

EDITORIAL

Next January the organisation celebrates the 10th anniversary of its formation and we intend to produce a specially magnificent issue of NUTS NOTES. In order to do this we need, of course, your contribution. I therefore hope that an unprecedented number will plop through the letter box of 78 Toynbee Road, London, S.W.20 between now and the end of the year.

It is possible that the number will be photographed so if you have any interesting photos we should be able to fit them in with the articles etc. Please get writing before the effects of the euphoria induced by the Christmas season wear off and let me have the result - if possible by first post, Monday January 1, 1968.

From the Secretary by Peter Hopkins

Because of the proposed bumper number this issue should be out several weeks earlier than usual and I do ask you all to rally round and produce a really good number. In this connection many of the early members will recall that in NUTS NOTES Vol 1, No.1 Melvin produced a NUTS Who's Who and it has been suggested by many members that we produce a similar list on the occasion of our tenth birthday. In the circumstances I would be pleased if all of you would send the following details to Andrew, as he asks, before January 1, 1968.

Name (in full); Address; Telephone number; Place and date of birth; Height; Weight; Marital status and children; School/University; hobbies (athletics being taken for granted); year athletics interest started; club(s) most closely connected with. Also it was thought to be a good thing to repeat the Poll we carried out on that occasion. Please then send your nomination for the following four categories - Greatest male athlete of all-time; Greatest female ditto; Greatest British male ditto; Greatest British female ditto; Athlete most admired. I realise that some of the information required for the Who's Who was recently sent to me for the Directory of Members, but I would appreciate it if on this occasion the information is all sent direct to Andrew.

Shaun Adair has sent a list of tracks he has details of for the Directory of Tracks, and quite frankly we are disgusted at the response by members. The following are the only tracks so far covered : White City; East London Stadium; Hurlingham Park; Wotspur Park; Durants Park, Enfield; Enfield Stadium, Carterhatch Lane; Broomfield Park, Southgate; Ashton Gate, Woodford Green; Alexandra Park, Portsmouth; Western Command Stadium, Oswestry; Army Apprentices College, Chepstow; Gamecock Track, Nuneaton; Milton Road, Cambridge; Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts; Harvey Madden Stadium, Nottingham; Hillsborough Arena, Sheffield; Madley PF, Smethwick; King George V Stadium, Grimsby; Jubell Park, Scunthorpe; Nerrham Track, Bedford; Municipal Stadium, Wigan; Saffron Lane, Leicester; Loughborough Colleges; Clairville Stadium, Middlesbrough; Solihull Track, Solihull; Stretford Stadium, Stretford; Bracknell Stadium; Kings Park, Bournemouth; Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke; Victory Stadium, Portsmouth; West athletic centre, Southampton, Embankment Track, Peterborough, Sports Centre, Bassett, Southampton; if your local track is not here will you PLEASE go out and get details now. Our grateful thanks to Peter Martin, Alan Lindop, Doug Busst and Chris Thorne, who have already helped and also of course to Shaun himself.

We have been pleased to welcome some overseas visitors to our last two committee meetings. Rooney Magnusson attended on the occasion of the GB v Sweden junior international, and on November 16 we were pleased to welcome Arrie Joubert, South African member of the MFS and founder of the South African NUTS, who will shortly be returning home after a lengthy stay over here as London Editor of the South African paper DIE BURGER.

MISCELLANY

*Malcolm Wrburton has improved several of his personal bests this year, viz.

220y	24.4	(4)	Warrington	27 Sep
800y	1:54.7	(4)	Stretford	2 Sep
1000m	2:29.3	(4)	Stretford	22 Aug
3m	15:10.0	(1)	Warrington	20 Sep
1m	4:28.1	(1)	Oxford	6 Nov

*Some readers may recall an item in Vol 2, No.1 ("The Ultimate Recognition") in which the present editor drew attention to the omission

from "British Initials and Abbreviations" of the NUTS. This was rectified in the second (revised and enlarged), hardback edition which appeared last year. We appear on p.91 sandwiched between the NUTG (National Union of Townswomen's Guild) and NUVB (National Union of Vehicle Builders). 1966 saw also the first appearance of the NUTS among the list paperback publishers in "Paperbacks in Print".

