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NEWS

OUTDOORS

HIGH SCHOOL marks are topped by the sensational 14'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by Jim Brewer March 13. Jim went over 15'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on his third try, hitting bar just under his eye on the way down. Other national leaders include: (all California unless otherwise noted) 9.7, Buchanan, Kearney of San Diego and McClellan, Stanford, Tex; 21.4, Jehle, Chaffey of Ontario; 48.6, Balzaret, Los Angeles Eagle Rock; 1:57.5, Anderson, University of L.A.; 4:30.7, Cooper, Tech of Fort Worth, Tex., and Morgan, Lowell of S.F.; HH, 14.4, Calhoun, Inglewood and Wells, Casa Grande, Ariz.; LH, 19.3, Wells; 6'4", Westbrook, Pomona; 24'6", Griffin, Centennial of Compton; 61'5", Long, North of Phoenix, Ariz.; 60'10, Verdon, San Diego Hoover; College discus, 148'3", Lewis, Lincoln of S.F.; 880 relay, 1:29.0, Glendale.

AUSTRALIA National championships, March 9: Hogan 9.4w, Gipson 9.6w, Garragher 9.6w; Gosper 47.0, Gipson 48.3; Elliott 4:00.4, Lincoln 4:02.6, Clarke 4:08.4; 6m, Warren 29:38.2, Power 29:55.4, Lawrence 30:21.6; Chittich 14.4, Lester 14.5, Short 14.7, wind; Cann 23.7; Gee 13'3"; Grant 211'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Hanlin 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Jack 23'5"w; March 11: Gosper 21.8; Elliott 1:49.3, Almond 1:49.7, Butchart 1:51.4; Al Thomas 13:37.6, Warren 13:39.4, Power 13:44.0; Goodacre 52.8; Porter 6'8", Ridgway 6'6"; Tomlinson 50'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " HSJ;

SOUTH AFRICA, best of season: Peakes 21.3, 47.7; Van der Merwe 14.4; Potgieter 23.1t, 52.1y; Kruger 13'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Price 24'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Van Houten 49'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " HSJ; du Plessis 165'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Buys 180'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", HT;

PUERTO RICO Migual de la Quadra of Spain threw javelin 292'7" with modified Spanish style.

UNITED STATES SO. PACIFIC AAU RELAYS, Los Angeles, March 9: 5000m, Henderson, Arizona St., 14:33.6, Seaman 14:44, Larriou 14:44.3; Conley 243'4", Voiles 214', Garcia 212'7", Adams 211'1"; Vick 54'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Bronson 52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Davis, SC Frosh, 53'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Ball 14.7;

BORDER OLYMPICS, Laredo, Tex., March 9: Morrow 9.5 and 20.2; Southern 14.3 and 22.8; Gordon, Texas, 213'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", ACC 40.8, Segrest, ACC, 47.8; Stewart, SMU, 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Dove, Sam Houston, 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Harris, East Texas, 21.3.

SOUTHWESTERN RECREATION Fort Worth, March 16: Texas 40.4, best ever around 2 turns; Fannon 14.4; Morrow 9.5; Livergood, TCU, 1:55.2; Wilson, Texas, 48.4; Whilden 20.8; Irvin, Texas, 158'2"; Southern 22.7; Texas 3:17.2.

AMERICAN BUSINESS CLUB RELAYS Big Spring, Texas, March 16: Hazley, OkA&M, 9.5 and 20.4; Covert, OA&M, 48.5; Anderson, SC, 1:53.9; Macy 9:23.5; OA&M 41.5; SC 3:18.5; Stewart 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Voiles 235'7"; Hren and Morris, both SC, 14'; Roberts 23.0; Lawson 14.3; Ellis, OA&M, 24'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

ELSEWHERE Mike Agostini ran 9.6 and 20.9; Alex Henderson ran 4:11.5 and 9:22.9, Norton 9.9, Rose and Hightower 14', Norton 21.1 at Tempe March 16; Mal Robertson 4:16.3 and 9:30.6 and Dumas 6'8" in SC time trials; Carpenter, Louisiana State, 14.6.

