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NEWS

EUROPEAN

100m - Bjorn Nilsen, Norway, 10.3, equals Scandinavian record; Bachvarov, USSR, 10.5; 400 - Makomaski, Poland, 47.6; Huber, Germany, 47.6; I. Kovacs, Hungary, 47.7; Swatowski, Poland, 47.7; Nikolskiy 47.8, 2nd best ever by Russian, from Mandelbaum 47.9; 800 - Jungwirth 1:47.5, Czechoslovak record 5/19; Moens 1:49.9, Hewson 1:50.6y; 1000m - Richtzenhain 2:20.8, equals German record, from Dohrow 2:22.8 and Valletin 2:22.9; 1500m - Okorokov, USSR, 3:46.6 from Marichev 3:46.8; Verhuen, Belgium, 3:48.2; Murat, Yugoslavia, 3:48.6; mile - Ibbotson 4:00.6 from Johnson 4:05.0; 3000m - Mugosa, Yugo., 8:12 from Szabo, Hungary, 8:12.6 and J. Kovacs, Hungary, 8:14.4 on May 18, and following day, 5000m - Szabo 14:08.4 from Mugosa 14:08.8 and Kovacs 14:19.0; in Leningrad, May 19, Pyotr Bolotnikov 13:58.2, 2nd best Russian ever, from Aleksey Desyatchikov, 13:59.6 and Chernyavskiy 14:04.4; 10,000m - Ivanov, USSR, 30:22.0; 110H - Lauer 14.3 twice and 14.4; Mihailov, USSR, 14.4 from Stolyarov 14.5; 400mH - Lituyev 51.6 from Ilin 51.8; HJ - Kashkarov 6'9 $\frac{1}{8}$ "; Stepanov 6'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Lewandowski twice beat Polish record with 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Bodi s Hungary's first two meter man; Lansky, CSR, also 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; PV - Manfred Preussger, Germany, 14'10" (4.52) new European record, at Potsdam, May 19; Janiszewski, Poland, 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", narrowly missed 14'10"; Chernobay and Bulatov, both USSR, 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". HSJ - Chen, USSR, 52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from Fyedoseyev, 51'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Gavrilov 51'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and Tyerkel 50'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Maliszewski, Poland, 50'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Gurgushinov, Bulgaria, 50'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Shot - Skobla 56'4"; Lingnau, Germany, 55'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Loshchilov, USSR, 55'4 $\frac{5}{8}$ "; Plihal, CSR, 54'11"; Discus - Todorov-Atarski, 177'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Bulgarian record; Merta, CSR, 175'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Piatowski, 174'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", Polish record; Matveyev, USSR, 174'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Bukhantsev, 174'3" and 173'10 $\frac{5}{8}$ "; Hammer - Bezjk, Yugo., 204'7 $\frac{7}{8}$ "; Rudenkov, USSR, 200' from Samotsvetov 198'5 $\frac{7}{8}$ "; Vaivads, 197'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Rascanescu 197'8 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", Rumanian record; Ciply, Poland, 194'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; Javelin - Sidlo 249'8" and 255'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ " from Radziwonowicz 244'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Vlad. Kuznetsov 242'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; Will, Germany, 242'5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " from Danielsen 241'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Danielsen's first loss since 1955.

U. S.

Coliseum Relays May 24, Los Angeles -- 100 - Morrow 9.4, Hazley & Agostini 9.6; 440 - Larabee 46.5, Tobacco 47.1, Emmett 48.2; 880 Courtney 1:46.8, world's record, Sowell 1:48.2; Atterberry, 1:50.3; Mile - Lincoln 4:01, Hewson 4:01.4, Tabori 4:01.6, Ibbotson 4:02.1, Wheeler 4:04.9, Walters 4:06.3, Truex 4:06.7, Villarreal 4:06.8; 120H - Campbell 13.6, Calhoun 13.7, Gilbert 14.1; 440R - Texas 40.0, Oklahoma A&M 40.3, Fresno 40.5; 880R - Texas 1:23.9, Fresno 1:25, Houston 1:25.1; mile relay - 3:12.3; 2-mile R - Occidental 7:22.7 new world's record, UCLA 7:23.7, USC 7:24.8; HJ - Dumas 6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", tie Wilson & Stewart 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; PV - Gutowski 15'6", Richards 15', tie Brewer, Morris 14'6"; BJ - Herrmann 24'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Wiley 24'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Griggs, 23'10"; SP - Nieder 60'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Vick 55'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Humphries 54'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; DT - O'Brien 181'10", Gordien 176'6", Babka 176'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Peters 171'8", Oerter 171'; JT - Held 253'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Voiles 229'8", Conley 228'1";

