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IN THIS BULLETIN

This is the first issue of the *ATFS Bulletin* for 2012. This *Bulletin* contains general information for members, numerous statistical and historical items and our usual listing of important publications. My apologies for the late appearance of this edition. Future *Bulletins* require **your** participation. Please send items for publication to info@atfs.org or to PO Box 3122, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ATFS Members,

Another Olympic year is upon us and I am sure members are looking forward to it. I had hoped to have an ATFS meeting in London but so far very few members will be attending and most of those are involved in working at the Games themselves and have limited time for meetings. At this stage, very few Executive members will be there.

I know that in recent years the cost of attending an Olympic Games has become prohibitive for most people, including the difficulty of getting tickets. However, I would still like to know of any members attending who have not responded so far and we may be able to meet informally in London as I will be there working.

We do have an important task leading to the Games: the election of Association officers, which we will be doing by email and post. Please let the Secretary/Treasurer Tom Casacky know if you wish to stand for election or you wish to nominate someone for a position.

A few Executive members will not be standing, so there are vacancies. Very importantly, we do need younger people as the current Executive are aging (including myself).

I am also happy and proud to report that the IAAF asked a group of ATFS members under the chairmanship of Bob Hersh to be involved in the IAAF Hall of Fame Committee. The first group of athletes to the IAAF Hall of Fame have been recently announced and can be accessed on the IAAF website. Further athletes will be announced at various times by the IAAF.

I am awaiting word from Rooney Magnusson and Nejat Kok on the historic project as to how close we are to publication. Many of you have been asking about its progress and I am hopeful of getting word from the editors in the near future.

Regarding publications: the 2012 Annual has been mailed from the UK, and Winfried Kramer's National Records publication has been sent to all members who are current in their subscriptions. Also, the IAAF very generously provided us with the 2012 World Indoor Championships handbook, which was mailed in March.

Best wishes to you all,

Paul

2012 ATFS ELECTION

It is election time again. Our membership comprises mainly gentlemen with a great deal of gray hair (or no hair to speak of), so younger members are encouraged to become involved in the governance of your organization. Please send your nominations as soon as possible to info@atfs.org, or to **PO Box 3122, Oak Brook, IL 60523**. Email and postal ballots will be sent in early July, and results will be announced at the conclusion of the Olympic Games.

You may nominate candidates for any position. Here is the current situation:

President: Paul Jenes will stand for re-election

Vice President: A. Lennart Julin will stand for re-election

Treasurer: Tom Casacky will stand for re-election

Secretary: We need one. The basic requirements are membership in good standing and fluency in written and spoken English. The Secretary will assume responsibility for the Bulletin and the ATFS website, so strong capabilities with Web design and programming are a major asset. To date, Michael McLaughlin (AUS/currently residing in the US) has expressed interest and will stand for this position.

Executive Committee: Peter Matthews (GBR), Yves Pinaud (FRA) and Bernard Linley (TRI) have indicated their interest in continuing on the Committee. Two members have retired: Tatsumi Senda (JPN) and Luis Vinker (ARG). We thank them for their many years of service to the organization and look forward to their continued contributions as “regular” members. Luis has nominated Eduardo Biscayart to replace him. Gert Le Roux (RSA) resigned his position in 2011. We would still hope to have Asia and Africa represented on the Committee.

The ballot will contain only the names of those who have indicated an interest in participating.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of 1 May 2012)

ATFS Treasury at last accounting (Bulletin 2/2011) **77,226.81 USD**

ATFS Treasury at 1 May 2012 **79,754.78 USD**

A detailed account of income and expenses is always available on request. Figures include cash Euro holdings converted to USD at the current rate. As usual, our largest yearly expenditure is the fee for sending *Athletics 2012* to all members in good standing. The book has been mailed from the U.K.; if you did not receive your copy, please contact me immediately.

The Association also subsidized the printing and mailing of Winfried Kramer's National Records book. Invoices for these expenses, as well as the Annual mailing, have not yet been received. I would expect that the Treasury will be reduced by approximately \$5000 USD once these have been paid.

Remember that the Treasury exists for **your** benefit, and to fund ATFS projects. Members are always encouraged to apply to the Executive for assistance with projects or in case of financial difficulties.

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As previously noted, Viktor Kopysov (RUS) applied for membership through Scott Davis at Berlin 09, but I have neither an application nor a functioning address for him. Does anyone have his contact information?

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Deceased: Stanislav Hrcir (CZE), Ladislav Krnac (CZE), Vladimir Otkalenko (RUS), Basilio Fuentes (CUB)

Resigned: Naomi Beinart (RSA), Hans Prinsloo (RSA), Josef Potucek (CZE), Ian Hodge (GBR)

Deleted (did not respond to repeated communications): Jiri Hetfleis (CZE), Colm Thomas Murphy (GBR), Mikko Nieminen (FIN), Henryk Paskal (POL), Ivan Popovic (MNE), Stanislav Sanda (CZE), Stepan Skorpil (CZE), Ludik Svoboda (CZE), Georg Werthner (AUT)

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MEMBERS: If you receive this *Bulletin* by post and have an email address (or a friend or relative who will receive email for you), SEND IT TO ME! Those members who have email addresses on file received this publication weeks before you did, and they are instantly notified regarding the availability of IAAF and other publications. They also have access to the ATFS website. Connect to us! Don't miss out!

MEMBER NEWS

Tony Isaacs (GBR) has suspended work on his Javelin Project for a time while he recovers from an accidental fall.

Raymond Herdt (GER) has made his Race Walking Index (revised through 311211) available to all members. Write to Ray at rayherdt@arcor.de for an electronic copy.

ATFS BOOKS

The following ATFS Annuals are available. If you are interested (and are current in your subscription), write to me for prices.

