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NEWS

INDOORS

MILLROSE GAMES, N.Y. Feb. 4: (winners only) 60-Sime 6.2 (Sydnor 6.1 in heat); 600-Jenkins 1:11.2; 880-Courtney 1:53.2; Mile-Delaney 4:09.5; 2m-Breckenridge 9:12.6; 60HH-Calhoun 7.3; MR Manhattan 3:21.3; 2mR-Pittsburgh 7:40.3; HJ-Shelton & Barksdale 6-8 3/4; PV-Richards 15-4.

NYAC GAMES, N.Y. Feb. 11: 60-Sydnor (6.2) in inches disputed win over Sime; Bell, Johnson; 500-Jenkins knocked two-tenths off Whitfield's world and meet 500 yard record with 56.4, Jones (8), Gaffney, no 4th; 880-Sowell ran only to win (1:51.8), Courtney (5), Maynard, Schoenig; 1000-Bright (2:13.8), Lockerbie (10), Taylor, Mike Stanley; Mile--Delany booted in 4:14 (66.3, 2:11.6, 3:16.8), King (5), Truex (13), Deady; 2-mile-Ashenfelter, favoring leg injured previous week, took it easy for 1 1/2 miles, won in 9:06.6, Ross (15); 60HH-Calhoun equalled world's indoor record with 7.1 in an inches win from Pratt; Gilbert third, Shankle fell when leading over last hurdle; HJ--Barksdale added quarter inch to Walter Marty's 21-year-old meet record with 6-9; PV--Richards 15-1 (close at 15-5), tie Welbourn, Mattos, Bragg and Poucher (14-6), DeCosta (14-0); SP--Parry O'Brien broke world's indoor record with 59-9 in great series: 57-11 3/4, 59-4 1/2, 58-8 1/4, 59-9, 57-1, 59-3 1/2; Bantum 56-1, Thompson 54-0, Morefield 52-8 3/4.

MICHIGAN AAU RELAYS, Ann Arbor, Feb. 3: 60-Hudson 6.4; 600-Barnes 1:13.7; 1000-Wallingford 2:14.2, meet & fieldhouse record; Mile-Hanchett 4:19.9; 2M-Denslow 9:31.6; 65HH-Davis 8.1; 65LH-Burton 7.4, ties meet record; MR-Michigan 3:20.2; 2MR-Michigan 7:56.5; SprintMedleyR-Michigan 3:31.4, meet record; DistMedR-Michigan State 10:25.9; Hurdler-Michigan State 26.0; HJ-Stuart 6-8 5/16, meet record; PV-Landstrom 14-5 3/4; meet record; BJ-Newberry 23-0; SP-Owen 55-0 1/8, Bangert 53-10 3/4;

MICHIGAN STATE RELAYS, Lansing, Feb. 11: 75-Golliday 7.5 (tied indoor record of 7.4 in heat); 300-Hoffman 31.2; Mile-Gay 4:28.8; 2M-Wallingford 9:16.2; 75HH-Savoldi 9.2 (9.1, tying meet record, in semi); 75MH-Lewis 8.3 (ties meet record set by Burton in trials); MR-Michigan 3:17.4 (Scruggs 47.8), meet record; 2MR-Notre Dame 7:54; SprintMedR-Michigan 3:26.5, meet record (Scruggs 48.8, Wallingford 1:53.9); Dist MedR-Kansas (Frame 4:16.7), 2nd Notre Dame (Squires 4:12.8); 240Hurdle R-Missouri 29.4, meet record; HJ-Allard 6-6 3/4, meet record; PV-Miller 14-0; BJ-Floerke 24-3 5/8; SP-Nieder 57-6 3/4, meet record and best ever indoors from dirt circle.

METROPOLITAN INTERCOLLEGIATES, N.Y. Feb. 3--60-Grace 6.6; 600-Murphy 1:13; 1000-Lockerbie 2:15.5; M-Matza 4:15.8; 2M-King 9:17.8, meet record; 60HH-Kinght 7.7; HJ-Shipley 6-3 3/8; BJ-Moore 20-8; SP-Bantum 55-4 1/2, meet record; WT-Gattullo 52-7.

OTHER MEETS Al Hall of Cornell broke college 35# weight record with 62-3 3/8 at MIT Feb. 4, Bakus 61-11, Connolly 61-10. Bill Nieder of Kansas heaved 58-5 3/8 against Oklahoma Feb. 4 in meet which saw: Kruger 13-8, Mastin 23-9 1/4, Frame 9:26.7. Sime ran 50 in 5.2 between halves of basketball game Feb. 9. Gardner Van Dyke of Iowa cleared 13-10 Feb. 9, as Missouri's Jack Davis ran 7.7 in 70LH and Les Stevens 70HH in 8.5.

