

# Almost A European Olympiad

## BRITAIN OPPOSES THE REST AT A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

### RECORDS CERTAIN AT WHITE CITY

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**R**EMARKABLE performances are assured at the A.A.A. championships meeting at the White City Stadium on Friday and Saturday. Some of the finest runners, jumpers and throwers on the Continent are to compete, and they can be expected to take away the pick of our titles.

Ten nations will be represented in addition to teams and individuals from the home countries. Hungary is sending 30 men, France 21, and Holland ten.

Four championships will be concluded on Friday evening—2 miles walk, 6 miles, hop, step, and jump, and 100st tug-of-war.

Additional to these will be the preliminary rounds of the 220, 440, 880 yards and mile, 440 yards hurdles, long and high jumps, and pole vault.

#### Nobody to Hold Berger

**T**HE short sprint will not come up for decision until Saturday. The Hungarian holder, J. Sir, is to defend his title, and will be supported by a batch of his country's best sprinters.

If Christian Berger (Holland) is in the form which gained for him both the 100 and 200 metres at the European championships in Turin last year, then I cannot visualise the possibility of any of our home sprinters holding him.

Berger then did 10.6 in the 100 metres and 21.5 in the 200. If he can do the equivalent times to these in the sprint and furlong, he will come near to being a certainty for both events.

The German, Borchmeyer, who was second in the European 100 metres, is not entered, but Sir was close up in third place, and, being a younger man than either the Dutchman or the German, is quite likely to run even faster than he did last year when beating our best man A. W. Sweeney.

and the Public Schools' record-breaker, R. Scott (Ashby-ge-ia-Zouch G.S.).

Jack Cooper (C.A.V.), the holder, meets Soulier, the French 800 metres runner-up, L. R. Pearce (Portsmouth A.C.), the Hants half and mile champion, E. J. N. Hengle (Met. Police), the British Police title-holder, and C. H. Oades (Southgate H.), the A.A.A. junior champion, who is getting well under two minutes.

#### Easy Heat for Jack Lovelock

**M**ILERS have their preliminary outing in three heats on Friday evening. Jack Lovelock, the holder, Barnes (Enfield A.C.), L. R. Pearce, and D. W. Price (Milocarian A.C.) are the pick of the first test.

In the next Normand, the French 1,500 metres, showing a mile equivalent of 4min 16sec, looks good beside Kucharzski (Poland), Dick More (Derby and County H.), the Northern champion, Ward (Cambridge Univ.), and Carr (Poly H.), the latter running at his best at present.

The third and last heat of the mile may be the best. Drawn together in this heat are Szabo, who finished second to the Olympic champion, Luigi Beccali (Italy), in the European 1,500 metres championship, S. C. Wooderson (Blackheath H.), Southern champion and runner-up to Lovelock last year, Eeles (Southgate H.), and Mesner (France), all capable of beating 4min. 20sec.

#### Hungarian Menace to Jack Holden

**J**ACK HOLDEN (Tipton H.) is in fine trim to defend his six miles crown, and unless the Hungarians, Szilagyi and Kelen, are on top of their form there is little likelihood of a new name going on the A.A.A. books.

Szilagyi is the danger. He is one of the best stayers at 5,000 metres on the Continent.

Chief interest lies among the home men—Jimmy Flockhart (Shettleston H.), the Scottish champion, N. Jones (Liverpool Pembroke), Marsland (Manchester H.), R. Walker (Wakefield Trinity), and W. C. Wylie (Darlington H.).



Jack Holden, the Midlander, who will defend his A.A.A. six miles title at the White City on Friday.