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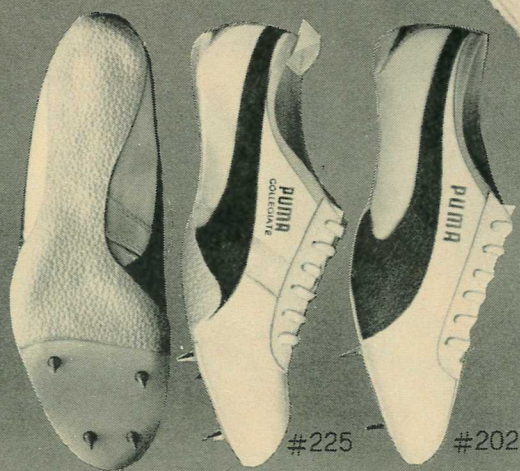
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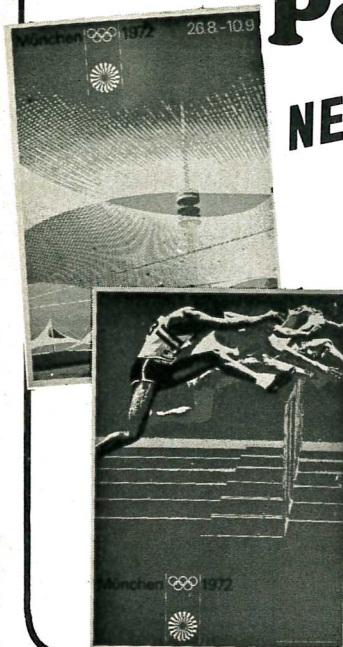


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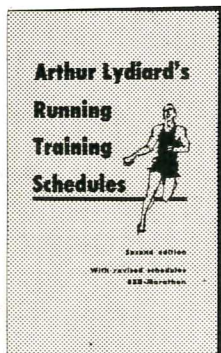
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Up Front

This is the moment Kerry Pearce will remember for a long time. A week after tying his and George Young's (2) 8:27.2 two-mile record, he defeated Young and Kerry O'Brien (c) with 8:30.0 at the LA Times. /Dick O'Connor/

For the Record

The following indoor record alterations have been reported since the I February issue: W=World; E=European; A=American; C=collegiate; JC=junior college; HS=high school; n=non-winning time; "=="equals record; "c"=160- to 180-yard banked track; "e"=180- to 220-yard banked track. New oversized track bests are not listed in this issue.

70yHH	8.2	HS	Larry Shipp (Wash, DC HS)	Alexandria, Va	Jan 23
60yHH	7.0	HS	Larry Shipp (Wash, DC HS)	Annapolis, Md	Jan 30
50m	5.4	=W, E	Manfred Kokot (EG)	Berlin, EG	Jan 31
60y	5.9	=W, =A, =C	Jerry Sims (Alcorn A&M)	Natchitoches, La	Feb 6
60y	5.9n	=W, =A, =C	Willie McGee (Alcorn A&M)	Natchitoches, La	Feb 6
35lbWt	66'5½"	C	Al Schoterman (Kent St)	Ypsilanti, Mich	Feb 6
2Mile	8:27.2	=W, =c	Kerry Pearce (Australia)	Seattle, Wash	Feb 6
DisMedR	10:19.8	JC	Spokane Falls CC	Seattle, Wash	Feb 6
500y	56.4	E	Andrzej Badenski (Pol)	Inglewood, Calif	Feb 12
PV	17'7¾"	W, C	Kjell Isaksson (Swe/Sn Cal)	Inglewood, Calif	Feb 12
1500m	3:37.8	W, E, e	Harald Norpoth (WG)	Berlin, WG	Feb 13
60y	5.9	=W, =A, =C	Herb Washington (Mich St)	East Lansing, Mich	Feb 13
70y	6.8	=W, =A	Mel Pender (US Army)	Louisville, Ky	Feb 13
120yHH	13.7	HS	Scottie Jones (Tex HS)	Houston, Tex	Feb 13



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Big Record Splurge

Records. Big track or regulation size, world athletes to US preps, short sprints to distance relays, the vault and even the weight throw. There hardly seemed to be any restrictions on the range of alterations applied to the record book in recent weeks.

Houston's huge Astrodome oval again was the venue of the most records as the oversized bests fell in the mile (3:57.2 Marty Liquori), two-mile (8:34.2 Sid Sink and, would you believe, Johan Halberstadt), two-mile relay (7:19.8 by Wisconsin with a 1:46.3 anchor by Mark Winzenried), distance medley relay (9:31.6--fastest ever indoors or out--by Villanova, Liquori anchoring in 3:57.4), and prep 440 (48.6 by Horace Grant). And even the non-records were up to the usual Astrodome super class.

Back on the regular-sized tracks, Kerry Pearce matched his and George Young's two-mile mark with 8:27.2 at Seattle and then won a big victory over Young and Kerry O'Brien at the LA Times. Also at that meet, Swede Kjell Isaksson regained the indoor vault best, scaling 17'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Three more--yawn--5.9s were recorded over 60-yards, by Jerry Sims, Willie McGee and Herb Washington, bringing to 23 the number of performances at that time. The collegiate 35-lb. weight record got another boost from Al Schoterman, this time to 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Washington, DC, prep Larry Shipp continued to shine over the prep high hurdles. After a 7.2 record matcher over the 42-inchers in early January, Shipp turned in record marks of 7.0 (60-yards) and 8.2 (70-yards) over the prep-height barriers.

NEW YORK K OF C Johnson Over 17-foot First Time Since Record

New York, N.Y., Feb. 5 /by Bob Hersh/--Jan Johnson demonstrated this evening that his indoor success at last June's NCAA meet was not a fluke. After a disappointing early season, the Alabama transfer student vaulted 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " at the New York Knights of Columbus Games, only the second time he has ever cleared the 17-foot mark in competition. (The first, of course, was at Des Moines, where he upped the indoor best to 17'7". That mark has never been submitted to the AAU for American record approval.) Although Johnson had plenty of height to spare on his winning jump tonight, he failed in three attempts at 17'8" to resolve the confused record situation.

Marty Liquori dropped down to the 1000 for the third straight year, and once again the Villanova miler won convincingly at the shorter distance. He extended his varsity record at Madison Square Garden to 12-for-12, with a 2:08.8 victory over Brian McElroy (2:09.3), Greg Jones (2:09.7) and Morgan Mosser (2:10.3).

Two Italian visitors achieved their first American victories. Gianni Del Buono led internationalists Chris Mason of Villanova (4:06.4), Dick Quax of New Zealand (4:07.8) and Frank Murphy of Eire (4:08.7) with a 4:04.6 mile win. After the trophy presentation to Del Buono, newsmen asked the trophy presenter to serve as translator for a few questions and answers. His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, obliged. Meanwhile, Erminio Azzaro raised his nation's indoor record with a 7'1" high jump as he defeated Barry Shepard and Ron Jourdan by an inch.

Louis Vicenik of the Houston Track Club made an impressive New York debut as he sped to a 57.0 500 win. Jim Green repeated his Millrose triumph over Dr. Del Meriwether with a 6.2 60 squeaker. Villanova took a 3-2 lead in its mile relay rivalry with Adelphi, with a 3:16.6 seasonal best.

The attendance was announced at 11,902, but that would have been a generous figure even counting athletes, ticket takers and beer vendors.

Other highlights: 500, 2. LaMotte Hyman (Vill) 57.2; 3. Bill Barrow (Geotwn) 57.2. 600, Tom Ulan (Rutgers) 1:11.4. 880, Eamonn O'Keefe (Fla) 1:53.5. 2Mile, John Mason (P Coast) 8:50.4; 2. Ed Norris (Bos AA) 8:53.0; 3. Donal Walsh (Vill) 8:53.2. 60HH, Leon Coleman (unat) 7.2; 2. Paul Gibson (El Paso) nt; 3. Bill High (Tenn) nt. PV, 2. Scott Hurley (Fla) 16'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 3. Tim St. Lawrence (NYAC) 16'4"; 4. Dennis Phillips (Staters) 16'4". MileR, Villanova (Phil Herndon 51.1, Bob Carpenter 48.6, Greg Govan 48.5, Hyman 48.4). 2MileR, Villanova 7:38.8 (Rick Kell 1:56.6, Bill McLoughlin 1:54.6, Ken Schappert 1:54.6, Wilson Smith 1:53.6); 2. Adelphi 7:39.2; 3. Florida 7:39.2.

TORONTO MAPLE-LEAF Railsback Tags Isaksson, Brown 7'2 1-2"

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 5/by Dick Drake/--The only two field events of the Telegram Maple Leaf Games provided the best marks and the closest attempts at records at the ninth annual meeting while most of the running events were on the slow side but highly competitive.

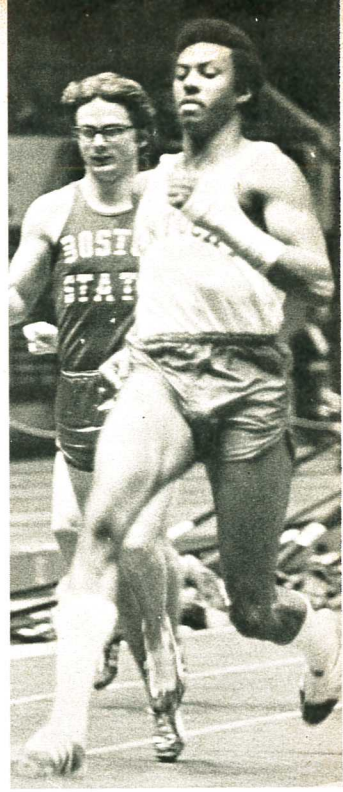
Dick Railsback, hurting even more these days from the three vertebrae he broke three years ago, eked out a narrow victory over Southern Cal's newly arrived Swede Kjell Isaksson as both cleared 17'0". Both tried a world best height of 17'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and former undercover record bearer Isaksson nearly claimed the half-inch improvement on the present mark only to miss when he knocked the bar off with his hand on the way down. John Pannel wound up third with a third-attempt clearance of 16'6".

Mike Bowers was leading Reynaldo Brown after both high jumpers had cleared 7'0", and so he had the bar raised to 7'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the hope that he would squeeze out the victory. But Brown had the Canadian open best height in him this evening on his third trial to win as Bowers missed thrice. Brown actually had two solid tries at an American record besting height of 7'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Both the 1000 and the mile had top fields, and the finishes were competitively close. Comebacking Juris Luzins led through quarter splits of 56.0 and 1:53.3 in the shorter event but undefeated Tom Von Ruden moved



Jan Johnson, recently transferred to Alabama, got his first 17-foot vault since his indoor best 17'7" last June with a 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " win at the NYKC. /Steve Murdock/



Despite having a seasonal best of just 6.1, Kentucky's Jim Green is undefeated over 60-yards and won both the Millrose and NYKC short dashes. /Murdock/

ahead before the bell lap for his 2:08.2 win. Byron Dyce pulled out a wicked homestretch kick to overtake Luzins as both clocked 2:08.8. The mile found Canadians leading at all the posts, in 60.1, 2:03.5 and 3:07.2, and it was Norm Trerise leading the pack at the latter with Jurgen May, Henryk Szordykowski, Chuck LaBenz and Sam Bair all within winning position. With 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ laps remaining, May, Szordykowski and Trerise were strung across the 11-lap oval in a tri-lead with Bair a stride behind. Bair lost out when he tripped and nearly fell after the bell, falling back to fourth from second as Szordykowski led. The finish was spectacular, as LaBenz just did outlean the Pole in a replica of their Boston K of C race and Bair barely managed to do the same to May. A tenth didn't really separate the two duos, as LaBenz was given 4:05.8 in first and Bair 4:06.7 in third.

Mel Pender still has his start of old but Michigan State's Herb Washington had overtaken the 33-year-old sprinter by 25 yards and held to the tape of the 50 as both dashed 5.2. Donald Quarrie was last in the final and Charlie Greene didn't make it out of his heat--both because of injuries. Marcus Walker picked up his fifth win of the season as he tagged Willie Davenport by a tenth in the 50 highs at 5.9. Walker caught the field by the third of the four hurdles, and held onto the lead over the fast-finishing Davenport.

The three-mile is normally a highlight of this meet, but a stellar five man potential battle scratched itself to two prime contenders in Frank Shorter and Australia's Kerry O'Brien. O'Brien had the lead by the mile, reached in 4:26.3, and claimed a four yard margin by two-miles, in 8:56.0, over his American rival. He simply widened the gap through the final lap but he still earned the loudest cheering of the evening from the 14,039 spectators as he final quartered in 61.2 to his 13:18.8 win. Shorter ran 13:35.8.

Other highlights: 440, Andrzej Badenski (Pol) 49.2. 600, Lee Evans (unat) 1:10.8. 1000, 4. Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol) 2:09.7; 5. Lowell Paul (UC-TC) 2:09.7. 3Mile, 3. Grant McLaren (Wn Ont) 13:39.8; 4. Dave Ellis (En Mich) 13:49.4. 50HH, 3. Lance Babb (Cal TC) 6.1; 4. Gary Power (Strid) 6.1. PV, 4. Bruce Simpson (Can) 16'0".



Reynaldo Brown has proven to be a most prolific seven-footer this season in the high jump. In eight meets, he has failed to clear at least 7'0" in only one of them. In addition, he has won six of those eight meets and here at Toronto posted the season's highest leap by an American, 7'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". /Toronto Telegram/

by Dick Drake

If you ask athletes on the North American indoor circuit which are the blue ribbon events, they'll inevitably tell you the Los Angeles Times and the Toronto Telegram Maple Leaf Games.

They both have similar components. They stress hospitality--ranging from friendly pick-ups at the airport to elaborate after-meet parties. The prizes are the best money and regulations permit. A wholesale galaxy of national and international stars predominate virtually every event. There is always depth to each field, comprised often of upcoming stars from out of the area who won't sell an extra ticket but who have been known to steal the show. Year after year, the results and the excitement are there.

Of course, it requires a complex combination of forces beyond merely an interested large populace which can fill a large arena but both meets have one especially common denominator: they spend big to make big and their meets have become highly successful traditions. Both events have grossed more than \$65,000 on occasion after having paid out more than \$25,000 in athlete expenses. The majority of indoor meets spends less than \$10,000 in per diem and transportation. Both meets have lured more than 15,500 fans and have averaged better than 13,000 recently. Most meets do not come so close to capacity.

It's the Maple-Leaf Games with which we are concerning ourselves here. And there are characteristics which distinguish the Canadian meet from the California event, and the locations are undoubtedly a factor.

Toronto is the major center of track and field activity in Canada. It is the home of the famed East York and Olympic Track Clubs as well as two of the nation's biggest stars of the sixties, in Bruce Kidd and Bill Crothers, who both now take an interest in the administration of the sport, and one of the brightest performers today in Jerome Drayton. It also quarters the Maple Leaf hockey team, and it is readily apparent from the great numbers of kids playing the game that track interest pales by comparison. There are no longer any other major meets in the city, and the citizens only have this competition to support. It is quite likely the patrons enjoy the event as a spectacle, a first-class one in keeping with other entertainment in the city.

The Maple-Leaf Gardens (could you expect it to be named anything else?) is home to this nine-year-old competition, and unlike many arenas, it is situated virtually in the heart of the city in pleasant surroundings. The Westbury Hotel serves as meet headquarters, and it's less than 100 yards from the 16,000-seat stadium--a rather nice feature considering the cold winds that can blow in sub-zero temperatures at some meets. It was a warm 25° the night of this particular meet.

Upon entering the 40-year-old structure, one is struck by the strict adherence to a no-smoking policy and lack of general beer sales. The smokeless arena is reportedly a significant drawing factor with athletes. And the (relatively) sober crowd remains almost abnormally attentive and quiet, except when a performance excites them. There's an eerie stationary quality to the spectators, who come early, stay seated except during scheduled intermissions and remain until at least the last running event, after 11:00 pm, has been conducted. It's a nice place for both athletes and spectators.

The 160-yard hard plywood track--which has tight curves and long straightaways but inexplicably won't accommodate center races longer than 50-yards--is showing its age. The oval is slow for the shorter races. But the featured event is the three-mile, to which the best field is invited and from which great results over the years have emerged. This year, however, the event was hit hard by the last-minute withdrawals of record holders at two-miles Kerry Pearce and George Young as well as Rex Maddaford. Still, an interesting confrontation still loomed between Frank Shorter and Aussie super-distance runner Kerry O'Brien. O'Brien broke it open after two-miles but the 14,039 fans still clamored to their feet to lustily cheer him through a slowish final and solo quarter. They seemed little disappointed.

Everyone seems record-conscious here--at least for the Canadian

open variety if not something better like a world best. If success and happiness are measured in those terms, then it's no wonder that the crowd waited around so late for the 7'2½" open high jump record of Reynaldo Brown at well after 11 o'clock. It was the only such record effort of the evening. In fact, in general the marks were sub-par to past standards, the caliber of competitors and in contrast to other major meets. But much of the competition was exciting--ranging from a series of special Canadian events to the men's and women's events. This meet probably stresses women's competition with top flight international fields (e.g., high jumper Barbara Inkpen came to face a top flight Canadian field and Rosemary Stirling to go against a first-race half-mile group--both from Britain for this one competition) more than any of its US counterparts.

There is a Canadian consciousness, despite the concentration of super world athletes. At least one Canadian is usually entered in every invitational event and there are special competitions limited to natives in the event as well as a long program for locals in the afternoon. But athletics are noticeably different here than in the states. Toronto is an avant garde city in many respects, especially in terms of fashion and long-haired males. Something like San Francisco or New York. But in Toronto, unlike even these two cities, athletes seem little distinguished from non-athletes. One of the more amusing contrasts came during the scheduled intermission when athletes are suddenly permitted to warm-up on the oval track. Plodding around the oval is a continuous swarm of predominantly earless and napeless tressed Canadian athletes. It looks like a joggers convention. They seem to be having a good time--track is basically organized on a club basis in Canada, and there is little concern about school affiliation or pressure generated by athletic scholarships which are all but non-existent in this country--but not much can be said in defense of the current caliber of athletes Canada is producing. High jumper Debbie Brill is the sole athlete, male or female, to be world ranked by either T&FN or Women's Track & Field World.

The status of Canadian athletics could be on the upswing, however, with the lure of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and through a new coaching program to be headed by this meet's outgoing director. John Hudson, at 34 probably the youngest director on the indoor swing and already retiring after four years, is a modly-dressed doer of many badges, past and present--club coach, national mentor, president of the Central Ontario track and field association and PR man for Canada adidas shoes. He is giving it all up to move to Ottawa to coordinate the new government-sponsored coaching association. He could be the man to strengthen all athletics in Canada, if his personal magnetism and success with this meet can serve as a gauge.

Said former meet director and present CNE marathon director Ken Twigg, "If Hudson hadn't done so many radio and TV interviews in the last three weeks, he wouldn't have had half the crowd." And with the sponsoring Telegram newspaper giving the meet only a single column third page story the day of the meet and coming after two straight nights of sell-out hockey and the annual sports banquet of the city, the meet had to have something more than the amazing \$45,000 equivalent in advertising the paper meted out through its sources. Certainly Hudson's personable approach became apparent when as one of the meet's two announcers he brought rises from the crowd with his kidding with athletes during the awards presentation and his suspenseful announcement of the winner of a snowmobile. For the athletes, there's a bang-up reception party after the meet. And then there's the all-night private party in John's room. But before it was all over Hudson announced to the crowd that this was his last meet as director and revealed the Games had contributed more than \$40,000 to track and field in Ontario in the first eight years. Whereupon in a spontaneous gesture, sprinter Tom Randolph came to the infield microphone and told the crowd, "The hospitality of John Hudson is really tops, making it a pleasure to compete here. I hope you will consider the athletes as honorary Canadians." The Maple Leaf Games is a meet with class. □



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Von Ruden Dips to 3:59.4, Randy Controls Al

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 5-6 /from George Grenier/--Tom Von Ruden ran the indoor season's first sub-4:00 mile with a 3:59.4 effort that earned for him outstanding athlete of the meet honors at the Coaches Indoor Games. The time earned him an indoor PR as he became the tenth man to break the 4:00 barrier indoors. Von Ruden trailed a rabbit through a 59.0 first quarter; then, Peter Kaal of Oklahoma State, who trains with Von Ruden at Stillwater, took over the pace-setting chores with a 2:02.1 half with Von Ruden four-tenths back. Von Ruden moved to the fore at the three-quarter post when Kaal pulled out to lane two to let him by on the pole. When Kaal moved back to the pole, he closed the gate on Jim Crawford, who had to stop and swing to the outside. Crawford pushed Von Ruden through a 56.6 last quarter on the fast 10-lap banked board oval. A crowd of over 6000 saw the second night's action, after 5342 showed up the first night.

Von Ruden credited Kaal's efforts in the middle and Crawford's push at the end for the sub-4:00 run. Crawford thought the race should have been his, but Kaal's moves caused him to lose it. Kaal said his move back to the pole was unintentional because he did not see Crawford. Crawford had plen-

ty of zip for a man who does no speed work and never does less than 10 miles a day in practice. Crawford had 4:01.4 for second with Kaal third in 4:03.5.

If the second night belonged to the milers, the first night was the night of the shot putters. Randy Matson made it four out of five over Feuerbach, but as Al pointed up, Randy has run his string of 68-foot or better to four with his 68'4" toss (series 65'10", 67'3", 67'1", 66'6½", 67'8", 68'4"). Feuerbach had a series of 65'2", 64'9½", 66'0", f, 66'6½", 66'7½". Big Randy still has a nonchalant attitude for indoor putting. He works out in the outdoors back in his native West Texas Plains, which he prefers to the humidity of Houston. Sam Walker, still just a sophomore athletically, took third with 64'7½", a PR indoors or out.