California Relays, Modesto, May 25 -- 100 - Agostini 9.5, Hazley 9.5; 220 Agostini 20.7, Beck 21.1; 440 Courtney 46.6, Tobacco 46.8, Yerman 47.7; 880 - Hewson 1:49.2, Sowell 1:49.7, Weiss 1:50.5, Schweikart 1:51.0; mile - Ibbotson 4:06.4, Lincoln 4:07, Walters 4:09.3; 120H - Calhoun 13.7, Gilbert 14.0, Lawson 14.2, Ball 14.2; 440R - Texas 40.3, 880R - Texas 1:23.6, Los Angeles Striders 1:23.7; mile R - Striders 3:11.4, SC 3:12.2, Oxy 3:12.5; 2-mile R - Oxy 7:32.9, SC 7:33.6; Sprint MedR - Striders 3:21.1; Dist MedR - Oxy 9:49.7, SC 9:54.3; HJ - Wyatt 6'9", Shelton 6'8"; BJ - Herrmann 24'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; PV - Gutowski 15'3", Morris 15'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", tie Kenly, Mattos Barnes, Brewer 14'6"; Shot - Nieder 61'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; DT - O'Brien 179'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Babka 177'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Gordien, Peters 167'10"; Javelin - Held 267'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Bitner 232'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Roldan 228'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Voiles 225'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ";

Big Ten, Evanston, May 25 -- Fowler, N, 9.8; Fowler 21.5; Nixon, Wis, 48.8; Lean, MS, 1:52.9; Jones, Iowa, 4:17 and 9:15; May, Ind., 14.5 and 23.5; Indiana 3:18.7; Urbanckas, Ill, 6'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", meet record; Lyons, Ohio, 14'; Bell, Indiana, 25'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Owen, Mich, 54'3"; Indiana won with 54 points to 32 for Ohio State and 25 for Michigan. Glenn Davis was second in highs, lows, and broad jump, third in 220.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

National jaysee records fell in the California State meet, May 25 at Modesto: White, LA Harbor, 9.4 (also 23.0); Hopkins, Orange Coast, 14'4½"; Larrieu, Mt. San Antonio, 9:22.0 (also 4:15.7); Mt. San Antonio, 3:15.3. Other State meet performances: Robertson 53'11"; Williams 6'6½"; Jennings 161'8¾"; Visel 160'11½"; Adams 4p6.7 and 9:22.3; Phillips 47.8, White 48.2, Moore 48.2, Schreiner 48.3, Dorsey 48.3; Fischl 14.5; Jordan 1:52.8, Gasperi 1:52.8, Mountour 1:52.9; Poynter 21.1; Eisenman 9:22.7. No. Cal. Meet, Modesto, May 24, included: Dorsey 48.8; Goodman 14.5; Gasperi 1:53.4, Mountour 1:53.5, Kellogg 21.1; Biffle, 14'1½".

