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NEWS

U.S. INDOOR Boston Knights of Columbus, Jan. 18: 50-- Murchison 5.5, Hammie, Kave; 500-Smith 57.4, Slowik, Fox; 600-Gaffney 1:13.1, McMurray, Telford. 1000-Carroll 2:13.7, Bright, Lockerbie. Mile -Delany 4:05.0, meet record, Coleman 4:05.7, Grimm 4:08.9, Mugosa 4:12e; 2-mile-Jones 9:04.2, McKenzie, Bishop, Party; 45HH-Gilbert 5.6, Pratt, Landua, Settele; HJ-Dennis 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Thomas, Barksdale and Herman, tie, 6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; PV-Bragg 14'9", tie, Landstrom and Welbourne, 14'6"; Schwarz. BJ-Peyton 22'4", Douglas, Wenter, Liles; SP-Cafarella 51'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", Keerd, Thomson, Doty; 35 lb. WT -Connolly 66'3", Backus, Hall, Thomson.

Jr. Metro. AAU, Jan. 16, flat track (new york): Maultsby 6.6; Kye Courtney 1:15.3; McKay 2:17.3; Luisi 4:18.7; Martin 14:59.7; Cohen 8.0; Glass 5'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ";

Philadelphia Inquirer, Jan. 24: 50 -Murchison 5.3, Brown, Davis; 600 -Jenkins 1:12.5, Cylbreath, Gaffney; 1000-King, Orywal, Lockerbie 2:13.4; Mile -Delany 4:08.1, Coleman, (10y), Beatty (25y); 2-mile-Jones 8:58.6, Smartt, Macy; 50HH -Gilbert 6.1, Pratt, Stevens; Mile Relay Villanova 3:24.2, Manhattan, Morgan State; HJ Dennis and Smith 6'7", tie Barksdale, Herman, Lewandowski 6'5"; PV-Bragg 15'3", Welbourn 15', Schwarz 14'6" Also; Pete Close, St. John's, 4:12.3, and Pete Byrne, Army, 1:12.3.

Outdoors: Ed McComas, 53'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", at Baltimore Jan. 18.

AUSTRALIA Jan. 4-Power 14:03.2, Moore 14:13.6 miles; Hogan 9.8. Jan. 11--Almond 4:08.6, Perth, Baguley, 17years, 50'1" HSJ; Gosper 48.0, Elliott 50.7n; Clarke 4:13.3; Jan. 8-Gosper 21.7, 1:59.0; Elliott 1:51.8, Clarke 1:54.8n; Bromhead 21.2y; Lawrence 14:13.7, Power 14:14.0; Primrose 14.6; Goodacre 53.8yh; Morris 181'11", Australian hammer record; Gipson 9.7; Jan. 18, Betty Cuthbert equalled world 220 record with 23.6. Jan. 20-Bromhead 21.4, Gosper 48.3, Blue 1:52.6. , Jan. 25-Elliott 3:59.9 by 30 yards from Clarke. (Note: Elliott and Lincoln tangle Thursday, Jan. 30, and even though Elliott's training has been hampered, watch out!)

New Zealand, Mills, 54'3", national shot record, Dec. 28.

BULLETIN BOARD

Next Newsletters February 11, 25; March 11, 25; January T&FNews mailed Feb. 6.

Contest to pick World Ranking leaders was won by the old Sarge, Bob Gilmore, with 17 correct, while the old steeplechaser, Hal Higdon had 16 and even picked the steeplechase right for a change (but only on second thought). Gilmore won 4 photos of the 3:38.1.

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WIND SPRINTS

Al Oerter is putting in more time on the shot this winter, has hit 55'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in practice and does 54' regularly. Bill Easton believes him capable of doing 57' or 58' this year... invited to the British Columbia Centennial Games June 6-7, are Ibbotson, Hewson, Pirie, Jungwirth, Lewandowski, Bowden, Murchison, Williams, Morrow, Sime, Dumas, Courtney, Gutowski, Lincoln, Elliott, Thomas, Lawrence, Stephens, Germar, Delany, Moens and Kuts. The Canadians have invited the Australian team for the British Empire Games to train for 10 days in Vancouver on the way to Cardiff... Occidental's two-mile relay-team leaves Thursday to run in Boston Feb. 1, Millrose Feb. 8, NYAC Feb. 15. In pre-Christmas time trials Ty Hadley ran 1:51.6, Dave Reissford 1:52.8, Tod White 1:53.0, and Bobby Rye, 1:54.8. Bob Gutowski will compete only in the Millrose meet as he has important exams before and after... it now appears Max Truex may not run at all indoors, as he is still suffering from his Sao Paulo poisoning and is not training well... Joe Galli reports there is a lot of money down on the Lincoln-Elliott match Thursday. Elliott ran 30 miles in 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours on blistering hot Dec. 28, just for the heck of it. Coach Percy Cerutti says Herb expects each mile has to be under 4:00.0... Chilla Porter has started competition yet, but says he is confident of topping 7 ft. with built up shoe... remember the name of Ian Beck, 19 year old Australian, says Joe Galli. He's another mile prospect.