Robert Mitchell continues to lead the 300, as he turned in a 30.6 in Friday's heats. In the finals the next day, he was forced into lane one from lane two after a scratch, despite much arguing on his part. Consequently, all he could do was 31.1 after fighting three tight turns.

Other highlights: 60, Marvin Mills (Tex A&M) 6.2; 2, Curtis Mills (Tex A&M) 6.2. 300, ... 3, Joe Pouncy (SMU) 31.4. Mile, 4, Bill Blewett (unat) 4:05.2. HJ, Johnny Blakney (Okla) 6'10". PV, Bob Seagren (Strid) 17'¼"; ... nh--John Pennel (Strid). LJ, Danny Brabham (Baylor) 24'6½". MileR, Texas A&M 3:17.5. 2MileR, Oklahoma State 7:35.8. DisMedR, Houston 9:52.0 (Jaouhar 2:59.0).

EASTERN MICHIGAN Schoterman Pumps 35-lb. Mark Again, 66'5 1-2"

Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 6 /by Jim Lambe/--While their names may not yet be household names, Al Schoterman and Vic Nelson provided the biggest sparks at the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

The continuing 35-lb. weight duel between Kent State teammates Schoterman and Frenchman Jacques Accambay saw the former regain the collegiate record with a fine 66'5½", seventh-longest ever indoors. Schoterman's heave eclipsed Accambay's 66'0" mark and moved Jacques back a notch to eighth on the all-time compilation. The Frenchman wasn't as close tonight as in previous duels however, placing second with 62'11".

Vic Nelson, with his ubiquitous headband, took the lead in the three-mile after the first quarter and then revealed uncanny pace judgment as he pushed through miles of 4:28, 4:32 and 4:32 unofficially to end up with an official 13:31.8, a 16-second improvement indoors or out and second-fastest this season.

The 1971 season's fastest distance medley resulted from a battle between the UCTC and Eastern Michigan quartets. UCTC's Ralph Schultz grabbed an early lead with a 1:53.8 880 to Eric Nesbitt's 1:55.8. Jim Grant's 48.8 quarter (against the unidentified UCTC 440 man) brought Eastern back into contention but Lowell Paul's quick 2:55.6 1320 settled the matter (Bob Sampson ran 3:01.5 for Eastern). Ken Sparks brought UCTC in to its 9:50.0 time with a 4:09.8 while Wayne Seiler's 4:06.2 finished off Eastern's 9:52.2.

The two teams tangled again in the two-mile baton event and the UCTC once more emerged on top, 7:30.6 to 7:31.8. Paul clocked 1:50.6 for the winners, while Eastern's Floyd Wells timed 1:51.4 for the best legs.

Other highlights: 35Wt, 3. Warren Converse (Wn Mich) 60'2½". MileR, Ann Arbor TC 3:17.9 (Kent Bernard 46.7); 2. Eastern Michigan 3:17.9. 2MileR, UCTC (Bob O'Connor 1:54.7, Sparks 1:51.6, Schultz 1:51.4); 2. Eastern Michigan (Fred Laplante 1:54.3, Marv Lynch 1:53.4, Gary Collins 1:52.7).

BALTIMORE ALL-EASTERN Newcomers Sprint 6.0, O'Keeffe Surprises Luzins

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 6 /by Randy Hawthorne/--Tony Greene edged Zach Rodgers and Dr. Delano Meriwether in a photo finish 6.0 60-yard dash and Florida's Irishman Eamonn O'Keeffe ran a 1:50.4 half-mile to highlight the 25th annual Baltimore Sunpapers All-Eastern Games before 4071 fans, the season's smallest one-night crowd at a major US invitational.

In the feature 60, Dr. Meriwether was running in Baltimore, his home town, for the first time and the crowd was all for him. But Rodgers appeared to jump the gun, Greene was rolling and Meriwether was left in the blocks--as usual. His long strides narrowed the two-yard margin, and all three runners lunged into the tape as if one. After reviewing the video replay, officials placed Greene first, Rodgers second and Meriwether third, all in 6.0. Mere inches separated the three. Greene and Rodgers both ran 6.0 in their heats.

In the 880, O'Keeffe trailed Juris Luzins through a 54.0 quarter but then took the lead on the next-to-last 160-yard lap and held off Luzins, 1:50.4 to 1:50.7. It was O'Keeffe's second half-mile victory in two nights. Later, he anchored Florida's victorious two-mile relay (7:42.6) with a 1:54.0 leg and was voted the outstanding performer of the meet.

Brian McElroy took the lead on the last lap of the mile, holding off Sam Bair, who was caught in traffic on the last turn, 4:08.1 to 4:09.0. David Merrick, the Illinois high schooler, finished fourth in 4:09.7, after pacing most of the race. That mark still puts Merrick second on the prep all-time indoor mile list behind only Jim Ryan.

In the two-mile, Jerry Richey trailed a slow pace before taking over at 1½-miles for an easy 8:54.6 win. John Lawson's powerful kick made up 30-yards in the last lap on early pacesetter George Davis to salvage second place, 8:59.8 to 9:01.2.

Other highlights: 440, Ed Roberts (Spts Intl) 50.0. 500, Nick Lee (Balt OC) 58.0; 2. Jim Burnett (Phil PC) 58.3; 3. Pete Schuder (Spts Intl) 58.6. 600, Smitty Brown (Pitt) 1:11.6. 880, 3. Morgan Mosser (W Va) 1:52.0; 4. Frank Murphy (Eire) 1:53.4. MileWalk, Dave Romansky (Dela TC) 6:18.2. 60HH, Greg Magee (US Coast Guard) 7.2. Heats: II-1. Magee 7.1. HJ, Eric Howard (Morgan St) 7'0"; 2. Ron Jourdan (Fla TC) 6'10". PV, Scott Hurley (Fla) 16'6". MileR, Sports International 3:18.2.

SEATTLE Pearce Again Posts Surprising 8:27.2 Record Run

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 6 /by Don Bundy/--Australian Kerry Pearce smashed a strong field of class two-milers en route to equaling his own and George Young's world record of 8:27.2 to highlight the eighth annual Seattle Indoor trackfest before 8774 fans.

The three watches read 8:27.0, 8:27.1 and 8:27.2 as the ex-El Paso ace concluded his record burst. Pushed early by Henryk Szordykowski, Pearce burst to the front at the three-quarters mark and left the field in his wake as he lapped runners the likes of Tarry Harrison and Don Kardong en route to tying the global standard he first set three years ago. Pole Szordykowski was a distant second in 8:44.4.

The excited yet disappointed Pearce commented, "I could have gone 8:20 tonight with more help. (John) Bednarski (an El Paso teammate) was supposed to go out in 4:12--but I felt so strong that I took it myself. Then when I passed the mile in 4:09 I thought I was in trouble. At 1½-miles I thought, 'Forget it, I'm dead'--but I hung on." Looking ahead, he enthused, "I feel great. This is the year. I've finally got some personal and attitude problems cleared up, and all those injuries are behind me." Anxious to lower his record, Pearce warned, "(Kerry) O'Brien had better be ready in LA next week. I am!"



Oregon's Bouncy Moore, here breaking sand at the Oregon Invitational in which he placed second with 24'6¼", picked up his first win of the undercover season at Seattle with a 25'3" bound. At Portland he indicated his potential with fouls of 26'8" and 26'0". /Paul Petersen, Eugene Register-Guard/

Bothered by a sore lower back and visibly relaxed in his first Randy Matson-free competition of the new season, colorful Al Feuerbach eased the iron blob 65'4". Mohinder Gill bested a strong triple jump field with 52'10¼" effort to heighten the meet's international flavor. Pole vaulter Kjell Isaksson of Sweden cleared 17'1¼" with ease, then failed three times at a world indoor record height of 17'7½". Less spectacular victories were recorded by US products Bouncy Moore and Reynaldo Brown in the long and high jumps with respective marks of 25'3" and 7'0".

Poland's Andrzej Badenski continued the parade of nations as his 1:11.1 600 edged northwest collegians Bob Martin (1:11.2) and Pat Collins (1:11.5). John Mason outkicked Washington's Jim Johnson on the gun lap of the mile to win, 4:02.0 to 4:03.3. Warren Edmonson of UCLA and Rick Tip-ton of Stanford overcame an inordinate number of false starts and the slowish Seattle board track to respectively win the 60 (6.1) and 60 highs (7.2).

Other highlights: 60, 2. Lennox Miller (Strid) 6.1. 440, Edsel Garrison (Sn Cal) 49.4. 880, Chuck LaBenz (P Coast) 1:53.9. 2Mile, 3. Steve Savage (Ore) 8:44.8; 4. Bednarski 8:48.0; 5. Kardong (Stan) 8:54.0. 60HH, 2. Paul Gibson (El Paso) 7.2; 3. Lance Babb (Cal TC) 7.2. HJ, 2. Marty Hill (Ore) 7'0". PV, 2. Bob Pullard (Sn Cal) 16'7¼"; 3. tie, Casey Carrigan (Stan) & Steve Smith (P Coast) 16'1¼". LJ, 2. Stan Royster (Athens) 24'11". TJ, 2. Robert Reader (Ore St) 51'2½"; 3. Steve Gough (Falcon TC) 50'5¾". SP, 2. Doug Lane (Sn Cal) 62'10¾"; 3. John Van Reenen (Wash St) 62'9¾"; 4. Fred DeBernardi (El Paso) 62'2¼".

LOS ANGELES TIMES Isaksson Bags 17'7 3-4" Record Vs. US's Best

Inglewood, Calif., Feb. 12 /by John Wenos/--In a meet flavored with 13 world record holders and numerous other world-ranking athletes, little Kjell Isaksson, Sweden's gift to the University of Southern California, brought the house down and regained his world indoor vault record in the bargain. The 5'8", 145-lber. from Goteborg gave a nearly flawless performance in raising the standard to 17'7¾", wiping out Jan Johnson's eight-month-old mark of 17'7".

Isaksson missed only once on the way to the record, that at 17'0", as he passed the opening height of 16'0" and made 16'6" look easy on his first vault. The newest edition to Vern Wolfe's track stable barely brushed the bar on his first try at 17'0", cleared it by a good foot the next time around. Now it was down to Isaksson and Olympic champ Bob Seagren, who had been vaulting well after an off-year in 1970. The Swedish champ cleared 17'4" with no problem and then settled back to watch as Seagren came close a couple of times but found the height a bit too much this evening.

The bar was raised to an announced height of 17'7½", later measured at 17'7¾" or 5.38-meters. As Isaksson mentally prepared for the jump and checked his hand-hold at 15'1", the tension throughout the arena was obvious. This was what the fans had come to see--a world's record. The littlest vaulter in the field sped down the runway with a good plant and was up and over with inches to spare. To a man, the crowd of 12,512 was on its feet cheering even before he hit the pit. Isaksson later made three tries at the never-before-cleared height of 18'½" but by then fatigue and the excitement of the record clearance had taken its toll and he passed underneath the bar each time.

Afterwards Isaksson told reporters, "This is the sixth time I have tried for the record and I was finally successful. I was close in Japan, Toronto and Seattle but this was a perfect time. I had a feeling this would be the night. I came to the United States to get the competition and it has

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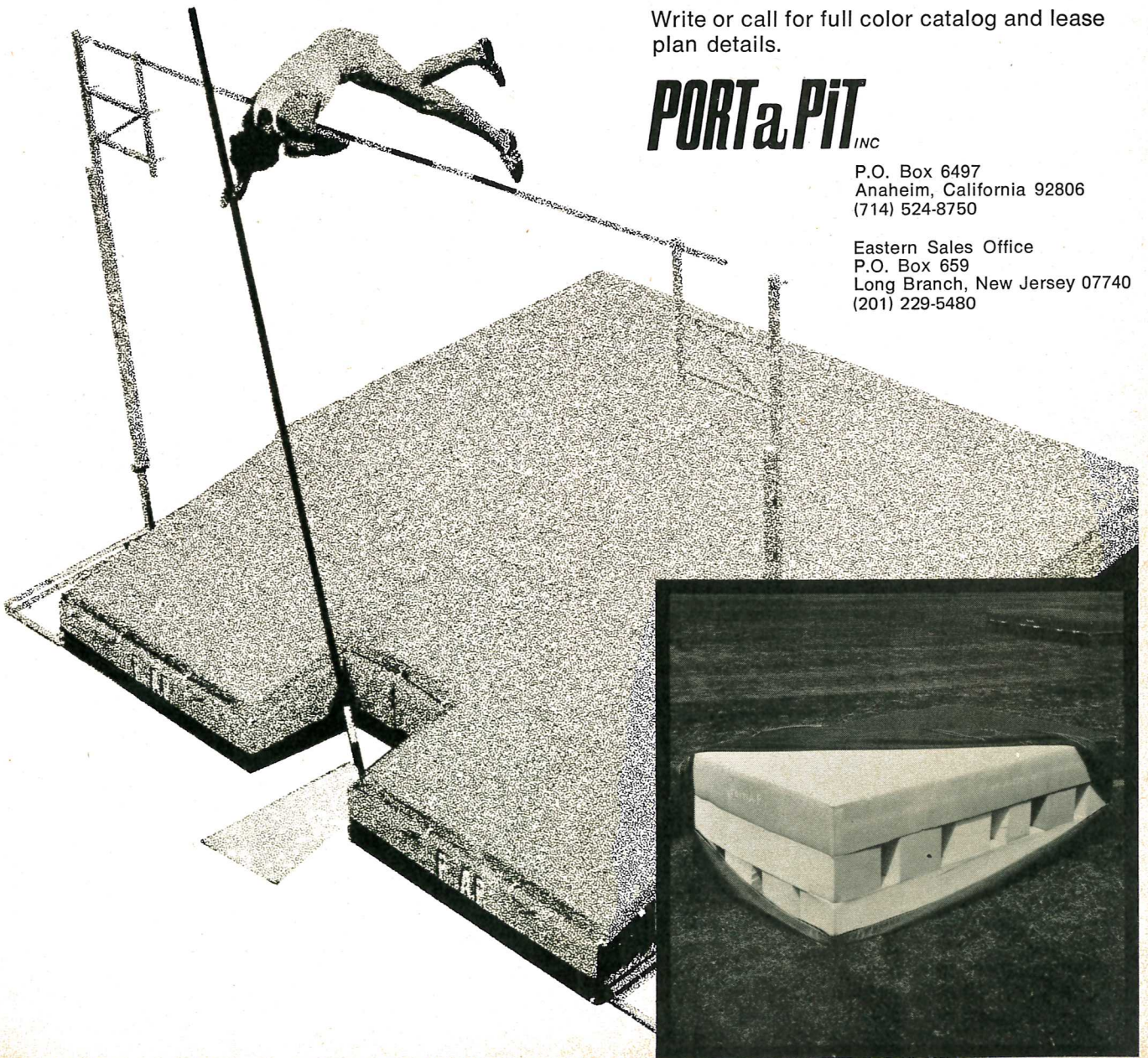
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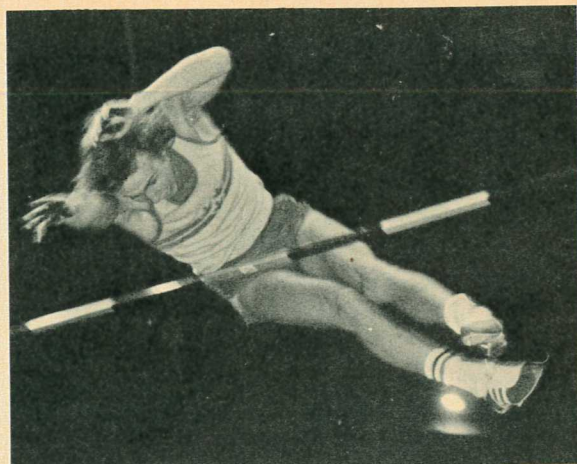
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(Left) The two-mile wasn't the only exciting tussle at the LA Times. In the mile, it went right down to the wire between Henryk Szordykowski (l) and John Mason, who tied at 3:58.9. /Dick O'Connor/ (Above) At this instant, Sweden's Kjell Isaksson, now at Southern Cal, regained the world indoor vault record with this 17'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " effort. /O'Connor/

really helped me. Setting the record here tonight is even more exciting than a year ago when I set the mark at 17'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in Sweden. Everybody in Sweden knew about it but here I beat the best as well."

Excitement was not limited to the vault. On the track it was coronary time as furious finishes brought the crowd to its feet time and time again, most notably in the mile and two-mile runs.

The mile produced the year's fastest indoor clocking, as the Pacific Coast Club's John Mason and Poland's Henryk Szordykowski ran a dead-heat in 3:58.9. The time tied Jim Beatty's nine-year-old meet record--the first undercover sub-four minute mile. It was a good field, including Mason's teammates Chuck LaBenz and Sam Bair, and foreign stars Mikhail Zhelobovskiy of the USSR and Dick Quax of New Zealand.

Bair and Quax quickly dropped back after the starting gun and never were in contention. In the meantime, Zhelobovskiy pulled the field through fast splits of 59.5, 1:59.0 and 3:01.1. Mason took over at the three-quarter mark as the Russian began to fade. LaBenz and Szordykowski were still very much in the race but LaBenz just didn't seem to have his usual kick to go when Mason took off.

Off the final curve, Mason seemed well in control but the Pole came at him with a furious charge and at the tape it was anyone's guess as to the winner. The judges finally awarded the decision to both athletes.

The two-mile didn't produce the hoped-for world record but it has to rank as the most significant race of the season at the distance. In the fastest mass finish seen ever indoors, Aussie Kerry Pearce burned a swift 8:30.0 to take the measure of countryman Kerry O'Brien and tough George Young, who both clocked 8:30.8. (Editor: See the feature article on page 9 for further details of the race.)

On the field, Randy Matson boosted his record over Al Feuerbach to 5-1 with a 67'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 67'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " victory. Five of Matson's puts here exceeded 67-feet but he couldn't get off the big one. Overlooked by most fans was the fact that his winning heave would have been a record a month ago. El Paso's Fred DeBernardi hit 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", just a half-inch off his PR.

Triple jump record holder Viktor Saneyev proved to be too much for his top-flight US-based competition--leaping 54'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", an even two-feet ahead of runner-up Mohinder Gill of India. Consistent Dave Smith produced a leap of 51'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " for the best American finish comfortably ahead of US record holder Art Walker's 49'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in his first competition on the comeback trail. Reynaldo Brown and Soviet flopper Kestutis Sapka dueled up to 7'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then both failing at 7'3", with the Russian getting the nod by virtue of Brown's lone miss at 6'8".

Lance Babb, newly enrolled at Southern Cal, sped to a 7.0 60-yard high hurdles heat clocking and duplicated that time in the final to comfortably edge Gary Power by a tenth. Favored Willie Davenport reportedly was forced to withdraw from his heat after suffering the same muscle twinge that found him a non-starter at last year's Compton Invitational. Mel Pender proved strongest at the end of the 60 flat as dashmen went through an exhausting series of preliminaries. Pender finished second in both his heat and semi-final in 6.1 each time but was off fast in the final and held off Jean-Louis Ravelamanantsoa's late charge--both getting 6.0 clockings. Ravelamanantsoa looked like a sure winner in the final after winning his two preliminaries in convincing fashion but an atrocious start in the final killed his chances.

Lee Evans was the night's lone double winner, taking the 600 in 1:10.4 after getting a surprise hassle from Jay Elbel and then coming back with an unpushed 31.4 win in the 300. Poland's Andrzej Badenski led from wire to wire in the 500, setting a European record of 56.4.

Tom Von Ruden succeeded as well with front running tactics in the 1000, taking over at the quarter and winning in 2:07.3 from a class field, which included Yevgeniy Arzhanov (2nd in 2:08.6), Byron Dyce and Ralph Doubell (both 2:09.0). Von Ruden had posted 1:50.8 time enroute.

Other highlights: 60, 3. Warren Edmonson (UCLA) 6.1. 500, 2. Wes Williams (SDTC) 58.1; 3. Ron Whitney (Strid) 58.3. 600, 2. Elbel 1:10.8. 880, Greg Jones (El Paso) 1:51.7; 2. Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol) 1:52.7. 1000, 5. Kenth Andersson (Intl U) 2:10.9. Mile, 3. LaBenz 4:01.6; 4. Zhelobovskiy 4:04.8; 5. Quax 4:07.0; 6. Bair 4:07.4. 2Mile, 4. Arne Kvalheim (Ore TC)

8:44.4; 5. Rashid Sharafytdinov (SU) 8:50.8. HJ, 3. John Dobroth (P Coast) 7'0". PV, 2. Seagren 17'0"; 3. Francois Tracanelli (UCLA) 16'6"; 4. Casey Carrigan (Stan) 16'0". LJ, Stan Whitley (Cal TC) 25'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2. Bouncy Moore (Ore) 25'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". SP, 4. Ed Kohler (Strid) 59'8".

USTFF ASTRODOME CHAMPIONSHIPS Winzenried, Liquori Pace Super Big-Oval Efforts

Houston, Texas, Feb. 12-13 /from George Grenier/-Once again, the mammoth Astrodome 352-yard track produced marks bordering on the incredible at the Astrodome-USTFF Indoor championships. And Mark Winzenried and Marty Liquori did their share of contributing fabulous efforts.

Winzenried ran three half-miles in Friday's sparsely-attended (5043) session, topped by a 1:47.8 on Wisconsin's 3:18.0 sprint medley relay, fourth-fastest ever on an oversized track. Mark returned before Saturday's 10,388 spectators to burn 1:46.3 as Wisconsin's 7:19.8 for two-miles obliterated the former oversized best by three full seconds.