ATFS Annuals: 2010 (4), 2009 (9), 2008 (12), 2007 (9), 2006 (1), 2005 (1), 2003 (12), 2002 (17), 2001 (50), 2000 (20), 1999 (13), 1998 (7), 1997 (23), 1996 (25), 1995 (15), 1984 (1), 1982 (1), 1981 (1), 1978 (1), 1976 (13), 1975 (49)

Members can pay utilizing the various methods listed on your 2012 Subscription Invoices.

PUBLICATIONS STATUS

ATFS member Winfried Kramer published the latest edition of his *National Athletics Records for all Countries in the World*, assisted by a printing and mailing subsidy from the Association. Volume V of the *Historical Series*, whose publication was mandated by a unanimous vote of the members attending the 2009 World Championships ATFS meeting, remains in limbo: We (the ATFS officers) are unable to obtain any information on the status of the project or anticipated completion dates from the compiler(s). Therefore, the Association is compelled to move ahead without their input. ATFS member Dave Johnson (USA) is working on the data left by Scott Davis, with the objective of completing the USA portion of the project. We have agreed to publish the 1911-20 women's lists compiled by John Brant and Janusz Wasko as an adjunct to their monumental reconstruction of women's performances from 1921-1962. This work is largely complete, and we intend that it appear as soon as possible. We are also examining potential alternatives for transferring the content from the 1951-1983 *ATFS Annuals* into a digital format. This will not be an inexpensive undertaking, but in the interests of posterity and future athletics historians, it must be done.

Dixie Willis and the 1960 Olympic 800 Women's Metre Final
by Paul Jenés, Richard Hymans, Len Johnson, Trevor Vincent, and Bill Mallon

Dixie Willis ran the 800 metres for Australia at the 1960 Rome Olympics. In the final, she has historically been listed as not running or finishing the race, but we now have strong reason to believe that this is incorrect. Specifically, the 1960 Official Report lists Willis as “Scratched.” If this means she did not compete in the final, that is definitely incorrect as it is well-known she was leading the race coming into the final straight. Ekkehard zur Megede, in his book *The Olympic Century*, lists her as “Did Not Finish.” Newspapers and sporting journals of the time have various descriptions of what happened to Willis, noting as follows: “Fell 90 meters from the finish,” “fell in final,” “fell in final & did not finish,” “with 150 meters to go, she suddenly threw her hands in the air and staggered off the track,” “scratched,” and “non starter.”

Willis had the fastest times in the heats, running 2:05.9 (2:06.03) in heat four. The favorite in the final was likely the Soviet Liudmila Lysenko-Shevtsova, who had set the world record of 2:04.3 in Moscow in July 1960. The 1958 European Champion had been Yelizaveta Yermolayeva, but she did not compete in Rome. The event had not been held at the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

In the final, Willis went to the lead early on the first lap and held it on the final lap until the stretch run, but she was closely marked by Lysenko-Shevtsova and her countrywoman, Brenda Jones. Zur Megede notes that Willis “fell around 50m before the tape,” and did not finish. Lysenko-Shevtsova held off Jones to win the gold medal, equalling her world record of 2:04.3.

But youtube video now exists to see many old athletics events and one exists of the 1960 women’s 800 metre final. You can view it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkFteEQ83XU> (you also may search for “Brenda Jones (Carr) Silver 800m” – there is also another video of the race at “Rome Olympic Games 1960 Women’s 800m”). In the race, it is true that Willis goes off the track, onto the infield, about halfway down the final straight. But when one watches the video carefully, you can see that she later crosses the finish line, and assuming the video is done in real-time, which it appears to be, she does so about 23 seconds after Lysenko-Shevtsova and Jones finished, giving her an approximate time of about 2:27.5.

So was Willis instead disqualified for going off the track? We were able to track down Dixie Willis, via Trevor Vincent, a competitor in the steeplechase in 1964. He notes the following, from his conversation with Willis:

“[Willis] now lives at Aberdeen in New South Wales – her comments/recollections of the race in question.

“After considering the material I have at hand – Dixie’s account and my chat with her today, the film (if any of you haven’t seen the film referred to I can send it to you), reports/results in a range of publications etc, here is my ‘take’ on just what did happen;

“Dixie (5) took the lead in the back straight in the first lap – after maybe 150m or so, she surrendered it temporarily from around the 180m mark to around the 280m mark to Shevtsova (163). During this part of the race there is a little pushing and shoving. Dixie regained the lead at that point and was still in front into the home straight of the final lap. At around the 75/80m to go point (after around 1 min 55sec running) both Brenda Carr (6) and Shevtsova came up to and passed Dixie – who seemed to be tightened for room. She at that point stepped off the track on to the grass on the infield – she tells me not from exhaustion – rather as a result of clipping the inside running rail after being tightened for space.

“She states that she then momentarily dropped to hands and knees – more in frustration – but immediately got back on her feet with no outside assistance, stepped back on the track at the point she had left it and then proceed to finish the race by just jogging up the straight and crossing the finish line – about 2 min 27 sec after the start gun. This is quite clear in the film of the race that I believe you have all now seen.

“Dixie assures me that she was never at any time advised she had been disqualified – but on seeing the printed results subsequently just assumed that she had been and so did not pursue the matter. It certainly appears that she was in fact not formally disqualified – and in fact I can see no grounds for disqualification.”

Vincent feels that Dixie Willis finished the race, and was never disqualified – there is no evidence in any source that she was, including official sources – and that she should be listed as 9th place in the 1960 Olympic 800 metres, with an estimated time of 2:27.5. We concur.

Richard Hymans has also written of this, in his summary book on Olympic events that he produced for the 2008 Beijing Games. Updating some of his previous work, Hymans noted exactly as above, that Willis stepped off the track, and would still finish, jogging across, with his time also giving her 2:27.5.

There is also other evidence concerning this, however, found by Trevor Vincent, who found a copy of the 1960 Australian Olympic Report at the Australian National Sports Museum, which notes, concerning Willis, “Ninth in final, no time taken.” Len has written of this and his report can be found on the Internet at www.runnerstribe.com/article/post/show/id/1067-Time-to-finish-dixies-Olympi-race-By-Len-Johnson.

