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NEWS

BEST U.S. MARKS since last issues of News & Newsletter:

100--Jim Golliday, Northwestern, tied world record with 9.3 at Big Ten Relays, had previous clocking of 9.5. Mike Agostini won West Coast Relays in 9.4, edging Leamon King, 9.4. Haines, Penn, 9.5; Pierce, Central Washington, 9.5; Morrow, ACC, 9.5; Smith, Texas, 9.6, 9.5, 9.5; Pollard, Penn State 9.6; Johnson, Mich, 9.6n; Lyles, Louisville, 9.6; Dorsey, Santa Monica JC, 9.6; Coyle, SC, 9.6; SW Conf placers, all 9.6n, Prewitt, Frieden, Goode & Whilden. McBride 9.3w, Barbin 9.4w

220--Goode, SMU, 20.5; Smith, Texas, 20.7; Eddie Southern, Sunset High, Dallas, 20.7, tying Owens interscholastic mark; Pollard 20.8; Goode 20.8n; Moore, Man., 21.0; Whilden, Texas, 21.1; Mashburn, OkA&M 21.1; Prewitt, Texas, 21.1n; Flodin, Mich., 21.2n; Miller, NEastern, 21.1;

440--Mashburn, 46.9; Southern, Sunset High, 47.4 heat, 47.2 final, breaking interscholastic record; Meyer, Princeton, 47.8; Larrabee, SC, 48.0; Salmon, Rice, 48.1; Scruggs, Mich, 48.2; Griffin, Rice, 48.2n; Garrett, Stanford, 48.2n; Weaver, North Texas, 48.3; Wilson, Mary, 47.7;

880-- Patterson, North Texas, 1:52; Heard, OkA&M, 1:52; Spence, Rice, 1:52.6; Foerster, Texas, 1:52.7, 1:52.9n; Courtney, Fordham, 1:52.7; Mile--Santee, 4:07 at Miami, 4:06.5 at Fresno; Montgomery, SC, 4:10.8; Bowden, Cal Frosh, 4:11.7, breaking collegiate frosh record; Seaman,

UCLA 4:12.2; Simpson, Olympic Club, 4:13.6n; Wing, SC, 4:13.9n; Grim, Maryland, 4:14.3; Bailey, Oregon, 4:15; Dellinger, Oregon, 4:15.4n; Rader, WashSt, 4:16.2; Denbow, Fresno, 4:16.3; Rogers, Texas, 4:16.7; Hale, Texas, 4:16.7n; Wood, Miami(O), 4:16.8n; Doulin, Man, 4:17.0.

2 Mile--Ledesma, SC, 9:09.5; & 9:15; King, NYU, 9:08.5; Hart, second to King by "a stride"; Hunt, UCLA, 9:15.1n.

5000m--Truex, SC frosh, 14:57.5.

8H--Thomson, Illinois, 13.7w heat, and 13.8 (w?) final; Johnson, UCLA Frosh, 14.0, tying collegiate frosh record; Pratt, Man, 14.1; Wright, LAAC, 14.2; Hollingsworth, Texas A&M 14.2; Youkers, Penn State, 14.2; Nelson, Stanford, 14.4; Ball, UCLA 14.4; Loewin, Mankato State, 14.4; Newberry, Baldwin-Wallace, 14.4; Benson, Willamette, 14.4;

LH--Thomson 22.9; Williams, OSU, 23.0n; Love, Michigan, 23.3; Perry, PennSt, 23.3n; Herod, Baylor, 23.4; Gorham, Memphis State, 23.3; Pratt, Man., 23.5; Stark, ACC, 23.5; Constantine, Missouri, 23.5n;

RELAYS--Texas 40.8, North Texas 41.3, Occidental 41.3; LAAC 7:37.6; UCLA 10:01.8; MSC 3:24.5, Illinois 3:24.8n (Cryer 1:52.5); Texas 3:13.2, 3:14.4; LAAC 3:13.3; Rice 3:13.4; Michigan 3:13.5; SC 3:14.7; UCLA 3:15.1; Pittsburgh 3:15 (Sowell 45.4 on three watches after 48.2, 1:55.5, 23-3.); SMU 3:13.0; Texas 3:13.1n; SC 3:14.5n.

