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THIS BULLETIN

Welcome to the first ATFS Bulletin of 2013, which contains words of wisdom from our President, Paul Jenes, two splendid articles from Ulf Lagerstrom, a list of publications for sale by members and the usual administrative information.

Remember, that this Bulletin is YOUR Bulletin, and its effectiveness can only be achieved with contributions from you, the member. Please feel free to send me any items that you feel would be suitable for publication.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ATFS Members,

With the Moscow World Championships rapidly approaching I would like to know how many members plan on being at these Championships. Unfortunately I will not be in attendance but I would like, if we have enough members attending to hold a convention. We have not had one since Daegu 2011.

The historic work by the ATFS continues. Rooney Magnusson and Nejat Kok continue to work on the 1911-1920 project. If any member has any new information on that period I ask you to pass this onto Rooney and Nejat.

In the meantime I have gathered together a group of 30 statisticians to work on the 1900-1910 period of re-constructing World lists. The group which continues to increase started in January and is making great progress. There are great challenges as this period of track and field athletics was pre-IAAF and many countries operated on various local rules and a variety of events,

weights of implements, different hurdles heights, different throwing surfaces, different timing watches, etc. However the group has met each challenge and progress continues.

If any member has information on this period please do not hesitate to pass it on. If you wish to join the group please contact me.

You should all by now have received your copy of the Annual and I am sure you will agree with me that again Peter Matthews has done an amazing work. Congratulations to Peter.

Pino Mappa has also been re-working world lists of the 1960's and 1970's. If you wish to add to this please contact Pino.

I also wish to add my condolences on the passing of members in recent times and whose obituaries are included in this Bulletin.

Best wishes to you all,

Paul

FROM THE SECRETARY

Members Passings. Unfortunately our ranks have been thinned over the past few months with the passing of two of our longest serving members in Dr Clifford Larrabee (USA) and Hal Bateman (USA), Naomi Beinart (SAF) and Andre Alberty (Fra).

Website. Many thanks to those members that provided input towards the redesign and revitalization of our website. It was much appreciated. So, as a follow on from this, it is anticipated that a new design and features will debut in the coming weeks. The domain name remains unchanged at: <http://atfs.org>

The new website has been built on the Wordpress platform, which allows for each member to have their own unique log-in credentials. When the new website launches, each member will receive an email with their new User Name Id and unique system generated Password which they will have the opportunity to change when they access the website.

As with the current website there will be a members-only section available to registered/financial members. This will include a general news section, copies of the ATFS Bulletin, a Members Directory and a new Discussion Board, amongst evolving sections.

The general public accessible areas of the website will be what is currently available along with a new section detailing publications for sale by our members. So if you have a publication that you would like advertised on the website please send along details and either a copy of the publication or an image of the front so that this can be used to highlight your publication.

Should there be sufficient interest, I would also like to have a section that lists Members personal or group websites, should members so desire.

My aim of adding some of these new sections to the general public area of the website is to hopefully increase the Association's exposure to the general public and as a follow on increase membership.

As always, I am most willing, and keen, to hear from members as to their thoughts and ideas.

World Junior Championships 2014. Several US ATFS members are interested in organizing a meeting/social gathering of visiting members at next year's IAAF World Junior Championships in Eugene, Oregon, in mid-July. If you've previously attended a World Junior meet, or have ever enjoyed athletics in Eugene, you'll want to be there. If you haven't yet experienced the famous Hayward Field atmosphere, this will be an excellent reason to do so. We'll publish more information in future Bulletins and on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 1 May 2013, the ATFS accounts include \$28,041.14 in cash and \$50,816.31 in deposit certificates, for a total of \$78,857.45. There are also 600 Euros in cash reserves. In May, we had our major expenditure for the Athletics 2013 mailing, which this year cost the Association approximately \$2137. We mailed to 230 individuals, at a cost of less than \$10 per member. SportsBooks Ltd. again did an excellent and problem-free job with this task. Our current cash balance (at 10 June) is \$26,303.74. Thus we remain in very good financial health.