INDOORS

GERMANY Alain David, France, 6.1, Futterer 6.2, Knorzer 6.2; Brenner 3:52.8; Richtzenhain 8:16.4 3000m, Havenstein 8:17.2;

K OF C GAMES, New York, March 9: Barnwell, Pitt, 6.2; Pratt 7.3; Jenkins 1:11; Delany 4:09.4; Ashenfelter 9:01.4; Courtney 2:08.8, Scurlock 2:10.4; Morgan State 3:20.5; Dennis 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Bragg 15'1"; Shaw 49'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ";

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL March 9: Murchison 5.3 50 y; Campbell 6.2, 50HH; DePalma 1:3.6; Sowell 2:11.5, Lockerbie 2:12.8, Atterberry 2:13.2; College mile, Hanchett 4:14.1; Mile invitational Wheeler 4:13.3, S. Jones 4:16.5, Walters 4:17.9, Gregory 4:18.3; Truex 8:56.7; Macy 8:57.5, Coleman 9:08.5, Smartt 9:11.0; Richards 15'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Welbourn, Poucher, Laz 14'4"; Ubranckas, O'Reilly, Smith, Haisley 6'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Pitt 3:21.6; Pitt 7:45.0.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, March 16: Murchison 5.2, Bell, Sydnor; Campbell 7.1, Jones, Calhoun; Jenkins 1:11.6, Lean, Gaffney; Sowell 2:08.9, Lockerbie, Atterberry; Delany 4:03.8, Grim (40), Wheeler (41), Tabori (42); Ashenfelter 9:03.2, Deacon Jones, Selwyn Jones; Villanova 3:16; Pitt 7:43.8; Reavis 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Urbanckas 6'8", tie Stead and O'Reilly; Bragg 15'3", Richards '5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Welbourn;

PIONEER CLUB New York March 16: Gordon 6.3; Pratt 7.3; Tucker 1:12.8 (flat floor); Bright 1:53.3; King 4:19.0;

HEPTAGONALS, Ithaca, Mar. 16: Ingley 1:13.7; Brew 4:18.9; Sullivan 9:32; McIntire

13'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Knorr 58'3" WT; Roberson 23'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Shine 53'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Harvard 45, Cornell 37 1/6.
SOUTH ATLANTIC AAU Baltimore, March 8. Adams 4:27.1; Sawyer 9:29.5; Morgan 3:20.7

SO THEY TELL US

TN TOM BRALY, L.A.: "Charley Dumas is a very disheartened boy over his ineligibility. I don't think the average person realizes how badly he wanted to come to SC. His whole case is just a matter of technicality. He had a D in a two unit course which lowered his average below a C, which is required by the PCC. The course he got the D in was taken on the presumption that he was going to UCLA. It is not even required to graduate from SC. Dumas told me he would stay in school and would welcome the chance to win the NCAA title three years in a row. He said he will jump in some of the big relay meets unattached but acted as if he really didn't care if he jumps or not. And now SC has lost Dick Dorsey, Warren Shelton, Dave Krowel and Junior Singh scholastically, and Dave Hollingsworth and Lanny Quigley as a disciplinary measure."

TN SYD DERONER, N.J.: "Courtney got off poorly in the AAU 600 but came back to the leaders and actually got up to Jenkins' shoulder at the last turn but didn't have enough to catch him. Poor Tom. With all those officials standing around I don't blame him for mistaking the finish line. There were more men in formal wear than there were in track clothes."

TN FOSTER RUCKER, San Gabriel, Cal.: "The Oxy distance medley team at 10:07.2 may not read so fast, but considering the track conditions and lack of competition it was real good. With SC and UCLA teams about as good there could be a new record this spring. Gutowski's 15' is just par for him now. How easily we get spoiled and are disappointed when he misses 15'4".

