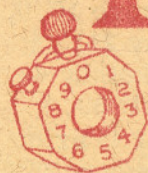


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Here it is, the new Track Newsletter, and we hope you like it. If you do, tell your friends. Or better yet, sell them a subscription and earn a premium. If you don't like it, tell us, and tell us how we can make it better.

Space has been doubled over the four pages of the past four years and this means not only twice as much material, but a greater variety of material. The Greatest Sprinter series will continue, there will be more profiles of champions, past and present; we will begin a series on Relay records; and are working on recreations of the big track meets of pre--1948 (the year Track & Field News began). And there will be much, as the years and months roll by.

You will note our new heading, done for us by TN Hal Higdon. Also the three holes in each sheet (done for us by the Village Print Shop). These will enable you to bind the issues and in a short while we will send you a cover into which the issues can be put for the complete volume. Also a label to identify the volume.

Mailed with the cover will be an index of volume four (another bonus special) and, to those who have requested it, the latest copy of the British Coaching Newsletter.

Next Newsletters , Aug. 19, Sept. 2, 23. August Track & Field News mailed August 14.

Greatest Sprinter series continues with Leamon King and Eddie Tolan, numbers 16 and 15.

Foreign Air Mail subscribers will continue to receive only four pages at a time, as that is all that can be sent for the half ounce postage. The other pages, containing features that are not particularly timely, will be sent periodically by third class mail. Should you want everything by air-mail please add another \$4.00 per year to Europe.

Back Issues of Track & Field News have been found from Vol. 1, No. 1 on. Anyone interested in the first five or more years of T&FN please write.

Bound Volume of Track & Field News, containing all issues of Vols. 8, 9 and 10, is available in limited supply for \$15.00. Single copies would run about \$35.00 with one unavailable.

Anyone interested in getting the latest U.S. and world news once a week? If 50 of you say yes, we could do this: Send out one page (usually) for each of the 14 weeks between April 15 and October 15 when there is no Track Newsletter. The charge would have to be \$.25 per issue, or \$3.50 for the season, and if enough are interested we can round up the late news.

## LATE NEWS

### EUROPE

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES, Cardiff, Wales, July 24: 220 Robinson, Bahamas, 21.0; Gardner, Jamaica, 21.0; Day, South Africa, 21.1. 440 Singh, India, 46.6; Spence, South Africa, 46.9; Tobacco, Canada, 47.0; Salisbury, England, 47.1; Wrighton, England, 47.2; Mile Heats Elliott, Australia, 4:07.0 from Pirie, England, 4:07.9; Lincoln, Australia, 4:03.4 from Berisford, Scotland, 4:04.6 and Scott, N.Z., 4:05.9; Hewson, England, 4:09.6. Marathon Power, Australia, 2:22:45.6; Barnard, South Africa, 2:22:57.4; Wilkinson, Eng., 2:24:42.0. HH Gardner 14.0; Swart, South Africa, 14.2; Razik, Pakistan 14.3. HSJ Tomlinson, Australia, 51'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Smyth, Canada, 51'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Norris, NZ, 50'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Shot Rowe, England, 57'8"; Lucking, England, 54'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Donath, Australia, 51'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". July 26: Mile Elliott 3:59.0; Lincoln, Australia, 4:01.9; Thomas, Australia, 4:02.7; Pirie 4:04.1; Halberg, NZ, 4:06.6. 440R England 40.7; Nigeria 41.0; Australia 41.5; Mile R -So. Africa 3:08.1; Eng. 3:09.6; Jamaica.

PV Elliott, England, 13'8"; Reid, Canada, 13'8"; Richards, NZ, 13'8". HT Ellis, England, 206'4½; Iqbal, Pakistan, 202'5; Allday, England, 188'11;

U.S. 126, U.S.S.R. 109, Moscow, July 27: 100 Murchison 10.2, Collymore 10.2, Bartneyev 10.4, Konovalov 10.4, HT Connolly 220'8¾, Hall 213'¾; Samotsvetov 211'1¼; Kirvonosov 210'10⅜. 400m Davis 45.6, Southern 47.3, Rakhmanov 47.5, Nikolsky 48.0. HH Robinson 13.9, Jones 14.0, Mikhailov 14.2, Petrov 14.5. 10,000 Zhukov 29:59.8; Desyatchikov 29:30.4, Smartt 31:11.4, no fourth, McKenzie disqualified. Shot O'Brien 6219½, Long 58'3½; Loschilov 55'8½; Lipsnis 54'9½. BJ Shelby 26'5⅞; Ter-Ovanseyan 25'5½; Jackson 24'6⅞; Fedoysev 24'2½. 20,000 walk Spirin 1:33:43.2, Valentin Guck 1:35:06.2; Hewson 1:41:15.2; Laird 1:49:06. PV Bulatov 14'9; Morris 14'5¼; Chernobay 14'1¼; Brewer 14'1¼; 400 Relay USA 39.6; Russia 40.3. Decathlon: Johnson 4524; Kuznetsov 4420; Edstrom 4174; Kutyenko 3866. July 28: 300 Courtney 1:48.8; Govorov 1:50.4; Varrak 1:50.4; Peake 1:51.4 (2nd day was wet) 400mH Davis 50.4; Culbreath 50.7; Lituyev 51.3; Yulin 51.4. 200 Collymore 21.3; Konovalov 21.4; Bartenyev 21.8; Segrest 21.9. 3000St Rzhishchin 8:42.0, Coleman 8:47.6, Ponomarev 8:49, Jones 9:39.4. HJ Styenov 6'11½; Kashkarov 6'7⅞; Dumas 6'7⅞, Stuber 6'7⅞. 1500 Grelle 3:46.7, Pipyne 3:47.3, Moran 3:47.7, Vakyavko 3:52.2. Discus Babka 187'⅞, Oerter 184'11¼, Truseney 171'4¼, Bukhantsev 167'4¾. 1600m Relay USA 3:07.0, USSR 3:11.7. 5000 Parnakivi 14:28.4, Dellinger 14:28.4; Truex 14:32.4; Bolotnikov 14:43.4. Javelin Kuznetsov 244'11⅞, Vallman 244'4¾; Cantello 236'6⅞, Held 237'5¼. HSJ Ryakhovski, 54'5⅞, world record; Kreer 53'5¾; Floerke, 50'10⅞, Davis 50'4¾. Decathlon: Johnson 8302, world record; Kuznetsov 7897; Edstrom 7397. Kutyenko 7297. Women: USSR 63, USA 44, with 4 first for the U.S.