STATS

ALL TIME TOP TROJAN PERFORMANCES, herewith the all-time list for Southern California, the world's top collegiate track power. All marks made while competing for SC. (We would like to have similar lists for other important track schools. Also complete list of school records for major schools.)

100- Mel Patton, 9.3, 1948; Frank Wykoff, 9.4, 1930; Charley Borah, 9.5n, 1926; Adrian Talley, 9.5, 1938; Joe Graffio, 9.5, 1954; Howard Drew, 9.6, 1914; Charley Paddock, 9.6, 1921; Weldon Draper 9.6n, 1928; Foy Draper 9.6, 1935; Mickey Anderson 9.6n, 1940; Pat Coyle, 9.6, 1955; Howard Bugbee, 9.6n, 1955.

220- Mel Patton, 20.2, 1949; Charley Paddock 20.8, 1921; Frank Wykoff 20.8, 1931; Foy Draper 20.8, 1934; Pat Coyle 20.8, 1956; Charley Borah 20.9, 1926; Hubie Kerns 20.9, 1942; Payton Jordan 21.0, 1938; Howard Bugbee 21.0t, 1954; Dick Dorsey, 21.0, 1956.

440- Hubie Kerns 46.6, 1941; Jim Lea 46.6, 1954; Cliff Bourland 46.9, 1942; Mike Larrabee 46.9n, 1955; Howard Upton 47.1n, 1939; Erwin Miller 47.1n, 1939; Vic Williams 47.4, 1931; Al Fitch, 47.4n, 1935; John McCarthy 47.5, 1935; Wells DeLoach 47.5n, 1949.

880- Tom Anderson 1:50.0n, 1957; Chuck Kirkby 1:50.7n, 1957; Ross Bush 1:50.7n, 1937; Bob Pruitt 1:50.9n, 1949; Bob Chambers 1:51.0n, 1950; Sid Wing 1:51.2, 1957; Murray Cockburn 1:51.4, 1956; Wes McLeod 1:52.0n, 1957; Ferris Webster 1:52.1n, 1933; Warren Smith 1:52.8n, 1941.

Mile- Max Truex 4:06.7n, 1957; Jim Newcomb 4:07.7, 1950; Sid Wing 4:08.2n, 1955; Louie Zamperini 4:08.3, 1938; Wes McLeod 9:09.1, 1956; Leroy Weed 4:09.7n, 1941; Marty Montgomery 4:09.8n, 1955; Art Garcia 4:12.5, 1952; Roland Sink 4:12.6, 1948; Fernando Ledesma 4:12.9, 1954.

2-Mile- Max Truex 8:55.0, 1957; Fernando Ledesma 8:56.4n, 1955; Leroy Weed 9:04.6, 1942; Jim Newcomb 9:06.5n, 1950; Mal Robertson 9:07.9n, 1957; Louie Zamperini 9:12.8, 1939; Roland Sink 9:14.9, 1947; Gray Berg 9:22.0n, 1951; Art Garcia 9:22.5, 52; Dave Bungay 29.8, 54, 120HH - Dick Attlessey 13.5, 1950; Jack Davis 13.7n, 1952; Will Wright 14.0n, 1954; Roy Staley 14.1, 1936; Art Barnard 14.1, 1951; Phil Cope 14.2, 1935; Him Humphrey 14.2, 1938; Al Lawrence 14.2n, 1950; Bob Lawson, 14.2n, 1957; Ivy Bledsoe, 14.4n, 1933; Joe Biewener 14.4, 1941; Don Halderman 14.4n, 1950.

