

1952

MEN - Los Angeles - June 27-28

100 Meters - June 27, 15.15 Hr

1. Art Bragg (Morg St)	10.5	
2. Lindy Remigino (Unat.- New York)	10.6	(+0.03)
3. Dean Smith (Texas)	10.6	(+0.06)
3. Jim Gathers (USAF)	10.6	(+0.06)
5. Bill Mathis (US-A)	10.6	(+0.09)
6. Willie Williams (Ill)	10.7	(+0.15)
7. Thane Baker (KSt)	10.7	(+0.18)
8. Alex Burl (Col St)	10.8	

Heats - June 27, first 3 qualify, 14.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Remigino 10.6, 2. Gathers 10.7, 3. Williams 10.7, 4. Baker 10.8, 5. John Haines (CTFC) 10.8, 6. Jim Golliday (Nwn), Jack Davis (USC) - Dnc
- 2/ 1. Bragg 10.5, 2. Smith 10.6, 3. Mathis 10.6, 4. Burl 10.8, 5. John George (Cal) 10.8, 6. Milt Campbell (Plainfield HS, N.J.) 10.9

Jim Golliday had won the '51 AAU by 2 meters in only his second year of running, and the '52 NCAA two weeks before the trials by 1 1/2 meters from Art Bragg. The hot favorite to win the Olympic gold had injured himself in an AAU semifinal, and here took one stride in his heat and stood up clearly in pain, and then hobbled his way through the race finishing untimed. Remigino, who had finished 5th in the NCAA and hadn't qualified for the AAU final, surprisingly won the heat, and Bragg won the other race from Dean Smith. In the final, Bill Mathis, the former Illinois star who had pulled up in the '48 OT, started best, and led the field until 50 meters, at which point Bragg surged by with Remigino and Smith in his wake. Bragg won by a 1/2 meter from Remigino, as Gathers closed with a terrific rush from 7th at 80m, catching Smith on the line, with Mathis 9 inches behind the third place men. For the first time in an OT race the Bulova timer could not break the tie, and both men were selected for Helsinki. After the 200m, it was determined that Smith would run the 100, as Gathers was selected for the 200m.

200 Meters - June 28, 15.25 Hr

1. Andy Stanfield (GSB)	20.6	=WR
2. Thane Baker (KS)	20.9	(+0.23)
3. Jim Gathers (USAF)	20.9	(+0.31)
4. Charles Thomas (San Antonio TC)	21.2	(+0.58)
5. Jim Ford (Drake)	21.4	
6. George Brown (UCLA)	21.5	

Heats: - June 27, first 3 qualify, 14.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Baker 21.6, 2. Brown 21.7, 3. Ford 21.7, 4. Art Bragg (Morg St) 21.7, 5. Horace Goode (SMU) 21.8, Jack Davis (USC) and Ollie Matson (USF) - Dnc
- 2/ 1. Stanfield 20.9, 2. Gathers 21.1, 3. Thomas 21.2, 4. Rod Richard (UCLA) 21.3, 5. Robert Carty (Man) 21.9, Eddie Macon (Unat) - Dnc

Stanfield ran hard for the first half of his heat, and then deliberately eased up, running 20.9, which at the time was the equal fastest time of the year. The 24 year-old, who had emerged in 1949 with a splendid 10.3/20.4 AAU double, was clearly the class of the field, and dominated the race clocking 20.6, equal to the world's best on record, though inferior to his 20.6 for 220 yards at the 1951 IC4A. He won by 0.23 from Thane Baker, whose time was officially 20.9; he had occupied second place throughout, but only held Gathers off by 0.08. Both he and Thomas were also officially given 20.9, but the two Texans were 0.27 seconds apart. Stanfield went on to win Olympic gold in the 200 (in 20.7/20.81) before anchoring the relay, and was generally regarded as the best sprinter on show in Helsinki.

400 Meters - June 28, 15.55 Hr

1. Mal Whitfield (USAF)	46.9
2. Eugene Cole (Unat. Lancaster, Ohio)	47.1
3. Ollie Matson (USF)	47.3
4. J.W. "Jesse" Mashburn (Okla)	47.5
5. Jim Lea (USC)	48.0

6. Sherman Miller (Oxy) 48.8

Heats: - June 27, first 3 qualify, 14.55 Hr

1/ 1. Whitfield 47.4, 2. Mashburn 47.4, 3. Miller 47.7, 4. Lou Jones (Man) 48.1, 5. Eddie Macon (Unat) 49.1, 6. Hugh Maiocco (NYU) 51.8

2/ 1. Cole 47.1, 2. Matson 47.3, 3. Miller 47.7, 4. Vernon Dixon (Man) 47.9, 5. Bradley (USC), 6. John Voight (Okla A&M) 48.4, Richard Maiocco (NYU) - Dnf

The line-up for the final was : Jim Lea, the surprise 3rd placer at the NCAA, Mal Whitfield the favorite, Jesse Mashburn the improving Oklahoma sophomore, Sherman Miller of Occidental, Gene Cole the fastest heat winner, and big (6'2"/205) Ollie Matson the All-American football player. Matson was out fast, while Whitfield felt a muscle pull at 100m and proceeded to ignore it. Matson led off the final bend with Whitfield a meter back and Lea at his shoulder. Cole was a further 2 meters back, but was the strongest man in the last quarter of the race. Whitfield floated past the tiring Matson with 50m to go and held Cole off by just over a yard, with Matson 3rd ahead of Mashburn. Lea tied up badly in the last 50m, thereby missing a chance to go to Helsinki. Two strides past the finish Whitfield started limping, a tribute to the self discipline which drove him smoothly through the last 3/4 of the race.

