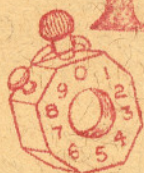


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### NEWS

A. A. U. CROSS COUNTRY Chicago, Dec. 6, 10,000m. 1, Macy, Houston, 29:47.8; 2, Lawrence, Houston, 30:10; 3, Truex, SC, 30:49; 4, Dickson, Hamilton, 30:51; 5, Mugosa, NYAC, 30:57; 6, Soth, Striders, 30:58; 7, Coleman, UCTC, 31:09; 8, Douglas, VOC, 31:14; 9, Higdon, UCTC, 31:17; 10, Vanderheugel, CenMich, 31:18; 11, Clohessy, Houston, 31:25; 12, Stieglitz, USN, 31:33; 13, Smartt, Houston, 31:48; 14, Nichols, VOC, 31:49; 15, McArdle, NYAC, 31:55; 16, Kopil, NYAC, 32:16; 17, Stone, NYAC, 32:02; 18, Maxwell, NYAC, 32:08; 19, Darley, Houston, 32:10; 20, Hampton, VOC, 32:11. First seven bettered Macy's 31:12 of last year. Run in 16 degrees. Teams: NYAC 40, Houston Track Club 52, Vancouver Olympic Club 61, UCTC 70, Toronto Olympic 104, UCTC B 138.

N. A. I. A. CROSS COUNTRY, Omaha, Nov. 29, 4 miles: 1, Vanderheugel, Central Michigan, 20:55.6; 2, O'Riordan, Idaho State, 21:04; 3, Whitely, Emporia State, 21:34; 4, Matheson, Emporia State, 21:35; 5, Meyers, Howard Payne, 21:38; Team, Emporia 67, South Dakota State 73, Oklahoma Baptist 77, Central Michigan 80, San Diego State 107.

AUSTRALIA Herb Elliott ran 4:01 on Nov. 29. At Melbourne Leffler set a new Australian hammer record of 192'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and Wes Balodis a new discus record of 161'2". At Perth, Tomlinson 23'6"; Brisbane, Liga, Fiji, 226'1"; Sydney, Prince, 23.9, 220Ht. P.S. Elliott's race was not one mile, but 33 miles, and time was 4 hours, one minute. He says he did it for "strengthening of the spirit. These long hard runs on the road teach us to fight against pain. That's what keeps us going faster in a mile race, when we feel we want to stop." Nov. 22 results: John Murray 13:44.8 for 3 miles. Bursill, 21.4; Almond 4:11.4 from Thomas 4:11.9; Primrose 14.7; Tomlinson 49'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Leffler 190'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

SOUTH AFRICA Pretoria, Nov. 19, Gerald Evans 46.9 from Potgieter, 47.2. Evans had run 1:54.0 90 minutes earlier. On Nov. 8 he broke national record with 1:50.5. Halberg, NZ, broke high altitude mile record with 4:08.0 Nov. 15, from Harold Clark, 4:09.1. Halberg 8:54.0 on Oct. 22, 14:02.4 for 3 miles, Nov. 19. Clark has done 4:08, 4:06.8, 4:06.1. Malan 14.2. J. Botha, national record in shot, 53'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Oct. 18. Potgieter on Oct. 25 competed in 7 events, winning 5: 10.0, 22.1, 23.4lh, 22'5", 47'4" HSJ. 52.8 for 440 H on Nov. 15.

BRAZIL da Silva jumped 53'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at Rio de Janeiro in November.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Newsletters due Dec. 24, Jan. 7, Jan. 21. Dec. Track & Field News mailed Jan. 1

Greatest Sprinters presents the No. 2 man, Ralph Metcalfe. Who is the greatest?

Sherwin Avann, 7000 16th Ave. NE, Seattle 15, Wash., wants 1951 ATFS Annual. Can help?

### WIND SPRINTS

Stanford interclass meet Dec. 6 saw 10.0 and 22.1 by Norm Pease, 49.0 by Don Chesarek, 1:55.3 by Ernie Cunliffe, 4:13.2 by Evangelos Depastas (frosh), 4:16.3 by Keith Wallace, 9:27.8 by Bob Monzingo, 13'6" by Mike Franchetti. Wil King, Santa Clara Valley Youth Village ran 9:18.6 in AAU two mile, and prep George Linn did 9:33.0... Herb Elliott has applied for Shell scholarship, will probably commence studies in English university after 1960 Olympics... Albert Thomas was married Nov. 28, is back in good graces of club again, after having been suspended for outspoken criticism of officials, etc... Don Bowden has been invited to compete in Australia, Feb. 14 to March 14... TN Walt Boehm has hung them up, now is assistant coach at San Francisco State...

