

NEWS
INDOOR

NYAC GAMES, Feb. 12-- Richard, 6.2; 500, Whitfield (57.1) by yard from Gaffney, Jones and Jenkins (still recuperating); 880, Sowell (1:52.1), Courtney, Bright DeMuynck; 1000, Boysen (2:10.2); Mile, Dwyer (4:06.2) as Nielsen (4:16.5) and Santee (4:17.0) ran selves out with early pace; 2-mile, Ashenfelter (8:57), Wilt, McKenzie, Soderberg; 60HH, Davis (7.2), Pratt, Stevens, Hildreth; Relay, Morgan State (3:18.7) and Pioneer Club (3:18.5) from scratch in handicap; 2-M Relay, Syracuse (7:38.5); Shot, O'Brien (57-9 $\frac{3}{8}$), Mayer (56-2), Al Thompson (52-5 $\frac{1}{8}$); PV, Richards (15-3), Poucher (14-10), Laz (14-6), Lundberg and Bragg (14) HJ, Hall and Holding 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

AAU CHAMPIONSHIPS, Feb. 19--60, John Haines won 3rd straight upset in 6.1 from Richard, Bragg, Stanfield; 600, Jenkins (1:11.9), Jones, Gaffney, Pearman; 1000, Sowell ran away from Boysen to equal world mark (2:08.2) with Courtney, Delaney, 3rd and 4th; Mile, Santee saved his kick, won in 4:07.9, Nielsen (4:08.1), Dwyer (4:08.4), LaPierre (4:10.8); 3-M, Ashenfelter (13:54) by 55 yards from McKenzie, Ross, Coleman; R, Morgan State 3:18.5; 2-MR, Syracuse 7:39.7; 60HH, Dillard (7.3), Davis, Hildreth, Stevens; SP, O'Brien broke own world mark twice (59-5 $\frac{1}{2}$), Mayer (55-8 $\frac{3}{4}$), Jones (53-11), Thompson (52-9 $\frac{3}{4}$); 35#WT, Backus (60-4 $\frac{1}{2}$), Connolly (60-4); BJ, Ross Range (25-1), Gregory Bell (25- $\frac{1}{4}$); PV, Richards (15-4), Laz (14-10), Welbourn, Poucher, Bragg (14-6); HJ, Hall and Shelton (6-8 $\frac{3}{4}$), Holding, Smith, Wyatt (6-8).

ICAAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, Feb. 26--60, Haines (6.3); Jenkins (1:11.2), Courtney; 1000, Sowell (2:14.7); M, Breckenridge (4:19.9); 2M, Terry (9:16.8); HH, Pratt (7.4), Perry; HR, Pittsburgh (3:19.8) with Sowell 47.6, Villanova (3:21.3), Jenkins 48.7; 2M R, Syracuse (7:49.1) (did 7:40.9 in heat); WT, Thomson 58-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; SP Grier (53-4 $\frac{1}{2}$), Bantum (53-2 $\frac{1}{2}$); Stellern (52-7 $\frac{1}{2}$), Thomson (52-5 $\frac{1}{2}$); HJ, Lee (6-6), Hescocock (6-5); PV, Bragg and Seed (14-0), Hescocock (13-6); team, Manhattan (27), Villanova.

OTHER MEETS EASTERN, Haines 6.2 on 2/16; Big Three meet, Feb. 22, Stew Thomson 58-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 52-1; Lowry 1:12.4 and 2nd in 1000;

MIDWEST IOWA aces are Murray Keatinge 1:56.3, 1:55.9; Rich Ferguson, 4:20.6, 4:19.9; Les Stevens 8.5, 8.6 for highs, 8.0, 7.9 for lows; Nick Piper 13-9 $\frac{3}{8}$, Gardner Van Dyke 13-6, Earl Smith, 23-10 $\frac{1}{4}$;

