

NEWS

INDOOR

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL GAMES, March 12--50, Charles Carroll, Northwestern frosh, 5:3; 600, Kevan Gosper, 1:14.3; 1000, Gene Maynard, 2:11, meet record; Mile, Santee, 4:08.6 (58.4, 2:02.8), Phil Coleman (30); 2M, Selwyn Jones, Mich. State frosh, 9:15; Collegiate mile, Charles Jones, Iowa frosh, 4:16.5; MileR, Indiana, 3:19.9, meet record; 2Miler, Michigan, 7:47.5; 50 Highs, Abe Woodson, 6.1, ties world record; 2nd, Joe Savoldi; HJ, Doug Stewart, Mich State frosh, 6-7 1/8; PV, Richards 15-1, Welbourn 14-8, Harry McKnight 14-4;

N.Y. PIONEER CLUB GAMES, March 12-- armory flat track, 60, Stanfield (6.5), Dillard, Remigino, Grace, Bragg; 300, Stanfield (32.0); 600, Gaffney (1:12.6), English, Pearman; 880, Courtney (1:52.6, best ever on flat track), Bright (1:53.1); 1000, Bright (2:16.7); Mile, King, (4:16.6), Ollen, Matza; MRelay, Pioneer Club (3:18.4); HJ, Fritts (606)

ELSEWHERE Univ. of Chicago invitational, Feb. 26--Abe Butler, Baldwin Wallace, 6.1; 880, Conrardy, 1:54.5; Mile, Coleman (4:11.2), Charles Jones, Iowa frosh (4:11.4), Lamb; 2Mile, Wilt (9:08.2), Moriya (5 yds); 70 highs, Newberry (8.8); 70 lows, Terril Burton, Miami (7.8) ties American indoor record; HJ, Floyd Smith, 604; PV, Dick Coleman, 14-0; SP, Tom Jones, 52-6 1/2; Central Collegiates, March 5, won by Notre Dame. Jim Podoley, Central Michigan won BJ (23-3 1/4), 65 lows (7.6), second in 60 and 60 highs; 60, Hudson (6.3); 880, Schoenig (1:54); M, Squires (4:17.9); SP, Beams 52-5; Other top indoor marks include: Al Shoenig, Notre Dame, 1:53.1; Bill Nieder, Kansas, 53-10 5/8.

OUTDOOR

PAN AMERICAN GAMES Approaching the half-way mark. Altitude definitely bothers long distances, apparently helped broad jumpers, did not hinder sprinters. 100m, Rod Richard (10.3), Mike Agostini (10.4); Willie Williams (10.4), Keith Gardner, Jamaica (10.5); Fortun Chacon, Cuba (10.6), Dean Smith dnf, lame. Semis won by Smith (10.4), Williams (10.3), Richard (10.3). Agostini second to Williams in 10.3. 200m, trials, Jose Telles de Conceicao, Brazil, 21.2; Semis, 2 qualify for final: I, de Conceicao (20.8), Charles Thomas (21.2); II, Fitzroy, Trinidad (21.6), Springbett, Canada (21.9). III- Richard (20.9), Agostini (21.3), Bonhoff, Argentina (21.3), Solorzano, Ven. (21.4). Williams evidently withdrew after 1st round. 800m Arnie Sowell (1:49.7), Lon Spurrier (1:50.3); Ramon Sandoval, Chile (1:52), Mal Whitfield (1:52.5), Juan Miranda, Arg (1:53.6), Monteiro, Brazil (1:53.8) Sandoval set early pace, then Whitfield. Spurrier passed Whitfield on backstretch, opened big lead, Sowell opened up, passed Spurrier 25 yards from home. Spurrier said he didn't mind altitude, didn't run as fast as he could. Whitfield said he was out of shape. 5000m Osvaldo Suarez, Arg (15:30.6), Horace Ashenfelter (15:31.4), Correa, Chile (15:39.2), Gordon McKenzie (15:51.8). Suarez outkicked Ash after McKenzie had led til last lap; 10,000m Suarez (32:42.6), Sanchez, Mex (33:00.4), Correa, Chile (33:42.6). McKenzie dropped out about 13 laps. 400H Josh Culbreath (51.5), Jaime Aparicio, Colombia (51.7), Wilson Gomez, Brazil (53.0). Culbreath collapsed, said "never again in this altitude". HJ Ernie Shelton (6-7), Herm Wyatt (6-7) second on more misses, de Conceicao (6-2 1/2). Wyatt made early jumps in sweat suit, Shelton was disgusted, said would enter decathlon for another shot at 7 feet, although really not in shape for decathlon. Both missed at 6-9 1/2; BJ Ross Range (26-4 1/8) (third best ever), John Bennett (26-3 3/8) (4th best ever, best by white man), Ary Facanha, Brazil (25- 3/4), Carlos Vera, Chile (24-6 3/4), Zocolillo, Para (24-3); PV Richards, (14-9 1/2), Bob Smith (14-1 1/2), 3rd, Don Laz (14-1 1/2), de Sousa, Br (13-1 1/2).

