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THREE STAR ATHLETES :—IRVING MONDSHEIN, U.S.A., Decathlon expert; ALAN PATERSON, British High Jump champion and Record holder; and DICK PHILLIPS, U.S.A., High Jump champion in happy pose at Rangers P.C. Sports.
Photo by Andrew Pryde.

JOHN EMMET FARRELL'S
RUNNING COMMENTARY.

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AUSTRALIAN GOSSIP. CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS.



APPRECIATION.

Dear Walter,

Whilst renewing my subscription let me say how very pleased I was with the July issue. The Harrison Dillard feature was particularly good and I think such articles and splendid photographs make "The Scots Athlete" most enjoyable. Wishing your income to be always more than your expenditure.

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Sport,

JACK GALLAGHER,
Glasgow, W.4.

[Through an oversight the "Dillard" article was not accredited to J. E. Farrell as it should have been. The photo of course was by our good London associate, H. W. Neale. For enthusiasm we hand it to our friendly correspondent. The following comment with a degree of humour is culled from a brief press report of the Rangers F.C. Sports—"Award for a brave try is due John Gallagher, Victoria Park, who started barefooted in the eight-laps steeplechase, but was forced to withdraw after disagreement with a hurdle."—Editor.]

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY FROM U.S. STAR.

Dear Mr. Ross,

Back home in the States again, I write these few lines to tell you how I really enjoyed my short stay in Scotland, thanks to you and all your friends—the athletes and officials. I do sincerely hope I can come back some time.

I went down to school the other day and showed my coach and some of the boys "The Scots Athlete" and they think it's really swell as, of course, I do.

My family thought the prizes I won in Glasgow were wonderful and were real proud.

If J. Petty gets breaking any records let me know. I would like to meet him

again sometime, he is a fine lad and is going to be a great half-miler.

Hope I can make it again next year. Take care of yourself and good luck with your magazine.

Yours truly,

BILL BROWN.

Maryland, U.S.A.

[At some later date we intend covering the career of our American friend. It is amazing that the 6 ft. 2 ins. star and one of U.S.A.'s best prospects (he has beaten 1 min. 52 secs. for the "half") can even run. He was critically wounded on his side during the war.—Editor.]

S.A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE.

Sir,

May I quote from two of your contributors to your July issue.

J. E. Farrell in his "Running Commentary" states of the Senior Championships "Seldom can such a splendid programme of athletics been so poorly attended."

James L. Logan in his S.A.A.A. Junior Championships review, states "The 1949 Junior Championships meeting at Ibrox Stadium was blessed with glorious weather and no notable counter-attractions in the city; and yet the attendance was disappointing."

Surely it must be obvious to the powers that be that the public in Glasgow will just not turn out to an athletic meeting in any great numbers unless it has other attractions such as Football Fives, etc.

If such is the case why not have the Championships in Edinburgh possibly at New Meadowbank?

The Junior Championships held there last year were a notable success, the programme being purely an athletic one.

There is definitely a public for athletic meetings in Edinburgh as a perusal of the attendances this year will show.

The only possible drawback I can think of is that there is no grand stand at New Meadowbank. Can any S.A.A.A. official think of any other disadvantage? If it was good enough for the Triangular International two years ago surely the Senior Championships could take place there.

Yours in Sport,

J. POLLOCK.

Edinburgh.

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JOHN EMMET
FARRELL'S



THE A.A.A. championships may be said to represent the climax of the season in British athletics and despite the flooding of the track on the Saturday, performances were of a very high standard and in some cases absolutely superlative.

In this category was the performance of "Bill" Nankeville whose mile win in 4 mins. 8.8 secs. is a championship best. The tempermental long-limbed Walton man can be most erratic in his form but in his greatest race yet he demonstrated that the class is there,—yes, even Olympic class. With Morris and Eyre also thereabouts as well as the much fancied Bannister—the 1,500 metres is one event in which Britain should make its presence felt in 1952.

"Mac" Regains the Double.

With a brilliant 9.7 for the 100 and a 21.7 220, the Poly. flier, McDonald Bailey proved himself once more the immaculate

sprinter of 1947. As expected, lively veteran Don Finlay was too much for the up and coming young stars Hart and Birrell. Finlay's time of 14.6 secs. was just outside his 1938 record, while Scotsman Hart's time of 15.2 secs. was his best up to that time.

A Basket of Good Things.

In such a huge basket of athletic good things it is difficult to select. As expected John Joe Barry won the 3 miles championship, yet this honour was only an incident in an almost all-conquering record season by the great Irish runner whose form this season is as different from last season as chalk is from cheese. Yet little Alan Chivers back to his best form deserves great praise for a tenacious and never-say-die performance which brought him very close to the winner. A "photo" finish half-mile in 1 min. 53.7 secs. between Harry Parlett and

Tom White, a nice "double" in 440 yards hurdles and long jump by the robust Harry Whittle, a hot quarter by D. C. Pugh in 48.5 secs., where incidentally all six finalists finished inside 50 secs., and a grand 6 miles in which Estonian athlete V. Lillikas (Poly.) came with a devastating late finish to beat S. E. Cox on the post with 30 mins. 15 secs. against 30 mins. 16.4 secs. with these grand young runners W. Hesketh and D. C. Birch showing us respectively 30 mins. 19.2 secs. and 30 mins. 19.4 secs.—these were some of the high-lights of a meeting where the sun did not shine but as a comparison—many stars did.

