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NEWS

MUNICH, GERMANY, Sept. 17-18: Cullman 10.6; Steinbach 10.6; Urbach 55'2½"; Blatt 3:47.8; Pull 6'8¾"; Molzberger 24'8¾"; Steinbach 24'6¾"; Klein 24'1"; Lauer 13.7, 23'7"; Kaiser 47.5; Rieder 246'2"; Salomon 230'11½"; ASV Cologne 40.6.

COLOGNE, GERMANY, Sept. 16: 100m, Hary 10.3; Seye (France) 10.5; Winder (US) 10.5; Cullmann 10.6; Mahlendorf 10.6; Carney (US) 10.7. 200 (half turn), Seye 20.4; Carney 20.8; Germar 20.9; Wendelin 21.0; Winder 21.2. 400, tie, O. Davis (US) and Kaufmann 45.7; Kinder 46.2; Kaiser 46.8; Waegli (Switzerland) 47.1. Race B: Wengoborski 47.2. 800, Schmidt 1:49.8; Balke 1:49.9; Stracke 1:50.6. 1500, Cunliffe (US) 3:48.0; Lehmann 3:49.7. 3000m, Truex (US) 8:03.6 (American record); Muller 8:18.4. 110HH, Lauer 13.8; Roudnitska (France) 14.3. 400H, Cushman (US) 50.0; Janz 50.4; Galliker (Switzerland) 51.9; Wagner 52.1. BJ, Roberson (US) 25'9½"; Molzberger 24'3¾". PV, Bragg (US) 14'9"; Clark (US) 14'5¼". HT, Connolly (US) 208'2"; Hall (US) 201'3". JT, Sidlo (Poland) 256'8"; Salomon 242'1". Women's Events: 100m, Rudolph (US) 11.6. 400R, U.S. national team 44.8; German national team 45.3. DT, 171'2½"; Hausmann 168'5"; Connolly (US) 162'6".

DORTMUND, GERMANY, Sept. 14: 100m, (Race A) Hary 10.3; Cullmann 10.5; Wendelin 10.6. (Race B) Winder (US) 10.4; Schuttler 10.5; Lauer 10.5. 200, Winder 20.9; Seye (France) 21.1; Wendelin 21.2; Germar 21.2. 400, Kinder 46.5; Kaiser 47.5; Janz 47.8; Swatowski (Poland) 47.8. 800, Adam 1:49.3; Schmidt 1:49.3; Balke 1:50.4; Stracke 1:50.4; Lambrecht (Belgium) 1:50.6. 1500, Missalla 3:52.6. 3000m, Muller 8:17.4; Flossbach 8:17.4. 110HH, Lauer 14.2. 400R, German national team 39.9. HJ, Pull 6'6¾". PV, Lehnertz 14'1¼"; Clark (US) 14'1¼". JT, Sidlo (Poland) 262'11½"; Salomon 245'5".

FRANKFURT ON MAIN, GERMANY, Sept. 13: 100m, (Race A) Lauer 10.6; Wendelin 10.6. (Race B) Hary 10.6.

HANOVER, GERMANY, Sept. 18: 100m, (Race A) Hary 10.4; Gamper 10.6. (Race B) Winder (US) 10.5. 200, Winder 21.4; Carney (US) 21.6. 400, O. Davis (US) 47.3. 800, Balke 1:51.9; Schmidt 1:52.0. 1000m, Waegli (Switzerland) 2:22.3 (national record). 5000, Truex (US) 14:06.4. 400H, Janz 51.0. PV, Clark (US) 14'3¼".

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, Sept. 15: Kerr (BWI) 47.7; O. Davis (US) 47.7n; Robinson (Bahamas) 10.5; Carney (US) 10.5n; Cunliffe (US) 1:50.1; May (US) 13.9; Gardner (BWI) 14.2n; Bragg (US) 14'8¾"; Koch 174'6½". Women's 100m, Rudolph (US) 11.6.

BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Sept. 16: Nemec 184'1½"; Skobla 59'3¾"; Nilsson (Sweden) 6'8¾".

HELSINKI, FINLAND, Sept. 16: Landstrom 14'9"; Salonen 3:47.6; Dellinger (US) 3:47.6n; Vuorisalo 3:47.9n; Kuisma 245'4"; Valkama 24'8"; Manninen 24'3¼"; Hoykinpuro 14:06.4; Southern (US) 47.0; E. Young (US) 47.7n; Thomas (US) 7'½".

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, Sept. 16: 200, G. Davis (US) 21.1. 400, Milkha Singh (India) 46.6. 800, Kerr (BWI) 1:49.4; Knuts 1:50.2. Mile, Waern 4:03.4; Hamarsland (Norway) 4:04.8. 110HH, May (US) 14.4; Gardner (BWI) 14.6. 400H, G. Davis 51.1; Trollsas 52.4. 3000SC, Coleman (US) 8:43.0; Tjernebo 8:44.2 (national record); Tedenby 8:44.4. HJ, Bolshov (USSR) 6'8¾"; Pettersson 6'6¾". HSJ, Goryayev (USSR) 52'2¾"; I. Davis (US) 49'6". JT, Rasmussen (Norway) 253'5"; Cantello (US) 248'3½"; Fredriksson 242'10½".