NOTED WITH INTEREST

SURVEY OF 1958 SEASON is made by Robert Pariente and Gerard Edelstein of the great French sports daily, L'Equipe. Their study includes a long analysis and discussion of each event, the best performers in the world, and 50 best for France; a comparison of 1958 with recent seasons; a ranking for the world and another for Europe; and a division of top athletes into those who have progressed, remained stationary, declined, and declined greatly. Highlights:

100 World Ranking: Morrow, Murchison, Hary, Norton, Germar, Agostini.  
European ranking: Hary, Germar, Radford, Delecour, Futterer, Berruti and Mandlik, even.  
Improved: Hary (10.9 in 1956, 10.4 in 1957, 10.2 in 1958); Norton (9.5 in 1957, 9.3, 1958); Gardner (9.7 in 1957, 10.3m in 1958); Radford (9.8 in 1957, 10.3m in 1958); Berruti (10.4 in 1957, 10.3 in 1958); Delecour (10.7 in 1957, 10.3 in 1958); Obagbemi (9.6 in 1957, 10.3 in 1958); Ozoline (10.7 in 1956, 10.6 in 1957, 10.3 in 1958).  
Stationary: Morrow, Collymore, Germar, Murchison, Agostini  
Declined: Simc, White, King, Hogan, Khaliq, Williams, Futterer.  
Comparison: (10th, 20th, 50th best for year): 1956, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5; 1957 & 1958, same.

200 World Ranking Germar, Morrow, Collymore, Norton, Southern, Radford  
European Ranking: Germar, Radford, Delecour, Segal, Hary, Mandlik  
Improved: Germar (20.6t in 1957, 20.6 in 1958); Collymore (20.6t $\frac{1}{2}$  in 1957; 20.6t in 1958); Murchison (21.3t, 1957; 20.4 in 1958); Clipper (21.2 in 1957, 20.6 in 1958); Radford (21.7 in 1957, 20.8 in 1958); Mandlik (21.2 in 1957, 20.8 in 1958); Delecour (21.4 in 1957, 20.9 in 1958); Hary (21.6 in 1956, 20.9 in 1958); Jeffreys (21.3 in 1957, 20.8 in 1958).  
Stationary: Morrow, White, Agostini, Norton, Nilsen  
Declined: Simc, King, Bartenyev, Griffin, Futterer, Shenton, Pohl.  
Comparison: 1956, 21.0 (10th), 21.1 (20th), 21.3 (50th); 1957, 21.1, 21.2; 21.3; 1958, 20.8, 21.0, 21.2.

400 World Ranking: Davis, Southern, Spence, Milka Singh, Jenkins, Wrighton  
European Ranking: Wrighton, Salisbury, Kaufmann, Haas, Hellsten, Sampson  
Improved: Davis (46.5 in 1957, 45.4 in 1958); Southern (46.9 in 1957, 45.5 in 1958); Spence (46.5 in 1957, 56.0 in 1958); Singh (46.7 in 1957, 46.3 in 1958); Kerr (47.7 in 1957, 46.1 in 1958); Staten (debut in 1958, 46.2); Wrighton (47.1 in 1957, 46.3 in 1958); Mills (47.9 in 1957, 46.3 in 1958); Salisbury (47.3 in 1957, 46.5 in 1958); Kaufmann (debut in 1958, 46.9)  
Stationary: Jenkins, Tobacco, Swatowski  
Declined: Ignatyev, Haas, Hellsten, Larrabee, Gosper, Mashburn, Courtney, McMurray, Telford, Pearman.  
Comparison: 1956: 46.4, 46.8, 47.5; 1957, 46.7, 46.9, 47.4; 1958, 46.3, 46.7, 47.2.

800 World Ranking: Elliott, Schmidt, Courtney, Hewson, Rawson, Makomaski  
European Ranking: Schmidt, Hewson, Rawson, Makomaski  
Improved: Elliott (by 2.0); Makomaski (1.2); Schmidt (1.4); Kazimierski (1.3); Hewson (1.5); Missala (3.3); Rawson (0.5); Waegli (3.1); Kovacs (2.2); Reinnagel (0.8); Lundh (1.6)  
Stationary: Delany, Boysen, Waern, Szentgali  
Declined: Bowden, Johnson, Sowell, Paterson, Courtney, Moens, Stanley, Andersen, Bailey  
Comparison: 1956, 1:48.0, 1:48.5, 1:50.0; 1957, 1:47.5, 1:48.2, 1:49.6;  
1958, 1:47.7, 1:48.4, 1:49.6;

1500m and Mile World Ranking: Elliott, Lincoln, Hewson, Waern, Halberg, Jungwirth  
Improved: Elliott (9.0); Halberg (7.0); Lincoln (3.0 mile); Hammarsland (4.3); Barris (4.7); Orywal (3.8); Blagrove (7.1 mile); Kovacs (4.7).  
Stationary: Jungwirth, Rozsavolgyi, Vuorisalo, Waern, Hewson, Lewandowski, Delany  
Declined: Salsola, Salonen, Ibbotson, Richtzenhain, Bowden, Pipne, Wood, Mugosa, Andersen, Lueg, Bailey  
Comparison: 1956, 3:42.4, 3:43.8, 3:46.8  
1957, 3:42.0, 3:43.8, 3:42.5  
1958, 3:41.1, 3:42.5, 3:46.4

RALPH METCALFE (U.S.A.)

