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NEWS

EUROPE (from R. L. C.) Sprints Germar 10.2 and 20.6 in Budapest, Haas 2nd in 21.1; Berruti, 18, 10.4, equals Italian record, from Barmyev, 10.4, Rome, heat, but lost to Russian in final, 10.5 to 10.4; Bjorn Nilsen only 4th, 10.7; Bunaes, Norway, 10.4; Steinbach, Germany, 10.4 and 21.2; Barmyev 21.2 in Rome, from Nilsen and Shenton, 21.5, both; Trollsas, Sweden, 10.3w; Haas 47.3 from Porschke, 47.4; Salisbury 47.6y from Wrighton 47.6y; Jirasek 47.5.

Middle Distances Walern 1:48.1 in Athens Olympic Stadium, Swedish record, from Salonen, 1:49.6 and Depastas, 1:49.7, Greek record, Depastas 1:49.2 in Rome, beating Scavo of Italy, 1:49.3, Rawson of England, 1:49.5, Rentsch of Germany, 1:49.8, Salonen 5th 1:50.3; Jungwirth 1:48.8 from Remagel 1:48.9, Jungwirth 3:43.0; Jazy 3:43.6, French record from Harald Mengler, Germany, 3:43.7; Czeglédi 3:46.0 and 1:49.9, Austrian records.

Long Distances Kuts 13:35.0, world's record, Oct. 13, Rome, Kilometers in 2:37.8, 2:46.5, 2:44.4, 2:44.2, 2:42.1, no 3-mile time; Bolotnikov 2nd in 14:06.5; Kuts had done 13:38.0 at Prague, Oct. 6. Kuts 29:10.4 from Bolotnikov, distant 2nd, Oct. 19 on rain soaked track; Janke 29:21.2 from Zatopek 29:25.8 (old Emil 29:29.4 seven day earlier). Steeplechase Rzhishchin 8:45.2; Varga, Hungary, 8:45.8 from Laufer 8:49.0; Zhanal, CSR, 8:47.8 from Brlica 8:50.2.

Hurdles Lauer 14.1 twice; Lorgner 14.2 twice in Rome, equals Yugoslav record; Dohen 14.2n, French record; Mazza 14.4n, equals Italian record; Janz 51.9; Lituyev 52.3.

Jumps Styepanov from Pettersson in Rome, both 6'9 $\frac{1}{8}$ "; but Pettersson from Styepanov in Genoa, both 2.06 again; Sitkin 6'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ " (2.03) in China; Marjanovic 6'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (2.04), new Yugoslav record, from Pettersson, same height; Lansky 2.08, CSR record; Bodo, Lein, both 2.04, Bahr 2.03, new records for Hungary, E. Germany and W. Germany; Bahr says "I am good for about 6'5" right now; SHOE does the rest; Lewandowski 6'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (2.05), Polish record. Preussger 14'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ " 4.46 but lost to Janiszewski, 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 4.30 to 4.40; Bulatov 14.6" in China; Pyotrenko, 19, 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Grabowski 25'7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", 7.80, third best ever by European; Bravi 24'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 7.55, 2nd best ever by Italian; Valkama 24'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 7.60; Ter-Ovanesyan won and lost in China, best of 24'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 7.58. Steinbach, German sprinter, 24'8 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 7.54, Dimtriy Yefremov, USSR, 16.00, 52.5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", at 20 youngest of the 10 16 meter men to date (5 from USSR, two from South America and Japan, one from Iceland); Ryakhovskiy 51'10, 15.80, in Rome; Einarrsson 52'4, 15.95, his best for 1957.