GOTEBORG, SWEDEN, Sept. 18: 100m, Robinson (Bahamas) 10.5. 200, G. Davis (US) 21.2; Robinson 21.3. 400, Milkha Singh (India) 46.3; Kerr (BWI) 46.6. 800, Kerr 1:49.0;

Knuts 1:49.8; Coleman (US) 1:51.5. 1500, Elliott (Australia) 3:38.4; Waern 3:38.6 (national record); Thomas (Australia) 3:50.2. 110HH, May (US) 13.9; Gardner (BWI) 14.1. 400H, G. Davis (US) 50.1; Southern (US) 51.2; Trollsas 52.4. 3000SC, Tjernebo 8:49.8; G. Young (US) 8:56.0; Jones (US) 9:08.0. HJ, Pettersson 6'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". BJ, Roberson (US) 25'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Wahlander 24'4". HSJ, I. Davis (US) 50'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Tomlinson (Australia) 49'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". JT, Cantello (US) 254'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Fredriksson 230'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

WARSAW 127, LONDON 74, Warsaw, Sept. 17-18: 100m, Radford (L) 10.6; Foik (W) 10.6. 200, Foik 20.7; Radford 21.3. 400, Kowalski (W) 46.7; Wrighton (L) 47.0. 800, Purkins (L) 1:52.8; Makomaski (W) 1:52.9. 1500, Haith (L) 3:46.0; Wiggs (L) 3:46.6; Baran (W) 3:48.0. 5,000, Jochman (W) 14:10.8; Bogusiewicz (W) 14:11.4; Tulloh (L) 14:11.6. 400H, Krol (W) 52.7. 3000SC, Chromik (W) 8:48.4; Shirley (L) 8:59.8. HJ, Sobota (W) 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". BJ, Kropidowski (W) 24'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". PV, Gronowski (W) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Krzenski (W) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". HSJ, Malcherczyk (W) 52'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Jaskolski (W) 51'8". SP, Sosgornik (W) 59'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Lindsay (L) 56'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Kwiatkowski (W) 55'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Begier (W) 174'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Piatkowski (W) 171'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Lindsay 170'3". JT, Sidlo (W) 266'4"; Radziwonowicz (W) 236'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". HT, Rut (W) 217'1"; Cieply (W) 205'1". 400R, Warsaw 40.3; London 40.4. 1600R, Warsaw 3:09.8; London 3:10.8.

TURKU, FINLAND, Sept. 18: E. Young (US) 10.7, 47.2; Rekola 47.7n; Salonen 3:45.8; Vuorisalo 3:49.8n; Dellinger (US) 8:04.4; Saloranta 8:07.8n; Virtanen 8:49.2; Karvonen 8:52.4n; Thomas (US) 6'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "; Lindroos 175'3"; Alley (US) 236'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Laine 236'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Skobla 59'8" (national record).

CARDIFF, WALES, Sept. 17: 100y, Antao (Kenya) 9.4w. 220, Antao 21.3; Gosper (Australia) 21.8. 880, Elliott (Australia) 1:52.8; Blue (Australia) 1:52.9. Mile, Sullivan (Rhodesia) 4:06.5. 3 Mile, Tabori (DP, Hungary) 13:49.0; Eldon 13:49.6; Mayoro (Kenya) 13:53.8. 120HH, Chittick (Australia) 14.2; Okello (Uganda) 14.2.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, Sept. 17: Winder (US) 10.6; Weber (Switzerland) 47.7; Clark (US) 14'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Lingnau (Germany) 55'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Thun 214'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (national record); Hall (US) 206'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

ODESSA, RUSSIA, Sept. 17: Brumel 7'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (exhibition).

WUPPERTAL, GERMANY, Sept. 20: 100m, (Race A) Winder (US) 10.4; Cullmann 10.5. (Race B) Lauer 10.5. 200, Germar 21.1; O. Davis (US) 21.2; Carney (US) 21.3. 400, Kaufmann 46.5; O. Davis 46.7. 800, Adam 1:51.0; Schmidt 1:51.3. 1500, Cunliffe (US) 3:49.4; Schwarte 3:49.6. 5,000, Truex (US) 14:05.2; Flossbach 14:09.0. 400H, Janz 51.0; Cushman (US) 51.1. PV, Clark (US) 14'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Lehmerz 14'8". JT, Salomon 237'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Women's Events: 100m, Rudolph (US) 11.4. 400R, U.S. national team 46.7. SP, Brown (US) 53'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

MALMOE, SWEDEN, Sept. 20: 400, Wedderburn (BWI) 46.9; Johnson (BWI) 47.6; Pettersson 47.8. 800, Kerr (BWI) 1:49.2. Mile, Elliott (Australia) 3:58.6; Waern 3:59.0; Thomas (Australia) 4:03.4; Blue (Australia) 4:04.0. 110HH, May (US) 14.1. 400H, G. Davis (US) 50.4; Trollsas 52.4. 3000SC, Tjernebo 8:48.6. HJ, Pettersson 6'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Nilsson 6'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". JT, Cantello (US) 245'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Lagersson 240'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". PV, Bragg (US) 14'9".

