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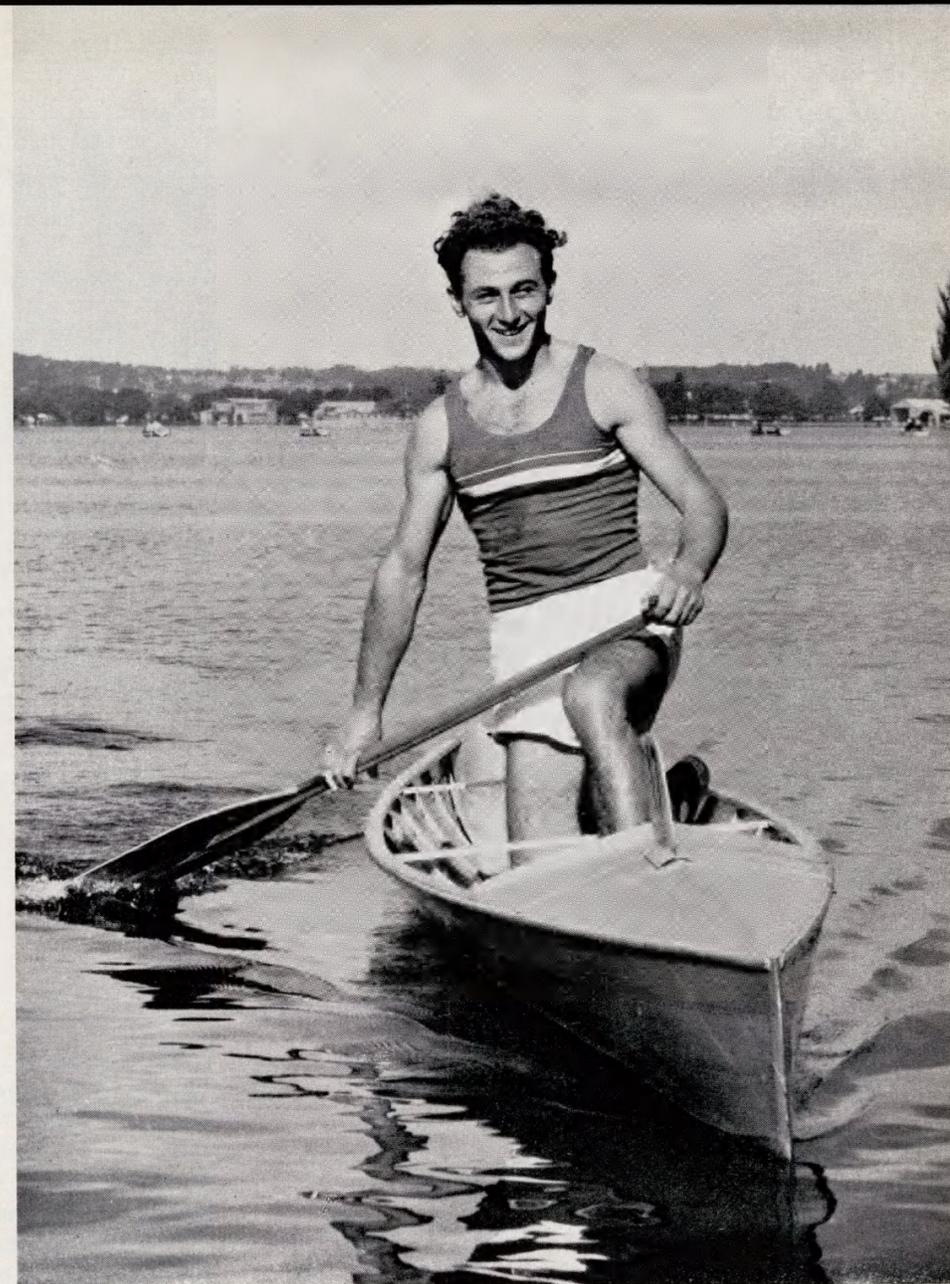
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CANOEING

Seventeen nations competed in the nine canoeing events, which were held on 30th November and 1st December on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. One hundred and thirteen competitors participated and one hundred and fifteen canoes were on the lake.

The 1,000 metres and 500 metres events were raced on the straight main course, 75 metres wide and 1½ metres deep. The 10,000 metres races were started on a line 150 metres long; competitors paddled along a straight course parallel to the main course for more than 1,500 metres and then rounded a turn into the main course. Once back on the main course, after passing 1,500 metres, they completed a circuit by turning back into the parallel course close to their starting line. Three circuits were made and the race ended at the finishing line of the main course. Banks of reeds grew close to the edges of the course for protection from rough weather. Although the weather was squally for some weeks before canoeing, conditions on both competition days were perfect.



