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NEWS

SUGAR BOWL 17th annual meet, New Orleans, Jan. 2--A wet track slowed Wes Santee to 4:14 in a 10 yard win over Bill Tidwell, with Art Dalzell third. Laps were 68, 62, 65, 59. 100-Smith, Watson, Lenoir, 9.8; 440, Mashburn 48.0, Lea 48.8, Griffin 49.9; 440 Relay, Houston tied Texas, 42.0. Mile relay, Rice, 3:16.1; 120 HH, Thomson 14.3, Roberts, Hollingsworth.

FOUR MINUTE MILE attempt will be made outdoors by Santee Jan. 16 in Los Angeles as a preliminary to the Pro Bowl game. Bob McMillen and Jim Terrill will provide the opposition. George Rhoden will pace the first lap, Mal Whitfield the second and third, if he is back from his round world trip in time. Santee is reportedly in fine shape.

MET. AAU JR. meet, Dec. 28, paced by Lloyd Henry, St. John's 1:14.5 for 600 and Robert Goodwin, Manhattan, 2:174 for 1000 on Armory track. Kenny Batum, 19, 6-6, 220, Manhattan soph, scored double in 12 pound shot (58-5) and 70 high hurdles (9.4).

BELGIAN INDOOR meet produced 3:52.2 by Disley, 8:19 (300) by Herman.

NEW ZEALAND high jumper Wells did 6-7½, 6-7; Halberg 14:21 for 3 miles.

AUSTRALIA had 47.7 by Kev Gosper on lousy track, 8:55.2 by Les Perry, 53.3y by Dave Lean, retirement for the season announcement by Landy.

ARMED FORCES track men in training for the Pan Am Games are working out at University of Maryland on a 10 lap flat track. Fred Dwyer ran 2:57.9 for 1320; Bob McMillen ran first quarter with Dwyer in 58½, then Lang Stanley second quarter in 59. (Dwyer did 3:00.5 by himself in Los Angeles in December). McMillen and Stanley ran 1:56.6 on way to 1000 yards, McMillen did 3:03 ¾. Dwyer followed his fast ¾ the next day with 10 44.0s, about two minutes in between, around 59 average. Others present include Rod Richard, Meredith Gourdine, Lou Jones, John Barnes, Mike Stanley, Bob Burnett, Al Thompson, Poppa Hall, Hermy Wyatt, George Mattos, John Bennett, Jack Davis, Willie Stevens. Watch for them in the indoor season!

WIND SPRINTS

Rich Ferguson says he will retire after he graduates from Iowa next June...Russia had six coaches with the team it took to England... Bill Nieder, former prep record holder and now Kansas shot putter, has had 148 stitches, as the result of more than a dozen miscellaneous accidents...South African Association of T&F Statisticians have put out a third annual ranking and best performance list, available for \$.30 from H.W. Beinart, 2 Liberty Court, St. James St., Vredehoek, Cape Town...Vladimir Kuts says he has time for only two sensations in a hard 5000--first the tiredness, second the determination to win and break a record. He always aims to break a record, and the best way to run, to win, and to set records is to lead all the way. He thinks Chataway has more basic speed than Zatopek, and of a more serious temperment. His immediate aim is to lower the 5000 mark and break his Russian 10,000m mark. The 5000m record is not yet near the limit... Bill Nankeville and Brian Shenton of Britain have retired...Fred Green has a heavy cold at Bern...some witnesses say when Soini Nikkinen was credited with 261-1 ¾ it should have been some three feet better. The javelin skidded on icy ground and made three marks. The officials measured from the shortest mark, but some observers said that mark was made by the grip, not the point...Jackie Mekler, 22, won a South African marathon in 2:31:51 and Fanie DuPlessis threw the discus 171-1½...Auckland is bidding for the 1976 Olympics...Bengt Nilsson's injury put him on crutches and out of the U.S. indoor campaign...

SO THEY TELL US

TN ROY SILVER, N.Y.-"Talk about track nuts, Emil Von Elling tells this story: Mary Engel was on furlough from the Army and came to NYU for a 35 pound weight workout. He asked me to tell him when it was 11 a.m. 'Why' I asked. 'Because' said Marty 'I'm getting married at 1'.. Andy Stanfield has changed his mind about retiring. Said he never could run in hot weather. His club, Grand Street Boys, has been suspended, and Andy hopes to run for the pioneers next outdoor nationals. When pressed he named Williams, Smith and Bragg as the three top sprinters in the U.S., said Bragg would give him most competition. Wasn't too surprised at Futterer's marks in Japan. Says tracks there are exceptionally fast...Five Europeans are lined up for the indoor season-- Audun Boysen, Ragnar Lundberg, Gunner Nielsen, Lucien DeMuyneck and Curt Soderberg. Dan Ferris says Boysen has a job in the US and may stay two years...Tug Wilson says at the next meeting of the IOC Avery Brundage will make a plea for one and all to do away with point scoring in Olympics."

TN BILL JIMESON, Baltimore: "Carl Cager's 10.3 win (reported last newsletter) followed a 10.1 semi, with flat shoes, no blocks. Stanfield's armory record is 10.1...after seeing Dwyer and McMillen work out, and knowing Santee, I think someone will run under 4:00 this winter...McMillen says the report that he ran 10 440s in 50 (Aug. 24 Newsletter) was a mistake. The time was 56."

TN JOE GALLI, Australia: "What price a rest for 'punishing' distance runners after a few years of condition building? Or does nature force the issue? I'm thinking of Les Perry who broke down this year after nearly four years of gut-busting work. He got painful ankles, was beaten badly, finally quit with pain. Only rest could cure him. It did, but for months he did no running. Then he started light running, but expressed doubt he could ever approach his 1952 form, a view held by his closest running friends. But on Dec. 8 he ran the greatest speed race of his career to set a new two mile record of 8:55.2 in bare feet. I think he can go 13:40 for three miles...Aussies abroad who saw Lea, Haas, Ignatyev say Kev Gosper has more potential. Ian Ormsby says he is 45 second material...move afoot to make national championships open to everyone, not limited to three from each state." Remember in April, 1951 I reported Peter Gardner and Ray Weinberg said tail wind hinders high hurdlers? Now I noted the Wind Study Committee of the IAAF, in Bern "advised wind might retard a hurdler by bringing him to his hurdle too fast, and hitting or stumbling. A study will be made'.

TN JIM BARBEE, North Carolina State cross country ace: "If I were Santa I would also have...paid officials for all events for all track meets, no matter how small or unimportant it may seem...registration and examination of all officials so that they would meet certain standards such as other sports officials must do...have all members of the press and others in responsible positions, including many college athletic officials, who ignore track and field and hence impede its growth and progress exiled to the moon...also exiled, all AP men who didn't vote for Bannister for 'Male Athlete of the Year'."

TN ART HOFFMAN, Los Angeles: "The hush hush struggle over rights to the official 1952 Olympic films was almost settled recently between the U.S. and Finnish Olympic committees, but continued bickering started as each group tried to give the other the run around. The film runs two hours and covers just about every event on the program. The U.S. was not willing to pay the \$100,000 asking price of Finland, finally paid \$900 for two prints which were defective, held up payment, and Finns are fighting back. J. Lyman Bingham says Finn's exclusive rights ran out year ago and they can't limit the showing now."