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Sept. 20: 10,000, Roelants (Belgium) 29:19.4; Khuzin (USSR) 29:32.8; Suarez (Argentina) 29:57.4. SP, Skobla 58'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

FRANKFURT, GERMANY, Sept. 22: O. Davis (US) 47.0; Roberson (US) 24'4"; Kerr (BWI) 1:48.9; Bragg (US) 15'; Cunliffe (US) 1:49.1n. Women's Events: Rudolph (US) 11.5; Williams (US) 23.8; U.S. national team 45.8; Brown (US) 54'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (national record).

DUBLIN, IRELAND, Sept. 22: 880, Snell (New Zealand) 1:47.9; Delany 1:48.2; Blue (Australia) 1:48.4; Elliott (Australia) 1:48.4. HJ, Thomas (US) 7'2". PV, Clark (US) 14'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". JT, Alley (US) 247'5"; E. Young (US) 48.9y; Laylor 204'9"; Thomas (Australia) 8:06.8; Pirie (Great Britain) 8:07.2n; Dellinger (US) 4:07.5. Sept. 23: Mile, Elliott 3:57.0; Sullivan (Rhodesia) 3:59.8; Pirie; Tabori (DP, Hungary) 4:00.7; Snell 4:01.5; Thomas 4:02.6. Antao (Kenya) 21.1y; E. Young 21.4yn.

FRANCE 114, FINLAND 98, Colombes, France, Sept. 24: Delecour (F) 10.5; Roudnitska (F) 14.2 (equals national record); Chardel (F) 14.4n; Jazy (F) 1:52.2; Salonen (Fin) 1:52.7n; Husson (F) 204'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Seye (F) 47.0; Hellsten (Fin) 47.5n; Collardot (F) 25'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (national record); Valkama (Fin) 25'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Hartikkainen (Fin) 24'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Bogey (F) 14:06.8; Kunnas (Fin) 57'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (national record); France 40.8; Finland 41.7n; Idriss (F) 6'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Fournier (F) 6'7"; Hellen (Fin) 6'7". Sept. 25: Rintamaki (Fin) 51.7; Bernard (F) 3:42.8; Jazy 3:42.8n; Delecour 21.1; Genevay (F) 21.2n; Lindroos (Fin) 175'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Repo (Fin) 174'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Virtanen (Fin) 8:54.8; Karvonen (Fin) 8:57.2n; Texereau (F) 8:59.4n; Landstrom (Fin) 14'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Sutinen (Fin) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Rahkamo (Fin) 53'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (national record); William (F) 52'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (national record); Ba-

ttista (F) 52'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Macquet (F) 253'9"; Syrovatski (F) 250'; Paananen (Fin) 241'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Kuisma (Fin) 238'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Finland 3:10.6; France 3:11.7.

SWEDEN 107, HUNGARY 105, Stockholm, Sept. 24: Csutoras (H) 47.1; L. Jonsson (S) 47.7n; Waern (S) 1:48.8; Parsch (H) 1:49.8n; Iharos (H) 14:07.4; Szabo (H) 14:07.4n; Trollsas (S) 51.7; Pettersson (S) 6'9"; Noszaly (H) 6'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Wahlander (S) 24'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Nagy (H) 57'7"; Varju (H) 53'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Kulcsar (H) 240'. Sept. 25: O. Jonsson (S) 21.5; Csutoras 21.5n; Waern 3:45.0; Rozsavolgyi (H) 3:46.1n; Kovacs (H) 3:46.4n; Iharos 29:25.8; Szabo 29:55.4; Simon (H) 8:52.8; Tjornebo (S) 8:53.8n; Szecsenyi (H) 178'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Uddebom (S) 173'10"; Klics (H) 173'8"; Asplund (S) 216'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Zsivotsky (H) 213'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Csermak (H) 202'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Sweden 3:13.4.

