

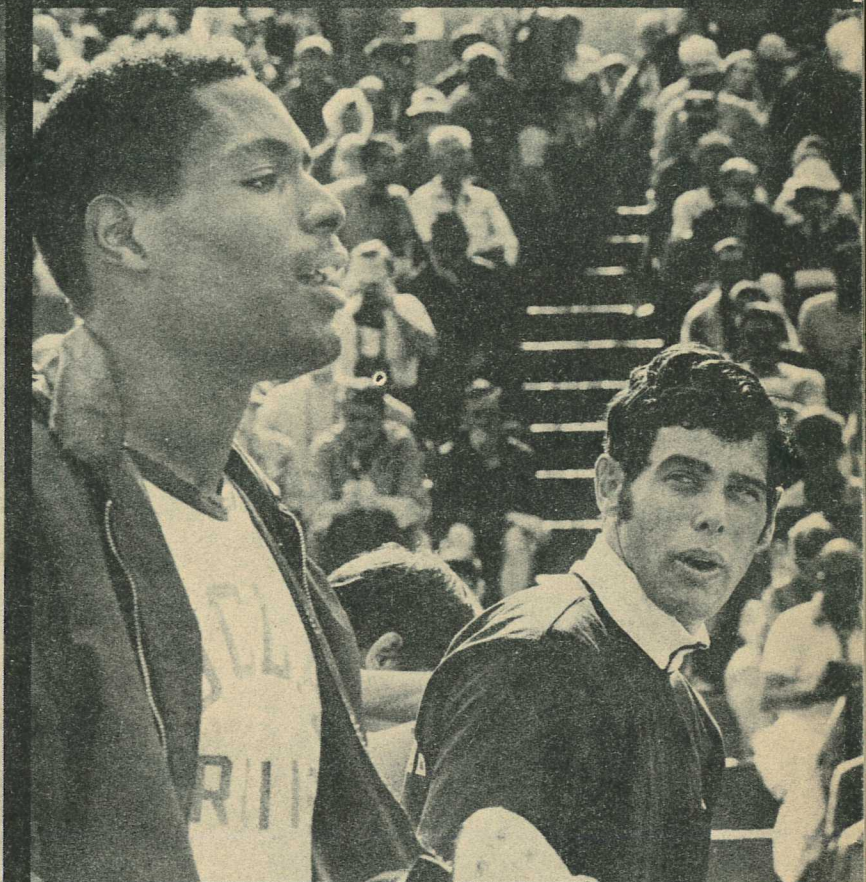
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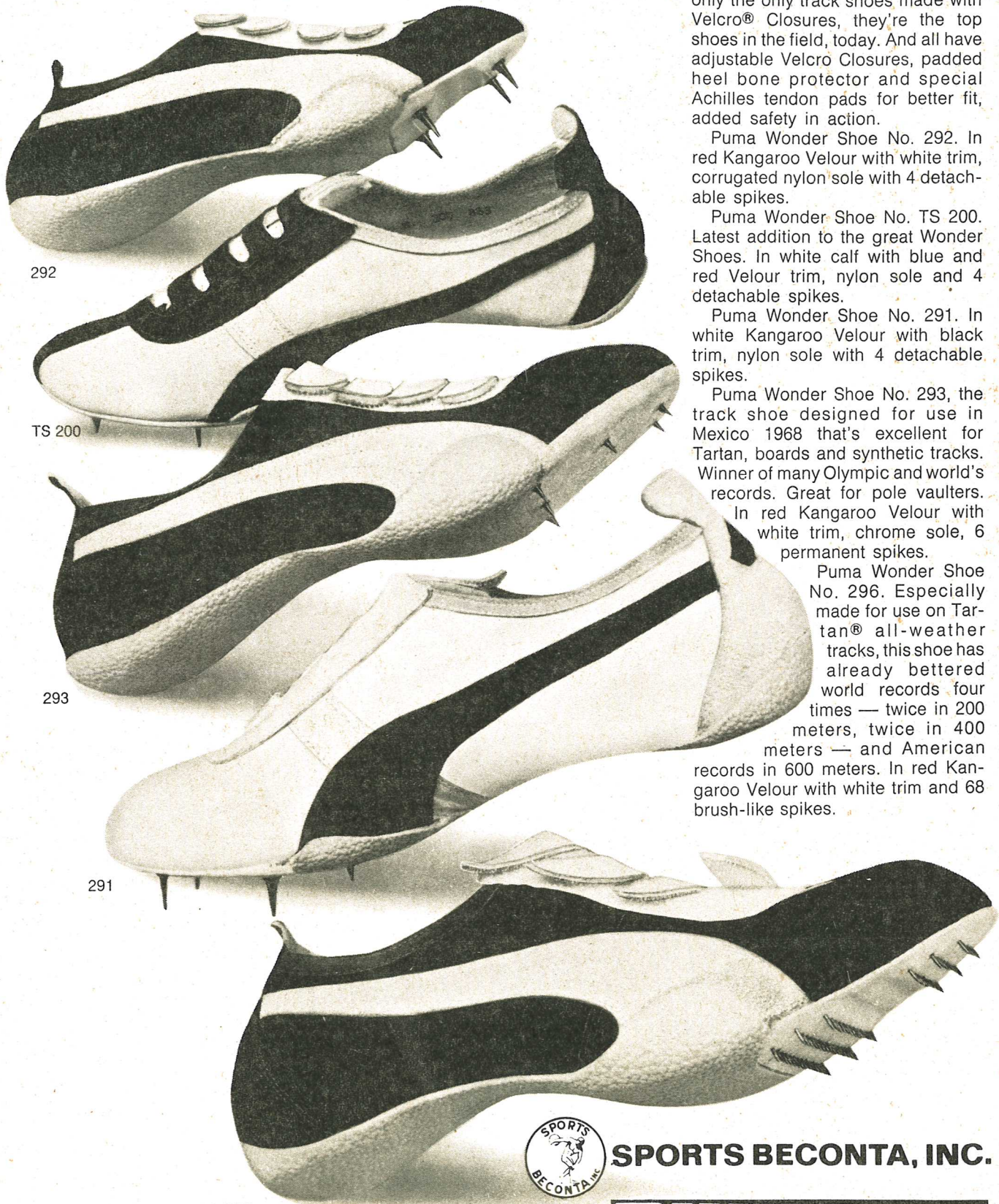
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Together was the order of the day at both the NCAA and AAU championship meets. Here in the NCAA 880, Ken Swenson's (225) 1:46.3 holds off Pat Collins' (403) 1:46.5. Art Sandison (697) ran 1:47.0 in third, Mark Winzenried (at Sandison's left) 1:47.3 in fourth and Mathyas Michael (head visible above Swenson) 1:47.9 in fifth. (Don Wilkinson)



After six miles, Florida TC teammates Jack Bachelor (center) and Frank Shorter (right) were inseparable at the finish line of the AAU race and the judges called it a tie, both men running 27:24.0. Shorter won the three-mile the night before for the outstanding performer award. John Collet (l) wasn't as close as it looks and ran 29:49.8 in 17th. (Dick O'Connor)

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mann, Johnson Wow 'em

Des Moines, Ia., June 16-17-18--This year's NCAA championships had the unique distinction of becoming the first meet in history to produce a world outdoor record and a world indoor best as Ralph Mann clobbered five-tenths off the intermediate hurdles with a 48.8 for 440-yards and Jan Johnson pumped the undercover vault best up $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 17'7".

Despite a torrential downpour the first third of the final day's competition, performances were solid and exciting. Compared with the world standard busting efforts, such achievements as Ken Swenson's 1:46.3 half-mile win from three pressing performers, Sid Sink's 8:41.0 steeplechase during the wickedest part of the rain storm, and Larry James' 45.5 quarter-mile win over Tommie Turner and Curtis Mills were shunted from top recognition.

Mann had set an American record for the medium hurdles of 49.4 here earlier this year at the Drake Relays, and claimed the global mark this weekend after a good race with Wayne Collett whose 49.2 ranks him second all-time. The former mark was 49.3, set in 1960. While the BYU 21-year-old junior is still a relative newcomer to big-time hurdling, he is a veteran compared to Kansas' Johnson who at 19 has yet to shave and had previously cleared only 16'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". He made 17'0" on his third trial and then 17'4" and 17'7" with deftness on his first tries, and then had three mighty close attempts at 18'0".

Aside from Johnson's vault performance, most of the hot action took place on the track. And that's exactly where California, under first year coach and ex-Olympian Dave Maggard, picked up all but eight of its 40 team winning points. Following by a year San Jose State's team victory, Cal's triumph marked the second straight year a squad of long-hairs had rallied to a team goal -- suggesting that personal appearance and individualism are not necessarily incompatible with team morale or direction. In fact, it may have surprised some that the nation's most volatile campus in Berkeley would even field a track team and considering that only two years ago at the Final US Olympic Trials Maggard had remarked that the appearance of a fellow shot-putter "made me sick to my stomach". Both Dave and ex-triple jumper turned assistant coach Charles Craig, neither over 30, followed a course of hang-looseness and close one-to-one relationships with their athletes this season, and the results were amazing all year long.

Cal became the first institution in history to grab first and second in the 100-yard dash as Isaac Curtis, primarily a footballer with a 9.7 best prior to the season, and Eddie Hart, who comes around slowly, both clocked 9.4 ahead of a name field, Hart winning. Curtis snagged a fourth in the furlong, and the pair joined Don Couser and Dave Masters to claim a 40.3 quarter-mile relay win. The long triumph off the track was credited to second string triple jumper Rich Dunn, with a come-through 50'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the final day after teammate Jim Fra-ser pulled up injured after his second leap.

The team battle was the closest in recent history, and any of the eventual

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AAU CHAMPIONSHIPS

Topsy-Turvy Competition

Bakersfield, Calif., June 26-27--Form was hardly the order of the 1970 AAU track and field championships, and the result was the most competitive and fascinating competition in years as the most consistent feature was the number of surprise winners and quality athletes shunted from placing. Lack of class marks hardly detracted from the competition.

Imagine one John Smith stealing the featured quarter-mile from such a name field as Lee Evans, Wayne Collett, Curtis Mills and Larry James while Howell Michael and South African Peter Kaal shunted Marty Liquori to third in the mile as John Mason, Jim Crawford, Dave Wottle and Roscoe Divine claimed the last four places as only 0.9 seconds separated first place from ninth.

The meet was particularly rough on defending titlists, as 11 went down to defeat, three didn't compete and only four retained their crowns. Besides Evans and Liquori who couldn't retain their championships, Byron Dyce was fifth in the half-mile, Mike Manley eighth in the steeplechase, Willie Davenport third in the high hurdles, Otis Burrell failed to make a height in the high jump, Bob Beamon 21st in the long jump, John Craft sixth in the triple jump, Jon Cole eighth in the discus, Tom Gage second in the hammer and Mark Murro an injured 12th in the javelin. John Carlos, Tracy Smith and Neal Steinhauer were all injured and unable to defend their victories in the 220, three-mile and shot.

In their places were such unexpected victories as in the high hurdles to Thomas Hill, who had matched the world standard two weeks before but placed only fifth in the NCAA; steeplechase to Bill Reilly, who was virtually unheard from since the 68 Olympics but who became the third fastest American ever here; long jump to Bouncy Moore, a consistent collegian in his first AAU meet up against many seasoned 26-footers including Jerry Proctor (5th), Henry Hines (11th), Gayle Hopkins (13th), Phil Shinnick (14th) and Charley Mays (16th); triple jump to Milan Tiff, who had been without the benefit of coaching and had been injured for some time. Even one defending champion produced a surprise in winning as Ivory Crockett, unable to advance even to the semis of the 100 at the NCAA, snatched the short crown again.

It might have been anticipated that Frank Shorter had a chance to win one of the long distance events, but the ex-Yalie took both crowns, with 13:24.2 in the three-mile and a PR 27:24.0 as he shared the six-mile with Florida Track Club teammate Jack Bachelor. And he achieved these victories against tough US opposition including Gerry Lindgren, Rick Riley, Steve Prefontaine and Gary Bjorklund.

The meet did have its tough, durable, expected champions as well. Ralph Mann hurdled out a 49.8 intermediates win, Reynaldo Brown remained the US's most consistent high jumper with a 7'1" victory, Bob Seagren returned to form to collect another vault title with a 17'2" leap here, Randy Matson capped a superior season with a 67'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " triumph, Jay Silvester far outdistanced the discus field with a 205'4" spin and George Frenn lofted the hammer exactly 230'0".

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News Round-up

US Highlights

Orange: Carlos Gets Fast Double, Silvester Tough

Orange, Calif., June 20 (by John Wenos)--The final tune-up for the AAU, led by John Carlos' fast double and Jay Silvester's long throwing, produced several quality marks in an afternoon of hot competitive action at the second Orange County Invitational.

Carlos overcame a poor start in the 100 to pull away from a respectable field in the last 10 yards, timing an excellent 9.3 on the usually slow track. He made it look a little easier later in the 220 with a 20.4, a half second ahead of veteran Ed Roberts and newcomer Dave Gilliard.

Silvester dominated the discus, putting two throws past 209-feet, topped by his winning 209'9", second-best in the world this year. Tim Vollmer,

slowed to a trot at the 330 mark. Evans offered no explanation later, stating, "I just started feeling bad... I don't know what happened. I should be running 44 flat by now."

Dick Railsback outlasted Sam Caruthers in the vault by virtue of fewer misses as both topped 17'1". Bob Seagren cleared only 16'0" and finished sixth. After the meet, Railsback announced he was passing up the AAU to go to Sweden. Asked why, he replied with a grin, "One guess!", then went on to explain that he was getting married. He also commented on Wolfgang Nordwig's new world record of 17'10½". "He's a darn good vaulter. He should have gotten it a couple of years ago." On the elusive 18-foot vault, "Everyone's been going for 18 this year and forgetting you have to make the heights in between first."

Frank Covelli appeared in peak form as he heaved the javelin over 260-foot four times, topped by a winning season high of 271'3". Larry Stuart and Mike Lyngstad also got off good throws, hitting 260'5" and 254'8" respectively.

Other highlights: 100, 2. Willie Deckard (LACC) 9.4. 440, Gerald



Aussie Kerry O'Brien scored one of two international wins at the Orange County meet with this 8:41.2 two-mile triumph over Gerry Lindgren (8:41.4), Frank Shorter (2nd from left, 8:42.0) and Jack Bachelor (left, 8:42.4). O'Brien had to produce a sub-60-second final quarter to hold off Lindgren's big sprint. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)



Italian Francesco Arese claimed the other foreign victory at Orange as he topped Chuck LaBenz by four-tenths with 4:02.2. Arese thus avenged his defeat by LaBenz at Portland the week before when LaBenz clocked 3:59.1 to top Arese by three-tenths. Skin-headed LaBenz only recently reported for active duty with the Army. (Johnson)

Gary Ordway and Rich Drescher all bettered 195-feet as a total of 10 men threw past 183-feet into a "good" wind.

Randy Matson displayed remarkable consistency in the shot--his first five puts landed in a 3½" range before his 67'5½" finale. Bruce Wilhelm and Al Feuerbach topped 64-feet--Wilhelm with his second-best ever of 64'7½" and Feuerbach with a PR 64'1½"--while George Woods, on the comeback trail, reached out for a 63'10½".

Kerry O'Brien held off Gerry Lindgren's furious last lap challenge with a 59.2 final circuit to take the two-mile in a slower-than-hoped-for 8:41.2. Lindgren was two-tenths back as Frank Shorter and Jack Bachelor followed with 8:42.0 and 8:42.4. O'Brien took over the pace chores on the second lap after shouting for a faster pace and was never headed although Lindgren made a race of it in the last quarter. Five yards down at the gun lap, he caught the Aussie great at the top of the backstretch and ran stride-for-stride until dropping back 20 yards from the tape.

The mile was also a thriller as Italy's Francesco Arese held off Chuck LaBenz's kick for his first American victory. Arese moved early on the gun lap after following a slow early pace and his 10-yard advantage was too much for the usual LaBenz big finish. Arese clocked 4:02.2, LaBenz 4:02.6, followed by John Mason 4:04.5, Bill Schabram 4:05.7, and Rick Carr 4:05.8, all displaying good sprint finishes. LaBenz performed "iron-man" duty, coming back 90 minutes later for a 9:03.2 fifth place in the two mile, then running the third leg on the Pacific Coast Club mile relay unit 20 minutes after that.

A promising 440 duel failed to materialize when Fred Newhouse failed to show and Lee Evans pulled up 50 yards from the tape after Martin McGrady

Conley (P Coast) 46.9. 880, Tom Von Ruden (P Coast) 1:49.3; 2. John Perry (P Coast) 1:49.3. 120HH, Tom White (Strid) 13.9w; 2. Gary Power (Strid) 14.0. 440IH, Ron Whitney (Strid) 51.1; 2. Bob Steele (AATC) 51.3. HJ, Otis Burrell (Strid) 7'0". PV, 3. Bob Steinhoff (Strid) 16'6"; 4. Scott Cryder (Mesa, A, CC) 16'6". LJ (ok), Bob Beamon (Seamans) 24'8½". TJ (ok), Dave Smith (P Coast) 51'¾"; 2. Lennox Burgher (LIAC) 50'5". DT, 2. Vollmer 200'2"; 3. Ordway 197'5"; 4. Drescher 195'2"; 5. John Bakkensen (Portland TC) 189'10"; 6. Ed Kohler (Strid) 189'6"; 7. John Powell (Athens) 187'7"; 8. Bill Neville (Strid) 187'6"; 9. Miles Lister (P Coast) 183'7"; 10. Dave Weber (P Coast) 183'4". HT, Wayne Pangburn (Strid) 207'0"; 2. Hal Connolly (Strid) 202'11". JT, 4. Ed Morland (US Army) 245'4"; 5. Ed Red (P Coast) 244'1".

AAU Decathlon: Warkentin Gets Title With 8026

South Lake Tahoe, Calif., June 24-25 (by Dick Drake)--John Warkentin picked up his first major victory in 19 decathlon tries stretching over five seasons with the benefit of a staggering nine personal in-competition bests to piece together 8026 points for the national AAU 10-event crown.

It is quite likely that no other international class decathlete has ever posted so many individual decathlon event PRs in a single competition. And good he is, for he not only moved to seventh all-time in the US but also to equal 13th on the all-time world lists. Surprisingly, however, he only raised his previous high by 231 points and claimed no single event lead as he created his first 8000-point effort.

Pursuit of Excellence

by Bert Nelson

When John Warkentin graduated from McLane High School in Fresno, Calif., five years ago he wanted to be the best. He would have preferred basketball, but although he was an all-city player he knew he wasn't that good. The same for football, where he was also all-city. In track, he had high jumped 6'2" and spun the prep discus 170-feet, but here again he couldn't see himself becoming the best. Yet the ambition was undeniable. What to do?

He still wants to be the best. Only now he knows the path and is well on his way. As John recalls, "I thought about what I could succeed in and somehow or other I hit on the decathlon. When I entered Fresno State, I told coach (Dutch) Warmerdam I would like to be a decathlon man. He was startled but went along with it."

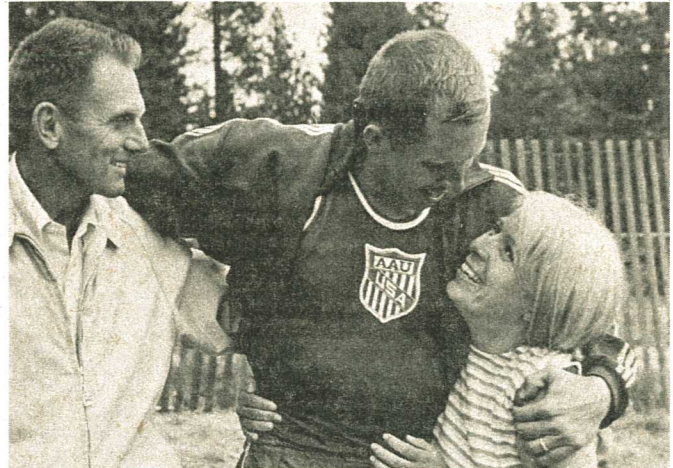
Warmerdam recalls the beginning a bit differently, recounting, "It took a lot of talking by me, his older brother Paul, and Mardi (later John's wife) to convince him to try the decathlon." Either way it makes no difference. This good but far from great all-around athlete was launched on a career which five years later saw him win the AAU decathlon crown with 8026 points, a total bettered by a dozen decathletes in the 58 year history of the event.

And the future is bright. At 23, Warkentin is improving steadily in every event and, barring injury, has his better years ahead. He racked up a fantastic nine personal bests in the AAU but the end is not in sight. Warmerdam, to whom John gives much credit "for having given me a lot of time and interest," sees improvement in every event. "He has a solid foundation and is willing to pay the price to be the best. I can't see anything but up from here." Dutch feels that by 1972, and maybe by next year, John will be vaulting close to 15-feet, running the highs in 14-flat or better and be down around 47.0 in the 400. He looks for the javelin at 225-foot or so and the discus at about 160-feet.

Warkentin is an unusual decathlete in that he has no outstanding event. Counterbalancing, he has no weaknesses. He is a made rather than born 10-eventer. In his first year, as a college frosh, he scored 6481 points with best marks of 11.5, 20'11½", 38'11½", 6'0", 51.0, 16.5, 139'1", 11'0", 165'4" and 4:44.9. Now he has reached 8026 points with decathlon bests of 10.6, 23'11", 47'1¼", 6'3⅝", 48.3, 14.4, 149'9½", 13'4¼", 205'3½", and 4:27.8. Analysis of his 8026 shows John does best in the runs, averaging 901 points per event (not counting the 1500), compared with 831 in the jumps and 778 in the throws. His range is relatively narrow, from 749 in the shot to 914 in the hurdles.

His record reveals another valuable trait--steady progress. He has improved his total in exactly half the 18 competitions following his initial 6171. Eventwise, John has scored one or more personal highs in 17 of his competitions and equalled records in the other two. Besides his unprecedented nine bests in the AAU he has twice scored seven PRs in a meet and once six. He is durable, having failed to finish only once. And he is experienced, having competed in four AAUs, (finishing eighth, second, fifth, and first), represented the US in international competition in 1968, and having competed in 19 decathlons, a near record total at age 23.

Bruce Farris, Fresno track writer who knows Warkentin well, says a national sports magazine's description of all-time decathlon great



A happy 1970 AAU decathlon champion, John Warkentin receives congratulations from an equally-happy wife Mardi and coach Dutch Warmerdam. Warkentin claimed his first national title with a PR 8026 total--which included an astounding nine personal bests in individual events. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)

Rafer Johnson as a "rare concentrate of some old Sunday School virtues; tolerance, humility and Godliness..." fits Warkentin equally well. Warmerdam said it was significant that several coaches at South Lake Tahoe brought their young decathletes to meet John. "This man was just like you a few years ago", they would say. "He is an example of what can be done if you are willing to sacrifice and have the desire to be the best."

The desire shows through in the four to five hours a day he trains six days a week throughout the year. The sacrifice, which his wife shares ("we decided if we are going to do something we might as well do it as best we can"), shows up in a greatly reduced social life to make time for heavy training, proper rest, and studies, and in a reduced standard of living in giving up a full time job in favor of part-time work. Next fall, with his studies behind him and a teaching job, life should be a little easier.

John Herman Warkentin was born Feb. 17, 1947 in Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, where his father was a missionary and where he was to lose his life in an accident when John was six. Since then John has grown to 6'2" and 195 pounds, making this progress on the track:

Year	Age	Grade	HJ	DT	440IH	660	Decathlon
1962	15	9	5'9¾"	127'8"		1:30.1	
1963	16	10	5'11½"	143"			
1964	17	11	5'10"	164'8"			
1965	18	12	6'2"	170'			
1966	19	Frosh					6481
1967	20	Soph					6843
1968	21	Junior			53.6		7370
1969	22	Senior			52.7		7601
1970	23						8026

The plus factors--the combination of altitude (6250-feet), Tartan surfacing, basically good weather with aiding breezes when needed the most and tough competition--obviously contributed to the onslaught of fine performances which included 11 over 7000 points with PRs by six of those leaders.

