/Ellis 46.5/.6 duel already mentioned, British Empire Champion Australian Kevan Gosper of Michigan with 46.9 beat Lou Jones (47.2) and Jim Lea (47.2) at the Coliseum Relays on May 20. With Mike Larrabee at 46.9 even Jamiaca's great 3:03.9 4 x 400 metres Olympic relay is not safe at Melbourne.

Half Miling. The States have six men operating under 1:50.0 with Lon Spurrier still in the lead. Miling. Wes Santee is no longer out on his own. Nine others are under 4:10.0 but your Editors dinner bet with Cordner Nelson that G.B.'s top ten average would again be better than the U.Sis still looks tasty with the mid-June call over at 4:05.8 compared with 4:06.5. Jim Bailey(Australia) however won the N.C.A.A. mile in 4:05.6 at Los Angeles on June 18 from Bill Dellinger (4:06.2), Seaman (4:06.9). Bailey previous best was 4:12.0 at Sydney last September.

Hurdling. With four men under 14.0s an Olympic clean sweep looks certain in 17 months time. Top man are Jack Davis 13.8-temporarily off form after a car accident, willard Thomson 13.8, Charles Pratt 13.9 and the N.C.A.A. champion Milt Campbell 13.9.

The jumps. The only thing to beat Ernis Shelton is 7 feet but even that is trembling. Shelton beat prodigy Charles Dumas in a 6'11" 4/6'10" 4 duel at Los Angles on June 10. Eight men have hoist themselves over 14'6" of which 4 have gone on to 14'9" and then you come to Bob Richards at 15'3" on May 21 at the California Relays.

After the Mexico City alarm Jesse Owens needn't even bother to read the sports page of his 'paper.

The throws. Husky Tom Jones, who come to London in The throws. Husky Tom Jones, who come to London in 1953, grabbed the top spot from Parry O'Brien with 59'1" on May 21. Parry came back at the N.C.A.A. with 59'1". Harold Connolly threw the hammer 202'3" on April 30 BUT the officials wern't looking thus NO EECCED I STOP PRESS. The "World Sports" A.T.F.S. 1955 ANNUAL is now out. Send remittances of 7s 6d to 185 Fleet Street, London, England, Indispensable!

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### **EUROPEAN REPORT**

by R. L. Quercetani

SPRINTS

Fastest 100 metre mark so far is 10.4, by Russia's Leonid Bartenyev (Kiev, May) and Yuriy Konovalov (Baku, May): The former has beaten most of the Union's fastest dashmen, notably including Ignatyev, on several occasions and the latter will be remembered by English track fans as the fine, tall sprinter who was a rather imppressive winner both in London and Manchester last autumn. From the standpoint of competition, however, the best sprint races were at Prague on June 8 and 9 in the Rosicky Memorial meeting. (Evzen Rosicky, killed in 1942 had been at one time the holder of the Czech 800 metre record at 1:54.6). On the first day Vaclav Janecek of Czechoslovakia beat Heinz Fütterer by a scanty margin in a 10.6 100 metres, coming up from behind with a spirited last minute rush. This was the first defeat suffered by the European champion since June of last year. On the second day the German evened the count in the 200 metres, thanks to his speed round the turn, with the fast finishing Janecek a close second. Times - 21.3 and 21.4. The two had met for the first time this season on May 29 at Erfurt, Fiftherer being then the winner in 10.5 from Janecek, 10.6. The Czech, it will be remembered, had an excellent season in 1953 but was most disappointing in the 1954 European Championships. Now he seems to be in good form as is shown also by his 20.9 for 200 metres on the second day of the Erfurt meeting (May 30). The Erfurt track has a circumference of 500 metres and in the furlong not even one fourth of the distance is run round the turn. Furthermore, the runners were aided by a wind of  $1.8~\mathrm{m/s}$ , just under the limit (it is difficult for statisticians to understand why the wind limit must necessarily be the same for 100 as for 200 metres!). Not surprisingly, this race produced many fast clockings: Horst Schulz was second in 21.1, followed by Werner Schmeider, 21.2, Walter Erdmenger, 21.3, Emil Kiszka, 21.4 and Lin-denlaub, 21.4! All these men, except Kiszka, who is a Pole, are from Eastern Germany. So far 8 Europeans have run the 100 in 10.5 or better: among them are two young Germans, 20-year old Manfred Germar, who has done 10.5 three times, and 22-year old Manfred Ste--inbach, who ran a close second to Fütterer in a 10.5 race at Heid--elberg on May 25. Apart from the above-mentioned Erfurt times, the best 200 metre mark so far is 21.1.by Russia's Ardalion Ignatyev (Nalchik, May). This powerful runner also tops the 400 metre list with a 47.4 (Minsk, May 20). On this occasion he beat the holder of the world's 400 metre hurdles record, Yuriy Lituyev, who was timed in 48.4. Voitto Hellsten of Finland promises to be in the sub-47 secs. class this year: he did 47.8 in his opening meet.