SWITZERLAND 153 $\frac{1}{2}$, FRANCE "B" 150 $\frac{1}{2}$, SPAIN 119, Geneva, Switzerland, Sept 24: Muller (Sw) 10.5; Waegli (Sw) 1:49.4; Barris (Sp) 1:49.9n; Sept. 25: Barris 3:51.6; Galliker (Sw) 53.4; Switzerland 3:14.6.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Bologna, Sept 23, 25: Berruti 10.5, 20.8; Freschini 47.5; Fossati 47.6n; Panciera 47.8n; Freschini 1:52.5; Rizzo 3:48.5; Conti 14:19.0, 29:43.2; Cornacchia 14.3; Zamboni 14.4n; Sar 14.5n; Morale 52.2; Gatti 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Meconi 57'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Consolini 176'4"; Rado 175'2"; C. Lievore 250'.

WEST BERLIN: 100m, Hary 10.2; Robinson (Bahamas) 10.4; Cullmann 10.4. 200, Robinson 21.0; Germar 21.0. 400, Kerr (BWI) 46.4; Kaiser 46.7; Gardner (BWI) 46.8. 800, Kerr 1:49.6; Balke 1:49.9. 1500, Ostach 3:47.3. 3000m, Muller 8:11.8. BJ, Roberson (US) 25'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". PV, Bragg (US) 15'1".

EAST BERLIN: Grodotzki 8:54.0 (2 miles); Preussger 14'11".

BALKAN GAMES, Athens, Sept. 23-24: Vamos (Rumania) 1:52.7, 3:53.5; Kovac (Yugoslavia) 52.0; Froussios (Greece) 52.2n; Papavassiliou (Greece) 8:50.2; Hafner (Yugoslavia) 8:52.2n; Manglaras (Greece) 24'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Tsakanikas (Greece) 56'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Bizim (Rumania) 243'2"; Pavlov (Bulgaria) 239'10"; Bezjak (Yugoslavia) 209'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Racic (Yugoslavia) 209'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, Sept 24: Elliott (Australia) 2:20.7.

DRESDEN, GERMANY, Sept. 25: Klaban (Austria) 1:49.1; Kruse 1:49.2n.

HAMBURG, GERMANY: Kerr (BWI) 46.6; Spence (South Africa) 47.5n; Hary 10.5; Bragg (US) 14'9"; Roberson (US) 24'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

BERGEN, NORWAY: Bragg (US) 15'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

LEIPZIG, GERMANY: Preussger 14'11".

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STATS

Evolution of the world 400-meter record:

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| 48.2 | Charles Reidpath (USA) | 1912 | 45.9 | Herb McKenley (Jamaica) | 1948 |
| 47.4 | James Meredith (USA) | 1916 | 45.8 | George Rhoden (Jamaica) | 1950 |
| 47.0 | Emerson Spencer (USA) | 1928 | 45.4 | Lou Jones (USA) | 1955 |
| 46.2 | William Carr (USA) | 1932 | 45.2 | Lou Jones (USA) | 1956 |
| 46.1 | Archie Williams (USA) | 1936 | 44.9 | Otis Davis (USA) | 1960 |
| 46.0 | Rudolf Harbig (Germany) | 1939 | 44.9 | Carl Kaufmann (Germany) | 1960 |
| 46.0 | Grover Klemmer (USA) | 1941 | | | |

WIND SPRINTS

"You can't imagine what they are going through as they get ready to compete in the Olympic Games," former Olympic champion Jesse Owens told a sportswriter during the Olympics. "You're a novice when you leave the village and then you dress and warm up and you sit down and wait for them to call you." he said. "This is the moment they all dread. Your legs are rubber, your stomach is gone and your mouth is as dry as ashes. You walk in a sort of fog until the man says 'On your marks' and then all of a sudden it's all right."... Yuriy Lituyev, the former intermediate hurdler who is now a Russian coach, says Ray Norton had changed. "When I saw him in Philadelphia last year, he was the best in the world. Here I see another man, one I do not recognize. He is tense and runs as if he is tied up."

World Record:1950
258'2"1960
282'3½"

In 1908, E. V. Lemming of Sweden won the first javelin competition held in the Olympic Games and from that time on Scandinavians considered this to be their specialty among the field events. The world record had always been held by a Scandinavian athlete and only once, in 1936, had the Olympic title been won by an "outsider."

In the years following World War II the Swedes and Finns continued to dominate the event but no one came near threatening the world record of Yrjo Nikkanen. At Brussels in 1950 Finland's Toivo Hyytiainen won the European title from Swedes Per-Arne Berglund and Ragnar Ericzon while Olympic champion Tapio Rautavaara was only fifth. The winner's throw was an average 233'9½".

The United States had never shown the same interest in this as in other throwing events but in 1951 a young trio of American throwers came to the fore. Franklin "Bud" Held, a 23-year-old Californian, reached 241'¾" in winning the AAU title and improved to 249'8½" later in the season. Fellow West coaster Cy Young had a best of 241'11" and Bill Miller, a New Jersey boy who attended Arizona State, had a top throw of 237'10". All three looked capable of removing Nikkanen's name from the record books given time and opportunity. In Finland the rising star was Soini Nikkinen, who bettered 250 feet on an exhibition throw but was just 11 inches short in actual competition.

