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Fuchs Breaks World Record at 58-4 3-8 as U.S. Wins

(By Roberto Quercetani)

America's track and field stars came from behind to edge the all-Scandinavian combination 238 1/2 to 224 1/2 in a three-day dual meet at Bislet Stadium, Oslo, July 27, 28 & 29.

The widely-publicized, long-awaited clash between the world's two foremost track powers - the almighty U.S. and athletically-minded Scandinavia - turned out to be the great est track meet of all time, outside of Olympic Games.

The U.S. team trailed by 26 points after the first day's events and still was six points behind when the second day's program got underway. The promoters of the meet had seen to it that the first two days' program was nicely filled with "Northern" events - an innocent and yet ingenious trick to add new interest to the competition. On the third day clean sweeps in the 200m and 400m, and sound victories in the pole vault and discus throw lifted the U.S. into a commanding lead. 26,000 enthusiastic spectators watched Bob Mathias, U.S. decathlon champion, come on to win his specialty with 7,346 points - a fitting climax to a truly great homestretch drive.

Northern experts, who had anticipated a U.S. victory with a margin of 25/30 points, were happy to see their men outdo themselves in a good many events. The highest recognition of the indomitable spirit of the Northerners came from "Bones" Dillard: "These boys really know how to make a fight of it".

Jim Fuchs, 21-year-old Chicago born shot put ace, startled everybody by hitting 58'4 3/8 on his second try - thus wiping off from the record books Fonville's one-year-old mark. Needless to say, Fuchs was the hero of the Oslo meet.

Fortune Gordien, the greatest discus talent of our times, hurled the platter 182'3 3/4 on his first attempt, while Bob Richards, U.S. pole vault champion, scaled 14'9 1/8 - best mark of the post-Warmerdam era.

Outstanding star of the strong Scandinavian team was Arne Ahman, the Olympic hop, step and jump champion, who, besides winning his specialty, provided a big upset by beating the U.S. high jump trio with a 6'6" effort.

Andy Stanfield, new American sprint king, and Malvin Whitfield, Olympic 800m champion, both imitated Ahman with double victories in their respective specialties. Curtis Stone and Fred Wilt, prominent among U.S. long distance entrants, did remarkably well, securing points which many experts had figured would go "northwards".

Hammer thrower Sam Felton, currently a consistent 175 ft. man, was severely handicapped by a back injury and had to watch Bo Ericson, Sweden's "Flesh-berg", win with a comparatively modest 172'2 1/8.

The following is a detailed account of the 23 contests, arranged in chronological order:

1st DAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

400 Meter Hurdles: 1.R.Ault (US) 51.8; 2.R.Frazier (US) 52.0; 3.R.Larsson (NORDEN) 52.9; 4.C.Doak (US) 53.4; 5.A.Hyökyranta (NORDEN) 55.1; 6.L.Ylander (NORDEN) 55.4.

Points: US- 15; NORDEN- 7.

Rune Larsson, who secured a bronze medal in this event in the 1948 Olympics, was fastest off the marks. But he was not in very good form and had to surrender to the oncoming Americans, Frazier and Ault, in the backstretch. Ron Frazier, running in the first lane, was in turn passed by calm, long-striding Dick Ault, who won in good time. Rune Larsson, a great competitor, secured third place for Norden.

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: 1.C.Söderberg (NORDEN) 9:07.6; 2.C.Stone (US) 9:11.0; 3.O.Elvland (NORDEN) 9:19.0; 4.G.Hagström (NORDEN) 9:25.8; 5.F.Efaw (US) 9:37.8; 6.B.Ross (US) 9:43.2.

Points: US- 23; NORDEN- 21.

At the beginning it looked as though the Swedes were to come through with a clean sweep. They were leading the parade followed at a respectable distance by the three American "novices". This turned out to be a short-lived impression, for bespectacled Curtis Stone decided to make a fight of it.

The Swedes knew that he was the faster man on the flat route, but they relied on their superior technique and endurance over the barriers. At the halfway mark watches showed a good 4:29. Ross and subsequently Efaw began to drop back, and with two laps to go came the awaited Swedish attack. Surprisingly enough, only one of three Swedes managed to run

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Finish of a very close and most controversial race, the 200m. low hurdles in the AAU. Craig Dixon, top, was given the judges' decision over Horace Smith in 22.6, although many competent observers spoke up for a dead heat. Merle Martin, bottom, was placed third, although Jim Gehrdes, on his left, is clearly ahead. Definitely fifth is Howie Stokes while Bob Bryan, bottom, was given sixth ahead of Joe Scott. The picture shows each man as he is crossing the finish line. This is a Bulova Phototimer picture, used for all races in the NCAA and for the straightaway finishes in the AAU.

World Mark for Gordien

(By R.L. Quercetani)

Fortune Gordien, former Minnesota star, threw the discus 56.46 mtrs. (185'2 13/16) at Lisbon, Portugal, on July 9, thus eclipsing the official world record of 181'6 3/8 held by Adolfo Consolini of Italy since 1948.

Gordien's phenomenal feat was achieved during a two-day meet in which a ten-man team from the U.S. made its 1949 European debut. This was by far the greatest track meet ever held on Portuguese soil. Gordien began with an unprepossessing 152' 3/4 - a courteous bow to incoming great deeds. Fortune's second throw measured 176'10 7/8, his third 179' 7/8. It was in his fourth attempt that Gordien finally came up with a feat such as U.S. track fans had expected from him ever since he beat Bob Fitch in the 1947 AAU Nationals at Lincoln, Neb. The announcement that the American had flung the platter 185'2 13/16 was saluted by the enthusiastic crowd with a sonorous ovation. The happy record-breaker joined the general excitement by improvising a display of pirouettes and somersaults. Portuguese officials were inclined to believe that they had witnessed what was probably the second best athletic feat in track history. In the international scoring table Gordien's mark (1,276 pts.) is namely excelled only by Warmerdam's pole vault record (1,286 pts.). Fortune had reached his peak for the day, so that his last two throws were almost an anti-climax: 174' 7 5/8 and 176'10 7/8.

Jim Fuchs, Yale's shot put ace, improved on his best discus mark by more than seven feet with an excellent 167' 4 5/8.

American athletes made a clean sweep, capturing all the events on the program, except the hop, step and jump which went to Luis Alcide of Portugal, who ranks among the best European specialists. Other outstanding performers were Bob Richards, who vaulted 14'1 1/4, Craig Dixon, who ran the 110m in 14.2 and again Jim Fuchs, who evened the count with Gordien in the shot put with a nifty 56'11 7/8.

John Heintzman cleared the bar at 2.00 mtrs. (6'6 3/4) in the high jump. T.Paquete of Portugal fought bravely against Peters in the 100m, fading only in the last 30 mtrs.

SUMMARIES: July 9: DT- 1.Gordien 185'2 13/16 (NEW WORLD RECORD); 2.Fuchs 167'4 5/8; 400mh- 1.Ault 55.1; 2.Matos Fernandes (Portugal) 56.1; HSE-J- 1.Luis Alcide (Portugal) 45'1 3/4; 2.Joao Vieira (Portugal) 45' 1/2; 3.Richards 44'8 1/4; 800m- 1.Whitfield 1:55.6; PV- 1.Richards 14'1 1/4; 2.Held II 5'3/4; 200m- 1.Peters 21.5; 2.Dixon 21.9; 1.500m- 1.Twomey 3:56.6; 400x300x200x100m Relay: 1.US (Whitfield, Ault, Peters, Dixon) 1:55.7; 2.Sporting, Lisbon 2:04.8 (ties Portuguese record).

July 10: 110mh- 1.Dixon 14.2; 2.Fonseca (Portugal) 16.7;

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away from Stone. This man was "Currie" Söderberg. While Elvland and Hagström were unable to follow the pace, the American lost ground but continued to fight bravely. It was only over the last barrier that Söderberg managed to take a decisive lead. Stone's mark is the third best ever by an American. His gallant showing impressed Northern critics more than the expected grand slams by U.S. top flight performers in other events.

High Jump: 1.A.Ahman (NORDEN) 6'6"; 2.R.Phillips (US) 6'4" 3/4; 3.J.Heintzman (US) 6'4" 3/4; 4.I.Mondschein (US) 6'4" 3/4; 5.B.Paulson (NORDEN) 6'4" 3/4; 6.G.Widenfeldt (NORDEN) 6'2" 3/4. Points: US- 34 1/2; NORDEN- 31 1/2.

For the second time in twelve months U.S. leading high jumpers were defeated in a big international meet, without being able to show their real ability at the game. Like Jack Winter of Australia in the 1948 Olympics, Arne Ahman, Sweden's Olympic hop, step and jump champion, cleared the bar at 6'6" on his first try. The young Swede, a real master in the art of concentrating on a hard task under high pressure, had a personal best of 6'5" 1/8 before the Oslo meet came round.

Dick Phillips, who, like Norway's Björn Paulson, had merely nudged the bar at 6'6", took second on fewer misses. Curiously enough, "Moon" Mondschein was allowed a fourth try at 6'4" 3/4 after the judges had listened to his complaint about the spectators robbing him of his chance in his third try with their thunderous cheers at the homecoming steeplechasers. "Moon" cleared the bar and thus tied for fourth with Paulson.

100 Meters: 1.A.Stanfield (US) 10.3; 2.C.Peters (US) 10.4; 3.H.Dillard (US) 10.4; 4.F.Thorvaldsson (NORDEN) 10.8; 5.P.Bloch (NORDEN) 10.9; 6.H.Johansen (NORDEN) 11.0. Points: US- 50 1/2; NORDEN- 37 1/2.

At the last moment Harrison Dillard replaced Bob Work as n.3 U.S. entrant. In a way one can say that the race was run in two distinct heats, with Stanfield winning the first in 10.3 and Iceland's Thorvaldsson capturing the second in 10.8.

Powerful Andy Stanfield, AAU sprint champ, pulled away with a devastating drive at the halfway mark and won easily, while Dillard, decidedly far from his Olympic form, was nosed out by Peters in a fast finish. The actual gap between Stanfield and his teammates at the end was wider than the time difference indicates. Similarly, Thorvaldsson seemed closer to the Americans than the 4 tenths shown by the timepieces.

Marathon: 1.G.Leandersson (NORDEN) 2:37:25; 2.G.Oestling (NORDEN) 2:42:34; 3.A.Jung (NORDEN) 2:43:22; 4.J.Kelley (US) 2:55:11; 5.L.White (US) 3:18:31. Points: US- 55 1/2; NORDEN- 53 1/2.

Systad of Norway competed as an unofficial entrant, and finished second. Leandersson, winner of the 1949 Boston marathon, stayed with Jung of Finland and Oestling of Sweden most of the time and took a decisive lead only at the 35th kilometer, to stride home an easy winner in excellent style.

The two American entrants dropped back in the initial stages and almost ran a race by themselves.

Javelin Throw: 1.F.Rautavaara (NORDEN) 238' 1/4; 2.T.Hyytiäinen (NORDEN) 229' 3/8; 3.S.Daleflod (NORDEN) 227' 10" 1/4; 4.D.Pickarts (US) 220' 11" 1/8; 5.F.Held (US) 218' 9" 5/8; 6.C.Young (US) 202' 11" 7/8. Points: US- 61 1/2; NORDEN- 69 1/2.

