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NEWS

9.2 100 may be approved for Jim Golliday at AAU convention in Louisville, Dec. 1-4. AAU has decided his 9.3 of last spring should be 9.2, although coach Rut Walter disagrees. AAU also will decide on location of AAU (probably Bakersfield, Cal.) and time of Olympic Trials, as there are supporters for changing the end of June dates. Also Santee. U.S. Hal Connolly had 202-7 on October 8, and 207-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Oct. 23; Nov. 24 road runs: Browning Ross won his 9th Berwick marathon in 46:43; Rodolph Mendez won the 25th annual Poughkeepsie YMCA 10 mile road race in a record 52:24; Len Truex took the 45th annual Ft. Thomas-Cincinnati six-miler in 30:55.0.

Australia National shot put record by Donath, 51-1 $\frac{3}{4}$; Clohessy 13:48.4 from Power 13:48.6; Power 29:08.4 (six miles) and 30:02.4, national record; Lawrence 4:10.2 from Clohessy 4:10.4; Perry 13:50.7; Stephens 9:15.6; Lincoln 4:12.4; deGruchy 9.8; Gipson 48.7.

Europe Heino Oksanen of Finland claimed world's best with 20 miles in 1:45:28 at Barcelona, 11/26; New national records: Janke, East Germany, 9:05.6 SC; Mihaly, 1:51.9, Rumania; Birdau, 3:51.6, Rumania; Markisson, 1:51.8, Iceland; Honved Club (Mikes, Tabori, Rozsavolgyi, Iharos) 7:40 for 4x800 Relay; Veselsky, 14.5, CSR; Popov, Bulgaria, 190-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; Vuchkov, 29:51.2, Bulgaria; Racic, Yugoslavia, 197-8 $\frac{3}{8}$; Other marks: Skobla 57-1 $\frac{3}{8}$; Cury, 52.5; Brenner 1:50.8; Nilsson 6-9 $\frac{1}{8}$; Consolini 177-9 $\frac{7}{8}$; Iharos 14:14.6; Savel 52.7; Szecsenyi 168-3 $\frac{1}{8}$; Tabori 3:46.6; Szabo 29:28.4 from Krzszkowiak 29:32.2, Ullsperger 29:33.8; Rut, 196-2; Consolini 184-9 (national record) and also 187-11 $\frac{1}{8}$ in an exhibition; More national records: Maca, CSR, 200-10 $\frac{1}{8}$; Ivakin, USSR, 1:48.4; Piatkowski, Poland, 167-1 $\frac{1}{8}$;

RUSSIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Nov. 16 at Tiflis, produced one European record, by Vasily Kuznetsov in decathlon, with 7645 points, and one national record by Otto Grigalka, 182-1. Tokaryev 10.5; Ignatyev 21.0 and 47.4; Osminkin 1:59.9; Okorokov 3:46.6; Kutz 14:08.6, Pudow 14:17.8; Kuts 29:47.0; Bulantchik 14.9; Lituyev 51.5, Ilin 51.9, Yulin 52.6; Rzischin 8:49.6, Kazantsev 8:55.8, Saltikov 8:56.8; Kaschkarov 6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Tschernobay 24-2 $\frac{7}{8}$; Tschernobay 14-1 $\frac{1}{4}$; Tscherbakov 52-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; Owsepien 56-2; Tsibulenko 245-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; Krivonosov 211-3 $\frac{7}{8}$, five others over 196; Kuzniezow, 2:21:23.8, best ever by Russian.