*Rottman (Rumana) winner
of both 10,000 and 1,000
metres Canadian singles.*

Canoes were delivered to Ballarat and returned, without damage or delay, for shipment. They were housed in temporary sheds on View Point, a promontory of parkland which was fenced and guarded for the use of the canoeists. Temporary dressing rooms were close to the canoe storage. Training facilities were provided for five weeks before the events. Control of training and the events was by a course manager from the Australian Canoe Federation and a group of members which built up progressively to a total of fifty-seven.

The President of the International Canoe Federation, Dr. K. Popel, became chief official and with ten other visiting officials and the Australian group, conducted the events with precision.

All points of importance on land or on the lake were connected by telephone and radio. Fast launches for officials carried radio. Public address system, photo-finish camera and electric timing, and teleprinter service, were also in use.

The size of the national teams varied from the single competitor of Norway to the ten competitors of U.S.S.R. An average figure was six. The regatta brought surprises, among them :

The successes of the U.S.S.R. and Rumanian teams, about whom little had been known in the west

The good performances of the Australian paddlers in this, their first international competition

The lack of successes of the canoeists from the U.S.A. and Canada, even in the Canadian canoe class in which they were once so strong. This was not due to the fall in their standard of paddling but to the great rise in the standard of the European canoeists, especially those from eastern Europe.

Some of the European teams arrived six weeks ahead of the regatta, expecting, since November in Australia is the equivalent of May in Europe and North America, fine and sunny weather. It was cold, wet and windy and the lake was frequently whipped into waves beating into and over the launching rafts. Rough weather on the open water proved a great strain on paddlers in training. Blue skies and calm water on the regatta days, however, combined with efficient organization to produce perfect canoeing environment. The course was well laid and marked by buoys. The start was from staked boats with the starter in a tower at one end, using a microphone connected to a line of loud speakers immediately behind the start line. Short courses were along the same water as the rowing course, but nine lines had been marked out by coloured buoys.

In the 10,000 metres *Kayak singles* the surprise was the defeat into fourth place of Helsinki Gold Medallist T. L. Stromberg (Finland). At 4,000 metres it was already clear that the race would lie between Fredriksson (Sweden), Hatlaczky (Hungary), Stromberg and Scheuer (Germany). Fredriksson was never more than two lengths in front of Hatlaczky, who in turn was closely attended by Scheuer. In the last 1,000 metres Fredriksson gave his usual magnificent display to win from Hatlaczky with ten seconds in hand and so gain his fourth Olympic Gold Medal. Stromberg, of whom much had been expected, was suffering from the aftermath of stomach trouble and was in too weak a state to present his normal standard.



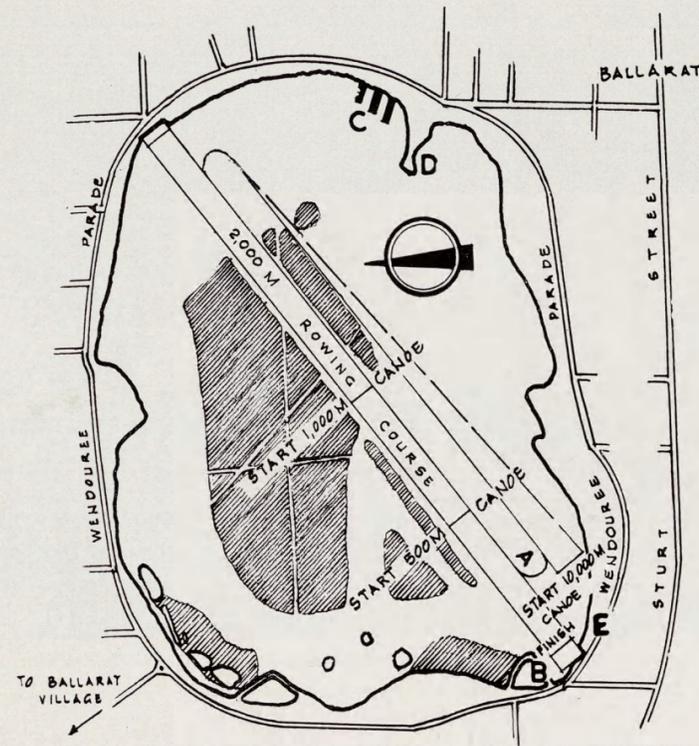
Fredriksson (Sweden) shows admirers his fifth Gold Medal.

In the 10,000 metres *Kayak pairs*, after a fast start, the field resolved itself into three groups, and at 3,000 metres it was clear that the medals would be divided between Wetterström and Sundin (Sweden), Green and Brown (Australia), Uranyi and Fabian (Hungary) and Briel and Kleine (Germany). In the last lap, Wetterström and Sundin dropped back and the first three finished about a length apart. The leading crews struggled stroke for stroke until Uranyi and Fabian went into the lead in the last lap. Unexpectedly, the Australian pair took the Bronze Medals.

