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NEWS

EUROPE has given us a sensational two-mile record and a great mile race. Britain's Games at London, produced both. Sandor Iharos of Hungary won the two-miles in 8:33.4, seven seconds off Reiff's world mark and .2 better than the IAAF scoring table equivalent of his recent 7:55.6 for 3000m. Britain's Ken Wood was second in 8:34.8 and Brian Barratt of Britain third in 8:45.8. Two days earlier, on May 28, Laszlo Tabori of Hungary ran 3:59 in beating Chris Chataway and Brian Hewson, both 3:59.8. The track was heavy and the temperature 50 degrees (U.S. runners take note.) Other European marks include: Derek Johnson 1:50y; Alexander Anufriyev, 29:10.6 for No. 3 on all-time list; Ardalion Ignatyev 47.4m; Iharos 3:42.6; Istvan Rozsavolgyi, Hungary, 3:43.0n; Tabori 3:46.8n; Ivan Ullsperger, Czech, 14:24.8; Gordon Pirie 5:09.8 for 2000m (world record, 5:07 by Reiff).

U.S. had three big league meets May 27-28. Manhattan edged Penn State in the IC4A at New York; Michigan ran away with the Big Ten at Columbus; and Southern California handily won its 15th straight Pacific Coast Conference crown at Eugene, Oregon. Following are the results, plus other good marks not heretofore reported in TFN or TN:

100--IC: Haines (9.5, record); Pollard; Johnson, Tufts; Moore; Franze.

10: Golliday (9.5); Nash (3); Garner; Brown, Mich; Allen, Ind. Golliday and Nash both 9.4w, heats; Golliday 9.3 (w 4.55mph) semis.

PCC: Gary, WSC (9.9); Brownsger, S; Coyle, SC; Bugbee, SC; Gary, Idaho.

Also, Nash beat Golliday in 9.4 the night after the Coliseum Relays; Pollard 9.6; McDonald, So. Dakota State, 9.6; Sime, Duke, 9.6; Flynn, Akron, 9.7; Remigino, 9.8.

220--IC: Pollard (20.8) (Haines withdrew); Markisohn, Prin; Shearer, BU;

10: Golliday (21.4); Flodin, Mich; Nash; Golliday 20.9tw, heat.

PCC: Gary (21.2); Garrett, S; Coyle, SC. Others: Kyasky, Army, 20.6; Dollar, North Texas State, 20.9n; Moore, Man, 21.0; Wackerbarth, Ariz. St, 21.2; Sime 21.3; Thresher, Yale, 21.4; Flinn, Akron, 21.0w, 21.5

440--IC: Jenkins, (47.2); Perry, Colgate; Myers, Prin; Simmons, Man. 10: Gosper, MSC (47.8) (in downpour); Scruggs, Mich (7); Fessenden; Ward. PCC: Larrabee, SC (47.8); Ellis, UCLA (48.1); Garrett, S (48.5); Warwick, C (48.5).

Also, Maiocco 48.0; Sowell 48.2 (46.0 relay); Courtney 48.2; Myers 48.3; Weaver, North Texas State, 48.3; Little, Harvard, 48.5; Wackerbarth, Arizona State, 48.3; Hagler, North Texas State, 48.6n.

880--IC: Sowell (1:49.1, new collegiate record); Courtney 1:49.2; Brew;

10: Gray, Mich (1:51.4); Cryer, Ill; Keating, Iowa; Burnett, Ohio; Van Eyck

PCC: Bailey, Oregon (1:52); Dayton, Wash (1:53); Clement, Ore (1:53); Montgomery

Also, Dayton, 1:51.9n; Goodwin, Manhattan, 1:52.5; Thorgersen, Wesleyan

1:52.9; Pratt, Olympic Club, 1:53; Conrardy 1:53.5; Winder, Ariz. St.,

1:53.9; Foyce, Camp Lejeune, 1:54.5.

Mile--IC: Grim, Maryland (4:09.9 record); Murphy, Holy Cross (4:11.2);

Doulin, Manh (4:12.3); Breckenridge, Villanova (4:13.8); Matza, NYU (4:15.3).

