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NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL Jesse Bradford of Shafter, Cal., high lowered 180 low hurdle mark to 18.4 on May 4. Same night, Jim Brewer did 14' 5⁷/₈". May 3, Presto Griffin of Centennial, Compton, Cal., ran 9.5 (legal), 20.3 with 5.6 m. ph. wind, and jumped 24' 5¹/₂". The week before he did 20.6, but no wind guage was available. Other good marks, all from California, include 1:53.5 by Knocke of Narbonne, Lomita; Strong, Menlo-Atherton, 151¹/₂8¹/₂"; Wade, Grossmont, 61'2"; Calhoun, Inglewood, 14.2; Weeks, Alhambra, 18.8; Howard, San Bernardino, 18.9; Jackson, Fremont, LA, 24'2"; Aguirre, Belmont, 13'6"; Tillman, Poly, S.F., 6'6"; Lopez, El Rancho, Rivera, 4:23.5; Cervený, Mission Bay, San Diego, 1:55.0; Mills, Kans., 4:22.8; **JUNIOR COLLEGE** Meets of May 4: White, LA Harbor, ran 9.6, tied jaysee record of 23.1; Fischl, Long Beach, 14.3 & 23.2n; Williams, LACC, 6'7¹/₄".

COLLEGE & OPEN (Marks since April 27, or not reported in April T&FN).

Honolulu, 4/27: Campbell, 9.7, 14.0, 6'; Foerster 1:52.7; Garcia 229', Kimball 222'3";
San Diego, 4/27: Tate, Arizona, 9.6, 20.9, 25'1¹/₂"; Larrabee 21.2, 47.0; Howard 23.3;
Colorado Relays, Boulder, 4/27: Yob 220'4³/₄"; Williams, Ent AFB, 24'2⁵/₈"; Blackwell, C, 52'5¹/₂"
Southern AAU, Baton Rouge, 4/27: Mott, LSU, 46.9, Hennigan, NSC, 47.2n; Carpenter, LSU, 14.4; West, LSU frosh, 9.5 (4:26).

SCIAC, Los Angeles, 5/3: Wray 4:05.7, Hadley 4:08.2, Reisbord 4:11.3, all Oxy; Bambauer 47.9; White 1:53.5; Occidental 3:14.1; Gutowski 15'5³/₄".

Vancouver Relays, 5/4: O'Brien 183'3" and 59'6".

Intermountain AAU, Salt Lake City, 5/4: Dumas 6'8" (gym shoes); Campbell 13.9.

SC 68, UCLA 63, L. A., 5/4: Vick 56'3³/₄"; Seaman 4:11.6; Ellis 47.7; Roberts 24'9¹/₂"; Morris 14'6"; Voiles 246'9", national collegiate record; Anderson 1:50.2, Seaman 1:50.6, Kirkby 1:51.5, John Seaman 1:51.6; Thompson 23.1, Lawson 23.3; Babka 173'9¹/₂"; SC 3:13.9.

Frosh: Davis, SC, 56'4¹/₂", national frosh record; Smith, SC, 47.9.

All Comers, San Jose, 5/4: Stanley 1:48.7; Bond, San Jose, 4:13.9; Wyatt 6'8⁵/₈"; Norton, SJ, 9.6 & 20.6; Hightower, SJ, 14'3"; Lewis, SFOC, 24'7¹/₄"; Bitner 229'4"; Long 228'8¹/₄"; Smith SJ, 14.4; Noles, SCYC, 20.7; Hiatt, YC, 21.0;

CCAA, San Luis Obispo, Cal., 5/4: Agostini 9.6 & 21.0; Robinson 14.4 & 22.8; Brown 24'4³/₄" Pederson 14'1".

Cal 72, Stanford 59, 5/4: Bowden 4:09.9 & 1:50.0; Stewart 47.8; Chesarek 48.0; Roldan 224'11"; Fehlen 6'7"; Orme 1:52.6; King 9.7 & 20.9; Peters 170'8".