Throws Lingnau 56'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 17.19; Meconi 55'6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 16.94; Raica won in Rome at 53'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 16.39 from Uddebom and Tsakanikas; Piatkowski 177'10 $\frac{5}{8}$ ", 54.22; Arvidsson 174'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 53.08; Lindroo 174'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", 53.04, Finnish record; Matveyev 172'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 52.71 in China; Szecsenyi 173'3 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", 52.81 f from Klics 170'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 52.04, Nikulin 210'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 64.27; Krivososov 208'6, 63.55; Bezjak 205'2 $\frac{5}{8}$ ", 62.55 from Racic, 204'5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 62.33; Asplund 199'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 60.95, Swedish record; Vlad. Kuznetsov 274'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 83.73, USSR record and second best ever, at Genoa, Oct. 19; Kopyto 273'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 83.37, personal best and about a foot short of Sidlo's Polish record; Ahvenniemi 253'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 77.28 in Rome, beating Kuznetsov 250'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 76.42 and Sidlo, injured, 241'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 73.49. This was first defeat of the season for Sidlo, who slipped and suffered injuries in ankle and wrist. Will 262'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ", 80.00 from Koschel 254'10 $\frac{5}{8}$ ", 77.69.

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Track Nuts, let's sound off. Send in your comments, gripes, stats, opinions, etc. The rest of us want to hear from you.

WIND SPRINTS

Kuts has broken the 5000m record four times in the last three years, but never has broken a record he himself held. . . Toshiako Sanbongi, 43 foot Japanese shot putter, was barred from the Japanese women's track championships when doctors ruled she was a deformed man. . . Jackie Mekler, South African marathon champ, started at 17 doing 100 milers. . . Mercer Davis won both the South Africa 6 mile title and the 54 mile Comrades.

STATS

KILOMETER BREAKDOWN, world record 5000m runs. (From Fionnbar Callanan)

HAGG, 1942	2:40.0	2:47.0(5:27.0)	2:51.5(8:18.5)	2:50.3(11:09.0)	2:49.2(13:58.2)
ZATOPEK, 54	2:47.2	2:47.2(5:34.4)	2:49.0(8:23.4)	2:50.0(11:13.4)	2:43.8(13:57.2)
KUTS, 54	2:44.0	2:52.7(5:36.7)	2:47.2(8:23.9)	2:48.3(11:12.2)	2:44.4(13:56.6)
CHATAWAY, 54	2:41.6	2:50.1(5:31.7)	2:45.1(8:16.8)	2:53.2(11:10.0)	2:41.6(13:51.6)
KUTS, 54	2:38.5	2:52.1(5:30.6)	2:55.0(8:25.6)	2:41.9(11:07.5)	2:43.7(13:51.2)
IHAROS, 55	2:44.0	2:49.4(5:33.4)	2:49.8(8:23.2)	2:46.4(11:09.6)	2:41.2(13:50.8)
KUTS, 55	2:45.0	2:45.0(5:30.0)	2:47.0(8:17.0)	2:48.0(11:05.0)	2:41.8(13:46.8)
IHAROS, 55	2:42.0	2:46.0(5:28.0)	2:48.0(8:16.0)	2:51.0(11:07.0)	2:33.6(13:40.6)
PIRIE, 56	2:36.0	2:46.0(5:22.0)	2:47.0(8:09.0)	2:48.0(10:57.0)	2:39.8(13:36.8)
KUTS, 57	2:37.8	2:46.5(5:24.3)	2:44.4(8:08.7)	2:44.2(10:52.9)	2:42.1(13:35.0)

Former world's record holders before Hagg were: Kolehmainen, 1912, 14:36.6; Nurmi, 1922, 14:35.4; Nurmi, 1924, 14:28.2; Lehtinen, 1932, 14:17.0; Maki, 1939, 14:08.8; all from Finland.