#### MIDDLE DISTANCES

In the 800 metres there is nothing so far to excel Derek Johnson's 1:50.0y (the equivalent of 1:49.3m). In fact, second on the list is another Briton, Brian Hewson, who did 1:49.6 in a solo race at Hengelo, Holland, on June 1. This was the third exacting race in four days for the 22-year old Briton. After his 3:59.8 mile at the White City on May 28, he flew to Germany where he turned in an easy 3:50.4 for 1,500 metres at Cleve on May 30. Roger Moens of Belgium is expected to come dangerously close to Harbig's fabulous 1:46.6: the temperamental Belgian has two sub-1:50 marks already, 1:49.7 at Brussels on June 5 and 1:49.9 at Bergen, Norway, only two days later! One should also mention the fine 1:50.4 halfmile run by Eire's young Ronnie Delaney against America's best runners in the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays of May 20.

From 1,500 to 3,000 metres the Hungarians reign supreme. Sandor Iharos missed his European 1,500 metre record by only two tenths at Budapest on May 21 with a scintillating 3:42.6. His Honved teammate István Rózsavölgyi was second in 3:43.2 after setting the pace for most of the distance. Iaszlo Tábori, who was to become the world's third 4-minute miler the following week in London, had started with a first lap in 58 secs., but even so he managed to finish in 3:46.8. There was another record attempt on the same Honved (Army Club) track two weeks later (June 4): In the absence of Iharos the race was won by Rózsavölgyi in 3:42.8. Tábori was second in 3:45.0 and Ernő Béres third in 3:45.8. It should be noted that Iharos, Rózsavölgyi and Tábori are all members of the same Club, the Honved of soccer fame. With the help of their companion Ferenc Mikes (who did 3:47.2 last year!) they should be able to create fabulous world records for the 4 x 1,500 m. and 4 x 1 mile relays. Over the metric distance, for example, they should run at least 5 seconds faster than they did last year, (when they lowered the record to 15:21.2) thus becoming the first quartet to average less than 3:50 per man!

Germany has two improving young men in Olaf Lawrenz, who beat Dohrow twice in a recent Berlin meeting, running the 1,500



Sandor IHAROS(Hungary) 8:33.4 and Ken WOOD(G.B.) 8:34.8 seen a few moments after the greatest two mile race of all-time, at the White City Stadium on May 30th. Action Photo by H.W.Neale.

metres in 3:47.4 (June 4) and the 800 metres in 1:50.3 (June 5), and Klaus Richtzenhain, who also indulged in one of those now so "chic" short-interval "doubles" with times of 3:48.8 (May 29) and 1:50.4 (May 30) in the above-mentioned Erfurt meeting. Richtzenhain is 21 and last year he could do no better than 1:57.0 and 4:01.2!

Istvan Rózsavölgyi also tried to break Reiff's 2,000 metre record (5:07.0) on May 28 at Budapest, while Iharos and Tábori were in London, but had to be content with a fine 5:08.8, one second faster than Gordon Pirie's time at Manchester the week before, these three being eventually the only sub-5:10 clockings in the history of this seldom run distance.

