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N.U.T.S. NOTES

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A further number of N.U.T.S. notes is very much overdue. The two members in the best position to survey our activities are Pat Brian and myself. Pat is at time of writing on his honeymoon in Majorca, so I shall try to complete this before his return, especially as we want to make sure that those members who will not be able to come to the A.G.M. can have some news. I may say that the Brian-Gebbett duo is having a welcome rest after over a year of about four telephone calls per day, every day, and innumerable evening sessions potting over lists.

Len Gebbett.

The following lists the various forms that our information service on British athletics have taken during the last year.

British Athletics Annual

British Best Performances

"Top Ten" - End of Season - "The Times"

"Top Ten" - Monthly during season - "The Guardian"

"Top Twenty" - Roughly every three weeks during the season, issued to members, BAAB, AAA, and sold to the Press.

"Top Ten" - Mid season - "Athletics Weekly"

"Top Ten" - Every month - "World Athletics"

"N.U.T.S. Bulletin" - "Modern Athletics"

"Top Fifty" - Men, women, juniors, youths - "Athletics Weekly"

Statistical Information - checking of records and, for certain meetings, individual best performances - White City meetings (organised by the News of the World)

In addition to all these we are dealing with a great number of enquiries from the press, public, meeting organisers and other officials. In recent months your chairman has had telephone calls from the Ministry of Information, a boy's weekly, and a lady who wanted to know what the "record" was for the Youths 3 x 2 miles road relay. Pat's best include an Hungarian who wanted to know the results of the Welsh championships from 1920 onwards, and a Norwegian who is compiling world lists to a greater depth than our national lists.

I wish I could report that we remain calm in the face of this incessant barrage that we have brought upon ourselves. Peter May, who has himself suffered much in the cause, predicted this sort of situation over 18 months ago. (Note. He has left the country!)

Sale of Publications

The most important feature of "British Athletics 1961" is the inclusion of the Junior and Youths lists. We persuaded our President to get the BAAB's agreement to this, our main argument being that many young athletes would buy the book with these included. We are anxious to justify this generosity by seeing that the sales of the book increase. We feel that many more copies could be sold outside of the London area and we do urge you to ask for copies if you can possibly sell some more. Incidentally the greater the sales the more chance there is of enlarging the scope of the book.

Our own venture with Andrew Huxtable's masterpiece "British Best Performances of All Time" could also be pushed in greater numbers outside London. Mike Fleet at Loughborough, Ian Smith in Blackburn and others have got rid of a number in a short time. We only need to sell ten copies per member to make a profit, so let's be hearing from you. We are keen to produce a new "British All Time Performers" book next year, but we do depend on this year's publication being a success.

OLYMPIC COMPETITION

Here, many months after the event is the result of our competition forecasting the winners and second and third placings in the Olympics.

Len Gebbett 153; Ian Smith 145; Andrew Huxtable and Stan Greenberg 144;

Mike Woolf and Roger Breece 141; Keith Morbey 137; Melvyn Watman 136; John Martell 135; Martin James 131; Les Crouch 128; Peter May, Pat Brian and Dave Roberts 125; Alf Wilkins 114; Colin Young 113.

All entries were checked and results produced by Martin James.

DUPLICATOR

Thanks to the good offices of our President we have had our own duplicator for some time now. Until a week ago this was sited in Pat's bedroom. We still wonder if, on waking up, he absent-mindedly ran off a few more top twenty lists instead of turning off the alarm clock. More than once we have worked late into the night on lists and Pat has had no inhibitions about setting the machine clanking on its merry way at 1.30am. The reactions of the neighbours are not known but it is probably as well that he is now living elsewhere. We have no doubt that his bride will be overjoyed to have this largish piece of machinery as part of the furniture in her new home.

NUTS Winter Meeting

Our second Winter Meeting was a successful one thanks to some very hard work by Charles Elliott as organiser. The rest of us did get some sleep in January! The number of entries exceeded 300 and it was a great pity that we had such bad weather. The 440 yards was won by Adrian Metcalfe who, however, failed to set up a meeting record. We are glad to note that he found the British 400m record easier.