280 Points

Ralph Metcalfe of Marquette, a man with one of the most powerful finishes in history, led the two previous tabulations under this mathematical system. There were published in 1934 and again in 1949. One man, only one, has come along to surpass Metcalfe in overall scoring as the greatest sprinter of all time.

Metcalfe's 14 championships, combined with three individual Olympic medals (two silver and one bronze), durability, competitive ability and blazing speed, stamp the former Tilden Tech (Chicago) prep star as the world's greatest until the advent of the new king.

Metcalfe, a 5-foot, 11-inch Negro, a fine gentleman, and a good friend of this writer, smashed his way to eight National AAU outdoor sprint titles and six more in the NCAA. He was the world's No. 1 sprinter at both distances in the non-Olympic years of 1933 and 1934. He would have won an exact dead heat with Eddie Tolan in the 100 meters of the 1932 Olympic Games under the present rule for judging the finish, for the photo-camera shows him to have breasted the tape at the precise 100th of a second that Tolan did.

But, because of the erect posture with which he carried his body, Tolan was able to get his entire torso over the line on the ground about two inches ahead of Metcalfe. Under the 1932 rules, the decision in favor of Tolan was correct. In the light of history, and the new rules now in use, Metcalfe actually deserves to be recognized as a co-champion. But he never will be, as Olympic and IAAF rule changes are not retroactive.

Dr. Donald H. Potts, in his exhaustive rating of the great sprinters, asserts that in the 100, "Metcalfe emerged with the best record. He lost only five races in five years, three of these occurring in his last year of competition, and scored considerably more victories over outstanding contemporaries than did any of the others. In the century Metcalfe was number one."

Potts, whose ratings appeared before the advent of Bobby Morrow, Dave Sime, Ira Murchison of Leamon King, noted that in the 220 the top men were Metcalfe, Ewell, Tolan, Owens and Patton," the first two being perhaps a shade ahead."

It should be stressed here that Metcalfe ran 100 meters in 10.3 eight times, 220 yards in 19.8 with a wind at his back, a wind-blown 20.2 and a legitimate 20.4, in addition to 9.4 for 100 yards and 200 meters on a turn in 20.6. He won more championships than any man except Ewell. He ranks 15th in points achieved through pure speed, third in the differential between victory points and defeat penalties. It is with deep regret that I must drop so great a sprinter and so fine a man from the top rung of the ladder.

(continued)

THE GREATEST SPRINTERS

RALPH METCALFE (cont.)

Achievement Points: 243

- 4 Second in 1931 AAU 220
- 6 Won 132 AAU 100
- 6 Won 1932 AAU 200
- 6 Won 1933 AAU 100
- 6 Won 1933 AAU 200
- 6 Won 1934 AAU 100
- 6 Won 1934 AAU 200
- 6 Won 1935 AAU 200
- 6 Won 1936 AAU 200
- 4 Second in 1935 AAU 100
- 6 Won 1932 NCAA 100
- 6 Won 1932 NCAA 220
- 6 Won 1933 NCAA 100
- 6 Won 1933 NCAA 220
- 6 Won 1934 NCAA 100
- 6 Won 134 NCAA 220
- 4 Made 1932 Olympic 100 meters team
- 4 Made 1932 Olympic 200 meters team
- 4 Made 1936 Olympic 100 meters team
- 2 Made 1936 Olympic relay team
- 5 Reached 1932 Olympic 100 meters final
- 5 Reached 1932 Olympic 200 meters final
- 5 Reached 1936 Olympic 100 meters final
- 8 Second in 1932 Olympic 100 meters
- 6 Third in 1932 Olympic 200 meters
- 8 Second in 1936 Olympic 100 meters
- 4 Second in Olympic 100 meters team trials, 1936
- 6 Best 100 man in world, 1933
- 6 Best 200 man in world, 1933
- 6 Best 100 man in world, 1934
- 6 Best 200 man in world, 1934
- 9 Ran 100 meters in 10.2, tying world record, in 1932
- 8 Ran 100 meters in 10.3 eight times in 1932, 33, 34.
- 7 Held former world 200 meters record, 20.6, in 1932.
- 8 Ran 220 yards in 20.4 in 1933
- 15 Ran 220 in 19.8 (wind, add .2 = 20.0) Toronto, 1932
- 8 Ran 100 yards in 9.5
- 8 Ran 200 meters on turn in 20.6 at Budapest, 1933
- 9 Tied former world 100 yards record, 9.4, in 1933