LONG DISTANCES

The incredible Hungarian Rhapsody began at Budapest on May 14: it was a special 3,000 metre event at the Honvéd track that Sándor Iharos, aided as usual by Tábori and Rószavölgyi, began to put an end to the "After-You-Gaston Era." Tharos' superb 7:55.6, 3.1 secs. under Reiff's record, was achieved after the following intermediate times: 1,000 m 2:37.6, 2,000 m 5:18.4. Tharos ran the first half in 3:58.6 and the second in 3:57.0! Both his first and his last laps were timed in 60.6. Tábori was second in 8:11.6,Ernö Beres third in 8:14.0 and young Hubert Berta fourth in 8:20.8.There have been two other sub-8:10 clockings, both fistional records: Jerzy Chromik of Poland 8:40.6 and Eero Tuomaala of Finland 8:08.8 (watch out for the former if and when he returns to the steeplechase!)

23-year old Ivan Ullsperger of Czechoslovakia has the two fastest 5,000 metre clockings - 14:10.0 at Brno, May 28 and 14:05.8 at Prague, June 9. What is more, in both of these races he beat Old Master Emil Zatopek by convincing margins. In the Brno race Zatopek was second in 14:19.6, reportedly without going all out, but in Prague, though trying as hard as he could, he saw himself outsprinted by Ullsperger in the decisive stage and finished well beaten in 14:11.8. Distein Saksvik set a new Norwegian record of 14:16.0 in the Helsinki meet of June 4, beating Ilmari Taipale, 14:17.8.

A notable return to form was that of Aleksandr Anufriyev, who on May 20 at Minsk easily vanquished the phenomenal Kuts, dep-riving him of his USSR 10,000 metre record with a great 29:10.6, time so far bettered only by Zatopek and Kovacs. Anufriyev ran the first half in 14:26.0 and the second in 14:44.6. Kuts was timed in 29:59.6, but this sufficed only for fourth, behind Vasiliy Krivosh-yein, 29:34.2, and Grigoriy Basalayev, 29:39.2. Zatopek, who from now on intends to concentrate on this distance (and on longer ones, in preparation for the Melbourne Marathon), clocked 29:33.0 at Stara Boleslav on May 14. Another of his many "pupils," Jiri Santrucek, was second in 30:14.8.

STEEPLECHASE

The steadily improving Vastimil Brlica of Czechoslovakia caused a minor surprise at Prague on June 8 when he beat European champion Sandor Rozsnyoi of Hungary with a new national record of 8:53.8. The Hungarian did 8:59.2 for second. The year's fastest time, however, was posted by Laszló Jeszenszky of Hungary at Budapest on May 21 - 8:52.8.

(Report continued, and concluded with the hurdles and field events, overleaf-)

R.L.QUERCETANI'S EUROPEAN REPORT CONCLUDED.

# LITUYEV TROUNCES YULIN TWICE

HURDIES.

Boris Stolyarov, Russia's 22-year old decathlon specialist (6,859 points under the new scoring system last year), turned in a fine 14.2 for 110 metres hurdles at Minsk on May 22. Only three Europeans (Lidman, Finlay and Bulanchik) have done better. It would appear that the long reign of the bald-headed Yevgeniy Bulanchik (1954 European champion in 14.4) is about finished, for this veteran has been beaten on several occasions this year, his best time so far being no better than 14.7. A man to be watched in this event is Stanko Lorger of Yugoslavia, who has done 14.5 twice (Zagreb, June 5 and Prague, June 8). He seems to possess a basic speed beyond the capabilities of most if not all his European rivals, having recently travelled over the flat route in 10.6 and 21.7. Lorger is 24 and his best time for the high hurdles last year was 14.3.

Yuriy Lituyev is still in a class by himself in the inter--mediate hurdles and it would now appear that his unexpected defeat in last year's European Championships was just an occasional mishap. He mas beaten the European title holder, Anatoliy Yulin, with ast-ounding ease on two occasions: at Nalchik, April 25, Lituyev won the world record holder produced a fine 51.4, best in the world record holder produced holder holder holder holder holder holder holder holder holder hold 1955, to win from Yulin, 52.8 and ILin, 53.3.