Olympic champion Nemeth of Hungary added lustre to the hammer event although Duncan Clarke proved the best of the British contingent.

**Paterson Conquers White City
"Hoodoo."**

From a Scottish point of view Alan Paterson's victory in the high jump was a high-light. Certainly his win was not clear cut being achieved by virtue of fewer failures, but in reaching 6 ft. 4 ins., incidentally a best championship performance, he showed that he has conquered the "hoodoo" which seemed to affect his appearances in London. Congratulations to Ron Pavitt and Peter Wells in also reaching 6 ft. 4 ins. Grand jumping and this is another event where the standard is very much improved and Britain's reputation is in safe keeping. All things considered Scotland came out of the A.A.A. championships not too badly with a first from Alan Paterson, two seconds from J. G. M. Hart and long jumper S. O. Williams and a 3rd from Duncan Clarke.

**Great Scots in A.A.A. Junior
Championships.**

Willie Piper (Kilmarnock Harriers) and Norman Kane ("Q" A.C.) both preformed magnificently in the A.A.A. Junior championships to capture the pole vault and high jump titles respectively. Both defeated last year's champions. Piper cleared the splendid height of 11 ft. which was equalled by his rival but won with fewer failures. This is an advance of 6 ins. on his Scottish championship effort.

Kane again cleared 5 ft. 10 ins. as he did in the Scottish championships. An exceptional leap, especially by a lad of middle height. G. A. Bell (Heriot's) last year's javelin winner was unfortunate to come up against the record-breaking M. G. Wenley of Thames Valley and did well to finish 3rd.

Well-built Royal High School sprinter L. B. McKenzie and Shettleston's Hutton Galbraith also did well to get placed in the 220 and 440 yards as they were up against real "hot" opposition.

Holden's Hat-trick.

Jack Holden was at the peak of his form over his local Birmingham course in winning the A.A.A. marathon title for the 3rd consecutive time in 2 hrs. 34 mins. 10.6 secs. Although outclassed by his rival on this occasion gallant Tom Richards was runner-up in 2 hrs. 38 mins. 8 secs. It was grand to find the popular Cecil Ballard, now running in the Bexhill colours, back to form. His 3rd place in 2 hrs. 38 mins. 42 secs. a mere 180 yds. behind Richards was a grand piece of running. Young Fred Gratton of Macclesfield fancied by many as a contender for Helsinki in 1952 was fourth in 2 hrs. 44 mins. 14 secs., while newly crowned Scottish marathon champion, Anglo-Scot Jack Paterson of the Poly., finished 6th in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 2 secs.

Empire Games' Chances.

It is rather premature to discuss chances in the Empire Games at New Zealand as the teams have not yet been selected. Holden and Richards, if they run at all in the Empire Games Marathon, will not this time be running for Britain but for their own native countries England and Wales. Unofficially it is said that Richards is as good as selected for Wales while Holden, if as it is reported is willing to make the trip if selected, must be England's choice. Holden might not, however, be the favourite to win the Empire marathon though still recognised as a dangerous contender. Australia is sweet on her new discovery who is expected to put up near phenomenal times in the near future, while Sid Luyt of South African recently defeated the present Empire Games Marathon champion and record-holder, Coleman, by 6 mins. Apparently Holden himself regards

Luyt highly which is in itself sufficient recommendation. Yet on the big occasion I fancy that experienced trio, Richards, Coleman and Holden, will still take some beating, but later I hope to deal with this subject.

Great Britain v. France.

There were some grand performances in the recent Britain v. France match won by the former by 82 points to 65, but the palm must surely be awarded to Don Finlay's victory in the 120 yds. hurdles, a display which deserves the epithet superlative. His time of 14.4 secs. was 1/10th inside his own British record set up 12 years ago, showing him to be running faster than ever and at the moment perhaps the best hurdler in Europe. Finlay first competed in these series in 1930, nearly 20 years ago, so his present standard is phenomenal. Time may have had a greying effect on his locks but has placed no brake on his winged feet.

Clarke Again in Grand Form.

The well-knit Scotsman Duncan Clarke outclassed his opponents in the hammer event, hurling the missile 173 ft. 5 ins. A new British record. However, as Duncan previously showed an even better throw of 178 ft. 1½ ins. at Brighton, subject to ratification, this will go down in the books as the new record.

With a useful long jump of 23 ft. 9 ins. S. O. Williams scored chief points for Britain as did Alan Paterson with another 6 ft. 4 ins. leap again getting the decision by virtue of fewer failures. The mile though won in excellent time by Jean Vernier of France proved something of an anti-climax as much-fancied El Mabrouk had to slacken off through what appeared like stomach cramp, while Bill Nankeville, hero of the recent A.A.A. championships, misjudged his finishing effort and was about stopping before the finishing line.

