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Here we go on our second year. Let us know how we can serve you better--after all, this is the special publication for "us Track Nuts".

## NEWS

U.S. Dick Maiocco ran 21.0 in NY, 7/28. Parry O'Brien heaved 59-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , worlds best for 1955, at Toronto July 23. Arnie Sowell won Allegheny MT. AAU in 1:55.8 July 3, first race or workout since Boulder--he's at ROTC summer camp. Stu Thomson 174-1 & 155-2 (DT), Baltimore July 29.

Eastern AAU, Baltimore, July 24: Ed Waters 9.7, 21.7; Maiocco 48.6 Tom Murphy 1:56.9; Santee 4:12.7; Luther Burdelle 15:12.2; John Kopil 33:21.5; John Mapp 15.1; Arnold Jackson 24.5; Wilbur Wilson 24-2 3/4; George Shaw 49-4; Ken Bantum 52-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Stu Thomson 156-4; Thomson 170-1 HT; Bill Miller 241-6, Kiwitt 240-2.

All-comers, Alhambra, Cal. July 23: Dick Haddon 6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; George Mattos 14-0; Larry Anderson 13-6; Bob Butterfield 214-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Hunter Cook 203-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Clyde Wetter 50-9; Otis Chandler 49-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Chandler 151-6 3/4; July 30: Dick Dorsey 10.8m; Jerome Walters 1:55.1; Bob Richards 15-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bobby Smith, George Mattos, Larry Anderson 14-0; Wetter 50-7; Chandler 49-9; Des Koch 171-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Chandler 157-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Butterfield 215-8.

JAMAICA July 6, Whitfield did not run 800; it was his record that was beaten. July 9: Spurrier won 440 in 47.8, not Pearman, who was second; Poucher 13-10; Miller 244-4; Stanley 1:50.4y; Dumas 6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  (not 6-3 3/4); July 11--Andrews 24-7; Francis (Puerto Rico) 53.6 400m; Gardner 10.7m; LaPierre 3:52; Dumas 6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Pearman 48.4m; Campbell 14.0m; Poucher 13-6; Miller 242; July 12: Campbell 9.6; Pratt 24.0; Campbell 14.2; 1000m, Spurrier 2:24.9, Stanley 2nd; Poucher 14-1 3/4; Miller 249; Dumas 6-6, exhibition. July 13: Diaz (PR) 10.0m; Pearman 48.3m; Campbell 13.9m; Spurrier 1:53.9y, Stanley 2nd; LaPierre 4:31.3; Dumas 6-5 7/8; Poucher 13-10; USA (Stanley, LaPierre, Spurrier, Pearman) 3:11.3m.

U.S. ARMY IN EUROPE Championships, July 15-17. Pete Retzlaff 52-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 167-2; Sam Adams 206-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Joel McNulty 14.4; Dick Howard 23.8; Ira Murchison 10.5 and 21.8; Willie Smith 21.3 heat; Mel Riggins 6-6 5/8; Modris Peterson 53.6; Van Zimmerman and Joe Springer 13-0.

EUROPE has produced four worlds records. Sandor Iharos of Hungary ran 3:40.8 for 1500m at Helsinki, July 28, beating Istvan Rozsavolgyi, 3:42.8. Chris Chataway ran 13:23.2 for three miles at London July 30. Roger Moens of Belgium ran 800m in 1:45.7, beating Audun Boysen of Norway, 1:45.9, at Oslo, August 3. And Mikhail Krivonosov of Russia regained his hammer throw record with 211-11 3/4 at Warsaw August 4. Other top marks include: Blair 10.4 twice, 21.0, 21.2; Tokarjev, 20.9, USSR Record; Haas 46.9; Hellsten 47.0; Lea 47.0, 47.2, 47.4; Courtney 47.6, 47.9; Fryer 47.7y, Wheeler 47.7yn; Degats, 47.3, French Rec; Boysen 1:48.0, 1:49.0y; Johnson 1:48.7y, 1:51.4; Hewson 1:48.9yn; Courtney 1:49.0; Seaman 1:51.2; Stracke 1:49.2; Salsola 2:21.5, Finnish Record; Nielsen 4:03.4 (Danish Record) from Chromik 4:05.4 (Polish Record) & Dwyer 4:10.8; Nielsen 3:44.2 (Rec) from Hermann 3:44.4 (East German Record) & Chromik 3:44.8 (Rec); Ericsson 3:46.6 from Johansson 3:47.8; Seaman 3:48.6; Hewson 4:05.4 from Wood 4:06.2, & Jackson 4:08.6; Ericsson 5:09.6 (2000m) from Kaellevaagh 5:09.8 and Dwyer 5:10.0, American Record. Tuomaala 8:03.6, Finnish record; Rosznyoi 8:48.0 Hungarian Record; Disley 8:52.2 and 8:56.6; Brasher 8:56 and 8:59.4; Larsen 8:51.0; Deheny 8:52.4. Chataway 13:33.6; Ibbotson 13:37n and 13:42.2n; Schade 13:44.8n; Zatepek 14:17.2, Schade 14:18.4; Kovacs 29:45.6; Posti 29:55; Parker 14.3 and 14.6; Culbreath 51.6 and 51.9; Shaw 52.2y; Yulin 52.3; Nilsson 6-10 5/8 from Shelton (6-8 3/8), and 6-9- to 6-8.7 (6 of 10 wins for Nilsson); Bennett 25-5 7/8; Foldessy 2409 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Landstrom 14-8 European Record; Skobla 55-5 3/8; (continued)