HJ--Shelton, SC, 6-10, 6-9½, 6-8½; Dumas, Centennial High School, Compton, Calif., 6-10, tying Shelton at Fresno, breaking, unofficially, interscholastic record. Also 6-8, and 6-7½, both new interscholastic marks; Bentley and Kelley, Baylor Frosh, 6-7 ¾; Stevens, Iowa, 6-6. Pro Buddy Davis, in exhibitions, has jumped 6-8, 6-9, 7-0 (Houston May 7) and 7-0 (Beaumont, May 14). Clarke, Utah, 6-6 ¾.

BJ--Range, Ft. Ord, 24-11½; Moore, Man, 24-4; Griggs, SCYC, 24-4; Hendricks, Mich, 24-2½; Williams, OSU, 24-2½; Pedigo, Oregon, 24-1; Hermann, Stanford, 24-1; Beauford, Southwest Texas, 24-1½; Andrews,

HSJ--da Silva, Brasil, 51-3 at Fresno/Ariz, 25-0½; Ellis, OA&M, 24-9 ¾. PV--Richards 14-10; Morris, SC, 14-9 ¾ tie, 14-8, 14-2½; Levack, SC, 14-9 ¾ tie, 14-6 5/8, 14-4; Barnes, OC, 14-4; Kenley, Ft. Ord, 14-0;

Bandstrom, MichFr, 14-4; Poucher, Florida, 14-3 7/8; Walker, Colo, 14-0½;

NEXT NEWSLETTER, May 31. Please send news and comments.

SP--O'Brien, USAF, 56-6; Grier, Penn State, 56-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 54-9; Meyer, Oxy, 56-0; Martin, SC, 55-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 56-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Vick, UCLA, 55-2; Holz, Mann, 54-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bonorden, Texas A&M, 54-3 7/8; Owen, Mich, 54-3; Wright, San Jose, 53-6; DT--Iness, LAAC, 170-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Vick, UCLA, 168-9 5/8; O'Brien, 165-11; Koch, SC, 168-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Grier, 162-0; Burrus, West Texas State, 168-4 3/4. JT--Held, OC, 262-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Miller, 254-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Young, OC, 242-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Long, OC, 234-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bugge, Stanford, 229-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 229-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 225-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Kimball, Stanford, 239-7, with javelin 16 grams light; Roldan, Stanford, 214-6 3/8; Higgins, Brigham Young, 225-7; Oliver, Puerto Rico, 221-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Norton, BrYoung 215-5. HT--Hall, Cornell, 193-7, with ring 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " too wide; Henderson, Yale, 180-6.

EUROPEAN NEWS

One world record has fallen already, as Sandor Iharos ran 7:55.6 for 3000m, breaking Reiff's 7:58.8. Other best marks to date:  
Sprints--Sukhorukov, Sanadze, Bartenyev, Tokaryev, all Russia, and Germar, Germany, 10.5; Lorgier, Yugo, Futterer, Germ, Ryabov, Ignatyev and Fedayev, USSR, all 10.6; Ignatyev, 21.4; Bartenyev, 21.5n, Tokaryev, 21.yn, Ruddy, GB, 21.6; Goudeau, France, 48.7;  
Middle Distances--Moens 1:50.9; Ivakin 1:51.1; Osminkin 1:51.7n; Hewson 1:52.5y; Marichev, USSR, 3:51.2; Murat, Yugo, 3:51.6; Jackson, GB, 3:51.6; Aleksyuk, USSR, 3:51.8n, Radisic, Yug, 3:52n, Hewson 4:13.6, Pirie 4:12.4, Lamors, Germany, 4:15.4n.  
DISTANCES--Mitzschke, 8:20.6, Honnecke 8:20.6n, both East Germany; Pirie 8:22.4, Striof, Yugo, 8:24.4 & 14:22.7; Konrad, Germany, 14:23.9n, Reiff, 14:40.4n; Kuts, USSR, 14:26.4, 30:03; In Pirie's 6 mile race 28:21.4, April 23, 13 men bettered 30 minutes--Norris 28:25.6, Foord 29:02, Perkins 29:10.4, Barrett 29:12.6, O'Gorman 29:13, etc.  
Steeplechase--Tolstopyatov 8:57.8, Saltikov 9:00.8n, both USSR.  
Hurdles--Lituyev 51.7  
Jumps--Kovar, Czech, 6-6 3/4; Denisenko 14-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Chen, USSR, 50-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Gurgushinov, Bulgaria, 50-1 5/8 (national record); Dagorov, Bulg, 49-75/8.  
Throws--Grigalka, 54-8 $\frac{1}{4}$  & 169-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Consolini 111; Hertz, Czech, 168-1; Yataganas, Greece, 164-4 3/8; Vrabel, Czech, 164-1 5/8; Krivonosov, 197-5 5/8; Nikulin 191-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Nyenashev 188-11 3/8; Ziermann, Germany, 187-6 3/8; Will, Germany, 237-3 5/8; Macquet, 220-7 5/8, French record.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

