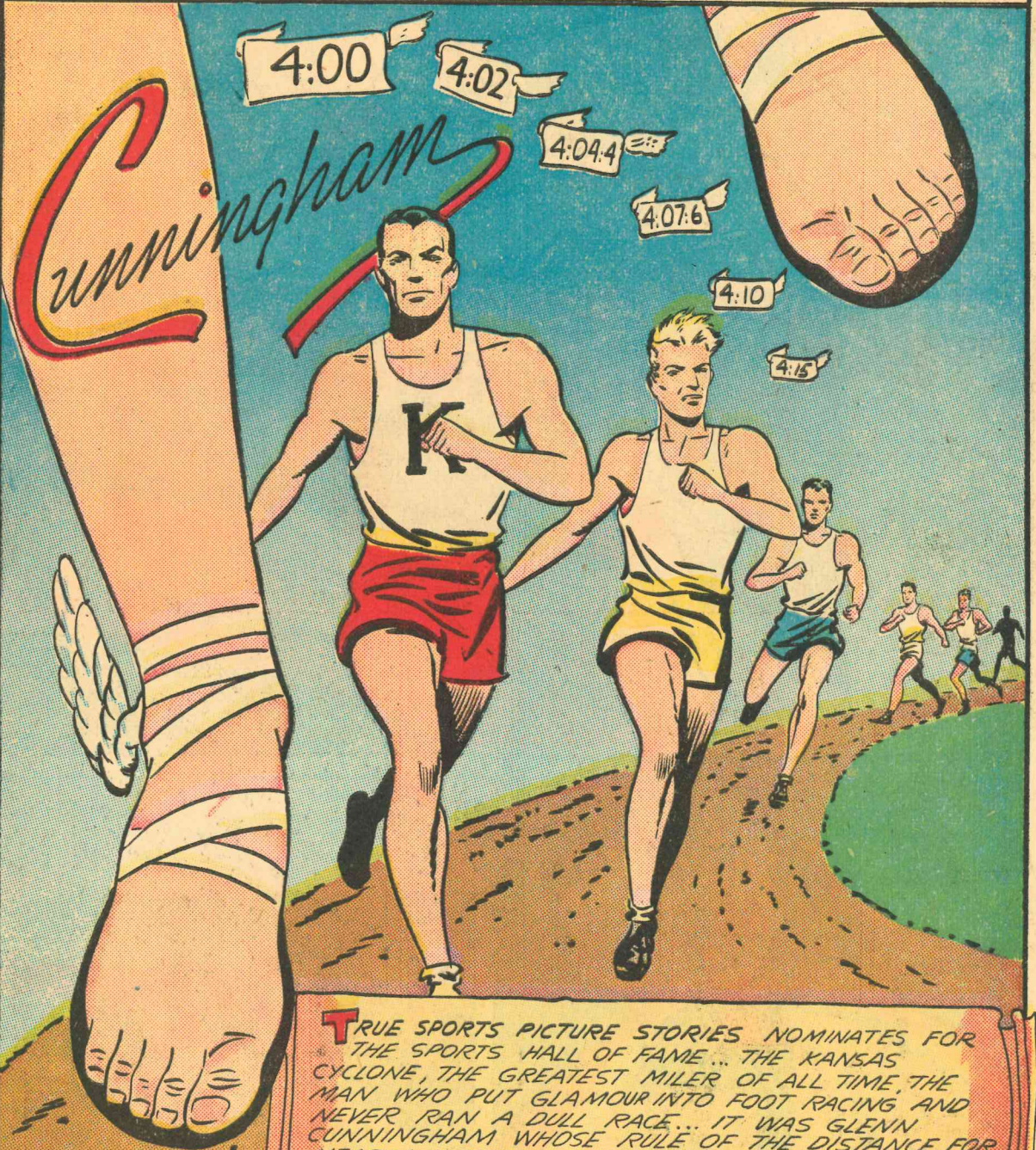


HALL of FAME



TRUE SPORTS PICTURE STORIES NOMINATES FOR THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME... THE KANSAS CYCLONE, THE GREATEST MILER OF ALL TIME, THE MAN WHO PUT GLAMOUR INTO FOOT RACING AND NEVER RAN A DULL RACE... IT WAS GLENN CUNNINGHAM WHOSE RULE OF THE DISTANCE FOR NEARLY A DECADE... WHO PUT THE ELUSIVE FOUR-MINUTE MILE WITHIN HAILING DISTANCE OF RUNNERS AND COACHES THE WORLD OVER... IT WAS TRAINING AND RUNNING HABITS WHICH CHANGED THE DOWNWARD PLUNGE OF THE STOP WATCH!