Game Harry Whittle was again nosed out of the decision in another photo-finish race by 19 year-old Frenchman Ellaj. Both men were registered at 53.4 secs. and it appears likely that Whittle will this time be credited with the honour of a new British National and English record. It will be recalled that at the

British Games earlier in the season he was timed at 53.8 secs. but the required number of watches were not on him.

Cross-Country Stars Show Their Prowess.

Alain Mimoun and old friend Raphael Puazon respectively first and second in the International cross-country championship at Dublin were also in splendid form for France. The sad-faced little Arab showed his versatility by returning the fast time of 14 mins. 9 secs. for the 3 miles, whilst Puazon loped over the hurdles in his customary facile fashion to clock 10 mins. 19.6 secs. for the 2 miles steeplechase. Arthur Wint was in Olympic form in the 880 yards, giving his opponents little rope with a time of 1 min. 51.2 secs., whilst consistent Dennis Pugh showed us a smart 48.5 secs. in the 440.

"Don's" Sun Has Not Yet Set.

Despite the presence of a seven-man American team it was wonder veteran hurdler Don Finlay who earned the greatest ovation from the vast 60,000 crowd at the Ibrox Stadium on the occasion of the Rangers' Annual Sports. Tall Richard Attlesey was a surprised man to find that he could not quite cope with the R.A.F. man's devastating form. The watches showed 14.5 secs. for the 120 yds. hurdles which is 1/5th of a second inside Finlay's own record. As there was a fairly brisk following wind, however, the record may not be passed. Nevertheless it was a brilliant exhibition of hurdling.

Alan Paterson's feat in clearing 6 ft. 4 ins., despite a thigh injury, was also a meritorious one, though Dick Phillips had not the best of luck with one of his efforts. John Joe Barry outclassed his field despite the apparently liberal handicaps and in the fresh gusty conditions running solo for the last ¼ mile, his good time of 9 mins. 14.2 secs. for 2 miles was value even better.

"Bill" Brown America's Star.

The American team did not quite reach the high spots on this occasion. Constant travelling and different conditions can take the snap out of a touring athletic team.

However, big "Bill" Brown's victory in the special quarter fairly tickled the vast crowd who dearly love to see the scratch man win through. Brown travelled wide at the bend to get on terms with his field and at the finish there was quite a bit of day-light between him and his opponents so that the 49.4 secs., taken was a really splendid effort.

Grand Jumping in London-Gothenburg Contest.

The chief feature of the above contest was the record-breaking form of London's two grand jumpers, Ron Pavitt and Peter Wells. Wells had the mortifying experience of clearing 6 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. which beat Howard Baker's 28 years-old record of 6 ft. 5 ins. only to find Pavitt going one better with a grand effort of 6 ft. 6 ins. Only the American "Corney" Johnson has done better in England as Paterson and Vessie's great duel effort of 6 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. took place of course in Scotland.

Douglas Wilson beat Nyberg by a shrewd late run in 9 mins. 19.4 secs., good but not outstanding time in these days, while Bannister, who was slightly spiked, could only finish 3rd to Landquist and Morley in a 4 mins. 12.8 secs. mile.

Kane Clears 6 Feet.

In the meeting promoted by the S.A.A.A. at Ibrox on the Tuesday following the Rangers' Sports on behalf of the Empire Games Fund, there were some grand exciting contests. Dual Scottish and A.A.A. junior champion Norman Kane put up his greatest performance by clearing 6 ft. in the high jump which with his handicap made him a good winner of the event. Dick Phillips showed improving form by clearing 6 ft. 4 ins. Stewart Petty confirmed his recent great improvement by clocking 1 min. 55.8 secs. off 8 yds. in the "half."

The "100" was a fast spectacular affair with J. McLaughlin (Maryhill) off 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. (being pulled 1 yd. for beating the pistol) showing something like his real form to win from stylish George McDonald (Victoria Park) off 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. Recently he set up a Northern Ireland record of 4 mins. 18.2 secs.

Barry in "Slumberland."

The 3 miles was the most curious race on the programme. No one would set a

his best form and readily won the mile from that vastly improved little runner Walter Lennie; While John Joe Barry "hared" round the last lap to the time of 60.3 secs. but just failed to catch Willie Williamson of Greenock Glenpark in the special 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles event.

Hart Stars at Belfast.

Edinburgh student John Hart has had a grand season but his performance on the occasion of the Triangular contest at Belfast was surely the high-light of his career. Beating Adedoyin by several yards he returned the excellent time of 15 secs., suggesting that he might yet be the successor to maestro Don Finlay. Young McAslan also ran brilliantly to take 3rd place. As expected Duncan Clarke was too strong for his rivals in the hammer event, while long-jumper S. O. Williams turned the tables on Harry Whittle on this occasion to make a 3rd Scottish victory. The composite England-Wales team was of course too strong for the Scots and Irish boys but the many exciting individual struggles kept the interest alive.