The crew-cut Fresno State graduate student failed to gain a decathlon event best in only the 1500-meters, but allowing for the altitude he was actually mighty close to scoring a perfect slate. While his highest previous placing in the AAU championships was second in 1968 in five tries, he had recorded two personal record high tallies since the last weekend in May, of 7710 and 7795, which may have forecast his potential here. While only 23, he is hardly a novice. He has competed in more decathlons than any other American at so young an age and only an injury at the 1968 Final US Olympic Trials prevented him from completing all 19 he has started.

With Olympic champ and world record holder Bill Toomey out of the picture after snagging five straight AAU crowns, this year's meet was a highly competitive affair even though the title was not particularly in doubt as the 1500 began. With the emphasis on speed and less technique the first day, five athletes rolled up more than 4000 points as only 253 points separated leader Jeff Bannister and the next four. But Bannister was to watch his hopes for his first national title and a trip abroad go by the boards as he ripped a patella tendon which displaced his knee cap and required surgery. Second place eventually went to Russ Hodge, who after a history of injuries has now put together five straight decathlons sans any incapacitating hurts, with 7886 points with the help of three best-ever in the first six events.

100: The trials for the 100-meters began 20 minutes late at 10:50 a.m. after more than 90 minutes of organizational confusion in attempting to sign-in an unwieldy group of 32 contestants and assigning official responsibilities. It required nine heats of three or four each to handle this largest-ever AAU field, which included too many participants with only projected and not actual bests exceeding the 6500 point qualifying standard. The sprinting was fast, as 15 took advantage of the near-perfect short-event conditions. Hodge duplicated his and Bill Toomey's 100-meter decathlon record of 10.3 as none of the five favorites posted a time slower than 10.6. Only Jeff Bennett's 10.5 failed to produce a best-ever among the projected leaders as Bannister scooted to a 10.4 with

Warkentin and Steve Gough locked at 10.6. A breeze of about 4.0 mph aided the fast onslaught.

Long Jump: Only 12½ inches--or 61 points--separated the five leading contenders as Gough led all with a PR of 24'4¾". Warkentin gained his mark of 23'11" for a 10 inch betterment. Bannister scored a PR with 23'6". However, 25-foot leapers Bennett and Hodge had to settle for marks of 23'4½" and 23'3¼". The direction of the approach was reversed after the first nine leapers to take advantage of the changing currents. But it didn't seem to help promising prospect Mike Hill, California State JC long jump champ with a best of 25'6", as he could manage only 22'6".

Shot Put: Hodge purposefully lost 20-lbs. before the season in an effort to reduce his injury chances to his delicate legs which must support his massive upper body. It has also had the effect of increasing his point output in the burst events without noticeably downgrading his three weight event totals. Here, he hefted the 16-lb. ball 57'4" for his second best decathlon effort--despite gusting winds which carried fine dust and irritated his contact lensed eyes. That mark was 6'9" further than the next best performance, which was Bannister's 49'7" heave which improved his previous high by 2'7" and held him only 151 points off Hodge's 2758 lead after three events.

High Jump: The top nine seeded athletes moved on to the high jump as more than half the remaining field was still long jumping. The event began at 1:30 p.m. without a scheduled lunch break. The first dramatic shift in point leaders came here, and it was Hodge who suffered severely though his 5'8⅞" wasn't far off what he normally jumps in decathlons. He recently took up the Flop style to improve his consistency but a buckled foot on his third trial at 5'10⅞" prevented him from scoring higher. The first indication that Bannister might be running into trouble came in the high jump, where he retired after 6'3⅝" because his knee was troubling him. The height was still sufficient to put him three points into the lead over Hodge. Leader of the event was Gough, who PR'd a 6'7½" to jump into third with 3390--only five points down on leader Ban-



Striding along in the 1500-meters of the AAU decathlon are eventual winner John Warkentin (l) and third placer Jeff Bennett (r). Warkentin claimed nine decathlon personal records and won with a career best tally of 8026. Only his 4:44.5 1500 was not a decathlon PR. Bennett totaled 7750 to join Warkentin on the US international team. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)

nister. The next best cleared height was 6'6", by Dave Thoreson, who moved into fifth, and by Rick Wanamaker, who only had three days rest after his NCAA championship and lacked the snack to close in on his 7'0" best.

400: By now it was obvious that the first nine seeded athletes could move through a reasonably paced decathlon--despite the large men's field and the intervening women's pentathlon events. The first three went to their blocks at 3:20 p.m., while the last of the field--not one of whom had dropped out of competition--did not get to the starting line until 6:30. Seeding of Bennett, Bannister and Hodge into the first heat was apparently wisely chosen, for the race was competitive and yielded the three quickest times of the day. For Bennett and Hodge, their 47.2 and 47.9 clockings were PRs while Bannister's 47.4 was only a tenth off. Behind Bannister's 4323 first day tally came Hodge with 4295 as Warkentin continued to pile up the PRs and moved into third with 4205 with a 48.3 400. Gough could manage only 50.8 but claimed fourth at 4160, ahead of Bennett's 4070.

High Hurdles: With the anticipated drawn-out vault competition, the remainder of the pentathlon and the addition of the triathlon for girls to the second day's program, the hurdles were rescheduled for 9:00 a.m. Double the 200 crowd of the first day and even hotter, muggier weather greeted the early risers. The athletes were seeded according to best times, and all but one of the first day's starters were placed in 11 races. Seven hurdlers got under 15-flat, topped by the 14.3 of George Pannel. Of the five first day leaders, only Bennett failed to tap a personal low. Bannister and Warkentin claimed 14.4 clockings, Gough 14.7 and Hodge 14.8. Now Bannister had lengthened his lead from 28 to 72 points with 5237.

Discus Throw: Two rings were readied but only one was utilized. Hodge admittedly became irritated by several external forces. He tensed up and could only reach 149'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for his most sub-par performance of the meet. Bannister's 140'11" didn't gain any ground, however, and his margin over Hodge was reduced to only 25 points. Warkentin continued his progressive improvement, and led the first nine with 149'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Rory Kenward paced the field with 167'7".

Pole Vault: The vault was a major turning point for the projected winner and the eventual winner. What is now an historical achievement very nearly never materialized for Warkentin, who missed twice at 11'0" following passes at 10'0" and 10'6". He actually cleared 11'0" by what seemed as much as two-feet on his third attempt, and he went on to make five more heights through 13'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " -- the same height credited to Hodge. It was at this level that disaster set in on Bannister, who had two misses with his wrong side of the pole style. He came down the runway for his third trial, and when he planted his take-off foot his knee gave and all his weight went on to the awkwardly bent pole. The pole snapped, and Bannister clung on to the bottom part which actually broke the intensity of his fall into the vaulting box. With the AAU title and a possible trip to European in the balance, the first thing Bannister said after the initial shock of pain "I don't have any medical insurance." He was obviously aware that the knee might require surgery but he still refused to scratch himself from the competition even as he was wheeled away on a stretcher to an ambulance. (Based on past performances, competitions against Warkentin, and altitude efforts, it is figured that if he threw the javelin 180-feet and ran 1500-meters in 4:30 he would have racked up 8065 points. After eight events here, he was 409 points ahead of his point tally at this stage in his 7754 PR effort.) Bennett collected the second highest individual event score of the meet with a 15'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " effort, worth 977. Dave Thoreson also got hot, and got 15'0". The first vaulter started competition at 11:35 a.m., and despite the use of two vault pits the last man did not finish until 5:10 p.m. In the main competition, where those vaulters whose previous best indicated a jump of 13'6" could be in the works joined the first nine to give a field of 15, the pit was moved to the opposite end at 13'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to get the wind at the vaulters' backs. Warkentin moved seven points ahead of Hodge.

Javelin Throw: Hodge who has thrown 211'8" could get the spear only out to 187'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " while Warkentin connected on a 205'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " effort to give him a 22-point bulge going into the last event. Newcomer Jim Sobieszczyk led with 207'8".

1500: The emphasis of interest seemed to turn to whether Warkentin could reach 8000 points. He needed 471 points--or a 4:48.9 effort. Since he has run 4:27.8 in a decathlon and 15 seconds has been a good guide for adjustment of time to this altitude, the 6'2", 195-lb. decathlete seemed in fine shape. Based on this 4:48.9 level of performance, Hodge would have needed to run a 4:45.3--or about 3.5 seconds ahead of Warkentin--to tie at 8000. Hodge was

never ahead of Warkentin or Bennett, who led the pack and came across the one lap to go marker together in 3:42.4, which seemed promising. Bennett sprinted home with a 4:43.9 while Warkentin's 4:44.5 gave him 26 points over the 8000 goal. Hodge lumbered through a 5:05.4, not much off his other altitude efforts. Dave Arnold clocked the best time of 4:31.3.

Bennett claimed third at 7750, good for a comebacking to an injury and a throat infection while training here in Tahoe. Gough has improved in each of his four decathlons since his first, and with his 7520 fourth place score here has jumped from 32nd to 20th on the all-time US list. Other PRs above 7000 went to Mike Hill at 7226, Sobieszczyk 7187, Bill Bakley 7015 and Gordon Stewart 7011.

1. John Warkentin	10.6	23'11"	47'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	48.3	4205	
unat	14.4	149'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	13'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	205'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4:44.5	8026	
2. Russ Hodge	10.3	23'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	57'4"	5'8 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	47.9	4295	
Striders	14.8	149'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	13'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	187'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	5:05.4	7886	
3. Jeff Bennett	10.5	23'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	40'6"	6'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	47.2	4070	
Oklahoma Christian	14.8	119'9"	15'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	185'2"	4:43.9	7750	
4. Steve Gough	10.6	24'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	44'11"	6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	50.8	4160	
Seattle Pacific	14.7	148'2"	12'0"	180'0"	5:24.7	7520	
5. Dave Thoreson	11.0	23'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	37'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'6"	49.6	3856	
Striders	15.4	134'8"	15'0"	174'9"	5:08.0	7369	
6. Mike Hill	10.6	22'6"	39'9"	6'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	49.4	3955	
Mt SAC JC	14.7	118'10"	12'0"	149'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4:45.6	7226	
7. George Pannel	10.6	21'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	44'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	5'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	49.7	3705	
Westmont	14.3	130'5"	12'4"	190'4"	4:54.3	7190	
8. Jim Sobieszczyk	11.1	22'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	37'2"	6'8"	50.3	3828	
Kearney State	15.5	106'10"	12'4"	207'8"	4:46.4	7187	
9. Rick Wanamaker	11.0	20'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	44'3"	6'6"	53.2	3701	
Drake	15.1	132'0"	12'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	195'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	5:00.3	7159	
10. Bill Bakley	11.0	24'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	42'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	51.2	3848	
Phoenix JC	15.7	116'7"	11'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	169'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4:50.0	7015	
11. Gordon Stewart (Can)	7011	12. Gary Hill (Okla Chris)	6742	13. Fred Samara (Penn)	6710	14. Kurtis Slocum (Cal T&FA)	6674
15. Lynn Borchert (Rocky Mtn Col)	6399	16. David Cox (Saddleback)	6384	17. Steve Endemano (Claremont HM)	6328	18. Ken Kring (Santa Maria HS, Cal)	6314
19. Dave Arnold (Athens)	6207	20. Mark Mondschein (Haverford HS, Havertown, Pa)	6137	21. Lloyd Sigler (Towson TC)	6056	six others finished between 5492 and 5935 points; leading non-finishers, Jeff Bannister (NH) 6779, injured after 7 events; Rory Kenward (Colo) 5292, after 7 events including no height in pole vault; five others did not finish.	

World Highlights

Nordwig, O'Brien Blitz 17'10 1-2", 8:22.0 Steeple

The quickening pace of the track season outside of the US has resulted in two new world records--both in Berlin, East Germany. First, Wolfgang Nordwig became only the third vaulter from a nation other than the US to claim the global mark when he wriggled over 17'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on June 17, eclipsing John Pennel's mark of last year by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Behind Nordwig, 19-year-old Frenchman Francois Tracanelli set a European junior (under 20) record of 17'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Then, on July 4, Australian Kerry O'Brien clipped two-tenths from the steeplechase record with 8:22.0. Soviet Vladimir Dudin claimed the previous record last year.

Other top performances in Europe included: two 50.4 400-meter hurdle clockings by France's Jean-Claude Nallet--in his second and third competitive races ever; history's fourth-fastest 5000-meters of 13:26.2 by Britisher Dick Taylor; the world's leading 10,000-meters by little-known Finn Juha Vatainen, 28:19.6; and consistently long javelining by Finn Paul Nevala, including 291'8" and 287'1" throws.

Further US winners at the CISM meet in Viareggio: Ben Vaughan (21.2), Robert Johnson (46.5), John Perry (1:50.0), Jere VanDyk (3:44.9), Dave Adkins (51.4), Paul Gaydos (16'1", same height for second place Jack Carter), Tim Vollmer (188'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "'), Mike Mittelstaedt (2:21:21 marathon) and the 400 (Charles Greene, Mel Pender, Jimmy White, Vaughan) and 1600 (Bob Frey, Adkins, Johnson, Elbert Stinson) relay teams in 39.8 and 3:07.5.

Elsewhere, Rhodesia's Artwell Mandaza recorded a windy 9.9 100-meters and Aussie Derek Clayton covered a marathon in 2:13:39--his first race since an injury last August.

Prep Highlights

Golden West: Robinson Bags Windy 9.2, 20.7 Double

Sacramento, Calif., June 20 (by Fran Errota)--What could be more appropriate than a sprinter from Florida to be named the outstanding performer on a night Bob Hayes serves as the honorary referee?

That's what happened at the 11th annual Golden West Invitational before an estimated 6500 persons at Hughes Stadium. Ray Robinson of Lakeland, Fla., took both dashes in wind-aided clockings of 9.2 and 20.7 as Hayes, history's first 9.1 man, watched the outstanding array of graduated preps perform under warm skies marred only by wind readings from five to seven miles per hour.

But Robinson, who has been running track for only three months after transferring from another school which had no track program, was only one of an impressive array of performers in a meet featured by non-Californians who won all but two events. Only high jumper Jerry Culp (Oceanside) and national discus record holder Chris Adams (Los Altos) prevented California from drawing a blank as the former accounted for one of four meet standards with a 6'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " jump. Adams topped a good discus field with a toss of 192'8".

Meet record claimants also included Mike Keogh (Essex Catholic, Newark, NJ) 8:54.0 in two-mile; Kevin Bligh (Herricks, New Hyde Park, NY) 37.1 in 330 intermediates, and Jesse Stuart (Glasgow, Ky) 71'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ " in shot put.

Robinson won the 100 with a rocket start and great pickup and had a good lead over a fast closing Glen Love (Sumner, St Louis, Mo) as he blazed

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into the tape. Love did 9.3, three others had 9.4s, another 9.5 and the last man in the field 9.6 as a 6.55 mph breeze aided the runners.

The 220 was tougher as the Lakeland zephyr barely edged Mark Lutz (Mayo, Rochester, Minn) at the tape, both caught in 20.7. Lutz had a good start and ran the turn well against a good field helped by a 5.82 mph wind.

Robinson was not the lone double winner. Perhaps just as impressive was Fred Singleton (Mt Vernon, NY) who must rate with the finest high and low hurdlers of all time. Although helped by a 7.1 wind in the 120 highs and 5.08 in the 180 lows on a turn, his 13.4 and 18.3 times were outstanding.

Both sprint times bettered meet standards and Singleton's efforts tied current marks, but wind over the allowable disallowed all of them.

Gene White (Bristol, Pa) missed a double when Gerald Gaines (Chesapeake, Va) took the triple jump with a 49'2 1/2" leap to White's 49'1 1/2" after White had taken the long jump with 25'4 1/4" over the 24'10 1/4" for runner-up Rudy Falana (Largo, Fla).

Superb competition featured the two-mile and mile runs as well as the pole vault and high jump.

Keogh allowed someone else to set the pace until taking over in the late stages. Randy James (Ferris, Spokane, Wash) led at the half-mile mark in 2:09.8 and gave way to Bill Beaty (Lancaster, Ohio) who had a 3:19.7 time after three laps when late entry Doug Brown (Notre Dame, Harper Woods, Mich) took the lead for the next two laps. Brown went by the mile in 4:29.1 and his five-lap split was 5:38.1. Denis Fikes (Rice, NYC), who went into the race unbeaten, took over on the sixth lap and galloped to a big lead on the seventh. He went by six laps in 6:45.4 and appeared in good shape at the gun at 7:47.4.

It wasn't until the backstretch when Fikes started to look back that anyone realized there was still a race in progress. Keogh was moving at a steady pace and passed Fikes on the turn, and then Brown came on strong to catch Fikes who was now staggering to stay on his feet. Brown followed Keogh home in 8:57.8 and Fikes managed to hold off Beaty, 9:03.0 to 9:03.4. Keogh's 8:54.0 shattered the year-old meet record of 8:55.2 by Fred Ritcherson (Salesian, Los Angeles). "I had seen Fikes run before" said Keogh following the race, "so I figured I was in the race all the way."

The mile proved interesting with Anthony Colon giving New York its fourth victory with a 4:06.0 which, like the two-mile, was the fastest clocking in the nation this year.

Colon stayed on the pace all the way as the field was bunched most of the way. James Euell (Norwich, Conn) led the bunch for a lap and was still ahead at the 880 mark in 2:05.5 with Colon inches back in a field that was still tightly packed. Mike Petersen (Mapleton, Denver, Colo) came across the 1320 marker in 3:08.6 with Colon still on the shoulder of the pacesetter. With 220 left, Kurt Mench (Castle, Kanehoe, Ha) swept into the lead with Bob Wheeler (Dulaney, Timonium, Md) and Colon in close pursuit. Colon displayed his staying power by taking command off the final turn and going into the tape in 4:06.0 to 4:06.3 for the surprising Mench and 4:06.6 for the heralded Wheeler. Joe Savage (Roselle Catholic, Roselle, NJ) came in sixth in 4:14.1 after chasing Kevin Reabe (Waterford-Kettering, Drayton Plains, Mich) in the 880 which proved to be a two-man race all the way. Reabe impressed in 1:50.6 as he outlasted Savage in a good stretch duel as the latter came in with a 1:51.0.

Culp won the high jump following an all-day drive from his home where he had not left his job until 5 am the morning of the meet. All but one of the nine competitors were still in the event at 6'8" and all but two of the remaining eight passed at 6'9" to attempt 6'10 1/4" which Culp cleared on his third try. Mike Fleer (McNary, Salem, Ore) and Galym Sweet (Octavia, Colfax, Ill) went over 6'8" on their first tries to share second place.

Gordon Crail (Greenwood, Ind) impressed to win the pole vault at 15'6" on fewer misses from Bill Curnow (Lee, Midland, Tex) who finished second and Dixon Baughman (Kokomo, Ind) who was third at the same height. Crail passed at 13'6" and 14'0" and cleared the next three heights on his first tries. Ten of eleven vaulters in the event tried 15'0" and only three were eliminated at that height.

Stuart was an easy winner in the shot as he got his best toss on his third try, the first two being fouls, one of which sailed close to the 75-foot mark. His 71'9 3/4" bettered the meet standard of 69'8 3/4" by Sam Walker (Samuell, Dallas, Tex) in 1968. Randy Withrow (Pasadena, Calif) and Billy Joe Winchester (Mt Miguel, Spring Valley, Calif) were next with lifetime bests of 65'8 3/4" and 64'11" respectively.

Bligh's victory in the 330 hurdles came hard as he appeared to be destined for second until Gary West (Permian, Odessa, Tex) missed his step as he approached the last hurdle, and the New Yorker raced by to win in 37.1, under the 37.3 meet standard set in 1967 by Joe Kurzrok (Mt Vernon, NY). West had also finished second in the highs to Singleton, also a New Yorker.

Jack Hall (Pulaski, New Britain, Conn) became the second from his family to win the GWJ javelin crown as his 237'4" outdistanced the 233'9" of Bob Obee (Wyandotte, Kansas City, Kans) on his last try. Darwin Bond (Dobyns-Bennett, Kingsport, Tenn) breezed to win the 440 in 48.1 over Keith Davis (Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ) who did 48.5.

Other highlights: 100, 3. Ralph Ligons (Pittsburg, Calif) 9.4; 4. Ed Jones (Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ) 9.4; 5. Lutz 9.4; 6. Tom Scavuzzo (Mullen, Littleton, Colo) 9.5; 7. Eddie Echols (Meridian, Miss) 9.6. 220, 3. Jones 20.9; 4. Love 21.0; 5. Scavuzzo 21.1; 6. Joel Garren (Manatee, Bradenton, Fla) 21.2; 7. Echols 21.6. 440, 3. Fred Merrill (Shawnee-Mission, Prairie Village, Kans) 48.6; 4. Steve Dejarnatt (Longview, Wash) 49.2; 5. Earl Taylor (Coleman, Greenville, Miss) 49.5; 6. Matt Henry (Del Norte, Albuquerque, NM) 50.4. 880, 3. Nathan Burks (Castlemont, Oakland, Calif) 1:54.0; 4. Geoff Henderson (Washington, San Francisco, Calif) 1:54.4; 5. Miller Chevis (Opelousas, La) 1:55.8; 6. Mark Van Elswyk (Burbank, Sacramento, Calif) 1:58.2. Mile, 4. Euell 4:10.1; 5. Petersen 4:11.2... 7. Robert Brooks (St Petersburg, Fla) 4:17.0; 8. Rick Rojas (Los Alamos, NM) 4:28.1. 2 Mile, 5. Pat Mander (Morton East, Cicero, Ill) 9:09.4; 6. Dave White (El Modena, Orange, Calif) 9:13.6; 7. Ed Granillo (East Bakersfield, Calif) 9:21.2; 8. James 9:25.0; 9. Jim Chaffin (Poly, Long Beach, Calif) 9:28.2. 1200H, 2. West 13.6; 3. Milt Turner (Castlemont, Oakland, Calif) 13.6; 4. Genard Medley (Little Rock, Ark) 13.9; 5. Eric Elkins (Jesus, Dallas, Tex) 14.0; 6. Nathaniel Porter (Southeast, Bradenton, Fla) 14.1; 7. Bobby Coffman (Lamar, Houston, Tex) 14.1; 8. Carl

Eastern rivals Denis Fikes (l) and Mike Keogh (c) battle in the Golden West two-mile. Keogh won in the year's quickest prep time of 8:54.0 as Doug Brown (r) closed for second in 8:57.8 and Fikes ran 9:03.0 in third. (Photo by Don Chadez)



Swierc (Falls City, Tex) 14.2; 9. Bruce Leek (Roosevelt, Gary, Ind) 14.2. 180LHt, 2. Turner 18.4; 3. Leek 18.7; 4. Jared Butler (Pittsburg, Calif) 18.8; 5. Steve DeMedicis (Crossland, Camp Springs, Md) 19.1; 6. Steve Smith (Oakmont, Roseville, Calif) 19.2; 7. Mike Allen (Granite City, Ill) 19.2; 8. Medley 19.6. 330IH, 3. Allen 38.1; 4. DeMedicis 38.1; 5. Swierc 38.6; 6. Mike Corbett (Lewis, Jamaica, LI, NY) 38.9; 7. Coffman 39.7.