220LH- Earl Vickery 22.7, 1939; Ron Frazier 22.7n, 1947; Jack Davis 22.8, 1953; Norman Paul 23.0, 1933; Al Lawrence 23.0n, 1947; Dick Attlessey 23.1, 1950; Jim Lea, 23.2n, 1951; Leon Clarke 23.3n, 1955; Bob Lawson, 23.3n, 1957; Jimmy Payne 23.4, 1928; Ernie Payne 23.4, 1931; Ed Hall 23.4, 1935; Dick Browning 23.4, 1942; Joe Scott 23.4, 49; Art Barnard, 50. HJ - Ernie Shelton 6'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1956; Johnny Wilson 6'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1940; Floyd Jeter 6'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1955; Gil Greene 6'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1942; Thurber (Delos) 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1936; Bob Van Osdel 6'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1930; Searles Talley 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1942; Clarke Mallery 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1940; Jack Barnes 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 48; Jim Stewart 6'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 30; Manuel Ronquillo 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 50. BJ - Al Olson 25'8 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 1935; Dick Barber 25'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1932; Henry Aihara 25'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1950; Jess Hill 25'7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", 1929; Jon Arnett 25', 1956; Al Lawrence 24'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1946; George Boone 24'10", 1936; Norman Paul 24'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1932; C.R. Roberts 24'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1957; Don Skinner 24'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1936.

PV- Ron Morris 15'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1957; Earle Meadows 14'11, 1937; Bill Sefton 14'11, 1937; Walt Levack 14'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1955; Kenny Dills 14.8, 1940; John Montgomery 14'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1949; Bud Day 14'7, 1938; Bill Schaefer 14.6, 1941; Walt Jensen 14'6, 1951; Bill Graber 14'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1932.

SP- Parry O'Brien 59'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1953; Dave Davis 57'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1957; Ray Martin 57'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1955; Earl Audet 54'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1944; Dick Bronson 54'6, 1957; Bill Byaleess 53'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1949; Moose Thompson 53'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 1946; Jess Swope 53'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1949; Carl Self 52'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1957; Carl Merritt, 52'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 1942.

DT- Sim Iness 190'7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", 1953; Rink Babka 185'1, 1957; Leon Patterson 178'8, 1954; Des Koch 177'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1954; Parry O'Brien 177'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1953; Ken Carpenter 174'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1936; Jack Egan 174'1, 1956; Howard Smith 160'6, 1954; Ray Martin 160', 1956; Phil Gaspar, 158'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1938.

JT- Bob Voiles 251'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1957; Doug Maijala 236'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1957; Bob Peoples 234'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1941; Doug DeGroot 227'1, 1939; Chuck Soper 219'11, 1938; Dick Genter 216'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1953; Larry Goins 214'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1951; Tex Milner 214'9, 1935; Reed Trusel 213'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 1939; Des Koch 213', 1954.

440 Relay - 40.5, 1958; 40.7, 1936; 40.7, 1949; 40.7, 1954; 40.8, 51, 52, 55; 40.9, 37, 42, 48. 880R - 1:24.0, 49; 1:24.1, 54; 1:24.6, 52; 1:24.8, 34, 51; 1:25.56; 1:25.2, 55; 1:25.3, 50; 1:25.4, 37; 1:25.6, 35, 53; Mile R - 3:09.4n, 41; 3:10.7, 54; 3:11.2, 56; 3:11.6, 36; 3:11.7, 52, 53; 3:12.0, 47; 3:12.2, 57; 3:12.4, 35; 3:13.7, 39. 2-Mile R - 7:24.8n, 57; 7:26.7n, 56; 3:32.1n, 50; 7:36.2n, 55; 7:39.0n, 40; 7:39.7, 49; 7:41.2, 54; 7:43.3, 54; 7:44.8n, 51; 7:46.6, 38; Dist Med R - 9:54.3n, 57; 9:54.4, 55; 10:00.2, 56; 10:00.7, 54; 10:01.50; 10:02.3, 52; 10:03.3, 39; 10:07.5, 38; 10:07.8, 48; 10:08.5, 1940. (Many relay times are non-winning without being so indicated.)