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COME ON, GENE...

YEA, VENZKE...

WHO'S THE KID FROM KANSAS.

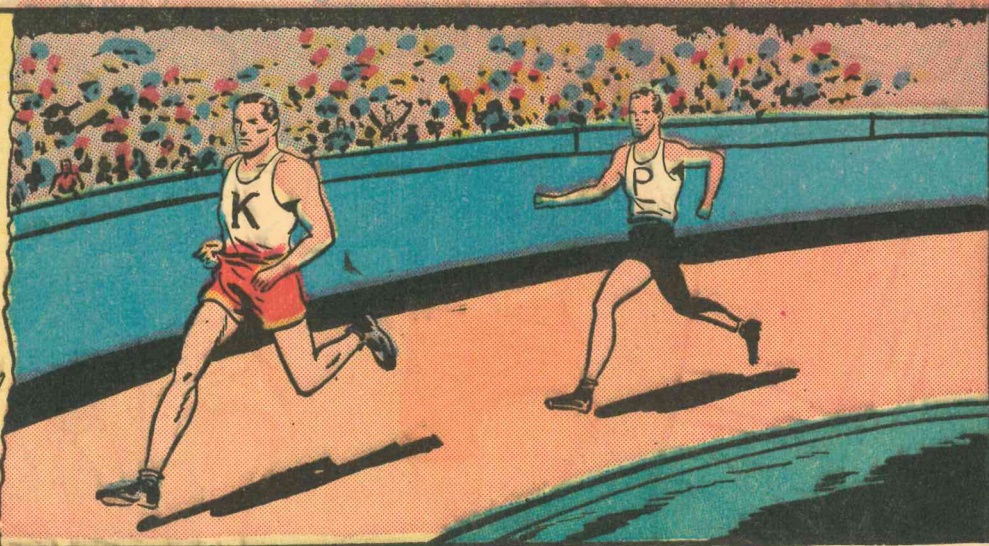
GLENN CUNNINGHAM, A SOPHOMORE FROM KANSAS UNIVERSITY, MADE HIS FIRST GREAT IMPACT ON THE TRACK WORLD WHEN HE APPEARED AT THE FINAL TRIALS OF THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAM IN 1932.



GLENN WAITED IN THE WAKE OF THE CREAM OF THE MILERS AND MADE HIS BID FOR A PLACE ON THE U.S. TEAM.

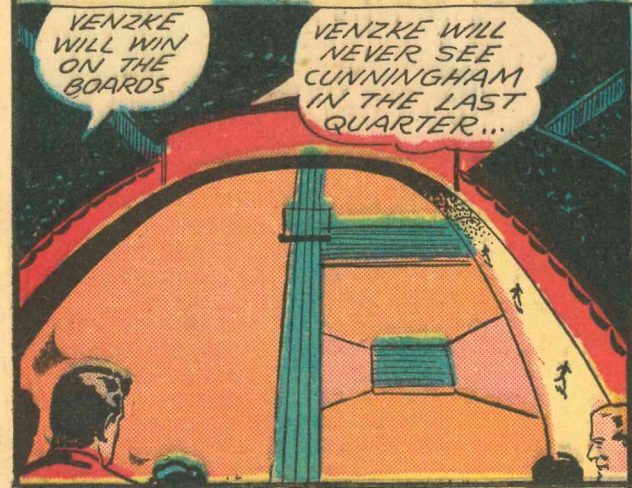
BANG!

CUNNINGHAM FLASHED BY GENE VENZKE, THEN THE SENSATIONAL POTTSTOWN SCHOOLBOY, WHO HAD RUN A 4:10 MILE THE WINTER BEFORE... AND CUNNINGHAM HAD MADE THE OLYMPIC TEAM.