When Tapio Rautavaara, the Finnish movie star, won the Olympic javelin title at London last year, many experts branded him a "fluke" - simply because he had only one good throw, the same one good throw that won the coveted gold medal for Finland. At Oslo Rautavaara was in good form and showed remarkable consistency in the 225' range. His winning throw is also the world's best for 1949. Daleflod of Sweden, a great competitor, had an excellent series, with 4 throws around 227', but he was beaten by Hyytiäinen of Finland, potentially the best man in the field. Held and Young, but especially the former, were unable to reproduce their American form. Pickarts had a good day, with two throws in the 221' range.

1,500 Meters: 1.L.Strand (NORDEN) 3:49.0; 2.H.Eriksson (NORDEN) 3:49.2; 3.O.Aberg (NORDEN) 3:49.6; 4.John Twomey (US) 3:51.6; 5.C.Robison (US) 4:01.6; 6.W.McGuire (US) 4:03.8. Points: US- 67 1/2; NORDEN- 85 1/2.

The race was an all-Swedish affair. John Twomey, U.S. 1,500m champion, had to fight hard to keep his position behind the Northerners throughout the first three laps.

Then, with less than 200 yards to go, he tried to pass the third Swede, Aberg, from the inside, but the Swede closed in, causing Twomey to lose his balance and hence break his rhythm. The American was thus thrown out of the picture before he could get a chance to play his cards. He was visibly tired in the homestretch, but managed to stride home in his best ever time. The pace was not a

terrific one though, according to Swedish standards and Strand beat Eriksson by less than a yard, not without lunging in to the left, closing Eriksson off as they were about to cross the finish line. But this move, quite typical of Strand, is strictly unintentional, as Eriksson himself feels bound to say time and again.

Hop, Step and Jump: 1.A.Ahman (NORDEN) 50' 3" 1/2; 2.L.Moberg (NORDEN) 49' 6" 1/2; 3.V.Rautio (NORDEN) 49' 4" 7/8; 4.W.Albans (US) 48' 11" 3/8; 5.E.Koutonen (US) 48' 8" 1/4; 6.G.Bryan (US) 48' 1" 1/2.

Points: US- 73 1/2; NORDEN- 101 1/2.

Ahman passed up the first try, but had his usual full hit in the second - world's best mark for 1949. Then he called it a day. Mikio Oda, Japan's Olympic hop, step and jump champ of the twenties, now coach of the Japanese national team, said after the meet that Ahman is capable of 52' if he concentrates on the hop, step and jump. The Jap further observed that most of the Oslo entrants put too strong a stress on the first and third leaps, forgetting almost completely about the second (the step). This last, according to Japanese recipes, should measure about 15 feet.

Moberg took second easily but Rautio of Finland had to pour on all he had to outdistance the Americans. Like in the London Olympics, Albans (said to be capable of 6'6" in the high jump) was the best American entrant.

4x400m Relay: 1. US (Fox, Maiocco, Bolen, Whitfield) 3:11.4; 2.NORDEN (Wolfbrandt, Larsson, Lindgard, Vade) 3:19.4. Points: US- 78 1/2; NORDEN- 104 1/2.

The American quartet won handily. In the third leg Dave Bolen pulled a muscle and lost a sizable portion of his lead, but Whitfield came on to put things straight again with a blistering 46.3 anchor leg. Other individual times: Fox 48.3, Maiocco 47.4, Bolen 49.4.

2nd DAY, THURSDAY, JULY 28

110 Meter Hurdles: 1.C.Dixon (US) 14.2; 2.R.Attlesey (US) 14.8; 3.R.Ault (US) 15.2; 4.V.Suvivuo (NORDEN) 15.4; 5.K.Johansson (NORDEN) 15.5; 6.A.Garpestad (NORDEN) 15.6. Points: US- 94 1/2; NORDEN- 110 1/2.

Dick Ault, who had done 14.8 over the high sticks in a Belgian meet, replaced Harrison Dillard, who was tormented by an abscess. The winner of the 400m outsprinted Suvivuo the Finnish veteran, and gave the US the anticipated full score. Ault knocked down no less than 5 hurdles. Dixon beat Attlesey handily. The USC star had a bad start.

800 Meters: 1.M.Whitfield (US) 1:51.8; 2.I.Bengtsson (NORDEN) 1:52.2; 3.S.Lindgard (NORDEN) 1:52.5; 4.W.Brown (US) 1:52.8; 5.R.Pruitt (US) 1:53.4; 6.L.E.Wolfbrandt (NORDEN) 1:53.6. Points: US- 106 1/2; NORDEN- 120 1/2.

Quartermiler Wolfbrandt set the pace from the start, closely followed by teammate Lindgard. Whitfield was about eight yards behind at the halfway mark, and had Bengtsson hot on his heels. The Olympic champion launched his offensive in the backstretch. He forged ahead with long strides, still followed by Bengtsson. Whitfield won without giving all he had in reserve. Bengtsson, usually a strong finisher, maintained his second position, while Lindgard staved off Brown's strong bid and was third. Wolfbrandt faded badly near the end and was passed by Pruitt.

Hammer Throw: 1.B.Ericson (NORDEN) 172' 2" 1/8; 2.L.Tamminen (NORDEN) 168' 10" 3/8; 3.E.Söderkvist (NORDEN) 162' 11" 7/8; 4.T.Montgomery (US) 154'; 5.S.Felton (US) 110'; 6.T.Lewis (US) 58' 7" 7/8. Points: US- 112 1/2; NORDEN- 136 1/2.

Sam Felton, U.S. hammer champion, tops at consistency, was suffering from a back injury which robbed him of all his good chances. The event was a receptacle of disabled or invalid men. "Flesh-berg" had been sick all through the winter and his condition was still poor. Söderkvist had not yet recovered from an attack of flu, and Tamminen had just resumed competition three weeks before the Oslo meet. Montgomery had a modest series, and discus thrower Taylor Lewis competed merely to add one more point to the American total.

5,000 Meters: 1.V.Koskela (NORDEN) 14:35.6; 2.F.Wilt (US) 14:38.2; 3.E.Ahlden (NORDEN) 14:48.6; 4.H.Ashenfelter (US) 14:49.4; 5.V.Mäkelä (NORDEN) 14:56.0; 6.W.Druetzler (US) 15:25.6. Points: US- 121 1/2; NORDEN- 149 1/2.

The Northerners had been warned that Wilt would be a hard nut to crack. Their objective: kill the American with a blistering pace, thus nullifying his strong finish. Mäkelä led Koskela and Ahlden in the initial laps, was badly tripped on one occasion, but didn't give up his lead. The parade moved through the first 1,500m with the Northern trio still in front. Remarkably enough, Wilt lost contact twice, but managed to close the gap on both occasions. With a little more than five laps to go Wilt got past Ahlden and to everybody's surprise the Swede dropped back. The pace was not par

ticularly swift. Wilt forged ahead of the Finns. His tactics obviously aimed at keeping the pace slow, so the Finns again took the lead. With two laps to go however Mäkelä had nothing left. Wilt stayed with Koskela, the Finn who had come within inches of the great Zatopek only a few days before. The American had to surrender in the last lap, but, though visibly tired, he wound up the race with a good sprint, finishing a not-too-distant second. Ahlden nipped Ashenfelter for third, but the NCAA two mile champion managed to shunt Väinö Mäkelä, Finland's 14:27 man, into fifth. The winning time was quite mediocre according to Northern standards, but Koskela and Wilt had given all they had.

Broad Jump: 1.H.Douglas (US) 24'6"1/8; 2.G.Bryan (US) 24'5"1/4; 3.H.Aihara (US) 23'3"1/2; 4.Gustaf Strand (NORDEN) 23'3"8; 5.J.Valtonen (NORDEN) 22'8"; 6.S.Melin (NORDEN) 22'6"7/8. Points: US- 137 1/2; NORDEN- 155 1/2.

As it's now usual in post-war meets, the broad jump was one of the most unimpressive events. Douglas, always a "sure thing" in big meets, had a consistent series. Bryan had one of his average days, while Aihara, U.S. entrant of Japanese extraction, had his hands full beating Gustaf Strand of Sweden for third. It was suggested after the meet that, had Ahman competed also in the broad jump, he would have probably broken the U.S. line. The Swede did 24' in his first try at the event last year.

Shot Put: 1.J.Fuchs (US) 58'4"3/8 (NEW WORLD RECORD); 2.W.Thompson (US) 53'11"1/4; 3.S.Lampert (US) 52'5"7/8; 4.G.Huseby (NORDEN) 51'11"5/8; 4.R.Nilsson (NORDEN) 51'8"1/8; 6.J.Jouppila (NORDEN) 50'3"1/8. Points: US- 153 1/2; NORDEN- 161 1/2.

Fifteen years ago on the same Bislet track a touring giant from America, elephant baby Jack Torrance, startled track experts with an incredible 17.40 (57'1") effort. His worthy successor, Yale's phenomenal Jim Fuchs, excelled Torrance's mark right in his first try, hitting 17.44 (57'2"5/8). Then came the thrill of the whole meet: one tremendous heave lifted the shot 58'4"3/8 (actually 17.79 mtrs.) exactly 4"1/8 beyond Fonville's official world mark. This great exploit practically brought the event to a premature end. Fuchs began to run and jump in and around the field, lifting friends up in the air as if they weighed 16 pounds only. An invisible, electric chain conveyed his mad joy to thousands of enthusiastic spectators. Happy Jim wound up his display by indulging in that old European habit of negotiating one "victory" lap of the track at propaganda speed, amidst wild cheers.

A French observer later remarked that Fuchs would have probably hit 18 mtrs. (59') - had he stayed in the ring after his second try, instead of...horsing around! When the feast was over Fuchs had two valid throws over 17 mtrs., namely 17.05 and 17.03. The other two were fouls. "Moose" took second easily. Like Lampert, he achieved his best on his first try, as did Huseby, the Icelandic giant. After the second round, everybody seemed to have lost his wits.

4x100m Relay: 1.US (Work, Peters, Stanfield, A.Brown) 41.2; 2.NORDEN (Schisby, Thorvaldsson, Johansen, Bloch) 42.3. Points: US- 158 1/2; NORDEN- 164 1/2.

The Americans won in exhibition-like manner. Work and Peters took a somewhat modest lead, which Andy Stanfield increased enormously. "Red" Brown added another 3 meters to the margin of victory.

3rd DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 29

200 Meters: 1.A.Stanfield (US) 21.1; 2.Peters (US) 21.3; 3.D.Campbell (US) 21.4; 4.F.Thorvaldsson (NORDEN) 21.8; 5.Haukur Clausen (NORDEN) 21.8; 6.H.Johansen (NORDEN) 22.0. Points: US- 174 1/2; NORDEN 170 1/2.

The race was run around a full turn. Stanfield won as he pleased, clipping one tenth of a second off Mack Robinson's track record. The two Icelandic sprinters fought gallantly, but a mighty gulf separated them from the flying Americans at the tape. Peters, who is very dangerous in furlongs around a turn, nipped Campbell for second.

4x1,500m Relay: 1.NORDEN (Bengtsson, Bergkvist, Aberg, H.Eriksson) 15:41.2; 2.US (John Twomey, Robison, McGuire, Pruitt) 16:22.2. Points: US- 177 1/2; NORDEN- 175 1/2.