Big Arthur Wint was in one of his dashing moods and cut loose down the long home straight—result a 48.2 secs. quarter, cutting .4 secs. off Bolen's all-comers' record. The "heavenly twins" of the half-mile event had another dust up but this time it was Tom White and not Harry Parlett who produced the electrifying burst. Joshua Petty ran a fine race for Scotland and finished a good third.

The mile race was something of an anti-climax as the hoped for duel between Barry and Nankeville did not materialise—the former waiting for the 3 miles. However, earlier in the week John Joe had defeated his rival in a special mile race clocking 4 mins. 10 secs. In the triangular contest Nankeville defeated the young Irish runner V. Milligan in 4 mins. 16.4 secs., splendid time for the track and weather conditions. The 19 year-old Irish runner impressed the critics favourably showing 4 mins. 19.1 secs. Recently he set up a Northern Ireland record of 4 mins. 18.2 secs.

Ex-mile champion Jim Fleming late in getting fit is now showing something like



R. C. PAVITT who recently set up a new English Native Record of 6 ft. 6 ins. for the High Jump. His record was short-lived, as the other young rising High Jump star, PETER WELLS has gone better with 6 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

pace and the time of the first 2 miles was over 10 mins. Many expected that these tactics might suit Douglas Wilson but $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to go, Barry woke up and cut loose. Wilson faded, and it was once more left to gallant little Chivers to chase the "Ballycurren Hare." He hung on to the latter's heels till the home straight but in the final showdown Barry produced something from somewhere and that was that. Some watches unofficially credited Barry with a 12 secs. over the last hundred. A fast last mile of 4 mins. 36 secs. made the final time of 14 mins. 41.6 secs. somewhat more presentable than it might otherwise have been.

On the home front things were fairly quiet. At Carlisle Victoria Park won an exciting relay race and Miss Marion Russell of Bellahouston Harriers excelled in the women's 80 metres by winning an exciting race from Miss Sheila Burns from the 1 yard mark.

Charlie Robertson definitely proved himself the best road runner in Scotland by winning the 12 miles on his own in fast time of 1 hr. 5 mins. 31 secs. or 31 secs. outside the course record standing

to the credit of Shettleston's Harry Howard.

British Athlete of the Year?

Who is the British athlete of the year? In many ways this is a real poser. The names of athletes like Barry, Nankeville, Holden, Paterson, Clark, Wint and McDonald Bailey are conjured up as well as others. Taking everything into consideration however I pass all these experts by and plump for Don Finlay the veteran British champion hurdler whose performance in running faster than he did 12 years ago is almost fantastically incredible.

John Joe Barry has of course put up the most consistently high standard of performances in these islands. Technically John Joe does not rank as a British runner as in International competitions like the European or Olympic Games he would represent Eire.

The great Irish runner is the promoter's dream, a colourful, brilliant, whole-hearted trier. Last year he ran like a novice, this year he is on the fringe of world class. What of the

future? Sooner or later he must meet men of the Reiff-Zatopek class. Will he endeavour to conserve his energies somewhat? Will he get down to a definite schedule? We shall see.

Crack runners could not live with Reiff.

Gaston Reiff's latest performance in beating Gundar Haegg's world figures for the 3,000 metres is one effect of a strict intensive schedule. Just outside Stockholm Reiff covered the distance in 7 mins. 58.8 secs. against Haegg's figures of 8 mins. 1.2 secs. set up in 1942, and is thus the first man in the world to beat 8 minutes. It is difficult just to imagine the speed-stamina combination needed to produce such a time. Just realise that it means two 1500 metres both under 4 minutes, or approximate 2 separate miles of 4 mins. 16 or 17 secs.

In the record race Frenchman Jean Vernier adopted the role of pace-maker up till the 2,000 metres mark when Reiff took over. 1500 metre champion Henri Eriksson held on grimly for a spell but at the finish was about half a lap behind.

The balding jet-propelled Belgian has proved himself a worthy Olympic champion.

Says Reuter.

Tucked away obscurely and insignificantly in the sporting pages of the daily newspapers was a brief three-line statement that in the recent Belgium v. Holland athletic meeting at Antwerp W. Slykhuis (Holland) had won the 1,500 metres event in 3 mins. 43.8 secs. only 8/10ths secs. outside the world record.

Midst the welter of sundry sporting reports this tiny fragment from Reuter would probably go unnoticed by the majority of readers, or if it did catch the eye would create little interest.

To the really initiated, however, this bald report would conjure up visions of one of the greatest athletic feats in the history of mankind.

The world record of 3 mins. 43 secs. is held jointly by the Swedes, giant long-limbed Gunders Haegg and the more delicate sensitive Lennart Strand.

This time is regarded as slightly better than a mile in 4 minutes, sometimes known as the mythical or magical 4 min. mile.

Thus for Slykhuis to get so close to the phenomenal Swedes' time demonstrates his exceptional class.

Best known over here perhaps for his epic races with Sydney Wooderson over 3 miles and 5,000 metres the neatly moulded Dutchman gained distinction by earning 3rd places in both the Olympic 1,500 and 5,000 metre events. His recent performance surely eclipses anything he has ever done.

"Per Ardua Ad Astra."