10: Moule, Mich (4:14.8); Ferguson, Iowa (4:15.1); Dintleman, Ill; Sultze, Wis.

PCC: Dellinger, Ore (4:09); Seaman, UCLA (4:09.4); Wing, SC (4:12.6); Montgomery,

SC (4:13); Rader, WFO (4:15.5). Also, Doulin 4:14.5; Matza, NYU 4:15n;

Rader, 4:17.2n; King, 4:15.9.

2 Mile--IC: King, NYU (9:15.7); Pflaging, Gtwn; Sbarra, Man; Townsend, St. J.

10: Ferguson (9:24.4); Jonsson, Ill; Dalton, Wis; Wallingford, Mich; Luker, Ill.

PCC: Reiser, Oregon (9:02.6); Hunt, UCLA (9:04.3); Ledesma, SC (9:23.6); Gourley

Also, Dick Hart, 9:08.1n; Dellinger, 9:16.8n; Sbarra 9:21.4; Gourley,

Idaho, 9:23.0n; Garrett, Penn State, 9:24.7n; 3 miles, Shea, NCS, 14:41.2

Highs--IC: Shankle, Duke (14.1); Pratt, Man (14.1); Youkers; Knight; Perry.
IO: Thomson, Ill (14.0); Savoldi, MS; Campbell, Ind; He, Woodson & Stevens
PCC: Nelson, S (14.7); Ball, UCLA; Roselland, UCLA; Also, Pratt, 13.9;
 Clements, Ariz; St. Bell, East Texas, Rittenburg, Harvard, all 14.6.
Lows--IC: Pratt (23.0); Perry (23.1); Youkers, PS; Rittenburg, H; Lochiatto
IO: Thomson (23.0); Stevens, Ia; Mathews, Ia; Woodson, Ill. Stevens, 22.5w, heat
PCC: Clarke, SC (24.0); Ledbetter, Wash; Luttrell, S; also, Clements, Ariz.
 State, 23.2; Pratt 23.2; Rittenburg, 23.4; Messop, Navy; Settele, North-
 eastern, Burton, Miami, and Moyers, Northwestern, all 23.6.
HJ--IC: Lee, Penn (6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$); tie, Hescocck, BU, Meyer, Y (6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$); Shipley, M (6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$)
IO: Booth, Mich (6-6); Hillmer, MSC (6-5); Liverance, Mich & Stevens, Ia (6-3);
PCC: Shelton, SC (6-10); Jeter, SC (6-5 $\frac{7}{8}$); Stewart, S (6-4 $\frac{7}{8}$); Miller, UCLA.
 Also, Shelton 6-10 $\frac{3}{8}$ exh; Smith, Northern Illinois 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; Damas 6-9 $\frac{3}{8}$.
BJ--IC: Shankle (24-8); Bruce, BU (23 $\frac{3}{4}$); Moore, Man (23-2 $\frac{1}{4}$); Jackson, Syr.
IO: Stielstra, Mich (23-5 $\frac{3}{4}$); Hendricks, Mich (23-3 $\frac{5}{8}$); Paschen, Pur.
PCC: Hermann, S (23-5 $\frac{3}{8}$); Pedigo, Oreg (23-4 $\frac{7}{8}$); Gary, Idaho; Hollaway, LA.
 Also, Newberry, Baldwin Wallace, 24-2 $\frac{1}{4}$.
PV--IC: Bragg, Vill (14-6); Hescocck, BU (14); Beachley, Cornell (13-4).
IO: Appleman, Mich (13-8 $\frac{3}{4}$); nine way tie at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$.
PCC: Morris, SC (14-7); Loveck, SC (14-4); Seed, Cal (14); Kell & Hilton (13-9)
 Also, Kring, Olympic Club, 14-0.
SP--IC: Grier, PS (55-11); Bantum, Man (54-10 $\frac{3}{4}$); Thomson, Y (52-1); Blockson
IO: Owen, Mich (54-4 $\frac{3}{4}$); Holz, Minn (50-9 $\frac{1}{4}$); Thomas, Wis (50-7 $\frac{3}{4}$); Savoldi
PCC: Martin, SC (56-2 $\frac{1}{2}$); Vick, UETA (55-8 $\frac{1}{2}$); Wetter, UCLA (54-2); Steller
 C (53-10 $\frac{7}{8}$); Kahnert, C (53-10 $\frac{3}{8}$). Also, Jones, Miami, 59-1 (third
 best of all time); O'Brien 58-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; Thomson, Y, 52-10 $\frac{5}{8}$; Burris 51-5 $\frac{3}{8}$.
DT--IC: Grier, (179 $\frac{1}{2}$); Thomson, Y (166-10); Blockson, PS (163- $\frac{1}{2}$); Siler, H
IO: Helgeson, Minn (159-6 $\frac{3}{8}$); Yonke, Minn (149-10; Webb; Bottoms;
PCC: Koch, SC (169-6 $\frac{3}{4}$); Drummond, UCLA (155-8 $\frac{1}{2}$); Vick, UCLA; Murray, C.
 Also, O'Brien 175-10; Thomson 164-6 $\frac{3}{4}$; Lim 163-0; Jones, 157-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
JT--IC: Cantelli, LaSalle (228-8 $\frac{1}{2}$); Ptak, LaSalle (192-5); Miller; Scordo;
PCC: Kimball, S (224-7); Bugge, S (223-6 $\frac{1}{2}$); Church, OSC (220-10 $\frac{1}{4}$); Voiles, SC
 (210-9 $\frac{1}{2}$). Also, Young 237-4; Long 236-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Righter, Olympic Club, 228-3;
 Hall, Mather Air Force Base, 228-11; Miller, Yale, 207-11 $\frac{1}{2}$.
**HT--Seifer, Brown (186-10); Hall, Cornell (186- $\frac{1}{2}$); Baker, BU (184-7 $\frac{1}{2}$);
 McWilliams, Bowdoin, 179-4. Also, Connolly (195-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, bettering American
 record); Engel 193-6; Backus 188-10; Hall 186-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; Siefert 184-10 $\frac{1}{8}$.**