MICHIGAN has a dual powerhouse, headed by captain John Moule who ran 4:09.9 to beat Dick Squires (4:16.1) Feb. 12; Scruggs (49.5), Wallingford (9:27.8), Gray (1:54.5), Appleman (13-6), Booth (6-6), Hendricks (7.4) also won for Michigan, while ND had Beams (52-5 $\frac{1}{8}$) and Allard (6-5). Earlier, Michigan walloped Kansas with Moule (4:16.2), Scruggs (49.8), Gray (4:16.7n), Sloan (49.9n), Wallingford (9:24.5), Hendricks 65th (7.4), R (3:20.0). Kansas had Gay (4:18.1n), Janzen (1:57.5) and Neider (53-9 $\frac{5}{8}$). MISSOURI won quadrangular meet Feb. 12. Penn State's Rod Perry doubled (8.6 and 7.9) as did Art Pplard (6.3) then 30.6 for 300 to beat Gosper, who eased 440 in 48.7. Grier (51-10 $\frac{3}{4}$); Coykendall and Englund (13-6). ILLINOIS beat the Chicago Track Club in a fine meet. Fessenden (49.0); Foster (13-6), Thomson (8.6), Cryer (1:58.1) won for the Illini. Maynard (4:17.4), Williams (6.2), Coleman (9:11.5, Loomos (8.0 for 70th) were Club winners. Illinois' soph from Sweden, Karl Jonsson ran 9:14n.

EUROPE A Russian meet, believed to be indoors, saw Vladimir Bogatow (14.4) beat Yuriy Lituyev (14.6). In Germany, John Disley ran 3:51.2. In another meet Futterer (6.2), Stracke, 800m (1:54.0), Disley, 3000m (8:23.0), Herman (8:23.8),

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OUTDOOR

CALIFORNIA got off to fast start as three pre-Pan Am selection meets were held: Feb. 5: Jim Lea 47.7; Lon Spurrier 1:51.6; Floyd Jeter 6-7; Bobby Smith 14-11; Ray Martin 55- $\frac{1}{2}$; Don Vick 54-9; Sim Iness 178-11; Des Koch 167-7; Ron Drummond 158-1. Feb. 12: Lea 9.9; Spurrier 1:51.5; Bill Johnson 14.6; Jeter 608; Walton 24-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dick Bronson 53-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; Vick 53-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; Martin 52-11; Bob Butterfield 207-4; Iness 168-11; Koch 164-1; Feb. 19: Lea 48.0; Spurrier a sensational 1:49.8 around four turns; Willard Wright 14.6; Jeter 6-6 $\frac{3}{4}$; Walt Levack 14-0; Mason Benner 53-9; Martin 53-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Vick 52-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Iness 160-1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Feb. 18 and 19, decathlon, saw Rafer Johnson, UCLA frosh, pile up 7055 points with 10.6w, 23-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, 43-3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6-0, 49.3 (4360) and 15.2, 135-7, 12-0, 170-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5:23.0. Brayton Norton scored 6826 headed by 10.5w, 23-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 49.2, 194-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 4:33.1. An aiding wind in the 100m, estimated at 10-15mph will nullify any records, but Johnson's mark has been beaten by only 8 men in history, Norton's by 14. On Feb. 26 Tom Meyer of Oxy did 53-6. JC sprinters, aided by wind were Harry Nelson 9.6 and 21.3, Warren Eisenberg 9.6 and 21.1, and Jim Kelley 9.7 and 21.6. High Schooler Charles Dumas did 6-6.

ELSEWHERE: Bill Bangert demonstrated at a St. Louis clinic Jan. 12, took 7 "official puts for Pan Am qualifying, did 54-5 $\frac{3}{4}$... Dave Stephens ran 13:31.8 for three miles in barefeet at Melbourne Feb. 23... At Sydney, Feb. 19 Don MacMillan won hot mile in 4:05.8 from Halberg (4:09), Lawrence (4:09.6), Plummer (4:10)... New Zealand marks include: Baillie 13:54.4, Munro 2:34:07.4, Rae 916w, Haskell 4:14.6, Magee (9:06), Rae 9.7 from Hogan... Gordon Pirie won big British cross country race, running nine miles in 52:48 in Southern Counties Chs... Indian national championships, Feb. 11-13, produced: Joginder Singh 48.0, Dhanoa 1:52.5, Jagdev Singh 53.6, Dayal Singh 6-4, Gurcharan Singh 2:39:15.6.

PAN AMERICAN TEAM will compete in Houston, March 8, against college all-stars. Team is composed of: Smith, Thomas, Richard, Williams; Lea, Mashburn, Jones; Whitfield, Sowell, Spurrier; Dwyer, McMillen; Ashenfelter; McKenzie; B. Ashenfelter; Kelley; Culbreath; Davis, Thomson; O'Brien; Gordien; Held; Backus, Engel; Shelton, Wyatt; Range, Bennett; Hollie; Richards, Laz, Smith; Johnson.