U.S. CROSS COUNTRY

New England ICA, 11/7, Boston: Firlotte, Maine, 24:24; Maine 42 pts. Met. AAU 11/7, Van Cortlandt Park: H. Ashenfelter 29:43.1, Gordon Dickson 31:28, Fred Eckhoff 31:46; Charles Robbins 32:23; NYAC 18 pts. Met. Intercollegiates, VCP, 11/8, Townsend, St. John's, 25:04.9; NYU 45. Big Seven 11/12, Ames, Iowa. Frame, Kansas, 15:10.1, record; Kansas 15. Mid-West AAU 11/18, Des Moines. Tidwell, Kansas State, 21:07 from Frame Central Collegiates 11/18, Chicago. Squires, Notre Dame 19:45; ND 24. Big Ten 11/18, Chicago. Kennedy, MSU, 19:06; Michigan State 36. Southeastern Conference 11/21, Atlanta. Gagnon, Fla, 21:37.3; Aub.&Fla. Southern Conference 11/21, Davidson, SC. Pikethly, VMI, 21:25. Atlantic Coast Conf. 11/21, Raleigh. Beatty, NC, 20:42.6. Southwest Conf. 11/21, Austin. Morton, Ark, 15:01. Texas 32 pts. ICAAAA, VCP, 11/15. Kennedy, MSU, 24:30.3; Delany, Villanova 24:53; Sowell, Pitt, 24:58; Stieglitz, Conn, 25:09; Pflaging, Gtwn, 25:19. Pitt 99 AAU 11/20, Buffalo. H. Ashenfelter 31:39.1 (rec); Wilt 32:01; Kelly, 32:19; Coleman 32:25; Kennedy, Toronto, 33:15; Eckhoff 33:27; Dickson. NCAA, 11/28, East Lansing. Jones, Iowa, 19:57.4; Kennedy, MSU, 19:57.5; Denslow, MSU; Landqvist, Okla&M; Jones, MSU; Truex, SC; Tidwell, KanSt; Block, MSU; Squires, ND; Matza, NYU. Michigan State first; Kansas; ND&NYU tied.

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Pen Pal L.J.F. Harris, 62, Hayling Road, South Oxhey, Watford, Herts., England, is 17, and a track nut, and would like to correspond with a young American track fan. Write him direct if interested.

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WIND SPRINTS

Judges and officials at the 1956 Olympics will be required to take an unprecedented oath of impartiality...Bulgaria, Ceylon, Guatamala, and Puerto Rico are the latest to accept invitations to compete in the Games. 62 nations now have accepted bids...some 500 Abilene Christian College students ran an 80 mile relay on Thanksgiving day, carrying a lighted torch a la the Olympics. Anchor man was Bobby Morrow...Wes Santee picked up a \$25 fine for driving 75 m/p.h in a 50 mile zone...Warren Druetzler says he is all through with track. He was a finalist in the 1952 Olympic 1500...Steve Devan's point score on the women for 1955 gives Russia 271 points, East Germany 63, England 49, Hungary 31, Czechoslovakia 30, Germany and USA 29, Poland 25, Australia 22, Holland 13...Lon Spurrier didn't care for his one try on the boards in the Olympic carnival, will stay off them this winter. Says it put strain on the arch which hampered him in 1954. He ran 1:52.8 easily on soft outdoor track before the garden meet...Herm Wyatt is due out of the Army, may return to San Jose state and jump for the Santa Clara Youth Center...Brutus Hamilton resigned as Athletic Director of the University of California, will continue to coach track...his ace, Don Bowden, was held out of corss country because of weak knee...

Chuck Kirkby ran four quarters, jogging a mile in between, with each between 50 and 51 seconds. Ex-coach Hilmer Lodge said "he'll run 1:45 off that workout". Present coach Jess Mortensen said "I don't know about 1:45, but he will be mighty tough to beat...Galina Sybina upped her worlds shot record to 54-8 $\frac{1}{4}$...Tabori and Iharos have okayed the program for their proposed visit to Australia, but Aussies still are awaiting final word...Bud Held is working out once a month, can throw 250 feet. But says his endurance leaves quickly, as can get only two good throws on that little work. Is worried about bad mkle, which bothers him continually, may have operation...A fine South African ranking list, and 1954-5 performances (with all time list, etc.) is available for \$.50 from H.N. Beinart, 2 Liberty Court, St. James Street, Vredehoek, Cape Town, South Africa...Galina Vinogradova of Leningrad broad jumped 20-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to give USSR women a monopoly on all field records...

