

## NEWS

UNITED STATES Olympic team meet, Ontario, Oct. 20: 100-King 10.1, Morrow 10.2, Murchison 10.3; 200-Baker & Morrow 21.3; 400-Jones 47.9, Jenkins 47.9, Stanfield 48.6; 800-Courtney 1:48.7, Sowell 1:49.1, Stanley 1:49.3, Spurrier 1:49.4. 1500- Wheeler 3:57.1, Walters 3:57.1, Dellinger 3:57.8, Seaman. (Bowden sick); 3000 St. Jones 9:19.6, Coleman 9:34.6, Reiser 9:51.9; 5000-Truex 14:22.8, Smartt 15:13.9, Stone 15:24.5; 110H-Calhoun 13.7, Davis 13.8, Shankle 13.8; 400H-Davis 51.1, Culbreath 51.1, Southern 51.2; 440R-Murchison, King, Baker, Morrow 40.3; Mile relay-Jenkins, Sowell, Courtney, Jones 3:08.6, Southern, Culbreath, Spurrier, Davis 3:08.8; 1500m Walk- McDonald 6:45.6, Weinecker 6:50.2; Denman 7:05.7; HJ-Dumas 6-8  $3/4$ , Wilson 6-7, Reavis 6-4; BJ-Bell 26-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Andrews 24-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Johnson 24-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; PV-Richards 15-1, Gutowski 14-8, Mattos 14-4, Graham 13-6; HSJ-Davis 51-11, Sharpe 51-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Hollie 49-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Shaw 48-5. SP-O'Brien 61-4  $7/8$ , Nieder 59-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Vick 54-8; DT-O'Brien 170-2, Oerter 169-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Koch 168-2, Vick 167- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; JT-Held 259-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Conley 244-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Young 236-6, Garcia 236-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . HT-213-8, Hall 204-7, Engel 191-3, Blair 186-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Olympic team meet, Santa Ana, Oct. 27: 100 King 10.1, Baker 10.2, Murchison 10.4, Morrow 10.5, Stanfield 10.6. 200- Baker 20.6, Stanfield 21.0, Calhoun 21.50. 400m-Jenkins 47.6, Mashburn 47.7, Jones 47.8. 800-Courtney 1:49.7, Spurrier 1:50.5, Stanley 1:50.6, Sowell 1:51.00; 1500- Wheeler 3:48.5, Dwyer 3:48.9, Walters 3:50.5, Seaman 3:50.9. 3000St- Coleman 9:05.2, Jones 9:060. 5000m- Dellinger 14:46.7. 10,000- McKenzie 31:10.4 (Truex broke national record for five miles with 24:15.7, dropped out a lap later). 110H Calhoun 13.8, Davis 14.0, Shankle 14.1, Campbell 14.3. 400H-Davis 51.9, Culbreath 52.2. 400R-Murchison, King, Baker, Morrow 40.2. HJ-Dumas 6-8, tie Reavis, Allard, Shelton. BJ-Bell 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bonnett 25-2, Andrews. PV- Gutowski and Richards 15-5, Mattos 14-8, Graham. SP-O'Brien 62-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ , but landing area 9" too low, Nieder 59+, Vick. DT-Gordien 183-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Oerter, O'Brien, Koch; JT-Held 258-5, Young, Conley, Garcia. HT-Connolly 224-8, but hammer 578 ounce light, Hall 204 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Engel, Blair.

CANADA Oct. 28, Doug Kyle 30:15.8 for 10,000, 29:14.9 six miles, new Canadian records.

SOUTH AFRICA 9/22 du Plessis 178-5, South African and British Empire record; 9/29 Spence 48.0y, Burger 14.5, derMerwe 14.6, 440H Potgieter 52.1, S.A. record, Price 24-2  $3/4$ , du Plessis 169-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 9/26 Brewster 1:52.3. Olympic trials, Port Elizabeth 10.6--Perkes 10.6 heat; Jeffrys 21.3, Spence 47.8, Van Zyl 47.9, Brewster 1:53.3, Jennings 3:53.9, Swart 14.7, Potgieter 52.6, Burger 13-6, Price 24-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Malan 164-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , du Plessis third 158-9 (throws of 172 and 178 landed outside sector, Barnard 2:21:37.2, Davies 2:25:6.0, both under S.A. record.