U.S. 115, Poland 97, Warsaw. Aug. 1: 100 Murchison 10.5, Collymore 10.6, Foik 10.8, Schmidt 10.9. HH Robinson 14.0; Jones 14.2; Bugal 14.6; Niemczyk 14.9. 400 Davis 45.5, Southern 46.5, Swatowski 47.8, Mach 47.9. 1500 Orywal 3:42.7 (polish record), Moran 3:43.2, Grelle 3:43.4 (2nd and 3rd best by Americans), Lewandowski 3:43.4. 5000 Zimmy 13:52.2, Jochman 13:54.6, Dellinger 14:04.8 (2nd best by American), Truex 14:32.6. 400R USA 40.0, Poland 40.8. HSJ Schmidt 52'10, Floerke 50'5, Halcherczyk 50'4, Davis 49'4. JT Sidlo 268'10; Radziwonowicz 240'3; Cantello 236'9; Held 223'2. HT Rut 211'3, Hall 209'4, Ciepły 206'11, Connolly 206'1. HJ Dumas 6'11, Lewandowski 6'6, Stuber 6'6, Fabyrkowski 6'6. BJ Shelby 25'9, Jackson 24'8, Grabowski 24'5, Kropidlowki 23'9. August 2: 400H Davis 49.8, Culbreath 50.8, Kotlinski 52.1, Janiak 53.7. 200 Collymore 21.2, Davis 21.3, Foik 21.6, Szmidt 21.8. 800 Makomaski 1:46.7, Polish record; Courtney 1:46.8, Kazmierski 1:46.9, Peake 1:48.0. DT Babka 177'9, Hatowski 176'9, O'Brien 171'8¼, Wchowski 165'3½. 10,000 Ozog 29:27, Kierlewicz 30:46.2, Smartt 31:04, McKenzie 33:18.4. Shot O'Brien 61'6¼, Long 58'4¾, Sosgornik 55'5⅞, Auksztulewicz 54'9½. 3000St Chromik 8:32.0, world record; Krzyszkowia 8:33.6 (also under world mark), Coleman 8:40.8, American record; Jones 9:31.8. 1600R U.S. 3:05.8. PV Morris 15, Wazny 14'10", Krzesinki 14'6, Brewer 14'3". Women: Poland 54, US 52.

Americans Abroad Oslo, July 18: Sowell 47.5 behind Davis' 45.6; Lundh & Hammersland, Norway, 3:45.8 and 3:46 behind Delany's 3:44.0. Landstrom, Finland, 14'7", Brewer 14'1¼". Oslo, July 17: Davis 49.8 for 400mH, and 21.1; Boysen 1:47.6 from Lundh 1:47.8, Sowell 1:48.2, Bowden 5th, 1:49.9. Babka 179' plus. Holmgren 6'6¾, Macquet 253'7¼; Zurich, July 18: Norton 10.4, Gilbert 13.9, 22.9; Yerman 47.0; Courtney 1:47.1; Nieder 59'10⅞; Whetstine 6'5; US 41.1. Gavle, July 26: Lundh 4:05.0 (heavy track), Johnson, Norway, 4:05.8, Bowden 4:12.0. Fredriksson, Sweden, 257'1".