HJ, 4. John Blakney (Southwest, Ft Worth, Tex) 6'8"; 5. Mike Sperger (Bishop McDevitt, Wyncote, Pa) 6'8"; 6. Barry Schur (Palo Verde, Tucson, Ariz) 6'8"; 7. Ray Lisby (Las Vegas, Nev) 6'8"; 8. Dean Owens (El Cajon Valley, Calif) 6'6"; nh--Greg Redmond (Ygnacio Valley, Concord, Calif). LJ(all jumps wind aided), 3. Lynn Swann (Serra, San Mateo, Calif) 24'10"; 4. Anthony Williamson (Washington, Atlanta, Ga) 24'9 3/4"; 5. Steve Thompson (East Bakersfield, Calif) 24'2 3/4"; 6. Louis Wright (Bakersfield, Calif) 23'7 3/4". PV, 4. Jim Kleiger (Regis, Denver, Colo) 15'0"; 5. tie Mark Mondschein (Haverford, Pa) & Bruce Horman (Kirkwood, Mo) 15'0"; 7. Jeff Linta (Malabar, Mansfield, Ohio) 15'0"; 8. Terry Porter (Azle, Tex) 15'0"; 9. Tom Lindsay (La Sierra, Carmichael, Calif) 14'6"; 10. Wayne Hicks (Lee, Montgomery, Ala) 14'6"; 11. John Balsiger (Klamath Falls, Ore) 13'6". TJ(all jumps wind-aided), 3. Tom Gillam (Uniondale, NY) 48'7 3/4"; 4. Jerry Wooden (Sandy Spring, Atlanta, Ga) 48'2"; 5. Don Bailey (Denver, Colo) 47'8 3/4"; 6. Gerald Lytle (Huntington, NY) 47'2 3/4"; 7. Kevin Moore (Oroville, Calif) 46'9 3/4"; 8. John Douglas (Wheatridge, Colo) 42'11 1/2". SP, 4. Steve Adams (St Joseph's, Montvale, NJ) 62'10 1/2"; 5. Robert Brady (St Joseph's, Montvale, NJ) 62'6"; 6. Tom Stock (Belleville West, Belleville, Ill) 61'3 3/4"; 7. Steve Meyer (Jesus, New Orleans, La) 60'4 1/2"; 8. Ken Addy (Lee, Baton Rouge, La) 55'10 1/2"; 3fouls--Chris Adams. DT, 2. Mark Scheele (Arcadia, Phoenix, Ariz) 186'7"; 3. Charles Anderson (Porterville, Calif) 184'3"; 4. Jim Parker (Richardson, Tex) 179'0"; 5. Winchester 176'6"; 6. Bill Thomas (Tidehaven, Sulphur Springs, Tex) 176'2"; 7. Ty Higgins (Lower Moorland, Huntingdon Valley, Pa) 175'11"; 8. Steve Adams 175'0"; 9. Jeff Hammons (Douglas, Portland, Ore) 172'4". JT, 3. Greg Hunnicutt (Roseburg, Ore) 222'6"; 4. Dave Melville (Enterprise, Ore) 219'11"; 5. Steve Hopkins (Grant, Portland, Ore) 216'11"; 6. Don Fischer (Memorial, Cedar Grove, NJ) 202'4"; 7. Rick Davis (Central Linn, Halsey, Ore) 190'7".

Unofficial state scores (10-8-6-4-2-1 for six places)--California 88; 2. New York 54; 3. New Jersey 44; 4. Texas 37; 5. Florida 30; 6. Indiana 22; 7. Pennsylvania 21 1/2; 8. Oregon 19; 9. Illinois 16; 10. tie, Connecticut & Kansas 14.

Records Altered

The following record alterations have been reported since the II June issue. W=World; E=European; A=American; BC=British Commonwealth; C=collegiate.

PV	17'10 1/2"	W, E	Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)	Berlin, E Germany	6/17
400IH	48.8	=A, A	Ralph Mann (BYU)	Des Moines, Ia	6/20
440IH	48.8	W, A, C	Ralph Mann (BYU)	Des Moines, Ia	6/20
6M	27:30.8n C		Garry Bjorklund (Minn)	Bakersfield, Calif	6/27
3000St	8:22.0	W, BC	Kerry O'Brien (Aus)	Berlin, E Germany	7/4
INDOOR					
PV	17'7"	W, A, C	Jan Johnson (Kans)	Des Moines, Ia	6/20

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS (Continued from page 3)

Records to Mann, Johnson

top nine placers could have won the title with a strong showing the final day. As it developed, BYU, Kansas and Oregon shared second place with 35 points. Trailing were Washington State with 31, Oregon State 30, El Paso 28, UCLA 27 and Villanova 26.

Other leading developments included a 3:59.9 mile victory by Marty Liquori that just did stay the punishing finish of newcomer Dave Wottle, a 13:22.0 three-mile triumph by frosh Steve Prefontaine over another yearling, Garry Bjorklund, at 13:25.6, a solo 27:57.6 six-mile triumph by Bob Bertelsen and a 3:06.1 mile relay victory by UCLA whose foursome once again beat Rice.

These championships were expertly conducted to the benefit of the athletes, press and fans. Years of experience in staging the famous Drake Relays obviously gave a big boost in organizational planning, and the facilities including Tartan surfacing and a sunken infield expressly constructed to aid track buffs are amongst the best in the nation. The weather was overcast but warm on Thursday, clear and a beautiful 75° on Friday, and hard rain for half of Saturday. Attendance grew each day, from 3000, to 6500 to 12,500. (Dick Drake)

100 YARD DASH

Some fast sprinters were eliminated before the finals. Doug Hawken of Arizona State lost out by six inches in the first heat. Mickey Mathews of Kansas was edged in the second. In the third heat, national AAU champion Ivory Crockett was eliminated. Crockett, below par from an indoor groin injury, battled his way to fourth only to slow down at the wrong line. Earl Harris of Oklahoma State also went out with Crockett. In the last heat, frosh star Gerald Tinker, his leg heavily bandaged, gave up in the last few yards.

The semifinals were on Friday, 45 minutes before the final. In the first semi, Willie Turner came from last place to second with as fast a last 50 as any sprinter. He gained several yards on everybody. In the second semi, little Al Hearvey, Oregon freshman, edged four runners for the last spot.

Times were generally slower than expected. The pink Tartan track is softer than most. Only three 9.4s were run before the final--two by Isaac Curtis of California and one by little Bobby Turner of Cal Poly, whose start was suspiciously near a roll.

In the final, the start was ragged because of a remarkable variety of ability among the sprinters. Curtis was off two feet behind his little teammate, Eddie Hart. Willie Turner had his best start, but he still trailed and his slow pick-up lost more ground. Herb Washington, tall sophomore in the dark green of Michigan State, was off with Hart.

Curtis, a tall, 195-lb. freshman, was out all last year with injuries. This season, he missed several meets when Coach Dave Maggard chose to save his hamstring for better things. Today, it paid off when Curtis gained all the way on Hart and gave California the only one-two finish in NCAA 100-yard history, as both clocked 9.4.

Jim Green of Kentucky was given a generous 9.4 for third place, and Hearvey surprised for fourth. Willie Turner closed fast to place fifth ahead of Mel Gray and Washington. Gray had decided not to run in this meet, but changed his mind when he was selected for a tour to Vietnam which altered his summer work plans.

Hart, California junior college champion last year, is a short, slight runner with tremendously fast and smooth leg action. He had a habit of reaching his peak late in the season and Coach Maggard allowed him to do just that.

Hart said of teammate Curtis, "We gave encouragement to each other before the race."

Curtis said, "Ed and I have been winning back and forth this season and I guess it was his turn." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19, into 2.2mph wind): 1. Eddie Hart (Cal) 9.4; 2. Isaac Curtis (Cal) 9.4; 3. Jim Green (Ky) 9.4; 4. Al Hearvey (Ore) 9.5; 5. Willie Turner (Ore St) 9.5; 6. Mel Gray (Mo) 9.5; 7. Herb Washington (Mich St) 9.5; 8. Bobby Turner (Cal Poly/SLO) 9.7.

HEATS (6/18, four qualify): I(4.2mph wind)-1. Gray 9.5; 2. Hearvey 9.5; 3. Dave Masters (Cal) 9.6; 4. Mike Fray (El Paso) 9.6; 5. Doug Hawken (Ariz St) 9.6. II(5.0mph wind)-1. Harrington Jackson (El Paso) 9.5; 2. Reggie Robinson (UCLA) 9.5; 3. W. Turner 9.5; 4. Ed Hammonds (Memphis St);... 6. Mickey Mathews (Kans) 9.6. III(5.25)-1. Hart 9.5; 2. Washington 9.5; 3. Mike Goodrich (Ind) 9.5; 4. Norbert Payton (Wash St) 9.6; 5. Ivory Crockett (Sn Ill) 9.6; 6. Earl Harris (Okla St) 9.8. IV(5.0mph wind)-1. Curtis 9.4; 2. B. Turner 9.4; 3. Green 9.6; 4. Clyde Glosson (El Paso) 9.6; 5. Gerald Tinker (Memphis St) 9.6.

SEMIS (6/19, four qualify): I(3.7mph wind)-1. Curtis 9.4; 2. W. Turner 9.4; 3. Green 9.5; 4. Washington 9.5; 5. Robinson 9.7; 6. Jackson 9.7; 7. Payton 9.7; 8. Glosson 9.9. II(1.9mph wind)-1. Hart 9.5; 2. B. Turner 9.5; 3. Gray 9.5; 4. Hearvey 9.6; 5. Fray 9.6; 6. Goodrich 9.6; 7. Masters 9.6; 8. Hammonds 9.6.

220 YARD DASH

It has been a long time coming for Willie Turner, who mind boggled the track world with a world record equaling 10.0 for 100-meters in a non-winning effort at the California Relays and followed up with a 20.2 furlong second place at Sacramento in 1967. Injuries and a lessening of interest have held the Oregon State senior back until this year, when he claimed his most important victory at the Pac-8 meet with a 20.4 220 win. And now, running in the outside lane, Turner has not only picked up his first NCAA medal but the gold piece with a 20.6 triumph over a quality collegiate field.

The heats produced a tentative meet favorite with the emergence of North Carolina Central's Larry Black scooting through a 20.5 to reduce his life-time low by two-tenths. But he was never a contender in his semi, and could manage only a 21.6 time for a non-qualifying fifth.

There were four disqualifications in the heats for running out of lane around the oddly shaped turns, while four others scratched possibly because of the closeness to the 100 heats. Most significant people disqualified were

Kansas' Mickey Matthews, Long Beach State's Dan Moore and LSU's Al Coffee.

Hundred winner Eddie Hart and Turner both appeared to have a false start charged against them in the finals, some 40 minutes after the semis. Kentucky's Jim Green came out of the blocks ahead with Missouri's Mel Gray dogging him by the top of the curve. Hart never was in contention in his tight lane one spot. Green lost the lead at the beginning of the straight to Gray. Turner was in good position but definitely behind. Goodrich slipped past Green into third. Cal's Isaac Curtis went from sixth to fourth down the homestretch.

Turner's big spurt came about 20 yards from home, where he edged ahead of Gray for a 20.6 to 20.7 win. Goodrich closed well for his 20.7. Said Turner, "I knew that Gray and Hart were good curve runners, and that I had to sprint a good enough curve to be within two yards when we got to the straight. I feel my straightaway running is the fastest around." (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20, wind okay): 1. Willie Turner (Ore St) 20.6; 2. Mel Gray (Mo) 20.7; 3. Mike Goodrich (Ind) 20.7; 4. Isaac Curtis (Cal) 20.8; 5. Jim Green (Ky) 21.1; 6. Chuck Smith (Oxy) 21.3; 7. Mike Fratkin (Wm & Mary) 21.6; Eddie Hart (Cal) seventh in 21.4 but disqualified for running out of lane.

HEATS (6/18, three qualify): I(into 1.5mph wind)-1. Hart 20.9; 2. C. Smith 21.2; 3. Ernie Smith (Ore St) 21.3;... 5. Paul Gibson (El Paso) 22.8. II(into 1.9mph wind)-1. Larry Black (No Car Cent) 20.5; 2. Curtis 20.8; 3. Mike Fray (El Paso) 21.0; Al Coffee (LSU) 22.0, disqualified. III (3.7 wind)-1. Turner 20.9; 2. Clyde Glosson (El Paso) 21.0; 3. Ivory Crockett (Sn Ill) 21.1; 4. Larry Highbaugh (Ind) 21.1. IV(0.8mph wind)-1. Green 20.9; 2. Reggie Robinson (UCLA) 20.9; 3. Dave Masters (Cal) 21.0. V(5.5mph wind)-1. Goodrich 20.8; 2. Gray 20.9; 3. Fratkin 21.2;... 5. Harrington Jackson (El Paso) 22.0.

SEMIS (6/20, four qualify): I (wind okay)-1. Gray 21.0; 2. Turner 21.2; 3. C. Smith 21.3; 4. Fratkin 21.4; 5. Black 21.6; 6. Masters 21.7; Fray and Glosson scratched. II (wind okay)-1. Goodrich 20.7; 2. Curtis 21.1; 3. Green 21.4; 4. Hart 21.4; 5. E. Smith 21.5; 6. Crockett 21.9; 7. Robinson 21.9.

440 YARD DASH

Only a dozen quarter-milers showed up, which meant that only two athletes from each of two heats had to be eliminated before the finals. Nevertheless, the slowest qualifying time in either race was 46.9 while 46.5 just did squeak by in the other heat. There were no major surprises.

Judging from competitive record and times, the final appeared to be a race among world record holder Curtis Mills, the defending champ, Larry James, Tommy Turner, fast finishing Tom Ulan of Rutgers and improved John Smith of UCLA.

Smith and Mills went out the fastest, and by 180 yards they were joined by long-striding, loose handed Ulan--the only white competitor in the eight man final. James elected to ride along midway back in the pack, and came past the 220 post in 22.7. In a surprise move, Southern Cal's Edesel Garrison, fourth in this meet last year as a frosh but injured and off form this spring, suddenly darted into the lead coming off the final curve. It was a short lived bid, as Curtis reclaimed the lead with Ulan still in contention even for the title. Turner began a great stretch drive that had to overcome too many yards to overtake the better positioned but later starting James.

The last 50 yards were perhaps the most impressive and fastest of any James has run since his game Olympic performance in Mexico. And it resulted in a 45.5 upset win for the collegian in his final effort for Villanova. The best sustained drive was Turner's, which just did catch Mills as both ran 45.8. Smith and Ulan both faded slightly from their earlier fast pace, and finished next in 46.0 each. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Larry James (Vill) 45.5; 2. Tommie Turner (Murray St) 45.8; 3. Curtis Mills (Tex A&M) 45.8; 4. John Smith (UCLA) 46.0; 5. Tom Ulan (Rutgers) 46.0; 6. Edesel Garrison (Sn Cal) 46.1; 7. Clyde McPherson (Adelphi) 46.8; 8. Clarence Palmer (Long Beach St) 47.3.

HEATS (6/19, four qualify): I-1. James 46.1; 2. Smith 46.1; 3. Mills 46.3; 4. Palmer 46.5; 5. Jackie Colbert (Lamar Tech) 46.6; 6. Terry Musika (Ind) 47.1. II-1. Turner 46.4; 2. Ulan 46.4; 3. Garrison 46.7; 4. McPherson 46.9.

880 YARD RUN

This year's field lacked the great depth of last year, but the runners were smarter. The result was slower times in the preliminaries. Only Mark Winzenried ran under 1:50 in the heats, and after his 1:49.9 he said, "I was relaxed and loose."

John Drew of California charged down the stretch inside of runners in the first heat and qualified, but he was disqualified for cutting in too soon on the backstretch.

Mathyas Michael, a compulsive front runner from Ethiopia at Cal Poly, set the pace in the first semi and times were faster. Art Sandison, last year's runner-up, lacked his previous sharpness and barely qualified ahead of Harvard's Keith Colburn in a driving finish.

The second semi was run in the slowest time (1:52.1) of any recent preliminaries. With Ken Swenson of Kansas State leading, and Winzenried bringing up the rear, they passed the 440 in 56.3. A 27.6 220 shook off two runners and the four qualifiers breezed home.

In the final, Kansas freshman Brian McElroy started fast but Winzenried caught him on the backstretch and led at the 220 in 25.3. Sandison moved past McElroy, with Swenson fifth. Pat Collins of Oregon State trailed in 25.9.

Into the home stretch, Michael moved to the front in 52.4, followed by Collins. Swenson passed Michael. Down the backstretch, Winzenried sprinted but Collins held him off in 1:19.0 and Winzenried went into the last curve in second place. Behind him, Swenson ran evenly while Sandison allowed them to open a small gap. Michael faded a little, and the others were out of it.

Winzenried moved alongside Collins before they straightened out for the



TOP: Cal sprinters Eddie Hart (82) and Isaac Curtis (78) scored the first-ever one-two sweep in the NCAA 100, their 9.4s topping (l-r) Jim Green, Bob Turner and Willie Edesal Garrison, defending champ Curtis Mills, Tom Turner, Clyde McPherson and Tom Ulan. (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

BOTTOM: Larry James (655) jubilantly hits the tape to take the NCAA 440 in 45.5 from (l-r) Edesal Garrison, Tom Turner, Clyde McPherson and Tom Ulan. (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

Collegiate miling's reigning king, Villanova's Marty Liquori (r), holds off the latest challenger to his throne, Bowling Green's Dave Wottle (l) here in the NCAA meet. Liquori defended his title in the rain with 3:59.9 to Wottle's 4:00.1. (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

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homestretch run, and Swenson moved up to Winzenried. For a moment they were three abreast, and they finished in inverse order of the energy they had wasted in the backstretch sprint. Winzenried faded and Swenson began to pull away from Collins.

Swenson won his first national title by two-tenths in 1:46.3 for a PR by 1.4 seconds. Sandison's kick came too late and he finished in 1:47.0 behind Collins. Winzenried clocked 1:47.3, ahead of the 1:47.9 by Michael. Bob Kaczka of South Carolina finished well in a PR 1:48.6.

After his heat, in 1:50.2, Swenson said, "I didn't feel too good today." After his 1:52.1 semi, he said, "I didn't feel real good today." After his 1:46.3 (making him equal fifth-fastest 880 performer all-time), he felt fine. (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Ken Swenson (Kans St) 1:46.3; 2. Pat Collins (Ore St) 1:46.5; 3. Art Sandison (Wash St) 1:47.0; 4. Mark Winzenried (Wisc) 1:47.3; 5. Mathyas Michael (Cal Poly/SLO) 1:47.9; 6. Bob Kaczka (So Car) 1:48.6; 7. Brian McElroy (Kans) 1:51.8; 8. Andy O'Reilly (Vill) 1:52.5.

HEATS (6/18, four qualify): I-1. Michael 1:50.1; 2. Kaczka 1:50.2; 3. Swenson 1:50.2; 4. John Lilly (Ore St) 1:50.3; 5. Mike Mosley (Tex) 1:50.5. II-1. Winzenried 1:49.9; 2. McElroy 1:50.0; 3. Dennis Stephens (No Tex St) 1:50.1; 4. Collins 1:50.1. III-1. O'Reilly 1:50.4; 2. Sandison 1:50.4; 3. Bob Langston (UCLA) 1:50.5; 4. Keith Colburn (Harv) 1:50.5; 5. Jim Neihouse (Kans) 1:50.7.

SEMIS (6/19): I-1. Collins 1:49.3; 2. Michael 1:49.5; 3. O'Reilly 1:49.6; 4. Sandison 1:49.8; 5. Colburn 1:49.9; 6. Stephens 1:51.4. II-1. Swenson 1:52.1; 2. Winzenried 1:52.1; 3. Kaczka 1:52.9; 4. McElroy 1:53.6; 5. Lilly 1:54.3; 6. Langston 1:56.8.

ONE MILE RUN

In a generally disappointing event, one bright new face emerged. In a field where eight men had run under four minutes, David Wottle's 3:59.0 did not make him one of the favorites, and this was his first big mile race.

After fast heats ranging in time from Roscoe Divine's 4:02.9 to Chris Mason's 4:07.9, the favorites were Divine and last year's number one in the world, Marty Liquori.

The pace was set by Wottle, a slight, curly blond in the orange of Bowling Green. Liquori used the sitter tactic and ran second behind Wottle's 59.5 and 2:03.6. After 2½ uneventful laps, the happening began. On the backstretch, Jerry Richey of Pitt dashed into the lead. On the curve, Divine, who had run 10th most of the way, slowed and stopped, a victim of tendonitis which became severe after his trial heat. In the homestretch, little Hector Ortiz of Western Kentucky sped into the lead and tried to pull away.

Liquori, one of the coolest milers ever seen, kept himself in second place. Ortiz opened a four-yard gap, but Liquori says, "Ortiz didn't scare me. I ran against him in high school and beat him when he tried the same tactics."

On the last backstretch, Liquori shifted into high gear and quickly opened a large gap. Wottle followed, belatedly, and he was eight yards behind when he entered the homestretch. Then came a sprint which points a finger at Wottle as a future threat. He cut Liquori's lead to three yards. Later, Liquori, who won by two tenths in 3:59.9, said, "I didn't realize he had that kind of kick.

Jerry Richey told me about it after the race."

Howell Michael of William & Mary finished with a powerful drive which brought him from the rear half of the pack to third place in 4:01.9. Dennis Savage of Westmont outleaned Bill Smart of Washington for fourth, 4:02.6 to 4:02.7. (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Marty Liquori (Vill) 3:59.9; 2. Dave Wottle (Bowling Green) 4:00.1; 3. Howell Michael (Wm&Mary) 4:01.9; 4. Dennis Savage (Westmont) 4:02.6; 5. Bill Smart (Wash) 4:02.7; 6. Morgan Mosser (W Va) 4:03.5; 7. Jerry Richey (Pitt) 4:03.8; 8. Chris Mason (Vill) 4:04.0; 9. Hector Ortiz (Wn Ky) 4:05.7; 10. Don Vandrey (Wisc) 4:05.9; 11. Dave Pryseski (Ohio St) 4:11.4; Roscoe Divine (Ore) did not finish.

HEATS (6/18, three qualify): I-1. Divine 4:02.9; 2. Richey 4:03.2; 3. Mosser 4:03.7; 4. Ken Popejoy (Ill) 4:05.4; 5. Mike Mullins (UCLA) 4:05.6; 6. Greg Nelson (Minn) 4:05.8; dnf--Roy Shaw (Harv), Mehdi Jaouhar (Hous) & Dave Wright (Vill). II-1. Savage 4:04.5; 2. Ortiz 4:06.6; 3. Liquori 4:07.4; 4. John Baker (Md) 4:09.4; 5. Jim Backus (Pepp) 4:09.5; 6. Len Hilton (Hous) 4:11.8... 9. Tom Morrow (Ore) 4:21.3. III-1. Michael 4:06.9; 2. Vandrey 4:07.5; 3. Mason 4:07.9; 4. Bob Messina (S Diego St) 4:08.9; 5. Bob Rhen (Ore) 4:12.3; 6. Peter Kaal (Oklahoma State) 4:14.0. IV-1. Wottle 4:04.0; 2. Smart 4:04.0; 3. Pryseski 4:04.4; 4. Mike Solomon (Kans) 4:04.4; 5. Cliff West (Cal) 4:06.2; 6. Roger Beardmore (Duke) 4:06.9... 8. Duncan MacDonald (Stan) 4:09.8.

THREE MILE RUN

Runners were on the track, warming up for the first three-mile heats in meet history, when a last-minute scratch narrowed the field to 20 to make heats unnecessary.

In Saturday's final, Don Rowe of St. John's led in 67.0 and 2:14.0. Then, stocky Steve Prefontaine sent Oregon's green and lemon colors to the front. He set an easy pace which allowed many runners to stay in the first division. Prefontaine passed one mile in 4:28.8 and two-miles in 9:03.0. At that point, he was closely followed by another freshman, Garry Bjorklund of Minnesota, IC4A champ Dick Buerkle of Villanova, Jay Mason of Kansas, little Ed Norris of Kent State, Greg Fredericks of Penn State, bearded Martin Robb of Providence, tall Don Kardong of Stanford, and Rowe. Ten yards behind Rowe were red-headed Doug Scorrar of Ohio State and defending champion Ole Oleson of Southern Cal.

The 69½-second pace continued, and Rowe fell back. With two laps to go, in 11:21.6, Buerkle and Bjorklund moved alongside Prefontaine and the racing began. Buerkle tried to break it open, but the other two stayed on his heels. At the gun, Kardong was 22 yards behind Bjorklund and three ahead of Fredericks.

Prefontaine led Bjorklund and Buerkle by five yards on the backstretch. Then the great freshman began a hard sprint and he pulled away rapidly. He looked back in mid-turn, but he did not slow down even though he won by over 20 yards. His last 880 was in a startling 2:00.4 and his final quarter in 57.7 for a 13:22.0 overall.

