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NEWS

UNITED STATES All-Comers meets, Pasadena: Sept. 8--Roubanis 14-0; Fendler 6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; Torgan 153-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Humphreys 151-8 & 51-5; Maijala 213-11; Walters 1:55.9; Dellinger 201-9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sept. 15--Roubanis 14-0 $\frac{1}{2}$; Held, 250 (also 247); Bennett 24-1; Davis 151-5; O'Brien 182-2 and 61-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ (series; 59-2, 60-10, 59-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 60-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 60-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 61-5 $\frac{3}{4}$, plus extra puts of 60-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 60-1 $\frac{3}{4}$). At New York, Sept. 8--Stanfield 10.0; Bright 1:53.3; McKenzie 4:27.8; Ashenfelter 9:49 2 mile SC; Bantum 56-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; NY Pioneer Club 3:13 (Pearman 47.6). At Chicago, Sept. 15--Coleman 4:24.7, Kelly 31:45.8, 6 miles. AAU Weight Throwing Championships, Pelham Manor, NY, Sept. 8--Hall 9191 $\frac{1}{2}$; Thomson 9143 $\frac{3}{8}$, Connolly 8847 $\frac{1}{2}$, Engel 8528 $\frac{1}{2}$, Pagani 8335 $\frac{1}{2}$, Dillon 8265. Connolly 191-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Hall 187-5, Engel 180-8; Hall 62-0, Connolly 60-3, 35# WT; Thomson 40-6, Hall 38-11, 56# WT.

SOUTH AFRICA Larter 48.9; Brewster 1:53; Burger 14.2, equals national record; Potgieter 53.2; Truter 6-4; Price 24-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; Burger 13-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Short 51-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; du Plessis 169-10; Spence 47.5, Van Zyl 47.7, Vogelsang 48.5, Van Der Merwe 14.5.

AUSTRALIA Lawrence 14:01.8 5000m from Thomas 14:03.8.; Land 9.6; Australian marathon championships, Russell 2:26:37.8, Ollerenshaw 2:27:31.2, Perry 2:29:08, Guy 2:29:37.8, Mackay 2:30:26.6.; Porter 6-7; Hogan 9.7; Lincoln 4:05.8, from Clarke 4:10.4, Murray 4:10.8; Weinberg 14.8; Price 48.8; Plummer 3:49.8; Goodacre 53.0; Graham Thomas 8:59.4, national SC record; Hanlin 51-4 $\frac{1}{2}$, national record.

CANADA 2 national records, 20.9 by Sten Levenson and 14:18.2 by Doug Kyle.

EUROPE Oslo, Aug. 30--Boysen 1:48; Lewandowski 1:48.5, Polish record; Chromik 14:16.8; Grabowski 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; Oslo Aug. 31--Rut 208-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, Polish record, 6th best ever; Strandli 202-7 $\frac{7}{8}$, Niklas 193-8 $\frac{3}{4}$; Larsen 8:46.2; Krzesinski 14-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 3rd Polo this year over 4.40; Belfast, 9/1--Kinsella 14.0 wind; Stockholm, 9/1--Goldovanyi 10.5; Szentgali 1:48.4, Waern 1:48.6, Swedish record, Rozsavolgyi 1:50.6; Klics 173-5 $\frac{7}{8}$; Iharos 13:46.6, Szabo 13:54.4; Homonnay 14-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, Lundberg 14-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; Stockholm Sept. 2--Csermak 194-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; Uddebom 54-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, Swedish record; Tabori 3:46.4, Waern 3:46.4, Ericsson 3:51.4; Kovacs 29:12.6, Ahlund 29:43.4; Rozsnyoi 8:49.4, Jeszenszki 8:49.4 (J. fell on way home but R. waited for him to recover--shades of things to come.) Nilsson 6-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2nd best in world this year, Pettersson 6-7 $\frac{1}{8}$. Paris, 9/1--Shcade 14:17.6; Dohrow 3:48.2; Paris, Sept. 2--Will 260-6 $\frac{3}{8}$, German record, Macquet 255-6 $\frac{7}{8}$; Savel 52.3; Wegmann 55-4 $\frac{1}{8}$, Urbach 54-7 $\frac{7}{8}$; Battista 50-4 $\frac{3}{8}$; Konrad 29:45.2, Mimoun 29:46; Germany 3:10.9. Malmo, 9/3--Moens 1:48, Waern 1:49; Malmo, 9/4--Moens 2:19.6, Belgian record, third best ever. Trondheim, 9/5--Larsen 8:42.4, Norwegian record; Warsaw 9/9--Chromik 29:10, Polish record; Lugano 9/9, Roveraro 6-7 $\frac{1}{8}$, Italian record; Helsinki 9/9--Waern 1:48.6; Hellsten 21.3; Warsaw, 9/9--Mimoun 29:13.4, French record; Helsinki 9/9--Salsola 1:48.3, Finnish record; Moscow 9/11--Vladimir Kuts broke world 10,000 record with great 28:30.4 (Iharos record 28:42.8). London, 9/12--Germar 10.5 from Sime, pulled up lame in 10.7; Stracke 1:52.4, Stanley 4th in 1:53.3; Richtzenhain 3:43 from Pirie 3:43.4, Chataway 3:46.4; Wood 8:09.2 from Ibbotson; Pratt 14.3 from Steines 14.3, Roundnitskia 14.3; Gormany 3:07.8 from Great Britain 3:08. Athens 9/15--Moens suffered severe thigh muscle pull, may be out of Games. Budapest 9/15--Rozsavolgyi 3:41.1 from Tabori 3:42.6; Glasgow 9/15--Hewson 1:47.5; Budapest 9/16--Sandor Rozsnyoi of Hungary broke world steeplechase record with 8:35.6 (old record 8:39.8 by Rzhishchin). 1000m in 2:50, 1500 in 4:18.8; 2000 in 5:46.4.