NOTED WITH INTEREST

PAUL PILGRIM, long time athletic director of the NYAC who recently died, was one of the rankest outsiders who ever won an Olympics. As a boy he was on his way to Celtic Park, hub of track, by ferry, when he was approached by gregarious Matt Halpin, driving force behind the NYAC. "Why don't you join the club" Halpin asked, and Pilgrim jumped at the chance even though he was in over his head. Still without a reputation, he made the 1906 Olympic team when Halpin, team manager, was given the privilege of adding an extra runner to the squad. There were no try-outs those days, and when the treasury was in good condition an extra was added and Pilgrim, Halpin's protege, was it. When he surprised by winning a heat of the 400, the happy Halpin said "That's wonderful, Paul. Now no one can criticize us for bringing you." The 400 final was to be a duel between defending champ Harry Hillman, and Fay Moulton, intercollegiate winner, who were rated far more gifted than Lt. Wyndham Halswelle of Britain or Nigel Barker of Australia, best of the foreigners. Hillman and Moulton set too fast a pace, and faded, with Halswelle and Barker taking over. But at the wire they were nipped by Pilgrim. On the same day Jim Lightbody of Harvard retained his 1500 crown and became the favorite to retain his 800 title the following day. R. P. Crabbe of England and Halswelle were the chief contenders. Lightbody caught the Britishers in the homestretch, but out of nowhere came Pilgrim for another close win. His times were 53.2 and 2:01.2 (which must make many of us frustrated also-rans wonder if we weren't born 40 or 50 years too late.) Pilgrim dropped back into obscurity after that, and never won a national title.

SHELTON AND THE SHOE (continued, with help by Joe Muir of the NY Herald-Tribune, Paris edition): When Shelton jumped against Stypenov in Paris, he got a good look at the shoe, and decided he had to have one like it before going against the Russian in Bucharest a few days later. "There are only four spikes on the sole instead of the usual five or six, and the one spike on the heel is extra long. I can fix mine like that if we can get someone to tear the shoe apart. But the secret is the wedge and the consistency of the felt." Then began the problem, since shoe soles made of felt are not exactly common, and since it takes about five days to get new heels on a regular shoe in Paris. To get the felt, Ernie tried rug stores, furniture stores, hat stores, office-supply stores, department stores, finally went to an industrial felt manufacturer. At first the manufacturer refused to sell direct, or to cut into his stock of thousands of yards. But on learning who Shelton was, he smiled, cut off a small strip, and accepted 200 francs. Luckily, the first shoe repair shop he went to was run by a sports fan. He promised to drop everything and make a shoe to Ernie's specifications. "It is not like I am just putting on a heel or a sole, this will be our creation." Ernie, who is an artist, drew a picture of what he wanted. When Ernie returned a few hours later he found the entire shop, family, and neighbors clustered around the proprietor, who was finishing his work. Examining it, Shelton said, "This is THE shoe" and hurried to a small park to try it. Despite a rain, he jumped over a park bench, the base of a statue, and a waste can. "It helps. I knew it would." And off he went to Bucharest. At Bucharest Shelton did 6'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ " to finish second to Russian Vladimir Sitkin, who won at 6'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", and who did 7' $\frac{5}{8}$ " two weeks later. Steypenov did not compete at Bucharest, and Shelton hasn't jumped since.

ATHLETIC JOURNAL presents its 12th annual report on high school track. California continues to dominate, winning for the 10th time in 12 years, in a meet based on winning times in state meets and scored on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis. Cal scored 106 points, just 2 under its record high, and had a record winning margin of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Cal scored in every event in which it competed and in 12 years has scored in 131 out of a possible 147 events. Louisiana was a surprise second with 43 points, moving up from 8th in 1956. Ohio 38, 1, Penna 35, New York 25.6, Texas 22.6, Washington 20, Kansas 18, Arizona 16, and Illinois 13, completed the first 10. In the all-time first 10, Cal leads with 1013 points, Texas 527, Ohio 362, Illinois 326, Indiana 260, New York 257, Penna 208, New Jersey 192, Iowa 158, Kansas 143, Okla 138, Wash 131, Mo 116, La 113, Ore 191, Ariz 97, Mass 94, Wisc 86, Mich 80, Color 76, Conn 62, and so on. Sectional averages for 1958 were: Pacific 33.3%, Middle Atlantic 23.3%, West So. Central 16.7%, East No. Central 11.2%, South Atlantic 4.5%, West No. Central 4.1%, Mountain 3.7%, New England 3.2%, East So. Central 0.0%. The first four sections, which dominate U.S. prep track, accounted for 85% in the 47-51 period, 88 in 52-56, 83.6 last year (56), and only 74.4%. 116 new state records were set, 44% in the 5 field events, and 56% in the 9 running events. Idaho led with 7 new marks, Conn. and La. each had 6.

