

## NEWS

INDOORS, the season has had it.

CLEVELAND, March 16: 45--Carper 4.9, Butler, Williams, Flinn; 600--Gaffney 1:13.7, Lowry 1:14.0, Jones 1:14.2, Sloan 1:14.8; 1000--Sowell 2:11 Courtney 2:11.1, Maynard 2:13.7; Mile--Wheeler 4:13.0, Coleman 4:13.9, Walter 4:16.3, Blackburn 4:20.6; Santee Mile--Santee 4:06.9, Beretich 4:25.5, Kirk 4:34.4, Taylor 4:37.2; 2Mile--Ashenfelter 9:07.6, Beatty 9:09.4, Deacon Jones 9:09.4, Selwyn Jones 9:20.2; 45HH--Dillard 5.6, Savoldi, Newberry, Campbell; MR--Notre Dame 3:21.3, tie Pitt & Indiana 3:21.8, Ohio State 3:24.1; 2MR--NYU 7:36.7, Pitt 7:37.9 (Sowell 1:48.8) Notre Dame 7:42.1, Syracuse 7:43; PV--Welbourn 15-0, Tie Richards, Mattos, Landstrom 14-8; HJ--Allard 6-8, Shelton 6-7, Fritts 6-4, Booth. CHICAGO, March 24: 50--Carper 5.2 (ties meet record), Williams, Carroll; 600--Barnes, Gaffney, Anshuetz; 1000--Courtney 2:09.4 (meet record); Mile--Wheeler 4:07.5, Coleman (yard back), Matza and Stanley; 2M--Deacon Jones 9:04.9, Wallingford, Selwyn Jones; 60HH--Dillard 7.1 (ties American & meet records); MR--Notre Dame 3:20.2 & Iowa tied; 2MR--Pitt 7:35.7 (Sowell 1:48), Syracuse (5); HJ--Shelton & Smith 6-6; PV--Welbourn 15-0 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Richards 14-9, Landstrom 14-6. Also, Al Hall, 62-3  $\frac{3}{4}$  on March 17 at New Haven.

ABROAD: Suarez, Argentina, new South American 5000m record, 14:20.7.

NEW ZEALAND: Baillie 13:46.2, Rodger 13:51, Wells 6-7 & 6-6, Scott 4:04.0 from Halberg 4:14.7, Scott 2:56.6 & Baillie 2:59.9. National championships, Mar. 16 & 17: Rae 9.7 heat, 9.8; Smith 48.4, Halberg 4:06.4, Scott 4:08.4n, Baillie 14:03, Rodger 30:17.8, Richards 2:31:46, Wells 6-7, Richards 13-9, Hahn 220-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

AUSTRALIA, Nat. Chs: Mar. 10 & 12: Hogan 9.6 heat & 9.7, Rae 9.7, Hogan 21.3, Gosper 48.4, O'Connell 1:50.8, Fleming 1:51.9, Henderson 1:52.0, Landy 4:04.2, Henderson 4:05.8, Lincoln 4:08.8, Landy 13:42.2, Lawrence 13:44.9, Power 13:47.8, Warren 13:48.8, Lawrence 29:05.2, Warren 29:06.2, Doubleday 14.6w, Goodacre 52.4, Porter 6-6, Oliver 23-11w, & 50-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Also: Thomas 9:05.2 3000Sc & Porter 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , nat. records.