ON THE INDOOR CIRCUIT with TN Roy Silver

Bob McMillen missed the NYAC mile when he became train sick en route... Gene Venzke, miling great of the 30s, lives near Reading, Penn. and operates a miniature golf course. He's 46, 15 pounds over running weight. Thinks 4 minute mile is possible indoors. "You've got to set your mind to thinking it can be done. You must gear yourself to be physically perfect, mentally believing in yourself. There's no wind, good footing, and the boards give you good spring. The turns are not tough because you don't have to go around them fast". In 353 races Venzke won 104, was 1-2-3 300 times... Nielsen says he'll compete in Olympic 1500 and forget about the 800. "What's the use he says", pointing at Whitfield"... Boysen says he doesn't plan to go to Melbourne, it would take too much time. But he's changed his mind about plans here, now says he'll stay until June, probably in New York... George Eastment says "I have never seen two guys (Santee and Nielsen) run such a stupid mile". He thinks Santee has as much kick as anybody... Boysen says foreign papers don't play up the rabbits as much as we do... Whitfield says "I still have a lot of good running left. I feel that my best running is yet to come. After all, look at McKenley and Wint. I'm only 30. They were marvelous athletes at 32. This summer I definitely will try to break Harbig's record. I regard it as the best on the books". Mal doesn't think pace-setters are necessary. He says New York fans are more record conscious than anywhere else.

WIND SPRINTS

Zatopek's first race of 55 was a victory. He won the 8300m road race in Prague in 26:07.2 on Feb. 20...Bob Backus received the NYAC's progress award...Bob Kyasky, Army soph who was second in the IC4A long jump, earlier in the season bruised his take-off heel, on the next jump hit 23-0, within two inches of his best, using the other foot...Dan Everage, who led the prep shot putters last year, is at Compton College where he expects to better the National JC mark of 53-8 $\frac{1}{2}$...track and field men from Army and Yale will compete in six meets in six days in Ireland, following the Oxford-Cambridge vs. Army-Yale dual meet in London June 11...Eisenhower has signed a Congressional resolution extending an invitation to hold the 1960 Olympics in Detroit...Jim Golliday is back at Northwestern, where Rut Walter fast is rebuilding the track squad...Chicago CYO has quit the track game...Lawton Lamb, who started with a 4:15 flat track mile, was set back when an oil drum fell on him and broke a rib...San Jose State Coach Bud Winter determines the potential of his 880 men by having them run a 440 they can handle without pressing. Then they rest 5 minutes, then run a 440 as fast as possible. Add the times together for the 880 potential...to find a new man's aptitude Winter uses three tests: thirty yards with running start to test inherent speed, jump reach for spring test, and heart beat for endurance potential, with an 8 lb. medicine ball with a handle to find discus men...J. W. Mashburn was injured Feb. 15 when a tractor he was driving collided with an auto and overturned. He received a badly bruised calf but is expected to be in good running shape soon...Deacon Jones, the Boystown mile ace of last year, has done 4:17.5 and 9:20.5 at Iowa this winter and will shoot for the national frosh record of 4:12 this spring...Gunnar Nielsen says he plans to run in the Compton Invitational mile this spring...the week before Nielsen took Santee's indoor mile record away, Santee spent all his time in New York gadding about. But he flew back to Kansas right after the race...despite heavy demand for tickets, the NYAC followed recent policy and distributed 2000 free tickets to boys clubs and high school leagues...Fort Ord (Calif.) has broad jumper Frank Flores, high jumper Emory Barnes, and sprinter Alex Burl on its track team...two 15-year-olds from Kenya (home of Nyandika Maiyoro) ran 15:22 and 15:27 for three miles last year...Hungary's European championship 400m relay team has a difference of only 2.0 seconds between its best time (42.5) and the sum of the member's best times (40.5). America's world record (39.8) quartet has a difference of only 1.3...in 10 of 18 standard events, 1954 topped 1953, heretofore the best year in track history.

SO THEY TELL US

TN EMERSON CASE would like to know: when were straightaways first used in US for 220; when was the 440 first run around one turn and when was a one turn mark first accepted as an American or world record; are any members of the 1896 American Olympic team still living; and he comments: "Mal Whitfield is the greatest American 440y and 400m runner ever. I have never seen this fact stressed...No records can be set in a handicap race, yet the scratch men rarely pass on the pole, hence must run yards longer".