1920 OLYMPIC GAMES (part six from report of U. S. Olympic Committee):

The American distance runners were completely outclassed in the 5000 and 10,000. C. C. Furnas finished fourth in his 5000 heat and made the final, while H. H. Brown and Ivan Dresser also qualified, and Charley Hunter failed. But none of the Americans finished the final, which was won by Joseph Guillemot of France in 14:55.6 from Paavo Nurmi 15:00.0, Erick Backman of Sweden 15:13, and Teodor Koskenniemi, Finland, 15:17.0. In the 10,000, U. S. champ Fred Fallor was the only American to qualify, but he failed to figure in the final. Because of his fine 5000 victory, Guillemot was the favorite. The race turned out to be one of the best in the entire program and was won by Nurmi, the 19-year-old Finn. His time was 31:45.8, several seconds slower than the 1912 time, but there was easily that difference in the two tracks. Guillemot ran 31:47.2 and J. Wilson of Great Britain 31:50.8. There was an unusually spirited race between the first five men, with Wilson setting the pace until half a mile from the finish. Guillemot was running shoulder to shoulder with him. Then Nurmi took the lead. Guillemot followed for half a lap, then sprinted into the lead again up the backstretch. Nurmi waited until the last turn, then sprinted in turn, passing Guillemot, to win by 20 yards.

Our defeat in the shot was a bitter pill to swallow. In the past America's shot putters have always been supreme, and we probably lost the championship this year because we felt there was no one in sight good enough to question our right to the honors. In Patrick McDonald, the giant policeman of the NYAC, we felt we had a sure winner. But the unexpected happened and we not only lost first, but second place as well. We must take our hats off to the winner, Ville Porhola, a Finnish peasant. He is not a big man compared with McDonald or the late Ralph Rose who were responsible for America's success at Stockholm and London. He is 6 feet and weighs about 200 pounds. He does not carry a pound of superfluous fat but is as hard as nails and has great speed. We had heard of Porhola's achievements in the Finnish championships just before we sailed, and while we figured on him doing around 46' - it was never expected that his improvement would be as rapid as it proved to be. The qualifying round was led by Niklander of Finland, McDonald, Porhola, Liversedge of the US, and Nilsson of Sweden. Americans Cann and Bihlman failed to qualify. In the final, Porhola improved to first and Liversedge moved up to third. McDonald was very nervous and his best effort was more than two feet back of the winner's mark, a performance that he has often far surpassed. Porhola did 48'7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", Niklander 46'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Liversedge 46'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", and McDonald 46'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ".

The achievement of Richard W. Landon of the U. S. in winning the high jump with an Olympic record 6'4.2 was one of the outstanding features of the Games, and brought to the victor royal congratulations. While this event was being held, King Albert of Belgium flew from Brussels in his aeroplane and reached the Stadium in time to see the record made. The tall king was on the field at the time and shook hands with Landon, smilingly informing him that he had jumped higher than the Monarch's head. American jumpers are accustomed to jumping from a firm take-off made from practically the same materials as the track is composed of, but at Antwerp the almost continuous rain which fell during the Games made it impossible to hold the high jump at the place originally fixed and therefore necessary to have the contestants jump from a turf take-off. This became soft after the many competitors had taken their trail jumps and affected some of the jumpers more than others. H. B. "Brick" Muller (California's first all-American footballer) tied with Ekelund of Sweden at 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", but won the jump-off. Walter Whalen and John Murphy of the U. S. won jump-offs for fourth and fifth at 6'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ".

The most remarkable performance among the field events was that of Frank Foss of the US, who won the pole vault with a new world's record of 13'5". The competition was held in a drizzling rain accompanied by blasts of wind which chilled the contestants to the bone. The rain made the runway soft and slippery, but despite these unsatisfactory conditions, Foss cleared the remarkable height of 4.09 meters. The fact that his opponents could not come within a foot of this performance under the conditions existing that day, whereas under more favorable conditions they had often come within six inches of it, made it probable that under ideal conditions he might have vaulted much higher. Henry Pedersen of Denmark was second at 12'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Edwin Meyers of US third at the same height, and Ed Knourek, USA, fourth with 11'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Foss' record improved 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " on the record set in 1912 by M. S. Wright of the U. S. (It was to stand for two years, until Hoff of Norway did 13'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "--and eventually 13'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") (cont.)