Lysenko-Shevtsova continued to race through 1964 but with less success, never approaching her Olympic year of 1960. But Willis would go on to better things. On 3 March 1962 at the Western Australian Championships in Perth, she broke the world record for both the 800 metres and 880 yards, winning the title in 2:02.0y, with an 800 metre time of 2:01.2. Later that year she would win the British Empire and Commonwealth Games 800 metres in 2:03.85. Hoping to continue and win Olympic gold in 1964, it was not to be as injuries intervened, hampering her year in 1963 and causing her miss the Tokyo Olympics and retire.

But at the 1960 Olympic Games, Dixie Willis should be listed as 9th place, in an estimated time of 2:27.5.

Kalle Järvinen and the 1932 Olympic Shot Put Problem

by Bill Mallon

In my continuing effort to deal with Olympic statistical minutiae, I have been looking at the lower results of the 1932 Olympic shot put – for those placed beyond six (6). This was initiated by Vesa Tikander of the Finnish Sports Museum in Helsinki who got me interested in the problem. This of interest to Finns because it specifically relates to a possible error in the mark given to the highly ranked Finn in 1932, Kalle Järvinen. Tikander told me via e-mail that they have known of this problem for years but it has never been addressed or corrected – more on this below.

Here is what we find in the 1932 Official Report:

7	József Darányi	HUN	14.67	48-1½
8	Jules Noël	FRA	14.53	47-8
9	Zygmunt Heljasz	POL	14.49	47-6¾
10	Harry Hart	SAF	14.22	46-7⅝
11	Clement Duhour	FRA	13.96	45-9½
12	Kalle Järvinen	FIN	13.91	45-7½
13	Paul Winter	FRA	13.14	43-1¼
14	Pedro Elsa	ARG	11.21	36-9¼
---	Antonio Lyra	BRA	NM	

Seems straightforward enough, but the *1932 Official Report* (32OR) does not give any series (even for 1-6). Since we are always trying to find that for the older Olympics, we end up looking in one of the few books from 1932 that contains the series and it is a Finnish one, *Olympialaiskisat Los Angelesissa 1932* (OLKLA32), which is the Finnish Report, written by Urho Peltonen. As Tikander noted, “Peltonen served as a technical expert of the IAAF and was a member of the athletics jury of the Los Angeles Olympic Games (his name appears in 32OR on p. 393). In this capacity he was able to witness the proceedings from the infield and certainly had access to the official result protocols at first hand.” Further, Peltonen’s has full series for all the field events, and these results agree fully with 32OR, except for the men’s shot put. This is what is listed in this source:

			Final	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
7	Zygmunt Heljasz	POL	14.80	13.80	14.80	14.49
8	József Darányi	HUN	14.68	14.58	14.68	14.67
9	Kalle Järvinen	FIN	14.63	13.80	14.63	13.91
10	Jules Noël	FRA	14.53	14.37	13.91	14.53
11	Harry Hart	RSA	14.47	14.47	f	14.22
12	Clement Duhour	FRA	13.96	f	12.31	13.96
13	Paul Winter	FRA	13.14	12.57	12.60	13.14
14	Pedro Elsa	ARG	11.77	11.77	f	11.21

If you'll look at this closely, and compare it to the results from the 32OR, you will notice a pattern. All of the marks in the 32OR are the same as the athlete's marks in OLKLA32 from Round 3 – even if the athlete had a better previous mark, as follows:

- Heljasz recorded 14.80 in Round 2 in OLKLA32, but is given 14.49 in 32OR, which is his mark in Round 3 in OLKLA32.
- Darányi recorded 14.68 in Round 2 in OLKLA32, but is given 14.67 in 32OR, which is his mark in Round 3 in OLKLA32.
- Hart recorded 14.47 in Round 1 in OLKLA32, but is given 14.22 in 32OR, which is his mark in Round 3 in OLKLA32.
- Järvinen recorded 14.63 in Round 2 OLKLA32, but is given 13.91 in 32OR, which is his mark in Round 3 in OLKLA32.
- Elsa recorded 11.77 in Round 1 in OLKLA32, but is given 11.21 in 32OR, which is his mark in Round 3 in OLKLA32.
- Noël, Duhour, and Winter have the same final mark in 32OR and OLKLA32, but they also recorded their best marks in Round 3.

Tikander suggested that what seemed to have happened is that whoever recorded the marks at the 1932 Olympics transposed the marks for Round 3 into the list of the Final Marks, for those not qualifying. It matches perfectly, and does seem to be what happened.

Can we confirm any of the other marks in other 1932 sources? That is harder to do as few 1932 sources list the series for the shot putters, especially for the lower places. But Järvinen was among the favorites, having recorded a personal best of 15.92 earlier in 1932, with the world record having been set in late June 1932 by the Polish putter, Zygmunt Heljasz, with 16.05. The gold medalist, Leo Sexton, had recorded 16.07 at a meet in May 1932 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but it was never ratified as a world record. So Järvinen was expected to do much better than the 12th place he was given in 32OR. There are some 1932 sources that discuss his marks.

Sport-Tagblatt, an Austrian sports paper, came out on 2 August 1932, with the following results:

7	Zygmunt Heljasz	POL	14.80
8	József Darányi	HUN	14.78
9	Kalle Järvinen	FIN	14.63
10	Jules Noël	FRA	14.53
11	Harry Hart	RSA	14.47
12	Veljko Narančić	YUG	14.24
13	Clement Duhour	FRA	13.96

Elsa and Winter are not listed in this source and we're not really sure what to make of Narančić – see more below. Darányi's mark is 14.78 vs. 14.68 in OLKLA32 and 14.67 in 32OR, but otherwise, these marks agree with OLKLA32 (Peltonen) (except for 12-13 places).

