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AAU RESULTS

Boulder, Colorado, June 24-25, 5350 ft. altitude:
 100--Morrow 9.5, Richard 9.5, Smith 9.5, Haines 9.7, Washington 9.7,
 Prewit 9.7. 220--Richard 21.0, Blair 21.1, Stanfield 21.2, Morrow 21.3
 Smith 22.8, Gary 24.7. 440--Jenkins 46.7, Lea 46.9, D. Maiocco 47.1,
 Whitfield 47.2, Ellis 47.8, Ward 47.9. 880--Sowell 1:47.6 (meet record)
 Courtney 1:48.0, Tidwell 1:48.1, Stanley 1:48.6, Spurrier 1:48.7,
 Wheeler 1:51.6. Mile--Santee 4:11.5 (54.3 last lap), Dwyer 4:14.1,
 Seaman 4:14.8, LaPieere 4:15.5, Coleman 4:16.1, Simpson 4:18.8, Grim
 4:18.8. 6-mile--Hart 31:58.4, McKenzie 32:28.0, King 33:00.3, Schoef-
 ler 33:25.3, Gookin 33:36.3, Kelly 33:43.4. 3-mile--H. Ashenfelter
 14:45.2, McKenzie 14:59.6, Hunt 15:13.7, Hart 15:17.8, Frame 15:17.8,
 Truex 15:22.5. 2-mileSC--Reiser 10:20.7, H. Ashenfelter 10:28.9, Shea 1
 10:35, Schoeffler 10:46.8, Coleman 10:48.8, Drummond 10:55.5.
 HH--Campbell 13.9, Youkers 14.2, Pratt 14.4, Calhoun 14.5, Mathews
 14.5, Stevens (Army) 14.5. (Davis, two false starts) LH--(subject to
 photo study) Pratt 23.5, Burton 23.6, Jackson 23.6, Johnson 23.6,
 Matthews 23.6, Luttrell 49.0. MH--Culbreath 52.0, Atterberry 52.4,
 Luttrell 52.8, Stapley 53.6, Southern 53.8, Dwyer 56.3. 2mile walk--
 Laskau 15:09.4, Huncke 15:28.5, McDonald 16:17.7, Chichura 16:17.8,
 Denman 17:03; Gustafson 17:55.0. HJ--Shelton & Dumas 6-10, Wilson
 6-8, Lee, and Razetto 6-7; Allard, Fehlen, Barksdale, Holding, Smith
 and Bonham 6-6. PV--Richards 15-0½; Levack and Smith 14-6; Morris,
 Mattos, Laz and Barnes 14-0. BJ--Bell 26-0½; Bennett 25-1½; Andrews
 25-0½, Cook 24-0½; Herrmann 23-11½, Shaw 23-9. HSJ--Paredas, Cuba, 50-4,
 Sharpe 48-6½, Floerke 48-5, Beerline 48-4½, Mazzocco 47-3, West 47-3/4.
 SP--O'Brien 58-5 3/4, Jones 56-6½, Nieder 55-10, Vick 55-6½, Meyer
 54-4½, Grier 53-9. DT--O'Brien 175-7, Gordien 174-6, Koch 171-10½,
 Drummond 169-2, Ellis 167-1, Linn 164-8½; JT--Held 26-3 (meet record),
 Young 251-11½, Miller 243-10½, Cantello 238-1, Church 236-8, Kiwitt
 231-5½. HT--Connolly 199-8 (new meet record), Backus 185-1, Felton
 171-2, Dillon 169-9, Gattulio 163-3½, Thomson 160-2½. WT--Backus
 43-5 (meet record), Dillon 35-0, Berst 34-4, Thomson 33-9 3/4, Swett
 32-2½, Gattulio 32-0½. Team: NYAC 111, LAAC 87 3/4, NYPC 54, SFOC 34½.

PARRY O'BRIEN moved into world shot put lead with 59-2 heave in recent meet on which details are lacking. Apparently an Air Force meet.

