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NEWS

INDOORS

NATIONAL AAU, New York, Feb. 18: 60-Haines 6.2, Sydnor 6.2, Sime 6.3, Williams, 600-Jones 1:11.0, Whitfield 1:12, Courtney 1:12.2, Mullins (high school) 1:12.4 (Jenkins bumped first turn, never tried); 1000-Sowell 2:08.4, Bright 2:11.9, Caraffis 2:12.6, Stanley 2:13.1; Mile-Delany 4:14.5, Squires 4:15.9, Kopil 4:18.0, Barr; 3-M-Ashenfelter 14:09.6, Hart 14:20, Tyler, Breckinridge; MR-NY Pioneers 3:20.3, Morgan State 3:21.9, Villanova Frosh 3:24.6, Manhattan; 2MR-Syracuse 7:37.9 (Vielbig 1:51.5), NYU 7:38.4, Manhattan 7:40.7, Georgetown 7:41.4; SptMedR-Villanova 1:52.9, NYPC 1:53.3, NYU 1:57, Morgan State Frosh 1:57.3; 60HH-Calhoun 7.2, Davis 7.2, Dillard 7.3, Gilbert; SP-O'Brien 61-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ (world indoor record)(series F, F, 58-6, 59-4, F, 61-5 $\frac{1}{4}$); Lambert 56, Bantum 54-5 $\frac{3}{4}$, Mayer 53-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; 35/WT-Backus 63-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (world indoor record)(series 63-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 62-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, F, 63-3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 63 3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 63-3 $\frac{1}{2}$), Hall 63-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ (collegiate best), Connolly 61-3, Thomson 59-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; HJ-Shelton 6-9, Allard 6-8, Lee, Dennis, Fritts, Smith, Barksdale, Reavis 6-6; PV-Richards and Bragg 15-1; Roucher 14-10; tie Welbourn and Mattos 14-6; BJ-Range 24-7 $\frac{1}{4}$; Shaw 24-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, Fowlkes 23-4, Lochiatto 22-8 $\frac{3}{4}$; Team score: Pioneer 26, Villanova 22 $\frac{1}{2}$, New York AC 18 $\frac{1}{2}$.

OTHER RESULTS

Jim Golliday broke much tied 6.1 indoor record for 60 with 6.0 in triangular at Madison, Feb. 25.
 Greg Bell, Indiana soph, has done 25-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 25-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in dual meets.
 Brandan O'Reilly, from Michigan via Ireland, jumped 6-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ Feb. 25.
 Ted Wheeler, back at Iowa after the Army, has run 4:11.2 and 4:14.5.
 Dave Sime tied record with 6.1 in ACC meet, John Haines did it in Polar Bear meet. Sime also tied Conference mark in lows, did 23-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Al Hall continued to up collegiate weight record with 62-5, Feb. 17.
 Kansas got good marks in losing to Michigan. Blair 6.2, Cannon 606, Nieder 58-0 $\frac{1}{4}$, Floorke 23-9. For Mich., Wallingford 4:14.6 and 9:21.7, Landstrom 14-3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Also, Kruger of Oklahoma 14-0, Van Dyke of Missouri 13-10.

ICAAAA, New York, Feb. 25: 60-Haines (6.1), meet record, equals indoor record, Sydnor, Carper, Johnson. 600-Jenkins (1:11.9), Gilbert (10), Murphy, English, Skerret; 1000-Sowell(2:13.5), St. Clair, Lockerbie, Ellis, Hagarty; Mile-Delany(4:11.4), Matza(15), Doulin, McLaughlin, Brew; 2M-King(9:07), meet record, Sbarra, Stieglitz, Breckinridge, Townsend; MR-Villanova(3:19.6)(Jenkins 47.7), Colgate, NYU, Harvard, Manhattan; 2MR-Pittsburgh (7:40, meet record)(Sowell 1:50.6), Syracuse (15), Georgetown, Manhattan, Fordham; 60HH-Perry(7.3), Knight, Holup, Mairs, Bantum; HJ-Reavis (6-5), King 6-4, tie Gardner, Shipley, Norris 6-1; PV-Bragg 15-2, meet record, tie Buchanan, Carter, Metzger 13-4; BJ-Moore 23-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Moore 23-0 $\frac{1}{4}$, tie Sowell and Bensinger 22-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, Davis 22-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; SP-Bantum 55-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, Winterbauer 50-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, Blockson 49-3 $\frac{1}{2}$, McWilliams 49-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; Blair 47-10; WT-Hall 62-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, meet record; Morefield 61-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, McWilliams 59-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, Johnson 58-7, Blair 57-5 $\frac{3}{4}$.