On 1 August 1932, two Scandanavian sports papers, *Idrottsbladet* (Swedish), and *Suomen Urheilulehti* (Finnish), published their results of this event, giving only places 1-6. But in both papers, they noted Järvinen's mark and series. Both credited him with a final mark of 14.60. The series given were as follows:

Idrottsbladet	14.04	14.60	14.30
Suomen Urheilulehti	13.80	14.60	14.35

That doesn't help a whole lot, but in both cases, the second round mark is around 14.60, similar to OLKLA32's 14.63, and nowhere near the 13.91 listed in 32OR. It is hard to explain the discrepancies in round 3, where Peltonen has 13.91, which is the 32OR final mark.

So if Järvinen's mark was really 14.63, and he should have been placed 9th, not 12th, why has this not been brought up before? Tikander notes, "There has been a discrepancy between Finnish and 'international' sources considering the placement of Finland's Kalle Järvinen in the 1932 shot put event. ... However, according to Finnish newspaper reports his best (second) throw was clearly above 14.5 metres. Järvinen never demanded clarification, as the competition was a terrible disappointment for him in any case."

And other recent Finnish sources support this as well. Richard Hymans notes, “The 14.63 is confirmed in a recent book about the Järvinen family (p. 150) – *Järviset* by Antero Raevuori (author of probably the best biography of Nurmi).”

What about Heljasz, who is given 14.49 and 9th place in 32OR, but 14.80 and 7th place in OLKLA32 (Peltonen)? Polish Olympic statistician Paweł Wudarski notes that, “However in a book on history of Olympic games which was published in 1957 (W. Gołębiewski, J. Stroynowski. *Olimpijskie fanfary* [Olympics Fanfare]) Heljasz is placed on seventh position His result is 14.89 m, and all tries are: 14.70, 14.76 and 14.89 meters.” Possibly Heljasz’s mark should be 14.89, as 14.80 is an easy typo for 14.89, transposing the 9 and 0. Further per this source, Heljasz’s mark of 14.49 in the third round is wrong, listing it as 14.89. I have not been able to get a response yet on this topic from Polish athletics statisticians.

Tikander also discussed Heljasz, however, noting that his mark was mentioned in *Idrottsbladet*, “The Pole Heljasz, who has made 16.09 [sic – 16.05] this year and is thus the unofficial world record holder, came closest to the finalists with the result of 14.97. The next to follow was the Hungarian Daranyi with 14.67.” Not exactly 14.80, but *Idrottsbladet* does have him in 7th place, agreeing with Peltonen.

So of the five 1932 sources I have been able to find – 32OR, OLKLA32, *Sport-Tagblatt*, *Idrottsbladet*, and *Suomen Urheilulehti* – four of them agree that Järvinen’s best mark was in the vicinity of 14.60, probably 14.63, and that it occurred in the second round.

Since 1932 there have been two good compendiums of the full results of Olympic track & field athletics, both compiled by the late German ATFS member, Ekkehard zur Megede. One came around 1990, *Die Geschichte der olympischen Leichtathletik* (GdOL), which was a 3-volume work while in 1999, zur Megede updated this with *The Olympic Century* (TOC), a single-volume work.

In GdOL, zur Megede has the following results, which support the Järvinen mark of 14.63, but only serves to confuse matters further.

7	József Darányi	HUN	14.67
8	Kalle Järvinen	FIN	14.63
9	Jules Noël	FRA	14.53
10	Zygmunt Heljasz	POL	14.49
11	Harry Hart	RSA	14.22
12	Veljko Narančić	YUG	14.14
13	Clement Duhour	FRA	13.96

More confusion – Järvinen has 14.63, as I think is correct. But Heljasz is back in 10th with 14.49, and we again see the presence of the mysterious Veljko Narančić. I am not certain where Narančić’s entry came to be listed, but he is not listed as competing at the 1932 Olympic Games in *Zlatna Knjiga Jugoslovenske Atletike* (Lubiša Gajić), and this must be a mistake for Paul Winter (FRA), who is not listed in this set of results, but who recorded 13.14 in all 1932 sources. Narančić is also not listed in the entry list provided in the Los Angeles *Times*, edition of 31 July 1932. In TOC, zur Megede provided full series as follows:

			Final	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3
7	József Darányi	HUN	14.67	14.58	14.67	14.67
8	Jules Noël	FRA	14.53	14.37	13.91	14.53
9	Zygmunt Heljasz	POL	14.49	13.80	14.08	14.49
10	Harry Hart	RSA	14.22	14.17	f	14.22
11	Clément Duhour	FRA	13.96	f	12.31	13.96
12	Kalle Järvinen	FIN	13.91	13.80	13.63	13.91
13	Paul Winter	FRA	13.14	12.57	12.60	13.14
14	Pedro Elsa	ARG	11.21	11.17	f	11.21
---	Antônio Lyra	BRA	NM	f	f	f

This is now completely different than GdOL, for one thing, Narančić is gone. And like the 32OR, all the final marks come from Round 3. To do this, some changes have been made to Peltonen’s series in OLKLA32.

- Darányi’s 14.68 in Round 2 has become 14.67
- Heljasz’s 14.80 in Round 2 has become 14.08
- Järvinen’s 14.63 in Round 2 has become 13.63

- Elsa's 11.77 in Round 1 has become 11.17

No 1932 source comes anywhere close to confirming those marks for Darányi, Heljasz, Järvinen, and Elsa.

Based on all the above, I feel that the 32OR is incorrect and that the recorder transposed the 3rd-round marks for the non-qualifiers into the field for final marks. I think zur Megede tried to follow 32OR in TOC, but to do that, he needed to adjust some of the early round marks listed in Peltonen to be consistent, thinking there must have been an error in them. But I feel that the most reliable version of the event seems to be Urho Peltonen's in OLKLA32. I think the placements beyond sixth place in the 1932 Olympic shot put should now be changed and listed as follows:

			<u>Final</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>
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8	József Darányi	HUN	14.68	14.58	14.68	14.67
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If anyone has any further information on this event, especially newspaper sources from 1932, I would love to know about them and see them. If you disagree with the above, I also want to know, as it is difficult to be certain about this confusing situation. You may contact me at bill1729@gmail.com.

