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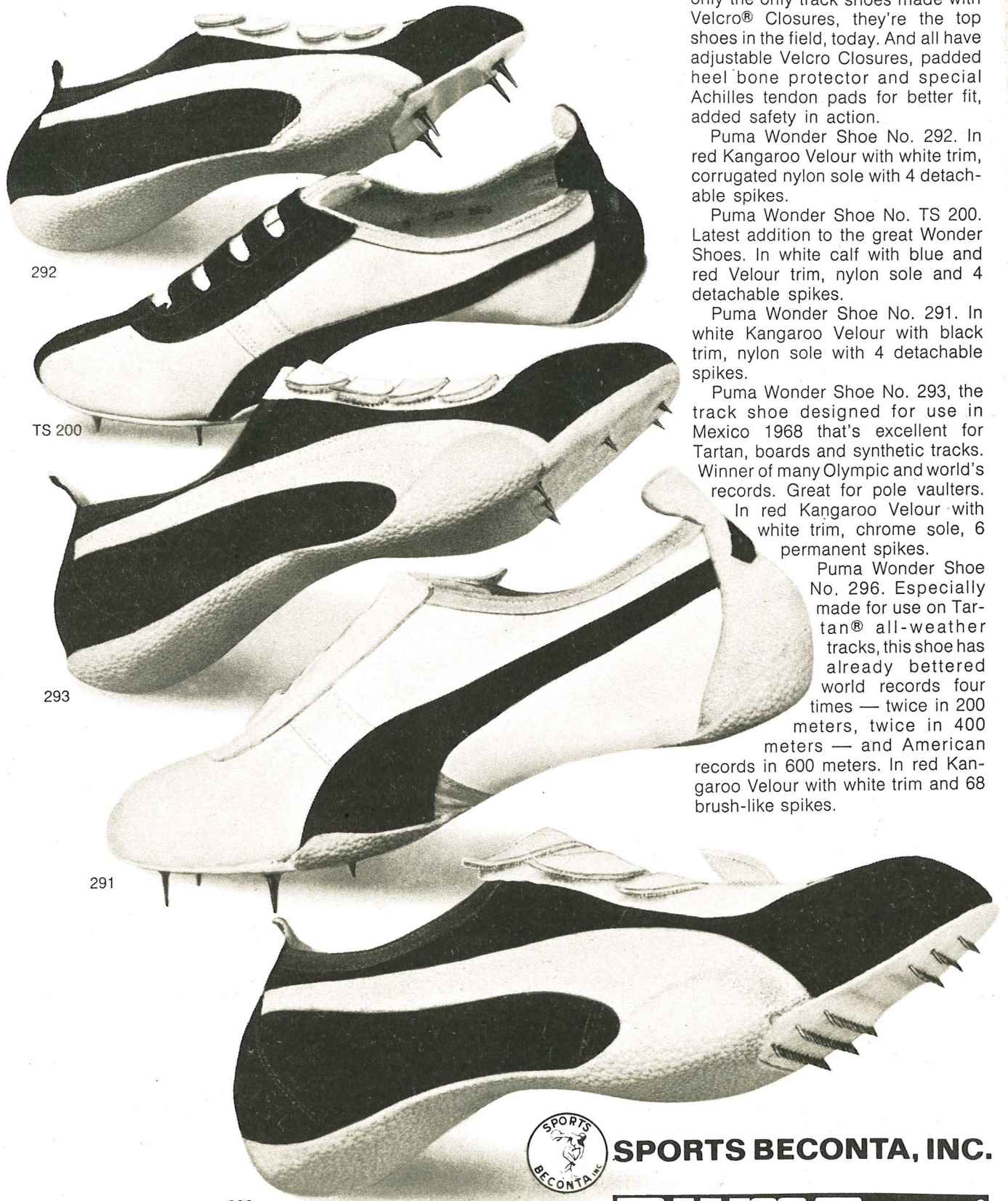
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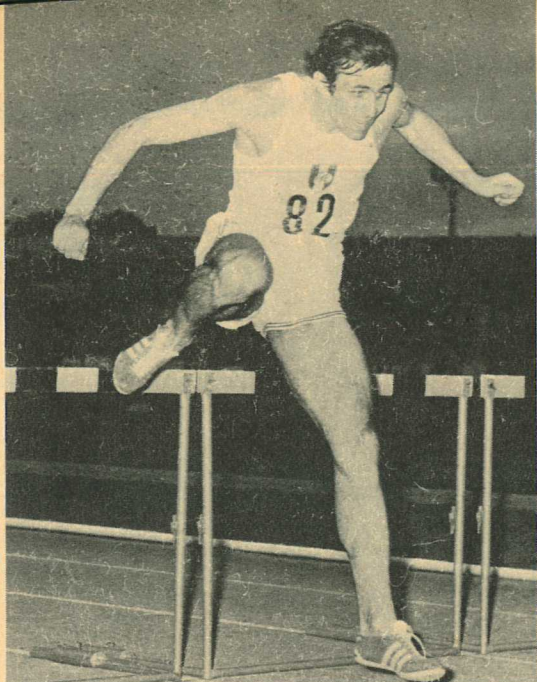
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European Apogees

The European season reached an early high noon as US athletes invaded the old continent for three duels, Commonwealth representatives got together for their quadrennial affair and still other locals prepped for the European Cup finals.

Aside from the outstanding performances pictured on this page, perhaps the single most impressive effort of the year was Jean Wadoux's 3:34.0 1500-meters, which moved him to second all-time behind only Jim Ryun's 3:33.1 and sliced 2.3 seconds off the European standard. US javelinist Bill Skinner continued his hot streak, and whipped his implement 291'9½" against the West Germans and then beat Janis Lulis in the Soviet Union. Scots Ian and Lachie Stewart, unrelated, thrilled home countrymen with their 13:22.8 and 28:11.8 metric distance victories at the British Commonwealth Games.

(Extreme top) France's Jean-Claude Nallet bathed himself in glory more than once recently. Here he clears the final intermediate hurdle on his way to a 48.6 clocking against the US and an upset over Ralph Mann. He ran 45.4 over the flat 400 the next night and lowered that to 45.2 in his national meet. (*L'Equipe-Athletisme*)

(Above) Wading in the water in the Commonwealth steeple, world record holder Kerry O'Brien (25) later came to grief as he fell and didn't finish. But teammate Tony Manning (22) came through in fine style, winning in 8:26.2. Others (l-r): Andy Holden (5th, 8:34.6), Ben Jipcho (obscured, 2nd, 8:29.6), Ben Kogo (6th, 8:36.2) and Bernard Hayward (7th, 8:39.8). (Photo by Ed Lacey)



(Top) Frank Shorter's run to glory—the 10,000-meters in the US-Soviet meet—took 28:22.8, second-fastest ever by an American. And, Ken Moore finished second to give the US its first-ever one-two sweep in this traditionally Soviet stronghold. Here Shorter paces Soviet Nikolay Sviridov (3) who wound up fifth in 29:36.2. (*Sports Illustrated* photo by Neil Leifer)

(Right) Ken Swenson (3) crowned a sterling year with an American record 800-meters of 1:44.8 against West Germany, topping European record holder Franz-Josef Kemper (111) (3rd in 1:45.4) and Walter Adams (r), who matched Kemper's continental best. Swenson's teammate Mark Winzenried (hidden by Swenson) ran 1:45.6 in fourth. (Leifer)

UNITED STATES—FRANCE

Nallet Shocks Mann in 48.6

by Robert Pariente and Roberto Quercetani

Colombes, France, July 8-9--The French and United States match, the first in 34 years, yielded an unexpectedly high level of international competition--especially during the first evening. For the French, who broke three national standards and won seven of 10 events the first day, the meet was particularly encouraging; for the Americans, it was a good warm-up and a healthy warning before the meets against West Germany and the Soviet Union.

The US team was the youngest ever to go abroad, and it performed admirably here and few of its athletes "choked" or performed sub-par. A series of super-classy come-through efforts on the part of the emotionally high French had the effect of making the overall US performance seem dismal--but that was more in terms of points and sweeps than actual marks. The US delegation finally rolled home to victory as expected, 117 to 94.

The French got off to a "Blitz start" when Jean-Claude Nallet defeated Ralph Mann in the first event on the program. This "divine surprise"--as a French observer put it--spurred the 9991 spectators to unusual vocal heights. Stirred by the resulting atmosphere, the men representing the Tricolore really surpassed themselves. At the end of the first day, they had bagged a staggering number of seven victories and led the US team, 56 to 50.

Nallet was running the intermediates for the fourth time in his life, yet he could point to two creditable 50.4 clockings. Mann, the newly crowned world record holder for the 440 hurdles at 48.8, was drawn in lane five with Nallet on his left in lane four. The two ran virtually even to the seventh hurdle, with Mann taking a slight advantage on the backstretch. The tiny gap was quickly made up by the 23-year-old Frenchman, who used 13 steps until the seventh hurdle, whereas Mann had to change to 15 by the sixth. Suddenly, between the seventh and eighth barriers, Nallet accelerated and gradually built up the lead which at the tape appeared to be no less than four meters. Nallet passed the 10th hurdle like a high hurdler in full stride and finished rapidly without showing fatigue.

Nallet's time of 48.6 improved by 1.8 seconds his personal record and by 1.7 seconds the French mark of Robert Poirer. In converting yard times to meters, Nallet's 48.6 ranks only behind David Hemery's 48.1 world mark and Mann's 48.8 for yards (48.5). Even Michel Montgermont, France's second string, exceeded himself and shunted Ron Whitney to fourth, 51.0 to 51.4.

Nallet, exhibiting a radiant smile, explained that he expected to run no faster than 49.3. "For the first time I was able to stride 13s up to the seventh." Mann said he was simply surprised, like most other people present at the old Colonnades stadium once the site of the 1924 Olympics and now boasting a new Tartan track. It is a significant metamorphosis for the Frenchman, who was considered until now as a good European 400-meter specialist with a 45.7 best, but nothing more. He was third in the 200 at the 1966 European Championships, second in the 400 at the 1969 version where he won a gold medal on the 1600-meter relay team. Mann's best 440 flat time is 46.6 for yards.

Though not of international caliber, the 100-meters which directly followed the intermediates was surprising. After one false start by Ivory Crockett, the race got off with what appeared as a rolling start by Crockett that put him a yard to the good on the field by 10 meters. Alain Sarteur was the first to come on the AAU camp, at 40 meters. Then, Gerard Fenouil and slow-starting AAU runner-up Ben Vaughan also whipped past to shunt Crockett to fourth. Vaughan's fierce finish got second behind Sarteur. The first three ran 10.5 against an adverse wind of 5.6 mph. Pierre Colnard, 41-year old French team captain, upset the American duo of Steve Wilhelm and Al Feuerbach in the shot put with a new national standard of 64'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Jean Wadoux ran a splendid 13:28.0 5000-meters, missing Michel Jazy's national mark by merely four-tenths. Through 4800 meters he was running at European record pace (13:24.8) but a relatively slow 63.0 final go-round, possibly attributable to the 72° weather, spoiled the try. Frank Shorter, though outclassed, ran a creditable PR of 13:42.4 for a 4.4 seconds improvement. Jean-Paul Villain took the steeplechase, by leading start to finish, in 8:33.0 to Bill Reilly's fast-finishing 8:35.8. Jack Pani long jumped 26'5" and his teammate Christian Tourret barely salvaged second place in a close battle with Bouncy Moore and Norm Tate--25'8" good for second while 25'7" finished fourth (25'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was third). Finally, the French 400-meter relay squad topped the US

foursome, 39.0 to 39.3, after a bad exchange between Eddie Hart and Willie Turner that was actually made outside the zone and should have been called.

In each of the three events the US won the first day, the duos scored doubles. Ken Swenson used an eased-up 52.9 final 400 to cop the 800 in 1:47.5, on tenth ahead of Mark Winzenried. Sam Caruthers bent the bar badly on his PR vault of 17'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " but it stayed on to establish a new all-black best-ever as Paul Heglar went 16'5" to surprise the French pair of Francois Tracanelli (16'1") and He d'Encausse (15'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). John Powell and Rich Drescher both performed up to par with marks of 196'8" and 193'5".

Things took an entirely different slant the second day as the US squad swept six events and won all but one of the 10 official events (plus the unofficial 20 kilo walk to boot). The French snagged the triple jump with efforts of 53'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 53'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by Serge Firca and Raymond Prive after Dave Smith obliged with a seasonal best mark of 53'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Despite blaring headlines following the first day competition, an even smaller crowd of 9952 showed up for the second day. Reportedly, the French Track Federation needed 15,000 daily to break even.

There was some hope in the French camp that Guy Drut might challenge Thomas Hill and Marcus Walker in the high hurdles. But the Americans were not to be denied, as the twosome hurdled virtually stride for stride over the first six barriers--all of which Hill hit. Hill then edged by his teammate to win as both claimed 13.3 clocking with the aid of a 7.0 mph breeze. Drut was third in 13.5, one-tenth under his legitimate best. That set the stage for the evening.

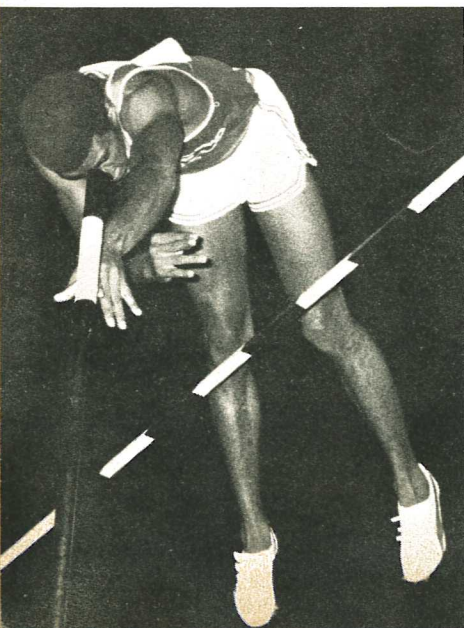
The 400-meter flat race was a fascinating race. Nallet, by then a national hero, was in lane three, sandwiched between John Smith and Wayne Collett. The AAU champ went into an early lead but could not resist Collett's closing rush which gave him a 44.9 clocking--fastest in the world this year and equal to his South Lake Tahoe PR in 1968. Smith claimed a 45.0 PR after leading at 300 meters in 32.7. Nallet also ran a solid race though never seriously in contention. For his part, Nallet claimed still another French national record with his 45.4--fastest mark by a European this year and moved to third on the one-lap flat-hurdles double list. He was later exempted from running the 1600-meter relay which the US won comfortably in 3:04.1 with the aid of a 45.6 split by Fred Newhouse.

Willie Turner used his proverbially fast-finish to collect a 20.6 200-meter win on a track not noted for its fast sprint times. Vaughan bagged second a tenth behind, as the sprinters were aided by a 7.1 mph breeze. The US doubles continued to pile up, as Howell Michael led Jere VanDyk by a tenth in the 1500 in 3:44.3; Barry Shepard and Reynaldo Brown both sailed 6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the high jump; and Roger Collins upset AAU javelin champ Bill Skinner, 260'5" to 249'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Ken Moore, a surprise entry in the 10,000, was not an especially popular winner as he held off the early pace shuffling in the long event. Garry Bjorklund moved into the lead on a packed field with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ laps to go. The four were still bunched at the bell. Moore sprinted into the last curve and finished all-out, head back and flying, with a speedy-for-him 57.6 last 400 and 28:47.6 over-all. Bjorklund was fourth only 2.8 seconds back in a collegiate record 28:50.4.

Other results: 100m, 4. Crockett 10.6. 200m, 3. Fenouil 20.8; 4. Sarteur 20.9. 400m, 4. Jacques Carrette (Fr) 46.5. 800m, 3. Gilles Sibon (Fr) 1:48.8; 4. Jean-Pierre Dufresne (Fr) 1:49.6. 1500m, 3. Dufresne 3:45.4; 4. Robert LeBorgne (Fr) 3:46.9. 5000m, 3. Jean LeVaillant (Fr) 13:54.6; 4. Rick Riley (US) 14:36.8. 10,000m, 2. Noel Tijou (Fr) 28:49.4; 3. Rene Jourdan (Fr) 28:49.8. 3000mSt, 3. Guy Texereau (Fr) 8:41.8; 4. Jerome Liebenberg (US) 8:49.0. 110mHH, 4. Pierre Schoebel (Fr) 13.9.

HJ, 3. Robert Sainte-Rose (Fr) 6'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4. Henri Elliott (Fr) 6'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". TJ, inj, Milan Tiff (US) nm. SP, 2. Steve Wilhelm (US) 63'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Al Feuerbach (US) 63'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4. Arnjolt Beer (Fr) 62'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". DT, 3. Raymond Bache (Fr) 180'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Michel Grosso (Fr) 177'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". HT, George Frenn (US) 214'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Jacques Accambay (Fr) 210'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Vladimir Prikhodko (Fr) 206'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Steve Dautremont (US) 201'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". JT, 3. Michel Butet (Fr) 239'3"; 4. Lolesio Tuita (Fr) 234'0". 400mR, France (Sarteur, Bourne, Fenouil, Metz); 2. US (Crockett, Vaughan). 1600mR, US (C. Mills 46.7, J. Smith 45.8, Collett 46.0); 2. France 3:08.5 (Bertouled 46.9, Nicolau 46.4, Carrette 46.4, Viel 47.0). 20kWalk, Dave Romansky (US) 1:31:56.8; 2. Tom Dooley (US) 1:34:54.4; 3. Jean-Claude Decosse (Fr) 1:40:06.8; 4. Oliver Caviglioli (Fr) 1:42:07.2.



Three young Americans acquitted themselves admirably in their initial international appearance, the US-France meet. (Left) Sam Caruthers topped teammate Paul Heglar as well as up-and-coming Frenchman Francois Tracanelli with a 17'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " vault, the best of his career. (Right) Thomas Hill (r) followed up his 13.3 AAU victory in the highs with a 13.3 win, edging Marcus Walker (l), same time. Guy Drut of France (c) was another two-tenths back in the wind-aided race. (Photos courtesy L'Equipe--Athletisme)



Swenson 1:44.8, Skinner 291'9 1-2"

by Dick Bank

Stuttgart, West Germany, July 15-16--A possible first-ever loss to West Germany was averted with some great second-night performances as the US forces won a 122-100 decision in a meet of outstanding accomplishments. Overall, the American athletes established 11 PRs and equaled two more. The West Germans topped the French by setting four national records and matching two others as well. Once again, as in 1969, the rain fell but the Tartan track insured that the results were good.

The two highlights were, obviously, Ken Swenson's new American record of 1:44.8 for the 800-meters and Bill Skinner's javelin throw of 291'9½", second longest-ever and the best-ever made in international competition by an American.

Swenson won one of the most memorable two lap races ever seen, and he did it as he has done it all year--with a fluid acceleration coming off the final turn and down the straight. Both Ken and teammate Mark Winzenried felt that the Germans Franz-Josef Kemper and Walter Adams would have some sort of tactics ready for them--probably a dawdling pace with a fast finish as both are very quick over the last 150-meters. So, Winzenried cut out right from the gun and was winging at the 200 mark in 25.8 and when he got the bell the watch showed 51.6. Swenson was a close third behind Adams in 51.9. In the third 200, Kemper lost contact as Winzenried continued to pour it on and at 600-meters Mark was still on top in 1:17.7 with Swenson still third at 1:17.9. Swenson began moving up in the middle of the turn, and as they came into the final straight Winzenried was a tiring leader.

At this moment, Mark thought it was Adams on his right shoulder and moved out into the second lane to hold him off. Adams, in reality, was on the inside and slipped through past Winzenried. It was Swenson that Winzenried was holding off. Adams started to forge ahead but Swenson stomped on the throttle and began to go by the German. Five meters from the tape the blond 22-year-old from tiny Clay Center, Kansas, was clear and he went across the line the winner with a full stride advantage. The time: 1:44.8. It broke Jim Ryun's four year old American record by a tenth but, of course, Ryun's was at 880-yards and really worth 1:44.2. Next year, Swenson just might do that, too. Adams was a glorious second in 1:44.9, equalling Kemper's European and German record while the fast-finishing Franz-Josef showed his best form in four years with 1:45.4. Fourth and last was Winzenried with his lifetime best of 1:45.6 and the great satisfaction of knowing none of it would have been possible if it had not been for him. All credit to Mark for a very unselfish run.

Skinner's javelin cast was a thing of beauty. It came in the fourth round. Klaus Wolfertmann had just set a new West German record of 275'4", the crowd had just concluded the usual hysterics they display in such circumstances and the 24-year-old from Gendorf was feeling pretty good about the whole thing. Skinner then got hold of his spear, moved smartly down the runway, planted his left leg solidly and, for one of the few times, got it well under his 6'6" frame. The javelin simply took off. It sailed and it sailed and it sailed. Skinner, his delight unrestrainable, almost followed it across the foul line but the sportingly alert official cautioned him just in time. Bill ran around the side, and started galloping toward the spot where the spear had come to rest. It was 291'9½", and at long last Bill had finally connected on the throw that has been too long in coming.

The meet could have swung to the West Germans had they had a big second night. They didn't get the chance. Norm Tate put it all together to triple jump 54'9½" for a better than one and a half foot improvement. Norm admitted that his best possibilities lie in the triple jump and that he should focus on it, but he still prefers the long jump. Tim Vollmer settled Hein-Direck Neu's hash on the first throw. The German had broken his own West German record four days before with 209'11" but Vollmer opened up with his lifetime best of 205'6" while Herr Neu was still taking bows. Then the rains came, the circle became slippery and there was no chance to overcome Tim though Neu's third throw, a marginal foul, looked to be a good 213-feet.

A real shocker was provided by Josef Schwarz. A good 10.3 sprinter five years ago, Schwarz has had his problems. Injuries forced him out of sprinting and into long jumping but he was quite erratic. He did fashion a 26'½" in 1967, was not around in the Olympic year, then popped up again last year with 25'9½". This year he has been a man of mystery. Training has been done alone and his routine a secret. But, a few weeks ago, he leaped beyond the West German record with 26'9½" and then three days ago in his hometown of Munich ran 10.3. So Joe was ready.