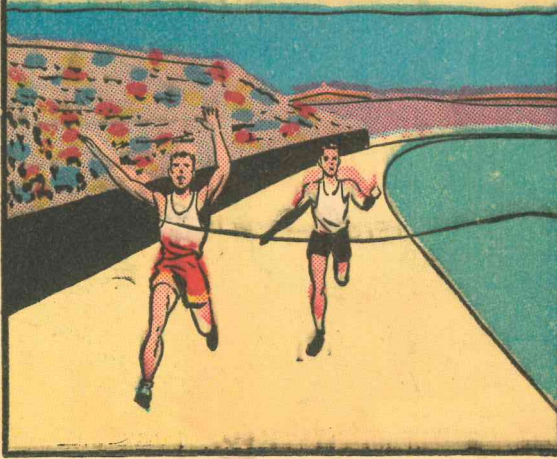
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN WAS PACKED WHEN CUNNINGHAM MADE HIS EASTERN DEBUT AND INTRODUCED A NEW STYLE OF MILE RUNNING!

THE NEXT SUMMER, JACK LOVELOCK AND BILL BONOTHORN, THE NEW ZEALANDER AND AMERICAN RACED TO WORLD'S RECORDS AT PRINCETON...



VENZKE WILL WIN ON THE BOARDS

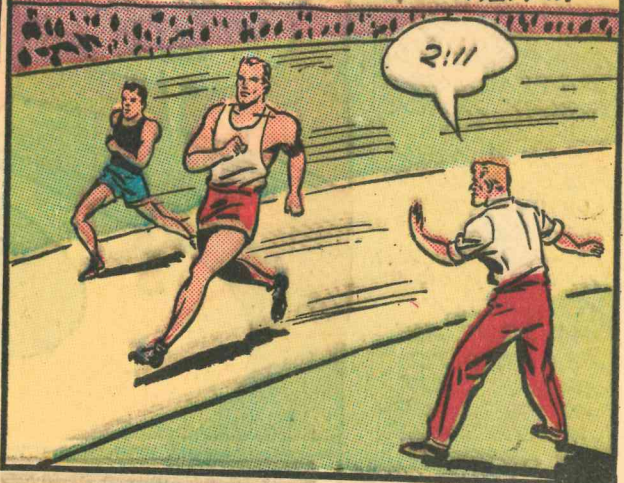
VENZKE WILL NEVER SEE CUNNINGHAM IN THE LAST QUARTER...



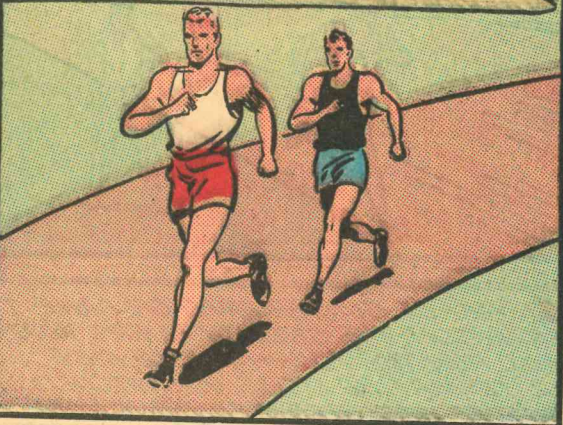
UNTIL CUNNINGHAM CAME ALONG, THERE HAD BEEN BUT ONE GREAT RUNNER WHO JUDGED HIS PACE ANYTHING LIKE GLENN'S... PAAVO NURMI, THE GREATEST FINN.



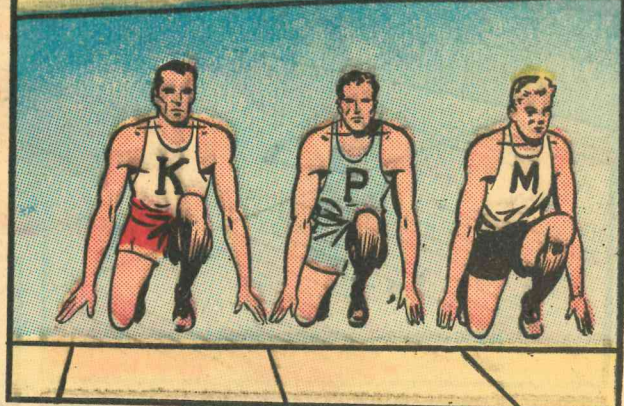
IT HAD BEEN THE STYLE FOR RUNNERS TO DO A RELATIVELY FAST HALF MILE... AND THEN...