OUTDOORS

U.S. California season opened early and big, with Bob Gutowski of Oxy vaulting 1500 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Phil Conley, CalTech, throwing 237-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in dual.

NEW ZEALAND Murray Halberg has been rewriting record book, with 4:01.8 (Scott 4:02.5), 8:51.4, 13:38.8. Rodger 28:53.8 for NZ record. Wells 6-7 $\frac{3}{8}$, Richards 13-9 (record), Hahn 211-10 (record).

AUSTRALIA Landy lowered Stephens Australian 3 mile mark to 13:27.4 on Feb. 25. Elsewhere: Lawrence 28:39, Thomas 28:39.8, Power 28:45.8. O'Connell 1:52.1; Gregory 48.5; Clarke 4:09.2, Gleming 4:12.6.

WIND SPRINTS

John Haines' record equalling 6.1 won't be approved because watches held by two newspapermen timers hadn't been checked recently... Toronto will make an all out bid for the 1964 Olympics...besides Milt Campbell, Indiana lost Don Philpott, Mike Curtis, Dave Hedges, and Larry Ison on ineligibility...Iowa has lost Deacon Jones...Dartmouth runner Paul Berry is a Phi Beta Kappa...40th name on the all-time 10,000m list is Paavo Nurmi, one time world record holder at 30:06.2... four years ago Lindy Remigino won the Millrose 60, then surprised at Helsinki. This year's Millrose champ, Dave Sime...Jesse Owens recalls his pro days, when he ran against a horse, with the horse rearing at the start long enough for Owens to take a big lead and then hold on for a three or four yard win at 100 yards...Owens says "we have the greatest youngsters, and the greatest coaches. Let's hold onto our system, and keep the Olympics really amateur and out of the hands of the government"...an English fan points out that a Rafer Johnson at his best would have done quite well in the British championships last year, his best marks being good for six firsts, two seconds, one third and one fourth, plus two European records and four English Native records bettered...Mal Whitfield, now at Los Angeles State, thinks he will be eligible for the NCAA where he plans to run the 440 and 880, but everyone else figures his eligibility is gone. He also says he will run the medium hurdles in the AAU, thus have three shots at the Olympic team...

John Disley is a mountain climbing instructor, which probably helps account for his fitness...no one has ever successfully defended an Olympic marathon title. What thin you of Zatopek's chances?... Australian AAU Olympic selection standards are: 9.7/10.6; 21.7m, 48.5m, 1:52.1m, 3:53/4:11, 14:05/14:35, 30/31, 2:35, 9:30, 14.8, 53.5m, 6-2, 23-6m 48-6, 13-3, 155, 210, 165, 48-6...when Zatopek hit new records for 15 miles (1:14:01) and 25,000m (1:16:36.4), he passed 10,000m in 30:24.2 (American citizen's record 30:33.4) and 20,000m in 1:01.7.3... The U.S. Olympic team imported 5000 sirloin steaks to London for the 48 Games, along with 2572 pounds of ham, 2000 broilers, 2500 lamb chops, 2000 pounds of bacon, 1800 eggs and 500 pounds of cheese. Helms bakery donated and flew over 500 loaves of bread daily. At Helsinki the shipment included eight tons of beef, chops, chickens and ham...Bob Backus led all New York Athletic Club athletes for points scored during 1955, with 150 to 111 for Horace Ashenfelter...the Northwest Cross Country all-star team is led by Bill Dellinger of Oregon, John Midtbo of WSC, Denny Meyer of Washington A.C., Bill Colwell of WSC frosh, and Don Hume of Idaho frosh...

Willie Ritola, who won three gold medals for Finland in the Olympic distances, was honored recently on his 60th birthday in New York, where he is a carpenter...Malcom Spence, South Africa's newest 440 hope with 47.7, is just 18...Henry Kennedy won the Davies Trophy as Canada's outstanding trackman for 1955...Canada has established ladder rankings for the first ten athletes in each event of the various divisions, senior, junior, juvenile and midget, men's and women's...the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan will help raise some \$100,000 needed to send Japan's team to Melbourne...Australians are predicting a world mile record March 10 in the national championships, and a fast 3-mile from Stephens, and perhaps Landy, on the 12th...Zatopek has written a book entitled "My Training and My Races"...Consolini has a first son, Sergio...Jim Bailey, NCAA mile champ, will run in the K of C mile... correction: Tom Skutka is still at Notre Dame where he has hit 4:16 in practice...Jim Podoley of Central Michigan is undergoing treatment for a mild hernia...Villanova had 22 entries and Manhattan 53 in the IC4A. A seeding committee reduced total entries to about 250...Henri Arnaud, whose 2:33 in 1912 was a world record for 1000m, is dead at 65.