MISCELLANEOUS Hamilton, Hanover, 25'1½"; May 18, N. Y.: Simmons, Man, 48.3; Spence, Quantico, 1:52.2; Doulin, Man., 4:13.3; Wood, Quantico, 9:17.7; Knight, Man, 14.8 and 23.5; Bantum 161'3" and 56'7". Brown, Seton Hall, 21.0. Courtney 4:13 in first ever mile, May 16. Yankee Conference, Hartford, May 18: Stieglitz 4:14.6 & 9:23.5; Lakeway, Rhode Island, 21.2; Davis, Conn., 6'7". Jones, Eastern Michigan, 9.4w, 14.5w, 22.9w and 24'⅝"w, Interstate Ath. Conf., May 24-5. Skyline Conf., Western Division, May 18: Christensen, Utah, 9.3w and 20.7; Finlinson, BYU, 47.8; Merwin, Montana Frosh, 48.3n; Parker, BYU, 14.2; Lindsay, Montana, 14.4; Eyre, Utah, 1:52.6. Evergreen Conference, May 24-5: Balderson, Eastern Washington, 9.6 and 21.5; Phillips, WW, 48.9; Fuller, EW, 14.5; Fromm, Pacific Lutheran 23'5". Eastern Intercollegiates, May 18: Ince, Tufts, 47.8; New England Intercollegiates, May 25: Merritt, Holy Cross, 48.1; Lakeway, RI, 9.6w, 20.7 no wind; Settele, Boston U, 14.4; Stieglitz 9:13.4; Settele 23.3. Jay Sylvester, Utah State, May 3, 7, 18 and 25: 164.87' and 54'8"; 157'1" and 53'8½"; 167.08' and 53'6¾"; 172'4½" and 54'4½".

HIGH SCHOOL Two national records. 13.9 by George Hearn, Lower Merion, Ardmore, Pa. and 2:54.6 for eight man mile relay by Manual Arts of Los Angeles.

WIND SPRINTS

Comparison of marks at the major relay meets shows the Coliseum with five bests and a tie among 13 events; Modesto with 3; Fresno two and a tie; Texas and Penn one each; and Kansas one tie... Archie Richardson, author of Archies Little Black Book, is Australian born, turned to trumpeting, then sports writing, and eventually collected the notes which have gone into his book. He's 77 now, and very active... Don Bloom of Woodland, Cal., figures that a meet between California and Russia, embracing all Olympic events, would be won by Cal. 91 to 90... Murray Halberg's 13:56.8 should be added to the all-time 5000 list... Jerome Walters runs as many as 30 330s or 15 440s early in the week, drops down to 30 220s as a race nears, and tops it off with lots of jogging on the grass. Never uses a watch as "it puts pressure on you."...

Ollan Cassell, the new sprint sensation from little East Tennessee State College, went to school as a substiyute halfback on a scholarship, didn't do too well on the gridiron. He comes from the coal mining country of Virginia, where he holds the state record of 21.5. He's a freshman, 6'2" and 170. His best prep 100, at Appalachian high, near Norton, was 9.9. Says he didn't practice much in high school. "We just had meets and ran." Coach Julian Crocker says Cassal has unlimited ability, but isn't anxious to throw him in against Sime and Morrow until he has had some other top competition. He'll run in the Southeastern AAU in Atlanta, and probably in the NAIA in San Diego.

Willie Atterberry, the Michigan State frosh, graduated from Detroit Eastern High in 1952. His best marks were 2:07 and 4:42. He did not compete in track for the next two years, but picked it up again to help his battalion team in the Army. Progressed to the point where he won the all-army meet and was second in the 1955 AAU 440 hurdles. After release from the service he went to Compton college, finished fourth in Olympic Trials at 400H. Coach Karl Schlademan says "Atterberry has as great a potential as anyone I've worked with in 30 years. He's a good student and knows where he's going."

J. Frank Daugherty ran 9.6 and 20.5 in the Texas State meet of 1953, the same year that Bobby Morrow, as a junior, ran 9.8 and placed third in the 220 back of Whilden and Beck. As a Texas frosh, Daugherty ran 9.5 in his first race, took the Texas relays in 9.6, then had a thigh muscle injury. Lettered as junior and soph, but never won a major race, although running on 40.1 record relay team. So his 9.6, 20.7 conference double this year inspired the words: "Four years ago they were saying Daugherty was too good to be true; tonight he proved himself too good to be through."