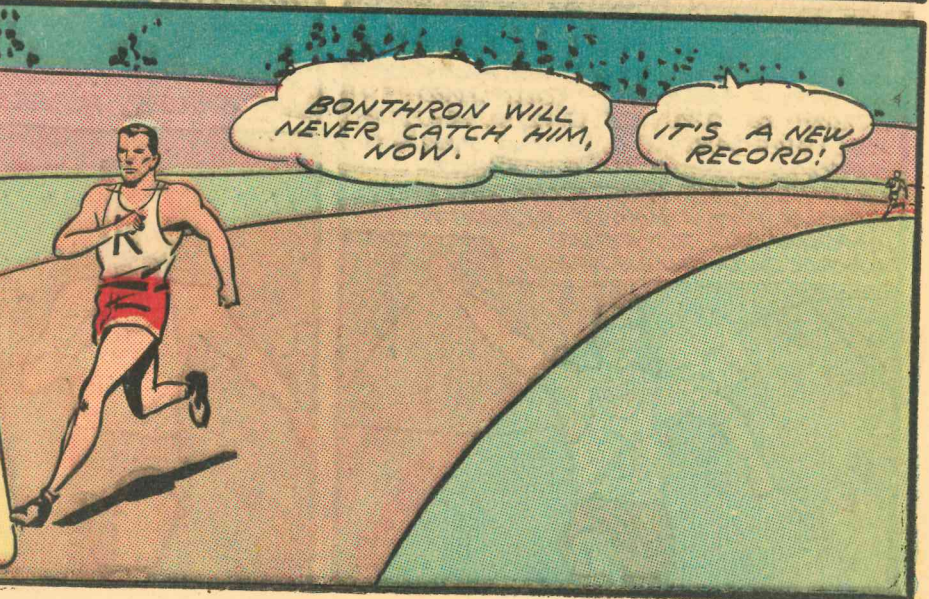
...THEY WOULD CUT DOWN THEIR PACE APPRECIABLY FOR THE THIRD QUARTER TO SAVE THEMSELVES FOR THE FINISHING SPRINT.



CUNNINGHAM SET A FASHION OF RUNNING FOUR QUARTERS AS NEARLY ALIKE AS POSSIBLE. IF HE WANTED TO DO 4:08 HE WOULD TRY TO RUN QUARTERS OF 62 SECONDS...



THE RESULT OF THIS STRATEGY WAS THAT GLENN OFTEN RAN THE FINISHING KICK OUT OF THE BEST MILERS IN THE WORLD. HE WAS BEATEN MANY TIMES IN HIS CAREER. BUT IT WAS HE WHO CHANGED THE STYLE...

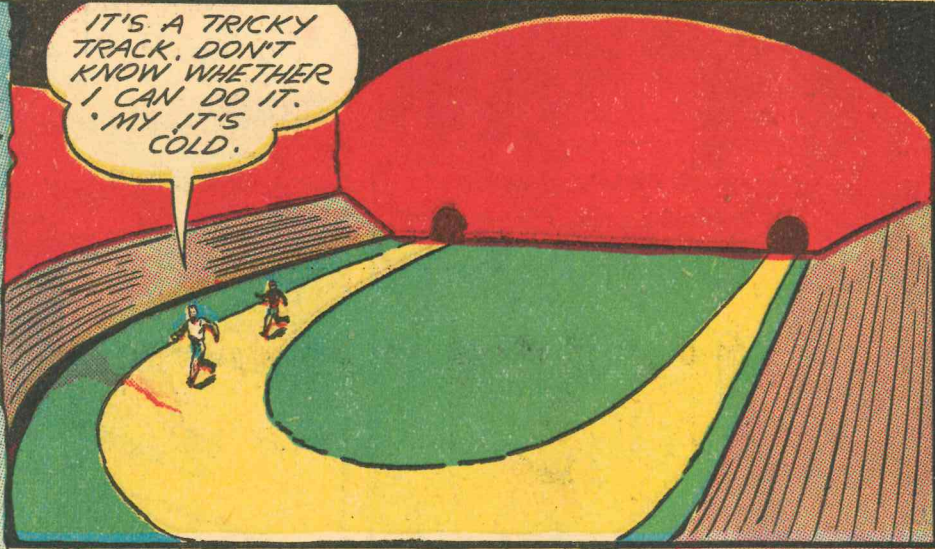


BONTHRON WILL NEVER CATCH HIM, NOW.

