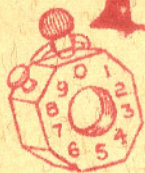


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### NEWS

CHICAGO HOLIDAY MEET, Dec. 27: 60-Robinson, Mich, 6.2; Murchison (1'); Jacobs, 6.3; 60HH Stanger, Mich, 7.5; Stillwagon, Smith, WM; two-mile Ashmore 9:16.2. Frakes 9.18?, Harvey 9:27; Vanderheuval. 220 Etherton 22.6, Murchison, McCann; Mile-Coleman 4:13.8, Gregory 4:14, Enicks. HJ Richards 6'6½"; Gibson 6'4". 60LH Loomos 7.1; Dobbs, Stanger; PV Landstrom 14'; Hoyle, Gibson, Welbourne 13'6". 880-Peake 1:55.9; Mal Spence, Billups. HSJ - Nickel 44'2½", Greer, Anderson. BJ Steffes 22'5¼", McCann, Bird; Shot Edeman 48'1"; Winter 47'6"; Crowley 47'4".

WINTER ALL-COMERS Los Angeles, Dec. 14: Hammer-Connolly 219'10"; Pagani, 181'1"; Ellis 170'1". 35 lb. wt. Connolly 66'11½", best on record (69'4" foul); Pagani 59'; Ellis 51'9". New York Dec. 7 Shot Marchiony 52'11¾", Korn 52'7¾", Winslow 50'5½", Hands 50'2", all Manhattan. Stanford, Dec. 27- 2-mile, Larrie 9:42.6, Linn 9:42.8; Jan. 3 Linn, HS, 4:23.3; Yaley, HS, 4:23.7.

### ANNUAL POLL

This year's Track Newsletter Poll has been changed. Only about 25% of the readers participated in previous polls and so we decided it isn't right to use up a page of the Nutsletter to conduct the poll. However, all who want to participate can do so by answering these questions: 1. Your picks for 1960 Olympic winners in each event. 2. Athlete of the year, U.S. and world, for the entire sport (track or field), for track events, for field events. 3. All-time, all-star team, one athlete per event. 4. Which TN features do you want more of, which would you like to see eliminated. Send answers within three days of receipt.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Next Newsletter to be mailed Jan. 21. January Track & Field News mailed Feb. 5.

News of indoor campaign is needed. Be sure to send in all results, as soon as available. Greatest Sprinters series is concluded in this issue. Our thanks to TN Max Stiles for a wonderful contribution.

Stop watches for sale. As far as we know, the finest stop watch made is the Omega 1135, an extra, extra large, 30 second watch, with split hands. Retails in U.S. for \$325, including taxes. After 18 months of effort we have succeeded in obtaining just two of these wonderful watches (we hope to get a few more, but it is very difficult). The first two checks for \$162.50 (just half-price) will get these watches. If no takers, will be advertised in T&FN.

Out-of-print NCAA Guide (1956) and ATFS Annuals (1952-2 copies, 1955) have turned up.

Also autographed copy of "Zatopek, The Marathon Victor". Available at \$5 each. As demand will exceed supply, please do not send money, but merely state your desires and pick a number between 1 and 100 (so that everyone may have fair chance).

Back Issues will go on special sale soon in T&FN. Track Nuts may have first chance (since some issues have only one copy available, others only a few). Major price changes from list printed in Dec. T&FN--some prices up, some down, some "not available" issues now available. Best chance yet to complete your files. Ask for special list.

Women's All-Time List begins in this issue, compiled by Bernie Cecins, Australia, and Jan Popper, Czech. It will be the most completely detailed list yet published, by far, and will be the forerunner of a handbook, if the author's can find a publisher. 50 best performers for each event will be published. Forward and credits to be announced later. Send any corrections to Bernie Cecins, Perth Chest Hospital, Room 40, Ward 3B, Subiaco, W.A., Australia.

FRED WOLCOTT  
by Walter E. Donovan

In 1950 the Gulf Association of the AAU named Fred Wolcott as the top track star in Texas for the past 50 years. Wolcott, who ran in the silver and blue colors of Rice Institute from 1938 through 1940, was one of the greatest hurdlers in track history and the second man to beat 14 seconds for the highs. Wolcott's tremendous speed (he could run the 100 in 9.5) earned him the honor of removing Jesse Owens' name from the record books as the holder of the 220 yard and 200m low hurdles worlds records. This speed, plus flawless form over the hurdles, helped Wolcott to tied the great world record of 13.7 established by Olympic Champion (1936) Forest Towns over the 120y and 110m highs. Numerous indoor records also fell before this blond tornado from Texas.

His debut in big time track was an inconspicuous third in the 200m lows at the AAU Junior championships won by Charles Belcher of Georgia Tech at Milwaukee, 1937.