Miscellaneous Bailey, Oregon, 4:13.3 & 1:54.5; Moss, Oregon, 6'7³/₄"; Grim, Maryland, 9:07.2; Silvester, Utah State, 166'1¹/₂"; Tobacco, Wash., 47.5; Basham, Ore., 14.4; Charles, Arizona St., 14'6"; La Bounty, Wash., 14'; Couchman, Oxy, 14'; Johnson, UCLA, 228'1"; Nieland, Stanford, 217'5"; Scurlock, No. Car., 1:52.8; Kerr, Oxy, 9:17.8n; Perry, Penn State 14.0; Winston, Penn State, 14.2n;

FOREIGN Buenos Aires, 4/19-20-21: dos Santos 47.5, South American record, & 53.0; Ferraz, also Brazil, 48.2; Sandoval, Chile, 3:48.8 & 1:50.6; Roque, B, 1:51.1; Lemos, Arg., 30:44.4 & 65:13.8 (half marathon); Brazil 41.4; da Silva 51'1³/₄";

Europe Moens, 1200m in 2:56.9, 4/28; at Verona, Italy, 4/28, Consolini 175', Meconi 54'11¹/₂"
Pisa, 4/28: Giovanetti 191'6". London, May 4, Mike Lindsay, 18, 193'5" with junior discus; On April 20 Lindsay threw regulation disc 166'4".

South Africa Luxon, 18, 9.7 & 21.2. National championships, 4/20 & 22: Luxon 9.7; Perkes 21.3; Tee 48.1; (Spence did not run, laid up for 6 weeks); Evans 1:52.6; Jennings 4:14.7; van der Merwe 14.2, Burger 14.3; Potgieter 23.6 & 50.7 (world's record). Truter 6'6"; Stuart 24'1"; du Plessis 159'9³/₄"; Flanagan 215'9¹/₂"; Prinsloo 6205 points. (Just revealed as official performances of Nov. 1, Spence 46.9y, Burger 14.1y, Potgieter 51.8y.)

ADDITIONAL U.S. Austin, 5/2: Texas 40.5; Villarreal 4:08.8; Hight 14.4; Daugherty 21.2; Thompson 23.2; Texas 3:14. Frontier Relays, 5/2: ACC 40.5; Morrow 9.5; Fannon 14.4; Woodhouse 21.1; Cotten 47.8; Met. Intercollegiate, 5/4: Bantum 173'2¹/₂" & 56'6"; McGorty 216'3; Murphy 1:52.3; Close 4:13.4; Courtney 1:50.8. Norman, 5/2: Mashburn 47.5; Okla A&M frosh, 10:05, national frosh dist. med. record; also: Owen, 56'10"; Donahue, Pitt, 21.1; Coan, Pasadena, Tex., HS, 24'4"; Minter, Gladewater, Tex., H.S., 24'3³/₄".

Next Newsletter, May 28. May Track & Field News to be mailed May 23.

NCAA & AAU tickets and hotel reservations are available from Track & Field News for nominal service charge, if application is received by May 25. Write for application form.

WIND SPRINTS

Correction to all-time mile list of last issue--Sebtt's best time is 4:01.2... Villanova sprinter George Sydnor is having tendon trouble, and distance man John Kopilis injured... Josh Culbreath and Jim Caffey left May 7 for a two week tour of Trinidad... the United Press refers to Willie Atterberry as "unknown and unheralded" before the Ohio Relays... Ronnie Morris will get his master's degree at SC next year and will vault through 1960. He's married... Jack Davis reports that when he met Veep Dick Nixon in Ethiopia the latter asked him if his world's record was still 13.4...

