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Banton Surprise NCAA Harrier Victor

East Lansing, Michigan, Nov. 23--Elmore Banton, Ohio University junior, scored a stunning upset in the NCAA cross country championships as he won the race in 20:07.5 over the snow-covered hilly four-mile course.

Banton, who hadn't finished first in a major meet all year, who was 44th in last year's championship, and who did not finish in either the NCAA 5000 or 10,000 meter finals last June, spurred into a 20-yard lead right after the gun sounded and increased his edge over the rest of the race. At the finish, he was about 75 yards ahead of runner-up Bill Clark of Notre Dame. His time, which was established on a new course, was particularly good in view of the conditions that included a 36-degree temperature, 17 mile per hour wind, and snow and slush underfoot.

Western Michigan University won its first national title in any sport by running away with the team championship in the 26th running of the annual NCAA cross country run. The Broncos had four finishers among the first 28 individual runners. They won with a low of 86 points, followed by Oregon with 116. Ohio University was third with 122 points. Defending team champion San Jose State College did not enter.

Jim Murphy of the Air Force Academy finished third. He tied for first in the NCAA 5000 last season in track.

Top finishers: 1. Elmore Banton (Ohio U) 20:07.5 (Meet record); 2. Bill Clark (Notre Dame); 3. Jim Murphy (Air Force); 4. Dave Wighton (Colorado); 5. Walter Hewlett (Harvard); 6. Pierson Lorandau (Kent Ohio State); 7. Michael Gallagher (Western Michigan); 8. Joe Lynch (Georgetown); 9. Mike Coffey (Notre Dame); 10. Jack Bacheleer (Miami, Ohio); 11. Bruce Burston (Western Michigan); 12. Harry McCalla (Stanford); 13. Dick Krenzer (Brigham Young).

Team scores: 1. Western Michigan 86; 2. Oregon 116; 3. Ohio University 120; 4. Notre Dame 122; 5. Brigham Young 136; 6. Georgetown 162; 7. Miami, Ohio 219; 8. Houston 234; 9. Kansas 254; 10. Air Force 288; 11. Tennessee 290; 12. Villanova 294; 13. Providence 308; 14. Harvard 337; 15. Minnesota 359; 16. Michigan 365; 17. Pittsburgh 448; 18. Bowling Green 470; 19. Oklahoma City 473; 20. William & Mary 500; 21. Duke 525; 22. Wayne State 576; 23. Southern Illinois 583.

(Only incomplete results were available at press time. A complete report will be forthcoming in the December Track and Field News.)

The Coach on the Couch

by Dick Calisch

In order to catalogue completely all the psychological ills to which the mind of man is heir, it is not necessary to visit the state lunatic asylum; it is enough to observe the local high school track coach on the day of a meet. It doesn't even have to be a big relay carnival; a dual meet will do because during the day of a home contest the high school track coach is subjected to all of the insidious pressures which are known to drive strong men into strait jackets. The eight hours preceding a meet are loaded with all of the thirty six nagging tensions which are classified by psychiatrists as mind breakers. Why, the very profession itself is one which can attract only mad men. Who but a candidate for the loony bin would have such a job, a job in which his honor, reputation, self esteem, and confidence are weekly placed on the firing line in the hands of callow and nervous youths whose abilities are largely a matter of hope and luck? Of course, the man is paid for this hazard to his mental balance. He is, in most communities, paid about 30 cents an hour, the philosophy being that a lunatic isn't worth much more than that.

These hazards, of course, are inherent in all branches of the coaching profession and in all sports, but on the track coach's burden falls one more leaden straw: no matter what he does, win,

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Snell Lowers Mile Mark to 3:54.1

Auckland, New Zealand, Nov. 17--For the fifth time, Peter Snell lowered a world's record--this time reducing his own mile mark by three-tenths to 3:54.1.

He was hoping to break his record by a larger margin than he did, and as a result his early pace was run at a lightning tempo. Two pace-setters led him through a 56.0 first 440. By the time he reached the half way mark, he was on his own with a remarkably fast 1:54.0. He was clearly ahead of his main opposition, Josef Odlozil and John Davies--the silver and bronze 1500-meter medalists at Tokyo.

He came by the 1320 post in 2:54.0, where he was obviously tiring but was showing little signs of weakening. He was unable to quicken the pace although he did not fade in the last lap. The two other gained some ground on the double gold medalist from Tokyo, but Snell finished some 20 yards ahead of them. He past the 1500-meter mark in 3:37.6, which improved his national record by 1.7 seconds but was 2.0 seconds behind the world record set by Herb Elliott.

Odlozil and Davies both returned life-time bests of 3:56.4 and 3:56.8

Snell said afterwards that he had not been frightened by the early pace. "When I heard the time at the three-quarters of a mile and knew that I just had to run a 60 second last lap, I felt sure I had the record. But then it became very hard. That last lap was the hardest of my life--though I wonder if I could have run a little faster if I had had to try to sprint to beat someone."

Ron Clarke outlasted Murray Halberg in a 10,000-meter race which ended only 14 seconds outside the world figure of 28:15.6. Clarke won in 28:29.6 with Halberg second in 28:33.0, Bill Baillie third at 29:24.4. At six miles, Clarke was timed in 27:36.8 and Halberg 27:38.8. Halberg led the first mile in 4:25. Clarke took over about the sixth lap and held his lead to the tape. Clarke is of course the world record holder, but Halberg bettered his best by 15.0 seconds.

Lap Times in World Record Miles

	440	880	1320	Mile
Gunder Haegg (1945)	56.6	1:58.5 (61.9)	2:59.7 (61.2)	4:01.3 (61.6)
Roger Bannister (1954)	57.7	1:58.3 (60.6)	3:00.9 (62.2)	3:59.4 (58.5)
John Landy (1954)	58.4	1:58.7 (60.3)	2:57.0 (58.3)	3:57.9 (60.9)
Derek Ibbotson (1957)	56.1	1:56.2 (60.1)	3:00.4 (64.2)	3:57.2 (56.8)
Herb Elliott (1958)	58.0	1:58.0 (60.0)	2:59.0 (61.0)	3:54.5 (55.5)
Peter Snell (1962)	60.0	1:59.0 (59.0)	2:58.0 (59.0)	3:54.4 (56.4)
Peter Snell (1964)	56.0	1:54.0 (58.0)	2:54.0 (60.0)	3:54.1 (60.1)

Boston Vanquishes Davies With 26'11-4"

Osaka, Japan, Nov. 23--It was windy and cool at the traditional post-Olympic US-Commonwealth (and Japan, this year) match, but the weather conditions did not prove detrimental to Ralph Boston.

In the broad jump, he completely vanquished his conqueror at the Olympics, Lynn Davies. Only one of Boston's jumps was less than 26-feet and all of them exceeded Lynn Davies' best mark of 25'5½". Boston reached 26'11¼". Gayle Hopkins also finished ahead of the Olympic gold medal winner with a leap of 26'4½", the third greatest jump of his life.

Later, Boston turned to the triple jump--an event he had not attempted competitively all season. He produced a life-time best of 52'1½", to finish third behind Ira Davis (52'6") and Olympic fourth placer Fred Alsop (52'3¼") of Great Britain.

