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NEWS

OUTDOORS Parry O'Brien, in a State Department tour of the Far East, opened competition in Manila January 11 with 62'2".

AUSTRALIA Mike Agostini 9.6 and 21.1yt, on grass, Newcastle, Jan. 6. Elsewhere: Herb Elliot, 18, 1:54; Clarke 4:10.2; Pirie 14:12.8 from Fleming 14:14.4; Donath 52'7½"; Dec. 29-de G. uchy 9.8, Gipson 9.9; Jan. 5, McCann 23'5¼"; Howes 1:54.0; Clarke 4:14.6; Blair 182'6½" Landy, still with sore legs, will miss Victorian mile race Jan. 26 (as will Clarke) but hopes to make nationals March 8-10. Donath says has been hitting near 55' in practice, is confident of reaching 58'. Leaves for England in March, to remain through '958, but hopes to be able to make California for training purposes. Lincoln also plans to go abroad this year as does Brian Randall (9.6) and Allan Lawrence, who wants to run on Scandinavian tracks.

INDOORS University of Chicago Track Club Holiday Meet, Dec. 29: Murchison and Jacobs 7.0, tying American indoor dirt track record for 70; Welbourne 14'6¼"; Owens 54'11¾"; Coleman 9:11; Smith 6'6¾". (Murchison again ran 7.0, January 12 at Chicago.)

Metropolitan AAU, Jan. 5, New York: 60-Williams 6.7, Shaw, Gathers; 600-Gatto 1:12.5 by two yards from Courtney; 1000-Bright 2:16.2; Mile-Dwyer 4:13.6; 3-mile--Ashenfelter 14:13.9; 60HH-Knight 7.7; Mile Relay-Pioneer Club 3:24.3; 2-milerelay--Fordham 7:54.7; Mile walk-Laskau 6:39.9; BJ-Shaw 23'6½"; SP-Bantum 53'9¼"; 35 lb WT-Backus 64'2¾", Thomson 61'5½", Engel 60'7¼"; PV-Lynn & De Costa 13'6"; HJ-Gardner 6'3".

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Coming events Jan. 19, Knights of Columbus, Boston; Jan. 25, Philadelphia Inquirer; Jan. 26, Washington Star; Feb. 1, Metropolitan Intercollegiate; Feb. 2, Boston A. A.

ON THE INDOOR CIRCUIT

Cliff Larrabee, the weight throw statistician, predicts close to 70 feet in the 35 pound event soon... Bowdoin's Williams has dropped out of school this year but plans to come back for his last year of eligibility... Laszlo Tabori started training at Miami, was not happy, came back to New York, and then planned to train at the University of North Carolina. Although he has never run indoors he plans to do all his training outdoors. His schedule is: two miles at Boston K of C, Washington Star, New York AC, and Milwaukee Journal meets; one mile at Philadelphia, Millrose, AAU, Chicago Daily News and Cleveland K of C... Ron-Delany is 12 pounds underweight and has been ordered to rest by his doctor. Will not compete until February... that leaves the Boston mile field to Phil Coleman, Ted Wheeler, Deacon Jones, Burr Grimm, George King, John Kopil, and Ed Murphey... Michigan's Dave Owen has hit 58 feet in practice... Reggie Pearman has won 22 medals in the Metropolitan AAU meet since 1946. 11 firsts, 7 seconds and 4 thirds, indoors and out...

WIND SPRINTS

Milt Campbell has become engaged to an East Chicago school teacher... Michigan State vaulter George Best had the best grade average among all Spartan athletes--a straight A... Alain Mimoun was due in New York Jan. 15 as a member of a French veterans delegation making a good will trip to the United States... Komsomol Pravda, the usually highly critical (of the West) organ of the Young Communist League in Russia, has changed its tune and has nothing but praise for Bobby Morrow. It offered no excuses for Morrow's having beaten the Russian sprinters and described him as a "tall, lean young man, pleasant and modest, and a man without nerves." It said Morrow's name has become known to the whole world due to his outstanding sports victories... the NCAA cross country trophy is named after Bill Hayes, still regarded as one of America's greatest distance coaches. He handled the U.S. distance squad in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics, was largely responsible for holding the first NCAA cross country championships, and helped organize the National Collegiate Cross Country Coaches Association. Following 20 years of coaching at Indiana, where he developed such as Don Lash, Tommy Deckard and others, Hayes died Dec. 1943..