Highlights of the coming meets... at Fresno this Saturday, Cal, SC, UCLA and Oxy will have a shot at the distance medley record, which is sure to fall. Morrow, King and Agostini meet in the 100, with King ready to beat Morrow, according to his coach. ACC goes after the sprint relay records on a lightening fast track, and Max Truex is primed for a big 5000... at the Coliseum Relays, May 24, the open mile will bring together Hewson, Ibbotson, Lincoln and Tabori, and the relay feature will be the two-mile, with another record in danger from the same four California schools... the next night, at Modesto, it will be the sprint medley which is sure to go, as Cal, SC, UCLA and Oxy, along with the L. A. Striders, all capable of bettering the 3:20.2 standard... then on May 31 it is the Compton Invitational, with Hewson, Lincoln, Seaman and Dwyer running the mile, and Ibbotson, Tabori and Truex going at 5000m... Richtzenhain and Elliott were invited to these meets, but couldn't make it... Jim Bailey says he won't be able to run Lincoln because of his bad foot, and that his last mile of the season probably will be in the PCC meet May 18... Hal and Olga Connolly will compete at the Coliseum, where the invitational pole vault field will feature 15-footers Gutowski, Rose, Richards, Morris and Roubanis, and young Jim Brewer... Bud Held, who has hit 245' in practice, makes his 1957 debut at Fresno, while Ernie Shelton, troubled with an ear infection, may miss the meet...

Pole vault notes... Payton Jordan reports that "just after he let go the pole, Gutowski noticed it drifting toward the cross bar. He quickly reached over and flicked the pole just enough to keep it from falling into the bar and, possibly, knocking it off. We used to have him grab the crossbar and bring it down with him while clearing 14'6". The idea was to give him the quick reaction so he'd know exactly where the bar was in relation to his body and the pole while he was up there. He was over 16' on the record vault. I sincerely believe he can make 16'2" the day that everything is going right."... Guts' pole is 16 feet, weights $5\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, is of steel alloy by Gill, was originally red but was sandpapered down so that it is now silver hued. It is four years old, and getting limber... along about 1950 Boo Morcum, former champion vaulter, predicted that Richards would be the first human being ever to vault 15 feet. "I say that because I just don't believe Dutch Warmerdam was human" he said. Richards once said, "I can beat any human alive. But Warmerdam was part sprinter, part shock-absorber, part acrobat, and part strong man. He wasn't human."... Gutowski said he used to practice rope climbing, but one time he got up to the top and his hands froze, so he gave it up... a week before his 15'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Guts said "the day anyone beats Warmerdam's record he'll also clear 16 feet." Bob limits his vaulting practice to two days before a meet. "If you vault too much you form bad tactics. I prefer to work on form and timing during workouts."... Gutowski says it is lots of fun vaulting indoors, that the crowd is receptive...

Penn Relays post mortems... Greg Bell, voted the outstanding athlete, says he doesn't think he'll be in the 1960 Games. "I'll be graduating from dental school in 1960. I just don't see how I'll have time to train for the Olympics. It's the finest thing in the world to be an Olympic champion, but I doubt if I could prove anything by going back... Drake had best times in 5 of 8 major relays, while Penn had best marks in 6 of 10 individual events... in the distance medley, Jenkins ran 1:56.1, Collymore 48.7, Breckenridge 3:06.6 and Delany 4:19.3... in the sprint medley, Jenkins did 47.9, Delany 1:52.2... Arnie Sowell, the hard luck kid of previous relays, finally won a Penn watch with a surprisingly narrow victory over Spence, former Southwest Conference winner from Rice... 31,000 fans were on hand Saturday, in 90 degree weather... 542 schools competed in 89 events... mile relay legs of 47.5 and 46.6 were turned in by Wilson and Southern for Texas... Lee Calhoun contributed a 47.7 leg in his race... all but five of the 27 "ultimates" listed by Brutus Hamilton in 1935 have since been surpassed...

SO THEY TELL US

LARRY BYRNE, Minneapolis: "The Drake Relays was the best meet I have witnessed in many a year, both from the standpoint of fast times and good competition. Especially eye-catching were Bobby Morrow, who looks faster than ever; Ted Wheeler, who should be in the four flat bracket by Compton; Al Oerter, who had two good throws from a very wet and windy day; Aubrey Lewis, who ran about everything, especially a great anchor of 46.4, although the big Parr lad from Oklahoma almost cut him down in the stretch with 46.0; and last, but not least, Billy Tidwell who looked great in his college division races."

TN BOB GILMORE, Riverside, Cal.: "If all the accredited coaches in the NCAA were strongly behind the move to put Olympic events into the college program it could be realized throughout all conferences. The only place I would differ from the Olympics is to run the 10,000 only in Olympic years. Otherwise, I would increase the two miles to three miles. This exception would give more experience at longer distances, and still not be a drag on spectators (potential gate receipts). During cross country the distance could be extended to about six miles."