The Gefle quartet won even more easily than previously anticipated. U.S. champion John Twomey lost about twenty meters to Ingvar Bengtsson, the Swedish halfmiler. Olympic champion Henry Eriksson took it easy in his anchor leg, his opponent, 800m man Bob Pruitt, following him at a most respectable distance.

Discus Throw: 1.F.Gordien (US) 182'3"3/4; 2.V.Frank (US) 172'3"3/4; 3.I.Ramstad (NORDEN) 162'7"5/8; 4.R.Nilsson (NORDEN) 158'10"3/4; 5.S.Johnsen (NORDEN) 157'8"7/8; 6.T.Lewis (US) 151'5"7/8. Points: US- 190 1/2; NORDEN- 184 1/2.

Gordien, whose Lisbon exploit had been widely advertised in the Northern press, brought the crowd to his feet with his very first throw -- a mighty 182'3"3/4, not as good as his Lisbon mark, but still superior to Consolini's official standard. Then Fortune reconciled himself to the idea that even a superman must sometimes act like little men do, hence his unimpressive series, with two throws slightly over 150' and only one in the 170' range. Frank was more consistent and took an easy second from strong Ramstad of Norway, who still achieved his best for the season. Nilsson, the shot-putter, and Johnsen easily held back Lewis, who was unable to reproduce his Californian form.

10,000 Meters: 1.V.Heino (Finland) 30:04.8; 2.M.Stokken (NORDEN) 30:13.2; 3.C.Stone (US) 30:38.4; 4.V.Nyström (NORDEN) 30:56.8; 5.H.Ashenfelter (US) 31:57.8; 6.F.Efaw (US) 32:34.8. Points: US- 197 1/2; NORDEN- 199 1/2.

Stone and Efaw had competed in the steeplechase forty-eight hours before and Ashenfelter still had in "his legs" the five kilometers of the preceding day. Evergreen Viljo Heino, led from start to finish. Stokken of Norway, obviously a favorite with the home public, followed the Finn bravely. Stone stood the hard test until the sixth kilometer, when one of Heino's short sprints proved too much for him to endure. With three laps to go Heino ran away from Stokken and won in excellent time. The Norwegian established a new national record. Stone, who had wisely saved his energies in the closing stages to be at his best when Nyström was expected to launch his last minute attack, beat the Swede easily. Curtis' time is the best ever by an American. Considerable criticism was leveled at the selection of Nyström, clearly off form, as Norden's 3rd string. The Finns claimed that Könönen would have made it a clean sweep for Scandinavia. To prove that they were not talking thru their hats, Könönen ran the distance in 30:20.4 in a meet held at Kotka, Finland, three days before the Oslo race.

Pole Vault: 1.R.Richards (US) 14'9"1/8; 2.R.Lundberg (NORDEN) 14'1"1/4; 3.G.Rasmussen (US) 14'1"1/4; 4.E.Kataja (NORDEN) 13'9"3/8; 5.J.Montgomery (US) 13'9"3/8; 6.E.Kaas (NORDEN) 13'9"3/8. Points: US- 210 1/2; NORDEN- 208 1/2.

This was the greatest pole vault battle ever to take place under European skies. The three U.S. entrants were in good form, but the Northerners, and especially Lundberg, had been progressing steadily in recent months.

Richards scaled 4.40 and 4.50 on his first try, then went on to try at 4.57 (15'). It was already dark and such a height - as everybody knows - requires some inspiration, which is not likely to spring forth under...gloomy conditions. His winning mark however is the fourth best ever in track history. Lundberg and Rasmussen both failed by a narrow margin at 4.40 and the Swede took second on fewer misses.

Gymnast Erkki Kataja of Finland had a foot injury but was able to salvage fourth place for Norden.

Decathlon: 1.R.Mathias (US) 7,346 pts.; 2.Oern Clausen (NORDEN) 7,191; 3.I.Mondschein (US) 7,191; 4.Per Eriksson (NORDEN) 6,888; 5.K.Tannander (NORDEN) 6,718; 6.W.Albans (US) 6,611. Points: US- 222 1/2; NORDEN- 218 1/2.

Five events were held on the preceding day. Oern Clausen, Iceland's 20-year-old find, was one of the great sensations of the meet. He led at the end of the first day's program, with "Moon" and Bob Mathias trailing. The Tulare boy staged his usual comeback on the second day and practically had the victory in his pocket after the discus throw was completed.

Clausen, a brother of the sprinter, edged "Moon" by six points in the key event, the 1,500m. Mathias' detailed marks: 100m- 11.4; BJ- 22'3"3/4; SP- 44'6"1/4; HJ- 6'; 400m- 51.8; 1100m- 15.3; DT- 140'8"5/8; PV- 12'1"5/8; JT- 172'4"1/2; 1,500m- 5:02.0.

400 Meters: 1.M.Whitfield (US) 46.8; 2.F.Fox (US) 47.7; 3.H.Maiocco (US) 48.3; 4.L.E.Wolfbrandt (NORDEN) 48.7; 5.R.Larsson (NORDEN) 49.4; 6.B.Vade (NORDEN) 50.2. Points: US- 238 1/2; NORDEN- 224 1/2.

Whitfield replaced Bolen, who had pulled a muscle in the relay on the first day. Fox was off fast, but the Olympic champion got past him in the backstretch and won as he pleased. Fox and Maiocco made it a clean sweep for the U.S., but Wolfbrandt did much better here than in the 800m.

CANADIAN RECORD BROKEN

Toronto, July 17-- Bob McFarlane broke a 16-year-old national record in the 880 during the Canadian trials for the British Empire Games. McFarlane, a 22-year-old 440 star, ran the 880 in 1:54.6 to break Dr. Phil Edward's mark. Second to McFarlane was Bill Parnell of Washington State.

Rich Ferguson, a 17-year-old boy, set a new 3-mile mark of 14:49.8, and veteran Walt Federick cracked the 6-mile record in 32:44.

Dqn Pettle of Drake won the sprints in 10.3 and 22.3. Jack Hutchins, Oregon frosh, won the mile in 4:20.4. Art Jacke, another Olympic place winner, high jumped 6'3 5/8".

Worlds Best for 1949

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n- denotes non-winning mark

100 mtrs.

- 10.3 Fayos(Uruguay) 4/
- 10.3 Stanfield(USA) 6/25
- 10.4 Dillard(USA) 4/21
- 10.4 Bailey(Trinidad) 5/15
- 10.4 Tyler(USA) 6/24
- 10.4 Peters(USA) 6/25
- 10.4 n Work(USA) 6/25
- 10.4 Wittkindt(Germany) 7/17
- 10.5 Mejia(USA) 4/16
- 10.5 Kremer(Germany) 5/20
- 10.5 Subarjev(USSR) 5/29
- 10.5 Senadze(USSR) 6/
- 10.5 Penna(Italy) 6/12
- 10.5 n Biffle(USA) 6/24
- 10.5 n Conwell(USA) 6/25
- 10.5 n Campbell(USA) 6/25
- 10.5 Lickes(Germany) 6/26

with wind:

- 10.2 Bailey(Trinidad) 5/28
- 10.4 Valmy(France) 2/15
- 10.5 Thorvaldsson(Iceland)

200 mtrs. (turn) (*200 mark less 0.1)

- 20.9* McKenley(Jamaica) 1/22
- 21.0* n Bartram(Australia) 1/22
- 21.0* Neely(USA) 5/7
- 21.1* LaBeach(Panama) 1/22
- 21.1* n Wood(Australia) 1/22
- 21.1* Peters(USA) 5/21
- 21.1 Stanfield(USA) 7/29
- 21.2* Curotta(Australia) 2/26
- 21.2* n Lombard(South Africa) 3/23
- 21.3 Bailey(Trinidad) 5/14
- 21.4* n Campbell(Australia) 1/8
- 21.4 n Campbell(USA) 7/29

400 mtrs. (*440 mark less 0.5)

- 46.2 McKenley(Jamaica) 6/5
- 46.4 Rhoden(Jamaica) 6/25
- 46.6* n Bolen(USA) 4/30
- 46.7* n Parker(USA) 6/3
- 46.7* n Moore(USA) 6/18
- 46.8* n Fearman(USA) 6/18
- 46.8 Whitfield(USA) 7/29
- 46.9* Wint(Jamaica) 6/6
- 47.0* Holbrook(USA) 5/14
- 47.1* n Guida(USA) 6/3
- 47.1* n Fox(USA) 6/18
- 47.2* n DeLoach(USA) 6/18
- 47.2* n Hoff(USA) 6/18
- 47.3* n Malacocco(USA) 6/11
- 47.3 Slade(USA) 6/24
- 47.4* n Booyesen(South Africa) 4/9
- 47.4* n Sullwold(USA) 4/30
- 47.4* n Cox(USA) 6/18
- 47.5* n Clark(Panama) 6/11
- 47.5* n Gilhooly(USA) 6/11

800 mtrs. (*800 mark less 0.7)

- 1:49.6* Whitfield(USA) 6/18
- 1:49.8* n Barten(USA) 6/18
- 1:50.2* n Pruitt(USA) 6/18
- 1:50.5* n Bowers(USA) 6/18
- 1:50.5* n Grosholz(USA) 6/18
- 1:50.7* n Thigpen(USA) 6/18
- 1:50.8* n Parnell(Canada) 6/18
- 1:50.8 Ulzheimer(Germany) 7/10
- 1:51.5* n Booyesen(South Africa) 4/16
- 1:51.5* n Gehrmann(USA) 6/21
- 1:51.6 Lindgard(Sweden) 7/17
- 1:51.6 n Wolfbrandt(Sweden) 7/17
- 1:51.8* n Chambers(USA) 5/28
- 1:51.9* n Munnin(South Africa) 4/16
- 1:52.0* n Bannister(Great Britain) 6/20
- 1:52.0* n Scott(Great Britain) 6/20
- 1:52.1* n Mack(USA) 4/16
- 1:52.2* n Dianetti(USA) 6/4
- 1:52.1* n Berg(Sweden) 6/26
- 1:52.2 n Bengtsson(Sweden) 7/28
- 1:52.2 n Clare(France) 6/2

1500 mtrs.