AUSTRALIA

Ron Clarke, 18, ran 3:49.8 and 4:06.8 Feb. 1, Plummer second in 4:08.2. Gregory 48.6, Blackney 3000SC 9:17, Ridgway 6-4, Donath 50-7 1/2. Feb. 1 at Sydney, Gosper 47.2 for Australian record; Thomas 13:36.0 for 3 miles, Power 13:38.0, Bromhead 9.7, Almond 1:53, Gray 48-0 1/2 HSJ.

NEW ZEALAND. Murray Halberg ran 4:01.8 Feb. 11, best ever on grass.

COMING UP AAU Championships Feb. 18. All defenders entered but Santee. Dillard after 9th title, Laskau 8th, Richards 7th, O'Brien 5th, Ashenfelter 5th, Haines 4th, Backus 3rd.

## SO THEY TELL US

TN PETER MAY, Mackayville, Canada: "The event which I most wanted to have seen in 1955 was Eric Shirley's win in the 3000m steeplechase in 8:47.6. It is mostly personal as I have known Eric for some ten years. He has been since his earliest days a moderately good runner, but there was one thing he lacked--the ability to fight out a finish. He used to give up very easily. But in 1952 he showed us a new Shirley and has been improving ever since. In 1954, under the guidance of ex-steeplechaser Bill Coyne, he started to concentrate on this killer event. He ran third in the AAA in 9:04, but this year he has improved vastly. Firstly, on June 25 he became the first Englishman to break 9 min. on native soil when he won the Southern title in 8:59.4. Later wins included one over the European champ, Rozsnyoi, but he was always eclipsed by the great John Disley. Then he killed four birds with one stone, beating Disley, Chris Brasher, Jerzy Chromik and Vlastimil Brlica in a British All-Comers record. Watch him at Melbourne."

TN BILL JIMESON, Baltimore: "World Sports says Landy, in 1954, was the first to beat two minutes for the second half of a mile. But I saw two minutes bettered by two men in 1953, during a triangular between Georgetown, Baltimore OC and Quantico Marines. Capozzoli won in 4:07.8 from LaPierre (4:08.0). Before the race someone said Cappy and Joe were going out to beat 4:10, but at the 880 the time was 2:10, and I wondered "who are they kidding?"

TN SYD DeRONER, South Orange, N.J.: "The Millrose meet was only so-so. The only real surprise was unorthodox Bob Barksdale. Reavis did not look good missing 6-8 and Holding actually looked terrible. Shelton did as well as expected with his limited experience indoors. Richards didn't come close to 15-9. Laz fell badly on his second 14-6 try, evidently aggravating his heavily bandaged left thigh. Sime has a great pickup similar to Haines. It was a great performance under pressure. 1956 is a great season for sophomore sprinters. I don't recall a year like it since 1935 when we had the likes of Jesse Owens, George Anderson, Eulace Peacock, George Boone all placing in the NCAA sprints. This batch we have coming up of Sime, King, Morrow, Dorsey, Sydnor and Swisshelm has great potential. However, I can only see three at the most making the NCAA final. I think one of the toughest events to call in the AAU will be the sprints, what with the sophs plus Golliday, Watson, Haines, Pollard, Blair, Freiden, Whilden, Nash, and Brabham."

TN EMERSON CASE, Schenectady: "Sidney Claire is correct, the pentathlon was formerly scored in cross-country style...I do not feel the hammer throw is an obsolete event, but feel that it should be contested all over the U.S. If it were, we would have several 200 footers and would be certain of an Olympic victory. And Maxwell Styles should have included it in his "California vs. rest of U.S." theoretical dual meet. Of course, this would have brought 'defeat' to California... I feel track authorities should stop mentioning indoor 'records' made on Dartmouth's now-dismantled 6 2/3 lap track and on the old Bronx Coliseum track. Some of these marks are still hanging around after 14 years or more to plague present day runners. John Borican's 1:50.5 was made at the Bronx and is not as good a mark as Whitfield's 1:50.7 in 1953. Borican's 3:01.2, Cochran's 440 mark, and several relay marks made in the Army Relief Fund meet there in March 1942 are other examples. And the rather fantastic times made at Dartmouth by Cunningham, Woodruff and Herbert are others."

## BULLETIN BOARD

Newsletters due Feb. 28, March 13. Feb. T&FN to be mailed March 8. Ride, driving companion, or company at meet, from Chicago to Drake Relays, wanted by TN Biff Schreiber, c/o United Airlines EXOAS, 5959 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago 38, Illinois.