800 Meters - June 27, 15.45 Hr

1. Mal Whitfield (USAF)	1:48.6
2. John Barnes (Oxy)	1:50.6
3. Reggie Pearman (NYPC)	1:50.6
4. Don Gehrman (Unat. - Wauwautosa, Wis.)	1:51.2
5. Lon Spurrier (Cal)	1:51.9
6. Henry Cryer (Ill)	No time

7. Leon Lepard (US-A) No time, 8. Bob Chambers (US-A) No time, 9. Stacy Siders (Ill) No time, 10. Carl Joyce (Gtn) No time.

Joyce led for most of the first lap, and passed 400m in 53.9, after a second 200 of 28.2. Whitfield was behind Joyce, with NCAA champion Barnes on the outside and just ahead of Whitfield. Suddenly Whitfield squeezed through what appeared to be an impossibly thin gap, and was gone. His elegant style carried him past 600m in 1:20.8 with Barnes on his heels. Although his last 200 of 27.8 was almost a second slower than his third 200m segment he still gained 10 meters on Barnes. Gehrman looked like he would make the team ousting Spurrier, until both were overtaken by AAU winner Pearman, who gained more than 10 yards on the rest of the field in the last 100m. Whitfield can be regarded as one of the great American 400/800 runners, along with Lon Myers, John Woodruff and Tom Courtney - and if major championship wins is the criterion to determine greatness, can be considered the #1 US quarter/half runner of all-time. The table shows wins over 400/800

	Total	OG	OT	AAU	NCAA (to 1940)	IC4A
Whitfield	3/11	-/2	2/2	1/5	-/2	
Woodruff	3/9	-/1	-/1	-/1	-/3	3/3
Myers	6/3			6/3		
Courtney	1/5	-/1	-/1	1/2	-/1	

1500 Meters - June 28, 15.40 Hr

1. Bob McMillen (Oxy)	3:49.3
2. Warren Dreutzler (US-A)	3:50.8
3. Javier Montes (San Antonio AC)	3:51.1
4. Len Truex (Ohio St)	3:52.5
5. Fred Dwyer (Vill)	3:52.6
6. Joe LaPierre (Gtn)	3:53.2

7. Frank McBride (South Dakota State) 3:55.5, 8. Ted Wheeler (Iowa) 3:56.2, 9. Len Simpson (Cal) 3:58.0, 10. Dick Hart (CTFC) 3:58.4, 11. Ted Stryker. Robert Simon (Stan) - Dnf, Wes Santee (Kansas) - Dnc. Wes Santee, AAU champion opted for the 5000m, leaving McMillen, an easy victor in the NCAA 1500, as favorite. Following the leaders through laps of 59.5, 2:04.5 and 3:06.5, McMillen broke clear with 200m to go and wound up an easy winner by 10m from steeplechaser Warren Dreutzler, with inexperienced Javier Montes in third. Len Truex, 1951 AAU champion edged out Fred Dwyer for fourth. McMillen had run his last lap in 58.3, and his coach Payton Jordan, opined that his charge could improve to 3:46 in Finland. He ran 3:45.39 in Helsinki for a shock silver, and missed gold by 0.11 seconds.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - June 28, 14.40 Hr

1. Horace Ashenfelter (NYAC)	9:06.4 AR
2. Bill Ashenfelter (NYAC)	9:07.1
3. Browning Ross (Penn AC)	9:08.3
4. Bob McMullen (SJS)	9:11.0
5. Jim Brown (US-A)	9:28.2
6. Walter Molineux (Brown)	9:32.4
7. Chuck Phillips (UCLA) 9:37.9, 8. Stewart Ray (US-A) 9:38.1, 9. Sam Waltmire (LAAC) 9:56.6, 10. Bob Broughton (Ariz St) 9:58.9, 11. Paul Jennings (SJS) 9:58.9	

Harold Manning's 16 year-old record, dating from the 1936 AAU/OT race, was beaten by both Ashenfelters and was missed by 0.1 by Ross. McMullen, winner at both the NCAA and AAU was the favorite, and followed the pace set by the Ashenfelters. As the race developed Horace took a slight advantage over Bill, and with 200m to go was 4 yards clear, with McMullen 6 yards behind, followed by Ross another 4 yards back. Ross closed in on McMullen, who cracked the last hurdle, and Ross was in his second Olympic team.

5000 Meters - June 27, 14.45 Hr

1. Curtis Stone (NYAC)	14:27.0
2. Wes Santee (Kansas)	14:32.0
3. Charles Capozzoli (Gtn)	14:43.9
4. Fred Wilt (NYAC)	15:17.2
5. Bob Fox (Missouri)	15:23.3
6. John Johnson (St.John's)	15:34.4

Phil Coleman (Southern Illinois), Warren Rouse (Okla), Art Garcia (USC), Bob Reed (Stan), Gordon McKenzie (Unat.- New York), Bob Stout (SFOC) - Dnf, Jim Brown (Navy Olympics Club) - Dnc. Wes Santee had won the AAU 1500m, and the NCAA 5000m easily, and plumped for the longer distance. The pace was shared by Santee, Stone and Capozzoli who passed 400m in 64.0, and 1 mile in 4:37. Garcia, McKenzie and Wilt were in touch at this point, but fell off the pace after 1 1/2 miles (6:58). By 2 1/2 miles Capozzoli had dropped back, and Stone fought Santee off until the last lap, when Santee kicked with 250 yards to go. However, it wasn't a decisive move, and the bespectacled Stone bulldozed past with 150 yards left and won by 25 yards after a last 200m in 29.1