Bjorklund, only 18-years-old, ran his last 880 in 2:03.9 and beat Buerkle by 2.2 seconds in 13:25.6. Kardong put on a fast finish and almost caught Buerkle from 30 yards behind on the backstretch for a 13:28.0. Fredericks lost only about two more yards to Kardong in the last half lap and still bettered the meet record with his 13:30.0. The others fell far behind.

Prefontaine had split the web in between two toes in a swimming accident, and he ran with seven stitches in it. "I had the foot padded and taped,"

he said after the race. "I haven't looked at it yet. I'm kinda scared to do it. My foot really didn't bother me during the race, just during the last 165 yards."

Even though his 13:22.0 broke Gerry Lindgren's meet record by almost 12 seconds, Prefontaine said, "Why should I take off early when I can run an easier race and sprint at the end? I wasn't running for time today. I was glad someone else took the pace there for awhile. I knew it would depend on the last quarter, and I knew I was faster on that than the rest." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 13:22.0; 2. Garry Bjorklund (Minn) 13:25.6; 3. Dick Buerkle (Vill) 13:27.8; 4. Don Kardong (Stan) 13:28.0; 5. Greg Fredericks (Penn St) 13:30.0; 6. Martin Robb (Prov) 13:39.4; 7. Jay Mason (Kans) 13:41.0; 8. Ed Norris (Kent St) 13:43.6; 9. Don Rowe (St John's) 13:45.0; 10. Bill Scobey (Humboldt St) 13:45.6; 11. Gareth Hayes (N Car St) 13:48.6; 12. Ole Oleson (Sn Cal) 13:51.0; 13. Doug Scorrar (Ohio St) 14:05.6; 14. Tom Spengler (Harv) 14:06.0; 15. Dave Anderson (Kans) 14:09.6; 16. Jerry Dirkes (St Cloud St) 14:19.6; 17. Jeff Lough (Long Beach St) 14:28.2; 18. Herman Atkins (Wash) 14:51.6; John Stewart (LSU), Chuck Winsor (San Diego St) did not finish.

SIX MILE RUN

Kerry Pearce of El Paso started too fast, passing the 880 in 2:15.6, the mile in 4:32.0 and two-miles in 9:15.0, and the runners who followed him closely came to grief. Rick Riley, runner-up last year, said, "I felt tired at three-miles." He faded back and had to put on a strong finish to place sixth. John Bednarski, third at the mile, finished 16th and Vic Nelson, fourth at the mile, finished 18th. Pearce himself finished seventh.

Bob Bertelsen, a long, lean runner in the all-white of Ohio U, caught up with Pearce at 2 1/4 miles and took the lead. He passed the three-mile in 13:57.6 and began to draw away from Pearce two laps later.

Bertelsen, who usually runs 18 to 22 miles a day, kept pulling away until he won by more than a quarter of a lap in a meet record time of 27:57.6. After running steady laps of 70-plus, he ran the last one in 65.9.

"I was half going for the record and half just trying to finish. I didn't look back. I knew my kick is not good, and if someone with speed was close he might catch me."

David Hindley, BYU's over-age freshman from England, moved past Pearce into second place on the 16th lap and held it to the end.

Jon Anderson, a tall junior at Cornell, moved ahead of Pearce at four-miles. A native of Eugene, Oregon, he was a 9:34 high school two-miler and unsuccessful last year. Longer and harder workouts made the difference. He was seven seconds behind Hindley at five miles, but he closed steadily and passed Hindley on the last curve. Hindley repassed him in the middle of the home-stretch to gain a six-tenth margin in 28:19.2.

Fred Ritcherson, a freshman at Southern California, had not had a good season after his 8:55.2 victory in the 1969 Golden West two-mile, but he is a marathon runner. In the middle of the race he was in 12th place, far back. He began to pass runners, gaining on everybody except Bertelsen. But at 4 1/2 miles he slowed and had to speed up at the end to save fourth place with a 28:36.8.

Ron Stonitsch, hard-working leader of the CW Post team, trailed 10 to 70 yards behind Ritcherson most of the way, but he closed to get a 28:41.0 fifth-place clocking.

A huge field of 42 runners started in ideal weather. Many of them were on their way to personal records but officials forced them off the track when they were lapped by Bertelsen. (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19): 1. Bob Bertelsen (Ohio U) 27:57.6; 2. Dave Hindley (BYU) 28:19.2; 3. Jon Anderson (Cornell) 29:19.8; 4. Fred Ritcherson (Sn Cal) 28:36.8; 5. Ron Stonitsch (CW Post) 28:41.0; 6. Rick Riley (Wash St) 28:44.2; 7. Kerry Pearce (El Paso) 28:51.2; 8. Donal Walsh (Vill) 28:54.0; 9. John Collet (DePaul) 28:56.4; 10. Ken Howse (Ill) 28:57.4; 11. Bob Legge (Ind) 28:59.2; 12. Gary Harris (Wn Mich) 29:02.6; 13. Greg Brock (Stan) 29:02.6; 14. Hartzell Alpizar (UCLA) 29:03.2; 15. John Jones (Air Force) 29:07.8; 16. John Bednarski (El Paso) 29:11.0; 17. Tracy Elliott (Bowling Green) 29:38.0; 18. Vic Nelson (Ky) 29:39.6; Mark Hiefield (Wash St), John Cragg (St John's/Minn), John Vitale (Conn), Dennis McGuire (Ia St), Jerry Liebenberg (Wn Mich) among 42 starters lapped and waved off track.

3000 METER STEEPLECHASE

The trials and final of the steeplechase were contested in two exaggerated extremes of weather conditions--both the worst of the meet for any running event. The heats, needed for the first time in the 15 year history of the event, were the first races held Thursday afternoon when the heat wave with its high humidity was still like a steam bath. Fortunately, these two races were the only distance events affected by the heat during this meet.

The final came as the first event of the Saturday running program--only minutes after a torrential downpour--described by one Drake University official as the hardest he'd encountered for a Des Moines track competition--unleashed itself with strong winds.

The final might have been aptly described as the 3000-meter waterchase whose winner could sink or swim. And Sidney Sink not only kept afloat but charged away from the field with 1 1/2 laps remaining to record an impressive PR and meet standard of 8:41.0. "I like running in the rain, though I didn't notice it much as I was thinking too much about winning," explained the Bowling Green State junior from Connecticut.

The trials were relatively uneventful, though the meet's only distance doubler Dave Hindley, BYU frosh also scheduled to run the six-mile, was the second-quickest qualifier with his first heat win of 8:59.4. Western Michigan's Jerome Liebenberg, a co-event favorite, bagged the other in 8:58.6.

The Indian head-banded Liebenberg grabbed the lead of the final quickly and pushed a quick pace that left the 12 finalists strung out over 25 yards by 1 1/2 laps. By four laps Liebenberg maintained a slight margin over Miami's Dennis Bayham, Villanova's Des MacCormack and Sink. On the backstretch, Sink moved into the fore as Liebenberg slipped to third--which they switched by the completion of the lap. But Sink was obviously keen to open up the race, and had 10 yards on Liebenberg who had as many on Oregon's Steve Savage by the end of six laps.

As Sink widened the margin as the rain poured harder and the winner was no longer in doubt, Savage was closing fast on Liebenberg and the two waged a tight battle for second before Liebenberg stayed Savage by a second in 8:44.6--a PR for Liebenberg. Hindley, who placed second in the six the day before, closed well on the final go-round to finish fifth in 8:52.6 behind the 8:50.4 of Eastern Kentucky's Ken Silvius. The times were impressive because of not only the hard rain but also because of a sharp curve after the water-jump located outside the track.

Jim Johnson, impressive Washington sophomore, came down with a glandular infection between the heat and the final. He was confined to bed in the off-day and struggled home last in 9:39.0. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Sid Sink (Bowling Green) 8:41.0; 2. Jerry Liebenberg (Wn Mich) 8:44.6; 3. Steve Savage (Ore) 8:45.6; 4. Ken Silvius (En Ky) 8:50.4; 5. Dave Hindley (BYU) 8:52.6; 6. Dennis Bayham (Miami/O) 8:57.0; 7.

LEFT: Bob Bertelsen, class of collegiate six-milers all season, proved it again at Des Moines, chugging 24 laps in 27:57.6 for an over-20-second victory. (Photo by Don Wilkinson) FAR RIGHT: Arnie Robinson surprised the experts, the competitors, and even himself by taking the NCAA long jump at 25'10 1/2". (Jeff Jacobsen, Topeka Capital-Journal)

BELOW: As if a runner doesn't get wet enough in a steeplechase on a dry day, the NCAA race was staged during a torrential downpour. But it hardly mattered to Sid Sink (r) who certainly didn't live up to his name. His 8:41.0 sank all opposition, including (r-l) Don Timm, Ken Silvius and Steve Savage. (Photo by Don Wilkinson)



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Don Timm (Minn) 9:02.2; 8. Des McCormack (Vill) 9:09.2; 9. Steve Kelley (Ind) 9:10.0; 10. Bob Gray (Ark St U) 9:11.2; 11. Brook Thomas (Stan) 9:18.2; 12. Jim Johnson (Wash) 9:39.0.

HEATS (6/18, six qualify): I-1. Hindley 8:59.4; 2. Gray 8:59.4; 3. Johnson 9:00.0; 4. Sink 9:02.4; 5. Bayham 9:04.0; 6. McCormack 9:06.4; 7. Jon Callen (Kans) 9:10.2; 8. Dave Hein (Wn Mich) 9:10.6; 9. Jim Gorman (Ore) 9:26.0. II-1. Liebenberg 8:58.6; 2. Thomas 9:04.4; 3. Silvious 9:04.6; 4. Kelley 9:04.8; 5. Timm 9:05.8; 6. Savage 9:06.4.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES

In the absence of injured Bill High and small college champion Bill Tip-ton, only Paul Gibson of El Paso and 13.2 hurdler Tom Hill of Arkansas State University were given a chance to win.

Gibson won the first heat in 13.6 and Hill won the third in 13.5. In between, Marcus Walker of Colorado looked formidable with 13.8. Hill, who only started hurdling in 1968, said, "I ran all out... everything I had. I try not to loaf. Today, I blew it on the last one."

On Friday, Walker won the first semi in 13.7 against a wind of 5.65 mph. Gibson, wearing a bandage high on one leg, ran only 13.9 and Walker's stock rose. Hill won the other race in 13.6.

In the finals an hour later, Hill seemed a sure winner and there were doubts that Gibson could beat Walker. A wind of 3.7 mph blew against them. Hill knocked over the first hurdle. Then, he hit the fourth too hard and lost his stride. He fell behind and hit more hurdles. He finished fifth in 13.9.

Walker was off fast and ran his greatest race, finishing in 13.6. Gibson, running without his bandage, was once again the man who pressed Willie Davenport a month earlier. He caught up with Walker in the middle of the race and edged ahead for his 13.6 win. He said, "I only knew I won when I looked at the photo."

Ron Draper of North Carolina Central was third all the way after Hill fell back. Godfrey Murray, Michigan freshman, closed with a rush to pass Hill and place fourth. Both Draper and Murray clocked 13.8.

Gibson said, "I thought the final would be faster. The track seemed a little softer this year. There were an awful lot of hurdles hit today. I hit three myself."

Hill said, "I couldn't tell you how many hurdles I hit. I just wasn't leaning as I went into the hurdles." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19, into 0.7mph wind): 1. Paul Gibson (El Paso) 13.6; 2. Marcus Walker (Colo) 13.6; 3. Ron Draper (No Car Cent) 13.8; 4. Godfrey Murray (Mich) 13.8; 5. Tom Hill (Ark St U) 13.9; 6. Jim Bolding (Okla St) 14.0; 7. Preston Carrington (Wichita St) 14.1; 8. Dick Olsen (Wash St) 14.1.

HEATS (6/18, four qualify): I(5.5mph wind)-1. Gibson 13.6; 2. Murray 14.0; 3. Greg Gilliland (Rice) 14.1; 4. Bill Novo (So Car) 14.4. II(4.5 mph wind)-1. Walker 13.8; 2. Draper 13.8; 3. Tyrone Dutton (Sn Cal) 13.9; 4. James Lowe (Cal Poly/SLO) 14.2. III(4.3mph wind)-1. Hill 13.5; 2. Bolding 14.0; 3. Olsen 14.0; 4. Carrington 14.1.

SEMIS (6/19, four qualify): I(into 5.65mph wind)-1. Walker 13.7; 2. Gibson 13.9; 3. Carrington 14.0; 4. Murray 14.1; 5. Dutton 14.3; 6. Lowe 14.4. II(1.2mph wind)-1. Hill 13.6; 2. Draper 13.9; 3. Olsen 14.1; 4. Bolding 14.2; 5. Gilliland 14.4; 6. Novo 14.6.

440 YARD INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

The Drake University Tartan track has suddenly become the sea-level mecca for intermediate hurdling. Earlier in the year, it yielded the 49.4 American record breaking mark by Ralph Mann. Now, in the championship meet, it has given rise to the 48.8 and 49.2 clockings by Mann and Wayne Collett which dipped under the oldest untried world standard (49.3) on the books and became the two quickest non-altitude clockings ever and the second and fourth fastest marks including metric clockings at Mexico and South Lake Tahoe. And these latter marks resulted just as a hard rain storm was letting up and leaving blotches of water around the oval.

The heats and semis saw Collett and Mann follow different strategies. Collett blasted both races through the seventh hurdle where he encountered difficulties in overstriding as he switched from 13 to 15 steps but still hung on for the fastest times. His 50.2 in the first trial was a full second faster than the rest of the field, and his 50.5 was three-tenths better in the semis. Mann, meanwhile, was content to hold off on the pace-collecting a second in his heat at 51.5 and a third behind Collett in the semis at 51.4. Wes Williams, second in last year's NCAA championships, won his heat in 51.8 and semi in 50.8. No contenders were eliminated along the way.

For the final, Mann drew a near-perfect lane five while Collett was stuck with the outside lane eight which not only has the usual disadvantage of no view of the race but was up tight against a wall and rail over which spectators hung into a lane already narrower than the other seven.

Idaho State's Jim Wharton and Mann got the jump on the field by the first hurdle but Collett was up on the pair by the second and was a definite leader by the third after speedy surge. Collett hit the midway point in 23.5, at which point Williams was beginning to move though hardly denting the big lead of the duo. Collett once again overstrided at the final curve, at which juncture Mann strided ahead to stay. Midway down the homestretch, Mann had a fairly significant advantage but Collett narrowed that to about three yards at the final barrier and used his quarter-mile speed to close the gap by the tape. Williams came home ahead of Wharton, 50.3 to 50.6.

Absolutely no one queried about the finish agreed that Collett could have been four-tenths behind Mann, who had turned 21 this week and had been married three weeks before. Collett was charging home extremely fast, almost as though he felt he had a chance to win. Many observers believed that two-tenths was the furthest the two could have been apart, and at least three watches confirmed this from the press box with 49.0 times for Collett. Unfortunately for Collett, the Bulova Phototimer was rained out of operation with the first event and never was functional again. Two watches caught Mann in 48.8 and one in 49.0, while both of the second place stopwatches on Collett read 49.2.

Mann didn't think he could break 49-flat, and when he was informed of his 48.8 he was obviously stunned and moved. In alternate moves of jumping up and bending down to kiss the track, he kept shaking his head no. Finally, it became too much for him as he began crying on the shoulder of his coach, Clarence Robison.

It marked the first occasion Mann had ever beaten Collett, whom he had met many times previously--especially in high school over the flat quarter route. While Collett hadn't run the intermediates in 1969, he had hurdled them a couple of times in 1968. He claimed a PR of 50.0 in his second of six races prior to coming to Des Moines.

Mann attributed much of his improvement to overdistance training and extensive weight workouts. Now a junior, he ran 51.6 as a frosh and 49.6 in 69. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Ralph Mann (BYU) 48.8 WR, AR, CR; 2. Wayne Collett (UCLA) 49.2; 3. Wes Williams (San Diego St) 50.3; 4. Jim Wharton (Idaho St) 50.6; 5. Ron Rondeau (El Paso) 50.7; 6. Jim Seymour (Wash) 51.2; 7. Hardee McAlhane (Tenn) 51.6; 8. Wayne Hartwick (Mich St) 52.3.

HEATS (6/18, four qualify): I-1. Dave Wyatt (Mid Tenn St) 51.2; 2. Mann 51.5; 3. McAlhane 51.5; 4. Seymour 51.5; 5. Rich Weaver (PMC Coll) 52.2. II-1. Collett 50.2; 2. Wharton 51.5; 3. Rondeau 51.9; 4. Hartwick 52.1; 5. Bob McLennan (Cal) 52.2. III-1. Williams 51.8; 2. Dick Olsen (Wash St) 52.3; 3. Chuck Harvey (Penn St) 52.6; 4. Dave Prince (Tex AM) 52.7.

SEMIS (6/19, four qualify): I-1. Williams 50.8; 2. Seymour 51.2; 3. McAlhane 51.3; 4. Hartwick 51.4; 5. Olsen 51.6; Wyatt dnf. II-1. Collett 50.5; 2. Rondeau 51.3; 3. Mann 51.4; 4. Wharton 51.5; 5. Prince 52.5; Harvey 52.2, disqualified for running out of lane.

HIGH JUMP

The high jump calls for a lot of tactics because a pass is better than clearing the bar... if all else is equal. But Pat Matzdorf of Wisconsin uses another tactic. He clears every height until he wins.

Matzdorf, a 6'3" sophomore, failed to place in his conference meet, but he cleared 7'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " last week in the Wisconsin AAU. He was one of three men who qualified at 6'10" on Thursday without a miss.

On Friday, nine of the 10 finalists passed the opening height of 6'6", but Matzdorf cleared it. At 6'8", two men passed again and Chris Celion of BYU missed once. Seven jumpers cleared on their first attempts and Matzdorf was now seventh.

At 6'10", everybody cleared on his first attempt except John Radetich of Oregon State, who missed badly three times. Matzdorf was now in 10th place.

Six jumpers passed at 6'11". Gary Haupt of Indiana barely made it on his third jump, to place sixth. Joe David of Maryland went out. Matzdorf curled over the bar on his first attempt.

At 7'0", four cleared on their first attempts and Celion brushed over on his third. Matzdorf, who had not yet missed, was now in fourth place. At 7'1", the two Swedes at BYU, Celion and tall Ken Lundmark, went out along with 6'8" basketball star Willie Sojourner in the all-purple of Weber State.

Peter Wright, an Australian at Washington State, was leading with his three passes, but he ticked the bar off at 7'1". Jumping from his right foot, like Sojourner, Wright cleared 7'1" easily on his second attempt. But Matzdorf had made it on his first, and when both men went out at 7'2", Matzdorf was the champion. His tactic of clearing the bar on his first attempt proved successful.

Matzdorf became the first field eventer from the Big 10 to win an NCAA title since 1958, when Jim Johnston of Purdue tied for the vault title.

Matzdorf gave credit to Bill Perrin, new assistant to new coach Bob Brennan at Wisconsin. "He got me to change my style. He got me to run at the bar from a different angle and to lift my trail leg, not kick it over the bar." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19, 10 qualifiers cleared 6'10" on 6/18): 1. Pat Matzdorf (Wisc) 7'1"; 2. Peter Wright (Wash St) 7'1"; 3. (tie) Willie Sojourner (Weber St) & Ken Lundmark (BYU) 7'0"; 5. Chris Celion (BYU) 7'0"; 6. Gary Haupt (Ind) 6'11"; 7. (tie) Joe David (Md), Scott English (El Paso) & Clarence Johnson (Cal) 6'10"; John Radetich (Ore St) no height.

POLE VAULT

The vault field was considered one of the weakest in the meet. Jon Vaughn, 1968 champion, was so afraid of reinjuring his leg that he ran through twice and went only halfway up on his three qualifying vaults. Casey Carrigan had suffered illness and injury and was barely able to qualify at 16'0" on his third attempt. The only other 17-footer in the field was Finn Alti Alarotu, who had never come through in a big meet.

But this meet once again presented the birth of a new star.

A near cloud burst made the pink Tartan runway slippery, and after Steve Smith of Southern Cal fell and injured his hip, the event was moved into the nearby fieldhouse. When the outdoor meet ended, a few hundred spectators moved inside and found seven vaulters competing at 16'0" on the green Tartan. The three over 16'0" on their first attempts were Carrigan, Jeff Sakala of UCLA and Jan Johnson of Kansas.

Alarotu, left-handed Paul Heglar of El Paso and Dave Roberts of Rice cleared on their second attempts and Jack Ernst of Washington State cleared on his third. At 16'6", Heglar, Johnson and Alarotu cleared on their first attempts and the other four failed.

The bar was raised to 17'0". Heglar and Johnson missed, but Alarotu, bespectacled and sporting a tiny mustache, cleared on his first vault. Form was being followed and most spectators thought the event was all but over.

Instead, they saw the birth of Jan Johnson as a great vaulter.

After Heglar cleared on his second attempt, Johnson cleared on his third. He was a happy 19-year-old, for his best previous vault was 16'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". A 5'11" sophomore, down to 156-lbs. for this meet, Johnson still hoped to win, for he had cleared 17'2" in practice. "My goal here was 17'4".

With the bar at 17'4", Johnson hit it hard. The bar sank about three inches, then bounced, but it stayed on. When Alarotu missed his first attempt,

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he passed, while Heglar missed two more.

Everybody thought the fireworks were over, but Johnson kept vaulting. It was after 7:00 p.m. when he tried 17'7". He sailed cleanly over the bar and there was joy... and amazement... all over the field house.

He started his run off the short embankment of the track as do many vaulters indoors and the acceptance of the mark as a global best will not be jeopardized for this reason.

Alarotu passed again. Then, while Dutch Warmerdam balanced on top of a ladder to measure the bar at 18'0", people talked enthusiastically about Johnson. Vern Wolfe, Southern Cal coach, said Johnson's success came from his speed (9.6) and a perfect plant which holds the pole rigid until all that force hits it and makes it bend spectacularly. This enables Johnson to hold at 15'9", probably the highest ever. "He's hot today," Wolfe added. "Boy, is he hot!"

At 18'0", Johnson missed, just as the spectators expected, but his body was high. He missed again, barely getting his toes over. Then, on his third attempt, he raised his whole body higher than the bar, passing it before it fell to the pit. "I hit it with my armpit on the way off," he said. "If I could have relaxed more I would have been all right."

Kansas coach Bob Timmons credits his assistant coaches for Johnson's success. John Mitchell, who coached Paul Wilson in high school, was Johnson's coach last year. This year, Harvey Greer continued the job which has track fans buzzing with anticipation. (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/20, 11 qualifiers cleared 16'0" on 6/18): 1. Jan Johnson (Kans) 17'7" WIR, AIR, CIR; 2. Alti Alarotu (BYU) 17'0"; 3. Paul Heglar (El Paso) 17'0"; 4. (tie) Casey Carrigan (Stan) & Jeff Sakala (UCLA) 16'0"; 6. Dave Roberts (Rice) 16'0"; 7. Jack Ernst (Wash St) 16'0"; Dickie Phillips (Rice), Bruce Simpson (UCLA), Steve Smith (Sn Cal) & Bud Williamson (Md) no height.

LONG JUMP

Arnie Robinson began to hope to win the NCAA championship about a month ago. A 25'6" jumper in junior college last season, the 6'2", 160-lb. San Diego State junior had jumped only 25'2" this year. But his coach corrected Robinson's high jumping habit of crossing his lead leg in front. With his balance corrected, Robinson knew he had a chance because he had many good jumps from a takeoff behind the board.

He almost went out in the qualifying round, but 25'2³/₄" on his last chance placed him third. In Friday's final, "I knew I needed a big one early. I knew the wind would shift and it did." He managed to put his spikes on the board and his first jump was 25'10³/₄", good enough to win.

Bouncy Moore, Oregon's promising soph prospect, jumped 25'6" on his first effort for second place. Moore had four of the eight jumps longer than 25'3" in the finals.

Preston Carrington, a leading multiple-event athlete from Wichita State, came through with 25'5¹/₂" on his third jump.