AAU TRAVELING TEAMS are as follows: Now, to Finland, Norway, Denmark, Scotland, England, Coach Frank Potts, Backus, Reiser, Blair, Courtney, Bennette, Seaman. Now, to Sweden, Saarland, Norway, Germany, Coach Carl Reisch, Connolly, O'Brien, Lea, Culbreath, Shelton, Dwyer, Soon, to Jamaica, etc., coach to be chosen, LaPieere, Stanley, Stanfield, Maiocco, Vick, Andrews, Campbell, Pratt, Spurrier, Richards, Dumas, Miller. September, to Europe, Coach Clude Littlefield, Richard, Jenkins, Sowell, Santee, Smith (Bobby),

COMING UP

AAU Decathlon at Crawfordsville, Indiana, July 1-2. Neither Rafer Johnson nor Milt Campbell will compete. AAU Pentathlon, July 9, at Alhambra, Calif. Brayton Norton will defend title. Moor Field in Alhambra will be the scene of the All-Comers meets in Southern California (held at Muir College last two years). Track & Field News, July issue, mailed July 9. Track Newsletter, next issue, July 19. This will be last issue of Vol. 1. Renewals are now in order. Except for the few who have paid for two years, all subscriptions expire with this issue. Use enclosed envelope for postage paid renewal. \$6.00.

EUROPEAN NEWS

Prague, June 8/9. Perek 239-1/8, Czech record; Marjanovic, Yugo, 6-6 3/4 from Soter, 6-6 3/4, Kovar 6-4 3/4, Szecsenyi 172-10 from Cihak, 169-11 3/8. Brussels, June 15. Hoens, 1:47.5 (52.7 and 54.8) from Szentgali 1:51.1. Belgrade, June 16--Jungwirth 3:47.8 (second to Rozsavolgyi's 3:42.2), Radisic 3:48.4, Hugosa 3:48.8, Laufer 3:49, Onel 3:49.6 (Turkish record). Konrad, Germany, beat Stritof, Yug, 14:17.0 to 14:18.6 (Ygo. record), Kokpinar 14:27 (Turkish record), Maynard 14:35, and Zatopek 14:49.6. Janacek 21.2, Lewandowski 1:50.5 (polish record), Adamczyk, 14-1 1/2, Rut 190-3 1/2. Other marks: Lawrence 3:47.4 and 1:50.3 from Dohrow 3:49.4 and 1:51.8. Tuomaala, 8:08.8, Finnish record; Kovacs 14:17.2, Driver 14:17.8; Larsen 8:54.2 from Laine, 8:54.2. Thomas, 52.8m; Benke Nilsson 6-6 3/4 in first meet, 6-7 7/8 in second, injured foot seems to be all right; Stepanov 6-7 1/2, USSR record; Landstrom, 14-3 5/8 first meet back in Finland; Sillon 14-1 1/2; Bravi, 19-year-old Italian 24-4 1/8; Lampinen, Finland, 24-4 1/8; Prywer 53-4 1/2, Polish record; Danielsen, Norway, 240-9 3/4. Nielsen, Denmark 3:46.6. Chernobay, USSR, 14-3. Pirie expects to do 1:50 1/2 and 13:20 for three miles soon. (Above thanks to Roberto Quercetani).

SO THEY TELL US

TN JACK MORTLAND, Columbus, Ohio: "The telecast of the NCAA was just great. They couldn't possibly have picked a better narrator than H.D.Thoreau. His great knowledge of the events and competitors contributed immeasurably to the success of the program. I am sure this telecast did much to promote the sport and H.D. was in great part responsible. I've heard broadcasts where an announcer with little knowledge of the sport has ruined an enjoyment the average sport fan would get from the broadcast, and probably chilled many on the sport. But Thoreau's fine job had, I am sure, just the opposite effect.

I was very much impressed by the coverage given the fans in the stadium. From what I could hear the PA announcer kept the fans completely informed as to what was happening at all times. This is something we have entirely too little of in this part of the country. The boards at all field events showing the names of the competitors as they took their trials also impressed me. A few tracks around here have boards showing the heights of the bars, but these are often neglected. I noticed at the high jump and pole vault that it also showed which trial it was. I'm sure that points such as this, which make track much more interesting to the spectator, that accounts for the difference in fan interest between the coast and the rest of the country."

TN DON JACOBS, Colfax, Wash.: "Your list of NCAA 3-time repeat winners left two off--Frank Martin of Notre Dame & NYU won the two-mile in 44-46, and Dave Albritton of Ohio State tied for first in the high jump in 36-38...better publicize the walking events and the girls meets as we'll need all the help (and points) from those that is possible in Melbourne. Actually they are part of track and field so lets read about them too. It's hard enough to get anyone out for these without trying to kill them off altogether."