After three good jumps in the 25'4" to 25'9½" range he found himself trailing teammate Hermann Latzel's 25'11½". In the fourth round he pulled out a 26'8" and the knowledgeable German fans became very excited. The long jump in most European stadiums is right in front of the stands so he was just a few feet away and every eye was on him. He followed that up with 26'5¼" and that brought him to the final round. Schwarz utilizes all of his excellent speed, and though he is 29 the years have not taken their toll on his legs. He employs a beautifully timed "hang" technique, bringing his legs through at just the right and final moment. All of this he did in that last round with a 1.79 mph wind at his back. The jump was sheer beauty and the Stuttgarters went absolutely wild. It was 27'4½". The joy was unrestrained. No man has ever jumped farther with a legal wind except in Mexico City. It equaled Igor-Ter-Ovanesyan's European record (set in 1967 in Mexico City) and if Old Joe can stay healthy he'll be a difficult man to outjump when the Games take place in his hometown.

Ben Vaughan ran the best race he has ever put together, and the 10-flat, though pushed by a 7.6 mph wind, should in no way be diminished. He was off the blocks beautifully, accelerated smartly "with the best pick-up I ever had" and moved away. Ivory Crockett ran one of his best races for a solid 10.1 but Vaughan was in command right from the gun. He came back the next night for his fastest 200, of 20.4, but this was Willie Turner's show as he recorded a 20.3 and it now looks like 1971 will be a banner year for him.

After a blazing 400 in Paris, Wayne Collett and John Smith decided they'd take it easy. They almost got caught napping. Thomas Jordan had run 45.5 this

The young and the old clashed in the 10,000-meters of the US-West Germany match. In this case, the old--West German veteran Manfred Letzerich (l)--edged the young--American Garry Bjorklund, both runners clocking 28:50.4s. Bjorklund equaled the collegiate record he set a week earlier in the French meet. (Photo by Neil Leifer for Sports Illustrated)



year and you don't take a 45.5 man lightly. They did. Jordan went out very fast, put in a hard third 100-meters, and when the two UCLA teammates woke up Jordan was stealing the race. The German was spent, however, and John and Wayne came home in 45.1 and 45.3 but learned a lesson. Collett lost a few tenths as he leaned at the first hashmark, five meters out.

Steve Prefontaine set the pace for all but 250-meters of the 5000. That's when the leaching Harald Norpoth streaked by, opened up a big margin and won, 13:34.6 to 13:39.6. "I don't have much respect for a runner who'd let a kid do all the work and then go by at the end," said Steve afterwards. Garry Bjorklund put on one of the greatest fights over the last 200 of the 10,000 anyone has ever seen but the fatigue of a 10-kilometers the week before was just enough to give Manfred Letzerich an inches victory. Both men ran 28:50.4, the same for Garry as in Paris.

Tom Hill won the 110 hurdles in 13.5 with Marcus Walker a tenth back. Werner Trzmil, fresh from his 13.4 at Zurich two weeks before, was thrown out for two false starts. Heinfried Birlenbach manhandled three other Germans (two of whom are named Steve Wilhelm and Al Feuerbach) with a new West German record of 66'9¼" for the best-ever by a gasoline station attendant. Herman Magerl showed unmistakable greatness with a high jump of 7'1½" and a near miss at 7'2½". His jump equaled the national record.

Other highlights: 100, 3. (ns) Robert Taylor (US) 10.2; 4. Gunther Nickel (WG) 10.3; 5. (ns) Gerhard Wucherer (WG) 10.3; 6. Klaus Dieter Bieler (WG) 10.4. 200, 3. Jochen Eigenherr (WG) 20.7; 4. Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG) 21.1. 400, 3. Jordan 45.4; 4. Horst-Rudiger Schloske (WG) 45.9. 1500, Jurgen May (WG) 3:40.7; 2. Howell Michael (US) 3:43.1; 3. Jere VanDyk (US) 3:43.5; 4. Hubert Stecher (WG) 3:49.5. 5000, 3. Ken Moore (US) 13:59.0; 4. Werner Girke (WG) 14:26.2. 10,000, 3. Lutz Philipp (WG) 28:55.8; 4. Rick Riley (US) 29:33.8. 3000mSt, Rolf Burscheid (WG) 8:37.2; 2. Steve Savage (US) 8:40.6; 3. Jerry Liebenberg (US) 8:44.4; 4. Karl-Heinz Betz (WG) 8:49.2. 110mHH, 3. Nickel 13.7. 400mIH, Ralph Mann (US) 49.3; 2. Rainer Schubert (WG) 49.8; 3. Ron Whitney (US) 50.0; 4. Manfred Klausner (WG) 50.4. HJ, 2. Reynaldo Brown 6'11½"; 3. Barry Shepard (US) 6'10¼"; 4. Wolfgang Schillkowski (WG) 6'10¼". PV, Sam Caruthers (US) 17'¾"; 2. Paul Heglar (US) 16'8½"; 3. Heinfried Engel (WG) 16'5"; 4. Volker Ohl (WG) 15'9". LJ, 2. Latzel 25'11½"; 25'11½"; 3. Ron Coleman (US) 25'10¼"; 4. Bouncy Moore (US) 21'0". TJ, 2. Michael Sauer (WG) 54'3½"; 3. Dave Smith (US) 52'11½"; 4. Harald Strutz (WG) 52'3½". SP, 2. Traugott Glockler (WG) 62'7½"; 3. Wilhelm 62'6½"; 4. Feuerbach 62'3". DT, 2. Neu 198'11½"; 3. Dirk Wipperman (WG) 198'½"; 4. John Powell (US) 197'2". HT, Uwe Beyer (WG) 232'2½"; 2. Walter Schmidt (WG) 226'5"; 3. George Frenn (US) 217'0"; 4. Steve DeAutremont (US) 191'8½". JT, 3. Roger Collins (US) 256'6"; 4. Horst Timmer (WG) 252'9". 400R, US 39.3 (Crockett, Vaughan, Hart, Taylor); 2. West Germany 39.6 (Hofmeister, Bieler, Wucherer, Eigenherr). 1600R, US 3:03.8 (C. Mills 45.9, Smith 46.0, Newhouse 46.2, Collett 45.7); 2. West Germany 3:06.4 (Schloske, Kohler, Rossmel, Jordan). 10kWalk, Dave Romansky (US) 43:03.8; 2. Peter Schuster (WG) 43:21.2; 3. Bernhard Nermerich (WG) 44:25.0; 4. Tom Dooley (US) 44:28.6.

UNITED STATES-SOVIET UNION

Shorter 28:22.8, Arzhanov 1:45.6

by Dick Bank

Leningrad, USSR, July 23-24--The Soviet Union defeated the United States for the second time in a dual track and field meet by a 122-114 score but the outcome really was determined four weeks before at Bakersfield when it was learned that no athlete unable to make the full three-week tour would be permitted to compete in this match. Such short-sightedness and inflexibility in this day and age can only contribute to similar defeats when future US national teams travel to this country.

In many ways the tragedy is not that a Randy Matson or a Bob Seagren was not here (their presence alone would have secured a US victory) but rather that the strength in these one-time American strongholds has waned and, worst of all, there is nothing to indicate that the next few years will be any brighter. Many young talents who will be principals in the 1972 Olympic Games received invaluable experience but one hates to see a prestige match kicked away because of a philosophy, even if it is meant to build team unity.

Unquestionably, the highlight was the fantastic and certainly unexpected 10,000-meters by Frank Shorter. He did what no other athlete but Ron Clarke has ever done--cover the first half in under 14 minutes--and to solidify the win he threw in a 65.1 on the 11th lap that supplied the clincher. The dumb-struck Soviets--Nikolay Sviridov and Leonid Mikityenko--simply gave up as Shorter ran on. The time--28:22.8--was the second-fastest ever run by an American but it does not begin to tell the story. A driving rain was falling, a bitterly cold wind blew and the mercury could not have been one degree more than 40°. The track was best described by Ben Vaughan when he said, "It was 400-meters of bad road." As late as Tuesday, it was being re-surfaced and it was, quite simply, the same type of asphalt used on roads, streets and highways with a little rubber added to it. The job was done by women and the result was an uneven, undulating surface.

Shorter opened up with a 65.8 and followed it with 67.1, 65.4 and 65.7 which brought him past four laps in 4:24.0. "I just decided I was going to go out fast and hold it for as long as I could," Frank said later. He was feeling well--rested after an enforced rest at Stuttgart when an infection (he had blood in his urine) hit him. It turned out to be a blessing. As the race went on, it was obvious that only a tragedy could keep him from scoring a smashing victory. Five laps out, however, a cramp hit him but Shorter slowed only to a 70.8 while he worked it out with massage. From there on, it was clear sailing and the full house of 40,000 was either applauding him or whistling shrilly (in Europe, this is the equivalent of a boo) the Soviet runners whom, they felt, had given up without a fight.

For the record, his kilometer fractions were: 2:45.8, 5:30.4, 8:18.0, 11:09.2, 13:55.6, 16:50.2, 19:46.0, 22:41.2 and 23:37.2. The last lap was covered in 62.4 and when Frank came across the line, both hands raised in a "V for Victory", the full impact of what he had done became realization. At that moment, however, Ken Moore had overtaken Mikityenko and was sprinting away from him and this really galled the homefolk. Moore finished second in 28:50.2, giving the US its first-ever one-two sweep of the event in this series. After so many years of humiliation (except for Gerry Lindgren's equally satisfying 1964 victory), the US had slammed the door in the face of the Soviet's best over 10,000-meters. There may one day come other successes and faster times in this match but few more heart-warming. For to accomplish this in the unfamiliar confines of Lenin Stadium is a bit more difficult than in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Otherwise, there were few really notable performances. The come-through javelin victory of Bill Skinner combined with his great 291'9½" effort of a week ago stamps him as a man who may one day do something simply unbelievable. French expert Robert Pariente of "L'Equipe" has said, "I will not be surprised to read one day he has thrown the javelin 100-meters (328-feet)." Bill was a well-beaten fourth when his final throw came up. He trailed the Latvian Vilnis Feldmanis (268'5"), badly-injured Janis Lulis (260'11") and Roger Collins (251'7"). At that moment many thought the US could still pull out a win (they did not know that nothing could stop a Soviet one-two in the decathlon) and maybe Skinner did, too. But then Bill Skinner is a rare breed. He is a fighter, one who is always trying to the end and patriotic in an age when such a thing is definitely not "in". Down the runway he came. The javelin flew and dropped down at 272'8½". It gave Skinner the victory and marked Lulis' first loss in this meet, having won in 1962, 63, 64, 65 and 69.

One had looked forward to a glimpse of Valeriy Borzov but there were so many aspects of the 100-meters that nothing was conclusive. Already noted was the driving rain and near-freezing cold. Borzov, in lane two, was on his way before most anyone had realized it. Ben Vaughan, who had the best start of his life a week before, was the last man out. Ivory Crockett, who rarely has a bad start, was left in his blocks. There is not much a man can do when his opponent is moving before the starter's gun fires. Both Vaughan and Crockett closed much of the margin but it would have taken a Bob Hayes or a John Carlos to have gotten there first. Borzov became the first Soviet to win the 100 in this series, clocking 10.4 to 10.5 for Vaughan and Crockett. Borzov is a good sprinter, the best the USSR has produced but Robert Taylor, fifth in the AAU 100, started off even with him later in the day in the 400-meter relay and handled him with ease. The US foursome of Crockett, Vaughan, Eddie Hart and Taylor ran 39.1 to the Soviets' 39.2.

Possibly the biggest disappointment from an American standpoint was the 800-meters. Ken Swenson, off his breathtaking run against the West Germans, should have had a great duel with the USSR record holder Yevgeniy Arzhanov. But Ken spent the week with dysentery and was in no shape to run. The start was fast and Ivan Ivanov, competing for the European All-Stars team, led at the 200 in 26.0 and at the 400 in 52.8. Down the back straight they went, and Swenson, who was last in the six-man field, started to move. He was up almost to the leaders at the 600 (reached in 1:18.3) when suddenly he fell back with a cramp--a tough way to end a season in which he had achieved so much. By this time, Josef Plachy, the Czech who was fifth at Mexico City, Mark Win-



At the third hand-over in the US-USSR 1600-meter relay, Fred Newhouse (r) hands to teammate Wayne Collett. Newhouse had just taken 46.0 to cover his leg and Collett sprinted 45.3 as the US team won comfortably in 3:04.6--the team's third straight international victory after wins versus France and West Germany. (Sports Illustrated photo by Neil Leifer)

zenried and Ivanov were pushing hard. Plachy forged to the front off the turn with Winzenried giving it all he had. Suddenly, Arzhanov moved by on the outside and there was no stopping him. He swept into the tape a clear four-meter winner in 1:45.6, just a tenth off his three-week-old USSR record. Make no mistake about it; this 5'10", 163-lb., 22-year-old from Kiev is good. He was worked up for this one, and as he came across the finish line he was glassy-eyed. Plachy followed in 1:46.0, Winzenried was third four-tenths back while Swenson faded to sixth in 1:55.2.

Otherwise, there isn't much to say. Jere VanDyk gave it all he had in the 1500 but Mikhail Zhelobovskiy, who made Marty Liquori sweat in Los Angeles for his victory a year ago, is a tough man and won by nine-tenths in 3:40. Reynaldo Brown defeated Valentin Gavrilov who must have worn himself out with his countless runs up to the bar before losing 7'¼" to 6'11½", and Bouncy Moore after a dismal night in Stuttgart, socked it to Igor Ter-Ovanesyan on his first jump and won by 1¾" with 26'1½". It was sad to see the once-great Prince Igor, now 32, trying to make his legs do a job they can no longer accomplish.

Viktor Sanejev found he is not held in awe by his countrymen and Vladimir Kurkyevich of the European All-Stars team took his measure by 1½" with 54'6". Tom Hill ran into hurdle trouble, ran over some uneven road and lost for the first time on the tour to Marcus Walker, 13.8 to 14.1. A good word should be said for Dave Romansky who walked beautifully against the one-three finishers from Mexico City, Vladimir Golubnichiy and Nikolay Smaga. Dave's 1:29:59.0 was a real reward for lots of dedication on this trip. Finally, John Warkentin found out that 8000 points at South Lake Tahoe doesn't count for much in Leningrad. In a month's time, he tumbled 600 points (to fourth with 7425) and Jeff Bennett, who was on the downside after back-to-back decathlons in April, was 700 points shy of his best, netting 7353 for fifth. Nikolay Avilov, Mexico City fourth-placer, totaled 7685 to edge Soviet record-holder Vladimir Shcherbatikh's 7613. In the hammer, Anatoliy Bondarchuk was untouchable--by the Americans or his teammates. His 237'9½" topped Romuald Klim by 8'1" and fourth-place George Frenn by 27'1".

Other highlights (European All-Star athletes will be identified by home nation and Soviets by an asterisk): 100m, 4. Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU) 10.6; 200m, Willie Turner (US) 20.8; 2. Vaughan 20.9; 3. Valentin Maslakov (SU) 20.9; 4. Vladislav Sapeya (SU) 21.6; Borzov did not run. 400m, Wayne Collett (US) 45.7; 2. John Smith (US) 46.3; 3. Aleksandr Bratchikov (SU) 46.7; 4. Andrzej Badenski (Pol) 46.7; 5. Boris Savchuk (SU) 46.9. 800m, 4. Ivanov 1:47.8; 5. Sergey Kryuchok (SU) 1:48.4. 1500m, 3. Anatoliy Vyerlan (SU) 3:43.0; ...6. Howell Michael (US) 3:52.1. 5000m, Rashid Sharafyettinov (SU) 13:41.8; 2. Steve Prefontaine (US) 13:49.4; ...4. Vladimir Shashmurin (SU) 14:01.4; 5. Garry Bjorklund (US) 14:13.2. 10,000m, 3. Mikityenko 28:51.4; ...5. Sviridov 29:36.2. 3000mSt, Vladimir Dudin (SU) 8:35.4; 2. Mikhail Zhelev (Bul) 8:35.4; 3. Romualdas Bite (SU) 8:36.0; 4. Bill Reilly (US) 8:37.0; ...6. Jerry Liebenberg (US) 9:17.6. 110mHH, 3. Viktor Balikhin (SU) 14.5; 4. Yuriy Podtygergera (SU) 14.6. 400mH, Ralph Mann (US) 49.9; 2. Dmitri Stoukalov (SU*) 50.5; 3. Ron Whitney (US) 50.7; 4. Anatoliy Kazakov (SU) 51.6; ...6. Viktor Myasnikov (SU) 55.2 (fell). 20kWalk, Golubnichiy 1:28:34.4; 2. Smaga 1:28:34.4; ...6. Tom Dooley (US) 1:32:31.0.

HJ, 4. Viktor Bolshov (SU) 6'9¾"; 5. Barry Shepard (US) 6'9¾". PV, Genadiy Bliznyetsov (SU) 16'10¾"; ...3. Paul Heglar (US) 16'5"; 4. Yuriy Isakov (SU) 15'9"; 5. Sam Caruthers (US) 15'9". LJ, 3. Leonid Barkovskiy (SU) 25'9¾"; 4. Norm Tate (US) 24'10". TJ, 3. Gennadiy Byessonov (SU) 53'3¾"; 4. Tate 51'11¼"; 5. Davé Smith (US) 51'8½"; 6. Giuseppe Gentile (It) 51'6¼". SP, Nikolay Karasyov (SU) 64'9¾"; 2. Al Feuerbach (US) 63'3"; 3. Steve Wilhelm (US) 62'4¾"; 4. Valeriy Voikin (SU) 62'2½". DT, Vladimir Lyakhov (SU) 197'8½"; 2. Dick Drescher (US) 194'6"; 3. Tim Vollmer (US) 194'½"; ...5. Vytautas Jara (SU) 188'½"; non-scorer, John Powell (US) 191'2½". HT, 3. Vasily Khmyeleviskiy (SU) 223'10½"; ...5. Steve De Autremont (US) 191'0"; non-scorer, Anatoliy Maksimov (SU) 232'0". Dec, Avilov (11.5, 23'8¾", 43'8¾", 6'8¾", 50.2, 14.4, 159'9", 13'5¾", 184'3¾", 4:37.4); ...4. Warkentin (11.3, 22'8½", 45'6", 5'8½", 49.6, 14.8, 154'1½", 12'1¾", 208'11", 4:44.6); 5. Bennett (11.2, 22'10", 36'6½", 5'9¾", 49.4, 15.1, 111'9½", 15'5", 192'7", 4:23.8). 400mR, 2. Soviet Union (Kornelyuk, Sapeya, Izmyestyev). 1600mR, United States 3:04.5 (C. Mills 46.0, Newhouse 46.0, Collett 45.3, Smith 46.3); 2. Soviet Union 3:08.7 (Boriszenko 46.8, Zorin 47.7, Savchuk 46.7, Bratchikov 47.5).

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Keino 3:36.6, Manning 8:26.2

by Roberto Quercetani

Edinburgh, Scotland, July 17-25--The ninth British Commonwealth Games were a brilliant and generally enjoyable meet, which in the particular sphere of distance running provided useful addenda to the revelations of the Mexico Olympics, partly confirming and partly contradicting the controversial results of 1968. Unfortunately, weather conditions were the unluckiest this writer has ever seen in a meet of this caliber and length: rain, wind and even cold were house guests at the new Meadowbank Sports Center, with sunshine making only rare appearances. Even so, the public usually showed up in large numbers, sometimes approaching the capacity (30,000) of the well-built stadium. Competition was of a high quality in most events and performances were consistently good. From a track nut's standpoint, the meet was generally easy to follow: although stretching over nine days, it had only seven of actual competition and in two of these there were only preliminaries or qualifying rounds. A somewhat leisurely pace made for an atmosphere that was less dramatic and hectic but probably more humane and friendly.

The middle and long distance events were awaited with special interest, particularly by Australians and Britons who thought they could do better vis-a-vis the Kenyans than they had done at Mexico. On the whole, the men from the plains did a lot better than in 1968 but it is only fair to admit that the Kenyans--so far the leading force in Africa's rising track--valiantly held their own.

For the first time in the history of the meet, all running events (except the walk) were over metric distances. Even apart from that, the Games record book was rewritten almost completely. Clearly outstanding among the many notable marks were Ian Stewart's 13:22.8 for 5000m, a new European record, and Ron Hill's 2:09:28 marathon, second-fastest ever.

The 5000-meters, held on the last day, was the most beautiful race of the Games. It was featured by the hottest finish in the history of the event as second through sixth placers recorded the quickest place times ever. Dick Taylor of England led the parade up to the fourth kilometer, the times being as fol-

Commonwealth Notes and Quotes

Notes and quotes from the British Commonwealth Games, courtesy Brian Allen.

Jamaican coach Herb McKenley called Lennox Miller's runner-up performance in the 100-meters "a thoroughbred" effort as he had been training only six to seven weeks... Double short sprint winner Donald Quarrie, also of Jamaica, says his training at Nebraska does not differ much from that which he receives in his native country... Simoni Tamani, third in the 400 at 45.8, won the Fiji Island's first track medal. His previous best time was 47.6. He is 24-years-old, and works as a secretary in the UN printing office. He is coached by mail correspondence with a New Zealander, Colin Campbell, who provided him with his past two month's schedule in one mailing. While he has no competition in Fiji, he has competed in Australia... While the weather was beautiful for the 1500, there was a cold wind against the runners on the backstretch. Kip Keino opined that this would be his last Commonwealth Games; he raced his usual laughing-and-looking-where-the-remainder-were type race... Joseph Laughlin (Lachie) Stewart, who credited Ron Clarke as an inspiration, said of his 10,000 win, "I don't like winning races in the last 100-yards. Most of the races I win are from in front"... Marathon winner Ron Hill says he is capable of 2:07 right now. History's faster performer, Derek Clayton of Australia, dropped out after 15 miles as did Canada's Jerome Drayton... Dave Hemery was 26 the day of his high hurdle win, and the band played "Happy Birthday" immediately following the national anthem. He said he was thinking of returning to the intermediates for Munich... Sheikh Tejan Faye, bronze medalist in the high jump to give Gambia its first-ever medal, made every height he attempted--10 of them--on his first try until he failed at 6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "... Lynn Davies, who had been sprinting all season rather than long jumping, had said he would give up competing if he hadn't fared well here... Canada's two leading decathlon entries, Gordon Stewart and Steve Spencer, finished with exactly 6863--Spencer being awarded fifth because of his six to four event superiority.

lows: 2:47.0, 5:28.6 (2:41.6), 8:07.6 (2:39.0), 10:52.0 (2:44.4). With one kilometer to go, a group of six with Taylor, Ian Stewart, Ron Clarke, Ian McCafferty, Kip Keino and Allan Rushmer was in command of the race, in that order. Among those who had dropped back was Lachie Stewart, winner of the 10,000m a week earlier. What happened next was truly fantastic: under the joint drive of Scotsmen McCafferty and Stewart, there was a steady, progressive acceleration. Next to drop back was the gallant Taylor. Then Rushmer. At the bell, with Stewart in the lead, world record holder Clarke began to lose ground. Stewart, Keino and McCafferty went into the last curve in that order: however, the Kenyan soon had it and, to the immense delight of the capacity crowd, the two Scotsmen were left alone to decide the issue in a family affair. The unpredictable McCafferty, a 3:56.8 miler, seriously challenged European champion Stewart as they entered the stretch. But Stewart successfully repulsed all attacks and, in a highly dramatic climax, went through the tape the winner by at least three meters. Their times of 13:22.8 and 13:23.4 were both under Harald Norpoth's European record of 13:24.8 and ranked second and third respectively on the all-time list. Keino, in third place, still ran one of his fastest races ever, while Clarke, never at his best in hot finishes, was shunted into fifth in 13:32.4 by Rushmer (13:29.8). The times over the last kilometer really show what a race it was: last 1000 2:30.8, last 400 55.4, last 200 26.4.