The field events were generally the best in this meet, which the US won handily, 13 firsts to 5 for the Commonwealth countries. Only Les Mills represented New Zealand.

Jay Silvester turned in the third greatest one-day weight double with two seasonal best marks. In the shot, he finished third be-

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OSAKA MEET (Continued from page 25)

hind Randy Matson (63'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "") and Les Mills (60'1"") with a mark of 59'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". In the discus, he pulled a slight upset by besting Dave Weill with a 200'9" distance. Weill upped his life-time best to 200'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

John Thomas (6'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""), Fred Hansen (16'5""), Ed Burke (212'9""), and Les Tipton (250'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "") were all easy winners in their field event specialties.

Ron Clarke ran away with the 5000 with a 13:48.0 clocking, while Maurice Herriott passed Vic Zwolak in the stretch to win by 2.4 seconds in 8:43.4. Blaine Lindgren and Rex Cawley each won their hurdle events in 14.0 and 50.6, respectively.

The best of the five relay events was the 4x800 (3200-meter) relay, although the Commonwealth's winning time of 7:18.8 was 3.0 seconds off the world mark. Chris Carter (1:50.7), John Boulter (1:51.5), George Kerr (1:48.7), and Bill Crothers (1:47.9) combined for the winning combination, while Tom O'Hara (1:50.5), Dyrol Burleson (1:49.0), Jerry Siebert (1:50.6), and Tom Farrell (1:51.4) went for the US. Theron Lewis, who did not run in the Olympics, ran the fastest leg in the 1600-meter relay at 46.3. The US won in 3:07.6. Bob Schul just did catch Alan Simpson in the 6000-meter relay but the time was ridiculously slow.

5000, Clarke (Aus) 13:48.0; 2. Wiggs (GB) 13:58.6; 3. Iwashita (Jap) 14:09.0; 4. Lindgren (US) 14:10.4; 5. Sawa (Jap) 14:12.2; 6. Larrieu (US) 15:27.2; 3000St, Herriott (GB) 8:43.4; 2. Zwolak (US) 8:45.8; 3. Sarawatari (Jap) 8:45.8; 4. Pomfret (GB) 8:49.2; 5. Okazawa (Jap) 8:49.8; 6. Fishback (US) 8:50.0. 15,000Walk, Matthews (GB) 1:06:52; 2. Zinn (US) 1:09:34; 3. Edgington (GB) 1:09:54; 4. Saito (Jap) 1:10:48; 5. Laird (US) 1:14:46; 6. Ishiguro (Jap) 1:14:26. 110HH, Lindgren (US) 14.0; 2. Cawley (US) 14.2; 3. Parker (GB) 14.3; 4. Taitt (GB) 14.3. 400IH, Cawley (US) 50.6; 2. Cooper (GB) 51.0; 3. Knoke (Aus) 51.2; 4. Luck (US) 51.2; 5. Ogushi (Jap) 53.0.

400R, Commonwealth 40.3 (Headley/Jam, Lay/Aus, McNeil/Jam, Robinson/Bah); 2. US 40.5 (Shinnick, Jackson, Ashworth, Carr); 3. Japan 41.6. 800R, US 1:24.1 (Carr, Ashworth, Jackson, Larrabee); 2. Commonwealth 1:24.5 (Jerome/Can, Spence/Jam, Campbell/Gb, McNeil/Jam); 3. Japan 1:26.6. 1600R, US 3:07.6 (Hardin 47.1, Cas-sell 47.1, Larrabee 47.3, Lewis 46.3); 2. Commonwealth 3:08.3 (Graham/Gb, Warden/Gb, Vassella/Aus, Sherwood/Gb); 3. Japan 3:19.3. 3200R, Commonwealth 7:18.8 (Carter/Gb 1:50.7, Boulter/Gb 1:51.5, Kerr/Jam 1:48.7, Crothers/Can 1:47.9); 2. US 7:21.8 (O'Hara 1:50.5, Burleson 1:49.0, Siebert 1:50.6, Farrell 1:51.4). 6000R, US 15:26.4 (Ryun 3:55.5, Dellinger 3:50.7, Young 3:53.2, Schul 3:46.4); 2. Commonwealth 15:26.4 (McKim/Gb, Leps/Can, Whetton/Gb, Simpson/Gb).

HJ, Thomas (US) 6'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""; 2. Caruthers (US) 6'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""; 3. Sneazwell (Aus) 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""; 4. Peckham (Aus) 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "". PV, Hansen (US) 16'5"; 2. Pemeilton (US) 15'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 3. Stevenson (GB) 14'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 4. Moro (Can) 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". BJ, Boston (US) 26'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ""; 2. Hopkins (US) 26'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ""; 3. Davies (GB) 25'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ""; 4. West (Nigeria) 25'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ""; 5. Yamada (Jap) 24'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". TJ, Davis (US) 52'6"; 2. Alsop (GB) 52'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 3. Boston (US) 52'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Tomlinson (Aus) 51'10"; 5. Okazaki (Jap) 50'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". SP, Matson (US) 63'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ""; 2. Mills (NZ) 60'1"; 3. Silvester (US) 59'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4. Lucking (GB) 55'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". DT, Silvester (US) 200'9"; 2. Weill (US) 200'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Mills (NZ) 183'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Hollingsworth (GB) 180'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". HT, Burke (US) 212'9"; 2. Sugawara (Jap) 209'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Kasahara (Jap) 207'11". JT, Tipton (US) 250'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Kanai (Jap) 243'6"; 3. Miki (Jap) 232'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Red (US) 229'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 5. Gairdner (Can) 186'0".

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Cross Country Results

HARVARD 22, PRINCETON 51, YALE 54, Boston, Oct. 30--(5.0 miles, old CR 25:45) 1. Hewlett (H) 25:07; 2. Allen (H) 25:58; 3. Mathers (Y) 25:59; 4. Crain (H) 26:01; 5. Geisel (P) 26:04.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE, Athens, Ohio, Oct. 31--(4.0 miles, CR 19:30, good weather), Team Scores: Ohio U 36; 2. Western Michigan 51; 3. Miami 73; 4. Kent State 98; 5. Bowling Green 104; 6. Toledo 186; 7. Marshall 187. Individual: Lorandeanu (K) 19:33.3; 2. Banton (O) 19:44; 3. Bachelor (Mi) 19:53; 4. Burston (WM) 19:55; 5. Mitchell (O) 20:01; 6. L. Smith (O) 20:14; 7. S. Smith (WM) 20:24; 8. Cordova (BG) 20:27; 9. Vore (Mi) 20:29; 10. Nelson (WM) 20:31.