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The NUTS Guide to Athletics Journalism by Cliff Temple

Your impressions of a meeting you did not attend (or even one you did) are liable to be formed as a result of which report you happen to read be it in a newspaper or AW. To demonstrate that there is a marked difference in styles of us journalists, there follows imaginary accounts of the same meeting as reported in different, and perhaps recognisable, publications (Note: I have been forced to ignore the proverb "people in glass-houses....." etc!)

The NUTS Member in AW

Performances at the SCAAA Floodlit meeting at Crystal Palace on October 12 were devalued in the chilly (41 degrees F) weather. Outstanding was Jim Smith (12.11.43) who cleared 11ft 9½ ins in the pole vault, advancing from 374th to 369th on the UK all time list, and narrowly missing at 17ft 6ins. Due to metric conversion, his clearance will be recorded as 9ft 11½ ins and his birthdate as 11.12.43. In the sprints Bob Frith (16.6.44) maintained his youthful promise, as he has been since 1963 with a 12.6y/24.3y double over T. Madger who is a NUTS Youth, an AAA Junior and a WAAA intermediate. Surprisingly, for a meeting of this calibre there was no wind gauge in operation, but the referee, Albert Thing (19.11.78) ruled the performances wind-assisted.

The Be-In-It-All Writer

In the eerie light of the floodlit Crystal Palace last night, some 564 athletes made a start to their Olympic preparations which, they hope, will culminate in a trip to Mexico. I am already going to Mexico, so nuts to the lot of you. As the rain dripped down the mink clad neck of the exotic blonde I just happened to have with me, I found myself fascinated by the struggles on track and field. The gargantuan shot putters smashing through the forty-foot barrier - how my good friend John Savidge would have laughed; the dogged distance runners ploughing their way round the porridge like track - how my good friend Jim Ryun would have chuckled. In fact it was a far cry from the Kingston sunshine where my good friends the entire England team had such a pleasant time in my company last August, to this crummy little meeting. Still, I've got to kill time until October, for as I say I'm already going to Mexico - as my close buddy Michel Jazy used to say as we sipped wine on the banks of the Seine, "sans faire rien".

The "Athletics -is-only-my-Sixth-Sport" Writer

I warn you, we're heading for a mighty Mexico massacre! Having seen some of our -pardon the sneer- 'medal hopes' in action at Crystal Palace last night all I can say is our athletes might as well stay at home, altitude or not. All the athletes I tipped for medals during the season have apparently and inexplicably lost form! Our top sprinters - Richard Frith and Ray Jones - couldn't reach the Olympic standard; neither could middle distance giants Jim Boulter (the AAA steeplechase champion, mark you!) or Alan Green. As for our long distance runners! Well, I despair. If only that unforgettable midget, the barefooted, beerdrinking botanist, Donald Ibbotson were still around. What a character! Who'll ever forget that night he broke NUTS' world 880 yards record? I certainly wint. (I had to be carried out of the bar). I blame British Olympic Association secretary, Barry Gold for all this! We MUST NOT send a team of no-hopers to Mexico at the public expense. Use the money in a way that will help the ailing sport of athletics - like increasing my salary.

Finally, as the results would appear in the "Other Results" column in other papers.

10yds : R.Firth (Poly) Harriers 11.6. 220yds: Frith 24.3. 800 yds: J. Bolter 'Achilles' 1 min 52.6sec, 1. C. Carter (Bolton) 1min 43.6, 2. 1500 m freestyle; F. Wiegand (Ger) 15min 26.8 sec. Mile: K. Harland (Camb) 29min 56.4. Pole Vault: X.S. Smith 11ft 99½ ins. Triple leap: M. Lucking (Southend) 56ft 3½ ins (world record). 2miles walk: F. Nyall (Surrey) 40mins 14.6secs.

AH : As the prime mover behind the unofficial UK club championship (for which the Bird's Eye trophy is awarded annually) and the introduction by the AAA of club relay records perhaps you would state how you think the club system in this country compares with that in other countries and make any suggestions for its improvement.

EKM : Comparisons are odious and in this instance insidious too. I don't believe that any useful purpose is served by comparing club athletics in this country with the USA where, as we all know, clubs are in their infancy the whole sport being orientated around colleges and universities or with the USSR and other Eastern bloc countries where it is centred around the Trade Unions, Universities and the armed forces.