By comparison, the 800-meter final was almost a disappointment, the last 200 taking no less than 25.7: Olympic champion Ralph Doubell of Australia surprisingly lost contact in the backstretch, when John Davies of England shook

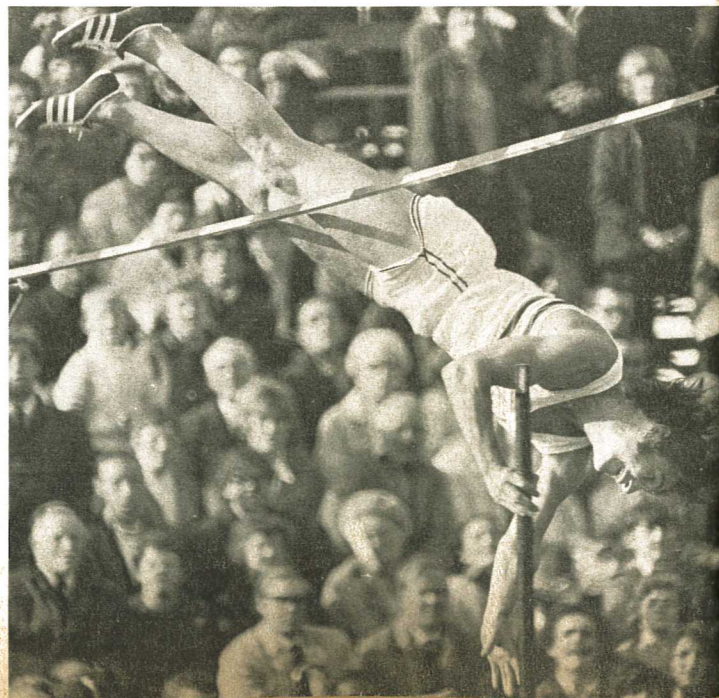
the field with a sudden burst of speed. Round the last curve, however, Robert Ouko of Kenya showed the best reserves and forged ahead to win rather comfortably in 1:46.8. Davies and Doubell were no better than fifth and sixth in 1:47.0 and 1:47.8 respectively, and the remaining medals went to Ben Cayenne of Trinidad and Bill Smart of Canada, both in 1:47.4.

Kipchoge Keino won the 1500-meters in fine style. His only serious challenger was Dick Quax of New Zealand, while the rest of the field played no part in what soon shaped up as a two-man race. The Kiwi was the early leader (300 in 42.6), then Keino took over and put in a solid piece of work: 400 in 57.9, 800 in 1:55.0, 1200 in 2:52.3. At this point, the combined effect of wind and pace began to tell, and the finish was not fast. Quax, who had beaten Keino in New Zealand a few months ago, hung on till the last curve, then had to give way to the 30-year-old Olympic champion, whose final time of 3:36.6 was the fastest in the world for 1970. Quax, running far better than in his recent American tour, was second in 3:38.1.

Kenya's other Olympic champions, Naftali Temu and Amos Biwott, were not as great as in Mexico, but the former was nursing an injured foot, and the latter, although beaten into third place in the 3000-meter steeplechase, ran the fastest race of his life. The 10,000-meters was a strong race. Clarke, whose best this year was "only" 28:43.8, lagged at or near the end of the field for a good part of the distance and began to forge ahead midway in the race. He jumped into the lead with seven laps to go. The wind probably precluded an all-out effort, yet his work was reflected in the time of the second 5000 (14:02.6) being faster than the first (14:09.2). One by one, he shook off all his rivals but two--Dick Taylor of England and Lachie Stewart of Scotland. In the last lap, even Taylor lost contact and Clarke went round the last curve as the leader. However, a roar from the crowd ought to have told him that Stewart was still hanging on. In fact, it was right there that the little Scotsman made his move. As often in the past, Clarke was unable to reply to a sudden turn of speed, and Stewart went home an elated victor in 28:11.8. His best time going into this meet was 28:33.4, which he had achieved by virtually pacing himself right on the track in June. He is 27, stands 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and weighs 132-lb. The times of the first three (Clarke did 28:13.6, Taylor 28:15.4) were the best in the world for 1970. In all, nine men bettered 29-minutes, and Canada's Jerome Drayton, who had been the pace-setter for eight laps, was 10th in 29:00.0.

The 3000-meter steeplechase was expected to be one of the highlights of the Games. Unfortunately, the final was spoiled by an incident. World record holder Kerry O'Brien of Australia was moving into the lead at the penultimate water jump when he caught his foot badly on the top of the barrier and plunged sideways into the water, forcing him out of the race. His countryman Tony Manning--who was a close second to O'Brien in last year's Pacific Games--rose to the challenge and ran away from the highly touted Kenyans to win in 8:26.2, easily his best ever. Oddly enough, best of the Kenyans was a virtual novice in the event, Ben Jipcho, the ever-smiling runner who paced Keino during the Mexico 1500. Jipcho chopped two seconds from Ben Kogo's old national record with his 8:29.6. Amos Biwott, the Olympic champion, twice improved on his lifetime best during the Games, first with 8:37.0 in a heat, then with 8:30.8 and third place in the final. Kogo, returning to hot competition after a long layoff, could do no better than 8:36.2 and sixth.

Ron Hill of England convincingly proved to be the world's steadiest marathon runner as he added the Commonwealth title to the European crown he won at Athens last year. He ran a well judged race and was rewarded with a time of 2:09:28, the fastest ever registered in international championship competition and second only to Derek Clayton's unofficial world record. The latter started well, just like in Mexico, but later had reminders of his most recent injury and operation and was forced to drop out. Hill won by over two minutes from Jim Stretching up toward the bar, Northern Ireland's Mike Bull sailed to the Commonwealth Games pole vault title with a personal-best clearance of 16'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", just an inch off the Commonwealth record. (Photo by Ed Lacey)





Heading into the final lap of the Commonwealth Games 800-meter final, England's Colin Campbell (84) paces the field. But fast-finishing Robert Ouko of Kenya (215) grabbed the win in 1:46.8 from Ben Cayenne (2nd from right) and Bill Smart (2nd from left), both running 1:47.4. Olympic champ Ralph Doubell (13) faded to sixth in 1:47.8. Others (l-r): John Davies (5th, 1:47.7), Chris Fisher (4th, 1:47.7) and Martin Winbolt-Lewis (7th, 1:47.8). Campbell ran 1:48.2 in eighth. (Photo by Ed Lacey)

Alder of Scotland. At the end, he looked as fresh as a Bikila and jogged around the track for a seemingly long while, awaiting his nearest rivals to shake hands with them.

Don Quarrie of Jamaica and Nebraska scored an unusual double for a 19-year-old: he first won the 100-meter title in 10.2 from Olympic silver medalist Lennox Miller (10.3), then the 200 in 20.5 from the dean of furlong runners, Ed Roberts of Trinidad (20.6). It should be said that Miller, former Southern Cal star, had resumed competition only a few weeks ago and certainly did not look like his real self. Quarrie was even more impressive at the longer distance as he authoritatively held off Roberts and Charles Asati of Kenya. Both of the latter two had to do an iron man's work during the Games. Roberts performed in a total of 12 races, going through heats and finals of the 200, 400 and both relays while Asati appeared in 10, lacking only the sprint relay to match Roberts. Asati, with a relatively low body carriage and very long strides, clearly showed Olympic potential in the one-lap race, which he won hands down in 45.0 from Australia's Ross Wilson, a 6'4", 20-year-old newcomer who was timed in 45.6. Roberts could do no better than sixth here in 46.1. A man who fared badly vis-a-vis Mexico was Australia's Peter Norman, who was only fifth in the 200-meters (20.8).

Jamaica and Kenya won the two relays, with Don Quarrie and Charles Asati again starring, both as anchor leg runners. Asati claimed the best split, of 44.6.

This meet probably set a record in its kind: all preliminaries and finals in the short races (100, 200 and 110 hurdles) were assisted by a wind over the limit except during the final of the 200, when the wind stayed just under the limit. Dave Hemery successfully defended his high hurdles title with a workman-like 13.6. His arch-rival Alan Pascoe, apparently not fully fit, ran into all sorts of trouble in the latter part, and failed to finish.

The intermediates was a fine competitive race, at the end of which John Sherwood of England finally struck gold by barely salvaging first place from the attacks of two Kenya-born Africans—William Kipkemboi Koskei and Charles Kipkemboi Yego. The three finished in that order, times 50.0, 50.1 and 50.1. Koskei was representing Uganda and had a previous best of 50.4. Yego, 26, was running for Kenya. His best going into the Games was only 53.6, although he had 47.2 for 400 flat. He ranks as one of the three greatest "finds" of the Games. The other two: Simoni Tamani of Fiji Islands, 24, who brought down his pre-Games best (47.6) by almost two seconds as he finished third in the 400 in 45.8; and bare-footed John Stephen of Tanzania, who was ninth in the 10,000 in 28:52.0 and fifth in the marathon in 2:15:05, both times with vast improvements vis-a-vis his previous bests.

The field events, traditionally the Commonwealth's Achilles Heel, this time held their head above waters. Lynn Davies of Wales came for his first outdoor meet of the year and again showed what a clutch performer he is as he won the long jump at 26'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " after fouling on a jump of more or less the same length. He had stated prior to the Games that he would retire if he did not do well. However, his winning mark was wind-assisted and the new Games record went to Phil May of Australia, who was second with an unsullied 26'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Lawrie Peckham was his usually reliable self in the high jump. He won at 7'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". His fiercest rivals were a Canadian "Flopper", John Hawkins (he claims to be an adept of the "Brill Bend") at 6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and an "unknown" from Gambia, the Sheikh Faye, whose 7'1" of 1969 eluded the attention of statisticians until a



In one of the fastest mass finishes in history, Ian Stewart (316) collected the Commonwealth 5000 title in a European record 13:22.8, third-fastest ever, from Scottish teammate Ian McCafferty (304), 13:23.4. Kip Keino, between the two Scotsmen, ran third in 13:27.6, England's Allan Rushmer (1) 13:29.8 in fourth, venerable Ron Clarke (11) 13:32.4 in fifth and pace-setter Dick Taylor (r) 13:33.8 in sixth. Second through sixth registered the fastest placing times ever. Clarke and Taylor earlier were two-three in the 10,000. (Ed Lacey)

couple of months ago, at 6'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Other field event marks were good, if not exceptional. Howard Payne won the hammer title (225'5") for the third time in a row, Mike Bull vaulted higher (16'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") than he had ever done before, Geoff Smith of Australia barely survived in the last event of the decathlon, the 1500, in the face of a serious attack launched by the runner-up, Peter Gabbett of England, to win 7492 to 7469.

Phil May and Mick McGrath of Australia had a ding-dong battle in the triple jump, with the former finally emerging the winner by a foot with a good 54'10".

Other highlights: 100, 3. Halsey Crawford (Trin) 10.3; 4. Gary Eddy (Aus) 10.3; 5. George Daniels (Gha) 10.3; 6. Gary Symonds (Ber) 10.4. 200, 3. Asati 20.7; 4. Martin Reynolds (Eng) 20.8; ... 6. Daniels 20.9. Heats: IV-1. Quarrie 20.4. 400, 4. Claver Kamanya (Tanz) 45.8; 5. Kent Bernard (Trin) 46.0; ... 7. Clifton Forbes (Jam) 46.1. 800, 4. Chris Fisher (Aus) 1:47.7. 1500, 3. Brendan Foster (Eng) 3:40.6; 4. Peter Stewart (Scot) 3:40.6; 5. John Whetton (Eng) 3:41.2; 6. McCafferty 3:42.2. 5000, 6. Taylor 13:33.8; 7. Quax 13:43.4; 8. Kipkemo Arap Ngeno (Ken) 13:44.6; 9. Bob Finlay (Can) 13:45.2; 10. R.J. Taylor (NZ) 13:48.8; 11. L. Stewart 13:51.8. 10,000, 4. Roger Matthews (Eng) 28:21.6; 5. John Caine (Eng) 28:27.6; 6. Ngeno 28:31.4; 7. Phillip Ndoe (Ken) 28:43.0; 8. O'Brien 28:43.6. 3000mSt, 4. Gareth Bryan-Jones (Scot) 8:33.8; 5. Andy Holden (Eng) 8:34.6; ... 7. Bernard Hayward (Wales) 8:39.8. 110mHH, 2. Mal Baird (Aus) 13.8; 3. Godfrey Murray (Jam) 14.0; 4. George Neeland (Can) 14.2; 5. Brian Donnelly (Can) 14.2; 6. Rich MacDonald (Can) 14.4. 400IH, 4. John Akii Bua (Uga) 51.1; 5. David Scharer (Eng) 51.1; 6. Bill Gairdner (Can) 51.6. Mar, 2. Jim Alder (Scot) 2:12:04; 3. Don Faircloth (Eng) 2:12:19; 4. Jack Foster (NZ) 2:14:44; ... 6. Bill Adcocks (Eng) 2:15:10.

HJ, 4. Bhim Singh (Ind) 6'9"; 5. Rick Cuttall (Can) 6'9"; 6. A. Holbrook-Smith (Gha) 6'9". PV, 2. Allan Kane (Can) 16'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 3. Bob Raftis (Can) 16'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 4. Ray Boyd (Aus) 15'11"; 5. Bruce Simpson (Can) 15'11"; 6. Gordon Rule (Scot) 14'9". LJ, 3. Alan Lerwill (Eng) 26'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w (25'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "ok); 4. Mike Ahey (Gha) 25'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "w (24'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "ok); 5. Dave Norris (NZ) 25'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "ok; 6. Dave Walker (Scot) 24'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "w (24'0"ok). TJ, Mohinder Gill (Ind) 52'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "ok; 4. Abraham Munabi (Uga) 52'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "w; 5. J.O. Amoah (Gha) 51'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "ok; 6. Labh Singh (Ind) 51'6"ok.

SP, Dave Steen (Can) 63'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2. Jeff Teale (Eng) 60'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3. Les Mills (NZ) 60'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4. Geoff Capes (Eng) 55'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 5. Brian Caulfield (Can) 55'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 6. Mike Lindsay (Scot) 55'0". DT, George Puce (Can) 193'7"; 2. Mills 189'9"; 3. Bill Tancred (Eng) 185'11"; 4. Arthur McKenzie (Eng) 181'6"; 5. Zig Strauts (Can) 181'1"; 6. Robin Tait (NZ) 176'6". HT, 2. Bruce Fraser (Eng) 206'5"; 3. Barry Williams (Eng) 202'0"; 4. Lawrie Bryce (Scot) 201'6"; 5. Praveen Kumar (Ind) 197'11"; 6. Warwick Nicholl (NZ) 196'11". JT, Dave Travis (Eng) 260'9"; 2. John McSorley (Eng) 251'9"; 3. John FitzSimons (Eng) 240'1"; 4. Sigismund Kosciak (Aus) 239'10"; 5. Wilfred Mwalwanda (Malawi) 235'3"; 6. David Birkmyre (Scot) 230'10". Dec, 3. Barry King (Eng) 7201; 4. Jim Smith (Eng) 7033; 5. Steve Spencer (Can) 6863; 6. Gord Stewart (Can) 6863. (Spencer beat Stewart six events to four.)

400R, Jamaica 39.4 (Stewart, Miller, Lawson, Quarrie); 2. Ghana 39.8; 3. England 40.0; 4. Scotland 40.0; 5. Wales 40.2; 6. Trinidad 40.3. 1600R, Kenya 3:03.6 (Nyamau 47.5, Sang 46.0, Ouko 45.5, Asati 44.6); 2. Trinidad 3:05.4 (Wong Shing 47.4, Cayenne 47.4, Bernard 45.2, Roberts 45.4); 3. England 3:05.5 (Bilham 47.5, Walters 46.3, Hauck 46.2, Sherwood 45.5); 4. Canada 3:06.4; 5. Jamaica 3:06.4; 6. Scotland 3:09.0.

European Report

by R. L. Quercetani

(Information received through July 12)

The road hotted up considerably as European athletes entered the main phase of their 1970 journey. Visiting guests from overseas adequately contributed to the plethora of brilliant performances registered throughout the continent. In late June and early July, hardly a day passed without a meet of some import being reported in the sports papers. Probably too much for yours truly, who happened to be sandwiched between a three-week visit to US and a trip to Edinburgh for the British Commonwealth Games. But we'll do our best to give here the essential of what happened in Europe in the past six weeks.

Wolfgang Nordwig of East Germany became the third European to capture the world's pole vault record since 1912, when the IAAF declared the official book open. His successful effort over 5.45 meters (17'10½") at Berlin, June 17, climaxed a long career of consistent vaulting.

Kerry O'Brien of Australia became the first man from Down Under to capture the world's steeplechase record as he chalked up a fine 8:22.0 at Berlin, July 4. This was in the traditional ISTAF meet held in the western sector of the city, whereas Nordwig's record occurred in the eastern sector.

Results of meets covered elsewhere in this issue (dual meets of the US national team with France, West Germany and the USSR, British Commonwealth Games) are not duplicated here.

SPRINTS

Ben Vaughan and Charlie Greene had a close tussle in the 100-meter final of the CISM (International Service Championship) meet at Viareggio, Italy, on June 13. Aided by a wind of merely 1.12 mph, both were clocked in 10.1, with Vaughan the winner by a visible margin. The time equaled the meet record set by Willie Williams and Ira Murchison at Berlin in 1956 and first matched by Mel Pender at Poitiers last year. The following day, Vaughan won the 200-meters as he pleased in 20.6 from Jacques Carrette of France (21.0). Greene returned to Europe after the AAU Championships (his third trip to the Old Continent in two months) as one of the many notable "nonmembers" of the US team that was by then preparing for the first of three major dual meets (France, West Germany, USSR). He won the 100-meters at Milan, July 1, in 10.3, then went to Rotterdam where he did 10.1 (July 5). Winner of the 200 at Milan--a big night meet with 25,000 spectators--was Ed Roberts of Trinidad in 20.6 from Lee Evans (20.8) and Switzerland's European champ Philippe Clerc (20.8). Former European record holder Jan Werner of Poland was fourth in 20.9.

Once again, the Zurich meet (July 3) yielded a number of fast clockings in the short races. Old rumors about the starter, Albert Kern of Lauer-and-Hary-memory, were revived after some years of silence, and a French observer went so far as to say that the timers too, 100 and more meters away from Kern, seemed to be working in the same spirit. What really astounded observers was a 10.2 credited to Fabrizio Pusterla of Switzerland, not yet 17, in the 100-meter junior race. Apparently, the young Swiss took a flyer and was not recalled. A Zurich paper stated, somewhat curiously, that whatever advantage he derived from the start was certainly counterbalanced by the adverse wind (2.91 mph). However, many observers claimed that Pusterla was a truly great talent and would soon prove it again. His next mark, in an international meet at Oslo, was a winning 10.7 into the wind. Prior to the Zurich race, he had a personal best of 10.4 (and 21.4 over 200-meters). Still in the Zurich meet, Clerc won the senior 100-meters, also in 10.2, from Zenon Nowosz of Poland and Ed Roberts, both 10.3. Roberts added a 20.5 to his brilliant collection of 200-meter marks in winning that race easily from Nowosz (20.8) and two West Germans, 19-year-old Franz-Peter Hofmeister and Olympic finalist Jochen Eigenherr (both 20.9).

A time of 20.5, to equal the USSR record, was given to Valery Borzov on the second day (July 3) of the Znamenskiy Memorial meet at Kiev.

Siegfried Schenke, who long jumped 25'11" indoors a few months ago, scored a double at the East German championships at Erfurt, with a record-equaling 10.1 (July 3) and a 20.8 (July 5).

There are indications that Alain Sarteur and Gerard Fenouil of France, with no unduly fast times but with a good competitive record, may be on a par with the very best Europeans.

Correction: Romain Roels of Belgium ran 20.9 (not 20.8) at Courtrai, May 17. And his time was wind-aided, same as his 10.1 for 100-meters on the same occasion.

French observers were stunned when a "virtually unknown American", Fred Newhouse, paid a visit to Paris in June and "ran like a mad man" against Jean-Claude Nallet over 400-meters and won by a street, 45.2 to 46.2 (June 14).

Lee Evans was very much in the news during his European trip, not so much for his usually brilliant performances over 400-meters--45.5 at Milan, 45.6 at Zurich and 45.9 at Berlin, on July 1, 3, and 4 respectively--but rather in connection with persistent rumors about pay-offs (the Zurich organizers denied such rumors though). At Milan, he won from Ed Roberts (45.9) and Andrzej Badenski of Poland (46.5).

A surprising 45.5 was turned in by Thomas Jordan of West Germany at Stuttgart, June 6, one full second under his previous best. "I'll be happy with that for this year," he said after the race. Jan Balachowski of Poland did 45.8 at Sofia the following weekend.