TN HAL BATEMAN, East Lansing: "Selwyn Jones, MSU's ageless distance runner, was married March 30... Michigan State now has another brother team, with Stan and Ron Wheeler joining the Kennedys."

TN DICK BANK, Los Angeles: "Max Truex's ability to sleep well, relaxation and recovery are all so improved that he is not the same Truex of last year. Of course, this was true in 56 as compared with 55. He hasn't yet scratched the surface and I think a trip to Europe this summer will be a great benefit, at least to a point. Fred Wilt started off great in 50 with 14:26.8 and simply ran out of gas with too many races in too short a time. Max will not make it a steady diet of 5000s and I think will better conserve himself."

TN BOB OSBORNE, Endicott, N.Y.: "I think I am the greatest, or hope some day to be, the greatest "track nut" in the world... of the 50 top milers in the world, Australia, a country of about 8 millions, has three 4-minute men and 6' on the top list; England has 4 4-minuters, and 11 on the all time list, compared to none and 5 for the U.S... could someone perhaps tell me why high schoolers are not allowed to run the two-mile, yet do it in cross country? If the distance running nationally is to be improved the youngsters must be encouraged to run long distances."

DICK GANSLIN, vault expert: "I am of the opinion that the slower vaulter will benefit most from the flexible glass pole. I saw so many of the early models break that the vaulters got pole shy with good reason. I believe that it is often true that many vaulters, particularly the younger fellows, cannot jump high enough to get the benefits of whatever pole they are using. That is, they are using poles designed for 14 foot plus jumpers in trying to make 11'. This, if nothing else, was one of the advantages in using bamboo. The disadvantage was that bamboo could not always be depended upon to be in a good state of repair, so most vaulters would use a too stiff pole for safety's sake. If the labor costs could be overcome, I predict a good wood veneer or plywood pole of about 4 pounds suitable for all vaulters which could be made of varying elasticity. As with all poles, the new glass pole will involve timing adjustments as with any pole-vaulter relationship, but a vaulter can become over dependent on the pole and forget to pole vault properly... Reggie Pearman, now 32, must be the oldest great 880 man of all time. He teaches languages, etc., in the N.Y. school system... Track apparently has been killed by Batista and the anti-Batistas in Cuba... Earle Meadows is now recreational consultant for the State Public Welfare Office working out of Austin, Texas... what has happened to the track teams at Illinois?... Dyck of Arkansas has the makings of another Santee. He is big and strong, and a real comer."

TN TOM BRALY, L.A. "The grass runway at Stanford seems to be just the thing. With a good evening Gutowski should hit 16 at either Modesto or Compton... Ron Morris said: 'Gutowski was my choice all along. He has both the speed and the strength, which is what makes all the difference.' Jess Mortensen said: 'I was sure Gutowski would be the one, he has the speed and that's what counts.' Jim Brewer said: 'It didn't surprise me; I figured he would be the man to do it. My stomach hasn't bothered me much lately. I have four more times to try and make 15 feet for a high school record. The only time in Calif. will be at Modesto where I will go in the high school division. I will vault at Compton, but in the open division.'"

TN JOE GALLI, Melbourne: "Shirley Strickland, 31, is expecting again in October. Has 3 year old son, Phillip. Says she will continue to compete, at least in Perth meetings... Herb Elliott has started solid winter preparation for 1957-8. Running in the hills and gym-work at Cerutti's suggestion. Is back home in Perth, but will come here again before summer. Cerutti wants him to have a go at Landy's 13:27.4 3-mile record, and also others, such as 1500m and mile. On the basis of this year's form, I can't see Elliott missing on the world mile record, especially when he meets Lincoln. He need only to have been pushed to it this year, and it would have been his. I think Herb will do better, as a distance runner, to remain here. As Cerutti says, in 1960 he'll still be only 22, and if he wants to go on with running, and get US experience, he'll still be young enough... If the BJ and 100y records could be surpassed there wouldn't be a world's record older than 1951. From somebody with knowledge, could be interesting story why no improvement in broad jumping since Owens. Some US jumpers apparently specialize, why can't they do better?... I'm out of the hospital at last, after 7 weeks and a day..."