Fredriksson (Sweden) carried off the 1,000 metres *Kayak singles* defeating Pissarev (U.S.S.R.) by about seven lengths, with Kiss (Hungary) in third position. Behind Pissarev and Kiss the rest of the field was strung out over some six lengths, Stuart of Australia bringing up the rear. This won Fredriksson a fifth Gold Medal.

By the luck of the draw, five strong teams in the 1,000 metres *Kayak pairs* found themselves pitted one against another in the first heat; as a result Ljung and Heurlin (Sweden) and Vagyoczky and Szigeti (Hungary) were eliminated. It was this heat which eventually produced the second and third place-getters in the final, Kaaleste and Demitkov (U.S.S.R.) and Raub

PLAN OF COURSE



An aerial view of Lake Wendouree and surroundings is included in the Rowing section.

- A—TURN CONTROLS.
- B—OFFICIAL FINISH ENCLOSURE.
- C—ROWING CLUBS.
- D—VIEW POINT.
- E—SPECTATOR STANDS.

and Wiedermann (Austria). The final winners, Scheuer and Miltenberger (Germany) emerged from the second heat. In the third heat Raaskoski and Helenius (Finland) were disqualified from second place after colliding with Verbrugge and Van De Moere (Belgium).

The surprise of the 10,000 metres Canadian singles was the triumph of Rottman (Rumania), about whom nothing had been known to suggest him as a winner. At 3,000 metres, Rottman, Boukharine (U.S.S.R.) and Parti (Hungary) had taken the lead and at 5,000 metres Parti moved into second place, holding it to the end, but never able to challenge the eight lengths lead of Rottman. The rest of the field arrived over the next 5 minutes.

One of the highlights of the regatta was provided by the 10,000 metres Canadian pairs with the splendid performance of the U.S.S.R. crew, Kharine and Botev. At 3,000 metres, this pair had gained a lead of twelve lengths, giving a model demonstration which combined a beautiful technique with the effect of tremendous stamina. Their canoe ran smoothly without any of the bucketing so often seen in this event.

With only nine entries, the 1,000 metres Canadian singles event went direct to the final. Rottman (Rumania) won the Gold Medal by 1 second from Hernek (Hungary). This was a surprise ; as also was the eclipse of Bossy (Canada) and Schuette (U.S.A.) who finished more than half a minute behind the leaders.

Two heats were necessary in the 1,000 metres Canadian pairs. These eliminated Drews and Kirschner (Germany) and Byers and Moran (U.S.A.). In the final there was a big tussle between Dumitru and Ismailciuc (Rumania) and Kharine and Botev (U.S.S.R.), ending in victory again for the Rumanians. The remaining competitors were evenly spread except Collins and Oldershaw (Canada) who lagged some 20 seconds behind the leaders. Sylvan and G. Christiansen (Denmark) were disqualified from the seventh place in the final, for crossing.

In the two heats of the 500 metres Kayak singles, women, Eskola (Finland) and Hellebrand (Austria) were eliminated. The final was a great race, in which all competitors improved on the times they made in their heats, with the exception of Zenz (Germany) who lost 2 seconds. These lost seconds cost her the Gold Medal to Dementieva (U.S.S.R.), but her performance gave her an easy Silver Medal by 3 seconds from Soby (Denmark).

10,000 METRES KAYAK SINGLES

30th November

Previous Olympic Winners

			m.	s.
1936	E. Krebs	.. Germany	.. 46	1.6
1948	G. Fredriksson	.. Sweden	.. 50	47.7
1952	Th. Strömberg	.. Finland	.. 47	22.8

There were 13 entries from 13 nations ; 11 participants from 11 nations.

			m.	s.
1.	G. FREDRIKSSON	.. Sweden	.. 47	43.4
2.	F. HATLACZKY	.. Hungary	.. 47	53.3
3.	M. SCHEUER	.. Germany	.. 48	00.3
4.	T. L. Strömberg	.. Finland	.. 48	15.8
5.	I. Pissarev	.. U.S.S.R.	.. 49	58.2
6.	L. Cepciansky	.. Czechoslovakia	.. 50	08.2
7.	S. T. Fromming	.. Denmark	.. 50	10.0
8.	K. Ostby	.. Norway	.. 51	28.2
9.	M. Baldwin	.. Australia	.. 51	49.7
10.	L. J. Rice	.. Canada	.. 52	00.4
11.	R. W. O'Brien	.. U.S.A.	.. 53	02.8

Victors in the 10,000 metres Kayak Singles, Fredriksson (centre), Hatlaczky (left), and Scheuer (right), who finished in that order.



The German pair, Briel and Kleine (right), congratulate the winning Hungarians, Urányi and Fabian, in the 10,000 metres Kayak Pairs.