European National Records: Cuje, Holland, 28:55.2, 6 miles, 7/6; Kamerbeek, Holland, 14.4, 7/6; Constantinidis, Greece, 4:07.4, 7/12; Fabrykowski, Poland, 6'9½, July; Rozsnyoi, Austria, 14:14.8, 7/2; Frederiksson, Sweden, 265'3, 7/8; Dragasevic, Yugoslav, 10.4 (equal), 7/6; Reinnagel, Germany (East) 1:47.7, 7/20; Auga, East Germany, 25', 7/16; Riede, East Germany, 21.1, 7/13; Lesek, Yugoslavia, 14'5⅞, 6/29; Szecsenyi, Hungary, 184'10, 7/13; Sudrigean, Romania, 47.7 (equal), 7/12; Lindroos, Finland, 181'5½, 7/15; Grabowski, Poland, 25'7½, July; Tsakanikas, Greece, 57'2¼, 7/13; Futterer, Germar, Hary, all equalled German record with 10.2s on 7/20; Olsen, Norway, 14.2, 7/18; Landstrom, Finland, 14'11⅞, 7/16; Lotchilov, USSR, 57'1, 7/18; Lanski, Czech, 6'9⅞, 7/12; Asplund, Sweden, 200'6½, 7/23; Pruessger, Germany, 14'11½, 7/26; Delecour, France, 20.9, 7/27; Battista, France, 52'¾, HSJ, 7/27; Switzerland 41.0, 3:10.4, 7/26; Kleiner, Switzerland, 3:50.6, 7/26; Mazza, Italy, 14.3, 7/26; Giovanetti, Italy, 199'8, 7/26; Cavalli 51'3¾, 7/26.

Other Marks: Tallin, July 27, behind Rzhishchin's 8:35.6, were Ponomarev, 8:40.6; Yevdokimov, 8:42.4; Vlassenko, 8:43.2. Varga, Hungary, 8:43.6, on 7/26 at Budapest. Potgieter, South Africa, 50.3 for 440yH, Glasgow, 8/2.

#### UNITED STATES

All Comers Meets: Los Angeles, Aug. 1, Seymour 251'1", lifetime best; Burlingame, Calif., July 26: Mattos & Brodt, 14'6"; Nieder 56'8½; Shelton 6'6"; Burlingame, Aug. 2: Mattos 14'6; Nieder 56'10; Egan 162'9½.

#### NOTED WITH INTEREST

NATIONS COMPARED by Steve von Devan on basis of world list of July 19, 10 points for first place down to 1 point for 10th place: USA 343 points; USSR 171; Germany 125; Poland 96; Finland 33; Hungary 31; Jamaica 28; Sweden 26; France 25; England 23; Norway 21; Czechoslovakia 18; South Africa 16, Brazil 11; Italy 10; Yugoslavia 10; Greece 9; Holland 7; Australia 7; Ireland 7; Canada 6; Iceland 5; New Zealand 5.

#### WOMEN'S LIST as of July 5:

100m: Fuhrmann, Germany, 11.5; Krepkina, USSR, Itkina, USSR, 11.6; Restichova, USSR; Young-Hermitage, England; Polakova, USSR; Bloemhof, Holland, 11.7.  
200m: Mathews-Willard, Australia, 23.4; Cutherbert, Australia, 23.5; Johnson, Australia, 23.9; Itkina, USSR; Janiszewska, Poland, 23.9; Birkemeyer-Kohler, E.Ger., 24.0  
400m: Itkina, USSR, 53.6; Parlyuk, USSR, 54.6; Lyssenko, USSR, 55.2; Ulitkina, USSR, 55.8; Otkalenko-Pletnyeva, 55.9; 6 at 56.3.  
800m: Otkalenko-Pletnyeva, USSR, 2:08.1; Levicka, USSR, 2:09.3; Yelchova, USSR, 2:09.6; Muchoanova, USSR, 2:09.8; Avramova, USSR, 2:10.3; Kazi, Hungary, 2:10.4  
80mH: Thorwer, Australia, 10.8; Kopp-Gastla, Germany, 10.8; Birkemeyer-Kohler, Germany, 10.8; Yelisseyeva, USSR & Quinton, England, 10.9; 5 at 11.0.  
HJ: Balas, Romania, 5'10⅞; Chenchik, USSR, 5'8⅞; Grigalka-Pissaryeva, USSR, 6'6⅞; Chen Feng Yung, Red China, 6'6⅞; Card, England, 6'6; Killian, Germany, 6'6";  
BJ: Chen-Radchenko, USSR, 20'2; Matthews, USA, 20'1; Yelissayeva, USSR, 20'⅝"; Jakobi, Germany, 19'11"; Tschujko-Suchoryabova, USSR, 19'9; Seonbuchner, Germ, 19'8⅝; SP: Zybina, USSR, 53'⅜"; Siper, NZ, 53'⅝"; Doynikova, USSR, 52'7½; Tichkevich, USSR, 52'3⅜; Kuznesova, USSR, 51'9⅝; Vastschenko, USSR, 51'7⅝; Werner, Germany, 51'5⅜.  
DT: Ponomaryeva, USSR, 175'; Kuznezova, USSR, 173'; Muller, East Germany, 171'6½. Beglyakova, USSR, 169'11½; Mertova, Czechoslovakia, 168'4¼; Zolotuchina, USSR, 168'4¼.  
JT: Zatopkov, CSR, 182'10; Zubina, USSR, 180'4¼; Neumann-Kruger, Germany, 179'4; Brommel, Germany, 177'6; Makorova, USSR, 171'7½; Bogun, USSR, 171'5.