JUMPS
A new 2-metre man in the high jump is Yugoslavia's Vlado Marjanović, who cleared the classic 2.00 (6'64") first in Belgrade, Marjanović, who cleared the classic 2.00 (6'o\frac{2}{6}'') first in Belgrade, May 8, then in Prague, June 9, beating on the latter occasion Ion Sbter of Rumania, also 6'o\frac{2}{6}'', and Jaroslav Kovár of Czechoslovakia, 6'o\frac{4}{2}''. This last had set a new Czech record of 6'o\frac{3}{6}'', equal second best ever by a European, a few days earlier in Prague. Jiri Lansky, potentially the best Czech jumper, is still handicapped by injuries and has done no better than 6'o\frac{4}{2}'' so far. His best practice jump indoors was 6'o\frac{7}{6}'', not 7'\frac{1}{2}'' as widely reported in many papers.Russia has 7 men at 6'o\frac{4}{2}'' or better, yet the long-awaited 2-metre man is still "round the corner." A notable national record was set by Erdal Akkan of Turkey with 6'o\frac{5}{2}''.

Viktor Chernobay, Russia's most consistent vaulter in 1954,

Viktor Chernobay, Russia's most consistent vaulter in 1954, tops the vaulters' list with a  $14^{1}5\frac{1}{4}^{1}$  (Kiev, May). The most notable progress here is that of Giulio Chiesa, who at Thomon on May 29 became Italy's first 14-footer with a 14'02" clearance, then improved to 14'12" on June 4 in Rome. Pyotr Denisenko, the European record holde: has also done 14'1½", but on another occasion he was unable to clear 13'1½". Other national records were set by Randolf Peukert for Ger--many, 14'02" at Erfurt on May 29, and by Dimitar Chlebarov for Bul--garia, 13'113" at Sofia on May 15. Peukert was the first athlete from Eastern Germany (DDR) who managed to better a "Pangermanic"

record in an Olympic event.

Nothing big to report from the broad jump department.Eur--opean champion Odon Foldessy of Hungary still has to make his debut. A new Russian Junior record was set by Anatoliy Kriushkov at Minsk on May 21 with a fine 24'4\frac{1}{6}'' leap: the event was won by Leonid Grigoryev at 24'4\frac{7}{6}''. Zdenek Prochazka of Czechoslovakia showed marked improvement when he beat his more famous countrymen Fikejz and Martinek at Lomnice, May 14 with a 24'3\frac{3}{6}'' effort.

The crop of hop, step and jump marks is easily the finest ever by this time of the season. Russia alone has 10 men over 15 metres (49'2''), with 20-year old Yevgeniy Chen on top at 50'92''(Nal--chik,April 26) and 22-year old Valentin Dementyev as the most con-sistent(best mark 50'72'' at Minsk,May 22). Leonid Shcherbakov still has to enter the picture. But the no.l spot on the European list is held by Martin Rehak of Czechoslovakia, who produced a fine 51 62 at Prague on June 9.0nly two Europeans, Shcherbakov and Norway's Kaare Ström (the latter with the help of a wind), have done better. Rehak is a very consistent jumper, having bettered 50 feet in all of his 4 meets so far.

THROWS

With Skobla still nursing his injured foot, Otto Grigalka is alone in the 55-plus bracket, his best so far being 55'5"at Minsk on May 21.A great future prospect is Czechoslovakia!s Jaroslav Plihal who at 19 has done 53'102".But he was once beaten by Reijo Koivisto of Finland, who brilliantly opened the 1955 Finnish season with a new national record of  $53'4\frac{1}{3}"$  (Mikkeli, May 29), thus removing from the list a 19-year old mark set by the Berlin silver medallist Sulo Bär--lund. Germany has her first 16-metre men since pre-war days in Her-man Lingnau, 52'72", and Karl-Heinz Wegmann, 52'64".

Adolfo Consolini continues to defy the laws of time. The set of his recent marks includes a 177'08" in Milan, a 176'108" in Mont-reuil, France, a 176'68" in Cleve, Germany, and a 176'88" again in Milan! Such an "Automatism" over a period of many years is probably

# WORLD'S TOP 1955 MARKS

The following are the best marks achieved anywhere in the world in each event up to the beginning of the fourth week of June.

