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NEWSCROSS COUNTRY

BIG EIGHT, Ames, Iowa, Nov. 9: Tom Skutka, Kansas, 14:58.0, course record; Jerry McNeal, K, 15:15; Jim Sanders, Mo, 15:20; Brian Travis, K, 15:25; Ned Sargent, Colorado, 15:27. Team: Kansas 26, Colorado 52, Iowa 84, Kansas State 122, Oklahoma 141,
MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE, Wichita, Nov. 9, 3 miles: John Macy, Houston, 14:33.4; Jerry Smartt, H, 14:51; Reg Darley, H, 15:19; Ron Eeles, Wichita, 15:31; Houston 18, W. 54.
HEPTAGONALS, N.Y., Nov. 8, 5 miles: Ed Sullivan, Brown, 25:28.6; Mike Midler, Cornell, 25:45; Dave Eckel, Cornell, 25:47; Jose Iglesias, Columbia 26:08. Cornell 45, Navy 58.
METROPOLITAN INTERCOLLEGIATES, New York, Nov. 5, 5 miles: Peter Close, St. Johns, 24:49.6; Art Cunningham, Fordham, 25:09; Lionell Stevens, STJ, 25:29; St. Johns 32, Man. 46
CENTRAL COLLEGIATES, Chicago, Nov. 15, 4 miles: John Wardle, West Mich, 21:35.8; Dale Vandenberg, Notre Dame; Art Eversole WM; Dave Teele, Beloit; ND 27, WM 30,
BIG TEN, Chicago, Nov. 15, 4 miles: Bud Edelen, Minn, 21:09.4; Forddy Kennedy, Mich St, 10y; Henry Kennedy, MS, 21:34.4; Deacon Jones, Ia; Geert Keilstrup, Mich, MS 43, Iowa 74.
MISSOURI VALLEY A.A.U. Lawrence, Nov. 18, 4 miles: Skutka, K, 21:26.6; McNeal, K, 21:42, Brian Travis, K, 21:43; Sanders, Mo, 22:07; Cushman, K, 22:16. Kansas 17, KST 55.
SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE Waco, Nov. 18, 2 miles: Ray Dyck, Arkansas, 9:13; Joe Villarreal, Texas, 9:17; Walt McNew, Texas, 9:17. Arkansas 16, Texas.
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE Winston-Salem, Nov. 18: 4.2 miles; Bill Latham, SoCar, 22:21.6; Dave Scurlock, NC, 22:38.5; Burr Grim, Md, 22:49.1; NC 45, Clemson 89; Md 94.
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE, Morgantown, WVa, Nov. 18, 4.2 miles; Bob DeTombe, Wm & Mary, 21:58; Bob Bowman, VPI; William & Mary 33, VMI 49;
I.C.A.A.A.A., New York, Nov. 18, 5 miles: Crawford Kennedy, MS, 24:14.8 (2nd fastest ever for course); Ron Delany, Villanova, 24:30; Peter Close, St. Johns 24:31; Don Luisi, Fordham, 24:46; Ed Monnelly, Notre Dame, 24:54. Mich State 86, Notre Dame 102.
N.C.A.A., East Lansing, Nov. 25, 4 miles, 25 degrees: Max Truex, USC, 19:12.3 (old meet record, 19:36.7, Capozzoli, 1952); John Macy, Houston, 120 yards; Jerry Smartt, Houston; Bud Edelen, Minnesota; Crawford Kennedy, Michigan State; Walt McNew, Texas, defending champ, 8th. k Notre Dame 121 (first finisher, Monelli, 19th); Mich St. 127.
EUROPEAN TRACK Russian marks: Yuriy Shibalov 63.25, 207'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "; Vasilii Voronkin, 60.20, 199'9 $\frac{1}{8}$ "; Aleksey Boltovskiy, 19, 60.68, 199'1"; Makes total of 15 60 meter (196'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") men for Russia this year. F. Kovtun 3:45.0; B. Kriunov and A. Yulin 23.7; V. Ryedkin 52.3; V. Vlasenko 8:50.4; V. Kurchavov 8:56.4.
SOUTH AFRICA Mal Spence 47.3 and 47.9; Potgieter 23.8, Malan 23.9; Potgieter 48.1y; Wim Nel 24/5; Hentie Kruger 13/7".
AUSTRALIA Merv Lincoln, in first race since returning from U.S., 1:52.6, Nov. 16, personal best, Sydney, Nov. 10: Dave Power, 8:52.0. Ron Vagg, 17, 8:33.6 for 3000m and 9:07.0. Derek Moore 9:05.2, Gary Bromhead 9.5w. Barrie Almond 1:53.0. Sydney, Nov. 16: Bromhead 9.8 from McCann; McCann 23.9, 24'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Graham Thomas 9:05.8 SC; Power 4:12.8, Brisbane, Nov. 16, Villiame Liga, Fiji, 217'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Morrie Rich 23'11"; Perth, Nov. 16, Ian Tomlinson 49'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", HSJ; Melbourne, Nov. 9: Murray 9:08.1, Knight 9:09.4.