As a sophomore in 1938 he was the sensation of the outdoor track season, winning ever race he ran. He won the highs at the Texas Relays in a windswept 13.9 and also captured the 100 in 9.8. At the Kansas Relays he set a new meet mark of 14.2. He set a new meet record of 14.2 at the Drake Relays, eclipsing the old mark of 14.4 made by Olympic Champ George Saling of Iowa in 1932. In this same meet Wolcott helped Rice set a new American record of 3:25.3 for the sprint medley relay, running a smashing 220 leg and then anchored Rice's 440 relay team which tied the Drake record of 41.5. At the Central Intercollegiate Conference meet, Freddie won the highs and lows, establishing meet records of 14.2 and 23.3. He won four gold medals at the Southwest Conference meet, winning the 100 in 9.8, the 220 lows in 23.0, the highs in 14.1 an anchoring the 440 relay.

By the time the NCAA meet rolled around in Minneapolis, Wolcott was hotter than the Houston summer sun. In the heats of the highs he ran 14.0 to tie Bob Osgood's (Michigan) American record made in 1937. This mark also broke the championship record of 14.1 made by Saling in 1932 and tied by Towns in 1936. Fred went on to win the final in 14.1 and then beat Earl Vickery of USC in the lows in 23.3, a championship record around a turn. It was the only double of the day.

At the AAU meet, on a poor track at Buffalo, New York, he duplicated the title doubles of Allan Tolmich (1937) and Steve Anderson (1929) by capturing the highs in 14.3 and and the lows in 23.6. As the world's number one hurdler he toured Europe that year.

Wolcott made his indoor debut in 1939 at the AAU meet in Madison Square Garden. He finished third behind Tolmich and Roy Staley of USC as Tolmich set a new world record of 8.4 for the 65m highs.

Fred opened the 1939 outdoor season at the Texas Relays winning the highs in 14.1 and anchoring Rice's 440 relay team to a great victory in a new meet record time of 41.4. Although he ran the 100 invitation in 9.5 he was beaten by one foot by Wilbur Greer of Michigan State. He suffered a slight leg injury at the Kansas Relays but still managed to win the highs in 14.3. At the Drake Relays he won in 14.4 and anchored the 880 relay team to a win. He scored his second triple at the Southwest Conference meet winning the 100 in 9.8 (after winning his heat in 9.5); the highs in 14.3 and the lows in 24.2. He was a double winner again in the NCAA, capturing the highs in 14.2 and the lows in 23.0 from Vickery and Roy Cochran of Indiana. At Lincoln, Nebr., Wolcott won the heat of the AAU highs in 13.8 but the meet record was not allowed because of a favoring wind. In the finals, Wolcott was beaten by Joe Batiste, a tall Negro schoolboy from Tucson, Ariz., making his debut on the national scene. It was the first defeat suffered by Wolcott in two years of top-flight outdoor hurdling. Wolcott had beaten Batiste in his heat. Freddie came back in the lows and again beat Vickery in 22.9 which was the fastest time ever made in this event around a turn.

Like so many great athletes who competed during the early forties, Wolcotto never had an opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games. War-torn Europe forced the cancellation of the XII Olympiad scheduled for Helsinki, Finland in 1940. Wolcott, however, had one of his greatest years in 1940. At Austin, Texas, Freddie tied Towns' world record of 13.7 for the 120 highs but the mark was never officially accepted as a world record. It did, however, go into the books as a new American college record. The 23 year old Rice flyer scored his third triple at the Southwest Conference meet winning the 100 yards in 9.8, the lows in 23.5 and the highs in 13.9, an American record. At the Drake Relays, Wolcott finished third in the 100 behind the great Barney Ewell of Penn State and Billy Brown of LSU. He wons his specialty at 14.3

(continued)

