

Foreign athletes in Dutch competitions 1886 - 1915

Introduction

Athletics in The Netherlands started with the first competition in Amsterdam on Saturday October 16, 1886, organised by the Amsterdamsche Sport Club. This was a commercial organisation, erected in 1886, and oriented on equestrian and ice sports. The idea was brought in by one of the directors of the company, Gubert baron de Salis, who frequently visited England and Germany (Hamburg) and had seen running competitions in these countries. He believed in running being a good preparation for speed skaters to develop stamina. Speed skating in The Netherlands before that time mostly was over short distances. Confrontations with speed skaters from Norway, Germany and England, had made clear that Dutch skaters lacked long distance endurance.

When organising the first competition, the organisation relied on well-known traditions in equestrian and speed skating. The terminology used, directly came from both of these sports. The prizes for the first three arriving athletes were of high value and were in cash or in works of art. The first prize of one hundred guilders for the winner of the one mile, was twenty times the weekly wage of a farm labourer.

As from 1890 the first national union for soccer and athletics, the Nederlandsche Voetbal en Athletieke Bond, started to organise and regulate athletic matches. Soccer and athletics didn't match very well around the board table, amongst others because of the high costs of organising athletic competitions and the insufficient input from the athletes to organise their own competitions. In fact a major part of participants in athletic competitions were football players. A new union dedicated to athletics was erected in 1896, which fell apart in 1901 by internal quarrels. The now still existing Koninklijke Nederlandse Atletiek Unie (KNAU, nowadays Atletiek Unie or Dutch Athletics) saw light in 1901 and survived thanks to the firm directorship of its first chairman Willem Hartmann.

This document contains the results of athletic competitions with foreign participants, in the years 1886 - 1915. Country matches with Belgium are not included.
Any comments are welcome.

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1913	BEL GBR GER SWE
1914	BEL GBR GER
1915	GBR

Matches in 1886

Amsterdam, October 16, 1886

1English Mile (EM)/1609 meters

1. Foxhall Brussels 5:37 he wins one hundred guilders 2. Etirengam Ghent 5:37 3/4
3. Klaas Pander Haarlem 5:38 3/5

600m steeple chase, with 10 low obstacles

1. Foxhall Brussels He wins twenty five guilders 2. Cricri Ghent
3. C.F. Gerdes (Cordes?) Amsterdam

500m steeple chase with 9 obstacles between 1 and 1,25 m. high

1. Cricri Ghent 2. Cornelis Faasen Amsterdam

Matches in 1887

Amsterdam, October 1, 1887

100m

- Heat 1: 1. CriCri Ghent 12 2/3 2. Klaas Pander Haarlem 13

? Emile van Reckem Brussels

- Heat 2: 1. W. (Pim) Mulier Haarlem 12 2. Epatant Brussels 12 1/5

- Heat 3: 1. Albert E. Macinnes Hull 12 2/5 2. Pringel Amsterdam 13

Final:

1. Albert E. MacInnes Hull 11 2/5 He wins a gold-plated medal, Dutch record

2. Cricri Ghent 11 3/5 3. Pim Mulier Haarlem 12.0 ? Epatant Brussels

1EM

- Heat 1: 1. Chronometer/Carl Jibben Amsterdam 5:36 2. Georges Benoit Brussels 5:41

? Leo Petro(i?) Hamburg

- Heat 2: 1. Klaas Pander Haarlem 2. Sirene Amsterdam ? Oscar Clayes Ghent

Final:

1. George Jurrjens Amsterdam 5:05 2. George Benoit Brussels 5:07

3. Chronometer/Carl Jibben Amsterdam 5:08

300m steeple chase

- Heat 1: 1. H. Boissevain Amsterdam 46 2. Johannes Bloemen Amsterdam 49

? Epatant Brussels

- Heat 2: 1. Albert Macinnes Hull 50 2. Dorcas Amsterdam 51 1/5

- Heat 3: 1. CriCri Ghent 1:25 2. Pic Nic Amsterdam 1:25

3. George Jurrjens Amsterdam ? Emile van Reckem Brussels

Final:

1. Albert MacInnes Hull 46

2. Johannes Bloemen Amsterdam 48

3. Cricri Ghent 50

600m steeple chase

Final:

1. George Jurrjens Amsterdam 1:50 2. Chronometer/Carl Jibben Amsterdam 1:54

3. A.C. Broekmeijer Amsterdam 1:55 ? Oscar Clayes Ghent

Matches in 1891

Amsterdam, October 3, 1891

100m

1. W. Schmidt Hamburg 11 3/5
2. Pim Mulier Haarlem 12 2/5
3. Carl Jibben Amsterdam

1/2EM

The athletes made incredible fast times by finishing after 704,5 meters.

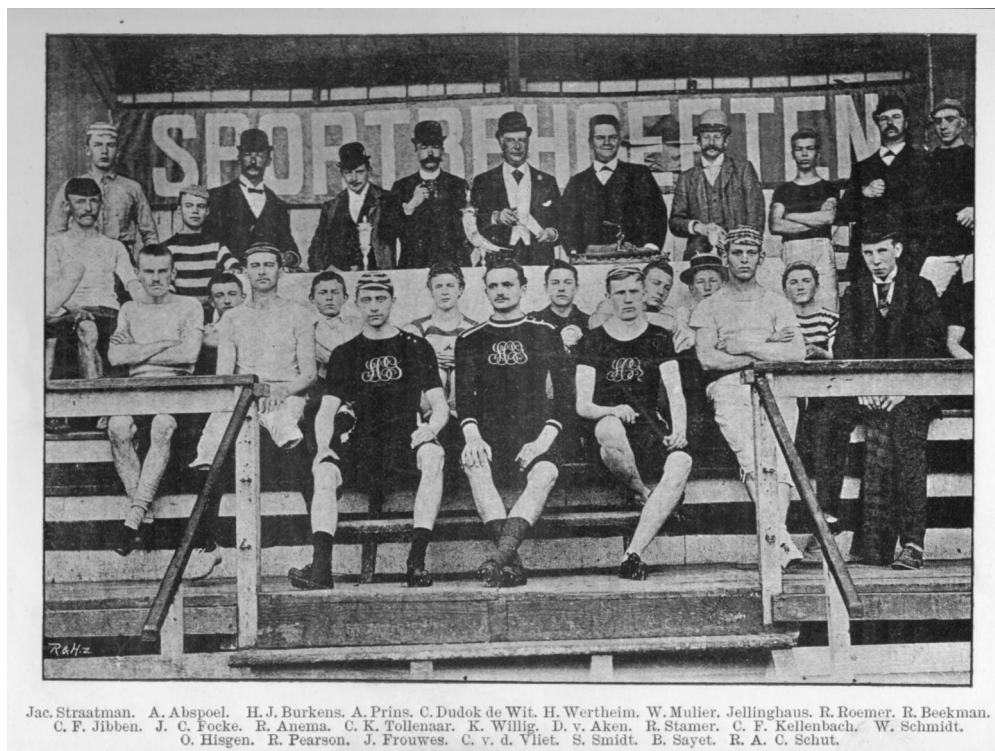
1. Rudolf Stamer SC Germania, Hamburg 1:51 3/5
2. Pim Mulier Haarlem 1:51 3/5
3. R.W. Pearson Hamburg 1:54

1EM for the international championships of The Netherlands.

1. Rudolf Stamer SC Germania, Hamburg 5:02 1/5
2. Johann Jellinghaus Haarlem 5:07 1/5
3. René Anema Scheveningen 5:10

High jump³

1. Mathias Buijs Rotterdam 1,65
2. W. Schmidt Hamburg 1,60
3. Johan Martin Haarlem 1,55



*The first picture of athletics taken in The Netherlands.
The judges and participants of the meeting in Amsterdam, October 3, 1891.
Source Mulier, 1895*

³ Supported by a jump board.