RESULTS OF SECOND ANNUAL TRACK NUTS POLL

(Questions asked of all Track Newsletter subscribers, issue of Jan. 17)
Answers are given in percentages. All questions after No. 1 refer to the 1955 season.

1. Your prediction for 1956 Olympic Games winners:
100-Golliday 62, Morrow 32, Sims 3, Richard 3.
200-Morrow 40, Richard and Golliday 17, Futterer 15, Pollard 5, Baker, Smith and Stanfield 2.
400-Mashburn 42, Lea 19, Jones 14, Jenkins 12, Ignatyev 9, Gosper 4.
800-Sowell 74, Boysen 10, Moens 7, Rozsavolgyi 5, Spurrier & Nielsen 2.
1500-Tabori 36, Landy 34, Santee 14, Iharos 10, Rozsavolgyi 4, Nielsen 2.
3000SC-Chromick 57, Disley 33, Ashenfelter 10.
5000-Iharos 74, Landy 7, Kuts, Chataway, Tabori, Stephens 5.
10,000-Kuts 49, Zatopek 28, Stephens 12, Kovacs, Pirie 5, Chataway 2.
HH-Davis 63, Campbell 17, Dillard 15, Roberts, Calhoun, Thomson 2.
400H-Lityayev 60, Culbreath 15, Yulin 12, Southern 5, Lean, Sowell, Whitfield, Russell 2.
400R-United States 99, USSR 1.
1600R-United States 100.
Marathon-Zatopek 93, Karvonen 5, Costes 2.
Decathlon-Johnson 74, Campbell 24, Kuznotsov 2.
HJ-Shelton 70, Dumas 22, Nilsson 8.
BJ-Bennett 60, Range 21, Bell 15, Price 2, Andrews 2.
PV-Richards 89, Bragg 11.
HSJ-DaSilva 85, Shcherbakov 15.
SP-O'Brien 97, Nieder 3.
DT-Gordien 49, Consolini 35, Merta 14, Iness 2.
JT-Held 63, Sidlo 32, Nikkinen and Miller 2.
HT-Krivonosov 73, Connolly 27.
2. World's greatest track or field athlete: Iharos 88, Johnson 10, Zat 2
3. World's greatest track athlete: Iharos 96, Zatopek, Dillard 2.
4. World's greatest field athlete: Krivonosov 22, Richards 18, O'Brien 15, Held 14, da Silva 13, Consolini 9, Shelton 4, Merta, Johnson, Connolly 2.
5. U.S. greatest track or field athlete: Sowell 22, Johnson 20, Golliday & Held 10, Santee 7, Shelton, Connolly 6, Richards, Dillard 5, Campbell, Ashenfelter, Morrow, Mashburn 2, Dumas 1.
6. U.S. greatest track athlete: Sowell 47, Golliday 23, Santee 15, Dillard 6, Courtney, Ashenfelter, Morrow, Mashburn 2.
7. U.S. greatest field athlete: Held 30, Richards 24, O'Brien 19, Connolly 12, Shelton 9, Dumas, Johnson 3.
8. Collegiate greatest track or field athlete: Golliday 31, Sowell 30, Johnson 20, Shelton 12, Kennedy, Mashburn 3, Morrow 2.
9. Collegiate greatest track athlete: Sowell 50, Golliday 42, Mashburn 4, Ledesma, Seaman 2, Morrow 1.
10. Collegiate greatest field athlete: Shelton 69, Bragg 16, Bitner Johnson 4, Nieder, Hall, Vick 2, Koch 1.
11. H.S. greatest track or field athlete: Dumas 55, Southern 38, Brewer 7
12. H.S. greatest track athlete: Souther 94, Tidwell 4, Skutka 2.
13. H.S. greatest field athlete: Dumas 88, Brewer 12.
14. Most improved world track or field athlete: Iharos 28, Tabori 14, Stephens 11, Spurrier 8, Connolly 6, Merta, Jones 5, Sowell, Chromik, Johnson, Hellsten, Kiwitt, Wood, Consolini, Moens, Levack, Kuts 2.
15. Most improved U.S. track or field athlete: Connolly 34, Spurrier 16, Dumas 15, Richard 5, Sowell 5, Johnson 5, Bell, Kiwitt, Mangham, Ellis Bragg, Jones, Jenkins 2, Seaman, Courtney, Richard, Dwyer 1.
16. Greatest single performance, world: Iharos 13:40.6 (45), Moens 1:45.7(22), Iharos 8:33.4(8), Tabori 3:59(7), Spurrier 1:47.5(5), Hung. 5000 Ch, Rosy'x 5:02.2, Iharos 13:13.4, Jones 45.4, daSilva 54-4, Sowell 1:47.6