WOMEN'S ALL-TIME LIST

by Jan Popper & Bernhards Cecins

100 Yards (91.44 meters)

Marlene Willard(Mathews) (Australia)	10.3	1	Sydney	20.3.58
Marjorie Jackson-Nelson (Australia)	10.4	1	Sydney	8.3.52
Betty Cuthbert (Australia)	10.4	1	Sydney	1.3.58
Wendy Hayes (Australia)	10.4	3	Sydney	20.3.58
Joyce Crotty (New Zealand)	10.5'	1	Te Puke	24.3.56
Shirtley de la Hunty (Strickland)(Australia)	10.6'	1	Donnybrook	19.3.55
Robin Scott (Australia)	10.6	1h	Sydney	1.3.58
Fleur Mellor (Australia)	10.6	5	Sydney	20.3.58
Kay Johnson (Australia)	10.6	6	Sydney	20.3.58
Heather Young (Armitage) (Great Britain)	10.6	2	Cardiff	22.7.58
Rae James (Australia)	10.7	1	Sydney	19.2.55
Mae Faggs (USA)	10.7	1	Ponce City	18.6.55
Patricia Duggan (Australia)	10.7	1	Brisbane	25.2.56
Norma Croker-Flemming (Australia)	10.7	1	Brisbane	17.6.56
Anna Shaw (South Africa)	10.7	1	Bloemfontein	5.5.58
June Paul(Foulds) (Great Britain)	10.7	1h	Cardiff	19.7.58
Madeleine Weston (Great Britain)	10.7	3	Cardiff	22.7.58
Stanislawa Walasiewiczowna-Olsson(Poland)	10.8	1	Philadelphia	30.5.30
Helen Stephens-Herring (USA)	10.8	1	Toronto	31.8.35
Francina Blankers(Koen) (Holland)	10.8	1	Amsterdam	18.5.44
Cynthia Thompson (Jamaica)	10.8	1	Georgetown	4.8.47
Monica Allen (Jamaica)	10.8	1	Georgetown	4.56
Winsome Cripps-Dennis (Australia)	10.8	2	Perth	27.2.54
Erica Willis (Australia)	10.8	1	Sydney	22.1.55
Gloria Cooke-Wigney (Australia)	10.8	2	Sydney	19.2.55
Margaret Francis (Great Britain)	10.8	1	Manchester	21.7.55
Kathleen Evans (Australia)	10.8	1	Lithgow	10.11.55
Nancy Fogarty-Atterton (Australia)	10.8	3	Sydney	25.2.56
Nancy Boyle (Australia)	10.8	1	Melbourne	3.3.56
Anne Pashley (Great Britain)	10.8	1h	London	10.8.56
Norma Thrower(Austin) (Australia)	10.8	2	Adelaide	4.2.58
Maure Leedham (Australia)	10.8	3	Adelaide	4.2.58
Margaret Stuart (New Zealand)	10.8	1	Lower Hutt	8.3.58
N. J. Singer (New Zealand)	10.8	2	Lower Hutt	8.3.58
Beth Hooper (Australia)	10.8	3h	Sydney	20.3.58
Beverley Watson (Australia)	10.8	1h	Sydney	22.3.58
Magdalena Myburgh (South Africa)	10.8	2	Bloemfontein	5.5.58
Eugene Peel (South Africa)	10.8	3	Bloemfontein	5.5.58
Jean Lane (USA)	10.9	1	Cincinnati	29.5.40
Daphne Robb-Hasenjager (South Africa)	10.9	1	Queenstown	16.4.49
Doris Parker (New Zealand)	10.9	1	Napier	2.1.50
Verna Johnston (Australia)	10.9	1h	Adelaide	4.1.50
Pamela O'Connell(Bryant) (Australia)	10.9	1h	Melbourne	12.3.55
Vera Neszmelyi-Hody (Hungary)	10.9	2	London	12.8.55
Valma Heaton (Australia)	10.9	3	Brisbane	25.2.56
Pamela Robertson-Hanson (Australia)	10.9	1h	Melbourne	17.3.56
Diane Matheson (Canada)	10.9	1	Valleyfield	19.5.56
Eleanor Haslam (Canada)	10.9	1	Toronto	8.56
Beverley Weigel (New Zealand)	10.9	1	Auckland	6.4.57
Freyda Berman (Canada)	10.9	1	Nanaimo	29.6.57
Dorothy Hyman (Great Britain)	10.9	1	London	6.7.57
Barbara Jones (USA)	10.9	1	Cleveland	10.8.57
Suzanne McPherson (Australia)	10.9	1h	Sydney	18.1.58
Robin Chapman (Australia)	10.9	1	Sydney	8.3.58
Helen Maloney (Australia)	10.9	1h	Sydney	22.3.58

' = made in handicap race from scratch mark.

h = heat

100 Yards (cont.)Time Trial

Marjorie Jackson-Nelson (Australia)	10.3		Sydney	14. 2.53
<u>Made on downhill tracks</u>				
Sheila Hoskin (Great Britain)	10.9	1	London	26. 5.56
Carol Quinton (Great Britain)	10.9	1	London	20. 9.58
<u>Made with assisting wind</u>				
Marlene Mathews-Willard (Australia)	10.1	1	Sydney	2. 2.57
Francina Blankers (Koen) (Holland)	10.3	1	Rotterdam	15. 7.52
Marjorie Jackson-Nelson (Australia)	10.3	1	Newcastle	2.11.53
Shirley Strickland-De la Hunty (Australia)	10.4	1	Sydney	1.48
Isabell Daniels (USA)	10.5	1	Sydney	2.12.56
Erica Willis (Australia)	10.5	3	Sydney	2. 2.57
Rae James (Australia)	10.6	2	Sydney	6. 2.54
June Paul(Foulds) (Great Britain)	10.6	1	London	11. 8.56
Nancy Boyle (Australia)	10.6	2	Sydney	23. 2.57
Madeleine Weston (Great Britain)	10.6	1	London	7. 6.58
Daphne Robb-Hasenjager (South Africa)	10.7	1	Pretoria	20.10.49
Winsome Cripps-Dennis (Australia)	10.7	1	Kerang	1. 1.54
Nancy Fogarty-Atterton (Australia)	10.7	3	Sydney	6. 2.54
Magdalena Myburgh (South Africa)	10.7	1	Bloemfontein	9. 3.56
Anne Pashley (Great Britain)	10.7	2	London	11. 8.56
Beverley Weigel (New Zealand)	10.7	1	Hobsonville	18. 1.58
N. J. Singer (New Zealand)	10.7	1	Wellington	22. 3.58
Dorothy Hyman (Great Britain)	10.7	1	Billingham	6. 9.58
Edna Maskell (South Africa)	10.8	1	Kimberley	8. 4.50
Luise Burger-Thompson (South Africa)	10.8	1	East London	20.10.51
Bertha Brouwer-van Duyne (Holland)	10.8	2	The Hague	5. 7.52
Jean Desforges-Pickering (Great Britain)	10.8	1	Southampton	27. 6.53
Anna Fourie-van Deventer (South Africa)	10.8	1	East London	19. 9.55
Elizabeth Wheeler (Great Britain)	10.8	1	London	26. 5.56
Suzanne McPherson (Australia)	10.8	1	Sydney	13.10.56
Harriest Mason (Great Britain)	10.8	1	London	25. 5.57
Nancy Gilmour (Australia)	10.8	1h	Sydney	20. 3.58
Robin Chapman (Australia)	10.8	1	Sydney	25.10.58
Christine Dahm (Australia)	10.9	1	Sydney	12. 2.30
Margaret Dowell (Australia)	10.9	1	Melbourne	3. 3.45
Florence Willis (South Africa)	10.9	2	Kimberley	8. 4.50
Shirley Peterson(Hardman) (New Zealand)	10.9	1	Hamilton	23. 2.52
Wilhelmine Lust (Holland)	10.9	3	The Hague	5. 7.52
Geraldine Bemister (Canada)	10.9	5	Vancouver	31. 7.54
Valerie Cutting (Great Britain)	10.9	5	London	11. 8.56
Wendy Lewin (Australia)	10.9	3	Melbourne	14. 2.57
Ann Roberts (Great Britain)	10.9	1	London	25. 5.57
Ngdaire Morgan (New Zealand)	10.9	2	Auckland	15. 2.58