Score:  
243 AP  
 66 VP  
309  
 -29 DP  
280

Victory Points 66

- 5 Eddie Tolan
- 3 Jesse Owens
- 3 George Simpson
- 3 Eulace Peacock
- 1 Cy Leland
- 4 Frank Wykoff
- 2 Emmett Toppino
- 6 Foy Draper
- 3 Robert Packard
- 1 Mack Robinson
- 5 Arthur Jonath
- 5 James Johnson
- 4 Takiohi Yoshioka
- 3 Sam Stoller

- 2 Carlos Luti
- 2 Hec Dyer
- 2 Daniel Joubert
- 1 Robert Kiesel
- 1 Martin Osendarp
- 1 Eric Borchmeyer
- 1 Lennart Strandberg
- 1 William Walters
- 1 Jack Weiershauser
- 1 Marty Glickman
- 1 Lee Orr
- 1 Ben Johnson
- 2 George Anderson

Defeat Penalties: 29

- 6 Eddie Tolan
- 6 Jesse Owens
- 2 George Simpson
- 2 Eulace Peacock
- 2 Cy Leland
- 1 Frank Wykoff
- 1 Emmett Toppino
- 1 Foy Draper
- 1 Robert Packard
- 1 Mack Robinson
- (2) Siegel
- (4) Pearson

## NOTED WITH INTEREST

### HIGHLIGHTS OF HERB ELLIOTT'S SEASON

|        |         |             |        |         |         |        |         |           |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|
| 3:59.9 | Jan. 25 | Melbourne   | 1:49.0 | July 12 | London  | 3:41.7 | Aug. 25 | Stockholm |
| 3:57.8 | Jan. 30 | Melbourne   | 1:49.3 | July 22 | Cardiff | 3:36.0 | Aug. 28 | Goteborg  |
| 3:58.7 | Feb. 15 | Perth       | 3:59.0 | July 26 | Cardiff | 3:58.0 | Aug. 29 | Malmö     |
| 3:57.8 | May 16  | Los Angeles | 1:47.3 | Aug. 4  | London  | 3:55.4 | Sept. 3 | London    |
| 3:58.1 | June 6  | Compton     | 3:54.5 | Aug. 6  | Dublin  | 3:37.4 | Sept. 5 | Oslo      |
| 3:57.9 | June 21 | Bakersfield | 8:37.6 | Aug. 7  | Dublin  |        |         |           |

### WORLD RECORDS FOR 1958

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 9.3 (tie), 100y, Norton, U.S.       | 8:32.0, 3000m steeplechase, Chromik, Pol.  |
| 45.7, 440y, Davis, U.S.             | 54'5½", HSJ, Ryakhovskiy, Russia   |
| 2:18.1, 1000m, Waern, Sweden        | 8302, decathlon, Johnson, U.S.   |
| 3:36.0, 1500m, Elliott, Australia   | 39.5 (tie), 400m relay, Germany  |
| 3:54.5, mile, Elliott, Australia    | 39.7, 440 relay, Abilene Christian   |
| 8:32.0, 2 mile, Thomas, Australia   | 1:22.6, 800m relay, Abilene Christian  |
| 13:10.8, 3 mile, Thomas, Australia  | 1:22.6, 880y relay, Abilene Christian  |
| 22.1, 200m hurdles, Gilbert, U.S.   | 7:20.9, 2 mile relay, U. of California   |
| 22.1, 220y hurdles, Gilbert, U.S.   | 15:11.4, 6000m relay, Germany  |
| 49.2, 400m hurdles, Davis, U.S.     | 16:30.6, 4 mile relay, Great Britain   |
| 49.7, 440y hurdles, Potgieter, S.A. | (unofficial records: 22.7, low hurdles turn, Tidwell, U.S.; 3:18.8, sprint Med.R, Calif. |

### EUROPEAN RECORDS FOR 1958

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 9.5, 100y, Hary, Germany (tie)           | 15'1¼", pole vault, Roubanis, Greece     |
| 10.2 (tie), Hary, Germany                | 54'5½", hop-step-jump, Ryakhovskiy, USSR |
| 10.2 (tie), 100m, Germar, Germany        | 8042, decathlon, Kuznetsov, Russia       |
| 10.2 (tie), 100m, Futterer               | 39.5, 400m relay, Germany                |
| 46.8, 440y, Sampson, Great Britain       | 40.7, 440 yard relay, Great Britain      |
| 1:47.8, 880y, Hewson, Great Britain      | 3:09.6, mile relay, Great Britain        |
| 2:18.1, 1000m, Waern, Sweden             | 15:11.4, 6000m relay, Germany            |
| 13.7 (tie), 110m hurdles, Lauer, Germany | 16:30.6, 4 mile relay, Great Britain     |
| 8:32.0, steeplechase, Chromik, Poland    |  |