Please note that some members who had not submitted their 2013 subscriptions were granted a "discretionary reprieve," and were mailed books. They will be invoiced for two years in January, 2014, but can avoid this onerous New Year's burden by bringing their account into current status beforehand. 20 names have been deleted from the roster in 2013. I would like to hear from members Baronet, Granata, Pallicca, Petruczenko, Slavis, Smolarski, van Wyk and Vazel as soon as possible.

As always, if the subscription payment is difficult, write to me at info@atfs.org so that we can discuss possible solutions.

MEMBER MENTIONS

In Memoriam

Dr Clifford Larrabee (1922-2012), an ATFS member since 1954 (only Messrs. Quercetani, Weckman and Mengoni are earlier members) passed away recently. Dr Larrabee received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Rochester in 1948 and worked as a chemist for Pfizer for most of his professional career. His true passion was coaching, particularly swimming, and he was still doing so in the state of Maine only a week before his passing. He was also a dedicated student of the weight events, especially the hammer throw. He is survived

by three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Hal Bateman, a respected statistician and authority on track and field for more than 50 years, died April 10 in Corpus Christi, Texas, following a brief illness. Born November 28, 1931, he attended Rutgers University prior to World War II, and received a degree in journalism from Michigan State University following the war. Bateman was a sports writer for the *Chicago Tribune* and the United Press International's Chicago bureau representative before becoming managing editor of *Track & Field News* in 1960. In 1982, he joined The Athletics Congress (now USATF) and served as the U.S. team press officer for the next 15 years. Among his other functions, he served as the organization's historian, edited media guides, and headed many statistical projects. He retired from USATF in 2002 and continued to work on athletics statistics at his home in Texas. His final project was the compilation of 2012 sprint lists for the new *FAST Annual*. A member of ATFS since 1960, he was also a member of FAST (Federation of American Statisticians) and TAFWA (Track & Field Writers of America). He is survived by his wife Carol and a daughter.

Naomi Beinart, one of our female members passed away in January 2013. Riel Haumann has kindly offered to prepare an obituary which will appear in our next Bulletin and on our website. It is also intended to appear in the upcoming South African Annual.

Andre Alberty, passed away on March 1st and the condolences of the ATFS family are sincerely extended to his family and friends. Yves Pinaud writes: Andre Alberty passed away on March 1st from lung cancer which was detected in December 2012. Born November 29th 1933 he was an ATFS member from 1966 and cofounder of ASFA (Association des Statisticiens Francais d'Athletisme) in 1965. He was a compiler for National Athletics of All Countries in the World in 1964 and 1968. He was also a member of the team that compiled the French lists from 1966 to 1975 for the French Association and assisted in helping to compile old French lists. He was known as a specialist of statistics for French Antilles.

New and Reinstated Members

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address on file receive this publication weeks before those that receive a posted copy and are instantly notified regarding the availability of IAAF publications that we receive for distribution. And of course, they have access to our website.

- Applications Pending

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In The News

Congratulations are in order to **Fletcher McEwan** (Australia) who was awarded Life



Membership of the Oceania Athletics Association at their recent Congress. Fletcher has been OAA's Statistician since 2003 and is the author of many courses, papers, statistical works and publications including the definitive work on Oceania Athletics -*Tracks In The Sand*. He has also held the position of Director of the IAAF Regional Development Centre for Oceania, acted as head coach of Oceania teams at past World Cups and supported many of the smaller federations at IAAF world series

competitions and major Games.

HISTORICAL WORKS

ATFS member **Dave Carey** (USA) has worked for many years on several statistical projects, but is unable to continue because of illness. He would like to pass his data on to anyone who is interested in continuing his work. The subjects are: a historical analysis of the top 110M/120Y hurdlers; and a career retrospective of high jumper Dwight Stones. If you would like more information, write to Tom Casacky at info@atfs.org.