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100	yards	9.3	Jim Golliday(USA)	Evanston, Ill.	May	14
	metres	10.3	Willie Williams(USA)	Mexico City	Mar.	
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		10.3	Rod Richard(USA)	Mexico City	Mar.	14
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	metres	45.4	Louis Jones (USA)	Mexico City	Mar.	
	0 yards	46.5	J.W.Mashburn(USA)	Compton, Cal.	June	3
	0 metres		Roger Moens (Belgium)	Brussels	June	15
88	0 yards	1: 47.5	Lon Spurrier(USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	Mar.	26
3	mile	2:55.4	Brian Hewson(G.B.)	Paddington	June	7
li.	500 m.	3: 42.2	István Rószavölgyi(Hung)	Belgrade	June	16
	e Mile	3:59.0	László Tábori(Hungary)	White City	May	28
12.	000 m.	5:08.8	István Roszavolgyi(Hun)	Budapest	May	28
13.	000 m.	7:55.6	Sandor Iharos(Hungary)	Budapest	May	14
Tw	o Miles	8: 33.4	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	White City	May	30
3	Miles	13:31.8	Dave Stephens(Australia)	Melbourne	Feb.	23
15.	000 m.	14:09.8	Ivan Ullsperger(Czech.)	Prague	June	8
	Miles	28: 21.4	Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	White City	Apr.	23
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# Máca 200'10" & Sidło 260'2"

unprecedented in track history, but even so one can easily predict that his unique record in being undefeated against Europeans(other than Tosi) since 1940 is likely to be stopped soon, because the opposition is growing stronger and stronger. Most serious candidates to the succession of the long reigning Adolfo are Jozsef Szécsenyi of Hungary and Zdenek Cihak of Czechoslovakia. These two young thre-wers met at Prague on June 8 and the Hungarian won at 172'10"aga-inst 169'113" for the amazing Czech. Second best mark on the European Little Company of the European Little Co -opean list so far is that of inconsistent Jan Vrabel, another Czech(173'32" at Lomnice, May 14).Otto Grigalka has a good 171'98" (Minsk, May 20), on which occasion hammer thrower Krivonosov was a brilliant second with 168' 02".

Surprisingly enough, the hard working European hammer throwers have so far produced nothing to match Hal Connolly's 202'38"(which, as we now learn, is not likely to be accepted as a U.S. record because the officials were reportedly watching another event at the time the throw was made!!). Milos Maca added a few inches to his own Czech record with a mark of 61.22 (200104") at inches to his own Czech record with a mark of 61.22 (200'102") at Stara Boleslav on May 14. But he was soundly beaten by Olympic champion Josef Csermak of Hungary on June 9 in Prague, when he could only manage 189'27", good for fourth behind Csermak, 193'94", Jiri Dadak, 190'98", and Josef Malek, 189'4". Krivonosov is still the most consistent Russian thrower, but at Minsk on May 21 he needed every inch to beat the rapidly improving Fyeodor Thachev, who on an earlier occasion had done 196'78". Stanislav Nyemashev has several marks in the range 187'/188' but was beaten twice in major meetings. Another old Hammer Hand, Sverre Strandli, is gradually moving to his usual high standard, his best so far being ually moving to his usual high standard, his best so far being 195'68".

Janusz Sidlo, European champion and record holder, is still the best of the continental javelin throwers, especially in big meets. After throwing 246' even in his own country (Warsaw, May 21) he went to Finland and decisively beat the best Suomi special-ists at Helsinki, May 26, with 245'98" (it should be added, however that this was the opening meet of the Finnish season). At Kouvola on May 30 Sidko got one off to 260'2", his second best ever and bet-tered so far this season only by "Bud" Held. Soini Nikkinen of Fin-land is 2nd on the list at 241'58", a distance achieved a few days later also by Heiner Will of Germany. A notable event was the arrival of France's 1st 70-metre man in the person of 23 year old Michel Macquet, 234'534" at Thonon on May 29.