TN BOB QUERCETANI, Florence: "So, we'll meet by the Fountain of Trevi in 1960! I am happy, of course. But honestly, though I am an Italian and an anti-Communist, I though Budapest deserved the Games, more than any other capital: small country, they have great athletes, great swimmers, have lost only once in soccer over the past five years (soccer is Europe's most popular sport). But Rome is the most beautiful city in the world! I'm sure we'll have a grand time. Only thing that worries me a bit--Rome is a hot city in July (not Texas heat, though, I imagine) and winning time in 10,000m is likely to be not better than ...28:30 (poor by 1960 standards)."

TN RONALD JONES, Orange, Calif.: "Stu Thomson's weight series on April 23 (52-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, 163-6, and 176-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) totals 392-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ and is the second best triple weight series I can find by any man with all marks made in one day. The best series is the one Thomson made in the Heptagonals last year with 52-8, 162-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 180-4, totaling 395-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. The best total I can find taking the athletes best marks is 400-4 still by Stud Thomson with 53-2, 166-10 and 180-4. Unfortunately, I can find no record of Danilo Zerjal of Yugoslavia or Cereali of Italy shot putting, for with his 192-11 hammer or 1951 and his 169-3 $\frac{7}{8}$ discus of 1949 all he would have to throw the shot would be 38-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to better the 400-4 total of Thomson. Parry O'Brien with his 60-10 and 184-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks would still have to throw the hammer 155-9 $\frac{3}{8}$ to break the record.

"America certainly has made remarkable advances with the javelin in the last 4 years and in the last 2 years has been increasing its lead as the figures below show:

1955		1954		1952		1950	
Held	268-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Miller	266-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Held	249-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Seymour	248-10
Miller	263-8 $\frac{3}{8}$	Held	263-10	Seymour	246-10	Peoples	234-3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Young	257-2	Young	256-4	Miller	242-7 $\frac{3}{8}$	Held	233-4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seymour	248-10	Seymour	248-10	Young	242- $\frac{3}{4}$	Brown	232-7
Bitner	246-1	Long	235-9 $\frac{3}{4}$	Peoples	234-3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bell	231-7 $\frac{1}{4}$
1948: Remove Held, move 4&2 up one ranking, and 5th put Terry, 229-2 $\frac{1}{4}$							

The rest of the world's throwers rank as follows:

Sidlo	262-11 $\frac{1}{2}$		Nikkanen	258-2 $\frac{3}{8}$	1950
Nikkanen	261-1 $\frac{7}{8}$	same	Jarvinen	253-4 $\frac{1}{2}$	first four same, in
Hyytinen	259-1 $\frac{1}{2}$		Autonen	250-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	fifth, Rautavaara,
Nikkanen	258-2 $\frac{3}{8}$		Sule	249-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	247-7 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Kuznetsov	256-6 $\frac{3}{8}$		Nikkanen	249-1	1948: Same
			Hyytinen	249-1	

TN MARVIN ROTHENSTEIN, White Plains, NY: "You mentioned a starting mat for armory meets. I'm the one who introduced it in the metropolitan area. I came across this material by 'scouting around' after seeing numerous falls at the start of flat floor sprints. Last December I experimented with a small piece at an armory development meet. It met with immediate favor among runners and coaches alike and we used it in the 60 of the Senior mets in January. We had no slips, or anything near a slip. Men were actually able to drive off instead of just going through the motions of a crouch start. It is a Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing product called "Safety Walk" and is available for permanent installations, or temporary ones. Briefly it consists of a silican carbide material with an abrasive similar in sharpness to what is used for grinding. The mat has a cloth backing and waterproof glue is used. It was originally designed for the Navy's use on carrier deck.

TN BUZZ SAWYER, Norfolk, Virginia: "University of North Carolina apparently is making a serious effort to keep their margin over Maryland. They have Dave Coates (60-4) and Dave Scurlock (1:56.3) as frosh next year...A very pleasant but surprising surprise was Jim Beatty's two-mile in the NCAA. I frankly thought he would do between 9:10 and 9:15 but I couldn't have considered him a chance of beating 9:10. Grim and Shankle did about as expected although I expected Shankle to be a close second in the highs."

