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## EDITORIAL

As I mentioned briefly in the Annual Report, we have not been able to forge ahead with the publication of the deep UK all time lists; the 10,000m is currently with Bob Sparks, who - as the BAAB photofinish archivist - is the only member in a position to assemble the information on fully-automatic times. He has not yet found it possible to do the necessary work, but I hope that the next issue will contain this list.

## MISCELLANY

- 5 Recently published and of particular interest to LD buffs: "Distance Running Progressive Bests" compiled by Andy Milroy. 14pp booklet covers events from 10 miles to 24 hours (track) plus Marathon and London-Brighton. 20p (inc. postage) from Don Bonser, 80 Benhill Wood Road, SUTTON, Surrey; "British Marathon Ranking List 1976" compiled by John Walsh. Contains over 1200 performers (men and women). 25p (inc. postage) from the compiler, 58 St Christopher's Drive, St Martin's Estate, CAERPHILLY, Mid Glamorgan CF8 1DD.
- 6 Congratulations to, respectively, Dave and Margaret Terry and Jeff and Ruth Carter on the following recent arrivals:
- | <u>Date of birth</u> | <u>Names</u>                | <u>Weight</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 17 January 1977      | Helen Margaret Eileen Terry | 3.97kg        |
| 24 February 1977     | Adam Clay Carter            | 3.16kg        |
- 8 Norris McWhirter is interested in purchasing a copy of "A World History of Track and Field Athletics 1864-1964" by Roberto Quercetani (OUP, 1964); if you can help please contact him at 1 Cecil Court, 49-55 London Road, ENFIELD, Middx EN2 6DJ (telephone: 01-363 0249).
- 9 More outstanding successes by Peter Lovesey: his novel of suspense "The Detective Wore Silk Drawers" was broadcast on Radio 4 Saturday-Night Theatre (14 May) and his latest work, entitled "Goldengirl" is published on 23 June. As you may have seen in an article by Ian Wooldridge (Daily Mail, 24 May), it is already being prepared for filming. Peter tells me that the film rights have been bought outright by Elliott Kastner and John Kohn; the former produced "Where Eagles Dare", "Ryan's Daughter" and "The Medusa Touch", while the latter did the screenplays for "The Collector" and "The Magus" by John Fowles. Mayflower Books have negotiated the UK paperback rights and offers are coming in from US paperback publishers; the US hardback edition is being published by Doubleday in January 1978.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE NUTS

Andrew James Clatworthy b. Banbury (Oxon), 26 December 1946; 1.80/66.0; single; forensic toxicologist; educ. Watford GS, Watford & Harrow Colleges of Technology, North East London Polytechnic; other interests: bridge, netball refereeing, football, table tennis, badminton, lecturing; athletics interest started: 1965.

Wally Donovan b. New York (NY), 30 January 1918; 1.83/75.0; married, 4 children; Vice-President, Dental Manufacturers; educ. Columbia U, NY; other interests: photography, opera, reading, organ, camping, history; athletics interest started: 1928; greatest performances witnessed: 9.2 Frank Budd (1961), 20.6 Andy Stanfield (1951) and Ray Norton (1960), 1:49.6 Elroy Robinson (1937), 1:43.5 Alberto Juantorena (1976), 8:58.4 Don Lash (1936), 17:16.2 Indiana U (1937), 94.58 Miklos Németh (1976), 8618 Bruce Jenner (1976), 16.17 Leo Sexton (1932).

THE GREAT OLYMPIC HURDLES MYSTERY: Part 3 by Peter Lovesey

The following communication seems to make a practically conclusive case for 110 metres as the distance run in the hurdles event in 1896:

Athens, 23 February 1977

Dear Mr Lovesey,

Referring to your letter dated 1st November, 1976 addressed to the Librarian of the International Olympic Academy concerning the hurdle race 110 or 100 meters of the Olympic Games 1896, I wish to give you the following information:

1) The Official Programme of the Games included 110 meters hurdles as you can read in the Bulletin No. 3 of the International Olympic Committee. Photocopy enclosed. [PHL has this for reference.]