Early Two-Mile Lists 1916-20
Compiled By Scott Davis and Don Potts
Text below by Scott

These lists represent the culmination of many years of work, primarily by Don. He worked on these for some 20 years. I got involved in the early 80's but substantially stepped up my involvement a few years prior to Don's death. The primary references for these early lists are as follows:

1. AAU/Spalding Almanacs 1910-1921 from my personal collection.
2. The working US lists from Don Potts.
3. My own working lists from the US following Don's death.
4. The high school research from Jack Shepard , Bob Jarvis and Tom Casacky.
5. My research from over 75 colleges and universities in the US along with copies from those yearbooks.
6. 1911-1920 clippings from the Chicago Tribune from Don's library.
7. 1911-1920 clippings from the LA Times from Don's and my material.
8. Clippings from many other selected newspapers from the period.
9. Other publications by Spalding and others from the period from my personal library.
10. Letters from Roberto Quercetani to Don from 1997-2000 with amendments, additions, etc.

All of the above material is in my [Scott's] possession including the copies of all of the newspapers from the period. The lists have been put together in the standard ATFS format with first and last name, year of birth where known, affiliation, mark, place, meet, site and date.

Much of the data from these lists will appear in Volume 5 of the ATFS Historical Series, which will cover the period from 1911-1920. Obviously, any missing data, additions and amendments would be welcome. You can send these directly to [Dave Johnson, davidsj@pobox.upenn.edu].

1916 – TWO MILES

Joe	Stout	Chicago	9:26.6	1	Western IC	Evanston	03 Jun
Daniel	Potter	Cornell	9:32.4	1	IC4A	Cambridge	27 May
	Potter		9:35.0	1	v Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	13 May
Arthur	Mason	Illinois	9:36.2	1	v Wisconsin	Madison WI	20 May

George A.	Benish	Wisconsin	9:41.2	1	v Minnesota	Minneapolis	13	May
L. D.	Atkins	Purdue	9:43.6	1	v Wisconsin	Madison WI	06	May
??	Chinn	Va PI	9:44.4	1	So Atlantic IC	Charlottesville	06	May
??	MacDonald	Washington	9:51.0	1	v Oregon	Seattle	20	May
John	Overton	Yale	9:51.4	1	v Harvard	Cambridge	13	May
Frank	Jenkins	St Christophers	9:52.0	1	Long Island K	Celtic Park	23	Jul
Lawrence	Glover	Princeton	9:52.6	1	v Virginia	Princeton	13	May
Horace H.	Brown	Williams	9:52.8	1	New England IC	Springfield MA	20	May
??	Daft	Simpson	9:53.2	1	Mo Valley IC	Columbia MO	27	May
L. L.	Chapman	Stanford	9:57.2	1	v California	Stanford	15	Apr
R. S.	Young	Yale	9:57.8	1	v Princeton	New Haven	06	May
James	Plant	Long Island AC	9:58.0	1	Brooklyn A G	Brooklyn	13	Aug
Ralph	Colton	Pennsylvania	10:00.6	1	v Dartmouth	Philadelphia	06	May
Bruce	DeSwarte	Northwestern	10:05.0	1	v Indiana	Bloomington	20	May
E.	Flood	Dickinson	10:05.2	1	Middle Sts IC	New York	13	May
John	Reynolds	Norte Dame	10:07.2	1	v Michigan	Ann Arbor	06	May
David	Sturges	Pomona	10:08.0	1	SP AAU	Los Angeles	15	Apr
M. K.	Thompson	Colby	10:09.4	1	Main IC	Brunswick ME	13	May
??	Knox	Illinois	10:10.4	1	v Chicago	Urbana	12	May

1917 – TWO MILES

Edward	Fall	Oberlin	9:41.0	1	Western IC	Chicago	09	Jun
Joe	Stout	Chicago	9:49.0	1		Chicago	09	Jun
Bobby	Vlught	Olympic Club	9:50.2	1	v California	Berkeley	07	Apr
L. L.	Chapman	Stanford	9:52.4	1	Interclass	Stanford	17	Mar
G. F.	Halfacre	MIT	9:54.6	1	New England IC	Cambridge	19	May
??	Powers	Chicago	9:54.6	1	v Illinois	Chicago	26	May
George	Otis	Chicago	9:58.2	1	v Notre Dame	Chicago	12	May
??	Lloyd	California	10:01.5	1	v Stanford	Berkeley	14	Apr
Charles E.	Orcutt	Pomona	10:11.6	1	Sn Calif IC	???	23	Mar
??	McFall	Lafayette	10:12.6	1	Middle Sts IC	So Bethlehem	19	May
Bruce	DeSwarte	Northwestern	10:13.6	1	v Ohio State	Columbus	19	May
E. J.	Garvey	Unattached	10:15.2	1	Trainmen's Gm	???	09	Sep
Norman	McKinney	Illinois	10:16.2	1	v Notre Dame	Notre Dame	05	May
Vincent L.	Humeston	Pomona	10:23.0	1	v Occidental	Eagle Rock	10	Mar

1918 – TWO MILES

Ivan	Dresser	Cornell	9:42.8	1	IC4A	Philadelphia	01	Jun
L. L.	Chapman	Stanford	9:47.8	1	v Olympic Club	Stanford	06	Apr
Sherwald	Sedgwick	Michigan	9:51.0	1	Western IC	Chicago	08	Jun
Allen	Swede	Mercersburg	9:51.4	1		Philadelphia	04	May
Charles	Pores	Pelham Bay NS	9:55.8 e	2	NYAC Fall Gms	Travers Islands	28	Sep
	Chapman		9:56.0	1	v California	Stanford	13	Apr
??	Krauss	Yale	10:01.0	1	v Prin, Harvard	New Haven	25	May
	Sedgwick		10:03.6	1	v Chicago	Chicago	25	May
W. F.	Foreman	Kansas Agri	10:05.0	1	Mo Valley IC	Columbia MO	25	May
Walter	Sweeney	Notre Dame	10:09.4	1	v Michigan Ag	Notre Dame	11	May
??	Turner	Columbia	10:12.8	1	v Brown	Providence	11	May
Eddie	Mayo	Fort Slocum	10:15.2	1	Camp Vail Gms	West End NJ	01	Sep
??	Moore	Chicago	10:19.0	1	v Illinois	Urbana	10	May