LAST MAN tells how it feels, by Amherst soph, as reported by Joe Sheehan, NY Times: "I bet you never have heard of the trials and tribulations, the heartaches and disappointments, the physical hardships of the gutiest of all cross country runners--the last man across the finish line. Gentlemen, you have before you the slowest man to run the freshman course in the history of the college, and that isn't easy. I went out for c.c. to get in shape, not knowing any more about the sport than that one did alot of running. I was an immediate success as Last Man when my first time out I had to stop 4 times in 2 miles and ended by crawling to the finish on all fours. This established me as the man to watch and 2 days later I lived up to expectations by breaking the record for the slowest time. There comes a time in every athlete's life, however, when he meets a disappointment that sinks his morale to such depths that he considers giving up his career. This happened to me when out of 22 runners I came in 21st. It wasn't really my fault, though. A teammate had hurt his knee and had to limp in. With fortitude, I staged a comeback in our next race and removed the blemish by regaining and holding my position of Last Man.

"What does the Last Man think about when running? You are supposed to concentrate on the fellow in front of you and then slowly pass him. After the first 200 yards I never have been close enough to anyone to see anything but faintly disappearing outlines. I have never seen a runner's heels except my own. This year, the varsity course offered me many diversions, such as the time I rounded what looked like a familiar bend and found myself waist deep in muddy water. Then there was the embarrassment of intruding on a boy and girl who hadn't figured anyone else would stumble along three minutes behind the pack. My life is lonely, hazardous and upsetting. I have been nipped at by dogs and degradingly beaten by a 4 year old in a sprint past the tennis courts. In the early fall, after getting lost, I enjoyed sitting on a bench listening to the birds. But now they have gone south. I run on, lonely and tiring, far from the cheering crowds. Why do I do it? Somebody has to be last."

## SO THEY TELL US

TN JOE GALLI: "Albie Thomas has been sacked by his club, St. George of Sydney, On Nov. 22 he was refused permission to run in the state AAA 3 miles, because only overseas, interstate and country visitors can run unattached in interclub meets. Thomas was sacked, according to the club, because of his demeanor over the years, which they consider has grown worse. This refers to Thomas' criticism of the athletic set-up in his club, state and nation, officialdom, etc. Also, he referred to himself as an "outcast" when officials of St. George failed to welcome him home after his record breaking overseas tour. Thomas refused to accept the call for his resignation, and the club executive will discuss it this week. Albie has been known as the "Stormy Petrel" of Sydney athletics, because of his criticism, and as "The Shadow" because he rarely runs for his club in interclub meets. He says he has higher aims than that--quite reasonable. Not that Thomas is a bad lot. But he is far from diplomatic. He means well, but, naturally, the officials resent the way he talks to newspapermen about the shortcomings of the AAA. It will all work out, no doubt, and Thomas will be back in the new year with more class performances." (It did--See Wind Sprints)

TN BUZZ SAWYER, Hagerstown, Md.: "The climate around Baltimore is not the best with high humidity and heat in the summer, but at least you get a chance to compete. In Oklahoma I got in great shape, and bettered 20 minutes for four miles for the first time with a 19:50, but I had no place to compete. In Baltimore we have a year round schedule.

"I really learned a great deal about the effect of heat and humidity on distance runners last summer in Oklahoma. I was running the two mile most of the time and not able to crack 10 minutes to save me. I knew I was in better shape than that, but the heat and humidity really washed me out after the first mile. I have always felt that the effects of heat and humidity come only on races over a mile. In the mile it catches up with you after the race, and in the 880 you are not troubled. Well, such were my opinions. So after really struggling for a third place finish in a 9:59 two-mile July 4, I decided to run the mile and 880 although I had not trained for them. On July 7, I ran 4:22.8, about as fast as I ever did in college. Then a week later I ran 4:19.9 with the temperature 103, for my best ever. Another two weeks and I broke two minutes for the first time with 1:58.6. Then in Sept., with things cooled down one day to about 70 I ran 9:20.4 with no distress. It really convinced me we would probably have a lot better long distance runners in the East at any rate, if it were not for the humidity and heat during the late spring and summer. It makes training very tough to do, especially interval stuff where you get cool on the fast runs, then its like stepping into an oven on the recovery runs. I just don't see how the fellows that run the 3 and 6 miles and road runs here in the East stand it in the summer. My hat is off to them. Most of them are better runners than they ever find out."