BULLETIN BOARD

Next Newsletter, Dec. 17, 31; November T&F News mailed December 12.

Don't Forget, FREE Samples of new British publication, Modern Athletics, await you. Also, remember your track friends at Christmas.

BRAVE MAN, TN Fionnbar Callanan forecasts 1958 European championships: 100-Germar, Bartenyev, Foik, 10.3; 200-Germar, Bartenyev, Steinbach, 20.6; 400-Hellsten, Haas, Swatowski 46.4; 800-Moens, Johnson, Boysen 1:46.4; 1500-Delany, Waern, Jungwirth 3:40; 5000-Ibbotson, Kuts, Pirie 13:32; 10km-Kuts, Knight, Janke 28:30; Mar-Kotila, Filin, Karvonen 2:22; HH-Lauer, Lorger, Kinsella 13.8; 400H-Farrell, Ilin, Morale 50.5; SC Rzhishchin, Larsen, Krzyzskowiak 8:42; HJ-Petterson, Stepanov, Nilsson 6'10; PV-Roubanis, Landstrom, Preussger 14'10; BJ-Grabowski, Valkama, Ter-Ovanesyan 25'6; HSJ-Einarsson, Ryakhovskiy, Kreer 53'4".

SP-Skobla, Lingnau, Meconi 59'; JT-Sidlo, T'sibulenko, Danielsen 275'; HT, Krivonosov, Ellis, Rut 220'; Dec-Kuznetsov, Meier, Tschudi 7750; 400R-Germany, Russia, Poland 40.0; 1600R-Germany, Great Britain, Poland 3:06.0.

STATS

U.S. 1956 BEAT U.S. 1957 according to IAAF Tables, scoring total points for 10 best men in each event. 1956 figures topped 1957 totals in 10 events, lost in only 4, as follows: 100-, 12755 (1956) to 12436 (1957); 200-11959 to 11305; 400-12248 to 11483; 800-11569 to 11353; Mile-11584 to 11937; HH-12394 to 12450; 400H-11691 to 10664; HJ-12345 to 12095; BJ-10978 to 10695; PV 11199 to 11438; SP-13181 to 13237; DT- 11853 to 11746; JT-12007 to 11477; HT-13383 to 12272.

FINAL WORLD FIGURES on first 10 men, IAAF Tables, give USA 440 points, USSR 248, Germany 56, Poland 49, England 47, CSR 42, Norway, Finland 38, Hungary 22, SoAfrica 14. ALL TIME 100 YARD list now has 31 at 9.4 or better:

9.3 Mel Patton, USA, 1948; Hec Hogan, Australia, 1954; Jim Golliday, USA, 1955; Leamon King, USA, Dave Sime, USA, Mike Agostini, Trinidad, 1956; Bobby Morrow, USA & Ira Murchison, USA, 1957.