- 3:47.4 n Hansenne(France) 6/2
- 3:48.2 n Reiff(Belgium) 6/2
- 3:48.3 n El Mabrouk(France) 7/10
- 3:48.4 n Berg(Sweden) 7/19
- 3:48.4 n Bergqvist(Sweden) 7/19
- 3:48.6 n Vernier(France) 6/2
- 3:48.6 n Strand(Sweden) 7/7
- 3:49.2 n H.Eriksson(Sweden) 7/27
- 3:50.4 n Covona(CSR) 7/12
- 3:51.4 n Vestoumo(USSR) 7/23
- 3:51.6 n Landqvist(Sweden) 7/7
- 3:51.6 n J.Twomey(USA) 7/27

- 3:51.8 n Johansson(Finland) 7/12
- 3:52.2 Barry(Eire) 7/13
- 3:53.1 Wilt(USA) 6/3
- 3:53.2 n Malmberg(Sweden) 7/9
- 3:53.3 n Karmes(USA) 6/25
- 3:53.6 I.Eriksson(Sweden) 6/25
- 3:53.6 n McGuire(USA) 6/25
- 3:53.7 n Wade(USA) 6/25

1 mile

- 4:05.4 n Berg(Sweden) 7/19
- 4:05.8 n Bergqvist(Sweden) 7/19
- 4:08.8 n Nankeville(Great Britain) 7/16
- 4:09.4 Barry(Eire) 7/13
- 4:09.6 n Gehrmann(USA) 6/18
- 4:09.7 n Thompson(USA) 6/4
- 4:09.8 n Hansenne(France) 6/6
- 4:10.2 n Landqvist(Sweden) 7/19
- 4:10.4 Wilt(USA) 6/3
- 4:11.1 n Bannister(Gt. Britain) 6/11
- 4:11.8 n Morris(Gt. Britain) 7/16
- 4:12.0 n McGuire(USA) 6/18
- 4:12.8 n McEyre(Great Britain) 7/16
- 4:13.4 n Montes(USA)
- 4:13.4 n Wilson(Gt. Britain) 7/2
- 4:13.6 n J.Twomey(USA) 6/4
- 4:13.6 n Strand(Sweden) 7/19

3000 mtrs.

- 8:05.0 Reiff(Belgium) 6/22
- 8:17.0 Barry(Eire) 6/29
- 8:19.2 Zatopek(CSR) 7/17
- 8:19.4 n Koskela(Finland) 7/17
- 8:19.6 n Vernier(France) 6/22

2 miles

- 8:59.0 Barry(Eire) 6/29
- 9:03.9 n Ashenfelter(USA) 6/18
- 9:05.2 Wilt(USA) 6/11
- 9:08.9 n Druetzler(USA) 6/18
- 9:10.5 n Black(USA) 6/18
- 9:11.7 n Urguhart(USA) 6/18
- 9:12.9 n McMillen(USA) 6/10
- 9:14.0 n Lillias(Great Britain)

5000 mtrs.

- 14:10.8 Zatopek(CSR) 5/9
- 14:13.2 n Koskela(Finland) 7/15
- 14:27.0 n Mäkelä(Finland) 7/1
- 14:28.2 n Heino(Finland) 7/1
- 14:30.0 n Kazancev(USSR) 7/25
- 14:33.8 Popov(USSR) 5/29
- 14:35.0 Reiff(Belgium) 7/17
- 14:36.4 n Mimoun(France) 7/17
- 14:37.0 n Ahldam(Sweden) 7/7
- 14:38.2 n Wilt(USA) 7/28
- 14:40.0 Posti(Finland)
- 14:41.2 Pujazon(France) 6/25
- 14:42.8 n Albertsson(Sweden) 7/9
- 14:43.0 n Kónonen(Finland) 6/
- 14:43.0 n Karlsson(Sweden)
- 14:43.4 n Pateky(D.F. Hungary) 7/7

10,000 mtrs.

- 29:28.2 Zatopek(CSR) 6/11
- 30:04.8 n Heino(Finland) 7/29
- 30:13.2 n Stolken(Norway) 7/29
- 30:20.4 n Kónonen(Finland) 7/26
- 30:38.4 n Stone(USA) 7/29
- 30:51.6 n Kjersem(Norway) 6/30
- 30:56.8 n Nystrom(Sweden) 7/29
- 30:59.2 n Rapp(Sweden) 6/10
- 31:05.7 Wilt(USA) 6/24
- 31:05.8 n Bohm(Sweden) 6/10
- 31:07.4 n Kazancev(USSR) 7/28
- 31:09.8 n Johansson(Sweden) 7/10
- 31:11.2 n Popov(USSR) 7/28

3000 mtrs. Steeplechase

- 9:07.6 Söderberg(Sweden) 7/27
- 9:09.2 n Elvland(Sweden) 7/7
- 9:10.6 n Hagström(Sweden) 7/7
- 9:11.0 n Stone(USA) 7/27
- 9:18.0 n Stolken(Norway) 6/29
- 9:18.6 n Gyjodo(France) 7/

110 mtrs. hds. (*120 yds. time)

- 13.8* Dillard(USA) 4/20
- 13.8* n Anderson(USA) 6/3
- 13.8 n Dixon(USA) 6/25
- 14.0* n Fleming(USA) 5/21
- 14.0 n Attlesey(USA) 6/25
- 14.1* n Gardner(Australia) 1/29
- 14.1* n Rowland(USA) 4/9
- 14.1* n Erfurth(USA) 5/13
- 14.1 n Smith(USA) 6/25
- 14.1 n Taylor(USA) 6/25
- 14.2* n W.Mitchell(USA) 6/4
- 14.2* n Gehrdes(USA) 6/18
- 14.3* n Weinberg(Australia) 3/5
- 14.3 n McKee(USA) 6/25
- 14.3* n Briant(USA) 5/7

- 14.3* n Christiansen(USA) 5/21 with wind:
- 14.0* n Smith(USA) 5/14
- 14.3* n Elliott(USA) 5/4
- 400 mtrs. hds. (*440 time less 0.3)

- 51.1 Moore(USA) 6/25
- 51.2 n Ault(USA) 7/27
- 52.0 n Frazier(USA) 7/27
- 52.1* n Lubbe(South Africa) 4/16
- 52.7* n Wilkie(South Africa) 4/16
- 52.9 n Larsson(Sweden) 7/27
- 53.2 n Gros(France) 6/25
- 53.2 n Lunjev(USSR) 7/25
- 53.4* n Whittle(Gt. Britain) 6/6
- 53.4 n Doak(USA) 7/27
- 53.5 n Missoni(Italy) 5/15
- 53.6* n Goodacre(Australia) 1/22
- 53.6 n Filiputi(Italy) 6/11
- 53.7* n Van Heerden(South Africa) 4/16
- 53.7 n Elloy(France) 7/17
- 53.9* n Huskisson(South Africa) 4/16
- 54.0* n Ruksic(Australia) 1/22
- 54.0* n Steward(New Zealand) 3/12

High Jump

- 6'8"3-16 Walters(USA) 4/23
- 6'7"7-8 n Phillips(USA) 5/28
- 6'7"7-8 n Mondschain(USA) 5/28
- 6'7" n Paterson(Gt. Britain) 6/11
- 6'6"7-8 n Edleman(USA) 6/4
- 6'6"3-4 n Heintzman(USA) 7/10
- 6'6"5-8 n Lennertson(USA) 4/30
- 6'6"1-2 n Barnes(So. Africa) 4/9
- 6'6"1-2 n Dancer(USA) 4/9
- 6'6"1-2 n Vialocky(USA) 6/11
- 6'6"7-16 n Martin(USA) 4/2
- 6'6" n Lyster(USA) 5/30
- 6'6" n McGrew(USA) 6/18
- 6'6" n Åman(Sweden) 7/27
- 6'5"1-2 n Revelle(USA) 5/21
- 6'5"1-2 n Webb(USA) 5/23
- 6'5"1-2 n Thiam(France) 6/19
- 6'5"1-2 n Adedoyin(Nigeria) 6/25
- 6'5"1-2 n Langhoff(Germany) 7/10
- 6'5"1-2 n Nacke(Germany) 7/17

Pole Vault

- 14'9"1-8 n Richards(USA) 7/29
- 14'7"3-8 n Montgomery(USA) 6/4
- 14'6" n Rasmussen(USA) 4/30
- 14'3"1-2 n Jensen(USA) 4/8
- 14'3" n B.Smith(USA) 6/3
- 14'2"1-2 n Bennett(USA) 5/27
- 14'1"3-4 n Lez(USA) 6/4
- 14'1"5-8 n Korik(USA) 3/26
- 14'1"1-4 n Lundberg(Sweden) 7/29
- 14' "1-4 n Mattos(USA) 4/30
- 14' n Rowan(USA) 3/12
- 14' n Cooper(USA) 4/23
- 14' n Carroll(USA) 4/23
- 14' n Larson(USA) 6/24
- 13'11"3-8 n Kataja(Finland) 7/3
- 13'9"3-4 n Kring(USA) 5/7
- 13'9"3-4 n Kaas(Norway) 7/4
- 13'9" n Busby(USA) 6/4

Broad Jump

- 25'4"3-4 n Bryan(USA) 4/9
- 25'2"1-2 n Brown(USA) 4/1
- 25'2"1-2 n Johnson(USA) 6/17
- 24'11" n Douglas(USA) 6/25
- 24'9"3-4 n Hoskins(USA) 4/23
- 24'9" n Aikara(USA) 5/28
- 24'5"3-4 n Robertson(USA) 4/2
- 24'5"3-4 n Biffle(USA) 6/24
- 24'5"1-2 n Holland(USA) 4/23
- 24'5" n Lawrence(USA) 5/7
- 24'4"7-8 n Adamczyk(Poland) 6/22
- 24'4"3-4 n Corlett(USA) 4/27
- 24'4"1-4 n Sorgen(USA) 4/6
- 24'4" n Hough(New Zealand) 3/11
- 24'3" n Kailas(USA) 5/20
- 24'2"1-4 n Gouridine(USA) 6/5
- 24'2" n Kistemacher(Argentina) 4/
- 24'2" n Williams(Nigeria) 6/18

Hop, step, and jump

- 50'3"1-2 n Åman(Sweden) 7/27
- 50'1" n E.C.da Silva(Brazil) 4/
- 49'10"3-8 n Oliveira(Brazil) 3/18
- 49'6"1-2 n Koberg(Sweden) 7/27
- 49'6"1-8 n Rautio(Finland) 7/17
- 49'3"3-4 n A.P.da Silva(Brazil) 3/18
- 49'1" n Bryan(USA) 6/25
- 48'11"3-4 n Sherbakov(USSR) 5/29
- 48'11"3-8 n Albens(USA) 7/27
- 48'8"1-4 n Koutonen(USA) 7/27
- 48'6"1-4 n Ferreira(Brazil) 4/
- 48'2"3-8 n Larsen(Denmark) 6/19

- 48'2"1-4 Day(Australia) 1/22
- 48'1"1-4 n Jeffries(New Zealand) 4/18
- 48' "1-4 n Avery(Australia) 1/22
- 48' " n Sormani(Italy) 5/8
- '8 n Sarialp(Turkey) 6/26

Shot Put

- 58'4"3-8 n Fuchs(USA) 7/28
- 56'6"3-4 n Lampert(USA) 6/11
- 56' "3-4 n Chandler(USA) 4/9
- 55'1"5-8 n W.Thompson(USA) 5/14
- 55'1"5-8 n Mayer(USA) 6/11
- 54'11"1-2 n Davis(USA) 5/7
- 53'10"1-2 n Bayless(USA) 5/28
- 53'10" n Huseby(Iceland) 7/18
- 53'6" n Helwig(USA) 5/14
- 53'1"3-4 n Swope(USA) 6/4
- 52'9"7-8 n Wasser(USA) 4/30
- 52'8" n Roberson(USA) 5/20
- 52'7"1-2 n Lipp(USSR) 6/26
- 52'1"1-4 n Anderson(USA) 4/23
- 51'10"3-4 n Ker(USA) 6/25
- 51'10"1-4 n B.Thompson(USA) 5/21
- 51'9"5-8 n Nilsson(Sweden) 7/10
- 51'6"1-2 n Prather(USA) 4/30
- 51'6" n McGraw(USA) 4/30