Liquori was the supreme miler both nights. Friday, his 3:57.4 brought Villanova to a 9:31.6 distance medley triumph--the fastest in history and 1.4-seconds faster than Kansas' outdoor global figure. He returned Saturday night to post a personal low 3:57.2 in the open race, third-fastest ever undercover (and faster than Jim Ryun's indoor best of 3:57.5).

The two-mile relay was easily the fastest-ever indoors, with an even dozen teams at 7:30 or faster. Chuck Curtis (1:52.4) and Chuck Baker (1:51.4) kept Wisconsin right in the thick of it but then Don Vandrey gunned 1:49.2 to give Winzenried 10 yards at the final exchange. Everyone had to catch Mark but he marked his time until the final go-round when he pulled away for the win. Greg Jones of El Paso, Eamonn O'Keefe of Florida and Chris Mason of Villanova all flashed across the line together but the judges' sorting placed El Paso second, Florida third and Villanova fourth, each in

Mark Winzenried completes a busy first day at the Astrodome-USTFF with this 1:49.5 victory in the 880. He earlier had run a 1:50.4 heat and anchored Wisconsin's winning sprint medley team with 1:47.8. He returned the next day to blast a 1:46.3 as Wisconsin recorded the fastest indoor two-mile relay ever, 7:19.8. /Don Wilkinson/



Kerry Pearce Outkicks the Super Two-Milers



To the victor goes the spoils, but to the losers...? After the torrid LA Times two-mile two of the defeated, Australian Kerry O'Brien (l) and US veteran George Young (r), don their sweats as Aussie Ralph Doubell (c) looks on. O'Brien was second and Young third, each with 8:30.8, as Young's 20-race indoor victory string was snapped. /O'Connor/

by John Wenos
The time, 10:30 pm; the place, the fabulous Forum in Inglewood, Calif. as the seven runners line up for the two-mile of the year. Included in the field is the athlete who has twice run the best time in the world for this distance, 8:27.2, the latest coming the previous week in Seattle. Logically, he should be the favorite. Right? Wrong!

Kerry Pearce, despite the two record runs, had been looked upon as Australia's second-stringer behind his more renowned countrymen Ron Clarke and Kerry O'Brien the past few years. Critics tended to scoff at his fast times, pointing out that he never won the big ones--meaning any race he entered against O'Brien, Clarke or George Young, the co-holder of the indoor record. All the pre-race publicity centered on the anticipated O'Brien-Young run at the record. (Pearce himself says, "I hate to run against people like O'Brien and Young--the fact that they could knock you off so easily is always there, especially George. There's no one athlete who has been more admirable to me; he has definitely been the inspiration to me this year. But you get tired of getting beaten by the man.") As if that weren't enough, Rashid Sharafyedinov, the best of the SU distancemen, and Arne Kvalheim, the former Oregon star via Norway, were also in the field. Clearly, Pearce was in tough in this world championship showdown.

To satisfy the fan's hunger for world records, meet director Will Kern inserted a rabbit, Ron Pettigrew, ex-Pepperdine steeplechaser running for the Striders. Pettigrew, however, wasn't quite up to the task of pulling this classy field fast enough far enough. He reached the 880 mark in a quick

7:21.8. All blasted the former oversized best of 7:22.4, set by Kansas State on this track a year ago.

Winzenried ran to win in the open 880 (1:49.5) Friday after a leisurely heat (1:50.4). But he turned in another swift showing in the sprint medley. Jim Nichols, Bill Bahnfleth and Mark Kartman preceded Winzenried, Kartman gunning a good 45.5 quarter after a 46.1 in the heats earlier Friday.

Just as Don Vandrey gave Winzenried plenty of operating room in the two-mile relay, Chris Mason provided Villanova's Liquori with plenty of open track in the distance medley Friday. Englishman Mason's 2:52.2 1320--fastest ever run by seven-tenths and after a 54.7 first 440--gave Liquori 40-yards on the field. But Marty didn't tarry, and he ran hard all the way, his 3:57.4 a tenth faster than his previous outdoor mile best. Wilson Smith (1:54.4) and LaMotte Hyman (47.5) carried the first legs for Villanova.

It was in the open mile, however, where Liquori sparked brightest. Oklahoma State's George Stewart paced the field early with Liquori sitting behind Houston's Len Hilton, apparently the man he was keying on. After 59.8 and 2:02 splits, Liquori assumed the lead just before the three-quarters post and simply ran away from everyone. His 55.2 last 440 after a 3:02 1320 bested Hilton by 1.9 seconds. The lanky Houston miler got a spi-

2:03.9. But by the 1320, he had slowed to 3:09.2 and dropped out before reaching the mile.

By then, it was obviously a three-man race: O'Brien, Young, and to the surprise of more than a few fans, Pearce. Pearce relates, "After Pettigrew dropped out, O'Brien moved out into lane two and looked back at me, sort of 'come-on'. I went out and just felt so bad I couldn't even move up the backstretch. I tried to run a surge at that time but just sort of forgot it. I guess a lot of it is nervousness but sometimes I just feel so badly during a race. I don't get nervous prior to a race, just during it. I start thinking, 'The record's there--go for it.' The mile was a still good 4:15.2, but it was apparent that the three leaders were more interested in winning-strategy than in setting records as they clicked off 65.0 and 66.0 fifth and sixth quarters. Regarding a possible record, Pearce later related, "If O'Brien had made some sort of arrangement with me before the race I would have been in it." O'Brien and Pearce traded the lead throughout the first three-quarters of the last mile. With Young--and his awesome kick--hanging on at their heels, it appeared to be all but over as the trio entered the final quarter. Pearce had never been noted for a strong finish, and O'Brien and Young were well known and feared for their kicks. Still, the Aussie second-stringer wouldn't crack. And at the gun lap, Pearce actually began to run away from O'Brien. Young made his move and almost passed Pearce but couldn't quite make it and began to fall back midway down the backstraight of the last lap.

Kerry Pearce's 1971 Indoor Season

4:07.0	(1)	Liberty Bowl	8:56.2	(2)	Albuquerque JC
8:50.2	(1)	Saskatchewan KC	8:36.4	(1)	Millrose Gms
8:34.6	(2)	CYO Inv	8:38.2	(1)	Boston AA
8:47.0	(4)	Sunkist Inv	8:27.2	(1)	Seattle Inv
8:38.2	(1)	All-American Gms	8:30.0	(1)	LA Times

The world steeplechase record-holding O'Brien then tried to make a run at Pearce, who was now in overdrive going into the final turn. O'Brien might have made it but was boxed by Young as he lapped John Bednarski in the second lane. Down the final stretch, Pearce enjoyed a comfortable six yard advantage. O'Brien and Young fought it out gamely with the year's number one steeplechaser nipping the American star at the tape, both eight-tenths behind Pearce's 8:30.0. It wasn't a world record but it was the second fastest clocking of the year and, more importantly, Pearce had proven he could win the big ones and convincingly burst the bubble of invincibility that had grown around O'Brien and the comebacking Young. O'Brien was defeated in the steeple in 1970 except for when he fell and Young was working to extend his 20 meet indoor winning streak.

Always congenial, Pearce talked freely after the race: "I wasn't surprised to beat them. I figured that if I could run the way I have been running this year and still kick the way I planned I was confident within myself I could do it. I didn't think my chances were any greater off a fast pace. I was quite prepared to let it go as slow as they wanted to take it. But I was hoping the pace would be fast. I never felt that I lacked a kick before, as I could always respond with a 60 or 61, but that just wasn't good enough. I'm stronger this year--and I really want it.

"It has all been anticlimactic since 1968 at San Diego (his first 8:27.2). Coming from 9:24 to 8:27 in 13 months took away the interest I needed. Last year I went to sleep in my races and this has happened several times this year as well. It happened in Boston. The race went on, then there were four or five laps to go and suddenly I said to myself, 'My God, I'm in a race.' But I ran 8:38.2 anyway--that's where my confidence went to the ultimate, coming back like that after an 8:36.4 race the night before at Millrose. I've got the attitude that counts this year."

The winner may have been a surprise, but the quality of the race was as top notch as advertised. The Times two-mile has traditionally been a featured event in a meet which always show-cases a dozen or more world record holders. The list of winners in the two-mile race here reads like a who's-who of distance running: Jim Beatty, Murray Halberg, Bob Schul, Bill Baillie and, of course, Misters Clarke, Young and O'Brien. The class of this 12th Times two-mile is further exemplified by the fact that only Young's 8:31.8 in 1968 among previous winning times would have garnered better than fourth place.

By virtue of his biggest win ever, Kerry Pearce has served notice to the track world that no longer is he going to play second-fiddle to anyone. He's ready for the first team.

rited challenge from Nebraska's surprising Greg Carlberg on the final circuit but held him off. Carlberg clocked 3:59.6, the third PR for the top trio.

"The even pace helped produce the fast race," Liquori observed later. "I felt good yesterday in the distance medley and thought I would try for a fast time. I think cross country helped me gain strength."

Other action on the track was heavy and nearly as hot as the stellar races above. Sid Sink triumphed over a monstrous two-mile field (34 runners) and one Johan Halberstadt with 8:34.2. But Halberstadt (a South African freshman at Oklahoma State thanks to miler Peter Kaal) was hot on his heels and ran the same time. Kansas Jay Mason clocked 8:35.8 in third.

Paul Gibson high hurdled 13.7 for the win as Marcus Walker failed to finish. Walker hit the eighth hurdle in the final and hurtled head-long into the ninth, ripping the entire board slat from the metal hurdle frame.

Oklahoma State turned in the third-fastest mile relay on a big track with 3:07.8, getting a 45.0 third carry from 9.5, 20.7 sprinter Dennis Schultz. Texas A&M scratched from the final after Marvin Mills pulled up in a 100 heat; the team qualified with a substitute but withdrew when Marvin wasn't recovered enough to run. Another fleet sprinter, Houston's 300-yard ace of this season Robert Mitchell, was injured in a heat of the sprint



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medley when he fell and tore leg muscles. He may be held out for the remainder of the season.

College division 440 winner Alvin Dotson of Prairie View gunned 46.4 to outdistance Jimmy Evans of Dallas Baptist (46.8). Both were quicker than open division winner Louis Vicenik, whose 47.0 edged BYU's Saimone Tamani, same time.

Highlighting the field events was the big explosion of SMU's Sam Walker in the shot. The former prep record holder hit 66'0" to up his PR from 64'7½" --but he still was ¼" shy of winner Karl Salb. Walker danced a jig of joy after his throw was measured but expressed disappointment to lose by such a slim margin.

John Radetich officially became the only man ever to top seven-feet with both the straddle and flop styles as he backed over 7'2" for a PR. But he was a post-entry so Pat Matzdorf was the official winner at 7'0"--and promptly gave his watch award to Radetich.

Even the preps were outstanding. Scottie Jones (Elmore, Houston) lowered his own 120 highs record by two-tenths to 13.7. Horace Grant (Jones, Houston) took the 440 with 48.6 after a 48.8 heat--one of 22 prep quarter-mile heats.

Jeff Bennett won the pentathlon with 3743 from Rick Wanamaker's 3696. John Warkentin, who won a pentathlon at the Athens meet the night before, was third at 3601. Russ Hodge contested only the high jump before withdrawing for unknown reasons.

Other University division highlights: 100, Cliff Branch (Colo) 9.5; 2. Errol Stewart (El Paso) 9.5.; 3. Dennis Schultz (Okla St) 9.5. 440, 3. Dale Gibson (Miss St) 47.2; 4. Greg Govan (Vill) 47.6; 5. Dave Morton (Tex) 47.8; 6. Joel Garren (Fla St) 47.9. Heats: II-1. Tamani 47.7; 2. Govan 47.7. IV-1. Vicenik 47.1; 2. LaMotte Hyman (Vill) 47.8; 3. Elmo Dees (S Jose St) 47.9. V-1. Gibson 47.4. VII-1. Morton 47.1; 2. Garren 47.4. 880, 2. Paul Hackett (BYU) 1:50.4; 3. Larry Rose (Okla St) 1:50.6; 4. Jim Neihouse (Kans) 1:50.8; 5. Art Souther (Rice) 1:51.2; 6. Rick Freese (Ia St) 1:51.9. Heats: II-1. Rose 1:51.6; 2. Hackett 1:51.8; 3. Freese 1:51.9. III-1. Neihouse (Kans) 1:51.5. Mile, 4. Stewart 4:04.3; 5. Tom Shaven (Fla TC) 4:04.8. Heats: II-1. Hilton 4:02.2; 2. Jove Gomez (unat) 4:02.7. III-1. Liquori 4:02.6. 2Mile, 4. David Hindley (BYU) 8:38.2; 5. Donal Walsh (Vill) 8:40.2; 6. Richard Reid (BYU) 8:40.4.

HJ, 2. Ron Jourdan (Fla TC) 7'0". PV, Scott Hurlay (Fla) 16'6"; 2. Dave Roberts (Rice) 16'6". LJ, Danny Brabham (Baylor) 24'8¼". TJ, Patrick Onyango (Wisc) 51'7¾"; 2. Ron Coleman (Fla) 50'1¼". SP, 3. Steve Wilhelm (Kans) 63'10"; 4. Vince Monari (El Paso) 62'½"; 5. Doug Lane (Sn Cal) 61'9".

MileR, Oklahoma State (Jim Bolding 47.3, Chris Martin 47.0, Stan Stolpe 46.6); 2. Kansas State 3:08.3 (Dale Alexander 45.7); 3. Nebraska 3:08.3; 4. Texas 3:09.3 (Morton 45.0); 5. Rice 3:09.4; 6. Oklahoma 3:10.2. Heats: I-1. Texas A&M 3:11.4 (Curtis Mills 46.8); 2. Lamar Tech 3:11.5; 3. Florida 3:12.3; 4. TCU 3:12.3; 5. Florida State 3:13.3. II-1. Rice



Marty Liquori /Albert Session/

The Elusive Mile Title: Who's America's Best?

by Bob Hersh

Who is America's number one miler?

The Pacific Coast Club has several contenders for that title, including Chuck LaBenz, John Mason, Tom Von Ruden and Sam Bair. But PCC coach Tom Jennings thinks that it is none of his charges. "There's no doubt about it," said Jennings after watching Marty Liquori beat Von Ruden decisively in the Millrose Games. "Liquori has got to be our best miler right now."

At the Astrodome-USTFF Championship meet in Houston, Liquori gave convincing evidence that Jennings is right. On Friday night, after running a mile trial in 4:02.6, the Villanova senior anchored his record setting distance medley team with a 3:57.4 clocking. This time was outstanding, of course, but what made it even more so was that it was a completely disciplined solo effort. Chris Mason had broken the race wide open with a 2:52.2 three-quarter leg. By the time Liquori got the baton, he had a 50 yard lead with no miler of his caliber in the race to pose a threat. Still, he was able to set a pace of 59.0, 1:59.5 and 3:01.2 before letting go with a 56.2 last quarter which clinched the record.

Liquori, who hails from Cedar Grove, N.J., was obviously pleased with the performance. "Yes, we were going for the record," he admitted. "LaMotte (Hyman), Chris (Mason) and I have been running together for four years now. When Jumbo (Elliott) put LaMotte in the quarter spot, we just decided to give ourselves an early graduation present."

On Saturday, the Wildcat star was just as impressive. In the university mile run, he stayed behind the early pace and was split in 60.2, 2:02.2 and 3:04.2--the last coming just a few yards after he took the lead for the first time. "I felt really good that that point, so I just let it all out to see how fast I could go," Liquori said later after burning his last quarter on this 352-yard track in 54.8 seconds to become history's second-fastest indoor miler behind Tom O'Hara (3:56.4).

Although Marty was a sub-four minute miler as a high school senior at Essex Catholic, Newark, N.J., an Olympic finalist as a college freshman and an NCAA and AAU champion in his sophomore year, this was the fastest mile of his career. And it was particularly satisfying to him and his coach because it demonstrated clearly that he was out of the doldrums that he fell into last summer, when, after repeating his collegiate title, he seemed to lose his competitive edge at the AAU and then proceeded to lose six times in Europe.

That is behind Liquori now. And the Astrodome performances proved what his coach Jumbo Elliott has been saying for the last month, "Marty is in the best shape he has ever been in at this time of the season."

To some observers, he seems to have gained a greater sense of maturity and poise this year, both as a runner and as a person. His recent engagement may have something to do with this but whatever it is the growth has been noticeable. Ed Friel, veteran writer for the Newark Evening News, has given Liquori intensive coverage since his high school days. He puts it this way: "I used to think of Marty as a kid. This year, I'm treating him like a man. I can really sense the difference."

Still, no matter what else Liquori does, his claim to superiority to supremacy over the nation's milers will, in the eyes of most fans, be subject to doubt as long as Jim Ryun is in the picture. And the matter won't be settled until the two meet. This prospect does not trouble Liquori. "I'm ready for him," he said recently. To one who has followed Liquori closely, the real question now is, "Is Ryun ready for Liquori?" □

Upton (NE La) 14.1. HJ, Josh Owusu (Angleo St) 6'8". PV, Rickey Parris (McMurry) 15'6". LJ, Lujack Lawrence (Dal Bapt) 24'3½". TJ, Spencer Thomas (McNeese St) 49'2½". SP, Erich Hardaway (Sul Ross St) 57'11".

MileR, Prairie View 3:09.6 (T.C. Minor 48.8, Austin 47.2, Dotson 46.3, Henry Henderson 47.4); 2. McNeese St 3:11.5; 3. SF Austin State



These four relayists from Villanova turned in the fastest distance medley in history--indoors or out--at the Astrodome (l-r): Wilson Smith (1:54.4), LaMotte Hyman (47.5), Englishman Chris Mason (2:52.2--fastest 1320 ever run and with a 54.7 first 440) and Marty Liquori (3:57.4). /Don Wilkinson/

3:09.2; 2. Kansas State 3:10.3; 3. Texas 3:11.6. III-1. Nebraska 3:08.6; 2. Oklahoma 3:11.6; 3. Iowa State 3:14.3. IV-1. Oklahoma State 3:11.8 (Bolding 45.8); 2. Kansas 3:12.2; 3. Colorado 3:12.8; 4. LSU 3:13.4.

2MileR, 2. El Paso (Kerry Ellison 1:48.6, Jones 1:47.1); 3. Florida (O'Keefe 1:47.0); 4. Villanova (Mason 1:47.6); 5. Oklahoma State 7:24.0; 6. Kansas State 7:24.0; 7. Nebraska 7:26.6; 8. Baylor 7:26.6; 9. Kansas 7:28.0; 10. SMU 7:28.8; 11. LSU 7:30.0; 12. Tulane 7:30.0. SpMedR, 2. Oklahoma State 3:18.7 (Stolpe 45.5); 3. Kansas 3:19.4; 4. Abilene Christian 3:19.7; 5. Rice 3:20.3; 6. North Texas State 3:21.4. Heats: I-1. ACC 3:20.7; 2. Kansas 3:22.7. II-1. Wisconsin 3:20.0. III-1. Oklahoma State 3:22.0; 2. North Texas State 3:22.6; 3. Rice 3:22.8. DisMedR, 2. Kansas State 9:41.4 (Jerome Howe 4:01.8); 3. Wisconsin 9:42.8; 4. Kansas 9:50.4; 5. Florida 9:50.6; 6. Houston 9:51.6; 7. Tulane 9:52.4 (Bill Brown 2:54.6). Pent, Bennett 3743 (6'2" HJ; 10.9 100m; 22'7" LJ; 40'6¼" SP; 2:00.2 800m); 2. Wanamaker 3696 (6'6" HJ; 11.2, 21'1½", 46'1½", 2:04.9); 3. Warkentin 3601 (6'1", 11.2, 21'6½", 45'9¾", 2:04.9); 4. Gary Hill (Okla Christ) 3523; 5. Norm Johnston (unat) 3442. Teams: 1. Wisconsin 65; 2. Kansas 37; 3. Oklahoma State 36; 4. tie, El Paso & Villanova 32.

College division: 100, Willie Magee (Alcorn A&M) 9.5. 440, 3. Ed Sorrell (McNeese St) 47.1; 4. Hise Austin (Prairie View) 47.3; 5. Don Zimmerman (NE La) 47.8. Heats: V-1. Dotson 47.6. VI-1. Evans 47.8. 880, Fanahan McSweeney (McNeese St) 1:53.9. Mile, Junior Lee (Howard Payne) 4:05.9. 2Mile, Billy Fordjour (Howard Payne) 8:57.4. 120HH, Jim

3:11.7; 4. Texas Southern 3:13.6; 5. Grambling 3:13.9; 6. Texas A&I 3:14.2. Heats: 1-1. McNeese St 3:10.5. IV-1. Prairie View 3:12.8. V-1. Arkansas AM&N 3:11.9; 2. SF Austin St 3:13.0. 2 MileR, Howard Payne 7:29.8 (Richard Davis 1:54.1, Walter Harris 1:51.7, Fordjour 1:54.5, Lee 1:49.8); 2. Texas A&I 7:32.4; 3. Prairie View 7:34.0. SpMedR, Prairie View 3:21.9 (Alvin Dotson, Roland Martin, Michael Lindon, Jay Haggerty); 2. Dallas Baptist 3:22.3; 3. Grambling 3:22.4; 4. Arkansas AM&N 3:24.1. DisMedR, Howard Payne 9:51.8 (Harris 1:55.2, Milton Plagens 47.0, Davis 3:05.2, Lee 4:06.8); 2. McNeese St 9:54.2. Teams: 1. McNeese State 73; 2. Dallas Baptist 67; 3. Prairie View 53; 4. Howard Payne 52.

Junior college division: MileR, Eastern Oklahoma 3:13.8 (Lindell Smith, Louis Pearl, Jim Hearndon, Phil Stepp).

High school division: 440, 2. Mike Reideau (Lincoln, Port Arthur) 48.8. MileR, Jones, Houston 3:17.2. 2 MileR, Jones, Houston 7:52.8.

