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EDITORIAL

First of all an urgent request: we are committed to producing a revised edition of the UK Indoor Handbook for the 1971/72 season (it is being sponsored by the MCAAA), and require some assistance in up-dating the second (1966) edition. If you can help (and possession of "Athletics Weekly" from 1966 would obviously be useful if not essential) please contact Peter Matthews, 30 Farthings Close, Eastcote, Pinner, Middx HA5 2QR immediately.

The President has asked if any members would let him know - by the end of this year at the latest - if they have any suggestions for IAAF Rule changes. Write to: Harold Abrahams CBE, 42 Orpington Road, London N21 3PG.

We welcome three new members: Vic Broadway, Tony Miller and David Phillips. You'll notice that they live in areas which have, up to now, not been too well covered.

Finally, I would - once again - like to appeal to all members to submit material for inclusion in NUTS Notes. The next issue will, hopefully, be mailed before Christmas so please send your article, statistical compilation or whatever to reach me by 8 December.

MISCELLANY

As of this date (9 October) I have received copies of the 1970 Junior Men's lists only: any member who requires a copy should send 28p cheque, PO or Giro transfer (A/c no. 52 843 0009) to me. I still have copies of some of the publications listed in the last issue, plus a few others. Please enclose 5p in stamps for each.

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NUTS RECORDS

3,000m:	8:28.8	Clive Williams	(2)	17 Jul 71	Swansea
5,000m:	14:30.2	Clive Williams	(5)	22 Aug 71	Smethwick
1,500m:	4:49.1	Liz Sissons	(3)	15 Sep 71	Tooting
2,500mW:	17:47.2	Liz Sissons	(1)	21 Aug 71	Redhill

NUTS MEMBERS' PENTATHLON & DINNER

Both slightly low key affairs this year, with only three starters in the former and no guest of honour at the latter (Cliff Temple was still searching desperately among the UK Women's Top 20 an hour before kick-off). Dave Terry won the pentathlon for the third successive year in good conditions at Battersea Park on 29 August. Full result:

1, M D Terry	2082	(5.71 33.36 25.0 26.40 5:40.8)
2, C G Temple	1212	(4.15 20.95 28.2 15.23 4:44.0)
3, P J Matthews	1030	(4.64 26.50 29.8 20.01 6:26.8)

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

Alan Lindop, 12 Bridgett Close, Trent Vale, STOKE-ON-TRENT ST4 6PP is willing to purchase the following:

<u>Athletics Weekly</u>	1950 Nos 1-23, 51, 52; 1951 No 19; 1952 No 26; 1954 No 27, 1955 Nos 17-27, 29, 32; 1957 Nos 2, 10, 19, 49-52; 1958 Nos 19, 34-39, 41-52; 1959 Nos 1-6, 8-22, 26-30, 35, 52; 1960 Nos 1-5, 7, 9, 15, 33, 37-39, 46, 52; 1962 Nos 2-5.
<u>World Sports</u>	Before 1957; 1959 July, August; 1962 March.

## AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS by John Lusardi

Obviously, facilities for the sport on all levels are quite superb. I was rather struck by the shortsightedness of Brian Mitchell's comments ("AW", 25.9.71 issue) to the effect that "two all-weather tracks belonging to schools within 8 miles of each other - a phenomenon that is not likely to be found anywhere else in the world." Such a situation is quite commonplace throughout the US and, with the passage of time, becomes increasingly more so. A vast number of small high schools have all-weather surfaces and many have stands with a seating capacity not much short of Crystal Palace. Often these tracks are built for no other purpose than to act as a status symbol (organisations are as concerned with status as are individuals) but the fact remains that they are there for those who wish to make use of them.

Personally, I feel certain that America's dominance in the realm of athletics since the turn of the century must largely be attributed to the fact of their being a hybrid nation. Walking through the crowded streets of any major metropolis one becomes quickly aware of the fact of regularly being dwarfed. Whereas I am a shade above the height of an average Englishman, the suspicion came to me that this could not be the case on the other side of the Atlantic. I was subsequently able to verify this belief at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC where I learnt that the average American male was 1/2 inch taller and 3-4 lbs heavier than his English counterpart.