Karel Merta, Czech., 185-3 3/4, European record and No. 3 all-time;  
Connolly 199-5.7; Rut 197-4, Polish Record.

### QUIZ

Taking the national records of US, USSR, Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, France, Finland, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Norway, Yugoslavia, Great Britain and Hungary: 1--How do the 15 countries rank in combined times of Olympic running events through 10,000m, including steeplechase? 2--How would they score on a 10,8,6,4,2,1 point system? Answers below.

### WIND SPRINTS

Another American team goes to Europe in September--Rod Richard, Charles Jenkins, Arnold Sowell, Wes Santee and Bob Smith...Payton Jordan, coaching Greek athletes this summer, reports 25,000 saw the Greece-Italy meet...the Allegheny Mt. AAU saw the 440 hurdles run without lanes and no staggers; it was every man for himself, the first one to the hurdle getting the inside lane...why don't more U.S. tracks have lines marked across the track a yard apart back from the finish for five or 10 yards, to help judge distances back?...Chuck Beaudry, former Marquette athlete and 1945 AAU decathlon champ, is still competing after 24 straight years...when Pirie ran 6:26 for 1 1/2 miles, he said he wanted to do 6:14...Dr. Charles Robbins, long distance runner, nominates Browning Ross as the most versatile runner of all time. Ross' best times are 100 in 10.6, 220 in 23.0, 440 in 50.0, 880 in 1:55, mile in 4:13.2 indoor, 2 mile in 9:08.3, steeplechase in 9:08.3, 10,000m in 31:03, and marathon in 2:43:10...the US Olympic team may meet Canada's Olympic team next September (56) during the Canadian national exhibition in Toronto...the interscholastic mile record has been broken four times in two years. Bob Seaman did 4:21.0 in 1953 to break Louis Zamperini's 1934 mark of 4:21.2. Max Truex did 4:20.4 last year, Tod White did 4:20.0 this year, and a week later Tom Skutka did 4:19.5...White is listed for Oxy and Skutka for SC...Bill Jameson reports that prep Mike Fleming ran 1:52.0 for his leg in the AAU relays. His best prep time was 1:54.7...Burr Grim ran a mile in the AAU relays in Buffalo, drove all night to Woodbury, NJ, then won the mile (4:29), two-mile (10:01) and steeplechase, all on the world's worst track, the next day...Dr. Barnister is to become house surgeon for six months at the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford...early this year Connie Warmerdam said "the best young vaulter I have seen in my life is Don Bragg. He has a lot of speed on the run, and a fine pull. However, his technique is not too good yet. He should reach his peak in about five years and I would say he has the best chance of reaching 16 feet of any of the men still vaulting...Frank Potts, coach at mile high Colorado University, says milers run approximately 10 seconds slower at Boulder than elsewhere. "The difference goes up to 20 seconds slower for runners used to low altitudes, while the effect bothers runners in the shorter events very little, if any"...Hec Dyer made the 1932 Olympic team using a standing start to protect a leg injury...Gaston Reiff says he will run at Melbourne "only if he feels in good form"...Britain's AAA plans to crack down on paced records by refusing to recognize records set in races paced by athletes obviously not trying to win...