A DARING DANE DUPLICATING DUFFEY'S DEED

By: Ulf LAGERSTROM

John "Jack" Nelson's road to success on the tracks was a winding one, always with some tough luck waiting for him behind the bends. When at his best, the powerful lad was one of the world's very fastest men of all time up to then, by the watch.

Jack was no lightweight runner with his 80 kilos (1,88 m tall), and needed a hard-rolled, firm and still "responsive" surface to be that fast. Obviously he got that kind of track at Pullman, at his Washington State College (WSC) cinder grounds. It was a 440 (formerly 880) yd track, with a straightaway for the furlong.

Reportedly he twice tied the unofficial, pre-IAAF 9,6 world record at 100 yds in acceptable conditions, originally set up by the legendary Bostonian century artist, Art Duffey, in 1902. However, his marks were never ratified, for reasons unknown. Maybe the paper work for the applications was not in order, or his times were considered “too fast”. Nelson also was a statistical world co-leader at 220 yds (turn) with 21,8 for two years.

In 1909 he tried to capture the national AAU 100 title, yet was unexpectedly out breasted at the tape by his Seattle AC team mate, Bill Martin, whom he regularly beat earlier in the season. Jack was not to try for an AAU 100 yd victory again. In 1910 he emerged winner of the Western Conference IC sprint double.

Yet nearly half a year later he was declared ineligible for the meet by his college’s faculty athletic board and was deprived of the titles. In 1912 he targeted the Olympic trials, but because of a somewhat strange problem he got into with the Olympic committee he did not come on old form. He did not manage to qualify.

Jack was 21 when he took up track, and the Nelson story got started in 1907. Then there was a Washington State student by name of Nelson, who was their second-fastest freshman at 100 yds. Probably it was Jack. However, in 1908 Jack Nelson was with the Colorado Aggies at Fort Collins, and finished fourth and third for them in the sprints at the Western Conference event. In fact, he already was a Denver resident. In the autumn he transferred (back) to WSC, and arrived on the national scene in the following year.

Coached by JF Bohler at the college, he carried out a splendid campaign in 1909, being unbeaten up to the above-mentioned national AAU meet. Even in the heats he once more thrashed the new titlist, Martin. On 1 May in a dual meet, he won the 100 in a 9,8 eye-opener. He also won the 220 (22,2) and 440 (50,2). Ten days later, in a drizzle, he equaled the century time in another dual event.

A PROPHECY – AND JACK GOES TO TOWN

About that time, in early May 1909, his coach commented that he “had not the slightest doubt that Nelson can step off the 100 yds in 9 3/5 with a good start ...” Bohler did not have to wait long until his disciple fulfilled the prophecy.

On 29 May Jack went to town. In the race he rocketed off, flying along the WSC track to a sensational 9,6 record. He defeated the Whitman College star, Bill Martin, a 9,8 performer, by no fewer than eight yards. Obviously the latter eased up when realizing that he was chanceless.

Certainly there were many that doubted his time. However, the weather was reported to be perfect, as was the track, and the three timers were experienced people. The course was measured at exactly 100 yds, and had no downgrade. Moreover, there was no aiding wind. (One source alleged that he would have run only 99,5 yds). Even competitor Martin’s coach, Blanchard, commented that that the 9,6 time was quite possible.

The organizing committee stated that they would apply for official recognition of the mark, though they admitted that they did not know exactly how to proceed.

A fortnight later Jack won the collegiate Pacific NW double with fine 10,0/22,4 on a soft track at Seattle with Martin as runner-up. The national AAU event, too, was staged two months later on the same, poor Seattle track, and Jack was no more at his best.

Yet he won the junior century final over his younger team mate, slender Ira Courtney, before being very closely beaten by Bill Martin in the senior race, Courtney third. Winning time: 10,2 into wind. Their victims in the senior heats included several well known brands, like Pete Gerhardt, Willie May, and the Oregon ruler, undefeated Oliver Huston.