NOTED WITH INTEREST

PERCY CERUTTY, Australian coach, sums up the Games: On the whole a feeling of disappointment: too many big names failing to run or look like champions; too few able to withstand the "real" men of the Games. Of these real men I can think of only about six.

The sprints brought out another first class fast man who came through to win the double. But I can never feel that the sprints is quite the challenge of the long drawn out events like the pole vault, or the physical tests of the 5000, 10,000, the steeple or the marathon. The women's events are not in my jurisdiction to speak about.

The 400m good, but not classical. The 800 "failed", since a far-from-top-world-man in the Englishman Johnson may have beaten all the name and time men. He just narrowly missed doing so. The same can be said of the 1500. But the steeple: Brasher finished like a "great" big--dominating, ruthless.

Kuts in the 5000 ran "faster" men into the ground almost effortlessly, so complete was their collapse; so terrifically did his personality out-do, tower over, and vanquish the rest. Kuts in the 10,000 drove himself and Pirie positively into the pit or grave, only Kuts emerging.

In the pole vault a beaten, just-qualifying-with-last-attempt Richards overcame all the weaknesses of the flesh and spirit, and prevailed tremendously--to win, when at certain stages it had seemed impossible. In the hammer, Connolly, challenged with a "best" by the Russian, strode into that ring with posture and mien of a Jove: Vulcan and Zeus combined. He strode into that ring, swung and threw; looked; and walked out as he went in--terrific in power, and almost with disdain. This throw excelled all others. He had won. This man, this throw, that moment, was the greatest single one in the whole Games--at least of what I witnessed.

The persistence of Mimoun was great in its way also. I honor him, but feel he never equalled--and never did in this race--the "man" Zatopek. He only beat Zatopek. Were there any others? I cannot think of them. It is true some ran or performed above themselves, as did Delany, Hogan and Landy, Porter and Lawrence, for sterling performances. The best "junior" was undoubtedly the Australian, Albert Thomas. The hurdlers, like the sprinters, did what we hoped to see: that is all. The jumpers, etc., mostly the same.

It is not given to the world to have a large number of heroes at the one time, . . . neither in ancient Greek times, nor in our modern times. So finally, who is this limited group of heroes in these Games of 1956? I shall name them: Kuts, Connolly, Richards, Brasher, Mimoun--together with the "personality" of Zatopek, which pervaded them all.

TN FIONNBAR CALLANAN of Dublin reviewed the Olympics on the basis of the IAAF scoring tables. His conclusions: The tables have been prepared on the basis of an involved mathematical calculation which produces a curve, called "the performance curve" from which each performance can be assessed. The published version of the tables only go to 1500 points, but marks between 1500 and 1700 can be estimated with reasonable accuracy. Since the tables were approved in 1952, not only has the 1500 points been exceeded in many events, but in three cases--shot, javelin and hammer--the world's leading performances have surpassed even the 1700 point ceiling, and, theoretically at least, merit an infinite score. The javelin record at Melbourne was such an instance, and viewed in the light of the tables it was the best performance of the Games. Although the tables are imperfect, for instance giving fewer points for a 15 foot pole vault than for a 10.5 hundred, let us see what they tell us of the standards at Melbourne. In the 1952 Games 22 athletes had performances which scored 1200 points or more on the tables. This figure was almost trebled at Melbourne where 65 athletes did so. In fact 31 athletes scored 1300 or over at Melbourne. In Helsinki nine of those athletes who scored 1200 or more were Europeans, while 39 Europeans did so at Melbourne, and 19 in the intervening European Championships of 1954. Hammer thrower Csermak is the only athlete to score over 1200 points in all three meetings, though Stanfield, Jack Davis, da Silva and O'Brien achieved it in both Olympics. Morrow, Kuts and a third man scored over 1200 points in two events each. (Ed note: without consulting the results and scoring tables can you name the third man?)

I publish two ranking lists. The first is an individual ranking of athletes on their Melbourne performances. It shows that the shot, hammer, javelin and 10,000 have progressed much more rapidly than the table makers could have foreseen and therefore athletes in these vents consistently make the highest scores.

Individual rankings: Danielsen 1700 plus; Connolly 1535; O'Brien 1528; Krivonosov 1513; Samotsvetov 1466; Nieder 1418; Kuts 1412; Hall 1406; Kuts 1399 (5000); Sidlo 1394; da-Silva 1392; Dumas 1380; Kovacs 1379; Lawrence 1373; Tsibulenko 1365; Delany 1363; Einarsson 1345; Krzyszkowiak 1322 (10,000), Rizhtzenhain and Landy 1335.

