

THREE THOUSAND (3,000) METRES STEEP CHASE

(1 mile 1520 yards 2 feet 9½ inches)

Olympic Record: 9 min. 3·8 sec. V. Iso Hollo (Finland) Berlin, 1936
No recognised World's or British records for this event.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Paris, 1900	2500 m.	G. Orton (Britain)	7 min. 34·4 sec.
St. Louis, 1904	2500 m.	J. Lightbody (U.S.A.)	7 min. 39·6 sec.
London, 1908	3200 m.	A. Russell (Britain)	10 min. 47·8 sec.
Antwerp, 1920	3000 m.	P. Hodge (Britain)	10 min. 00·8 sec.
Paris, 1924	3000 m.	W. Ritola (Finland)	9 min 33·6 sec.
Amsterdam, 1928	3000 m.	T. Loukala (Finland)	9 min. 21·8 sec.
Los Angeles, 1932	3450 m.	V. Iso Hollo (Finland)	10 min. 33·4 sec.
Berlin, 1936	3000 m.	V. Iso Hollo (Finland)	9 min. 3·8 sec.



HOW MANY FOR 1948?

HOW many competitors will there be in the 1948 Olympic Games? This question is frequently asked but will not be finally answered until near the opening date.

Preliminary advices suggest a number of over four thousand. That would mean a new record, for previous entries have been:—

Berlin (1936)	. 3,959
Amsterdam (1928)	. 3,905
Paris (1924)	. 3,385
Stockholm (1912)	. 3,282
Antwerp (1920)	. 2,741
London (1908)	. 2,082
Los Angeles (1932)	. 1,700
St. Louis (1904)	. 595
Athens (1896)	. 484
Paris (1900)	. 427

ZATOPEK is the Czechoslovak star at 3,000 m. and 5,000 m. In September, 1947, he won the Britannia Shield race at Halton for the second year running. His time of 24 min. 46 sec. for the 5 miles was nearly two minutes better than the second man's time. In 1946, Zatopek recorded the world's best time (14 min. 8·2 sec.) for the 5,000 m.

ONLY EGYPT MISSES ATHLETICS

Every country that has accepted the invitation to take part in the 1948 Games will be represented in the athletics, with one exception—Egypt.

BRITISH EMPIRE v. U.S.A.

This big athletics match will be staged at the White City on Thursday, August 12th, 1948, after the Games are over.

THE MARATHON

(26 miles 385 yards—42,195 metres)

Olympic Record (for this distance): 2 hr. 29 min. 19.2 sec., K. Son (Japan), Berlin, 1936.

No recognised World's record for this distance.

British Record: 2 hr. 30 min. 57.6 sec., H. W. Payne, Windsor to Stamford Bridge, July 5th, 1929.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

40,000 metres (24 miles 1,506 yards)		
Athens, 1896	S. Loues (Greece)	2 hr. 55 min. 20.0 sec.
Paris, 1900	M. Theato (France)	2 hr. 59 min. 45.0 sec.
St. Louis, 1904	T. J. Hicks (U.S.A.)	3 hr. 28 min. 53.0 sec.
42,260 metres (26 miles 455 yards)		
London, 1908	J. Hayes (U.S.A.)	2 hr. 55 min. 18.4 sec.
42,200 metres (26 miles 390 yards)		
Stockholm, 1912	K. McArthur (South Africa)	2 hr. 36 min. 54.8 sec.
42,195 metres (26 miles 385 yards)		
Antwerp, 1920	H. Kohlemainen (Finland)	2 hr. 32 min. 35.8 sec.
Paris, 1924	A. Stenross (Finland)	2 hr. 41 min. 22.6 sec.
Amsterdam, 1928	A. El Ouafi (France)	2 hr. 32 min. 57.0 sec.
Los Angeles, 1932	J. Zabala (Argentina)	2 hr. 31 min. 36.0 sec.
Berlin, 1936	Kitei Son (Japan)	2 hr. 29 min. 19.2 sec.



STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES, a first-class prospect for this year's Olympic Marathon, hails from Greece, the cradle of the Marathon, and belongs to the Olympic Athletic Club, Athens. He is here shown winning the 50th annual Boston Marathon from Hopkinson to Boston in 2 hr. 29 min. 27 sec. The laurel wreath to adorn his brow is held aloft by the official on the right.