STATS

PERCENTAGE IMPROVEMENT of world's records. First figure represents improvement through 1953 over the first IAAF recognized records (generally 1904 to 1913); second figure represents improvement through 1956 over 1953 records:

100m	1.9%	0.98%	110H	10.0%	0.74%	PV	18.7%	0
200m	6.5%	0.99%	400H	6.7%	1.79%	DT	25.4%	0
400m	4.8%	1.53%	400R	5.9%	0.75%	JT	31.7%	6.64%
800m	4.7%	0.84%	1600R	6.8%	0	SP	24.1%	6.71%
1500m	5.5%	1.08%	HJ	4.0%	1.42%	HT	7.9%	9.90%
5000m	4.4%	2.55%	BJ	6.0%	0			
10000m	6.3%	1.79%	HSJ	6.0%	2.03%			

1500 METER SPLITS in world's record races from Nurmi to Rozsavolgyi, with last 300m.

Nurmi	1924	57.3	2:01.0	3:06.0	3:52.6	(46.6)
Peltzer	1926	61.5	2:03.0	3:06.0	3:51.0	(45.0)
Ladoumegue	1930	58.6	2:04.0	3:05.0	3:49.2	(44.2)
Beccali	1933	60.0	2:04.2	3:06.0	3:49.0	(43.0)
Bonthron	1934	61.3	2:01.8	3:06.0	3:48.8	(42.8)
Lovelock	1936	61.5	2:05.0	3:05.0	3:47.8	(42.8)
Hagg	1941	59.0	2:02.0	3:03.5	3:47.6	(44.1)
Hagg	1942	58.0	1:58.2	2:58.9	3:45.8	(46.9)
Andersson	1943	58.5	2:00.0	3:00.5	3:45.0	(44.5)
Hagg	1944	56.7	1:56.5	2:58.0	3:43.0	(45.0)
Strand	1947	57.8	1:59.3	2:59.6	3:43.0	(43.4)
Lueg	1952	56.6	1:58.1	3:00.6	3:43.0	(42.4)
Landy	1954	58.3	1:57.9	2:56.0	3:41.8	(45.8)
Iharos	1955	57.0	1:55.7	2:57.2	3:40.8	(43.6)
Tabori	1955	58.4	2:00.0	3:00.0	3:40.8	(40.8)
Nielsen	1955	58.0	2:00.0	2:59.2	3:40.8	(41.6)
Rozsavolgyi	1956	55.7	1:59.2	2:59.8	3:40.6	(40.8)

DISCUS THROWERS over 51 meters (167'3 $\frac{7}{8}$ "") numbered 105 through 1956. 45 Americans, 13 Russians, 8 Germans, 6 Swedes, 5 Hungarians, Czechs and Yugoslavs 4, 3 Italians and Finns, 2 Poles, Norwegian, Icelanders, and English.

194'6"	Gordien	180'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Koch	178'1"	Loeve	174'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Cannon
190'0 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Iness	180'8"	Dillion	178'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Pharaoh	174'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Harris
186'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	Consolini	180'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Fitch	177'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	Szecsényi	174'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Thompson
185'11 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Merta	179'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Tosi	177'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Frank	174'7"	Kompanejev
185'3"	O'Brien	179'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Babka	176'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	Valent	174'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	Butt
184'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Oerter	179'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Matveyev	176'6"	Dunn	174'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Pozius
183'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Klics	178'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Nilsson	175'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Doyle	174'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Schroder
182'2"	Grigalka	178'8"	Patterson	175'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Vereen	174'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Carpenter
182'	Buchantsev	178'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Trussenev	175'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Vick	174'1"	Egan
181'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Ellis	178'5"	du Plessis	174'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	Cihak	174'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	Radosevic