100 Metres (109.36 yards)

Shirley De la Hunty (Strickland) (Australia)	11.3	1	Warsaw	4. 8.55
Vyera Krepkina(Kalashnikova) (USSR)	11.3	1	Kiev	13. 9.58
Marjorie Jackson-Nelson (Australia)	11.4	1	Gifu	4.10.52
Giuseppina Leone (Italy)	11.4	1	Bologna	21.10.56
Betty Cuthbert (Australia)	11.4	1h	Melbourne	24.11.56
Helen Stephens-Herring (USA)	11.5	1h	Berlin	4. 8.36
Francina Blankers (Koen) (Holland)	11.5	1	Amsterdam	13. 6.48
Barbara Jones (USA)	11.5	1	Mexico City	16. 3.55
Vera Neszmelyi-Hody (Hungary)	11.5	2	Warsaw	4. 8.55
Marlene Mathews-Willard (Australia)	11.5	1	Sydney	10. 3.56
Gisela Kohler-Birkemeyer (Germany)	11.5	1	Berlin	30. 6.56
Bertha van Duyne(Brouwer) (Holland)	11.5	1	Frechen	29. 7.56
Galina Popova (Vinogradova) (USSR)	11.5	1	Moscow	10. 8.56

Early in June, 1940, on Palmer Stadium's lightning fast track at Princeton, New Jersey, Wolcott had his greatest day on the cinderpaths. The meet was the 7th annual Princeton Invitational featuring the nation's fastest runners. In the 220 yard low hurdles Wolcott faced Ed Dugger, Tufts; Marsh Farmer, a one armed Shore AC star also out of Texas; Lee Orr, Washington State; and Vickery. Wolcott, the 6', 170 pound blond whirlwind, with a physique that would put Mr. America to shame, led all the way and sliced one-tenth of a second from the immortal Jesse Owens' world record which the Buckeye Bullet had set on that memorable day in 1935 at Ann Arbor, Mich., when he set six world records. Wolcott's time for 220 yards was 22.5 and his 200m time was also a world record 22.3 which lasted for seven years. Earlier, in the highs, in a memorable duel between two Texans, meeting for the 20th time, Wolcott beat Boyce Gatewood of Texas University for the 20th time, in 13.9. The time wiped out Bob Osgood's American record of 14.0 of 1937. Wolcott beat 14 flat for the sixth time, although none of his other sub-14 had received official recognition.

Two weeks later, on a rain soaked track at Minneapolis, Wolcott suffered the 2nd outdoor defeat of his varsity hurdling career, losing the NCAA highs. His conqueror was big Ed Dugger, Negro star from Tufts, who won in 13.9 to break Wolcott's 1938 championship record of 14. Dugger's new mark also tied the new American record established by Wolcott at Princeton. Freddie saved one of his titles by finishing well ahead of Dugger in 23.1, bettering his own meet mark of 23.3 made around a turn in 1938. At the AAU meet in Fresno, Calif., Wolcott squared things with Dugger as he outraced his rival in the highs in a fast 13.9 and also beat his 1939 conqueror, Joe Batiste. In the lows, Wolcott tied Owens' official world record of 22.6, again beating Dugger and Batiste.

After a victory over Gatewood and Tolmich in the highs at the Sugar Bowl, Wolcott came east in 1941 for his first full indoor season. He won seven and lost only once, to Bob Wright, Ohio State, in the 50 yard highs at Chicago. Wolcott set world indoor records for the highs at 45, 50 and 60 yards (5 hurdles) and tied the universal standards for 40 yard and 60 yard highs (4 hurdles). Outdoors, at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, he won his sixth and seventh AAU titles in four years, officially tying Towns' world record of 13.7 for the highs and running 22.8 for the lows.