TN BOB GILMORE, March AFB, Calif.: "The first meet I recall seeing was the Metro AAU in 1932 or 1933. It was in Yankee Stadium which had an odd shaped track. The indoor meets in New York really made a fan of me. I will never forget the excitement generated in Madison Square Garden whenever Glenn Cunningham raced Bill Bonthron and Gene Venzke. Other memorable moments were when I saw the final 1936 Olympic tryouts and then the 1948 Olympics at London. At Wembley I had a seat near the start of the 100m and sat with some Americans. A young man sat near me and told me a lot about Bob Chambers--I sure wish I knew who he was. My first pen pal was Foy Draper, the USC captain and sprinter. One picture has made an imprint that I have never erased from my mind. It was a picture of Jesse Owens winning a 10 flat hundred while in junior high. Maybe Jack Clowser could run it down for you. When stationed at Travis AFB my squadron adjutant was Captain Guinn Smith, the 1948 Olympic vault champ, and we would talk track whenever we met. We went overseas about the same time and I bumped into Capt. Smith at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

"Outside of not having the full Olympic program on the NCAA schedule we have on other thing lacking and that is to establish the National Interscholastic meets that produced so many fine performances when they were conducted in Chicago in the late twenties and early thirties."

TN EMERSON CASE, Fair Oaks, Calif.: "Ray Watson, Kansas Aggies, decreased his distances through the years, in reversal of the usual trend. He ran for the U.S. in three Olympics: 1920 he ran the 3000m steeplechase; 1924, the 1500m and 1928, the 800 meters. Mario Lanzi of Italy followed this same general procedure after his epic 400 and 800 meter battles with Rudolf Harbig in 1939-41. Lanzi reputedly ran 11.0 for 100 meters at the ripe old age of 37."

STATS  
Compiled by TN James Powell

BEST COMBINATION 1, 2, 3 MILERS (or metric equivalent) SCORED ON I. A. A. F TABLES

|                   |                 |                  |                  |                    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <u>M. Halberg</u> | <u>G. Pirie</u> | <u>A. Thomas</u> | <u>S. Iharos</u> | <u>D. Ibbotson</u> |
| <u>3:38.8</u>     | <u>4:00.9</u>   | <u>3:58.6</u>    | <u>3:40.8</u>    | <u>3:57.2</u>      |
| 8:33.0            | 7:52.8          | 8:32.0           | 8:33.4           | 8:41.2             |
| <u>13:15.0</u>    | <u>13:36.8</u>  | <u>13:10/8</u>   | <u>13:40.6</u>   | <u>13:20.8</u>     |
| 4183 points       | 4168            | 4166             | 4135             | 3997               |

|                       |                  |                   |                   |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>I. ROZSAVOLGYI</u> | <u>L. TABORI</u> | <u>H. ELLIOTT</u> | <u>J. CHROMIK</u> | <u>J. LANDY</u> |
| <u>3:40.0</u>         | <u>3:40.8</u>    | <u>3:36.0</u>     | <u>3:44.8</u>     | <u>3:57.9</u>   |
| 7:53.4                | 8:00.8           | 8:37.6            | 8:33.4            | 8:42.4          |
| <u>14:10.4</u>        | <u>13:53.2</u>   | <u>14:02.4y</u>   | <u>13:51.0</u>    | <u>13:27.4</u>  |
| 3968 points           | 3940             | 3928              | 3907              | 3903            |

BEST COMBINATION 1, 3, 6 MILERS (or metric equivalent)

|                  |                |                  |                 |                   |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>S. Iharos</u> | <u>V. Kuts</u> | <u>A. Thomas</u> | <u>G. Pirie</u> | <u>M. Halberg</u> |
| <u>3:40.8</u>    | <u>3:50.8</u>  | <u>3:58.6</u>    | <u>4:00.9</u>   | <u>3:38.8</u>     |
| 13:40.6          | 13:35.0        | 13:10.8          | 13:36.8         | 13:15.0           |
| <u>28:42.8</u>   | <u>28:30.4</u> | <u>29:21.0</u>   | <u>29:17.2</u>  | <u>29:39.8</u>    |
| 4195 points      | 4049           | 4032             | 4019            | 3998              |

|                    |                   |                        |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <u>D. Ibbotson</u> | <u>J. Chromik</u> | <u>Z. Krzyszkowiak</u> | <u>A. Lawrence</u> | <u>M. Szabo</u> |
| <u>3:57.2</u>      | <u>3:44.8</u>     | <u>3:49.0</u>          | <u>4:09.6</u>      | <u>3:46.0</u>   |
| 13:20.8            | 13:51.0           | 13:53.2                | 13:54.2            | 13:51.8         |
| <u>28:52.0</u>     | <u>29:10.0</u>    | <u>28:56.0</u>         | <u>28:53.6</u>     | <u>29:28.4</u>  |
| 3888 points        | 3838              | 3772                   | 3741               | 3725            |

