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Zatopek's Collection of Gold

The Czech Emil Zatopek was the major star of the 1950 European championship held at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, on 23 to 27 August. His revenge against the Belgian Gaston Reiff who had beaten him two years earlier in the 5,000 m in the Olympic Games in London, drew 52,000 spectators. This time Reiff had to make do with third place. By the first day of the championships Zatopek had already won the 10,000 m beating Alain Mimoun, the Frenchman who was to come second in the 5,000 m. Mimoun, a

future champion in the Olympic Games marathon, had already been beaten by Zatopek in the Olympic Games. On the feminine side, the Dutch girl Fanny Blankers-Koen just failed to repeat her four-gold performance at the Olympic Games in London. European champion in the 100 m, 200 m and 80-m hurdles, she failed to reach the tape first in the 4 x 100 m relay. Her team mates had lagged too far behind the girls and left too great a leeway. Britain won eight gold medals, the most.

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Men

100 m: E. Bally (FRA) 10.7
200 m: B. Shenton (GB) 21.5
400 m: D. Pugh (GB) 47.3
800 m: H. Parlett (GB) 1.50.5
1,500 m: W. Slijkhuis (HOL) 3.47.2
5,000 m: E. Zatopek (CZE) 14.03.
10,000 m: E. Zatopek (CZE) 29.12
Marathon: J. Holden (GB) 2 hr.32.13.2
110-m hurdles: A. Marie (FRA) 14.6
400-m hurdles: A. Filiput (ITA) 51.9
3,000-m steeplechase: J. Roudny (CZE) 9.05.4
4 x 100-m relay: USSR 41.5

Women

100 m: F. Blankers-Koen (HOL) 11.7
200 m: F. Blankers-Koen (HOL) 24
80-m hurdles: F. Blankers-Koen (HOL) 11.1
4 x 100 m: GB 47.4
High jump: S. Alexander (GB) 1.63 m

4 x 400-m relay: GB 3.10.2
10-km walk: E. Schwab (SWI) 41.01.8
50-km walk: G. Dordoni (ITA) 4 hr 40.42.6
High jump: A. Paterson (GB) 1.96 m
Long jump: T. Bryngeirsson (ICE) 7.32 m
Triple jump: L. Cherbakov (USSR) 15.39 m
Pole: R. Lundberg (SWE) 4.30 m
Shot put: G. Huseby (ICE) 16.74 m
Discus: A. Consolini (ITA) 53.44 m
Javelin: T. Hyytiainen (FIN) 71.26 m
Hammer: S. Strandli (NOR) 55.70 m
Decathlon: I. Heinrich (FRA) 7,009 pts

Long jump: V. Bogdanova (USSR) 5.82 m
Shot put: A. Andreyeva (USSR) 14.32 m
Discus: N. Dumbadse (USSR) 48.02 m
Javelin: N. Smirnitskaya (USSR) 47.54 m
Pentathlon: A. Ben Hamo (FRA) 4,023 pts

At Brussels in 1950, Mimoun was beaten by Zatopek, but nonetheless he beat Reiff