1500 METER LIST through 1956 includes 104 runners in 3:48.0 or better:

3:40.6	Rozsavolgyi	3:42.4	Jungwirth	3:43.4	Lewandowski	3:44.4	Lincoln
3:40.8	Iharos	3:42.6	Hewson		Pirie		Ibbotson
	Tabori	3:42.8	Santee	3:43.6	Chataway	3:44.6	Lawrenz
	Nielsen		Dohrow	3:43.8	Slykhuis		Salonen
3:41.2	Delany		Scott		Vuorisalo		Pipyne
	Eriksson, I.	3:43.0	Hagg	3:44.0	Andersson	3:44.8	Landqvist
3:41.4	Waern		Strand		Mugosa		Johansson
3:41.8	Landy		Lueg	3:44.1	Barthel		Chromik
	Hermann		Cikel	3:44.2	Karlsson	3:45.0	Seaman
3:42.0	Salsola		Boyd		Boysen		Suchanov
	Richtzenhain	3:43.3	Bailey	3:44.4	Eriksson, H.	3:45.2	Reiff, Dwyer
3:42.2	Bannister	3:43.4	Wood		Beres		McMillen, Tidwell, Kakk

BULLETIN BOARD

Next Newsletter, June 11. June issue of Track & Field News to be mailed June 11.

Dutch athlete, now in military hospital, would appreciate track and field literature, new or used--magazines, books, newspapers, photos, etc. T. Scholtens, Military Hospital, Witterstraat 128, Assen, Holland.

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WE ASK YOU

Track Nuts are invited to submit answers to the following questions--any or all. Please give a detailed answer, not a "yes" or "no" type answer:

1--Which track and field event do you like most, and why?

2--Of all track and field performances in history, which would you most liked to have seen, and why?

3--Describe the most exciting event you have seen?

4--What can be done to improve track and field for the athletes?

5--What can be done to improve track and field for the spectators?

6--Who is the greatest track or field athlete of all time, and why do you think so?

7--Should Track & Field News give full coverage of women's track, and why not?

8--If you could be a champion in any one event, which event would you pick, and why?

SO THEY TELL US

TN BOB GILMORE, Riverside, Cal.: "Figures revealing the great progress made by United Kingdom athletes in the distance runs between 1950 and 1956 indicate that American coaches should take heed and change their training methods. If they could do it in England, I do not see why we could not match their achievements. The following list gives the event, an arbitrary standard, the number of United Kingdom athletes achieving that standard prior to 1950, and the number achieving it after 1950:

3/4 mile, 3 minutes, 1 and 5; mile, 4:13, 5 and 57; 2 miles, 9:13, 6 and 70; 3 miles, 14:00, 1 and 31; 6 miles, 30:00, 3 and 48; 1500m, 3:53, 3 and 29; 2000m, 5:13, 0 and 4; 3000m, 8:10, 0 and 6; 5000m, 14:45, 3 and 26; 10,000m, 30:32, 0 and 9; 3000St, 9:11, 0 and 6; 2 mile ST, 10:15, 2 and 6. (Bear in mind that the Englishmen do not get a chance to participate very often at metric distances.)"

TN SIDNEY CLAIRE, Minneapolis, Minn.: "I certainly enjoyed your jump-by-jump summaries of the high jump and pole vault in the Olympics; would other fans also like to see the same for the NCAA and AAU?... I certainly agree with Henry Kaiser that an annual world championship meet would be much preferred to an inflated Olympics every four years; also useful would be dual meets with Scandinavia and Russia--a must for the future... I think there is a discrepancy in the scoring table between the high jump and pole vault, particularly at lower levels where most actual decathlon performers score. For instance, Campbell's vault in the Olympics of 11'1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " is not a good vault, but it certainly is not terrible, still it scores only as much as a 4'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high jump, which would be an impossible performance for any male athlete; on the other hand, 5'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " is a very mediocre high jump, still it takes 12'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to score the same amount of points in the pole vault, and that is pretty reasonable and respectable for a decathlon man. In short, a poor high jump scores too high, while unless you are a Bob Richards it is almost impossible to make a decent score in the vault... Uno Palu, whom I assume is young, is impressive in that he shines in such varied decathlon events as the high jump, javelin and 1500."

TN HAL HIGDON, Chicago: "Being a steeplechaser myself I was quite interested in what Brasher had to say about the event. I agree with him that the times will come down, but it will probably take a specialist. From my point of view the most important thing is to develop a sense of rhythm between the barriers so that you don't lose your momentum going over them. If you don't have the rhythm you might as well have stayed home... Did you know that Roger Bannister was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes?"