The second list is an attempt to answer the question: "which event had the highest standard?" To arrive at the score for each event I took the best performances of the first six and allocated to them the appropriate scores under the tables. The aggregate gave me my event score. I deemed it fairer to take the best performance of each competitor during the competition, even if it was made in a heat, as conditions often hampered performances in the finals--the 100 the perfect example. This list not only confirms that the hammer and 10,000 meters have been fortunate in the scoring, but also that the last five events on the list were harshly treated. My own feeling is that, sentiment entirely apart, the 1500 final showed a higher standard of performance than any other event. Even on the tables it was the only event in which the first six scored over 1300 points, to say nothing of the fact that 11 of 12 finalists were over 1200 points. Eight competitors were over 1200 in the steeplechase and hammer.

The event rankings: Hammer, -8522; 10,000m, 8080; 5000m, 7982; Javelin, 7774 plus; Steeplechase, 7702; Shot, 7686; Hop-step-jump, 7526; 5000, 7498; high jump, 7295; 400H, 7148 (6590 in finals only); 100, 6993 (6224 in finals); 400, 6990 (6514 in finals); 200, 6983; 110H, 6831 (6284); 800, 6821; discus, 6802; pole vault, 5983; broad jump, 5860.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE RECORDS have been approved as follows: Sime 9.3, 20.0, 22.2; King 9.3; Morrow 20.6; Bailey 3:58.6; Texas 40.1; Abilene Christian 1:24.0; Nieder 60'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Bragg 15'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Hall 204'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Davis 51'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Championship meet records were approved: Morrow 20.6; Sowell 1:46.7; Delany 3:47.3; Jones 3:15.3; Calhoun 13.7; Lewis 51.0; Kennedy 9:16.5; Bantum 60'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Sharpe 50'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; McWilliams 195'3".

CHRIS BRASHER answered the Athletics Weekly questionnaire: Born Georgetown, British Guiana, Aug. 21, 1928, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 150 lbs; oil company executive; started at age 16 at mile, 880 and cross country. Likes steeplechase and mile best. Trains 5 to 6 days a week in summer, 4 to 5 days in winter, usually beginning at 12:30 p.m. and training for $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Typical week's work in summer: Monday, 10 x 440 in 60 to 62; Tuesday, 4 to 6 x 880 in 2:04 to 2:10; Wednesday, 10 x 440 in 60-62; Thursday, 6 x 880 over steeplechase course in 2:16 to 2:20; Friday, 5 x 220 in 29, 5 x 440 in 59, 5 x 220 in 29; Saturday, 6 x 1320 in 3:18; Sunday, 45 minutes Fartlek. Typical winter : week: Same principle as in summer but much slower, i. e., 20 x 440 in 68, 8 x 880 in 2:14. More fartlek or cross country for variety. Advises young athletes: Set a high target and then go about it sensibly. Study the methods of those prominent in your event--try to see that they are aiming to do--extend that principle into the standards which will be current in four to eight years--then apply your own standard. Above all THINK FOR YOURSELF. Someone else can do all the thinking for you in training but not in a race. Above all athletics will be much more fun if you have thought it all out for yourself. Always persevere however badly things are going.

OLYMPIC HEAD BEAT HITLER on important points regarding 1936 Olympics, reports the bulletin of the IOC. Whilst in Germany shortly before the winter Games, Count de Baillet Latour, President of the International Olympic Committee, noticed the presence of hoardings all along the roads bearing anti-Jewish slogans. He requested an immediate audience with Hitler to make it plain to him that he did not consider it proper for Germany, when about to receive athletes of all creeds and nationalities within her borders, to offer public insults to certain of them. Count de Baillet knew no German and Hitler spoke neither French nor English. Hitler said that the racial question was a matter of primary importance in Germany and that he could not modify his entire politics for the sake of a question of mere Olympic protocol. The President replied that this was not a question of Olympic protocol but of the most elementary courtesy; furthermore that all athletes must feel themselves to be on equal footing, and that he could not countenance the possibility of some of them having a feeling of inferiority. As Hitler persisted in putting forward his own point of view, de Baillet, assuming the very dignified air that came so naturally to him, observed haughtily to Hitler that he would remain inflexible on this point and that, despite the imminence of the winter Games, he would forbid their celebration if he did not yield to his demand. Somewhat disconcerted at first, Hitler began to talk volubly, gradually becoming more excited and staring

at a corner of the ceiling, without seeming to pay any further attention to his visitor, as if he had gone into a trance. The interpreter gave up and allowed this crisis to run its course as if he were well used to scenes of this nature. This continued for some time and then Hitler fell abruptly silent. Coming back to earth he said nothing for quite a while and seemed deep in thought. Then he turned to de Baillet and announced: "You shall have satisfaction, I shall give orders to that effect." And he brought the interview to a close with any further comment. The President left Germany by car the next day and not a single Anti-Jewish sign was to be seen, nor was any seen until after the end of the Games.

