

The Scorebook

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Although there are still more than three weeks left in this year, this seems like a good time to put the 1954 track parade on review. Some of the greatest performances of all-time were recorded this season—performances that may be surpassed someday, but which will live forever.

Here then is the parade of some of the top events of the year in track and field:

Reggie Pearman of the New York Pioneer Club pulled what was probably the No. 1 upset of this year's indoor season when he outlegged "Marvelous Mal" Whitfield in the 600-yard race at the Jan. 22 running of the Philadelphia Inquirer Games.

One of the brightest stars on the American scene was Wes Santee of Kansas. Despite his failure to run the four-minute mile as he had predicted he would, Santee turned in some of the finest performances in U.S. track history. His 4:04.9 mile on Michigan State's eight-lap indoor dirt track was the speediest time ever noted for this type of race.

Santee later ran the second fastest outdoor mile in American history when he sped to a 4:03.1 clocking in the Kansas Relays. Dean Smith, Jerry Pruitt, Al Frieden, and Charles Thomas—a quartet of Texas harriers—cut two-tenths of a second off the world 440-yard relay event with an 0:40.3 performance at the Kansas Relays.

New Zealand's Murray Halberg doused Whitfield's hopes of becoming the world's first four-minute miler when he won the Benjamin Franklin Mile before 31,000 fans at April's running of the Penn Relays. Halberg's 4:10 clocking was not exceptionally fast, but it pointed out the great amount of ability required to be a top miler. Whitfield, one of the world's finest middle-distance runners had stated several weeks earlier that he would be "the world's first four-minute miler." Halberg beat the great U.S. Olympian by some 35 yards.

Within three days two of the finest achievements in the history of the sport were recorded. On May 6th the long awaited, much speculated about, and oft dreamed of four-minute mile was accomplished by Dr. Roger Bannister of England. His 3:59.4 mile culminated many months of torturous practice, and intense investigations on how to accomplish the Magic Mile. Two days later Parry O'Brien became the first man to ever heave the 16-pound shot past the 60-foot mark. His toss of 60' 5 1/2" didn't rate the attention of Bannister's showing, but it too climaxed endless hours of toil.

But the best was yet to come. In late June at Turku, Finland, Australia's John Landy bettered Bannister's record mile with a 3:58.0 running. This set the stage for The Mile of the Century seven weeks later at the quadrennial British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, B.C. No further records fell in this meeting of the world's two greatest milers, but the 32,000 fans who packed Vancouver's new Empire Stadium and the millions of TV-viewers who witnessed the duel on their screens saw one of the finest races of all time.

Late in October another Englishman, cigarette-smoking,

Cassady's 'Steal' Called Play of '54

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—October 23, 1954 in football-mad Columbus, Ohio. There were 82,000 people in the stadium to see the showdown game between Ohio State and Wisconsin for the Big Ten championship and the Rose Bowl bid. At half time Wisconsin led 7-3.

That was the setting for the play that the nation's sports writers picked as the most spectacular incident of the 1954 football season.

Wisconsin was trying for a second touchdown when Howard (Hopalong) Cassady snatched a Badger pass out of the air and sped 88 yards down the sidelines for a touchdown. That was the key play not only of one game, but of an entire season.

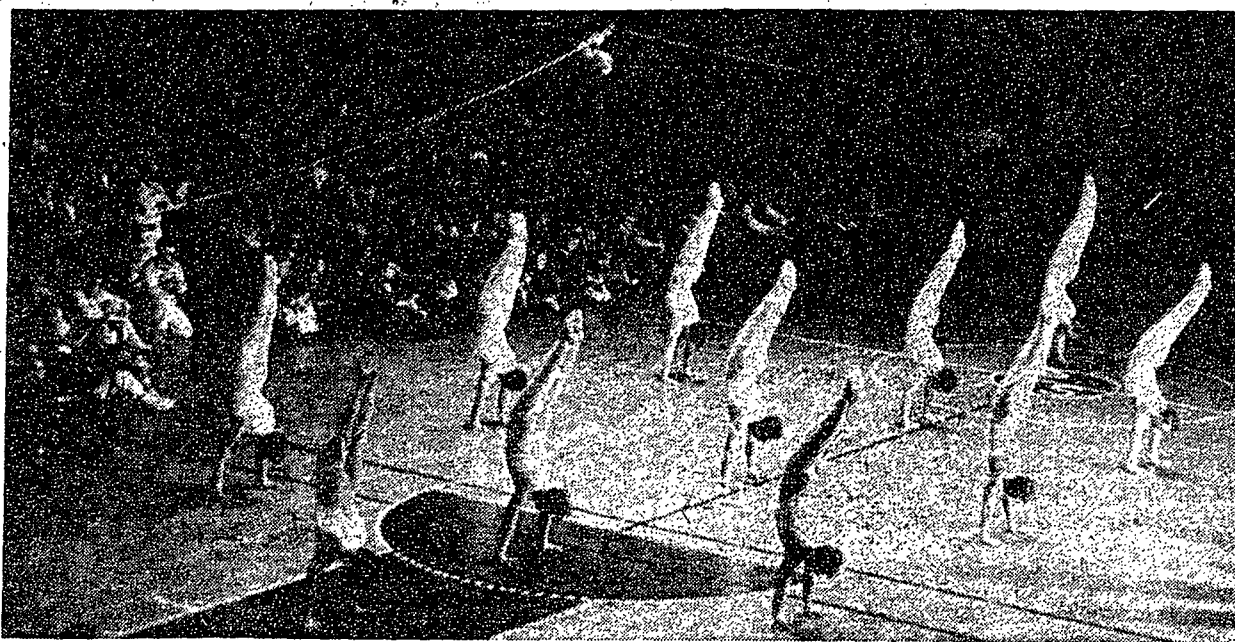
Fourteen of the football writers and broadcasters participating in The Associated Press post-season football poll cast their votes for Cassady's run as the season's most spectacular incident.