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Franz-Josef Kemper of West Germany showed glimpses of his one-time form at Hannover, June 25, as he ran 800-meters in 1:46.7. The day before, at Koblenz, Walter Adams convincingly beat Fanie van Zijl of South Africa, 1:47.1 to 1:47.8, as another Springbok, Danie Malan, was sixth in 1:48.9.

Jozef Plachy won at Stockholm in 1:46.9 from a field that included two Jamaicans, Neville Myton (5th in 1:49.4) and Byron Dyce (9th in 1:51.5). Andy Carter and Colin Campbell finished one-two at Zurich, both in 1:47.2. This looms as a good year for Britons, with six under 1:48.0.

Marty Liquori came to Europe (he too with the "Independent Tourists Inc.") to avenge his third place in the AAU meet, but had to be content with two more thirds--in a grueling race at Milan, where his 3:39.9 was not good enough against Francesco Aresè (3:39.1) and Gianni Del Buono (3:39.3) and then at Aachen, where he did 3:41.7 to finish behind Andre De Hertoghe of Belgium (3:40.7) and Harald Norpoth of West Germany (3:41.2).

Aresè tried for a double in a dual meet with Poland at Siracusa on July 4-5. He won the 5000 on the first day in 14:09.4 but had to bow to his "bete noire", Henryk Szordykowski, the next day in the 1500, 3:43.6 to 3:43.4. The Pole had previously won a hotly contested mile at Stockholm in 4:02.6 from John Kirkbride of Britain and De Hertoghe. To add to the confusion of those interested in rankings, Kirkbride went on to win over the same distance at London, July 5, in 3:57.0, beating European 1500-meter champ John Whetton (3:57.7).

Still over 1500-meters, Jurgen May ran a solo 3:40.0 (Stockholm, June 8) and Norpoth also did 3:40.0 to defeat Peter Stewart of Britain by three-tenths (Koblenz, June 24).

Bernd Diessner chalked up another good 3000-meter time with 7:49.4 (Potsdam, June 3), winning from Gert Eisenberg (7:54.8).

In one of the last "tune-up" meets prior to the Commonwealth Games, Kip Keino did 8:29.0 for two-miles and a rising Briton, Brendan Foster, was second in 8:30.8 (London, July 5).

DISTANCES

Ron Clarke made his traditional tour of Northern Europe before reaching Edinburgh. Best he could do was 13:40.8 over 5000-meters at the Kusocinski Memorial meet in Warsaw for a narrow victory over Arne Risa of Norway (13:41.0) and 28:43.8 over 10,000-meters at Stockholm, July 1. In the latter race, he won from Abdelkader Zaddam of Tunisia (28:47.8) while Gaston Roelants was no better than fourth (30:04.2). The following day, still at Stockholm, Clarke went down to defeat against Europe's best over 5000-meters. Harald Norpoth, who holds the continental record, won in 13:35.6 in a hair-raising finish from European champ Ian Stewart (13:35.8) while the Aussie star was third (13:44.4) ahead of Jurgen May (13:58.6).

The fastest 5000 of the season so far was run at Edinburgh on June 13. In a good test of the Commonwealth Games' New Meadowbank track, Dick Taylor won in 13:26.2, a new British record, from Ian McCafferty 13:29.6, Mike Baxter 13:35.2, and Allan Rushmer 13:37.0, while Scotsman Lachie Stewart was fifth in 13:47.8 ahead of Mike Tagg at 13:49.0. The kilometer times: 2:40.2, 2:40.8, 2:41.4, 2:42.6, 2:41.2. A week earlier, at Leicester, Taylor was second in a 10,000-meter race in 29:05.0, behind Roger Matthews' 28:59.8. That was the Commonwealth trial race for the English team and Taylor, who reportedly "felt lethargic on a warm afternoon" (reminiscences of Athens '69?) was content to qualify.

Later in June, namely on the 30th, Taylor was defeated once more, this time by Juha Vaatainen of Finland in the so-called World Games at Helsinki, over 5000-meters, 13:59.2 to 13:53.0. Vaatainen was anxious to prove himself in such a meet, for only three days earlier at Oulu, in the Finland versus France dual, he had posted the year's fastest 10,000-meter time of 28:19.6, easily the most impressive clocking by a Finnish distance runner since the days of Viljo Heino. Vaatainen, 29, ran 28:53.0 last year. His record effort was featured by a "slow" first half (14:21.6) and a fast second half (13:58.0).

Lutz Philipp hit the headlines again after several years with a new West German 10,000-meter record: 28:23.4 (Koblenz, June 24). He won from Roelants 28:25.4, Manfred Letzerich 28:29.0, Joachim Liess 28:38.0, Hans Munzinger 28:40.4 and Jens Wollenberg 28:49.6. Philipp was timed in 14:21.0 by his wife, herself a distance runner, for the first 5000. He too was therefore faster in the second half (14:02.4).

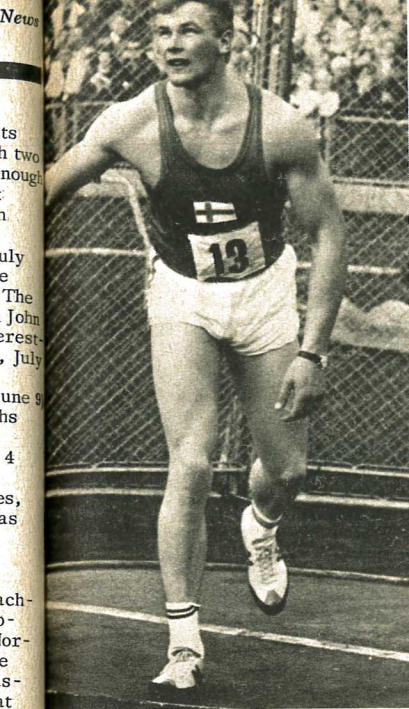
Rashid Sharafytdinov of the USSR scored a remarkable double in a Moscow meet sponsored by the "Pravda" newspaper: he won the 5000 on the first day (June 11) in 13:42.6 and the 10,000 the second day (June 11) in 28:52.2. Place winners also had fast times; at the shorter distance, second went to Vladimir Shashmurin in 13:43.6, trailed by Aleksandr Morozov 13:44.4, Yuriy Aleksashin 13:45.8, Maris Gailis 13:46.8, Nikolay Sviridov 13:47.2 and Yuriy Ribachenko 13:47.4; at the longer distance, second was Vyacheslav Alanov in 28:57.8, followed by Ants Nurmekivi 29:02.0 and Yevgeniy Arzhannikov 29:16.4. European champ Jurgen Haase of East Germany dropped out after six kilos. But he was apparently back in stride for the national championships at Erfurt on July 3, when he won in 28:26.0 from Gerhard Seibt (28:28.0) and Jurgen Busch (28:37.6).

Lachie Stewart ran 10,000-meters in 28:33.4 at Edinburgh, June 5, best ever by a Scotsman. At the Znamenskiy meet in Kiev, it was Sharafytdinov again in the 5000 in 13:47.8 (July 2), but the 10,000 went to Leonid Mikityenko in 28:56.8 (July 3).

3000 METER STEEPLECHASE

Kerry O'Brien, for years one of the world's best barrier specialists, ran two masterful races within 48 hours; on July 2, at Stockholm, he did 8:29.4 to easily beat a good field (Arne Risa of Norway was second in 8:36.8) and, on July 4, he shaved one fifth of a second off Vladimir Dudin's one year old world record with a nifty 8:22.0. His kilometer times denote good pace judgment, as steeplechase times go (where the second kilometer is obviously the most laborious): 2:46.8, 2:49.0, 2:46.2. Press reports said that he ran "a la Clarke", i.e. taking little or no notice of the opposition. And, like Clarke, he extended his rivals to performances they had never before achieved: trailing were Rolf Burscheid 8:31.8, Karl-Heinz Betz 8:33.0, Takaharu Koyama 8:37.2, Hans-Dieter Schulten 8:38.8 and Willi Maier 8:39.0 (all of West Germany except Koyama, Japanese). An electric timer caught the Australian in 8:21.98.

Viktor Kudinskiy won from a good field at the "Pravda" meet (Moscow, June 10) in 8:30.8. In his wake, Georgiy Polyuyanskiy and Romualdas Bite improved to 8:32.2 and 8:33.6, respectively. "Depth" was impressive here too as Nikolay Zobov ran 8:35.0, Vladimir Lisovskiy 8:36.6, Aleksandr Golub



Ricky Bruch of Sweden isn't the only world-class platter-tosser in Scandinavia. Finland's Pentti Kahma tossed a national-record 204'4" this year. (Photo courtesy Kauko Niemela)

8:37.6, Tadeusz Zielinski 8:38.0 and Nikolay Baklanov 8:39.6 (all of the USSR except Zielinski, a Pole). Youngest in the group is Baklanov, 20.

Other notable clockings in what can easily be discerned as the greatest-ever season for steeplechasers: 8:31.6 by Jean-Paul Villain (France) at Oulu, June 28; 8:33.8 Umberto Risi (new Italian record) at Rome, June 20. Former world record holder Vladimir Dudin returned to action at the Znamenskiy meet and won in 8:37.6 from Bite at 8:39.2 and Yuriy Ribachenko 8:39.8. European champ Mikhail Zhelev of Bulgaria has a season's best of 8:35.0 (Sofia, May 31) which gives him a tie for 10th on the 1970 World List.

HURDLES

Werner Trzmiel of West Germany ran the highs twice at Esslingen, May 24, first in 13.7 and a half-hour later in 13.6, the latter into a light wind. After this, it was no surprise to see him down to 13.4, equal second best ever by a European, in the Zurich meet of July 3. However, the regularity of his start was disputed, and so were the times of the other finishers, most of whom had got off to an allegedly poor start. Alan Pascoe (Great Britain) was second in 13.6, followed by Andre Brilland (France) 13.8 and Pierre Schoebel (France) 13.9. It should be noted, however, that Schoebel and Brilland had done 13.8 and 13.9 respectively at Lyons on June 21. Wind during the Zurich race was 0.89 mph, assisting.

Frank Siebeck of East Germany, 21, lowered his country's record to 13.6 (Erfurt, July 4) in winning the national title from Raimund Bethge (13.8). Guy Drut set a new French record of 13.6 at Colombes, June 28. Dave Hemery, who seems to get no real breaks vis-a-vis British starters and timers, had been performing in the 14-second range so far. But he showed his real worth when he beat Siebeck at Edinburgh over the metric distance, 14.1 to 14.2. And Drut also had a notable competitive success as he beat Werner Trzmiel in the Bonenfant Memorial (Paris, June 10) by no mean margin, 13.8 to 14.2.

Gunther Nickel has been doing a lot of competitive sprinting with 100-meter times of 10.2 and 10.3. On one occasion he beat West Germany's fastest sprinters. Over the hurdles he chalked up two 13.7s in the space of 25 minutes (Leverkusen, May 31).

Prior to his great race against Ralph Mann at Colombes, Jean-Claude Nallet had run the intermediates in 50.4 twice (Colombes, June 14 and Lyons, June 21). Rainer Schubert and Werner Reibert, both of West Germany, ran 50.4 and 50.5 respectively in finishing one-two in the Zurich meet.

JUMPS

Valentin Gavrillov moved into his own at the Znamenskiy meet as he

thrashed a strong field of high jumpers with 2.20 (7'2³/₈") at Kiev, July 3. He won from Viktor Bolshov and Serban Ioan (Romania), both 7'8¹/₈". Japan's recordman, Hidehiko Tomizawa, was no better than eighth at 6'9¹/₈".

Endre Kelemen has outshone Istvan Major as Hungary's number one high jumper in recent weeks. In the triangular meet with Czechoslovakia and Poland (Warsaw, June 28), Kelemen won at 7'2¹/₄", his best ever from Jaroslav Alexa of Czechoslovakia at 7'8¹/₈" and Major 6'11¹/₂". Alexa's 2.18 (7'1¹/₂"), reported last month, was made at Ostrava on May 21.

One of the most consistent high jumpers in Europe is Erminio Azzaro of Italy, whose recent marks include 7'8¹/₈", 7'1" and a record-equaling 7'1¹/₂" (Siracusa, July 5). On the latter occasion, a dual meet with Poland, he won from Lech Klinger of Poland (7'1¹/₄").

Wolfgang Nordwig crowned a 13-year career with a world record in the pole vault. His day came on June 17 at Berlin, in the presence of France's "enfant terrible", Francois Tracanelli. Nordwig was thirsty for revenge, as the Frenchman had beaten him in the European Indoor Championships at Vienna. Here is how the Berlin duel unfolded (0=miss, X=clearance, p=pass):

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|------------|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 5.00/ | 5.10/ | 5.20/ | 5.25/ | 5.30/ | 5.35/ | 5.42/ | 5.45 |
| | 16'5" | 16'8 ³ / ₄ " | 17'3 ³ / ₄ " | 17'2 ³ / ₄ " | 17'4 ³ / ₄ " | 17'6 ³ / ₄ " | 17'9 ¹ / ₂ " | 17'10 ¹ / ₂ " |
| Nordwig | X | p | 0 X | p | 0 X | X | X | X |
| Tracanelli | p | X | p | X | p | 000 | | |

As the table shows, the 19-year-old Frenchman gambled all the way through, and even so, he was rewarded with a new European Junior (under 20) record of 17'2³/₈". Nordwig first broke the European record, then cracked John Pennel's world mark. Upon remeasurement, the record height was found to be 5.458 meters, i.e. 17'10¹/₄", though the mark will be listed as 5.45/17'10¹/₂".

Nordwig was extremely consistent before and after his record day. He did 17'4³/₈" three times (Magdeburg, June 3, Warsaw, June 19 and Helsinki, June 30), on the latter occasion winning from Risto Ivanoff of Finland (17'2³/₈") and AAU champ Bob Seagren (16'5"). The German then won his country's national title at 17'8¹/₂" (Erfurt, July 5).

Altti Alarotu returned to Finland and immediately raised his country's mark to 5.31 (17'5") in the Paavo Nurmi meet at Turku, July 1. A few days earlier, at Skovde, Kjell Isaksson of Sweden upped his outdoor best to 5.27 (17'3¹/₂").

Germany's latest talent comes from the West: he's Hans-Jurgen Ziegler, 19, who did 17'3¹/₄" at Waiblingen on June 7. His best last year was 15'11". Renato Dionisi returned to competition late in June and cleared 17'3¹/₄" in his second meet. John Pennel won at Milan, July 1, with the same height, then missed in an attempt to recapture the world record.

Jack Pani equaled his French long jump record, 26'9¹/₄", at Lyons, June 21, emerging the winner in a torrid duel with Klaus Beer of East Germany, 26'6¹/₄". A week earlier, at Colombes, Pani had his hands full against Christian Tourret, finally winning, 26'7³/₄" to 26'6¹/₂". Beer improved to 26'7" at the East German title meet. By the same time, at Kassel, the West German record fell as Josef Schwarz used a wind under the limit to reach 8.16 (26'9¹/₄"). Igor Ter-Ovanesyan won at the Znamenskiy meet with 26'3¹/₂". New to the 26-foot shore are Stanislaw Szudrowicz and Grzegorz Cybulski of Poland, both 26'1¹/₂" at Poznan, May 24. Cybulski is 19.

Japan's first eight-meter man, Hiroomi Yamada (he broke Chuhei Nambu's 41-year-old record with 8.01/26'3¹/₂" at Odawara, June 7), won at the Kusocinski Memorial in Warsaw, June 19, with his second best ever, 26'1¹/₄". He defeated a fine Polish trio: Stanislaw Cabaj 26'1¹/₂", Andrzej Stalmach 25'11¹/₂" and Zdzislaw Kokot 25'10³/₈". But in the Znamenskiy Memorial at Kiev, the Japanese was not better than fourth at 25'5¹/₄".



Manfred Stolle of East Germany has done some long throwing too. He became the sixth-longest javelinist in history with his 297'6" heave. (Photo courtesy Der Leichtathlet)

Leaders in the triple jump so far are Viktor Saneyev, 55'3" (Kiev, July 3); Jorg Drehmel 55'1¹/₂" (Berlin, June 17) and Carol Corbu with a new Rumanian record of 54'11³/₈" (Athens, June 14). Andrzej Lasocki looms as Poland's heir apparent to Jozef Schmidt: at the Kusocinski Memorial, the 26-year-old Pole reached 54'3¹/₂" (Warsaw, June 20).

THROWS

Wladyslaw Komar returned to international competition in the match with Czechoslovakia and Hungary at Warsaw, June 28, and won with 63'4¹/₄". His 66'4" (20.22) reported last month was made at Poznan on May 24. The East German title went to Hartmut Briesenick at 66'6" (Erfurt, July 5). Place winners: Uwe Grabe 65'5³/₈", Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg 65'2³/₈", Peter Hlawatschke 62'4", Gerd Lochmann 62'4". The new man is Hlawatschke, who turned 20 on June 11. He was billed as a coming great two years ago. The season's longest throw in Europe so far is 66'10³/₈" by Briesenick at Chemnitz on June 14.

The indomitable Pierre Colnard, 41, equaled his own French record (64'2¹/₂") in the dual meet with Finland at Oulu, before cracking it against the Americans.

Jay Silvester has been doing well in Europe. At the present time, he is well on his way to earning the number one spot in the world ranking. He made his debut at Milan, July 1, in the eagerly awaited "Consolini Memorial", and won at 209'7" from Geza Fejer of Hungary 204'6¹/₂", Ludvik Danek 198'7¹/₂", Pentti Kahma of Finland 193'1¹/₂", George Puce of Canada 191'1¹/₂" and Silvano Simeon of Italy 188'11".

Silvester continued with 209'4¹/₂" at Berlin, July 4 and there beat Ricky Bruch of Sweden, 207'0" and Hein-Direck Neu of West Germany 205'7". The following day, at Rotterdam, he again defeated Neu, 203'9¹/₂" to 192'1¹/₂". After that, Silvester visited Bruch in Sweden: after beating his rival easily at Gavle, July 6, 208'6¹/₂" to 198'10¹/₂" (Ed Kohler of the US third at 183'1"), Silvester suffered his first defeat in the Swedish lion's den, i.e. at Malmo, July 11, where both chalked up season's bests: Bruch 66.34 (217'7¹/₂"), Silvester 66.28 (217'5¹/₂").

Some of the men Silvester beat had shown improving form: Neu upped his West German discus mark to 209'11" at Eschweiler, and Kahma raised the Finnish record to 204'4" at Virrat, June 14.

Anatoliy Bondarchuk continued to rule as the hammer king of the USSR: at the Znamenskiy meet (Kiev, July 2), he defeated his onetime master Romuald Klim by a wide margin, 237'4¹/₂" to 227'9". Shigenobu Murofushi of Japan was third at 219'11¹/₂".

Walter Schmidt of West Germany succeeded Uwe Beyer as national record holder as he uncorked a 72.92 (239'3") throw at Darmstadt, June 9. Upon hearing the news, movie actor Beyer said he still ranked Schmidt no higher than fifth among West Germany's best. The two met at Darmstadt early in July and see what happened: Schmidt 236'2", Beyer 235'2". Schmidt's record mark at Darmstadt is the best ever by a German, East or West. The Eastern title went to Reinhard Theimer at 234'9" (Erfurt, July 3). Klim upped his best for the season to 233'4" (Riga, June 5). There is, however, an unconfirmed report that credits Klim with a victory over Bondarchuk at Tashkent in March, 238'1¹/₂" to 237'9¹/₂". A new 70-meter man is Jochen Sachse, also of East Germany: 231'6¹/₂" (Berlin, June 18).

Javelin throwers seem to be going mad just now. No one has reached Murro's 100-yard marker (the season's best), but here they are: Manfred Stolle, 33, with a new East German record of 90.68 (297'6") at Erfurt, July 4; Pauli Nevala of Finland with 90.06 (295'5¹/₂") in his hometown of Teuva; Miklos Nemeth of Hungary with 85.90 (281'10") at Budapest, June 13, and a new Soviet from Latvia, Vilnis Feldmanis, 83.80 (274'11") at Riga, June 5. Stolle's

mark came as a surprise, but Nevala had many other classy marks, including one of 291'11" at Tampere, July 2. Nevala also beat a choice field at Helsinki, June 30, with 282'9 1/2", winning from Nemeth (280'6"), Jorma Kinnunen (272'1 1/2"), Lars Avellan of Finland (271'3") and Wladyslaw Nikiciuk of Poland (258'8"). Klaus Wolferrmann of West Germany was ninth at 244'2", a far cry from his recent 274'4" reported last month. It has been revealed that Avellan's 273'6 1/2" and Esa Alander's 270'2 1/2", made at Helsinki's Elaintarha Ground on May 7, were actually on sloping ground.

DECATHLON

Joachim Kirst returned to Schielleiten, Austria, the scene of his 8279 national record last year. His chances on improving on that score looked good as he went into the ninth event with 7132 point; then, as often in the past, he choked in the javelin and 1500-meters and all he could do for a total was 8121. Even so, he won rather comfortably from his countrymen Herbert Wessel (8003) and Manfred Tiedtke (7989), while Jozsef Bakai of Hungary was fourth with a new national record of 7729. This was on June 6 and 7. Later in the month, namely on June 27-28 at Tallinn, the USSR beat East Germany in a decathlon match, 74,680 to 74,137. Kirst was again the winner with 7907, but the Soviets took second and third with Vladimir Shcherbatikh (7728) and Boris Tolmachov (7671), with Wessel fourth at 7660. Each team fielded 12 men, but only the first ten on each side were counted as point scorers. The Germans probably lost the match when Manfred Tiedtke retired after three events. Even so, 11 of their men finished and the USSR barely won with only 10 finishers.

Wadoux Paces 3:34.0, Tracanelli Vaults 17'8 1-2"

(News as of July 31)

As if ignited by the match versus the US, the French made the biggest headlines of late in Europe. Jean Wadoux lowered the European 1500-meter record to 3:34.0, second-fastest in history, while young Francois Tracanelli climbed 17'8 1/2" in the pole vault for world and European junior (20 and under) records and equal fourth all-time. And touring Americans made their presence felt in several international invitationals.