Bill Martin won the junior furlong, though losing the senior final to Dawbarn of Princeton and NYAC. At the time that track was still in questionable shape, said to be covered by a coat of loose cinders and dust, and reportedly it was impossible to produce fast times on its soft, uneven surface. Moreover, it was narrow.

NELSON WINS ALBEIT BEING STRIPPED OF THE TITLES

Actually, the three “medalists” in the senior 100, all students at Washington colleges, had joined Seattle AC. At first, Jack was inclined to run for Spokane AAC, as he said he intended to start in business at the place, but later changed his mind. As he had become one of the barons of the sprints he received offers from other clubs as well, even from such located in other states.

His 1910 season got started with a bang. In an interclass hcp 100, run at the end of April, he was clocked in 9,8. Three weeks later, on 20 May, he again posted 9,6 on the Pullman track in a dual meet. That time Martin was not in the race, and second was Nelson’s team mate, lanky Ralph Lowery, a 10-flat runner. Reportedly the weather was ideal and the track in excellent condition. The timers were the same as those a year before.

Thus, Jack became the first athlete ever to run $9 \frac{3}{5}$ twice in supposedly acceptable conditions. In fact, he produced all his sub-10 sec performances on the Pullman track, which indeed must have been fast. He also was timed in a somewhat mysterious and unconfirmed 21,2 at 220, equal to the “world record” on that occasion. (However, a later report referred to Jack’s northwest record being 21,6).

For some reason or other, none of the marks got into the national record book. Moreover, there were no press releases being circulated mentioning them, which would reach the out of the state world.

A week gone by, he won the sprints and also the quarter mile in a dual meet at Eugene, Oregon. He showed surprisingly good stamina as he was finishing the 440 in 49,6, despite being slowed down by a dog that entered the course (!). His time was the fifth-fastest US performance that year and a career best.

Jack was put to his second, really competitive test in the 1910 Western Conference IC meet held in early June. Jack emerged easy winner of both sprints in 10,2/21,8. To enable him to get to the event, held in Illinois, a popular subscription was made as the college did not have sufficient funds available to finance his trip.

Several months gone by, he was declared ineligible for the meet by his college - who in June had awarded him an emblem for his track exploits. He had already filled the collegiate quota of three track seasons.

In September, Jack, Martin, and other Seattle AC boys were sent to California to measure against the Olympic Club and other athletes in a regional San Francisco AAU meet. Nelson was no longer in top shape for the shorter ones and only ran the quarter, ending second. Martin took care of the sprints, with success.

AT LAST NATIONAL CHAMP

In 1911 he was graduated. Being out of the collegiate circuit, he targeted the national AAU event, arranged at Pittsburgh on 1 July. A fortnight prior to it he tested his form in the Pacific NW association meet, and traded wins with Courtney. The latter took the 100, and Jack won the 220 with 21,6 (straight). It was a campaign of few meets for him.

In consequence, he only ran the longer sprint at Pittsburgh. Before a crowd of some twenty-five thousand Jack managed to handle stars Carl Cooke, Howard Drew, and Bob Cloughen, finishing in 21,8 (turn). Nobody in the world ran faster round a curve that year. In the 100 Bill Martin ended third in the senior final, and Courtney third in the junior division.

The local press was enthusiastic after his victory:, writing that Jack was “the pride of WSC and the idol of the town ... his name was on every tongue ... when he comes back, he will get a royal reception, as has happened earlier on one occasion ... he is tremendously popular here, as he is a modest, unassuming and likeable fellow ...”. A couple of years later the praise was repeated, the press mentioning him as the most popular athlete the college ever had.

In the Olympic year Jack was facing another problem. He had agreed to run a pro race at 150 yds in October 1912, well after the Games, which was brought to the attention of the Olympic Committee, who would decide on the matter of his status as regards the Games. Obviously, their decision was in his favour as he was not barred from competing at the Olympic trials.