Discus Throw

- 185'2"7-8 n Gordian(USA) 7/9
- 177'11"1-4 n Frank(USA) 5/14
- 177'2"3-4 n Toei(Italy) 5/1
- 175'8"1-4 n Consolini(Italy) 6/18
- 170'5"1-8 n Lewis(USA) 4/23
- 170'3" n B.Thompson(USA) 4/29
- 169'3"7-8 n Zerjal(Yugoslavia) 6/12
- 169'2" n Kadara(USA) 4/9
- 167'4"5-8 n Fuchs(USA) 7/9
- 167'4" n Miller(USA) 5/20
- 166'5" n Lindakugel(USA) 4/25
- 165'4" n Donaldson(USA) 6/25
- 164'5"3-4 n Iness(USA) 3/12
- 162'7"5-8 n Ramstad(Norway) 7/29
- 162' n Lim(USA) 4/30
- 161'3" n Klits(Hungary) 6/25
- 161'2"3-4 n Roberson(USA) 6/21
- 160'8"3-4 n Doyle(USA) 4/30

Javelin Throw

- 190'5"7-8 n Nemeth(Hungary) 6/25
- 183'5"1-8 n Kanaki(USSR) 7/15
- 183'4"1-2 n Felton(USA) 5/14
- 183'3"7-8 n Dreyer(USA) 5/14
- 182'4"5-8 n Wolf(Germany) 6/26
- 180'5"3-8 n Gubijan(Yugoslavia) 7/3
- 178'8"1-2 n Storch(Germany) 7/17
- 178'1"1-2 n McD.-Clarke(Gt. Brit.) 7/23
- 177'7"1-2 n Taddia(Italy) 7/3
- 177'2" n Söderqvist(Sweden) 6/5
- 176'11"1-8 n Scholtz(USA) 5/14
- 176'10" n Hausmann(Germany) 7/17
- 175'5"3-8 n Sheitel(USSR) 7/15
- 174'11"1-4 n Ericson(Sweden) 7/4
- 172'5"5-8 n Petike(Hungary) 6/11
- 171'11"1-2 n Tamminen(Finland) 7/17
- 170'7"1-2 n T.Montgomery(USA) 6/4

Javelin Throw

- 238' "1-4 n Rautavaara(Finland) 7/27
- 237'10"3-8 n Hyttiäinen(Finland) 7/15
- 233'9"7-8 n Berglund(Sweden) 7/10
- 232'2"1-2 n Held(USA) 6/25
- 231' "3-8 n Ericson(Sweden) 6/29
- 230' n Biles(USA) 6/25
- 229'7"7-8 n Daleflod(Sweden) 7/10
- 229'4"3-4 n Pettersson(Sweden) 7/15
- 226'11"5-8 n Leppänen(Finland)
- 226'8"1-2 n Nikkinen(Finland) 6/
- 222'11"5-8 n Kipkyuh(USSR) 5/
- 221'10"1-2 n Pickarts(USA) 6/17
- 221' n Roseme(USA) 6/4
- 220'5"1-4 n Moks(D.F. Estonia) 7/14
- 219'9"3-8 n Sigurdsson(Iceland) 6/
- 219'7" n Roylance(USA) 5/21
- 219'1"3-4 n Young(USA) 6/25
- 219' "3-4 n Johansson(Sweden) 6/6
- 218'5"1-2 n Seymour(USA) 6/25

Decathlon

- 7556 n Mathias(USA) 6/28-29
- 7197 n Glausen(Iceland) 7/28-29
- 7191 n Mondschain(USA) 7/28-29
- 6889 n Eriksson(Sweden) 7/28-29
- 6854 n Kistemacher(Argentina) 4/
- 6815 n Demisenko(USSR) 6/
- 6718 n Tannander(Sweden) 7/28-29
- 6715 n Albens(USA) 6/28-29
- 6707 n Moravec(CSR) 7/3-4

The World's Fastest Humans

X : MEL PATTON

By D.H.Potts

It was in the 1942 Los Angeles City HS meet that Mel Patton first showed he was destined for greatness. Competing for University HS, he came up to the 220 final with an unbroken string of victories for the season. He had clocked 9.9 and 21.4 in dual meets and had already taken the City 100 title. At the gun in the 220 he fell on all fours, losing several yards on the field. He got up and chased after the other finalists. At the 100 mark he really started to move, making up a 7 yard deficit, he finished in a tie for first place with Austin of Jefferson HS in 21.7.

1943 was Mel's senior year at University High and he came through the season with a perfect record, improving his times to 9.8 and 21.2. He then turned to open competition and placed 4th in the 100 mtrs. and 3rd in the 200 mtrs. in the AAU Jr. meet.

Normally the next step in a promising sprinter's career would have been matriculation at some university. But there was the slight matter of a war. Fortunately even wars have ends and 1946 saw Mel a freshman at USC. The wartime eligibility rule was still in force, so Mel competed on the Trojan varsity. He started out well by clocking 9.7 and 21.1 against UCLA. But shortly after he developed muscle trouble, an ailment which plagued him for most of his subsequent career. In the NCAA meet he finished 7th in the 100 yds. and failed to make the 220 final.

Early in 1947 Mel showed the stopwatch gentlemen that he was a coming "great" when he clocked 9.5 and 20.7 against Compton and 9.5 and 20.4 against Riverside JC. It was in the Illinois-USC dual, however, that Mel showed the track world he was really "big time". First he beat Billy Mathis, 1946 NCAA and AAU champ, by 2 yds. in a 9.6 century. Mel led all the way. In the 220 he faced the great Herb McKenley, world record holder at 440 yds. The crowd gasped as the runners emerged from the tunnel, for the tall, thin Trojan was leading by a good 10 feet at 60 yds. At the tape he had extended the margin to six yds. The time of 20.4 was only a tenth short of the world mark.

Three weeks later, in the Coliseum Relays, Mel established himself as America's top sprinter by whipping a crack field in a 9.5 century and a 20.4 furlong. He won the 100 by a yard over Allen Lawler of Texas and the 220 by 5 yds. over Barney Ewell. The next day, at Modesto, Mel got his first record. In the feature 100, after an indifferent start, he trailed Baylor's Bill Martineau by a yard at the halfway mark. But Mel came up strongly to win in 9.4, tying the world record.

A week later, aided by a breeze, he hit 9.4 again, in the UCLA meet. But he developed a muscle cramp and was forced out of competition for two weeks. His return to action in the Pasadena Games found him not yet back in form. In the 100 mtrs. he barely managed to stave off fast-finishing Lloyd LaBeach, winning by a foot. In the 220 LaBeach led from the gun and won by 3 yds. in 20.8.

Mel's last appearance for 1947 was in the NCAA meet. He ran 9.4 in the trials but aggravated that sore muscle and prudently withdrew from the 220. He took the 100 final the next day in 9.7.

In 1948, the all-important Olympic year, fully cognizant of his muscular troubles, Mel waited until April before doing any hard running. He then scored sprint doubles in five straight dual meets, his best times being 9.5 against San Diego and 20.6 against UCLA (and a 7.3 mph wind). Then, on May 15 in the Fresno Relays, came one of the greatest sprint races of all time. In a special 100 yd. event Mel faced his conqueror of 1947, Lloyd LaBeach. After several false starts, which added to the already high tension, the field was away. Mel was off flying, while LaBeach was left at the post. At 20 yds. Mel had a three foot lead.

Nor could LaBeach close on him until the final 20 yds. But he couldn't make it as Mel hit the tape a foot in front and became the first man to run an official 9.3. Later in the day Mel gave the crowd another show when he came from way back in the anchor leg of the 880 relay to bring USC home in front. He was unofficially clocked under 20 seconds flat.

A week later at the Coliseum Relays Mel beat LaBeach in a 100 mtr. race that turned out to be only 99 yds. long. But Patton was the only one ready for the fast gun, so neither LaBeach nor any of the others were ever in the race. The next day at Modesto Mel's nemesis, that muscle cramp, caught up with him again and he was forced to withdraw. A week later he withdrew from the PCC sprint finals for the same reason.

Mel gave his legs a good rest and did not return to competition until the NCAA meet at Minneapolis. In the 100 mtrs. he was left sitting but went right through the field to win by 2 yds. in 10.4. In the 200 mtrs. he led all the way and coasted in to win in 20.7. A 6 mph wind ruled the mark out as a new US record around one turn.

The Final Olympic Tryouts came three weeks later at Evanston. Mel suffered his first loss of the year when Harrison Dillard beat him in a 100 mtr. heat. In the final Mel seemed without his early pick-up. He finally got near the leader, Barney Ewell, at 70 mtrs. but could not match the latter's final burst and trailed by a yard. Mel was clocked in 10.3, Ewell's 10.2 tying the world record. The next day Mel's pick-up was in better shape and he ran a beautiful race in the 200 mtrs. He led all the way to win in 20.7, a new US mark around a turn.

In the Games at London Mel looked good in the 100 mtr. trials, clocking 10.4 twice. But in the final he was off slowly, his pick-up came late, and his finish was lacking. He placed an ignominious fifth. It was a bitter blow to his hopes for Olympic honors.

But Mel proved he had the heart of a champion when he came back to win a terrific 200 mtr. final. In the early rounds McKenley and Bourland looked good, while the experts tabbed Ewell and LaBeach as the men to watch. They reckoned without Patton's determination. Mel was in lane 2 with McKenley on the pole. Mel ran the turn so fast that the Jamaican



Mel Patton, fastest human.

OFFICIAL AAU TIMES

by H.D. Thoreau
(Difference between runners on Bulova timer added to the official AAU hand time.)

100m		200m	
Stanfield	10.3	Stanfield	20.4
Work	10.4	Peters	20.9
Peters	10.4	Campbell	20.9
Conwell	10.5	A.Brown	21.0
Henthorne	10.55	Lancaster	21.1
Campbell	10.6	Carty	21.1
Dwyer	10.6	Lightner	21.2
Coleman	10.6	Miller	21.4
Zegger	11.1	Zegger	21.45

110m HH		200m LH	
Dixon	13.8	Dixon	22.6
Dillard	13.8	H.Smith	22.6
Attlesley	14.0	Gehrdes	23.05
Fleming	14.1	Martin	23.1
Taylor	14.1	Stokes	23.2
McKee	14.3	B.Bryan	23.3
H. Smith	14.3	Scott	23.3
W.Mitchell	14.5	Gourdine	24.0

ARNE ANDERSSON BEATS DODDS

Stockholm, July 22— Two former amateur milers raced as professionals, with Arne Andersson, 4:01.6 miler, defeating Gil Dodds, 4:05.3 miler. The race was 1000 meters over a 200m grass track. The time, 2:34 for both runners, is 13 seconds behind the world record.

was beaten right there. Mel came into the straight 2 yds. in front. But Ewell and LaBeach were still to be reckoned with. Ewell crept up as they flew down the stretch. Just as he was about to catch Patton, Mel leaped for the tape in a terrific final stride and won by 2 feet in 21.1. This was one of the greatest come-backs in the history of track, after anchoring the winning 400 mtr. relay team and appearing in the US vs. British Empire relay meet, Mel headed for home.