However, compared with other western European countries I fear we have too many clubs for the facilities available and certainly more than is justified by the size of the base of the athletics pyramid. Amalgamations do help but only if it leads to first rate facilities and coaching. If I had the power the first thing I would do would be to do away with the second claim rule and allow free movement between clubs in order to concentrate the strength in a select few clubs as on the continent thus leading to economies of scale as mentioned in the form of coaching and facilities. I would also allow Universities, colleges etc. to compete in Trophy meetings all athletes attending such universities automatically becoming first claim for them for the duration of their studies. Club transfers would be allowed once a year (I would suggest Jan 1. or possibly Nov 1. to allow planning for the cross country season) athletes sticking to their club for the next twelve months. This would bring us into line with the system in Western Europe where so far as I know second claim members do not exist and Paris University are one of if not the strongest French club. The second claim system is I feel injurious as it weakens clubs for important trophy meetings some athletes preferring to compete in other meetings for their second claim club or their University. Also clubs would not be able to rely on athletes resident in other parts of the country who while nominally club members seldom represent the club for reasons of travelling etc. In this connection I will mention Spartan LAC. Other improvements I would suggest are the inauguration of club relay records for women - at last! and for the Under 19's - all these on a UK and not just a AAA or WAAA basis.

Secondly now that our decathlon and pentathlon standards are rising I would suggest that the NUTS help the process by strongly recommending to the authorities that the championships have team contents added as in W. Germany by adding together the points scored by the clubs top three entrants

AH : As a keen supporter of the Conservative party, do you consider that the present Labour Government - with Denis Howell at the Department of Education and Science as an unofficial Minister of Sport - deserves praise for what it has done in this field, and do you think a Tory administration would have been more effective? If so, in what ways?

EKM : The Labour Government deserves credit for setting up the Sports Council and bringing people together to discuss common problems affecting the different sports. Having said that however what else have they done? As far as I can discern the only action which has received much publicity has been the extension of grants to bring World Cup grounds up to international standard. Now this was good but should not have been necessary. I believe that governments should restrict themselves to doing things which individuals or groups of them are not able to do. To this end if the various sporting bodies had not been in the past so Victorian in their attitude to using money offered by the Pools Promoters the necessary money could and should have come from this source and not from the taxpayer. Bearing this in mind I find it indefensible that public money should be spent on professional sport when with a little planning these sports could find the money themselves. Amateur sport is a different matter and I am in favour of governments financing teams sent to such major events as Olympic, European, World or Commonwealth championships. Money for coaches and facilities could and should come from income television royalties and from a renewed endeavour to come to a satisfactory arrangement with the PPA. Whether or not another administration would have been more effective does not interest me. What does interest me is who will do best in the future. To this end I would say that all three parties seem primarily concerned with recreation as opposed to competitive sport; that is to say by providing facilities for hiking, riding, sailing etc. I would add that of the three

parties only the Conservative party made any specific reference as opposed to vague generalities in their manifesto for the last General Election. They would, I quote "encourage the development of regional recreational areas largely financed by private investment, on the model of the Lea Valley Scheme? This I contend could be taken to include regional training centres such as exist on the continent and where teams or groups could meet for courses, lectures, etc. in the knowledge that first class up-to-date facilities exist.

AH : Are there any projects you would like the NUPS to undertake (or indeed yourself undertake for the NUPS!)?

EKM : Oh, several! Firstly I am working on an all-time relay book which I hope to be able to bring out at the end of the 1968 season. This will contain records, results, lists etc. on a world and British basis. I would also like to see small booklets produced containing all you want to know statistically about individual events. For example we have coaching booklets devoted to the long jump, why not a statistical booklet? This again could either be on a world or British basis but should include all-time lists, results of major championships, perhaps a who's who of record breakers and champions and certainly a definitive record progression analysis. This could be on the lines of the current series in "LEIGHTON TELETYPE" but amplified in a way which is not possible when dealing with several events in the same publication.

Another gap in the statistical field which could be covered either in these noted individual booklets or in a separate edition would be a top ten year by year. It would be interesting to see who has the longest 'span' in each event and the could be combined with an all-time top ten at the end of each decade such as RLQ occasionally publishes in "WORLD SPORTS".

AH : Lastly, the obvious one for 'veteran' members - what have been your greatest moments as a spectator? Do you see any UK athletes as likely medallists at Mexico City next year?

