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NEWS

INDOORS

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, March 10: 50-Williams (5.4), McKown, Nash, Carroll; 600-Whitfield 1:12.6, Anschuetz, Smith, Rhyne; 1000-Sowell 2:10, Maynard, Barnes, Taylor; Mile, 1st section, Tidwell 4:10.9, Coleman, Deacon Jones, Walter; 2nd section, Santee 4:10.5, Kirk, Taylor; college, Wheeler 4:12.8, Kennedy, Pylo; 2M-Johnson 9:24, Blackburn, Wheeler, Petino; 50HH-Woodson 6.1, ties American record; Savoldi, Mathews, Shankle; MR-Notre Dame 3:20.8, Iowa 3:20.9, Indiana 3:21.0; 2MR-Pitt 7:35.2, fastest of season, MSU, Notre Dame; HJ-Shelton 6-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, tie, Allard, Smith, Booth 6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; PV-Richards 15-2, Welbourn 15-0 (first time), Mattos 14-8.

BIG SEVEN, Kansas City, March 3, was won by Kansas 51, Oklahoma 45 $\frac{1}{2}$, Missouri 36. 60-Blair, K, 6.3; 440, Folsom, O, 50.2; 880, Frame, K, 1:54.7; M-Frame 4:16.9; 2M-McNeal, K, 9:31.9; MR-O, 3:21.0; 60LH-Davis, M, 6.9; 60HH-Hageboeck, C, 7.5; PV-Kruger, O, 14-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, record; HJ-Lang, M, 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, record; BJ-Cook, O, 24-1; SP-Nieder, K, 59-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, record.

ALSO Jim Beatty's second in the KofC two-mile was 9:05.7... Lee Calhoun equalled best ever time with 7.1 for 60HH in South Atlantic AAU meet... Courtney ran 1:52.2, fastest flat track time, in NY Pioneer Club Games, while George King ran 4:11.9 mile.

OUTDOORS, the season is coming along well, with previously unreported marks as follows: 100--Burks, L.S. State, 9.6; Whilden, Texas, 9.7; Agostini, Fresno, 9.4; 220--Agostini 20.7w, Whilden 21.1, Gainey, Texas Frosh, 21.1; 440-Mashburn 48.0; 880-Foerster, SDNTC 1:54.6, Mosshart, North Texas Fr, 1:54.9; Mile-Zellers, Army, 4:14.6, Villarreal, Texas Frosh, 4:16.5; 5000m-Truex, SC, 14:31.4 (five seconds off American record), Tyler 14:57.0; 120HH-Davis, San Diego NTC, 13.8, Campbell, SDNTC 14.0n, pruit, Houston, 14.6, Bell, East Texas State, 14.3w; 220LH-Smallwood, Texas A&M, 23.4, Southern, Texas Frosh, 23.7; Robinson, Fresno, 22.7w (also 14.2, no wind), Harris, East Texas Fr, 23.0w; 440R-Texas Frosh 41.1; HJ-Dyer and Smith, SDNTC, 6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, Dumas, Compton, 6-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Fehlen, Stanford, 6-7; Fendler, Pomona-Claremont, 6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; BJ-Arnett, SC, 24-6 $\frac{3}{4}$; Andrews, 24-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; PV-Barnes, OC, 14-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Kenly, Arizona State & Smith, 14-6; Gutowski 14-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; SP-O'Brien, Travis AFB, 175-2; Drummond, UCLA 170-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Koch, 168-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; Thompson, SDNTC, 164-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; Hester, Occidental, 162-11; JT-Long, OC, 231-3; Genley, Caltech, 225-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Harlow, Camp Pendleton, 224-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Righter, OC, 218-9; Bugge, OC, 218-7;

HIGH SCHOOL marks, all from Calif., include: 9.6 and 21.0 by Brown, Lincoln of San Jose; 9.7 and 20.9 by Poynter, Pasadena; 49.0 by Ross of California; 4:28.1 by Monzingo of San Diego Hoover; 6:24 by Chappell of L.S. Jefferson; 60-8 $\frac{1}{8}$ and 60-2 by Homer Robertson of Pacific, San Bernardino; 60-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ by Davis, Canoga Park. From Arizona, 13-9 by Brewer of North, Phoenix.