In 1942 Fred won four indoor races and lost twice. Dugger, his old rival, beat him for the first time indoors in the 45 yard highs at Boston. Charles "Whitey" Hlad of Michigan Normal edged him out in the NYKC meet. Freddie was still fast enough to set world records and he put another one in the books at Chicago, running 5.0 for the 40 yard highs. He scored a double in the AAU meet in New York, winning the highs in 7.2 and creating a new world record for the lows at 60 yards in 6.9. He became an Ensign in the Navy during the 1942 outdoor season and did not compete after that. Today, Wolcott is a successful insurance man in Texas.

## TED MEREDITH

by Russ King

Few athletes, if any, have raced from obscurity to the very top as rapidly as did James Edward "Ted" Meredith in the year 1912.

Born November 14, 1892, Meredith was 19 years old in 1912 and had three years of less than sensational high school running behind him. Running for Mercersburg Academy, the stocky (5'9", 156 pounds) youth rose to one super performance which required four years at Penn before he could better it. In chronological order, here is what the black-haired fighter did to earn the title of the greatest middle distance runner in the first 50 years of track:

1912: After early warmup meets, Meredith entered the Princeton Interscholastic meet on May 4 and turned in what is still probably the greatest high school middle distance double in history. He won the 440 in 49.2, taking almost two seconds off the national mark. (This time was as fast as the national AAU meet record.) Meredith also knocked more than two seconds off the interscholastic 880 record, blazing to the tape in 1:55.0. Two weeks later, Meredith ran the 440 in 48.8 and the half in 1:56.8.

At Harvard, on June 6, the Eastern Olympic tryouts found Meredith losing in the 880 to Olympic champion Mel Sheppard (1:55.0) and Dave Caldwell of the Boston AA.

In the Olympic 800 meters, the young Novice won his heat in 1:57 and his semi-final in a fast 1:54.4. In the final, defending champion Sheppard set a blistering pace, (cont.)

Meredith was on his heels, followed by the feared Hanns Braun, German record holder and medal winner in 1908. Ira Davenport of Chicago, the Big Ten 440 champion, had Braunn boxed in, and then came Caldwell.

The field was bunched going into the homestretch. Then the 19-year-old boy began the home-stretch struggle which became his trademark and caused the upset of the Games. Slowly he fought his way up to Sheppard's shoulder, then actually passed the champion and broke the tape. Braun, who was moving with Meredith, broke under the final drive and was passed by Davenport, who almost passed Sheppard, both men being timed in 1:52.0 and Braunn in 1:52.2 to Caldwell's 1:52.3. Meredith, the novice, had run 1:51.9 for a new world record. He continued to the second tape, at 880 yards, to set a 2nd world record of 1:52.5.

In the Olympic 400 meters, Meredith ran second in a heat, then won his semi in 48.8, under the old Olympic record, although C.D. Reidpath had run 48.7 in the first semi-final. The final was run in lanes, marking the first time this was done in the Olympics. Meredith started out too fast, catching Braunn in the next stagger, but he could not stand the pace and finished well back in fourth place (49.2). He led off for the 1600 meter relay team which won in world record time of 3:16.6.

With two world records and two gold Olympic medals, Meredith toured four countries after the Games, but he was beaten by Sheppard in every race. He did not make his presence felt in the AAU meet, held a month after the Olympics.

1913: Indoors, Meredith, now a freshman at Penn, lost the AAU 600 title to Abel Kiviat's 1:15.2, but later broke the world indoor 600 record by running 1:13.8 at Brooklyn on April 11. Outdoors, he did little of note, running a 48.8 440 in the NYAC Games, a 1:56.8 half at Celtic Park, and a 3:08 three quarter in the Irish-American Games.

1914: As a sophomore, Meredith won the IC4A 440 in 48.4, then lost in the 880 to Caldwell's collegiate record 1:53.4 and Brown of Yale. Running in his first AAU 440, he won the national title in 50.2, beating Tom Halpin. In the NYAC fall games he lost the 660 to Homer Baker in 1:20.2.

1915: Although he did not run in the indoor AAU 600, he won the Millrose 600 in 1:13.6 and the NYAC 500 in 60.6. At the Penn Relays he anchored Penn to a world record 3:18.0 ahead of Harvard's record breaking 3:19.6. He won the Mid Atlantic AAU double in 50.2 and 1:59.6. In the IC4A he tied Reidpath's collegiate record by winning the 440 in 48.0 and took the 880 in 1:54.4. At the AAU meet in San Francisco, the 440 was run on a straight-away. On August 6 in the junior, Frank Slocum had tied Maxey Long's world straightaway record of 47.0, aided by wind. The next day, Meredith met Slocum and Binga Dismond, who had run 47.4 in the Big Ten meet in June. Running during a lull in the wind, Meredith won handily in 47.0, with Slocum second and Dismond third.

1916: Meredith lost the Millrose 600 to Caldwell's 1:14, beat Caldwell in the NYAC 500 in 59.8, lost to Caldwell's record 1:12.8 at Newark, and on March 11, at his own Meadowbrook AA meet, beat Caldwell in a world record 1:21.4 660.