AUSTRALIA Olympic trials, Oct 13: Bailey 1:51.2, Gregory 1:52.4, Douglas 1:52.4; Lawrence 14:03.6, Thomas 14:04.6, Power 14:04.6, Plummer 14:18.2. 3000St Thomas 8:56.2, Blackney 8:58, Robbins 8:59.2. Invitational events, Hogan 10.6 and 21.5, Gosper 47.6, Fleming 3:49.2 from Clarke 3:52.8, Lean 52.8, Vernon 6-6, Donath 52-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Australian record. Olympic trials Oct. 20 (after 5 days of rain). Land 10.7; Gipson 22.0; Gosper 47.7, Gipson 48, Goodman 48.1; Bailey 3:44.4, just enough to win, from Lincoln 3:45, Henderson 3:46.4, Plummer 3:47.8, Fleming 3:48.8, Clarke 4:01.4; Lawrence 29:31.2, Power 29:32, Stephens 29:34, Thomas 29:46.8; Joyce 14.8; Goodacre 52.0, Australian record, Lean 52.0; Jack 24-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Porter 6-7, Ridgway 6-5; Rich 49-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  HSJ; Invitation: Hewson 1:49.7, Butchart 1:50.3, Macmillan 1:51.1, Almond 1:51.6; 3000, Halberg 8:19.8; Donath 52-0  $3/4$ .

EUROPE Krivonosov regained the world hammer record Oct. 22 with 220-10  $\frac{3}{8}$  (67.32). Cologne, 10/13 Lauer 14.4, Haas 46.5, Germar 10.6, Uddebom 167-11  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Laufer 14:07.8, Dohrow 1:48.2 from Schmidt 1:48.2 and Waern 1:49.1, Asplund 193-7  $\frac{5}{8}$ , Swedish record, Nilsson 6-6  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Pettersson 6-6  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Germany 40.5, 10/14: Janz 51.8, Haas 20.7, Fohl 21.2, Wegmann 55-1  $\frac{3}{8}$ , Waern 3:46.4 from Ericsson 3:46.8, Lamers 3:48.4, Konrad 29:32.2, Schade 3rd, Will 263-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , German record, Koschel 255-3, Fredriksson 250-6  $\frac{5}{8}$ , Germany 3:09, Sweden 3:11.4, Swedish record, Germany (Knorzer, Steinbach, Pohl, Germar) 40.0, European record, Sweden 40.7 national record, Lauer 21.3, Missalla 1:50.5. Florence 10/13: Panciera 47.8, Baraldi 3:49.3, Mimoun 30:21, Roudnitska 14.5, Meconi 53-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Husson 192-9  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Italy (Gnocchi, Lombardo, Ghiselli, Galbisti) 40.1, equalling European record, France 40.7, national record. 10/14: Djian 1:49.9, Baraldi 1:50.6, Cury 52.1, Sillon 14-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Consolini 174-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Italy 3:10.8, national record, France 3:11.4. London 10/10: Johnson 1:49.2, Szentgali 1:49.4, Rozsavolgyi 1:49.7; Ibbotson 3:49.2, Tabori 3:49.2, Iharos 3:50.4; Sando 14:10.6, Szabo 14:10.6; Parker 14.5; Shaw 52.6; Disley 8:57.2; London 3:10.4y; Palmer 55-6; Csermak 195-8. Brussels 10/17: Steinbach 10.4; Carlsson 21.2, Nordic record; Huber 47.1; Richtzenhain 1:48.9, Farrell 1:49.3, Leva 1:49.4; Sherrmann 3:45.2, Barthel 3:47; Zimny 13:58.6; Kunen 29:47.2, Dutch record, Knight 29:57.8; Hildreth 14.5; Kane 52.5; Preussger 14-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Russian records fell to: Kashkarov 6-10  $\frac{5}{8}$ , Fyedoseyev 25-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Balyayev 57-2  $\frac{5}{8}$ . Prague 10/20: Haas 46.6, Trousil 46.6 Czech record, Kuhl 47.4, Jirasek 47.7; Jungwirth 3:42.4, equals Czech record, Dohrow 3:42.8, Zwolensky 3:46.8; Cikel 14:09.4, Graf 14:11.2, Schade 14:12.8; Steines 14.5; 10/21: Schade 29:38.8; Konrad 29:38.8; Brlica 8:48.8, Laufer 8:48.8; Skobla 57-7  $\frac{3}{8}$ , Wegmann 56-2, German record; Plihal 54-9  $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Will 250-9, Budapest 10/20: Hellsten 47.2, Rekola 47.7, Adamik 47.8; Szentgali 1:49.8, Salsola 1:50.1, Rozsa 1:50.3; Valkama 24-10; Rozsnyoi 8:42.2, Jeszenszky 8:42.4, Auer 8:42.4, Finnish record, Rintempaa 8:47.4; Iharos 14:01.8, Kovacs 14:05.2, Szabo 14:08.4, Julin 14:08.8; Hungary 40.5, = national record, 10/21: Mildh 51.8, Lippai 52.2, Hungarian record, Botar 52.5; Tabori 3:46.8, Vuorisalo 3:47.4, Czeglédi 3:47.8, Kakko 3:48, Auer 3:50.4, Rozsavolgyi 4:03.6, Krasznai 253-1; Landstrom 14-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Csermak 204-6  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Finland 3:10.7, record; Kovacs 29:42; Rahkamo 50-11. Rumania-Norway 10/13: Boysen 1:50.8; Larsen 14:07.4, Norwegian record; Raica 53-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  Rumanian record; 10/14: Strandli 202-10. Also national records for: Husson, France, 197-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Milakov, Yugoslavia 14-2  $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Czechoslovakia 3:08.9; Bodo, Hungary, 6-6  $\frac{3}{8}$ ;