10000 Meters - June 20, Long Beach

1. Curtis Stone (NYAC)	30:33.4
2. Fred Wilt (NYAC)	30:40.9
3. Horace Ashenfelter (NYAC)	30:45.8
4. Browning Ross (Penn AC)	31:03.5
5. Gordon McKenzie (Unat.- New York)	31:30.1
6. Art Garcia (USC)	31:59.6

7. Bob Kelly (Loyola/Chi.) 32:09.4, 8. Don Wyman (SDS) 32:23.4, 9. Allison 32:31.3, 10. Walter Dieke (Wisc) 32:49.5, 11. John Lucas [lapped 3 times]. This was as much a team race as one can get in the OT. The 3 NYAC athletes took turns in setting the pace, and with 3 laps to go had lapped all but Ross and McKenzie. In a preview of his 5000 win, Stone surged clear of Wilt on the last lap, and won by over 30 yards.

Marathon

a) 27 May 1951, Yonkers (AAU)

1. Jesse van Zant	2:37:12.5
2. John Lafferty	2:37:36
3. Walter Fedorick	2:40:02
4. Paul Collins	2:40:43
5. Tom Jones	2:41:43
6. Tom Crane	2:42:04

b) 19 April 1952, Boston

1. Dorento Flores (GUA)	2:31:53
2. Victor Dyrsgall	2:36:40
3. Luis Velasques (GUA)	2:40:08
4. Tom Jones	2:43:29
5. Norman Tamanaha	2:51:55
6. Ted Corbitt	2:53:31

c) 18 May 1952, Yonkers (AAU)

1. Victor Dyrghall	2:38:28.4
2. Tom Jones	2:42:22.2
3. Ted Corbitt	2:43:23
4. Edo Romagnoli	2:45:24
5. John Lafferty	2:48:07
6. Paul Collins	2:48:47

As in 1948, three races were used as the basis of selection, but the leading contender for the team, Dyrghall, ran in only two of the races but was the top American in both, and so was selected, along with Jones and Lafferty. Dyrghall was the top American in Helsinki, finishing 13th, just under 10 minutes behind Emil Zatopek.

10000 Meters Walk - 1 June, New York

1. Henry Laskau (92nd St YMHA)	47:54
2. Frank LaMorte (Staten Island Harriers)	50:13
3. Price King (Cal)	51:39
4. William Mihalo (Thompson Products)	52:32
5. Gene Chichura (Polish Falcons)	52:52
6. John Sterner (NYPC)	52:39

7. John Humcke (Polish Falcons), 8. Ray McGee (Thompson Products). 1952 was the last year of the 10k walk on the Olympic programme; the number of disqualifications (which included Laskau) and the seemingly irrational basis for those oustings was the cause of the deletion of this event.

50 Kilometer Walk - May 4, Baltimore

1. Leo Sjogren (FAAC)	4:46:52
2. Adolf Weinacker (USAF)	4:47:02
3. John Deni (Frat. Order Elk)	4:48:40
4. Jimmy Sidun (Frat. Order Elk)	4:49:00
5. William Mihalo (Thompson Products)	4:55:02
6. Ronius Keturakis (Unat)	4:58:07

Weinacker, in his second Olympic team, was the only American to finish in Helsinki, in 22nd place (5:01:00.4), some 33 minutes behind the winner.

110 Meters Hurdles - June 28, 15.10 Hr

1. Harrison Dillard (Unat. - Cleveland)	14.0
2. Jack Davis (USC)	14.1
3. Art Barnard (USN)	14.2
4. Billy Anderson (US-A)	14.2
5. Milt Campbell (Plainfield HS, N.J.)	14.5
6. Willie Stevens (Chicago CYO)	14.5
7. Willard Wright (USC)	14.6
Craig Dixon (LAAC)	Dnf

Heats: - June 27, first 4 qualify, 14.00 Hr

1/ 1. Dixon 14.1, 2. Davis 14.3, 3. Campbell 14.5, 4. Stevens 14.5, 5. Bob Mathias (Stan) 14.8, 6. Van Bruner (Mich) 14.8, 7. Dick Attlesley (USN) 15.1

2/ 1. Dillard 14.1, 2. Anderson 14.1, 3. Barnard 14.5, 4. Wright 14.6, 5. James Jackson (USN) 15.0, Val Joe Walker (SMU) - Dnf, Joel McNulty (Ill) - Dnc

At the end of 1952, the world's top-5 (per "Track & Field News" rankings), and 7 of the best 10 were Americans. In the heats world record holder Attlesley injured his right foot halfway through the race, while Bob Mathias, who ran 13.8 in Zurich 6 weeks later, ran poorly and both were eliminated. In the final Dixon and Anderson had false starts, and there were 4 further faulty starts. On the 7th time of asking they got away, and Dillard went clear quickly, with Dixon in his wake. Big Jack Davis caught Dixon at the 7th hurdle, and Dixon smacked the eighth hard and fell, bumping Anderson as he did so, losing not only his Olympic place, but Anderson's as well. Dixon's version was "we got to the ninth hurdle, and I'm neck and neck with Dillard, Davis on his left, and Billy Anderson, who was behind me, hit his hurdle, and it tipped mine up because they were too close together. When it tipped it, it caught my back foot, and I

just tumbled". Art Barnard knew he would not make the team, and it was only when the announcer gave out the result that he realized that he had edged out Anderson, and he then celebrated in a state of joyous disbelief. Dillard hit hurdles 7 and 8 and held Davis off by 2 ft, as he was to do in Helsinki - where he ran an auto-time PR of 13.91.