CALLAWAY GARDENS INVITATIONAL, Pine Mountain, Georgia, Oct. 31--(4.0 miles, warm and dry), Team Scores: Tennessee Varsity 21; 2. Tennessee B Team 107; 3. Atlanta Striders 113; 4. Tallahassee Athletic Club 124; 5. Tennessee Frosh 148. Individual: 1. Vickers (Tenn) 19:57.5; 2. Redington (Tenn) 20:01; 3. Russell (Tenn Fr) 20:07; 4. Winn (At Strid) 20:12; 5. Pinkston (Tenn) 20:25.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Van Cortlandt Park, New York, Nov. 3--(5.0 miles, sunny), Team Scores: 1. Fordham 63; 2. Manhattan 67; 3. Iona 95; 4. Rutgers 108; 5. St. John's 118; 6. Seton Hall 127; 7. NYU 137; 8. CCNY 210; 9. Fairleigh Dickinson 268; 10. Queens 277. Individuals: 1. Loeschhorn (NYU) 25:38.2; 2. O'Connell (CCNY) 25:57; 3. Welling (Man) 26:04; 4. Andrews (Set H) 26:08; 5. Cucchiara (Ford) 26:19; 6. Furnell (SJ) 26:36; 7. Kearney (Man) 26:39; 8. Dugan (I) 26:44; 9. Dzelzkalns (R) 26:49; 10. Sheehan (Man) 27:01.

GULF FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS, MacGregor Park, Houston, Texas, Nov. 6--(4.0 miles, rainy and muddy), Team Scores: 1. Houston 35; 2. Houston TC 51; 3. Lamar Tech 81; 4. Southwestern Louisiana 96; 5. Northeast Louisiana 113; 6. McNeese St 142; 7. Northeast Louisiana Fr 194. Individuals: 1. Macy (HTC) 18:22; 2. Elliott (H) 19:01; 3. Robinson (SW La) 19:10; 4. Baron (H) 19:13; 5. McLatchie (LT) 19:21; 6. Gilberti (HTC) 19:22; 7. Stroup (Rice) 19:27; 8. Sweeney (HTC) 19:30; 9. Cooper (H) 19:38; 10. Sullivan (SW La) 19:39.

MICHIGAN FEDERATION, Nov. 7--(4.0 miles, old CR 20:15), 1. Burston (W Mich) 20:06; 2. S. Smith and D. Clark (W Mich) 20:11; 4. Gallagher (W Mich) 20:19; 5. Nelson (W Mich) 20:22.

BIG SKY CONFERENCE, Mt. Ogden Park, Utah, Nov. 7--(4.0 miles), Team Scores: 1. Idaho State 30; 2. Idaho 63; 3. Montana State College 71; 4. Weber 80; 5. Montana 87; 6. Gonzaga 134. Individuals: 1. Scott (IS) 19:36 CR; 2. Trujillo (W) 19:27; 3. Friesz (M) 19:28; 4. Maxfield (IS) 19:57; 5. King (IS) 19:58.

STANFORD 15, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 43, CALIFORNIA 69, Stanford, Calif., Nov. 7--(4.2 miles, damp), McCalla (S) 20:18.5; 2. Kirkland (S) 20:26; 3. Whittle (S Fr) 20:30; 4. Andrews (S) 20:39; 5. Deubner (S) 20:30.

ALL-OHIO CHAMPIONSHIPS, Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 7--(4.0 miles), Team Scores: 1. Ohio U 30; 2. Miami (O) 71; 3. Bowling Green 94; 4. Akron 162; 5. Kent State 173; 6. Mt. Union 186; 7. Ohio Wesleyan 215; 8. Central State 220; 9. Ashland 240; 10. Baldwin-Wallace 240. Individuals: 1. Banton (O) 19:55.5; 2. Moore (CS) 20:10; 3. Lorandeanu (KS) 20:11; 4. L. Smith (O) 20:30; 5. Bachelor (M) 20:38; 6. Mitchell (O) 20:43; 7. Cordova 21:01; 8. Blair (O) 21:05.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE, Champaign, Ill., Nov. 9--(4.0 miles), Team Scores: 1. Minnesota 35; 2. Michigan State 59; 3. Wisconsin 91; 4. Northwestern 99; 5. Iowa 109; 6. Indiana 117; Illinois, Michigan, and Purdue did not enter runners and Ohio State entered one man who did not finish. Individuals: 1. Assenheimer (NW) 20:11; 2. Peterson (Minn) 20:13; 3. Kaines (MS) 20:18; 4. Heinonen (Minn) 20:18; 5. Fraser (W) 20:19; 6. McCollam (MS) 20:20; 7. Boydston (NW) 20:22; 8. Weigel (Minn) 20:36; 9. Zemper (MS) 20:42; 10. Wegner (Minn) 20:46.

ICAAAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, Van Cortlandt Park, New York, Nov. 16--(5.0 miles), Team Scores: Georgetown 52; 2. Notre Dame 69; 3. Villanova 128; 4. Michigan State 149; 5. Navy 177; 6. Harvard 178; 7. Providence 194; 8. Penn State 252; 9. Pittsburgh 255; 10. Syracuse 276; 11. Army 287; 12. St. John's 287; 13. Fordham 381; 14. Manhattan 421; 15. NYU 434; 16. Northeastern 454; 17. Penn 457; 18. Rutgers 487; 19. Rhode Island 508; 20. Massachusetts 513; 21. Princeton 538; 22. Cornell 539; 23. Columbia 551. Incomplete: Brown, Connecticut, Maryland, Seton Hall, Yale, St. Joseph's, Boston College, and Boston University. Individuals: 1. Joe Lynch (Geo) 24:41.8; 2. Walt Hewlett (Har) 24:47; 3. Bill Clark (ND) 24:53; 4. John Loeschhorn (NYU) 25:18; 5. Paul Perry (Geo) 25:26; 6. Hyland (V) 25:31; 7. Coffey (ND) 25:35; 8. McCollam (MS) 25:41; 9. Warner (Army) 25:37; 10. Dean (ND) 25:49; 11. Duchini (G) 25:52; 12. Allan (I) 25:53; 13. Brown (Prov) 25:54; 14. Walsh (ND) 25:55; 15. Eichenlaub (Pitt) 25:56; 16. Zemper (MS) 25:58; 17. O'Reilly (Geo) 25:59;

18. Urbina (Geo) 26:00; 19. Sajewycz (Geo) 26:03; 20. Leuthold (PS) 26:04.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE, Davidson, NC, Nov. 16--(4.1 miles),
Team Scores: 1. William & Mary 46; 2. West Virginia 55; 3. VMI 69; 4. Davidson 76; 5. Furman 128; 6. Richmond 178; 7. Virginia Tech 191; 8. The Citadel 197. **Individuals:** 1. Johnson (W&M) 21:03 CR; 2. Sweeney (WV) 21:39; 3. Jackson (WV) 21:44; 4. Sayer (Fur) 21:46; 5. Philpott (W&M) 22:08.

Striders Versus Youth Village Records

The Southern California Striders and the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village probably have two of the best sets of records of any track and field club in the US. If you think your club's records can rival these, let us see them.