2) The above is also mentioned in the Book of John Chryssafis (Greece) written on the History of the Olympic Games (1930). On page 219 (photocopy enclosed) 110 meters are mentioned. On page 315 the description of 110 m. hurdles can be read. On pages 228 and 229, paragraph 8, the Rules of the 110 m. hurdles can be seen as follows: 10 hurdles of 1.06 in height intermediate distance 9 meters, distance from the start to the first hurdle 15 meters and from the last hurdle to the finish line 14 meters.

3) In the Official Report (Les Jeux Olympiques, 776 av. J.C. - 1896. Deuxième partie Les Jeux Olympiques de 1896. Par Le Baron de Coubertin, Timoleon Philemon, N.G. Politis & Charalambos Anninos, Athènes: Charles Beck: Editeur), on page 62 you may read in the Greek version 100 mètres hurdles race, on page 64 of the French version you may read "course de 100 mètres avec obstacles". Both refer to the preliminary heats.

On page 79-80 referring to the finals you may read in the Greek version "110 meters hurdles race" and in the French version "Course de 110 mètres avec obstacles". On page 106 in the Winners List also 110 m. hurdles is mentioned.

4) The Winners of the heats were: in the first heat Goulding (England) 18.4", and in the second heat Curtis (USA) 18.0" as mentioned in the Book of P. Maniatis (Greece) "The History of Athletics of Greece", Athens, who also writes about 110 meters hurdles.

My conclusion would be that actually the race was 110 meters but because of the printing mistake in the Official Report the 100 meters version slipped in later. I see no reason why the Official Rules previously issued should have been changed, but on the other hand the performances of the preliminary heats 18.4" - 18.0" and of the final, first Curtis 17.6", second Goulding 18.0" prove the distance of 110 meters.

In the hope that with the above data I could help you in your research - I would certainly be pleased to read the full text of your deliberation on this matter - I remain,

Yours sincerely,

signed OTTO SZYMICZEK

Dean of the International Olympic Academy

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WORLD TOP-10 AVERAGES (Men) by Richard Hymans

In NUTS Notes Vol 14 No 3 I gave an updated listing of the leading 10 performers based on their top-10 averages. I now present what is believed to be the first attempt to do the same for averages based on fully automatic times. 100m

1. Charlie Greene (USA)	10.125	2. Steve Williams (USA)	10.179
10.02 (1)q4 Mexico City-OG	131068	10.08 (2) Zürich	200875
9.21 (1) Provo-NCAA	160667	10.10 (1) Stuttgart	260875
10.07 (3) Mexico City-OG	141068	10.15 (1) Dakar	040873
9.23 (1)h4 Provo-NCAA	150667	10.16 (1)sFirenze	040677
10.10 (1)h4 Sacramento-AAU	200668	10.19 (1)h1Eugene-AAU	200675
10.10 (1)s2 Sacramento-AAU	200668	10.19 (1) Firenze	040677
10.12 (1)s2 Mexico City-OG	141068	10.21 (2) Eugene-AAU	210675
10.15 (2) Echo Summit-FOT	100968	10.22 (1)s1Eugene-AAU	200675
10.22 (1)q2 Echo Summit-FOT	090968	10.25 (1)h2Zürich	200875
9.48 (1)s1 Provo-NCAA	160667	10.24 (2) Los Angeles-AAU	110677