1919 – TWO MILES

Ivan	Dresser	Cornell	9:22.4	1	IC4A	Cambridge	31	May
George	Goodwin	Bowdoin	9:42.0 e	2	IC4A	Cambridge	31	May
Sherwald	Sedgwick	Michigan	9:43.8	3	IC4A	Cambridge	31	May
W. F.	Foreman	Kansas Agri	9:50.4	1	Western IC	Chicago	07	Jun
Horace H.	Brown	Williams	9:51.4	1	New England IC	Cambridge	24	May
E. H.	Moore	Chicago	9:52.0	1	v Michigan	Ann Arbor	17	May
R. M.	McCullough	Princeton	9:54.0	1	v Harvard	Cambridge	24	May
	Moore		9:54.6	1	v Illinois	Chicago	24	May
Charles	Smith	Washington St	9:59.6	1	PCC	Seattle	31	May
Albert	Sprott	California	10:03.0	1	v Stanford	Berkeley	03	May
	Foreman		10:03.6	1	Mo Valley Conf	Ames	31	May

Bernard E.	Meyers	Wisconsin	10:05.6	1	v Illinois	Urbana	17	May
	Moore		10:07.2	1	v Northwestern	Chicago	31	May
H. W.	Waterman	Yale	10:10.0	1	v Harvard	New Haven	17	May
??	Foreman	Olympic Club	10:10.0	1	v Stanford	Stanford	26	Apr
??	McCosh	Chicago	10:14.0	1	v Wisconsin	Chicago	10	May

1920 – TWO MILES

Charles	Hunter	Unattached	9:26.0	1	Calif v OC	Berkeley	27	Mar
Horace	Brown	Williams	9:27.6	1	IC4A	Philadelphia	29	May
C. C.	Furnas	Purdue	9:33.0	1	Western Conf	Ann Arbor	05	Jun
Allen	Swede	Princeton	9:38.4	1	v Harvard	Princeton	22	May
	Furnas		9:45.8	1	Indiana IC	Lafayette IN	29	May
Ray	Watson	Kansas Agri	9:45.8	1	Mo Valley Conf	Ames IA	29	May
F. W.	Hilles	Yale	9:46.2	1	v Harvard	Cambridge	15	May
L. C.	Bond	Harvard	9:46.4 e	2	v Yale	Cambridge	15	May
Walter	Higgins	Columbia	9:46.8	1	v Dartmouth	New York	15	May
Russell	Wharton	Illinois	9:50.2	1	v Chicago	Urbana	21	May
Charles	Smith	Washington St	9:53.8	1	PCC	Palo Alto	15	May
Walter	Anderson	Ohio State	9:55.4	1	v Michigan	Ann Arbor	29	May
??	Naughton	Illinois	9:57.6	1	v Wisconsin	Madison	15	May
Paul	Dusenberry	Illinois	9:58.6	1	v Michigan	Ann Arbor	08	May
Larry	Shields	95 Pennsylvania	10:02.2	1	v Cornell	Philadelphia	15	May
??	Kochanaki	Illinois AC	10:02.0	1	v Notre Dame	Notre Dame	22	May
George	Otis	Chicago	10:03.0	1	v Michigan	Chicago	15	May
??	Dayton	Wisconsin	10:03.4	1	v Chicago	Chicago	29	May
	Naughton		10:05.6	1	v California	Berkeley	03	Apr
??	Moore	Chicago	10:08.4	1	v Purdue	Chicago	08	May
Bruce	DeSwarte	Northwestern	10:10.2	1	v Purdue	Lafayette IN	15	May
??	Brothers	Wisconsin	10:11.0	1	v Northwester	Evanston	08	May
Noel	George	Sn California	10:11.2	1	v California	Berkeley	10	May
Robert	Crawford	Lafayette	10:11.4	1	Middle States	New Brunswick	15	May
Bob	Crippen	California	10:15.0	1	v Sn California	Los Angeles	20	May

A Commonwealth Corporal's Stunning, Instant Speed

By Ulf Lagerstrom

Two of the most enigmatic 100 metre performances of all time may have been those of Lance Corporal Clarrie "Peanut" Hayes, an Australian serving with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF) that were based in Japan after WW II came to an end.

In October 1947 he did 10,3 in heat *and* final in the so-called All-Japan military championship staged in Tokyo. His times shocked the track community as Hayes was an unknown quantity, even to the Aussies at home, and 10,3 was a world co-leading performance (star Harrison Dillard was another co-leader). It was only one-tenth off the world record.

Details on the two races are not easy to get. The only meet report available told that he was pressed by the fastest US soldier-sprinter, a slender, coloured Private (first-class) by name of Irving Smith, who reportedly finished closely behind him in both runs. Smith was to produce 10,2w and 10,4 in the All-Japan meet of 1948.

In their heat, run on 7 October, they were aided by "slight wind" and the cinder track was humid after rain earlier in the day.

The second-fastest heat was won by Carl Baynard, an ex-Ohio freshman sprinter and quarter miler, with 10,6. He was to nail third in the end-race.

In the final, run two days later, "perfect conditions" were ruling and the track well-rolled. It was re-measured. His time was taken by five watches. On the face of it there was nothing that might invalidate his achievement. Hayes used spikes, which he seldom did.

On the same day, the 200 m final also took place. Hayes won it in 21,2, two-tenths off the fastest mark made in the world that year, after a 21,6 heat two days earlier.

Both winning times in the finals were duly accepted as new meet records.

However, track statisticians were much in doubt regarding the legitimacy of the clockings, and the ATFS decided to put the tag "doubtful timing" on them. Probably this had to do with the fact that Clarrie showed questionable form after his return home a couple of months later. In fact, he never was to be a national top sprinter.