With the 1952 Olympic Games on their home ground the Finns were determined to do well despite the American challenge. A packed stadium, hoping to see a gold medal performance by Finland, was doomed to disappointment. On his 24th birthday, tall Cy Young won the United States' first gold medal in the javelin with a personal best throw of 242'¾", which also was an Olympic record. Teammate Bill Miller threw 237'8¾" to make it 1-2 for the U. S. Finland had Hyytiainen in third and Nikkinen in eighth. Besides Young and Miller two other "outsiders" were in the first six -- Viktor Tsibulenko and Vladimir Kuznyetsov, both of Russia. Held was hampered in the Olympics by a shoulder injury but he highlighted the 1953 season by at least breaking Nikkanen's 15-year-old record.

The ex-Stanford student whipped the metal spear 263'10" at Pasadena, Calif., on Aug. 8 to break the Scandinavian monopoly. Earlier in the year Held had won the AAU title with a mere 242'7", just beating Young. The Olympic champion himself threw 256'4" prior to the world record and in Europe Nikkinen came close with 256'9". Winding up this great javelin year was a 20-year-old Pole, Janusz Sidlo, who shook Europeans and Americans alike with a fabulous 262'11½". The throw came at Jena, Germany, on Oct. 2 and was quite naturally a new European record.

During the 1954 season Held had a comparatively poor season although winning his fourth straight AAU title. In contrast, Miller was more consistent. He achieved 250 feet early in the year and concluded his year's activity with a 266'8½" at Pasadena in August. Unfortunately, Miller's mark could not receive ratification as a world record because it was made with a repaired javelin. The repairs had shifted the center of gravity just outside the required limits. Sidlo, although not approaching his 1953 distance, easily won the European title, needing only a 250'6" throw for the gold medal. Nikkinen, who placed third in the European Championships, followed this up with a Scandinavian record of 261'1¾" at Tampere in October.

Held started off the following year on a winning note by taking the Pan-American Games title at 228'10¾" but he was soon over 250' after returning to the U. S. At Los Angeles on May 20 he was beaten by Young's 257-foot throw but had ample revenge at Modesto, Calif., the following night. At this meet the fired-up Held had two throws beyond his own listed world record with the best one measured at 268'2½". Soon afterwards, Held was ordained a Presbyterian minister and celebrated this with another AAU title win at 260'3". In Europe, Sidlo was unbeatable as he outdistanced his opponents without ever seeming to exert himself to the limit of potential. In June he hurled the spear 262'8½", his best for the year. Nikkinen improved his Finnish record to 261'3½" at Tampere almost exactly a year after his previous best. Altogether nine bettered 250 feet during the year but even this was nothing compared to the throwing that took place in the session preceding the Melbourne Olympics.

The early season news in 1956 came from America where Held was a late starter because of an operation on an injured ankle. Young took the headlines first with a 259'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " throw. As the competition got hotter, Vladimir Kuznyetsov set a Russian record of 258'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and newcomer Egil Danielsen, a Norwegian, had a best of 250'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Young won the U.S. national title and also the Olympic Trials. In the latter meet Held failed by one inch to make the Olympic team. A week before the U.S. trials, Nikkinen erased Held's world record from the books by throwing his birch javelin 274'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at Kuhmoinen, Finland. On the very day of Held's tragic failure, Sidlo put himself in the Olympic picture with 274'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", another world record. Yet the most consistent performer on either side of the Atlantic was the undefeated and fast-improving Danielsen. In meet after meet the new ace was driving the spear past the 260-foot mark with a best of 274'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

With Tsibulenko, Heiner Will of Germany and Jan Kopyto of Poland also over the 260-foot mark, the prospects for Melbourne were indeed exciting. The one disappointing feature was the fact that Held, who hit 270 feet in September when fully fit, would not be a competitor in the Games. For the first time in the history of this event in the Olympics there were no Finns or Swedes present to contest the final. It was up to Danielsen to uphold the Scandinavian tradition. He didn't fail his supporters for, after trailing Sidlo's early 261'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", he produced the only world record of the Olympics with a towering 281'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This long distance effort destroyed the opposition, which had had plenty of trouble coping with the strong headwind. Tsibulenko, in third place, was the only other competitor to better 260 feet. Some people contended that Danielsen was lucky to win the Olympic title with one good throw but it must be remembered that he was the top man throughout the season with an unbeaten record.

The high standard of throwing was carried over into 1957 with 270 feet becoming almost commonplace. Held threw 267'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Modesto in May but then lost the AAU title to Bob Voiles, who became the latest American to top 250 feet. But the most activity in this event was in northern Europe where Sidlo won the big Kusocinski Memorial meet in Warsaw with 272'3". Two weeks later, he threw 271'11" to defeat Danielsen, who again was having a good year. Before the season closed Tsibulenko raised the Russian record to 273'5" only to lose it almost immediately to Kuznyetsov's 274'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sidlo was under pressure in his own country where the 23-year-old Kopyto reached 273'6" in October. European talent was thus on the crest of a wave with the quadrennial championships coming up in August, 1958.