On May 6 against Dartmouth he won the 100 in 10.2, the 440 in 49.6 and the 220 in 22.0. Ten days later against Cornell he almost ran into a tartar in Vere Windnagle, who was to win the IC4A mile in 4:15 that year. Windnagle equalled Meredith's world record for the half-mile, but again Ted was equal to the task and set a world mark of 1:52.2.

In the IC4A he won his greatest double, setting a new world record of 47.4 in the quarter, then coming back with a collegiate record 1:53.0 in the half. As usual, Meredith did not hold his form much longer, losing Sept. 9 at Newark in the AAU 440, when Halpin won in 49.8. In the absence of the Olympic Games, which had been scheduled for warring Germany, Meredith and three others toured Scandinavia, where Meredith won his 400 meter races but lost to Bohlin of Sweden in 800 and 1000 meter races.

1917: Meredith won the Millrose 600 in 1:14.6 but again failed to win the AAU, losing to Penn Fresh Earl Eby in 1:14.2. At the Meadowbrook Games, he beat Eby in a 1:21.6 660. Outdoors, Meredith lost the Middle Atlantic 440 to Frank Shea in 49.0, ran fourth in the NYAC 500, and called it a career.

Summary: When Meredith retired he held world records in the 440 and 400 meters, 880 and 800 meters, 1600m and mile relays, the Olympic 800 meter and 1600 meter relay records, and the interscholastic and collegiate records for both 440 and 880. His 880 record lasted 20 years, his 440 record 27 years.

THE GREATEST SPRINTERS

WORLD'S 100 GREATEST SPRINTERS

(As of end of 1958 season)

(\* still in competition

XX no data available)

AP= Achievement Points

VP = Victory Points

DP = Defeat Penalties

TP = Total Points

Name	AP	VP	DP	TP	Name	AP	VP	DP	TP
1 *Bobby Morrow, USA	349	102	19	432	51 *Mike Agostini, Trin.	127	36	128	35
2 Ralph Metcalfe, USA	243	66	29	280	52 Ben Johnson, USA	44	22	32	34
3 Jesse Owens, USA	168	64	8	224	53 Eric Liddell, Scot.	31	3	2	32
4 Chas. Paddock, USA	180	57	38	199	54 R. W. Walker, S. Africa	28	3	xx	31
5 Lloyd LaBeach, Pana.	177	51	40	188	James Carlton, Austr.	39	2	10	31
6 *Dave Sime, USA	189	17	23	183	56 Harold Abrahams, GB	44	5	19	30
7 Barney Ewell, USA	192	61	71	182	George Anderson, US.	39	15	23	30
8 Mel Patton, USA	173	37	29	181	Geo. Lammers, Ger.	26	8	4	30
9 Harold Davis, USA	154	24	6	172	59 Herb McKenley, Jam.	55	31	57	29
10 Andy Stanfield, USA	165	62	56	171	Jack London, Br. Gui.	23	7	1	29
11 Thane Baker, USA	163	64	66	161	61 Buddy Young, USA	24	9	6	27
12 Frank Wykoff, USA	120	49	38	131	62 Dan Joubert, SoAfrica	25	9	9	25
13 George Simpson, USA	116	41	28	129	Eric Borchmeyer, G.	29	6	10	25
14 Eddie Tolan, USA	122	47	41	128	64 Cluade Bracey, USA	31	13	20	24
15 *Leamon King, USA	100	38	13	125	Emmett Toppino, US	25	12	13	24
16 *Manfred Germar, Ger.	110	28	23	115	Alan McCorquodale,	19	13	8	24
17 *Ira Murchison, USA	137	43	84	96	67 Chas. Parsons, USA	19	4	xx	23
18 Jackson V. Scholz, US	115	32	52	95	Bob Kiesel, USA	24	7	8	23
19 Art Bragg, USA	89	52	52	89	69 Mozelle Ellerbe, US	29	10	21	18
20 Bernie Wefers, Sr, US	88	xx	xx	88	Allen Woodring, US	25	4	11	18
21 McDonald Bailey, GB	114	15	43	86	Lindy Remigino, US	54	26	62	18
22 Helmut Koernig, Germ.	79	13	14	78	72 Richard Cortis, G.	21	2	7	16
23 Ralph C. Craig, USA	67	12	5	74	73 Roland Locke, USA	25	5	15	15
24 Howard Drew, USA	77	7	14	70	74 Sam Stoller, USA	22	8	16	14
25 Hubert Houben, Germ.	69	7	8	68	75 Lee Orr, Canada	22	5	15	12
26 Jim Golliday, USA	64	28	25	67	Jacob Schuller, Germ.	16	2	6	12
27 Loren Murchison, USA	99	16	51	64	77 Henry Russell, USA	20	8	17	11
28 Percy Williams, Can.	52	21	10	63	Charley Parker, USA	36	13	38	11
*Heinz Futterer, Germ.	88	5	30	63	Len. Strandberg, Swd.	16	1	6	11
30 *Hec Hogan, Australia	96	4	42	58	80 Bob McAllister, USA	19	10	19	10
31 Clyde Jeffrey, USA	50	20	13	57	81 James Johnson, USA	20	5	16	9
32 Lon E. Myers, USA	55	xx	xx	55	82 James Gathers, USA	17	22	31	8
33 Archie Hahn, USA	50	6	2	54	G.H. Patching, SA	11	2	5	8
Mack Robinson, USA	59	19	24	54	Cliff Bourland, USA	23	7	22	8
35 H. F. V. Edward, GB	56	7	10	53	85 Carlos. Luti, Arg.	9	5	7	7
D. F. Lippincott, USA	54	3	4	53	Eulace Peacock, USA	29	18	40	7
37 John Treloar, Australia	77	11	36	52	87 Bob Boyd, USA	14	2	10	6
Harrison Dillard, USA	50	8	6	52	88 Rod Richard, USA	63	30	88	5
39 Arthur Jonath, Germany	50	14	13	51	89 Chester Bowman, US	48	11	47	4
40 Charles Borah, USA	56	14	21	49	Bob Packard, USA	8	5	9	4
Tak. Yoshioka, Japan	75	3	29	49	John Fitzpatrick, Can.	10	3	9	4
*Armin Hary, Germany	49	10	10	49	Jose T. da Conceicao	16	1	13	4
43 *Ed Collymore, USA	77	19	54	42	93 PerrinWalker, USA	12	8	18	2
44 Martin Osendarp, Holl.	34	11	4	41	Ed Conwell, USA	16	31	45	2
45 Evert Wendell, USA	39	xx	xx	39	95 Charles Thomas, USA	20	5	24	1
Arthur Duffy, USA	39	xx	xx	39	Morris Kirksey, USA	37	12	48	1
W. R. Applegarth, GB	40	1	2	39	R. Fortun-Chacon, C.	15	13	27	1
48 *Willie Williams, USA	69	20	51	38	98 Bill Mathis, USA	36	25	61	0
49 Dean Smith, USA	55	30	49	36	* Peter Radford, GB	8	5	13	0
*Ray Norton, USA	63	29	56	36	100 Jack Weiershauser, US	10	7	20	-3