Defending champion Jerry Proctor of Redlands jumped 25'8" in the qualifying round, but his best in the finals was 25'4" on his second effort. He said, "The runway was like running on mud. The winds hit you both ways coming to the board, making it tough to judge your step."

Henry Jackson, a 26'5" jumper whose career has been plagued by injuries, managed only 25'2". Tom Smith of Oregon, leading qualifier at 25'10", placed sixth in the finals with 25'1¹/₄" on his fifth jump.

The shy winner said, "I don't know how to act. This is the first big meet

I've ever won." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19): 1. Arnie Robinson (San Diego St) 25'10³/₄" (25'10³/₄", pass, 23'7¹/₄", 24'6³/₄", 25'4¹/₄", pass); 2. Bouncy Moore (Ore) 25'6"; 3. Preston Carrington (Wichita St) 25'5¹/₂"; 4. Jerry Proctor (Redlands) 25'4"; 5. Henry Jackson (Wn Ky) 25'2"; 6. Tom Smith (Ore) 25'1¹/₄"; 7. Ira Russell (Mich) 24'11¹/₂"; 8. John Johnson (UCLA) 24'8³/₄"; 9. Jerry Gaines (Va Tech) 24'1¹/₄"; 10. Noel Hare (Harv) 23'10"; 11. Rich Feezel (NWN) 22'11"; Don Robinson (Wayne St) no mark.

TRIPLE JUMP

It was a crazy, mixed-up event. Some of the favorites failed in Friday's qualifying round, including 51'10³/₄" jumper Robert Reader of Oregon State, Chuck Steffes of New Mexico, a 52-footer, and Preston Carrington of Wichita State. Henry Jackson didn't jump.

On Saturday, after a torrential rain made the runway slick, and with a fickle wind twisting jumpers from unexpected angles, jumping was erratic.

Mohinder Gill, lean Sikh with a flowing beard, brought Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo, Calif., a national championship which does not count for points under the weird NCAA rule of excluding small college scores. Gill had three jumps far longer than his nearest competitor.

Rich Dunn, a close-cropped anomaly from the University of California, clinched the championship for his school with a startling, come-through second place at the end of the meet. Dunn was only Cal's second-best jumper until Jim Fraser injured his knee on his first jump. Both men are coached by former internationalist Charlie Craig. Dunn barely qualified on Friday with his last jump. On Saturday, he barely made seventh place on his third jump, giving him his successful chance at an improbable second place.

Larry Vanley of El Paso was the only other "name" jumper to score. He was surrounded by such unpredicted jumpers as Dunn, Bryant Salter, the giant from Pitt, Barry McClure of Middle Tennessee State, and Al Lanier of Cincinnati. Vanley had a 52-foot jump ruled foul although his coach, Wayne Vandenburg, claimed Vanley took off behind the clay. Vandenburg said, "The Tartan board shifted. The same thing happened to Gill." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Mohinder Gill (Cal Poly/SLO) 51'9¹/₄" (49'2¹/₂", 49'8¹/₂", 51'8³/₄", 50'11¹/₂", 51'9¹/₄", foul); 2. Rich Dunn (Cal) 50'5³/₄"; 3. Bryant Salter (Pitt) 50'4¹/₄"; 4. Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St) 50'3³/₄"; 5. Larry Vanley (El Paso) 50'2³/₄"; 6. Al Lanier (Cinn) 49'8³/₄"; 7. Allen Meredith (Stan) 49'5³/₄"; 8. Jim Fraser (Cal) 48'10³/₄"; 9. Obed Gardiner (Sn Ill) 48'10"; 10. Tom Geredine (NE Mo St) 48'4¹/₂"; 11. Hopeton Gordon (Nebr) 48'1¹/₄"; 12. Don Rencher (Wn Mich) 47'11³/₄".

SHOT PUT

Vince Monari of El Paso, a 62-footer, put only 57'4³/₄" and failed to qualify for the competition along with John Hubbell of Washington, a place-winner his first two years.

Karl Salb, 6'4", 275-lb. junior from Kansas, was far below his usual form with 63'10¹/₄", but his worst put was 61'11¹/₄" and he squeaked through to defend his championship. He was third after three rounds, trailing John Van Reenen's 63'6¹/₄" and Dave Murphy's 63'6", but he put 63'9¹/₂" and 63'10¹/₄" on his next two.

Murphy, a left-hander, reached 63'8" on his last put to take second place. Brian Caulfield of Utah State, who came into this meet with a best mark of 59'1¹/₂" tied that mark to qualify, then raised his personal record three times (59'4¹/₄", 59'9¹/₂" and 60'0") to place sixth.

A Bubbly New Star

Combine the spectacular surprise of a virtual unknown vaulting 17'7" at 19-years-of-age with a likable, ebullient personality, a penchant for making highly quotable quotes, and a bizarre background that includes vaulting hay bales and barbed wire fences and what do you have? Color. Instant celebrity. An exciting future. Jan Johnson.

Before the NCAA, Johnson was nothing more nationally than a statistical line ending with 16'6¹/₂". Suddenly, he was the highest young vaulter in history, the NCAA champ and indoor record holder as a sophomore, a quotable personality, and an athlete with high promise.

After his NCAA victory Johnson entertained--in the truest sense of the word--a throng of newsmen. The scribes, mostly I've heard-it-all veterans of the sports circuit, were captivated by Jan's openness, sense of humor, charm, demonstrativeness, and bubbling, pleasing personality. Thrilled and excited, but nevertheless poised and relaxed, Jan was in complete charge of his first big press conference. He had the reporters laughing with him as they noted his comments. Then, and following the AAU (where he was an also-ran 16-footer), he had this to say: "If I had relaxed on the way down, I would have had 18-feet. I really thought it would stay on... Really, 19-feet is not that far away. There are better athletes and better poles than ever before. There needs to be more strength and speed than any vaulter has today to reach 19-feet. I figure, though, if I aim for 19 feet maybe I'll hit 18'4"... The big thing that really helped me was that it was indoors. I like the crowds being close and I respond. I'm really a



Jan Johnson
(Photo by Don Wilkinson)

big show-off... I don't shave. I can't grow any whiskers. Besides, I like to be young as long as possible.

"I started vaulting in the sixth grade. We used to do it all the time because we had nothing else to do. My father is a plumbing contractor and he needed room for all his equipment so we moved to a 30-acre farm. We raised hay to take care of the taxes and had two barns full of tools. I used to go out at night in the winter and vault. It was really fun. I got hurt a few times going over the hay bales. One time I hit the top bale with my chest and landed on my head. We used to tie strings between ladders and one time I got caught in the string and wrenched my back real good. I started using copper pipe and even pitchforks for a pole. And I tried barbed wire fences. I've still got the scars. That's what you call clutch vaulting."

Jan Johnson was born Nov. 11, 1950 in Hammond, Indiana, went to high school in Bloom Township in Chicago Heights, Illinois, vaulting 10'0" as a frosh, then 13'1", 14'1", and 15'4" in succeeding years. His phenomenal improvement continued with 16'4" as a Kansas University yearling and 17'7" this year. He's 5'11" and 165-pounds with blue eyes, a modish amount of brown hair--and no whiskers... Interest started from watching the 1964 Olympics on television and he's familiar with all the older greats and their techniques. Regularly holds at 15'9" but tried 16'0" at Bakersfield and keeps his hands closer together than most... Takes a short run... Has ordered a stiffer 16'6" pole... Trains six days weekly the year 'round and intends to keep it up until "I am at least 26 years old"... Got one of his biggest thrills from running a 10:15 two-mile in high school but decided running "hurt too much" and returned to vaulting... Hitchhiked from Los Angeles to Bakersfield. "It can be a problem getting rides when you're carrying poles but I trick 'em. I hide the poles and when they stop I talk them into taking them"... Long jumped 22'5¹/₂" as a prep, played ice hockey regularly to improve his spring, has a butterfly and insect collection and a father who was a state champion wrestler.

Jan also has a "little brother who has done 12'6" in the eighth grade. He's going to wipe out all my records. The best I ever did at that age was five bales of hay."

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Fred DeBernardi qualified for fourth with a personal record 61'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " but he put only 59'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for eighth place in the competition. (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19): 1. Karl Salb (Kans) 63'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (62'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 63'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 61'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 63'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 63'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 62'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "); 2. Dave Murphy (Sn Cal) 63'8"; 3. John Van Reenen (Wash St) 63'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4. Steve Wilhelm (Kans) 61'5"; 5. Mark Ostoich (UCLA) 60'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 6. Brian Caulfield (Utah St) 60'0"; 7. Pete Schmock (Ore) 59'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 8. Fred DeBernardi (El Paso) 59'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 9. John Buehler (Sn Cal) 58'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 10. Randy Nichols (Texas) 58'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 11. John Hanley (Md) 58'4"; 12. Tom Colich (Sn Cal) 57'5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

DISCUS THROW

The discus was probably the most lethargic competition of the NCAA meet. Marks were generally well below par, as only Fred DeBernardi managed a PR of 189'8" for second place.

Washington State's John Van Reenen, giantest of all discus throwers at 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 275-lbs., claimed his third consecutive national collegiate title--with his poorest best-mark of meet performance of 190'9". The South African, who would perhaps rather compete in the Olympics than anything else and may be able to use his Commonwealth birthplace to become an Australian citizen eligible for the next Games, had strained a muscle in his back the previous afternoon and could put no other tosses beyond 183-feet.

Karl Salb upset his Kansas teammate Doug Knop for third, 188'5" to 185'1". Another primary shot putter, Dave Murphy of Southern Cal, claimed a scoring position--sixth with 178'7"--after coming to the competition with only the 15th best mark of all the contestants.

Notable failures were Southern Cal's ailing Joe Antunovich and New Mexico's Ervin Jaros, number three and six collegians this year who never got beyond the qualifying round. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. John Van Reenen (Wash St) 190'9"; 2. Fred DeBernardi (El Paso) 189'8"; 3. Karl Salb (Kans) 188'5"; 4. Doug Knop (Kans) 185'1"; 5. Gary Wolf (Ore) 178'9"; 6. Dave Murphy (Sn Cal) 178'7"; 7. Paul Gill (N Dame) 174'1"; 8. Zig Strauts (Ore) 174'0"; 9. George Amundson (La St) 173'2"; 10. Bob Stoltman (Wn Ky) 165'6"; 11. Frank Howard (Dart) 164'4"; 12. Jim Benien (Okla St) 162'6".

HAMMER THROW

At a small field a few blocks from the stadium, a few spectators saw some interesting hammer competition.

On his first throw, defending champion Steve DeAutremont used three turns and threw only 191'1". On his second throw, his handle nicked the cage and the hammer went only 190'6". In the second flight, Bill Penney, a small, fast Kansas junior, reached 190'8" on his first throw. Tom Sirois of North-eastern came through at 188'3". In the third flight, Tony Tenisci of Washington State edged Sirois by four inches. Dick Narcessian of Rhode Island barely fouled on a long throw and stood eighth.

Their third throws were taken together rather than in flights. DeAutremont began with a loud grunt. His handle again ticked the cage on his right, but the ball thudded down 203'9" away.

Bill Dinneen of Dartmouth moved from sixth to second with 191'7". Al Schoterman, a methodical, strong sophomore at Kent State, reached a personal record 191'3" to move from seventh to third. DeWitt Davies improved seven inches to 189'7" but remained fifth. And Narcessian threw 192'11" to take over second place.

The first round of the finals saw more changes. Davies threw 193'0" to take second. Schoterman raised his personal record again, to 192'7", to take over fourth place. Dinneen improved six inches to 192'1", but remained fifth.

There were no more changes of position, although DeAutremont threw 201'10", 201'0" and 203'9" again, and Davies improved to 195'8" on his fifth throw.

DeAutremont, a 6'0", 240-lb. senior, who used four turns, said, "I'm still not in my prime. You don't reach your prime in this event until you are 34 to 36 and I'm only 23. I plan to keep on throwing for another 14 years." His coach, Berny Wagner, predicted Steve would be approaching 220-feet next year.

Narcessian pointed out the hole where his long foul landed and obliging officials measured it loosely at 203'10". (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19): 1. Steve DeAutremont (Ore St) 203'9"; 2. DeWitt Davies (Dart) 195'8"; 3. Dick Narcessian (Rhode Is) 192'11"; 4. Al Schoterman (Kent St) 192'7"; 5. Bill Dinneen (Dart) 192'1"; 6. Bill Penny (Kans) 190'8"; 7. Tony Tenisci (Wash St) 188'7"; 8. Tom Sirois (NEN) 188'3"; 9. Tom Corrie (Adelphi) 182'8"; 10. Dave Leitch (Ohio U) 182'0"; 11. Bill Diehl (Army) 180'5"; 12. Ron Hungarter (Ohio U) 179'9".

JAVELIN THROW

With American record holder Mark Murro of Arizona State out of the action with a sprained ankle suffered two weeks earlier, the title battle seemed to be between North Texas State's Bill Schmidt and Tennessee's Bill Skinner.

It was obvious the results would reflect ability to adapt to circumstances. The competition was contested on an uneven grass runway on Technical High School's vacant field about four miles from the Drake campus, there was a strong crosswind and the rain pelted the area in the third round. Normally, the javelin is contested inside the Drake stadium during its Relays but because of safety factors it was moved outside--prompting one coach to insist that it made as much if not more sense to move the threatened high jumpers outside the stadium the next time this situation arises. One member of the NCAA rules committee indicated that if a suitable grass runway is not available that an artificial surface will probably be required in the future. Javelin throwers were relegated to an inadequate field at Indiana in 1966.

Schmidt's arm was hurting after a first toss of 190'4" but by the third round he had moved to the front with a toss of 262'2". Clemson's Roger Collins watched two long tosses float out of bounds before getting a clutch third prelim mark of 254'5". The biggest surprise of the preliminary round of the finals was Washington's Cary Feldman, a 245'7" thrower in 1969, who threw 258'6"



Tattooed Bill Skinner prepares to hurl the javelin in the NCAA meet, which he won with a fling of 270'8". He added the collegiate title to the USTFF title he won the previous week (with 268'10") and the following week completed the three-national-meet triple by claiming the AAU with a personal best throw of 276'7". (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

on the second round. He had a qualifying round toss of 249'10".

The weather improved slightly for the final. And it was Skinner who threw especially well, as all three of his tosses--264'0", 270'8" and 265'4"--exceeded anything by anyone else. Schmidt's 262'11" held up from the prelims but Feldman caught hold of another fine effort, a 262'5" on his last toss.

Commented Skinner, "I felt very strong. I was nervous but I get better throws when I am. Something was missing though. I'm sorry Murro wasn't there. And it's hard to throw on a field so far away from the stadium." (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. Bill Skinner (Tenn) 270'8"; 2. Bill Schmidt (N Tex St) 262'11"; 3. Cary Feldman (Wash) 262'5"; 4. Roger Collins (Clemson) 254'5"; 5. Bob Kouvolo (Pitt) 251'2"; 6. Bob Wallis (Army) 246'6"; 7. Dave Reiss (Md) 236'0"; 8. Scott Hagy (Penn St) 229'9"; 9. Jack Bacon (Md) 229'6"; 10. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 229'1"; 11. Greg Rigby (Ore St) 227'7"; 12. Bruce Kennedy (Cal) 222'4".

DECATHLON

Contested for the first time in this meet, the decathlon brought out personal records and the only home-town cheering of the meet. Rick Wanamaker, Drake's 6'8" basketball center, broke his personal record by 203 points to win with 7406. He trailed favored Jorma Vesala of Los Angeles State and Finland by 73 points the first day because he high jumped only 6'6" against his personal best of 7'0".

Wanamaker scored 3598 the second day with a 14.9 hurdles, 140'0" discus, 13'3" vault, 189'8" javelin, and a coasting 4:52.2 1500. He beat Vesala in all except the 1500 as the Finn totaled 7199 in second.

Steve Gough, the small college champion at 7269, rested himself for the AAU decathlon. Kansan Sam Goldberg was dropped from his team. Rory Kenward of Colorado withdrew because of an injury after closing to within 28 points of Vesala during the discus.

Mike Wedman of Colorado finished third on Saturday with 7045 after receiving 1045 for a 16'2" vault. On Thursday, he had failed to qualify at 16'0" in the regular pole vault.

Wanamaker's excellent showing despite poor marks in the high jump, long jump, and shot gave him second thoughts about reporting to a professional basketball camp. "I'd made up my mind to go yesterday, but I'm not sure I will now. It's a tough decision and I'm sure I'll be thinking about it all night." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/19-20):

1. Rick Wanamaker	11.1	21'9"	44'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'6"	51.2	3808	
Drake	14.9	140'0"	13'3"	189'8"	4:52.2	7406	
2. Jorma Vesala	11.2	22'6"	44'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	51.0	3881	
Los Angeles St	15.9	125'1"	12'0"	164'0"	4:34.0	7199	
3. Mike Wedman	11.6	22'0"	42'6"	6'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	53.3	3529	
Colorado	16.0	133'5"	16'2"	172'8"	5:07.3	7045	
4. Fred Dixon	11.2	22'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	36'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	5'8"	49.8	3521	
Los Angeles St	15.4	124'11"	11'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	201'6"	4:57.6	6854	
5. Doug Wells	11.1	21'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	50'5"	5'8"	52.2	3648	
Utah	16.5	147'8"	9'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	191'4"	4:53.4	6817	
6. Don Bajema	11.2	22'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	36'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	6'0"	50.2	3568	
San Diego St	15.5	108'0"	12'0"	185'3"	4:48.4	6812	
7. Gary King (NH) 6746;	8. Ray Hupp (Ohio St) 6746 (King placed 7th by winning six of 10 events versus Hupp);	9. Mark Long (L Beach St) 6712;	10. Charles Galloway (Fla St) 6641;	11. Eric Thompson (Hiram) 6628;	12. Don Allbritton (NE Mo St) 6610;	13. Robert Brown (Dart) 6511;	14. Steve Kunze (Tenn) 6302;

Rory Kenward (Colo) did not finish (6329 after nine events).

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440 YARD RELAY

With 18 teams entered in the short relay, two preliminary races were required for the first time in the event's seven year history. Thus, for any sprinter attempting a leg in the 440 relay as well as the open 100 and 220, it meant three quick bursts in less than an hour and a half on Thursday.

The most notable successors of this succession were three California sprinters, Isaac Curtis, Dave Masters and Eddie Hart, who made it through the heats of all three. In clocking 39.8 to win the second trial race, Cal shared the fastest qualifying time with two other favorites, El Paso and Texas A&M, in non-winning efforts, as surprising North Carolina Central won the first prelim.

Curves which flattened at their peak prevented runners from getting their normal lean--which in turn resulted in a number of teams running out of their lanes (some detected, others not) and may have been the cause of six incomplete races coming at the first and third exchanges in the series of three races. Aside from Cal, the only teams rated a chance to win were UCLA and El Paso. In its heat, UCLA failed to connect when Ronnie Welch pulled up lame on the first first exchange and could not get the baton to Reggie Robinson. In its semi, El Paso ran out of safe territory when Paul Gibson tried to give the stick to Clyde Glosson four times on the final exchange.

Cal came from behind to win its semi heat in 39.9, same time as for Indiana, in a race in which 40.2 failed to qualify. Texas A&M still looked like a contender despite the loss of regular Rocky Woods and a hurting, possibly disinterested Marvin Mills who with his brother Curtis switched to the third and second legs after running the last two most of the year. With unheralded Floyd Williams on anchor, North Carolina Central clocked the same time of 39.8 behind A&M.

The 440 relay came in the same driving rain that plagued the steeple before. For Cal, which hadn't run in the rain all year, much depended upon lead-offer Don Couser whose slow start in the semis caused some concern in the Berkeley camp. But Couser not only did his part but put Cal into the lead from the start. Solid passes throughout and two impressive last legs gave Cal a three-tenth victory in 40.3 over a Southern Cal team of only two 9.5 sprinters and a claimant to only two sub-40-flat times this year.

Arizona State was in good position through the second pass, at which point A&M fell out of contention as Marvin merely jogged through his leg. Indiana, back in the early stages, pulled well with a healthy anchor by Larry Highbough for a 40.6. Both North Carolina Central and Arizona State could not get beyond the third pass though the former team never seemed in the race for second. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. California 40.3 (Don Couser, Isaac Curtis, Dave Masters, Eddie Hart); 2. Southern California 40.6 (Mike Jackson, Monty Turner, Ken Jones, Edesel Garrison); 3. Indiana 40.6 (Mike Goodrich, Mike Miller, Ken Lundgren, Larry Highbough); 4. Oklahoma State 41.2 (Jeff Litvak, Jim Bolding, Dennis Schultz, Earl Harris); 5. Long Beach State 41.5 (Curt Biggers, Ernest London, Clarence Palmer, Dan Moore); 6. Texas A&M 42.1 (Scotty Hendricks, Curtis Mills, Marvin Mills, Donnie Rogers); North Carolina Central & Arizona State did not finish.

HEATS (6/18, three qualify): I-1. North Carolina Central 39.8 (Larry Black, James Stewart, Ken Thompson, Floyd Williams); 2. El Paso 39.8 (Harrington Jackson, Mike Fray, Paul Gibson, Clyde Glosson); 3. Southern Cal 40.1; 4. Washington State 40.2 (Park Eng, Dave Rorem, Norbert Payton, Larry Scheurer); 5. Lincoln 40.9 (James Amerison, Tyrone Hunt, Walter Walker, Harold Sims); Tennessee, disq. II-1. California 39.8; 2. Texas A&M 39.8; 3. Arizona State 40.1 (John Holbrook, Mike Roberts, Steve Holden, Doug Hawken); 4. Kansas 40.3 (Phil Reaves, Randy Julian, Julio Meade, Mickey Mathews); 5. Memphis State 40.3 (Maurice Knight, Ed Hammonds, Raymond Peters, Gerald Tinker); 6. Houston 41.0 (Marvin Mayes, Jerry Reaves, Robert Mitchell, Dave Wagner). III-1. Oklahoma State 40.2; 2. Indiana 40.2; 3. Oregon 40.5 (Doug Chapman, Vince Buford, Al Hearvey, Weldon Vance); 4. Long Beach State 40.5; UCLA & Michigan State did not finish.

SEMIS (6/19, four qualify): I-1. California 39.9; 2. Indiana 39.9; 3. Arizona State 40.0; 4. Oklahoma State 40.0; 5. Kansas 40.2; 6. Washington State 40.2. II-1. Texas A&M 39.8; 2. North Carolina Central 39.8; 3. Southern California 40.0; 4. Long Beach State 40.2; 5. Oregon 40.4; disq--El Paso 40.0.

ONE MILE RELAY

In the first heat, all four qualifiers finished with no strain even though the anchor men all ran under 46 seconds. Fifth place anchor man Tom Ulan of Rutgers ran 45.0.

The second heat was slower. Tommie Turner of Murray State ran 45.9 to beat Houston out of a qualifying spot by six inches. Only other man under 46.0 was Texas' Dave Morton at 45.4.

In the final, freshman half-miler Bob Langston put UCLA into third place at the first handoff, three yards behind Abilene Christian and another two down on leading Oregon.

John Smith ran 45.6 to give teammate Brad Lyman an eight-yard lead over Oregon. Rice and Tennessee were three yards behind Oregon and five ahead of Abilene Christian.

Weldon Vance regained the lead with a 46.0 leg for Oregon. Tennessee trailed by $\frac{1}{2}$ yards after the handoff, barely ahead of Rice, which could have been disqualified for cutting in after two handoffs. Wayne Collett had to break stride and fall in behind Rice around the curve, but on the backstretch he powered past all three and won by 12 yards with a leg of 44.8. UCLA totaled 3:06.1.

Oregon, which could have won the meet with a first place, finished fourth on freshman sprinter Al Hearvey's 47.6 anchor leg. Roger Colglazier's 45.6 held off Turner's 45.8 for fifth place.

Villanova, also needing a first place to win the team championship at that point, was last after each handoff. It moved to seventh when Larry James ran 45.1 to pass Adelphi's Clyde McPherson (45.9).