ABROAD: South Africa: Gunnar Nielsen, Denmark, 3:52.2 at 6000 ft., 4:05.9, 1:50.6m, all-comers record, 4:09.4, 1:53.9 (muddy track). Also: DuPlessis 162-11, Jennings 4:12.2, Petty 9.7, Swanepoel 1:52.9, Soine 1:50.9m, S.Afr. national record; Van Der Merwe 14.3, Price 24-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Truter 6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Van Heerden and Von Vollenhoven 24-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Swart 14.4; Australia: Landy won double in National Championships, not without excitement. He won the mile in 4:04.2 after stopping to assist a faller runner. Two days later won the three-mile in 13:42.2 as Dave Stephens failed to place after setting the early pace. Landy had a 57.6 quarter in mile to beat Alec Henderson 4:05.8 and Merv Lincoln 4:08.8.

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WIND SPRINTS

Only three Helsinki champions--Richards, da Silva and O'Brien--still led the world last year on the basis of best mark and best average. On the track, only Stanfield and Zatopek even made the best 10 in their event...a Mass. congressman has introduced a bill to pay the training and travel costs of the U.S. Olympic team...Bill Mihalo, who claims to be an ex-Olympic Games walking champ, which he isn't, keeps claiming "professional walking" championships and records, the latest being a 20 mile walk in 2:28.1. (Anybody know anything about pro walking?)...the Marine Corps says some 800 athletes from 60 schools have entered the April 6-7 relays at Quantico...Mal Whitfield, now competing for Los Angeles State College, returned to collegiate competition for the first time in seven years with a 1:57.5 half and 49.6 relay leg...John Disley and Ken Wood will not run at Montreal and Chicago as announced, the Canadian promoters having withdrawn the invitation when both Chataway and Hewson were unavailable...Wm. Eipel, former Manhattan trackman, has given \$17,000 to his school for an engineering-track scholarship...Charley Dumas is aiming at a world record and Olympic win this year, the same as another Compton College ace of 20 years ago. Remember Cornelius Johnson?...an analysis of the starting at Helsinki reveals the time between "set" and gun varied from 1.4 to 2.9 seconds. There were seven recalls in 200 starts up to and including the 400m...

NOTED WITH INTEREST

HUNGARIAN Olympic entries are subject of speculation by The Modern Athlete after study of scoring tables. Rozsavolgyi gets 1250 for his 1000 record, 1335 for 1500, and 1504 for 2000, hence apparently gets better the farther he runs. Tabori, the No. 1 miler of 1955, will probably handle the 1500, moving Rozsavolgyi up to the 5000, which might be his best event. This leaves the 10,000 for Iharos, who could be remarkably suited for it. His four world records, from 1500 to 5000, vary but 35 points in value on the scoring table, indicating he is as good at once distance as another.

JIM PETERS greatness as a marathon runner is revealed in the cold stats of the 10 fastest marathon runs ever, as listed in "In the Long Run (T&FN \$2.50). Peters is the only repeat, with four times, and the only one not to make the time in the Boston marathon:

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| 2:17:39.4 Peters, 1954, Chiswick | 2:19:19.0 Karvonen, 1953, Boston |
| 2:18:22.0 Hamamura, 1955, Boston | 2:19:22.0 Peters, 1953, Enschede |
| 2:18:34.8 Peters, 1953, Turku | 2:19:23.0 Pulkkinen, 1955, Boston |
| 2:18:40.2 Peters, 1953, Chiswick | 2:19:36.0 Leandersson, 1953, Boston |
| 2:18:51.0 Yamada, 1953, Boston | 2:19:57.0 Costes, 1955, Boston |

MARATHONERS need not collapse in hot weather if simple precautions are taken says Arthur Newton. The worst mistake is the official ruling that no assistance be offered a competitor except at fixed places. The rule should be altered not only to allow but to encourage householders at the wayside to provide buckets of water which can be used as a douche by the runners if required.

SO THEY TELL US

SID SMITH, Hamilton, Canada: "I took in the British AAA meet last summer, where Pirie collapsed with one lap to go in the 6 mile. There were a lot of excuses made for him. It was a hot day by English standards and Peter Driver said it was hotter than when he ran in Vancouver. Personally, I thought Ken Norris ran Pirie to a standstill. Norris tried in the early laps to overtake Pirie and the lead on every bend, but Pirie would not have it. Once he did pass Gordon then Norris dictated the pace." q

