

The Scorebook

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Just how much more improvement can be made on track and field records?

Within a three-day period last week two of the supposedly impossible records in track and field—the four-minute mile and the 60' shot put—were achieved. On Thursday a barrel-chested British medical student, Roger Bannister, accomplished the first of the two "impossibles" by running the mile in 3:59.4. Two days later University of Southern California's Parry O'Brien joined the immortals by heaving the 16 pound shot 60' 5 1/4".

These two records may be bettered in the future, but Bannister and O'Brien will be remembered as the first to do the unbelievable in their respective specialties. Never before has anyone been able to match these two performances.

Track and field has taken a back seat to such sports as baseball, basketball, and football and many persons have probably given little consideration to the great achievements of Bannister and O'Brien. However, when looked at in comparison to the top marks in other sports, these two great performances of last week stand alone in the world of athletics.

The four minute mile and the 60' shot put are comparable to 65 home runs in a season by a baseball player. No one has ever smashed 65 homers, and until last week no one had ever run the mile in less than four minutes or heaved the shot over 60'.

Now that the mental barrier has been removed in the mile there will probably be more times under four minutes. This will not lessen the greatness of such achievements though. A few hours after we heard of Bannister's record mile we spoke with Chick Werner, Penn State's track and field coach.

Werner agreed that runners have a mental barrier to overcome before they hope to do the "impossible" in their specialties. "A runner," he said, "has to have reckless courage to run a four minute mile. The runner knows that he will have to run faster than anyone has ever run before and that in order to do so he will have to subject himself to gruelling punishment. Bannister had to have this courage to do what he did."

Many of the world's top track coaches, including Werner, patted themselves on the back when they heard of the way Bannister ran his mile. You see, these experts had a theory on how to crack the four minute mile and Bannister ran his record mile according to their formula.

The theory is that the miler must run the first quarter mile faster than any other quarter. In order to crack the mile barrier the coaches also felt that it was necessary for the runner to make the second quarter a little slower, the third even slower, and the final quarter the fastest of the final three quarters.

Gunder Haegg, Arne Andersson, John Landy, and Wes Santee, four of the world's top milers, all came close to the "miracle mile," but none ran his best mile in accordance with the above theory.

For years the 6' high jump was believed impossible. Now high jumpers are trying to clear the bar at 7'. The 15' pole vault was thought to be a mere dream not too long ago. Now there is talk of a 16' vault. Ninety years ago Charles Lawes of England ran the mile in a record time of 4:56. Last week the mile was run in less than four minutes.

"It seems as though every day in every way track and field performers seem to be getting better and better."

A LOOK AT BANNISTER AND O'BRIEN

These two athletes reject the aid of coaching and do most of their practicing apart from other performers. During the past winter Bannister defied the fog and cold of London and practiced on a little dirt track behind St. Mary's Hospital at Oxford University. O'Brien makes a habit of being by himself when he works out. He often practices in the Los Angeles Coliseum with nothing but 100,000 empty seats and the Olympic torch on the Coliseum peristyle to keep him company.

Hand Injury Will Keep Campy Out for 10 Weeks

BROOKLYN, May 12 (AP)—Roy Campanella's wrist operation, far more serious than first believed, will keep the slugging Brooklyn catcher sidelined at least another two months.

When the husky Dodger receiver underwent the operation for removal of a bone splinter from his left wrist on May 3, it was estimated he would be lost to the club for only three or four weeks.

Today the gloomy catcher disclosed he won't be able to play until after the all-star game on July 13.

At that Campy was lucky. If he had delayed the operation any longer, he might have lost the use of his hand altogether through paralysis.

Injured first in an exhibition game with the Yankees on March 20, when he jammed his hand sliding into second base, Campy reinjured the wrist on April 18 when he was hit by a pitch from Sal Maglie of the Giants.

He said he decided to undergo surgery because he was hitting only .167 at the time and because "I was led to believe it would keep me out of the lineup only about three or four weeks."

"Dr. Fett (Dr. Herbert Fett, orthopedic surgeon at Long Island College Hospital), who operated, said I'd be lucky to be back in the lineup in two months. He predicted it would be closer to two weeks. "He said the bone had become so entangled in the nerves that had I waited any length of time, the hand might have become paralyzed. He said I was gradually losing the use of the hand."

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Netmen Beat Pitt, End Tech's Streak

The Penn State tennis team completed a successful two-day trip to Pittsburgh yesterday by shutting out the Pitt netters and the previously unbeaten Carnegie Tech aggregation, 9-0.

The Lions, who led the Tartans 4-0 in their match which was temporarily halted because of rain on Tuesday, racked up their fourth and fifth victories of the season by capturing the pair of matches.

Tuesday, the Lions gave indications of halting the 22 match winning streak which Tech held, by jumping off to a 4-0 lead when the rain interrupted play. Dick Robinson had defeated Tim Miller, 6-4, 6-4, and Bruz Ray downed Don Tsiang 6-0, 6-0. In the other two

Stickmen Will Host Swarthmore

Once more, coach Nick Thiel will send his Nittany lacrossemen after that elusive second win Saturday at Beaver Field. Swarthmore will provide the opposition in a game to start at 4 p.m. The Lions have gone down to six straight defeats since their opening win over Kenyon.