Early in 1949, although he had another year of eligibility at USC, Patton announced that he was retiring from competition. But he was persuaded to change his mind and agreed to run in major meets for the Trojans. His 1949 debut came in the dual with Michigan State. He won both sprints by narrow margins but handily. He repeated against Cal and Stanford in succeeding weekends, running only to win.

In the UCLA dual on May 7, Mel agreed to run all out and see what he could do to the record book before he retired. He flew down the fast UCLA track in a 9.1 century and a 20.2 furlong, both marks being under the records. A 6.5 mph wind resulted in disqualification of the 100 mark. The 3.3 mph win in the 220 was below the legal maximum, so Owens' world mark of 20.3 went into discard.

Following this amazing demonstration of speed, Mel confined his efforts to relay races until the PCC meet at Seattle. Anchored by Mel's 20 flat stints, the Trojans beat the world 880 relay record three times, their best being 1:24.0. In the PCC meet Mel contented himself with winning, a head-wind precluding any record tries. The NCAA meet at Los Angeles was next. Patton led the qualifiers with 9.5 and 20.6 clockings. In the finals he was pushed by the new star, Stanfield of Seton Hall. But he won both races with a yard to spare. His 20.4 in the 220 tied the meet record. Patton's swan song came a few days later when he won the 100 in the PCC-Big 10 dual in 9.7.

NEWS FROM ICELAND

By Johann Bernhard
Big Gunnar Huseby, European shot out champion in 1946, hit 53-10 in Norway July 18 for a new Icelandic record to take his place as the fifth best non-U.S. shotputter of all time.

Other national records set this year are: javelin, 219-9 3/8 by Joel Sigurdsson; pole vault, 13-6 1/5 by Torfi Bryngjarsson; high jump, 6-4 3/4 by Skuli Gudmundsson; decathlon, 6980 and then 7197 by Orn Clausen; 1600m. relay, 3:26.4 by KR quartet.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By Joe Galli
Morrie Gurotta, young fifth placer in the Olympic 400m., sailed July 24 for the United States to commence dental studies at Seton Hall in September.

John Plummer defended his N.S.W. 10,000m. cross country title July 23 in 36:35. The Victorian 10 mile event went to Ernie Evans in 57:33 and winner of the Victorian 20 mile road race August 6 was Gordon Stanley, Australia's Emiad marathon home. The time was 1:57:55.

The AAU has accented new sprint marks of 9.5 and 21.0 by Lloyd LaBeach and McKenley respectively during their tour early this year. Also nassed: 220 (resident) 21.1, Bartram; 120h, 14.1, Gardner; 220h, 24.0, Doubleday; discus, 152-10 1/2, Reed; jav. 194-2 5/8, Parr; shot, 46-6 1/2, Butters; 440R, 41.6; 4mile R, 18:16.4

HOP*STEP*JUMP STAR

Fujihashi of the Saitama AC hop-step-jumped 49'1" in a Japanese district meet May 22.

WOMEN'S PENTATHLON RECORD

Frankfurt, Germany, July 24. Lena Stumpf bettered the world pentathlon record for women with a total of 447 points. Performances: 100m- 12.5, HJ- 5'3", Jav- 139'9 1/8", BJ- 19'4 2/3", shot- 39'6". All marks are of Olympic caliber.

European News

ZATOPEK BEATS HEINO AND KOSKELA

RAUTAVAARA THROWS JAVELIN 232'9 1/4

(rlq) - Emil Zatopek staged a sensational "comeback" in the dual meet CSR-Finland at Helsinki on July 12 & 13. The Olympic 10,000m champion had taken a 25-days rest on medical advice after his 29:49.6 race of June 18. In the Helsinki meet, won by Finland with 104 pts. against CSR's 97, Zatopek scored his usual double within 24 hours, vanquishing Viljo Heino in the 10,000m and Väinö Koskela, Finland's best long distance prospect, in the 5,000m. Zatopek had to pour on all he had to beat Koskela, who was only 8/10ths of a second slower than the Olympic champion. Tapio Rautavaara, Olympic javelin champion, beat Toivo Hyytiäinen handily with a good 232'9 1/4 effort.

SUMMARIES: 100m- 1.M.Horcic (CSR) 10.9; 200m- 1.M.Horcic (CSR) 21.9; 400m- 1.M.Horecky (CSR) 49.9; 800m- 1.M.Daniels-son (Finland) 1:55.2; 1,500m- 1.Vaclav Cevona (CSR) 3:50.4; 2.Denis Johansson (Finland) 3:51.8; 5,000m- 1.Zatopek (CSR) 14:20.0; 2.Koskela (Finland) 14:20.8; 3.Väinö Mäkelä (Finland) 14:27.2; 10,000m- 1.Zatopek (CSR) 29:58.4; 2.Heino (Finland) 30:12.2; 3.Könönen (Finland) 30:46.4; 110m- 1.M.Tosnar (CSR) 15.1; 2.A.Krul (CSR) 15.1; 3.V.Suviyvo (Finland) 15.1; 400m- 1.M.Tosnar (CSR) 54.4; 2.A.Hyökyranta (Finland) 54.7; HJ- 1.E.Henell (Finland) 61' 7/8; PV- 1.Kataja (Finland) 13'5"3/8; BJ- 1.Jorma Valtonen (Finland) 23'4"3/4; HS&J 1.R.Hiltunen (Finland) 47'2"1/2; (Rautio, the Olympic finalist, did not compete); SP- 1.Jaska Jouppila (Finland) 51'3"; 2.Cestmir Kalina (CSR) 50'8"5/8; DT- 1.V.Nyqvist (Finland) 154'7"7/8; HT- 1.Sulo Heino (Finland) 166'10"3/4; JT- 1.Tapio Rautavaara (Finland) 232'9 1/4; 2.Toivo Hyytiäinen (Finland) 219'9 3/4.

KOSKELA THREATENS ZATOPEK IN CLOSE FINISH

HYITIÄINEN: JAVELIN 237'10"3/8 - RAUTIO: HS&J 49'6"1/8

(rlq) - Following the Finland-CSR dual meet in Helsinki, Czech athletes competed in several Finnish meets. Zatopek and Koskela met two more times after their 5,000m duel of July 13 in the Olympic stadium. The Czech champion ran for a total of 23 kilometers in no more than 5 days' time. On July 15 at Turku the young Finn pressed the Olympic champion to the very end and both were clocked in 14:13.2, the Czech phenomenon winning by a foot. In the same meet Toivo Hyytiäinen, regarded by many as the greatest javelin talent since Matti Järvinen and Yrjö Nikkanen, threw the spear 237'10"3/8 - world's best for the season. Two days later at Pori Zatopek again beat Koskela by a narrow margin, this time in a 3,000m race. Times: 8:19.2 and 8:19.4. Valdemar Rautio, European hop, step and jump champion, staged an unexpected comeback with a triple leap of 49'6"1/8, thus securing a place in the Northern team scheduled to meet the US at Oslo.

KANAKI, HT-183'5"1/8; LIPP, SP-52'7"1/2; BULANTCHIK, HH-14.4

SHUHARJEV, SANADZE ARE BEST SOVIET SPRINTERS

(By Zoltán Subert)

Soviet athletes showed up well in meets held in various parts of the Union during June and July.

Shotputter Heino Lipp and hammer thrower Alex.Kanaki are in a class with the best European specialists in their respective events. The former put the shot 16.04 (52'7"1/2) in a dual meet at Tartu late in June, beating Gorjainov of Leningrad (51'4"1/8). Lipp, who is also an excellent all-around performer, won the discus at 157'9"1/4. A few days before at Tallinn he had won a 110m race in 15.2, after losing a shoe with half way to go. Kanaki threw the hammer 55.91 (183'5"1/8) at Moscow on July 15 - second best in the world for 1949. Oldtimer Alex.Shehtel was second at 176'5"3/8. In the same meet, a sort of tryout for the forthcoming USSR vs. CSR dual, Jevghenij Bulantchik won the high hurdles in 14.5, while decathlon man P.Denisenko was second in 14.7, a personal best. Bulantchik had been clocked at 14.4 only a few days before, thus tying his own Union record. T.Lunjev ran 400m in 53.8, this too a record-equalling mark.

V.Shuharjev and L.Sanadze are the best Soviet sprinters of the year. The former won a 100m race in 10.5 from a fine field at Moscow, July 5. Runner-up was 1946 European Champion N.Karakulov (10.6), third Dagman (10.7), fourth Golovkin (10.7), fifth Grigorjev (10.8) and sixth Korjev (10.8). Sanadze did not compete in the Moscow meet, but he has done 10.5 on two occasions.

Outstanding among women athletes are Nina Dumbadze, who recently threw the discus 165'11"3/4, Kerim Zade, who ran the 80m in 11.7 and sprinter Secenova, who beat some of the Union's fastest women at Moscow.

NANKEVILLE WINS BRITISH MILE TITLE IN 4:08.8

(rlq) - 24-year-old Bill Nankeville of Britain won the BAAA mile event in 4:08.8 on a rain-drenched surface at the White City, London, on July 16. The Olympic 1,500m finalist defeated a fine field, including all of Britain's fastest milers except Oxonian Roger Bannister who did not compete. Richard Morris was second in 4:11.8, Ien Eyre third in 4:12.8, Doug Wilson fourth in 4:13.4, A.G.Parker fifth in 4:14.8. The lap times were as follows: 60.2 - 65.0 - 65.2 - 58.4.

E.McD.Bailey, the negro sprinter, won both sprint titles in 9.7 and 21.7. In the furlong he had done 21.6 in winning his heat the day before. Leslie Laing of Jamaica, Olympic 200m finalist, was second in the 100y and was clocked in 9.8 while in the furlong Bailey won over Laing again, but this time with two yards to spare. Derek Pugh won the quarter mile in 48.5 from Leslie Lewis (49.1) and Terry Higgins (49.3) while Parlett nosed out White by inches in the 880y, both men doing 1:53.7. R.A.Morley was third in 1:54.3.

Other Championship titles went to John Joe Barry of Eire (3 miles in 14:11), V.Lillikas of Britain (6 miles in 30:15) veteran Don Finlay, who annexed the high hurdles in 14.6 - a truly great achievement for a man now in his forties! - Harry Whittle of Britain (440y in 54.9), Alan Paterson (HJ 6'4"), Imre Nemeth of Hungary (hammer 182'5"1/2), Ferenc Klics also of Hungary (discus 156'4"1/2).

EL MABROUK 3:48.3, JEAN VERNIER 3:49.2

(rlq) - Mohamed El Mabrouk, the new French star from North Africa, is definitely living up to expectations. In the French National Championships held at Paris on July 9 & 10, he was by far the outstanding star as well as the most impressive winner. He won the 1,500m title in 3:48.3, only 9/10ths of a second shy of Hansenne's national record. In doing so, El Mabrouk outshone Jean Vernier, who is probably one of the most terrific pace-runners existing in the world today. Vernier was clocked at 3:49.2. A French expert recently observed that in a not-too-distant future any clash between the two is likely to raise such a wide interest among French track fans as to be reminiscent of Hägg-fever times in Sweden, when duels between Hägg and Arne Andersson used to monopolize newspaper headlines.

Jacques Vernier, Jean's brother, finished third, 3:55.2, preceding a host of under-four-minute men.

Ignace Heinrich, who won a silver medal in the Olympic decathlon last year, won the broad jump in the Paris meet with a leap of 7.28 (23'10"5/8). He also took second in the discus and third in the high hurdles and the high jump.