IT'S A NEW RECORD!

ON THE LAST GREAT SEASON GLENN HAD, HE WAS INVITED BY HARRY HILLMAN, DARTMOUTH'S GREAT TRACK COACH, TO SEEK A NEW MILE RECORD ON THE SWIFT HANOVER BOARD TRACK. GLENN WAS A MASTER INDOORS. HE PLANNED TO HAVE A SHOT AT THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE BY RIPPING OFF FOUR EVEN 60-SECOND QUARTERS.

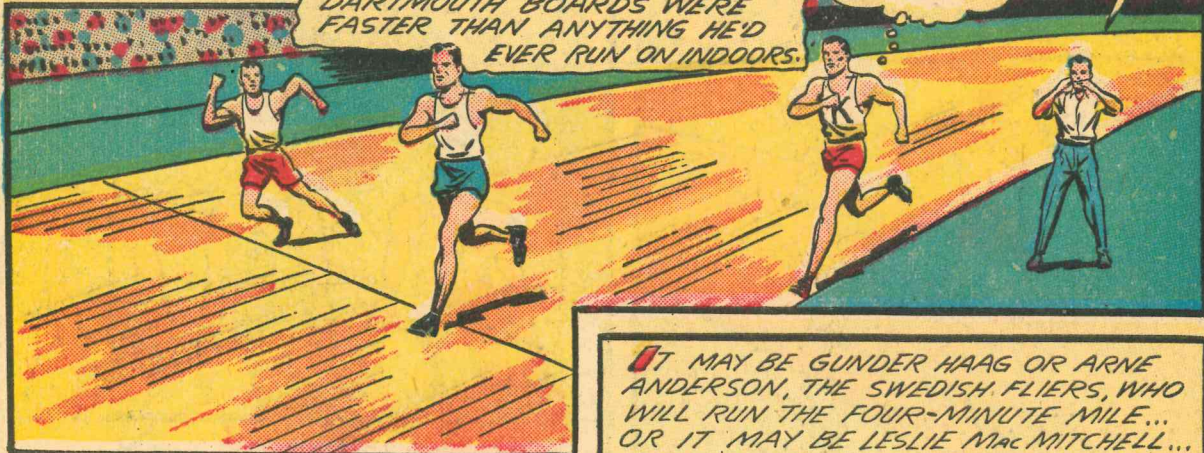
IT'S A TRICKY TRACK. DON'T KNOW WHETHER I CAN DO IT. MY IT'S COLD.



GLENN HAD MISCALCULATED HIS PACE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE... THE DARTMOUTH BOARDS WERE FASTER THAN ANYTHING HE'D EVER RUN ON INDOORS.

THERE IT GOES... TOO FAST.

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HE BROKE THE RECORD, AND EVEN WITH THE BAD START, AS FAR AS HIS SCHEDULE WENT, HE FINISHED IN FOUR MINUTES, FOUR AND FOUR TENTHS SECONDS. AFTER MAKING MORE THAN A TWO-SECOND ERROR IN HIS FIRST QUARTER, HE WAS STILL ABLE TO FINISH WITH WHAT ALMOST AMOUNTED TO FOUR 61-SECOND QUARTERS.

IT MAY BE GUNDER HAAG OR ARNE ANDERSON, THE SWEDISH FLIERS, WHO WILL RUN THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE... OR IT MAY BE LESLIE Mac MITCHELL... BUT IT WAS GLENN CUNNINGHAM WHO CONTRIBUTED TWO NEW FEATURES TO MILE RUNNING... THE WARM-UP PERIOD AND THE EVENLY PACED FOUR QUARTERS. A HALL OF FAMER, INDEED!

