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### Three Doubles

In 1971, the 10th European Championships held in Helsinki met with an unprecedented success. Every session was sold out to a crowd of 40,000. The star was a Finn who is rarely listed among the greats: Juha Vaatainen won a 5,000 and 10,000-m double which was to enter his name in the history of athletics. His

victory in the 10,000 m was especially fine. He won it thanks to a last lap which he ran in 53 sec. There were two other doubles which occurred in sprint events. Of the men, Valeri Borzov won both the 100 and the 200 m, while Renate Stecher of East Germany won three races in the women's events.

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##### Men

*100 m*: V. Borzov (USSR), 10.3  
*200 m*: V. Borzov (USSR), 20.3  
*400 m*: D. Jenkins (GB), 45.5  
*800 m*: J. Arzhanov (USSR), 1:45.6  
*1,500 m*: F. Arese (ITA), 3:38.4  
*5,000 m*: J. Vaatainen (FIN), 13:32.6  
*10,000 m*: J. Vaatainen (FIN), 27:52.8  
*Marathon*: K. Lismont (BEL), 2 hr 13:19.0  
*110-m hurdles*: F. Siebeck (EGE), 14.0  
*400-m hurdles*: J.-C. Nallet (FRA), 49.2  
*3,000-m steeplechase*: J.-P. Villain (FRA), 8:25.2  
*4 x 100-m relay*: CZE, 39.3  
*4 x 400-m relay*: WGE, 3:02.9

##### Women

*100 m*: R. Stecher (EGE), 11.4  
*200 m*: R. Stecher (EGE), 22.7  
*400 m*: H. Seidler (EGE), 52.1  
*800 m*: V. Nikolic (YUG), 2:00.0  
*1,500 m*: K. Burneleit (EGE), 4:09.6 (WR)  
*100-m hurdles*: K. Balzer (EGE), 12.9  
*High jump*: I. Gusenbauer (AUT), 1.87 m

*20-km walk*: N. Smaga (USSR), 1 hr 27:20.2  
*50-km walk*: V. Soldatenko (USSR), 4 hr 02:22.0  
*High jump*: K. Chapka (USSR), 2.20 m  
*Long jump*: M. Klaus (EGE), 7.92 m  
*Triple jump*: J. Drehmel (EGE), 17.16 m  
*Pole vault*: W. Nordwig (EGE), 5.35 m  
*Shot putt*: H. Briesenick (EGE), 21.08 m  
*Discus*: L. Danek (CZE), 63.90 m  
*Javelin*: J. Lusic (USSR), 90.68 m  
*Hammer*: U. Beyer (WGE), 72.36 m  
*Decathlon*: J. Kirst (EGE), 8196 pts

*Long jump*: I. Mickler (WGE), 6.76 m  
*Shot putt*: N. Chizova (USSR), 20.16 m  
*Discus*: F. Melnik (USSR), 64.22 m (WR)  
*Javelin*: D. Jaworska (POL), 61.00 m  
*Pentathlon*: H. Rosendahl (WGE), 5299 pts  
*4 x 100-m relay*: WGE, 43.3  
*4 x 400-m relay*: WGE, 3:29.3 (WR)

*Valeri Borzov (USSR): his double win in Helsinki heralded a repeat performance at the 1972 OG*