STRIDERS		YOUTH VILLAGE	
100y	David James 9.3	61	Ray Norton 9.3 60
100m	Gerry Ashworth 10.3	64	Ray Norton 10.3 60
200mt	Larry Dunn 20.7	64	Ray Norton 20.5 60
220yt	Steve Haas 20.8	64	Ray Norton 20.6 60
	Adolph Plummer 20.8	64	
	Don Webster 20.8	64	
400m	Mike Larrabee 44.9	64	Keith Thomassen 47.3 60
440y	Jim Lea 45.8	56	Keith Thomassen 46.1 61
	Ulis Williams 45.8	62	
	Ulis Williams 45.8	63	
800m	Jim Dupree 1:47.3	63	Jerry Siebert 1:46.3 60
880y	Jim Dupree 1:47.3	63	Jerry Siebert 1:47.1 60
1500m	Bob Seaman 3:44.7	60	Laszlo Tabori 3:46.0 60
Mile	Jim Grelle 4:01.3	61	Jim Beatty 3:58.0 61
2Mile	Julio Marin 8:43.0	64	Jeff Fishback 8:51.7 64
3Mile	Max Truex 13:21.0	61	Laszlo Tabori 13:28.0 60
5000	Charlie Clark 14:00.4	64	Jim Beatty 13:51.7 60
6Mile	Max Truex 28:50.2	60	Charlie Clark 28:58.4 64
10,000	Max Truex 28:50.2	60	
3000St	Bob Schul 8:57.8	61	Jeff Fishback 8:40.4 64
120yHH	Ralph Boston 13.9	63	Fran Washington 13.6 61
	Ralph Boston 13.9	63	
	Garry Dolbow 13.9	63	
220yLH	Ernie Shelby 23.2	57	Fran Washington 22.8 62
400mIH	Willie Atterberry 50.2	64	Keith Thomassen 53.0 60
HJ	Ed Caruthers 7'1"	64	Gene Johnson 7'0" 63
	John Rambo 7'1"	64	
PV	Ron Morris 16'5 ³ / ₄ "	63	Jeff Chase 16'1 ¹ / ₂ " 64
BJ	Ralph Boston 27'4 ¹ / ₄ "	64	George Brown 25'10" 55
TJ	Alvis Andrews 52'5 ¹ / ₄ "	59	Mahoney Samuels 52'2 ¹ / ₂ " 63
DT	Rink Babka 196'6 ¹ / ₂ "	60	Jay Silvester 199'2" 61
HT	Hal Connolly 230'9"	60	Ed Burke 215'10 ¹ / ₂ " 64
JT	Larry Stuart 258'2"	64	Phil Conley 260'2 ¹ / ₂ " 64
Dec	Rafer Johnson 8063NT	60	Russ Hodge 7728NT 64
440R	Gilbert, Fitzpatrick, Turner, Smith 40.1	62	
880R	Plummer, Larrabee, Webster, Young 1:23.2	64	
MileR	McCullough, W. Williams, Haas, Webster 3:07.5	64	Simmons, Toomey, Yerman Siebert 3:09.6 64
2MileR	Barnett, W. Farlow, Cunliffe, Dupree 7:21.2	63	
SprMedR	Larrabee, Clipper, Dennis, Stanley 3:21.1	57	Yerman, Thomassen, Poynter, Siebert 3:15.5 62
DisMedR	Larrabee, Butler, Stanley, Walters 9:42.0	57	Gordon, Peake, Beatty, Tabori 9:39.4 61

Collegiate Class Marks Set in '64

by Hugh Gardner

These are the additions to the College Class Records established during the 1964 track season. The original list was printed in Track Newsletter No. 16 of Vol. 10 on page 123. A few corrections appeared on page 140.

Randy Matson's 66'3¹/₄" put during the Olympics cannot be counted as a class mark since he was not enrolled in school at the time--one of the minor penalties he will have to pay for going to the

Olympics. On the other hand, Bob Hayes gets credit for the senior record in the 100-meters because he is attending school this fall.

100 YARDS

Frosh 9.3	Travis Williams (C Costa JC)	Fresno (h)	5/ 9
Soph 9.2n	Edwin Roberts (N Carolina C)	Orangeburg	4/18
Senior 9.1	Bob Hayes (Fla A & M)	Miami	1/ 1
	Hayes	Orangeburg	4/18
	Hayes	Nashville	5/ 2

100 METERS

Soph 10.1n	Edwin Roberts (N CarolinaC)	Eugene	6/20
Junior 10.1	Trenton Jackson (Ill)	Eugene (sf)	6/19
	n Jackson	Eugene	6/20
Senior 10.0	Bob Hayes (Fla A & M)	Tokyo	10/15

220 YARDS (Turn)

Frosh 20.6	Bernie Rivers (New Mexico)	Sunnyvale	4/18
Junior 20.2	Henry Carr (Arizona St)	Tempe	4/ 4
Senior 20.5	Bob Hayes (Fla A & M)	Fresno	6/13

880 YARDS

Frosh 1:49.3	George Hunt (Texas Southern)	Beaumont	5/23
Junior 1:46.4	Morgan Groth (Oregon State)	Kingston, Jam	8/15

1500 METERS

Junior 3:39.9n	John Camien (Emporia State)	New Brunswick	6/28
Senior 3:38.1	Tom O'Hara (Loyola, Chicago)	New Brunswick	6/28

TWO MILES

Junior 8:26.4	Bob Schul (Miami, Oxford, O)	Woodland Hills	8/29
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THREE MILES

Junior 13:15.6*	Bob Schul (Miami, Oxford, O)	Compton	6/ 5
(*enroute to 5000 meters.)			

5000 METERS

Junior 13:38.0	Bob Schul (Miami, Oxford, O)	Compton	6/ 5
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SIX MILES

Junior 28:39.8	* Danny Murphy (San Jose St)	Eugene	6/18
Senior 29:04.3n*	Gene Gurule (San Jose St)	Eugene	6/18
(*enroute to 10,000 meters.)			

10,000 METERS

Junior 29:33.6n	Doug Brown (Montana)	Los Angeles	9/12
Senior 29:56.4n	Gene Gurule (San Jose St)	Eugene	6/18

STEEPLECHASE

Senior 8:42.0	Vic Zwolak (Villanova)	Eugene	6/20
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330 INTERMEDIATES

Frosh 36.9	Gerry Cerulla (Utah St)	Ft Collins	5/23
Junior 36.2	Jim Miller (Colorado)	Denver	5/ 9

HIGH JUMP

Frosh 7'1"	Ed Caruthers (Santa Ana JC)	New Brunswick	6/28
Senior 7'1"	Richard Ross (Southern)	Houston	5/ 8

POLE VAULT

Junior 16'3"	John Uelses (LaSalle, Phila)	Philadelphia	5/ 9
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TRIPLE JUMP

Senior 52'4"	Charles Craig (Fresno St)	Fresno	5/ 9
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SHOT PUT

Frosh 64'11"	Randy Matson (Texas A & M)	New Brunswick	6/27
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DISCUS THROW

Soph 191'1 ¹ / ₂ "	Les Mills (USC)	Los Angeles	7/ 2
Senior 193'4"	Bill Neville (Occidental)	Walnut	4/25

JAVELIN THROW

Frosh 263'8 ¹ / ₂ "	Lennart Hedmark (Penn State)	Ornskoldsvik	6/21
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1936 Central Olympic Semi-Trials

by Wally Donovan

Glenn Morris, a 24-year old Denver automobile salesman, smashed the world decathlon record scoring 7880 points during the Central Olympic trials held June 26-27, 1936 at Marquette Stadium in Milwaukee. Although he had trained for the decathlon for a year and a half, it was only the second time Morris had competed in the gruelling ten-event test.

He defeated Bob Clark of the San Francisco Olympic Club, 1934-35 national decathlon champion and young Jack Parker of Sacramento Junior College. All three won the right to represent the United States at the Olympic Games to be held in Berlin.