10,000 METRES KAYAK PAIRS

30th November

Previous Olympic Winners

			m.	s.
1936	P. Wevers-L. Landen	.. Germany	.. 41	45.0
1948	G. Akerlund-H. Wetterstrom	.. Sweden	.. 46	9.4
1952	K. Wires-Y. Hietanen	.. Finland	.. 44	21.3

There were 42 entries from 14 nations ; 24 participants from 12 nations.

			m.	s.
1.	J. URÁNYI-L. FÁBIÁN	.. Hungary	.. 43	37.0
2.	F. BRIEL-T. KLEINE	.. Germany	.. 43	40.6
3.	D. A. GREEN-W. W. BROWN	.. Australia	.. 43	43.2
4.	H. R. Wetterström-C. A. Sundin	.. Sweden	.. 44	06.7
5.	E. Iatsynenko-S. Klimov	.. U.S.S.R.	.. 45	49.3
6.	M. Jemelka-R. Klabouch	.. Czechoslovakia	.. 46	13.1
7.	Y. J. Hietanen-S. J. Kuismanen	.. Finland	.. 46	40.4
8.	B. M. Bullivant-R. C. Blick	.. Gt. Britain and N. Ireland	.. 47	03.7
9.	M. Graffen-M. Meyer	.. France	.. 47	12.8
10.	J. Górski-S. Kaplaniak	.. Poland	.. 47	21.5
11.	A. Schmidtberger-H. Salzner	.. Austria	.. 49	03.7
12.	E. Houston-K. Wilson	.. U.S.A.	.. 51	25.8

1,000 METRES KAYAK SINGLES

1st December

Previous Olympic Winners

			m.	s.
1936	G. H. Hradetzky	.. Austria	.. 4	22.9
1948	G. Fredriksson	.. Sweden	.. 4	33.2
1952	G. Fredriksson	.. Sweden	.. 4	07.9

There were 16 entries from 16 nations ; 13 participants from 13 nations.

FIRST ROUND

The first three in each heat qualified for the Final.

HEAT 1				HEAT 2					
		m.	s.			m.	s.		
1.	G. Fredriksson	.. Sweden	.. 4	22.0	1.	S. Kaplaniak	.. Poland	.. 4	35.4
2.	I. Pissarev	.. U.S.S.R.	.. 4	22.2	2.	L. Kiss	.. Hungary	.. 4	35.8
3.	L. Cepciansky	.. Czechoslovakia	.. 4	26.0	3.	L. Grantois	.. France	.. 4	39.9
4.	K. Ostby	.. Norway	.. 4	27.1					
5.	T. L. Strömberg	.. Finland	.. 4	51.3					
6.	R. C. Smith	.. Canada	.. 4	54.2					

HEAT 3

1.	E. Steinhauer	.. Germany	.. 4	24.8
2.	V. Christiansen	.. Denmark	.. 4	25.2
3.	B. K. Stuart	.. Australia	.. 4	30.1
4.	D. P. Merwin	.. U.S.A.	.. 4	35.9

FINAL

			m.	s.
1.	G. FREDRIKSSON	.. Sweden	.. 4	12.8
2.	I. PISSAREV	.. U.S.S.R.	.. 4	15.3
3.	L. KISS	.. Hungary	.. 4	16.2
4.	S. Kaplaniak	.. Poland	.. 4	19.8
5.	L. Grantois	.. France	.. 4	22.1
6.	L. Cepciansky	.. Czechoslovakia	.. 4	23.2
7.	V. Christiansen	.. Denmark	.. 4	25.2
8.	E. Steinhauer	.. Germany	.. 4	25.5
9.	B. K. Stuart	.. Australia	.. 4	30.7

1,000 METRES KAYAK PAIRS

1st December

Previous Olympic Winners

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1936 A. Kainz-A. Dorfner .. Austria ..	4	03.8	1952 K. Wires-Y. Hietanen .. Finland ..	3	51.1
1948 H. Berglund-L. Klingstrom .. Sweden ..	4	07.3			

There were 42 entries from 15 nations ; 30 participants from 15 nations.

FIRST ROUND

The first three in each heat qualified for the Final.

HEAT 1					
				m.	s.
1. M. Kaaleste-A. Demitkov	U.S.S.R.	..	..	3	55.1
2. M. Raub-H. Wiedermann	Austria	..	..	3	57.2
3. M. Jemelka-R. Klabouch	Czechoslovakia	..	..	3	58.3
4. C. A. Ljung-E. R. Heurlin	Sweden	..	..	4	00.0
5. I. Vagyoczki-Z. Szigeti	Hungary	..	..	4	00.3

HEAT 2					
				m.	s.
1. M. Scheuer-M. Miltenberger	Germany	..	..	3	56.4
2. M. Anastasescu-S. Teodorov	Rumania	..	..	3	59.1
3. B. M. Bullivant-R. C. Blick	Gt. Britain and N. Ireland	..	..	4	01.6
4. R. Skwarski-J. Górski	Poland	..	..	4	12.6
5. R. Dermond-J. Pagkos	U.S.A.	..	..	4	22.7

HEAT 3					
				m.	s.
1. W. W. Brown-D. A. Green	Australia	..	..	4	03.0
2. H. J. Verbrugghe-G. P. Van De Moere	Belgium	..	..	4	04.7
3. M. Graffen-M. Meyer	France	..	..	4	09.7
4. R. C. Smith-L. W. Melia	Canada	..	..	4	27.8

Finland (J. P. A. Raaskoski-J. J. Helenius) finished second, but were disqualified.