Fleet Street Pilgrimage

During the summer months Fleet Street is the gathering place for all the NUTS within "striking" distance, mainly on Monday afternoons. My own itinerary takes me first on one side to the Yorkshire Post, Liverpool Echo and Belfast Telegraph. I return on the other side calling in at the Birmingham Post, Nottingham Journal, Scotsman and the Glasgow Herald.

Martin James tends to go in the opposite direction and I often meet him between the two last named newspapers. He is a little secretive about his finds and looking at his notebook over his shoulder is strictly forbidden. He will, however, if you show a little patience, read them to you reserving the sensations to the end as a grand finale.

Only those who can manage the 100 yards in about 10 seconds should think of accompanying Stan Greenberg on one of his high speed tours. His ability, to dart into a newspaper office (not unlike Groucho Marx) flick over instantaneously to the sports page, note with a few strokes of a pencil half-a-dozen performances in a notebook (approximately 2" x 1") and then flash back through the doorway, is remarkable. He also has some closely guarded secrets, such as the location of the Loughborough Monitor office.

We have also seen John Martell on an occasional expedition. On successive weeks I met Reg Kerslake, who holds the all-comers record for guarding athletes watches found at Motspur Park and the White City, and photographer Ed Lacey, who like John Martell seems almost part of the scenery at Motspur Park.

NUTS Records

Some of our members have been moving well up the "Top 20" lists in recent weeks. Pride of place must go to Pat Mackenzie with his two NUTS records of 6'6" in the high jump and 40'10" in the shot. (The distance was misreported as 44'10", an error which wasn't discovered until after we had spread the news as fast as we could). With two 6'6" clearances to his credit Pat has an excellent chance of an International vest this summer.

Mike Fleet has been going from strength to strength with 49.0 in the 440y and 1:49.9 in the 880y (also 1:50.0 in the Southern). His 800m time in the faster race on June 28th at the White City was 1:49.0, and the high differential ties up with the apparently ungenerous final time given him by comparison with Schmidt of Germany.

Colin Young, who attends to our walking statistics, has himself been doing very well on both track and road. Finishing second to Hugh Nielson he broke the British 24 hour record and went close to breaking the former world mark.

Our record book is likely to alter quickly if we accept Adrian Metcalfe's application to become a member of the N.U.T.S.

So far as members' wives are concerned noone is likely to challenge Sean Kyle's wife Maeve who collected her first W.A.A.A. title in a new personal best of 56.3 over 440y.

Far-flung Empire

One of the saddest facts in the life of a Nut is that he can never meet all his fellow-fanatics on a single occasion. Anyone dropping in on one of our committee meetings for a couple of hours might think this a good thing. On my travels I have met everyone except four or five which is probably the only Nuts' record I can claim. Our meeting with Sean Kyle in Rome was hardly drawn out - just long enough to say hello and for Sean to discover he was on the wrong bus. Dave Roberts, our marathon specialist, was in London some months ago and Pat and I had a very pleasant evening with him.

We hope in a future number of N.U.T.S. Notes to give a brief account of the various activities of all our members in athletics.

Wedding Present

Bob Sparks had a splendid response from members he wrote to about Pat Brian's marriage to Adrienne and a cheque for 12½ guineas was handed to them.

New Members

In the last year we have elected five new members. Malcolm Bright, who has been a student at Oxford since October, 1960 hails from Newport, Mon., and has sent us a considerable amount of Welsh news over a long period. He is now both our Welsh and A.U.A.C. expert. Peter Hopkins is a member of St. Albans City A.C. and keeps a close watch on Hertfordshire meetings. He has also helped with work on the index for the annual. Paul Sheldon is from Bradford and is a student at Cambridge. He officiates at all the C.U.A.C. meetings and gives us detailed results. During vacations he can also obtain details of West Riding results. Peter Martin lives at Wallington, Surrey and will assist Martin James and Roy Brisley with the work on the womens' lists. He has his own extensive records which should be of great use to us. Dennis Briscoe has been a friend of most of the London members for some years and has helped us during the past two winters. Your top twenty lists, etc. come to you through the courtesy of Dennis who describes himself as the "Nutty Postman".

Marriages

In the past year there have been many amendments to the Nuts' marriage list. As yet there are no additions. Please note that the following can now only devote 10 hours a day to our work - Stan Greenberg, Bob Sparks, Simon Pearson, Pat Brian, Roy Taylor and Peter May.