Collett expressed surprise at his time and said he could run the open 440 in 45-flat at the AAU. (Cordner Nelson)



Rick Wanamaker gave NCAA host-school Drake something to shout about as he claimed the first-ever decathlon title with a PR 7406. Here the 6'8" Wanamaker (r) and little Gary King (l) finish a rainy 1500-meters in 4:52.2. King totaled 6746 points for seventh place. (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

RESULTS (6/20): 1. UCLA 3:06.1 (Bob Langston 48.2, John Smith 45.6, Brad Lyman 47.5, Wayne Collett 44.8); 2. Rice 3:07.6 (Dennis Dicke 48.1, Steve Straub 47.0, Chip Grandjean 46.4, Bill Askey 46.1); 3. Tennessee 3:07.8 (Fred Marjenhoff 48.0, Abe Henderson 47.0, Audry Hardy 46.4, Hardee McAlhaney 46.4); 4. Oregon 3:08.1 (Vince Buford 47.4, Doug Chapman 47.1, Weldon Vance 46.0, Al Hearvey 47.6); 5. Abilene Christian 3:08.5 (Bob Woodroof 47.7, Bill Overly 48.0, Mark Fry 47.2, Roger Colglazier 45.6); 6. Murray St 3:08.5 (Randy Smith 48.6, LeRoy McGinnis 47.4, Ashman Samuels 47.1, Tommie Turner 45.8); 7. Villanova 3:08.9 (Greg Govan 49.2, Hardge Davis 46.6, Lamotte Hyman 48.0, Larry James 45.1); 8. Adelphi 3:09.4 (Bill McPherson 49.0, Dennis Walker 47.6, Kit Pratt 46.9, Clyde McPherson 45.9).

HEATS (6/19, four qualify): I-1. UCLA 3:07.2 (Langston 47.9, Smith 46.1, Lyman 47.6, Collett 45.6); 2. Villanova 3:07.3 (Govan 48.3, Davis 46.6, Hyman 46.5, James 45.9); 3. Abilene Christian 3:07.6 (Woodroof 47.4, Overly 47.8, Fry 46.5, Colglazier 45.9); 4. Adelphi 3:07.7 (McPherson 48.5, Walker 46.4, Pratt 47.3, C. McPherson 45.5); 5. Rutgers 3:08.7 (Timothy Weaver 48.9, James Smith 47.2, Robert Kerr 47.6, Tom Ulan 45.0); 6. Washington State 3:09.9 (Steve Fitzgerald 48.1, Larry Barton 47.0, Brock Aynsley 47.2, Larry Scheurer 47.6). II-1. Tennessee 3:07.7 (Marjenhoff 47.9, Henderson 46.9, Hardy 46.3, McAlhaney 46.6); 2. Rice 3:07.8 (Grandjean 47.3, Dicke 47.5, Straub 46.5, Askey 46.5); 3. Oregon 3:07.9 (Buford 48.0, Chapman 46.6, Vance 46.1, Hearvey 47.2); 4. Murray State 3:07.8 (Smith 48.7, McGinnis 46.9, Samuels 47.3, Turner 45.9); 5. Houston 3:08.1 (Marvin Mayes 47.8, Robert Wagner 47.3, Louis Vicenik 46.3, Robert Mitchell 46.7); 6. Texas 3:08.6 (Mike Ryan 48.0, Byrd Baggett 47.6, Stan McDaniel 46.6, Dave Morton 45.4); 7. Illinois 3:09.9 (Mark Koster 47.4, Ronnie Phillips 48.4, Rob Mango 47.0, Ben Dozier 47.1)

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1. California 40; 2. Brigham Young, Kansas & Oregon 35; 5. Washington State 31; 6. Oregon State 30; 7. El Paso 28; 8. UCLA 27; 9. Villanova 26; 10. Southern California 22; 11. Bowling Green State 18; 12. San Diego State 17; 13. Tennessee 16; 14. Colorado & Wisconsin 14; 16. Indiana 13; 17. Los Angeles State 12; 18. Dartmouth, Drake, Kansas State & Ohio U 10; 22. Missouri, Murray State, Rice & Washington 9; 26. Kentucky, Minnesota, North Texas State, Pittsburgh & Western Michigan 8; 31. Stanford & Texas A&M 7; 33. Cornell, Rhode Island, Wichita State & William & Mary 6; 37. Oklahoma State & Weber State 5; 39. Clemson, Eastern Kentucky, Idaho State, Kent State, Michigan, Middle Tennessee & Redlands 4; 46. Abilene Christian, Arkansas State U, Long Beach State, Penn State, Rutgers, Utah, Western Kentucky 2; 53. Army, Cincinnati, Miami/Ohio, Providence, South Carolina, Utah State & West Virginia 1. (College division athletes do not score in university championships and university athletes do not move up in position or point standing.)

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Little Form to Competitor

Even the wins by Ken Swenson in the half at 1:47.4 and Bill Skinner in the javelin at 276'7" were not upsets as both had won at the national collegiates and Skinner at the federation meet as well.

The facilities and expertise of officials are first-rate at Bakersfield Junior College, where the AAU championship meet has been held now six of the last 15 years. The weather was magnificent, the temperature coming down from 110° early in the week to twilight and evening temperatures in the 80s and virtual windless conditions. Crowds of 9700 and 13,800 came to the stadium which is a wonderful facility in which to compete and view a track meet. The crushed brick, cinder and volcanic ash surface, certainly the only one of its kind in the world, is still one of the fastest and most durable of all non-synthetic tracks. Tartan surfaces have been supplied for the necessary field events. And the man behind all of it is Gil Bishop, who ranks high above all other AAU meet directors. (Dick Drake)

100 YARDS

Last year Ivory Crockett came out of nowhere to surprise John Carlos, and all the rest of us, with his AAU victory. It couldn't happen again in a million years, particularly in 1970, when unbeaten, unbeatable Carlos was talking about breaking the world record while Crockett, who had taken his lumps all season, wasn't even making the final of last week's NCAA.

But happen it did and the 1970 AAU results will show Crockett the winner in 9.3 and Carlos ninth and last in a time too slow to be clocked. Big John, who said later he had hurt his leg in training even while pressmen were quoting him on nine-flat possibilities, pulled up lame halfway along and trotted across the line. It was a sad finale for the great, colorful dashman but Carlos didn't seem to be too bothered. He was looking forward, he said, to signing a pro football contract rather quickly.

Carlos had run his heat with a heavily bandaged thigh and for most of the race he looked in bad trouble. But near the end he turned it on, moved up several places and finished second in 9.5. Robert Taylor won that trial in 9.4, Ben Vaughan took the second one in the same time, and Crockett looked good in coming from behind to win the third heat in 9.5, nipping NCAA champ Ed Hart and world recordman Charles Greene.

Carlos' condition supplied the speculation for the finals and it was hard to choose among the others. It took three starts to get off fairly and it was pretty even. Among the leaders, if not actually out in front, it was Crockett--and the 5'6", 145-pounder ran well all the way. When Carlos pulled up, the attention switched to an ever-so-tight finish battle. So tight, in fact, that the winner wasn't announced for an hour, when a special committee looked at the finish picture and over-ruled the finish judges to name Crockett the winner over Vaughan. The latter protested, and a special meeting was called for the next day--producing two hours of argument but the same winner. It's a matter of judgment, of course, but a tie seems the best call.

The time was 9.3 for both and for the next three finishers. Over on the inside lanes, Greene and Hart were locked in a fight so close that an obscured finish picture couldn't separate them although Greene was given the third. They were 11 inches back of the winners while Taylor finished another two inches behind.

Crockett explained he had had "bronchitis, a pulled muscle and an inflamed lymph gland. And in the NCAA I pulled up before the finish line when I misjudged." Carlos said "the doctor told me not to run but I felt I had to try." Vaughan, the only white runner in the final, reported he "looked at the films and I thought I won. I don't understand it." (Bert Nelson)

RESULTS (6/26, 0.0 wind): 1. Ivory Crockett (Sn Ill) 9.3; 2. Ben Vaughan (US Army) 9.3; 3. Charles Greene (US Army) 9.3; 4. Eddie Hart (Athens) 9.3; 5. Robert Taylor (Tex Sn) 9.3; 6. Bobby Turner (Cal Poly/SLO) 9.5; 7. Jim Green (Ky) 9.5; 8. Chuck Smith (Cal TFA) 9.5; injured, John Carlos (Seamans).

HEATS (6/26, three qualify): I(0.0 wind)-1. Taylor 9.4; 2. Carlos 9.5; 3. Turner 9.5; 4. Earl Harris (Okla St) 9.5. II(0.0 wind)-1. Vaughan 9.4; 2. Green 9.4; 3. Smith 9.4; 4. Reggie Robinson (Strid) 9.5. III(0.0 wind)-1. Crockett 9.5; 2. Hart 9.5; 3. Greene 9.6.

220 YARDS

Even though he didn't win the race, Willie Turner was the source of most of the excitement in the 220. The race had figured to be somewhat lifeless after the withdrawal of big John Carlos, but Turner's come-from-behind antics wowed the fans.

Turner appeared to be in trouble from the very start. With 80 yards remaining in the first heat, Willie was 15 yards out of first, and 10 yards from a qualifying spot. With the end of a heavy bandage on his left thigh flapping wildly, he began an amazing stretch drive that carried him past four men and left him behind only Fred Newhouse.

Moderate head winds slowed times as Newhouse clocked 21.3 to Turner's 21.6. The other heats were taken by Tom Randolph in 21.2, and Jim Green in 21.3.

In the final, heat winners Green (lane 4) and Newhouse (lane 7) blasted from the blocks. Green, one lane inside Turner, caught and passed him by the middle of the curve, and trailed only Newhouse on the outside. As they entered the straight, Turner was laying equal seventh in the nine-man field, again 10-15 yards off the pace. Then it happened again. Turner began passing national-caliber sprinters as if they were jogging. Coach Berny Wagner reportedly timed his charge in 7.7 over the last 100 yards.

However, in lane three Ben Vaughan was running his usual race. Out with the leaders, he utilized his powerful acceleration to take the lead by the 160 yard mark, and held on to nip the onrushing Turner at the tape as both clocked 20.8. Newhouse held on for third in 20.9, the same time given to fourth, fifth and sixth placers Robert Taylor, Willie Deckard and Tom Randolph.

Just as in 1967, the finish of the AAU 100 at Bakersfield was as close as a race could be. After an hour of deliberation over this Bulova phototimer photo officials awarded the race to defending champion Ivory Crockett (bottom) with Ben Vaughan less than an eyelash behind. Both were given 9.3s. The race for third was just as close but Charlie Greene (top) edged Eddie Hart, both again in 9.3. Robert Taylor, in all-white at the center, ran fifth in yet another 9.3. This photo depicts each runner as he crosses the finish and it is not a flat photo of the finish. (Bulova Accutron Phototimer photo)



After his two furlong races here and a previous record of having gained on both Tommie Smith and John Carlos in the closing yards of sprint races, Turner is possibly the fastest stretch furlong sprinter--by miles per hour--the world has ever seen. And it's not limited to the 220, for he has demonstrated it in the 100 as well. His start is weak in either race. And his curve running is mediocre at best. Thus, against a class field, his closing spurt will always have a spectacular quality.

Vaughan becomes the first white man to take an AAU sprint title since 1958, when Bobby Morrow took a double on this same track. (Garry Hill)

RESULTS (6/27, 0.0 wind): 1. Ben Vaughan (US Army) 20.8; 2. Willie Turner (Ore St) 20.8; 3. Fred Newhouse (Tex Strid) 20.9; 4. Robert Taylor (Tex Sn) 20.9; 5. Willie Deckard (Cal TC) 20.9; 6. Tom Randolph (Phil PC) 20.9; 7. Jim Green (Ky) 21.1; 8. Dan Moore (Strid) 21.1; 9. Mickey Mathews (Athens) 21.4.

HEATS (6/27, three qualify): I(-8.2 wind)-1. Newhouse 21.3; 2. Turner 21.6; 3. Deckard 21.7. II(-4.9 wind)-1. Randolph 21.2; 2. Vaughan 21.2; 3. Mathews 21.4. III(-3.3 wind)-1. Green 21.3; 2. Moore 21.5; 3. Taylor 21.7.

440 YARDS

Lee Evans remains perhaps the greatest quarter-mile competitor in history--against known opposition. He has repeatedly turned back the challenges of proven contenders such as Larry James, Tommie Turner, Ron Freeman, Vince Matthews and Emmett Taylor in his reign as king of the one-lappers over the past five years. Even here, he turned back world record holder Curtis Mills, whom he had met only once before in a losing cause in last year's NCAA meet, James and fast improving Wayne Collett, picked by some to win the race.

Just as in last year's national collegiate championships when Evans zeroed in on James as his main opposition but lost to upstart Mills, Lee knew he had to watch out for James, Mills and Collett--and beat them and lose again he did.

John Walton Smith was the man of the hour. The man who came into the final with the slowest life-time best of any of the eight finalists--and that a 45.8 in his heat here. The man who had never before competed in a national AAU championship meet. The man who beat four super-stars not just of the 440 but of the entire meet. The man who forced Evans to end his national title career (because of a coaching assignment) on a rare losing note.

All this he did with the slowest winning AAU time since 1966--45.7. Running in lane seven adjacent to Evans in the outside lane, the 20-year-old UCLA soph registered a memorable if not historic stretch kick.

Everyone of consequence survived the 16-man semis, and the final lined up as follows: 1. Collett 2. James 3. Len Van Hofwegen 4. Tom Ulan 5. Tommie Turner 6. Mills 7. Smith 8. Evans. No competition in this meet held the pre-meet interest--at least for track nuts--that the 440 offered.

Smith made an impression from the start, as he snagged the first noticeable lead at the top of the first curve. James was fast on his trail while Van Hofwegen slipped to last to stay.

The story of the backstraight was all Collett, who before the mid-post had gobbled up the two-lane stagger of Van Hofwegen and the one-lane stagger of James. He led in 21.7 at the 220 mark. Mills and Evans were clocked in 21.8, Smith in 22.0, and James 22.2.

The final curve belonged to Evans, who so blasted the turn as to be in the lead by a yard or two as they turned for home. Collett was still second but Smith, who had put together an impressive curve himself, was third and closing with James and Mills three or four yards further back. Mills too was starting a drive.

But all stretch drives paled in comparison with Smith's prolonged and seemingly deliberate sprint to elude the field, catch Evans and breast the tape first. Any homestraight battle with a leading Evans must be relentless and

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courageous. It seemed impossible, yet foot by foot the margin dwindled to the final dozen yards where he finally edged abreast of Evans.

Smith finished a full tenth ahead of Evans, whose rate of speed might have given way to the fast charging Collett in another five yards. Evans was hand-timed in 45.7--same as Smith--but the Bulova clearly showed a 0.1 second differential. Collett was adjusted to 45.9 from 45.8. Mills and James finished well but were never really a part of the up-front action. They were timed in 46.1 and 46.2. And Turner, never really a contender, was sixth in 46.6.

After the race, Evans said, "John and I are good friends. I couldn't accept losing to anyone but him. I'm through after this year, and I pick John to be number one for a long time. He's got the proper attitude and a lot of talent. Smith explained, "I think the pressure hurt everyone but me." (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/27, times adjusted from Bulova phototimer photo, hand time in parentheses): 1. John Smith (Strid) 45.7; 2. Lee Evans (unat) 45.8 (45.7); 3. Wayne Collett (UCLA) 45.9 (45.8); 4. Curtis Mills (Tex A&M) 46.1; 5. Larry James (Vill) 46.2; 6. Tommie Turner (Murray St) 46.6; 7. Tom Ulan (NYAC) 46.7; 8. Len Van Hofwegen (Strid) 46.7.

HEATS (6/26, four qualify): I-1. Collett 45.7; 2. Smith 45.8; 3. Turner 46.0; 4. Evans 46.1; 5. Gerald Conley (P Coast) 46.7; 6. Clyde McPherson (United AA) 46.7. II-1. James 46.6; 2. Ulan 46.6; 3. Mills 46.7; 4. Van Hofwegen 46.8; 5. Dave Morton (Tex Strid) 46.9; 6. Jay Elbel (Strid) 46.9.

880 YARDS

Four of the first five finishers in the NCAA (Pat Collins was working) made their way into the half-mile finals. There, Ken Swenson, Art Sandison, Mark Winzenried, and Mathyas Michael faced the two best club runners in the country, Olympian Tom Von Ruden, and defending titlist Byron Dyce, plus two other non-collegians, veteran Marine runner John Perry, and Ralph Schultz. Perry and Winzenried had won the heats in 1:49.0 with the slowest man clocking 1:49.4 and Dyce just edging Lowell Paul in the tightest qualifying challenge.

Early leader was Swenson, whose 1:46.3 won the national collegiates, but it wasn't long before Michael, the Ethiopian at Cal Poly, moved ahead, passing the first furlong post in 26.0. Swenson and Dyce were right behind and last--surprise--was Winzenried, so often the take-charge-up-front guy. Little happened until after Michael hit the half-way point in 54-flat. On the penultimate bend Swenson moved into challenging position alongside the pacesetter and the others sharpened their watch on each other as they headed down the backstretch. All of a sudden Winzenried was moving--into seventh, sixth, third, and into the lead as they rounded the turn after passing the 660 in 1:22.0. It was a resourceful, daring move that almost paid off.

Striding strongly, Wisconsin's Winzenried had two yards on the fast finishing Swenson whose catch-up charge has worked so well in countless relays the past three years and in open competition this season. With only 50 yards to go, it looked as if Mark might hang on and he finished gamely and strongly. But with 30 left, Swenson came on and in a thriller he just did make it in front of the Bulova camera first. Both leaned well as the Kansas Stater, whose final 220 was 25.4, fastest segment in the race, won by less than a foot, 1:47.4 each.

Third into the straight, Dyce was caught first by Von Ruden, who got the third a half-second back, and then by Perry. The others were never in the hunt. (Bert Nelson)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Ken Swenson (Kans St) 1:47.4; 2. Mark Winzenried (Wisc) 1:47.4; 3. Tom Von Ruden (P Coast) 1:47.9; 4. John Perry (USMC) 1:48.2; 5. Byron Dyce (United AA) 1:48.3; 6. Ralph Schultz (UCTC) 1:48.9; 7. Mathyas Michael (Cal Poly/SLO) 1:48.9; 8. Art Sandison (Cougar TC) 1:49.4.

HEATS (6/26, four qualify): I-1. Perry 1:49.0; 2. Swenson 1:49.1; 3. Von Ruden 1:49.1; 4. Dyce 1:49.3; 5. Lowell Paul (UCTC) 1:49.3. II-1. Winzenried 1:49.0; 2. Schultz 1:49.1; 3. Michael 1:49.2; 4. Sandison 1:49.4; 5. Keith Colburn (Harv) 1:49.6.

ONE MILE

Never have so many milers left so many spectators so confused. The confusion began with the first heat when Dave Wilborn, the fourth-fastest US miler this year at 3:58.2, failed to qualify behind Jere VanDyk and Peter Kaal. And after a 3:12.7 pace, NCAA runner-up Dave Wottle lagged six yards behind the pack on the backstretch. Wottle came on to qualify with a 55.2 last lap.

Asked why he took such a chance, Wottle expressed confidence. "I only had to pass two men to qualify." He said he hangs back so he'll have more kick. "It's more impressive."

The second heat was even more confusing. After dawdling along at a 2:11.5 half, Howell Michael led through a 58.3 third lap. Then they all cut loose and ran under 55 seconds. Roscoe Divine ran 54 flat. Jim Crawford, who beat Martin Liquori at Compton, lagged far behind on the last lap, even

The sprinters head into the stretch of the AAU 440 and John Smith (2nd from left) is just 100 yards from upsetting Lee Evans (I) in 45.7. Others (from left) are: Curtis Mills (4th, 46.1), Tom Ulan (7th, 46.7), Len Van Hofwegen (8th, 46.7), Larry James (5th, 46.2) and

farther than Wottle. Crawford was two seconds behind at the start of the last lap, in 3:11.5, and he barely qualified with a 53.6 lap.

Apparently, few of them learned from the heats--or they enjoy tactical roulette--for the pace in the final was set by Dennis Savage with 61.0, 2:04.8 and 3:07.0.

When the bell clanged to signal the last lap, the race looked like a parade. Savage, Kaal and Liquori were abreast. Behind them came three more runners side-by-side--Michael, Divine and VanDyk. Then came John Mason, Wottle and Crawford.

Crawford passed Wottle on the turn. Starting down the backstretch, Savage still led, but Liquori soon caught him, and Divine was on Liquori's shoulder. Wottle was last in the nine-man field, three yards behind Crawford and another three yards behind VanDyk.

Wottle raced past Crawford on the turn, but he was too far back, for everybody was finishing faster than quarter-milers. The injured Divine lost ground fastest of all and finished last. Wottle ran his last 220 in 24.3, an impressive time, but he barely beat Divine. Crawford beat them both for seventh, all in 4:02.7. Mason ran a tenth faster for sixth and Savage was another tenth quicker in fifth, VanDyk also recording 4:02.5 in fourth.

Liquori, touted as the world's best in spite of a shaky record due in part to fragile feet, led into the stretch. But he had forgotten something. He had forgotten to take the sting out of his opponent's kicks with a sensible pace. The defending champion could place only third in 4:02.4.

Spectators were shocked into confusion when Kaal, a South African at Oklahoma State, sped past Liquori. Kaal had done nothing all season to forecast such a kick. Then Michael charged past both of them and hit the tape in 4:01.8, three-tenths up on Kaal, at the fastest speed of any runner in the meet except the sprinters. His last lap was 54.6.

Michael, who won the indoor NCAA title from Liquori, said, "Anybody can be beaten on a given night. It was just my night." About the tactical pace, he said, "I preferred the pace for this time of the year. My kick seems to improve with each race." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Howell Michael (Wm & Mary) 4:01.8; 2. Peter Kaal (Okla St) 4:02.1; 3. Marty Liquori (NYAC) 4:02.4; 4. Jere VanDyk (US Army) 4:02.5; 5. Dennis Savage (Westmont) 4:02.5; 6. John Mason (P Coast) 4:02.6; 7. Jim Crawford (Harding TC) 4:02.7; 8. Dave Wottle (Bowling Green) 4:02.7; 9. Roscoe Divine (US Army) 4:02.7; John Lawson (P Coast) did not run.

HEATS (6/26, five qualify): I-1. VanDyk 4:08.0; 2. Kaal 4:08.1; 3. Liquori 4:08.3; 4. Wottle 4:08.4; 5. Lawson (P Coast) 4:08.5. II-1. Mason 4:05.0; 2. Michael 4:05.1; 3. Divine 4:05.1; 4. Savage 4:05.4; 5. Crawford 4:05.4; 6. Chris Mason (NYAC) 4:05.7.

THREE MILES

As usual in a slow, tactical race, some of the endurance-type runners regretted it. After a mile in 4:30.8 and two-miles in 9:05.2, 13 runners were closely bunched. And another half-mile in 2:19.3 shook off only two runners.

They began to worry a little then, and the pace picked up to 63.5, with seven runners in contention. Terry Harrison took the lead past the stands, but Gerry Lindgren, in an all-red uniform, burst past Harrison at the bell in 12:28.0. Lindgren was almost sprinting around the curve and he had a three yard lead over Steve Prefontaine. On the backstretch, Prefontaine made a quick move and closed the gap. Minnesota's great 18-year-old Garry Bjorklund moved with Prefontaine, ahead of Frank Shorter and Jack Bachelier. There was a two yard gap to Rick Riley and two more to Harrison.

Bjorklund moved inside of Prefontaine and they jostled each other. Shorter rushed past Lindgren as the two freshman faded, and Bachelier passed them.

Into the homestretch, Riley began a beautiful, fast drive. On the same track where he first came to national attention five years ago as a high school junior, Riley flowed past Bjorklund, past Prefontaine. He ran inside Bachelier. He caught his old friend, Lindgren, with about 40 yards to go and beat him for the first time in major competition.

Lindgren was tying up at that point and Bachelier was bearing down on him with giant strides, but Bachelier, too, faltered near the end and Lindgren held third place.