Matches in 1894

Rotterdam, September 1, 1894

100m

Heat 1: 1. J. Pooters Antwerp Harriers Union (AHU) 11 2/5 2. Charles Kellenbach Sparta, Rotterdam 11 3/5

Heat 2: 1. P. Dennys London 11 2/5 2. Bobby AAC, Amsterdam 12 4/5

Heat 3: 1. Piet van de Rivière AAC 11 4/5 2. George F. Labouchère Driebergen 13.0

Final: 1. J. Pooters 11 1/5 2. Charles Kellenbach 11 2/5 3. P. Dennys

1/2EM for the championship of the mainland of Europe.

1. Otto Hisgen Volharding, Amsterdam 2:12 1/5 2. Oscar Claser AHU 2:13 3/5

3. Ed. Schaller AHU 2:14 1/5

1EM handicap race

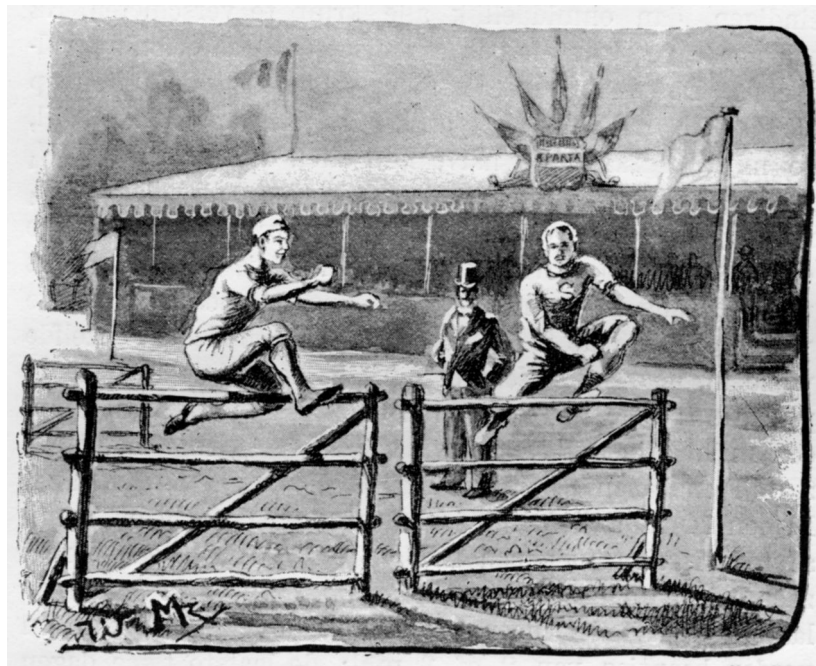
1. Constant A. Petit De Maas, Rotterdam 4:56 1/5 gift 100 m. 2. Ed. Schaller AHU 5:00 2/5 from scratch 3. Johan H. Bouman jr. Amsterdam 5:01 1/5 gift 65 m.

2EM club race

1. Ed. Schaller AHU 10:51 4/5 2. Jos van der Velde AHU 11:02 4/5

3. Jan Stok Sparta, Rotterdam 11:03 2/5

AHU wins, AAC second.



Artist impression of a 110m hurdle race at one of the Sparta meetings in Rotterdam 1893-1894. Source Mulier, 1895

Matches in 1901

Rotterdam, Juli 28, 1901

300m

Heat 1: 1. John C. Wright Racing Club Brussel (RCB) 2. J. van Rooijen Rotterdam

Heat 2: 1. Johan Hulshof De Promeneurs, Amsterdam 2. C. van Heusden Pro Patria, Rotterdam

Heat 3: 1. Adriaan Karsch Pro Patria, Rotterdam 2. Vaandrager Rotterdam

Heat 4: 1. Anne Bouma Pro Patria 2. Van Suijlekom Pro Patria

Final: 1. John C. Wright 2. Anne Bouma 3. Adriaan Karsch 4. C. van Heusden
5. Johan Hulshof

1EM handicap race

1. John C. Wright RCB 5:05 3/5 from scratch 2. C. van der Wiel Vooruit, Nijmegen
gift 45 m. 3. Johan Hulshof De Promeneurs, Amsterdam from scratch