ED GRANT, Jersey City, N.J.: "All I can say is WOW. I'm referring to our Jersey boys taking charge in the NCAA meet yesterday. It was our state's greatest day in track and field without doubt. Courtney, Bragg, Campbell, Pratt--to bad Grier couldn't have gotten one off in the discus to complete the day...Campbell and Pratt are the two fastest hurdlers we have ever had. In high school Milt ran 14.0, Charlie only 15.0...I'm looking forward to seeing Campbell meet Johnson in decath."

WIND SPRINTS

Billy Tidwell was busy in the Central Conference meet. He opened by winning the mile in 4:17.3. Five minutes later he took the quarter in 49.3. Within another 30 minutes he won the 880 in 1:56.7. He closed with a 47.3 anchor leg for first place. In between, Coach Fran Welch started him in the two-mile, but waved him off the track after three laps...Tidwell is from a small town, like other Kansas mile greats. He hails from Kiowa, Cunninham from Elkhart, Karnes from Overbrook, San Romani from Frontenac and Santee from Ashland...Brutus Hamilton, who once gained world wide publicity by predicting track ultimates, now says there just doesn't appear to be any such maximum. "track and field athletes have gone crazy. I'm never surprised at broken records any more. The main improvement in the art of running is in training. I don't think men run any differently than they did 30 years ago. But the training methods are much better and I look for the men to run faster and fester in all events."...Bobby Morrow says he has never had a false start. In the NAIA meet on Morrow's home track, some students carefully rolled morrow's lane on the soggy track, but Bobby wouldn't run it until all other lanes had been rolled. He's married...Fred Wolcott, now an oil-lease hunter, advises young trackmen to "start early, know what you're going to do, and work at it. There's no secret weapon. Just find out what you can do best, and work hard at it every day." Now 37, Wolcott weighs 178, just 3 over running weight, and is 6-1. He doesn't run anymore, but exercises every day. "College trackmen work out only an hour or so a day now. In my day coaches were rougher. We ate cinders two or three hours a day." Wolcott won every high school event he entered, took seven AAU and five NCAA firsts...

STATS

Best 2000m marks of all time:

Reiff, Belgium, 1948	5:07	Landy, Australia, 1954	5:12.6
Rozsavolgyi, Hungary, 1955	5:08.8	Ibottson, England, 1955	5:12.8
Chataway, England, 1955	5:09.4	Mugosa, Yugoslavia, 1954	5:14.4
Pirie, England, 1955	5:09.8	Taipale, Finland, 1951	5:14.6
Hagg, Sweden, 1942	5:11.8		

Sub 8:50 two milers, to date:

Iharos, Hungary, 1955	8:33.4	Hagg, Sweden, 1944	8:42.8
Wood, England, 1955	8:34.8n	Barrett, England, 1955	8:45.8n
Reiff, Belgium, 1952	8:40.4	Pirie, England, 1953	8:47.4
Chataway, England, 1954	8:41.0	Ashenfelter, US, 1955	8:49.6
Landy, Australia, 1954	8:42.4		

Evolution of unofficial 3000m steeplechase record:

Hodge, England, 10:02.4, 1920; Ritola, Finland, 9:33.6, 1924; Loukola, Finland, 9:21.8, 1928; Lermond, US, 9:08.4, 1932; Iso-Hollo, Finland, 9:03.8, 1936; Elmsater, Sweden, 8:59.6, 1944; Kazantsev, Russia, 8:48.6, 1952; Ashenfelter, US, 8:45.4, 1952; Rinteenpaa, Finland, 8:44.4, 1953. Official: Rozsnyoi, Hungary, 8:49.6, 1954.

LATE NEWS

Gordon Pirie became No. 3 on the all-time 3 mile list with 13:29.8 at Manchester June 22. In the Moscow, June 25 meet, Mikhail Krivonosov neared the world record in the hammer with 209-1.9, second best ever. Ardalion Ignatyev bettered his Russian 400m record, running 46.0 to tie Harbig's European mark. Otto Grigalka defeated Consolini with 174-4.96, Bartenev ran 10.6, Stolarov 14.3 and Stepanov did 6-6 3/4.

As of June 15, the 1955 ATFS Annual had not been published. It will take nearly a month to make delivery after publication. Patience, men.