OUTDOOR U.S. marks are headed by new world 220 record, 20.1, by Mike Agostini, Fresno State, at Bakersfield, March 17. Also ran 9.4, week later did 9.6, 21.2. Other top marks not previously reported, and not necessarily personal bests for the season: 100--Hart, Baylor, 9.5; Burl, Ft. Ord, reported as one foot or one yard behind Agostini's 9.4; Dennis: LA Valley 9.5w; Burks, LA State, 9.6. 220--Lea, AF, 20.6n; Morrow, ACC, 20.7; Mashburn, OKA&M, 21.0; Whilden, Texas, 21.0; Dorsey, SC, 21.0; Dennis, 20.9w; 440--Lea, 47.8; Scruggs 48.1; Moore, San Diego Navy, 48.4; Stanley, San Jose, 48.4; Ellis, UCLA, 48.4; Whitfield, LA State, 48.5 twice; Rhoden, Striders, 48.5n; Totz, Texas, 48.5; 880--Whitfield 1:50.3 & 1:51.3; Weiss 1:50.3n & 1:51.8; Shinn, Oxy, 1:51.8n; Murhpy, SDN, 1:52.4n; Stanley, San Jose, 1:52.6; Atterbury, Compton, 1:52.7; Johnson, ACC, 1:52.9; Walters, Striders, 1:52.9n; Terrill, Sheppard AFB, 1:53.1; Coburn, SC, 1:53.1; Villarreal, Texas Fr, 1:53.5. Mile--Bowden, Cal, 4:08.2 from Spurrier, OC, 4:09.4, Zellers, Army, 4:09.8 & Simpson, OC, 4:11.6; Wing, SC, 4:10.9; McLeod, SC, 4:13.1n; 2Mile--Truex, SC, 9:01.5 & 9:15.5; HH--Davis, SDN, 13.7 & 14.2n; Campbell, SDN, 14.0n & 14.1; Curtis, TCU, 14.0; Robinson, Fresno, 14.2 & 14.3; Johnson, UCLA, 14.1 (also 22.7, 48-10, 193-8 & 153-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , same meet); IH--Robinson 22.6; Herod, Baylor, 23.2; HJ--Wilson, SCYC, 6-9; Stewart, SMU Fr, 6-8  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Fendler, PC, 6-7  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; PV--Kenley, ArizSt, 14.07; Gutowski, Oxy, 14-6 twice; Morris & Levake, SC, 14-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Pedersen, Fresno, 14-0; BJ--Shelby, Pierce, 24-9; Taylor, Camp Pnc., 24-11; Hermann, Stan, 24-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Range, Harbor, 24-1; 3P--Butt, Cal, 55-9; Thompson, SNW, 53-11; Cheney, Stan, 53-6  $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Martin, SC, 56-7  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Vick, UCLA, 56-4; Bonorden, TA&M, 53-11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; DT--Koch 170-2; Thompson, SDN, 164-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Vereen, GaTech, 163-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; JT--Young, OC, 234-2.

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Be sure to send news and corrections in time to meet deadlines. Autographed copies of "All Out for the Mile", the grand new book on the history of the mile run, by George Smith of England, are available to Track Newsletter subscribers at a special price of \$3.00. (The U.S. price has been established at \$3.75). Copies will be sent direct from England, so expect a four week delay.

Ticket deadline for the track nuts get together at the Olympic Trials is April 30. Checks (for \$5.00 per ticket, plus \$.25 handling charge) should be made payable to "U.S. Olympic Trials", and sent to TN Foster Rucker, 501 Los Olivos Dr., San Gabriel, Calif.

An enjoyable between meet pasttime is the picking of the U.S. Olympic team. Do it now, and once a month, following each issue of T&FN. Note how the composition changes, as new stars burst forth, events are switched, injuries occur, etc. For each event, make columns for "certain", "should make team", "leading contender", "good chance" and "fair or outside chance". When looking back you'll be amazed to see how the listings change, even inside a month. We'll have a contest just before the Trials.

SO THEY TELL US

TN MARDIK MARTIN, Detroit: "I am very glad to join the Track Nuts gang, and I want to assure you that I will do my best to contribute as much as I can to this great sport. I have only recently arrived from Baghdad, Iraq to this country, and I consider myself a walking encyclopedia in track information."

TN ROY SILVER, NYC: "Last spring, Fred Schmertz, impressario of the Millrose Games, extended an invitation to Duke's Joel Shankle to run at this year's meet. This fall, Schmertz wrote Shankle to confirm the invitation. On Nov. 15, a member of the Duke athletic office sent a letter to Schmertz asking whether a kid named Sime could appear. He gave Sime's background. On Nov. 22 Schmertz wrote Duke saying okay, but no expenses would be paid. Three days before the Washington Star meet Sime's entry reached Schmertz. The day after the Washington Star meet Schmertz rushed off a letter that all Sime's expenses would be paid!"

TN CUNEYT KORYUREK, Fresno: (written March 3): "It seems Mike Agostini will at least tie the 100 mark this season. He ran 9.5 and 20.9 last Friday with official timers in a time trial. In the 100 he had a bad start, and he had only six days of starting practice. He works hard and his attitude is wonderul. In the last 30 yards of any sprint race I just can't find any name who can beat Mike."

MIKE AGOSTINI (following his 9.6, 21.2, 47.7 relay leg Sat.): "The 440 came hard. I have been bothered by knee cartileges this past week so took it easy in the sprints, but that 440 was tough. Yes, I am going to take a crack at the Olympic 400. It comes after the 100 and 200 so what have I to lose, and who knows?"

V. V. KOLATCHOFF, Hongkong: "G. S. Kler writes from Borneo that their main Olympic hope, policeman Gabuh bin Tiging, is going over 49 feet regularly in the HSJ in practice and is almost a cinch for the trip to Melbourne. Two or three generations ago his forefathers were among the most feared head-hunters in Borneo and sometimes quite a distinct pain in the neck to police patrols. So here you have a tribe turning from head-hunting to hop-stepping."

TN ED RICE, Corona del Mar, Calif: "Some of us here in So. Calif. see between 30 and 50 meets a year and have been doing so for 20 or more years. I have well over 100 scrapbooks on track, and much other material such as guides, books, periodicals, programs, etc."

