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NEWS

UNITED STATES All-Comers, Pasadena, Sept. 22: Bud Held threw 270 (82.30) for new national record and bettering his own official world mark. Four throw series was 258-5½, 270, 240 est., foul 255 est.; Maijala 209-1½; Torgen 154-9, Davis 153-10½; Richards 14-9, Roubanis 14-0; Fendler 6-5; Larrabee 10.1 & 22.1. Sept. 29: Jack Davis 10.1y & 14.6m; Andrews 23.6; Jamison 6-4 ¾; Davis 50-7, Humphreys 50-5; Campbell 158-10 (did 142-1 in decathlon trials), also 162-7½ exhibition Davis 148-10½ (& 158-7 exh.); Held 266-0½, 250 (did not land point first), 245+, foul 235+, 160, pass; Conley 238 (also 237-10); Roubanis 14-5½, Greek national record. Olympic tune-up, New York, Sept. 22: Connolly 215-4, third on all-time list; Bantum 59-4½ (60-4 foul); Culbreath 52.7y; McKenzie 21:56.4 for 4½ miles; Laskau 14:43.4 for 2 mile walk; Ashenfelter 10:04.4 two miles SC; Pearman 48.2y from Jones; Scruggs, 3 yard handicap, 21.6 from Stanfield; Wallace, 50 yards handicap, 1:51.2 from Courtney; Pioneer Club (Bowens, Maiocco, Jones, Pearman) 3:12 (Pearman 47.0, Jones 48.1). AAU Marathon, Yonkers, N.Y. Sept. 30. Johnny Kelley 2:24:52.2, new meet record for tough course, old record 2:31:12.4. Dean Thackwray, second, and Nick Costes, third, also made Olympic team as this was second of two trials and these were first three Americans at Boston. Followed by Mendez, Lafferty, Corbitt, Cons, Borden, Ryan, Scandura.

BRAZIL Olympic champ Adhemar da Silva was finally heard from with 53-2½, equal to his O.G. record.

AUSTRALIA Melbourne, Sept. 15: Stephens 14:08 for 5000m; Hogan 21.5; Macmillan 1:52.8; Lethbridge 54.5; Leane 23-6 ¾, Donath 50.2; Elsewhere, Gregory 48.3, Hall 21.6m, Price 48.4m, Blackney 9:04 SC, Ridgway 6-6, McGlynn 10.6m, Power 14:27 5000; Hanlin 51-2½ SP; Henderson 4:09.2; Sept. 30, Landy 9:08 two-miles, first race since May.

EUROPE (FROM R.L.Q.) Stockholm, 9/14: Ericsson 4:02.4, Lewandowski 4:03.8, Nielsen 4:08.8; Kopyto 253-3 ¾, Nikkinen 237-3 5/8; Bucharest International Championships of Rumania, 9/15/16/17: Georgescu 14:18.2, Rumanian record; Lituyev 50.9 heat; Williams 10.5 twice, heats; Gutowski 14-11 1/8; Kreer 52-2 3/8, 2nd best for 1956, Chen 51-8 7/8; Consolini 174-9 5/8, Grigalka 172-6½, Mayveyev 172-2½. 2nd day: Williams 10.5, Tokaryev 10.5, Thorbjornsson 10.6, Bartneyev 10.7 (Williams sick); Lituyev 51.5, Savel 52.1, Yulin 52.8; Kodyaykin 8:52.2, Rzhishchin 8:55.6, Aioanei 8:56.6, Rumanian record; Kashkarov 6-10¼, Russian record equal 2nd best in world 1956; Soter, Shelton 6-6 ¾; Ovsepyan 57-1, Russian record; Feodorov 53-8 7/8; Sidlo 263-11 1/8, Tsibulenko 262-1¼, Russian record; Macquet 239-11 7/8, Zamfir 236-4¼, Rumanian record; 3rd day: Visser 26-2 1/8, European record and best in world this year; Grabowski 25-2 3/8, Polish record; Fyedoseyev 25-2 3/8, Russian record; Samotsvetov 213-4¼, 3rd all-time list; Rut 205-2 5/8; Nikulin 202-6 ¾, Niklas 199-0 5/8; Stolyarov 14.3, Johnemark 14.4w; Czeglédi 3:48.8; USSR 40.7. Glasgow 9/15: Hewson 1:47.5m, Reinnagel 1:49.3, Farrell 1:50, Rawson 1:50.3, Stanley 1:50.8, Richtzenhain 1:52; Mann 47.8; Boyd 3:50.6, Barthel 3:50.7; Krzyszkowiak 8:05.4, Ibbotson 8:08.1, Havenstein 8:08.6, Norris 8:09; Kinsella 14.5, Pratt 15.2; Dittner 52.7; Walczak 230-2; Turku 9/16: Valkama 25-5 7/8, Finnish record; Wahlander 24-8½, Swedish record; Nilsson 6-8 ¾. Budapest 9/15-16: Adamik 47.6, Trousil 47.6, equals Czech record; Jungwirth 3:43.0 behind Rozsa and Tabori; Szabo 29:46.4, Tomis 29:46.8, Rudolf 29:48.4, Juhasz 29:50.6; Skobla 56-11 1/8, Stoklasa 16.65 (54-7½); Hungary 40.8. 2nd day: Rozsavolgyi 1:48.7, Szentgali 1:49.2, Jungwirth 1:49.4; Kovacs 14:03.6; Tabori 14:22.6, Graf 14:23.6; Botar 52.4; Jeszenszky 8:45.8 behind