The final Olympic tryouts in the decathlon were held in conjunction with the Central semi-final tryouts. From these semi-finals, all winners and runners-up automatically qualified for the final trials to be held at Randalls Island in New York City.

Four veterans of the 1932 Olympic team qualified. Ralph Metcalfe of the Marquette Club, won the 100 and 200 indicating a return to the form he flashed during his college days. Glenn Cunningham, veteran Kansas miler, won the 1500 after finishing fourth in the 800.

Lee Bartlett of Detroit broke the stadium record in the javelin (Continued on page 28)

1936 OLYMPIC SEMI-TRIALS (Continued from page 27) with a toss of 221 feet 9 inches. This was more than ten feet better than Bartlett's throw of 211'6" which earned him fifth place in the 1932 Olympics. Bartlett was also a member of the 1928 team. Glen Dawson of Tulsa, who finished second in the steeplechase, was the other Olympic veteran to qualify.

Not all those who qualified were veterans. Runners-up in the sprints were Sam Stoller of Michigan, not yet 21, and Bobby Packard of Rockford, Illinois a University of Georgia freshman. Fritz Pollard, Jr., son of the famous Brown University football star, won the high hurdles, upsetting the veteran Sam Allen and Phil Cope co-holder of the world record.

Harold Smallwood of Southern California, who had chased Archie Williams to a world record of 46.1 in a heat at the NCAA championships in Chicago only to finish third in the final, won a qualifying spot by again trailing Williams in the 400.

Donald Lash, Indiana University's blond powerhouse, romped past a field of seven rivals in the 10,000 meter run and qualified for the final tryout in this event to be held during the National AAU championships at Princeton, N.J. the following weekend.

The steel-muscled Hoosier junior lapped every one, one man twice, before ending up with a 50-yard sprint at the finish. It was the first time Lash had ever competed in a 10,000 meter race. Second place went to Floyd Lochner, University of Oklahoma and third place to Jack Warner, University of Minnesota. They were the only three of the starting field of eight to finish.

100, Metcalfe (Marquette Club) 10.5; 2. Stoller (Michigan); 3. Draper (USC); 4. Boone (USC); 5. Dunn (Pittsburg Kans Teachers).

200, Metcalfe 21.3; 2. Packard (unat); 3. Draper, (USC); 4. Fitch (USC); 5. Neil (Marysville Mo Teachers).

400, Williams (Calif) 46.7; 2. Smallwood (USC); 3. Cagle (Oklahoma Baptist); 4. Cassin (USC); 5. Janz (Oklahoma).

800, Bush (USC) 1:52.6; 2. Rosenkrantz (Michigan Normal); 3. Graves (unat); 4. Cunningham (unat); 5. Hamilton (Detroit).

1500, Cunningham 3:53.2; 2. San Romani (Emporia Kans Teachers); 3. Daly (Detroit TC); 4. Sexton (Ohio State); 5. Fenske (Wisconsin).

5000, Lochner (Oklahoma) 15:29.7; 2. Frey (Mich State Normal); 3. J. Smith (Indiana); 4. Hart (Utah Aggies); 5. Zepp (unat).

10,000, Lash (Indiana) 33:45.2; 2. Lochner; 3. Warner (Minnesota). (only 3 to finish).

3000 St, Manning (unat) 9:22.7; 2. Dawson (Tulsa Skelly Club); 3. Deckard; 4. Cook (Wisconsin); 5. Espy (Iowa Wesleyan).

110HH, Pollard (unat) 14.5; 2. Allen (Oklahoma Baptist); 3. Cope (USC); 4. Woodstra (Grand Rapids Mich Jr. College); 5. Kellner (Wisc).

400MH, Benke (Wash St) 52.2; 2. Schofield (Brigham Young); 3. Duggins (unat); 4. Doherty (unat); 5. Cretzmeyer (Iowa).

HJ, Burke (Marquette Club) 6'6 7/16"; 2. Rushforth (Utah) 6'6"; 3. Cruter (Colorado) 6'5"; 4. Chisholm (Madison, Wisc); Leonis (Lake Shore Pk, Chicago); Williams (Muncie, Ind) 6'4".

BJ, Brooks (Ogden A.C., Chicago) 24'4 1/8"; 2. King (Pittsburg Kans Teachers) 24'1 1/2"; 3. Boone 23'7 3/4"; 4. tie Humicutt (unat) Hanserd (Cleveland A.C.) 22'3 3/4".

HSJ, Neil 48'3 3/4"; 2. Stafford (Gt Lakes Mutual A.C.); 3. Hanserd; 4. Cole (So Ill State Normal).

PV, Meadows (USC) 13'11 5/8"; 2. Day (USC); 3. tie Siebert (North Central); Haller (Wisc), Hawthorne (Mich St Normal), Le-Grande (Marquette).

SP, Dunn (Oly Club, San Francisco) 51'3 7/8"; 2. Dees (unat) 49'11 1/8"; 3. Watson (unat) 48' 8 3/8"; 4. Mackey (Calif) 47'4 3/8"; 5. Rubow (Wisc) 45'10 3/8".

DT, Carpenter (USC) 170'2.8"; 2. Dunn 164'8.9"; 3. Cannon (Brigham Young) 160'8.2"; 4. Cruikshank (Denver A.C.); 5. Walton (Colorado).

JT, Bartlett (unat) 221'9"; 2. Peoples (St Johns Military Academy); 3. Thornley (Utah); 4. Cuff (Marquette).

HT, Cruikshank 161'9"; 2. Miller (Ogden Park); 3. Cox (unat); 4. Goodrich (Ogden Pk).

Final Olympic Tryout

Decathlon, Morris (Denver A.C.) 7880 pts; 2. Clark (Olympic Club, San Francisco) 7598; Parker (Sacramento Jr College) 7290; 4. Coffman (Kansas) 7182; 5. Mackey (Calif) 6908; 6. Stone (San Francisco St Teachers) 6757; 7. Elser (Notra Dame) 6618.

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING PERFORMANCES in Tokyo included 60: Hayes 5.9; 800: Snell 1:47.1, O'Hara 1:48.6; 1200: Jazy 2:53.2; 2. Wadoux 2:54.3; 3. Bernard 2:54.4; 4. Kerr 2:56.0. 5000: Roelants 14:01.4; HJ: Shavlakadze 7'2 5/8" twice; PV: Pemelton and Hansen 16'6"; BJ: Davies 26'0"; TJ: Alsop 52'0"; SP: Long 66'7 1/4", Matson 65'1 1/2", O'Brien 63'7 3/4"; DT: Danek 216'4 1/2"; HT: Connolly 233'3", Zsivotzky over 229'8".

Olympic Miscellany

by Melvyn Watman

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Buried among the hundreds of records and other significant happenings is one rather interesting fact that may have gone unnoticed: for the first time in Olympic history the US failed to score a clean sweep (i.e., 1st, 2nd, and 3rd) in any event. The Americans did, however, retain their record of having won the pole vault every time, and broke new ground by supplying the winners of the 5000 and 10,000.