Under broad event headings, here is a quick round-up of the headlines: **Sprints & Hurdles:** Charlie Greene continued his quick tours of 100-meters with a 10.2 (Mainz, West Germany, July 19) and then a 10.1 (Innsbruck, Austria). Lee Evans picked up a double win at Mainz with 21.1 in the 200-meters and 46.1 over one lap. In Moscow, July 26, Willie Turner's 10.2 left Valeriy Borzov two-tenths back while Curtis Mills comfortably won the 400 in 46.4. At Stockholm five days later, Ben Vaughan and Eddie Hart went one-two with 10.3 as John Smith triumphed in 46.4. Thomas Hill (13.6) and Wayne Collett (51.1) scored easy hurdle wins.

Frenchman Jean-Claude Nallet followed up his national record smashing

spree against the US (48.6 IH and 45.4 400m) by clipping three more tenths off his 400-meter mark with a 45.1 in his national meet (Colombes, July 18). He later placed second in the 200 with 20.6, same time as winner Gerard Fenouil. Still at the national meet, Guy Drut matched his French record in the highs of 13.6 to take the final (July 19) after a windy 13.4 heat the previous day.

In the 800-meter relay, the European record was broken twice on July 4. First, the L'AC Paris unit of Jean-Claude Fenouil, Jean Bourne, Gerard Fenouil and Nallet combined for a 1:23.3 at Colombes. Later in West Berlin, Bayer 04 Leverkusen reduced that mark to 1:22.4 with Thomas Jordan, Benno Knobloch, Manfred Ommer and Jochen Eigenherr.

Middle Distances & Distances: Jean Wadoux blasted countryman Michel Jazy's continental 1500-meter record of 3:36.3 with a sterling solo run of 3:34.0 (Colombes, July 23). Wadoux covered splits of 56.7, 1:55.0 and 2:52.5 and gunned a final lap of 55.9 as second was a far-back 3:45.0. Only Jim Ryun's world record 3:33.1 surpasses the Frenchman's effort which came just four days after he won the national title at 3:38.0.

Marty Liquori picked up a win at Mainz with 3:44.6 but placed only fourth at Stockholm (3:41.5) as Arne Kvalheim led a quick parade with 3:40.2. Tom Hansen of Denmark ran second in a national record 3:40.6, edging Pole Henryk Szordykowski by a tenth. Jere VanDyk of the US was fifth at 3:41.5. Ken Moore picked up a PR in the 5000 (13:46.4) while placing second to Dana Korica of Yugoslavia (13:44.6). Frank Shorter ran 13:48.2 in third while Ron Clarke followed in fourth at 13:51.2. Steepler Bill Reilly also claimed a career best, finishing in 8:32.4 behind Kerry O'Brien (8:29.2) and Norway's Stale Engen (8:31.4 NR). Mark Winzenried picked up the 800-meter win with 1:47.5.

Jumps: Precocious Francois Tracanelli, 19, soared 17'8 1/2" (Colombes, July 25) to join rather select company as the equal fourth-highest vaulter in history. He then had three unsuccessful tries at 5.50 meters (18' 1/2"). Just five days before, he placed second in his national meet at 16'6 3/4" behind Michel Ollivary. The Italian championship meet (Rome, July 12) saw Renato Dionisi return to his form of 1969 with a national record of 17'6 1/4". In the high jump, Valentin Gavrilov became the second-highest Soviet leaper ever with his PR 7'4 1/4" clearance at Moscow (July 26). Only Valeriy Brumel has leaped higher.

Throws: Two national records toppled recently. Pierre Colnard followed up his French shot put record against the US with a new mark of 64'10 1/4" in his national meet. In the Italian title meet, Mario Vecchiato extended his hammer mark to 224'5". At Stockholm, Ricky Bruch threw the disc 210'6", far ahead of second-place John Powell of the US (191'1") and Bill Skinner kept on winning, this time over super-veteran Janusz Sidlo of Poland, 266'0" to 260'2".

Decathlon: Sweden's Lennart Hedmark joined the 8000-point fraternity with his national best 8011 total (Stockholm, July 11-12). His top individual effort was a 222'5" javelin toss. Second at 7831 was Soviet Rein Aun, Tokyo Olympic silver medalist; a 24'8" long jump highlighted his competition.

US Report

by Dick Drake

As is the case each summer, the US Report takes on an abbreviated format and includes only the highly significant news that appears nowhere else in this issue and no seasonal list of best marks. In most instances, only unre-

USTFF Marks Verified, Confirmed

Details and more complete information has been furnished T&FN on the USTFF championships by Wichita State coach Herm Wilson, who served as meet director and whose assistance in uncovering certain facts since the meet has been most appreciated. We now have the exact order of placing for all heats, semis and finals, wind information, and the viewing of motion pictures to confirm the results published heretofore and now.

Assuming the clocking of the first athlete in each of the two 100 semis is accurate, the movies show that all seven 9.2 clockings reported previously are legitimate. Though it has recently come to light that three of the times in one semi were wind-aided.

All three watches in Jim Green's windy 100 final read 9.1. Semis: I (1.29 mph)-1. Jim Green (Ky) 9.2 (9.2, 9.2, 9.2); 2. Ivory Crockett (Sn Ill) 9.2 (9.1, 9.2, 9.3); 3. Earl Harris (Okla St) 9.2 (9.1, 9.1, 9.2); 4. Doug Hawken (Ariz St) 9.2 (9.2, 9.2). II (5.32 mph)-1. Herb Washington (Mich St) 9.2 (9.2, 9.2, 9.3); 2. Mickey Mathews (Kans) 9.2 (9.2, 9.2); 3. Bob Dudley (Quan MC) 9.2 (9.2, 9.2). Heats (all windy): I-1. Crockett 9.3; 2. John Holbrook (Ariz St) 9.4; 3. Cliff Branch (Colo TC) 9.4. II-1. Green 9.3; 2. Harris 9.3; 3. Hawken 9.4; 4. Len Turner (Kent St) 9.4. III-1. Scottie Hendricks (Tex A&M) 9.4. IV-1. Mathews 9.3; 2. Dudley 9.4.

The watches on Thomas Hills' 13.2 world record trying mark in the high hurdles read 13.0, 13.2, 13.3. Semis: I (5.44 mph)-1. Hill 13.1 (13.1, 13.1, 13.2); 2. Preston Carrington (Wich St) 13.8; 3. Godfrey Murray (Mich) 13.9; 4. Bill High (Tenn) 14.0; 5. Greg Gilliland (Rice) 14.0. II (5.65 mph)-1. Rod Milburn (Sn) 13.3; 2. Marcus Walker (Colo) 13.7; 3. Dick Taylor (NWN) 13.9; 4. Paul Zitko (B Green St) 14.0. Heats (all wind-aided): I-1. Walker 13.5; 2. Murray 13.8. II-1. Hill 13.2; III-1. Milburn 13.4; 2. High 13.9.

T&FN may have been overly harsh in its criticism of meet organization, particularly as the Wichita State was selected by the coaches as the site for next year's meet. Meet management has assured T&FN that there were extenuating circumstances to certain inadequacies in communication, and that next year complete results on all athletes with marks and placings--heats through finals as well as wind readings will be made available at meet time. While an inaccurate system of advancing athletes through preliminary races escaped early notice, the finalists of the 100 were correctly selected for a seven lane track.

ported career and seasonal bests make it here, along with a few non-bests by the nation's top individuals. News in this report is as of July 30. All marks in the three US international meets are reported with the stories, while the best performances of Americans in Europe are reported in the European report.

The best running has been turned in by Tom Von Ruden at South Lake Tahoe, where he's working as a recreation director. On July 9, he exceeded the American record and world best for 1000-yards by six-tenths with a 2:06.2, in a virtual solo but in legitimate competition. Nine days later, he tackled 1000-meters and clipped seven-tenths off the US standard with a 2:19.0. Wade Bell ran 2:18.7 for 1000-meters in 1967, but the mark was never accepted as an American record. At the Toronto Police Games, July 25, Tom ran his best mile of the season, 3:57.6.

Trinidadian Ed Roberts turned in a legit 9.4 100-yards, Gerry Lindgren paced through a 28:24.4 six-mile and Bob Steele intermediate hurdled 400-meters in 50.8 for the remaining running highlights of the past six weeks (unreported).

In the high jump, Oregon's Marty Hill has high jumped 6'10" and 7'0" while prep Gary Kafer of Texas leaped 6'10". In the pole vault, Vic Dias is reported to have leaped a PR 16'10 1/2" at Alta Loma prior to the AAU. UCLA's Jeff Sakala has had all-comer marks of 16'6", 16'6", 16'0" and 16'0". Lemox Burgher got off a legal 51'9" triple jump in his Jamaica Commonwealth Trials.

Bruce Wilhelm, in northern California all-comer meets, has been the most consistent American at a high level since the AAU. He has had marks of 64'0", 62'2", 64'0", 63'7 1/2" and 63'6 3/4". Texan Randy Nichols has been training with Wilhelm this summer, and has enjoyed marks of 58'9 1/2", 58'2", 58'1 1/2", 57'9 1/2", 59'3 3/4", 58'7" and a PR 60'6". Carl Wallin put 60'6" in Massachusetts.

Austrian Ernst Soudek had marks of 185'2", 189'5" and 193'2" in the discus at Bowling Green, Ohio. On his way to Europe, George Frenn lofted his hammer out 220'1" at the Connecticut AAU. Frank Covelli armed his javelin 267'3" in a Long Beach meet, while Ed Red hit 258'8". In Seattle all-comer action, Fred Luke managed 249'4" to beat Ken Johnson at 243'7".

Errata, Addenda

1. II June: Mark Winzenried's time for the first 220 of the half-mile at Compton was 27.1, not 21.7.

2. I July: The tape used to measure the discus, javelin and hammer at the Orange County Invitational was 16-inches long. All marks in these events should have 16-inches added to them. . . NCAA--miler Ken Popejoy is from Michigan State, not Illinois. . . Gary King and Ray Hupp beat each other in five events of the decathlon, not six events to four for King. Hupp scored the greatest single event total, 874 in the high jump, so he should be awarded seventh and King eighth. . . AAU--Royce Shaw did not finish his heat of the mile, thus he did not record the time listed. . . The site of Kerry O'Brien's world record run in the steeplechase was Berlin, West Germany, not East Germany.

World List

compiled by Garry Hill
This world list includes marks received by Aug. 1. Abbreviations: * = yard time converted to meters; ° = mark recorded enroute to longer distance; y = 120-yard high hurdle time.



Finland's past glories in the distances were revived by Juha Vaatainen's 28:19.6 10,000, the world's fastest until the Commonwealth Games. (Photo by Jaakko Jauhainen)



Only two men, Olympic champ Dick Fosbury and fellow American Bill Elliott, have flopped higher than the 7'2 1/2" of Hungarian Istvan Major. (Photo by Fionnbar Callanan)

100 YARDS

- 9.1 Willie McGee (US)
- 9.2 John Carlos (US)
- 9.2 Ivory Crockett (US)
- 9.2 Mel Gray (US)
- 9.2 Jim Green (US)
- 9.2 Earl Harris (US)
- 9.2 Doug Hawken (US)
- 9.2 Harrington Jackson (US)
- 9.2 Robert Taylor (US)

Wind-aided:

- 9.1 Mel Gray (US)
- 9.1 Jim Green (US)
- 9.1 Robert Taylor (US)

100 METERS

- 10.1 Norman Chihota (Tanz)
- 10.1 Charles Greene (US)
- 10.1 Hermes Ramirez (Cu)
- 10.1 Siegfried Schenke (EG)
- 10.1 Ben Vaughan (US)

Wind-aided:

- 9.9 Artwell Mandaza (Rho)
- 9.9 Pablo Montes (Cu)
- 10.0 John Carlos (US)
- 10.0 Ben Vaughan (US)

200 METERS

- 20.2* John Carlos (US)
- 20.3* Mel Gray (US)
- 20.3 Willie Turner (US)
- 20.4* Stan Allotey (Gha)
- 20.4* Larry Black (US)
- 20.4* Al Coffee (US)
- 20.4* Eddie Hart (US)
- 20.4* Fred Newhouse (US)
- 20.4* Reggie Robinson (US)
- 20.4 Ben Vaughan (US)

400 METERS

- 44.9 Wayne Collett (US)
- 45.0 Charles Asati (Ken)
- 45.0 John Smith (US)
- 45.1 Jean-Claude Nallet (Fr)
- 45.2 Fred Newhouse (US)
- 45.2* Larry James (US)
- 45.2* Curtis Mills (US)
- 45.4 Thomas Jordan (WG)
- 45.4* Tom Ulan (US)
- 45.5 Lee Evans (US)
- 45.5* Tommie Turner (US)

800 METERS

- 1:44.8 Ken Swenson (US)
- 1:44.9 Walter Adams (WG)
- 1:45.4 Franz-Josef Kemper (WG)
- 1:45.5 Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU)
- 1:45.6 Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)
- 1:45.6 Mark Winzenried (US)
- 1:45.8* Pat Collins (US)
- 1:45.9 Dicky Broberg (S Afr)
- 1:46.0 Jozef Plachy (Cze)
- 1:46.3* Art Sandison (US)

1500 METERS

- 3:34.0 Jean Wadoux (Fr)
- 3:36.6 Kip Keino (Ken)
- 3:38.1 Dick Quax (NZ)
- 3:38.7 Francesco Arese (It)
- 3:39.3 Gianni Del Buono (It)
- 3:39.9 Marty Liquori (US)
- 3:40.0 Jurgen May (WG)
- 3:40.0 Harald Norpoth (WG)
- 3:40.0 Henryk Szordykowski (Pol)

ONE MILE

- 3:56.3 Roscoe Divine (US)
- 3:56.9 Chuck LaBenz (US)
- 3:57.0 John Kirkbride (GB)
- 3:57.4 Steve Prefontaine (US)
- 3:57.4 Ian Stewart (GB)

- 3:57.4 Peter Stewart (GB)
- 3:57.6 Tom Von Ruden (US)
- 3:57.7 John Whetton (GB)

5000 METERS

- 13:22.8 Ian Stewart (GB)
- 13:23.4 Ian McCafferty (GB)
- 13:26.2 Dick Taylor (GB)
- 13:27.6 Kip Keino (Ken)
- 13:28.0 Jean Wadoux (Fr)
- 13:29.8 Allan Rushmer (GB)
- 13:32.4 Ron Clarke (Aus)
- 13:34.6 Harald Norpoth (WG)
- 13:35.2 Mike Baxter (GB)
- 13:37.2 Kerry O'Brien (Aus)

SIX MILES

- 27:24.0 Jack Bachelor (US)
- 27:24.0 Frank Shorter (US)

10,000 METERS

- 28:11.8 Lachie Stewart (GB)
- 28:13.6 Ron Clarke (Aus)
- 28:15.4 Dick Taylor (GB)
- 28:19.6 Juha Vaatainen (Fin)
- 28:21.6 Roger Matthews (GB)
- 28:22.8 Frank Shorter (US)
- 28:23.4 Lutz Philipp (WG)
- 28:25.8 Jerome Drayton (Can)
- 28:26.0 Jurgen Haase (EG)
- 28:27.0 Gert Eisenberg (EG)
- 28:27.6 John Caine (GB)
- 28:28.0 Gerhard Seibt (EG)
- 28:29.0 Manfred Letzerich (WG)
- 28:29.0 Gaston Roelants (Belg)

MARATHON

- 2:09:28 Ron Hill (GB)
- 2:11:12 Eamon O'Reilly (US)
- 2:12:04 Jim Alder (GB)
- 2:12:19 Don Faircloth (GB)
- 2:13:39 Derek Clayton (Aus)
- 2:13:46 Bill Adcocks (GB)
- 2:14:19 Yoshiaki Unetani (Jap)
- 2:14:41 Jurgen Busch (EG)
- 2:14:44 Jack Foster (NZ)
- 2:14:53 Pat McMahon (Eire)

STEEPLECHASE

- 8:22.0 Kerry O'Brien (Aus)
- 8:26.2 Tony Manning (Aus)
- 8:29.6 Ben Jipcho (Ken)
- 8:30.8 Amos Biwott (Ken)
- 8:30.8 Viktor Kudinskiy (SU)
- 8:31.4 Stale Engen (Nor)
- 8:31.6 Jean-Paul Villain (Fr)
- 8:31.8 Rolf Burscheid (WG)
- 8:32.2 Georgiy Poluyanskiy (SU)
- 8:32.4 Bill Reilly (US)

110 METER HURDLES

- 13.2y Thomas Hill (US)
- 13.3y Marcus Walker (US)
- 13.4y Willie Davenport (US)
- 13.4y Werner Trzmiel (WG)
- 13.5y George Carty (US)

- 13.5y Herm Franklin (US)
- 13.5 Rod Milburn (US)
- 13.5 Frank Siebeck (EG)
- 13.6 Leon Coleman (US)
- 13.6y Ron Draper (US)
- 13.6 Guy Drut (Fr)
- 13.6y Paul Gibson (US)
- 13.6y Bill High (US)
- 13.6 Alan Pascoe (GB)
- 13.6y Tom White (US)

Wind-aided:

- 13.1y Thomas Hill (US)
- 13.3y Rod Milburn (US)
- 13.4y Guy Drut (Fr)
- 13.4y Tom White (US)
- 13.5y Paul Gibson (US)
- 13.5y Jimmy Upton (US)

400 METER HURDLES

- 48.5* Ralph Mann (US)
- 48.6 Jean-Claude Nallet (Fr)
- 48.9* Wayne Collett (US)
- 49.8 Rainer Schubert (WG)
- 49.9* Ron Whitney (US)
- 50.0 John Sherwood (GB)
- 50.0* Wes Williams (US)
- 50.1 William Koskei (Ug)
- 50.1 Charles Yego (Ken)
- 50.2 Giorgio Ballati (It)
- 50.2* Lee Evans (US)
- 50.2 Gary Knoke (Aus)

HIGH JUMP

- 7'5" Ni Chih-chin (China)
- 7'4 1/4" Valentin Gavrilov (SU)
- 7'3 3/4" Reynaldo Brown (US)
- 7'3 1/4" Bill Elliott (US)
- 7'2 1/2" Istvan Major (Hun)
- 7'2 1/4" Endre Kelemen (Hun)
- 7'2" Ron Jourdan (US)
- 7'2" Barry Shepard (US)
- 7'1 3/4" Jaromir Alexa (Cze)
- 7'1 1/2" Hidehiko Tomizawa (Jap)

POLE VAULT

- 17'10 1/2" Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)
- 17'8 1/2" Francois Tracanelli (Fr)
- 17'6 1/4" Renato Dionisi (It)
- 17'6" John Pennel (US)
- 17'5" Altti Alarotu (Fin)
- 17'2 3/4" Sam Caruthers (US)
- 17'2 3/4" Risto Ivanoff (Fin)
- 17'2" Paul Heglar (US)
- 17'2" Bob Seagren (US)
- 17'1" Dick Railsback (US)

LONG JUMP

- 27'4 3/4" Josef Schwarz (WG)
- 26'9 1/4" Jack Pani (Fr)
- 26'7" Klaus Beer (EG)
- 26'6 1/2" Christian Tourret (Fr)
- 26'5 1/2" Henry Jackson (US)
- 26'3 1/2" Hiroomi Yamada (Jap)
- 26'2 1/2" Henry Hines (US)
- 26'1 1/2" Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)
- 26'1 1/2" Stanislaw Szudrowicz (Pol)

- 26'1" Igor Ter-Ovanesyan (SU)
- 26'1" Norm Tate (US)

Wind-aided:

- 26'8 1/4" Phil May (Aus)
- 26'7" Henry Jackson (US)
- 26'5 1/4" Lynn Davies (GB)
- 26'4" Larry Reed (US)
- 26'3" Bill Elliott (US)
- 26'3" Hans Schicker (WG)
- 26'2 3/4" John Johnson (US)
- 26'2 3/4" Bouncy Moore (US)
- 26'2 1/4" Phil Reaves (US)
- 26'1 1/2" Norm Tate (US)

Incomplete wind info:

- 26'1 1/2" Bouncy Moore (US)

TRIPLE JUMP

- 55'3" Viktor Saneyev (SU)
- 55'1 1/2" Jorg Drehmel (EG)
- 54'11 3/4" Carol Corbu (Rum)
- 54'10" Phil May (Aus)
- 54'9 1/2" Norm Tate (US)
- 54'5 1/2" Vladimir Kurkyevich (SU)
- 54'3 1/2" Andrzej Lasocki (Pol)
- 54'3 1/2" Michael Sauer (WG)
- 54'1 1/2" Vaclav Fiser (Cze)
- 54'1 1/4" Mick McGrath (Aus)

Wind-aided:

- 54'4" Zoltan Cziffra (Hun)
- 54'4" Dave Smith (US)

SHOT PUT

- 71'4 1/4" Randy Matson (US)
- 66'11 1/2" Karl Salb (US)
- 66'10 3/4" Hartmut Briesenick (EG)
- 66'4" Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)
- 65'10 1/2" H-J Rothenburg (EG)
- 65'5 3/4" Uwe Grabe (EG)
- 65'1" Steve Wilhelm (US)
- 65'0" Al Feuerbach (US)
- 64'10 1/2" Bruce Wilhelm (US)
- 64'10 1/4" Pierre Colnard (Fr)

DISCUS THROW

- 217'7 1/2" Ricky Bruch (Swe)
- 217'5 1/2" Jay Silvester (US)
- 209'11" Hein-Direck Neu (WG)
- 209'1" Jon Cole (US)
- 208'10" John Van Reenen (S Afr)
- 208'4" Ludvik Danek (Cze)
- 206'1" Ferenc Tegla (Hun)
- 205'6" Tim Vollmer (US)
- 205'1 1/2" Geza Fejer (Hun)
- 204'4" Pentti Kahma (Fin)

HAMMER THROW

- 246'2" Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)
- 239'3" Walter Schmidt (WG)
- 238'1" Romuald Klim (SU)
- 235'2" Uwe Beyer (WG)
- 234'9" Reinhard Theimer (EG)
- 232'9" Gyula Zsivotsky (Hun)
- 232'7" George Frenn (US)
- 232'0" Anatoliy Maksimov (SU)
- 231'7" Jochen Sachse (EG)
- 231'0" Istvan Encsi (Hun)

JAVELIN THROW

- 300'0" Mark Murro (US)
- 297'6" Manfred Stolle (EG)
- 295'5 1/2" Pauli Nevala (Fin)
- 291'8 1/2" Bill Skinner (US)
- 282'10 1/2" Janusz Sidlo (Pol)
- 281'10" Miklos Nemeth (Hun)
- 280'7" Bill Schmidt (US)
- 277'5" Larry Stuart (US)
- 274'11" Vilnis Feldmanis (SU)
- 274'11" Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)

DECATHLON

- 8121 Joachim Kirst (EG)
- 8072 Jeff Bennett (US)
- 8026 John Warkentin (US)
- 8025 Russ Hodges (US)
- 8011 Lennart Hedmark (Swe)
- 8003 Herbert Wessel (EG)
- 7989 Manfred Tiedtke (EG)
- 7919 Gunther Grube (WG)
- 7908 Hans-Dieter Michallak (EG)
- 7831 Rein Aun (SU)

Prep Panorama

by Fran Errota

Post season meets have produced some real surprises amongst the preppers, the most notable of which was the unbelievable hammer toss by Alvin Jackson, the 15-year-old sophomore at Classical High in Providence, R.I. (see feature elsewhere). Jackson threw 180'0" at the Connecticut AAU meet in New Britain with the 16-lb. hammer, six-feet over the old national mark. Jackson's effort has to rate as on one of the truly outstanding marks of this or any other season. Another great hammer effort was credited to a 15-year-old deaf freshman, Anthony Strackaluse from the School for the Deaf in Providence, the prep hammer capitol of the world. Strackaluse, unleashed the 12-lb. 182'4".