French experts think Heinrich is capable of totalling 7,500 pts. in the decathlon in his present form.

With Marcel Hansenne out for good, Michel Clare won the 800m from Robert Chefhotel in 1:53.0. Olympic 10,000m finalist Alain Mimoun defeated Raphaël Pujazon in the 5,000m. Times: 14:40.8 and 14:43.4.

ÅBERG WINS DICKSON MILE IN 4:05.4

(rlq) - Olle Åberg, one of Sweden's great milers, won the Dickson mile at Gävle, Sweden, on July 19 in 4:05.4 - fastest outdoor time since 1945. He beat his teammate Gösta Bergkvist in a desperate finish, after Lennart Strand had dropped back and Henry Eriksson had left the track with one lap to go. Bergkvist was clocked at 4:05.8, while young Sture Landkvist was third in 4:10.2 and Strand a disappointing 4th and last in 4:13.6. The times for the 1,500m were as follows: Åberg 3:48.4, Bergkvist 3:48.4, Strand 3:53.0, Landkvist 3:54.0.

Lennart Strand had come to Gävle to challenge the local quartet consisting of Gefle IF's Henry Eriksson, Gösta Bergkvist, Ingvar Bengtsson and Olle Åberg. These four men had set a new world record for the 4x1,500m relay a few days earlier with an incredible 15:30.2. Ingvar Bengtsson elected to run the 800m in the Gävle meet, but the presence of the other three still sufficed to affect Strand's famous nerves.

Moreover, Strand was fighting the Gefle boys right inside the lions' den. The local coalition led the parade throughout the entire race, and Lennart Strand never got a chance to set his own pace. With less than two laps to go, Henry Eriksson, the Olympic 1,500m champion, was still in front.

But he was not well, his throat having troubled him in the past few days. Henry, no longer in his usual running mood, decided to drop out of the race in the next-to-the-last lap. Åberg immediately ran away from Strand, while his teammate Gösta Bergkvist managed to stay close to him. The two engaged in a fierce fight in the backstretch and around the last turn, but Åberg had something left when they came to the homestretch and pulled away to win in good style.

Bergkvist, undoubtedly one of the best milers in the world today, has never won a major race in international competition, hence the epithet of "eternal second" bestowed on him by Swedish track writers.

Lap times were only taken for metric quarters, but the approximate times for the English quarters can be estimated as follows: 58.4 - 61.4 - 63.8 - 61.8.

FRANCE LOSES TO BRITAIN IN DUAL MEET AT LONDON

DON FINLAY, 42, BREAKS BRITISH HIGH HURDLES RECORD

(rlq) - Great Britain scored a surprise victory over France in an international dual meet at the White City, London, on Monday, August 1. The final score was 82 to 65.

Don Finlay, 42-year-old British high hurdles champ, broke his own British native record, flying over the high sticks in 14.4. In doing so he beat Ignace Heinrich and Andre Marie of France, currently regarded as two of Europe's fastest over that distance. Finlay placed third in the Olympic 110m high hurdles at Los Angeles in 1932 and second at Berlin in 1936.

He did 14.3 on more than one occasion in meets held on the continent in 1937 and 1938, and also 14.1 and 14.2, with the benefit of an aiding wind. But his best so far on British soil was 14.5. It was reported before the White City meet that Finlay had decided to run against France and then quit for good.

Many French athletes complained of stomach trouble, no doubt the result of their first acquaintance with British cuisine. Mohamed El Mabrouk, a 3:48 1,500m man in his own country, finished a distant fourth in the mile. Team spirit apparently prevailed on his legs which seemed hardly capable of carrying him to the tape. The race was won by Jean Vernier, France's second string, after a gruelling battle with Britain's star miler, Bill Nankeville. The times: 4:10.0 and 4:10.4.

Leslie Laing, formerly of Jamaica, had a rolling start in the 100y and thus managed to beat Bailey by a yard in 9.7.

The Trinidad speedster came back to win the furlong in 21.5 - an unusually fast time for British tracks. But here again the winner had taken a "flyer".

Arthur Wint, long-striding Olympic 400m champion, won the half mile going away in 1:51.2, while Alain Mimoun of France annexed the three miles in 14:09.0. The quarter went to Pugh of Britain, the time being a good 48.5.

Georges Elloy, French junior hurdler, nosed out Harry Whittle of Britain by inches in the 440y. Both were clocked at 53.4. Whittle's mark constitutes a new British native record.

Marks in the field events were somewhat poor. Only exceptions to the rule were provided by Georges Breitman, who set a new French pole vault record of 13'6", and Duncan Clarke, veteran British hammer thrower, who did 173'5".

ULZHEIMER RUNS 800m IN 1:50.8

Heinz Ulzheimer, Germany's young halfmiler, ran 800m in 1:50.8 at Lennep on July 10 - the nearest post-war approach to the times once posted by the unforgettable Rudi Harbig.

Ulzheimer, who will be 24 in December, is a typical pace-runner. Experts claim however that he has recently progressed considerably also as a finisher. In the Lennep race Ulzheimer was never threatened. He negotiated the first 400m in 51.5, which seems indeed too fast even for a potential record-breaker. As the 800m time shows, Heinz faded rather badly in the second half, but it should be remembered that Harbig himself had a personal best of 1:50.9 at the age of 24. And Germany has other fine halfmilers: one of them, 22-year-old Gerd Audorf of Berlin, should ultimately develop into Ulzheimer's master - this according to Ekkehard zur Megede, the German expert. Audorf has done 1:54.4 this season. He has plenty of speed and is no doubt bound to be heard from.

The Regional Championships of Germany were held in many sections of the country on July 16 & 17. At Kassel sprinter K. Wittekindt ran 100m in 10.4, fastest of the European season so far. In Western Germany, namely at Cologne, Arendt won the 800m from a fine field in 1:52.4. The fifth man was clocked at 1:54.7. Leo Lickes annexed both sprints, doing 10.6 and 21.9. Ruckebell of Krefeld ran 400m in 48.9.

At Koblenz H. Huppertz scored a double as he won the 400m in 48 flat and the 400m in 55.8. At Stuttgart old timer Otto Eitel and newcomer Helmut Bolzhauser ran to a dead heat in the 5,000m, the time being 14:48.0.

EUROPEAN NEWS IN BRIEF

.....Len Eyre of England ran a mile in 4:09 at Huddersfield on July 9, beating Doug Wilson. The track was re-measured after the race and found to be almost 2 yds. short in each lap, so that Eyre actually ran a mile minus 10 yards. There were namely five laps to a mile.

.....Armin Scheurer of Switzerland broke two Swiss records in the Swiss Championships at Geneva, vaulting 4.13 (13'6" 5/8) and "triple" jumping

14.585 (47'10" 1/8).
.....It is rumoured that Mohamed El Mabrouk, France's star miler, won't be eligible to compete in the European Championships at Brussels next year, because he was born in North Africa.
McD. Clarke: hammer, 178'1" 1/2

(rlq) - Duncan McD. Clarke, veteran British hammer thrower, did 178'1" 1/2 at Hove on July 23 in the British Police Championships. On the same day at Chatham Cpl. J. Savidge put the 16 lbs. shot 48'10" 1/2 - a new British native record.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN NEWS

(By Zoltán Subert)

Hungary beat Rumania 128 to 95 in a dual meet held at Diósgyőr, July 16 & 17. Some of the best Magyar "cracks", including Olympic champion I. Németh and discus thrower F. Klics, could not participate, being in London for the BAAA Championships. On the first day the track events produced some good results, this in spite of the rain and heat. Banhalmi of Hungary ran the 400m in 48.8 and is likely to improve further if put to a more exacting test. Jenő Szilagyí, also of Hungary, won the 10,000m in 31:23.4. This man competed in the 1934 European Championships held at Turin, Italy, where he finished fifth in the 10,000m final! Sandor Garay annexed the 1,500 mtrs. without being pushed, clocking 3:55.4. The Hungarian sprint foursome ran the 4x100m relay in 41.8.

On the second day 20-year-old Szebeni of Hungary won the 200m in 21.8 from Csanyi (21.8) while Talmaci of Rumania ran the 800m in 1:54.4, a new national record. The most interesting track event from a competitive viewpoint - the 400m high hurdles - saw Rumania score a double with Truica (54.3) and L. Kiss.

Vasas, one of Budapest's leading athletic clubs, staged a big international meet in the Hungarian capital on June 25, with athletes from 5 nations displaying good early season form before 8,000 enthusiastic spectators.

Imre Nemeth, the Olympic hammer champion, put up some very fancy throwing, with three marks in the 190' range. Nemeth won at 58.06 (190' 5" 7/8) outclassing Sweden's Bo Ericson (169'10" 5/8) and his Hungarian pupil, Lajos Petike (168'9" 5/8).

Finland won two events, the 5,000m, where Piirainen beat Szilagyí of Hungary, and the javelin, in which Leppänen beat Varszegi of Hungary with a best throw of 214'8".

Ion Moina of Rumania, a 47.8 man in 1947, was beaten by Banhalmi of Hungary in the 400m, while Lomowski of Poland won the shot put at 15 mtrs. even (49'2" 1/2).

Ferenc Klics, one of Europe's best discus throwers, beat young M. Raica of Rumania with an excellent 49.15 (161' 3"). The fast-improving Rumanian set a new national record of 48.48 (159' 5/8).

Tamas Homonnay, Hungary's promising pole vaulter, improved on his record again recently, doing 4.14 (13'7").

Turkish athletes, still a non-entity in international athletics until a few years ago, are improving steadily.

Ruhi Sarialp, Olympic hop, step and jump finalist, did 48' at Istanbul recently, while his countryman Ülki

On Your Marks

By Bert Nelson

John F. Moakley, for 50 years track coach at Cornell, has stepped down into an advisory post! The 85-year-old dean of American coaches was head man of the 1920 Olympic team and guided Cornell to 10 IC4A outdoor and 3 indoor titles along with 17 cross country championships--12 in a row.

Ed Conwell, Olympic sprinter, is playing pro football with the Buffalo Bills, while Willie Steele is starring with the Los Angeles Rams, and Mel Sheehan, ex-Missouri weightman, has also joined the pros.

Dean Cromwell, in his new book, "Championship Technique in Track & Field", predicts a 9-second 100, a 28-foot broad jump, 16-foot pole vault, 7 foot high jump, 60-foot shot put and 200-foot discus throw.

Quickies...Moon Mondschein has been appointed football, basketball and track coach at Lincoln University in Pa... Jesse Owens was voted the greatest Negro athlete of all time by 38 of the nation's sports editors voting in the Negro Pic max, Ebony. Jackie Robinson was third and Harrison Dillard eighth... Olympic Games every two years are favored by Sir Frank Beaurepaire of Australia who visited the United States to inspect American sports stadia... all 10 place winners in the Big Nine mile and two-mile will return for competition next year... Bob Downs, who will captain Illinois' cross country team next season, plans to work on "Fartlek" this summer and fall. Henry Cryer, the Chicago High School boy who ran a 1:54.5 half and did 1:53.9 for the 800m. in the Jr. AAU, is reported to have a heart condition... Jim Fuchs was Illinois state 100 yard prep champion in 1945, defeating Chuck Peters... high hurdlers Tom Mitchell of Indiana and Bill Mitchell of Georgetown are brothers... the top three Pacific Coast weightmen, Bud Held-javelin, Otis Chandler-shot, and Taylor Lewis-discus, all started in different events. Held was a pole vaulter, Chandler a high jumper, and Lewis a hurdler... plans for the establishment of an "Olympic Academy" are being studied, the course to include Olympic Games history, general theory of sport and physical education, philosophy, art and social sciences.

is a consistent 47' performer. Ünel has run a mile in 4:19.1, while Cosgöl has a most promising 10,000m record to his credit: 31:12.4.