EKM : My first personal visit to a track meet was to the British Empire v USA meet at White City in 1952. I cannot recall too many of the actual performances. I simply remember I was THERE.

Not having visited any of the really major events I may remember some events that others do not rate highly but then this is a personal choice.

Firstly, I recall Ibbo's sub four minutes in the 1956 Czech match which nearly equalled for sheer emotion the sight of Ron Clarke's first sub 15 minutes 5 miles in 1965. Then seeing Colin Smith break the British record at Hanover in 1957 and being present at the great Cologne meeting later the same year when five European records were smashed by Lauer, Germar etc.

I have also got quite a kick from seeing some of the outstanding junior runners produced by Hampshire. - Graham, Campbell, Knowles, Simonsen, Martin, Fudge, Fitzpatrick, Dear, Fox, Webb. Not all of them made it as seniors but as juniors they were exciting prospects.

And what spectator present would dare to omit Henry Carr's fabulous 400m in Hanover in 1963., the wonderful closing ceremony after the womens match in Braunschweig two days earlier or Mary Rand's 440 relay leg at Bracknell this year?

Before coming to London in 1959 and even thereafter in respect of many of the major foreign meetings many of my 'kicks' have come from radio and TV. The Chataway/Kuts epic at White City, Roger Bannister's championships in Vancouver and Berne and finally Ann Lacker's Tokyo victory. Turning on the French radio early in the morning and hearing the National Anthem I thought Marise Chamberlain had won but then hearing - "Ann Elizabeth Lacker r r" was really an emotional moment.

Finally, a personal memory. Watching from the arena the great 100 yards between Mike Wheeler and Orion Young in the Hampshire Championships at Southampton in 1956 as the lead fluctuated between first the one and then the other. And then as an admiring young sprinter helping Mike to carry the trophy to the club coach (charabanc) - he had already the 220 and 440 cups to carry!

As regards Mexico City one must naturally start with Lynn the Leap but I would also add Sherwood and as a very long shot any Scot selected for the marathon, Alder, Wood or Murray. This is a hunch based on a 100% post war Scottish marathon record in the different climatic conditions of the Americas - Vancouver, Kingston, McCafferty, Rushmer and Taylor will, I am afraid not fulfil their undoubted potential before Munich. On the distaff side one naturally thinks of Mary Rand but I wouldn't wish to be tied down prophesying a particular event. Also Pat Jones, Lillian Board and the relay team. Incidentally, I forecast that the mens long jump will be the hardest event to win with up to a dozen who could pull the 'big one' on the day. I forecast 26'0 as necessary to reach the final twelve

EUROPEAN TYPE JUNIOR WOMEN 1967 Season's review by Peter Martin
(Athletes born in 1948 or later)

Comparing the performances of our teenagers in 1967 with those of previous years, a substantial improvement can be seen in most events. This augurs well for the future and it is not before time in events such as the hurdles. Field events, with the exception perhaps of the jumps, lagged behind as usual.

Sprints :- Deila James was undoubtedly our top sprinter, her 11.4m being only 0.1 off the European and UK National records, while over 220y she improved from 24.8 to 23.9 and was consistently around 24.5. Wendy Kavanagh showed top class form in the 100y with 4 legal and 4 windy marks of 10.9 or better. Anita Neil, our short and lightest sprinter/long jumper, ran 11.6m twice and 10.7y once, without undue wind assistance, among many excellent runs while keeping up her usual consistent jumping. Denise Ramsden was overshadowed by Kavanagh at the start of the season, but gradually showed her supremacy with 10.7 and 10.4w over 100y, despite her age (just 15!). Lynn Ryan is a solid-in-every-sense sprinter with a Tranter style who, but for her make-up, would keep Midland sprinting on the map. Youth is on the side of Dawn Maswalla who carved the 12 yo 'age records', with 11.5 and 17.1.

Margaret Critchley sprinted well, improving from 24.8 to 24.0 over 220y, and now that she is getting competition outside the 'Wild West', may well become a fixture. Unusually good progress was made by Shena Hillshire, who confirmed the promise shown in earlier years. Improving from 27.4 to 24.1, she had 7 marks at 24.6 or better over 220y, and seems destined for top honours.