400 Meters Hurdles - June 27, 15.30 Hr

1. Charles Moore (NYAC)	50.7
2. Lee Yoder (Ark)	51.3
3. Roland Blackman (US-A)	51.6
4. Bob DeVinney (Kansas)	51.6
5. Don Halderman (LAAC)	52.3
6. Jack Sage (UCLA)	54.6

Heats: - first 3 qualify, 14.20 Hr

1/ 1. Moore 52.0, 2. Yoder 52.6, 3. Blackman 52.7, 4. Edward White (USAF) 53.1, 5. Richard Towers (KS) 53.4, 6. Stan McConner (Mi N) 54.0, 7. Joe Hipple (SFOC) 54.0

2/ 1. DeVinney 52.7, 2. Don Halderman 53.1, 3. Sage 53.2, 4. William Johnson (Pepperdine) 53.3, 5. Norman Price (US-A) 54.1, 6. Jim Philbee (Bradley) 55.2

William Johnson, 3rd in the NCAA missed out in the heats, but the fastest non-qualifier was Ed White with 53.1 (White later became an astronaut). DeVinney went out like a dervish in the final, leading Moore until the 6th hurdle. Moore went on to run 50.7, the second fastest run of all-time, despite hitting a hurdle early on. Yoder, runner-up in the NCAA, passed the collegiate champion DeVinney before the 10th barrier and finished a clear second. DeVinney staggered across the line completely exhausted caught in the last stride by Blackman, who got the judges decision. Moore went on to win the Olympic title in 50.8, but Yoder and Blackman were eliminated in the semi-finals, the latter finishing 5th in his race despite being 6th fastest semifinalist.

High Jump - June 28, 13.30 Hr

1. Walter Davis (Texas A&M)	6'9"	(2.057)
2. Ken Wiesner (USN)	6'7 7/8"	(2.029)
3. Arnold Betton (Drake)	6'6 7/8"	(2.003)
4. Emery Barnes (Oregon)	6'6 7/8"	(2.003)
5. Fred Pratley (Utah)	6'6 7/8"	(2.003)
6. Eric Roberts (WSU)	6'5 7/8"	(1.978)
6. Barney Dyer (Utah)	6'5 7/8"	(1.978)

=8. Milton Mead (Mich), Herm Wyatt (SJS), Manuel Ronquillo (USC) 6'4" (1.93), 11. Herb Neff (Tenn) 6'4" (1.93), 12. Gorden (Missouri) 6'2" (1.88). Bernie Allard (Fresno HS, Ca) No height. As in 1948 international rules were used, with places determined on the countback. When Arnold Betton cleared 6'6 7/8" first time, he edged Barnes and Pratley, who both made that height on their second try. Pratley had an earlier miss, so Barnes took 4th. Wiesner led at 6'9", as he didn't have a single failure to that point. Davis heaved his 6'8"/220 frame over that height with his second jump, and then had three very close western rolls at the WR height of 6'11 1/16". He went on to win the Olympic title (with 2.04m) and Wiesner again an isolated 2nd (with 2.01m), while Betton finished 7th. Davis continued to the AAU in 1953, and set a WR in his final competition.

Pole Vault - June 28, 13.30 Hr

1. Bob Richards (Unat.- LaVerne, Ca.)	14'8 3/8"	(4.48)
2. Don Laz (Unat.- Champaign, Ill.)	14'5 3/8"	(4.40)
3. George Mattos (SFOC)	14'5 3/8"	(4.40)
4. Jack Rowan (LAAC)	14'1 3/8"	(4.30)
5. Don Cooper (LAAC)	14'1 3/8"	(4.30)
6. Bob Smith (USMC)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)
6. Len Eilers (UCLA)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)
6. Jerry Welbourn (Ohio St)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)
6. Ray Kring (SFOC)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)
6. Gordon Riddell (Col A&M)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)
6. Dave Seed (Cal)	13'6 3/8"	(4.12)

=12. Dave Martindale (Idaho), Lyle Dickey (Oregon St), William Priddy (SJS) 13'6 3/8" (4.12), =15. Richard Coleman (Ill), Richard Shrivvers (Oxy) 13'0" (3.96)

Laz and Richards had tied for the AAU title the week before with 14'8", four inches above Mattos, and the same 3 were clear of the opposition in the OT. Rowan and Mattos appeared headed for a jump-off until Mattos's last try at 14'5 3/8", which he made. In Helsinki, Mattos finished 9th (on 4.20m) behind the 1-2 of Richards (4.55m) and Laz (4.50m)

Long Jump - June 27, 13.30 Hr

1. Meredith Gourdine (Corn)	25'4 1/2"	(7.73)
2. Jerome Biffle (US-A)	25'2"	(7.67)
3. George Brown (UCLA)	25'1 1/2"	(7.66)
4. F. Morgan "Buzz" Taylor Jr (Princeton)	24'11 1/2"	(7.60)
5. Fred Johnson (USAF)	24'8 3/4"	(7.53)
6. Gaylord Bryan (SFOC)	24'0 1/2"	(7.32)