Rozsnyoi's 8:35.6, Brlica 8:54.4; Rohak 50-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; Valent 174-0 5/8; Klics 172-10 3/4; Csernak 204-6 3/4, Hungarian record; Zsivoczky 195-10; Hungary 3:09.8, CSR 3:10.1. Manchester 9/22: Howson 2:19.9, British record, 3rd best ever; Stanley 2:25.2; Pratt 9.9; Chataway 4:09.2. Also: Engel 202-3 5/8, CSR record; Merta 184-11 $\frac{1}{4}$; Lansky 6-7 7/8; Egon Nilsson 6-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Meconi 54-11, Italian record; Richtzenhain 4:01.8, German record, over Nielson on 9/18. Martin Lauer 13.9, German and European records, and Eeles Landstrom 14-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Finnish and European records, both at Hamburg 9/22. Kropidlowski 25-3 1/8, Europe's 6th 25 footer this year. London 9/12 added marks: Higgins 47.1m, Hellsten 47.2; Sando 14:12, Havenstein 14:12; Laufer 8:55.8 from Brasher 8:56; Walczak 251-11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

WIND SPRINTS

Max Truex opened his cross country season with two straight wins, including a course record equalling run at UCLA...Ron Delany is back at Villanova, still awaiting word of his selection to the Irish Olympic team. He is going into Olympic training anyway...Zatopek is reported very unsatisfied with his recent results and says he will retire if his form does not considerably improve in two weeks...Japan has partially selected its Olympic team, headed by hop-step-jumper Kotago, plus sprinter Kiyofuji and Ushio; jumpers Tajima, Sonoda and Kasamatu; Marathoners will be Hamamura, 1955 Boston champ; Hiroshima, 2nd in 1955 Asahi marathon; and Kawahsima. Selection will be completed in national championships Oct. 6-7...East and West German girls teamed to lower 400 relay record to 45.1 Sept. 30...Charlie Dumas reportedly is headed for Southern California...and the Trojans this year picked up a few worthy track men. Frosh: Lemons 1:54.4 & 4:25.7; Lindsay 24-5; McConnel 14.6, 19.8; Waldron 14.4, 19.1, 22-1 3/4; Reese 12-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; McPherson 23-2; Jack Kuhns, decathlon. Transfers: Bullard 14-2; Hale 1:54.5, 4:19.9, 9:21.2; Mannon 24-0 3/8; Crowell 14.5, 24.0...