FINAL

				m.	s.
1. M. SCHEUER-M. MILTENBERGER ..	Germany	..	..	3	49.6
2. M. KAALESTE-A. DEMITKOV	U.S.S.R.	..	..	3	51.4
3. M. RAUB-H. WIEDERMANN	Austria	..	..	3	55.8
4. M. Anastasescu-S. Teodorov	Rumania	..	..	3	56.1
5. M. Graffen-M. M. Meyer	France	..	..	3	58.3
6. H. J. Verbrugghe-G. P. Van De Moere	Belgium	..	..	3	58.7
7. W. W. Brown-D. A. Green	Australia	..	..	3	59.1
8. M. Jemelka-R. Klabouch	Czechoslovakia	..	..	4	01.4
9. B. M. Bullivant-R. C. Blick	Gt. Britain and N. Ireland	..	..	4	05.9

10,000 METRES CANADIAN SINGLES

30th November

Previous Olympic Winners

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1948 F. Capek .. Czechoslovakia ..	62	05.2	1952 F. Havens .. U.S.A. ..	57	41.1

There were 10 entries from 10 nations ; 9 participants from 9 nations.

				m.	s.
1. L. ROTTMAN	Rumania	..	..	56	41.0
2. J. PARTI	Hungary	..	..	57	11.0
3. G. BOUKHARINE	U.S.S.R.	..	..	57	14.5
4. J. Vokner	Czechoslovakia	..	..	57	44.5
5. F. Johannsen	Germany	..	..	58	50.1
6. V. G. G. Wettersten	Sweden	..	..	59	24.7
7. D. W. Stringer	Canada	..	..	59	57.5
8. F. B. Havens	U.S.A.	..	..	61	23.6
9. B. L. Harper	Australia	..	..	62	12.1

Medallists in the 1,000 metres
Kayak Pairs await the presentation.