Former Heroes

Pat's two predecessors on the book were Peter May and Melvyn Watman. Peter returned from New York to England for a few weeks at the end of 1960, and was married in London in December. He went back to New York with Joan shortly after. Some of you will have seen his reports in "Modern Athletics" on meetings in the U.S.A.

Melvyn Watman still has several months to go in the R.A.F. but as most of you will know is editor of the new magazine "World Athletics".

Going to Press

This number has been produced at great speed and we apologise for any typing and duplicating errors that have been made.

It is regretted that we have not been able to give news of as many people as we would have liked but we will remedy this in due course.

A last minute contribution has been received from Martin James.

N.U.T. meets World's Fastest Human

Acting on information received from the chief Nut, I was recently privileged to meet, in the company of the Times athletic correspondent and another journalist the current sprint sensation, none other than Frank Budd. The meeting took place at a London hotel, the occasion being a one day break for the U.S. team on the way to Moscow for match against the U.S.S.R.

Villanova student Budd, who turned out to be a likeable and a rather quiet young man met us outside his room and showed us in. The newspapermen soon got to work firing questions. Budd, asked whether he was surprised at running 9.2 for the 100 replied yes, his only thought being to get to Moscow and winning the race. He has one more year at Villanova studying marketing and may then go into the services. If so, he will continue to compete for a few years, otherwise unless he finds a helpful employer he will quit track when he finishes at Villanova. He reckons his start in the 9.2 was average (for him that is) and not a bad one as reported in the press and he thinks that 9.1 or even 9.0 is within his reach. However, at the moment he is more interested in seeing if he can run 10.0 for the metric distance. Budd was not over-impressed with Armin Hary at Rome and he thought that Hary "was just right on the day that mattered". Did Budd remember competing in London? "Yeah, I ran first leg in the relay and it really rained" (I remember I got wet too and I was under cover). After a lengthy session with Budd we returned to meet his coach, Jim Elliott. Elliott has been making Budd work harder this year and he attributes his success to a low action. "Budd runs on the ground: that's where it really matters". Elliott was quick to say, however, that this comes naturally to Budd and has not been taught him.

A very interesting afternoon - my only regret was that I didn't speak to Wilma Ruddph as I had heard that on her previous visit to London, on being asked by the press if she had a moment replied with the one word "Nope".

BRITISH BEST PERFORMANCES 1961 (As at 12th July)

Compiled for the N.U.T.S. by Len Gebbett, Stan Greenberg,
Bob Sparks and Pat Brian.

100y	220y	440y	880y
Meakin 9.5(9.4)	D. Jones 21.0(20.8)	Metcalfe 46.4	Harris 1:49.0
Segal 9.6	Anson 21.3	Brightwell 46.5	Wenk 1:49.3
Radford 9.6(9.5)	Hildrey 21.3	J.D.Cooper 47.5	Purkis 1:49.7
D. Jones 9.6(9.5)	Smouha 21.4	Jackson 47.6	Fleet 1:49.9
Carter 9.6	Radford 21.4	Yardley 47.7	Elliott 1:49.9
Bender 9.7	Metcalfe 21.4(21.0)	Futter 47.5	Haith 1:49.9
Cmela 9.7	Carter 21.5(21.4)	Wilcock 48.0	Kilford 1:50.1
McIlroy 9.7(9.6)	Bender 21.5	Brown 48.1	Piercy 1:50.1
Nicholson 9.7	Meakin 21.5	Eldridge 48.2	P. Milner 1:50.7
Metcalfe 9.8(9.7)	Price 21.6	Morris 48.2	Davie 1:51.0
Hildrey 9.8(9.6)	Brightwell 21.6	Todman 48.5	Pinkerton 1:51.3
Whitelock 9.8(9.6)	McIlroy 21.6(21.3)	Price 48.5	Holt 1:51.4
B. Jones 9.8(9.6)	J.D.Cooper 21.6	Davies 48.5	Berisford 1:51.5
Cheskin 9.8	Cheskin 21.6	Overhead 48.5	Setti 1:51.5
Anson 9.8(9.6)	Morris 21.6	Setti 48.5	Simpson 1:51.6
Holmes 9.8(9.7)	Campbell 21.7	Potter 48.5	Jones 1:51.7
20 at 9.9	Cmela 21.7	Cole 48.5	Veals 1:51.8
(Wind times in	Overhead 21.7(21.5)	Robertson 48.6	Keeling 1:51.8
brackets for	Dennis 21.7	Ruddy 48.6	Cornell 1:51.9
100y and 220y.)			Rawson 1:51.9