#### "I TRAINED WITH ELLIOTT", reports TN Joe Galli in World Sports, London:

"I arrived at Percy Cerutti's Portsea camp on a Saturday afternoon. Elliott and two friends had just returned from a 30 mile hike over rugged terrain, sleeping under the stars overnight. A day previously he had run a 4 minute mile. We dived into bunks and slept nine hours. At 5 a.m. Sunday we were up. We jogged a half-mile to the beach, spent half an hour running along the hard sand and plunging into the surf, then ran back for breakfast on dry rolled oats, nuts, raisins, dried fruits, diced bananas, wheat-germ. Soon we were off again--running over a sandy-bush-track course of just over a mile with two killing climbs. I was proud to break 10 minutes. Herb covered it five times, never more than 6:10. Next, weight lifting. Elliott handled 200 pounds in the ordinary dead lift and 125 in the press. After lunch we rested and discussed training, then headed out to tackle a giant of a sand-hill--80 feet high with a slope of one foot in two. One run up the hill finished me; I then found it hard even to walk through its deep, loose sand. Elliott ran up and down 42 times--he scampers as though it were a moderate slope. "

LANDY HOPES FOR RECORD MILE "It really is an embarrassment" says John Landy. "As far as I'm concerned I'm no longer the world champion. Ibbotson won the title with his 3:57.2 long and ago, and if there is any doubt on that time--and I reckon it should and will be recognized--then Herb Elliott has bettered my time as well. I sincerely hope that the matter is straightened out soon and the name of Landy is erased from the books. It has been there too long already." Landy has given up school teaching, with his brother are working a 1400 acre farm. They cleared the land, improved it, now raise cattle and sheep and have built a home. In it is only one memento of Landy's track career--a battered green traveling overnight bag lettered "Australian Olympic Team, 1952"--and used to mix grass seed for new pastures.

BEST COMBINATION RUNNERS (scored on the IAAF Tables by TN James Powell)

1500m/Mile and 3000m/2 mile Runners (as of July 30.

<u>I. Rozsavolgyi</u>	<u>S. Iharos</u>	<u>G. Pirie</u>	<u>S. Jungwirth</u>	<u>K. Wood</u>
3:40.5	3:40.8	4:00.9	3:38.1	3:59.3
7:53.4	8:33.4	7:52.8	8:05.4	8:34.8
2796 points	2746	2735	2723	2713
<u>D. Ibbotson</u>	<u>O. Vuorisalo</u>	<u>L. Tabori</u>	<u>J. Landy</u>	<u>S. Herrmann</u>
3:57.2	3:40.3	3:40.8	3:57.9	3:41.8
8:41.2	8:38.8	8:00.8	8:42.4	7:59.0
2704	2686	2666	2661	2657

Best 1500m/Mile and 3mile/5000m Runners (as of July 30)

<u>S. Iharos</u>	<u>G. Pirie</u>	<u>D. Ibbotson</u>	<u>A. Thomas</u>	<u>J. Landy</u>
3:40.8	4:00.9	3:57.2	4:01.5	3:57.9
13:40.6	13:36.8	13:20.8	13:10.8	13:27.4
2766	2748	2737	2684	2658
<u>M. Halberg</u>	<u>L. Tabori</u>	<u>C. Chataway</u>	<u>N. Scott</u>	<u>V. Kuts</u>
4:01.0	3:40.8	3:59.8	4:01.2	3:50.8
13:15.0	13:53.2	13:51.6	13:26.2	13:35.0
2657	2651	2635	2557	2546

Best 3000m/2 mile and 3 mile/5000m Runners (as of July 30)

<u>G. Pirie</u>	<u>S. Iharos</u>	<u>V. Kuts</u>	<u>A. Thomas</u>	<u>J. Chromik</u>
7:52.8	8:33.4	8:01.4	8:37.8	7:56.4
13:36.8	13:40.6	13:35.0	13:10.8	13:51.0
2853 points	2758	2737	2690	2646
<u>Z. Krzyszkowiak</u>	<u>L. Tabori</u>	<u>I. Rozsavolgyi</u>	<u>D. Ibbotson</u>	<u>C. Chataway</u>
7:58.2	8:00.8	7:53.4	8:41.2	8:41.0
13:55.8	13:53.2	14:10.4	13:20.8	13:51.6
2581	2563	2559	2553	2549

Best 1 mile, 3 mile, 6 mile Runners (as of March 14) (or metric equivalent, adding 30 & 60s.)

<u>S. Iharos</u>	<u>G. Pirie</u>	<u>V. Kuts</u>	<u>D. Ibbotson</u>	<u>J. Chromik</u>
3:40.8	4:00.9	3:52.0	3:57.2	3:44.8
13:40.6	13:36.8	13:35.0	13:20.8	13:51.0
28:42.8	29:17.2	28:30.4	28:52.0	29:10.0
4195 points	4019	4019	3888	3838
<u>A. Thomas</u>	<u>A. Lawrence</u>	<u>M. Szabo</u>	<u>E. Zatopek</u>	<u>D. Stephens</u>
4:01.5	4:09.6	3:46.0	3:52.8	4:13.0
13:25.9	13:54.2	13:51.8	13:57.0	13:31.8
29:21.0	28:53.6	29:28.4	28:54.0	27:54.0
3806	3741	3725	3661	2617

Half-miler stats TN Tony O'Donoghue reports that as of May 1, 1958, 23 men have run faster than 1:48.0m or 1:48.7y a total of 77 times. Courtney had 18, Moens 11, Boysen 8, Johnson 7, Sowell 7, Bowden 3, and Harbig, Spurrier, Szentgali, Stanley, Nielsen and Delany 2 each. Averages: Courtney 1:47.06, Moens 1:47.118, Boysen 1:47.15, Sowell 1:47.143, Johnson 1:47.428. Fastest first lap is 50.7m by Courtney (1:45.8m), and fastest last lap is 52.9y by Delany (1:47.8y). Slowest first lap is 54.9 by Delany (1:47.8y) and slowest last lap is 56.5m by Courtney (1:47.5m).