At Stockholm the great Sidlo took control from the start and was never led. The Pole's 263'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " was far too good for Danielsen's 256'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in second place. Hungarian Gergely Kulcsar surprised by taking the third spot with the Russians badly below form and never in contention. However, after the championships Kuznyetsov came up with the greatest throw of his life, reaching 278'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at Odessa in October. Danielsen also followed the meet with a 270-foot plus performance.

It was generally accepted that American stock in this event had fallen off badly. But on April 4, 1959, at the Texas Relays Bill Alley of Kansas changed all that. With a mighty 270'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Alley broke Held's American record and raised the U.S. prestige a great deal in javelin throwing. Although bothered by an arm injury, the Kansan was consistently in the 250-foot plus range. Old timer Held hit 261'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to take the javelin title at the West Coast Relays but the shock of shocks came at the Compton Invitational on June 5. Just prior to his 28th birthday, diminutive Al Cantello crashed into the big time with an incredible 282'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". It was incredible because the marine lieutenant had never previously shown any sign of achieving such a distance. Cantello later went on to win the AAU title but at a mere 246'9". He also beat the Russians with a more respectable 262'5".

As the season progressed, however, the American champion failed to maintain his consistent long throwing whereas the Europeans now came to life. Sidlo especially woke up to the American challenge and cracked the Polish record with a 280'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " throw. Sidlo had only one loss during the season, that coming in Rome on Oct. 11 when Carlo Lievore threw 264'2" to Sidlo's 255'10". Another top European was Michel Macquet, who upped the French record to 268'7" while the number one man in Scandinavia was Knut Fredriksson of Sweden, who set a national record of 272'2" in July.

Modern javelin throwers have shown themselves capable of distances approaching 300 feet and that may well be the next artificial athletic barrier to be cracked within the next year.

The record books of many nations were rewritten in the Olympic Games when a total of 67 national records were either set or tied. No known national records were set or tied in the high jump, shot put, discus throw and hammer throw. The most national records were set in the 1600-meter relay where a total of nine national marks were either broken or tied. Listed below are the national records set or tied.

- 100 Meters -- Peter Radford (Great Britain) 10.3 (equals national record); Horacio Esteves (Venezuela) 10.4; Seraphino Antao (Kenya) 10.4.
- 200 Meters (turn) -- Livio Berruti (Italy) 20.5 (ties world record); Abdou Seye (France) 20.7 (ties national record); Antao 21.3; Erasmus Amukin (Uganda) 21.3.
- 400 Meters -- Otis Davis (US) 44.9 (world record); Carl Kaufmann (Germany) 44.9 (world and European record); Mal Spence (South Africa) 45.5; Milkha Singh (India) 45.6 (Asian record); Robbie Brightwell (Great Britain) 46.1; Abdul Amu (Nigeria) 46.6; J. Manikavasagam (Malaya) 48.4.
- 800 Meters -- Peter Snell (New Zealand) 1:46.3; Christian Waegli (Switzerland) 1:47.3; Abram Krivosheyev (USSR) 1:48.1 (equals national record); Moussa Said (Ethiopia) 1:50.3; Terrance Sullivan (Rhodesia) 1:49.9.
- 1500 Meters -- Herb Elliott (Australia) 3:35.6 (world record); Michel Jazy (France) 3:38.4; Dan Waern (Sweden) 3:40.0; Dyrol Burleson (US) 3:40.9; Sullivan 3:42.8; Muharrem Dalkilic (Turkey) 3:47.9; Svavar Markusson (Iceland) 3:47.1.
- 5,000 Meters -- Murray Halberg (New Zealand) 13:43.4; Dave Power (Australia) 13:51.8; Nyandika Mayoro (Kenya) 13:52.8; Luigi Conti (Italy) 14:01.6; Manuel Oliveira (Portugal) 14:15.6.
- 10,000 Meters -- Hans Grodotzki (Germany) 28:37.0; Power 28:38.2; Max Truex (US) 28:50.2; Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak (Poland) 28:52.4; John Merriman (Great Britain) 28:52.6; Rhadi Ben Abdesslem (Morocco) 29:34.4.
- 110-Meter High Hurdles -- Jean Okello (Uganda) 14.3.
- 400-Meter Hurdles -- Helmut Janz (Germany) 49.9 (European record); Jussi Rintamaki (Finland) 50.8; Bruno Galliker (Switzerland) 51.0; Bartonjo Rotich (Kenya) 51.2.
- Broad Jump -- Igor Ter-Ovanesyan (USSR) 26'4½" (European record); Manfred Steinbach (Germany) 26'3".
- Hop-Step-Jump -- Ira Davis (US) 53'10".
- Pole Vault -- Rolando Cruz (Puerto Rico) 14'11"; Rudolf Tomasek (Czechoslovakia) 14'9".
- 4 x 100 Meter Relay -- Germany 39.5 (equals national and world record); Italy 40.0; Great Britain 40.1; Nigeria 40.1; Switzerland 40.8 (equals national record); Venezuela 40.3; Thailand 42.0; Philippines 41.4; Iraq 41.7.
- 4 x 400 Meter Relay -- United States 3:02.2 (world record); Germany 3:02.7 (European record); South Africa 3:05.0; Italy 3:07.7; Canada 3:08.2; Switzerland 3:09.4; Sweden 3:10.7 (equals national record); Ghana 3:10.5; Yugoslavia 3:10.6.
- Decathlon -- Evert Kamerbeek (Netherlands) 7,236 pts.; Franco Sar (Italy) 7,195 pts.