9.4 George Simpson, USA, 1929; Frank Wykoff, USA, 1930; Hubert Meier, USA, 1930; Daniel Joubert, South Africa, 1931; Jesse Owens, US, and Ralph Metcalfe, US, 1933; George Anderson, US, 1934; Clyde Jeffrey, US, 1940; Harold Davis, US, 1942; Wendell Belfield, US, 1948; Lloyd LaBeach, Panama, 1948; Harrison Dillard, US, 1949; Thane Baker, US, 1953; James Jackson, US, 1954; Art Bragg, US, 1954; Larry McBride, US, 1955; Harry Nash, US, 1955; Robert Green, US, 1955; Ed Waters, US, 1956; Ken Kave, US, 1956; Paul Williams, US, 1957; Olin Cassel, US, 1957; Willie White, US, 1957.

100 METER ALL-TIME LIST has 4 at 10.1, 13 at 10.2, 49 at 10.3.

10.1 Lloyd LaBeach, Panama, 1950; Willie Williams US, 1956; Ira Murchison, US, 1956; Leamon King, US, 1956;

10.2 Charlie Paddock, US, 1921; Ralph Metcalfe, US, 1932; Jesse Owens, US, 1936; Hal Davis, US, 1941; Barney Ewell, US, 1948; McDonald Bailey, GB, 1951; Hec Hogan, Australia 1954; Heinz Futterer, Germany, 1954; Bobby Morrow, US, 1956; Thanke Baker, US, 1956; Jack Parrington, Canada, -1956; Dave Sime, US, 1956; Germar, Germany, 1957.

400 M & 440 YARD ALL-TIME List (y= 440 time less .3) (All from U.S. unless noted otherwise).

45.2 Lou Jones, 1956	46.1 Archie Williams, 1936	46.3 Elmore Harris, 1946
45.6y Jim Lea, 1956	46.1n Hubert Kerns, 1941	46.3y Ray Malott, 1938
45.7y Herb McKenley, Jam, 1948	46.1n Cliff Bourland, 1941	46.3y Russ Ellis, 1955
45.8 George Rhoden, Jam, 1950	46.1 Charlie Jenkins, 1956	46.4n Hal Smallwood, 1936
45.8 Tom Courtney, 1956	46.1n Voitto Hellsten, Fin, 56	46.4n Al Dieboldt, 1941
45.9 Mal Whitfield 1953	46.2 Bill Carr, 1932	46.4n John Haines, 1956
46.0 Rudolf Harbig, Germ, 1939	46.2 Arthur Wint, Jam, 1948	46.4y Charles Belcher, 40
46.0 Grover Klemmer, 1941	46.2y Mike Larrabee, 1957	46.4y Dave Bolen, 1947
46.0 Ardalion Ignatyev, USSR, 51	46.2n K-F Haas, Germ, 1956	46.4y, Jerry White, 1956
45.9n J. W. Mashburn, 1956	46.2n Kevan Gosper, Austr, 1956	46.4y Bob McMurray, 1957
46.1y Ben Eastmen, 1932	46.3 James LuValle, 1936	

SO THEY TELL US

FERNANDO RODIL, Puerto Rico: "In some 30 years following track I have come across some spurious marks, and would be interested in others to add to this collection: 1935, Spain. Piernavieja (means Old Leg in Spanish) sends to 1934 world list of hurdlers, Liar, U.S., and Dontcopy, U.S. 1947, Italy, Eropean nut sends Nocopie of Argentina, (this is Dontcopy, now as a gaucho triple jumper). 1948, Filipino humorist has 400m hurdlers, Cochinillo (Little Pig) and Popita (unknown)."

HAL BATENMAN, Chicago: "Saw Wes Santee at a meet. He had a sweat suit on and did some jogging and still looks as though he could rip out a 4:01 mile. The lines in his face are a little deeper but he sure looked good. He is now selling insurance in Lawrence, Kansas, and reportedly doing very well at it, too. The top salesman for his company. He always could talk."