7. Jesse Thomas (US-A) 23'5 1/2" (7.15), 8. Art Scott (USN) 23'5 1/4" (7.14), 9. Bill Albans (LAAC) 23'2 3/4" (7.08), 10. Horace Coleman (Mich) 22'6 3/4" (6.87), 11. Gordon Busse (Bradley) 22'5" (6.83), 12. Merritt Vansantan (USMC) 18'4" (5.59). Frank Flores (Cal) and Bobby Ragsdale (Texas A&M) - Dnc

George Brown was the world's best jumper in 1951, a 26+ man in an era of 25' jumpers, but the OT was the beginning of the end for him. The NCAA/AAU double winner in 1951 and 1952 had a best of 24'7 1/2" going into the last round, but third place was at 24'11 1/2" - by the son of 1924 Olympic 400h winner, the similarly named Morgan Taylor. Leading was Jerome Biffle, AAU third placer, with 25'2" ahead of Cornell's Meredith Gourdine. Brown produced a berth saving jump of 25'1 1/2" in the last round, and was overjoyed even though it was his first loss since 1950; but joy turned to dismay 3 weeks later when he fouled 3 times in the Olympic final, won by Biffle from Gourdine. After Brown's last round drama, it was almost anticlimactic when Gourdine won the OT event with a fine last round jump of 25'4 1/2".

Triple Jump - June 28, 13.30 Hr

1. George Shaw (Columbia)	50'5 1/2"	(15.38)
2. Jim Gerhardt (San Antonio AC)	49'7 3/4"	(15.13)
3. Walter Ashbaugh (US-A)	49'7"	(15.11)
4. Sal Mazzocca (Nen)	48'11 1/2"	(14.92)
5. Frank Flores (USC)	48'11"	(14.91)
6. Jim Webb (LaSalle)	48'5 1/2"	(14.77)

7. Ernie Smith (US-A) 47'11 1/2" (14.62), 8. Jesse Thomas (US-A) 47'1 3/4" (14.37), 9. Clint Richardson (WSU) 47'0 1/4" (14.33), 10. Charlton Lewis (Yale) 46'7" (14.20), 11. Gaylord Bryan (SFOC) 46'5 3/4" (14.17), 12. Charles Johnson (LSU) 45'10 1/2" (13.98), 13. John Kline (Wayne St) 45'8 1/4" (13.92). Sal Mazzocca had finished second in the AAU from 1950 to 1952, but had the misfortune of jumping against 3 athletes who chose to achieve legal pb's when it most counted. Gerhardt led the competition for three rounds with 49'7 3/4" ahead of Mazzocca's 48'11 1/2". Shaw then surged ahead with 50'5 1/2" to rank #4 all-time amongst Americans; Ashbaugh also slipped by Mazzocca with his 49'7". Shaw jumped badly in Helsinki, failing to make the final with 14.39m, but Ashbaugh jumped better than any American Olympian since Levi Casey in 1928, in reaching 15.39m for 4th place.

Shot Put - June 27, 13.30 Hr

1. Darrow Hooper (Texas A&M)	57'1 3/8"	(17.41)
2. Parry O'Brien (USC)	57'0 1/2"	(17.38)
3. Jim Fuchs (NYAC)	56'11 1/2"	(17.36)
4. Bernie Mayer (NYPC)	56'7 3/4"	(17.26)
5. Wilbur Thompson (LAAC)	54'5 7/8"	(16.61)
6. Otis Chandler (USAF)	53'5 5/8"	(16.29)

7. John Helwig (US-A) 53'0 3/4" (16.17), 8. Stan Lampert (NYPC) 52'8 1/2" (16.06), 9. Howard Hertz (Stan) 51'1 1/4" (15.58), 10. Jim Hollingsworth (USN) 50'8 1/4" (15.44), 11. Bob Mathias (Stan) 48'9" (14.86). Bob Carey (Mich St) and Chuck Hokanson (Stan) - Dnc

The principals in this competition were O'Brien, AAU and NCAA champion, Hooper, collegiate runner-up, world record holder Fuchs, Chandler the future newspaper magnate, one of the first proponents of weight training, and #3 all-time, plus 55' men Lampert and Mayer. The last named moved to #7 on the outdoor all-time list, but was not good enough to make the team. His 56'7 3/4 was the best ever 4th place and would have been good enough for bronze in Helsinki, but having missed the '48 OT because of his father's death, Mayer had now missed his Olympic chance for good. Hooper won the competition with his first throw, while O'Brien began with 56'3

7/8" and improved to 56'9 3/8" in round 3 to make the team. O'Brien was vitriolically opposed to any position other than first, and in the next stanza he hit 57'0 1/2". That was to be his best for the day, and he was followed by Fuchs who leapfrogged over Mayer with his 56'11 1/2". Thompson, Olympic winner in '48, then correctly predicted an O'Brien win in Helsinki.