beer-drinking Chris Chataway upset Russia's Vladimir Kuc in the 5000-meter race of the Moscow-London track meet. The Englishman trailed most of the way, but pounding down the stretch he finally caught the Russian world record holder who had not long before defeated the great Emil Zatopek. Chataway's face was twisted in agony. The spotlight in London's White City Stadium picked up the two runners in the semi-darkness of the night. Chataway, breathing the fire of his own lungs, kept moving up, and won by half a stride.

At a banquet after his sensational victory, Chataway astounded Russia's "amateur" athletes by sitting back after eating dessert and lighting up a big, black cigar.

Jesse Arnette, Lion basketball captain holds the Penn State pass receiving record in football with 33 receptions in 1952.

Showmen of Perfection



SYNCHRONIZED CALISTHENICS at its best is shown by these Swedish gymnasts during their exhibition last year at Rec Hall before a capacity crowd of over 6000 thrilled fans. This routine, composed of perfect coordination and

precision timing, will be one of the main attractions when the Swedes, who this year include the top ten women gymnasts from the nation, make their Jan. 15 visit to Rec Hall.

Jablonski, Staley To Reds for Smith

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals today acquired relief pitcher Frank Smith from the Cincinnati Redlegs in exchange for third baseman Ray Jablonski, pitcher Gerry Staley, and a minor league player to be named later.

A club spokesman here announced the deal was completed in New York by Gabe Paul, general manager of the Redlegs, and Dick Meyer, general manager of the Cardinals.

The 6'-3", 200-pound Smith won five and lost eight in 50 games with Cincinnati last year and had an impressive earned run average of 2.67. He is a 26-year-old right-hander.

The 28-year-old Jablonski hit .296 and drove in 104 runs last season but he was regarded by some as a defensive liability.

Staley was considered one of the Cardinals' pitching mainstays at the start of the last season but wound up the year with a 7-13 record and a 5.25 earned run average for one of the worst years of his career. Staley had an 18-9 record in 1953.

The Cardinals are expected to fill the third base gap left by the departure of Jablonski with Ken

Boyer, a young standout they are bringing up from Houston of the Texas League.

The trade was actually completed yesterday in New York during the major league convention but announcement was held up. It may be that this was not the only trade consummated at the baseball convention in New York and it is entirely possible that other announcements will follow shortly.

20 Frosh Booters Awarded Numerals

Twenty freshmen were awarded numerals today for participation in freshman soccer at Penn State.

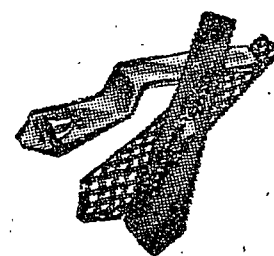
Awarded letters were Jim Benford, Ralph Brower, Earl Bruce, John Comstock, Warren Ditrow, Chuck Fisher, Karl Giulian, Clarence Haugh, Art Schravessande, Glen Spaid.

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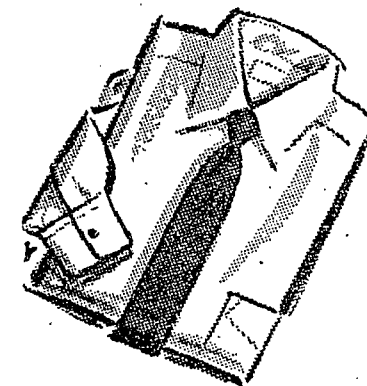
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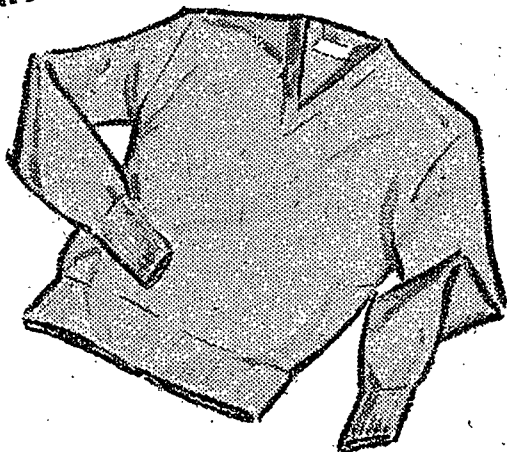


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