EVOLUTION OF INDOOR 600 RECORD		STATS		(made on tracks of not more than 220y)	
1:15.4	Hollander, G.G. Chicago	1897	1:11.6	Alan Helffrich	N.Y. 1925
1:14.6	Parsons, E.B. N.Y.	1906	1:11.3	Chas. Hornbostel	N.Y. 1935
1:14.0	McI Sheppard N.Y.	1907	1:11.1	Jimmy Herbert	N.Y. 1938
1:13.8	McI Sheppard N.Y.	1908	1:10.8	Jimmy Herbert	N.Y. 1940
1:13.8	Jim Meredith Brooklyn	1913	1:10.2	John Borican	N.Y. 1941
1:13.4	Tom Halpin N.Y.	1914	1:10.2	Hugh Short	N.Y. 1943
1:12.8	J.W. Driscoll Buffalo	1923	1:09.5	Mal Whitfield	N.Y. 1953

## EVOLUTION OF INDOOR 880 RECORD

2:03.0	H. M. Hayes Ann Arbor	1901	1:51.4	Lloyd Hahn	N.Y. 1928
2:02.0	Wm. Maloney Milwaukee	1902	1:47.8*	John Woodruff Hanover	1940
2:01.6	Wm. Uffendell N. Dame	1902	1:50.5	John Borican	N.Y. 1942
1:54.6	E. B. Parsons Buffalo	1904	* 6 2/3 lap Dartmouth track		

## EVOLUTION OF INDOOR TWO-MILE RECORD

10:04.8	Alec Grant N.Y.	1899	9:08.4	Jolie Ray	N.Y. 1923
10:02.6	Alec Grant N.Y.	1900	8:58.2	Paavo Nurmi	N.Y. 1925
9:40.8	Alec Grant N.Y.	1901	8:58.0	Don Lash	Boston 1937
9:39.2	Geo. Bonhag N.Y.	1906	8:56.2	Greg Rice	N.Y. 1940
9:28.6	M.F. Driscoll N.Y.	1908	8:51.1	Greg Rice	Chicago 1941
9:27.8	Geo. Bonhag N.Y.	1909	8:51.0	Greg Rice	Clev. 1943
9:14.2	Geo. Bonhag Buffalo	1910	8:50.7	Fred Wilt	N.Y. 1952
9:11.4	Jolie Ray N.Y.	1917	8:50.5	Hor. Ashenfelter	N.Y. 1954

## ADD BEST INDOOR MARKS

100y, 9.5, Dave Sims, 1956; 100m, Robert Rodenkirchen, 10.7, 1938; 200m and 220y, 22.2, Theo Ellison, 1935; 300y, 31.2, Loren Murchison, 1923; 400m, 47.9, and 440y, 48.2, Roy Cochran, 1942; 800m, John Borican, 1942; 1320y, 3:01.2, Joe Deady, 1956; 1500m, Wes Santee, 3:48.3, 1955; 5000m, 14:23.2, Willie Ritola, 1925; 6m, 30:24.0, Hans Kolchmainen, 1913; 10m, 51:06.6, Hans Kolchmainen, 1913 (same race as 6 miles); 4x440R, 3:14.4, Grand Street Boys (Herb McKenley, Andy Stanfield, George Rhoden, Mal Whitfield), 1953; 4x880R, Seton Hall College, 7:33.9 (Anthony Luciana, Robert Rainer, Frank Fletcher, Chet Lipski) 1942; Mile walk, 6:19.2, Henry Laskau, 1950.

## HIGH JUMP SUMMARY

A total of 154 men over the classic 2-meter mark (6-6 3/4). Four over 6-11, four more over 6-10, 8 more over 6-9, 37 more over 6-8, 18 of first 19 are Americans, also 46 of first 52. Of total, U.S. has 107, (more than 2/3s, Sweden 7, Japan, Finland, USSR 5, France, Germany, 3, Norway, Nigeria, South Africa, Australia, Czechoslovakia 2, and one each for Yugoslavia, New Zealand, England, Puerto Rico, Kenya, Hungary, Philippines, and Brazil.