Discus Throw - June 28, 13.30 Hr

1. Sim Iness (USC)	174'10 1/4"	(53.29)
2. Fortune Gordien (LAAC)	173'5 3/4"	(52.87)
3. Jim Dillion (Auburn)	173'2"	(52.78)
4. Charles Emery (Penn)	166'4"	(50.70)
5. Jack Ellis (NYAC)	165'2"	(50.34)
6. Jim Fuchs (NYAC)	162'7 7/8"	(49.57)

7. Des Koch (USC) 162'3" (49.45), 8. Bob Mathias (Stan) 161'4 3/8" (49.18), 9. James Cooke (Lincoln) 158'6 1/2" (48.33), 10. Vic Frank (CTFC) 157'2" (47.92), 11. Taylor Lewis (LAAC) 157'1" (47.89), 12. Bob Morse (US-A) 141'11 3/4" (43.28), Dick Doyle (Montana AC), and Parry O'Brien (USC) - Dnc

Dick Doyle, the 1951 AAU champion, missed out on the OT after a bizarre swimming accident which resulted in a fractured neck. He would have been favored for third place behind NCAA winner Iness and veteran Gordien. Iness, who had an injury after a fall down some stairs, produced 5 throws beyond 170' to edge Gordien, and the surprising Dillion, who had emerged from relative obscurity with a pb of 175'3 5/8" to win the AAU. He finished well clear of Emery, the best black thrower since Archie Harris (WR setter in 1941), and then took bronze in Helsinki ahead of Gordien. Iness, a terrific physical specimen of 6'6"/235, won the gold with 55.02m (180'6"), continued for 1 more year and retired after becoming the first man to throw 190' (190'0 7/8" in the NCAA).

Hammer Throw - June 27, 10.00 Hr

1. Martin Engel (NYAC)	182'5"	(55.60)
2. Sam Felton (USN)	182'0"	(55.47)
3. Bob Backus (NYAC)	176'0 3/4"	(53.66)
4. Gil Borjeson (Brown)	175'0 1/4"	(53.34)
5. Tom Bane (NYAC)	173'5 3/4"	(52.87)
6. Henry Dreyer (NYAC)	173'3 1/2"	(52.82)

7. Joe Chadbourne (Yale) 161'8" (49.27), 8. Steve Dillon (Man) 161'0 5/8" (49.09), 9. Cliff Blair (Boston) 157'1 1/2" (47.90), 10. Hillard Torgan (USC) 130'9 1/4" (39.86), Tom Montgomery (SFOC) and Curran (Harvard) - Dnc. Marty Engel made the team on his 5th round personal best throw of 177' approximately (as it was unmeasured), moving up from 5th place, and then took the lead from Felton with another pb of 182'5". Felton had 4 throws of 179' or better as the top-2 finished well clear of the field. Bob Backus, whose weight later went up to 265, was only a 185 pounder in 1952, and he edged NCAA champion Borjeson for third.

Javelin Throw - June 27, 13.30 Hr

1. Bill Miller (US-A)	235'8 5/8"	(71.84)
2. Cy Young (LAAC)	234'1 7/8"	(71.37)
3. Franklin "Bud" Held (SFOC)	224'2 1/2"	(68.34)
4. George Roseme (Cal)	219'6 1/8"	(66.91)
5. Bob Allison (Navy)	217'6 1/4"	(66.30)
6. Steve Seymour (LAAC)	216'2 1/4"	(65.97)

7. Larry Goins (US-A) 210'5 3/4" (64.15), 8. Lynn Greene (US-A) 206'1 7/8" (62.84), 9. Charles Missfeldt (Oregon) 200'0" (60.96), 10. John White (SFOC) 198'9" (60.58). Leo Long (Stan) and Bob Kimball (Stan) - Dnc

Both Miller, the small (5'9"/158) athletic black thrower from New Jersey, and the tall (6'5"/205) Young had their best marks in the preliminary rounds, and were well clear of the rest throughout the competition. After the 3 initial rounds Seymour was in 3rd with 216'2 1/4", ahead of Held (215'4 7/8"), NCAA winner Roseme (212'7 5/8") and Allison (210'8"). First Allison moved on to the team with 217'6 1/4", and then Roseme with 219'6 1/8". In the last round Held, who had ranked #1 in the world in 1951, ignored the bruised shoulder which had been bothering him, and made a concrete claim for the third spot with 224'2 1/2". Although Held threw an almost identical distance in Helsinki (224'5 3/4") he finished only 9th, while Young (242'0 3/4") and Miller (237'8 3/4") were surprisingly taking gold and silver.

Decathlon - July 1/2, Tulare, Ca.

(Number in parentheses signifies number of events completed)

1. Bob Mathias (Stan)	7829 WR
10.8/7.15/15.21/1.89/50.8/14.6/48.15/3.75/59.09/4:55.3	
2. Milt Campbell (Plainfield HS, N.J)	7055
10.7/6.91/13.57/1.89/50.7/14.4/40.51/3.38/53.38/5:14.1	
3. Floyd Simmons (LAAC)	6804
11.2/6.93/12.41/1.89/51.7/14.8/39.90/3.75/57.84/5:13.8	
4. Bill Albans (Oxy)	6628
11.0/7.40/13.04/1.87/51.5/14.4/40.06/3.38/45.02/Dnf	
5. Otey Scruggs (Santa Barbara)	5941
11.6/6.58/12.35/1.75/52.3/16.1/39.04/3.38/45.52/4:33.6	
6. Sam Adams (Cal)	5920
11.4/5.98/15.09/1.70/52.7/16.9/42.76/3.18/59.94/5:11.1	
7. Ed Barker 5627, 8. Dean Pryor 5620, 9. Russell Smith 5609, 10. Bill Miller (7) 5540, 11. Dave Sommers 5501, 12. Don White 5087, 13. Jim Sturdevant 5064, 14. Leon Patterson (9) 5053, 15. Jim Klein 4928, 16. Dale Keyser 4834, 17. Phil Mulkey 4758, 18. Doug Martin (8) 4584, 19. Jim Mathias 4253, 20. Bob Morse 4005, 21. Ramon Lopez (6) 3755, 22. Tom Rowe 3473, 23. Billy Anderson (4) 3234, 24. Harley Tinkham (5) 2464, 25. Don Thomas (5) 2389, 26. James Cooke (2) 1380	