AMATEUR ATHLETE lists speeds in feet per second of various records:

Event	Record	ft. per sec.	880y	1:48.6	24.3
60y	6.1	29.5	1mile	3:58.0	22.2
100y	9.3	32.26	2m	8:40.4	20.2
220y	20.2	32.67	3m	13:32.2	19.5
440	46.0	28.70	6m	27:59.2	18.9
600y	1:09.2	26.0	10m	48:12.0	18.3

STEVE VON DEVAN lists broad jump stats, including evolution of world marks:

Gooch, GB, 18-0, 1864	Kraenzlein, 24-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1899
Davies, GB, 22-7, 1872	Prinstein, USA, 24-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1900
Lane, Ireland, 23-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1874	O'Connor, Ireland, 24-11 3/4, 1901
Davin, Ireland, 23-2, 1883	Gourdin, USA, 25-3, 1921
Ford, USA, 23-3, 1886	Legendre, USA, 25-5 3/4, 1924
Copland, USA, 23-3 1/8, 1890	25-10 7/8, Hubbard, 1925, USA
Reber, USA, 23-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1891	Hamm, USA, 25-11 1/8, 1928
Rosengrave, Australia, 23-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1896	Cater, Haiti, 26-0 1/8, 1928
Newburn, Ireland, 24-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1898	Nambu, Japan, 26-2 1/8, 1931
Kraenzlein, USA, 24-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1899	<u>OWENS UP</u> Owens, USA, 26-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1935

Coliseum Relays May 20, Modesto Relays May 21; Big Seven May 20-21.

## WIND SPRINTS

Mal Whitfield, Wes Santee and a sprinter are to be invited to the Australian championships next March...California's 440 relay team at Modesto consisted of 235 pound John Stellern and 240 pound John Kahnert, shot putters; 195 pound discus thrower Eric Murray; and 175 pound Jim Plessas. They ran 44.1...Dink Templeton says Don Bowden is the greatest mile prospect who ever lived...Wes Santee has a new son, Fortune Gordien twin boys...John Landy was invested as a Member of the British Empire "in recognition of his outstanding representation in Australian amateur athletics". He says he will probably never run competitively again...Parry O'Brien says he has two goals--62 feet in the shot and a world record in the discus. He's concentrating on the latter now... Templeton says O'Brien and Warmerdam are the world's greatest living track and field athletes. "No one has ever come close to their marks".

..Jess Mortensen says "I wish people would quit talking about a world record every time Ernie Shelton jumps. It creates a psychological block. The guy has reached the point where he hates to practice any more...Carl Vereen, the 6-6, 235 pound, 19-year-old Georgia Tech soph who threw 172-11 at Drake doesn't take kindly to advice. Someone told him how to throw the discus last year and he went downhill after a good early season start. Now he listens only to his coach...Bob Richards says he has spent about 8000 hours practicing vaulting since he began when he was 17. He will quit after the 1956 Olympics and devote full time to the ministry...to travel more than 200 feet a javelin must leave the hand at a speed of 77 feet per second...Lou Jones says every athlete aspires to run in world record time, but that he never imagined he someday would hold a world record. He said the first 200m at Mexico City was somewhere between 21.5 and 22. The track was great and the weather and competition perfect. Lou says he doesn't know if the altitude helped him, but he thinks it didn't hinder him...New York coaches have endorsed George Eastment of Manhattan as one of the 1956 Olympic coaches...Eastment thought Arnie Sowell's relay leg at Ohio State was 2:53, and accepted it as completely possible...in the Boston marathon, winner Hideo Hamamura averaged 5:16.6 for each mile...Gorno says he planned to run the race in 2:20. "Next year, to win, perhaps I must do 2:10"...Jansson says "it was my own fault because I arrived too late, and did not know the course. I think I could have done a lot better. I come back next year and run 2:15"...Costes says he felt great until three miles to go, when his thigh muscles tightened. "If there had been a half-mile to go I would have beaten Hamamura or anybody except Zatopek. But there were three miles to go.. I can't believe I broke 2:20. I aimed at 2:25. But those other guys were walking out there. I'm not going to stay back if they're walking. I can't beat Jansson. And Gorno. I was shocked when I heard he was back there."...

