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NEWS

AUSTRALIA Stephens, 8:11.2 for 3000m, national record, from Perry 8:14 and Warren 8:19.2, Dec. 7; Murray 1:51.6 from Henderson 1:51.8; Clarke and Wright, both 17, 3:55.6 and 3:56.0; Hogan 10.6; Dec. 10, Thomas, 8:54.0, Power 8:55.2u; Gosper 47.8; Lawrence 4:10.4 from Plummer 4:11.8; Dec. 3: Power 14:49.0 after serious auto accident; Gipson 48.5; Lincoln 4:12.0; Stephens 4:17.6. Dec. 4: Clohessy, 4:11.3 for Australian grass track record, from Lawrence 4:11.4; Hogan 9.8; Gosper 47.5 (2 feet short); Gordon 9.6 (2 feet short) then 9.8 (ok); Dec. 10: Porter 6-6½.

HUNGARIANS IN AUSTRALIA Melbourne, Dec. 14: Iharos 8:47.3, Tabori 8:47.4, Stephens 8:52.0; Rozsavolgyi 1:52.0, Henderson 1:52.5, Murray 1:53.5; Donath 50-2 3/4. Melbourne, Dec. 17: Stephens 14:07.2 5000m, Tabori 14:14.5, Iharos 14:19.5, Power 14:24.3; Hogan 10.4, national record; Randall 10.5; Gosper 48.4, Murray 1:54.4; Rozsavolgyi 3:54.0 from Henderson 3:54.9; Goodacre 53.4 400H; Donath 50-1¼. Iharos challenged Stephens to three-mile race, which was held in Melbourne, Dec. 21: Stephens 13:37.6, Iharos 13:42.3, Power 13:46.8; Rozsavolgyi 4:03.0 from Tabori 4:04.6 and Lincoln 4:04.6. Aftermaths: a specialist told Iharos to get treatment for a pulled tendon and a misplaced ankle bone, or he may never run again; ordered to rest for three months. Attendance failed to reach expectations and visit of Americans (Morrow, O'Brien and Spurrier) was to be called off unless a financial backer could be found. Later, it was decided to have meets in Melbourne Jan. 4 and 7, with Morrow racing Hogan, and Spurrier in a quarter against Douglas and maybe Gosper.

NEW ZEALAND Dec 3, Auckland: Halberg 3:48.6 from Scott 3:48.7; Dec. 10, Williams 9:03.8; Sidon 4:12.3; Halberg 1:51.7m (previous best 1:57); Dec. 17, Wellington, O'Brien, US, 56-11, NZ record; Dec. 26, Napier, Morrow 9.6 and 21.0 (NZ record); Spurrier 1:49.3 (NZ record); O'Brien 57-9; Auckland, Dec. 28: Morrow 9.3, wind; Halberg 4:02.2 from Baille 4:03.6 and Spurrier ("far back"); O'Brien 58-4 and 159-3.

UNITED STATES NY, Dec. 7: Matza 9:30.1; Manhattan 7:55.3. AAU development meet, NY, Dec. 15: Santee 4:10.2 (second fastest flat floor time) AAU Dev. Meet NY, Dec. 17: Bantum 53-3½; Shaw 23-9; Backus 60-10; Thomson 60-8; Serra 13-0. Dev. Meet, NY, Dec. 10: Ryan and Clark of Montclair State 14-3.

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Newsletters scheduled for Jan. 17 & 31. T&FN (Dec. issue) mailed 1/12. Indoor Meets: Met AAU, NY, Jan. 7; Boston K of C, Jan. 14.

WIND SPRINTS

The day before the Stephens-Iharos match race, United Press flashed its lead story out of Melbourne--"Dave Stephens retired early tonight to obtain a good night's rest for his three mile-race" etc...the next day it was reported that Dave had slept 17 hours while his wife guarded the telephone and door bell and his employer delivered his milk route... Peter Wilson, a sensational but not very well informed British sports columnist criticized Avery Brundage's plea not to make a national battle of the Olympics, and said "Little Luxembourg was proud and rightly proud of winning the 5000 meters at Helsinki"...Canada has raised \$110,000 of the \$210,000 necessary for the Olympics...Spain reversed a decision, will enter the 1956 Games...Don Gehrman is undergoing treatment for a slipped disc in his spine...Harvard track captain Art Siler is a Phi Beta Kappa and a Rhodes scholar...Jim Fuchs is to be married Jan. 14 to a society writer...U. of Mass track coach is William Footrick.