LEAMON KING (U.S.A.)

125 Points

Presumably, Leamon King's career has not ended. Ineligible at the University of California in 1958, King ran but one race, unattached. But he is working to make up his grades and may bound back with vigor and authority in 1959 and the Olympic year of 1960. King is best known as the fastest schoolboy of all time, having run 100 yards in 9.7 while a freshman at Delano High School in California. He did this just before his 15th birthday, again just afterwards, and as a freshman won the state 220 title. During a brief period in 1956, after he had just failed to make the U.S. Olympic team in the sprints (though he went to Melbourne as a relay runner), King, with two 10.1 performances at 100 meters, appeared to be as fast as any runner who ever drew on a spiked shoe.

Achievement Points: 100

- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Modesto in 1955
- 9 Ran 100 yards at Fresno in 1955
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Fresno in 1956 (heat)
- 10 Ran 100 yards in 9.3 at Fresno in 1956
- 10 Ran 100 meters in 10.1 at Fresno in 1956
- 10 Ran 100 meters in 10.1 at Santa Ana in 1956
- 8 Ran 100 meters in 10.3 in 1956
- 8 Ran 100 yards in 9.5
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2 at Oslo in 1957
- 2 Made Olympic relay team in 1956
- 4 Second in 1956 AAU 100
- 2 Third in 1957 NCAA 100
- 4 Second in 1957 NCAA 220
- 6 Won 1957 AAU 100

Victory Points: 38

- 6 Mike Agostini
- 4 Bobby Morrow
- 1 Dave Sime
- 3 Thane Baker
- 6 Ira Murchison
- 3 Ray Norton
- 2 Art Bragg
- 2 Dick Blair
- 2 Willie White
- 1 John Haines
- 1 Rod Richard
- 2 Willie Williams
- 1 Jim Golliday
- 1 Andy Stanfield
- 3 Ed Collymore

Defeat Penalties: 13

- 2 Mike Agostini
- 6 Bobby Morrow
- 1 Dave Sime
- 1 Thane Baker
- 2 Ira Murchison
- 1 Ray Norton

Score

100	AP
38	VP
<u>138</u>	
-13	DP
<u>125</u>	

EDDIE TOLAN (U.S.A.)

128 Points

Eddie Tolan, University of Michigan's famous "Midnight Express", is remembered on the pages of immortality for two distinguished contributions to track and field: (1) he won the two most important sprint races ever held on the American continent, the 100 and 200 meters at the Los Angeles Olympiad of 1932; and (2) he was the first man to receive recognition for a world record 100 yards in 9.5 seconds.

Tolan was a chunky little man who ran with eye-glasses taped to his temples and, in the Olympics, a wide elastic bandage around the thigh of one leg. He had the most amazing "leg speed" of any sprinter the author can recall having seen. His churning legs flicked by so fast that his flying feet could accurately be described as "twinkletoes".

Tolan was a great warm weather runner. He would lose many races during the spring campaign, but would nearly always come up to the big one, in the summer, ready to run a smasher. More likely than not, he would win the big one. As when he lost to Ralph Metcalfe in both the 100 and 200 of the final Olympic team trials, then went out in the Games at Los Angeles and captured two individual gold medals.

In the 200 meters it wasn't even close, Metcalfe having been given a bum rap in the measurement of his lane on the turn. But in the 100 metcalfe came with a rush at the end. His chest hit the tape in an exact deadheat with Tolan and he was well ahead of Eddie at 101 meters. But Tolan managed to get his torso across the line on the ground first, due to his erect posture opposed to Metcalfe's body lean, and under the rules in vogue then Tolan was correctly declared the winner. Under today's rules it would have been a dead heat.

Tolan came out second best in his duels with Simpson, Wykoff and Toppino, but it is to his credit that he won six of his 11 races with Metcalfe.

Achievement Points: 122

- |                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8 Set former world record 9.5, 1929   | 4 Second in 1931 NCAA 100            |
| 6 Won 1929 AAU 100m                   | 2 Second in 1931 IC4A 100            |
| 6 Won 1929 AAU 200m                   | 2 Third in 1931 AAU 100              |
| 6 Won 1930 AAU 100y                   | 6 Best 220 man in world in 1931      |
| 4 Second in 1930 AAU 220              | 4 Second in 1932 Olympic 100m trials |
| 2 Second in 1930 IC4A 100             | 4 Second in 1932 Olympic 200m trials |
| 2 Third in 1930 NCAA 220              | 4 Made U.S. Olympic 100m team, 1932  |
| 9 Ran 100m in 10.2 in 1930            | 4 Made U.S. Olympic 200m team, 1932  |
| 7 Tied former world record 20.6, 1930 | 5 Reach Olympic 100m final, 1932     |
| 4 Won 1931 IC4A 220                   | 5 Reached Olympic 200m final, 1932   |
| 6 Won 1931 NCAA 220                   | 10 Won 1932 Olympic Games 100m       |
| 2 Second in 1930 IC4A 220             | 10 Won 1932 Olympic Games 200m       |