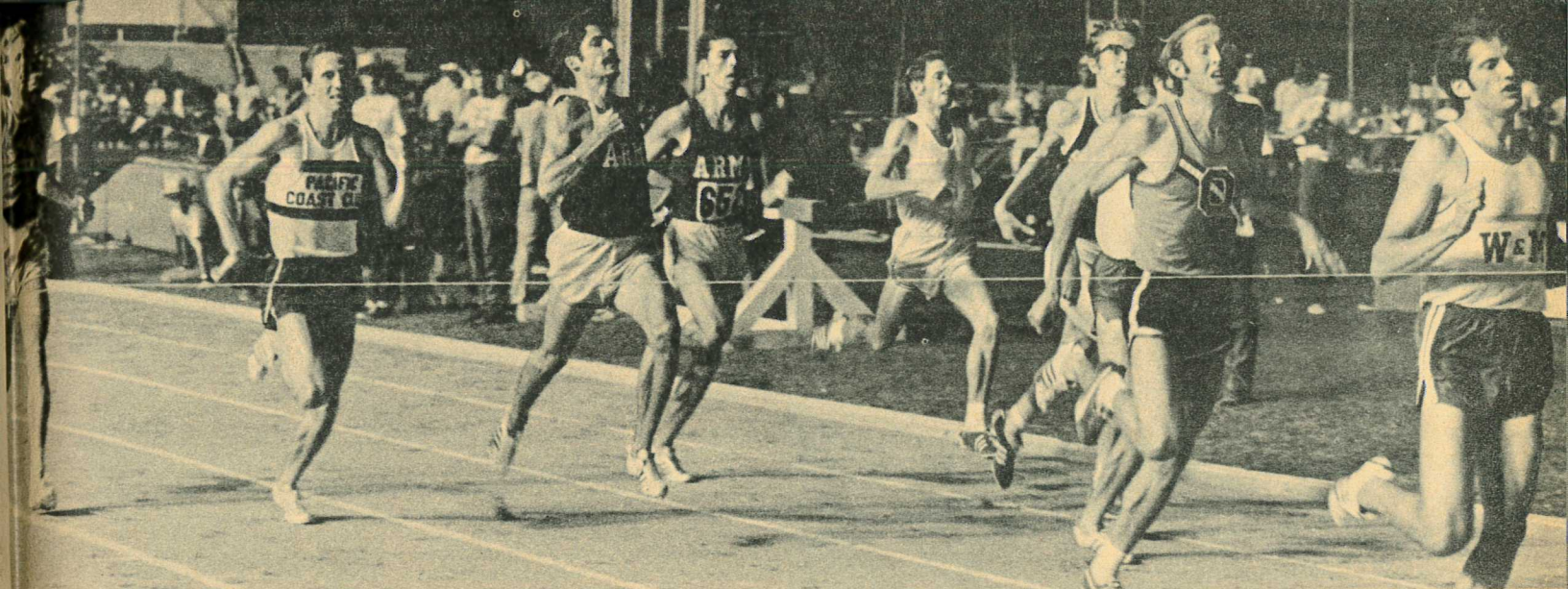
Their last laps decided the race. Shorter clocked 55.8 for the final circuit as his 13:24.2 edged Riley by two-tenths. One watch clocked Riley at 54.7 and Lindgren and Bachelier ran 57.0 each. Prefontaine and Bjorklund timed 57.8 and 58.4 respectively. Shorter and Riley both ran the final half mile somewhere under two minutes.

Prefontaine said his foot, injured before the NCAA, hurt him before the race. After the race a doctor looked at it and said, "I don't see how he could run on it." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC) 13:24.2; 2. Rick Riley (Cougar TC) 13:24.4; 3. Gerry Lindgren (Cougar TC) 13:25.0; 4. Jack Bache-

Wayne Collett (3rd, 45.9). Collett blazed to an early lead with Smith well behind but Evans led around the turn and into the stretch before Smith began his irresistible drive which finally caught Evans in the last dozen yards. (Photo by Ed Reed)





Howell Michael (r) pulled off the surprise of surprises in the AAU mile, downing a class field which included defending champ Marty Liquori, last year's number one four-lapper. Here he hits the tape in 4:01.8 as Peter Kaal shunts the hidden Liquori to third, 4:02.1 to 4:02.4.

Down the line of runners followed Dennis Savage (5th, 4:02.5), Jim Crawford (7th, 4:02.7), Roscoe Divine (9th, 4:02.7), Jere VanDyk (4th, 4:02.5), John Mason (6th, 4:02.6) and Dave Wottle (8th, 4:02.7). (Photo by Don Chadez)

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ler (Fla TC) 13:25.4; 5. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 13:26.0; 6. Garry Bjorklund (Minn) 13:26.6; 7. Tarry Harrison (Strid) 13:29.4; 8. Ron Stonitsch (Long Island AC) 13:39.0; 9. Greg Fredericks (Penn St) 13:43.0; 10. Paul Lightfoot (AATC) 13:45.6; 11. Jim Backus (Strid) 13:49.2; 12. Don Rowe (NYAC) 13:59.8; 13. Charles Messenger (USAF) 14:08.2; 14. Phil Camp (Strid) 14:15.2; 15. Tom Donahue (Bruce TC) 14:19.2; 16. Bob Macias (P Coast) 14:21.4; 17. Tom Winters (Seton Hall) 14:32.4; John Kennedy (Strid) dnf.

SIX MILES

Gerry Lindgren began his six-mile stint as if determined not to allow a repeat of the three-mile, in which he and other favorites were outkicked by less highly regarded contenders after forging a less than all-out pace. The co-holder of the American record, set at 27:11.6 in this same meet five years ago in a memorable losing struggle with Billy Mills, bombed the first half in 2:10.2 and the mile in 4:23.8. By this time he had 25 yards on Jerome Drayton, the Canadian marathoner, who in turn was a gaudy 35 yards up on the best of the pursuers, Jack Bachelor, three-mile victor Frank Shorter, and 1969 internationalist Ken Moore. By two-miles the pace had slackened a bit to an even nine minutes but Lindgren was still looking invincible with a 30 yard edge on Drayton and 50 on the other three who now were joined by frosh Garry Bjorklund.

Then the steadily running trailers began to close, eating away at the lead until it disappeared just before the end of 11 circuits. So at three-miles it was Shorter, Bachelor and Bjorklund with a three yard margin over Lindgren in 13:39.6. Three quarters of a lap later, Drayton suddenly pulled out of the contest and by three-and-a-half miles it was obvious Lindgren was no longer a factor. He was 20 yards in arrears, and his disadvantage widened to 60 at four-miles, which the leaders passed 18:15.4, and to 120 by five (22:55.6).

Meanwhile, Florida Track Club teammates Bachelor and Shorter traded the lead while the precocious Bjorklund moved along easily just behind, constantly saving ground on the pole. This is the way it went until the first turn of the bell lap when Bjorklund started losing ground. Bachelor and Shorter ran side by side down the back stretch and around the turn, stretching out but not in an all-out drive. A planned tie, which they perpetrated at the Drake Relays in 28:24.0, appeared imminent again and the move was confirmed when they joined hands 40 yards from home. Bachelor was slightly ahead as they crossed the line in a fast 27:24.0 but the judges wisely allowed the tie to take place. The time was equal third on the all-time US list, behind Mills and Lindgren, and equal 12th on the world standing.

Bjorklund continued his last lap at about the same pace, finishing his first ever six-mile in a collegiate record 27:30.8, making him the fifth fastest American ever, and also ranking him 22nd on the all-time world lists. Moore, who passes Lindgren in the last mile, recorded a PR 27:54.4 in fourth with Lindgren fifth in 28:05.8. (Bert Nelson)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. (tie) Jack Bachelor (Fla TC) & Frank Shorter (Fla TC) 27:24.0; 3. Garry Bjorklund (Minn) 27:30.8; 4. Ken Moore (US Army) 27:54.4; 5. Gerry Lindgren (Cougar TC) 28:05.8; 6. Bob Bertelsen (Ohio U) 28:25.6; 7. Bill Clark (unat) 28:39.4; 8. Ray Hughes (Strid) 28:40.8; 9. Tom Hoffman (Kegonsa TC) 28:43.8; 10. Fred Ritcherson (Strid) 29:07.4; 11. Jerry Jobski (P Coast) 29:12.2; 12. Dick Buerkle (NYAC) 29:14.2; 13. Phil Camp (Strid) 29:17.8; 14. Mike Mittelstaedt (USMC) 29:27.0; 15. Mark Covert (LA Valley JC) 29:41.0; 16. Dick Woelk (Strid) 29:41.6; 17. John Collet (UCTC) 29:49.8; 18. John Loeschorn (USAF) 30:41.6; Eamon O'Reilly (Athens), Jerome Drayton (Tor OC), Chris Miller (West Valley TC) dnf.

STEEPLECHASE

Few, if any, events were as wide open in these championships as the steeplechase. No one man had performed consistently and fast enough to be considered a favorite.

Twelve men toed the starting line, defending champion Mike Manley, last year's runner-up Bob Price and internationalist Barry Brown among them. NCAA winner Sid Sink, with the nation's fastest clocking of 8:41.0, was also

there as were the collegiate second and third placers, Jerry Liebenberg and Steve Savage. Tucked unobtrusively in the field was 68 Olympian Bill Reilly.

Sink sprinted into the lead at the gun and Price fell to his usual position—dead last. Liebenberg led over the first hurdle, however, with Canadian Grant McLaren and sharp-hurdling Dave Hindley behind. Liebenberg, thin and wearing a head band and wire glasses, flew over the water pit on the first splash-down ala Amos Biwott. He passed the first two laps in 2:12.8 but no one in the field seemed overly disturbed.

Liebenberg, who looks less like a distance runner and more like a refugee from "Tobacco Road" in his faded yellow sweat clothes and slouchy cap, still led past four laps in 4:30.2. Over the water jump, Sink, who had dropped to last shortly after the second water barrier, landed heavily in the water with both feet and dropped out. It was later reported he stepped on a hammer while warming up and stepping on the hurdle aggravated his injury.

Into the stretch at the end of five laps, the field was up with Liebenberg and Reilly had moved up to an equal second with Manley and Don Timm. Price was also moving strongly right behind. A half lap later, gutty little Reilly had assumed command with Liebenberg in second with Price and Savage hovering

Heading for splashdown in the AAU steeplechase, Bob Price (l) holds a slim lead over Bill Reilly, who went on to win in 8:34.8, making him the third-fastest American ever. Price followed in 8:36.4 while Steve Savage (hidden behind Reilly) nabbed a personal best 8:38.6 in placing third. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)





Frank Shorter had quite a two days at the AAU. Here he wins the three-mile in 13:24.2, his first national title. Rick Riley (952) surprised in second with 13:24.4, ahead of obscured Gerry Lindgren (3rd, 13:25.0) and Jack Bacheler (4th, 13:25.4). The next night, clubmates Shorter and Bacheler tied for the six-mile title in 27:24.0. (Don Chadez photo)

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closely.

By the end of six circuits, Liebenberg had dropped off a bit and the triumvirate of Reilly, Price and Savage were making a three-man race of it. Manley and Brown were well back and out of it. At the gun for the final lap, Price moved up to the lead but Reilly stayed on his outside shoulder. They dashed along the final backstretch and were up and over the final water jump simultaneously. Into the final stretch, they matched strides again and cleared the final hurdle as one, but Reilly dug down and kicked harder to come home first in 8:34.8, a personal best to become the third-fastest American ever. Price ran 8:36.4 in second and Savage collected a PR 8:38.6 for third. Liebenberg resurged to take fourth in 8:44.4, his best ever.

Reilly, virtually unheard from this spring, explained where he has been: "I've been here all along, but I couldn't get into any of the big meets because no one would believe me when I told them I was on the 68 Olympic team (where he turned out ill)." (Jon Hendershott)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Bill Reilly (NYAC) 8:34.8; 2. Bob Price (AIA) 8:36.4; 3. Steve Savage (Ore TC) 8:38.6; 4. Jerry Liebenberg (Milwaukee TC) 8:44.4; 5. Ron Pettigrew (Strid) 8:48.4; 6. Don Timm (Minn) 8:50.2; 7. Dave Hindley (unat) 8:54.4; 8. Mike Manley (unat) 9:00.8; 9. Barry Brown (NYAC) 9:09.2; Sid Sink (Bowling Green), Grant McLaren (Tor OC), John Parker (Fla TC) dnf.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES

Defending champions had a rough time at Bakersfield--and surprisingly Willie Davenport was among those winners unable to repeat. The reason was a pair of youngsters named Thomas Hill and Marcus Walker.

The only name hurdler eliminated in the heats was Larry Livers, who was outleaded by Gary Power in the third race. Paul Gibson skipped to a relaxed looking 13.6 in the first heat, four-tenths up on Rod Milburn, Walker edged Hill in the second, and Davenport looked strong in the third.

In the final, Hill and Davenport were side-by-side in lanes three and four with Walker in six. The field got away on the first start and Willie was out strongly, looking to be on his way to his fifth title. But, at the fourth hurdle, the lanky Hill, who shocked the track world with his windy 13.1 and record-equaling 13.2 at the USTFF but who could only place fifth in the NCAA last week, began to move.

By the seventh barrier, it was clear the title wouldn't be claimed by Davenport. In fact, he would have a tough time claiming second with gold-shirted Walker snapping quickly over the barriers. On the run-in, Davenport strained mightily but in vain. Hill and Walker were almost inseparable with Davenport back in third.

The Bulova phototimer photo showed Hill the winner by the barest of margins in 13.3 with Walker also given 13.3, a personal best by three-tenths. Davenport was a tenth back with Milburn two more tenths behind.

Asked when he thought he had won, the personable Hill grinned, "When the man announced Tom Hill won it, and not a second before." Hill was satisfied with his hurdling and then explained what happened at the NCAA. "The announcers there were different. They kept emphasizing what I had done and what I was supposed to do. You keep hearing a guy talk like that and it gets you. I was real nervous and I ran the worst race of my life."

Walker also talked about nerves, commenting that his were jangling here because this was his first AAU meet. "But after a while," the quiet Colorado junior said, "I just overlooked the nervousness and ran my race." (Jon Hendershott)

RESULTS (6/26, times adjusted from Bulova phototimer photo, hand time in parentheses, 0.0 wind): 1. Thomas Hill (Ark St U) 13.3; 2. Marcus Walker (Colo TC) 13.3; 3. Willie Davenport (Tex Strid) 13.4; 4. Rod Milburn (Sn) 13.7 (13.6); 5. Paul Gibson (El Paso) 13.7 (13.8); 6. Gary Power (Strid) 13.9 (13.8); 7. Tom White (Strid) 14.2; 8. Pat Pomphrey (USAF) 14.2; Leon Coleman (Seamans) dnf.

HEATS (6/26, three qualify): I(2.7 wind)-1. Gibson 13.6; 2. Milburn 14.0; 3. Pomphrey. II(0.0 wind)-1. Walker 13.7; 2. Hill 13.8; 3. White 13.8; 4. Lance Babb (Cal TC) 14.0. III(0.0 wind)-1. Davenport 13.7; 2. Coleman 13.9; 3. Power 14.1.

440 YARD INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Married life must be agreeing with Ralph Mann. The week after tying the knot, he won at Compton in 51.1. On his second weekly anniversary, he took the USTFF at 50.7. On his third, he shattered the world record at the NCAA with 48.8. And four weeks following his marriage, the BYU junior defended his AAU title with a strong 49.8.

But Friday's heats showed Ron Whitney would be tough. He powered to his seasonal best of 50.9 in the first heat. In the second, Mann showed his strength for eight hurdles until Geoff Vanderstock, running with a heavily bandaged right thigh after making the qualifying standard only two nights before, dropped out between the eighth and ninth barriers. Then both Mann and El Paso's Ron Rondeau slowed to a jog and qualified with 53.9s. Bob Steele took the other race in 51.4 as the heats eliminated only two other men, Jim Seymour and Roger Johnson. The small field probably resulted from a stiff qualifying mark of 51.4 and the fact that only 22 Americans had achieved that time by the meet.

In the final, Mann drew lane eight, just as last year in Miami. Whitney, Steele, and Wes Williams, all right-leg leaders and Mann's chief challengers, were in lanes four, five and six. Long-haired Jim Wharton moved out well at the gun, but Mann was powering along the backstretch, despite, as he commented later, "I got left in the blocks." He passed the 220 in 23.7, slower than he wanted, but he was leading.

Into the final turn, Whitney began to move as did Williams and Dick Bruggeman on the inside. But as the staggers evened out, Mann was still ahead with Whitney making his move into second. They maintained their positions to the wire, with Steele outleaving Williams for third. Whitney clocked 50.2, his fastest time since 1968.

Mann commented that he didn't mind the outside lane because "I drew lane eight last year so I'm used to it. I'd rather run there anyway. When you get lane eight you have to run your own race. I wasn't alert at the start and I ran scared but I still ran my own race." Mann attributed his successes this year to "more weight training, more speed work, and more maturity. My international competition last year really gave me experience and confidence; like when you get lane eight you have to run your own race and meeting such top-flight competition has taught me how to do that." (Jon Hendershott)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Ralph Mann (Strid) 49.8; 2. Ron Whitney (Strid) 50.2; 3. Bob Steele (AATC) 51.2; 4. Wes Williams (San Diego St) 51.2; 5. Dick Bruggeman (Ohio TC) 51.5; 6. Dave Adkins (US Army) 51.8; 7. Jim Wharton (Idaho St) 51.8; 8. Ron Rondeau (El Paso) 52.2.

HEATS (6/26, four qualify): I-1. Whitney 50.9; 2. Wharton 51.5; 3. Adkins 51.6; 4. Williams 51.6. II-1. Steele 51.4; 2. Bruggeman 52.3; 3. Mann 53.9; 4. Rondeau 53.9; Geoff Vanderstock (US Army) dnf.

HIGH JUMP

Surprisingly poor jumping was the result of a soft synthetic takeoff, injuries, and the championship pressure of starting at 6'10". John Dobroth said, "Very few guys are comfortable starting at 6'10"."

Only four jumpers cleared 6'10" on their first attempts--Mike Bowers, Barry Shepard, Reynaldo Brown, and Dobroth.

Bill Elliott, sensational flopper who cleared 7'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " a month ago, suffered from a severe Achilles tendon injury and tied for fifth by clearing 6'10" on his second trial along with Ray McGill and former NCAA champion Lew Hoyt. McGill, former Bakersfield JC jumper, said, "It seemed to me the standards were too far from the pit."

When only two men could clear 7'0", the veteran 29-year-old Dobroth had his best-ever AAU place, tie for third with Bowers.

At 7'0", Brown touched the crossbar in clearing on his first attempt. Shepard rolled over on his second. Brown, wearing his light blue upper with a white RB on it, came close to 7'1" twice, then left the bar jiggling on the up-rights on his third try. With Shepard out, Brown missed three times at 7'3".

Defending champion (and winner four of the last five years) Otis Burrell was spiked before the competition. He passed 6'10" and missed three times at 7'0". John Hartfield, making a comeback after his hard-luck fourth place in the 1968 Olympic Trials, cleared 6'10" on his third attempt and barely missed his third jump at 7'0". (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/26): 1. Reynaldo Brown (Cal TC) 7'1"; 2. Barry Shepard (Ariz St) 7'0"; 3. (tie) Mike Bowers (AATC) & John Dobroth (P Coast) 6'10"; 5. (tie) Bill Elliott (P Coast), Lew Hoyt (Strid) & Ray McGill (Strid) 6'10"; 8. (tie) John Hartfield (US Army) & Willie Sojourner (Weber St) 6'10"; Dragan Anđelkovic (Athens), Otis Burrell (Strid), Frank Costello (Spts Intl), Ed Hanks (SDTC), Tim Heikkila (Minn), Gary Hines (Athens), Fred Jackson (Athens), Ron Jourdan (Fla), Steve Lang (Strid), Bill McClellon (NYPC), John Radetich (Ore St), Bryant Salter (Pitt), Jim Sobiesczyk (Kearney St) & Peter Wright (Wash St) no height.

POLE VAULT

It wasn't until the 19th vault of the competition that the bar remained in place and that dreary succession of failures pretty much told the story. The saving graces were few but thankfully included the return to form of Bob Seagren, who won the event at 17'2". He has done far better of course, and did not look good at 17'6", but it was a vast improvement on his recent efforts and bade well for the future. "I have had a hard time working up interest this year," explained the Olympic champ, "and I'm just now getting into shape. But I'm on my way to Europe, where I hope to meet Nordwig (the new record holder) and I'll do better."

Missing from the meet were such stalwart 17-footers as John Pennel,

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Dick Railsback, Jon Vaughn and Casey Carrigan, all injured or suffering loss of form from previous injuries. And Jan Johnson, the Kansas sophomore who won the NCAA at a surprising 17'7", was missing early in the competition. On his first two vaults at 16'6", Johnson had plenty of height--17-feet or more--but came down too close to the cross-piece and pulled it off, finishing deadlocked for fifth with Scott Cryder of Mesa Arizona CC, and Bill Barrett of the AATC. Sam Caruthers, the other pre-meet co-favorite, looked splendid in warming up and clearing 16'0" and 16'6" and had a close at 17'2" but couldn't make it and wound up third. Second went to the only man in the meet scoring a personal best--Paul Heglar of El Paso who negotiated 17'2" then had two good cracks --better than Seagren's--at 17'6". Vic Dias, the San Jose Stater who just a week ago upped his PR to 16'10½", took three tries to make 16'8" but as only three others made it he finished fourth.

The vaulters had thought that they were vaulting at 16'6" and 17'0". The error was not discovered until the bar was actually measured at 17'2".

Of the 21 starters, 10 could not make openers at 16'0". After the initial 18 straight misses there were another 20 consecutive failures at 16'8". All told, the entire field made only 17 vaults of the 73 attempted. (Bert Nelson)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Bob Seagren (Strid) 17'2"; 2. Paul Heglar (P Coast) 17'2"; 3. Sam Caruthers (Seamans) 16'8"; 4. Vic Dias (Athens) 16'8"; 5. (tie) Bill Barrett (AATC), Scott Cryder (P Coast) & Jan Johnson (Kans) 16'0"; 8. (tie) Nick Homer (Phil PC) & Dennis Phillips (unat) 16'0"; 10. Steve Hardison (Fresno CC) & Mike Wedman (Colo TC) 16'0"; Jack Carter (USAF), Paul Gaydos (US Army), Mike Hanna (UCTC), Scott Hurley (Fla TC), Greg Miguel (Athens), Bob Pullard (Strid), Chuck Rogers (SBAA), Jeff Sakala (Strid), Bob Steinhoff (Strid), Tim St. Lawrence (Ala) no height.

LONG JUMP

Albeit with wind-assistance, the US put three men over 26-feet in one meet for the first time this season. It was a refreshing lift in a most inconsistent campaign which has seen meets like Compton won with marks of less than 25-feet. And, consider the fact that the following major meets have all had a different champion: Texas Relays, Kansas Relays, Drake Relays, Penn Relays, Mt SAC Relays, King Games, Kennedy Games, California Relays, NAIA, USTFF, NCAA and AAU. The only leaper to take two titles this year is Norm Tate, with the Mt. SAC and Marine Corps Relays.

Tate (also indoor champ) got things going early with a first-round leap of 25'8", and he extended this lead with a 25'11½" effort his next time up. Also in

cord holder Bob Beamon, favoring a sore leg, fouled twice, and then jitter-bugged to 22'10¾" on his third trial. Last year's number two man, Stan Whitley did 24'2", while Olympians Gayle Hopkins, Phil Shinnick, and Charley Mays reached 24'0", 23'9", and 23'7" respectively. (Garry Hill)

RESULTS (6/26): 1. Bouncy Moore (Ore) 26'2¾" w (25'3¾", 25'8¾", f, 24'9½", f, 26'2¾" w); 2. Norm Tate (NYPC) 26'1½" w (25'8", 25'11½", f, 25'3", 26'1½" w, f); 3. Ron Coleman (US Army) 26'1" w (f, f, 25'11", 25'11¾", 26'1", 26'1"); 4. Stan Royster (Athens) 25'11¾" w; 5. Jerry Proctor (Strid) 25'11" w; 6. James McAlister (Cal TFA) 24'10½" ok; 7. Marion Anderson (Athens) 24'8" w; 8. Jim Fraser (Athens) 24'6¾" w;... 11. Henry Hines (Strid) 24'3¾" ok; 12. Stan Whitley (Spts Int'l) 24'2" ok; 13. Gayle Hopkins (P Coast) 24'0" ok; 14. Phil Shinnick (USAF) 23'9" ok;... 17. Charley Mays (GSB) 23'7" ok;... 21. Bob Beamon (Seamans) 22'10¾" ok.