THE DECLINE AND THE APPEARANCE OF A DOUBLE

Yet the matter probably had some negative psychological impact on him, as he did not exhibit old form. In the Western TO he ended third and fourth, which did not make him an Olympian. There were no national FOT.

He hung them up.

All three Seattle AC sprinters had the Olympics in mind. Yet Martin was suspended for receiving money for running at fairs and picnics in Pennsylvania in 1911, and blew it. Only Ira Courtney was selected to go to Sweden, where he reached the semis in both sprints.

Later in 1912 Jack was found residing in California - as was Ira Courtney (at USC) -, teaching chemistry and coaching at a high school at San Luis Obispo. The Olympic Club SF got in touch with him, persuading Jack to make a come-back. He did, and won a few early-season dual meet sprints in 1913, and bested 10,0.

Yet he did not come on old form, though he assured that he was “as fast as ever, and would try for two or three more national championships.” However, after a less than successful autumn campaign he again decided to retire from the tracks. In December he was remarried.

Jack was born 27.08.1885 in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the name of Johan K William Nielsen, and moved to the USA with his family when he was merely four years of age. He became a US citizen only in 1933.

Another John Nelson, residing in Lund, Sweden, competed in sprints in Scandinavia in the 1910's, which confused track statisticians. Really, this one was a Swede and not a Dane.

Later Jack worked as a physician and surgeon in California.

Nelson's fastest times ever at 100 yds:

9,6 (1) dual meet at Pullman	29.05.1909
9,6 (1) dual meet at Pullman	20.05.1910
9,8 (1) dual meet at Pullman	01.05.1909
9,8 (1) dual meet at Pullman	11.05.1909
9,8 (1) hcp scr interclass mt at Pullman	30.04.1910
9,8 (1) exh race at Pullman	04.07.1910

THE KING OF THE LOWS

By: Ulf LAGERSTROM

Curly-haired, slender **Charley Brookins** of University of Iowa at Iowa City was a remarkable athlete, though long since forgotten because of his choice of main event. During three years in the 1920's he dominated the 220 yd low (2 ft 6 in.) hurdle run. He won titles and he set up world records.

He tried to drive the world record so far out of sight that it might never be touched again. He almost made it. In 1924 he crashed home in a ratified 23,0, which - formally - was beaten only 11 years later, by Jesse Owens.

On a track with a curve he produced 23,6 (though knocking down one fence), an all-time best that was only bettered nine years later. The IAAF had not yet separated the two versions for record purposes.

At the time it was a popular event, above all in the USA and usually run on straight courses there. However, it was discontinued by the NCAA in 1960 and by the AAU three years later, and since fairly seldom run.

Charley's excellence is proved by his string of fast marks, nine of them (two of which windy) better than the previous world record at 23,6. In those years, up to 1925 (incl.), nobody else ducked under the old record. They who came closest were the Olympic quarter mile finalist, Johnny Coard Taylor of Princeton, the other Iowa hurdle star, Fred Morgan Taylor, and the California collegian, Bob Maxwell (all 23,6).

As a sophomore in 1922 Brookins was placed third in the national AAU final, won by Coard Taylor, but after that he won them all - the NCAA and AAU titles that he disputed, the Iowa IC and Western Conference ones.

Sometimes he cut it fine, yet other times he breasted the tape well ahead of the field.

"Few athletes have enjoyed a more phenomenal rise to fame. He startled the athletic world ...", Charles Paddock wrote about him early in 1924.

When Brookins was asked about his favorite event, he laconically replied that the hurdled furlong was "one of them". Besides studying and working out on the cinders, he also found time to listen to music, preferably something they called jazz.

CHARLEY AND THE HIGHER HURDLES

The 200 m hurdle race only twice was an Olympic event (in 1900 and 1904). Charlie judged that a major opportunity for him to become an Olympian would be at 400 m hurdles.