TN SIDNEY CLAIRE, Minneapolis: "As a whole I think the Europeans disappointed in the Olympics. Such dismal failures as Consolini, Nielsen, Nilsson, Shcherbakov, and shall we include Zatopek, were astounding. Of course injuries played their part, but all in all I think the Europeans were hurt more than the Americans by the late date... I gather that Kuts was one of the few who had no super-natural help in his two brilliant performances. In Richards' case it seems uncertain whether it was the win or the Lord that helped. All this brings to mind the remark by Gil Dodds' coach to a reporter: 'Until we got down to 4:10 I was getting some credit, but after that the good Lord took over.'... The biggest part of the American team surprised by regaining their form and gave an outstanding performance; a number of others did about what they were expected to do, and that was plenty good; and about a third never regained their potential and would have done well in a Minnesota dual meet."

TN NEIL ALLEN, London: "On Jan. 10 Michael Linday, 18 years and 2 months, gave an exhibition in which he did 51'8" with the 16 pound shot, and 60'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with the 12. In the international discus he did 159'1" and 185'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " with the 3 lb. 5 oz. junior discus. Certainly his junior weight (beaten only by 7 American boys I believe) makes him a better all around thrower than anyone except the late Leon Patterson (177'5" and 60'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ "). Lindsay is 6'2, and 210, and will go to London U. after one more summer at Marylebone Grammar School. ... John Young did 9.8 recently... In Britain for 1957 it will be quiet, but Hewson will probably run a 2:51 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and a 2:18 1000m, Salisbury a 46.8 440, and I should imagine Ibbotson will be the star of the year with about 13:12 for 3 miles and some exciting defeats."

TN DON JACOBS, Colfax, Wash: "My track library includes 96 guides, 99 books, 54 years of periodicals, 31 programs and clippings from each year since 1936."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis: "I see they've accepted Sime's 20 flat and I object! Just as T&FN complained, the wind regulations are silly. As it was aptly pointed out, if 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mph can benefit a sprinter .1 at 100 yards it is worth 9 mph at 220. That kind of logic doesn't seem to register higher up in international rules committees. I'm in favor of disbanding the IAAF group and turning it over to people who live and love track. Rulings would be more sensible... Most annoying observation of my quarter-century dabbling with performances has been the observation that no two people can compile Olympic histories with identical summaries. The major flaw seems to be an incapacity for converting meters."

TN BERT NELSON, L.A.: "I agree with Hugh Gardner's thoughts on wind aid, but don't see any connection with Sime's record. As one of two TNs to see it (Al Herschel was the other) I don't feel the wind was over the stated 3 m.p.h., and that's less than the 3.3 that Patton had in his record, and only a little over half the allowable limit."

BULLETIN BOARD

Next Newsletter, April 2. March Track & Field News mailed April 4.

NCAA and AAU arrangements can be made through Track & Field News. Service will include tickets, housing reservations etc., and details will be announced soon.

PEN PAL is wanted by Kevin Byrne, 22 Oliver Plunkett Avenue, Dun Laoire, Co., Dublin, Eire. He's a track nut. Some US TNs have established very interesting correspondence with TNs abroad.

BRITISH PROGRAMS completely filled out can be obtained by air mail from John Burns, 38 Petherton House, Manor House, London, N. 4, England. Write him for details.

BILL MIHALO'S address is wanted by TN Don Jacobs, Box 445, Colfax, Washington.

EUROPEAN STAR who placed in 56 Games wants to come to U.S. He has a degree in Civil Engineering and TN Hal Higdon, 6933 Crandon Ave., Chicago 49, Ill., wants to know how to go about getting him a job. Here's a chance to import some interesting talent, so write Hal.

WIND SPRINTS

California's former 14'4" vaulter Larry Anderson is a graduate student at Cornell, has been over 14' indoors this year... Tom Courtney is headed for a quick South African tour... SC's Ernie Bullard has been over 14'5" in practice... indoor quotes:

George Eastment, Manhattan: "Delany simply proved he is the greatest runner in the world. He had 48 minutes rest between his 1000-2 mile double, but could have done it in 35. He could have beaten Charlie Jenkins in the 600, he has that kind of speed."