Highest ever British Olympic placings were achieved by Basil Heatley (2nd in marathon--equalling the previous highest), Lynn Davies (1st in long jump), Ken Matthews (1st in 20 kilo walk), Ann Packer (1st in 800), and Mary Rand (1st in long jump). Silver medals were gained by Ann and Mary in the two new women's events, the 400 and pentathlon.

Al Oerter is the fourth man to win a third gold medal in the same event, his predecessors being Ray Ewry (standing high jump and standing long jump), John Flanagan (hammer throw), and Frank Wykoff (4 x 100).

Olympic records were broken or equalled in 26 of the 34 events that figured in the last Games. The most decimated records were Don Bragg's 15'5" pole vault mark which was beaten by nine men and tied by four others and Don Thompson's 50 kilo walk time of 4:25:30 bettered by 12 including Thompson.

World records were set by Bob Hayes (100), US teams (400 and 1600-meter relays), Bikila Abebe (marathon, unofficially), Wyoming Tyus (100), Ann Packer (800), Poland (women's 400 relay), Mary Rand (long jump), Yelena Gorchakova (javelin), and Irina Press (Pen).

National point scores, on a 7-5-4-3-2-1 basis: US 144; 2. USSR 64; 3. Great Britain 52; 4. Germany 47 1/2; 5. Poland 26; 6. Hungary 20; 7. New Zealand 19; 8. Italy 17; 9. Trinidad 13; 10. Canada and Australia 12.

Competitors and champions came in every shape, size, and age. Here is a list of "extremes", drawn from the IBM date sheets:

Oldest competitor--John Ljunggren (Sweden) 9/9/19; champion--Bikila Abebe (Ethiopia) 8/7/32.

Youngest competitor--Jim Ryun (US) 4/29/47; champion--Dick Stebbins (US) 6/14/45.

Tallest competitor--Heinfried Birkenbach (Germany) 6'8 1/4"; champion--Dallas Long and Al Oerter (US) 6'4".

Shortest competitor--Victor Jimenez (Mexico) 4'7 1/4"; champion--Gaston Roelants (Belgium) 5'8 1/2".

Heaviest competitor--Les Mills (New Zealand) and Alfred Sogornik (Poland) and Dave Weill (US) 265 lbs; champion--Dallas Long and Al Oerter (US) 260 lbs.

Lightest competitor--Ly Nguyen Van (Vietnam) 110 lbs; champion--Gaston Roelants (Belgium) 128 lbs.

PERSONAL CHOICES

Supreme stars of the Games: The Japanese people--the friendliest, most courteous, helpful and efficient hosts in Olympic history.

Supreme athlete: The two names that come first to mind are Peter Snell, who in achieving the first 800/1500 double in 44 years outclassed the fields in both races, and Bikila Abebe, who became the first man to defend successfully an Olympic marathon title and in so doing won by three-quarters of a mile in easily the fastest marathon time on record. I would bracket these two together with a third, Bob Hayes. He won the "blue ribbon" event, the 100-meters, by the widest margin on record in an electrically recorded time of 10.00--what may have been, by hand timing, the first genuine 9.9. He recorded even higher speeds during his anchor leg in the relay for a flying 100 meters, i.e. 7.8 to 8.0 for 100 yards. It would be invidious to select one of these three above the others.

Supreme team effort: A joint award to be shared by the first four teams (US, Britain, Trinidad, and Jamaica) in the 4 x 400 relay--one of the greatest races of all time, and one which produced times of almost science-fictional proportions.

Most improved national team: The magnificent British side which collected (both men and women) four gold, seven silver and one bronze medals.

Most unexpected champion: Billy Mills, whom only one person tipped for a medal--training companion Bob Schul.

Most deserving champion: Hayes Jones: the reward for eight years of marvelous consistent world class hurdling.

Most indestructible champions: Jozef Schmidt, out of hospital less than two months; Al Oerter, seemingly held together only by strappings; and Bikila Abebe, appendix operation notwithstanding. Those Rome champions must be a hardy breed.

Most monotonous champion: Oerter, three in a row--and who is to say that's his last?

Most durable champion: John Ljunggren, 16th in much faster time than when he won the 1948 50 kilo walk title.

THE COACH ON THE COUCH (Continued from page 25)

lose, or draw, no one cares. The football coach is a hero or a bum; he has a cause. The basketball coach is a community figure while he lasts. But the track coach coaches, year in and out, and nobody gives a damn. And if this won't boost him along the road to the funny farm, I don't know what will.

But take it from me, I do know--I'm a high school track coach. I have been one for a number of years, and I'm not the man I used to be. Not that I hear voices or see visions, but I have a hunch I will soon. That's what bothers me. What's keeping them? There are days when an unseen voice would be welcome; at least I'd have someone to talk to who understood my problem. I can't afford a psychiatrist. Take meet day for instance; that's a day when a vision would be a nice interlude. It might take my mind off the trials and tests of the hours. It would be different if I could occupy myself like the big time college coaches do: giving pep talks, rubbing down the athletes, and figuring out the possibilities of winning the meet. But this kind of pre-meet activity is almost impossible for the high school coach because he is first and foremost a school teacher. His initial responsibility is in the class room. He must teach his classes on the day of meets, as on all other days. If the athletes seem preoccupied on these days (and one of the maddening things is that all too often they don't), it is excusable. But if the coach's mind wanders, it is a breach of faith with his students. So says the school board. But you should see me in class on meet day; you really should! If my behavior doesn't send you to the phone to call the paddy wagon, I miss my guess. In the first place, on meet day my nose runs. It may be caused by sublimation of my desire to be doing those pre-meet chores every coach knows he has to do before the meet. (Tell the hurdlers to remember to snap the lead leg; paint the lines on the track; pick up the uniforms at the cleaners; repair a starting block; ask my department chairman, Mr. Fyfe, to excuse me from the department meeting.) It may be sublimation, but I doubt it. My theory is that it is my brains melting under the pressure of knowing that at least 80% of the things which must be done before the meet will not be done. And when one's brain is melting and starting to run out the nearest available aperture, is one expected to keep what is left of it actively engaged in the study of literary symbolism? Oh, symbols are important, but my brain is melting, and I know what that means. So there I stand in front of 30 eager young pupils in my English class sniffing my way through, let's say, "Moby Dick." I give the impression of working up to a feverish emotional pitch when this happens. I think the kids think I'm quite moved. I am. Wouldn't you be if you knew the last portion of your medulla oblongata was on its way down your nasal passage? I have the reputation around school of being very emotional over early American literature. It's not that at all. I'm really just a bit disturbed over that sloshing I hear inside my skull. As I said, I don't hear voices, but at times like these a voice would be a welcome thing.

Take, for instance, the first period class on any Friday on which we have a track meet. The first period is the best one to examine because as the day goes by I get less and less lucid. I teach in a fine new suburban school near Chicago. My class room is attractive, my bulletin boards delightful. The students are seated, the class, as they used to say on the radio, is in session. . .

"Now, Fred, what can you (sniff) tell us about the prophecy made to Captain Ahab by the character called Fedallah?"

"Huh?"

"What (sniff) was the prophecy?"

"Well--he said that Ahab was gonna die . . . and . . ."

"Yes, and (sniff) what?"

"Well, that he'd die and he'd--you know--and . . ."

