

# 'Flying Finn' Proves Super Runner—Two Ring Champs Battle Tonight

## NURMI SMASHES RECORDS FIRST TIME ON BOARDS

Paavo Takes Two Events From America's Best in Madison Square Garden Meet

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NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Running on boards for the first time, Paavo Nurmi, Finland's super star, raced America's speediest distance runners to exhaustion in Madison Square Garden Tuesday night and broke two world's records.

Within a space of ninety minutes, the four-event winner of the Olympic games in Paris last summer made a new indoor mark of 4:13.3 for the mile and 14:44.3 for 5,000 meters.

Nurmi's new record for the mile was one second faster than Joe Ray's former mark, and his time for the 5,000 meters was about ten seconds faster than Ray's previous record.

Nurmi never had competed on boards before and was running against American trained stars who know every inch of the Madison Square Garden course. His performance, therefore, was the most astonishing ever seen in an athletic meet in any land.

**Sensational Time**

The mile run was perhaps the greatest race over that distance ever staged as for fast time. The first four men to cross the finish line came in under 4:17. Nurmi had to make a new world's record to beat the game little Ray.

Nurmi, however, was hardly pushed. With two laps to go over an eleven-lap route, Nurmi sprinted into a fifteen-yard lead over the field and turning into the stretch for the tape he glanced over his shoulder and eased up almost to a walk when he saw he was in complete command.

As the milers failed to test the Finnish star so also did the longer distance men in the 5,000-meter race. Willie Ritola, the American-trained Finn and the arch enemy of Nurmi, tried to run out his fellow countryman and he held the lead for most of the distance. The flying Finns set such a terrific pace the other runners in the field of six were lapped. Nurmi, however, was in command most of the time.

Griggs doubtless will be back in the game at center. Then there are Christopher, Wakefield, Paul, Knode, Keach, Nipper, Colway and Harker. The Butlerites are extremely well fortified in the way of reserves.

## Nut Cracker

CIENTISTS show the world is five times bigger than they thought it was. It still isn't big enough to hold an egotistical golfer who has just held out in one.

Whether London fight fans will fall for Piro is a question but if Piro gets a well deserved star for him, as usual.

IF YOU LEAVE IT TO THE BOYS IN THE BOX OFFICE, THE GREAT WEARNESS ABOUT MODERN FOOTBALL IS THE SOCIETY OF HOLIDAY DATES IS CALLED.

ELL, it looks as if we're finally back to normalcy. Fewer than 4,876 cartoonists used an aged gent and a new-born babe to depict the changing of the years.

Ray and Hahn

The American milers were beaten, but they were not humiliated. Ray, who finished second behind Nurmi, and Lloyd Hahn, who came in third, were both under the former record, and it took a super-runner like Nurmi, to beat them.

The showing made by the Americans in the 5,000-meter race was poor, but not as humiliating as the record shows, because Americans are not distance runners, and every one knew that if Nurmi was to be beaten over that distance, that it would be Ritola, who'd have to do it.

He's just not human," a veteran American trainer said. "Did you see him eating an apple before he went to the starting line for the 5,000-meters? That would kill any normal runner."

The good die young." This seems particularly applicable to good automobile racers.

IT WAS Ben Johnson who suggested building a home for aged ball players, but it is re-mained for Clarke Griffith to start one.

**Columbia Downs Penna**

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—With a spurt in the last period the Columbia basketball team won its first game of the eastern intercollegiate schedule by beating Penna, 14 to 11, Tuesday night.

**Y. M. H. A. Vs. Red Crown.**

The Communal Y. M. H. A. basketball team will play the local Red Crown tonight at the Communal.

**PHI DELTS STRENGTHEN**

Former Kokomo H. S. Star Added to Line-up for Game Tonight.

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