While I cannot claim to any precise recollection of Mendel's laws, I believe that the old priest discovered that hybrid stock tends towards the production of extremes. This observation seemed to be borne out by the fact one was alternately a giant and a dwarf. Men of under 4ft 6in and over 6ft 6in were seen so often as to be an ordinary occurrence. Even the 7ft 3in+ Wilt Chamberlain, regularly seen lounging on a Santa Monica beach, did not seem particularly out of place. If he was often the focus of attention it was more for the fact of who he was than what he was. Can you imagine the commotion and merriment occasioned by a fellow of 7ft 3in at Brighton! Generally speaking, athletics occupies a position in the US similar to that of competitive skiing in Britain. While the sport can be considered relatively important in high school and college, the pressures of everyday life are so great that one must have an interest bordering on fanaticism to continue as an active athlete beyond this point.

The only major exception to this rule comes from the black members of the population. A high proportion of the blacks could tell you who Lee Evans is and list his achievements comparatively accurately. Not so with the whites and Gerry Lindgren. Presumably this is symptomatic of all "second-class citizens" - probably any Irish New Yorker would have been familiar with the names of John Flanagan and Peter O'Connor in 1904.

I'm not quite sure what I expected of American TV coverage but I know I was disappointed. Having heard a certain editor (let us mention nothing that might suggest what man this might be!) lyrically proclaim the praises of televised athletics in the US at great length, I probably anticipated blanket coverage. Such was not forthcoming. Generally speaking, it was on a par with the job done by the BBC. Contrary to opinion, field events are not depicted at any length. One might hear a voice say "And now over to the long jump". Then one would see a video recording of X leaping 25ft 11in and the voice would proclaim "a great jump .. good enough for third". Then on to another recording of Y who placed second and Z who won. Certainly one does not view the competition from start to finish.

Coverage of the distance track races are most assuredly inferior to their English counterparts. One will perhaps see the first 1-1/2 laps of the 5,000m and suddenly the scene will jump to the penultimate circuit.

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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1934-71 by Dr David Dallman

The table shows cumulative results from the ten European Championships held to date. The first six columns give the numbers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places obtained; these are followed by the total number of medals, the total number of placings in the first six and the total number of points, scoring 6-5-4-3-2-1. This last column determines the order in the table. (Relays have been included.)

	Placings in first six						Total	Total	Total Points
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1st three placings	1st six placings	
USSR	40	38	36	20	24	25	114	183	707
UK	30	18	27	22	21	26	75	144	510
Sweden	19	26	25	23	25	15	70	133	478
Finland	21	19	22	19	16	17	62	114	415
France	18	22	13	21	21	17	53	112	392
Germany <sup>a</sup>	23	16	20	15	11	9	59	94	374
Italy	13	16	11	13	17	26	40	96	301
Poland	13	15	12	20	13	12	40	85	299
GDR <sup>b</sup>	18	14	11	15	11	5	43	74	294
Hungary	9	8	14	14	16	22	31	83	246
CSR	8	6	15	6	10	10	29	55	186
GFR <sup>b</sup>	4	8	9	6	5	9	21	41	137
Norway	2	7	4	11	5	2	13	31	108
Netherlands	6	4	4	5	3	2	14	24	95
Switzerland	2	3	4	5	12	11	9	37	93
Belgium	2	6	2	2	5	9	10	26	75
Yugoslavia	-	2	-	6	5	2	2	15	40
Iceland	3	1	1	1	3	2	5	11	38
Denmark	1	2	2	2	2	1	5	10	35
Estonia <sup>c</sup>	2	-	1	1	3	-	3	7	25
Greece	-	1	2	3	-	1	3	7	23
Rumania	-	3	1	1	-	1	4	6	23
Bulgaria	2	1	-	1	-	2	3	6	22
Eire	-	1	1	-	2	-	2	4	13
Austria	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	5	9
Latvia <sup>c</sup>	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	9
Spain	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	4	9
Turkey	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	3	9
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	3
Portugal	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	3

Notes: a 1934-62  
 b 1966-71  
 c Now part of USSR

U.K. WOMENS ALL-TIME BEST PENTATHLON PERFORMANCES (100mH)

Rescored on the 1971 Tables; x = Non-consecutive days

N.B. 1970 Commonwealth Games results scored to .01 sec.