### QUIZ ANSWER

1. Czechoslovakia 58:36.1; 2, Hungary 58:46.6; 3, Great Britain 58:48.5; 4, USSR 58:56.6; 5, Sweden 59:05.8; 6, Germany 59:08.0; 7, Finland 59:13.6; 8, France 59:39.4; 9, Yugoslavia 59:42.8; 10, Norway 59:48.7; 11, Poland 60:07.2; 12, Belgium 60:21.0; 13, USA (60:31.0); 14, Denmark 60:48.9; 15, Netherlands 60:54.8. (US ranks tie first in 100, first in 200 & 400, 4th 800, 3rd 1500, 2nd SC, 15th 5000, 14th 10,000).  
 2--US 47, Germany 36, USSR 34, GB 27 1/3, Hungary 26 1/3, CSR 22, Sweden 13, Finland 13, Belgium 10 1/2, Norway 8 1/3, Yugo 6, Neth. 5, Fr. 1/2

## SO THEY TELL US

DONN KINKZLE, now Brazilian national coach: "Last week I was asked what the rule is in the relay if the runner's foot passed over the line at the moment of exchange but his torso had not. Oh, these Brazilians!"

TN Ralph Craig, Albany, N.Y.: "Do you have any way of evaluating the Texas times in the 100? Some of them look to me like the times of high school sprinters when I was in college. They could all do 10 flat--that was back in the early 1900s--but when they met a man who could do 10 flat they would be about five yards behind. That is not intended as a disparaging remark about some of today's high schoolers who are turning in some really remarkable performances. It merely reflects my intuitive feeling about Texas sprint times." (How about it, Texas TNs? H. D. Thoreau points out that the Texas season comes to a climax well before nationals, then heat and lack of competition cause Texans to tail off before nationals. It also reminds that when Jesse Owens was asked the difference between his high school and his college 9.4 he said "about seven yards".)

TN Robert Behr, Wellesley Hills, Mass: "Led by Hal Connolly, the Boston Athletic Association is building up again. Ralph Colson and others are behind this latest BAA move. The BAA won the team title in the New England AAU meet where Connolly unfurled his 201. He had a 208 chuck but fouled by an inch or less. I hope you noticed the iron man performance of Harvard Captain Bob Rittenburg in the Yale meet. Harvard won by 2/3 of a point as Rit won four events and took two seconds close behind Thresher in the dashes. He won both hurdles, B& & HJ."

TN Spence Gartz, San Diego: "May I sound a 'Hear, Hear' for your comments on the Coliseum Relays. The education of spectators to appreciate a good race is the most important item to be undertaken nowadays... As far as starting goes, I think behavior on the blocks is a reflection on the man and his coach. Granted Dean Smith makes any field he's in jittery, most of the chronic jumpers are out to steal the starter's shoes if they can. I liked the manner in which Golliday conducted himself at the Coliseum, and I think it was a compliment to Rut Walter, his coach, who I believe to be one of the best starters in the U.S. It's surprising the number of coaches who delegate the choice of firing the pistol in practice to a third assistant manager."

TN Hal Higdon, with the Army in Europe: "The Army plods along its merry way. They pay no attention at all to the track men until they suddenly discover that a track meet is coming up at the end of the week. They they look at you, throw up their hands in dismay, and scream: 'My God, why aren't you in shape?'"

TN Syd DeRoner, South Orange, New Jersey: "Bobby Morrow held up well against the big boys in the AAU. I have a lot more respect for his 9.1 and 9.3 wind times."

TN Roberto Quercetani, Florence, Italy: "All I know about javelins is that also the Scandinavians have new implements right now, mostly made along the lines of the Held javelin, or just slightly different (as an excuse to call them with Swedish or Finnish names). Yes, Matti Jarvinen certainly improved on the quality of javelins in his heyday, as he was a student of the event, just like Held, but I don't think he really achieved much. The Finns seem to be touchy on the subject. Obviously they consider anything relevant to javelins as a strictly 'national' matter. While not excusing them we may at least understand them--to that country of 3½ million people the word 'javelin' (keihas) really conveys a magic significance."

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COMING UP. August T&F News, mailed August 11. Next Newsletter, Aug. 23. Following Newsletters on Sept. 6, 20, October 4, 25, November 8, 22. Send news, comments, etc. accordingly.



TN Norris McWhirter, Athletics World: "Now that our people have seen what heat will do (Pirie dropped out of AAA six mile in 79 degrees) perhaps they will be more tolerant of U.S. distance runners."

TN Fred Wilt, Lafayette, Indiana: "We consider 79 as cool here-- understand what I mean about the heat?"