ATHENS

Prefontaine Solos 8:34.4; Matson Still First Class

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 12-13 /by Jon Hendershott/--Massive Randy Matson and slight Steve Prefontaine respectively muscled and hustled their way to outstanding performances before 9506 patrons at the fifth Athens Invitational.

Matson, presented T&FN's Athlete of the Year plaque at the meet, ran his string of victories over Al Feuerbach to five straight, and six of seven altogether, with a 68'4" bomb which outdistanced Feuerbach's 67'1 1/2". Prefontaine blazed a first mile near 4:10 but paid for his brashness by fading to 8:34.4 over two-miles, still his second-best ever at the distance.

Competition was halted while the shot was spotlighted and Matson already was a crowd pleaser following reception of the Athlete of the Year honor. He received rousing applause before and after each throw. He opened with 63'4 1/4" to which Feuerbach replied with 65'8 1/4". It was the only time Randy trailed all night.

Then he pumped out a series of 67'2 1/2", 67'3 3/4", 67'1 1/2", 68'4" and 67'4 1/2" to settle the matter, his performance later netting him field athlete of the meet honors. But Feuerbach didn't wilt. Big Al pushed out his own fine series of 65'11", 63'11", 65'8" and 67'1 1/2" before fouling his last throw. Later he admitted being a bit tired from competing twice a weekend and from "living on airplanes" but he enthused that losing to Matson "is giving me back the fire I had before San Francisco (where he won his lone victory over Matson with a world best 68'11"). I'm greatly anticipating San Diego".

Prefontaine said before the two-mile he had seen the results from Los Angeles the night before (Pearce 8:30.0, etc.) but that he would "just run". So he carved out a pace which few runners could survive--and eventually succumbed himself. He burst to the front from the gun, pulling little Rashid Sharafyedinov with him and covered the first four quarters in the staggering splits of 61.7, 2:05.5, 3:07.5 and 4:10.5. The Soviet had given up the chase after the 880 but Steve pressed on. The first mile took its toll between 1 1/4- and 1 1/2-miles as he dropped off drastically. But he mustered a last-lap kick to finish with 8:34.4, lapping Sharafyedinov, Don Kardong and Arvid Kretz just before the wire. Kardong outlegged the Soviet for second, 8:57.0 to 8:57.6. "No, I didn't intend to run fast," Prefontaine said later. "But my coach said to run how I felt and I felt good early so I ran fast. I was experimenting. I was psychologically ready at Portland (where he turned a quick 8:31.6) but I wasn't tonight. I would have run nine minutes if I had to." Pre collected track athlete honors for his heroics.

Otherwise, this was a competitive but fairly unexciting meet. Chuck LaBenz's 2:10.3 handled a great 1000 field of Byron Dyce (2:10.4), Yevgeniy Arzhanov (2:11.7) and Ralph Doubell (2:11.9) when no one would dash to the front. Thus, everyone subjected themselves to LaBenz's big kick which held off Dyce's stretch bid. LaBenz later was nipped at the wire in the mile by bespectacled Soviet Mikhail Zhelobovskiy, both clocking a slow-paced 4:08.8.

Viktor Saneyev was smoothly sensational in the triple jump, almost nonchalantly leaping 54'1 1/2" for the win. Reynaldo Brown had to win a jump-off from flop find Kestutis Sapka, who started his approach on the track and hopped over both the vault and horizontal jump runways. Both cleared 7'0", with Brown going an inch less in the jump-off. Ralph Boston, his nickname "The Hawk" sewn on the back of his shirt, long jumped 24'9 1/4" for second to Stan Royster's 24'11". John Warkentin won a special pentathlon Friday with 3639 points from Sam Goldberg (3535) and Tom Waddell (3533).

Other highlights: 60, Eddie Hart (Cal) 6.1; 2. Aleksandr Kornelyuk (USSR) 6.2. 500, Jim Kemp (Strid) 57.6; 2. Jay Elbel (P Coast) 57.9; 3. Ron Whitney (Strid) 58.3. 2 Mile, 4. Kretz 8:59.0. 60HH, Lance Babb (Sn Cal) 7.2; 2. Erv Hall (Strid) 7.2. Heats: II-1. Babb 7.0. PV, Sam Caruthers (unat) 16'7 1/2". TJ, 2. Mohinder Gill (Cal Poly/SLO) 52'9 1/4"; 3. Dave Smith (Cal TC) 50'8"; 4. Lincoln Jackson (Athens) 50'5". SP, 3. Lahcen Samsam (Athens) 59'6 1/4"; 4. Richard Marks (Athens) 59'5 1/4". Pent, 4. Larry Livers (Athens) 3491; 5. Chris Adams (Cal) 3485. MileR, Pacific Coast Club 3:18.9 (Bob Frey, Jim Ward, Elbel, Len Van Hofwegen). MileWalk, Jim Bean (Stockton Walkers) 6:45.2; 2. Bill Ranney (Athens) 6:45.2; Ron Laird (Strid) disq.

MASON-DIXON

Pender Duplicates His, Others' 6.8 70 Record

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 13 /from Nolan Fowler/--People stayed away from the Mason-Dixon Games in droves as a blizzard dropped temperatures down to zero and dumped heavy snow on the ground, but those 5700 hardy souls who did show up were treated to a world record over 70-yards by Mel Pender. This marks the 10th consecutive year in which a world best has been set or equaled in this meet.

Pender's 6.8 matched the mark he first set in 1965 and equaled in 1969. He got his usual good start but was still off behind Kentucky's Jim Green. Displaying remarkable pick-up over the first 10 yards, Pender opened up a one yard lead and held it to the tape. Green, who had duplicated

Steve Prefontaine ran the Athens two-mile like the devil was at his heels. The Oregon sophomore pushed through a phenomenal 4:10 first mile before slowing to "only" 8:34.4. /Bob Kasper/



the 6.8 mark here in 1970, held off Indiana's Mike Goodrich for second as both timed 6.9. Del Meriwether, favoring a thigh, took his heat in 7.2 but ended up holding his other thigh and did not appear for the final.

In the 600, seasonal leader Smitty Brown of Pitt continued to improve, as the swift 220-yard oval yielded him a 1:09.3, equal 10th fastest-ever. The event lost some its glamour when Murray State's Tommie Turner elected to contest the 440 instead of the longer sprint, apparently saving himself for the mile relay.

Murray State was reportedly anxious to make an attempt on the mile relay standard of 3:10.2, set on this track by Southern in 1967. However, opening legs of 50.3 and 49.3 put them well off record pace and 2.2-seconds down to a tough quartet from Sports International. Turner ran a swift anchor of 47.3 for the Tennessee school, but closing legs of 47.7 and 47.6 by Pete Schuder and Mark Young sewed up the victory for the Washington, DC-based club. Their final time of 3:12.7 was the fastest of the year and easily topped Murray's 3:15.3 aggregate.

Best of the field events was the triple jump, as three relative neophytes cracked the 51-foot barrier for the first time. NCAA fourth-placer Barry McClure of Middle Tennessee State recorded the biggest improvement, as his winning leap of 51'9 1/2" overhauled his previous PR of 50'4". Second-placer Darryl Kelly of North Carolina only bettered 50-feet for the first time a week previously and improved here to 51'4 1/2". Al Lanier of Cincinnati also registered a near-foot improvement, from 50'1 1/4" to 51'0".

Other highlights: 440, Terry Musika (P Coast) 47.8; 2. Turner 48.2; 3. Larry Black (N Car Cent TC) 49.0. 600, 2. Kent Bernard (AATC) 1:10.7. 1000, Bob Wheeler (Duke) 2:08.2; 2. Frank Murphy (Eire) 2:09.6. Mile, Dick Quax (NZ) 4:04.9; 2. Jerry Richey (Pitt) 4:06.3. 2 Mile, Ed Norris (BAA) 8:46.8; 2. Dave Ellis (En Mich) 8:48.8; 3. Paul Lightfoot (AATC) 8:49.2; 4. Larry Widgeon (N Car) 8:51.0. HJ, Mike Bowers (AATC) 6'10". PV, Kjell Isaksson (Sn Cal) 16'6"; 2. Bill Barrett (AATC) 16'0"; 3. Ingemar Jernberg (NM) 16'0". LJ, Norm Tate (NYPC) 25'2"; 2. Tom Chilton (Knox TC) 24'9". SP, Brian Oldfield (UCTC) 61'0"; 2. Jesse Stuart (Ky) 59'6". 70HH, Leon Coleman (unat) 8.1. 2 MileR, UCTC 7:29.4 (Ken Sparks, Bob O'Connor, Ralph Schultz, Lowell Paul 1:48.7); 2. New Mexico 7:31.2; 3. NYAC 7:32.6.

LATE NEWS

Washington Clocks the 23rd 5.9 World 60 Best

Herb Washington came up with the 23rd 5.9 over 60-yards, making that the most-frequently matched mark on the books today. Washington, who also ran 5.9 last year, got his mark at the Michigan State Relays in East Lansing, Feb. 12. His Michigan State teammate Bob Casselman, a freshman, turned in a surprising 1:08.8 600, fourth-fastest ever.

West German Harald Norpoth destroyed the 1500-meter indoor record with his 3:37.8 in West Berlin, Feb. 13. That mark obliterated Michel Jazy's 3:40.7 standard and is roughly equal to a 3:55.2 mile--1.2 seconds faster than Tom O'Hara's indoor tops--and came on a 207.8-yard track.

Illinois prep Dave Merrick ripped off an 8:43.2 two-mile, second-quickest ever by a prep and fastest by a high schooler on an oversized oval (Illinois' 260-yarder at Champaign). He returned 90 minutes later with a 4:11.7 mile and capped a great triple with a 52.0 mile relay stint.

Bill Clark's planned assault on the American two-hour run record came off like clockwork as the machine-like Clark covered 22 miles, 1254 yards (Los Altos Hills, Calif., Feb. 13). That mark succeeded Lou Castagnola's 22 miles, 628 yards of 1968. Clark, who lapped all 16 starters many times--the least being seven times--also hoofed US records at 15-miles (1:17:53.4), 25-kilometers (1:20:42.8), 30-kilometers (1:37:33.0) and 20-miles (1:44:56.4). □

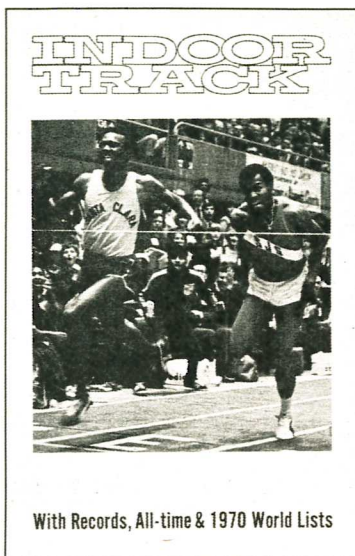
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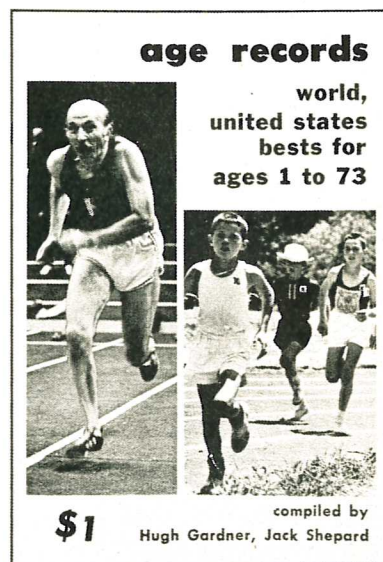
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Runners Brighten Early Indoor Pace



Distances from 880-yards through two-miles have provided excitement early in this indoor season. (Top left) It couldn't have been much closer after two-miles as Kerry Pearce (r) edged Frank Shorter at the Boston AA, both clocking 8:38.2. Pearce later matched his and George Young's 8:27.2 world best at Seattle. /Jeff Johnson/ (Top right) It couldn't have been much closer after a mile... even though we already said that it still was true in the BAA mile. After a plodding early pace, things picked up to the point where Chuck LaBenz (l) had to put on a big lean to nip Poland's Henryk Szordykowski at the wire. Both timed a slow 4:09.2. /Johnson/ (Above) Marty Liquori's (r) announced goal in the Millrose mile was to go under four minutes for the first time in the history of the meet. He came close with 4:00.6, topping (r-l) Tom Donahue (unplaced), Frank Murphy (4th, 4:02.9) and Tom Von Ruden (2nd, 4:02.1). /Steve Murdock/ (Right center) Steve Prefontaine, just an Oregon sophomore but a veteran of the distances, matched the sixth-fastest two-mile in history with this 8:31.6 at Portland. /Paul Petersen, Eugene Register-Guard/ (Far right) With or without a relay baton, Florida's resident Irishman Eamonn O'Keeffe is quick over 880-yards. He has a seasonal best of 1:50.4 and here his 1:50.9 finished off Florida's winning two-mile relay of 7:37.2 over Villanova at Millrose. /Murdock/ □

This first complete indoor report of 1971 (marks received by Feb. 11) contains roughly the top 25 performers per event, with detailed performances of the top (usually 10) athletes. Marks made since the January report are listed in parentheses after the athlete's name. Seasonal bests made since the January report are denoted with an asterisk *.

This report contains all indoor marks made in North America, by citizens of all countries, and marks of US-affiliated athletes made anywhere. Resident non-Americans are denoted by a ' following their name, while visitors are denoted with a ^.

Events run around a turn are categorized according to track size thusly: a=less than 150-yards, banked or unbanked; b=150- to 180-yards, unbanked; c=150- to 180-yards banked; d=180- to 220-yards unbanked; e=180- to 220-yards banked; f=more than 220-yards, banked or unbanked. The composition of the track (dirt, board, synthetic) is not considered.

Other abbreviations: n=non-winning time; h=heat; q=quarter-final; s=semi-final; °=time en route to longer distance. Difficult to decipher meet names: All-Am=San Francisco All-American Games; All-En=Baltimore All-Eastern Games; Alb=Albuquerque Jaycees; Bos AA (BAA)=Boston AA; Classic=Philadelphia Track Classic; Coaches=Ft Worth Coaches Games; Grad N=Northwestern Louisiana Graduate N Club; Mill=Millrose Games; MR=Michigan Relays; M-L=Toronto Maple-Leaf Games; MW Fed=Midwest Federation; NYKC=New York K of C; Okla C=Oklahoma City Invitational; Ore-Oregon Invitational; Sea=Seattle Inv; WMR=Western Michigan Relays.

These are the world indoor bests as of December 1970, with American records noted in parentheses if different: 50, 5.0 (5.1); 60, 5.9; 70, 6.8; 300, 29.8 (30.5); 440, 46.2; 500, 54.5; 600, 1:07.6; 880, 1:47.9 (1:48.9); 1000, 2:05.5 (2:05.6); Mile, 3:56.4; 2Mile, 8:27.2; 3Mile, 13:09.8; 50HH, 5.8; 60HH, 6.8; 70HH, 7.8; HJ, 7'4³/₈" (7'3"); PV, 17'7" (17'6"); LJ, 27'2³/₄"; TJ, 55'7¹/₄" (54'9¹/₂"); SP, 67'10"; 35Wt, 73'3¹/₂"; MileR, 3:10.2; 2MileR, 7:25.4.

60 YARDS

Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa. It has been said that by the time one figures out how to pronounce his name, the diminutive sprinter can finish his 60-yard race and be on his way home. But Jean-Louis cannot understand the fuss which Americans make about his name--as he gives you the name of the first king of Madagascar, Andrianampoinimerina. While he was only the 15th athlete to clock 5.9 indoors, Ravelo has the distinction of being the first non-American in the bunch... Willie McGee was ruled to have not qualified for the finals of the 60 at the NAIA meet but was certain that he had won his semi race. Poor lighting in the auditorium rules out the use of a photometer, so meet director Dick Godlove went to a local free-lance photographer who had taken shots of the meet. One shot clearly showed McGee hitting the tape first, and after consultation, the judges reinstated him... The 60 field at the NAIA was a monstrous one, requiring four rounds beginning with eight preliminary heats... Penn decathlete Fred Samara vaulted 14'6" and long jumped 24'1¹/₂" in addition to his 6.1, in a dual with Navy... And the crowd at 5.9 grows even larger, as Alcorn A&M's Jerry Sims upset his more famous teammate, Willie McGee, at the Graduate N meet in Natchitoches, La. McGee's time is the first-ever non-winning 5.9. Sims did little to forecast his record run in the prelims--only 6.3 and 6.2, although he had clocked 6.0 in December. Third-placer Wayne Hardy clocked 6.0, his fourth performance at that level this season, tops in the country.

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| 1. Willie McGee, Alcorn A&M (6.1nq, 6.1s, 6.1n NAIA) | 5.9n* |
| 6.1h, 6.1s, 5.9n Graduate N) | 5.9 |
| Mel Pender, US Army (nt Millrose) | 5.9 |
| Jack Phillips, Grambling (6.1q NAIA) | 5.9 |
| J.-L. Ravelomanantsoa', Westmont (6.1q, 5.9s, 6.0 NAIA) | 5.9* |
| Jerry Sims, Alcorn A&M (6.3h, 6.2s, 5.9 Graduate N) | 5.9* |
| 6. Ivory Crockett, Sn III (6.1 v Kansas, Alabama) | 6.0n |
| Tony Greene, Md (6.0h, 6.0(rs) All-En) | 6.0* |
| Wayne Hardy, SEn La St (6.0n Graduate N) | 6.0 |
| Del Meriwether, Balt OC (6.2n NYKC; 6.1nh, 6.0n All-En) | 6.0 |
| David McGough, Ark St | 6.0 |
| Zach Rodgers, Norfolk St (6.0h, 6.0n(rs) Baltimore All-En) | 6.0* |
| Errol Stewart', unat (6.0h, 6.1n Albuquerque JC) | 6.0* |
| Rocky Thompson', unat (6.0nh Albuquerque JC) | 6.0* |

6.1, *Guy Abraham (Colo HS), n*Lawrence Baker (Doane), *James Batie (Troy St), *Cliff Branch (Colo), Larry Brown (Ark AM&N), *Randle Burks (Okla HS), *Kirk Clayton (S Jose St), n*Frank Coccia (Wash HS), *Tony Dedmond (Army), nRichard DeSoto (LSU), n*Bob Douglas (Cent Ohio St), nRobert Dudley (Quantic), *Warren Edmonson (UCLA), *Mike Goodrich (Ind), *Jim Green (Ky), n*William Green (Wn Ky), nBruce Hamlin (Sn St), nAaron Harris (Ark AM&N), *Eddie Hart (Cal), n*Larry Highbaugh (Ind), *Everett Marshall (Okla), *Don Martin (Yale), nRonald Martin (P View A&M) nRobert Mitchell (Houston), nKent Merritt (Va), n*Lennox Miller' (Strid), Donald Quarrie' (unat), *Norman Riley (School/Ozarks), *Fred Samara (Penn) *Gerald Singletary (Wash HS), Wilbur Smith (Amer U), nMark Spangenburg (LSU), Danny Thiel (SWn La), nColeman Thomas (Dall Bapt), n*Len Turner (Kent St), *Marcus Walker (Colo), *Herb Washington (Mich St), *Charles Wilson (Mid Tenn St).

Rolling start: 6.0, *Herb Washington (Mich St).

50-yards: 5.1, Jack Phillips (Grambling). 5.2, Horace Levy' (Neb), n*Mel Pender (US Army), Gerald Tinker (Memph St), *Len Turner (Kent St), *Herb Washington (Mich St). 5.3, Doug Brown (Fla St), Ivory Crockett (Sn III), *Del Meriwether (Balt OC), *William Powell (Ala HS), n*Donald Quarrie' (unat), n*Gary Risch (Pitt), nTom Scavuzzo (Kans), nDennis Schultz (Okla St), nDean Williams (Kans St).

100-yards: 9.3, Don Quarrie' (unat). 9.5, *Cliff Branch (Colo), nCarl Lawson' (Id St), n*Phil Price (Id St).



Two of the 1971 season's super sensational sprinters share congratulations following the Sunkist 60. Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa (l) of Westmont and the Malagasy Republic won this race in 6.1 and later tied the indoor record of 5.9 to win the NAIA. Dr. Del Meriwether, doctor-turned-sprinter, has reached a 6.0 best thus far. /Bill Foster/

300 YARDS

Here's a switch--the top marks in this long sprint this year have come on board ovals rather than the usual midwest dirt tracks... And Oklahoma City's 176-yarder is now one of the fastest wooden tracks anywhere, as five of the seven fastest board 300s ever have come there.

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| 1. Cliff Branch, Colo (30.2e Id St II) | 30.2e* |
| 2. Robert Mitchell, Hous (30.9c Alb; 30.2c Okla C; 31.1c Coach) | 30.2c* |
| 3. Carl Lawson', Id St (30.6ne Id St II) | 30.4e |
| 4. Dennis Schultz, Okla St (30.4ch, 30.6nc Okla City) | 30.4c* |
| 30.5, e*Mike Goodrich (Ind). 30.6, nc*Jesse Johnson (NM). 30.7, nc*Jim Bolding (Okla St), nc*Willie Turner (Staters). 30.9, nc*Al Coffee (LSU), c*Larry Stinson (SWn St), e*Eugene Thomas (En Mich). 31.0, d*Ben Dozier (Ill). 31.1, ne*Mike Miller (Ind). 31.2, nc*Dave Berry (Cent St), nd° Jim Grant' (En Mich), ne*Larry Highbaugh (Ind), neMark Low (BYU). | |
- Oversized track:** 30.6, *Tommie Turner (Murray St).