1 Mile
Haith 4:01.3
Berisford 4:01.4
Wood 4:01.8
Taylor 4:01.9
Duggan 4:03.0
Wiggs 4:03.4
Giddings 4:03.5
Snowden 4:03.6
Simpson 4:03.7
P. Milner 4:03.9
A. Milner 4:04.4
Tulloh 4:04.6
Anderson 4:04.7
Hall 4:05.0
Everett 4:05.7
Ken Smith 4:06.5
Fisher 4:06.8
Sunderland 4:07.0
Rogers 4:07.0
Elliott 4:07.2
Shillington 4:05.7

3 Miles
Tulloh 13:25.8
Ibbotson 13:33.6
Salvat 13:34.2
Craig 13:35.4
Herring 13:35.8
Merriman 13:37.4
Heatley 13:38.0
Hyman 13:41.8
Bullivant 13:42.4
Pirie 13:43.6
D. Taylor 13:44.2
Fowler 13:44.8
Foord 13:45.0
Freary 13:45.6
Strong 13:46.2
Earl 13:47.0
Hill-
Cottingham 13:47.2
Stewart 13:47.6
Keily D.B. 13:47.6
Perkins 13:49.8
Everett 13:47.6

6 miles
Hyman 27:54.4
Bullivant 28:05.4
Heatley 28:10.0
Fowler 28:18.0
Foord 28:38.2
Freary 28:47.0
Merriman 28:57.0
North 29:00.8
Perkins 29:01.6
T. Smith 29:02.6
A. Wood 29:08.8
Mayatt 29:09.6
Major 29:09.6
Strong 29:10.0
Brown 29:11.0
Lewis 29:15.6
Hogan 29:20.0
Langridge 29:24.2
Killeen 29:25.8
Card 29:26.8
Eldon 28:13.4
Edelen 29:2.2

3KmSt
Herriott 8:46.4
Chapman 8:53.4
Shirley 8:57.0
Grubb 9:02.4
Collins, R. 9:04.2
Ellis 9:06.2
Stearns 9:06.6
Taylor 9:07.2
Banner 9:08.6
Montague 9:09.2
Pugh 9:10.0
Collins, B. 9:10.2
Duggan, P. 9:11.6
Bennett 9:14.2
Burt 9:20.0
Roberts 9:20.2
Howard 9:20.2
Price 9:23.4
Lindsell 9:25.0
Spencer 9:25.0
Palmer 9:0.2
Gault 9:2.8

120yH
Taitt 14.2
Parker 14.3
Birrell 14.4
Robinson 14.6
Oloko 14.6
Duncan 14.7
Hildreth 14.7
Pilbrow 14.8
Miller 14.8
Belleh 14.3
Brunyee 15.0
Cook 15.0
Matthews 15.0
G. Jones 15.1
Sunderland 15.1
Price 15.2
O'Connell 15.2
Whiddett 15.2
Tymms 15.2
Tolson 15.2
Seale 15.2
McLachlan 15.2
Lane 15.0

440yH
Surety 52.1
Bryan 52.2
J.H. Cooper 52.5
Kane 52.8
Goudge 52.9
Woodland 53.2
Warden 54.6
Hay 54.9
Barrington 54.9
Macklin 55.0
Futter 55.0
Wilmshurst 55.2
Robinson 55.4
Farrell 55.4
Poole 55.5
Fitzgerald 55.5
Brooke 55.6
Chamberlain 56.0
Dick 56.1
Add Boyes 55.2
Lane 55.4