3. Valeriy Borzov (USSR)	10.180	4. Harvey Glance (USA)	10.184
10.07 (1)q3 München-OG	310872	10.11 (1) Eugene-FOT	200676
10.14 (1)r1 München	150872	10.12 (1)sl Eugene-FOT	200676
10.14 (1) München-OG	010972	10.16 (1) PhiladelphiaNCAA	040676
10.14 (3) Montreal-OG	240776	10.16 (1) Tuscaloosa	140577
10.16 (3) Zürich	200875	10.19 (1)h4 Eugene-FOT	190676
10.20 (2) College Park	060876	10.19 (4) Montreal-OG	240776
10.21 (1)sl München-OG	010972	10.21 (1) Auburn	160477
10.21 (1) Stockholm	170775	10.23 (1)q4 Montreal-OG	230776
10.26 (1) Helsinki-EC	110871	10.23 (3) College Park	060876
10.27 (1) Roma-EC	030974	10.24 (1)sl Montreal-OG	240776
5. Steve Riddick (USA)	10.207	6. Lennox Miller (Jamaica)	10.210
10.05 (1) Zürich	200875	10.04 (2) Mexico City-OG	141068
10.15 (1) College Park	060876	10.10 (1)ql Mexico City-OG	131068
10.18 (3) Eugene-FOT	200676	10.15 (2)s2 Mexico City-OG	141068
10.20 (1) Zürich	160874	9.32 (2) Provo-NCAA	160667
10.21 (1) Paris	100976	10.18 (2)s2 Sacramento-AAU	200668
10.23 (1) Nice	160876	10.24 (2)r7 München	150872
10.24 (1) Philadelphia	040876	9.40 (1)sl Provo-NCAA	160667
10.26 (2) Stockholm	170775	10.31 (2)s2 München-OG	010972
10.27 (1) Viareggio	140876	10.33 (1)ql München-OG	310872
10.28 (1)h1 Zürich	200875	10.33 (3) München-OG	010972
7. Hasley Crawford (Trinidad)	10.219	8. Donald Quarrie (Jamaica)	10.222
9. Roger Bambuck (France)	10.225	10. Johnny Jones (USA)	10.248

<u>200m</u>			
1. Donald Quarrie (Jamaica)	20.251	2. Pietro Mennea (Italy)	20.340
19.86 (1) Cali-PAG	030871	20.23 (1) Torino	130775
20.06 (1) Zürich	160874	20.23 (1) Viareggio	140876
20.12 (1) Eugene-AAU	210675	20.28 (1) Roma	210975
20.23 (1) Montreal-OG	260776	20.30 (3) München-OG	040972
20.28 (1)q3 Montreal-OG	250776	20.35 (1) Zürich	180876
20.32 (1) Paris	080775	20.38 (1) Firenze	030677
20.35 (1) London	140876	20.40 (1)r8 München	230872
20.38 (2) Stuttgart	260875	20.40 (1) Torino	040677
20.43 (2)q4 München	030972	20.41 (1) Rieti	290876
20.48 (1)sl Montreal-OG	260776	20.42 (1) Nice	170875
3. James Gilkes (Guyana)	20.527	4. Millard Hampton (USA)	20.587
20.39 (2) Eugene-AAU	210675	20.10 (1) Eugene-FOT	220676
20.42 (3) Zürich	200875	20.29 (2) Montreal-OG	260776
20.43 (1) Mexico City-PAG	161075	20.43 (1) Los Angeles	130377
20.45 (2) Paris	080775	20.60 (1) Los Angeles	200377
20.51 (1) West Berlin	200876	20.60 (2) Los Angeles	300477
20.53 (1)sl Mexico City-PAG	151075	20.69 (1)s2 Eugene-FOT	220676
20.55+(2) Provo-NCAA	070675	20.69 (2)sl Montreal-OG	260776
20.58+(1)h2 Provo-NCAA	070675	20.75 (1)h3 Eugene-FOT	210676
20.67 (2)sl Eugene-AAU	210675	20.83 (2)q3 Montreal-OG	250776
20.74 (2) PhiladelphiaNCAA	050676	20.89 (1)h2 Los Angeles-AAU	100676
5. Ed Roberts (Trinidad)	20.628	6. Steve Williams (USA)	20.682
20.33 (4) Mexico City-OG	161068	20.16 (1) Stuttgart	260875
20.39 (3) Cali-PAG	030871	20.31 (1) London	290875
20.43 (2)s2 Mexico City-OG	161068	20.33+(1) Bakersfield-AAU	160673
20.49 (2)q3 Mexico City-OG	151068	20.66 (4) Eugene-AAU	210675
20.64?(3) Tokyo-OG	171064	20.69 (1) Innsbruck	140773
20.69 (4)h2 Mexico City-OG	151068	20.81 (3) Paris	080775
20.69 (2) Edinburgh-BCG	220770	20.86 (1)s2 Eugene-AAU	210675
20.84?(1)h6 Tokyo-OG	161064	20.87 (2) Köln	010976
20.84?(3)sl Tokyo-OG	171064	20.94 (2)h2 Eugene-AAU	210675
20.94?(1)q2 Tokyo-OG	161064	20.99 ( )	75
7. Dwayne Evans (USA)	20.653	8. Hans-Jürgen Zenk (GDR)	20.784
9. Valeriy Borzov (USSR)	20.790	10. Franz-Peter Hofmeister (GFR)	20.795