STATS

200 Meter (Turn) All-Time List:

Another event that has undergone a big change this year. The 1959 world record of 20.6 has been broken by four men this year and eight of the 18 athletes listed below made their performances in 1960.

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| 20.5y | Peter Radford (GB) | 1960 | 20.6 | Marian Foik (Poland) | 1960 |
| 20.5 | Stone Johnson (USA) | 1960 | 20.6n | Les Carney (USA) | 1960 |
| 20.5 | Ray Norton (USA) | 1960 | 20.7 | Jesse Owens (USA) | 1936 |
| 20.5 | Livio Berruti (Italy) | 1960 | 20.7 | Mel Patton (USA) | 1948 |
| 20.6y | James Carlton (Australia) | 1932 | 20.7n | Barney Ewell (USA) | 1948 |
| 20.6y | Andy Stanfield (USA) | 1951 | 20.7 | Lloyd LaBeach (Panama) | 1950 |
| 20.6 | Bobby Morrow (USA) | 1956 | 20.7 | Rod Richard (USA) | 1955 |
| 20.6 | Thane Baker (USA) | 1956 | 20.7 | Milkha Singh (India) | 1960 |
| 20.6 | Manfred Germar (Germany) | 1957 | 20.7 | Abdou Seye (France) | 1960 |

DEREK IBBOTSON (Great Britain)

113 points

Derek Ibbotson, the man who broke John Landy's world mile record in 1957, first made himself known on the international scene in 1955 over the longer routes when he was seventh on the three-mile list with 13:34.6. In Olympic year 1956 Ibbotson was stronger and a better tactician. On Aug. 6, in a most surprising effort, he became history's ninth four-minute miler with a 3:59.4. He ran the 5,000 meters at the Melbourne Olympics and his 13:54.4 netted him the bronze medal behind Vladimir Kuts and teammate Gordon Pirie. He started the next season with renewed vigor. His greatest day came in London on July 19 when he took seven-tenths of a second off the world record with a 3:57.2. In the process he also pulled three others under four minutes. It was a masterful race and a feather in his cap because Olympic 1500 champion Ron Delany and 1500-meter world record holder Stanislav Jungwirth followed in his wake. After this came a busy period when he ran 10 races in 22 days. This must have had some effect on his form because in 1958 he fared badly for the most part and had only one good mile effort. In 1959, his distance times improved over 1958 but his mile times continued to drop off.

Achievement Points: 104

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|----|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| 3 | 3:59.4 on 6 Aug. 56 at London | 5 | 3:58.7 on 7 Aug. 57 at Naantali |
| 4 | Seventh 1956 World List | 3 | 4:00.5 on 12 Aug. 57 at Turku |
| 1 | Tenth 1956 T&FN Ranking | 2 | 3:43.8 on 6 Sept. 57 at Warsaw |
| 3 | 4:00.6 on 14 May 57 at Oxford | 9 | Second 1957 World List |
| 2 | 4:02.1 on 24 May 57 at Los Angeles | 10 | First 1957 T&FN Ranking |
| 2 | 4:03.2 on 8 June 57 at London | 3 | 4:00.0 on 3 Sept. 58 at London |
| 5 | 3:58.4 on 15 June 57 at Glasgow | 2 | 4:03.1 on 15 Aug. 59 at London |
| 5 | 3:57.2 on 19 July 57 at London | 14 | Seventh All-Time 1500/Mile List |
| 15 | World Record -- 3:57.2 | 14 | Seventh Best Ten Times Averages |
| 2 | 4:03.3 on 24 July 57 at Manchester | | |

Victory Points: 18

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Ian Boyd | 3 | Alan Gordon |
| 1 | Klaus Richtzenhain | 1 | Olavi Vuorisalo |
| 2 | Ron Delany | 1 | Olavi Salsola |
| 1 | Stanislav Jungwirth | 1 | Mike Blagrove |
| 2 | Ken Wood | 1 | Graham Everett |
| 3 | Stefan Lewandowski | 1 | John Anderson |