SP Parry O'Brien (57-8 $\frac{1}{2}$), Fortune Gordien (52-5 1/8), Martin Engel (47-11 $\frac{1}{2}$). DT Gordien (174-2 $\frac{1}{2}$), O'Brien (167-6 $\frac{1}{2}$), Haddad, Chile (154-8). Ailments included: Williams, indigestion; John Kelley, leg boils; Gordien, stiff arm; Bob Backus, dysentery; O'Brien, who is being married in Mexico City right after the meet, and Ashenfelter were team captains.

PRE-PAN AM MEET Houston, March 8--100, Williams (9.7), Smith, Whilden, McBride, Prewitt; 220, Whilden, Texas (21.5t), Richard, Roberts; 440, Lea (47.0), Jones, Thompson, Horton, Griffin; 880-Spurrier (1:50.4), Heard, Forester. (Whitfield did not run). Mile-Santee (4:08.5) (last lap in 53.5), Dwyer (variously reported 8 and 30 yards back), McMillen (3 yards); 2M, Ashenfelter (9:01.3), McKenzie, Eogerud, B. Ashenfelter; HH, Davis (14.0), Hight, Roberts; 440R, Houston (41.0); Mile Relay (Culbreath, Spurrier, Jones, Whitfield) (3:12.9). HJ, Shelton (6-9 3/4), Wyatt (6-6); PV, Laz and Smith (14); BJ, Bennett (24-4 $\frac{1}{2}$); SP, O'Brien (57-1 $\frac{1}{2}$); DT, O'Brien (175), Gordien (168-9 3/4).

OTHER MARKS in the U.S. include 1:50.8 by Dick Foerster of Texas; Tom Rogers, Texas 1:54.8; Jon Potz, Texas (48.5); Dean Smith 21.3; Whilden 9.6; Rafer Johnson 23.8; Larry McBride, Houston 23.8; Jim Hollingsworth, Texas A&M 14.7; Mal Andrews, Arizona, 24-1 3/4; Phil Presber, Oxy, 24-1; Rafer Johnson (23-11 $\frac{1}{2}$); Houston 40.5; Texas 40.7n; Texas 3:15.6; Rice 3:16.1; Oxy 3:17.8. In Santiago, Chile, Feb. 26, Ramon Sandoval 1:20.1 for 600m, and 1:53.8 for 800m; Jaime Correa 14:42.2 for 5000m; Santiago Nova 9:13.2 for 3000SC; In Moscow, Feb. 27, Mikil Krivonosov, 196- 3/8.