SO THEY TELL US

TN MARDIK MARTIN, Highland Park, Michigan: "Regardless of the Olympic results I think this is how it should have been actually, and I also think these are the top three athletes in each event for the year 1956: 100-Morrow, King, Sime; 200-Morrow, Sime, Baker; 400-Jones, Lea, Jenkins; 800-Courtney, Moens, Boysen; 1500-Delany, Rozsavolgyi, Landy; 5000-Kuts, Iharos, Pirie; 10,000-Kuts, Iharos, Kovacs; Steeplechase-Rozsnyoi, Larsen, Brasher; marathon-Mimoun, Zatopek, Karvonen; 11K-Davis, Calhoun, Shankle; 10K-Davis, Southern, Culbreath; BJ-Bell, Bennett, Shelby; HSJ-da Silva, Shcherbakov, Kogake; HJ-Dumas, Nilsson, Kashkarov; PV-Richards, Bragg, Gutowski; SP-O'Brien, Nieder, Bantum; DT-Oerter, Gordien, Consolini; JT-Danielsen, Sidlo, Held; HT-Connolly, Krivonosov, Sametsvetov; decathlon--Johnson, Campbell, Kuznetsov."

PERCY CERUTTY, Australia: "Brasher wrote that he was disappointed with the disappearance of the big names in the Olympics, nor was the standard as high as he expected. He attributed it to the Games being held in November. This required a lot of re-arranging of training programs, and Brasher was sure many did not give this sufficient thought."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis (on Oct. 30): "How about subbing King for Morrow or Williams for Baker. At the hundred of course."

TN HAL HIGDON, Chicago: "As if I don't have enough to keep me busy. You have to keep bothering me with silly questionnaires. It is stupid, silly, foolish and idiotic to make Olympic predictions this far in advance. 50% of the Olympic winners of 1960 will have been nowhere in the top 50 of the 1956 world list. Nevertheless, like a stupid, silly, foolish idiot I enclose my picks absolutely certain that all but one will not come true. The only dead sure fire bet is my pick in the steeplechase. (Ed note: he picked some guy named Higdon)

TN SYD DeRONER, South Orange, New Jersey: "A few disappointments in the Games but on the whole our track and field men evidently got themselves back into pretty good shape. The 400 was the biggest disappointment from my view point. We should have had 1-2-3 in that one. Courtney certainly has been getting a grand round of welcoming home parades at home in Livingston and at Fordham."

TN HAL BATEMAN, East Lansing, Michigan: "The brightest spot in Michigan's intra-squad meet was Dave Owen's toss of over 57 feet. He works pretty hard and even gave up football last fall to devote more time to track. Michigan State has nothing to report except that Dave Lean is back in school. After his 46.3 Olympic relay leg watch out for MSU next year, especially in the mile and two mile relays. Remember that Willie Atterberry is only a freshman and Lean a junior. What other team in the nation can boast of two 400 hurdlers that have run 51.2 and 51.4? Pretty potent competition. The cross country season is still lingering around here and the prospects for next season crop up. It looks like the Spartans may have another team that can go all the way, incredible as it may sound. Here is how the first five tentatively line up: 1--Henry Kennedy, the record speaks for itself. Senior. 2-Forddy Kennedy, some say he will be better than his brother, Sophomore. 3-Ron Wheeler, fourth man on this year's team. Hard worker with lots of desire. Junior. 4-Bob Lake, Mich. high school cross country champ. Looked good as frosh. Sophomore. 5-Ken Dafoe, a Canadian who was seventh man this year. Will be pressed, though. Senior. Not to be forgotten are Californians Arvid Lindholm and Jim Horan who will be sophs and Atterberry can't be counted out. He ran it last fall and beat State's sixth and seventh men."

TN UAN RASEY, North Hollywood, Calif.: "That's great about the coaches favoring a complete Olympic program for the NCAA. What say all good track fans lend their support, too, by keeping after their coaches until the change is formally adopted. Talk to them whenever you can, and write some letters. This is something worth working for. It's the most."