10,000 METRES CANADIAN PAIRS

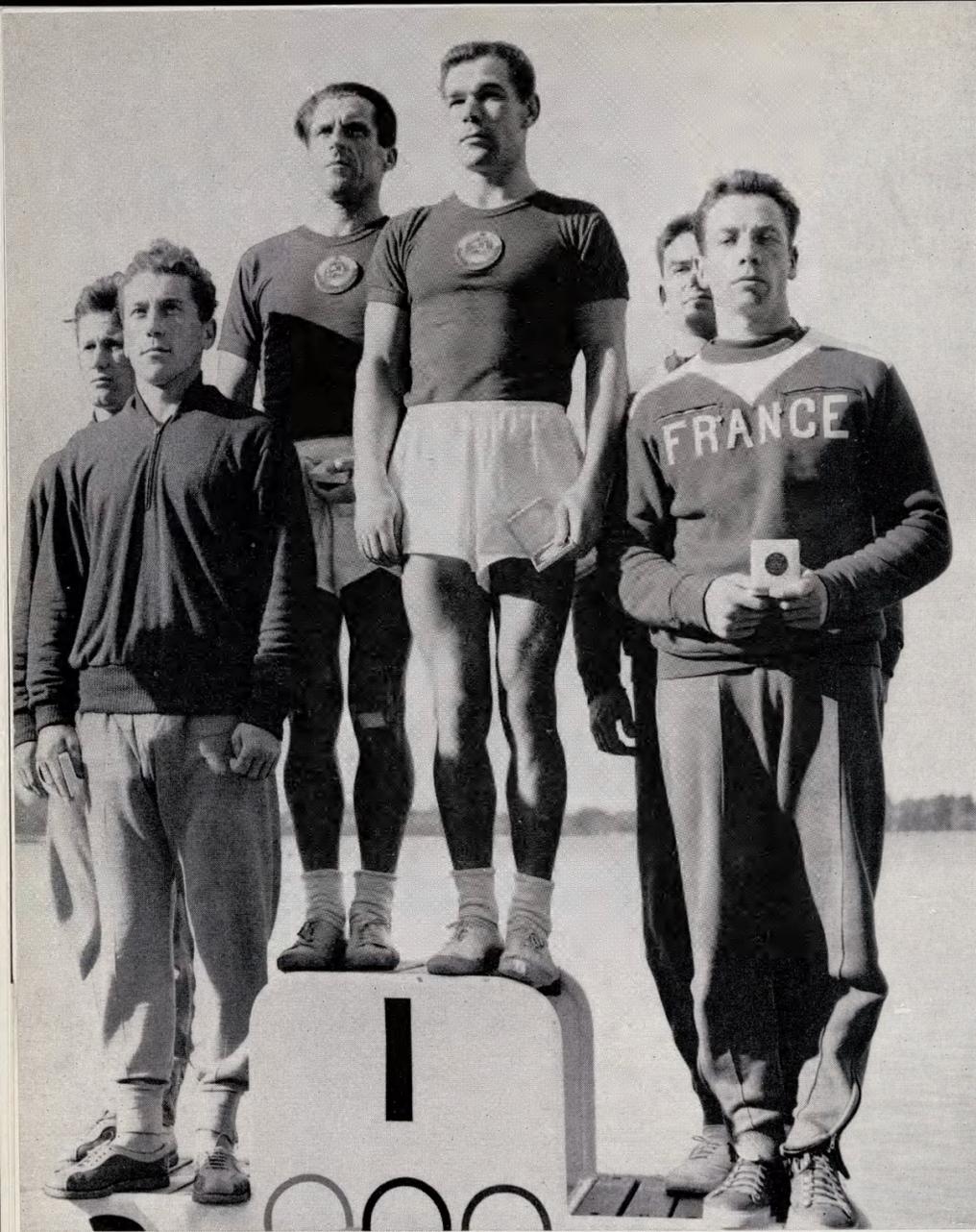
30th November

Previous Olympic Winners

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1936 V. Mottl-Z. Skrdlant .. Czechoslovakia ..	50	33.5			
1948 S. Lysak-S. Macknowski .. U.S.A. ..	55	55.4			
1952 G. Turlier-J. Laudet .. France ..	54	08.3			

There were 33 entries from 11 nations ; 20 participants from 10 nations.

				m.	s.
1. P. KHARINE-G. BOTEV	U.S.S.R.	..	..	54	02.4
2. G. DRANSART-M. RENAUD	France	..	..	54	48.3
3. I. FARKAS-J. HUNITS	Hungary	..	..	55	15.6
4. E. Drews-W. Soltau	Germany	..	..	55	21.1
5. A. Dumitru-S. Ismailciuc	Rumania	..	..	55	51.1
6. A. I. S. Duun-F. Haunstoft	Denmark	..	..	55	54.3
7. W. Jones-T. Ohman	Australia	..	..	56	18.6
8. O. E. Schindler-W. Waldner	Austria	..	..	56	48.7
9. W. R. Stevenson-T. S. Hodgson	Canada	..	..	56	50.2
10. J. Haas-F. Krick	U.S.A.	..	..	58	30.0



The 10,000 metres Canadian Pairs medal winners, after receiving the awards, watch their national flags being raised.

1,000 METRES CANADIAN SINGLES

1st December

Previous Olympic Winners

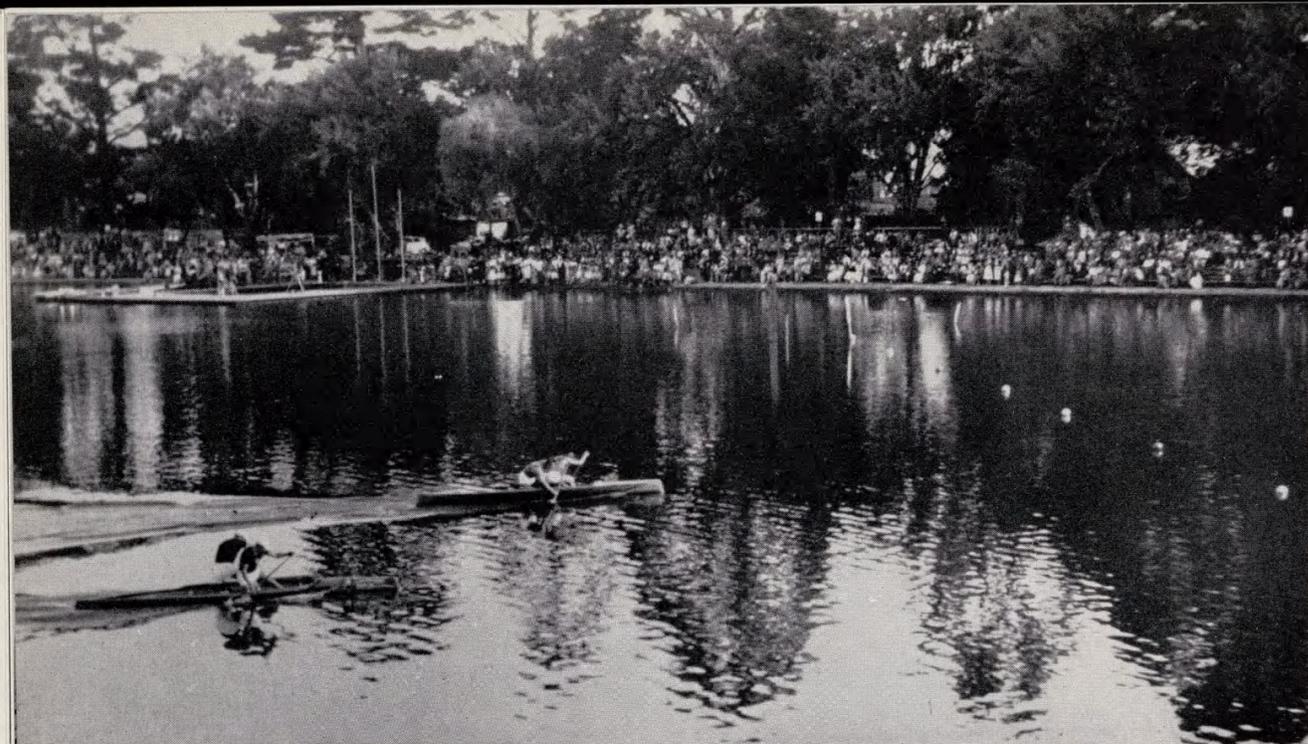
			m.	s.
1936	A. Amyot ..	Canada ..	5	32.1
1948	J. Holecek ..	Czechoslovakia ..	5	42.0
1952	J. Holecek ..	Czechoslovakia ..	4	56.3