High Jump		Long Jump		Hop Step & Jump		Pole Vault	
Fairbrother	6'9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Alsop	24/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Alsop	50/2 50'5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Earle	14/0
Miller	6/7	Howell	24/8	Ralph	49/7 $\frac{3}{4}$	Porter	13/6
Mackenzie	6/6	Lissaman	23/10	Eziashi	49/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	McManus	13/6
Gabriel	6/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Liles	23/9	Walker	48/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hutton	13/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Leary	6/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Davies A.	23/7 (23'9 $\frac{1}{2}$)	Turvey	48/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Gorst	13/4
Chadderton	6/3	Ralph	23/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fiofori	48/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Burton	13/0
Bateman	6/3	Whyte	23/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Britten	48/1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Malcolm	13/0
Rutherford	6/3	Duff	23/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Murray	47/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Brown	13/0
Sowemino	6/2	Woolley	23/6	Davies L.	47/11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Lyons	12/8
Van Dyck	6/2	Davies L.	23/5 $\frac{1}{4}$	Simpson	47/11	Wellwood	12/7
Flewitt	6'3 6/2	Morbey	23/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Robinson	45 $\frac{1}{2}$ 47/6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Higdon	12/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anuku	6/2	Bale	23/4 (23'1 $\frac{1}{4}$)	Dodd	47/5	Fortenbaugh	12/6
Cairns	6/2	Peck	23/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Evans	47/3	Addis	12/6
Lister	6'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Grey	23/2	Slaughter	47/3	Evans	12/6
Williams	6/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Simey	23/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ambateilos	47/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nugent	12/6
7 at 6/1		Davies T.	23/0 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tymms	47/0	Downhill	12/6 13'0
Houston	6'2	Birchall	23/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Whyte	47/0	Stevenson	12/6
Stableforth	6'2	Seale	22/11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Stephens	46/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Milligan	12/6
Cairns	6'2	Ellis	22/11	Wallhouse	46/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Hopkins	12/6
		Davies K.	22/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mckechnie	46/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ward	12/6 13'0
		R. Cooper	23'0				

Shot		Discus		Javelin	
Rowe	61/6	Carr	179/3	Smith	241/10
Lindsay	58/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hollingsworth	174/8	Miller	238/6
Lucking	58/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 58'6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lindsay	170/5 $\frac{1}{8}$	Greasley	231/2 231'9
Harrison	54/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cleaver	166'9 163/0	Loveland	225/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Morgan	53/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Cunnew	162/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Kitching	225/5
Richardson	53/3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Chinnery	164'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 160/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bacon	225/0 $\frac{1}{2}$ 226'8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carr	53/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sheldrick	159/1	Lane	223/0 $\frac{1}{2}$ 225'10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chinnery	51/11	Capener	157/1	Cullen	222/10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 223'8
Sheldrick	51/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Weightman	156/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sexton	218/5
Guest	51/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Harrison	154/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hill	216/10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Taylor	50/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Feldmanis	154/7	Sale	212/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bellingham	50/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pemberton	152/3	Nash	210/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clark	50/2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Reid	151/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Kennedy-	
Waterhouse	49/7	Sampson	151/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Skipton	210/0
Pearman	49/7	Northern	151/0	McSorley	207/4
Rioch	49/5	Jones	150/11	Crout	206/3
Swindale	48/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nimmo	149/9	Bushnell	205/8
Mabon	48/6	Ward	149/7	Kerridge	205/6
Chandler	47/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Swindale	148/1	Leatherhead	204/7
Evans	46/11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Muller	147/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dodd	204/0
Cleaver	47'8 25.6				
G. Davies Hammer	47'10 8.7				

Payne	191/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 193'9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brown	191/0 195'0
Dickson	181/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Valentine	181/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hall	181/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 182'7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nikazis	177/7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dutton	173/11
Anthony	172/9
Hughes	168/10
McDonald	168/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nicholl	168/3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ritchie	165/3
Thomas	164/2
Newton	162/9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seddon	162/2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gandy	159/9 $\frac{1}{2}$

GENERAL NOTES

In races up to the 880y we have converted any times over metric distances using the usual conversion factors. We have included foreign and Commonwealth athletes at present resident in this country. Also we have included British athletes, qualified to represent Britain internationally, now resident abroad. If you have any amendments to these lists please notify Pat Brian, 52d Granville Park, Lewisham, London, S.E.13.