Hagg's record, stood for 12 years, was the only sub-14 minute time until 1954. Now, just 3 years later, 22 men have bettered 14 minutes! The sub-14s:

13:25.0 Kuts	13:52.0n Janke	13:56.8 Halberg	13:58.6 Zimny
13:36.8 Pirie	13:53.2n Tabori	13:57.0 Zatopek	13:58.8 Anufriyev
13:40.6 Iharos	13:54.2n Lawrence	13:57.2 Knight	13:58.8n Mugosa
13:51.0n Chromik	13:54.4n Ibbotson	13:57.6n Kovacs	13:59.6n Desyatchikov
13:51.7 Chataway	13:54.4n Bolotnikov	13:57.8n Jurek	
13:51.8 Szabo	13:55.8 Krzyszkowiak	13:58.2 Hagg	

1000 METER ALL TIME LIST

2:19.0 Boysen, 55	2:20.2 Salsola, 57	2:20.8 Whitfield, 53
2:19.0 Rozsavolgyi, 55	2:20.4 Leva, 56	2:20.8 Lueg, 55
2:19.1 Jungwirth, 56	2:20.4 Maritchev, 57	2:20.8 Iharos, 55
2:19.3 Courtney, 57	2:20.4 Andersen, 57	2:20.8 Richtzenhain, 57
2:19.4 Lewandowski, 57	2:20.5 Nielsen, 55	
2:19.9 Hewson, 56	2:20.7 Moens, 57	

SO THEY TELL US

TN AL HERSCHEL, Long Beach, Cal: "The Track Nuts card was the nuts."

TN JOE GALLI, Melbourne: "Australia's steady rise in distance running is being carried on by schoolboys, who now rarely run the mile over 4:30. In just a week late in September, five Sydney boys of around 17 years achieved good times. Tops was John Lucas, 16, who ran 4:23.6 and 1:57.0. In a 5 way meet later, Henry Rouse 4:25.7, Ian Ingleby 4:25.9 and Ian Macausland 4:26.0 all shattered the NSW private schools record and in another meet John Thompson ran 4:28.6, Jim McCann, 18, ran 9.6 against a wind but slightly downhill, and jumped 24'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " on Oct. 12 in private school championships. Ingleby 1:57.1 and Rouse 4:21.3; On October 7 Ron Vagg, 17, ran 4:14.5, NSW junior record.... Herb Elliott decimated a 3-mile field Oct. 13, including all Victoria's best long distance runners, running 14:18.0 on rough, wet, hilly grass. To Herb the run was part of regular week-end training. Had 2 sessions on Saturday, one on morning of race; Felt no pre-race excitement at all. Just went when it was necessary. Hopeless for the rest who really tried to break him up. Doubt if the world has ever seen the likes of young Mr. Elliott. I can hardly wait until he gets really geared for times. He will stick with Coach Percy Cerutti until Rome.

Elliott runs in parklands, often in bare feet, no marked track or timing, with weight resistance work 2 evenings in Frank Sedgman's gym; Heavy training on week-ends at Portsea (Cerutti's place) running in soft sand, etc. Merv Lincoln six days a week runs ten 440s, at present in 64, but will cut down to ultimate aim of 58 by Feb. Last year limit was 59; in 1955, 60. Three days does 20x150 in 19.0; weight training 3 days. Which runner and which method (Stampfl's or Cerutti's) will come out on top? This is the test and feeling runs high--very high. Results could be far reaching."

NOTED WITH INTEREST

DINK TEMPLETON recalls two recent nominees for Stanford hall of fame: "I recall Ward Edmonds as a freshman in 1926, a skinny 135 pounder trying to learn to pole vault with a bum back. He made 10-6 that year, an achievement which would send any of the modern aspirants back to the golf course in a hurry. But in 1928 Ward won the NCAA with 13'6½", repeated the next year at 13'8", was the first Stanford man to clear 14', and when it became quite clear that he would be the first man to clear 15 feet with his tremendous power and swingup, he was stricken down by polio and died overnight.