Bucharest 9/16--Kashkarov 6-10, Russian record, from Shelton 6-6; Williams 10.5 from Dokarev 10.5. Other results: Germar 10.3; Mandlik 20.9w; Jungwirth 4:04.4 from Kakko 4:04.8 and Salsola 4:08.2; Grabowski 25-0 3/8; Tokaryev 21.0, Bartenyev 21.1; Bogatov 14.2, best by European this year; Ryedin 14.4; Kobelyev 51-4 1/8; Chernobay 14-6.

WIND SPRINTS

Scholastic Coach prophesies a neat trick by stating both Glenn Davis and Eddie Southern are favored for Olympic gold medals...TN Foster Rucker saw a track meet every weekend from the first of February thru August...in the 100 meters two countries have national records of 10.1, 4 have 10.2, 10 have 10.3, 14 have 10.4, 9 have 10.5, 7 have 10.6... TN Bill Allen graduated at the top of the Stanford law class, is now clerking for Chief Justice Warren, a former TN subscriber...Ron Drummond has given up his Olympic team spot to enter dental school, will be replaced by Des Koch...Jim Kelly has been discharged from the hospital, says he fully intends to lead the team at Melbourne...Johnny Kelloy, top U.S. marathoner, pulled up lame in the national 15,000m race Sept. 8, just three weeks before the Olympic trials...65 world records have been broken or equalled so far this year...the Olympic track team leaves for Melbourne in chartered flights Nov. 5 & 6...

SO THEY TELL US

TN STEPHEN FAY, Fredericton, Canada: "Britain's 5000 trio of Ibbotson, Chataway and Pirie must be one of the strongest ever entered for an Olympic event. It is difficult to imagine that one of the three will not gain either a gold or a silver medal. It would seem likely that Ibbotson and Chataway will run together, as they did so successfully when Chataway broke the world 3 mile record with 13:23.2, and Pirie will run on his own. Of the three, Ibbotson may well provide the surprise--he has run much less and seems to be more confident and far less tired than he was at the end of last year."

TN JOE GALLI, Australia: "Landy says he will probably have first race at tend of this month. Is training daily and feeling all right except for occasional tendon trouble. 'I'm getting the miles under my belt and just now I'm not concerned' says John...After his 29:22 race Al Thomas said 'This run convinced me I can take over and run my pace, instead of relying on others, as I once did. I feel that a 28 minute run is possible in the near future, and that's what I'm aiming for. I ran relaxed and smooth throughout, with plenty of variation in arm action. I didn't care how I looked so long as I felt good.' Here are two of Thomas' training sessions the week before: 1--2 mile jog, 6x440 at 66, 2x220, 3½ mile jog; 2--2 mile jog, 6x880 at 2:10, with three laps between each, then 2 mile jog. Day after 10,000, 10 miles easy jog in morning, 3 in afternoon...JimBailey is home and says he can beat Landy again. Says he can run world record if pushed to it. 'If someone ran 3:57 I'd do 3:56.9.' Frankly, I'm beginning to like very much this Bailey for the Games 1500. At least he seems to have as good a chance as anyone, considering so many are about on equal time terms... Olympic trials distance events are going to be terrific. Sudden-death races, like in U.S. trials."