Ivan Gubian of Yugoslavia threw the hammer 55.00 (180' 5" 3/8) at Belgrad recently. He won a silver medal in this event at London last year.

GORDIEN BREAKS WORLD RECORD (continued from page 1.)

HJ- 1.Heintzman 6'6"3/4; 100m- 1.Peters 10.8; 2.Paquete (Portugal) 11.2; SP- 1.Fuchs 56'11"7/8; 2.Gordien 48'6"5/8; 400m- 1.Whitfield 48.8; BJ- 1.Richards 21'4"3/4; 2.Vieira (Portugal) 21'; 3,000m- 1.Twomey 8:37.4; JT- 1.Held 208'4"3/4 (Richards was fifth at 153'1"3/8 !); 4x100m Relay: 1. US (Whitfield, Fuchs, Dixon, Peters) 42.5; 2.Sporting, Lisbon, 44.2. Gordien had an exhibition throw (against the wind) of approx. 175 ft.

FUCHS, GORDIEN, RICHARDS STAR IN IRISH AND BELGIAN MEETS BARRY OF EIRE RUNS MILE IN 4:09.4 AT DUBLIN

(rlq) - Following the Lisbon meet, American athletes competed in Ireland and Belgium. Jim Fuchs was the most consistent performer, with a chain of 56-57 ft. marks to his credit, topped by a magnificent 57'2"3/4 effort at Belfast - second best ever in shot put history. Gordien put up a series of excellent discus marks, thus dispersing all remaining doubts as to his real greatness. Bob Richards vaulted 4.45 mtrs. (14'7"1/4) at Antwerp, Belgium for a European all-comers record. Fast-improving John Joe Barry of Eire was the outstanding foreign star with his 4:09.4 mile at Dublin, leaving AAU 1,500m champion John Twomey far behind.

SUMMARIES: Dublin, Eire, July 13: SP- 1.Fuchs 56'10"; 2. Gordien 49'11"1/2; 3.Guiney (Eire) 47'2"1/2; JT- 1.Held 221'10"1/2; PV- 1.Richards 14'6"; DT- 1.Gordien 172'10"; 2. Fuchs 155'4"1/2; 3.Clancy (Eire) 145'6"1/2; 100y- 1.Peters 9.8; 220y- 1.Peters 21.7; HJ- 1.Heintzman 6'4"; Mile- 1.John Joe Barry (Eire) 4:09.4 (new Irish record); 2.John Twomey. Ault and Whitfield ran in handicap races.

Brussels, Belgium, July 14: 100m- 1.Peters 11.0; 2.Peter Heath (Australia) 11.2; 200m- 1.Peters 22.3; 2.Peter Heath (Australia) 22.4; 400m- 1.Whitfield 50.1; 800m- 1.Whitfield 1:56.2; 1,500m- 1.John Twomey 4:10.4; 110mh- 1.Dixon 14.8; 2.van de Sype (Belgium) 15.5; 3.Ault 16.1; 400mh- 1.Ault 55.8; HJ- 1.Heintzman 6'4"3/4; PV- 1.Richards 13'7"3/8 (he vaulted 14'1"1/4 in an exhibition); SP- 1.Fuchs 56'8"3/4; 2.Gordien 48'10"1/4; 3.Verhas (Belgium) 47'4"1/2; DT- 1. Gordien 177'10"5/8; 2.Fuchs 159'9"3/4; JT- 1.Held 202'1.91 Belfast, Ireland, July 18: 100y- 1.Peters 9.9; 880y- 1. Whitfield 1:56.4; Mile- 1.Barry (Eire) 4:18; 2.Twomey; 120yh- 1.Dixon 14.6; SP- 1.Fuchs 57'2"3/4; PV- 1.Richards 13'6"; DT- 1.Gordien 170'11"1/2; JT- 1.Held 196'3". Antwerp, July 23: 100m- 1.Peters 10.6; 500m- (handicap race) 1.Whitfield (scratch) 62.4; 800m- 1.Whitfield 1:54.5; 1,500m- 1.Twomey 3:58.6; 110mh- 1.Dixon 14.4; 2.Ault 14.8; 200mh- 1.Dixon 24.2; HJ- 1.Heintzman 6'4"3/4; PV- 1.Richards 14'7"1/4; SP- 1.Fuchs 55'3"3/8; 2.Gordien 48'8"1/4; 3.Verhas (Belgium) 47'7"1/4; DT- 1.Gordien 168'8"3/8; 2.Fuchs 157'10"1/2; JT- 1.Held 194'4"1/4; 2.Richards 170'7"1/4; 4x100m Relay- 1.US (Ault, Whitfield, Peters, Dixon) 43.0.

WALKING SERIES:

- Lake George, NY-- 5-mile- 1, Wm. Mihalo 35:01 2, Henry Laskau 35:59 3, A. Weinecker 36:48 15-mile- 1, Mihalo 2:36:07 2, Weinecker 2:38:07 3, Ervin Erfitz 4, John Semple 38-mile- 1, Henry Laskau 4:45:06 2, Kurt Steiner 4:46:09 3, Chris Clegg 4:47:02

GUIDA AND MCKENLEY WIN

Georgetown, British Guiana, July 30-- Running on a rain-soaked track, Herb McKenley won the 100 in 9.7 and George Guida took the 880 in 2:01.1.

WEINECKER WINS WALKS

Pittsburgh, July 18-- Adolph Weinecker, 22-year-old Michigan State sophomore, put on a late spurt to win the AAU 35,000m walking championship in 3:18. Weinecker, the 50,000m champ and a 1948 Olympian, won by 150 yards from William Mihalo. John Deni, another Olympian, was third, after recovering from cramps.

CORRECTIONS

Photographs of the NCAA 440 finish and of Jim Fuchs were through the courtesy of the Los Angeles "Times".

Bill Albans broad jumped 23'11" in the AAU decathlon, not 24'3 1/2" as reported.

Certain non-U.S. marks reported in the last issue were the metric equivalent of times made in yards. See this month's list for accurate marks.

Time for Merle Martin in the AAU low hurdles should have been 23.1 instead of 22.9. See list of times elsewhere.

TRACK TALK

by Cordner Nelson

One two-miler who will inject color into future track meets is Jim Urquhart of Wisconsin. He's a big, handsome, 23-year-old Air Corps vet with curly but receding hair and a shuffling stride like old Joe McCluskey's. A buddy of Don Gehrman, Urquhart has a powerful kick finish not unlike the mile champion's.

Before the NCAA, my first impression of Urquhart was that he is too cocky for his own good. He expressed confidence that he could out seconds off his best of 9:15, and could stick with Ashenfelter. Next day he failed to hold the pace, but came rushing back on the last lap to take a bang-up fourth in 9:11.7. That evening I barely had time to comment, "You had too much left, Jim." He was trying hard to hold onto the pace set by two speedy ladies, and he grinned back over his shoulder, "Could be". I put him down as another playboy who would fail to develop his potential.

But three days later, after he won the 2-mile against the Pacific Coast in 9:18.5, he was the other extreme - almost too serious. He said he would not try to make the European team because, "I'm only a sophomore and I have a lot to learn before I represent the United States over there". But before returning to his newspaper job, he won an unprecedented double in the junior AAU, "Just for fun". Watch him, fans. He's good.

WATCH DRUETZLER, TOO. Another sophomore two-miler, Warren Druetzler, placed second in the NCAA 2-mile, timed in 9:08.9. His coach at Michigan State, Karl Schlademan, has suffered from Jack Dianetti's careless running, Bill Mack's infected tooth, Fred Johnson's game leg, and Horace Smith's timberitis, but Druetzler brings a smile to his face. To put it mildly, Schlademan likes Druetzler's possibilities, saying, "He's got a head as well as the heart and the body".

FASTEST DEAD HEAT IN HISTORY. Entirely unpublicized was the tie for first between Craig Dixon and Billy Anderson in the 120 yard high hurdles of the Compton Invitational. Judges and pictures called it a tie in 13.8, although Dixon edged Anderson at the second tape, 110 meters, in 13.9.

THE MAYOR OF FRESNO had his rugged features on page one of the AAU program. He's the silver medal winner in the 1936 Olympic discus, Gordon "Slinger" Dunn.

SHIN SPLINTS. Jack Williamson, Olympic team trainer and the man Guinn Smith "couldn't do without", says they have a new method of preventing pain from shin splints. The ball of the foot and the ankle are taped, pulling up on the back of the leg instead of around.

QUOTING HARRISON DILLARD: Before leaving for the AAU meet, Dillard told Jack Clowser of the Cleveland "Press", "I'll just have to do the best I can against Craig (Dixon), principally on my desire to win, and I find I'm beginning to lose some of that, too."

FOUR FLAT MILER? Charley Moore, Senior, told staff writer Frank Cooke that Roger Bannister looks like the man to run the four minute mile.

1952 OLYMPIC MARATHON TEAM. Right now I'll settle for Ted Vogel, Vic Dyrsgall, and Bob Black. Dyrsgall has only started and is undefeated. Vogel had to go to China this year, but will return to running. Black has never run a marathon, but when I asked him when he'd start, he said, "After I graduate. A lot of people around Boston think I can't do it, but I can."

WILLIE STEELE'S RETIREMENT as world's broad jump king to play pro football leaves the throne vacant. Fred Johnson, Steele's logical successor, is too erratic and fragile. Perhaps the new king will be George Brown, when and if he competes for UCLA.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR WHITFIELD? I asked Mal about that at Fresno. He said, "I don't know. I just run to win." So all he needs is someone to push him, because he intends to remain in competition. (He is saving his year and a half of eligibility so as to be in the best possible shape for the 1952 Olympics.) He may receive all the competition he can stand from Herb Barten next year. Barten plans to run for the San Francisco Olympic Club, and Whitfield may also run on the coast. Thus they would meet two or three times before the nationals. Wooderson's record is a shaky 1:49.2.

OVERHEARD AT A HIGH SCHOOL MEET: After a fast 100 was announced, an old-timer muttered, "Those timers musta had their watches in their pockets when the gun went off."

ANOTHER TITLE FOR DYRSGALL

Fall River, Mass., July 4-- Ninety-five degree heat slowed the time some four seconds behind the course record, but it did not prevent Victorious Vic Dyrsgall from winning another AAU championship.

Running away from Jesse Van Zant in the last mile, Dyrsgall retained his 15,000

- meter title in 54:30. 2, Jesse Van Zant 54:51 3, Tony Medeiros 56:20 4, Fred Schoeffer 56:43 5, Charley Robbins 57:04 6, Ted Horne 57:12 7, Paul Collins 57:24 8, Bill Steiner 57:50 9, John A. Kelley 58:05 10, Lou White 59:02

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