PAN ARAB GAMES (continuation of Vince Reel's report): At the first day of the competition, the lack of experience in staging track meets was quite apparent. First of all, heats were scheduled in the 400m hurdles and the 100, but due to scratches the trials were cancelled. The spectators, however, knew nothing of this, and waited patiently for things to start. The meet was to begin at 3:00, but the PA didn't even come on until 21:04, and then it played a record of "Rock Around the Clock" and went off again. At 3:45 the Lebanese band played a piece and then at 3:52 the PA came on and began to make some announcements. There were no starting lines marked on the track and nothing marked for the shot. Naturally, the high jump and vault pits were filled sand instead of shavings.

The performance in the track and field events were not too good. Out of all the winners only two (100 and BJ) could have made the traveling squad at Wilson High, Long Beach, last year, and Wilson wasn't even league champ. This area of the world has a long way to go. Iraq, perhaps the top country, has only one running track in the entire country. The other detriment to good performance is the weather. Training during May is possible, but not conducive. June, August and September are impossible, and October is again available. Under these conditions, the performances of the Iraq team were really outstanding. Also, prejudice and lack of knowledge at the higher level of the government keep funds at a minimum. Eventually, all these things can be overcome--but the weather. Iraq is planning construction of a track in each of the 14 states. The Institute of P.E. graduated its first class last June, now has qualified coaches for the first time.

The Iraqi contingent has beyond a doubt the greatest rooting section I have ever seen at a track meet. They were held together by a bongo-playing drummer, and the entire crowd of 125-200 athletes and fans would sing and yell and chant in unison to the accompaniment of the drum. It was fantastic and spine tingling. In event after event their cheering section had played an important part in the Iraqi performance. This cheering section was concentrating on the broad jump, but Al Alame of Lebanon was leading. The officials made two mistakes. They failed to keep the field clear, and then when Abdel Razak tied Alame on his final jump, and thus won the competition on his second best jump, the officials boo-boomed again by remeasuring the jump a half-centimeter shorter. This brought on a great series of boos, whistles and cat-calls by the Iraqis. When the victory ceremony was held, Razak refused to receive his second place medal and did not appear on the stand. The medal was presented to Alame and the Lebanese flag was raised and the National anthem played. It was here that the Iraqis made their mistake. During the playing of the anthem they set up loud boos, beat the drum and whistled and refused to stand. I tried to set the right example, since I was sitting right smack in the middle of the group. I stood, but I could not speak their language and could not tell them it was their duty to stand, or to explain sportsmanship, or anything else. As soon as the anthem was finished, here came the Lebanese from all over the stadium, and there was one fine old free-for-all. Then came the police and the solidiers with their clubs, and after 15 to 20 minutes the groups were separated. Then, to add to the confusion, the 10,000 spectators started to leave the stadium, and lo and behold, someone had locked all the gates and no one could get out. That night a second free-for-all took place at a volley-ball game and 9 Iraqis were sent to the hospital, although I do not know how this one started. Iraq withdrew from the Games, then the Games were suspended for one day, and finally Iraq rejoined the Games after apologies from the Lebanese officials. It was a most unfortunate occurrence, but again it shows just how much work the teachers and coaches in this part of the world have ahead of them. Correct officiating would have prevented the incident. Correct sportsmanship would also have prevented it.

Results included: 10.9, 22.4, 51.0, 2:00.8, 4:00.4, 32:51.2, 57.0, 43.4, 43'9" SP, 5'11", 48' HSJ, 135'4", 134'8" HT, 21'6", 12'4". These athletes have never had training in pacing and their natures make them want to always be ahead. I took splits on them and they were amazed at the discrepancies in their lap times. For example, the 10,000 man ran his first four laps in 69, 71, 71, 74, but by the time had gone six laps he was never under 80 and usually around 84. Likewise, in the 1500, the Iraqi runner ran with amazing declining consistency 200 meter times of 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 33.

Sports reporting here in Baghdad is practically non-existent. The football scores are run as 3-2, 2-1, 4-0, etc. The only paper is an English one which reports cricket and horse racing and is edited by Dickie Bird, which will give you an idea of what to expect right there. They reported world series scores for two days, then nothing for four days."