TN JACK MORTLAND, 1112 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green, Ohio:"I have been working on an all-time ranking of the top ten men in each of the Olympic events, and now I would like to see some ranking other than my own. If all the Track Nuts will send their rankings in to me I will compile them and announce the results...Glenn Davis had quite a series of hurdle races in California. In 15 days he ran six races in 52.0 or better, averaging 51.25. Charley Moore had 8 races in 21 days in 1952 with a 51.29 average."

STATS

PARRY O'BRIEN has improved the world shot record 10 times in 4 years:

58-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	former record, by Jim Fuchs, 1950.		
59-0 $\frac{3}{4}$	May 9, 1953	Fresno	60-10 June 11, 1954 Los Ang.
59-2 $\frac{3}{8}$	June 5, 1953	Compton	61-1 May 5, 1956 Salt Lake
59-9 $\frac{3}{4}$	April 24, 1954	Des Moines	61-4 June 16, 1956 L.A.
60-5 $\frac{1}{2}$	May 8, 1954	Los Angeles	61-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Aug. 18, 1956 Pasadena
60-5 $\frac{3}{4}$	May 21, 1954	Los Angeles	62-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sept. 3, 1956 Eugene

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORDS and best ever performances, Olympic events:

100m	Shirley Delahunty-Strickland, Australia, 11.3, 8/4/55	Warsaw
200m	Marjorie Jackson, Australia, 23.4, 7/25/52,	Helsinki
80mH	Zenta Gastl, Germany, 10.6, 7/29/56,	Frechen
4x100R	USSR, 45.2, 7/27/56, Kiev, and East Germany, 45.2, 8/12/56,	Erfurt
HJ	Yolanda Balas, Rumania, 5-8 $\frac{7}{8}$, 7/14/56,	Bucharest
BJ	Elsbieta Dunska, Poland, 20-10, 8/20/56	Budapest
DT	Nina Dumbadze, USSR, 187-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 10/18/52,	Tbilisi
JT	Nadyezhda Konyayeva, USSR, 182-0, 8/6/54,	Kiev

4x110 yards Relay evolution of world record

42.8	USA (Landers, Davis, Haymond, Smith), Philadelphia, 6/7/19
42.4	New York AC (Wefers, Lovejoy, Ray Farrell), Pasadena, 7/5/21
42.4	U. of Illinois (Sweet, Evans, Hughes, Ayres), Des Moines, 4/28/23
42.0	U. of So. Cal. (Taylor, Lee, House, Lloyd), Los Angeles, 5/16/25
41.0	Newark AC (Bowman, Currie, Pappas, Cumming), Lincoln, 7/4/27
40.8	U. of So. Cal. (Delby, Maurer, Guyer, Wykoff), Fresno, 5/9/31
40.5	U. of So. Cal. (LaFond, Anderson, Jordan, Talley), Fresno, 5/14/38
40.5	U. of Texas (Smith, Prewitt, Frieden, Thomas), Modesto, 5/23/54
40.2	U. of Texas (Smith, Frieden, Prewitt, Whilden), Modesto, 5/21/55
40.1	U. of Texas (Schneider, Prewit, Whilden, Daugherty) Lawrence 4/21/6