"Through difficulties towards the stars" could be the motto of those "heavenly twins" of the jumping world, Ron Pavitt and Peter Wells. Both are triers and have trained conscientiously and painstakingly to develop their jumping ability. Now they are reaping the reward of their efforts.

In the recent contest at Bristol, Peter Wells excelled himself by leaping 6 ft. 6½ ins. to beat the English native record of 6 ft. 6 ins. just set up by friendly rival Ron Pavitt.

Wells was in terrific form and made an attempt at 6 ft. 7½ ins. which would have meant a new all-comers' record, but failed.

Still his effort is just 1½ ins. outside the joint record of 6 ft. 7½ ins. of Alan Paterson and Bill Vessie.

The former, though still the king-pin of British jumpers, does not now stand in splendid isolation. These two are breathing down his neck. The Olympic title was won at 6 ft. 6 ins.

Pavitt's best leap is 6 ft. 6 ins., Well's 6 ft 6½ ins., and Paterson's 6 ft. 7½ ins. Perhaps by reaching for the moon, one or all of this magnificent trio will add even more lustre for Britain in the International events of the future.

Fast Sprinting.

It would be unfair to leave this Bristol meeting without reference to the sprinting of Ken Jones of Wales and L. Laing of Jamaica. In the 100 yards Jones again showed 9.8 secs. to equal English native record, while Laing clocked 21.4 secs. for the furlong, reckoned to be the fastest ever done in Britain on grass.

Miss Dillema to the Dutch,
To Britain—A Dilemma.

The British ladies defeated France and the Netherlands in the triangular meeting at the White City, but the bright particular star was Foeje Dillema, whom the Dutch regard as another Blankers-Koen in the making.

No one could solve the problem of the Dutch girl's speed in both sprints. She won the 100 metres in 12.1 secs. and the 200 metres in 24.6 secs.—both times just a 1/5th of a second out of Fanny Blankers-Koen's all-comers' records.

Sylvia Cheeseman's effort to hold the Dutch star in the 200 metres was a particularly brilliant one. She finished only 1/5th of a second behind to clock 24.8 secs. for a new English native record. It was the extra robustness of the Dutch girl that snatched victory for her right on the tape.

Miss Deforges proved a capable deputy for Maureen Gardner by winning the 80 metres hurdles in the fast time of 11.4 secs., while Mrs. Dorothy Tyler jumped in her usual efficient and dependable style to gain yet another British victory.

Now It Can Be Told— As An Inspiration.

Now that Don Finlay's British record of 14.4 secs. has just been confirmed, it is interesting to learn officially that Don Finlay was born on May 27th, 1909, making him 40 years of age instead of the rather elastic variations from 40 up to 48.

Finlay's age was the subject of more than mere personal interest. That he was able to perform so brilliantly in what is really a sprint event usually regarded as the prerogative of youth was phenomenal. Despite the finesse and brilliance of Finlay's technique speed is nevertheless an essential factor. As Coach Dyson, says:—"Hurdling is sprinting." So that although Finlay is not quite so old as he sometimes appears in print, he still rates as one of the athletic wonders of our time, and an inspiration to all.

TRIANGULAR INTERNATIONAL

Details of the International Contest between England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland, held at Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast, on 13th August, 1949:—

100 Yards.—1. L. Laing (E.) : 2. J. Archer (E.) : 3. R. M. Ward (S.)—9.9 secs.

220 Yards.—1. L. Laing (E.) : 2. E. K. Jones (E.) : 3. J. Fairgrieve (S.)—21.8 secs.

440 Yards.—1. A. S. Wint (E.) : 2. L. C. Lewis (E.) : 3. P. O. Dolan (I.)—48.2 secs.

880 Yards.—1. C. T. White (E.) : 2. H. J. Parlett (E.) : 3. J. S. Petty (S.)—1 min. 55.6 secs.

One Mile.—1. G. W. Nankeville (E.) : 2. V. Milligan (I.) : 3. R. A. Morris (E.)—4 mins. 16.4 secs.

Three Miles.—1. J. J. Barry (I.) : 2. A. H. Chivers (E.) : 3. D. G. Wilson (E.)—14 mins. 41.6 secs.

440 Yards (Relay).—1. England and Wales : 2. Scotland : 3. Ireland—42.8 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1. J. G. M. Hart (S.) : 2. Prince Adedoyin (I.) : 3. J. P. McAslan (S.)—15 secs.

High Jump.—1. P. Wells (E.) : 6 ft. 4 ins. : 2. R. C. Pavitt (E.) : 6 ft. 2 ins. : 3. A. F. Adedoyin (I.) : 6 ft. 2 ins.

Javelin.—1. M. J. Dalrymple (E.) : 2. G. A. Bell (S.) : 3. J. Swaishland (E.)—150 ft.

Weight.—1. J. Giles (E.) : 2. D. Guiney (I.) : 3. H. Moody (E.)—47 ft. 7½ ins.

Long Jump.—1. S. O. Williams (S.) : 23 ft. 3 ins. : 2. H. E. Whittle (E.) : 22 ft. 7 ins. : 3. Prince Adedoyin (I.) : 21 ft. 7 ins.