TN ART HOFFMAN, L. A.: "Dick Moore of Fort Worth writes: The most amazing part of Texas' 39.9 was the previous activity. Sunday, meet in Mexico City; fly back to Laredo, then by car to Austin, by bus to Dallas for Thursday's five way meet; fly to Lawrence Friday, then the Kansas Relays Saturday. The only reason they broke record was perfect handoffs and having the outside lane, right against the stadium wall. Didn't know where the other teams were. Southern and Gainey got perfect handoff, and Gainey has developed into terrific curve runner."

TN LOU SCHMITT, Forest Hills, N. Y.: "Unless Villanova's unbeatables do some fantastic doubling up in the track events, look for Manhattan's squad to take home the team trophy at the IC4A next month. Our combination of all around depth and the best coach in the country, George Eastment, will turn the trick. With Bantum doubling, along with further points from the 'kids' in the weights, and a pair of strong javelin throwers (McGorty & Winslow, both over 220 in practice) our field events should be strong enough to offset Villanova's speed demons on the track. Eastment's talents for juggling his men for maximum point output and his ability to get the big men up for an all out effort will play a major role in the outcome. Our two and four mile relay wins at Penn speak well enough for our track depth. There are going to be a lot of red faces down around Philadelphia if Villanova kicks this one around."

STATS

HOP-STEP-JUMPERS over 15.30m ($50'2\frac{3}{8}"$) number 91, of whom 19 are from USSR, 17 Japan, 7 Australia, 6 USA, 5 Finland, 4 Sweden and Brazil, 3 Poland and Czechoslovakia, and two from Germany, Cuba and Bulgaria. The all-time leaders:

54'4	da Silva	52'2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Kobelyev	51'9 $\frac{5}{8}$	Zigankov	51'3 $\frac{3}{8}$	Dickinson
54'3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Kogake	52'1 $\frac{3}{8}$	Shibata	51'9 $\frac{3}{8}$	Metcalf		Omuro
54'	Shcherbakov		Sharpe	51'9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Dementyev	51'3	Hasegava
53'3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Einarsson	52'3 $\frac{3}{8}$	Togami	51'8	Harada		Gurguschinoff
52'11"	Devonish		Kin	51'7 $\frac{1}{4}$	Sakurai	51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oliver
52'6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Kreer	52'	Rehak	51'6 $\frac{7}{8}$	Nambu	51'2 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wilmshurst
52'6	Tajima	51'11	Davis	51'6 $\frac{3}{8}$	Miller	51'2 $\frac{1}{8}$	Samochvalov
52'5 $\frac{1}{2}$	H. da Silva	51'10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Oshima	51'5 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fedosseyev		Malcherczyk
52'4	Chen	51'10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Herssens	51'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Zambrinborts		Hernandez
52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rjachowski	51'9 $\frac{5}{8}$	Rahkamo	51'4 $\frac{1}{8}$	Tjerkel	51'1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nishimura

5000 METER all-time list has 78 men at 14:15 or better, but no Americans in the list:

13:36.8	Pirie	13:57.6	Kovacs	14:03.8	Thomas	14:07.4	Mimoun
13:39.6	Kuts	13:58.2	Hagg	14:04.0	Norris	14:07.4	Larsen
13:40.6	Iharos	13:58.6	Zimny	14:04.6	Wlassenko	14:07.8	Laufer
13:51.0	Chromik	13:58.8	Anufriyev	14:04.6	Janke	14:08.0	Hermann
13:51.6	Chataway	13:58.8	Mugosa	14:05.2	Taipale	14:08.2	Plummer
13:53.2	Tabori	14:01.0	Beres	14:05.6	Power	14:08.6	Wooderson
13:54.4	Ibbotson	14:01.8	Berta	14:05.8	Krzyszowskiak	14:08.6	Graf
	Szabo	14:01.8	Lawrence	14:06.6	Schade	14:08.8	Miaki
13:57.0	Zatopek	14:03.4	Tschernawskiy	14:07.2	Stephens	14:08.8	Kazantsev