Paavo Nurmi, now 57, owns his well known haberdashery shop, and also a business building, several big apartments, and is an executive in other enterprises. He has put up considerable cash to help the training of young athletes. He still is strong for the theory that a great runner must train all the year around. "I don't see any reason to make a fuss about the four minute mile" he says. "Forty years ago it was as miraculous to run the 1500 meters under four minutes. A mile under four is wonderful, but it has been slow progress at that" Nurmi doesn't believe there is such a thing as an unbeatable record. "With these modern training facilities and well balanced psychological training which conditions a runners mind to believe he can accomplish these things, it is possible to beat any record. You just take time to train, wait for fine weather, have pace makers to help you out, and any day it can happen. As the years went on, anybody who trained harder than I did broke my records. The same thing will happen to Landy & Zatopek."

## SO THEY TELL US

TN GUY BERETICH, Ohio State miler: "Pace-setters in the mile have outlived their usefulness (if any) when used as they were in the Drake Relays. Santee made no attempt to follow Dalzell's pace. At the crack of the gun he went to the pole and last place. Dalzell, on the other hand, for the next  $2\frac{1}{2}$  laps wandered all over the track in an attempt to keep Fred Dwyer from taking the lead. On several occasions he swung out as far as the third lane and then would sharply cut back in to keep Dwyer from passing. Many of the coaches, athletes and three of the six milers will attest to this. If pace-setters have any purpose it's to help in the setting of a record. Otherwise give each runner the 'blocking back' due him".

BOB EPP, Valparaiso, Indiana: "When listing Indiana's best milers by age, don't overlook Ash Hawk of North Side in Fort Wayne who ran 4:24 and 1:56.5 as a sophomore. I'm not sure, but I think he was 16, and thus faster at that age than Stayton."

TN SYDNEY CLAIRE, Minneapolis: "I cannot think of anything more state subsidized than the athletes in our armed forces, who are there by compulsion. But I am in favor of anything that promotes interest in track and develops athletes, so if we must keep our young men in military camps by all means let us continue the present program. However, should we not quit being hypocritical and discontinue the slams toward the Europeans, particularly the Russians?"

TN CHUCK ESSER: "I hope other Track Nuts have written the television companies to request more coverage of track meets. I enjoyed the broadcast of the Drake meet and imagine we could have more."

TN JOE GALLI, Australia: "Political bickering and interference, the intrusion of interests outside the Olympic sphere, consideration of professional interests, and just plain mismanagement have dogged Olympic Games preparations. Example of pro interference. Cycle track would normally be standard 333.3 meter concrete, but the pro promoter was brought in and the committee decided on a 250 meter board track because it would be a paying proposition after the Games. Is it any wonder, then, that some of our leading amateur sportsmen are so disgusted with the whole crummy set-up of the Games that they are certain they will be disgraced in the eyes of their fellows abroad. If I've heard it once, I've heard it a thousand times, this opinion: 'What's the betting we lose the Games?' And, mind you, not just in the past week or two, but for the past SIX YEARS."

## PENN RELAYS ADDENDA

This year's meet had over 3100 athletes from over 500 schools...over 1,500,000 fans have watched more than 100,000 athletes compete in 61 years...Frank Ohl of Pittsburg won nine gold watches in 1937-40. He is the only man ever to have won four in a single year, 1939...Pitt in 39 and Michigan in 45 are the only colleges to win four relays in one meet...only in 1927 and 1954 have the eight relays gone to eight different teams...Eulace Peacock is the only man to capture the broad jump four times, winning in 1935 and 1937 for Temple, and in 1943 and 1945 for the Coast Guard...fastest legs in the 1955 meet were Ike Matza of NYU, 3:04.7, and Jim Doulin, Manhattan, 4:15.8...Coach Carl Olson says Sowell was ready for a 4:08 mile in the distance medley...Charley Pratt clocked 13.8 in the hurdle relay...Ken Bantum, Manhattan's 6-6, 19-year-old soph, ran his hurdle leg under 15, set school records of 34-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 152-1...Charley Jenkins 880 clocking was 1:51.7...Henry Thresher of Yale pulled a muscle...host team Pennsylvania has won 51 $\frac{1}{2}$  relays, to 25 for Michigan, 22 NYU, 19 Yale, 18 Manhattan, 17 Ohio St., 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  Penn State, 14 Pittsburgh, 13 Chicago, 13 Indiana, 12 Cornell, 11 Harvard, 11 Georgetown, 10 Illinois, 10 Army--not including 1955.