"But the incredible Edmonds achievement which should never be forgotten was not in the vault. During his senior year he became a high hurdler and won the Big Meet (vs. Cal). Against SC, nearing the end, Stanford had to take 8 points in the vault and lows and the Trojans had 2 national champs in that event, both named Payne. Ward was locked in a vaulting duel, but he came running up and said 'hey, let me run the lows'. I said okay but first you have to clear 13'6 to be sure of at least second. Ward rushed to the pit, cleared the bar by a good foot, then ran all the way across the field and to the end of the shoot just in time to start the lows. He had never run a flight of lows in his life, but about 2 minutes later the hurdlers came into view where the bleachers break, and Ward Edmonds was out in front by five yards, the biggest grin you ever saw on his face. The crazy fool, he'll never finish against that wind, I was thinking. He finished okay, winning all the way, and with it the meet. I still think it was the most incredible performance I ever saw in athletics.

'Sammy Klopstock was another of the truly greats. Only 5'8" and 133 pounds and he revolutionized high hurdling. In his soph year Sam's come through performances won the last two national championships achieved by Stanford track teams. At the IC4A he failed to qualify in his own event, the highs, the trials being held in the midst of a regular cloud-burst. He couldn't wear heel spikes and slipped all over the placed. Sam hated the lows but he came back in the mud to win the event, a fighting fool who had no business of making the finals even. Two weeks later at the Coliseum he lined up against the greatest field of hurdlers ever assembled. He looked like a junior high school kid who got in by mistake. I'll never forget the way he came flying off those last three hurdles to win by inches. The judges couldn't believe it and picked him third, but the films proved otherwise. He ran 14.4 back in 1934 and that fast leg action has become standard. Sam set the world record at 14.1 in Milwaukee in a trial heat. But that day he missed a record that would have been good almost to the present day. He was leading the finals by 5 yards and hit the last hurdle. The winner was timed in Sammy's new record 14.1. That was at the national AAU and Brutus Hamilton, telling me about it, said "Sam's got something different. He's a real wonder." (Note: the 14.1 was a wind assisted time, at Lincoln, 1935.)

DEAN CROMWELL, on the Russian high jumpers: "If you recall the tremendous leaps of a few years ago in Africa you will remember the amazement they caused in the track and field world. But on investigation we found that they were using a takeoff approach that sloped upward and was padded with spring bamboo. Those marks were never recognized and neither will marks made with lifts be recognized until the governing bodies standardize such artificial aids. And until that day comes along, Charley Dumas' mark will stand as the world's record because it was a mark made with a regulation shoe for a legitimate record-breaking performance." Very active at 78, the 1948 Olympic coach said: "I don't like to talk about what keeps me going in good health. It might be because I don't drink, smoke, or swear. I like to think it's because of my interest in youth. And being around them keeps me young."

EDWARDS STADIUM, the famed U. of California track stadium, was not, as many believe, donated by Colonel George C. Edwards for whom it was named. The track stadium and the adjacent baseball stadium were built in the early 30s with student body funds totalling more than \$1,400,000, of which nearly \$774,00 was spent for land. Col. Edwards was the 3rd person to enroll as a student at Cal, and remained at the University as student and professor of mathematics for nearly 60 years, until his death in 1930. His efforts on behalf of the track team resulted in the construction of the first cinder track on the Berkeley campus, in 1882. Edwards Stadium is devoted exclusively to track and is the largest stadium exclusively for track in the U.S., seating 22,000. It was rebuilt (the track and field) in 1956 at a cost of \$25,000. There are two 220 straightaways, and every seat in the house is a good one. Next year's NCAA will be in Berkeley, the fifth such meet there.