Lillian Board led the UK list with 52.8m (down from 54.6y) and had 10 marks under 55.0y. The Kent pair Rosemary Godsalve (56.3) and Elizabeth Iarncutt (57.2) showed considerable improvement. Janet Thomas (58.0) ran some fine races and revealed great promise. Pauline Attwood (also 58.0) showed similarly fine potential.

Middle distances :- Pauline Boulton had an excellent 2:10.9 debut over 380y and could well cut this in 1968. Morine Braithwaite was extremely consistent with 5 marks under 2:15.0 and 10 under 2:18.0, and is possibly the outstanding northern prospect. Doris Dixon was the leading junior (6.12.52) with a best of 2:18.7 and 7 under 2:23.0 in her first year, while Zena Myers showed a happy disposition and great interest in this event at 2:31.0. Phyllis Lewis proved that she would make an excellent 3 miler! She finds 380y (2:14.1) and 1m (5:05.3) too short, training as she does on her father's farm in the hills. Pat Thacker (2:14.2 & 5:11.8) also ran well.

Hurdles :- Ann Wilson improved here over 80m from 11.1 to 10.8 with 8 at 11.3 or better plus 6 at 11.4. Although her long jump and pentathlon remained static, she showed highly consistent form, with 13 legal marks over 19'6", including 5 over 20'0". Irene Bowder impressed over the sticks with 11.2 (improvement of 0.6) and 14.1. Linda Carruthers and Lindsay Cooke both achieved 11.4, improving from 12.1 and 12.2 respectively. Considerable doubt remains about the validity of 13.7 by Christine Perara, since her next best was 'only' 14.2.

Jumps :- Barbara Inkpen continued on an upward high jump trend, though slowly. Yvonne Saunders is an impressive performer who moved from 4'10 to 5'6", with 4 other leaps over 5'4". Very good high jumping by the Scots may help national standards: Ruth Watt achieved 5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", but far more consistent was Moira Walls, who moved from 4'9 to a usual meet height of 5'4".

Jennifer Wall was the English version who cleared 5'3 on almost every outing, with 2 at 5'4". Apart from Neil and Wilson, the outstanding long jumpers were: Susan Scott, who despite her anaemic appearance had 11 marks over 19'0 and could well be our leading exponent during 1968. She also scored a brilliant 4419 in the pentathlon - world age best; Hilary Hodges at 19'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was $\frac{3}{4}$ " behind Scott, but if she concentrates on the event could surprise many; Valerie Fox showed tenacity with 4 marks over 19' and was nearly 1ft over her previous best; Jacqueline Caswell improved a ft to 19'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and has the appearance of a consistent performer in future years.

Throws :- In the shot, Jennifer Bloss improved by over 5ft to 45'9 (12 over 40'0) and showed that her build (6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 187lb) was ideal and with experience who knows? After all, anyone who can squat 300lbs needs watching! Jill Lucas improved by almost 9ft to 121', and with 130'0 in the discus, could prove a boon to our field team. Heather Stuart was one Scot who improved in the field by putting 3'6 on her previous best to become the nation's 31st 40-footer. Susan Campbell with a best of 134'11 had 5 marks over 125'0 in other meets and could sparkle. Linda Enever moved from 116'5 to 132'11 but at the moment seems too light to go much further. Anne Farquhar had perhaps the most impressive rise to fame with a best javelin mark of 159'3

Shara Spragg had an unfortunate year but is again under intensive coaching from her father and could well move from 147'0 to over 150' next year. Marlene Garner (19.12.51) is a first year intermediate who moved from 117'4 to 141'11 before being injured in May. Pentathlon :- Apart from Wilson, Scott and Vivien Knowles nobody else over 4000 pts, but Jacqueline Philp surprised many and was close to this level in her first three tries at the event.

NUTS YOUTHS 1967 a seasons review by David Cocksedge
(Athletes born in 1950 or later).

Sprints :- The powerful and mature looking David Thomas (29.8.50) was competitively the most successful in this department - punching his way to victory in a wind-blown AAA Junior 100y final (minus injured Banthorpe, though) becoming Britain's youngest international against both France and Sweden, and chalking up best times of 10.0, 21.9 and 49.3 just before he turned 17 at the end of August. Trevor Rodwell (19.2.51) was undoubtedly the best of the AAA type youths, running 10.0 and 21.9 and taking the National Schools 440y title in 50.0 - showing his strength by surviving ultra-fast qualifying rounds that this meeting always imposes thanks to the total lack of seeding. Pity Trevor was unable to contest the first-ever AAA 220y championship for youths at Kirby. His best 440y was 49.8.....others to watch here are: Adrian Thomas (7.11.51) 10.1, Chris Cheetham (26.7.50) 10.0/22.1 who ran surprisingly well over 220y, New faces are Joe Kirwan (25.3.50) 22.4/49.3 and Euro-Asian Jack Sam (28.1.50) 49.7 in his third month with spikes!