There were 10 entries from 10 nations ; 9 participants from 9 nations.

			m.	s.
1.	L. ROTTMAN ..	Rumania ..	5	05.3
2.	I. HERNEK ..	Hungary ..	5	06.2
3.	G. BOUKHARINE ..	U.S.S.R. ..	5	12.7
4.	K. Hradil ..	Czechoslovakia ..	5	15.9
5.	F. Johannsen ..	Germany ..	5	18.6
6.	V. G. G. Wettersten ..	Sweden ..	5	28.0
7.	B. L. Harper ..	Australia ..	5	37.6
8.	G. W. Bossy ..	Canada ..	5	39.4
9.	W. H. Schuette ..	U.S.A. ..	5	47.7

Rottman (104) just defeats Hernek (103) in the 1,000 metres Canadian Singles. Boukharine (98) was third.





Finish of the Canadian Pairs.

1,000 METRES CANADIAN PAIRS

1st December

Previous Olympic Winners

			m.	s.
1936	V. Syrovatka-J. Brzak	..	Czechoslovakia	.. 4 50.1
1948	J. Brzak-B. Kudrna	..	Czechoslovakia	.. 5 07.1
1952	B. P. Rasch-F. Haunstoft	..	Denmark	.. 4 38.3

There were 36 entries from 11 nations ; 20 participants from 10 nations.

FIRST ROUND

The first four in each heat qualified for the Final.

HEAT 1		HEAT 2	
	m. s.		m. s.
1. A. Dumitru-S. Ismailciuc	.. Rumania .. 4 48.1	1. K. Wieland-F. Móhacsi	.. Hungary .. 5 02.5
2. P. Kharine-G. Botev	.. U.S.S.R. .. 4 52.4	2. W. Jones-T. Ohman	.. Australia .. 5 04.6
3. O. E. Schindler-W. Waldner	.. Austria .. 5 05.9	3. G. Dransart-M. Renaud	.. France .. 5 07.2
4. K. Sylvan-G. Christiansen	.. Denmark .. 5 07.5	4. W. J. Collins-B. Oldershaw	.. Canada .. 5 08.9
5. E. Drews-H. Kirschner	.. Germany .. 5 19.8	5. G. Byers-R. Moran	.. U.S.A. .. 5 16.1

FINAL

		m.	s.
1. A. DUMITRU-S. ISMAILCIUC	.. Rumania	.. 4	47.4
2. P. KHARINE-G. BOTEV	.. U.S.S.R.	.. 4	48.6
3. K. WIELAND-F. MOHACSI	.. Hungary	.. 4	54.3
4. G. DRANSART-M. RENAUD	.. France	.. 4	57.7
5. W. JONES-T. OHMAN	.. Australia	.. 5	03.0
6. O. E. SCHINDLER-W. WALDNER	.. Austria	.. 5	04.4
7. W. J. COLLINS-B. OLDERSHAW	.. Canada	.. 5	11.0

Denmark finished in 7th place, but was disqualified.