NOTED WITH INTEREST

ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM is picked by Scholastic Coach. 53 selectees (four in each event) were from 19 states. California had 16 squad members, Texas 5, Illinois 4, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio 3 each. Willie White, Jefferson, L.A., placed in 100 and low hurdles. 100- Broussard, Hebert, Beaumont, Texas; Dant, Alpena, Mich; Phillips, Montclair, N.J.; White; 220- Barnwell, Boys, Brooklyn; Edmunds, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Lattimore, Phillips, Chicago; Poynter, Pasadena, Cal; 440- Dorsey, Berkeley, Cal; Hambright, Tyrone, Pa; Smith, Ludlowe, Fairfield, Conn.; White, Corcoran; 880- Carroll, Fordham Prep, Bronx; Rosemond, Ysleta, Texas; Siebert, Willits, Calif; Smith, Freeport, Ill; Mile- Bowers, DeKalb, Ill; Cushman, Grand Forks, N.D.; Gregory, Sumner, St. Louis; Larrieu, Palo Alto, Cal; Luisi, Rockland, Mass; HH- Beard, Thorndale, Texas; Hearn, Lower Merion, Ardmore, Pa; Jones, Pontiac, Mich; Spivey, Montclair, NJ; LH- Kleinmans, Solon, Ohio; Mace, Tech, Indianapolis; Martin, Phillips, Chicago; White, Jefferson, L.A.; HJ- Lewis, Yates, Houston; Mangham, New Castle, Pa; Nourse, Springfield, Ohio; Sims, Jordan, L.A.; PV- Brewer, North, Phoenix; Helms, El Dorado, Placerville, Calif; Logan, El Cajon, Calif.; Matjeka, Sequoia, Redwood City, Cal; BJ- Bean, Jefferson, LA; Fawcett, Reagan, Houston; Troutman, Roanoke, La; Walton, Fremont, L.A.; SP- Davis, Canoga Park, Cal.; Garriott, Hobart, Indiana; Locke, Barrington, R.I.; Robertson, Pacific, San Bernardino, Cal.; DT- Cochran, Brookfield, Mo.; Crow, Corcoran, Cal; Nichols, North St. Paul, Minn.; Scarborough, McDonald, Ohio; JT- Alexander, Bothell, Wash; Ayres, Collingswood, N.J.; Barber, McPherson, Kansas; Connor, Hayden, Topeka, Kansas.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAY MEET is conducted by Bowling Green University in Ohio. Each team has five runners, plus two alternates. Runners are seeded into flights, on the basis of best prior performance. Slowest flight runs first, with one runner from each school in the flight. When winner of the first flight crosses the finish line all runners in second flight start, not just the winners teammate, and so on thru five flights. Every runner in each race is timed, and team winner is decided on total cumulative time. Originator Dave Matthews says this type of competition provides more thrills and rewards for the runners, more excitement for the spectators, and more satisfaction for the coaches.

ED TEMPLE of Tennessee State A&I University has top coaching record for women's track, with six girls on 17-member U.S. Olympic team. Temple believes in specialization and starting them young and teaching them fundamentals. His specialties are sprinting and broad jumping. During the summer he handles an AAU team, the Tennessee State Club, with girls 14 and over, and in school the Univ. squad competes in the Southeastern AAU Conference with girls 17 and over. During the summer relays Temple keeps a sharp eye for talent. He looks for high school girls who can run with his older girls and learn the fundamentals and his system. Each summer dozens of young hopefuls pay their own way to Nashville to try out for the team. He has no athletic scholarships, but uses eight work aids--a program involving pay for two hours work a day.

RUSSIAN SPORTS PROGRAM was analyzed by AP writer Sterling Slappey. Almost 60 per cent of the 200 million Russians participate in at least one sport. Officials say the only reasons Russia is not now dominating the U.S. and other nations are the needs for more time to prepare, for more sports grounds and installations, and for more qualified coaches to "train and discipline the masses properly." Time will take care of that. A vigorous program to construct more facilities is well underway. There now are 156 schools devoted solely to preparing additional coaches, trainers and teachers. During the first six months of this year more than 7000 new sports clubs were formed in the Russian part of the Soviet Union alone. During the same period 700,000 physical culturists were added to the program. The chairman of the all-union sports committee has status equivalent to cabinet rank.

Five or six years ago the Russians were little regarded as athletes. Now they hold world championships in ice hockey, gymnastics, weight-lifting, wrestling, volleyball, chess, skiing, shooting, skating and modern pentathlon. The Communist Party, tightly interlocked with both the sports committee and the athletes themselves, takes a great amount of credit. Last year badges were awarded by the government to 3½ million youngsters for meeting set standards. Of the 9224 men and women competing in the Spartakiad, 4435 are members of the young communist league, 641 are full party members.

The Spartakiad participants were the survivors of a year-long series of eliminations involving 17 million athletes from the 15 republics. Of the nearly 10,000 qualifiers less than 3000 are college or high school youngsters. The great bulk of them are so-called employees, ranking above what the Russians call Workers. This group numbers over 3000. There are 1800 workers, 1100 service personnel, and another 1200 who work directly for Russian government bureaus.

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