Discus.—1. C. Clancy (I.) : 152 ft. 6½ ins. (New Irish Record) : 2. E. J. Brewer (E.) : 147 ft. 8 ins. : 3. J. E. Nesbitt (I.) : 143 ft. 82 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1. L. Davis (E.) : 47 ft. 10½ ins. : 2. S. Cross (E.) : 47 ft. 9½ ins. : 3. W. Laing (S.) : 47 ft. 3 ins.

Hammer.—1. D. McD. Clarke (S.) : 168 ft. 0½ ins. : 2. N. H. Drake (E.) : 161 ft. 2 ins. : 3. E. C. K. Douglas (S.) : 152 ft. 8½ ins.

Contest Result.—England and Wales, 106 points. Scotland, 60 points; Ireland, 50 points.

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THE EMPIRE GAMES ARRANGEMENTS

By J. H. GALLI.

[We are very proud indeed to welcome as a new member of our team of contributors the well-known athletics correspondent, Joe H. Galli of Australia. He will keep "Scots Athlete" readers aquaint with activities in his part of the globe and on the fast approaching British Empire Games. Mr. Galli is well informed and we are sure readers will enjoy his easy style of writing. Whilst this magazine is built primarily to serve an enthusiastic athletic movement in Scotland, we rejoice in the fact that our interests are not entirely parochial. It is good that through "The Scots Athlete" a close interest is taken in Scottish athletics throughout the world. It is equally good that we in Scotland have the same broad outlook. J. H. Galli can and will help to develop interest and enthusiasm.—Editor.]

"TWO-THIRDS of the (approx.) 550 competitors in the Empire Games at Auckland, 4th to 11th February, 1950, will be track and field athletes," said Mr. Harry Amos, N.Z. B.E.G.A. Secy., recently.

Mr. Amos told me that figures so far indicate Australia, with 150, will have the biggest representation; followed by New Zealand, 100; Canada, 60; South Africa and Rhodesia, 60.

England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, combined, would total about 90; while the smaller countries would probably send 60.

Asked about Eden Park, where the athletic events will be staged, Mr. Amos said that the specially prepared grass track will be fast. Spectator accommodation is between 45,000 and 50,000, and facilities for the athletes adequate.

Male competitors will be housed at Aramo Teachers College; some 20 miles from Auckland, but well served by buses. "Living arrangements there will be first-class," said Mr. Amos, "and the 380 acre grounds (converted from an aerodrome) provide ample room for all training.

The girls will be accommodated in Auckland itself, and they, too, can be assured of first-class arrangements.

A non-profit company of £50,000 (fully subscribed) is responsible for the financing of the 'Games, which are expected to be most successful in this regard."

But, in case of unforeseen disruptions (such as bad weather) the N.Z. Govern-

ment has guaranteed the B.E.G.A. against any substantial loss.

The City of Auckland is doing everything within its power to ensure that the overseas competitors will take away lasting memories of their visit.

"There will be heaps of entertainment," said Mr. Amos, and knowing New Zealand, I fully believe him.

And the Weather?

Well, meteorological authorities state that February is the best month of the year. Auckland has something of a tropical climate, with an average summer climate of 85 to 90 degrees. It is inclined to be humid, but not oppressively so.

Mr. Amos expects most Empire Games records to be broken, because the big countries all have such good representatives.

And, of course, Empire standards generally have improved tremendously since Sydney, 1938.

"New Zealand's track team will be solid from a National point of view," said Mr. Amos, "but hardly adequate, I'm afraid, for Empire standard."

"However, we'll give you and our other good friends in the United Kingdom, Canada and South Africa, a fight," were Mr. Amos's cheery parting words.

OLYMPIC HARRIERS held their A.G.M. on 1st September, 1949.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—President, J. McNeil; Vice-President, R. Grant; Hon. Secretary, R. Hutchison, 27 Mansel St., Springburn; Treasurer, B. MacMillan; Asst. Secretary, R. Houston; Captain, J. R. Gifford; Vice-Captain, D. Macfarlane.

Main feature of the meeting was the high enthusiasm and keen optimism. This augers well for the old club and the general feeling of the older members was that the Olympic are fast getting on their feet again after a long and hard fight to keep going. The club has turned the corner at last and brighter days lie ahead.

EDITOR'S CHAT

READERS will recall our special 4th Birthday number published in May of this year. An acknowledgement of messages published was set in type, but due to pressure on space it was impossible to have it printed. We feel and trust readers will, also, that it should still be recorded. The full text remains just as written for the MAY number:—

"This issue marks the entry of "The Scots Athlete" into its 4th year. The first issue was published on April 1946.

Throughout the various seasons we have aimed at recording all the main events and have generally tried to create a livelier interest in our sport. Our efforts have not been entirely free from difficulties but these have been borne light-heartedly for it has been a pleasure servicing such a colourful and true recreation.

We have enjoyed the understanding and loyalty of our readers, the clubs, athletes and athletic well-wishers. That confidence has made our part easier and the work very worth-while. Some day, perhaps, we shall tell the full history of "The Scots Athlete." It would make interesting reading.