Bob Mathias, competing in his first decathlon since setting a WR of 7444 (8042 on the 1934 scoring tables in operation at the time) in the 1950 AAU in his hometown of Tulare, returned home to destroy his own record, winning the OT by more than 10% with 7829 points. Remarkably, the second place athlete was regarded with almost as much enthusiasm as Mathias. Milt Campbell had never competed in a decathlon before, never even taken part in a long jump competition, but he was a clear second, and showed the potential to be a world beater. Campbell began with 10.7 in the 100, ahead of Mathias, but was overtaken by the 21 year-old veteran (!) in the long jump 23'5 1/4" to 22'8", although Campbell fouled his first 2 jumps before showing great poise in getting off a decent jump. At that point Campbell was behind Bill Albans, but Campbell overtook Albans by 1 point in the HJ, and stayed there for good. Meanwhile Mathias was continuing on his way to a record, beating the marks from his previous WR in 9 of the 10 events (in 1950 he had vaulted 3.98m). Mathias actually beat the WR in the 9th event, reaching 7535 at that point. In a remarkable display of good sportsmanship Albans stepped off the track during the 1500m when he seemed certain to make the team. He revealed to the crowd that a bone chip in his hand which he had suffered from during the shot and pole vault would prevent him from competing properly in Helsinki, and so he decided not to finish, allowing the visibly touched Simmons to make his second Olympic team. Among the also-rans were Jim Mathias, Bob's brother, Harley Tinkham who proved more successful as a sports journalist, Bill Miller, OG javelin qualifier, Phil Mulkey, future WR holder, and 13.9 hurdler Billy Anderson.

Mathias completed his remarkable major championship decathlon career with yet another WR in the Helsinki Olympics, winning by an even greater margin over Campbell (7887 to 6975) than in the OT. Mathias scored 7193 (for 9 events) in his final decathlon, the 1956 Inter-services title, but by then he was no longer eligible for Olympic competition, having starred in a film version of his life. The 7829 was on the tables accepted at Helsinki in 1952, while the OT official score on the 1950 tables was 7825.

WOMEN

Harrisburg, Pa. - July 4

There were 24 Olympic positions available in individual events, but only 10 were filled, by 8 athletes, with one additional relay competitor added, evidencing the continuing lack of development of the sport, in contrast to the men. Although the winners in the High Jump, Shot/Discus and second and third placers in the hurdles were recommended to the Olympic Committee for selection, none were in fact taken to Helsinki. Other than Darnowski (80mh) and Larney (JT), all selections were sprinters.

100 Meters

1. Mae Faggs (NYPAL) 12.1
2. Janet Moreau (RDAC)
3. Catherine Hardy (Ft Valley State)

4. Barbara Jones (Chicago CYO)
5. Mary McNabb (Tus)
6. Cynthia Robinson (NYPAL)

Semi-finals:

- 1/ 1. Faggs 11.9, 2. Hardy, 3. Mabel Landry (CYO Chicago)
- 2/ 1. Moreau 12.3, 2. Robinson, 3. Barbara Husband (PAL-NY)
- 3/ 1. McNabb 12.3, 2. Jones, 3. Dolores Dwyer (GAAC)

Heats:

- 1/ 1. Hardy 13.0, 2. Dolores Queary (Ft Val St), 3. Audrey Patterson (Unat-New Orleans), 4. Louise Mead (PAL – NY), 5. Ernestine Hardy (Cleveland), Rebecca Ayres (CYO Chi)
- 2/ 1. Faggs 12.2, 2. Landry, 3. Josephine Gilmore (Tusk), 4. Margaret Matthews (Tusk), 5. Jean Blackstone (Wissahicken AA), 6. Beverly Behm
- 3/ 1. Moreau 12.1, 2. Edith Moten (Tusk), 3. Barbara Husband (PAL –NY), 4. Mildred Platts, 5. Gloria Schlotka, 6. Margaret d'Lucia
- 4/ 1. Robinson 12.2, 2. Jean Lattimer (Tenn A&I), 3. Margaret Davis (Tusk), 4. Betty Richardson (Chicago)
- 5/ 1. Jones 12.2, 2. Dwyer, 3. Nell Jackson (Tusk), 4. Lenore Leiser (Eq.Life), 5. Bobby Richardson (Chicago)

Faggs was the only member of the 1948 team to repeat, and ran 11.9 in a heat. She made the Helsinki final running 12.26 for 6th, while Hardy was eliminated in her second round race, and Moreau in the heats. The 3 100m selections joined with Barbara Jones, who at 15 1/4 became the youngest ever athletics Olympic gold medalist when the USA team beat Germany 46.14 to 46.18 after favorites Australia dropped the baton - this was the second time in 3 Olympic 400m relays that the USA had benefited in this way.

200 Meters

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| 1. Catherine Hardy (Ft Valley State) | 24.3 |
| 2. Mae Faggs (NYPAL) | |
| 3. Dolores Dwyer (GAAC) | |
| 4. Frances Newbern (Tenn A&1) | |
| 5. Rebecca Ayars (Chicago CYO) | |

Heats:

- 1/ 1. Hardy 24.4, 2. Dwyer, 3. Janet Moreau (Red Diamond AC), 4. Margaret Davis (Tusk), 5. Margaret Matthews (Tusk)
- 2/ 1. Faggs 25.6, 2. Nell Jackson (Tusk), 3. Josephine Gilmore (Tusk), 4. Audrey Patterson (Unat-New Orleans)
- 3/ 1. Mary McNabb (Tusk) 24.5, 2. Ayars, 3. Arlene Pugh (Tusk), 4. Gloria Schlotka, 5. Betty Richardson (Chicago)

Hardy's run suggested that she might make the final in Helsinki, but she just missed out, finishing 4th in her semi-final, but made up for it with her relay gold. Neither Faggs nor Dwyer qualified for the Helsinki semis. Runners aiming to double up in the 100 and 200 were expected to run 5 races in a day ! Curiously, Frances Newbern appears in the final results despite not (apparently) running in the heats !