TN Emile Heroux, 47 Grove St., Wauregan, Conn.: "Does anyone have a complete list of best-on-record marks for standard and odd distances and events of track and field? This has been a project of mine and I have over 200 distances or events covered but this is by no means complete. I would like supplementary information...I would like to see odd distances reinstated once more in competition. An annual meet with unusual distances and events would provide many athletes with an opportunity to establish new best-on-record marks and might cause one or some of these to gain popularity again. It would provide variety both for the athlete and spectator...Does anyone have any information on the reports that John Davis, Olympic heavyweight weightlifting champ, has unofficially broken the world's record for the standing broad jump?... Who is the world's most versatile athlete? I am interested in finding out which person has competed in more track and field events than anyone else and has attained fair or good marks in most. This ideal athlete does not exist, but someone must be approaching him. My best is Bob Richards for whom I have marks in 19 events. Anyone know anyone better qualified for the title?...I think the greatest athlete that ever lived was Jesse Owens, followed by Harrison Dillard, John Landy and Arnie Sowell tied, Emil Zatopek, Bob Mathias, Milt Campbell, Johnny Kelley, Nick Costes and Willie Steele...The Olympic issue of 1952 was the best T&FN, and the profile of Emil Zatopek the best single story... What scoring tables are used for the All-Around championships?"

TN NEIL ALLEN, Upminster, England: "Peter Driver was very impressive when winning the intercounties cross country. He is fit at last and is going to concentrate on 3 and 6 miles next season though he aims at 4:02 for the mile. Shades of Gunder Hagg!"

H. POBJOY, Australia: "For all his speedy first up running, Landy did not impress me with his body form in his 880 against Spurrier. I watched all his sub 4:03 runs two seasons ago when he ran much the same, dropping his arms and reaching for stride when he wanted to go faster. The 3:58.6 was much better. I though he was quite capable of 3:54, but he must have worried himself out of it. His balance is a bit off for real speed work yet, but he has been getting some advice and I am quite confident he will run 3:54, maybe faster, this season....If you have any spare starting coaches, send one over to Brian Randall, Hogan's two time conqueror. He starts like an old man, but finishes like a train, and could even give Golliday trouble with a good start."

TN HAL BATEMAN, MSU: "The Spartans are rounding into shape. For instance, a few weeks back, Selwyn Jones 9:12.4, Henry Kennedy 9:19.5, Gay Denslow 9:27.5. Kennedy ran 4:15.3 the day before."

TN EMERSON CASE, Schenectady: "It can be proved by statistical methods that, when you have many track men attaining or approaching a certain figure, chance alone will permit someone to break this figure. If all the best times of all men in an event could be obtained and plotted on a chart, the curves for each year would be symmetrical and follow what is called a 'normal distribution' curve. As the number of runners achieving each mark increased, the curves would reach higher maximums, indicating a new record. It's a mathematical certainty. The laws of chance and probability never fail."

AVERAGE of three best performances of the year is used to rank the 1955 trackmen by The Modern Athlete: 100m-Golliday & Richard 10.33, Morrow, King, Futterer 10.36; 200 turn--Richard 20.83, Golliday 20.93, Futterer 20.93; 400m-Mashburn 46.26, Lea 46.3, Jones 46.4; 800-Moens 1:46.73, Courtney 1:47.2; Boysen 1:47.4; 1500-Tabori 3:41.4; Rozsavolgyi 3:41.8, Iharos 3:42.06; 5000-Iharos 13:49.33, Kuts 13:56.06; Chataway 13:59.66; 10000-Kuts 29:04.53, Kovacs 29:16.73, Pirie 29:24; 3000 SC-Chromik 8:44.8, Karvonen 8:47.0, Rozsnyoi 8:47.26; 110H-Campbell 13.9, Davis 13.92, Thompson 14.0; 400H-Lityov 51.5, Culbreath 51.66, Yulin 51.8; HJ-Shelton 6-10 7/8, Nilsson 6-10 3/4, Dumas 6-10 1/12; BJ-Bennett 25-7 3/8, Range 25-3 3/4; Bell 25-2 1/8; PV-Richards 15-1 3/4, Bragg 14-10 3/4, Smith 14-8 3/4; HSJ-da Silva 52-8, Shcherbakov 52-3 1/2, Chen 51-3 1/2; SP-O'Brien 51-1 1/8, Jones 58-0 3/8, Nieder 57-0 5/8; HT-Krivososov 211-1 3/4, Connolly 206-2 3/4, Csermak 200-3 1/8; DT-Consolini 184-6, Merta 183-10 7/8, Iness 179-0; JT-Held 263-6 3/8, Sidlo 260-9 1/8, Nikkinen 258-4 3/4.