HIGH SCHOOL records fell in California State meet as Dumas raised
 mark to 6-9 $\frac{3}{8}$; Tod White of Newport Harbor ran 4:20.0; and Jefferson
 of Los Angeles ran 1:27.2.

MARATHON victory went to Nick Costes in AAU event over hilly, tough
 Yonkers course in 2:31:12.4. Mendez 2:44:21; Corbitt 2:49:37. Lafferty.

JOGGING ALONG

After the Coliseum Relays coaches, athletes, press, etc. meet at Helms
 Hall for a big feed and gabfest... Charlie Capozzoli was there. He's
 in the army, stationed in Southern California on duty which gives him
 plenty of time to train. Has resumed training after nine months off
 with respiratory trouble. Now has a clean bill of health, and is down
 to 135 pounds. Was up to 165. Scheduled for fatherhood in fall...
 heard that another American distance great is also in serious training.
 Bob McMillen says he just can't get back the speed for the mile, but
 is in fine shape for two. Hope to break Wilt's 8:54.5 national record
 at Compton... Sture Landqvist reported Oklahoma A&M two-mile relay team
 was pulled out of race after lead-off man lost 30 yards. "We're good
 enough to hold most any pace, but don't have the speed to make up that
 much ground..." Aggies will be at Pacific AAU meet in Stockton, June
 10, then on to NCAA... Coach Ralph Higgins says "no one can beat Mashburn
 when he's in shape, and he's in shape... Hig blames himself for the mile