80 Meters Hurdles

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| 1. Constance Darnowski (GAAC) | 11.8 |
| 2. Theresa Manuel (Tus) | |
| 3. Caroline McDermott (Unat. Norman, Okla.) | |
| 4. Essye Davenport (Tus) | |

Semi-finals:

- 1/ 1. Darnowski 12.1, Nancy Phillips (GAAC), 3. Lula Bell (Tusk), 4. Robbie Hendrix (Tusk)
- 2/ 1. Manuel 12.3, 2. McDermott, 3. Davenport, 4. Mildred Martin (CYO – Chicago)

Special semi-final (run-off for final qualifying spot for final):

1. Davenport 12.8, 2. Bell

Heats:

- 1/ 1. Darnowski 11.9, 2. Bell, , 3. Beverly Behm (GAAC), 4. Rebecca Ayars (CYO –Chi)
2/ 1. Nancy Phillips (GAAC) 12.2, 2. Hendrix, 3. Caroline Squires (Unat-Austin), 4. Dolores Dwyer (GAAC)
3/ 1. McDermott 12.7, 2. Davenport, 3. Loita Mauer (Pasadena), 4. Loretta Blaul (GAAC)
4/ 1. Manuel 12.6, 2. Martin, 3. Joan Wolski (Eq Life)

17 year-old Darnowski followed up her AAU win (12.1) from the week before with an OT victory 1/10th of a second off the US record and was thus one of the chosen few selected for Helsinki. She finished 5th in her heat there in 12.29

High Jump

1. Ora Lee Allen (Chicago CYO)	4'11 3/4"	(1.52)
2. Loita Mauer (Sertoma, Pasadena, Ca.)	4'10"	(1.47)
2. Marion Boos (NYPAL)	4'10"	(1.47)
4. Lulu Bell (Tus)	4'8"	(1.42)
5. Rebecca Ater (Unat.)	4'6"	(1.37)

In the 4 years since Coachman's departure from athletics the AAU title had not been won with a jump exceeding 5'0". The OT followed in that vein, and Allen outjumped the AAU winner of 1951-52 Boos to win the OT, but without Olympic selection.

Long Jump

1. Mabel Landry (Chicago CYO)	18'3"	(5.56)
2. Joan Wolski (ELAC)	16'4 3/4"	(5.00)
3. Nancy Phillips (GAAC)	16'0 1/2"	(4.88)
4. Frances Newburn (Tenn A&I)	15'11"	(4.85)
5. Barbara Jones (Chicago CYO)	15'10 1/2"	(4.84)
6. Loretta Blaul (GAAC)	15'5 1/4"	(4.70)

Landry had won the AAU in 1949 aged 16, and was an easy winner here, gaining selection for Helsinki, where she acquitted herself well with 7th place (5.75m/18'10 1/4").

Shot Put (8 lb implement)

1. Janet Dicks (Harrisburg AA)	39'8 1/4"	(12.09)
2. Amelia Bert (LRAC)	39'5 1/2"	(12.02)
3. Doris Sutter (Unat.- Los Angeles)	37'2 1/2"	(11.34)
4. Donna Thompson (Chicago CYO)	36'6 1/4"	(11.13)
5. Carolyn Nave (LRAC)	34'1"	(10.39)
6. Nancy Reid (LRAC)	34'0 1/4"	(10.37)

With the top athletes in the world throwing 10 ft farther with the international implement (10% heavier), it was perhaps understandable that no-one was selected here. Curiously, Bert and Dicks had tied for the AAU title the week before with 37'9".

Discus Throw

1. Janet Dicks (Harrisburg AA)	108'3 1/2"	(33.00)
2. Marjorie Larney (ELAC)	107'0 3/4"	(32.63)
3. Amelia Bert (LRAC)	106'7 3/8"	(32.49)
4. Doris Sutter (Unat.- Los Angeles)	105'3 1/4"	(32.08)
5. Rita Gregory (Chicago CYO)	104'6 7/8"	(31.87)
6. Yvonne Macon (NYPAL)	100'0"	(30.48)

Although Dicks was the only double winner at the trials, her distance made it impossible for the selectors, who took no-one in this event

Javelin Throw

1. Marjorie Larney (ELAC)	133'7 1/2"	(40.73)
2. Amelia Westhoven (Unat, Ridgefield, N.J)	124'0"	(37.80)
3. Janet Dicks (Harrisburg AA)	117'1 1/4"	(35.69)

4. Frances Licata (NYPAL)	114'4 1/8"	(34.84)
5. Mary Brubacher (Harrisburg AA)	109'5"	(33.34)
6. Carolyn Nave (LRAC)	100'4 5/8"	(30.60)

Dicks had won the AAU a week earlier, but couldn't get within 20' of her winning throw of 137'9", leaving the 15 year-old Larney an easy winner, and the only female thrower to make it to Helsinki. There she finished 13th just under 10 meters behind Dana Zatopková.