ON THE INDOOR CIRCUIT with TN Roy Silver

Dan Ferris recalls that he joined the AAU in 1907 as a stenographer. Had never competed in track, finally entered sprints on a dare, did 10.0. Ferris says "I don't think we ever saw all that Paavo Nurmi could do. If he was pressed he'd have gone faster than he did. He seemed to be a superman." Ferris forecasts a 9.0 hundred, but not in the next 50 years; rules out a 45 second quarter as beyond physical potentialities....George Eastment thinks Mal Whitfield has had it. He says otherwise Mal wouldn't have been beaten in a 1:12 600 when he had such fine position (second)...Joe McCluskey, new NYAC coach, talks of putting together a two-mile relay team that would do 7:25 indoors and 7:23 outdoors. Team might be picked from Earl Grim, Courtney, Dwyer, Bill Armstrong, Bill Ashenfelter, Goodwin of Manhattan and Vielbig... Joe Yancey of the Pioneer Club said he would do all right with Bright, Pearman, Dixon and Jones...Eastment looks for an outstanding shuttle hurdle relay team with Pratt, Knight and Bantum...watch Jim Doulin, says Eastment. He's a soph, should do 4:15 this outdoor season, 4:10 before he graduates...Gunnar Nielsen had a namesake who attained fame long ago. Gunnar Nilson handed Paavo Nurmi his first defeat in this country, winning a handicap race in 1925...Ed Conwell finally has licked the Ogden starting gate. He jumps right up against the mechanism and his momentum gives him a great start, although he almost decapitates himself...Dan Ferris says he tried to persuade the indoor promoters to change some of their two-mile runs to 3, as a Pan Am warm up, but the promoters thought the 3-mile would drag...Conwell, at 31, had a unique reason for his comeback. His doctor recommended it for his asthma...AAU officials hint the Bob Richards free auto case may not be closed, may be brought up in the AAU convention...Arnie Sowell became a track man practically by accident. He was playing basketball, displayed so much speed the playground supervisor asked him to go out for track. Everybody says Sowell's greatest attribute is the ease with which he runs. There seems to be no effort to his long loping stride.

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WIND SPRINTS

Dave Seed, California's IChA pole vault co-champion, is a great gymnast. Against undefeated UCLA, for instance, Seed won the trampoline, tumbling, parallel bars and all around. Brutus Hamilton looks for him to do 14-9 this year...Tug Wilson, President U.S. Olympic Com., says this country will support Mexico for the Olympics, after the US has them again...San Jose State coach Bud Winter has a trick for getting hurdlers in good position on the hurdle. He suspends a towel on a string between two vaulting standards, makes the hurdler drive under the towel and over the hurdle...Jess Mortensen says he would pick Bannister over Landy or Santee. He says Landy is the most beautiful runner he has ever seen, Santee has the pure speed, but Bannister has the greatest will to win. Jess says great distance running has become a question of mind over matter, that Americans don't train hard enough the year around...Mal Whitfield says there is great untouched talent in Africa. Says he saw an untrained native boy jump 6-3 in his bare feet, and another kid ran 10 flat. He saw a 17-year-old native girl run 23.8 for 220...definition of sports fan: a man who complains if he has to park four blocks away from the track where he intends to yell "you bum" at a college boy who fails to run a mile in less than four minutes...daily board charge at the 1956 Olympic village will be \$6.30 per athlete. It was \$5.20 in Helsinki...Bulgaria broke 21 of 27 national records in 1954...Bud Held, working out "only a little" reached 250 feet in practice prior to the Pan Am Games...J. W. Mashburn is reportedly in serious training for the first time, is now eligible...Texas' great J. Frank Daugherty has not yet recovered from his very bad leg of last May, may not run this season...Eddie Roberts won't be eligible at Oklahoma A&M until 1956. The ex prep flash had leg trouble, almost flunked out of Notre Dame...So. Calif. wheels hope to get South and Southwest athletes out early for NCAA, have them compete in SPAAU June 10...NCAA will run 220 and lows on curve, 440 in lanes around two curves...Franz Stampfl, hired to coach in Australia, reportedly instructs, Chris Chataway, Vic Milligan, Brian Hewson, Fred Dwyer (mail), Ian Boyd, David Law, and Chris Brasher...Hewson, Britain's 880 champ, is moving up to the mile this year, where his best is 4:05.4...Karl Schlademann of Michigan State says great track athletes don't run on their legs, they run on their hearts...Arthur Wint is senior house surgeon at University Hospital in Kingston, Jamaica...Don Pierce, Kansas publicist, says Landy has averaged 4:01.5 for ten fastest miles, Santee 4:03 (indoors and out), Bannister 4:05.1. Santee is shooting for Gil Dodd's mark of 27 times under 4:10...Brown University coach Ivan Fuqua will head a team of six Pan Am members on a tour of Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Colombia, Peru and British Guiana. The six man squad will include O'Brien, Davis, Jones and McMillen...Australia's track development is showing up with the youngsters, too. Besides Herb Elliott, 16 (1:55.7 and 4:20.8), the Aussies have John Carr, 16 (23-11 3/4 and 9.9), and Alan Broadbent, 17 (48.6m)...the study of the top "families" of track has turned out to be incomplete and with a few mistakes, so watch for a final, authoritative list from Athletics World...