BEST 300m & 1500m COMBINATIONS (equivalents used for 880 yards-800m)

|                   |                     |                  |                  |                 |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <u>H. Elliott</u> | <u>S. Jungwirth</u> | <u>B. Hewson</u> | <u>R. Delany</u> | <u>R. Moens</u> |
| <u>1:46.6</u>     | <u>1:47.5</u>       | <u>1:47.0</u>    | <u>1:47.1</u>    | <u>1:45.7</u>   |
| <u>3:36.0</u>     | <u>3:38.1</u>       | <u>3:41.1</u>    | <u>3:41.2</u>    | <u>3:44.0</u>   |
| 2836 points       | 2677                | 2579             | 2569             | 2563            |

|                   |                  |                   |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>G. Nielsen</u> | <u>A. Boysen</u> | <u>P. Schmidt</u> | <u>O. Salsola</u> | <u>L. Kovacs</u> |
| <u>1:47.5</u>     | <u>1:45.9</u>    | <u>1:46.8</u>     | <u>1:48.3</u>     | <u>1:47.7</u>    |
| <u>3:40.8</u>     | <u>3:44.2</u>    | <u>3:42.5</u>     | <u>3:40.2</u>     | <u>3:41.1</u>    |
| 2559              | 2543             | 2542              | 2540              | 2537             |

BEST 800m-880y & MILE COMBINATIONS

|                   |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>H. Elliott</u> | <u>R. Moens</u> | <u>R. Delany</u> | <u>D. Bowden</u> | <u>B. Hewson</u> |
| <u>1:46.6</u>     | <u>1:45.7</u>   | <u>1:47.1</u>    | <u>1:46.5</u>    | <u>1:47.0</u>    |
| <u>3:54.5</u>     | <u>3:58.9</u>   | <u>3:57.5</u>    | <u>3:58.7</u>    | <u>3:58.9</u>    |
| 2798 points       | 2672            | 2638             | 2628             | 2591             |

|                     |                   |                 |                     |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <u>S. Jungwirth</u> | <u>G. Nielsen</u> | <u>D. Waern</u> | <u>O. Vuorisalo</u> | <u>J. Bailey</u> |
| <u>1:47.5</u>       | <u>1:47.5</u>     | <u>1:48.1</u>   | <u>1:48.3</u>       | <u>1:48.7</u>    |
| <u>3:59.1</u>       | <u>3:59.1</u>     | <u>3:58.5</u>   | <u>3:59.1</u>       | <u>3:58.6</u>    |
| 3554 points         | 2554              | 2543            | 2512                | 2509             |

STAT CORRECTIONS

Oct. 26 TN: Composite H.S. relay rankings. High Hurdles, Arizona totals 56.4, ties with Pennsylvania (Hearn 13.9, Lee 14.1, Perry 14.1, Brown 14.3). Javelin: New Jersey's 4th man should be Schmidt 209'2½". Plummer, Pa., should be 202'3½". Standings not changed.  
 Sept. 3 TN Stretch Parry O'Brien's win streak to 117 by adding 55'10¾", indoor AAU, New York, Feb. 14, 1953. His April 5, 1954 mark of 56'6¼" was at Edwards AFB, Calif.  
 Note: Please let us hear from you on significant corrections to stats. We want these to be right. Also, remember contributions are always welcomed by all the TNs, from the TNs.

BEST 35 POUND WEIGHT THROW PERFORMANCES OF ALL TIME (to Dec. 1, 1958)