Fred Schmerz, Millrose director: "There is no question Delany could give us a four minute mile indoors if he wanted to."

Emil Von Elling, NYU: "Delany is something out of this world. It's amazing. He runs without any knee lift worth mentioning, then he shifts into high like nobody I ever saw before, no effort at all. He could beat Jenkins, he could beat Sowell."

Irv Schoolman, N. Y.: "There is no limit to Delany's ability. What impressed me just before the second race was that Jumbo Elliott, his coach, said at no time were any complaints or suggestion of grumbling about hard work from Delany. The double was for the good of the team and that's all that matters to Ron. He is fabulous."

Ron Delany: "The only time I ever ran for a record was in my first mile, after I returned home after my freshman year. They wanted me to have a go at the Irish mile record. I couldn't disappoint them, could I now? So I broke it with 4:05.8 and I haven't tried deliberately for one since. Will I ever again? I should not like to announce it in advance. But if the situation ever should arise when I'm full of run, who knows?"

"John Landy is generous. It was he who gave me a tremendous lift when I reached Australia. I'll never forget his greeting. 'Ron', he said, 'you are going to win.' 'Please God I do', I said. But Landy had helped me greatly even before that. Remember those two races in California last spring when he beat me badly? Landy told me then I must learn to relax, and must improve my arm action. I'm a stubborn Irishman. Everything I am I owe to Coach Elliott. No coach ever worked harder or more patiently with a runner than he did with me. The one thing he just couldn't hammer into my thick head was improved arm action. When Landy said the same thing, all Jim's advice flooded back into my mind. Jim had been so correct about everything he'd ever told me and yet I'd ignored the soundest advice he'd given me. So I went to work immediately on my arm action and the results speak for themselves."

Bill Nieder: "You can't layoff very long at a time and expect not to fall back. You've got to keep working and improving or you'll drop out of the picture. I have my heart set on winning the next Olympics and breaking the world record. I've already found out that when you finish college it is hard to maintain interest. I suppose that is the biggest difference - with anyone. But I want to reach that goal bad enough to keep at it. And I hope to be competing every week somewhere... At Honolulu, enroute to Melbourne, I wasn't even going to workout. I didn't feel like throwing. But Oerter asked me to go out with him, so I did. I took a few standing and felt good. All at once I hit 57 without crossing the ring. That was 2 feet better than I ever did before. Then I started throwing. I had 9 over 70. Four of those went over 61. My best was 61'6". I hit 60 each of the four days previous to the Olympics, then couldn't do it when the competition started. Looking back on it now I know I tightened. Competing under such pressure is the best experience I got."

STATS

THROWING PROWESS of the various countries is compared by adding the distances of the best national performance in each of the four events--shot, discus, javelin hammer. In metric measurement the 1956 throwers shaped up like this:

USA	227.29m	(O'Brien 19.25, Gordien 57.21, Held 82.29, Connolly 68.54)
USSR	220.36	(Ovsepian 17.67, Bukhantsev 55.48, Tsibulenko 79.89, Krivonosov 67.32)
POLAND	215.16	(Sosgornik 16.77, Wachowski 51.16, Sidlo 83.66, Rut 63.57)
NORWAY	214.33	(Overby 15.93, Hagen 49.73, Danielsen 85.71, Strandli 62.96)
FINLAND	212.45	(Koivisto 16.54, Lindross 52.87, Nikkinen 83.56, Hoffren 59.48)
HUNGARY	209.83	(Kovesdi 16.44, Klics 53.66, Krasznai 77.14, Csermak 62.59)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	209.23	(Skobla 17.76, Merta 56.68, Perek 73.13, Engel 61.66)
GERMANY	207.53	(Wegmann 17.12, Buhrle 51.17, Will 80.22, Storch 59.02)
FRANCE	204.51	(Thomas 16.10, Alard 49.18, Macquet 79.01, Husson 60.22)
ITALY	204.49	(Meconi 17.12, Consolini 56.85, Lievore 73.76, Giovanetti 56.76)
YUGOSLAVIA	203.53	(Skiljevic 16.11, Radosevic 53.04, Vujacic 71.58, Racic 62.80)
SWEDEN	202.20	(Uddebom 16.72, Arvidsson 52.09, Fredriksson 76.37, Asplund 59.02)
ENGLAND	201.96	(Palmer 17.17, Pharaoh 54.28, Cullen 71.17, Allday 59.61)
EAST GERMANY	198.71	(Kuhl 15.53, Kupper 51.88, Frost 73.89, Niebisch 56.56)
ROMANIA	197.72	(Raica 16.32, M. Raica 49.33, Bizim 7.73, Rascanescu 58.34)
BULGARIA	194.17	(Artarski 16.64, Artarski 52.45, Pavloff 66.18, Popoff 58.90)
HOLLAND	188.46	(Koch 15.12, Koch 50.36, Fikkert 69.49, Romani 48.52)
TURKEY	180.69	(Onucar 15.20, Turgan 47.61, Ziraman 65.41, Sideropules 52.47)
SWITZERLAND	178.96	(Meyer 15.48, Mehr 50.28, Buchmann 63.34, Veaser 49.86)

EUROPE'S COUNTRIES are compared in all events on the basis of the 1956 Best Performers list, 10 deep, with 10 points going to first place, on down to 1 point for 10th place. Total scores are reported for the last four years, with 1956 first, then 1955, 1954, and 1953.

1. USSR	459	435	406	352
2. GERMANY	141	113	152	123
3. HUNGARY	120	165	145	110
4. ENGLAND	118	99	120	71
5. POLAND	90	88	48	18
6. FINLAND	73	75	102	119
7. CZECHO.	60	83	99	141
8. SWEDEN	46	45	75	137
9. EAST GERMANY	42	34	7	15
10. NORWAY	39	35	38	18
11. ITALY	37	24	18	39
12. FRANCE	35	34	42	45
13. BELGIUM	12	25	25	43
14. IRELAND	12	-	-	-
15. YUGOSLAVIA	11	16	22	53
16. ROMANIA	11	22	20	23
17. HOLLAND	10	3	14	9
18. GREECE	9	-	-	-
19. ICELAND	9	5	1	-
20. DENMARK	5	18	11	6
21. SWITZERLAND	5	2	6	5

400 METER HURDLE all-time list underwent radical revision in 1956. Now 68 men who have done 52.2 or better, 33 are from US, 7 from USSR. Top men are:

49.5 Glenn Davis	50.7 Charles Moore	51.3 Gert Potgieter	51.5 Harry Kane
49.7 Eddie Southern	50.7 Igor Ilin	51.4 Dick Ault	51.5 Guy Cury
50.4 Yuriy Lituyev	50.9 Aubrey Lewis	51.4 Lee Yoder	
50.5 Anatoli Yulin	51.1 Roy Cochran	51.4 Dave Lean	23 of the 68 marks
50.6 Glenn Hardin	51.2 W. Atterberry	51.5 S. O. Mildh	were made in 1956
50.6 Josh Culbreath	50.3 W. Bogatov	51.5 Kurt Bonah	

USA vs. USSR comparison is based on the 10 best performers in each country for 1956 with points awarded from the IAAF scoring tables, and totaled by events.

	USSR	USA
100m	11770	12755
200m	11267	11959
400m	10122	12248
800m	10476	11569
1500m	11945	11584
5000m	11766	10109
10,000m	12053	9044
110mH	10051	12394
400mH	10768	11691
3000mSt	11971	10198
High Jump	11208	12345
Broad Jump	9922	10978
Hop-step-jump	11915	10220
Pole Vault	9535	11199
Shot Put	11054	13181
Discus Throw	10942	11853
Javelin Throw	11738	12007
Hammer Throw	14975	13383
Total	203478	208717