SO THEY TELL US

TN BILL EASTON, Kansas coach: "We have had our first official workouts in our new Field House and it is going to be wonderful. That 220 track, 6 lanes wide with fast clay underfoot is going to help us, I believe, in bringing our team along to bigger and finer things. Wish you could see this building. It's really a tremendous affair and one that will be used by both basketball and track, as well as many other organizations on our campus...All in all, our little old skinny kids did a fine job in the NCAA cross country, and we were mighty proud of them even though we brought home that second place trophy. Michigan State has a fine, mature cross-country team, and they ran the finest race of their lives."

TN BUZZ SAWYER, Norfolk: "Jim Beatty of North Carolina came up with leg trouble and missed the NCAA cross country meet. I was greatly disappointed as I expected a great performance from him. He beat my course record at the University of Richmond by 30 seconds and I set that record the same year I ran 20:11 at Michigan State. So we was apparently in great condition until the leg injury. I understand Burr Grim of Maryland has been having trouble with his back. North Carolina State's Mike Shea has been suffering with an injury, too."

TN NORMAN LUMIAN, Los Angeles: "I objected to one part of Bannister's article in Sports Illustrated, in which Bannister says his ideal athlete drinks beer and smokes an occasional cigar (among other more commendable things, that is). I can't help feeling, and I told SI this, that this remark and their treatment of same (pointing it up by setting it off in a box) can do a great deal of harm. Possibly such actions would not hurt a man of Bannister's mental and physical maturity, but I feel that it may do a great deal of harm to young, impressionable athletes. I think you know the way some of their minds work--they feel that if Bannister condones it, why shouldn't they do it. I know that Chataway's "training" habits, as reported by the press, were the subject of conversation on my team for many months, and I still hear about them. I'm interested to hear how other coaches feel about this subject--maybe I'm just a 17th Century Puritan (I was born in Boston, you know.) Seriously, I would be interested in the reactions of the other Track Nuts on this subject."

TN Cuneyt Koryurek, Fresno, Calif.: "Mike Agostini appears to be a definite threat for a new record in the 100 next year. He ran a lonely 9.9 on a wet track Dec. 20. He has been working out since September. He really wants to run indoors, and just about the time of some of the indoor meets he is going to run in Trinidad and Jamaica. He plans to work hard for the Olympics, then lay out in August, and then start all over again in late August."

TN JOE GALLI, Melbourne: "Melbourne's new cinder track opened on Dec. 10. Extreme heat that day, no times. But it was too loose. Might want better binding material, or oil. Hungarians found it too tiring after first few days, and ran on grass. But Igloi soon had them into hard work. They arrived in awful heat. Travelled well. But wilted under barrage of photogs. None speak English (or so they say) so interview most unsatisfactory. I guess all Europe will use them as guinea pigs, watching closely to see how they perform here at this time. Will be most interesting. Igloi is appalled at the lack of a training track in the Olympic Village. They must think we are peculiar. ...Igloi said that if Stephens maintains improvement he will be a definite threat in the Olympic 5000m. I think so. He'll do better in hot competition. He revels in it. Hea Hogan can handle cinders now, a big improvement for him. He'll run 10.3 this season, maybe even 10.2 again. Landy says will try himself in January to determine comeback."

STATS200m and 220 yards, with curve, all time list.

20.6y James Carlton, Aust., 1932	20.7 Rod Richard, US, 1955
20.6y Andy Stanfield, US, 1951	20.8* Mack Robinson, US, 1936
20.6 Ralph Metcalfe, US, 1933	20.8* Ben Johnson, US, 1937
20.6 Arthur Bragg, US, 1954	20.8* Harrison Dillard, US, 1948
20.6* Heinz Fütterer, Germany, 55	20.8 Herb McKenley, Jamaica, 1950
20.7 Jesse Owens, US, 1937	20.8n Thane Baker, US, 1952
20.7 Mel Patton, US, 1948	20.8n Jim Gathers, US, 1952
20.7n Barney Ewell, US, 1948	20.8 J. da Conceicao, Brazil, 55
20.7 Lloyd LaBeach, Panama, 1950	* 500 meter track

5000m, from Nurmi to Kuts (the all-time list, as it stood then):