Trained by the renowned university coach, George Bresnahan, he developed rapidly. On 24 May 1924 he made his debut at the 3 ft barriers, and clocked fine 54,5, beating Chan Coulter, after winning the 100 yd flat and 220 yd hurdle races in quite decent times in the meet

In fact, his 54,5 was one-tenth faster than the world's fastest performance made in the preceding year, by the same Coulter, a teammate of his.

Still being a novice, he got out of step in the sectional trials, and only got third behind Coulter, and Morgan Taylor who also was converting to the event. Coulter had to set a new world record at 53,2 to be able to win.

The final trials at Cambridge in mid-June became a success story for both Brookins and Taylor.

Charley took his heat in 53,5, spanking Taylor by nearly four metres. Then the latter won his semi in a 53,0 new record, while Brookins did 53,3 in his.

The two rivals fought it out in the end-race, Taylor finally winning in formidable 52,6 (ratified WR) over Brookins, a good yard back (52,8e). As Coulter got third, it turned out an Iowa hat-trick.

The Olympic event in early July was another albeit similar story. Times in the prelims were slower than those taken in the trials. In the first semi, run on a rain-soaked track, Brookins came home ahead of Taylor, in 54,6.

In the final, staged on the following day, it was Taylor who had the better nerve and step control, and controlled the race throughout in an impeccable way. In the last stretch he ran away from Charley and won in 52,6 by a half-dozen metres. Yet his time was not a record as he touched the last hurdle, which tipped over.

The third Iowa gladiator, Coulter, was hit by tough luck. In his semi, he slipped on the wet track and crashed through the first hurdle. He lost much ground and was unable to rope in any of the final qualifiers at the finish, and did not advance.

Thus, what might have been another Iowa hat-trick, or clean sweep, was not.

Moreover, Charles Brookins did not get his silver as he was dq'ed, allegedly for taking a few steps in Taylor's lane, though without obstructing him, and also for failing to make a clean clearance of one hurdle. Charley got mad as a wet hen, and said that he could show that he did nothing wrong. The US management lodged a formal protest, albeit to no avail.

That was the end of the Brookins career at 400 mh despite the fact that he was the world's second best hurdler of the year and maybe of all times, after totally eight or possibly nine races (prelims included). He did not take a liking to the "man-killer event". Yet Taylor continued to cherish it, getting more honours in the future.

BROOKINS THE MILE RELAYIST

Coach Bresnahan whipped his boys into a superb mile relay team as well. The anchor was Eric Wilson, then one of the foremost US furlonguists. Brookins was an important link with his 48,5 or so ability on the flat.

In 1923 they were a success. They won the Kansas and Drake collegiate relay events, the Iowa IC and Western Conference titles, and in the autumn they took possession of the national AAU crown. The only smudge on their record happened afterward at the Yankee Stadium in New York, when they were beaten by a combined US-West selection on a soggy track.

Their fastest mark was 3.16,9, the year's world number one performance, and better than the ratified world record.

In the following years the team did not quite live up to expectations as Wilson was graduated, but they were good enough for further wins. Anyway, the Iowans still liked to refer to them as The Gold Team, with becoming modesty.

In the post-Olympic 1924 match v Brit Empire, Brookins was selected for the mile relay team (who lost).

It stands to reason that the lads also at 4x220 should be a gilt-edged squad, but they were not quite so, though they proved to be one of the fastest quartets around, by the watch.

THE SPRINT

Besides his hurdling and relay racing tasks for the college, Charley was also put to work in the sprint.

The coach let him take care of the 100 and Wilson mostly the 220, in dual meets. Charley possessed natural speed and reeled off fast races on occasion, mostly on the college track at Iowa City. He did 9,8 a few times, and at least one of them was a 9,7 had he been timed in tenths and not fifths. The world record stood at 9,6.

He was one of the fastest dozen performers in the world for three years.

Outdoors he did not make it to a Western 100 yd victory. He tried hard in 1923 and was well positioned at the finish, when he strained a tendon and ended up fourth. All the same, he started at the NCAA two weeks later, and also got fourth.

