

TRACK AND FIELD SPORT IN U.S. HAD ONE OF GREATEST YEARS

A.A.U. Report Best Season in History of Ancient Sport—Bonthron's Feats Talked of, and the Splendid Sportsmanship in Game

(New York Sun)
New York, N. Y., July 15—The National A. A. U. track and field championships at Milwaukee last Saturday were a fitting climax to the greatest season the ancient pastime has ever had, including such memorable pre-Olympic campaigns as those of 1928 and 1932. Never in the colorful annals of the sports have athletes shown such tremendous speed and phenomenal skill on the flat and in the field events.

The shattering of eight records at the Nationals was directly in harmony with the trend of the indoor and outdoor sessions. Throughout the entire year record breaking has been the vogue. Long before one world record has had time to be presented for official approval a better mark has been turned in. Sometimes the improvement was by the record breaker himself, as in the cases of Jack Torrance of Louisiana State University and Glenn Cunningham of Kansas and sometimes it was somebody else.

So steadily have our leading track athletes been clipping edges off the former standards and adding feet rather than inches to former marks in the weight events, that there is no telling just what will happen within the next five years. It is conceivable in view of Torrance's deeds with the sixteen pound shot that the day will eventually arrive when sixty feet will be attained in this event. The four minute four-second mile is just around the corner. A fourteen-foot six inches pole vault is due to be turned in before a year rolls by. There still is room for improvement with the javelin, the hammer and the discus.

Bonthron in Rare Form

The most lasting impression which the results of the championships made on the public was the conviction that Bill Bonthron of Princeton is the greatest mile runner foot racing ever knew. In winning the 1,500 meter event, or "metric mile" in three minutes 48.8 seconds. Bonthron not only broke the world record held by Jules Ladoumègue of France, whose time was 3 minutes 49.2 seconds, but would up in triumphant fashion a stirring feud with Cunningham which had interested the whole country for many months, and convinced every one that he is now ready for a return race with Jack Lovelock of Oxford.

The fact that Bonthron's time established a new world record is of secondary importance. He doesn't care how long it takes to cover a course so long as he gets to the tape first. He runs against the man, rather than the clock, and, considering that he has beaten Cunningham three times in five starts, it appears that his system is a good one. The remarkable feature of the Princetonian's victory at Milwaukee is the fact that at the very moment when onlookers were thoroughly convinced that he was completely whipped, he put on the burst of speed that carried him across the gap of forty feet which separated him from Cunningham and went on to win by half a stride.

What a thrilling story book ending to the most soul-stirring rivalry that has graced the pine boards and cinder paths in two decades. The memorable Nurmi-Wide or Hahn-Conger battles, faded into the shadows of insignificance in the dazzling light of the episodes enacted by these two gallant-hearted young athletes.

One best comprehends the speed at which they move by recalling that Nurmi, the greatest runner the world has ever known, would not have been able to stay, within ten yards of them when he was at his best, at least, over the mile route. Both men have raced well below the best time ever turned in by the Phantom Finn. A few years ago Nurmi told the writer that he thought—in fact he was convinced—that a four minute, eight sec-

ond mile was attainable. He himself once planned to run the eight furlongs in that time, but other things interfered and he never got around to it. The fleet-footed son of Abo, however, never dreamed that a mere college boy like Cunningham would turn the mile in 4 minutes, 6.7 seconds, or that Bonthron would run the "metric mile" in 3:48.8.

Splendid Sportsman's Ship

The splendid thing about this intense duel between Cunningham and Bonthron is the fact that the feeling on both sides was mutual. Cunningham, a running zealot, possessed of the quiet conviction that he could beat any man in the world at one mile of 1,500 meters, travelled half across the continent twice last winter to meet Bonthron, who he realized was his leading adversary.

Bonthron, once he sniffed the intoxicating scent of competition, took up the battle, with a vengeance. He flew from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast to meet and beat his rival, then returned to Milwaukee to meet and beat him again.

COMPOSITE RUNNING OF THE 4-MINUTE MILE

New York, N.Y., July 15—Drumming spikes on many a cinder path draw nearer and nearer to the nebulous four minute mile. Is it an unattainable goal? Well, let us look at some figures. By selecting the fastest quarters ever run outdoors in mile races completed under 4:15 we may get an approximation of the ultimate in human speed and stamina.