Middle distances :- Millfield's David Burden (7.3.50) enjoyed a satisfying summer for his first year as a AAA Junior, scoring swashbuckling wins in the National Schools and AAA junior 880's. I liked his courage in attacking just before the bell in the Schools' and his tenacity in holding off John Davies (1966 winner in record time) and Cecil Cusick in a desperate finish to the AAA event (1:53.4). He also took second place in the first ever full international against France and reigned supreme over the mile (4:15.7 among NUTS type Youths, though he was something of a spent force by the end of August. Overracing seems a common trap for British half-milers. Most exciting prospect over two laps was, of course, Mike Gordon (31.12.50) sensational winner of the AAA Youth 880y championship in 1:54.1..the most thrilling youth race I've ever seen. Gordon, Southern 440y champion who failed in the Schools' 440 heats, ran another half in the GLC championships, and we waited to see if that blazing kick was a fluke.....it wasn't. Martin Hills (1.6.51) is a name to remember: he won a tactical Schools' intermediate race and remained unbeaten by AAA youths until that historic event at Kirkby. Best of next year's crop could be David Dutton (12.12.51) however.....1:56.6 & 4:24.3 at 15!!!

The far travelling Boggis (15.2.51) pulled off some good distance age records...and 14:28.6 for 3 miles towards the end of the season at the end of May, he was beaten by Phillip...
14:09.4 over 3 miles has yet to be confirmed at the time of writing. Dave Adshear (15.2.50) gets my vote for the best steeplechaser under 18 during 1967. Jeff ran 4:22.0 (1500m), and 5:57.0 (2000m) both British 17 year old age bests that John Lusardi - for some unexplained - did not mention in his AJ column! Chris Barber set the seasons fastest 1000m time (2:46.0) during a heat at Peterborough, and retained an unbeaten record....closely pursued by Thomas Litherland (5.12.51) at 2:46.7. One of the biggest surprises of the year came very late in the season: Alan Lafferty (17.1.50) was a virtually unknown 4:21.6 miler came out on November 19th at Wealdstone to clock a fantastic 29:34.4 for 6 miles. Though this substantially beat the previous World best by a 17 year-old, Shaftesbury's Dave Bedford won the race in 29:15.8 to take the 'record' - Bedford himself just missed out being a NUTS youth by 3 days! Lafferty's time took 22.8sec off the previous best by a British Youth (Gerry King's widely publicised 29:56.2 of 1965).

Hurdles :- Still stagnant - only two under 14.0 over 110y is not hot - with perhaps only Colin Allabush (30.10.50) outstanding.

Jumps :- Graham Harris (1.10.50) leapt 6'0 on the first day of July to dominate the NJ list... six below him at 5'10 or higher. The youth of 1967 was Gordon Rule (28.5.50) with a JUNIOR best of 148.7, winning the AAA junior

14'9 vault disallowed only because the pole passed under the bar. No-one else in sight, except for a handy 12'6 by St. Tufton (8.12.50). Brian Hull (5.2.50) leapt 1'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ better than the second ranker in the Triple, where there was a depressing drop in standard....only 2 over 45'.
Throws :- In the Shot John Blackwell's (14.11.50) 52'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ was the best we had to offer. Ian Boorman (4.8.50), a new man threw the junior (12lb) ball 50'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ however. Only two to rave over in the Javelin: Anthony Harper (3.3.51) of course, 211'0 and the incredible Adrian Tew (7.11.51) who pushed the senior 800gr spear out to 194'4. Stefan Gawluk (11.10.50) heads the hammer list at 185'4 in a post-Dickenson/Wolstenholme slump. The track boys seem to have caught the eye more this year,

NUES JUNIOR ROUND-UP by John Lusardi

100 :- Prior to his injury, a sad end to an immensely promising start indoors, Ralph Banthorpe must be rated No.1. Subsequently Peter Wiltshire probably earns this ranking ahead of John J. Williams and Jim Vivian. To my mind Vivian is still not the force he was two years ago. If only he could still run Paul Nash as close as he did in the 1965 AAA Junior! What, I wonder was John Hart (Loughborough GS, 9.9) doing while the major championships were being contested? Stats: 9.8 Wiltshire, Williams, Vivian; 6 on 9.9, 16 at 10.0.