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SO THEY TELL US

BRUTUS HAMILTON, looking back on 1952 Games: "Stanfield had an 8-months-old baby, said his gold medals would be good for teething... I'll never forget the joyful, coltish, awkwardness of Milt Campbell... Iness won on his 24th birthday...O'Brien was the youngest ever to win the shot...Zatopek, the greatest and most colorful, doesn't know what to do with his right arm. He runs until he gets tired, then runs faster...Barthel told me, 'Oh coach, I'm so happy for my country. Our first medal ever, and it's gold'. McMillen said, 'Coach, I'm almost glad I lost. The little guy is so proud...Stone had sinus trouble... the coaching staff worked hard on building up the confidence of our 100 men...Zatopek's enthusiasm and ability to pour it on and still keep his enthusiasm in training is the secret of his success. He is very smart...Brown knew the score when he fouled out of the broad jump. He said "I haven't thought of an excuse yet'....Mathias was the greatest competitor..."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis: "I still say records will continue to go up until the 60 Games are over, and that for a long time after that you'll find a stagnation period during which records will be tied but unbroken, and once again an athlete will happily point his own kid for it...Don Potts is off base in saying Wykoff was among those being at least a co-favorite for the 1932 century. Frank was the world's best at 100 yards, but never saw the day he could stay with Metcalfe, Simpson or Tolan at 100 meters. Couldn't understand it, but it was true."

<u>3 Mile Best Performances List</u>		<u>STATS</u>		<u>by Peter May</u>	
13:14.2*	IHAROS, Hungary	(1)	Budapest	10/23/55	WR
13:23.2	CHATAWAY, Great Britain	(1)	London	7/30/55	WR
13:25.0*	Iharos	(1)	Budapest	9/10/55	
13:26.4*	KUTS, USSR	(1)	Prague	10/23/54	WR
13:27.0*	Kuts	(1)	London	10/13/54	WR
13:27.1*	Chataway	(2)	London	10/13/54	
13:27.4*	Kuts	(1)	Bern	8/29/54	WR
13:27.4	LANDY, Australia	(1)	Melbourne	2/25/56	
13:28.2	IBBOTSON, Great Britain	(1)	London	8/4/56	
13:29.8	PIRIE, Great Britain	(1)	Manchester	6/21/55	
13:29.8	SANDO, Great Britain	(1)	Chiswick	6/25/55	
13:29.8	NORRIS, K., Great Britain	(2)	Chiswick	6/25/55	
13:31.2*	ZATOPEK, Czechoslovakia	(1)	Stockholm	9/3/54	
13:31.4	Kuts	(1)	Budapest	9/20/53	+
13:31.8	STEPHENS, Australia	(1)	Melbourne	2/23/55	
13:32.2	GREEN, Great Britain	(1)	London	7/10/54	WR
13:32.2	Chataway	(2)	London	7/10/54	
13:32.4*	HAGG, Sweden	(1)	Goteborg	9/20/42	WR
13:32.6	Ibbotson	(1)	London	7/14/56	
13:32.6	Chataway	(2)	London	7/14/56	
13:32.8	GRAF, Czechoslovakia	(2)	London	8/4/56	
13:32.8	Ibbotson	(1)	London	5/19/56	
13:33.0	Chataway	(1)	Chiswick	6/18/55	
13:33.4	Ibbotson	(1)	Glasgow	6/9/56	
13:33.6	KOVACS, Hungary	(2)	Budapest	9/20/53	+
13:33.6	Chataway	(1)	London	7/16/55	
13:34.0*	Pirie	(1)	Berlin	8/29/53	
13:34.6	Ibbotson	(1)	London	5/28/55	
13:34.8	DUNKLEY, Great Britain	(2)	Glasgow	6/9/55	

* is 3 mile time in 5000 meters race.

+ is time at 4830 meters (3 miles, 2 yards, 5 inches)

WR is world record.

Chataway six marks, Ibbotson 5, Kuts 4, Iharos and Pirie 2, 10 others 1, 1942=1, 1953=3, 1954=7, 1955=11, 1956=7.

NOTED WITH INTEREST

WILLIAMS' 10.1 was witnessed by Army coach Frank McBride, who gives some of the behind the scenes details: "In late February Murchison started going outdoors for training, doing quite a few 300s, 150s, 80s and starts, with the emphasis on 300s. In April the emphasis shifted to 150s and 80s with repeat 50s along with the starts. Before going to the U.S. Ira had run four 10.4s in competition and one 10.3 in practice. After the prelims at Compton he complained of a stiff hamstring muscle in his right leg and it bothered him through the Olympic trials and until July 21. So after his 10.3 on the 25th he was both physically and psychologically ready, especially since he was running in Germany where he is very well known and admired.