Victory Points: 47

- 6 Ralph Metcalfe
- 5 Frank Wykoff
- 8 George Simpson
- 2 Emmett Toppino
- 3 Claude Bracey
- 8 Cy Leland
- 2 Hec Dyer
- 2 Percy Williams
- 2 James Johnson
- 2 Arthur Jonath
- 1 William Walter
- 1 Carlos Bianchi Luti
- 1 Bob Kiesel
- 2 Daniel Joubert
- 1 George Lammers
- 1 Helmut Koernig

Defeat Penalties: 41

- 5 Ralph Metcalfe
- 6 Frank Wykoff
- 11 George Simpson
- 3 Emmett Toppino
- 3 Claude Bracey
- 2 Cy Leland
- 1 Hec Dyer
- 1 Percy Williams
- 1 James Johnson
- (2) Jack Elder
- (2) Peyton Glass
- (2) Tom Sharkey
- (2) Cummings

	Score
	122 AP
	47 VP
	169
	-41 DP
	128

## JOHN BORICAN -- An Artist on Spikes

by Walter Donovan

A quiet, modest champion, John Borican was an artist who painted brilliant pictures on canvases and let his powerful legs and stout heart speak for him on the boards of Eastern tracks. A versatile, 6 foot, 175 pound athlete, Borican won the AAU pentathlon in 1938, 1939 and 1941 and was AAU decathlon champion in 1941. But he was at his best as a runner.

Borican's ambition was to prove that a Negro could run the mile in record breaking time. Although he never achieved his goal he left behind him a long trail of middle distance records some of which are still standing (1958).

He first came into national prominence by winning the AAU Jr. outdoor 400m hurdles in 1937 with 54.6 at Milwaukee. In 1938 he won the 400m hurdles at the Penn Relays in 53.6. His victory in the junior 800 800m in 1:56.3 was followed by a second the next day in the senior 400m hurdles won by Jack Patterson of Rice.

Borican took to the boards in 1939 and emerged as the No. 1 star of the indoor season. Of the 11 new records established that year, the portrait-painting Negro student turned out four: his 1:49.2 and 1:49.8 for 800 meters and 880 yards in the special handicap test on Dartmouth's large and lively boards in Hanover (N.H.); his fastest of all-time 1000 in 2:08.8 at the N.Y. KofC meet; and his 2:39 for two-thirds of a mile in the Millrose Games. Running in every meet, Borican won 11 of 15 starts, sweeping everything in the half-mile and 1000 domain. He lost his first start at 500 meters, running fourth as Wesley Wallace of Fordham set an indoor record of 1:04.4. His only subsequent setbacks were two ventures in the mile, where he proved he was not ready, and in the Casey 600 which followed an hour after his 1000 yard record.

Madison Square Garden's 15,000 spectators went goggle-eyed with excitement as John raced the great Glenn Cunningham in the 1000 yard invitation of the 20th annual K of C meet. This was the race they had waited for all year. Borican, on the pole, outguessed started Johnny McHugh and was off flying. Cunningham was back in 6th place pinched off at the start. The smooth striding, powerful Borican opened up a tremendous lead of 10 yards before Cunningham, on the third lap, emerged from his pocket in 5th place and moved up. He forged his way into 2nd place. He was four yards behind at the end of the fourth circuit and closed to Borican's heels with one lap to go. The crowd was screaming by now and the bell could not be heard. Down the backstretch Glenn gathered himself for the final drive. Shoulder to shoulder they ran. Into the stretch big Borican went wide and gave it all he had. Cunningham matched his every stride but the 175 pound Negro held onto his lead and proved himself Cunningham's master at 1000 yards by breaking the tape in 2:08.8, eclipsing all marks, indoors or out. Cunningham also broke the record with his 2:09.2.

Outdoors, in one of the greatest half-mile fields ever assembled, Borican was second at the Princeton Invitational won by Charles Beetham. Others in this great field, beaten by Borican, were Campbell Kane, Ed Burrows, and Howard Borck.

John returned to his 1939 form in the Millrose Games of 1940, winning the three-quarter mile run invitation in 3:02.6, eclipsing the 15-year-old world record of Lloyd Han (3:03.4) and shattering the Millrose record of 3:03.8 that Paavo Nurmi set in 1925. In this race John outran Archie San Romani, Tom Deckard and Wayne Rideout.

The year 1940 will always be remembered for the great duels between Borican and Long John Woodruff, giant striding Negro who won the 1936 Olympic 800m for Uncle Same. They first met in Boston at 1000 yards with Borican winning by a yard in 2:12, the fastest ever run in the Hub. They were matched again in the Matt Halpin 880 at the NYAC meet, and this time Woodruff won in 1:52.8, matching his Millrose 880 clocking and tying the meet and Garden records that Russ Chapman of Bates set in 1931. The race was so close that Borican had the same time. In a handicap race in Newark the two great rivals ran from scratch but never had a chance to beat their handicap rivals. Borican was fourth and Woodruff fifth.