STATSEvolution of 4x200 and 4x220 records:

|         |   |              |      |
|---------|---|--------------|------|
| 1:36.0m | AIK Stockholm(Ljung, Pettersson, Almqvist, Hakansson) | Stock.       | 1908 |
|         | following records are for both 800m and 880 y         |              |      |
| 1:27.8  | Pennsylvania(Landers, Davis, Haymond, Smith)          | Philadelphia | 1919 |
| 1:27.4  | New York AC(Wefers, Lovejoy, Ray, Farrell)            | Pasadena     | 1921 |
| 1:25.8  | USC (House, Smith, Borah, Lewis)                      | Los Angeles  | 1927 |
| 1:25.0  | Stanford(Kneubuhl, Hiserman, Malott, Weiershauser)    | Fresno       | 1937 |
| 1:24.4  | USC (Patton, Frazier, Pasquali, Stocks)               | Fresno       | 1949 |
| 1:24.0  | USC (Patton, Frazier, Pasquali, Stocks)               | Los Angeles  | 1949 |

Evolution of 4x400m record:

|        |  |             |      |
|--------|--|-------------|------|
| 3:18.2 | USA (Schaaf, Sheppard, Gissing, Rosenberger)   | Celtic Park | 1911 |
| 3:16.6 | USA (Sheppard, Reidpath, Meredith, Lindberg)   | Stockholm   | 1912 |
| 3:16.0 | USA (Cochrane, Helffrich, McDonald, Stevenson) | Paris       | 1924 |
| 3:14.2 | USA (Bair, Aldermann, Spencer, Barbuti)        | Amsterdam   | 1928 |
| 3:13.4 | USA (Baird, Taylor, Barbutti, Spencer)         | London      | 1928 |
| 3:12.6 | Stanford (Shore, Hables, Hables, Eastman)      | Fresno      | 1931 |
| 3:08.2 | USA (Fuqua, Ablowich, Warner, Carr)            | Los Angeles | 1932 |
| 3:03.9 | Jamaica (Wint, Laing, McKenley, Rhoden)        | Helsinki    | 1952 |

Evolution of 4x440y record:

|        |  |             |      |
|--------|--|-------------|------|
| 3:18.2 | USA (Schaaf, Sheppard, Gissing, Rosenberger)           | Celtic Park | 1911 |
| 3:18.0 | Pennsylvania (Kaufman, Lockwood, Lippincott, Meredith) | Phil.       | 1915 |
| 3:13.4 | USA (Baird, Taylor, Barbutti, Spencer)                 | London      | 1928 |
| 3:12.6 | Stanford (Shore, Hables, Hables, Eastman)              | Fresno      | 1931 |
| 3:11.6 | USC (Johnson, Cassin, Smallwood, Fitch)                | Fresno      | 1936 |
| 3:10.5 | Stanford (Shaw, Clark, Williamson, Jeffrey)            | Palo Alto   | 1940 |
| 3:09.4 | California (Reese, Froom, Barnes, Klemmer)             | Los Angeles | 1941 |
| 3:08.8 | USA (Cole, Mashburn, Pearman, Whitfield)               | London      | 1952 |

Evolution of 4x one mile relay record:

|         |  |              |      |
|---------|--|--------------|------|
| 17:51.2 | USA (Mahoney, Marceau, Powers, Hedlund)                        | Easton       | 1913 |
| 17:51.2 | USA (Taylor, Hoffmire, Windnagle, Potter)                      | Philadelphia | 1916 |
| 17:45.0 | Illinois (Yates, Patterson, McGinnis, Wharton)                 | Des Moines   | 1922 |
| 17:21.4 | Illinois AC(Krogh, Buker, Watson, Ray)                         | Chicago      | 1923 |
| 17:17.2 | USA (Hornbostel, Venzke, San Romani, Cunningham)               | London       | 1936 |
| 17:16.2 | Indiana (Trutt, Smith, Deckard, Lash)                          | Philadelphia | 1937 |
| 17:02.8 | IK Brandkarens Stockholm (Jansson, Karlen, Kalarne, Hellstrom) | Stockholm    | 1941 |
| 16:55.8 | IF Gavle (Wallgren, Bengtsson, Aberg, H. Eriksson)             | Goteborg     | 1948 |
| 16:42.8 | IF Gavle (Bengtsson, Bergqvist, Aberg, H. Eriksson)            | Stock.       | 1949 |
| 16:41.0 | Gt. Britain (Chataway, Nankeville, Seaman, Bannister)          | London       | 1953 |

Evolution of 4x100m relay record:

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|------|---|-------------|------|
| 42.3 | Germany (Rhor, Kern, Hermann, Rau)                | Stockholm   | 1912 |
| 42.2 | USA (Scholz, Murchison, Kirksey, Paddock)         | Antwerp     | 1920 |
| 42.0 | Great Britain (Abrahams, Rangeley, Royle, Nichol) | Paris       | 1924 |
| 42.0 | Holland (Boot, Broos, de Vries, van den Berghe)   | Paris       | 1924 |
| 41.0 | USA (Clarke, Hussey, Le Cony, Murchison)          | Paris       | 1924 |
| 41.0 | Newark AC (Bowman, Currie, Pappas, Cumming)       | Lincoln     | 1927 |
| 41.0 | Frankfurt (Geerling, Wichmann, Metzner, Salz)     | Halle       | 1928 |
| 40.8 | Germany (Jonath, Corts, Houben, Kornig)           | Berlin      | 1928 |
| 40.8 | SSC Berlin (Kornig, Grosser, Natan, Schloske)     | Breslau     | 1929 |
| 40.8 | USC (Delby, Maurer, Guyer, Wykoff)                | Fresno      | 1931 |
| 40.0 | USA (Kiesel, Toppino, Dyer, Wykoff)               | Los Angeles | 1932 |
| 39.8 | USA (Owens, Metcalfe, Draper, Wykoff)             | Berlin      | 1936 |

NOTED WITH INTEREST

THROWING PROWESS of the countries is noted by Steve von Devan who adds best 1955 mark in shot, discus, javelin and hammer to come up with these figures: USA 218.86 meters, USSR 215.09, Hungary 210.39, Czechoslovakia 208.22, Poland 208.08, Germany 204.59, Finland 203.50, Norway 202.20, Italy 199.74, and Sweden, tenth, with 198.23.

AAU SUSPENSIONS date back at least as far as 1908, relates Len Elliott, Newark News columnist. Fred Bellars, one time national cross country and five mile champ, was suspended in 1908 for overcharging 10 cents on his expense account. "It happened this way. Bellars competed in a meet at the 22nd Regiment Armory, New York. By the time the affair finished there was no way he could get home, the last train having left at 8:15. So Bellars stayed the night in a New York hotel. For the meet he received the sum of \$2.50 expenses. His actual outlay for the evening was \$2.40 (Santee, are you listening?) For that, Bellars was suspended. So were five other top athletes of the day-- George Bonhag, Mel Shoppard, Harry Porter, Charles Bacon and Jimmy Lee. The charges varied from excessive expense accounts to soliciting special prizes and, in Lee's case, being an 'athletic vagrant'. It was said that Lee had been around New York for some time without visible means of support. The action was taken by the registration committee of the AAU on Dec. 28, and was reversed on Jan. 6. One reason for this peculiar business was offered by a writer who said: 'One explanation is that events in the amateur game are moving very slowly. The doings of Longboat, Dorando, Hayes and Shrubbs of late have for outshone anything that has been done in the amateur world. Something desperate had to be done to break into print. The pros have been getting better notices right along. This morning all is changed.'

WALKING victory for U.S. in the Olympic Games is recalled by Pete Brandwein of New York Times. In the 1906 Games at Athens George Bonhag, ace American distance runner, finished fourth in the five-mile run, and, desperate for a win, entered the 1500m walk. A friendly Canadian competitor briefed him on the technique and rules and Bonhag was ready. Nobody wanted to be judges, but an unwilling gang was rounded up and Prince George of Greece was named head judge. Hardly had the race started before the inspectors were warning some of the alleged walkers. The casualties increased as the race went on, and soon there were very few left. Bonhag the novice was one. Wilkinson of England was 200 meters in the lead when Prince George ordered him off the track. Wilkinson breezed on by the Prince, pretending he did not understand Greek. But on the next lap his Royal Highness stood in the middle of the track with his huge arms outstretched and said emphatically in English: "Leave. You have finished!" The prince then disqualified the next walker and that left Bonhag virtually alone. He strolled over the line to victory, shaking with laughter.

PETER DRIVER, versatile Englishman who now says he will go for the 1500 in the Olympics (he won the Empire 6-mile crown) trains seven days a week, the year around, from 50 minutes to 2½ hours at a time. He always used Fartlek or interval running. In the summer a typical week's work would be: Monday--2 hours running over grass with bursts of 100 to 600 yards; Tuesday--warm up; 3 x 220 yards (30 secs), 3 x 300 (42 secs), 8 x 440 (63 secs), 3x300 (42), and 3 x 220 (30) with jogging in between. Wednesday--50 minutes easy Fartlek on grass. Thursday--warm up; 10x220 (28), or 10 x 440 (61) with jogging, or 8 x 660 (95) or 10 x 1000 meters. Friday--50 minutes easy running. Saturday race, or two hours as Monday. Sunday--1½ hours easy Fartlek. Winter training is similar except for Tuesday--warm up, 20 x 440 (68 seconds) with jogging, and Thursday--warm-up, then 30 x 220 (32 seconds) or 12 x 440 (64 seconds) with jogging.