There are many other notable marks, Jackson owning another with his 142'0" with the international discus. It rates as an age record, and another class mark is the 14:20.0 for three-miles by soph Mike Butynes (Sterling, Stratford, NJ) at the Mid-Atlantic AAU where Gene White (Bristol, Pa) won his customary three events with exceptional efforts of 24'3", 48'5" and 6'8".

Frosh six-mile and 10,000-meter marks fell to Darrell Hatfield (Rancho Alamitos, Garden Grove, Calif) with his 32:38.6 and 33:38.6. At the National AAU one-hour run, he established new frosh and age-15 marks with 10 miles, 1444 yards. His 14-year-old teammate, Kurt Shuman, also set an age record with 10 miles, 246 yards. . . Mike Gilleran (Seaholm, Birmingham, Mich) had a fine time in Knoxville in June as he ran a soph 5000 record of 15:15.2, passing the three-mile mark with a 14:48.6 and just days later barely missed Dave White's soph one-hour record with 10 miles, 1020 yards. . . All-comer meets have produced notable times: Joel Garren (Manatee, Bradenton, Fla) clocked 47.7; junior Brent Tubbs (Cleveland, Reseda, Calif) ran an impressive 4:09.2n; Jimmy Wilkens (Roxboro, Charleston, NC) and Bobby Brooks (NE, St Petersburg, Fla) have run 4:09.6 and 4:09.7. . . First-ever attempts at three-miles produced a 14:18.0 and 14:22.4 times for Brian McPherson (Palos Verdes, Calif) and Dave Babiracki (Granada Hills, Calif). . . In Junior Olympic action, Al Hall (Morningside, Inglewood, Calif) lowered his best to 13.8 in the same meet where another junior, Frank Berry (Crenshaw, LA, Calif) sprinted 21.4. . . Jack Hall (Pulaski, New Britain, Conn) produced a 238'8" javelin toss, while in Washington, Gary Quitsland (Bainbridge, Bainbridge Island) improved to 226'0".

Alvin Jackson: Super Prodigy

by Dick Drake

Alvin Jackson is a super-prodigy, an enigma, a pioneer whose apparent disrespect for human boundaries bears watching.

His stomping ground? The hammer circle, where precious few Americans have treaded successfully and few US preps ever swing the ball and chain.

- Chronologically, he is only 15-years-old, having been born August 14, 1954.

- Physically, he is already an imposing 6'2", 220-lbs., of comparable stature with world class hammer throwers.

- Racially, he is black. Which means he is exploring territory 99 percent foreign to members of his race. Enrique Samuell of Cuba, who has a best of 225'8", is believed to be the only black to have reached 200-feet with the 16-lb. hammer.

- Geographically, he lives, trains and competes in the track wilderness of Rhode Island, rarely known for its outstanding competitors outside the hammer. It is the only state in the union, ironically, sufficiently progressive to permit its preps to contest both the 12-lb. hammer and the international weight discus as regular course.

- Educationally, he was a sophomore this past school year, one of about 30 blacks attending the exclusively college preparatory public high school of Providence. At 1400-student enrolled Classical High, he has maintained a B average in his math major at a school where scholastic studies are reputed to be tougher than at many.

- Statistically, all comprehension breaks down.

In five prep meets this spring, he moved to second all-time and picked up the second, third, fourth, sixth and ninth best performances with the 12-lb. hammer. His best of 208'10" is only 11 inches shy of the prep record established by another Rhode Islander, Dick Narcessian, as a senior in 1965. His mark erases the 176'8" age-15 mark and the 178'5" class soph best (held by one of the few other black athletes to attempt the hammer, Ralph Metcalfe, son the famed sprinter). He is already ahead of the age-16 and junior class records.

But it is not as a prep throwing the prep implement that merits Alvin Jackson such recognition. It is as a 15-year-old flinging the 16-lb. hammer where comparison with eastern Europeans, with whom the event is a stronghold, that his most recent achievement becomes the real focus of attention.

In his first and only competition this year with the international weight hammer, at the Connecticut AAU championships at New Britain, Conn., on July 12, Alvin connected with a toss of 180'0" to beat all-comers.

Of course, it exceeded the high school standard, of 173'11" by Chuck Vandagriff in 1966, and surpasses each of the class marks, including the junior record by 17'7". But, get this, he destroyed the 147'7" international age-15 mark of Soviet Stan Nyenashev, which had lasted 21 years, and he is already ahead of the Russian's age-16 mark of 164'5".

It also ranks him 38th among all US citizens for 1970 as of Aug. 1.

According to his coach, Al Morro, Alvin Jackson is not the fastest weightman on the team, nor the strongest athlete on the squad and does not possess especially large legs. So, to what is Alvin's success attributed?

"He puts everything together," explains Morro. "He has good form and coordination but it's his explosiveness that sets him apart." Morro knows where from he speaks, for not only has he enjoyed other successes over his 25 years of coaching but he also had the fourth and fifth longest throwing 12-lb. hammer throwers this year, in Tom Ajootian (186'7") and Tom O'Donnell (186'6").

Highlights of other major meets: Eastern States, Randalls Island, NY, June 10 (good weather, wind legal unless noted otherwise)--220t, Ed Jones (Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ) 21.3. 440, Jim Redd (Hamilton, Elmsford, NY) 47.7; 2. Keith Davis (Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ) 47.8. 880, Gary Proto (Scotch Plains, NJ) 1:53.2; 2. Steve Groom (Mt Vernon, NY) 1:53.2. Mile, Mike Keogh (Essex Catholic, Newark, NJ) 4:10.1; 2. Joe Savage (Roselle Catholic, NJ) 4:11.5; 3. Marty Walsh (New Dorp, Staten Island, NY) 4:13.9. 2Mile, Denis Fikes (Rice, NYC, NY) 9:10.8. 120HH, Fred Singleton (Mt Vernon, NY) 13.9. 330IH, Kevin Bligh (Herrickicks, New Hyde Park, NY) 37.7. HJ, Mike Sperger (McDevitt, Wyncote, Pa) 6'8". PV, Mark Mondschein (Haverford, Pa) 14'6". LJ, *Greg Flippin (Riverhead, NY) 24'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (24'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 24'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " w, f, 23'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 24'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 24'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 24'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). TJ, *Ken McBryde (Mt Vernon, NY) 47'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". SP, Rudy Guevara (Essex Catholic, Newark, NJ) 62'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2. Bob Brady (St Joseph, Montvale, NJ) 62'0". 3. Steve Adams (St Joseph, Montvale, NJ) 61'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (first loss in 30 meets). DT, Adams 178'0". 880R, Boys, Brooklyn, NY 1:28.0. MileR, Boys 3:16.5 (White 49.3, Sherrill 49.7, Davis 49.5, Gordon 48.0); 2. Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ 3:19.3. 2MileR, Fordham 7:49.8 (Segrue 2:05.8, Doyle 1:57.5; Mahon 1:53.7; Anastasio 1:52.8); 2. Catholic, Paramus, NJ 7:50.4.

Golden Mid-West, Lombard, Ill., June 13--220t, Mark Lutz (Mayo, Rochester, Minn) 21.4; 2. Greg Martin (Crispus Attucks, Indianapolis, Ind) 21.5; 3. Glen Love (Sumner, St Louis, Mo) 21.5. Mile, Mike Peterson (Mapleton, Denver, Colo) 4:11.1. 2Mile, Pat Mandera (Morton East, Cicero, Ill) 9:03.2; 2. Doug Brown (Notre Dame, Harper Woods, Mich) 9:07.4; 3. Steve Stintz (Menominee Falls, Wisc) 9:12.8. 120HH, Gregg Vandaveer (Shawnee, Okla) 13.9; 2. Bruce Leek (Roosevelt, Gary, Ind) 14.0; 3. Jim Fasules (Glenbard West, Glen Ellyn, Ill) 14.1. 180LHt, Leek 19.1. PV, Gordon Crail (Greenwood, Ind) 15'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2. Jim Kleiger (Regis, Denver, Colo) 15'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". JT, Jim Williams (Bishop Miege, Shawnee-Mission, Kans) 226'0".

Atlanta Classic, Atlanta, Ga., June 6--220t, Joel Garren (Manatee, Bradenton, Fla) 21.1. 2Mile, Bobby Brooks (NE, St Petersburg, Fla) 9:13.8. 120HH, Steve DeMedicis, Crossland, Camp Springs, Md) 14.1; 2. Ricky Jones (Lafayette, Lexington, Ky) 14.1. 180LHt, DeMedicis 19.2. LJ, Tony Williamson (Washington, Atlanta, Ga) 23'10".

"Practice is probably the key component to our team success. I don't like the natural events where an athlete can come out and succeed. I concentrate on the weight events, where practice is so much more important. Prior to the beginning of the outdoor season, we train seven days a week and in the rain. The weightmen sprint everyday and lift weights at least a couple days a week. Our practice sessions are unorthodox for most high schools."

Does Morro, who tutored two-time NCAA hammer champ John Fiore (Boston College) and indoor weight winner Charles Ajootian (Harvard), feel he has any special secrets in producing hammer throwers? "It's just hard work. Three quarters of the coaches are full of baloney, yet they get all the credit for the success of an outstanding athlete. A teacher teaches each of his athletes the same thing, yet one athlete becomes a champ. The champion in a weight event must have talent, discipline and be willing to work hard."

Alvin Jackson began throwing the three weight implements last year as a freshman, when he reached approximately 168-feet with the 12-lb. and 140-feet with the 16-lb. hammer. This year, he hefted the 12-lb. shot 55'6" and the international weight discus 142'0" in high school competition. Alvin plays football in the fall under Morro, who serves as football and track coach as well as athletic director.

And what of his future? Morro, as eager to credit his athletes for their success as he is to tell you that he captained Boston College football teams to the Sugar and Cotton Bowls and that he threw the discus 168-feet "way back then", seems aware of the awesome responsibility he faces in working with Alvin. "If he keeps his present attitude and motivation, he'll be great. He certainly has the greatest potential of any athlete I've ever coached. But when you're working with a champion of 15, you don't know what's going to happen. Right now, he doesn't have much choice for I'm not the easiest guy to get along with. He already has tough assignments with track, football and a rigorous curriculum. I don't know where his interests may turn. I think he has probably reached most of his physical growth, except he may grow sideways for he loves to eat."

Alvin Jackson has already achieved considerable, and the challenge of the future is just as considerable.

Alvin Jackson
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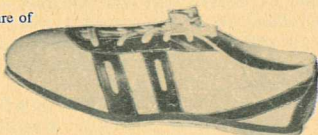
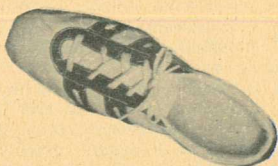
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of People and Things

by Bert Nelson

Halfway between Olympics, the United States continues to be as strong a track power as ever. The long-range prospects for Munich are about the same as prior to any Games--strong in most events with only a few real weaknesses.

True, the 1970 US international squad dropped a close one to the Soviet Union. But a full-strength team, adding the likes of Randy Matson, Bob Seagren, Jay Silvester and others, would have had no trouble. And had it been an Olympic year, the team would be even stronger for it would have proved an irresistible pull for old-timers temporarily taking it easy, such as Dick Fosbury, Wade Bell and Jim Ryun.

Without attempting to pick winners or even team members, let's look at the prospects for Munich:

100--From the 1968 team, Jim Hines and Mel Pender have retired and Charlie Greene is running well but probably would be better in an Olympic year. Ben Vaughan and Ivory Crockett are about as good as there is anywhere and should get better. So, too, should a host of young sprinters, the likes of Ed-die Hart, Robert Taylor, Mel Gray, Willie McGee, Gerald Tinker, Jim Green and Isaac Curtis. From this group could come the next Olympic champion.

200--Perhaps not as deep as the 100, the 200 has lost Tommie Smith and John Carlos to the pro footballers and Larry Questad has retired. But Willie Turner is now the best in the world and the ever-improving Vaughan isn't far behind. Good strength in an event which is not deep worldwide.

400--In 1968, the US was fantastically strong and swept the event. Even though Lee Evans has turned to coaching and Ron Freeman has not been running seriously, the sweep could happen again. Who, outside the US, can touch John Smith, Wayne Collett, Larry James (second in 68) or Curtis Mills? Support them with Tommie Turner, Fred Newhouse, Tom Ulan and a host of others and this could be our best event of all.

800--Tom Farrell and Ron Kutschinski have retired and Wade Bell hasn't run much. But Bell might be back to the gold medal threat he was in 1968 before taking sick. He will have to hustle, though, to make the team. Ken Swenson has learned to run as well in individual races as in relays and Mark Winzenried is turning his youthful promise into solid consistency. Pat Collins is loaded with talent and with dedication might go all the way. Art Sandison is another good young runner while Juris Luzins, the big star of 1969, will have his basic military training behind him. Strong event.

1500--Jim Ryun, Marty Liquori and Tom Von Ruden comprised the 1968 squad and all will be back. There is little reason to suspect the "new" Ryun will not be as good--probably better--than ever. Liquori, worldranked number one in 1969, needs only to conquer his injuries to live up to his press build-up. Von Ruden is a talented, often underrated veteran who could be tough in either the 800 or 1500. Challenge them with 1970 find Chuck LaBenz, the international duo of Howell Michael and Jere VanDyk, and such as Roscoe Divine, John Mason and Dave Wottle and the rating here, too, is strong.

5000--Lou Scott has turned to road racing and Bob Day disappeared from the track scene this year but the third 1968 Olympian, Jack Bacher, continues to mature and is part of a promising group. Steve Prefontaine, everybody's next superstar, and Garry Bjorklund had great frosh years. Frank Shorter blossomed into international stature. And Gerry Lindgren, beset with injury and illnesses all these years, still may be the greatest basic running talent the world has seen. Add youngsters such as Rick Riley and Don Kardong and the event's future is bright.

10,000--Of the three Mexico Olympians, Tom Laris has retired, Van Nelson apparently has done the same and Tracy Smith has been beset with a number of problems to restrict his running. But Shorter, Bacher, Lindgren, Bjorklund and Ken Moore give America five runners with international experience and stature. A better than fair event with the possibility of a breakthrough.

3000 steeplechase--When George Young ran his last race, the US lost its only world threat and no one of his caliber is on the horizon. Olympian Bill Reilly has turned into a solid performer while Conrad Nightingale hasn't competed seriously but is reported in training. There is good young talent, headed by 1969 and 1970 NCAA titlists Jim Barkley and Sid Sink, plus Jerome Liebenberg and Steve Savage, who are obtaining good international experience.

High hurdles--The 1-2-4 finishers at Mexico City still are with it but even Willie Davenport, Erv Hall and Leon Coleman are in trouble trying to repeat. The pro status of Davenport and Coleman is unknown. Tom Hill and Marcus Walker, who whipped Davenport in the AAU, are genuine. Charging hard are Paul Gibson, Rod Milburn, Bill High and others. A very strong event, rating with the 400.

Grelle Active Non-Competitor

by Dick Drake

Jim Grelle, who three years after his last major race holds a distinction among four-minute milers, was a recent visitor to T&FN's Los Altos headquarters. It is quickly evident in an hour's conversation that his interest in the sport has been maintained even though he no longer trains for competitive racing as his work, assistant coaching, running and observations strongly indicate.

Statistically, the former Bill Bowerman and Mihaly Igloi coached mile specialist remains the world's most prolific sub-four minute miler. Between April of 1962 and June of 1967 he ran 21 of them--which still ranks more than any other athlete has compiled. His best time of 3:55.4 came in 1965.

Always vocal and articulate, Grelle offered these late-July comments:

On being remembered more as a superb runner-up miler than a winner: "I don't really mind that tag, for I rarely ran a poor race. If I finished second, third or fourth, I'd still have run a good race in fast time. There are some nice guys who run fast miles occasionally but then drop down to 4:07 the next meet. And don't forget, I was running against Jim Beatty, Dyrol Burleson and

Intermediates--Ron Whitney, Geoff Vanderstock and Boyd Gittins were the 68 threeosome and all could challenge again. In an Olympic year, Whitney will be better than this season; Vanderstock will have his army problems licked; and Gittins, also in the army and injured to boot, may return to his final trials form. But can they keep Ralph Mann and Wayne Collett off the team? There is a sharp dropoff to the rest of the field, unless Bob Bornkessel lives up to his 1968 promise. Strong.

High jump--Ed Caruthers is a pro and can't repeat, but Dick Fosbury and Rey Brown are the best candidates for the 1972 team. With an Olympic incentive, Fosbury may start flopping again, challenging Brown for the number one honors the latter earned this year. From another two dozen seven-footers should come strong challengers. Rating, good.

Pole vault--Bob Seagren, John Pennel and Casey Carrigan made the team in 1968 and all had their troubles this year. Chances are Seagren won't hang around until 1972 but if he does he will be hard to beat. Pennel, who is hooked on vaulting, should be as tough as ever. And Carrigan, knocked down by illness and injury, should start fulfilling his promise next year. Add Jan Johnson, Dick Railsback, Jon Vaughn, Paul Heglar, Sam Caruthers and--a long shot--Paul Wilson, and the event must be considered more than strong.

Long jump--Ralph Boston is a pro. Bob Beamon lacks incentive, has been hurt, and may become a pro. Charley Mays is nearing the end of a long career. If Beamon wants it, who is going to beat him? But if he doesn't, the US will depend almost entirely on new, young blood, the exceptions being Stan Whitley, who could be the best if he builds on his 1969 season, Norm Tate, who prefers this event to the triple jump, where he is better and Phil Shinnick, who peaks during Olympic years. Veteran Gayle Hopkins is now a coach. From such newer leapers as Bouncy Moore, Henry Hines, Jerry Proctor, Henry Jackson, Ron Coleman and Arnie Robinson should emerge enough talent to give the US its usual strong representation.

Triple jump--Art Walker is probably through. But teammate Norm Tate is better than ever and closing in on the Europeans and Dave Smith has potential. The younger set is not deep but Milan Tiff, Dave Tucker and James Butts could be world classers within two years. Prospects, fair.

Shot--Dave Maggard has turned to coaching but Randy Matson and George Woods are still around. There is nothing to indicate Matson won't win his second gold. Woods, who stayed out a season and only participated part of this year, could be better than ever. Another veteran, Neal Steinhauer, has great talent but has been injury prone. These three, plus Karl Salb, are as good as any in the world and there are others pressing 65-feet. Very strong.

Discus--Al Oerter says he has retired, Gary Carlsen is in dental school but still interested, and Jay Silvester is better than ever. Carlsen could make it back in 1972, fighting off the challenge of veteran Jon Cole and the likes of Tim Vollmer, John Powell and Doug Knop. And who's to say that Oerter, noting the event has not progressed in two years, will not go after another win? Good.

Hammer--Ed Burke has retired but Hal Connolly looks as if he will go after a record fifth Olympics and Al Hall may even turn up again for his fifth try. But America's best probably will be George Frenn and Tom Gage, and neither appears capable of challenging the Europeans for medals. Behind them the gap is wide. Prognosis, weak.

Javelin--Gary Stenlund has retired but Frank Covelli and Mark Murro continue. Covelli isn't likely to improve at his age but Murro is on his way up, perhaps to the ultimate height. Bill Skinner has the stuff of which medals are won and the two of them give the US its best representation since Cy Young, Bill Miller and Bud Held finished first, second and ninth in 1952. Strong.

400 relay--Plenty of good young sprinters made the outlook strong, as usual.

1600 relay--With probably the four best one-lappers in the world, the American prospects are strongest of all in this event.

Decathlon--Bill Toomey probably is a professional and Tom Waddell has retired. Olympic Rick Sloan stayed out this year but probably will be back to join three other 8000 pointers--Russ Hodge, Jeff Bennett and John Warkentin--plus Jeff Bannister, who would have had 8000-plus but for an injury. Good young blood pressing from below. Strong.

The projected talent for 1972 is very strong in four events (400, highs, shot, 1600 relay), strong in nine (100, 200, 800, 1500, intermediates, vault, javelin, 400 relay, decathlon), good in five (5000, 10,000, high jump, long jump, discus), fair in two (steeple, TJ), weak only in one (hammer).

Jim Ryun. Eliminate those guys, I would have had quite a winning streak."

On a return to competition: "I run about three times a week but anytime I take a hard work-out I know I don't want to take up racing competitively. I'm 33. But if pro track had come off, I'd have been interested. Whether I could get down to my best time again, I don't know but the big prize money would sure be an incentive."

On his health as an athlete: "I often had terrible migraine headaches, especially as the weekend would near. They may have been psychosomatic but they were very real anyway. I'd have them so bad, I would throw up and become weak. That's why I didn't run a few races. One year before the Coliseum Relays, I had a doctor check me to verify for the meet director that I was indeed ill. People just don't believe headaches can be that bad."