SO THEY TELL US

RONALD JONES, TN, Reno, Nevada: "The only positive method of rating all around hurdlers is to take their combined times for the three events. By this method, the men mentioned by Tim Owens are George Walker 88.7 (14.2, 22.6 and 51.9) and George Saling 89.0 (14.1, 22.8, 52.1). The only man that I can think of who can beat Walker's total is Yuriy Litujev with 88.0 (14.4, 23.5, 50.4). Timfey Lunjev 89.6 (14.7, 23.5, 51.7) and Yevgeniy Bulanchik 90.2 (14.1, 23.5, 52.9) do well. The Russians would be better if they could run the 200 on a straight".

TN HOWARD SHICK, Peoria: "I agree with Brutus Hamilton about foreign stars at US colleges. Where would Michigan be without their Canadian and European auxiliaries? I would much rather see them recruit boys from their own state; there is a wealth of material in midwestern high schools which never develops to their best because of usually atrocious spring weather, lack of interest, too many coaches who have little knowledge and interest in the sport, and a short season... Illinois has a great prospect in the 400m hurdles if he will try it. Soph Ron Leoni ran 14.6, 19.7 and a relay leg it 50.0 after six hurdle races, all in one meet as a prep...when is Roberto Quercetani going to come up with an intelligent scoring table? The 1950 tables are absolutely unfair. Compare the pole vault and the 100m tables. To my estimation the two top performances of all time are Warmerdam's and O'Brien's....A 16-year-old soph at DeKalb High ran 4:28.6 last year-- Jimmy Bowers. Nothing daunted, he played football at 140 pounds."

DON WINTON: "Don't count Brayton Norton out for the 56 decathlon. As soon as he spends some time on the hurdles and high jump he'll surprise. He could break somebody's heart in the 1500m if the leaders don't have at least 400 points on him...Don Vick and Ray Martin have been choking, trying to beat each other. If they don't watch out Tom Meyer of Oxy will beat them both."

P. N. HEIDENSTROM, New Zealand: "George W. Smith, who died recently in England, is remembered as one of our greatest trackmen. He was a 10 second man when that was world class; and had the stamina to run the 440 hurdles. His best time of 58.5 looks bad now, but it was unofficially a world record then. And look at the facts: the year was 1902; the track was grass; the hurdles were 'fences' and almost unshakable; there were no lanes; the distance between hurdles was the full 40 yards; Smith used the bent-leg style; he was only 5'7" tall; the hurdles were 3-6! Smith held probably the fastest time ever made over the highs with the bent-leg style. This was his NZ record of 15.4 in 1902. Anything faster would have equalled the world record made by the great Alvin Kraenzlein, originator of the modern hurdling style."

TN JACK DUNFORD, Portland: "I wish Landy and Bannister could have met again, for I feel Landy would have won. Bannister had seven advantages at Vancouver and these are the points that contributed to his loss: Bannister is a great 'sitter' and Landy had to set the pace as he had not been able to develop his own sprint; Landy thought the winning time would be around 4:02 and planned accordingly; Landy probably got scared and confused, which probably accounted for his being so fresh at the finish; Landy never had to run all out because of lack of competition in Australia; Landy had been racing since Nov. 1953; Landy had to lead all the way and worry about the pace and wonder about his opponent; Landy had a cut foot, but no one will ever know if it contributed to his defeat or not."

JOE SHEEHAN, N.Y. Times: "Garden starter Jack Lavelle says there was no winner of the 1944 AAU 100m, which he 'started' at Randall's Island. The contestants just would not settle down at the start. One false start after another was called, until all six finalists had disqualified themselves for beating the gun twice. Lavelle told the boys 'that's it. Get dressed and go home. It's no race.' The referee rushed over to see what the fuss was about. Lavelle informed him, but the referee insisted there must be a race, it was the national championships. So Lavelle lined them up and sent them off, but he maintains it was only an exhibition and that Buddy Young was not the 1944 titlist. 'Rules are rules and must be enforced' adds Lavelle."

FREDDIE GREEN, 3-miler: "The build-up in Winter is the most important part of training...you have to credit Zatopek and Pirie with setting off the great world-wide development in distance running."