by Cliff Larrabee

| Mark    | Athlete               | Place        | Date     |                               |                                      |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 66'8½"  | HAROLD CONNOLLY       | Medford      | 12/31/56 | BEST PERFORMERS<br>OF 1957-58 |                                      |
| 66'3"   | Connolly (BAA)        | Medford      | 1/18/58  |                               |                                      |
| 65'11½" | ROBERT BACKUS (NYAC)  | Boston       | 2/1/58   |                               |                                      |
| 65'10½" | Backus                | Medford      | 12/31/56 |                               | 66'3" Hal Connolly<br>BAA 1/18       |
| 65'6½"  | Backus                | Medford      | 1/18/58  |                               | 65'11½" Bob Backus<br>NYAC 2/1       |
| 65'4¼"  | Backus                | New York     | 2/22/58  |                               | 64'9½" Al Hall<br>USA-NYAC 2/1       |
| 64'11"  | Backus                | Boston       | 2/2/57   |                               | 64'7½" Ed Bagdonas<br>Army 3/8       |
| 64'11"  | Connolly              | Boston       | 2/1/58   |                               | 63'7⅞" Stew Thomson<br>NYAC 2/15     |
| 64'10½" | Connolly              | Cambridge    | 2/15/58  |                               | 63'1⅞" Martin Engel<br>NYPC 2/15     |
| 64'9½"  | ALBERT HALL (NYAC)    | Boston       | 2/1/58   |                               | 61'9" Tom Pagani<br>NYAC 2/15        |
| 64'7½"  | Hall (also US Army)   | Boston       | 2/2/57   |                               | 57'6¾" John Lawlor<br>Boston U 3/1   |
| 64'7½"  | EDWARD BAGDONAS(Army) | Ithaca       | 3/8/58   |                               | 57'2¼" Eino Keerd<br>BU 3/1          |
| 64'7"   | Backus                | Cambridge    | 1/11/58  |                               | 57" Richard Knorr<br>US Navy 1/25    |
| 64'5½"  | Backus                | Medford      | 1/19/57  |                               | 56'7¾" Steve Dillon<br>NYAC 2/8      |
| 64'5"   | Connolly              | New York     | 2/22/58  |                               | 55'7" Bill McWilliams<br>Bowdoin 3/1 |
| 64'3½"  | Backus                | Boston       | 11/17/56 |                               | 55'2¾" Al Dorris<br>Army 3/8         |
| 64'2¾"  | Backus                | New York     | 1/5/57   |                               | 55'2¼" Bill Goyette<br>Conn. 3/8     |
| 64'     | Connolly              | Cambridge    | 2/5/58   |                               | 54'7" John DuMoulin<br>Harvard 1/11  |
| 63'10½" | Backus                | New York     | 2/18/56  |                               | 54'6¼" James Doty<br>Harvard 3/8     |
| 63'10"  | Backus                | New York     | 1/4/58   |                               | 54'2" Fred Cooper<br>Yale 3/15       |
| 63'9½"  | Hall                  | Medford      | 1/19/57  |                               | 52'9" John Fresina<br>Bates 2/22     |
| 63'8½"  | Backus                | Storrs       | 3/23/57  |                               | 52'4¾" Bob Winslow<br>Manhattan 2/8  |
| 63'8"   | Connolly              | Cambridge    | 1/28/56  |                               | 52'2¼" Ev. McDaniel<br>U.R.I. 2/15   |
| 63'7⅞"  | STEW THOMSON (NYAC)   | West Point   | 2/15/58  |                               | 52'2" Paul Reznikoff<br>NYAC 3/8     |
| 63'6¾"  | Hall                  | New York     | 2/8/58   |                               | 51'10½" Paul Boguski<br>Cornell 2/22 |
| 63'5"   | PAT MC DONALD (IAAC)  | Celtic Park  | 5/30/18  |                               | 51'9¼" Bill Stack<br>Yale 2/22       |
| 63'5"   | Backus                | New York     | 2/20/54  |                               | 50'1" Jim Wheeler<br>Bates 2/22      |
| 63'4"   | Hall                  | New York     | 2/22/58  |                               |                                      |
| 63'3¼"  | Hall                  | Ithaca       | 3/3/56   |                               |                                      |
| 63'2¼"  | Bagdonas              | West Point   | 2/22/58  |                               |                                      |
| 63'1⅞"  | MARTIN ENGEL (NYPC)   | West Point   | 2/15/58  |                               |                                      |
| 63'1¼"  | Hall                  | New York     | 2/18/56  |                               |                                      |
| 63'1¼"  | Backus                | New York     | 2/23/57  |                               |                                      |
| 63'½"   | Backus                | Cambridge    | 1/14/56  |                               |                                      |
| 62'11¾" | Backus                | Cambridge    | 1/28/56  |                               |                                      |
| 62'11¾" | Thomson               | New York     | 2/22/58  |                               |                                      |
| 62'11½" | Backus                | Cambridge    | 2/15/58  |                               |                                      |
| 62'10½" | Thomson               | New York     | 2/8/58   |                               |                                      |
| 62'9½"  | Thomson               | New Haven    | 3/15/58  |                               |                                      |
| 62'8½"  | Hall                  | New York     | 2/25/56  |                               |                                      |
| 62'7¼"  | Hall                  | New York     | 2/23/57  |                               |                                      |
| 62'7"   | Engel                 | New York     | 2/8/58   |                               |                                      |
| 62'5"   | Hall                  | Ithaca       | 2/17/56  |                               |                                      |
| 62'4"   | PAT RYAN (IAAC)       | Celtic Park  | 7/5/15   |                               |                                      |
| 62'4"   | Backus                | Medford      | 1/22/55  |                               |                                      |
| 62'3¾"  | Hall                  | New Haven    | 3/17/56  |                               |                                      |
| 62'3½"  | Hall                  | Cambridge    | 2/4/56   |                               |                                      |
| 62'3"   | Hall                  | Medford      | 1/18/58  |                               |                                      |
| 62'2½"  | Backus                | Medford      | 2/6/54   |                               |                                      |
| 62'     | Hall                  | Pelham Manor | 9/8/56   |                               |                                      |

Larrabee says: "As to the recognized record, I'm still confused. I believe Backus' 65'4¼" has the AAU's blessing. Bob has three and Connolly two better marks. The 66'3" I saw myself. I was calling fouls and I also checked the implement for weight and length. Also I witnessed Backus' 65'11½" which I believe was perfectly legit. It is getting so you have to be a helluva thrower to get one on the 50 best list anymore. . . A lot of credit for the research for this list must go to Dave Batchelor."