"(sniff) Now Fedallah said more than that, Fred, (sniff) he said that (sniff) . . . , " and it goes on from there. You have to see it to believe it. My nose runs, my eyes water, my speech gets more and more lacrymose until finally I begin to sputter. If I have to talk for more than two or three sentences, I practically dissolve. Communication, what there is of it, between the class and me practically ceases. I am forced to retire behind my handkerchief and set the kids to reading in the text. I'm sure that on track meet days I don't do justice to the subject matter. I know that I'm not giving "Moby Dick" all he deserves. Somehow or other I'd like to get an apology to Herman Melville. I have a feeling that his will be one of the first and loudest of the voices I will hear.

During all this, what gray matter I have left is furtively and furiously working on the problem of how to get ready for the afternoon meet. If I paint the lines on the track during lunch, then I can . . . "Yes, Don, Ahab did have a (sniff) whale bone leg," . . . and if I repair the broken hurdle after school that leaves ten minutes to pick up the uniforms and . . . , "No, Cora, it isn't necessary to write out the answers to the questions at the end of the (sniff)

chapters. Oh, good morning, Mr. Uniform--I mean Mr. Fyfe; nice of you to drop by . . ." It always happens at times like these; my department chairman drops in. If I'm still working here next year, I'll do things differently--I don't know how but I will.

By the end of the first period I have the feeling that the men in the white coats are waiting outside the class room to take me away. Of course, I'm wrong. Somehow I always make it into second period, during which I usually write a series of questions on the board and assign the class to find the answers in the text. That prevents me, at least, from drowning, and I can apply myself to my handkerchief and my strategy problems. What strategy there is in coaching track largely centers around deciding where to use the various boys. In our state there are in a high school meet three sprints (100, 200, and 440); two hurdle races (highs and lows); two relays (880 and mile); two distance runs (880 and mile); five field events; and a limitation of four events per boy. The coach has to put together his knowledge of his team, what he knows about the other team, the weather forecast, and other bits of related information and come up with a list of entries for the meet which will give him the most possible points. My thoughts on any given Friday run something like this:

"In the 100--Renner and Carsello; in the highs--Bogart and Bremner; in the 880 relay--Renner, no I want him in the quarter with Carsello who then can't run the 220 or else he won't be able to run the mile relay. Johnson wants to pole vault, but I need him to take Bogart's place in the lows if Bogart runs the 880 relay. So the 880 relay will be Bogart, Carsello--no he's in the quarter, and Bogart, Bremner, Renner--no he can't, and Bogart, and . . ."

It usually ends up that I devise a list on which I have two entries per event and Bogart in the 880 relay all by himself. It is subject to revision, of course, because about this time the absentee list arrives. This is the list of all the students who are absent from school; it is published each morning in the office; it never contains an error. On Fridays as I take it from the messenger who delivers it, my hand trembles visibly. As I've said I'm not the man I used to be. Somehow I know in advance what it's going to say, this is part of my disease. Bogart, Larry--that's what it will say. Absent, out of school on track meet day. He has a sniffle. By God, so do I, and I'm in school. I read the list skipping the A's and half of the B's. His name isn't there. It isn't there; I was wrong. He's in school. He'll run; he'll run today. But Wilson won't, and Newton, the high jumper, won't. Bogart's here, but they aren't. I dab at my nose, tear up my entry list, and wonder how much psychiatric treatments will cost. The trouble is I'd probably have to coach another ten years to pay for them.

At this point I draw a merciful and defensive curtain on this scene of mental deterioration. I do this largely to protect my job, even though I feel that if Mayor Curley could run Boston from jail, I may be able to coach track from the funny farm.

Classes go on mostly for the rest of the morning. During my lunch hour I repair the broken starting block using a piece of pipe and my shoe lace. This doesn't harm my emotional equilibrium any, but it doesn't do my appearance any good either. When I am finally committed most of my colleagues will probably nod and say, "Sure, you could tell there was something wrong with him. Did you ever notice how he walked?" After lunch, during which the maintenance man and I line the track for the meet, I place the hurdles on the track, the high hurdles being the first event. For some reason on meet day there is always one hurdle missing. I don't know why, but there is. I usually manage to find it after a twenty minute search either in the boys' john on the second floor being used as a window prop, or in the parking lot where it has become a traffic barrier. I take it back to the track, pat it once or twice, say, "Stand still, noble steed," and go back to school. I don't know why I do this, but it comforts me. About this time I am in need of comforting.

School ends at 2:50; at 2:51 I am in the locker room waiting for the team. They begin to show up at 2:52. By 2:53 they are all there. What takes them so long I don't know.

Bill: "Coach, somebody stole my sock."

Coach: "Which one, Bill?"

Bill: "My left one. My locker was locked. I remember putting it away, but somebody stole it."

Larry: "Is there a meet today, Coach, somebody told me it was cancelled."

Coach: "There's a meet, Larry."

Larry: "Oh (leaning out of locker room) Forget it, Carole."

Feminine voice from the hall: "Oh Larry, you said you'd drive me home."

(exit Larry)

Rich: "Do I have to run the 440?"

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World record holder REX CAWLEY finishes well ahead of Great Britain's JOHN COOPER (70) and Italy's former world record holder SALVATORE MORALE in the Olympic Games' 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Cawley won in 49.6, five-tenths ahead of Cooper and Morale.



It's the final curve of the 5000 in Tokyo, and the US's BOB SCHUL is quickly reducing leader MICHEL JAZY's lead which he will assume in less than 40 yards. Other runners include HARALD NORPOTH (209), KIPCHOGE KEINO (288), and BILL BAILLIE (468)



(Lower right) Eventual decathlon champ WILLY DORF (263) wins his 100-meter heat in 10.7 ahead of silver medalist REIN AUN (701). BILL GAIRDNER of Canada. (Upper center) Picture of the 100-meter final shows the decisive by which BOB HAYES (702) won the event. HARRY FIGUEROLA (80) and HARRY JEROME (56) finish second and third. (Lower center) Why MEL LINDNER



OL- tenths is pic- rgin UE se- ER failed to place better than sixth in the 100-meter final is more easily understood after viewing this photo following his semi-final race. (Right, sequence series) They're coming off the next-to-last turn in the 10,000 when Tunisia's MOHAMED GAMOUDI (615) decides it is time to begin his kick. He elbows his way between BILLY MILLS (722) and RON CLARKE (12). Mills eventually supplies the surprise of the Games by winning the event in Olympic record time of 28:24.4.

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Bob: "Can I run the 440?"

Hal: "Coach, my dad wants to know how far it is to the meet."

Coach: "It's about 30 yards, Hal."

Hal: "Huh? Oh, it's a home meet?"

Coach: "Didn't you look on the schedule I gave you?"

Hal: "Yeah, but . . ."

John: "Hey Coach, I cut my hand on the band saw in the shop, neat cut, huh? Boy, did it bleed. No kidding! But I'm O.K. Do I have to run the 440?"

Coach: "Ask Rich."

John: "Hey Rich . . ." (Exit John, he knows not where.)

Jud: "How come we don't have a fiberglass pole? I could go eleven feet with a fiberglass pole. How come, Coach?"

Coach: "I don't know Jud. Get dressed for the meet" (exit coach).