4527	Mary Peters	2I/22.7.70	-	4416 (3.6.70); 4373 (I3/I4.6.70); 4233 (26/27.6.70)	
4426	Ann Wilson	2I/22.7.70	-	4307 (I3/I4.6.70); 4298 (22/23.5.71); 4030 (7/8.6.69); 3996 (16.8.69); 3975 (30.8.69); 3835 (21.6.69);	
4141	Susan Scott	7/8.6.69	-	4083 (2I/22.7.70); 4055 (17/18.9.69); 3913 (16.5.70); 3832 (31.5.69)	
4123	Moira Walls	2I/22.7.70	-	4052 (3.5.70); 4021 (22/23.5.71); 4021 (2.8.69); 3885 (30.8.69); 3783 (29.8.70); 3687 (14.6.69).	
4079	Judy Vernon	II.7.71	-	3999x (28/30.8.71); 3969 (3.7.71); 3837 (15.5.71).	
4057	Janet Honour	II.7.71	-	3994 (3.7.71); 3894 (15.5.71); 3856x (28/30.8.71); 3847 (26/27.6.70); 3555 (21.6.69).	
4015	Ruth Martin-Jones	8.5.71	-	3923 (2I/22.7.70); 3849 (I/2.7.70); 3846 (2/3.9.70); 3652 (24/25.6.69).	
3890	Susan Hayward	2I.6.69	-	3378 (29.6.69); 3863 (7/8.6.69); 3801 (I3/I4.6.70).	
3883	Shirley Clelland	2I/22.7.70	-	3879 (2/3.9.70); 3760 (26/27.6.70); 3752 (2.5.70); 3743 (10/11.6.69); 3708 (2.8.69); 3684 (22.8.70) 3655 (17.2.7.70); 3651 (7.9.69) 3617 (16.5.70)	
3806	Frances Slaap (10)	29.6.69			
3727	Nnenna Njoku	3.7.71	-	3690 (27.6.71); 3644 (13.6.71); 3579 (16.5.71); 3510 (13.9.70).	
3726	Moira Niccol	3I.5.70	-	3670 (3.5.70); 3669 (2I/22.7.70); 3621 (26/27.6.70); 3566 (22/23.6.71); 3533 (29.8.70); 3512 (30.8.69).	
3710	Gladys Taylor	3.7.71			
3697	Barbara Barrett	26/27.6.70	-	3640 (15.5.71); 3603 (10.5.70)	
3696	Linda Carruthers	2I/22.7.70	-	3654 (31.5.70); 3577 (28.5.71)	
3681	Sharon Colyear	3.7.71	-	3648 (27.6.71)	
3666	Pat Chapman	II.7.71	-	3609 (21.6.70); 3556 (27.6.71) 3548 (26/27.6.70)	
3664	Barbara Corbett	26/27.6.70	-	3653 (21.6.70); 3650 (2.8.69) 3585 (22.8.70); 3555 (16.8.69)	
3658	Jackie Byng	2.8.69	-	3649 (29.6.69); 3644 (21.6.70); 3632 (31.8.69)	
3615	June Hirst (20)	2I/22.7.70			3510 (11.7.71)
3612	Jackie Philp	I/2.7.70	-	3572 (2.5.70); 3502 (21.6.69)	
3547	Angela D'Arcy	2.8.69	-	3534 (21.6.69)	
3535	Liz Sutherland	29.8.70			
	Linda Hedmark	29/30.5.71			

The above is a complete record of all scores of over 3500 points.

Others over 3400:

3487 Linda Robinson; 3477 Sylvia Rampton; 3459 Rosemary Fayne;  
3457 Gwenda Hurst; 3431 Lynne Ilott; 3426 Blondelle Thompson;  
3419 Lynda Curwen; 3413 Maureen Tranter; 3404 Susan Campbell

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