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110mH

1. Guy Drut (France)	13.392	2. Willie Davenport (USA)	13.462
13.28 (1) St Etienne	210675	13.33 (1) Mexico City-OG	171068
13.30 (1) Montreal-OG	280776	13.38 (3) Montreal-OG	280776
13.34 (2) München-OG	070972	13.42 (2) Nice	160876
13.40 (1) Roma-EC	080974	13.45+(1T)Miami-AAU	280669
13.40 (1) Paris	080775	13.47+(1) New York-AAU	250666
13.41 (1) Nice	160876	13.48 (1) Köln	010976
13.43 (1) Leipzig	130775	13.50 (4) München-OG	070972
13.45 (1) Zürich	180876	13.51 (2) College Park	060876
13.45 (1) West Berlin	200876	13.53 (1)s2Mexico City-OG	171068
13.46 (1) Bydgoszcz	030875	13.55 (3)s2Montreal-OG	280776
3. Rod Milburn (USA)	13.485	4. Charles Foster (USA)	13.494
13.24 (1) München-OG	070972	13.41 (4) Montreal-OG	280776
13.41 (1) Zürich	060773	13.43 (1) Zürich	200875
13.44 (1)s2München-OG	070972	13.44 (1) Zürich	160874
13.44+(1)s2Baton Rouge-NCAA	080673	13.45 (1)s1Montreal-OG	280776
13.45+(1) Durham	030575	13.48 (1) College Park	060876
13.48+(1)s1Crawfordsville	010673	13.49 (1T)Los Angeles	110677
13.48 (1) München	160872	13.52 (3) Nice	160876
13.57 (1)h3München-OG	030972	13.55 (2) Köln	210576
13.60+(1)h5Baton Rouge-NCAA	070673	13.57 (2) Paris	080775
13.74 (1)r4München	230872	13.60 (2) Durham	050774
5. Thomas Munkelt (GDR)	13.503	6. Frank Siebeck (GDR)	13.522
13.44 (1) Karl MarxStadt	290576	13.33 (1) Berlin	100776
13.44 (5) Montreal-OG	280776	13.47 (1) Stockholm	010775
13.45 (2) Berlin	060875	13.49 (1) Berlin	060875
13.48 (2)s1Montreal-OG	280776	13.52 (2) Erfurt	230875
13.51 (2)r2Berlin	060875	13.52 (1)r2Berlin	100776
13.53 (1) Dresden	190576	13.53 (2) Karl Marx Stadt	290576
13.55 (1) Potsdam	100875	13.58 (2)s2München-OG	040972
13.59 (1) Erfurt	160576	13.59 (1)r2Potsdam	280874
13.59 (1) Warszawa	200876	13.59 (2) Potsdam	100875
13.45 (2) Berlin	100776	13.60 (1) Halle	070675
7. Tom Hill (USA)	13.550	8. Alejandro Casanas (Cuba)	13.552
9. James Owens (USA)	13.610	10. Mirosław Wodzyński (Pol)	13.665

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