TN Al Herschel, Long Beach, Cal: "How about a poll for the greatest track and field men of all time? For U.S. greatest I nominate: track--Bernie Wefers, 9.4 27 times and 9.3 if timed in 10ths. Field--Jesse Owens, broad jump record untouched for 20 years. Track & field--Owens. Greatest European: track--Emil Zatopek, 3 Olympic titles and numerous world records. Field--Adolpho Consolini, since 1940 has lost to only two Europeans. T&F--Zatopek. Greatest world: track--Zatopek. Field--Owens. T&F--Zatopek."

TN Allan Bangs, Monterey Park, Cal.: "Didn't Bob McMillen run a 1320 workout in 2:55 in Korea last year?...Better than a best ever list at each age level would be best ever under 20, which is the European equivalent to our Frosh records. (Ed: Under 20 marks will be just one of the several age-level lists). Too, how about a complete listing of the records for high school, junior college and frosh in the U.S.?" (Ed: Dick Bank has an all-time U.S. list worked up, soon to be published. Any one want the job of compiling all-time lists for JC and frosh?)

## STATS

TN Emerson Case, Schenectady, N.Y., will handle the compilation of best marks at each age level. A TN for 30 years, he has much of the material already. His preliminary list will be checked with other sources, then published. Additions and corrections will be made from there. Case is a statistician with General Electric, says he has read nearly everything of importance in the English language on track.

Hammer stats from Stan Tomlin's "The ModernAthlete": Up to 1955, 27 men from 12 countries had thrown over 190. Seven had surpassed the classic 60 meters (196-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Strandli (best of 204-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) leads with 20 throws over 60m, including three exhibitions. Krivonosov (207-9  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) has 10, Csermak (201-4  $\frac{7}{8}$ ) 8, Nyenashev (210-1  $\frac{5}{8}$ ) 4, Nemeth (197-10  $\frac{3}{8}$ ) 2, Maca (200-1  $\frac{5}{8}$ ) 1, Storch (199-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 1.

All pre-1955 throws over 200, including more than one mark per meet (which is not included above):

210-1 $\frac{5}{8}$	Nyenashev, Baku	12/12/4	201-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	Strandli, San Juan	4/3/3
207-9 $\frac{3}{4}$	Krivonosov, Berne	8/29/4	200-11 $\frac{3}{8}$	" , Oslo	9/14/2
207-6 $\frac{1}{8}$	" "	" "	200-11 $\frac{3}{8}$	Krivonosov, Kiev	8/2/4
204-7 $\frac{1}{8}$	Strandli, Oslo	9/5/3	200-8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Strandli, Oslo	9/5/3
204-5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nyenashev, Baku	12/12/4	200-7 $\frac{7}{8}$	" "	10/2/3
204-1 $\frac{5}{8}$	" "	12/5/4	200-7 $\frac{7}{8}$	Nyenashev, Baku	11/21/4
203-10 $\frac{7}{8}$ x	Strandli, Santa Fe	4/5/3	200-7 $\frac{1}{8}$	Csermak, Budapest	5/30/4
203-8 $\frac{1}{8}$	" , Oslo	9/2/4	200-5 $\frac{7}{8}$	Krivonosov, Berlin	6/7/4
202-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Krivonosov, Prague	10/24/4	200-5 $\frac{1}{8}$	Csermak, Warsaw	6/19/4
202-0 $\frac{3}{8}$	Strandli, Sarajevo	9/26/4	200-4 $\frac{3}{8}$	Strandli, Berne	8/29/4
201-6 $\frac{1}{8}$	Krivonosov, Berne	8/21/4	200-2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Krivonosov, Warsaw	6/19/4
201-4 $\frac{7}{8}$	Csermak, Budapest	7/3/4	200-1 $\frac{5}{8}$	Maca, Kutna-Hora	9/12/53

## SPECIAL NOTES

August T&FN will carry details on prize contest. Track Newsletter subscribers who have renewed or who are paid up to date, qualify for the contest with number of entries as listed. Enter soon. It's fun.

We have discovered a cache of the June 49 issue of T&FN, which has been out of stock. Normally priced at \$2.50, it is available to TN subscribers at \$1.00. Also one issue each of July 49 (worn) \$1.50; April 1950, \$2.50; July 1950, \$2.50; March 49 (worn) \$1.50. If any of these are desired, write, but don't send money. You will be notified.