These selected chaps are as follows: First quarter—Norman Taber's 58:0 made in a 4:12.6 mile. Second quarter—Jack Lovelock's 62.2 made in a 4:07.6 mile. Third quarter—Glenn Cunningham's 61.8 made in a 4:06.7 mile. Fourth quarter—John Paul Jones's 58.2 made in a 4:14.4 mile.

Are you good at fractions? Add up these quarterly times and they total 4:00.2—twotenths of a second above the mythical four minute mark! Easy on paper but try and hook them together!

Here are the fractional times in the fastest miles ever run outdoors. Cunningham . . . 61.8—64.0—61.8—59.1 Total 4:06.7.

Lovelock . . . 61.4—62.2—65.1—58.9 Total 4:07.6.

Bonthron . . . 62.6—64.0—63.5—58.9 Total 4:08.9.

Ladoumègue . . . 60.8—63.0—64.2—61.2 Total 4:09.2.

Nurmi . . . 58.6—63.2—64.9—63.7 Total 4:10.4.

It is obvious that Cunningham lagged on the second quarter and that Lovelock faltered on the third lap. Nurmi actually ran the fastest first half—2:01.8 and the speediest three-quarters—3:06.7. He faded at the finish.

To beat the present record it will be necessary for a strong finisher, such as Cunningham or Bonthron to follow Nurmi's schedule for the first three-quarters and then unleash a kick.

AUSTRALIA WINS DAVIS CUP

Prima, July 15—Australia defeated Czechoslovakia, three matches in two, in the European zone Davis Cup tennis finals today and qualified to meet the United States in the interzone finals.

It was a narrow squeak for the favored Australians, Young Vivian McGrath hanging up the deciding victory in the final match of the series when he defeated Ladislaus Hecht, 3—6, 6—2, 6—1, 7—5, after Jack Crawford had bowed to Robert Menzel, Czech expert, 6—4, 6—4, 2—6, 8—6.

Menzel's victory was his second of the series for he beat McGrath, 10—8, 5—2, 8—5, Friday, when Crawford defeated Hecht, 6—4, 6—2, 6—2. The point was scored in doubles yesterday when Crawford and Adrian Quest conquered Hecht and Menzel, 6—4, 6—3, 6—4.

Menzel was complete master of Crawford today. The Czech's fast service put Crawford on the defence and Menzel was deadly accurate all the way. After Crawford had taken the third set and was leading 6—5 in the fourth, Menzel applied renewed pressure and finally won out in the 14th game.

That left the issue strictly up to McGrath and the double-handed youngster responded nobly. After a shaky start which enabled Hecht to win the first set, the Australian settled down, played steadily and brilliantly and mopped up his Czech rival in short order.

The Australian-United States series, the winner of which will meet Great Britain in the challenge round, will begin at Wimbledon next Saturday with two singles matches. The doubles will be played the following

SUN DIALS ARE GROWING IN POPULAR FAVOR

(New York Sun)

Sundials, always a feature of gardens in Great Britain, France and Italy, are becoming very popular here in the Bronx and in suburban places around the city gardens heretofore not graced by sundials display them now. Somehow they add to the beauty of the garden and have a certain charm. As the hour of day is recorded on the dial by the path of the sun across the heavens, it seems to speak with a silent voice, ever reminding us of inevitable Time.

Garden literature is filled with reference to sundials and in a rare old book printed in London in 1737 mottoes are given which appear on dials scattered through the gardens of England. Great attention was given in the old days to select the right mottoes for sundials. In the garden at Sandringham, England, for instance, the sundial has the following motto which was chosen by the Queen:

"Let others tell of storm and showers, I'll only count your sunny hours".

In a garden adjoining it there is a motto in Latin: "Veritas Vincit Tempus Filla", which, translated, is: "Time, the Father of Truth".

In a lovely garden up in Connecticut the sundial has the following cut in the stone:

"Hours fly,
Flowers die,
New days,
New ways,
Pass by;
Love stays".

Monday, and the final two singles encounters on Tuesday. The challenge round will be played at Wimbledon July 28, 30 and 31.

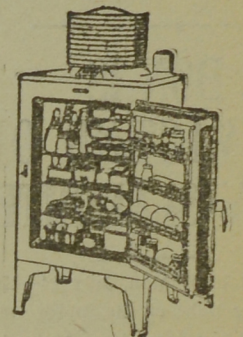


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