(Note: 101- Hec Dyer (-5); 102- Cy Leland (-9); 103, Dee Givens (-19); 104, Willie White (-20); 105, Bill Woodhouse (-22); 106- Foy Draper (-51); 107- Payton Jordan (-67). All USA

# THE GREATEST SPRINTERS

Most Championships Won	
16	Barney Ewell
14	Ralph Metcalfe
12	Chas. Paddock
11	Bobby Morrow
	Hal Davis
10	T. Yoshioka
	McDonald Bailey
9	Andy Stanfield
	Manfred Germar
	Bernie Wefers, Sr.
	Hubert Houben
8	Jesse Owens
	Heinz Futterer
8	John Treloar
7	Mel Patton
	Frank Wykoff
	Eddie Tolan
	Helmut Koernig
	Hec Hogan
6	Art Bragg
	Ralph Craig
	Lon Myers
	H. F. V. Edward
5	Evert Wendell
	Archie Hahn
	Charles Borah

Most Speed Points	
231	Bobby Morrow
182	Dave Sime
109	Mike Agostini
108	Ira Murchison
103	Lloyd LaBeach
84	Manfred Germar
82	Thane Baker
	Leamon King
79	Mel Patton
78	Jesse Owens
63	Andy Stanfield
45	Willie Williams
42	Hal Davis
40	Frank Wykoff
39	Ralph Metcalfe
35	Hec Hogan
34	Heinz Futterer
33	Art Bragg
32	George Simpson
	Dean Smith
31	Rod Richard
26	Jim Golliday
	Herb McKenley
25	Harrison Dillard
24	Chas. Paddock
	Eddie Tolan
	Barney Ewell

In Top Ten in Both Speed Points and Championships Won  
 Bobby Morrow      1st Speed      Tie 4th Championships Won

In Top 25 in Both Speed Points and Championships Won

	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Ch. Won</u>		<u>Speed</u>	<u>Ch. Won</u>
Bobby Morrow	1	4 tie	Mel Patton	9	15 tie
Barney Ewell	25 tie	1	Jesse Owens	10	12 tie
Ralph Metcalfe	15	2	Heinz Futterer	17	12 tie
C. W. Paddock	25 tie	3	Frank Wykoff	14	15 tie
Hal Davis	13	4 tie	Eddie Tolan	25 tie	14 tie
Manfred Germar	6	8 tie	Hec Hogan	16	15 tie
Andy Stanfield	11	8 tie	Art Bragg	18	20 tie

Differential Between Victory Points and Defeat Penalties (Zero or above)

83	Bobby Morrow	8	Mel Patton
57	Jesse Owens	7	Ralph Craig, Clyde Jeffrey, Martin Osendarp
37	Ralph Metcalfe	6	Andy Stanfield, Eddie Tolan, Jack London
25	Leamon King	5	Allen McCorquodale
19	C. W. Paddock	4	Archie Hahn, George Lammers
18	Hal Davis	3	Jim Golliday, R. E. Walker, Buddy Young
15	Charles Parsons Sr.	2	Harrison Dillard
13	George Simpson	1	Manfred Germar, Arthur Jonath, Eric Liddell
11	Lloyd La Beach, Percy Williams	0	Art Bragg, Daniel J. Joubert
9	Frank Wykoff		

(It is interesting to note that, as of the close of the 1958 season, only 30 athletes have scored as many or more victory points than they have suffered defeat penalties.)