At the AAU championships Borican ran away from Woodruff by 8 yards and came home in 2:13, missing the meet record by four-tenths. Woodruff broke Borican's big track 880 yard and 800 meters world record at Dartmouth with 1:47.7 and 1:47.0 respectively, but Borican was not in the race. Instead, the powerful painter smashed the 3/4 mile record with a time of 3:01.2 which exceeded his own 3:02.6 earlier in the year.

John's only major effort at 600 yards was a flat-floor effort at the 369th Regiment meet in Harlem. He won in 1:12 which was said to be the fastest flat-floor 600 on record. He tried the mile in the NY KofC meet but finished fourth in 4:15.8 as Fenske, Cunningham

and Venzke preceded him in that order. Outdoors he tried the 400m hurdles in the AAU, finishing fourth behind Carl McBain, Roy Cochran and Harry March.

1941 was another big year on the boards for Borican. After losing a few early races to Campbell Kane of Indiana fame, Borican won the Millrose 1000 in 2:13.9 from Venzke, Jim Kehoe and Jim Rafferty. He won his second Halpin cup race at the NYAC Games, blasting out the fastest half mile ever run in Madison Square Garden. He stormed to a 10 yard triumph over Charles Beetham in 1:52.6, eclipsing Chapman's 10 year old record which had been equalled by Woodruff in that hairline decision in 1940. John won his third consecutive AAU thousand in 2:11.5, this time bettering the meet record made by Dr. Paul Martin, the Swiss great, in 1930.

The NY Kof C meet of 1941 was perhaps Borican's greatest triumph. Racing the 600 and 1000 within the hour, he broke all indoor records for the 600 yard run and ran the third fastest 1000. John had to talk his way into the 22nd running of the famed Casey 600 and blasted the world record with a scintillating 1:10.2 clocking. Leading every step of the way, Borican sliced six-tenths from the figure posted in 1940 by Jimmy Herbert, who placed 4th this night. Coming back for the 1000 and full of running, he charged to the front in the 2nd quarter and won going away in 2:10.3.

Concentrating on the decathlon which he won at the AAU in 1941, Borican did however manage to finish second in the AAU 800m won by Charlie Beetham in 1:50.2.

Again in 1942 Borican burned up the boards with his record breaking pace over the middle-distance routes. Discouraged by the meet promoters from entering the mile races, Borican went down to his favorite 880 distance in the NYAC meet and equalled Hahn's world record of 1:51.4 of 1928. This time broke Borican's own meet and Garden record by one-fifth of a second and gave him outright possession of the Halpin Cup.

His 4th consecutive AAU 1000 victory was a record breaking 2:10.5 victory over Campbell Kane and Gene Venzke eclipsing his own meet mark established in 1941. At the NYKofC affair, running his first 600 of the year, Big John won the Casey 600 in 1:10.4, fastest of the year and second only to his world record 1:10.2 made in this race in 1941. He then went on to win the 1000, repeating his double of 1941, with a powerful triumph by 12 yards over Lynn Radcliffe of Syracuse in 2:11.9.

The Navy Relief all-star meet at the huge Bronx Coliseum's nine-lap speedway saw Borican run the 880 in 1:50.5 clipping nine-tenths of a second from Hahn's 1928 indoor record which Borican had tied in the Garden earlier in the year. Enroute he put up an 800 meter record of 1:50.0.

The outdoor AAU 800 title, which had eluded him all these years, was his at last at the 1942 championships at Randalls Island, N.Y., as he beat Bill Lyda in 1:51.2. He did not know it but this was his last big race. The tragic end of this great performer came at his home in Bridgeton, N.J., on January 4, 1943, only a few days before the indoor season opened in New York. The cause of the death, at 29, was said to be a mysterious form of pernicious anemia.

## R. EARL JOHNSON

by Russ King

In 1918 Earl Johnson, a "doughboy" from Camp Upton near New York, won the junior AAU 5-mile championship. This was the first national victory for one of America's better distance runners. If it had not been for Paavo Nurmi and Willie Ritola, the great Finns, Johnson would have won an Olympic championship, several more national titles, and perhaps would have set some world records.

During his four years as a senior competitor, Johnson won six national titles. He would have won more except for Willie Ritola, who competed in the U.S.

In 1921 Johnson won three AAU championships. He took the 5 mile in 25:53.4, the 10 mile in 53:20.8 and the cross country run.

In 1922 he defeated Ritola in the 5-mile, winning in 25:33. He repeated his 5 mile victory in 1923, making it three in a row, with a time of 26:52.

In 1924 he won the AAU 10 mile championship in 54:29.4 and then made the Olympic team in the 10,000m cross country, where he defeated every runner except Nurmi and Ritola.

BOBBY MORROW (U.S.A.)

432 Points

It's Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian College--by a margin of 152 points the greatest sprinter who ever lived. Maybe not the fastest, but by this system's five-point measuring stick, the greatest.

The peerless Texas, 1956 Olympic 100 and 200 meters champion, piled up a veritable Everest of 432 points. By the end of the 1960 Olympics he may be well over 600, 700, or 800. Who knows? This is a crushing defeat of all his opponents, past and present. And what a target for tomorrow's as yet unknown (and perhaps unborn) sprinters the Magnificent Morrow has set up!