- 17-Greatest single performance, U.S.: Spurrier 1:47.5, Jones 45.4, Sowell 1:47.6 (20); Connolly 209-7(15), Johnson 7985, Held 268-2½(7), Golliday 9.3, Dumas 6-10¼ (4); Golliday NCAA double, Thomson wt. win.
- 18- Greatest win: Sowell in AAU 880 (24), Jones in Pan Am 400 (22), Moens in world record (13), Tabori in 3:59 (13), Dumas at Fresno, Tabori 3:40.8 (6), Chromik 13:55.2, Santee from Sowell, Jones NCAA CC, Hiroshima Boston marathon, Stephens over Iharos, Johnson (3).
- 19-Biggest upset: Dumas tying Shelton at Fresno, Sowell failing to qualify in NCAA (18); Miranda over Santee (16), Jones 45.4 (11); Tabori 3:59 (8), Stephens over Hungarians (6), Bragg NCAA PV, Seaman 4:01.4, Grim 4:09.9, Jones NCAA CC, Bell AAU BJ, Tabori over Chataway (2).
- 20-Biggest comeback: Consolini 25, Spurrier 22, Richard, Golliday, Campbell 8, Whitfield, Hart 6, Dillard, Stanley, Disley, Pirie, Bangerter, Ledesma 3.
- 21-Biggest flop: Santee 35, Whitfield 23, Coliseum 880 7, Sowell NCAA 4, Nyenashev, Lea, Hogan, Shelton, A. Bragg, Zatopek, Pirie, Hungarians in Australia, Spurrier AAU, Davis AAU 3, Held 1.
- 22--Event most liked to have seen: AAU 880 (25), 13:40.6 (20), 3:59(17), 3:40.8, 1:45.7, 45.4 (7), Miracle Mile (2), Zatopek 25,000 (5), AAU HJ, 8:33.4, Shirley's 8:47.6, USSR Ch. HT (2).
- 23-Discovery of the year: Dumas 41, Southern 10, Morrow 8, Stephens 7, Johnson, Connolly 5, Bell 4, Deacon Jones 3, Hungarians, Lawson, Brewer, Sowell, Kennedy, Merta, Mangham (2), Range 1.
- 24-U.S. Coach of the year: Ducky Drake UCLA 25, Jess Mortensen USC 15, Payton Jordan Occidental 10, Bill Easton Kansas 10, Bill Bowerman Oregon 9, George Eastment Manhattan 9, Jim Elliott Villanova, Karl Schlademann MSU, Brutus Hamilton California, Carl Olsen Pitt, Ralph Higgins Oklahoma A&M, Tom Botts Missouri, Vern Wolfe North (Phoenix) High, 3.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

TN RONALD JONES, Orange, Calif. has scored on the decathlon tables the best single mark in each Olympic event by athletes from the US, USSR, and the rest of the world from 1947 through 1955, and averaged the yearly total and figured percent of increase over previous year.

	USA		USSR		World	
1947	1086		952		1103	
1948	1110	2.2%	984	3.4%	1117	1.3%
1949	1115	0.5%	1006	2.2%	1111	0%
1950	1106	-0.8%	1035	2.9%	1170	4.8%
1951	1122	1.4%	1049	1.4%	1140	-2.6%
1952	1192	6.2%	1113	6.1%	1182	3.7%
1953	1190	-0.1%	1141	2.5%	1194	1.0%
1954	1182	-0.7%	1188	4.1%	1234	3.3%
1955	1222	3.4%	1219	2.6%	1272	3.1%
9 yr. total gain	136	12.6%	267	28%	169	15.3%

Jones says: The results show some interesting things. Russia has never failed to improve, while the U.S. has failed on three occasions and the rest of the world once. Russia has shown that in an Olympic year her improvement can equal that of the U.S. Of course this takes in only the top marks. In any evaluation

of depth the U.S. and the rest of the world would leave Russia far behind.

SANDOR IHAROS was born of working-class parents, left home at an early age because of the war, became an apprentice tool-maker, first became interested in athletics at 18. He likes the cinema, theatre, music, and biographies. Has been married three years, has a 1½ year-old son named after him, and lives in the suburbs of Budapest. His greatest ambition is to see junior become a greater athlete than the old man. Would like to see the shorter even in a double schedule for the first day of a split program.