<u>1928</u>		<u>1932</u>		<u>1936</u>	
14:28.2 Nurmi, Fin, 24	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32
14:31.4 Ritola, F, 24	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32
14:36.6 Kolehmainen, F, 12	14:28.2 Nurmi, Fin, 24	14:22.2 Hockert, F, 36			
14:36.7 Bouin, France, 12	14:30.0 Hill, US, 32	14:28.2 Nurmi, F, 24			
14:39.4 Purje, Fin, 28	14:31.4 Ritola, F, 24	14:29.0 Kalarne, Swe, 36			
14:40.4 Wide, Sweden, 25	14:36.6 Kolehmainen, 12	14:30.0 Hill, US, 32			
14:45.0 Hunter, US, 1920	14:36.7 Bouin, Fr, 12	14:30.0 Murakosa, Jap, 36			
14:45.2 Eklof, Sweden, 27	14:36.8 Virtanen, F, 32	14:30.8 Salminen, F, 36			
14:49.0 Kinnunen, F, 26	14:39.4 Purje, Fin, 28	14:31.4 Ritola, F, 24			
14:50.0 Lermond, US, 28	14:40.4 Wide, Swed, 25	14:33.4 Noji, Poland, 36			

<u>1940</u>		<u>1944</u>		<u>1948</u>	
14:08.8 Maki, F, 39	13:58.2 Haegg, Swe, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, S, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, S, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, S, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, S, 42
14:16.2 Pekuri, F, 39	14:08.8 Maki, F, 39	14:08.2 Zatopck, CSR, 47			
14:17.0 Lehtinen, 32	14:09.6 Heino, F, 44	14:08.6 Wooderson, GB, 46			
14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:15.8 Hellstrom, S, 41	14:08.8 Maki, F, 39			
14:18.8 Kalarne, S, 39	14:16.2 Pekuri, F, 39	14:09.6 Heino, F, 44			
14:20.6 Hellstrom, S, 40	14:17.0 Lehtinen, F, 32	14:13.2 Ahlden, Swe, 48			
14:21.2 Kurki, F, 39	14:18.2 Andersson, S, 41	14:14.0 Slijkhuis, H, 46			
14:22.0 Salminen, F, 39	14:18.4 Ishohollo, F, 32	14:14.2 Reiff, Belg, 48			
14:22.2 Hockert, F, 36	14:18.8 Kalarne, S, 39	14:15.8 Hellstrom, S, 41			
14:23.0 Kelen, Hung, 40	14:19.8 Jacobsson, S, 44	14:16.2 Pekuri, F, 39			

<u>1952</u>		<u>1955</u>		
13:58.2 Haegg, S, 42	13:40.6 Iharos, Hung, 55	13:40.6 Iharos, Hung, 55	13:40.6 Iharos, Hung, 55	Finland represented 35 times, Sweden 16, Hungary 5, USA 4, USSR 4, France 3, Czechoslovakia 3, Poland, Great Britain Belgium 2, Japan, Holland, Germany 1.
14:03.0 Zatopck, CSR, 50	13:46.8 Kuts, USSR, 55	13:46.8 Kuts, USSR, 55	13:46.8 Kuts, USSR, 55	
14:06.6 Schade, Germ, 52	13:51.6 Chataway, GB, 54	13:51.6 Chataway, GB, 54	13:51.6 Chataway, GB, 54	
14:07.4 Mimoun, Fran, 52	13:53.2 Tabori, Hung, 55	13:53.2 Tabori, Hung, 55	13:53.2 Tabori, Hung, 55	
14:08.6 Wooderson, GB, 46	13:55.2 Chromik, Pol, 55	13:55.2 Chromik, Pol, 55	13:55.2 Chromik, Pol, 55	
14:08.8 Maki, F, 1939	13:57.0 Zatopck, CSR, 54	13:57.0 Zatopck, CSR, 54	13:57.0 Zatopck, CSR, 54	
14:08.8 Kasantsev, R, 52	13:57.6 Kovacs, Hung, 55	13:57.6 Kovacs, Hung, 55	13:57.6 Kovacs, Hung, 55	
14:09.6 Heino, F, 44	13:58.2 Haegg, Swed, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, Swed, 42	13:58.2 Haegg, Swed, 42	
14:10.8 Reiff, Belg, 51	13:58.8 Anufriyov, R, 53	13:58.8 Anufriyov, R, 53	13:58.8 Anufriyov, R, 53	
14:12.2 Anufriyev, R, 52	13:59.2 Szabo, Hung, 55	13:59.2 Szabo, Hung, 55	13:59.2 Szabo, Hung, 55	