Ken Norris, Britain's six mile champ, will compete in the 7200m Sao Paulo, Brazil, New Year's eve race...Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt, president of the German National Olympics Committee, said sham amateurs of communist countries are damaging the spirit of the Olympic Games. He said certain Eastern nations regard the Games as a means to advance the national political prestige of their countries, and called on the international Olympic committee to back up the genuine amateurs...Veikko Karvonen and Paavo Kotila of Finland, and Australian Keith Ollanshaw will run in the Dec. 11 Japanese marathon...A Czech track team, headed by Zatopek, will compete in Caen, France, January 8...Gordon Pirie will marry Shirley Hampton, also a track star...

MORE WIND SPRINTS

Jim Beatty, the North Carolina shorty (5-4, 135) is president of the Carolina Athletic Association, and a candidate for president of the junior class. Coach Dale Ranson, at NC for 31 years, says Beatty is the finest athlete he has ever coached, attributes his success to strong will to win, fine attitude, and a rigid training schedule... The present ICAAA cross country team trophy has been in competition for 17 years. Manhattan has four of the five legs needed to win it, Michigan State and Rhode Island have three, and Army and Penn two each. Cornell retired the inaugural trophy in 1913 and MSU took the second in 1937. Cornell has nine team wins, all from 1908 to 1921, MSU has 8, Penn State six, Manhattan five... Geoff Dyson, British national coach, said "eventually Roger Dunkley will be Britain's No. 1 steeplechaser. But there probably will only be one steeplechaser on Britain's 1956 team and he will probably be John Disley... Eeles Landstrom was in bed with severe food poisoning for two days before he set the European record at 14-9 $\frac{1}{4}$... Landy ran 1509 meters in 1:32 in Sydney. He is a horse named after John...

Oldon Foldessy, Hungary's 25 footer, has the following summer training schedule: Monday, 2000m warming-up, 20 minutes gymnastics, 7-8 80 to 100 meter sprints, 6 jumps with small run-up; Tuesday, 2000m warm up, 20 mins gymnastics, 6 jumps with long run up; Wednesday, 2000m, 20 mins., 7-8 x 80-100m sprints, practice take-off; Thursday, 2000m, 20 mins., 6 sprints 80-100m, 15 jumps, 200m running; Friday, running training; Saturday, 2000m, 20 mins, 5-6 sprints, five jumps with medium, and 6 with long run-up... in the winter he skis on Monday, rests Tuesday, plays basketball and gymnastic exercises Wednesday, rests Thursday, skis Friday, with basketball and exercises Saturday. He advises young athletes to "have confidence in yourself; hard work will bring results."

News from Occidental College: Dan Schweikart, national JC mile and two mile champ is enrolled, as is Tod White, 4:20 prep miler; Sherm Miller, 47.1 in 1952, is back in school; Greek record holder George Roubanis, 14-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, is in school, but his eligibility status is not certain... John Barnes, 1952 Olympian, will be in the service another year, but is aiming at a real comeback... discus man Jim Mathias is in the service and will not return to Oxy, planning to attend Fresno when a civilian again. Wants to major in agriculture... Walt McKibben, 20.6 in 1951, is entering medical school...

The Duke of Edinburgh opened a new track, pointed out: "we have 51 public running tracks and 73 private tracks. This total of 124 compares with 700 in Finland, with its much smaller population, and 800 in the state of Minnesota. I do not think a total of 300 would be too many for the United Kingdom."... Zatopek says that even if he does not run for his country after 1956 he will run for his club and continue running for enjoyment. He said everything depended on the standard of his running and how he felt about it... Val Simons, Fordham cross country captain, found out a year late that he won the 1954 Metropolitan AAU junior race. Trying to register for the 1955 race he was told the 1954 winner was disqualified and Simons was the victor... milers have been the chief offenders, at least the ones who got caught, in expense money violations; Paavo Nurmi just before the 1932 Games; then world record holders Jules Ladoumeque of France, and Arne Andersson and Gunder Haegg of Sweden; now Wes Santee...