We are very happy and proud to state that we have had grand co-operation from cross-country and S.A.A.A. officials—men indeed, motivated by enthusiasm and service.

If we were to acknowledge all the people we would like to specially thank it would fill this magazine. Perhaps as a token we can mention Andrew Forbes, Charlie Robertson, Jack Crump, S.A.A.A. Hon. Secy., James Gilbert, whose messages we publish on other pages. Charlie Robertson as well as being Scottish Marathon Champion and a real sportsman is revealed as a talented artist with his excellent symbolic study on the following page. We are fortunate, indeed, in having such a zealous British Hon. Team Manager and Secretary as Jack Crump. He gives



tremendous inspiration as does our own Scottish Secretary. With James Gilbert at the centre of affairs, Scottish athletics are bound to progress.

It is fair that on this special occasion we publicly thank John E. Farrell who has contributed to every issue. His "Running Commentary" has been appreciated in "a arts." We recall the many hours he must have spent in his voluntary labours, and the fact that even whilst training for major races, such as the Olympic Marathon Trial (our readers know the time needed for training and rest for this event), he willingly continued this service which must greatly reflect to the advantage of the athletic movement.

On our part, looking to the future we shall do our very best, happy in the knowledge that the sport we serve breeds character and health."

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Due to some publishing difficulties that arose, the printing of this issue was held up. Another issue for September will be published and cross-country men can particularly look forward to it. Former cross country champion J. E. Farrell has made up a detailed training schedule which will be of great practical value to both Juniors and Seniors.



JEAN BOUIN

A STATUE IN FRANCE REVIVES MEMORIES

By G. S. BARBER.

A few weeks ago my wife and I were on a cycling holiday in the South of France. We had spent a few days, sightseeing in Marseilles and on our way out to Cassis we passed a football Stadium and there in front was a statue to an athlete.

Now statues are very common in France, but to an athlete, I thought MUST be outstanding to be so rewarded. We stopped and peered through the railings. The groundsman came to our rescue and opened the gate and we entered, to find a splendid life-like figure of Jean Bouin, with an inscription that he had been killed, fighting for France and that at one time he held the world's record for one hours running.

As I stood in front memories rushed through my mind. I remembered seeing him in my home town—Newport—winning the International cross-country race, being the first individual, the first time the first man was otherwise than an Englishman. He beat H. D. Baldwin of Derby by over 80 yards, that was in 1911. The previous year at Belfast, Bouin had retired with a damaged ankle, and the French had failed to finish a team.

Up to 1910 the entry of Continentals in the International race was hardly thought about, but now here was a Frenchman beating our men at their own game. It caused a great stir in France and the following year, 1912, the race was held in Scotland, and all were interested to see if Jean Bouin could do it again.

The race was held on March 30th at Saughton Park, Edinburgh, and I made a point of seeing the race. The end of the week had been cold and frosty and owing to the frozen nature of the course, some changes had been made. Most of the competitors were wearing spike shoes,

but the French were equipped with both, spikes and rubbers.

The race started on a cinder track, which had been a pony trotting course, then out of the stadium into the country and out of our sight. At half-way, W. Scott of Salford was leading from Jean Bouin with E. W. Bibbins, 3rd, and G. S. L. Wallach, Scotland, 4th, then out into the country again with a stream of runners following. The French, as usual, were well behind, but we were all greatly surprised to see Bouin run in a fine winner, leading by a minute and a half to win in 51 mins. 46 secs., W. Scott, second, 52.19, E. W. Bibbins, third, 52.34 and G. C. L. Wallach, fourth, in 52.51. The team result being England, 41, Scotland, 88, Ireland, 111, France, 121, Wales as usual last with 145.

As soon as Bouin finished, he turned and ran back to the first Frenchman and brought him to the finishing post, then continued this performance until the whole French team was in. Bouin was full of enthusiasm and strength, his barrel chest and heavy build exuded energy, he was life wrapped in a running suit and the Frenchmen loved him for it. He changed the outlook of the French people regarding athletics. Here was a man who could go over to Britain and beat the finest on their own ground and at their own game. It caused great interest in athletic circles on the continent and the result we now know.

I stood looking up at the figure and told the groundsman I had seen Jean running in my own country and he—an elderly man—said how proud Marseilles was of their son and that he had been a personal friend of Bouin.

At the height of his career—he held the world's record for one hours running—he was called to the Army in the first World war, and fighting for France he



Photograph of the statue of JEAN BOUIN in Marseilles taken by G. S. Barber.

was killed on the River Aisne in September, 1914. perhaps symbolising the tragedy of war the German Olympic runner, Hans Braun, was killed in the same battle and almost at the same time. He was a champion half-miler. Who will forget his races with Melvin Shepard, the American, at Celtic Park after the Olympic Games of 1912? Also killed in the same period was our Cpl. C. W. Hutson, an outstanding miler of that period. Hutson ran a wonderful race in Glasgow on the day the War was declared in August, 1914—the old school will remember him.