relay loss at Modesto. "I was afraid my inexperienced lead-off man would be confused running the long straightaway so I used Mashburn first. J.W. would have caught anyone on the anchor."...Bob Seaman took just enough time away from his good looking date to reveal the Bruins were determined to beat the Aggies in the medley relay and hold No. 1 spot in the country...UCLA coach Craig Dixon looked pleased as punch, was happy over the continued improvement of Jim Ball (14.2n)...Parry O'Brien looked svelte at 218, about 10 under best weight. Says he's eating well, but the Air Force keeps him too busy to put on more weight...Parry Sr. said he was a bit worried about "the kid's" condition...Mal Whitfield was passing out cards for one of his businesses, reading Mal "Speedy" Whitfield...Andy Stanfield expressed great determination to retain Olympic title...Penn Coach Ken Doherty felt so badly about Haines' disqualification he passed up the party...Karl Schlademann of Michigan State says nobody will beat them in cross country for next two years...Karl called the turn on Gosper's win, revealing that Kev was just beginning to come...Gosper is a talented pianist...Lang Stanley, whose 1:49.4n was the best collegiate half-mile until Saturday, revealed he would be back at San Jose State next season...where he will clash with Cal's Don Bowden...George Brown, the broad jumper, has another season of eligibility at UCLA next year...Dr. Steve Seymour, who saw Cy Young wipe out his relays record, heads one of the world's leading clinics on alcoholism...

NOTED WITH INTEREST

ATHLETICS WORLD, which surveyed world class distance runners, has analyzed the 880y/800m men, and, for a change, the U.S. does all right. 1:51 for 880 and 1:50.3 are the standards: After the 1948 Games there were 40 runners from 11 countries, led by the US with 22, Sweden 6, German, Great Britain and Denmark 2. In the next four years the total increased to 59 from 14 countries, and the US widened its lead to 29 to Sweden's 8, Germany 6, Britain 3, Denmark 3, France 2. After 1954 season there are 87 runners from 18 countries. US 39, Germany 11, Sweden 9, Britain 6, Belgium, Denmark, Hungary 3. Average of ten best is 1:48.8 for U.S. (metric times), 1:49.5 Germany, 1:49.8 Sweden, 1:49.9 Great Britain. (Substitute Spurrier, Santee, Sowell and Courtney and the American average drops to 1:48.3).

AW also points out that of 59 world records in 49 events, the US provides 29 holders in 22 events. Zatopek has 8, USSR 7, Australia, Belgium and Jamaica 3, Germany and Great Britain 2, and Denmark, Norway, Panama and Hungary one each. Five marks survive from pre-war days and 3 others from the war period. No less than 29 have been made since the last Olympics. 34 records were made in Europe, 23 in the US, of which 16 were made in California. 1954 produced 17 records, 1953 7, 1952, 7; 1949, 5; 1948, 5; 1951, 4; 1950, 4. Zatopek has eight records; Patton 5; Attlessey, Owens, Reiff, 3 each.

Here are the dozen best 10,000m men, a list which will take a severe beating this year: Zatopek 28:54.2; Kovacs, Hungary, 29:09; Anufriyev, USSR, 29:10.6; Pirie, GB, 29:17.2; Kuts, USSR, 29:21.4; Nystrom, Sweden 29:23.8; Schade, Germany, 29:24.8n; Heino, Finland, 29:27.2; Sando, England, 29:27.6n; Mimlun, France, 29:29.4; Norris, England, 29:35.4; Mihalic, Yugoslavia, 29:37.6.

COMING UP

Compton Invitational, June 3; Central Collegiates, Milwaukee, June 4. So. Pacific AAU June 10, Los Angeles. Pacific AAU, June 10, Stockton. Next Newsletter, June 14, with NCAA preview. Send news and comments.