On present work: "I'm still working for the same jewelry firm out of Portland. But my boss, Ed Stanley, is interested in sports and head at Data-Time, for whom I also work, as a commercial agent. I'm coaching the distance runners and have been for four years at the University of Portland, not

at Portland State as you printed. I do most of it by telephone in the evening, as I always talk with the team captain who relates special problems. I set up work-out schedules, and call any of the athletes when they need special help. I run with them on Sundays."

On hair: "I couldn't get to first base with the school principals through whom I must work (as a jewelry salesman) if I wore my hair any longer than it is. But when I get out into the school with the kids, I practically need to wear a wig. Times have really changed, especially in the last year."

On assistant Oregon coach and former distance teammate at Oregon Bill Dellinger: "I have respect for him now as a coach where as I was skeptical when he first started. I had always had respect for him as an athlete. But now he's handling much of the program and making many of the decisions. It seems as though Bowerman is training him to become head coach. When he plays, it's 110 percent but it's the same way when he works. He's great at both of them."

On former Oregon teammate Dyrrol Burleson: "I still hear the rumors about his making a comeback and until they die away I wouldn't ever doubt them. I was in a bar recently in Portland, and he came over and told me that he was still in good condition and had run a 1:50.5 half. I told him he ought to get back to competitive racing, and he said he wouldn't be happy if he couldn't win. He surprised me when he said he wants to get into competitive cross country ski racing. I don't think he'd care if he was second in that sport."

On Oregon coach Bill Bowerman: "He has a number of interests now other than just coaching the school's track team. He's very active in the jogging program and of course he's hoping to get elected into the state legislature. ... Most of the stories you hear about him are probably true. He likes to do things most normal people wouldn't consider. I hadn't heard the dynamite story

Skinner Tosses Jav Expertly

by Jon Hendershott

West German Klaus Wolfermann intently watched the flight of his javelin through the night air until it nosed down 275'4" from the foul line and the partisan crowd in Stuttgart's Neckarstadion roared its approval. Wolfermann threw up his arms in delight, celebrating both his national record and apparent victory in the US-West Germany match.

Up stepped Bill Skinner, the US champion. The ruddy-faced 30-year-old US team captain then made the throw of his life. A single grunt followed the javelin on its flight, propelled by this mighty 6'6", 232-lb. giant, and it landed a startling 291'9½" away. Suddenly Bill Skinner, who admits he got a late start in the event, was the second-longest thrower ever produced in the United States.

It was hard for the joyful Skinner to contain himself as he watched the javelin land; he seemed to want to dash after his spear. But then he hurried off the run-way and ran to the spot which marked his arrival among the world's elite javelinists. Skinner let out a whoop of joy as the measurement revealed his achievement--which now puts him seventh along all-time world performers.

"I guess something like that is hard to explain," Skinner comments in a voice accented with an eastern flavor rather than the southern drawl which might be expected of a University of Tennessee student. "I really didn't do well against the French in Paris (where he was second with 249'9½" to teammate Roger Collins' 260'5"). I had a bad series at Stuttgart really, but that one throw was just right. It's so much timing you know and everything was just right. I didn't throw any harder than before. One thing I know was that my timing has been off. I've trained virtually exclusively on a Tartan run-way but most big competitions this year, including the AAU, were off grass. It threw my timing off and I hit my low point against France. But it's coming back, even though it's not entirely set yet. Now I'm looking forward to meeting the Soviets."

For five throws in Leningrad, however, it looked like Skinner was back in that slump. He trailed southpaw Vilnis Feldmanis, Olympic champ Janis Lusis (who was hampered by a rib cage injury) and Collins until only Skinner's last throw remained in the competition. Then he reared back and unleashed a 272'8½" toss to win.

"My first warm-up throw hit the 85-meter (278'10½") tape out there," he said later, "and then when I got into the competition my first throw went foul but that didn't bother me too much. I hit my second throw real hard but I didn't get any flight out of it and that began to bother me. I wasn't controlling the javelin behind my back which I've had some problem doing this year. Then I began to wonder about it and my throws weren't going farther because they weren't floating anywhere. I went back for the last throw and said, 'This is it or it's all over'. So I just threw and suddenly there it was." It was Skinner's first victory ever over the Soviets.

There have been many other firsts this year for Bill Skinner--the triple USTFF-NCAA-AAU crown primary among them. In a year which started out to be Mark Murro's exclusive property, Skinner has emerged as one of this country's most consistent performers--in any event for that matter.

Yet, this most stellar year of Skinner's seven-year-old javelin career started on a tragic note. "I was in great shape in January," he said. Then his younger brother was killed in an auto accident. That hit Bill hard. He didn't work out much for a while.

"Then I decided to take it out on myself because I was so mad," he recalls. He followed a strenuous training program, seven days a week of running, throwing, lifting. He lost weight, going from 248 to 232. But he retained his strength. And, he changed his style.

"I started using the European method of throwing," he points out. "Americans rely almost entirely on their strength but the Europeans use their form to achieve the best results. Instead of using so much brute strength, they get their hips moving on the throw and get their torsos into much better position for throwing."

Still, in an event where size often yields to technique, Skinner's size is indeed impressive. (A European reporter described Skinner's broad shoulders and muscular, tattooed arms as "Tarzan-like".) At 6'6", he is one of the world's tallest spear-throwers and he puts that height to good use. "With my

about the mailbox he told to Sports Illustrated. But if people would tell him not to build his office up in the hills because of lions, that's where he would build it."

On his weight: "Igloi once had me down to 145-lbs. but I'm still the 150-lbs. I was during college. I can't put anymore on."

On this year's AAU mile, which he watched in person: "They ran a crazy race, especially those without a real kick. You can't say any of them really ran a bad race, though, when there's only a second separating first from last. I don't understand why today's milers don't seem to go out like we used to. I was impressed with (Howell) Michael. I was only watching the leaders so I didn't get to see (Dave) Wottle."

On today's milers: "There sure isn't one single standout."

On Jim Ryan: "I hope he's able to make a good comeback so that he can make-up for last year and end his career on a positive note that he deserves."

On qualifying heats: "They ought to eliminate athletes in heats if they don't meet a certain qualifying time as well as finish in a top number. That wouldn't help prevent these slow heats."

On prognostications: "I think you guys are doing a good job predicting the national meets. And you don't stick with just the veterans or go by best times in the season. But an athlete shouldn't pay any attention to your predictions. I wouldn't pay any attention to them until after the race, and then I remember I would give you hell for picking me to win when I finished third."

On Track & Field News: "Is this all there is to the place? I'm disappointed in your building. But I shouldn't have expected it, because I've seen other magazine's offices. I guess no newspaper or small magazine has offices that are plush. But if I had seen a plush building, then I would have been disappointed in the magazine."

height, I can exert force on the javelin for a longer time than most throwers. Now I just have to tack on the form of (world record holder) Jorma Kinnunen or Lusis."

But Skinner doesn't feel copying another thrower will do any good--for Bill Skinner, that is. "I don't try to copy any one man's style because I'm not the same as any one man. I feel a little bit of many different things can help me." That follows Bill Skinner as a man pretty much right down the line.

Skinner first threw a javelin in 1963 when he was 23. Up until then, his athletic prowess had been established in a boxing ring and on the football field while serving in the Navy. After shoving off from the service, he settled in Wilmington, Delaware, and worked in a factory as a welder. His life was calm.

Then by chance he accompanied a friend to a workout with the javelin. The friend challenged Skinner to a throwing contest. Skinner threw "around 147-feet" and his friend threw a few inches further. But the javelin bug had stuck Skinner. In his next try, and first competitive meet, he threw 210-feet while his friend was 40-feet back. The friend promptly quit javelin throwing.

Skinner didn't quit. He coached himself at first, taking movies of other throwers and studying them carefully. "I even bought films from Track & Field News and studied them," he chuckled, stroking his stubby mustache which grew to luxuriant length in Europe. "I just tried to pick up something from everyone." Then he met George Mochis, a thrower from Greece who attended Tennessee. Skinner agreed to a few coaching sessions via mail since Mochis lived in Atlanta, Ga.

His early progress was rapid. In 1965, he reached 256'1" and ended the year as the seventh-longest US thrower. But in 66, with no expert coaching or contact with any European throwers, he reached "just" 257'4". But his placing in the AAU meet improved--from 13th in 65 (219'9") to 10th in 66 (227'4"). Then in 67, he surged again, to 268'7", and was ranked fifth among US throwers. An elbow injury in 68 set back any of his Olympic hopes.

In 1969, Skinner reached the turning point. Mochis' conversations about Skinner to Tennessee coach Chuck Rohe led to a scholarship to the Knoxville institution. With the first real coaching of his life, Skinner soared. He extended his best to 273'3" for second in the NCAA but placed eighth in the AAU at 249'0". Still, he was appointed to the Europe-Americas team and placed second in his inaugural international competition with 255'0", defeating Kinnunen in the process (although the Finn was injured). Skinner then got his first international win--ironically versus West Germany with 259'0".

Besides experience, Skinner brought home a few other things from his first European tour, namely films, pictures and other documents showing the cream of Europe's throwers. During the winter, Skinner poured over them nearly as much as his studies in economics. The rewards of at least the former have been readily evident this season.

Skinner's attitude toward javelin throwing has been influenced by the Europeans nearly as much as his throwing. "I think the Europeans have dominated javelin throwing not only because of superior coaching but also because we in the United States have a tendency to throw things," Skinner comments. "I believe the javelin is actually a pull rather than a throw. You don't throw something by sticking your hand as far back as you can. You throw from the ear. I think Americans are inhibited by throwing footballs and baseballs while Europeans don't have such things. When they pick up a javelin, they start off throwing it right--there I go saying 'throwing'. But it's something more or less Americans have to back up and do. When you see an American throw a javelin for the first time, it's a definite throw; they try to throw it like a baseball. US javelin throwers have had to make quite an adjustment." Skinner's adjustment seems to have been successful indeed.

What of the future? "I'll continue throwing for as long as I feel I'm capable of improving," Skinner foresees. "My goal, I confess without hesitation, is the world record. I think I'm capable of 90-meters (295'3") and of improving Kinnunen's world record (of 304'1½")."

And, like Skinner says, he hasn't been at this javelin "pull" very long by European or even American standards. Mark Murro started throwing at age 15. "Yeah, I'm just a newcomer and I'm just learning," Skinner says. "I just use Bill Skinner's style but it seems to be working pretty well."

On Your Marks

by Dick Drake

Statistically, the AAU shot competition not only yielded Randy Matson his fifth title but also marked his 75th outdoor meet in which he has reached 20.00m (65'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")... Kip Keino debuted in the steeplechase with a high altitude clocking of 9:10.0 at Nairobi prior to the Commonwealth Games, where he endured unusual cold weather, snubs he couldn't win at low altitude and even bomb threats against his life if he competed to capture the 1500-meter title... In his first year as head track coach at Drake University, Bob Ehrhart served as meet director for the Missouri Valley indoor and outdoor championships, the Drake Relays and the NCAA championships as well as guiding Rick Wanamaker to the NCAA decathlon championship. It was after the NCAA championships that Wanamaker decided against signing a pro basketball contract, entered the AAU title meet and planned to shoot for the 1972 Olympics... Porterville Junior College in the athletic-rich San Joaquin Valley of California will be the site of the national AAU decathlon championships in 1971. No site has been named for the AAU track championships as no city bid for next year's title meet... The 1971 NCAA cross country title race will be at William & Mary in Virginia... Italian hurdler Eddy Otzto, third in the 1968 Olympic highs, has announced his retirement from track... Close followers of collegiate championship competition should not have been overly surprised at Jan Johnson's win at Des Moines where he upped the world indoor best to 17'7" as he had placed second in the official NCAA indoor championships with a leap of 16'6"... 3M has now installed 40 Tartan track surfacings at sites other than in the US, where it claims more than 60 indoor and outdoor facilities. In the non-US category, Mexico leads with six, France will soon have five, East Germany four, Switzerland four and Italy three. The rubberized track also appears in such diverse locations as Tokyo; Manila; Athens; Panama City; Cali, Colombia; Pretoria, South Africa; Barcelona, Spain; and Maracaibo, Venezuela... The next African Games have been rescheduled for January 1973 in Lagos, Nigeria... Cary Feldmann, Washington's 262'5" third placer in the NCAA javelin championships as a soph, was only a 178'6" thrower as a high school prep--which means he has improved 84-feet in two years.

The San Francisco Examiner All-American Games management took an extensive survey of spectator interest following its indoor meet this past January. A number of the results were surprising if not shocking. Before reading on, think which event you would consider your most favorite of an indoor competition and then take a guess at to which event those answering the survey liked best as a collective group. This may come as a rude awakening to some fans, not to mention meet directors, to learn that the shot put ranked highest among 52 invitational and specialty events named. The pole vault and high jump trailed before the mile was named as the fourth highest. And this choice came after a competition that did not include Randy Matson, Neal Steinhauer nor George Woods was not specially spotlighted, which saw the number one attraction Karl Salb take fifth at 58'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and the winner coming at a paltry 63'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "--though it did represent a considerable improvement of the previous 60'7" best of Southern Cal's Dave Murphy. There are a number of indoor meets around the nation which do not even stage the shot put, while many others do not put heavy emphasis on talent nor its staging... The US Interservice Championships were canceled this year when a conflict in dates with the international CISM Championships could not be resolved... According to T&FN European Editor Roberto Quercretani, the English 7-foot measurement has more meaning to metrically oriented European athletes than does its equivalent in meters. He reports that 2.13 is high jumped more often than the more common centimeter readings at 2.12 or 2.14. As well, many European fans reportedly prefer the mile to the 1500-meters... Jeremiah Mahoney, president of the AAU in the 1930s, died at the age of 91.

The 10th British Commonwealth Games will be staged in 1974 in Christchurch, New Zealand, site of Peter Snell's 800-meter/880-yard world record in 1962... According to Arizona State sports information director Nordy Jensen, Mark Murro suffered not only an ankle sprain but also a shoulder separation at that infamous occasion during the Compton Invitational, which sidelined him until the AAU championships where he was only about 50 percent effective... When T&FN published a schedule earlier this year of the CBS-TV meets, three dates in August had not been assigned; the telecast on the 9th will be an Oslo meet of the 5th and 6th; on the 16th from Cologne (11th); and on the 30th, Helsinki (24th)... World discus record holder Jay Silvester claimed another global standard at Gotland Island, Sweden, where he tossed the 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb., 14-foot caber a record distance of 27'6"... Several readers have noted that some of the NCAA championship team points don't add up. True enough but there's no error. Athletes who participate in the College Division meet are ineligible to score points in the University Division meet. Lower placing athletes do not move up, thus the points are simply ignored... Contrary to rumors that made their way into newspaper reports, high jumper Bill Elliott is not the son of actor "Wild Bill" Elliott of western fame. He was dubbed "Wild" Bill by fellow Texan Preston Davis, former half-mile star, because the Flopping Bill acts so "wild" while competing (nervous, jumpy, etc.)... Through mid-June, walker Dave Romansky of the Delaware Track Club had set 10 US and three world bests in less than 10 months. Quality of marks? His 50 kilo American mark lopped 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes off the mark of Larry Young, who placed third at Mexico. Romansky had competed for only 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years by the time of the 68 Games, where he was weakened by dysentery. He won the US matches against France and Germany and placed third against the Soviet team... As noted elsewhere in this issue, Jim Grelle still leads in quantity of open sub-four minute miles, with 21 (19 outdoors and 2 in). Trailing with 20 is Jim Ryun (17 and 3), and tied for third with 17 are Herb Elliott and Kip Keino... Michigan State's Bill Wehrwein, 1969 NCAA indoor 600 winner and outdoor 440 bronze medalist, was injured throughout the spring season and saw only limited action, e.g., a leg on the mile relay and in the triple jump at the Big 10... Leon Coleman, fourth in the Mexico highs, has been dropped by the Dallas Cowboys football team.

An interesting international triangular meet involved delegations from Jamaica, Australia and Denmark in the European nation... Miler Chuck LaBenz suffered a strained shoulder while digging a foxhole during his six weeks of

ROTC training at Ft. Lewis but still showed up at the distance camp in Pullman for the last few days... Mainland China may return to international sports again, according to an Hungarian news agency. It has not permitted competitive sports for the past three years follow a ban condemning sport as "an aspiration to achieve individual reputation. During the 1966-69 cultural revolution, sport was restricted to swimming across rivers--a movement inspired by Mao Tse-Tung's famous swim in the Yangtze, mountaineering, pilgrimages to landmarks connected with Mao's life and mass sports considered militarily useful. Suddenly, and apparently about July 8, Ni Chi-Chin was reported to have cleared 7'5"... Decathletes Russ Hodge and Jeff Bannister and vaulter John Pennel are now roommates in Los Angeles... The NCAA has disclosed that expenses of an average department of intercollegiate athletics at its member institutions have climbed more than 100 percent during the period 1960 to 1969... The Boston K of C indoor meet will be discontinued after 44 years. Reasons cited were poor attendance, rising expenses and too much competition for name athletes. But poor press exposure may also be a contributing reason, as correspondent Bob Behr points out that the Boston Herald failed to mention the AAU outdoor championships and TV coverage of the meet was non-existent in the Boston area... Readers may be confused by the names of two relatively new Los Angeles based track clubs: California Track Club (Cal TC) and California Track & Field Association (Cal TFA).

According to the latest information compiled by T&FN from a survey we conducted, there are 117 indoor track and field facilities in the US and 64 others outside the States. This and much other valuable information, including the first all-time world undercover list available since 1966 for sale, will be published soon under the title of Indoor Track. Watch for advertisements in these pages... Mihaly Igloi, who produced many famous Hungarian distance runners before defecting to the US following the 1956 Olympics and who has been coaching in northern and southern California for the past 14 years, has left the US to go to Greece, where he will coach that nation's Olympic team... The Caruthers brothers moved to within three points on the Portuguese tables of matching the Smith brothers as leading performers. Tommie's 19.8 200-meters and Ernie's 20.8 220-yards are good for 2039 points, while Ed's 7'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " and Sam's recent 17'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " add up to 2036. Other improvers this year and the only combos over 2000 points include the Mills, Curtis (44.7y) and Marvin (20.5m); Alaroutis, Altti (17'5") and Aaro (7'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "); and Wilhelms, Bruce (64'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") and Steve (65'3")... Track Technique editor Fred Wilt has changed his mind on his near future plans, and will not retire from the FBI to take the coaching job at Colorado State. He says he will stay with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as long as the Bureau keeps him in Lafayette, Indiana. Del Hessel, former half-miler and current coach at Boulder, Colo. High School, will become head mentor at Colorado State on Jan. 1... Did you pick up on who placed second in the national AAU 15 kilo walk championships this year? None other than former world six-mile record holder Gerry Lindgren. Admittedly, the winning time was not overly impressive and the meet was in his hometown of Spokane. Nonetheless, he reportedly raced the distance with "good" walking technique... Jere VanDyk, the fourth place finisher in the AAU mile after a career of half-miling, will enter graduate school in Paris this fall and reportedly will join the same club to which Jean Wadoux is affiliated... A triangular match among the US-France-West Germany has been proposed for 1971, probably July 9-10, in Miami, New York City or Chicago... Jon Anderson, whose father is mayor of Eugene, Oregon and good friends with Oregon coach Bill Bowerman, placed third in the NCAA six-mile with a notable improvement to 28:19.8 for cross nation Cornell.

Now, to fulfill a promise we made to our faithful foreign language translator, Alphonse Juilland, to give him "a line-and-a-half of space" in this column when he broke 11-flat for 100-yards, which he did at the Masters Championships this June to become the fastest man over 45-years of age with his 10.9 clocking: (

)... Something must be done about the scheduling for five national decathlon meets in June--which were set over 20 days including 8 of competition this year. The NAIA was June 5-6, the NCAA College Division and USTFF (Invitational) on 11-12 and 12-13, the NCAA on 19-20 and the AAU 24-25. The only saving grace is that the USTFF has set its championship date during the Drake Relays... Larbi Okuada, Moroccan distance runner who has run six-miles in 28:45.4 while schooling at Ft. Hays State, has revealed that his bride can beat him over 50 yards... Andy Young, 47.0 open quarter-miler and member of UCLA's American record setting mile relay squad last year at 3:03.4, was killed when his motorcycle collided with a car in Long Beach. He had attended Idaho State this year but did not participate in track... The Police Championships were recently held in Helsinki but we understand no secret police participated for fear of revealing their identity... Serge Firca, winner of the US-France triple jump competition, drove his car into a house at 7:00 a.m. the morning after his event and one knee required surgery... Thad Talley, coach of Thomas Hill at Arkansas State U, tutored Bill High and Richmond Flowers to second and third in last year's NCAA high hurdles while at Tennessee.

Decathlete Phil Mulkey, who at one-time unofficially bettered the world 10-event standard and is now 37, 5'10" and 180-lbs., is still participating along with his 15-year-old son Phil, Jr. and 14-year-old Tim. He pens, "Right here in Birmingham, Ala. (football capital of the south, track and field desert of the world), while most people of even questionable sanity were frolicking in the froth of the many lakes that abound hereabouts, the Mulkey Clan (whose insanity is now no longer questioned at all) celebrated the fourth of July by finishing the last five events of their Invitational Decathlon of which they were the only fun-loving competitors. Finishing in 101° weather, Dad still proved he wasn't ready to succumb to the challenge (gallant but futile) of his male off-spring. Results: not exciting but interesting, perhaps, to some who particularly like decathlon scores, or who particularly like people who have last names beginning with the letter "M". Phil, Sr. 6607; 2. Phil, Jr. 5733; 3. Tim 5126... Al Buehler, track coach at Duke, has been selected president of the US Track

Coaches Association for the 1970-71 year... Ron Clarke says the US will never produce a great, world class distance runner as long as he has to go to college. "Most of your great runners wind up going to college, and when a runner has to go through your system, he can't specialize. They are expected to run two and three races a meet. It's pretty hard to run that kind of schedule for a whole season. Sure, it's glory at the time and it's good for the school but it can't help the runner. You can't produce a world champion that way." But he did have praise for one US distance runner, Steve Prefontaine. "He has the confidence, the cockiness and he's prepared to gamble. He's got the courage to go out there and set the pace and dare his competitors to catch him. He could be the next great one from the US"... Joe Berteloot, 18-year-old high school graduate, began the 3000 mile trek from Los Angeles to New York--a stretch he hoped to cover in less than 65 days which is Bruce Tulloh's world best... Mark Mondschein, recent graduate of Haverford, Pa. High School who has a life-time best of 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in the vault and 6137 points in the decathlon, is the son of three-time AAU decathlon titlist and 1948 US Olympic team member Irv (Moon) Mondschein. The elder Mondschein is assistant coach at Penn.