Indoors he set up a string of records. He posted 4,6 at 40, thrice conference record 5,4 at 50, and 8,0 at 75 yds. In addition he tied the 6,4 "world record" at 60 yds. He won the Western 50 yd title in 1922.

THE BEGINNINGS AND THE ENDING

Charley was born in Oskaloosa, a whistle stop southeast of Des Moines, on 18 September 1899. He attended high school there, and was on the school's track, am/football, and basket teams.

In 1918 he enlisted and was at the Gt Lakes Naval Center for some time, before returning to school. He was graduated in 1920. Even then his best track event seems to have been the furlong hurdles. He did 27,4 in 1918 and 25,0 (200 yds) in 1919 though not winning the state final that year. In 1920 he captured it in 27,2, while Morgan Taylor took the sprint hurdle event. In the state meet of 1920 he also emerged victorious of the 440 yd flat race.

It is worth mentioning that Brookins in a quadrangular school meet in May 1920 won the 100, 220, 440, both hurdle races, and was second in the long jump.

In the autumn he enrolled at the university, to study liberal arts, and as a freshman in 1921 he did not show much on the tracks. He did post 25,8 at the low hurdles, and 22,0 at 220 yd flat on a straightaway though. Later he practically abandoned the unhurdled furlong.

He was graduated in 1925, receiving his B.A., stopped competing, and began to act as an assistant track coach to Bresnahan (which he already had done before to some extent albeit discreetly).

Later in life he worked as a sales representative for a Des Moines office equipment company. Charles Robert Brookins passed away in August 1960 at Des Moines.

THE FASTEST ALLTIME PERFORMANCES AT 440 YD HURDLES as of 31.12.1925

F Morgan Taylor	USA	52,6	(1)	Final OT	Cambridge MA	14.06.1924
Taylor		52,6	(1)	Olympic Gms	Colombes FRA	07.07.1924
Charles Brookins	USA	52,8e	(2)	Final OT	Cambridge MA	14.06.1924
Taylor		53,0s	(1)	Olympic Gms	Cambridge MA	13.06.1924
August Desch	USA	53,1+	(1)	National AAU	Pasadena CA	04.07.1921
John Norton	USA	53,1+	(2)	National AAU	Pasadena CA	04.07.1921
Charles Coulter	USA	53.2	(1)	Sectional OT	Iowa City IA	31.05.1924
Brookins		53,3s	(1)	Final OT	Cambridge MA	13.06.1924
Brookins		53,5h	(1)	Final OT	Cambridge MA	13.06.1924
Brookins		53,5e	DQ	Olympic Gms	Colombes FRA	07.07.1924
Taylor		53,5+	(1)	National AAU	San Francisco CA	04.07.1925

Doubtful conditions:

Ivan Riley	USA	52,1	(1)	Sectional OT	Ann Arbor MI	31.05.1924
Laurence Snyder	USA	52,4	(2)	Sectional OT	Ann Arbor MI	31.05.1924

Riley's mark was never submitted to the AAU for ratification, for unknown reasons.

Abbreviations are those used by the ATFS.

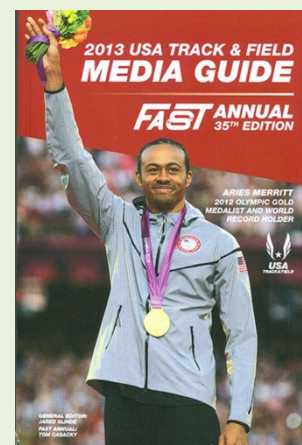
PUBLICATIONS

Members who produce publications that could be of interest to other members and the general track and field population can send a copy of their work to the Secretary. These will then be publicized in the next Bulletin and included on our website in anticipation of potential sales. Please be sure to include your name and contact details for purchase as well as the cost.

New Titles

2013 FAST Annual & USATF Media Guide.

The 35th edition of the FAST Annual is again combined with the USATF Media Guide. 819 pages constitute the most complete resource available on US athletics, including revised and expanded all-time lists, 2012 year lists (50-75 deep) for both men and women, and indexes containing career progressions and personal data for nearly 2500 athletes, including resident foreigners. The book can be obtained from



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South East Asia Athletics Annual 2012/13.