440 YARDS

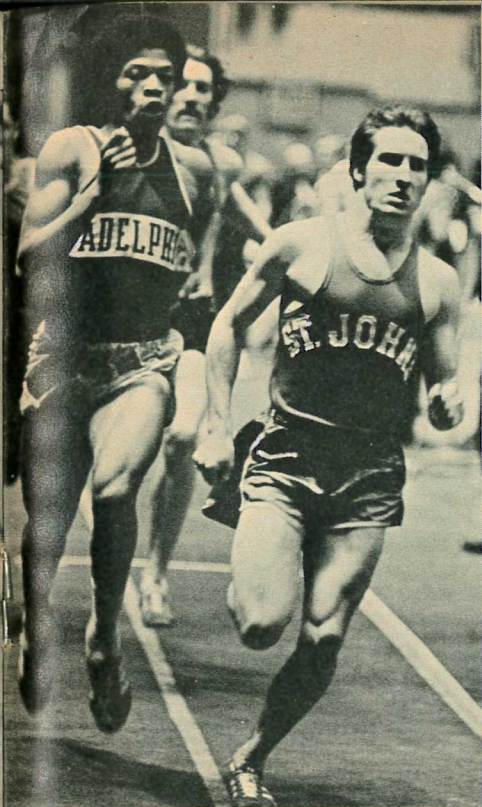
After several slow years, the indoor quarter seems to be picking up, as four are already in the 47s, a figure last reached in 1967. The reason? How about Pocatello's swift eighth-mile oval, where three of the marks have been recorded... Terry Musika's 47.7 is only seven-tenths off his outdoor PR.

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| 1. Edesel Garrison, Sn Cal | 47.5e |
| 2. Terry Musika, P Coast (47.7e Id St II) | 47.7e* |
| 3. Lee Evans, unat (47.8e° Id St II) | 47.8e°* |
| 47.9, cLouis Vicenik (Houston TC). 48.1, ne*Bob Frey (P Coast). 48.4, d*Jim Harris (Ohio St). 48.5, d*Mark Kartman (Wisc), ne*Dave Walker' (Cent Wash St). 48.7, d*Ben Dozier (Ill). 48.8, cAlvin Dotson (P View), ncFanahan McSweeney' (McNeese St). 48.9, ne*Larry Lewis (Id St). | |
- Oversized track:** 47.4, *Tommie Turner (Murray St). 48.3, *Rich VanDame (Air Force). 48.6, n*Mark Koster (Ill), n*Alan Pinkston (Ky St).

500 YARDS

With his two world record performances of 54.4 this season, Lee Evans can claim the three best performances ever at this "odd" distance. But he is nowhere near his ultimate, as he says, "Eventually I hope to get the mark down to 53 seconds, running the first quarter in about 46"... Depth behind Evans is tops, with six of the top 15 performances ever, and 31 at 59.0 or faster... In 1970, the best time behind Evan's then-world-record 54.5 was only 56.9.

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| 1. Lee Evans, unat (54.4e Id St II) | 54.4e* |
| 2. Ron Whitney, Strid | 55.5e |
| 3. Jim Wharton, Id St (56.6ne Id St I; 55.6ne Id St II) | 55.6ne* |
| 4. Saimone Tamani', BYU | 55.8ne |
| 5. Bill Barrow, Georgetown (58.6nc Mill; 57.2nc NYKC; 59.0cAE)56.4nc | 56.4nc |
| 6. Paul Hackett, BYU (56.6ne Id St II; 58.3c Ore) | 56.6ne* |
| 7. Louis Vicenik, Houston TC (57.0c NYKC) | 57.0c* |
| 8. LaMotte Hyman, Vill (58.0c Mill; 57.2nc NYKC) | 57.2nc* |
| 57.5, dDave Walker' (Cent Wash St). 57.7, c*Clyde McPherson (Adelphi). 57.8, nc*Dick Bruggeman (Ohio TC). c*Jim Burnett (Phil PC), ncThad Fletcher (Spts Intl). 58.0, nc*Walt Fitzpatrick (NYAC), nc*Jim Kemp (Strid), c*Nick Lee (Balt OC). 58.4, ncEd Bowie (Md), ncWes Williams (SDTC). 58.5, c*Edesel Garrison (Sn Cal). 58.6, nc*Jim Seymour (Wash), nc*Pete Schuder (Spts Intl). | |



Outdoor quarter-milers have moved indoors to the 500 and 600 with quick times often resulting. (Left) Adelphi's Clyde McPherson, with 46.2 in the outdoor 440, here follows Patrick Caldon (r) in the first 500 heat at Millrose but Clyde's 57.7 held up for the win over two other sections. Dick Bruggeman (center background) ran 57.8 to tie for se-

cond. /Steve Murdock/ (Center) Veteran Pole Andrzej Badenski's 1:10.5 600 at Boston defeated Pete Schuder by four-tenths. /Jeff Johnson/ (Right) Ron Whitney (l), veteran one-lap hurdler outdoors, ran the equal-fourth fastest 500 with 55.5 at Idaho State. Fijian Saimone Tamani (r) ran a fine 55.8 with Jim Wharton (c) at 56.6. /Don Wilkinson/

600 YARDS

The highlight of many meets last year, the 600 seems to be suffering this season with the absence of the torrid Lee Evans-Martin McGrady duels. McGrady has not competed this year, and Evans has diverted his main attentions to the 440 and 500 races. . . Versatile Ben Dozier of Illinois appears in this list as well as the 300 and 440. . . Smitty Brown, surprise early-season leader, was fifth in the NCAA indoor 600 in 1970.

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| 1. Smitty Brown, Pitt (1:09.8e v Kent St); 1:10.6e Pitt Inv) | 1:09.8e* |
| 2. Dorel Watley, Pitt (1:10.0ne v Kent St) | 1:10.0ne* |
| 3. Pete Schuder, Spts Intl (1:10.9nc Boston AA) | 1:10.2c |
| 4. Dick Bruggeman, Ohio TC (1:10.3d MW Fed; 1:11.0d En Mich) | 1:10.3d* |
| 5. Andrzej Badenski", Poland (1:10.5c Boston AA) | 1:10.5c* |
| Reid Cole, NM (1:10.5c Alb JC) | 1:10.5c* |
| Lee Evans, unat (1:10.5c Millrose; 1:10.8c Maple-Leaf) | 1:10.5c* |
| Audry Hardy, Tenn | 1:10.5nc |
| 1:10.7, d*Earl Kent (Wisc), ncRick Wohlhuter (N Dame). | 1:10.9, |
| nc*Tom Ulan (Rutgers). | 1:11.0, |
| c*Dale Alexander (Kans St), d*Gene Weiss (Montclair St). | |

Oversized track: 1:09.8, *Ben Dozier (Ill).

880 YARDS

While not lacking in top-quality marks this season, the half-mile is being deprived of much color by the current absence of Aussie Ralph Doubell. Doubell holds the indoor marks at both 880- and 1000-yards, and his strong kick has made him a big crowd pleaser. . . No, you don't have an astigmatism, that is Eamonn O'Keefe, with the double n, e and f in the old Gaelic spelling.

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| 1. Tom Von Ruden, Pacific Coast (1:50.5c Alb JC) | 1:48.5c |
| 2. Mark Winzenried, Wisc (1:50.8c A-Am; 1:52.2c Millrose) | 1:48.9nc |
| 3. Eamonn O'Keefe', Fla (1:53.0nc Mill; 1:50.4c All-En) | 1:50.4c* |
| 4. Juris Luzins, Quantico (1:50.7nc, All-Eastern) | 1:50.7nc* |
| 1:51.8, ncAndy O'Reilly (NYAC). | 1:51.9, nc*Kent Andersson' (Intl U). |
| 1:52.0, ncMorgan Mosser* (W Va), c*Bob Wheeler (Duke). | 1:52.4, d* |
| Terry Thomas (Minn). | 1:52.6, d*Don Vandrey (Wisc). |
| 1:52.7, nc*Benedict Cayenne' (Phil PC). | |

1000 YARDS

While not yet in the championship form of last year, Juris Luzins is running consistently, with four clockings of 2:09.0 or faster. The 2:09.0 clocking at Sunkist, his slowest, is the only victory he has been able to claim so far. . . Lowell Paul, now attending law school in Germany, came back to the US for his sister's wedding. . . Chuck LaBenz's second place 2:08.2 at Millrose was his debut over the distance. . . Marty Liquori's victory at the NYKC meet was his 12th consecutive in Madison Square Garden at any distance.

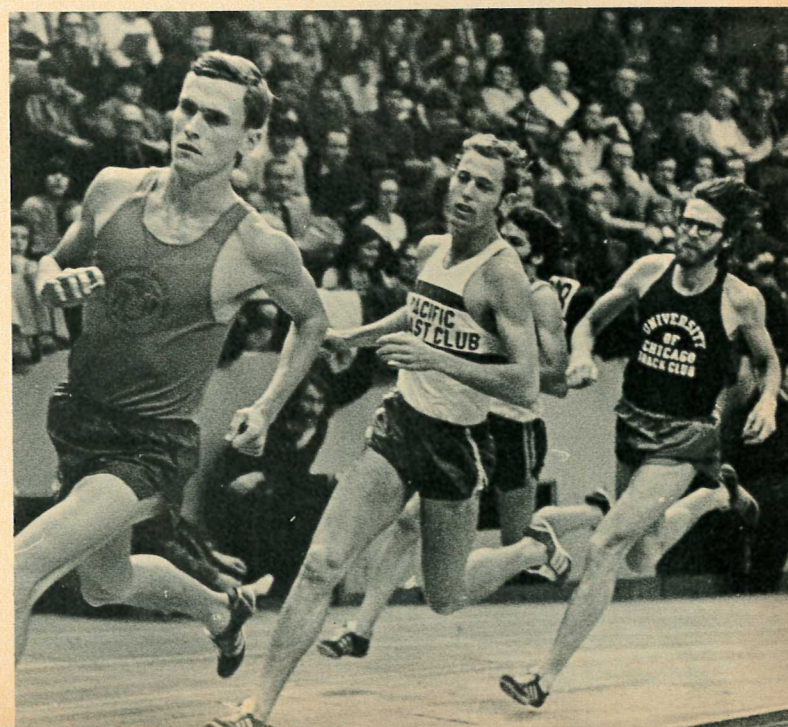
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| 1. Tom Von Ruden, P Coast (2:06.1c Alb JC; 2:07.8c Boston AA; | 2:06.1c* |
| 2:08.2c Maple-Leaf) | |
| 2. Mark Winzenried, Wisc (2:07.2nc Albuquerque JC) | 2:07.2nc* |
| 3. Byron Dyce', United AA (2:07.7c Millrose; 2:08.8nc M-Leaf) | 2:07.7c* |
| 4. Chuck LaBenz, P Coast (2:08.2nc Millrose) | 2:08.2nc* |
| Juris Luzins, Quantico (2:08.2nc Millrose; 2:08.2nc Boston AA; | |
| 2:08.8nc Maple-Leaf) | 2:08.2nc* |
| 6. Dave Roberts, NM (2:08.3nc Alb JC; 2:08.3c v El Paso) | 2:08.3* |
| 7. Lowell Paul, UCTC (2:08.7nc Millrose; 2:09.1nc Boston AA; | |
| 2:09.7nc Maple-Leaf) | 2:08.7nc* |

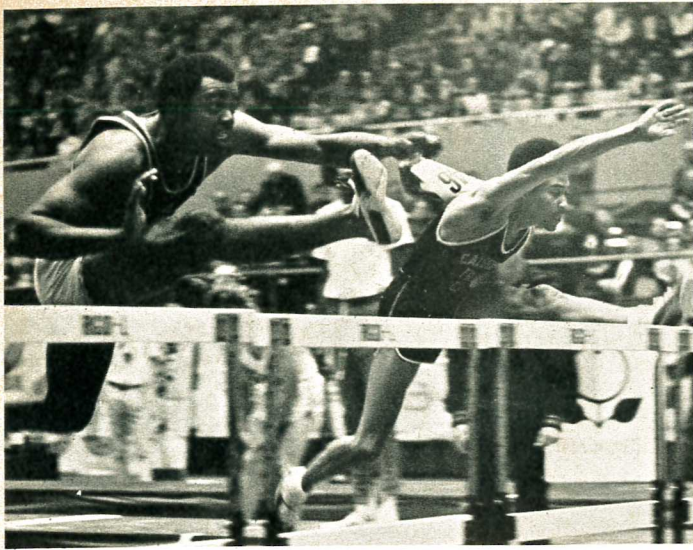
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| 8. Marty Liquori, Vill (2:08.8c NYKC) | 2:08.8c* |
| 9. Greg Jones, El Paso (2:09.0nc v NM; 2:09.7nc NYKC) | 2:09.0nc* |
| Morgan Mosser, W Va (2:09.0e Pitt Inv; 2:10.3nc NYKC) | 2:09.0e* |
| 2:09.3, nc*Brian McElroy (NYAC). | 2:09.7, nc*Andrzej Kupczyk" (Poland). |
| 2:10.1, d*Lee LaBadie (Ill). | 2:10.5, eDuncan MacDonald (Stan). |
| 2:10.6, d*Julio Piazza (Penn), dWayne Seiler (En Mich), | 2:10.7, nc*Bill Smart" (BC Intls). |
| 2:10.8, nc*Frank Murphy" (Eire). | |

MILE

Some comments of Pacific Coast Club people on why nobody has broken four minutes indoors in the past few seasons, prior to Tom Von Ruden's 3:59.4: Coach Tom Jennings, "Everybody's chicken. Nobody wants to go out and run anymore. Everybody wants to sit, let someone else make the pace and kick the last 30 yards."; miler Chuck LaBenz, "Nobody wants to go out and make a fast pace. It's not like in Europe where they have rabbits who

Whether in the 880, 1000 or the mile, Tom Von Ruden (2nd from left) has proved fast indeed. His seasonal bests of 1:48.5 and 2:06.1 pace the first two events while his 3:59.4 mile is third-fastest. Here at Boston, his 2:07.8 1000 bested (l-r) Juris Luzins (2nd, 2:08.2), Howell Michael (5th, 2:16.2) and Lowell Paul (3rd, 2:09.1). /Jeff Johnson/





Even such event monarchs as high hurdler Willie Davenport (l) are being pushed by up-and-coming youngsters like Lance Babb (r). Davenport has won three of five meets and has posted a seasonal best of 7.0. Babb scored his first win of the year at the LA Times where he ran 7.0 twice. He duplicated the time the next night at Athens. /Bill Foster/

before the race come up to you and say "I'm the rabbit, I'm going to run a three minute 1320."... LaBenz has a torn muscle in the top of his right thigh and expects to undergo surgery in Arizona after the AAU indoor... John Mason has now captured six consecutive miles at the NAAIA indoor meet. He took three while an undergraduate at Fort Hays State, and has now taken another three in the special open mile.

1. Tom Von Ruden, P Coast (4:02.1nc Mill; 3:59.4c Coaches) 3:59.4c*
 2. Marty Liquori, Vill (4:00.6c Millrose) 4:00.6c*
 3. Sam Bair, P Coast (4:06.7nc Maple-Leaf) 4:01.0c
 4. Chuck LaBenz, P Coast (4:09.2c Bos AA; 4:05.8c Maple-Leaf) 4:01.0nc
 5. Jim Crawford, unat (4:01.4nc Coaches) 4:01.4nc*
 6. John Mason, P Coast (4:03.1e Id St II; 4:02.0c Seattle) 4:01.9c
 7. Gianni Del Buono, Italy (4:02.4nc Mill; 4:04.6c NYKC) 4:02.4nc*
 8. Frank Murphy, Eire (4:02.9nc Millrose) 4:02.9nc*
 9. Jim Johnson, Wash (4:03.3nc Seattle) 4:03.3nc*
 10. Peter Kaal, Okla St (4:03.5nc Coaches) 4:03.5nc*
- 4:03.7, ncChris Mason (Vill). 4:04.4, c*Jim Ryan (unat). 4:04.6, ne*Dave Wilborn (Ore TC). 4:04.7, c*Jurgen May (WG). 4:05.2, nc*Bill Blewett (unat), cJohn Parker (Fla TC), e*Jerry Richey (Pitt). 4:05.8, nc*Jon Enscoe (Harv), c*Tom Spengler (Harv). 4:05.9, d*Tom Donahue (Man), d*Joe Savage (Man), nc*Henryk Szordykowski (Pol). 4:06.2, ncJuris Luzins (Quantic). 4:06.4, d*Karl Thornton (Penn). 4:06.7, ncBob Wheeler (Duke). 4:06.9, nc*Rick Ritchie (Ore).

Oversized track: 4:05.6, *Tom Donahue (Manhattan).

TWO MILES

Kerry Pearce is not only the fastest two-miler in the world today, but he is also the busiest, competing in eight races in eight different cities between Dec. 30 and Feb. 6. And five of those races have been sub 8:40. Pearce's 8:27.2 was actually recorded as 8:27.1, as was George Young's record race of 1969, so Pearce really does have the equal fastest time now... Maybe US hopes in the distances are looking up--there are already four US citizens under 8:40, compared with only two in 1970 and 15 are at 8:50 or better, compared with 16 total last year... Frank Shorter got a PR 8:38.2 two nights running, at the Millrose and Boston AA... Steve Prefontaine's 8:31.6 matches the time run by Gerry Lindgren when he was a sophomore.

1. Kerry Pearce, unat (8:38.2c All-Am; 8:56.2nc Alb JC; 8:36.4c Mill; 8:38.2c Boston AA; 8:27.2c Seattle) 8:27.2c*
 2. Steve Prefontaine, Ore (8:31.6c Ore) 8:31.6c*
 3. Barry Brown, NYAC (8:50.2na Philadelphia Classic) 8:33.0c
 4. Marty Liquori, Vill 8:35.8nc
 5. Frank Shorter, Fla TC (8:38.2nc Mill; 8:38.2nc Boston AA) 8:38.2nc*
 6. George Young, unat (8:56.0c Albuquerque JC) 8:42.2c
 7. Grant McLaren, Wn Ont (8:43.2nc Boston AA) 8:43.2nc*
 8. Jack Bachelier, Fla TC (8:43.6nc Millrose) 8:43.6nc*
 9. Jerry Richey, Pitt (8:48.8a Classic; 8:44.0nc Millrose; 8:54.6c Baltimore All-Eastern) 8:44.0nc*
 10. Arne Kvalheim, Ore TC (8:48.6nc Ore) 8:44.2nc
- 8:44.4, nc*Henryk Szordykowski (Pol). 8:44.6, nc*Steve Savage (Ore). 8:46.2, a*Carl Hatfield (Fla TC), ncRon Stonitsch (CW Post). 8:46.6, dJim Johnson (Wash). 8:47.4, nc*Ed Norris (Bost AA). 8:47.8, a*Rex Mad-daford (En NM). 8:48.0, nc*John Bednarski (El Paso). 8:48.2, nc*Keith Colburn (Spts Intl), e*Sid Sink (B Green St). 8:48.4, nc*Art Dulong (Spartan AC). 8:50.0, c*John Mason (P Coast). 8:50.4, nc*Jerome Drayton (Tor OC) 8:50.6, nc*Dave Hindley (BYU). 8:51.0, na*David Merrick (Ill HS).

THREE MILES

Dave Ellis probably wasn't too happy with the results of the three-mile at the Eastern Michigan Invitational. When the gun went off to start the race he was sitting in the changeroom and by the time he got into the race he was over a lap behind. Unable to make much headway, he dropped out. To add insult to injury, he was forced to stand and watch as Vic Nelson

clocked a fine 13:31.6--chopping 6.2-seconds from Ellis' own "d" category record for the distance.

- 13:18.8, c*Kerry O'Brien (Aus). 13:31.6, d*Vic Nelson (Ky). 13:35.8, nc*Frank Shorter (Fla TC). 13:37.2, dBarry Brown (NYAC) 13:39.8, nc*Grant McLaren (Wn Ont). 13:44.8, nd*Sid Sink (B Green St). 13:49.4, nc*Dave Ellis (En Mich). 13:51.8, nc*Paul Lightfoot (AATC). 13:59.0, c*Mark Harrison (Providence).

MILE WALK

1. Dave Romansky, Del TC (6:20.6 Mid Atl AAU; 6:21.8 Classic) 6:20.6
 2. Ron Daniel, NYAC (6:33.0n NYC; 6:22.2n Classic) 6:22.2n
 3. Ron Kulik, NYAC (6:31.6 NYC; 6:24.6n Classic) 6:24.6n
 4. Larry Walker, Strid (6:28.4 Sunkist) 6:28.4
 5. Ron Laird, NYAC (6:36.4n Sunkist; 6:35.2 All-Am) 6:35.2
- 6:37.0, nJohn Knifton (NYAC). 6:46.4, nJim Hanley (Strid). 6:47.2, n Greg Diebold (Shore AC). 6:49.6, nSteve Tyrer (Strid).

60 YARD HIGH HURDLES

1. Thomas Hill, Ark St U 6.9
 - Marcus Walker, Colo (6.9 Alb; 7.0 Mill; 7.1 v Nebr; 7.1 v AF) 6.9*
 3. Willie Davenport, unat (7.1 All-Am; 7.2n Alb) 7.0
 - Paul Gibson, El Paso (7.0n Alb; 7.2 v NM; nt NYKC; 7.2n Sea) 7.0n
 5. Lance Babb, Cal TC (7.1n All-Am; 7.2n Seattle) 7.1n*
 - Larry Cheatham, Howard 7.1n
 - Fuller Cherry, Ark AM&N (7.1s NAAIA) 7.1
 - Greg Magee, US Coast Guard (7.1h, 7.2 All-En) 7.1*
 - Rick Tipton, Stanford (7.2n All-Am; 7.1h, 7.1 Ore; 7.2 Sea) 7.1*
 - Tom White, Strid (7.1n, 7.2n Ore) 7.1n*
- 7.2, *Louis Clark (Dickinson), *Leon Coleman (unat), *Bruce Collins (Penn), nJeff Green (Okla), *Bill High (Tenn), *Larry McBryde (TCU), Wayne Kennard (Navy), Kenny Mann (NE La St), n*Dick Olsen (Wash St), nLarry Shipp (Wash DC HS), *Dick Taylor (NWN), nSpencer Thomas (Mc-Neese St), nWayne Vondenstein (LSU).