When I think of the athletes of this country and who are now gone, and think of the wonderful thought that was behind that figure of Jean Bouin, the man who put France on the map in athletics, I feel we are not built that way, but we cannot stop from remembering.

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AUSTRALIAN GOSSIP

From JOE GALLI.

For the first time in its history, Australia will stage a National marathon championship at Perth (West, Australia) on 17th September.

Hot favourite, and rightly so, is Gordon Stanley, slight fair-haired Victorian, who has won his last three starts over the distance, and who is rated an excellent chance of annexing the Empire title at Auckland.

Stanley's last marathon was the Victorian championship in September, 1948, when he set an Australian best-on-record time of 2 hours 35 mins. 1sec., one of the world's fastest for the year.

In that race, second place went to Cecil Hensley (Botany, N.S.W.), in 2 hrs. 38 mins. 45 secs., with novice Bob Prentice (Victoria) third in 2 hrs. 43 mins. 41 secs.; and, as proof that marathon running is on the up-grade here (after years of no competition at all), the next three place-getters were also well inside 3 hours.

Chances are, the National race will produce sensational times. I expect Stanley to go close to 2 hrs. 31 mins.

Ken McDonald retained his Victorian 5 Miles cross-country championship at Bendigo (one-time world renowned gold centre) in the smart time of 26 mins. 37 secs.

McDonald, something of a veteran now, has had a varied and unlucky career. Back in 1945 he revealed great promise by winning the Victorian 880 yards and 1 mile titles in 1 min. 57 secs. and 4 mins. 17.8 secs. respectively.

Then, largely because of injury, Ken faded out of the picture until 1948, when he again registered good times. Early this year, after running 2 miles in 9 mins. 28.8 secs., he was chosen to represent Victoria over 3 miles in the Australian championships at Sydney.

With two laps to go, McDonald had a handy lead over namesake (but no kin) Neville of N.S.W. when he was

seized by a nasty stitch that put the issue beyond doubt, but Ken showed plenty of grit by forcing his way into third place.

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Surprise packet of the Victorian C.C. season was 32 year-old Ernie Evans, who easily won the State 10 miles title from a strong field on 30th July. The time was 57 mins. 33 secs.

Evans, who has been in Melbourne only a few months, had previously run with Botany Harriers (N.S.W.), a club renowned for its distance men. Like many N.S.W. cross-country runners, Ernie does not wear shoes.

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John Plummer, runner-up in the Australian 1 mile track championship, retained his N.S.W. 10,000 metres cross-country title at Camperdown on 23rd July.

Plummer, barely 21 years of age, and a brilliant accountancy student, clocked 36 mins. 35 secs. over the tough course, which included eleven barbwire fences and five small creeks.

Formerly a N.S.W. junior track and C.C. champion, Plummer, because of his studies, does most of his training in the early morning. Last summer (1948-49) he made best times of 1 min. 57.8 secs. for 880 yards and 4 mins. 20.5 secs. for the mile, and he is regarded as one of the most promising Aussies of recent years over the latter distance.

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Morris Curootta left Australia a few weeks ago for U.S.A. He will do a dentistry course at Seton Hall College, New Jersey, commencing in September.

Curootta, age 20, intended working his passage as an assistant steward on a Swedish ship. Naturally, he will be missed here, especially for his long-awaited clashes with Edwin Carr, winner of the 1949 Australian 440 yards in 48 seconds.

Curootta holds the National records for 400 metres (47 secs.) and 440 yards (47.6 secs.), made early in 1948. He was fifth in the Olympic 400 metres.

It is extremely doubtful if Morris will be able to return for the Empire Games.

A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

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440 Yards Hurdles.—1. H. E. Whittle (Reading A.C.), 54.9s.; 2. D. R. Ede (Epsom & E.H.), 56.7s.; 3. G. H. Jarvis (Belgrave H.), 56.7s.

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High Jump.—1. A. S. Paterson (Victoria Park A.A.C.), 6 ft. 4 ins.; 2. R. C. Pavitt (Poly H.), 6 ft. 4 ins.; 3. P. Wells (London A.C.), 6 ft. 4 ins.; 4. Prince Adeoyin (Queen's Univ., Belfast), 6 ft. 2 ins.; 5. D. Atherton (Liverpool H. & A.C.), 6 ft. 1 in.; 6. G. H. D. Evans (Bristol A.C.), 6 ft. (First three placed on faults, all three equaling previous Championship best performance.)

Hop, Step and Jump.—1. H. Van Egmond (Holland), 47 ft.; 2. L. W. Davies (Achilles), 46 ft. 11½ ins.; 3. S. Cross (Birchfield H.), 46 ft. 4½ ins.; 4. W. N. Laing (St. Andrew's Univ.), 45 ft. 12 ins.; 5. A. S. Lindsay (St. Andrew's Univ.), 44 ft. 10 ins.; 6. I. G. Walker (Herne Hill H.), 44 ft. 7 ins.

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Discus.—1. M. Pharaoh (Manchester Grammar School); 2. R. C. H. Taylor (Herne Hill); 3. D. W. Riddock (Wallingford)—15 ft. 7½ ins. (New Championship Record.)

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