Shot Put all-time list has 124 men over 16 meters (52-5 7/8), from Parry O'Brien 60-10 (18.54) to Jean Lasseau (16.00). O'Brien is the only 60 footer, Stan Lampert (59-5 7/8) and Tom Jones (59-1) the 59ers, Jim Fuchs (58-10 3/4) and Charles Fonville (58-0 3/8) the 58ers. Nine others over 57, 6 others over 56, 8 others over 55, 31 others over 54, 33 others over 53. USA leads list with 82 men, Russia has 8, Germany 7, Czechoslovakia 6, Poland 5, Sweden, England, Estonia, France and Finland 2, Iceland, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Norway, Brazil with 1. 23 countries have national records over 50 feet.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

TN NOLAN FOWLER, Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky, is publishing an interesting, mimeographed "Track & Field in Kentucky". Interested Track Nuts may write Fowler at the College.

STEVE SEYMOUR's farewell (continued): "Spikes for cowboy boots, Wes Santee...you've got an assignment to do for USA, 3:56...And that slight, modest youngster running up behind you is Bob Seaman of UCLA... Attlesey, how you made them sit up from Fresno to Santiago with that 13.5...you elongated Fred Wolcott..."God born me to be a hurdler, you used to say, and your top rival Craig Dixon landing, tails and all, like a hurdles spill in the Beverly Hills Hotel after your wedding... I was responsible for that Dick, and thought you might enjoy it finally that way...Dillard, you were the kingpin of track, especially in Stockholm and Frankfurt, smashing the fixed adage 'Hurdling champions are tall men...Marvelous Mal Whitfield...holding a watch on a few of your world records as you went by...I always knew in advance whether the record was yours...remember the first quarter at Berea in 50.5, and that last 220 in 30.5?...you were all alone in that race, tired for the first time in your life...and that 660 in Long Beach in 1:17.5, another world record..."

My greatest proteges...Young and Miller, kings of the Olympic javelin...I told Valste, the Finnish coach, you would beat the Finns at their own sport in Helsinki...thoroughbreds, both of you...and Bud Held, the new American record holder...Patton, the swiftest of the fleet from Owens to Ewell to Stanfield...you were the only champion I knew who could make other champions look downright bad in relays... Cochran, the clock watcher, over the 400 meter hurdles...master of the pace and master of Cochran...Mathias, I along with many others found you unbelievable--three athletes in one...Gordien, remember when they insisted 180 feet was the limit?...marriage and weight lifting happen to be your proper formula...you brought color to track and field... Payton Jordan of Oxy, the fastest rising star of collegiate coaching. I saw your 10.4 at Philadelphia in 1941...Ducky Drake at UCLA, Jess Mortensen at SC, the athletes of your universities speak of you in respectful terms...my coach at the very beginning, Bob Detweiller, now at Pennsylvania U. I can see you standing in the rain Bob, waiting for competition to ease. Those were the moments we athletes appreciated, when you coaches stood when we lost, or did poorly...Bill Schroeder, director of Helms Hall. I remember that one room downtown and your monumental dream which you and Mr. Helms made come true. Athletes no longer disappear from the scene. They become a part of the Helms Living Athletic History."

DECATHLON SCORING systems interest TN Chuck Esser. "I have been working on some new ways of scoring decathlon competition which are based on competition between the contestants rather than the present way of scoring against a standard. I like the present way of scoring, but I think these methods might add something exciting to decathlons. I used the 18 best of 1954 for my test runs, and scored three ways: First, based on a hockey type scoring of two points for a win, and one point for a tie. Each man puts his marks up against every other, and the man with the majority of better marks wins. Second, same scoring, but based on wins and losses in every individual clash, with each man meeting every other man in each event. Third, cross country type scoring, with one point for first in any event, and down to 18 for last. Regular scoring: Richards 7315, Kuznetsov 7292, Volkov 6922; First type, Kuznetsov 15 wins, 2 ties, 32 pts; Volkov 16-1-0, 32; Richards 14-2-1, 29; Second, Kuznetsov, 119-45-6, 244 pts; Richards 118-49-3, 239 pts; Volkov, 108-54-8, 222pts; Third, Kuznetsov 55, Richards 59, Volkov 64.