#### WIND SPRINTS

Russian team has been at Tashkent where climatic conditions are believed to be similar to Melbourne in late November. Australian Olympic selections include Landy, Bailey and Lincoln in the 1500, Landy, Lawrence, Thomas 5000, Stephens, Lawrence, Power 10,000; Ollershaw, Russell, Perry marathon. Giuseppina Leone of Italy ran 11.4 for a new European women's record. Mildred McDaniel of the U.S. team cleared 5-9  $\frac{3}{8}$  in practice, over the world mark. Earlene Brown bettered 50 feet. Alain Mimoun was sidelined for a week because he strained a muscle in his left calf while turning over in his sleep. Antti Viskari of Finland broke the world mark for 30,000 meters with 1:35:3.6. Egil Danielsen threw the javelin 304-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , using the Spanish style which has been declared illegal by the IAAF. Rafer Johnson has leg trouble, is not broad jumping. Emil Zatopek won an international 25,000 meter road race in 1:19:38.4. Hungary's Olympic team has flown to Melbourne despite the revolution in which 1952 hammer champ Josef Csermark was reported killed.

SO THEY TELL US

TN EMERSON CASE, Schenectady: "George Smith's book "All Out For the Mile" is one of the most fascinating track books I have ever read, and the figures given are amazingly accurate. (This book is priced at \$3.00 to TN subscribers)...The photographic reproductions in T&FN are superb; in fact I can think of few publications that have as clear pictures.

It seems odd to me that world records (in countries with metric measurements) must be broken by at least 1 centimeter (0.393 in.) in all field events to be accepted by the IAAF. To break the high jump record by 1 cm. is obviously a far greater achievement than to break the javelin record by the same amount. This margin in the high jump is 0.5% and decreases through the various field events to 0.05% in the case of the javelin. Hence, by this reasoning, the javelin record should be broken by over 15 in.

Field events are measured to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in English speaking countries, for distances under 100 feet, and to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for distances of 100 feet and over. It follows that the high jump, broad jump, pole vault, and shot put are measured to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and the other field events to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. But since 1 cm. = 0.3937 in., it would seem easier to break existing marks in the high jump, broad jump, vault and shot (by only 0.25 in) in countries using the English system of measurement--or, in other words, by a lesser margin than seems necessary in metric countries. In the other field events the reverse situation seems true. The old record, in English system countries, must be broken by a greater margin. Obviously all these discrepancies would disappear if the superior metric system were worldwide...

Ralph C. Craig, Olympic 200 and 100 champion at Stockholm in 1912 would appreciate information on world or American records made in trial heats. Probably some reader could supplement his list and mine. There have been track records set at distances as great as 800m or longer in trial heats."

HAL CONNOLLY, after his 224-8 was ruled out by a light hammer: "I'm disgusted. Now I will have to do it again, and I don't like to have to go all out every week."