Swarthmore romped to a 9-1 won-lost record last year, scoring a total of 161 goals as against only 70 for the opposition. John Hopkins inflicted the only loss against them. When the season was over, Swarthmore was crowned champions of the Group B teams by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. They were also ranked ninth in a nationally-known poll.

Swarthmore's greatest loss was Avery (Bunky) Blake Jr. Blake, an All-American for four years, was considered by some coaches to be the best all-around player in inter-collegiate ranks.

Two All-Americans returned this year, however. Captain Orville Wright, who made the third team All-American, is an 180-pound attackman from Baltimore. The other All-American is Bill Holloway who made honorable mention. Like Wright, he is an attackman who makes his home in Maryland.

Last year the Lions were blasted, 22-6, by Swarthmore. Saturday's visitors have won five while dropping three thus far this season. Their most recent victory was a 25-5 thumping of Loyola. Loyola defeated the Lions earlier this year by a 10-6 score.

STRAY SHOTS—The freshman lacrosse team, coached by John McHugh, is in the middle of an abbreviated schedule. They will make a trip to Ithaca, N.Y., to meet the Cornell freshmen May 19.

Then on May 20, they will face the Bucknell Lacrosse Club. They have played just one game so far, losing to Lower Merion High School, 12-2.

Don't look now, but that lone goal credited to the Lions in the 23-1 slaughter at Annapolis was not scored by a Penn State player! It was accidentally kicked in by the Middle goalie.

Bob Bullock, promising sophomore, made the All-Philadelphia High School All-Star team in football during his senior year. Bullock's stocky build and scrappy play has earned him the right to see extensive action in the past several games.

5 Days Work for Sain

CLEVELAND, May 12 (AP)—When Johnny Sain relieved Eddie Lopat in the eighth inning of today's New York-Cleveland game, it marked the fourth consecutive day of action for the 35-year-old righthander.



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matches, Ed Seiling disposed of Mahlon Saible, 6-0, 6-1, and Dean Mullen knocked off Don Duncklee, 6-2, 6-3.

In yesterday's continuation, the Lions clinched the encounter when Bill Ziegler beat Jack Rugheimer in straight sets 7-5, 6-2. In the last singles match, Lew Landon nosed out Tech's number two man, Charles Garrecht, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

In doubles competition, Robinson and Landon rallied to defeat one of the top combinations in the nation, Miller and Garrecht, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. Ray and Bill Wallis easily beat Rugheimer and Tsiang, 6-2, 6-0, and Seiling and Chuck Christiansen ended the rout by trimming Duncklee and Saible, 8-6, 6-4.

In the Pitt match, the Lions performed the "iron man" stunt, by winning their second match of the day. In shutting out the Panthers, the Lions completed a clean sweep of Duquesne, Pitt and Carnegie Tech, all by 9-0 scores.

Dick "the Wedge" Robinson again started the Foggmen off on the right track by defeating Pitt's sophomore ace, Pat Hughes, 9-7, 6-4. Lew Landon, playing the second position, gained an easy triumph over John Decoux, 6-2, 6-4, and Bill Ziegler remained undefeated in singles competition by trouncing the Panther's number three performer, Charles Reese, 6-0, 6-3.

Bruz Ray kept the Lions string going as he blasted Elmer Stevens, Pitt's fourth man, 6-1, 6-4. In the number five match Ed Seiling won over Art Derabasse, 6-0, 6-2, and Bill Wallis came from behind to upend Larry Mikoleit, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles action, Robinson and Landon had little trouble in downing Hughes and Decoux, 6-1, 6-1. The story was the same with Ray and Ziegler as they blasted out a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Derabasse and Stevens. Mullen and Chuck Christiansen added the ninth point with their 6-1, 6-1 decision over Reese and Mikoleit.

1956 Lion, Penn Elevens Will Meet

Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania are scheduled to meet again in the 1956 football season. According to a report by the Associated Press, the Lions, along with Navy, and seven Ivy League colleges, are included on the Penn schedule.

The meeting will mark the fifth consecutive year that the two teams have played since the ancient rivalry was resumed in 1951. The two teams have split the two games played since the series was resumed.

The complete Penn State 1956 football schedule has not been announced.

Middlecoff Opens Tourney Defense

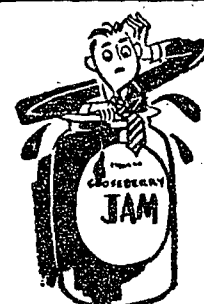
WESTBURY, N.Y., May 12 (AP)—Cary Middlecoff opens defense of his round robin golf championship tomorrow, more afraid of the Meadow Brook course than the blue ribbon opposition.

"With the wind blowing as it is, this is a real mean course," the 1949 National Open champion said after his final tuneup. "It's a souped-up course and the man who can whip its tough par three's can win it." The course has five tough par three holes, well-bunkered.

The doctor seemed to experience very few pains today as he toured the 6800-yard, par 70 layout in 68, the second best score recorded in a pro-amateur celebrity event. Jackie Burke Jr., was hottest with 67.

Tribe Sells Jim Lemon

CLEVELAND, May 12 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians sold outfielder Jim Lemon to the Washington Nationals today and optioned Jose Santiago to Indianapolis.



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