50-yard High Hurdles: 5.8, Marcus Walker (Colo). 5.9, Thomas Hill (Ark St U). 6.0, n*Willie Davenport (unat), nPaul Gibson (El Paso). 6.1, n*Lance Babb (Cal TC), nJim Bolding (Okla St), *Leon Coleman (unat), *Bruce Collins (Penn), *Jeff Howser (Duke), *Wayne Kennard (Navy), n*Gary Power (Strid), *Dick Taylor (NWN). 6.2, Mike Bates (Kans), n*Rick Carosielli (Pitt), n*Gordon Ober (Kent St), Steve Richards (Auburn), Charlie Thompson (Livingston), nGeorge Trotter (Sn III), Rockie Woods (Tex A&M). 6.3, Gary Gressett (Nebr), n*Wayne Hartwick (Mich St), Norm Johnston (unat), n*John Morrison (Mich St).

70-yard High Hurdles: 8.2, *Rick Tipton (Stan). 8.3, n*Dan Red-fearn (BYU).

HIGH JUMP

California prep Dwight Stones won the Sunkist meet at 6'10" using the straddle and then switched to the flop for his three unsuccessful tries at 7'0"... This is Clarence Johnson's first indoor campaign ever after playing basketball at California during his college days... As of Feb. 5, Barry Shepard had six consecutive 6'10" clearances; his string snapped at the New York K of C meet where he topped 7'0"... Lonnie Dalton's 7'1 1/2" clearance was the first ever over seven-feet in the state of Delaware.

1. Reynaldo Brown, Cal TC (7'2 All-Am; 7'0 Alb JC; 7'0 Mill; nh Oregon; 7'2 1/2 Maple-Leaf; 7'0 Seattle) 7'2 1/2**
2. Pat Matzdorf, Wisc (7'1 1/2 v Ia St; 6'10 1/2 Tri/Madison) 7'1 1/4"
3. Erminio Azzaro, Italy (6'10 Millrose; 7'1 NYKC) 7'1"
- Rick Rogers, Northwestern (7'1 v Miami/Ohio) 7'1"
5. Lonnie Dalton, W Chester St (7'1 1/2 Tri/Newark; 6'10 NYKC) 7'1 1/2**
6. Mike Bernard, Sn III (6'10 v Kansas, Alabama) 7'1 1/4"
7. Aaro Alarotu, BYU 7'0"
- Mike Bowers, AATC (7'0 WMR; 7'0 MR; 7'0 M-L; 6'10 EMich) 7'0**
- John Dobroth, P Coast (6'10 All-Am, 6'10 Id St II) 7'0"
- Marty Hill, Ore (7'0 Seattle) 7'0**
- Larry Hollins, Sn Cal 7'0"
- Eric Howard, Morg St (6'10 Class; 7'0 All-En) 7'0**
- Ron Jourdan, Fla TC (6'10 Mill; 7'0 BAA; 7'0 NYKC; 6'10 All-En) 7'0"
- Ken Lundmark, BYU 7'0"
- Barry Shepard, P Coast (6'10 Class; 6'10 Mill; 6'10 BAA; 7'0 NYK) 7'0**
- Gene White, Penn AC (7'0 Mid Atlantic AAU) 7'0**
- 6'10 3/4", *Fernando Abugattas (NM). 6'10 1/2", *Ingemar Nyman (NM). 6'10 1/4", Jackie Causey (SWN La). 6'10", *Johnny Blakney (Okla), *Joe David (Md), *Chris Dunn (Colgate), Tim Heikkila (Minn), *Clarence Johnson (Athens), *John Mann (Mich), *John Radetich (Staters), Barry Schur (Kans), Dwight Stones (Cal HS), Tony Wilson (Tenn).

POLE VAULT

Bob Seagren's 17'5 1/4" at Sunkist is the fifth-highest indoor performance ever and gives Bob five of the top 10 all-time. He reportedly felt ready for a good shot at the world indoor record of 17'7" but in the week between Sunkist and San Francisco, Seagren suffered a groin injury while filming a cottage cheese commercial and was able to take just one jump in the All-American Games before withdrawing... Dick Railsback broke three lumbar vertebrae three years ago but is hoping surgery can be postponed until after the Olympics. "The pain takes the fun out of competing. I've had to change my steps so I'm not vaulting as well as I could. I can't even vault in practice so I do some gymnastics and jogging and spend most of my life in a whirl-pool bath. The doctors told me the pain would increase until I have an operation. I have put up with it for three years, but now the pain gets a little worse each time"... Jerry Klyop has had his problems too: mononucleosis in 1970; cuts worth 11 stitches on his elbow from a broken pretzel dish and three lost weeks in September; vaulting in October a crossbar fell and stuck straight up, ripping a big gash across a leg, arm and his chest and keeping him out two months; two weeks after resuming practice he pulled a hamstring and



Southern Cal teammates Larry Hollins (l) and Henry Hines trade congratulations at the first Idaho State indoor meet after Hollins cleared 7'0" to win the high jump, matching his personal best, indoors or out. Hines also did well at Pocatello, winning the long jump at 24'11" and triple jump with 50'¼". /Don Wilkinson/

missed another five weeks... The field events at the Idaho State invitational have been pretty fair too as Rice soph Dave Roberts upped his PR to 16'7¼" from 16'1" in the second meet there.

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| 1. Bob Seagren, Striders (nh All-Am; 17¼ Coaches) | 17'5¼" |
| 2. Kjell Isaksson, Sn Cal (17'0 M-L; 17¼ Seattle) | 17'1¼" |
| Dick Railsback, Strid (16'6 Alb; 16'0 Mill; 17'0 M-L) | 17'1¼" |
| 4. Jan Johnson, unat (16'6 Classic; 17¼ NYKC) | 17'¼" |
| 5. Scott Hurley, Fla (16'6 Mill; 16'7¼ NYKC; 16'6 All-En) | 16'7¾" |
| 6. Robert Pullard, Sn Cal (16'7¼ Seattle) | 16'7¾" |
| Dave Roberts, Rice (16'7¼ Id St II) | 16'7¾" |
| 8. Dave Bussabarger, Colo (16'1 v Nebr; 16'6 v Air Force) | 16'6" |
| Sam Caruthers, Seamans (16'6 All-Am; 16'0 Classic; 16'0 Mill) | 16'6" |
| John Pennel, Striders (16'0 All-Am; nh Millrose; nh Id St II; 16'6 Maple-Leaf; nh Coaches) | 16'6" |
| Bruce Simpson, Canada (16'6 Classic; 16'0 Mill; 16'6 BAA; 16'0 Maple-Leaf; 16'0 All-En) | 16'6" |
| Steve Smith, P Coast (16'6 Alb; 16¼ Seattle) | 16'6" |
| Francois Tracanelli, UCLA (16'6 All-Am; 16¼ Ore) | 16'6" |
| 16'4", *Dennis Phillips (Staters), *Tim St Lawrence (NYAC). 16¼", *Casey Carrigan (Stan). 16¼", Don Albritton (NE Mo St), *Mike Hanna (UCTC). 16'0", *Scott Cryder (Sn Cal), *Bill Hatcher (Kans), Barney Hess (Ark St U), *Ingemar Jernberg (NM), *Jerry Klyop (Vill), *Pete Kowzun (Spts Intl), *Vince Struble (Md), *Bud Williamson (Md). | |

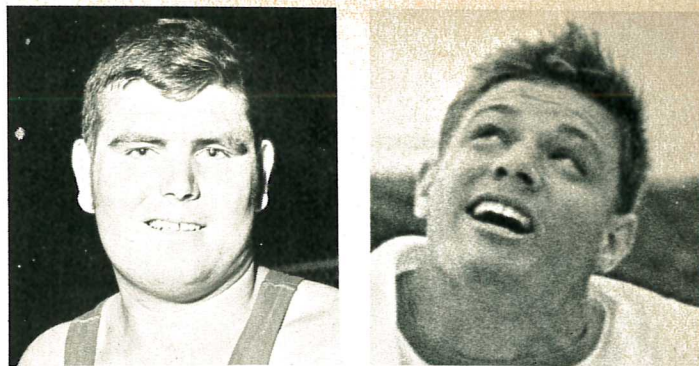
LONG JUMP

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| 1. Jerry Proctor, Redlands (25¼ NAIA) | 25'4¾" |
| 2. Bouncy Moore, Ore (24¼ Oregon; 25'3 Seattle) | 25'3" |
| 3. Stan Royster, Athens (24¼ Seattle) | 25'2" |
| 4. Norm Tate, NYPC | 25'1" |
| Dave Walker, Utah (25'1 Id St II) | 25'1" |
| 6. Tommy Haynes, Mid Tenn St (25'0 MW Fed; 24'8½ 5-way) | 25'0" |
| 24'11¾", Tom Chilton (Knox TC). 24'11½", *Henry Hines (Sn Cal). 24'10½", *Marion Anderson (S Jose St). 24'10", *Hopeton Gordon (Nebr). Greg Johnson (Wisc). 24'7½", *Al Lanier (Cinc). 24'6¾", Stan Whitley (Cal TC). 24'6½", Danny Brabham (Baylor). | |

TRIPLE JUMP

Milan Tiff already has three performances over 52-feet this year; there were only two by all Americans last year.

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| 1. Mohinder Gill, Cal Poly/SLO (50'11¼ All-Am; 53'1½ Alb; 52'1¼ Ore; 52'10½ Seattle) | 53'11" |
| 2. Milan Tiff, Cal TC (52'7¼ All-Am; 52'2½ Alb; 52'5 Ore) | 52'7¾" |
| 3. Patrick Onyango, Wisc (50'5¼ v Ia St; 51'11 v Drake, Nn Ill) | 51'11" |
| 4. Robert Reader, Ore St (51'10¼ Ore; 51'2½ Sea) | 51'10¼" |
| 5. Larry Vanley, El Paso (51'9½ Alb; 50'11½ v NM; 49'5½ Sea) | 51'9½" |
| 6. Dave Smith, Cal TC (51'3 All-Am) | 51'3" |
| 7. John Craft, UCTC (50'11 Mich Relays) | 50'11" |
| 8. Lincoln Jackson, Athens (50'9¼ All-Am) | 50'9¼" |
| 9. Darryl Kelly, N Car (49'9½ Tri; 50'7¼ VMI Winter Relays) | 50'7¼" |
| 10. Steve Gough, Falcon TC (50'7 Ore; 50'5¼ Sea) | 50'7" |
| 50'2½", *Sylvester Johnson (Athens). 50¼", Henry Hines (Sn Cal), *Randy Williams (Cal HS). 49'10½", *Jim Fraser (Cal). 49'10¼", *Wayne King (Wyo). 49'10", *Chuck Steffes (NM). 49'7½", *Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St). 49'5¼", *Hopeton Gordon (Nebr). 49'5", *Jim Harris (Vincennes JC). 49'2½", *Don Rencher (MC Pacers). 49'1½", *Tom Gerardine (NE Mo). 49'1¼", *Ron Coleman (Fla). 49¼", *Mark Hadenfeld (Ore). | |



While two fellows named Feuerbach and Matson have been grabbing the shot put headlines, these two young putters have improved markedly. (Left) Fred DeBernardi has hit 63'1" to up his previous best of 61'5½". /Wilkinson/ (Right) Former prep recordman Sam Walker heaved 66'0", a PR improvement of 1'4½". /Pluria Marshall/

SHOT PUT

There have been reams of copy devoted to the Al Feuerbach-Randy Matson shot duels so all we will say here is that between them they have equaled or bettered the old indoor record of 67'10" six times. Matson has done it five times but Feuerbach has the one that counts, the current indoor best of 68'11"... Oregon's 257'4" javelin thrower Mac Wilkins threw 55'1¼" to win the afternoon section of the Oregon Invitational.

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| 1. Al Feuerbach, P Coast (68'11 All-Am; 66'2¼ Alb; 67'8 Ore; 66'7½ Coaches; 65'4 Seattle) | 68'11" |
| 2. Randy Matson, Tex Strid (68'8 All-Am; 68'0 Alb; 68'2¼ Ore; 68'4 Coaches) | 68'8" |
| 3. Karl Salb, Kans (65'5 Okla C; 64'4 v Sn III, Ala) | 64'7½" |
| 4. Sam Walker, SMU (64'7½ Coaches) | 63'1" |
| 5. Fred DeBernardi, El Paso (58'9 Alb; 60'10 v NM; 62'2¼ Sea) | 62'10¾" |
| 6. Doug Lane, Sn Cal (61¼ All-Am; 60'4 Ore; 62'10¼ Sea) | 62'9¾" |
| 7. John Van Reenen, Wash St (62'8 Ore; 62'9¼ Sea) | 62'11" |
| 8. Steve Wilhelm, Kans (62'0 Okla C; 62'1 v Sn III, Ala) | 61'11" |
| 9. Vince Monari, El Paso (59'2½ Alb; 60'0 v NM) | 61'4½" |
| 10. Jesse Stuart, Ky (61'4½ MW Fed; 59'2¼ Michigan Relays) | 60'7" |
| 60'7", Brian Oldfield (UCTC). 59'5½", Rolf Engels' (unat). 59'0", *Roger Carlsen (Ore St), *Richard Marks (Athens). 58'11¼", *John Birkelbach (El Paso). 58'8¾", *Mark Ostoich (UCLA). 58'5¼", *Mike Mercer' (Utah St). 58'2¼", James Bloom (Navy). 57'7½", Jack Hanley (Md). | |

WEIGHT THROW (35 lb)

Kent State teammates Jacques Accambray and Al Schoterman have waged some record-altering duels. At the Western Michigan Relays, Schoterman first bettered the collegiate record of 65'6¾" with 65'8". Frenchman Accambray then threw 65'10½" to which Schoterman responded with 65'11½". A week later at Boston, Accambray reached 66'0" for another upping of the mark, with Schoterman a foot behind. Schoterman hit 66'5½" in the Eastern Michigan Invitational to regain the record as Accambray managed 62'11". Accambray's improvement in this event has been notable: he threw 60'5¼" at home last year with a 15-kilo (33.1-lb) implement.

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| 1. Al Schoterman, Kent St (62'3¼ v Pitt; 65'11½ Wn Mich R 65'0 Boston AA; 66'5½ En Mich Inv) | 66'5½" |
| 2. Al Hall, unat (66'4½ Boston AA; 64'4 NEAAU) | 66'4½" |
| 3. Jacques Accambray, Kent St (61'11 v Pitt; 65'10½ Wn Mich R 66'0 Boston AA; 62'11 En Mich Inv) | 66'0" |
| 63'10", *Andy Yuen (unat). 62'9½", *Tommy Sirois (NEn). 62'2½", *Steve Furness (RI). 61'10", Ed Nosal (Harv). 61'9", *Warren Converse (Wn Mich). 61'6½", Tom Miller (unat). 61'3½", *Doug Greenwood (Prince). 60'10¼", *Craig Cyphers (Cornell). 60'9½", Al Paliwoda (Conn). 60'6¾", *Bill Dinneen (Dart). 60'3½", *Frank Bredice (Sn Conn). 60'2½", *Bill Penny (Kans). 60'1", *Ron Furcht (Columbia). 59'8", Bill Diehl (Army). 58'2", *Joseph O'Hern (Princeton). | |

ONE MILE RELAY

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| 1. Pacific Coast Club (3:13.7c Id St II) | 3:13.7c* |
| 2. Michigan State (3:15.1d WMR; 3:16.6c MR) | 3:15.1d* |
| 3. Oklahoma State (3:15.2c Oklahoma City) | 3:15.2c* |
| 4. LSU (3:16.0nc Oklahoma City) | 3:16.0nc* |
| Sports International | 3:16.0c |
| 3:16.2, d*Rutgers. 3:16.3, cAdelphi. 3:16.4, nc*Northwestern. | |
| 3:16.6, c*Villanova. 3:16.8, nc*Idaho State. 3:16.9, d*Ohio State. 3:17.2, nc*Abilene Christian. 3:17.3, dCW Post. 3:17.5, c*Texas A&M. | |
| Overized track: 3:12.8, *Murray State. 3:13.9, nc*Illinois. 3:14.1, n*Kentucky State. | |

TWO MILE RELAY

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| 7:30.0, cPacific Coast Club. 7:30.6, dUCTC. 7:31.8, nd*Eastern Michigan, ncManhattan. 7:32.6, c*Michigan. 7:33.2, cFlorida. 7:35.2, c*El Paso. 7:35.4, ncTennessee. 7:35.8, c*Oklahoma State. 7:37.4, ncVillanova. 7:38.0, dCW Post. 7:38.8, cPennsylvania. 7:39.0, c*Baylor, nc*Kansas. 7:39.2, nc*Adelphi, 7:39.2, ncMaryland. 7:39.8, nc*Texas. 7:40.0, ncUnited AA. | |
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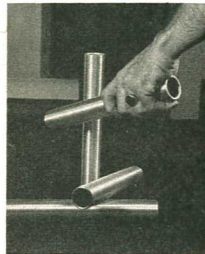
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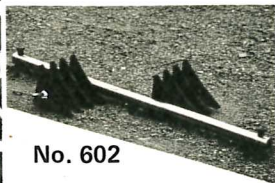
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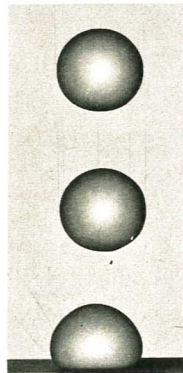
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European Indoor Report

by
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Some very fast times in the short distances and the emergence of new talents in the vertical jumps highlighted the early goings of the European indoor campaign.

Sprints: Manfred Kokot, 23, of East Germany caused quite a stir as he tied Bill Gaines' world indoor best for the 50-meter dash: 5.4. This was at Berlin on Jan. 31. Kokot, a 10.5 100-meter sprinter outdoors last year, won from Jurgen Hauke, whose time of 5.5 equaled the listed European mark. Third place went to newcomer Bernd Schenk (not to be confused with Siegfried Schenke), who turned 19 in December, and fourth to the best-known of them all, veteran Harald Eggers. Both ran 5.6.

In West Germany, Eckhart Brieger tied the European 60-yard mark with 6.0 (Frankfurt/Main, Jan. 20). European 100-meter champion Valeriy Borzov ran the metric century in 10.3 (Donyetsk, Feb. 1), equal best on record for the indoor distance. He had previously done 10.4 in a heat.

Middle Distances: John Davies has been the star of the Cosford, England, meets. After his 2:20.9 for the kilometer in December, he ran 800-meters in 1:50.4 on Jan. 9, once again displaying excellent judgment of pace with lap times of 27.6, 27.8, 27.6 and 27.4. Harald Norpoth ran a "solo" 3:44.8 for the 1500-meters at Dortmund on Jan. 24.

Distances: Olyeg Raiko, known for years as one of the USSR's best "metric" milers, surprisingly beat Rashid Sharafyevdinov over 5000-meters at Leningrad late in January, 14:12.6 to 14:13.4.

Hurdles: Gunther Nickel was no better than third in a 60-yard high hurdles race at Frankfurt/Main on Jan. 20. After causing a false start, he was unable to match strides with Werner Trzmiel (7.2) and Eckhart Berkes (7.3), although finishing close to them, in 7.3. But only three days later, at Dortmund, he avenged this defeat in the 50-yard high hurdles, equaling the European record, 6.0, with Trzmiel second in 6.1. Berkes, the youngest of West Germany's top men in the highs, ran 7.6 for 60-meters at Mainz on Jan. 19, a time bettered so far only by Nickel and Thomas Hill.

Jumps: West German Lothar Doster and Soviet Kestutis Sapka both cleared 2.21-meters (7'3") to equal John Thomas and John Rambo as the second-highest performers ever indoors. Doster cleared the height in his hometown of Heilbronn on Jan. 9, while Sapka's leap occurred in Kaunas, Feb. 2. The Soviet's mark is the highest ever indoors by a flopper.

The USSR has two promising vaulters in Yevgeniy Tananika and Genadiy Gusev. They showed notable progress at Donyetsk on Feb. 1. The former, who had turned 20 a few days earlier, won at 17'3" and Gusev was second at 16'8 3/4". Their best outdoor marks last year were 16'1" and 15'9 3/4", respectively. A better-known quantity, Yuriy Isakov, cleared 17'1/4" at Sverdlovsk in mid-January.

Shot put: The Berlin meet of Jan. 31 also saw the first appearance of East Germany's leading shot putters: Hartmut Briesenick won at 64'11 1/2" from Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (63'2").

In late continental developments, West German Hans Baumgartner reached the season's longest long jump, 26'2 1/2", at Mainz, Feb. 6. Thomas Zacharias cleared 7'1 1/2" at the same meet. Earlier high jump action in the USSR (Moscow, Jan. 24) was notable, not particularly for Valentin Gavrilov's 7'1" winning height but for Valeriy Brumel's 6'9 1/2" second, his latest "comeback" following more leg surgery. Unconfirmed reports from the Soviet Union and East Germany credit Viktor Saneyev with the season's best triple jump, 54'3 3/4", and Hartmut Briesenick with a shot put of 65'10 1/2".