In the very first Track & Field News merit rankings produced, for 1947, the compilers cautiously put Hayes in the 19th place at 100 m. Was the boy fish, flesh or fowl, they may have wondered.

In the BCOF championship held a month earlier, Hayes won the sprints in 10,0 and 23,1 in unknown conditions, reportedly being almost untrained.

Obviously the BCOF's team's coach, Lt Fred Ness, did wonders when working on his form during the four to five weeks leading up to the time of the Tokyo title meet.

Ness had a long coaching record in the army, and had been a keen athlete himself.

Interviewed on his return to Australia, Clarrie mentioned that he mostly ran barefooted, doing 9,8 or 9,9 at best at 100 yards, and admitted that his style was less than perfect (to which statement a couple of experts agreed). He was then 24 years of age, he said.

Before leaving for Japan in 1946 he won service meet sprints in Queensland. In 1945 he had been member of a Brisbane athletic club without being a standout.

He also used to win long and triple jump competitions. In fact, he won the LJ title of the All-Japan meet, and alleged that he somewhere sometime had triple jumped as far as over 15 ½ metres, probably with a strong aiding wind. That year the world's leading jump, made by a Swede, measured 15,26 !

In early December 1947 two special 100 yd races were arranged for him in Sydney, which he won in 9,9 respectively 10,0 in bad conditions. He ran on rain-soaked tracks, allegedly after only a week of training and seemed to be nervous. He also squeezed in a couple of 220's run in modest times.

"The crowds will get a shock when I run in title events, I regard this race as no better than a training run", he said on one of the occasions.

At the end of the month five thousand spectators gathered to see the new Olympic hope run in the New South Wales trials in Sydney, but Hayes let them down. He ended third in the 100.

Clarrie commented that it was quite a change to race on sodden, sometimes uphill Sydney grass courses and not on a hard, fast cinder track like in Japan.

In the open 1947/48 nationals, staged at Melbourne four weeks later, he tensed up and ended fourth, finishing two feet behind the merely semi-trained Jamaican, Herb McKenley (10,0), who was easily beaten by the two Aussie aces, John Treloar and John Bartram.

In his furlong heat Hayes was eliminated.

In the final trials in May, things went from bad to worse for him.

Clarrie was not selected for the Olympic team, not even as a relay reserve - unless he paid his own expenses. He would not.

Clarice Hayes, who hailed from Windsor NSW, told that after his discharge he planned to initiate a career as an auctioneer, which was his father's profession. Yet before that happened he intended to continue to compete, planning to take on mountaineering to build up for the 1948/49 season. Nothing came of it.

His 10,3's remain a mystery. What was wrong ? If anything.

Note - Irving Smith, mentioned above, participated at an Inter-Command championship in Tokyo three months earlier without exhibiting convincing speed. However, later famous Andy Stanfield did, finishing second at 100 m in 10,7e and winning the 200 m in 22,2 after a 21,8 heat.

In June 1948 Smith won the All-Japan 100 m in 10,4 (windy 10,2 heat) and ended third in the 200 (windy 21,8 heat). A month later he won the Inter-Command title with 10,9 over more well known Alex Litman, and again being 200 m third. These and other results from military meets in Japan are not found in statistical handbooks.

A Hurdling Hero: Swede Sten Pettersson

By Ulf Lagerstrom

Sten Pettersson, a Stockholmer, was a tall, thin, long-legged athlete, who did not even “look” like an athlete. He measured over 1,90 m in height, and looked still taller because of his thin frame. And where did he hide his muscles? They were not in clear evidence. He was supple though.

When walking, he was dragging his feet, and when running he had no high knee-lift. Yet he showed surprising speed on occasion.

Pettersson became a great idol in Sweden in the 1920s, owing to his enormous will to fight, which rendered him numerous victories, his highly inspiring team spirit, and also his records — even World and Euro records.

His athletic curriculum included the following achievements:

- For a year (July 1927/28) he held both the ratified world records at 110 m and at 400 m hurdles, a unique feat in track history.
- During his long track career, he collected 22 individual national titles (at 100, 200, 400 m, 110 and 400 m hurdles, and standing high jump). In addition he got nine relay titles.
- In one year (1925) he won no fewer than seven titles altogether.
- He managed 21 victories besides eight in relays in international matches, very popular at the time.
- At the Olympics, however, his luck was absent — save an unexpected bronze medal at 110 mh in 1924. He ended fourth in the 1928 400 mh final, and also got fourth as 4x400 relay anchor.

In his teens Sten, who worked as a messenger boy for a bank, was a prospect in jumps. In 1921, at 18 of age, he was persuaded to try the sprint hurdles in a club meet, as no one wished to compete against the club’s hurdle standout. The race was made a handicap with Sten facing eight timbers instead of ten. Astonishingly, the tall novice won. After that he started to train hurdling.

In 1922 he already was the second-fastest Swede by the watch, with 15,8. Their foremost hurdler was partly US-trained Carl-Axel Christiernsson (Olympic 6th in 1920 and 4th in 1924 at 110, 5th at 400 mh 1920). The latter began to advise the newcomer on hurdling technique.

In Christiernsson’s absence, Sten initiated his Scandinavian reign in 1923. It was not yet a Nordic reign, as in Finland there was a very competitive allround athlete, Erik Wilén.

Sten nailed third in both hurdle finals at the big, international Göteborg Games despite competing at 400 mh for the first time. After, he won the national double, and took the 110 mh in the match v Norway and Denmark (there was no 400 mh). In the match v France, however, he was shunted in second at both distances. He ended the season with 15,4 and 56,4 bests.

At the 1924 Olympics both Sten and Carl-Axel were entered for the short hurdle race. Christiernsson nursed hopes of getting a medal, whereas Sten was considered too inexperienced to medal. In the end the latter was placed third and his teammate fourth. The American who finished third, was dq’ed for knocking over three hurdles, and another American fell. Sten did not run the “intermediate”, 3 ft hurdle race there.