This essential guide for those interested in the performances of athletes from the South East Asian region, particularly countries like Malaysia, Singapore, The Philippines and Malaysia has again been produced by Jad Adrian Washif. The 165-page publication contains annual rankings for athletes from the region, results of major competitions performances of region athletes at major international competitions and all-time lists. The cost of the publication is \$15.00 USD and can be purchased from Jad by contacting him at info@adriansprints.com

Combined Events Annual 2012.

ATFS member **Hans van Kuijen** (NED) has produced the 20th edition of the definitive events yearbook. This superb book contains the 2012 world rankings for men and women, the top 200 men and women and all results down to 7272 points for men and 5325 for women, results of major meetings in 2012, all-time men's and women's performers and performances, national and international records, indoor rankings for 2012, the 2012 and all-time rankings for junior athletes and much more. The book is a must for all fans of the multi events. The price is 30 Euros or equivalent for European orders and \$US50 elsewhere. Order from Hans at de Bergen 66, 5706 RZ, Helmond, Netherlands. Or contact him at jkuijen4@upcmail.nl . A few back copies are still available.

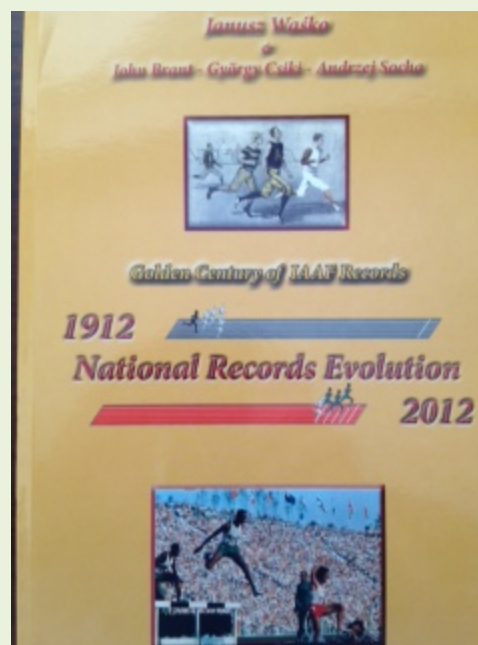
The Pentathlon of the Ancient World.

Dr Frank Zarnowski (USA) has departed from his usual realm of decathlon statistics to write this definitive history of the pentathlon, beginning with its origins in ancient Greece and extending to the present day. This is a scholarly study, complete with citations, notes and references, as well as photographs, drawings and tables. If you want to know how the modern multi-events evolved, and why the characterization of a superior athlete is important, this fascinating book should be on your list. It is 216 pages, soft cover, and can be obtained for \$35 from the publisher at www.macfarlandpub.com.



National Records Evolution 1912-2012.

Our Polish colleague **Janusz Wasko**, along with John Brant, Gyorgy Csiki and Andrzej Socha has produced another monumental (458 pages) publication, this time detailing the evolution of national records in all men's and women's events for the current top 34 athletics nations (but also including two past entities, the GDR and Yugoslavia). The criteria for selection: a sustainable level of development in all events. Every entry includes the athlete, the mark, the venue and date. Relays and multi-events are fully detailed. There are also lists of the "top 30" national records by decade, beginning in 1940. To obtain this valuable publication, write to Janusz at rwasko@onet.eu, or at Aleje Wyszynskiego 28/48, 22-400 Zamosc, Poland.



Israeli Athletics 2012/2013.

This is the latest in a series compiled by ATFS member **David Eiger** comprising detailed 2012 and all-time lists, biographical profiles of leading athletes, national championship results and all relevant records. The cost is \$US10.00 or 7Euros. Order from David at eigerdavid@gmail.com. Past editions are available at reduced prices.

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