JACK DAVIS, after losing to Calhoun at Santa Ana: "I felt ready for a 13.5 today, and I don't know what happened. But you can count on one thing. I'll win at Melbourne."

LEAMON KING, after his 10.1 at Santa Ana: "Some days you just feel like running and some days you don't. This track didn't feel as good as at Ontario, and it felt like my blocks slipped at the start. Yes, I wish I could run the 100 at Melbourne, but that's the way it goes."

THANE BAKER, following his 20.6 at Santa Ana: "I'm beginning to come along. Stanfield helped me today by running the curve hard."

ANDY STANFIELD: "Baker surely looked smooth and strong the last 60 yards. I'm making progress on schedule."

LOU JONES: "Don't worry about the U.S. quarter-milers. We'll be in shape."

LON SPURRIER: "If Sowell had beaten me today I would have quit. He worked terribly hard all week, and I don't think you can do it and still race on Saturday. And that Courtney. He's so strong you could ride on his back all the way and he'd never notice it."

BOBBY MORROW: "I don't know what's wrong, and I have no excuses. I just hope I'll snap out of it in a few weeks."

RALPH HIGGINS, assistant Olympic team manager: "Many of the boys are homesick already. But don't worry. They will be all right."

AL HALL: "I keep feeling I'm ready to break out of the 200 to 205 class, but it hasn't come yet. Maybe at Melbourne."

JIM LEA: "How's my leg coming? Don't ask me, ask it."

BILL NIEDER: "It is disappointing to do only 59 plus in these meets. When you can hit over 59 in practice you should do at least a foot better in the meets."

COACH (anonymous): "For my money, Ted Wheeler is the American to watch in the 1500. He's the type that can run better than usual when he wants to. And he'll want to down under."

SPECTATOR (equally anonymous): "Our 1500 men can't be much when Dwyer can give them such a battle on practically no work all summer."

TN PETE MAY, Los Angeles: "By September of this year my best performances list have produced these astounding figures:

100m, 93 performances in 10.3 or better by 47 athletes.

800m, 164 performances in 1:49.4 or better by 52 athletes.

1500m, 213 performances in 3:47 or better by 55 athletes.

1 mile, 145 performances in 4:07 or better by 53 athletes.

2 miles, 104 performances in 8:59.6 or better by 59 athletes.

high jump, 97 performances of 6-9 or better by 16 athletes.

shot put, 109 performances of 57-0 or better by 14 athletes."

DICK NASH, Los Angeles: "The broad jump and hop-step-jump runway at Ontario was the best ever, according to the word of the athletes and their performances. It was a long one--really as long as the football field--which I think helped the boys psychologically. Too many broad jump runways are too short and the athletes must either curtail their run or back up to the extreme end of the runway before taking off."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Bowling Green, Ohio: "I look for Dellinger, Bowden and Conley to show the most improvement at Melbourne over the final trials. Conley could surprise a lot of people in the javelin. I hope to see Dellinger under 14:10 and Bowden under 3:45. But where will it get them? Maybe not even into the finals. Deacon Jones may also show great improvement at Melbourne.

"Every issue of the News or Newsletter seems to further confuse me. I thought by this time the Olympic picture would be rather clear and the job of predicting would be simplified. However it doesn't work that way as expected place winners continue to fall down, supposed has-beens show amazing vitality, new faces continue to show world class, and injuries pop up, making the status of many questionable. Last spring I had some measure of confidence in my favorites, now it looks more and more like a big guessing game. The 1500 is the worst of course. With at least 12 potential winners I can see all six of my picks finishing out of the money.

"From results of the first development meet it appears that many members of our team have a lot of work to do. I am as surprised as Tom Courtney that any of the members would lay off completely. I don't see how they could do it with the biggest meet of their lives coming up. I hope the Olympic committee exercises its right to take alternates for anyone who isn't in condition. Anyone without enough interest to keep in shape really doesn't deserve to go."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis: "Don Winton must want blood. When a fellow makes the Olympic team, under normal conditions, he should be expected to keep on with hard workouts, but this is an abnormal situation. I think all those men earned a vacation, though I certainly won't condone lack of effort or a complete letdown because of a free ride. This stuff of trying to compete 12 months a year is nutty. Lots of records are made, and will continue to be made, by men who work out twice a day, but how can you point for a particular meet that way? Aiming for the big one is more important, just as Barthel or Lovelock did