HAL AND OLGA CONNOLLY want to put on weight. Olga weights 165, wants to get to 185 by mid-winter. Hal hits 210. But, says Olga, "I don't like the American beer. It is very weak. I have to look for Czech beer. It is much stronger." Olga, who was studying medicine in Czechoslovakia, has resumed her studies as a second year medical student at Boston University medical school. Hal, who formerly taught history at a Boston high school, now works in the sales department of a film advertising company. "We're busy all the time" said Hal. "Olga studies every night from 8 to 11:30. She gets up at 7:00 or 7:30 every morning and goes to school from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and 9 to 12 on Saturday. We eat together every evening, but we have so little time for anything else." Their exercise period is the hour before supper. They work out in a room fitted with gym equipment and decorated with track photographs. Because Olga spends so much time studying Hal frequently does the dishes and makes the bed. But Olga does the cooking. "She is a terrific cook" said Hal. "Even when she is busy with school work and exercising, she finds time to make special dishes. She had trouble with U.S. measurements for awhile, but now understands them better. She makes a swell dumpling. Soon I will start spending two hours a day on my training. I will do some running outdoors, and Olga will run with me." -

DAN FERRIS has put in 30 years, seven days a week, as secretary-treasurer of the AAU. Now 68, Dan plans to hang up his desk spikes in November. "I'm going to resign as s-t because the days are just not long enough. But they've asked me to stay on as a sort of adviser, and that I intend to do. I think perhaps my experience will be of some value, and I'll go on as long as I remain in good health." 40 years ago a younger Dan placed 3rd in his 1st competitive effort, a 70 yard novice sprint in an amateur meet in Brooklyn. He won prizes in the next 8 starts, all sprints. When he could run 100 yards in 9.9 he had arrived. He competed for the old Irish-American Athletic Club when it made a habit of taking team honors from the NYAC. He's been to all the Olympics beginning with 1912, although he came down with pneumonia and had to watch the 56 Games on television. "

GREAT MOMENTS IN SPORTS, by TN Hal Bateman, UP: "It's been along time since Sweden had had a miler as good as Gunder Haegg. But during the current European track season another Swede appeared who is faster than Gundar the Wonder. Few people have heard of Dan Waern, yet he has broken four minutes for the mile no less than four times this year. But it's doubtful whether Waern will be as famous as the great Haegg. Gunder held the mile record of 4:01.4 for 9 years until England's Roger Bannister did 3:59.4 in 1954. Haegg might have been the world's first four-minute miler if it hadn't been for an accident. It came on July 17, 1945 on a hot summer night. Haegg was running against his fellow countryman and close friend Arne Andersson in a match race at Malmo, Sweden. For 3 years they had been taking turns breaking the world record for the mile. At that time it was 4:01.6 by Andersson.

"A big crowd cheered when the two runners appeared and started to warm up. Knowing anything could happen, the crowd quieted when the two runners were at the starting line. Andersson grabbed the lead, with Haegg only a step behind. They ran that way for the first lap, then Andersson opened a four yard lead. So far it had been a surprising race. Haegg had planned to take an early lead, knowing he would need a good lead to beat Andersson's strong kick. Instead, Andersson led at the 440. He still held it when the two passed the half-mile post. Then Haegg made his move. Gundar closed on Andersson until they were running side by side, then took the lead for the first time.

"Spectators yelled encouragement as Haegg poured it on. He built up a 10 yard lead in the back stretch of the third lap. Andersson was running smoothly, waiting for the time to make his bid. Starting on the fourth lap, it was still Haegg by 10. Then it happened. Andersson seemed to stumble for a moment, throwing himself off stride. The stumble knocked Andersson out of the race. Arne took off after Haegg like a sprinter, but it was too late. Haegg started to put on a sprint of his own. The crowd was going wild for Haegg. He built up a lead in the stretch and finished far in front of Andersson. But it was the 4-minute mile the crowd wanted, and had he made it? Then the announcement came: 'a new world record'. Almost five minutes went by before the announcer could make himself heard again. 'The time, four minutes, one and four tenth seconds'. There were cheers. But some fans were disappointed. No four minute mile. Maybe Andersson's stumble had made the difference. The announcer soon cleared up that point, too. He told fans what had happened. Andersson's spikes had picked up a blank cartridge from the starter's pistol. That had thrown Andersson far behind and he was unable to push Haegg in the drive."