The 1971 US Pan American Games track and field coaches have been named. Alex Francis, Ft. Hays State coach, will serve as head mentor with Jack Mooberry of Washington State and Lee Calhoun of Yale as assistants. Team manager will be Al Buehler, track coach at Duke... For the record (as it was never previously published), the head US coach of the international team this year was Leroy Walker of North Carolina College, and the assistants were Steve Bartold of St. John's and Jimmy Carnes of Florida... History's most unseen, untested 9.1 sprinter, Willie McGee, 19-year-old freshman at Alcorn AM&N, is nicknamed "Bullet" because of the way he explodes midway through a race. The shocker of last year's Golden West Invitational prep meet failed to show for either the NAAI or AAU championships this year... Stan Wright, former US national coach and currently head mentor at Sacramento State, told a convention of athletic directors that they and their coaches must treat black athletes like any other student. "Any effort toward the black athlete should be directed toward every student-athlete. That would be best for you. That's what he wants, too"... NCAA announcer Jim Duncan studied the performances of 91 athletes who performed in the national collegiate championships and the AAU title meet, and has determined that 52 had superior marks in the NCAA meet while another five duplicated their efforts. (Only final marks were used when an athlete made the final in both; otherwise, trial marks were considered)... World record holding shot putter Randy Matson has quit his job with a national stock brokerage firm to accept a position as executive secretary of the West Texas State Buffalo club and administrative assistant to the director of athletics.

Abebe Bikila, two-time Olympic marathon champion from Ethiopia, competed in the International Paralympic Games in London. He has been confined to a wheelchair since an auto accident last year which necessitated considerable surgery... In what must be close to 10 actions taken against Emil Zatopek for his outspoken opposition to the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact troops, the celebrated Olympian has been expelled from the central committee of the National Physical Culture Union in Czechoslovakia... Jim Willows is a track fan. He is also blind, and has been for 10 years. But he particularly enjoys the California Relays, which he attends with one ear tuned to the radio cast and another to announcer Gil Bishop. "I think a lot of it is that I'm statistically minded, and times and distances mean a lot to a track fan. I had seen enough track when I still had my sight to still be able to visualize what's going on quite well"... Helen Francis, wife of Ft. Hays State coach Alex Francis, has had several books published, including juvenile stories on sports. She has written the manuscript for another, entitled "Jerry Wills Runs Around the World", about a black athlete in a white man's world... John Cramer, one of the world's leading metal vaulters through the mid-60s, will become Assistant to the Dean at Oregon this fall... The National Junior College track championships have been awarded to Mesa, Arizona JC, which has won the past four team titles, for May 20-22, 1971. The meet does not include California two-year schools... Eight NCAA athletes, including track athlete Mel Gray, participated in a 17-day tour of Vietnam... Trivia and super-trivia, courtesy Tom Gleason. Of the 14 Americans who have broken 28:00 or 29:00 for six-miles or 10,000-meters, half of them did so in the 1970 AAU six-mile. Frank Shorter and Rick Riley were one-two in both the 1969 NCAA six-mile and the 1970 AAU three-mile. Lennox Burgher, 1970

AAU triple jump runner-up, competes for the Long Island Striders via his homeland of Jamaica. He currently lives in Jamaica, Long Island, New York. While the weather at this year's and last year's NCAA championship meets was similar (especially with the rainstorm at the beginning of each last day), the depth in the two longest events was vastly improved this year. Jay Mason's seventh place 13:41.0 in the three-mile and Bob Legge's 28:59.2 11th place in the six-mile were faster than 1969's winning times.

History's great 100/220 doubling sprinter John Carlos is not enjoying quite the same success in pro football. Injured while training the week before the AAU finals, John pulled up lame during the 100 final and scratched from the 220--obviously concerned about his contract with the Philadelphia Eagles which he expected to sign by the first of July. "I hated to end my track career like that. But I just couldn't take a chance. If I would have gone hard for the whole race, I might have torn something. I've done everything that was asked of me all season (in track). I've fulfilled every obligation to track and field--to the AAU, to the fans, to the meet promoters, to the TV people. I haven't ducked any big meets or any runners. Now my obligations are to the Eagles--and to my family," he said prior to signing. While talking about a million dollar contract earlier in the year, Carlos, according to Gordon Forbes of the Philadelphia Inquirer, settled for a one-year bonus contract of \$17,500, which is \$4500 in excess of the minimum rookie salary. He receives \$2500 for signing but he must actually make the Eagles 40-man active squad to receive the full \$15,000. Other newspaper reports indicated he would receive from between \$25,000 and \$60,000. Then, on July 15, he injured his knee while practicing on the supposedly safer-than-grass surfacing of Astro-Turf. The non-collision accident required surgery and was expected to sideline Carlos for at least six weeks... Decathlete Sam Goldberg, who scored 7276 points in 1967 and was suspended from the track team of and had his athletic scholarship revoked by Kansas this year for alleged disruptive behavior on the squad, has filed contempt charges against the athletic department for refusing to abide by a decision of a university judiciary committee which it had agreed to accept. The committee ruled that Goldberg should be reinstated and permitted to compete in the NCAA championships, pending further examination of his case. Since then the Senate executive body, composed of student and faculty members some of whom were known to be critical of the athletic departments stand, chopped \$50,000--nearly half--of its budgeted activity funds to the athletic department for the coming school year. However, the Board of Regents overruled the Senate in determining that there could be no change in budgeted money because of contractual arrangements which could not easily be resolved this late. In the meantime, the athletic department's attorney has advised coaches to withhold comment until after the trial. It is believed this entire case could have far-reaching effects in determining the role of the athletic department within the entire university structure.

Two major midwestern track and field clinics are scheduled for August. The International Track and Field Coaching School at the University of Wisconsin will include such staff members as Dick Held, Arthur Lydiard, Geoffrey Dyson, Gabor Simonyi, Fred Wilt, Sam Felton, Bill Perrin and Bob Brennan. The Olympia Coaches Clinic, directed by Tom Rosandich of the University of Wisconsin at Parkside, will be held in Wakefield, Michigan, and will be headed by such authorities as Sam Bell, Al Cantello, Dick Ganslen, Roy Griak, Bob Timmons, Bob Ehrhart and Tom Pagani... The USTFF sponsored two three week foreign tours involving five athletes each from its championship winning team Kansas and runner-up Bowling Green State. Each squad would participate in competitions, clinics and demonstrations. Athletes chosen by Kansas coach Bob Timmons included Jan Johnson, Mickey Mathews, Jim Neihouse, Bill Penny and Mike Solomon, who were to tour seven Caribbean countries. Sid Sink, Steve Danforth, Paul Zitko, Jeff Huston and Jim Reardon were selected to represent Bowling Green State by coach Mel Brodt in a five nation tour of Central America... Ten policemen from Los Angeles running in 10 mile increments beat a similar squad from San Francisco in a 545 mile race between the two cities in 65 hours... British doctors have developed a means of detecting the injection of anabolic steroids within a 48 hour period, and such tests were to have been conducted during the British Commonwealth Games. But the results were to be kept secret from the public as no action was to be taken against any users. No explanation was given as to how the tests would work... Fran Welch, who served as track coach at Emporia State for 43 years, passed away recently following a brief illness... South African prime minister John Vorster said his nation will not give up apartheid racial segregation as the price for participating in world sport. "If the choice," he said after South Africa was banned from the English Cricket tour, "is between taking part in international sport and our way of life, which we have developed in this country over generations, then naturally the majority of our people will say that we have no choice in the matter whatsoever."

Jim Ryun officially announced his intention to return to competitive miling in January of this coming year. He returned to serious training early in June, and has been increasing his mileage in the intervening two months. He has sweated off 10-lbs. from his 185-lb. frame of recent months, which was 20-lbs. off his 165-lb. running weight of two years ago. On June 29, he ran 11 miles in training in 1:10. June was an active month for Jim in other respects, as his wife Anne gave birth to a 6-lb., 8-oz. girl and he flunked his armed service physical because of a back ailment (as opposed to his hearing deficiency). In his spare time, he's serving as a staff photographer under Rich Clarkson at the Topeka Capital-Journal... Two 10-man teams at the distance camp of the US Olympic Training program in Pullman topped the recent 24-hour relay record established by Runner's World magazine, the 5000/10,000 runners claiming 295 miles, 269 yards, two feet and the marathoners 289, 1513. The previous mark was 258, 831. The race was conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., July 20 to 21 on a rubberized asphalt track in weather ranging from 100° to 65° and including a thunderstorm. Bill Scobey covered 30 miles in an average 4:49.1 and had the fastest single mile of 4:23.9. For rules and suggestions on the race, write to Runner's World, P.O. Box 366, Mountain View, Calif. 94040... The AAU has cleared Lee Evans, John Pennel and Russ Hodge of accepting expense money more than permitted by IAAF rules at a meet in Zurich... The AAU's Junior Olympic meet is set for Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 11-12, while the USTFF's Junior Champ meet was held at Bowling Green, Ohio, July 31-Aug. 1... Tinker Hatfield (Central Linn, Halsey, Ore. High School) ranks high in three prep events this year with marks of 9.6, 19.2 low hurdles and 15'0".



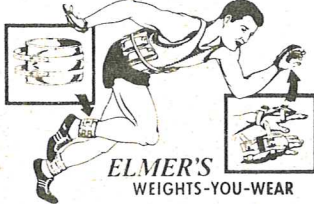
Among the sell-out crowds which witnessed the US-West Germany meet in Stuttgart was West German premier Willy Brandt (second from right) who greeted both teams prior to the competition. Here he chats with the US team and half-miler Ken Swenson (right, back to camera). (Photo by Neil Leifer for Sports Illustrated)

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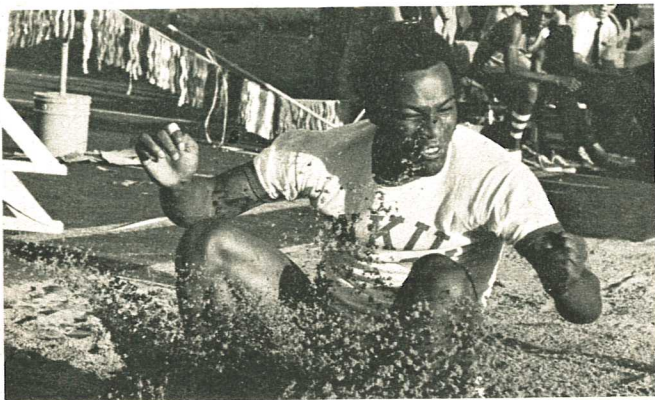
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Athletes Off the Track

Athlete Reps Selected at AAU Meeting

The athletes' meeting following the last event of this year's AAU championships was scheduled late when many participants were tired, and only about 70 attended. The agenda included the introduction of the European tour coaching staff, a description of the US Olympic Committee summer training camps and an announcement of the results of the election held among the first six place finishers at Bakersfield.

Eighty-nine athletes voted for 10 athletes' representatives to the AAU track and field committee. The first 10 will automatically be asked to serve but alternates will be contacted as appropriate. The results: 1. Hal Connolly; 2. Lee Evans; 3. Ron Whitney; 4. Gerry Lindgren; 5. Randy Matson; 6. Jack Bachelier; 7. Otis Burrell; 8. Leon Coleman; 9. Ron Laird; 10. George Frenn; 11. Russ Hodge; 12. Ken Moore; 13. Phil Shinnick; 14. Barry Brown; 15. Bob Bowman; 16. Neal Steinhauer; 17. Bill Skinner; 18. Frank Costello; 19. Nick Lee; 20. Jon Cole.

Seventy-nine athletes voted for one athletes' representative to the AAU executive track and field board. Results: 1. Hal Connolly; 2. Lee Evans; 3. Ron Whitney; 4. Ken Moore; 5. Randy Matson; 6. Ron Laird. Connolly has already declined the position (which he currently holds), thus the seat would go to Evans or in the event of his decline, Whitney etc.

Eighty-one athletes nominated four athletes to the mens' US Olympic track and field committee: 1. Hal Connolly; 2. Lee Evans; 3. Randy Matson; 4. Ron Whitney. Gerry Lindgren was named alternate.

Connolly informs T&FN, "I will accept the track and field committee seat with the AAU and the US Olympic track and field committee if the AAU will nominate the athletes' choices to the Olympic Committee Board of Directors. I want to keep in touch with what is happening in the administration of track and field but my next year's full-time graduate school responsibilities at UCLA may really be too demanding to carry out the job of the board member for the athletes as I know it must be done. My last official act as the current board member for the athletes was to send off 200 copies of the rating sheet for all European team members to rate the performance of the leaders. It worked out so well when we used them for the first time on the 1969 Pan Pacific tour that I believe our officials will once again perform to the utmost of their ability."

There was also a survey of opinion on combining the mens' and womens' AAU championships, US Olympic training and US Olympic trials. The men voted 52 to 33 in favor of combining the championships, while the women voted 99 to 2 against such an action. Thus, no change in the championship arrangements will be sought. The men voted 60 to 24 in favor of combining the training and 50 to 35 in favor of combining the trials for the Olympics. The women overwhelmingly supported both. Thus, such a request will be made to the USOC.

Of the approximately 115 athletes eligible to participate in the elections, 94 male athletes voted. No figures were available on the women.



Mid-way through the turn in the US-Soviet 200-meters, Willie Turner (5) had overtaken Valentin Maslakov (4) and he went on to his third consecutive international win, clocking 20.8. Maslakov ran third in 20.9. Turner later ran 20.3 in a Moscow meet, matching the seasonal best he set in winning against the West Germans. (Sports Illustrated photo by Neil Liefer)

Porten Tags NCAA Contest With 68 of 126 Correct

The task of picking place-winners in this year's NCAA championships was no simple task. A combination of weather, injuries and other unforeseen happenstances eliminated many of the seemingly "certain" choices.

Winner of a \$10.00 merchandise certificate is Marv Porten of San Francisco, who picked 68 of a possible 126 placers (56%). His score was aided by his correct picking of all six hammer placers. One other contestant, Charles Levy of Staten Island, New York, also picked all the hammerers, and another, David Gwyn of Pasadena, Texas, guessed the 440 men. These three were the only perfect event choices.

Tied for second at 67 each were Dan Christensen of Eugene, Oregon, and Reo James Nathan of Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Those with 66 included Levy and Dr. Patrick Ryan of Camarillo, California.

Records Altered

The following record alterations have been reported since the I July issue. W=world; E=European; A=American; BC=British Commonwealth; C=collegiate; HS=high school; "=" equals record; n=non-winning time.

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| HT 223'9" | BC | Howard Payne (GB) | Warley, England | 6/20 |
| 800mR 1:23.6 | =E | Poland | Milan, Italy | 7/1 |
| 110mH 13.6n | =BC | Alan Pascoe (GB) | Zurich, Switzerland | 7/3 |
| 800mR 1:23.3 | E | L'A.C. Paris (Fr) | Colombes, France | 7/4 |
| 800mR 1:22.4 | E | Bayer 04 Leverkusen (WG) | Berlin, W Germany | 7/4 |
| JT 269'9" | BC | David Travis (GB) | London, England | 7/5 |
| 10,000 28:50.4 | C | Garry Bjorklund (Minn) | Colombes, France | 7/9 |
| 1000y 2:06.2 | A | Tom Von Ruden (P Coast) | S Lake Tahoe, Calif | 7/9 |
| HT 225'9" | BC | Howard Payne (GB) | London, England | 7/11 |
| HT 180'0" | HS/16-lb. | Alvin Jackson (RI HS) | New Britain, Conn | 7/12 |
| 10,000 28:50.4 | =C | Garry Bjorklund (Minn) | Stuttgart, W Ger | 7/15 |
| LJ 27'4 ³ / ₈ " | =E | Josef Schwarz (WG) | Stuttgart, W Ger | 7/15 |
| 800m 1:44.8 | A, C | Ken Swenson (Kans St) | Stuttgart, W Ger | 7/16 |
| 800m 1:44.9n | =E | Walter Adams (WG) | Stuttgart, W Ger | 7/16 |
| 1000m 2:19.0 | A | Tom Von Ruden (P Coast) | S Lake Tahoe, Calif | 7/18 |
| 1500m 3:34.0 | E | Jean Wadoux (Fr) | Colombes, France | 7/23 |
| 400m 45.0 | BC | Charles Asati (Ken) | Edinburgh, Scotland | 7/23 |
| 5000m 13:22.8 | E | Ian Stewart (GB) | Edinburgh, Scotland | 7/25 |

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| August | |
| 11-12 | AAU Jr Olympics, Knoxville |
| 15-16 | Balkan Gms, Bucharest |
| 22-6 | Bolivar Gms, Maracaibo, Ven |
| 29 | East Africa Chmps, Nairobi |
| 29-20 | Canadian Chmps, Winnipeg |
| 29-30 | European Cup, Stockholm |
| September | |
| 2-6 | World Student Gms, Turin, It |
| 11-13 | European Jr Gms, Paris |
| October | |
| 10-11 | Lugano Walking, Eschborn, EG |

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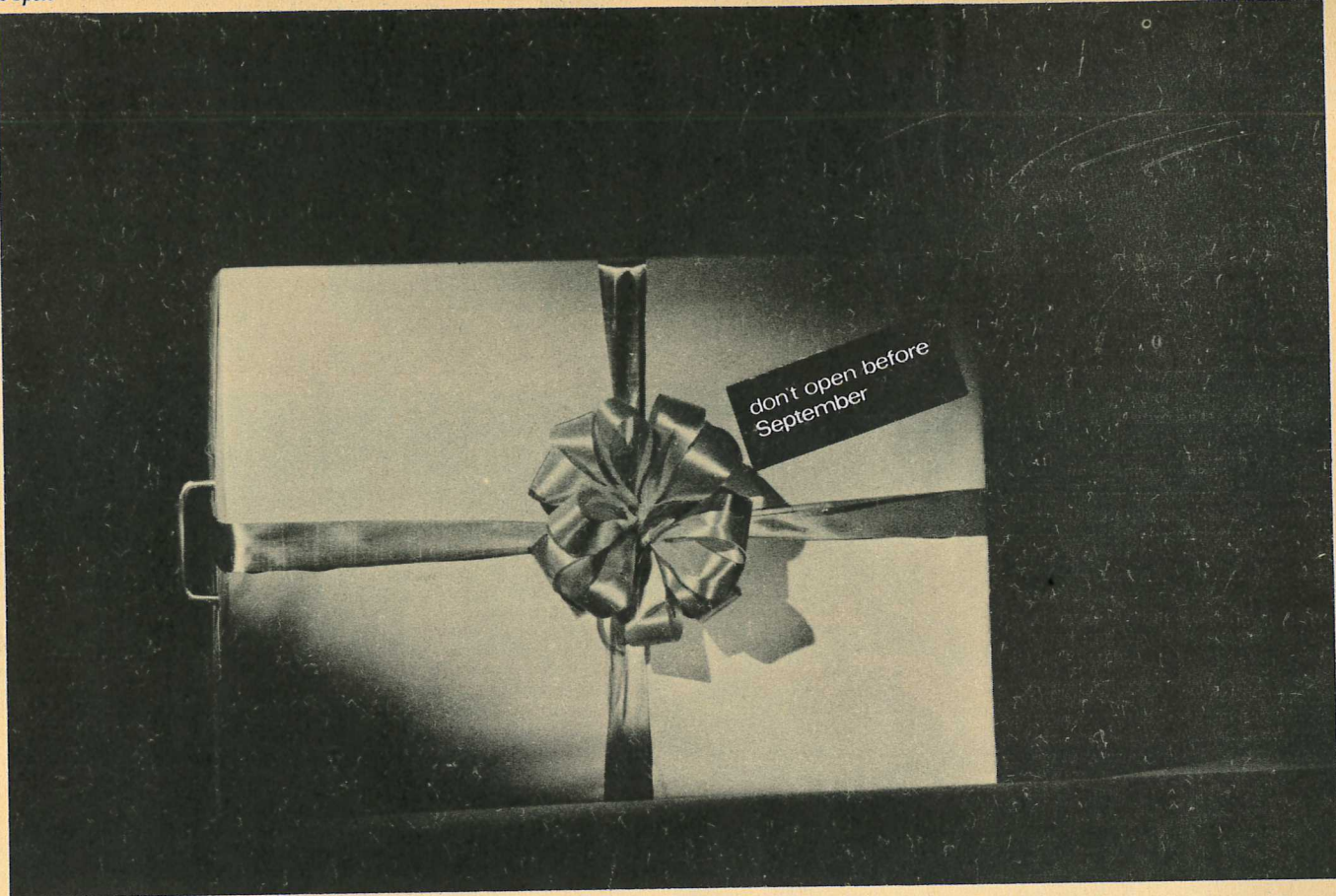
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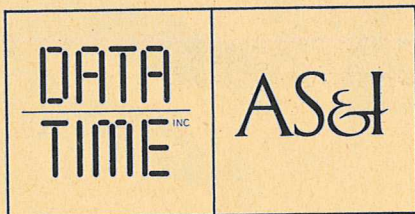
Roger Collins until just Skinner's last throw remained—and he then threw 272'8¹/₂" to win. But Bill Skinner is more than competitive. He is consistent—he won the USTFF, NCAA and AAU

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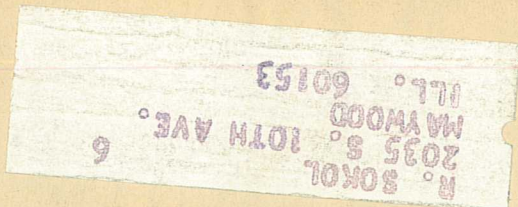
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