EVOLUTION OF DISCUS RECORD

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| 95-7 1/2 | Garrett, US, 1896 | | |
| 118-9 | Chas. Henneman, US, 1897 | 163-8 3/4 | Eric Krenz, US, 1929 |
| 120-7 3/4 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1901 | 167-5 3/8 | Erick Krenz, US, 1930 |
| 127-8 3/4 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1902 | 169-8 7/8 | Paul Jessup, US, 1930 |
| 133-6 1/2 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1904 | 171-11 3/4 | Harald Andersson, S, 34 |
| 135-5 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1906 | 174-2 1/2 | Wilhelm Schroder, Ger, 35 |
| 136-10 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1907 | 174-8 3/4 | Archie Harris, US, 1941 |
| 139-10 1/2 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1909 | 175 | Adolfo Consolini, It 41 |
| 141-4 3/8 | Martin Sheridan, US, 1911 | 177-11 1/16 | Adolfo Consolini 46 |
| 145-9 1/2 | James Duncan, US 1912 | 180-2 3/4 | Bob Fitch, US, 46 |
| 156-1 3/8 | James Duncan, US 1912 | 181-6 3/8 | Adolfo Consolini 1948 |
| 156-2 1/2 | Tom Lieb, US 1924 | 185- 2 7/16 | Fortune Gordien, US, 49 |
| 157-1 5/8 | Glen Hartranft, US 1925 | 186-10 15/16 | F. Gordien 49 |
| 158-1 3/4 | Bud House, US, 1925 | 190-0 7/8 | Sim Iness, US 1953 |
| 160-0 3/8 | H. Hoffmeister, US, 1928 | 190-7 1/2 | Fortune Gordien 1953 |
| | | 194-6 | Fortune Gordien 1953 |

ONE HOUR Best performers list:

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| 20,052m | Emil Zatopek, CSR, 1951 | 19,210 | Nurmi, Finland, 1928 |
| 19,595 | Ivanov, USSR, 1955 | 19,143 | Binnie, Scotland, 1953 |
| 19,399 | Heino, Finland, 1945 | 19,105 | Pozidhaiev, USSR, 1953 |
| 19,252 | Bassalaev, USSR, 1955 | 19,078 | Mimoun, France, 1955 |
| 19,214 | Mihalic, Yugoslavia, 1952 | 19,021 | Bouin, France, 1913 |
| (20,052 meters is 12 miles, 810y) | | 19,007 | Czaplar, Hungary, 1953 |

BEST PERFORMANCES, according to points from the IAAF scoring tables are: Krivososov, HT, 1662 points; Nyenashev, HT, 1615; Connolly, HT, 1598; da Silva, HSJ, 1565; Held, JT, 1535; O'Brien, SP, 1516; Gordien DT, 1508; Rozsavolgyi, 2000m, 1503; Tabori, 2000m, 1475; Strandli, HT, 1446.

The world records rate: HT 1662; HSJ 1565, JT 1535, SP 1516, DT 1508, 2000 1503, 200m 1420, mile 1412, 5000m 1389, HJ 1380, PV 1379, 1500m 1377, 10000m 1372, 2 mile 1369, 3000m 1366, HH 1358, 400m 1333, SC 1333, BJ 1324, 100m 1300, 300m 1300, 800m 1293, 200mH 1271, 1000m 1250, 400mH 1248.

EVOLUTION OF THREE-MILE RECORD

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| 13:32.2 | Fred Green, GB, 1954 |
| 14:17.6 | Alfred Shrubbs, GB, 1903 |
| 13:32.2 | Chris Chataway, GB, 1954 |
| 14:11.2 | Paavo Nurmi, Finland, 1923 |
| 13:27.4 | Vladimir Kuts, USSR, 1954 |
| 13:50.6 | Lauri Lehtinen, Fin, 1932 |
| 13:27.0 | Vladimir Kuts, USSR, 1954 |
| 13:42.4 | Taisto Maki, Finland, 1939 |
| 13:26.4 | Vladimir Kuts, USSR, 1954 |
| 13:35.3 | Gunder Hagg, Sweden, 1942 |
| 13:23.2 | Chris Chataway, GB, 1955 |
| 13:32.4 | Gunder Hagg, Sweden, 1942 |
| 13:14.2 | Sandor Iharos, Hung, 1955 |