Landstrom's improvement, year-by-year from the age of 14, was: 8-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, 10-6; 12-2 $\frac{7}{8}$; 12-5 $\frac{5}{8}$; 13-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 13-9 $\frac{3}{8}$; 13-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; 13-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; 14-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 14-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ this year at 23... Karel Merta did 128-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ at 19, then 138-5 $\frac{3}{8}$; 145-11 $\frac{5}{8}$; 151-8 $\frac{7}{8}$; 166-9 $\frac{5}{8}$; 171-3 $\frac{1}{8}$; and 186 this year, at 25.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

BIG SEVEN cross country stats, from Don Pierce: Iowa State won 10 Missouri Valley Conference titles in a row, and had five consecutive individual champs (1916-21, no meet in 1918). Kansas now has nine straight team winners (Big Six and Big Seven) and nine straight individual winners. List of winners reads pretty much like a Whos Who--Big Six: 1928, Poco Franzior, Kansas, 25:43, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles; 1929, Glenn Dawson, Oklahoma, 24:57; 1930, Ray Putnam, Iowa State, 9:22.5, two miles on track; 1931, Glenn Cunningham, Kansas, 9:31.0; 1932, Cunningham, 9:32.6; 1933, no meet; 1934, Floyd Lochner, Ok, 10:05; 1935, Bill Wheelock, Kansas State, 9:45.1; 1936, Lochner, 9:41.5; 1937, John Munski, Missouri, 9:44; 1938, Munski 9:17.5; 1939, Munski, 9:29.8; 1940, Bobby Ginn, Nebraska, 9:41.1; 1941, Ginn, 9:44.4; 1942-5, no meet; 1946, Ginn 9:48.5; 1947, Bob Karnes, K, 9:50.3; Big Seven: 1948, Karnes, 9:39.2; 1949, Karnes, 9:35.3; 1950, Herb Semper, Kansas, 9:19.8; 1951, Semper, 9:14.9 (record); 1952, Wes Santoe, K, 15:08.1, 3 miles cross country; 1953, Santoe, 15:06.8 (record); 1954, Allen Frame, Kansas, 15:16.7; 1955, Frame, 15:10.1.

NORRIS MCWHIRTER, in Athletics World, writing of Britain's meet with Russia: "The organisation was extremely efficient and the vast 31 event programme went through like clockwork. One or two innovations were of especial interest--particularly the practice of blowing a low-noted whistle when a triple-jumper made a no-jump so that he would not expend energy on a futile continuation of his trial. The judges' stand carried red and green traffic lights so that the white coated starter was able to tell when the judges and timekeepers were all set. Before the meeting began jazz music was played over the loudspeakers "to make the English athletes feel at home!"

SO THEY TELL US

KARL SCHLADEMAN, Michigan State coach: "Henry Kennedy is the greatest distance prospect I've ever had. He hopes to run the 5000 in the Olympics. He probably won't cause too much of a sensation at Melbourne, but 1960 will be his year. Henry's only international competition occurred in the British Empire Games three-mile. 'I was in the same race with Chris Chataway', he says, 'but I didn't see him, not until the end.'"

TN HAL HIGDON, Germany: "I like the way the Germans conduct their cross country races ('waldlaufs'). There are usually six or seven races with all ages and even girls getting into the act. They also have relay races through the woods--much better than the American system of only one race."

TN STEPHEN FAY, Fredericton, N.B., Canada: "Britain has the strongest team of steeplechasers in the world now with Disley, Shirley and Brasher. All the world's greatest steeplechasers have been beaten by at least two of the three, bar Laine and Larsen. White City must have the toughest steeplechase course in the world. I believe that times are worth about 3-5 seconds faster on the easier continental courses. Another British surprise in the Olympics could be Geoff Elliott if he competes in the decathlon. He might amass 6800-7000 points, not good enough for a medal, but enough to get in the first six, a feat never before accomplished by a Briton."

TN BOB GILMORE, Great Falls, Montana: "Didn't Hugh Gardner ever see anybody improve in T&F? I do not know how authentic Terrell's 20.9 is, but it did not surprise me as I had seen Terrell race James Ford in Europe the year before, and was impressed. Just during the last Olympics the Air Force developed a top sprinter in Jim Gathers who was only third string to Roger Montgomery & Jim Conaway at Boys Hi."