1920 OLYMPIC GAMES (continued from the report of the U.S. Olympic committee):

To be certain that accommodations on the Princess Matoika were fit for the athletes the embarkation officer was approached, and he gave positive assurance that no extra provisions were needed, and the troopship quarters were large, adequate, clean and comfortable with each man being allotted the space given three solidiers during the war. When informed of the conditions, some team members said they did not want to go except under different conditions, but when given the opportunity of resigning from the team they all elected to go. A farewell meeting was held at the Manhattan Opera House on July 26 and all those sailing marched directly from the Opera House to the 34th street dock and were transferred to the Matoika.

Final disposition put 44 in staterooms, of whom 20 were women; 38 in a large room on the boat deck, 12 in another room, 108 in troopship quarters in four hatchways. All meals were served in the main dining room, consisting of an abundance of good food with menus especially prepared for the athletes. There were times when the service was poor and the cooking unsatisfactory. The trip was hot and uncomfortable, due to the climate and a more southerly route than usual. The members of the team protested in a signed statement that the transport was dirty; that it was vermin-ridden, especially with rats; that the service both in the staterooms and troopship quarters and at the table was from poor to bad and that sanitary arrangements were insufficient. Apparently they overlooked the emergency and the many little conveniences which had been installed for their comfort.

A cork track 65 yards long and wide enough for two men to run abreast was constructed for the sprinters. A canvas tank about 15 feet in length by nine in width was filled daily with ocean water to allow the swimmers to practice. Deck Shuffleboard, quoits and other forms of amusement helped to pass the days.

The Matoika arrived at Antwerp August 8, and while many desired to disembark that evening it was thought best to wait until next morning. This was probably a mistake and was not only a great disappointment to the members of the team who were all packed and ready to go, but also brought physical discomfort and inconvenience because the crew, many of whom had been allowed to leave the ship, had gathered up the bedding, including blankets, so that no beds were made for the night and little breakfast was served the following morning.

The bulk of the team was quartered at a schoolhouse on the Rue Oudaen. It was by all odds the best and largest school in town, having 13 large airy rooms, each accommodating 10 to 30 men, adequate toilets, a gym, and an interior courtyard, 60x60 feet, containing trees, walks and benches. The Belgian Committee agreed to turn the gym into a kitchen and a large room adjoining into a mess-hall, to remove the school benches and place in the rooms army cots, bedding and suitable furniture, to reserve one room for gymnastic apparatus, and to install a dozen shower baths off the courtyard.

They also agree to provide food at the rate of 28 francs per day per man as follows:
 Breakfast--bacon and eggs, coffee, milk, sugar, bread and butter; or cold meat, tea, sugar, bread and butter; or preserves, milk, sugar, bread and butter.
 Lunch--Eggs, beefsteak, vegetables, bread and butter, desert, fresh or stewed fruit.
 Dinner--Soup, meat and vegetables, b&b, desert, coffee.
 This was to be supplemented at cost with cereal or any other additional food possible to be obtained.

Training was arranged on the track and field of the stadium, on a football field, on a large aviation field, and at the swimming stadium.

Unfortunately, the team arrived in the midst of a 3-day holiday when offices were closed and not a workman stirring. The ill-feeling aroused over conditions on the Matoika was aggravated during the first few days by the incompleteness of the schoolhouse. The number of cots was less than the number of athletes, and the food was far from satisfactory. The Belgian contractor had evidently tried to feed the men with the continental breakfast of coffee and rolls rather than with oatmeal, (cereals being practically unknown as a breakfast food on the continent) eggs, bacon and other hearty food to which we are accustomed, and which had been promised. By cooperation of the Army, Navy and YWCA the menu was changed so that the athletes had proper food, especially sugar, white (! Ed.) flour, and butter beyond that which could be obtained in any of the hotels of Antwerp, the city being then and during the Games upon a sugar and white flour ration. (to be continued)