CANOEING

500 METRES KAYAK SINGLES (WOMEN)

Previous Olympic Winners

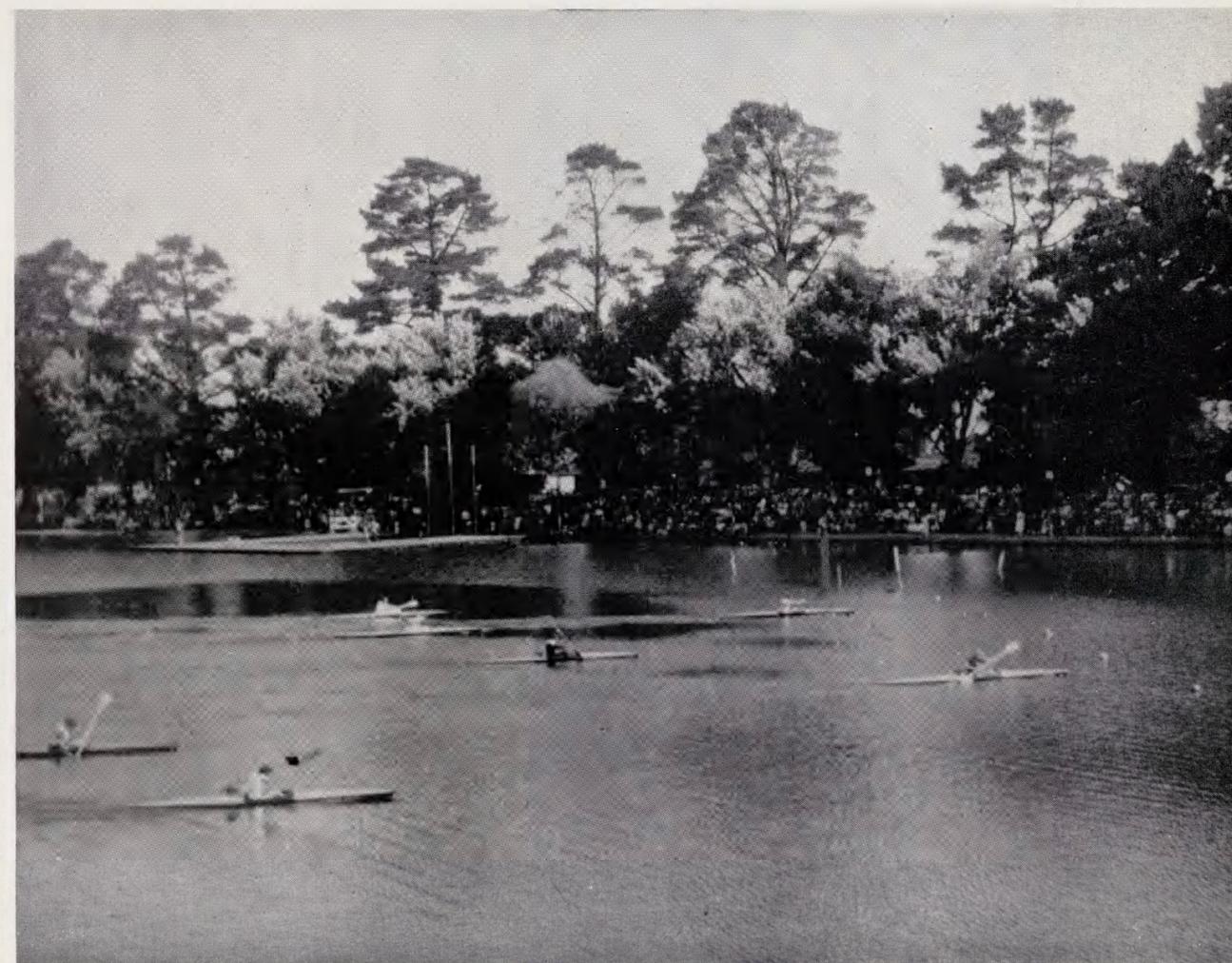
			m.	s.
1948	K. Hoff	..	Denmark	.. 2 31.9
1952	S. Saimo	..	Finland	.. 2 18.4

There were 10 entries from 10 nations ; 10 participants from 10 nations.

FIRST ROUND

The first four in each heat qualified for the Final.

HEAT 1		HEAT 2	
	m. s.		m. s.
1. T. Zenz	.. Germany .. 2 17.6	1. T. G. Soby	.. Denmark .. 2 23.7
2. E. Dementieva	.. U.S.S.R. .. 2 20.9	2. G. Berkes	.. Hungary .. 2 25.3
3. E. Cochrane	.. Australia .. 2 24.0	3. D. Walkowiak	.. Poland .. 2 25.8
4. P. J. Moody	.. Gt. Britain and N. Ireland .. 2 26.7	4. E. Marion	.. France .. 2 29.4
5. H. Hellebrand	.. Austria .. 2 27.5	5. E. K. Eskola	.. Finland .. 2 31.4



The women finalists cross the line.



The three women canoeists after receiving their medals.

FINAL

				m.	s.
1. E. DEMENTIEVA	.. U.S.S.R.	.. ..	..	2	18.9
2. T. ZENZ	.. Germany	.. ..	..	2	19.6
3. T. G. SOBY	.. Denmark	.. ..	..	2	22.3
4. G. Berkes	.. Hungary	.. ..	..	2	23.5
5. E. Cochrane	.. Australia	.. ..	..	2	23.8
6. D. Walkowiak	.. Poland	2	24.1
7. P. J. Moody	.. Gt. Britain and N. Ireland	2	25.3
8. E. Marion	.. France	2	27.9



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