Second-place Ralph Metcalfe and third-place Jesse Owens, with their 280 and 224 points, along with Paddock's 199, are made to look almost second rate--which, of course, they are not. Morrow, with at least two years of his career still ahead of him, has scored more points than Owens and Paddock combined!

Morrow's 349 achievement points are 106 more than Metcalfe's 243 and his 102 victory points crush Metcalfe's 66 and Owens' 64. Even Dave Sime's wonderful total of 182 points scored for speed alone were not sacred to Morrow. Bobby scored 231!

Morrow is the only sprinter of the more than 100 I have rated who places in the top ten in both speed points and number of major championships won. He is No. 1 in speed points with more than the combined totals of third ranking Mike Agostini (109) and four place Ira Murchison (108). LaBeach and Owens combined score 50 fewer speed points than Morrow.

Morrow, as of the end of the 1958 campaign, stands equal fourth (with Hal Davis) in number of championships won. He and Davis each won 11 to 16 for Barney Ewell, 14 for Metcalfe, 12 for Paddock and 10 for both T. Yoshioka and McDonald Bailey. It should be repeated here that an athlete who wins both the AAU and Olympic team trials in the same event is given credit for only one, not both. The reason is that many stars who could win the AAU stay out of it to concentrate on the trials. In an Olympic year the AAU does not always mean very much because men have used the NCAA to qualify for the final team trials.

Morrow, Owens and Metcalfe rate 1-2-3 in the differential between victory points and defeat penalties: Morrow, plus 83; Owens, plus 57; Metcalfe, plus 37. Morrow, the perfectly poised sprinter with no real weakness in any segment of a race, has run 100 yards in 9.4 thirteen times but has other achievements even more spectacular than this. See the table, and then do this man the homage that is his due.

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Achievement Points: 349

- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4, 1955 NAIA
- 10 Ran 100 yards in 9.1 (wind, add .2s = 9.3), 1955
- 6 V.on 1955 AAU 100
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2, Houston, May 19, 1956
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Modesto (heat), 1956
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Modesto (final), 1956
- 8 Ran 200 meters in 20.6 on turn in 1956 NAIA
- 6 Won 1956 NCAA 100
- 6 Won 1956 NCAA 200
- 6 Won 1956 AAU 100
- 8 Ran 200 meters in 20.6 on turn, 1956 NCAA
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2, 1956 AAU (heat)
- 6 V.on 1956 Olympic 200 meters trials
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2, Olympic trials (heat)
- 8 Ran 100 meters in 10.3, Olympic trials (final)
- 8 Ran 200 meters in 20.6 on turn, Olympic trials
- 4 Made 1956 Olympic 100 meters team
- 4 Made 1956 Olympic 200 meters team
- 2 Made 1956 Olympic relay team
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2 at Ontario, Oct. 20, 1956
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Melbourne, Jan. 4, 1956
- 5 Made Olympic Games 100 meters final, 1956
- 5 Made Olympic Games 200 meters final, 1956
- 10 Won 1956 Olympic Games 100 meters
- 10 Won 1956 Olympic Games 200 meters
- 8 Ran 200 meters in 20.6 on turn, 1956 Olympic Games
- 6 Won 1957 NCAA 100
- 6 Won 1957 NCAA 200
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at 1957 Drake Relays
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at 1957 Fresno Relays
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at 1957 Coliseum Relays
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at 1957 Compton Invitational
- 10 Ran 100 yards in 9.3, NCAA (heat) 1957
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4, NCAA (final) 1957
- 8 Ran 100 yards in 9.5
- 10 Ran 220 yards in 20.0 (wind, add .2s = 20.2), 1957
- 6 Best 100 man in world, 1957
- 6 Best 200 man in world, 1957
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Modesto, May 31, 1958
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Houston, June 7, 1958
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Occidental, June 13, 1958
- 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 at Bakersfield, June 20, 1958
- 6 Won 1958 AAU 100
- 6 Best 100 man in world, 1958
- 6 Won 1958 AAU 200
- 6 Best 200 man in world, 1958

Score:  
349 AP  
102 VP  
451  
-19 DP  
432

Victory Points: 102

Defeat Penalties: 19

- 5 Rod Richard
- 4 Dick Blair
- 15 Bill Woodhouse
- 5 Ray Norton
- 7 Ira Murchison
- 6 Willie White
- 7 Thane Baker
- 6 Leamon King
- 2 Dave Sime
- 6 Andy Stanfield
- 4 John Haines
- 2 Art Bragg

- 3 Hec Hogan
- 12 Mike Agostini
- 2 Willie Williams
- 1 Heinz Futterer
- 1 Manfred Germar
- 1 Jose T. da Conceicao
- 2 Boris Tokaryev
- 4 Ed Collymore
- 1 Dee Givens
- 1 Glenn Davis
- 4 Dean Smith
- 1 Jim Golliday

- 1 Rod Richard
- 1 Dick Blair
- 3 Bill Woodhouse
- 1 Ray Norton
- 3 Ira Murchison
- 1 Willie White
- 1 Thane Baker
- 4 Leamon King
- 2 Dave Sime
- 1 Andy Stanfield
- 1 Eddie Southern