(The above scene was reprinted courtesy of the producers of the famous motion picture, "Dr. Caligary's Cabinet.")

Finally, the boys are dressed in their uniforms, which have arrived in the nick of time from the cleaners. Out they go to the track where they huddle together in a little group in a corner underneath the stands out of the wind. The manager of the team, who is the smallest freshman in school, struggles by on his way to the track under a load of equipment the athletes would not carry.

His burden checks out as follows:

- 4 starting blocks
- 2 vaulting poles--16 feet long
- 2 shots--brass--12 pounds each
- 2 discuses--brass and wood--about 3 pounds each
- 1 first aid kit
- 2 cross bars
- 5 clip boards
- 1 pistol and 2 boxes of blank cartridges
- 1 spool finish yarn

Around his neck are three stop watches; in his pocket, six pencils; in his mouth, the list of entries which he will post at the starting line. If this boy were as tall as he is ambitious, he would be 7 feet 6 inches. He is, however, so exhausted by the time the meet starts that he is usually unable to perform his functions. The coaches come next. We are usually the last four people out of the locker room. Excluding, of course, the one boy who is kept after school by his math teacher on meet day. There is always one. He will arrive just after his event starts, too late to run.

"Aw gee, old Mr. Gibson kept me just because I didn't do the homework. Aw gee, the old . . ." For a boy whose ultimate expression of disappointment is "Aw gee," this lad's vocabulary of epithet is remarkably well developed.

The coaches arrive on the track to find the boys huddled and freezing under the bleachers. All four of us begin to exhort, plead, demand, beg, command, insist, threaten, and ask the boys to start to warm up. We are always greeted with the same looks of disbelief and horror. Warm up? That would tire the poor runners. They would rather freeze. Finally a few begin to move sluggishly. The typical exercise is a slow hop up and down on the balls of the feet done by a boy who has pulled the top of his sweat shirt over his head and his arms out of the sleeves so that he may hug himself for body warmth. This is warm up, but as only one boy at a time does it, and he does it for only as long as the coach is watching him, the team probably will not begin to thaw out until mid-May.

It is this pitiable group of freezing sluggish athletes being screamed at by four excited and harried coaches under the bleachers which is the first sight the opposition sees when it arrives warm and comfortable in its big blue bus with its name on the side in large awe-inspiring letters. We present a fine picture of our team strength. It has always been my desire to inspire fear and panic in the opposition by presenting to them an initial picture of our team as a big, confident, well-trained, and eager outfit ready and willing to do battle. I've never succeeded; what the other team's impression is I don't know, but I can guess. Our opposition always believes they can beat us, I am sure. Sometimes they fail to do so, but they always believe they can.

Before the meet can begin, and while the opposition is taking its well drilled and impressive warm up, it is customary for the two head coaches to meet and lie to each other for awhile. Neither one fools the other; neither one thinks he fools the other; but this little friendly ceremony is part of the ritual of a high school track meet, and so it is conducted without fail.

"Hi, Bill."

"Hi, Dick, how they look?"

"Oh, bad, Bill, bad. Four boys out with flu. My best miler laid up with mumps, and the number two sprinter has Bubonic plague."

"Boy, that's almost as bad as our situation. I had to drop

three boys because of scholastic ineligibility, and two more are away on the trip to Washington. And would you believe it we've had two cases of scurvy this week. We're at low tide, all washed up."

"Listen, Bill, you don't know what trouble is. My shot putter dropped the shot on his own toe, and my vaulter has a splinter in his hand."

Etc., etc. The conversation continues. To listen to us, you'd think the only help for these two teams would be a grant from the World Health Organization. The funny thing is that each coach comes away from these confessions with a fairly accurate idea of the other team's strength. It's one of those skills a coach picks up over the years. I've known coaches who, after such a talk, were able to set down, before the meet began, exactly what the score would be. It's a strange business, involving strange skills, and strange men.

And so the meet begins. All four of the home team coaches are involved with timing or judging a field event. Out of courtesy one or two of the visiting coaches will usually help out. Very little coaching is done on meet day. The situation is somewhat similar to that in which a football coach might referee his own game. But in spite of all this, the meets, for some reason, usually go well. The boys seem to know where they belong and will show up at approximately the right time, usually. Of course, there are those incidents which occur occasionally which drive strong men to tears.

For example, there is the independent lad who is sure that the coach knows very close to nothing about his job. In my case this boy is always a pole vaulter. In a practice session we had discovered that if he were to drive his weight onto the pole with a vigorous upward thrust of his knee, and if he were to hold his pole with the same surface always uppermost, he could expect a good vault. We worked on this for weeks. I had spent hours drilling the boy on these two fundamentals: drive your knee and don't forget to hold the pole with the tape marker in the "up" position. The boy had spent hours practicing. In practice his heights increased two inches, five inches, eight inches, finally ten inches. The outdoor season arrived; the first meet arrived; the vaulter cleared a height eighteen inches below his best. When I questioned him, it was easy to see what had happened. He had emphasized the hard knee drive, but had used an entirely different pole. One with a different reaction than he was used to.

"Well, coach, when their team got here they had this red pole, and ours is only yellow, and I just figured that . . ."

Another incident occurs to me. In order to qualify for the State championship meet, a boy must place first or second in a preliminary District championship; or he must run a pre-set time or jump a pre-set distance. In the high jump this distance is 5'11". In our district, there were five or six boys who had jumped 5'9" or 5'10", but none who had jumped 5'11". We went to the district meet; my jumper, who had cleared 5'10" in several meets failed to qualify. His story is reproduced verbatim:

"See, we agreed, all the guys, that if we all jumped 5'8" we'd tie for first and we'd all get to go. So we agreed, no one'd jump higher than 5'8". Five of us cleared that. And we all got two misses at 5'10". Then after the first three of us had missed the last one at 5'10" the other two went ahead and cleared it. The dirty . . ."

It took some talking to convince him that participating in the "fix" was just as bad as the double cross he thought he had received.

"Yeah, I guess you're right, but they're still a bunch of . . ."

These are just two incidents. There are others. I'd write them all down, but I'm going to have trouble explaining these two to the psychiatrist who eventually takes my case. But as I said, the meet itself usually goes along well. Most of the boys, if left alone, will come through. Those who don't are usually the ones you expected to let down and who exhibit a pattern of consistent inconsistency, a situation which can exist only in a sport like track and field.

So the meet ends, win or lose; the other team piles into their bus and drives home leaving you and your one pole vaulter still out on the field. This always happens to me, at least. I'm left long after the meet ends, standing out in the cold spring evening with one lad, usually a boy who failed to place in the meet because he "almost made it, just about, almost . . ." and who wants me to watch him try one more time, "just one more . . ." As the boy vaults, one more time after time after time, each time almost, just about, almost clearing the bar; and as I grow minute by minute colder and more runny nosed, the sun settles down behind the school, and we draw a chilly final curtain on this tragedy in the Greek style: this drama of the high school track coach whose name must someday be listed with those other tragic suffering heroes of the past: Prometheus, Hamlet, Ahab; with all the dedicated, lonely, fighters of the good fight; with all the great solitary souls of fact and legend; with all the runny nosed railers against fate. It should be placed somewhere, his name, atop a pedestal, in eternal bronze, forever.