TRIPLE JUMP

Milan Tiff has had his problems. As a freshman in 1969 he was scholastically ineligible to represent his school, Miami of Ohio. After two meets in his sophomore year, he was caught up in the wave of student unrest, and suspended from the squad for another year. He then began the best jumping of his career. He raised his PR from 51'5" to 52'1" and added a windy 52'11½" effort. He was now in top shape but a bruised heel, the bane of all triple jumpers, threatened to limit his effectiveness.

Aptly-named champion in the AAU long jump is Oregon's James "Bouncy" Moore. The sophomore topped a field of veteran leapers with 26'2¾". (Jeff Johnson photo)

the second round, Oregon's young Bouncy Moore showed portents of things to come as he stretched to within ½" of Tate's lead. The Army's Ron Coleman, surprise jumper of the Modesto meet, appeared to be in trouble at this juncture with two fouls, but made things interesting with a come-through leap of 25'11". As the final rounds began, the top three men were within ½" of each other.

Coleman improved another ¼" on the next round to take over second, while the other two had mediocre attempts. All jumps in the last two rounds were wind-aided. First to take advantage of this breeze was always-dangerous Jerry Proctor, who narrowed the four man gap to 1½" with his 25'10" mark. Coleman responded with a PR 26'1" to take the lead, Moore fouled, and Tate gave himself another half-inch bulge as he leaped 26'1½".

The stage was now set for a great final round. Proctor had a non-competitive leap, and Coleman finished the best series of the competition as he matched his earlier 26'1". Now it was Bouncy's turn. Overstriding slightly on the end of his approach, he stuck his foot into the board and drove powerfully outwards, getting a good extension as he landed 26'2¾" away. Tate's final attempt was a foul, and Moore had his first national title.

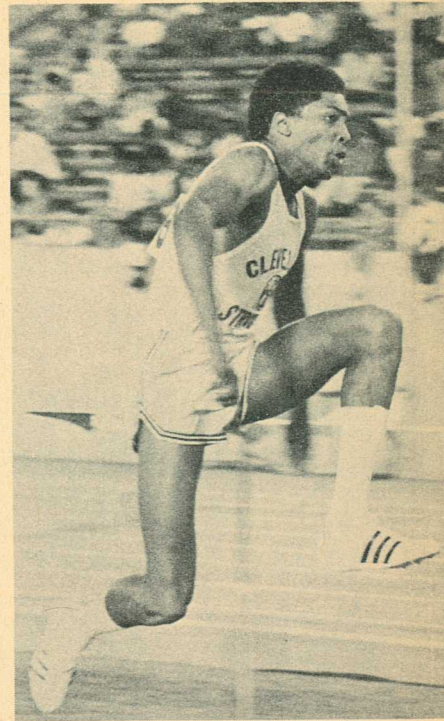
Moore, a 6'2" 170-lb. sophomore, only just turned 19 at the beginning of the month. He showed great promise last season as a frosh with a leap of 25'8", and is progressing rather well this year after the removal of 10 feet of intestine during the off season.

Things went poorly for past greats as defending champion and world re-

A week after placing a floundering fifth in the NCAA high hurdles, new world record equaler Thomas Hill (r) returned to take the AAU title away from Willie Davenport (2nd from left). Hill hurdled 13.3 as Willie slipped to third in 13.4 behind another

newcomer, Colorado's Marcus Walker (left), who cut his previous best from 13.6 to 13.3 to place second. Rod Milburn (2nd from right) hurdled 13.7 in fourth. Hill ran 13.2 at the USTFF but managed just 13.9 at the NCAA. (Photo by Don Chadez)

High-flying Paul Heglar gave Bob Seagren a surprisingly tough tussle in the AAU pole vault. Heglar cleared a personal best 17'2", the same as Seagren's winning effort, to place second. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)



Milan Tiff only needed this single triple jump to annex the AAU championship. He bounded 53'0" on his initial effort to win--and then passed five times. (Don Chadez)



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If he was limited he certainly didn't demonstrate it as he bounded out to 53'0" on his first attempt, moving from 21st to eighth on the all-time US list. Not wanting to aggravate his heel, and feeling safe in having earned a place on the international team, Milan calmly passed his next five trials.

Tiff feels that jumping against the Soviets will aid him immeasurably. "If I see somebody else going out over 55-feet, I'm sure that they will suck me out to at least 54." He also stated "I need to work on my speed. I'm kinda slow."

Dave Smith was the only man close to Tiff, as he opened with 52'8" and almost closed the gap on his final attempt with 52'9".

All jumps during the competition were legal, as the night was very calm and gentle.

High school record holder Dave Tucker showed impressively for a junior in his first national meet, finishing fourth with 51'1". Tucker is surprisingly good technically, getting out as far as anyone on his first two jumps, but lacking the power to get a long final bound. Fortunately he does not share the fault of most American triple jumpers, that of having two long jumps connected by a five foot step. (Garry Hill)

RESULTS (6/27, wind okay on all jumps): 1. Milan Tiff (Clev Strid) 53'0" (53'0", p, p, p, p, p); 2. Dave Smith (P Coast) 52'9" (52'8", 52'1/4", 51'8", 50'9 3/4", p, 52'9"); 3. Lennox Burgher (Long Island AC) 51'8 1/4"; 4. Dave Tucker (unat) 51'1"; 5. James Butts (Strid) 50'10 1/4"; 6. John Craft (UC-TC) 50'9 3/4"; 7. Bryant Salter (Pitt) 50'8 1/4"; 8. Jim Fraser (Athens) 50'3 3/4"; 9. Mohinder Gill (Cal Poly/SLO) 50'3 1/2"; 10. Robert Reader (Strid) 50'3 1/4"; 11. Lincoln Jackson (Athens) 50'1 1/4"; 12. Norm Tate (NYPC) 49'3 1/2"; 13. Chuck Steffes (unat) 49'2 1/2"; 14. Doug Ford (Strid) 49'1 1/2".

SHOT PUT

At the age of 25, Randy Matson has become an institution in world shot-putting, much like Ralph Boston was in long jumping or Janusz Sidlo is in javelin. His winning is almost taken for granted--at least by the track public--yet Matson still produces efforts few other men have approached. And this all after claiming everything that a shot putter can.

So it was again in this competition. The shot area was off at the end of the field, not close to either set of fans in the facing stands and the crowd was only sporadically informed of the progress of the throwing. It was almost like everyone knew how it would end up anyway.

Certainly Matson won--by nearly a yard with a meet record 67'10 1/4"--but the event produced some surprises worthy of better treatment than it received.

Matson didn't wait to unload his big heave, arming the winning distance on his second effort. But that was after young Steve Wilhelm uncorked an outdoor PR 65'1" on his first throw to move into the lead. That heave held up for second although Al Feuerbach tallied a PR with a toss of just an inch less on his third effort. Wilhelm's older brother Bruce also collected a career high of 64'10 1/2", that in the second round. But he fouled his next four as he admittedly pressed to try to join his brother on the international team.

None of them bettered their bests in the finals. The third round, however, saw fifth-placer George Woods get his best of 63'9 3/4".

The surprises in the finals carried over from the qualifying where Karl Salb and Brian Oldfield, both internationalists last year, couldn't make the cut. Salb was the eighth man with his 62'3 1/2" and Oldfield was right behind at 61'11 3/4". Prep Jesse Stuart didn't reach 60-feet with the shot, but probably was unofficial winner of the loudest grunt competition. (Jon Hendershott)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Randy Matson (Tex Strid) 67'10 1/4" (61'5 1/4", 67'10 1/4", 66'9 3/4", 64'10 1/2", f, p); 2. Steve Wilhelm (Athens) 65'1" (65'1", 61'9", 62'4 3/4", 61'2", f, 64'2"); 3. Al Feuerbach (Strid) 65'0" (63'1", 62'5", 65'0", f, 63'4", 60'1"); 4. Bruce Wilhelm (Athens) 64'10 1/2"; 5. George Woods (P Coast) 63'9 3/4"; 6. Dave Murphy (Strid) 62'10 1/2"; 7. Doug Lane (Strid) 62'9 3/4"; 8. Karl Salb (Kans) 62'3 1/2"; 9. Brian Oldfield (UCTC) 61'11 3/4"; 10. Ernie Hearon (Spts Intl) 61'3 1/4"; 11. Jesse Stuart (UCTC) 59'9 1/2"; 12. Pete Schmock (Ore) 57'9 1/4".

DISCUS THROW

Consistent Jay Silvester saved this event from pure insanity. Except for the world record holder's winning performance, the discus maintained the topsey-turvey status prevalent throughout most of the meet in the grandest fashion of all. And with Silvester unable to travel to Europe, the team to represent the US will include Rich Drescher, John Powell and Tim Vollmer.

After Silvester's first round toss of 205'4", which held up for the win by more than 12-feet, the only excitement surrounded the surprise comethroughs and fallbacks. For Silvester could manage only one other fair throw, a mark of 195'9"--also better than Drescher's second place mark.

Marks were well below par as not one athlete recorded a life-time best. In fact, Drescher was the only athlete to come within even five-feet of even his seasonal best. Absolute still wind conditions obviously didn't help the mass of throwers. Drescher was certainly the comethrough performer, in spite of his strong NCAA (third) and AAU (fifth) performances of last year as a Maryland senior. In two meets the weekend before this meet, he raised his PR first to 195'2" and then to 195'11"--to rank 11th best among US throwers this year. He lumped all six of his spins between 187'8" and his best of 193'3".

Last year's national champ Jon Cole never survived the qualifying rounds, and his best mark of 185'8" netted him only eighth in the competition.

The performance of the eight Pacific Coast and Striders entries was uncanny if uninspiring. They claimed every place between sixth and 13th. As a group they averaged performances 12'10 1/4" off their seasonal bests--albeit six of them only getting three throws in the preliminary rounds. Except for Cole and Bill Neville, all other seasonal bests were recorded in all-comer style meets--most at Long Beach. (Dick Drake)

RESULTS (6/26): 1. Jay Silvester (unat) 205'4" (205'4", f, f, 195'9", f, f); 2. Rich Drescher (Spts Intl) 193'3"; 3. John Powell (Athens) 191'4"; 4. Tim Vollmer (US Army) 189'4"; 5. Dave Weill (Athens) 188'10"; 6. Gary Ordway (P Coast) 187'11" (2nd best 185'9 1/2"); 7. Bill Neville (Strid) 187'11" (2nd best 184'1"); 8. Jon Cole (P Coast) 185'8"; 9. Miles Lister (P Coast) 184'10"; 10. Claude Lott (Strid) 182'1"; 11. Ed Kohler (Strid) 180'2"; 12. Don Tollefson (P

Coast) 178'6" (2nd best 175'9"); 13. Dave Weber (P Coast) 178'6" (no other fair throws); 14. John Bakkensen (Port TC) 178'1".

HAMMER THROW

George Frenn had been trying to win this championship for many years, and now he was the favorite. A colorful character in blue sweat pants, red shirt, and a black Greek mustache, he went through his deliberate pre-throw routine with slow movements. Not even a movie camera was allowed to whir.

He spun his first throw 227'4", but he was not satisfied. He was after Ed Burke's national record of 235'11", made from this same concrete circle three years ago. Frenn fouled his second throw, but he completed a good series with 228'9", 224'1", 229'7", and 230'0". He said he left his record on the practice field Monday.

Defending champion Tom Gage is an excellent competitor who is at his best under pressure. In third place after his opening throw of 210'5", he moved to second with 222'4". Struggling to catch Frenn, he threw 219'10", foul, and 224'4". His last throw almost won when it landed at 228'5". This throw matched the PR he established in winning last year's title at Miami.

Hal Connolly, 1956 Olympic champion hampered by an elbow injury, fouled his first throw, then had three consistent tries of 214'1", 214'1", and 214'3". NCAA champion Steve DeAutremont made his post-collegiate debut an auspicious one by breaking his personal record on his first throw. His 207'2" held up for fourth place when none of the others could improve on their first efforts.

Frenn said, "I felt real good coming into the meet. I had a throw of over 240-feet in practice Monday and I think I overtrained in practice Tuesday because my back is really bothering me now. I suspect I'll be going over 240-feet in a meet anytime now." (Cordner Nelson)

RESULTS (6/26): 1. George Frenn (P Coast) 230'0" (227'4", f, 228'9", 224'1", 229'7", 230'0"); 2. Tom Gage (NYAC) 228'5"; 3. Hal Connolly (Strid) 214'3"; 4. Steve DeAutremont (Ore St) 207'2"; 5. Larry Hart (US Army) 203'10"; 6. Wayne Pangburn (Strid) 201'7"; 7. Bob Narcessian (US Army) 199'2"; 8. Gary Salmond (Can) 199'1"; 9. Al Hall (unat) 195'9"; 10. DeWitt Davies (NYAC) 191'10"; 11. Tom Fraus (Athens) 186'6"; 12. Bill Penny (Kans) 180'10"; 13. Dale Frederick (US Army) 180'2".

JAVELIN THROW

Bill Skinner's chances of repeating the USTFF-NCAA-AAU triple won by Mark Murro last year seemed fairly strong considering the usual state of javelin throwing in the US.

Murro himself looked unbeatable until Compton when he stepped in a hole and ripped ligaments in his left ankle, his planting foot. At Bakersfield, Murro appeared hesitant to bear down on the ankle, swollen to nearly twice the size of his right, and reached only 237'11". This was his first meet since Compton. He later scowled and commented, "I've never suffered such pain as with this ankle. I was hurt last year at the AAU (suffering a pulled side muscle, he won the title anyway) but that was nothing like this. It just totally affected my throwing."

Another injured collegian who could have won here was Bill Schmidt, the stocky Pennsylvanian at North Texas State. An inflamed elbow in his throwing arm, suffered at Modesto when he upset Murro with 280'7", held him to 237'1", one place behind Murro.

And two more potential winners didn't progress past the qualifying. Larry Stuart reaching 239'5" after being up all the previous night with food poisoning, and Milt Sonly, last year's find of the international tour, hitting 226'6" and appearing far off his form of last year.

So with such men as these watching the final three throws, who was left? Well, Skinner won the competition on his first throw of the qualifying, as he reached 275'2". Then, on his first heave of the finals he reached a PR 276'7" and the triple was complete.

Frank Covelli reached 261'2" on his third throw, but Roger Collins of Clemson, probably one of the least-recognized international caliber athletes in this country, stabbed the spear out 262'4" on his fifth throw to make his second international team.

Skinner felt the throwing facilities were good but, "The wind wasn't helpful. It was from the left to the right and I throw best into a headwind because I'm a low thrower. A headwind would have held my javelin up a little higher and maybe given a longer throw." Asked if he was satisfied with his first AAU title, he said, "Well, I can't be dissatisfied any time I can have two throws over 275 in one meet." (Jon Hendershott)

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Bill Skinner (NYAC) 276'7" (275'2", 232'4", 261'11", 276'7", 265'0", 256'4"); 2. Roger Collins (Clemson) 262'4" (253'11", 242'10", 245'2", 242'7", 262'4", f); 3. Frank Covelli (P Coast) 261'2" (245'10", 260'9", 261'2", 250'3", 257'1", 250'11"); 4. Bob Wallis (US Army) 257'7"; 5. Ben Laville (Strid) 250'1"; 6. Mike Lyngstad (US Army) 247'3"; 7. Cary Feldman (Wash) 244'2"; 8. Ed Red (P Coast) 241'2"; 9. Ed Morland (US Army) 240'7"; 10. Andy Barnett (Strid) 240'5"; 11. Dave Reiss (Md) 240'0"; 12. Larry Stuart (Strid) 239'5"; 13. Mark Murro (P Coast) 237'7"; 14. Bill Schmidt (No Tex St) 237'1"; 15. Bill Floerke (Strid) 236'11"; 16. Scott Hagy (unat) 236'5";... 20. Milt Sonly (unat) 226'6".

TWO MILE WALK

RESULTS (6/27): 1. Tom Dooley (Athens) 13:44.0; 2. Ron Daniel (NY-AC) 14:14.8; 3. Jim Hanley (Strid) 14:21.8; 4. Bruce Adair (US Army) 14:28.4; 5. Greg Diebold (Shore AC) 14:34.6; 6. John Kelly (Strid) 14:35.4; Goetz Klopfer (Athens), Dave Romansky (Dela TC) & Ron Laird (NYAC) disqualified.

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Youth, surprises, records--such was the script followed at both the NCAA and AAU meets as this cover collage depicts. UPPER LEFT: This is no ordinary John Smith (l). He's just upset Lee Evans (r) by a tenth for the AAU 440 title with 45.7. (Don Chadez photo) UPPER RIGHT: Ralph Mann (r) and Wayne Collett (l) became history's two-fastest 440 hurdlers at the NCAA, Mann with a world record 48.8 and Collett with 49.2. (Jeff Jacobsen, Topeka Capital-Journal) LOWER LEFT: Jack Bachefer (l) and Frank Shorter (r) have plenty to smile about. They tied for the AAU six-mile title and Shorter won the three-mile and the meet's outstanding performer award. (Jeff Johnson) LOWER RIGHT: "I won?!" open-mouthed Ken Swenson seems to ask. He took the AAU 880 here from Mark Winzenried (l) and won the NCAA half in the world's fastest clocking of the year, 1:46.3. (Chadez)

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US Team... Nonmembers

It's quite a group of athletes. John Carlos, Charlie Greene, Lee Evans, Marty Liguori, Chuck LaBenz, Jack Bachefer, Gerry Lindgren, Willie Davenport, Otis Burrell, Bill Elliott, Bob Seagren, John Pennel, Bob Beamon, Jerry Proctor, Randy Matson, Karl Salb, Jay Silvester, Jon Cole, Hal Connolly, Tom Gage, Mark Murro, Bill Schmidt and Russ Hodge. Many were or are world record holders. Virtually all have a performance this year that will rank them amongst the top 10 in their event in the world for 1970. Yet, none of them are members of the US's 1970 national team that will compete in Europe against France, West Germany and the USSR.

It goes without questioning that no other nation in the world, even if it had the quality athletes bred in the US, would permit such a wholesale "boycott" of a national team. Since the AAU picks its teams strictly on the basis of performance in its championship meet and exercises no coercive measures to get an athlete to compete on a national squad, some of the qualified athletes will even compete in invitational meets on the old continent while outstanding athletes who slipped in the title meet but still might wish to compete on the traveling team are not considered. With the increased circulation of rumors about pay-offs to big-name US athletes in Europe, continual pressures from schooling or work without special consideration from the AAU or this country's government as well as a requirement that all members of the national team must compete in all three competitions, the lure of competing against the Russians or representing the US no longer holds the magic appeal.

It's obviously the greenest US national team in the last 20 years, as 27 have never been previous members against 18 who have. Imagine the woe of pressmen and even track nuts in the three nations in which the US will compete as they endeavored to determine the credentials of such novices as John Smith, Marcus Walker, Barry Shepard, Paul Heglar, Bouncy Moore, Al Feuerbach, Rich Drescher and John Powell. All, of course, legitimately earned the right, as none placed lower than third in the AAU title meet.

Key: Members of the US team are listed in the left column with their place in the AAU championships and seasonal best mark. Other athletes carried as non-members are some of the leading "name" participants missing from this year's squad. Symbols: dnc--did not compete in the AAU; inj--injured; nh--no height; *-indicates athlete informed AAU of his intention not to compete on a national team despite high placing. (Dick Drake)

US TEAM	NON-MEMBERS
100: Ivory Crockett (1) 9.3	John Carlos (inj) 9.2
Ben Vaughan (2) 9.3	Charles Greene (3) 9.3
Eddie Hart (4) 9.3	Willie McGee (dnc) 9.1
Robert Taylor (5) 9.2	Jim Green (7) 9.2
220: Ben Vaughan (1) 20.6	John Carlos (dnc) 20.3
Willie Turner (2) 20.4	Mel Gray (dnc) 20.4
Fred Newhouse (3) 20.5	
440: John Smith (1) 45.7	Lee Evans (2*) 45.8
Wayne Collett (3) 45.7	Tom Ulan (7) 45.7
Curtis Mills (4) 45.5	Larry James (5) 45.5
880: Ken Swenson (1) 1:46.3	Fred Newhouse (220) 45.5
M. Winzenried (2) 1:47.3	Tom VonRuden (3) 1:47.9
1 Mile: Howell Michael (1) 3:59.0	Pat Collins (dnc) 1:46.5
Jere VanDyk (4) 4:01.4	Art Sandison (8) 1:47.0
3M: Frank Shorter (1) 13:13.8	Marty Liguori (3*) 3:58.5
Rick Riley (2) 13:24.4	John Mason (6) 3:58.4
S. Prefontaine (5) 13:12.8	Roscoe Divine (9) 3:56.3
6M: Frank Shorter (1) 27:24.0	Chuck LaBenz (dnc) 3:56.9
G. Bjorklund (3) 27:30.8	Gerry Lindgren (3) 13:25.0
St: Bill Reilly (1) 8:34.8	Jack Bachefer (4) 13:13.0
Steve Savage (3) 8:38.6	
J. Liebenberg (4) 8:44.4	Jack Bachefer (1*) 27:24.0
HH: Thomas Hill (1) 13.2	Gerry Lindgren (5) 28:05.8
Marcus Walker (2) 13.3	Bob Price (2*) 8:36.4
Rod Milburn (5) 13.5	Sid Sink (inj) 8:41.0
IH: Ralph Mann (1) 4.8.8	
Rey Whitney (2) 50.2	Wayne Collett (440) 49.2
HJ: Rey Brown (1) 7'3 1/2"	Otis Burrell (nh) 7'1"
Barry Shepard (2) 7'2"	Bill Elliott (5c) 7'3 3/4"
PV: Paul Heglar (2) 17'2"	Bob Seagren (1*) 17'2"
Sam Caruthers (3) 17'1"	John Pennel (dnc) 17'6"
LJ: Bouncy Moore (1) 25'11"	Dick Railsback (dnc) 17'1"
Norm Tate (2) 26'1"	Henry Hines (11) 26'2 3/4"
Ron Coleman (3) 26'3 3/4"	Gayle Hopkins (13) 25'10"
TJ: Milan Tiff (1) 53'0"	Bob Beamon (21) 26'1"
Dave Smith (2) 53'1 1/2"	Phil Shinnick (14) 25'7 1/4"
SP: Steve Wilhelm (2) 65'1"	Jerry Proctor (5) 25'8 3/4"
Al Feuerbach (3) 65'0"	Norm Tate (12) 52'3 3/4"
DT: Rich Drescher (2) 1:55'11"	John Craft (6) 52'7 3/4"
John Powell (3) 2:01'6"	Randy Matson (1*) 71'4 3/4"
Tim Vollmer (4) 2:03'10"	Karl Salb (8) 65'11 3/4"
HT: George Frenn (1) 2:32'7"	Bruce Wilhelm (4) 64'10 3/4"
S.DeAutremont (4) 2:07'2"	George Woods (5) 63'10 1/2"
JT: Bill Skinner (1) 2:76'7"	Jay Silvester (1*) 2:11'9"
Roger Collins (2) 2:62'4"	Jon Cole (8) 2:08'10"
Dec: John Warkentin (1) 8026	Tom Gage (2*) 2:28'5"
Jeff Bennett (3) 8072	Hal Connolly (3*) 2:27'0"
	Mark Murro (12) 3:00'0"
	Bill Schmidt (14) 2:80'7"
	Frank Covelli (3) 2:71'3"
	Russ Hodge (2*) 8025
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