Defeat Penalties: 9

| | | | |
|---|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Merv Lincoln | 1 | Olavi Vuorisalo |
| 2 | Brian Hewson | 1 | Olavi Salonen |
| 1 | Laszlo Tabori | 1 | Herb Elliott |
| 1 | Olavi Salsola | 1 | Zbigniew Orywal |

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| 104 | AP |
| 18 | VP |
| <u>122</u> | |
| 9 | -DP |
| <u>113</u> | |

Best Performances:

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|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1500 | 3:41.9 | 2 Mile | 8:41.2 |
| Mile | 3:57.2 | 3 Mile | 13:20.8 |
| 2000m | 5:12.8 | 5000m | 13:54.4 |
| 3000m | 8:00.0 | 6 Mile | 28:52.0 |

MERV LINCOLN

(Australia)

124 points

Merv Lincoln first made himself known when he ran 4:04.6 at Melbourne in late December, 1955, behind visiting Hungarians Istvan Rozsavolgyi and Laszlo Tabori. A month later, he cut four seconds off this time with a 4:00.6 effort behind the 3:58.6 of countryman John Landy. At the Melbourne Olympics late that year he won his heat in a near record 3:45.4, but because of foot trouble, was last in the final. He bounced back to the fore with a 3:58.9 mile three months later, the eleventh runner to turn the trick. He had a successful American tour during May and June, and ended the year in seventh place on the Track & Field News ranking. Although being overshadowed by Herb Elliott during 1958, Lincoln nevertheless had a tremendous season, running a 3:55.9 behind Elliott's world record 3:54.5, taking second to Elliott in the British Empire Games mile, and winding up a lofty second place on the yearly world list and Track & Field News ranking. He ran two races around 4:03 in 1959, but otherwise took it easy to conserve his energies for Olympic year 1960.

Achievement Points: 120

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| 3 | 4:00.6 on 28 Jan. 56 at Melbourne | 5 | 3:58.5 on 21 June 58 at Bakersfield |
| 2 | 4:04.0 on 12 Jan. 57 at Melbourne | 2 | 4:03.4 on 24 July 58 at Cardiff |
| 2 | 4:01.8 on 29 Jan. 57 at Dunedin | 2 | 4:01.9 on 26 July 58 at Cardiff |
| 2 | 4:02.6 on 9 March 57 at Melbourne | 5 | 3:55.9 on 6 Aug. 58 at Dublin |
| 5 | 3:58.9 on 23 March 57 at Melbourne | 6 | Second 1958 Empire Games mile |
| 3 | 4:01.0 on 24 May 57 at Los Angeles | 9 | Second 1958 World List |
| 2 | 4:03.7 on 7 Dec. 57 at Melbourne | 9 | Second 1958 T&FN Ranking |
| 5 | First 1957 U.S. AAU mile | 2 | 4:02.6 on 31 Jan. 59 at Melbourne |
| 2 | Ninth 1957 World List | 2 | 4:03.0 on 14 March 59 at Brisbane |
| 4 | Seventh 1957 T&FN Ranking | 3 | First 1959 Australian Championship mile |
| 5 | 3:59.0 on 30 Jan. 58 at Melbourne | 19 | Second All-Time 1500/Mile List |
| 3 | 3:59.6 on 15 Feb. 58 at Perth | 15 | Sixth Ten Best Times Averages |
| 3 | 4:01.0 on 16 May 58 at Los Angeles | | |

Victory Points: 24

| | | | |
|---|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 2 | Brian Hewson | 2 | Albie Thomas |
| 2 | Laszlo Tabori | 1 | Gordon Pirie |
| 1 | Derek Ibbotson | 2 | Murray Halberg |
| 3 | Bob Seaman | 2 | Neville Scott |
| 2 | Don Bowden | 1 | Ron Delany |
| 1 | Ed Moran | 1 | Ingvar Ericsson |
| 1 | Jim Grelle | 1 | Olavi Salsola |
| 1 | Jerome Walters | 1 | Gunther Dohrow |

Defeat Penalties: 20

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|---|---------------------|---|----------------|--------|
| 2 | John Landy | 1 | Neville Scott | |
| 1 | Ron Delany | 1 | Ian Boyd | 120 AP |
| 1 | Klaus Richtzenhain | 1 | Ken Wood | 24 VP |
| 1 | Laszlo Tabori | 1 | Gunnar Nielsen | 144 |
| 1 | Brian Hewson | 1 | Murray Halberg | -20 DP |
| 1 | Stanislav Jungwirth | 8 | Herb Elliott | 124 |

Best Performances:

| | | | |
|------|---------|--------|---------|
| 880 | 1:52.3 | 2 Mile | 8:55.0 |
| 1500 | 3:42.0m | 3 Mile | 13:43.8 |
| Mile | 3:55.9 | | |