Men With Biggest Negative Differential (Below Zero)

92	Mike Agostini (36-128)	35	Loren Murchison (16-51)
87	Payton Jordan (5-92)		Ed Collymore (19-54)
78	Foy Draper (22-100)	31	Willie Williams (20-51)
58	Rod Richard (30-88)	28	McDonald Bailey (15-43)
51	Willie White (18-69)	27	Ray Norton (29-56)
49	Bill Woodhouse (15-64)		Dee Givens (6-33)
38	Hec Hogan (4-42)	26	T. Yoshioka (3-29)
36	Lindy Remigino (26-62)		Herb McKenley (31-57)
	Bill Mathis (25-61)	25	Heinz Futterer (5-30)
	Morris Kirksey (12-48)		John Treloar (11-36)
			Charley Parker (13-38)



MEL PATTON (U.S.A.)

181 points

Mel Patton may have been the fastest man at 100 yards who ever pulled on a pair of spikes. His blazing 9.1 (with a 6.5 mph wind at his back) in 1949, and with four or five watches showing 9 flat, suggests that here was the fastest race ever run by man. My own watch showed 9.0, and so, though the runner was aided by a moderate but illegal breeze, I have always believed I know what the legendary 9 flat 100 looks like.

Curiously enough, Patton also held the world 220 record at 20.2 but never achieved very much of note at 100 meters, a mark lying between 100 yards and 220.

Patton was the first to run an official 9.3. His 20.2 was run the same day as his 9.1, but the wind had died down to about 3.3 mph at that time and was legal in every way. Mel won the 1948 Olympic 200 meters over Barney Ewell in a magnificent display of fighting spirit after having finished a heart breaking fifth in the 100. This was one of the great track comebacks of all time.

"Pell Mel" as he was known, was a bundle of nerves and these nerves at time caused him to blow up in an important race. He also had a bit of leg trouble at inopportune times. He hated to work himself up emotionally for a major race, finding the experience to be a torment of body and soul, and so he failed to compete in a number of championship meets he might have won. He was a much better sprinter than his score of 181 indicates, largely because he had no desire to be any better.

This aversion to competition, particularly in the National AAU meets, cost him perhaps 50 to 75 points. He never won or even placed in a National AAU sprint. I seem to recall that he never even ran in one. At the close of his career he sat in the stands at Fresno and watched others compete in two races he probably would have won. The points he would have score in that one meet alone could have zoomed him up to around fourth or fifth place in my all-time standings. But, as I have said before in this series, I rate a man on what he did, not on what I think he might have done or on what he was capable of doing. They all wrote out their own ticket. My job was merely to record it all.

Achievement Points: 173

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 6 Won NCAA 100 in 1947                | 8 Ran 220 in 20.4 in 1947                      |
| 6 Won NCAA 100 in 1948                | 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 in 1947, Salt Lake City |
| 6 Won NCAA 200 in 1948                | 9 Ran 100 yards in 9.4 in 1947, Modesto        |
| 6 Won Olympic 200m team trials, 1948  | 8 Ran 100 yards in 9.5                         |
| 4 Second in Olympic 100m trials, 1948 | 7 Ran 200m on turn in 20.7 in 1948             |
| 4 Made Olympic 100m team, 1948        | 8 Ran 100m in 10.3 in 1948                     |
| 4 Made Olympic 200m team, 1948        | 10 Ran 100 yards in world record 9.3, 1948     |
| 2 Made Olympic relay team, 1948       | 10 Ran 100y in 9.1 (6.5mph wind=9.3), 1949     |
| 5 Reached Olympic 100m final, 1948    | 10 Ran 220y in world record 20.2, 1949         |
| 5 Reached Olympic 200m final, 1948    | 6 Best 100 man in world, 1947                  |
| 10 Won Olympic 200m, 1948             | 6 Best 200 man in world, 1947                  |
| 6 Won NCAA 100, 1949                  | 6 Best 100 man in world, 1949                  |
| 6 Won NCAA 220, 1949                  | 6 Best 200 man in world, 1949                  |

Victory Points: 37

- 5 Barney Ewell
- 4 Lloyd LaBeach
- 4 Bill Martineson
- 2 Bill Mathis
- 2 Herb McKenley
- 1 Harrison Dillard
- 1 Ed Conwell
- 5 Charles Parker
- 2 Andy Stanfield
- 2 John Treloar
- 1 Rafael Fortun-Chacon
- 1 Les Laing
- 1 E. McDonald Bailey
- 6 Cliff Bourland

Defeat Penalties: 29

- 2 Barney Ewell
- 4 Lloyd LaBeach
- 2 Bill Martineson
- 2 Bill Mathis
- 1 Herb McKenley
- 1 Harrison Dillard
- 1 Ed Conwell
- 1 Alistair McCorquodale
- 1 Buddy Young
- (4) Allen Lawler
- (2) Kjell Qvale
- (2) Henry Guida
- (2) Crowson
- (4) Trout

	<u>Score</u>	
	173	AP
	37	VP
	<u>210</u>	
	-29	DP
	<u>181</u>	