DON WINTON, tn: "Rafer Johnson is really developing. They claim he has only been training a month. Pretty incredible. He's got far more potential than Campbell. His only weakness is that he hates the 1500. But he has plenty of desire, a come through ability, and the heart, which is the main essential in a decathlon man. He should break Mathias' mark in three years. He should be putting the shot 52' and throwing the discus 170, as well as broad jumping 25' by then...Gordien hit 179-9 and 180-6 in his first Southern California workout"

NOTED WITH INTEREST

ROSS McWHIRTER, in Athletics World, traces the development of "world class" miling which he defines as under 3:50 or 4:09.2. After 1948 32 athletes from 11 countries had bettered the figure, with 12 from Sweden, 10 from USA and 2 from France. After the 1952 Olympics the total had increased to 72 from 20 nations, headed by Sweden (20), USA (14), Great Britain (5), and France, Finland, Hungary and Germany, 4 each. After 1954 season the total is 116 from 21 countries. Sweden still leads with 24, GB has exploded into second with 19 and the US gained only three for 17, followed by Germany (9), Finland (8), Hungary (7) and Russia (6). Ten best US 1500-milers, in mile equivalents, are: Santee 4:00.6, McMillen 4:03.8, Hulse 4:06, Dodds 4:06.1, Dreutzler 4:06.6, Cunningham 4:06.7, Mehl 4:06.7, Dwyer 4:07.1, San Romani 4:07.2 and Lash, 4:07.2.

ATHLETICS WORLD takes the international scoring table points for the top six men of any sur-name and finds that the Davis "family" (Walt, Hal, Jack, Lew, Wendall and Glenn) have 7313 points to 7113 for the Johnsons (Cornelius, Ben, Derek, James, Charles, Ken), 6988 for Williams (Percy, Archie, Tom, Willie, Victor, Liliburn), 6979 for Brown (George, William, A.F., Godfrey, Delmer, Arthur), 6891 for Miller (Bill, Wilbur, Erwin, Lloyd, Sherman, Don) and 6853 for Smith (Dean, William, Mark, Willard, Humbert, J. Walter).

JOE SHEEHAN, the NY Times extremely capable track writer, tells of the first indoor track meet in the world. It was staged by the NY Athletic Club Nov. 11, 1868, some two months after the club was founded. An ice-rink was the scene of the gaslit action and provided a 220 track of unpaved clay. More than 2000 persons attended, to see such marks as 880 in 2:26, pole vault 8-3, high jump 5-2, 75 in 9.0, 220, 28, 440 in 62, broad jump 17-0, standing high jump 5-4. It also marked the introduction of spiked track shoes in the U.S., one W.B. Curtis having acquired a pair in London.

JACK LOVELOCK had no qualms about swimming. He felt swimming, walking, running and gymnastics made up a symmetrical, relaxed, coordinated training program. Swimming was a good "limber-down" activity after a work-out, and preferred a relaxed swim in a warm bath to a rub down. But he would never precede a workout with swimming.

MIKE RYAN, Santa Clara Youth Center coach, feels a thorough re-organization of US track and field planning is necessary to ready our trackmen for the November, 1956 Olympics. He recommends: full cooperation of all schools, colleges, armed services, and the press; full opportunity on all programs for competition in the nine Olympic events not regularly practiced in the US; encouragement of the near great in standard events to explore the possibilities in the other 9 Olympic events; development of a stepped up training and competition program through the summer and fall of 1956.

SCOTS ATHLETE tells Jim Peters' own view of the Empire marathon: Peters had an extremely sore right heel, but felt fit after 5000 miles training in 11 months. Nevertheless he highly respected Stan Cox and set a blistering pace. The meet referee would not let anyone follow the runners but allowed team officials to be at feeding stations. No sponges were permitted except at feeding stations (different than the English rule) and Peters sorely missed them as that is the only help he ever asks in a race, and it was hot. No one from the English team was on hand during the marathon, but the Scottish manager was on hand to help winner McGhee. Peters missed the information his manager could have given him, especially that with a mile to go Cox was out and Jim had a 17 minute lead. As it was, Peters passed the last feeding station by. He figured he was in shape for 2:15 for an easy course, 2:20 for Vancouver, plus 2:20 min. for suspected added distance, hence his timing was easily within his capabilities. "I did not run too fast" he says.