MORE NEWS

EUROPEAN REPORT, from Roberto Quercetani: Sprints: Bartenyev, USSR, 10.4; Janecek, Czech, & Futterer, 10.5. 19 European at 10.6 or better; Ignatyev 21.1, 21.5, 47.4; Pohl, Germany, 21.5y; Kaufmann, Germany, 21.5. Savel, Rumania, 48.1; Middle Distances: Friedrich, Germany, 1:50.4; Aleksyuk, USSR, 1:51; Lueg, 1:52.9n; Kuchurin, USSR, 3:51.0; Murat, Yugo, 3:51.2; Chromik, Poland, 3:51.2; Walmsley, GB, 4:09. Ibbotson, GB, 5:12.8 for 2000m. Distances: In his 7:55.6, Iharos ran 3:58.6, then 3:57, beat Tabori 8:11.6, Beres 8:14. Herrmann, 8:12.8, German record; Havenstein 8:13.8n; Suddaby, GB, 8:59.2. Konrad 14:24.4; Stritof 14:26.2; Kuts 14:26; Zatopek 14:26.2 (first half of 10,000m race!); Pudov, USSR, 14:28.2; Kuts was fourth, just under 30 minutes in Anufriyev's 29:10.6; Zatopek 29:33; Santrucek 30:14.8. Hurdles: Stolyarov, USSR, 14.2, third best ever in Europe; Lituyev 52.1; Ilin 52.8n; Yulin 52.9n; Shaw, GB, 73.7y; Jumps: Kovar, Czech, 6-7 1/8; Marjanovic, 6-6 3/4, Yugoslav record; Sitkin, USSR, and Soter 6-6; Chernobay, USSR, 14-5 1/4, Lundberg 13-11 3/8; Previsger, 13-11 3/8, German record; Grigoryev, 24-4 7/8; Krivshokov, 24-4 1/8; Prochazka, Czech, 24-3 3/8; Dementyev, 50-7 1/2; Kreer, 50-7 1/8; Yerebin 49-11 5/8, all USSR (ten Russians over 49-2 1/2 already; Rehak, Czech, 50-0 3/8. Throws: Plihal, Czech, 53-10 7/8; Fyodorov, 53-9 5/8; Stoklasa, Czech, 53-1 3/8; Balyayev 53-0 1/4; Consolini 176-10 1/2; Vrabel, Czech, 173-3 1/2; Cihak 169-4 5/8; Maca 200-10 1/4, Czech record; Tkachev 196-7 7/8; Douglas, GB, 192-6, British national record; Dadak, Czech, 190-9; Strandli 184-6 1/2; Kuznetsov, 238-10 7/8; Sidlo, 238-2 1/4; Walkzak, Poland, 227-7 7/8.

SO THEY TELL US

Ed Grant, New Jersey: "Another comer is Pitt freshman Paul Thrash, almost a double for Sowell. He won that AAU 400m race at Penn and while his time of 54.7 wasn't much, the way he did it was. He must have minced steps on the last four hurdles and still beat Harry Bright, who is concentrating on the event for 1956."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Ohio: "Top sprint races are getting to be a test of who can outguess the starter best, and not who can run fastest. Some of these men must not be good sportsmen or they wouldn't fool around like this. What satisfaction is there in winning if you know the other man was actually better than you, but just outguessed or outfoxed?"

WIND SPRINTS

Bud Held says he expects to do 280 feet next year. Lines on the field at Modesto were 10 feet off, so neither Held nor anyone else knew he had a world record until measuring time...Modesto Relays outdid all the other relay carnivals in best marks, with five top performances and one tie; Fresno had two bests and three ties; Coliseum two and two; Drake two; Texas one; Penn and Kansas none...Frame's double in Big 7 was fastest ever, total time being 13:44.4 to 13:46.3 for Bill McGuire of Missouri in 1951...Kansas' first four men were under 4:19...Lionel Blackman of England reports Pirie's latest workouts as: (1) Last two Tuesdays, 20x440 at 60 seconds (many at 59) with 1 lap in 2 1/2 minutes in between; (2) 4x880 in 2:02, 4x440 in 56; (3) 15x220 in 25. John Disley ran 4:23, 3:12, 2:04 and 58 one day...when Hewson ran 2:56 the distance was four yards short...At 22, Hewson is youngest to break 4 minutes...it was his first serious try at mile...Chataway says his legs are too short to be a good miler...with seven times under 4:00, Santee is alone in the 4:00 to 4:01 bracket, with three marks...Franz Stempf says the mile record will soon be lowered to 3:50...Hewson says the 4 minute mile is a lot easier than people make out...Manhattan coach George Eastment is a law professor. He has been at Manhattan since 1946, winning nine ICA crowns, indoor, outdoor and cross country.