220 :- At worst John Harrison (such a natural) could be right up with Banthorpe next year if he were to get into, ahrrness for for serious, regular training but I doubt if he will and on this occasion loses the No.1 rating because of fearful inconsistency. Though Wiltshire won the year's major title (with RB out) I bracket him with Martin Reynolds, who was Harrison's opposite from the consistency point of view, and had only one off-peak run all summer. 21.4 Banthorpe, 21.5 Harrison, 21.6 Richard Green, 21.6 Andy Todd, 21.7 Reynolds.

440 :- Green's year. Only Todd could be rated as a challenger but raced the distance too rarely to merit the top spot. Poor John Wilson fell between two stools (Athletics and A-levels) and, I fear, may do the same in 1968. Great progress by Peter Browne but Tony Collins was a little out-classed after a promising start (49.1). A disappointing Harrison (49.7) was running no faster than as a youth. 48.0* Green, 48.3 Wilson, 48.5 Todd, 48.5 Browne, 48.8 Banthorpe.

880 :- Only after a tough University season did Rob Littlefield seem to realise that he was still eligible for Junior Internationals while John Rix and Gwynn Davis race AAA Junior rivals too rarely for a fair comparison I would rate John Davies and David Burden joint No.1 though the latter won both the ABAA and AAA Junior events. To my mind Davies' misfortune with injury (he didn't reach peak fitness until September) bablanced out Burden's lack of stamina-work the previous winter, consequently losing form completely on the Canadian tour. 1:51.0 Littlefield, 1:51.7 G. Davies, 1:52.2 J. Davies, 1:52.3 Boretton, 1:52.3 Rix.....1:55.4 Burden (9th).

Mile :- John Rix and Tony Simmons never met and it's anybody's guess who would come out on top but, on the basis of tougher opposition and greater consistency, I would take Rix 3 times out of 5. After his best-ever season over the country Andy Herrity was disappointing, time notwithstanding, particularly after so fine a start. Dave Williams lost time in 1966 but made it up this year while Ian Stewart (4:07.9) was unrecognisable as the zipless miler of the previous season. 4:02.8 Rix, 4:03.1 Simmons, 4:04.6 Herrity, 4:07.4 Brendan Forster, 4:07.4 Williams.

Distance Races :- Little to choose between Simmons and Stewart either on times or competitive records but the former probably gets the nod.

2M 8:46.0 Stewart, 8:50.4 Simmons, 8:53.8 Williams, 8:55.0 Herrity, 8:57.0 Mason. 3M: 13:39.8 Stewart, 13:46.8 John Bednarski, 13:47.8 Simmons, 13:49.8 Herrity, 14:01.4 Malcolm Edger. 6M 29:11.8 Simmons, 29:15.8 Dave Bedford (Y), 29:23.0 Bednarski, 29:32.0 Edger, 29:34.4 Alan Lafferty (Y).

Steeplechase :- Ian Forster emerged as a remarkably fine competitor but would be advised to run a few more flat races next year. Also he must keep closer to the leaders instead of coming through with his heart-stopping late bursts. Nonetheless, No.1 ahead of some very promising rivals (6 under 6 minutes, 13 under 6:05). Although I don't, at time of writing know whether we will accept Keith Falla's Reading mark (5:44.2) I personally cannot accept. 2000mS 5:55.0 Andrew Holden, 5:55.6 Forster, 5:57.0 Falla, 5:57.0 Jeff Adshead (Y), 5:58.0 Robert Cahill. 3000mS 9:21.6 Holden, 9:27.4 John Stephenson, 9:27.6 Cahill, 9:27.6 Peter Fulcher, 9:28.4 B. Forster.

Hurdles :- Andy Todd was simply in a class apart from most of his rivals despite the promise of Stephen Black and Colin O'Neill. 120H; 14.2(3'6) Todd, 14.5 Black, 14.7 Alun James, 14.7 Mal Allingham, 14.7 Alun Davies.