Other World News

Kjell Isaksson of Sweden put up a fine show during his tour of Japan late in January, with five impressive wins in the space of a week and some narrow failures in repeated attempts to raise the world indoor record for the pole vault to 5.37 (17'7 1/2"). His series: 17'3 3/4" (Tokyo, Jan. 24), 17'2 3/4" (Ibaragi, Osaka, Jan. 26), 17'1 1/2" (Nagoya, Jan. 28), 16'10 3/4" (Iwata, Jan. 30) and 17'2 3/4" (Tokyo, Jan. 31). Extended by such a consistent performer, Kiyoshi Niwa twice bettered the Japanese indoor mark, with clearances of 16'9 1/2" at Nagoya and 16'10 3/4" at Tokyo, on Jan. 31. /from Isao Sugawara/

Les Mills, now 36, hit the best discus form of his long career when he threw 201'10" at Auckland, Jan. 30. It was an over-10-foot improvement on his previous best of 191'10" made over six years ago, and he easily defeated the former New Zealand record holder Robin Tait (188'3"). Mills, a 64'11 1/2" shot putter, has also been working with the hammer for the first time in 18 years (and first time with the 16-lb implement after some experience with the 12-lber in his younger days) and threw over 170-feet the same day.

Richard Tayler, who ran 3:58.8 for the mile at Dunedin a week earlier, beat Dick Quax, 3:59.1 to 3:59.3, with Rodney Dixon third in 4:00.1. This summer six New Zealanders have run the mile in better than 4:01.5, a higher standard even than the great days of Peter Snell, John Davies, Murray Halberg and Bill Baillie. At Auckland, Jan. 30, Australian sprinter Eric Bigby equaled the New Zealand 100-meter record of 10.4 and later broke it with 10.2. /from P.N. Heidenstrom/ □



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Indoor Report

by Jack Shepard

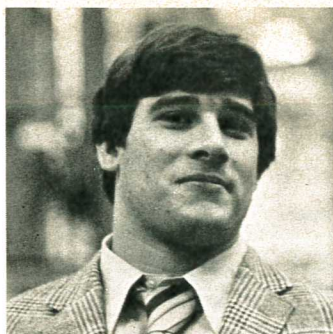
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Three national indoor records plus two more equaled during the first month of the season got 1971 off to a great start. Randy Williams (Edison, Fresno, Calif) got one record with his 50'1/4" triple jump, while all the others came in the high hurdles. Junior Larry Shipp (St Albans, Washington, DC) accounted for three of them in his first three meets and that is a tough act to follow, even for Larry. Shipp started with a 7.2 over the international height (42") 60-yard highs to equal Milt Campbell's ancient (1953) record and two weeks later he clobbered the prep 70 highs record of 8.4 with an 8.2. Then, at that superb Naval Academy Invitational (Jan 30) Larry ran 7.0 over the prep 60 highs to take a tenth off the previous record held by five other athletes, including Richmond Flowers and Paul Gibson. That time also overshadowed the record-equaling 7.1 earlier in January for California state champ Al Hall (Morningside, Inglewood) at the Sunkist Invitational. Shipp, just 16-years old, ran 7.4 last season as a soph at Roosevelt High, also in Washington, D. C., and then clocked 14.4 outdoors. Still another fine 60 highs mark this season is the 7.2 for Ricky Jones (Lafayette, Lexington, Va) while other hurdle leaders are Mike Lyons (Fresno, Calif) with a 5.7 (50 highs) and Gene Harty (Overbrook Regional, Clementon, NJ) at 6.3 for 50.

David Merrick (Lincoln-Way, New Lenox, Ill) is to distance running what Shipp is to hurdling. Splendid. His latest two-mile efforts were 8:58.6 and 8:51.0, the latter even more impressive as it came on a tight-turned 12-lap track. Only Gerry Lindgren's two sub-8:50 races are faster among preps. Merrick is now the second-best all-time indoor prep miler also, clocking a fine 4:09.7 for fourth at Baltimore. His second-best effort this season, 4:12.6, still is far ahead of the 4:17.3 by Brent Tubb (Cleveland, Reseda, Calif). The two-mile has depth as well, as Scott Eden (Freeman, Richmond, Va) zipped to a 9:07.4 at Annapolis, while the Sunkist winner at 9:10.8 was Jose Amaya (Wilson, Los Angeles).

Several middle distance times are worthy of note, particularly from the Naval Academy meet. Anthony Dempsey (Anacostia, Washington, DC) won the 600 at 1:11.7, which is the third fastest ever, from Tony Johnson (Cardozo, Washington, DC) at 1:12.8 and three others under 1:14. The Academy track was the scene of last year's 1:10.7 prep record by Bob Wheeler. Best flat floor time is 1:13.5 by Miguel Valle (Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY) at the Cardinal Hayes Games. The fastest 1000 and 880 times also came at Annapolis when Duan Joyce (McKinley, Washington, DC) clocked 2:13.3 and 1:54.6 en route. Again this year, the Oklahoma City Invitational (Jan 29) produced great depth in the 300, as nine clocked 32.6 or better. The 31.9 heat time of Reggie Bly (Douglas, Oklahoma City) just edged the 32.0 of George Campbell (Northwest, Oklahoma City). Other event leaders are Jim Redd (Hamilton, Elmsford, NY) in the 440 at 50.3 and Jim Snow (Ferguson, Newport News, Va) in the 500 at 59.0.

The sprints appear to have some depth this year. Already 23 have



Pacing prep shotputters this indoor season is Greg Cortina (Hun, Princeton, NJ) with tosses of 65'2 1/2" and 65'2".



Another easterner pacing the nation is Jim Redd (Hamilton, Elmsford, NY) with his 50.3 quarter-mile. /Paul Sutton/

met T&FN's prep 60 standard of 6.3. Four are tied at 6.1--Guy Abraham (Jefferson, Denver, Colo), Randle Burks (Idabel, Okla), junior Frank Coccia (Roosevelt, Seattle, Wash) and Gerald Singletary (Garfield, Seattle, Wash). One of the 6.2s belongs to Larry Shipp.

In the jumps, Dale Krebs (Gunn, Palo Alto, Calif) did 46'9 1/4" behind William's record at the All-American Invitational (Jan 22). Virginia state champ was Keith Witherspoon (Huntington, Newport News). Anthony Carter (Murphy, Mobile, Ala) still leads the long jump with his 24'1/4", well ahead of the 22'11 3/8" mark of Mark Wilczynski (Notre Dame, Sherman Oaks, Calif) and the 22'8 3/8" of a fellow named Larry Shipp.

The Sunkist meet had a great prep high jump field. Newcomer Dwight Stones (Glendale, Calif) won at 6'10", three inches over his previous best, ahead of the 6'8" of Randy Fulkerson (Santa Fe, Santa Fe Springs, Calif) and Rory Kotinek (Millikan, Long Beach, Calif). Second nationally to Stones is Mike Branch (Southwest, Ft Worth, Tex) at 6'8 1/4".

Rudy Guevara (Essex Catholic, Newark, NJ) easily ruled the early season shot put off his 63'1/4" and all other meets over 60-feet until Greg Cortina (Hun, Princeton, NJ) hit 65'2 1/2" in Philadelphia (Jan 21), the fifth best ever. Cortina then topped Guevara 65'2" to 62'1/2" at the Cardinal Hayes Games. However, although Cortina is just 17-years-old, he is a fifth year student, and will not be carried in the regular lists.

A few relay times are worth reporting. Newtown (Elmhurst, NY) has the 880 baton lead at 1:32.2 but McKinley (Washington, DC) looks strong off 1:32.8 and 3:25.6 clockings. Snyder (Jersey City, NJ) has a 3:25.7. Power Memorial (NYC, NY) leads the two-mile event at 8:00.4 mainly due to legs of 1:57.5 and 1:57.8 by soph Matt Centrowitz.

Early outdoor news includes a 6'8" for Dwight Stones and some great marathoning at the Mission Bay race (Jan 9). Third place went to Chuck Walker (Prescott, Ariz) in 2:25:16, the second best-ever for a prep, while nine preps were under 2:51, including 14-year-old frosh Dennis Wilson of Huntington Beach, Calif. □

Prep Panorama

by Fran Errota

St. Albans in Washington, D. C. has turned up with one of the hottest competitors of the 1971 indoor track season. That would be Larry Shipp, whose specialty is hurdling but who can help his team in the sprints or jumps (His performances are detailed in the Prep Report)... The Annapolis meet also saw Scott Eden (Freeman, Richmond, Va) take the two-mile in 9:07.4; Bateman (Laurel, Md) the mile in 4:21.7; Duan Joyce (McKinley, Washington, DC) the 1000 in 2:13.3; Anthony Dempsey (Anacostia, Washington, DC) the 600 in 1:11.7; Arvid Lee (DuVal, Glenn Dale, Md) the 60 in 6.3; Robert Nalley (Bladensburg, Md) the high jump at 6'5"; and Kevin Meyers (Herndon, Va) the vault at 14'0". McKinley won the 880 relay in a rapid 1:32.8 as well as the mile in 3:25.6. Joyce had a 49.7 split in the latter.

Florida may not yet rank with Texas, California, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and several other states but those in charge of the sport on the prep level are bound to give it even more of a boost by scheduling night meets. The Florida State outdoor championships, for instance, are scheduled under the lights at Winter Haven and the true filberts are already licking their chops. The centrally located site with outstanding facilities for a night meet should produce one of the best-ever meets in the southeast, if not the entire nation... Florida has produced outstanding athletes in recent years, including Ray Robinson, a crack sprinter voted the "Outstanding Performer" in the 1970 Golden West Invitational. No less an authority than Jim Gaines, long-time T&FN contributor of southeast feats, thinks Ron Barther may be every bit as good as Robinson. Barther ran for Butler of Jacksonville in 1970 but will be in the uniform of Stanton from the same city in 1971. Reason? Butler is now a junior high school. So, Stanton has a ready-made sprinter, Barther having run 9.5 as a junior, when he had a good competitive record. He's considered an outstanding prospect, one of many from his state... Another goodie from Jacksonville is James Rackley, from Lee High School where he fashioned an outstanding season in football the past fall. He's considered one of the top football-track combination athletes to be developed in the south. A 9.7 and 14.3 speedster as a junior, he scored a total of 17 touchdowns, and three times gained over 200 yards during the past grid campaign. Add some fine sprinters forming quality relay units in Miami and one can visualize plenty of excitement in the 'Gator state this spring.

Rackley brings to mind one of the finest all-around athletes in California high school annals. Little Bonita Union in La Verne produced the great

Glenn Davis of West Point and Los Angeles Rams football fame. At Bonita in the early 40s Davis earned all-southern California laurels in football, basketball, track and baseball. Now the same school has produced Allan Carter, who along with Rackley was named to Parade Magazine's All-American football team. Carter was voted All-Southern honors in football, track and baseball as a junior and is the defending state champion in the 100, where he was unbeaten in eight races, reporting for track after playing enough baseball to earn all-southern CIF laurels as an outfielder. He also scored 33 TDs and netted 1949 yards the past fall and had a three-year career total of 70 TDs, 4388 yards and a 10.8-yard-per-carry average. He's 6'1", 205-lbs. and a bright student.

Jim Redd (Hamilton, Elmsford, NY) is off to a fast start with a 50.3 clocking for the 440 at the St. Francis Games. Victims included Gary Gordon (Boys of Brooklyn). Redd had run 49.6 on an anchor relay leg earlier in the week... Harold Williams (Newtown, Elmhurst, NY) has marked himself as one of the nation's top sprint prospects after his 9.5 during the summer and 10.1 and 32.2 for the 300 indoors to lead his state in both events indoors. He also sped 22.2 on the end of a 1:32.2 half-mile relay unit... One of the finest young prospects is Bill Dabney (Boys of Brooklyn) with his 2:19.2 in the 1000 and 4:34.5 for the mile. He also anchored a 4 x 660 relay unit with a 1:25.1 during an AAU Developmental meet in late December... Another bright soph prospect is Matt Centrowitz (Power Memorial, NYC, NY) off his 4:24.0 win in the St Francis mile and a 1:56.0 split on Power's 8:00 two-mile relay team... Jim Harmon won the St. Francis two-mile in 9:19.6, but was reportedly unhappy because he wanted to meet Vince Cartier and/or Mike Butynes, the New Jersey distance wonders. Much of the season remains and it is likely Jim will have his wish.

Vince Cartier, crack distance running prospect from Scotch Plains, N. J., is the son of Walter Cartier, who was a number-one contender for the world middleweight boxing crown following World War II. Cartier's road work must have inspired young Vince to become a runner--and more than just a good runner. Vince is one of the finest prospects in the country off his 9:12.8 two-mile clocking as a sophomore who started his junior year last fall with the state title in cross country climaxing an unbeaten season... Permian High in Odessa, Tex., will be minus an outstanding athlete in 1971 with the announcement Dennis Morrison has quit the squad because of the responsibilities brought on by his recent marriage. Dennis scaled 15'0" as a junior in 1970 and placed third in the Texas State meet against a truly talented field... Marty Lewis, former Boys High and Brandeis coach, is now assistant principle for health and physical education at Brooklyn's new South Shore High School. His duties include his first love--coaching track. □

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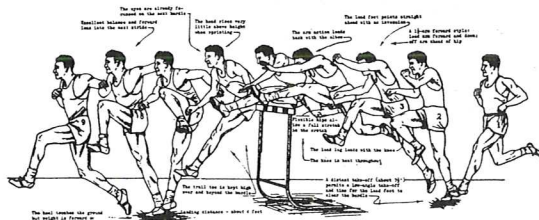
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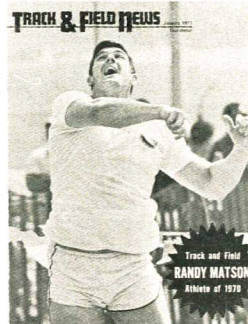


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Why walk when it would be quicker to run? "Indeed it would be a dull world if we were all cast in the same mold," to quote Harold Whitlock, 1936 Olympic gold medalist in the 50-kilometer walk and former chief national coach of England.

Race walking, as it is technically called, to distinguish it from "street" walking, was first introduced as an Olympic event in 1908. The distances raced were 3500-meters and 10-miles. These initial distances have gradually been increased over the years to the present day distances of 20- and 50-kilometers, first standardized in the 1956 Games. The reason for the increase was the fact that the ability to adequately judge the shorter distances became increasingly difficult. Performances became so controversial that the walk disappeared entirely from the 1928 Olympic program.

Great Britain has always made a good showing in Olympic and other international competitions and is largely responsible for raising the standard of walking throughout the world today. Of course, in recent years, the Soviets and East Germans have tended to dominate the sport. Australia, Sweden and Italy have also demonstrated consistent progress over the years.

After many years of embarrassing international performances, the US has emerged as a fairly good walking country herself in the last decade. Much of the credit goes to a handful of dedicated athletes and officials, led by the present national AAU Race Walking chairman, Charles Silcock. "Charlie", as he is known throughout walking circles, was selected "Man of the Decade" by the US race walking fraternity for his untiring efforts to lift race walking in this country to the level befitting the track and field powerhouse she is. The first real sign of progress came in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, when the late Captain Ron Zinn hung on by his eye balls to finish sixth in the 20-kilo walk. This was by far the best Olympic finish a US walker had experienced since Joe Pearman took the silver medal in the 1920 10-kilo walk. This major breakthrough seemed to spur the US walkers on in much the same way in which Max Truex's great 10,000-meter performance in Rome four years earlier did for the US distance runners.

Ron Laird, America's top walker of the decade, really got going in the mid-sixties and was in a large part responsible for bringing a world class standard of walking to the US. His most shining hour to date would have to be his third place finish in the 1967 Lugano Cup 20-kilometer. The US showing in Mexico City in 1968 was yet another major accomplishment. Rudy Haluza's fourth in the 20-kilometer and Larry Young's bronze medal in the 50-kilometer certainly put the US on the world race walking map. Recognition by the once skeptical Europeans is here evidenced by the election of five new US members to the international panel judges since 1968.

With walking not yet a part of the high school or collegiate programs, how did these top US walkers happen to get started in race walking? Most were attracted to walking because of the potential athletic rewards. The big incentive being an Olympic berth. Today, there are about 100 walkers seriously training in hopes of making a US international team. With six walkers making an Olympic team, the odds looked good to many of them. Where do these athletes come from? What is their background? Most walkers have had some track and field experience. A large percentage come from the distance running ranks. However, top walkers have started their athletic careers as sprinters, hurdlers, jumpers and even an occasional weight man.

Their degree of success in walking is not necessarily directly proportional to their success in their former track and field endeavors. Ron Laird was only a 5:13 miler in high school. In fact, he had better success as a javelin thrower in the army with a 180' PR. Another US Olympic walker, Jack Mortland, was a 49-second quarter miler in college before turning to race walking. Former national walking champion, Jack Blackburn, had previously placed sixth in the 1956 Olympic trials in the 10,000-meter run. Gerry Lindgren has switched to walking on a casual basis on several occasions and has done quite well. Other world class runners haven't. So it is difficult to correlate one's potential in running with that of walking. Walking is more of a technique event and requires more work on form, upper body strength and coordination. This is generally the answer given for the difference in success achieved in walking. All in all, race walking is a unique event.

On the international level, the Olympic Games would certainly have to be considered the most important event to walkers. The Lugano Cup or world cup competition, held every other year between Olympic and European championship years, is also of prime importance. This is principally a team competition between walking nations. The competition is comprised of the two Olympic distances, with four walkers per country in each event and the first three scoring. Other important competitions include the European, Pan-American, Commonwealth and US-USSR.

On the national level there are 11 senior national AAU championships held annually at various sites throughout the US. The one mile event is held as part of the AAU indoor track and field championships and the two-mile event is held as part of the AAU outdoor track and field championships. There are qualifying standards for these two events (6:50 and 15:30 for 1971). These two events are track walks and are principally held to promote race walking. Judging is very difficult and the walking form displayed is often of poor quality, but the public relations value due to the large exposure received seems to justify the support of these events. The other nine events are the 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 35-, 40-, 50-kilometer and one hour. There are also 10 junior national AAU championships which include all the same distances as the senior events except the one mile. Active race walking programs exist in many areas: California, Pacific Northwest, Denver, Montana, Missouri, Ohio, Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

For those interested in finding out more about these programs, contact the district AAU race walking chairman through the local AAU office. Should a program not exist in your area, contact Mr. Charles Silcock, National AAU Race Walking Chairman, Box 200, Times Square Station, New York, New York 10036, for recommendations on how to start things in your area. □

(Marks received by Feb. 1)

While the US girls are displaying their usual scarce indoor showing, rather intensive activity may be noted on the European circuits, partially due to the fact only those girls bettering the indoor standards set for the first time by the European IAAF Council will be allowed entry to the next continental indoor championships, scheduled for mid-March in Sofia, Bulgaria. Even so, results weren't particularly exciting, but the double world marks set by Margaret Beacham and Heide Rosendahl claim attention.

Sprints: Renate Meissner, co-holder of the world 100-meter mark, was recently married to clubmate Karl Stecher, a 400-meter hurdler, and soon after ran a fine 7.3 for 60-meters in a heat at Jena, Dec. 12, before fading to 7.5 in the final. A month later, she made another appearance at Jena (Jan. 24) and clocked a good 6.2 over 50-meters, a time also turned in the same day by new Soviet hope Yelena Balashova-Gavrillova, 23, at Bryansk.

Back over 60-meters, Sylviane Telliez of France (also a good soccer player) scored a 7.3 win over Reit van den Berg of Holland (7.4), sister of the better-known Wilma van den Berg, and the West German duo of Siegrid Barth and Barbel Hahnle (both 7.5) in West Berlin, Dec. 4. In the re-run, Sylviane again sprinted 7.3, this time ahead of Annegret Irrgang, 7.5.

Irrgang leads the world at 60-yards after she edged Annelie Wilden and Hahnle by a tenth with 6.8 at Frankfurt-on-Main, Jan. 20. Two US athletes have also clocked 6.9 at this distance, the promising 16-year-old Donna Beckstrom (Los Angeles, Jan. 16) and internationalist Iris Davis (New York, Jan. 29).

Another surprising youngster, 15-year-old Antillian Sonia Lanna-man who is now competing for Britain, caused a major sensation when she beat 400-meter world record holder Marylin Neufville of Jamaica with 7.5 over 60-meters in the British championships at Cosford, Jan. 30. Both had previously raced 7.5s in different races in the same hall, Nov. 21.

Favored by Dortmund's long 80-meter straightaway, Heidi Gerhard, a 30-year-old one-lap specialist from West Germany, set a seasonal world best over 400-meters of 55.5 in a solo run Jan. 24. Two US girls clocked a fine 56.9 over 440-yards early in the US season: Jane Burnett, 21, at College Park (Jan. 8) and Gail Fitzgerald, 20, who made the international team last year, at Philadelphia 16 days later.

After her defeat by Lannaman, Neufville was unable to defend her British 400-meter title and she lost heavily to Jeannette Champion, 25, who beat her 56.1 to 57.3 (Cosford, Jan. 30).

Middle Distances: Athletes over these distances proved most prolific in terms of world standards set or approached. Two US athletes failed by tenths in world record attempts. Jarvis Scott, one of the world's best over the 400-meters in the late 60s before stopped by bad accidents and long hospitalizations, ran 500-yards at Los Angeles (Jan. 16) in 1:06.5, two tenths off Kathy Hammond's world figure, while a week later in Albuquerque, Carol Hudson apparently suffered no ill effects from altitude as she ran a fine 1:22.6 for 600-yards, three-tenths from Cheryl Toussaint's world mark.

Over the longer 1000-yard distance, Francie Larriue bettered the listed best (Lori Schutt's 2:46.1) with 2:38.1 (San Francisco, Jan. 22), but still trailed Sue Parks' pending 2:37.8.