Sweden had no matches that season, but on his home track Pettersson confronted the to-be national AAU champion at 120 yh, Ivan Riley. At the Olympics, the American only started at 400 mh and got third. Six weeks before that, he produced a mysterious, non-ratified 52,1 performance.

In Stockholm the guest ran a perfect race at 110 mh, timed in a world leading 14,7. Sten came in second, in a 14,9 pb, equal second on the year’s world list. Three days later he handled Riley.

His 1925 campaign was brilliant. He won the hurdle races in the matches v Finland, v Norway/Denmark and v France. He closely defeated P.O. Andersen of Norway, considered the

only Nordic sprinter of continental class, at 100 m (10,7w). However, he was beaten in both sprints by the Finns.

In October, on the oversized Colombes track, he set up a new WR at 400 mh with 53,8, outclassing Riley, who was in questionable shape that year. Yet at 440 yh Americans had done faster times.

Sten was invited by the AAU to start at the AAU championships and arrived in NYC in mid-June 1926 after a sea voyage. He was lodged at Newark AC (which club Christiernsson represented).

In the AAU 120 yh final, after a false start and being set back one yard, he ended up fifth.

At the “intermediates” he got slightly injured, and did not run the final.

A couple of days later he posted 56,4 at 400 mh at a New York event, beating the AAU Junior division winner, Bud Spencer (later 400 m flat WR-holder), and at the highs he took the measure of the AAU second-placer albeit at a very tight finish.

In early July 1927 he finished third at 120 yh in the open English AAA championship, closely beaten by local star Fred Gaby and the South African, Weightman-Smith.

In the matches he won all hurdle runs, and experienced mixed fortunes in the sprints.

On 18 September 1927 in Stockholm, he ran a perfect race at 110 mh, clocked in 14,7 and spanking a new Swedish hurdle prospect, Erik Wennström (14,9). His time was duly ratified, as a 14,8 WR.

Yet the 14,7 mark was no world leading performance, since four US hurdlers were faster at 120 yh.

In the Olympic 400 mh final in 1928, the Swede early got into step problems, losing his rhythm, and was running last for a while. Yet from the eighth hurdle and on he had put his hurdling together and produced a magnificent spurt that almost caught the medaling US runners.

At 110 mh he was eliminated in the semis.

At home he twice did 14,7, as did once the 19-year-old, super-talented Wennström. It was a Euro leading mark. However, Sten found it more and more difficult to hold off the new boy at the finish.

On the oversized track at Köln, Pettersson posted a sizzling 52,4 at 400 mh in early August, without being pressed. It was said not to be a perfect run on his part. Neither was it a new WR as Morgan Taylor of USA returned 52,0 a month earlier. Anyway, it was a lifetime best for Sten.

In 1929 Wennström took over the leadership, and even set a new world mark, with 14,4. “Sten-Pelle”, as Pettersson was called, was not in old shape.

A year later, however, he was. In July in Stockholm he dominated the Italian star, Luigi Facelli, at 400 mh (53,4 to 53,6). His time was the world’s second-fastest.

In the same month he tangled with Steve Anderson, the US champion and new WR-holder at 120 yh with 14,4. At Köln and Düsseldorf the American won closely, and in the Stockholm meet it was Sten who was judged winner. At Köln the towering Swede produced a 14,6 career best.

In 1931 he came on form only towards the end of the season, during which now a Finnish hurdler, up-and-coming Bengt Sjöstedt, unexpectedly posted 14,4, equaling the official WR.

In 1932, the year when Sten celebrated his 30th birthday, he trained for his third Olympics. Unfortunately, he did not feel well in the LA climate, and was eliminated at 400 m and 400 mh.

His teammate, Kell Areskoug, ran the hurdle final, ending sixth. Sten did 53,3 that season but it was no longer an eye-opening time.

He was selected for the national A-team in 1934, for the last time.

He participated at 110 mh of the first Euros held that year, though being eliminated in the semis. Erik Wennström had abandoned athletics in favour of other interests, yet there was another bright prospect coming up, bespectacled Håkan Lidman, a school boy prodigy a year earlier, and later a world beater.

Pettersson continued to compete, at a slower pace, for three more years before hanging them up.

For several years, Sten was one of the giants of Swedish athletics. He was on the national A-team for no fewer than 12 years (1923-34), and virtually served as their captain.

As an athlete he was said to possess an innate sense for technique and feeling for style. An unusual power of concentration before a race was to be added to his qualities.

Unfortunately he had a rheumatic disposition, which sometimes set him back.

In an interview he declared that he did not believe much in massage before a race, but said that he preferred to sit with the feet in hot water before an important competition to regenerate energy. He also used to drink sugared water on such occasions — a very innocent form of doping!

He trained after the working hours at the bank, usually at night.

As concerns the 400 mh event, in which he did not compete too often — there were not that many competitions either — and in which he more than once suffered step problems (that after often running the 110 mh and sometimes also a sprint), he told that at the time he was trained to use a 17-step pattern. Because of his long legs he soon tried to use 15 steps, a novelty in Europe.

A 14-step approach would have been impossible, he said, as he once had been knocked over by a truck, getting injured, and he had felt that hurdling should not really be his cup of tea. It turned out to be, despite all.

Sten's pb at 400 flat was a mediocre 49,5 though he reportedly did 48 sec in a relay, which makes his classy 52,4 hurdle mark more easily explained.

He continued to work at the bank, being promoted, and later managed a couple of shops. He also commenced to write popular columns about sports for newspapers.

He always had been interested in bowling, and when he gave up athletics he concentrated on that sport. He even became national champion in the 1940s.

Sten Karl Leopold Pettersson, born 11 September 1902 in Stockholm, passed away on 1 June 1984, also in Stockholm.

For further statistical info, reference is made to M Holzhausen's booklet *Weltrekorde und Weltrekordler – 110 & 400 mh*.

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