"Willie, on the other hand, hadn't wanted to come to Europe in the first place. He hadn't had an opportunity to see his wife since late May and was disappointed with track in general after the trials. He hoped to call it off until next season. He said he had had sore legs since Compton and had been having dizzy spells and stomach trouble since the trials. He was so far down that he didn't think he could even make the team for the Berlin meet. He said he hadn't trained at all since the trials and had put on a few pounds. I took him to the dispensary the first day in Nurnberg to try to get his stomach trouble

fixed up. In the three days prior to our CISM trials he worked out gingerly and complained more of his dizzy spells. I decided to run him only in the 100 and in the CISM trials he ran as though he were trying to feel himself out. He came out slowly, was about 3 yards behind Ira at the 50 and then closed it up to within a yard or two at the finish. It was 10.4, loose and easy all the way, and Willie was very much surprised. He told me later that he felt like he could have caught Ira had he been trying to. After arriving in Berlin he still complained of the dizziness although his stomach trouble had subsided. Two days before the meet the doctors told him he was in excellent condition, sound heart, normal blood pressure, etc.

"Willie could hardly believe his 10.1. That was when he told me he had begun to wonder a little after the trial race in Nurnberg. The first thing Ira said was 'I'm going to run me a 10.1 tomorrow'. He not only told me but I think he told everyone he saw. Ira gave it all he had all the way, and produced one of the greatest fetes in track history, calling his shot on a world record. So the stage was set for the final. The caretaker of the track told me it was in the best condition ever, and he had been caring for it since 1956. They got out almost together with Willie maybe a foot ahead at 20 meters. Ira had caught him and moved out maybe six inches to a foot in front by 50. From there on it was a struggle with Willie still losing with 20 to go. He caught Ira in the last three strides. I saw half a dozen photos of them hitting the tape and Ira couldn't have been more than an inch or two back. Willie hit the tape with his chest, Ira with his neck-- that could have been the difference. Although two of the three watches had Ira in 10.2 I'd say it was about as close to 10.1 as a man could get.

"To date in my book Ira has run this season seven 10.4s, five 10.3s, three 10.2s and one 10.1. Can Morrow match that? I think Ira is capable of beating anyone out of the blocks. Morrow beat him at the Final Trials and Williams beat him in Berlin. But if Ira beats Morrow at the start in Melbourne and the conditions are right I think it will take 10 flat to beat him."

JOIE RAY, great American runner of the twenties, recalls: "I had some tough luck in the Olympics. In 1920 at Antwerp I pulled a tendon three days before the 1500. I was leading $3/4$ of a lap from the finish but when I got up on my toes for the final dash I really was in pain. I wound up 7th. I had a bad tendon again in 1924 at Paris. We practiced on a bridle path on an estate outside the city. A load of cinders had been dumped on it. There were a lot of sore legs that time. In the 3000 meter team race I passed four men on the last lap and the U.S. got third in the event. Then in the 1928 Games at Amsterdam I started the marathon run in hot weather. By the time we finished the race it was so cold the officials were wearing topcoats. I just got froze up in that one. I led from the final 3 miles to the last $1\frac{1}{2}$, then my muscles tied up and I came in fifth.

"I wanted to win so badly that I made a scientific study of each fellow I thought I had to beat. I got all the clippings I could on them. I knew I couldn't remember how they all looked, so I memorized their numbers and names. During the race I carried a little card in my hand with the numbers and names on it. When anyone passed me, I would see his number and refer to my card. Then I would know what I would have to do to pace myself if I wanted to pass him, because from all the data I had studied I knew just about how he would run. Well, this worked out pretty well until a fellow went by me in the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to take the lead. He was a Frenchman and I hadn't thought enough of his chances to take his data, so the winner was the only top finisher who wasn't on my list. Three others went by me, and I knew all about them, but I was too cold and tired to run against them as I had planned!"