## EVOLUTION OF SIX MILE MARK

29:59.4	Alfred Shrubbs, England	1904	28:30.8*	Viljo Heino, Finland	1949
29:36.4	Paavo Nurmi, Finland	1930	28:19.4	Gordon Pirie, England	1953
29:08.4*	Ilmari Salminen, Fin.	1937	28:08.4*	Emil Zatoppek, CSR	1953
28:55.6*	Taisto Maki, Finland	1939	27:59.2*	Emil Zatoppek, CSR	1954
28:38.6*	Viljo Heino, Finland	1944	27:54.0	Dave Stephens, Austra.	56
* made in 10,000m run					

JAVELIN SUMMARY 92 over 70 meters (229-7 7/8). 4 over 260, 14 over 250, 41 over 240. Finland has 24, U.S. 20, Sweden 11, Russia 8, Germany 7, Poland 6, Esthonia and Yugoslavia 3, Hungary, CSR 2, France, Switzerland, Norway, Austria, Argentina and Chile with one each.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

DECATHLON SCORING METHODS, as noted on P.4, No. 10, have been used by TN Chuck Esser in measuring 10 best men of all time:

<u>I</u>				<u>II</u>				<u>III</u>			
			pts	W-L-T		pts	W-L-T		pts	W-L-T	
1	7983	Johnson			...						
2	7887	Mathias	17	8-0-1	Johnson	121	58	27	5		Mathias
3	7645	Kuznetsov	17	8-0-1	Mathias	112	55	33	2		Johnson
4	7315	Richards	14	7-2	Kuznetsov	106	51	35	4		Kuznetsov
5	7313	Morris	11	5-3-1	Morris	95	45	40	5		Morris
6	7232	Campbell	7	2-4-3	Campbell	85	42	47	1		Campbell
7	7137	Sievert	7	2-4-3	Lawson	83	41	48	1		Lipp
8	7111	Lipp	6	2-5-2	Lipp	78	37	49	4		Lawson
9	7066	Lawson	5	1-5-3	Richards	77	37	50	3		Richards
10	7058	Clark	4	1-6-2	Clark	74	35	51	4		Clark
			2	0-7-2	Sievert	69	32	53	5		Sievert

<u>IV</u>		<u>Scoring Systems</u>	
pts.		I--Standard IAAF Scoring Tables.	
39.5	Mathias	II--Based on hockey scoring of 2 pts for win, 1 for tie, with each man competing individually in all 10 events against each other man. Man who wins most of 10 events gets 2 points.	
44.0	Johnson	III--Hockey type scoring, with win scored for each event in which another competitor is bettered.	
47.0	Kuznetsov	IV--Cross country scoring, 1 pt for first, 2 for 2nd, etc, low score wins. Scoring place in each event.	
52.5	Morris		
57.5	Campbell		
58.5	Lipp		
61.0	Lawson		
61.5	Richards		
63.0	Clark		
65.5	Sievert		

Esser comments: According to these data Mathias still is a somewhat tougher competitor than Johnson. Also see how Richards drops in ranking, with these other methods. Mathias' marks are clustered. He leads the field in none, but is second in three, and has none worse than 6th. Johnson ranges from 1 to 8, and Campbell from first in 3 events, to last in two and next to last in two. Lipp's range is similar.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET is conducted annually, on paper, by Athletic Journal, using marks made by winners of state meets, and NCAA scoring system. For the second time in ten years a state other than Calif. has won. Texas scored 84½ to Cal's 73½, partly as a result of adding the mile relay this year. All time high is Cal's 106 of 1954. Texas had best performances in six events (record is 8 events by Cal, 1951). Little change in top ten, notably New York dropping from 3rd in 1954 to only one point last year. Michigan also missed top ten, and Utah and Arizona were added. Cal and Texas have been in top ten every year, Ohio and Indiana 9 times, Illinois 8, Pennsylvania 7. Kansas' third place was highest to date. Arkansas, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina never have scored, and Rhode Island and Delaware do not have state meets. 3rd, Kansas 28½; 4, Washington 24; 5, Indiana 23.4; 6, Penn, 21; 7, Illinois 19.9; 8 Ohio 18 13/20; 9 Utah 18; 10 Arizona 16. All-time cumulative scores: Cal 803, Texas 462, Ohio 287, Illinois 267, Indiana 255, New York 219, New Jersey 183, Penn 153, Iowa 145, Oklahoma 137, Kansas 112, Washington 105, Oregon 95, Wisconsin 84, Missouri 82, Mass. 77, Colorado 74, Arizona 70, Michigan 56, La. 55, Conn. 46, Virginia 40, Utah 36, Nebraska 34. 91 state meet records were broken; previous high was 73 in 1954. Maryland smashed all 11 records for a new high. New Mexico has broken 21 in 9 meets, a high. Average winning marks were: 100, 10.15; 220, 22.27; 440, 50.85; 880, 2:02.5; Mile, 4:36.17; 1200H, 15.1; 1800H, 20.27; 880R, 1:32.86; MileR, 3:30.29; HJ, 6-0½; PV, 11-9; BJ, 21-8½; SP, 52-6; DT, 150-9.