1/4EM obstacles race

1. Leon Houtekeet RCB 68 4/5 2. Anne Bouma Pro Patria, Rotterdam
3. Adriaan Karsch Pro Patria, Rotterdam

Matches in 1908

Roosendaal, August 6, 1908

100yards

Heat 1: 1. F. Leduc Berchemsche Sport Vereniging (BSV) 12 2. Kranen Concordia, Roosendaal

Heat 2: 1. Goossens BSV 2. W. Teeuwen Xerxes, Rotterdam

Heat 3: 1 Biront BSV 2. Jos. Leduc BSV

Heat 5: 1. Huysmans BSV 2. Jan de Vletter, Excelsior, Rotterdam

Repechage winners: Jan de Vletter, Kranen, Jos. Leduc

Semi Final 1: 1. F. Leduc BSV 11 4/5 2. Goossens BSV 3. Kranen Concordia

Semi Final 2: 1. Jos. Leduc BSV 12 2. Jan de Vletter Excelsior 3. Stadhouders MVV, Hellevloetsluis

Semi Final 3: 1. Huysmans BSV 12 1/5 2. Biront BSV 3. J. Braat Concordia

Final: 1. Huysmans BVV 11 2/5 2. F. Leduc BSV 3. Jos. Leduc BSV

400m

Final: 1. Jos. Leduc 68 1/5 BSV 2. F. Leduc BSV 3. Veraart Rapiditas, Breda 4. Van Diggelen Sparta, Geertruidenberg

Long jump

1. Jules Braat Concordia 5,40 2. Jan de Vletter Excelsior 3. Druyts Antwerp

1EM

1. Druyts Antwerp 5:05 2. Veldhuis Concordia 3. Van Dessel BSV

Groningen, July 25, 1915

100m

1. Derbyshire Hawke Batalion 12.0 2. Davies Benbow Batalion 12 1/5
3. Pritchard Hawke Batalion 12 2/5 4. Dodds Benbow Batalion 12 3/5

400m

1. Short Benbow 60.4 2. Scheltema Forward, Groningen 61.4
3. Stevens Collingwood Btalion 62 4. Hedger Benbow 63

800m

1. Stevens Benbow 2:15 2. Goodyear Collingwood 2:19 2/5
3. Wuis Forward, Groningen 2:19 3/5 4. Ashenden Collingwood 2:22 4/5

High jump

1. E. van Linge Be Quick, Groningen 1,48 2. Curtis Benbow 1,43
3. Max Tetzner Be Quick, Groningen 1,40 4. Warnders HSC, Groningen 1,40

Javelin throw

1. Kemp Hawke 32,30 2. W.F. Davies Collingwood 32,10
3. Stewart Benbow 32,00 4. Cleveringa Forward, Groningen 31,50

Relay 4x100m

1. Hawke Batalion: Derbyshire, Simmons, Pritchard, Wells 51.4
2. Forward, Groningen: C. Scheltema, Cleveringa, Quis, Camphuis 52
3. Benbow Batalion: Short, Dodds, Hedger, Goodchild 53
4. Collingwood Batalion: Hopkins, Buckfield, Stevens, Pearson 54

Groningen, Noordersportterrein, August 1, 1915

100m

1. Jan Grijseels UD, Deventer 11.0 2. R.J. Derbyshire GBR 11 2/5
3. Werner Duiker GVV, Groningen 11 3/5 4. W.H. Davies GBR
5. G. van Lingen, Be Quick, Groningen

2EM

1. Louwe Huizenga 10:39 1/5 2. D.A. Stevens GBR
3. F.R. Ashender GBR 4. P.R. Goodyear GBR

Pair race 3000m

1. L. Huizenga and Werner Duiker (NED)
2. Fritz and Harry GBR

Groningen, Engelsche Kamp, September 11, 1915

100 yards

1. Derbyschire 10 1/5 2. P.O. Davies at 1 foot 3. Werner Duiker, RenAV Groningen
4. Pritchard

220 yards

1. Derbyshire 23 4/5 2. Davies 3. Richards 4. Werner Duiker RenAV Groningen

High jump

1. E. van Linge Be Quick, Groningen 1,56 4. Curtis

Shot put

1. D. Shannon 2. Percival 3. Coombs 4. Young