In three other events (800-meters, 1000-meters and 1500-meters), Britain's Margaret Beacham is invariably at the top. The 24-year-old clerk opened the season by cutting three full seconds from the world 1000-meter mark with 2:46.5 (Cosford, Nov. 21). After Beacham, 19-year-old Norine Braithwaite went under the former record with 2:47.0. Then Margaret had a solo attempt on the British 800-meter best (Rosemary Stirling's 2:06.5) in the same hall (Dec. 12) but failed by just a tenth, her 2:06.6 still easily the fastest of the season. Finally, on Jan. 30, she improved the fresh global 1500-meter figure with a scintillating 4:20.5.

Hurdles: Heide Rosendahl of West Germany tied Chi Cheng's world mark for the 50-yard hurdles with 6.5 (Cologne, Nov. 27), coming home slightly ahead of her great adversary, Ingrid Mickler (6.6). Then, at Berlin (Dec. 4), the strong pentathlete and outdoor long jump world record holder, canceled Karin Balzer and Lia Khitrina from the 60-meter hurdle record book with a record 8.0, two-tenths ahead of Holland's Mieke Sterk, who matched the old world mark of 8.2. Sterk had another effort at home over the same distance, clocking a good 8.3 in Leiden in early January. To complete a fine trio of performances, Heide tried the 60-yard hurdles at Frankfurt-on-Main, Jan. 20, and outclassed the other German entries with 7.7.

Two East German specialists accomplished noteworthy times in their first indoor efforts of 1970-71. Karin Balzer, evergreen world record sharer over the 100-meter hurdles outdoors at 33-years-old, scored a good double in Leipzig, Jan. 24, when she ran the 50-meter barriers in 7.2 after a 7.1 heat. Anneliese Ehrhardt was reported to have run 7.0 over the same distance at Magdeburg in late December, but the mark is not yet confirmed.

Jumps: Debbie Brill (who will turn 18 on March 10th) and her "Brill Bend" has become familiar to US arenas. The young backward high jumper, after a 5'11" at Saskatoon, Dec. 29, captured the crowd's attention both in Los Angeles Jan. 16 when she cleared 6'0", and in Albuquerque a week later when she went over 6'¾", outclassing all US entrants. Debbie received only a couple of good answers from Europe: the day following her 6-foot jump, Vyera Gavrillova of the USSR cleared 5'10½" in Leningrad from a dirt takeoff while the day after her 6'¾" clearance, East German Rita Schmidt topped teammate Karin Schulze, 5'11½" to 5'10" at Leipzig.

Rosendahl again showed her talent, this time in her favorite event, the long jump. After 21'2" at Dortmund, Jan. 23, Heide flew an exciting 21'9½" in Hamburg, Jan. 29, becoming the second-longest indoor performer ever and defeating teammate Christa Herzog (19'10¼") and Olympic champion and former record holder Viorica Viscolpeanu of Rumania (19'9¾").

Both Barbara Inkpen of Britain and Margrit Herbst of East Germany leaped 20'9½", the former at Cosford, Nov. 21, and the latter in Magdeburg, Jan. 17 (after a 20'4½" Dec. 19 at Schwerin). □

High School Two-Mile

The high school two-mile, premier event in the USTFF-T&FN sponsored postal competition, has perennially followed a pattern—a midwestern or eastern school team sets an early fast time and then waits anxiously as times pour in from California's highly-competitive postal meets.

Only one non-California team placed among the top 12 entries in 1970. But that school was hot enough to both top the field and to set a new national record. Maine East of Park Ridge, Ill., lowered the team mark by two-tenths with a closely lunched (only 14 seconds separated the five individuals) 47:11.0. John Keane led with 9:20.2, then came Len Harrelson at 9:21.4 and Rick Randall 9:22.2. Bill Grimm (9:33.0) and junior Rich Phalen (9:34.2) closed the senior-dominated fivesome.

Chris Hoffman (St Bernard, Playa del Rey, Calif) took individual honors with 9:06.8, off Mike Ryan's 8:57.8 record set in 1964. Outstanding underclass times were turned in by junior Marc Genet (Santa Ana, Calif) 9:11.8 and sophomores Steve Miller (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif) 9:18.2 and Larry Chamness (Awalt, Mt View, Calif) 9:32.2.

Maine East performed perfectly as a unit during its 1970 cross country season, racking up a 9-0 dual meet record (scoring 15 points on seven occasions) and winning every meet it entered—including the Illinois state championship. Coach John Coughlan proudly claims that each of his record-setting champions ran over 1000 miles last summer after posting some fine times during the 1970 outdoor season (Randall 4:19.8, Keane 4:20.7, Harrelson 4:21.4, Grimm 4:26.8 and Phalen 4:27.8).

Individuals: 1. Chris Hoffman (St Bernard, Playa del Rey, Calif) 9:06.8; 2. Mike Hart (Willow Glen, San Jose, Calif) 9:10.0; 3. Randy Smith (Wichita TC, Wichita, Kans) 9:11.4; 4. Marc Genet (Santa Ana, Calif) 9:11.8; 5. Larry Hildenbrand (Lompoc, Calif) 9:12.0; 6. Scott Eden (Freeman, Richmond, Va) 9:12.6; 7. Chuck Mork (Washington, Fremont, Calif) 9:13.6; 8. Hans Templeman (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif) 9:14.0; 9. Smith (East, Wichita, Kans) 9:15.0; 10. Steve Miller (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif) 9:18.2; 11. Mark McConnell (Soquel, Calif) 9:18.8; 12. Bob Page (Wichita TC, Wichita, Kans) 9:19.4; 13. John Keane (Maine East, Park Ridge, Ill) 9:20.2; 14. Len Harrelson (Maine East, Park Ridge, Ill) 9:21.4; 15. Rick Randall (Maine East, Park Ridge, Ill) 9:22.2; 16. Steve Brooks (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 9:24.6; 17. George Manriquez (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 9:24.6; 18. Walt Mitchell (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 9:26.0; 19. Greg Hall (McLane, Fresno, Calif) 9:26.2; 20. Joe Smithson (Bolsa Grande, G Grove, Calif) 9:26.8.

Teams: 1. Maine East, Park Ridge, Ill. 47:11.0 (John Keane 9:20.2, Len Harrelson 9:21.4, Rick Randall 9:22.2, Bill Grimm, 9:33.0, Rich Phalen 9:34.2); 2. Carlmont, Belmont, Calif. 47:43.4 (Hans Templeman 9:14.0, Steve Miller 9:18.2, Russ Black 9:38.0, Scott Carvey 9:45.6, Carl Cattarin 9:47.6); 3. Willow Glen, San Jose, Calif. 47:50.6 (Mike Hart 9:10.0, Steve Peth 9:31.0, Bob Enriquez 9:41.0, Steve Bealliee 9:43.0, Bob Ebert 9:45.6); 4. Mount Pleasant, San Jose, Calif. 48:01.6 (Steve Brooks 9:24.6, Walt Mitchell 9:26.0, George Manriquez 9:34.6, Alan Donaldson 9:41.6, Phil Teresi 9:54.8); 5. Lompoc, Lompoc, Calif. (Larry Hildenbrand 9:12.0, Terry Williams 9:32.6, Roger Hansen 9:38.0, Tony Nunez 9:53.0, Jake Mintz 9:55.2); 6. St Bernard, Playa del Rey, Calif. 48:20.8; 7. Rancho Alamitos, Garden Grove, Calif. 48:41.4; 8. Awalt, Mountain View, Calif. 48:42.0; 9. Watsonville, Calif 48:48.8; 10. Soquel, Calif. 48:58.8.

High School Three-Mile

Carlmont High School appears at or near the top of the T&FN-USTFF Postal competitions with about the same frequency as Ron Clarke in world distance running lists. This fall was no exception for the Belmont, Calif. four-year school.

Coach Lorren Lansberry's distancemen won the three-mile team race with 75:45.0, 33.4 seconds ahead of runner-up Lewis & Clark of Spokane, Wash. That performance, combined with its second in the two-mile chase (behind Maine East's new record) qualifies Carlmont as perhaps the nation's best prep distance running unit.

Don Overton (Parkway West, Ballwin, Mo) edged Bill Parmelee (Parkway Central, Chesterfield, Mo), 14:34.2 to 14:34.4, in a head-to-head race.

Individuals: 1. Don Overton (Parkway West, Ballwin, Mo) 14:34.2; 2. Bill Parmelee (Parkway Central, Chesterfield, Mo) 14:34.4; 3. Mike Gilleran (Seaholm, Birmingham, Mich) 14:38.2; 4. Mark Kushner (Burbank, Calif) 14:46.4; 5. Shane Sorey (Lewis & Clark, Spokane, Wash) 14:49.8; 6. Hans Templeman (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif) 14:52.2; 7. Steve Miller (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif) 14:52.2; 8. Mark McConnell (Soquel, Calif) 14:55.0; 9. Rick Brooks (Lewis & Clark, Spokane, Wash) 14:57.4; 10. Steve Brooks (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 14:58.2; 11. George Manriquez (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 15:00.0; 12. Steve Peth (Willow Glen, San Jose, Calif) 15:01.0; 13. Bill Smith (Glenbard East, Lombard, Ill) 15:02.4; 14. Al Schurman (Lewis & Clark, Spokane, Wash) 15:03.6; 15. Gary Edwards (Highlands, N Highlands, Calif) 15:05.2.

Teams: 1. Carlmont, Belmont, Calif. 75:45.0 (Hans Templeman 14:52.2, Steve Miller 14:52.2, Scott Carvey 15:05.6, Russ Black 15:21.4, Charles Oliver 15:33.6); 2. Lewis & Clark, Spokane, Wash. (Shane Sorey 14:49.8, Rick Brooks 14:57.4, Al Schurman 15:03.6, Chris Anstine 15:13.6, Mike Rothermel 16:14.0); 3. Willow Glen, San Jose, Calif. 76:32.0 (Steve Peth 15:01.0, Bob Ebert 15:06.0, Bob Enriquez 15:07.0, Mike Hart 15:32.0, Ward Cray 15:46.0); 5. Mount Pleasant, San Jose, Calif. 76:46.4 (Steve Brooks 14:58.2, George Manriquez 15:00.0, Walt Mitchell 15:28.8, Alan Donaldson 15:29.0, Phil Teresi 15:50.4); 6. Marshall, Milwaukee, Wisc. 77:17.6; 7. St Bernard, Uncasville, Conn. 77:42.2.

Prep Frosh Two-, Three-Mile

The greatest quantitative increase in postal participation came in the high school freshman two-mile division, where the team title was won by the Lyons frosh of LaGrange, Ill. That school's time of 53:24.4 nipped Homestead of Sunnyvale, Calif. by four-tenths. Lyons was led by Robert Nelson, who posted a 10:15.0 to tie for fourth individually. Homestead was also second last year.

Individual pace-setter at 9:54.0 was Steve Ryan (Riordan, San Francisco, Calif), two seconds up on Stacey Geiken (Wilbur Jr, Palo Alto, Calif).

Thirty teams from 10 states entered in the 1970 freshman competition compared with 18 teams from seven states one year ago. Thirty-eight sub-10:00 times were posted this year, compared with 28 in 1969.

Only three complete teams entered the three-mile race. Two-mile, then three-mile results:

Individuals: 1. Steve Ryan (Riordan, San Francisco, Calif) 9:54.0; 2. Stacey Geiken (Wilbur Jr, Palo Alto, Calif) 9:56.0; 3. Hugh Miller (Jesuit, Carmichael, Calif) 10:08.6; 4. Richard Kimball (Jesuit, Carmichael, Calif) 10:15.0; 5. Robert Nelson (Lyons, LaGrange, Ill) 10:15.0.

Teams: 1. Lyons, LaGrange, Ill. 53:24.4 (Robert Nelson 10:15.0, David Halleck 10:19.4, Edward Leibenthal 10:52.6, Paul Ettestad 10:55.4, Paul Ulrich 11:02.0); 2. Homestead, Sunnyvale, Calif. 53:24.8; 3. Leigh, San Jose, Calif. 54:10.0.

Individuals: 1. Richard Kimball (Jesuit, Carmichael, Calif) 15:32.0; 2. Paal Hansen (Glenbard East, Lombard, Ill) 15:46.8; 3. Stacey Geiken (Wilbur Jr, Palo Alto, Calif) 16:07.0; 4. Richard Kenyon (St Bernard, Uncasville, Conn) 16:10.2; 5. Barry Pollard (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 16:10.2.

Teams: 1. Saint Bernard, Uncasville, Conn. 86:40.4 (Richard Kenyon 16:10.2, Robert Schuch 17:23.4, Pat Rousseau 17:29.0, Stephen Komarinetz 17:39.6, Jim Capozzall 17:58.2); 2. Mount Pleasant, San Jose, Calif. 87:07.2; 3. Clear Creek, League City, Tex. 90:42.2.

North American Three-Mile

Oregon, not noted for its competitive appearances in the fall, not only nearly won the NCAA cross country team title but also swept the first three squad places in the North American three-mile postal competition as the winner broke the former record—Oregon's old mark of 68:56.0. Two university teams lead the school division and the Oregon Track Club the open classification. Oregon's varsity ran 68:26.8 for a 13:41.6 average.

Collegiate Steve Prefontaine paced the Oregon horde with 13:25.6, behind only defending open champ Jack Bachelor's 13:18.6. Showing championship contact were Steve Savage (13:36.2), frosh Randy James (13:40.0), and juniors Pat Tyson (13:50.4) and Rick Ritchie (13:54.6). Savage and Mike Lyons are Oregon's only seniors among its top 10.

Journalist Ken Moore crossed the line with Arne Kvalheim at 13:26.2 to secure the second and third spots in the open division, pacing the Oregon Track Club to the open division title at 68:35.0.

Last year's collegiate winner, UC Davis, used practically the same crew and placed third in the collegiate division at 71:16.0, which represented a 1:49.8 improvement. Spokane Falls led the junior college section with 72:44.0, led by the 13:56.4 of Phil Burkivist. College, then open, results:

Individuals: 1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 13:25.6; 2. Steve Savage (Ore) 13:36.2; 3. Randy James (Ore) 13:40.0; 4. Pat Tyson (Ore) 13:50.4; 5. Mike Long (Ore "B") 13:50.6; 6. Bill Hansen (UC Davis) 13:51.2; 7. Ed Haver (UC Davis) 13:52.6; 8. Rick Ritchie (Ore) 13:54.6; 9. Mike Lyons (Ore "B") 13:56.0; 10. Phil Burkivist (Spokane Falls CC) 13:56.4.

Teams: 1. Oregon 68:26.8 (Steve Prefontaine 13:25.6, Steve Savage 13:36.2, Randy James 13:40.0, Pat Tyson 13:50.4, Rick Ritchie 13:54.6); 2. Oregon "B" 69:52.2; 3. UC Davis 71:16.0; 4. Spokane Falls CC 72:44.0; 5. San Diego State 74:50.2; 6. Loras 75:35.0; 7. Colgate 75:48.6; 8. UC Davis "B"; 9. San Diego Mesa JC 76:11.0; 10. Colorado 76:12.8.

Individuals: 1. Jack Bachelor (Fla TC) 13:18.6; 2. Ken Moore (Ore TC) 13:26.2; 3. Arne Kvalheim (Ore TC) 13:26.2; 4. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC) 13:45.8; 5. Dave Wilborn (Ore TC) 13:46.4; 6. Mike Manley (Ore TC) 13:56.6; 7. Craig Runyan (Van OC) 13:59.0; 8. John Parker (Fla TC) 13:59.6; 9. Ken French (Van OC) 14:05.0; 10. Bill Clark (WVTC) 14:08.0.

Teams: 1. Oregon TC 68:35.0 (Ken Moore 13:26.2, Arne Kvalheim 13:26.2, Dave Wilborn 13:46.4, Mike Manley 13:56.6, Knut Kvalheim 14:10.0); 2. Florida TC 70:48.4; 3. Vancouver Olympic Club 70:50.6; 4. Vancouver Olympic Club "B" 76:50.2.

Two-Man, Ten-Mile Relay

Seasoned middle distance runners Chuck LaBenz and Jerry Jobski teamed to win the 1970 two-man 10-mile relay. Their alternated quarters totaling 42:09.0 were well ahead of collegians Owen Self and Doug Brown of Tennessee, who relayed 42:39.4 for second. LaBenz averaged 61.8 and Jobski 65.0 in a special meet in Phoenix.

Other division leaders were: Junior College, German Alonso and Steve Brown (LA Valley) 43:51.4; High School, juniors Mike Gilleran and Jim Eubanks (Seaholm, Birmingham, Mich) 45:04.8; Frosh, Barry Pollard and Shannon Rogers (Mt Pleasant, San Jose, Calif) 49:10.0 with the only new divisional record in this competition. Jim Ryun and John Lawson of Kansas hold the open record of 41:10.8 set in 1965.

Leaders: 1. Chuck LaBenz-Jerry Jobski (P Coast) 42:09.0; 2. Owen Self-Doug Brown (Tenn) 42:39.4; 3. Peter Fredriksson-Kent Andersson (Intl U) 43:13.6; 4. Ron Stonitsch-Paul Ingrassia (CW Post AA) 43:24.4; 5. German Alonso-Steve Brown (LA Valley JC) 43:51.4; 6. Keith Grinnell-Jeff Clenard (LA Valley JC) 44:01.8; 7. Guy Kirton-Dave Houchin (Tenn) 44:05.6; 8. Art Martinez-Jon Sutherland (S Fernando St) 44:06.6; 9. Dave Hull-Ben Martinez (S Diego Mesa JC) 44:09.8; 10. Web Loudat-Robin Barrett (Atomic City TC) 44:11.8. □

Competitive Track After 30 Advantages, Disadvantages

by Jon Hendershott

How does age affect a trackman's performances? To the layman, it might be simple enough to look at the growing number of seniors athletes--from 40 to 70 and beyond--and conclude age really can't halt an athlete's participation. But how does it affect his performances?

Tom Waddell literally came out of nowhere in 1968 to make the US Olympic decathlon team, after an eight-year absence from top-level competition, and then placed sixth at Mexico with a PR 7720-point accumulation. Both at the age of 30. What's more he is a physician (currently engaged in research in infectious diseases at the Stanford University Medical School), which puts him in a unique position to understand the physiological changes in an athlete which age can bring.

If anything, though, he feels age--at least in the case of Tom Waddell's 33-plus years--will stand him in good stead in a year's time when he takes a crack at making his second Olympic team.

"There are really no physiological advantages for an athlete of 30 as compared to one of 20. There may be more disadvantages. If one is older, one has had more chance of injuries. Like when a tendon is injured it is permanently injured. These areas are calcified by the body and become scar tissue. It becomes weakened.

"Psychologically, however, I think the older you are the tougher you are. The confidence I had in 1968 was ten-fold over that of 1960. I just didn't believe I could make the team in 60 but in 68 I was certain I could.

"Of course, the cellular changes which occur with aging are very real. As one gets older, there is less protein in the cells. There is less water in the body. The well-differentiated cells which aren't replaced when injured, like tendons, ligaments and muscles, receive less blood and are very slowly replaced by fibrous tissue. So you don't have a viable, stretchable, workable tissue.

"I think it's important that anyone who wants to continue running simply never allow himself to stop. As you work out, you do increase the effectiveness of your cardio-vascular system. Recent tests on distance runners have found they have smaller hearts, not larger. They have very efficient cardio-vascular systems. So if you maintain activity throughout the years, there's no reason why you can't keep your cells in good shape. You always will lose some cells, like in skin and bone, which are constantly being replaced. But if those permanent cells which are dependent on the blood supply are kept well-bathed with tissue fluids, blood and nutrients, I see no reason why the aging process should be deleterious.

"Yes, aging is definitely as much psychological as physiological. What often happens to an athlete when he gets out of college? He marries and suddenly has a wife to support. He can't be care-free and work out whenever he wants. He becomes 'responsible' and starts thinking older. He starts thinking in terms of income tax and balancing the check book at the end of every month and things which never bothered him before. I have been lucky that once I go home from my job, unless I am on call, my time is pretty much my own.

"At Tahoe, I was treating guys who had pains which simply were not



Tom Waddell /Don Chadez/

"I'm sure there are physiological limits when a person's functioning begins to decrease but I think this depends on the individual. You have to think in terms of chronological age versus physiological age. Two individuals can be the same chronological age but one can be much younger physiologically. It's related to the aging process but it's also related to factors like the amount and kind of stimulus, amount of training and things like that. A study in the early 60s indicated the major variables in the aging process were things like geography, where a person was from, occupation, personal habits. Things you might not ordinarily think of. My living in New York was certainly different from California. In New York you have to face four completely different seasonal changes--and you certainly move more sluggishly in the winter. But the weather in California and Florida is more conducive to year-round training outdoors. So there are many external factors which affect aging.

"But any physiological limits, for athletes or ordinary people, must be thought of in terms of chronological versus physiological age--and the ratio will be different for every individual."

Waddell Tougher Than Ever at 33

Dr. Tom Waddell talks about chronological age versus physiological age--and his chronological age of 30 in 1968 hardly tabbed him a likely prospect for the US Olympic team. But he proved his physiological age was superior to many younger athletes both at South Lake Tahoe and at Mexico City. The winner of both those decathlons, 29-year-old Bill Toomey, did too.

Waddell had been a football and gymnastics star at Springfield College in the late 50s who also happened to compete in six or seven events in every track meet for the Massachusetts school--just going out on meet day and competing with little practice otherwise. He tried for the 1960 US Olympic decathlon team in his fourth decathlon ever, placing seventh with 6945 points. Then he went to medical school at Seton Hall and his competitions were sporadic. After med school and internship came an Army hitch.

"I was at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington in the spring of 68 and I read the results of the Mt. SAC Relays decathlon in the paper and thought, 'I can beat some of those guys with just a little work'. So I asked for a transfer to Fort MacArthur and got it. I really think that was the key to everything in 68, just being around world-class athletes. I never had been before but there were Neal Steinhauer, Mel Pender, Les Tipton, Tom Von Ruden, Tracy Smith, Tom Farrell and Tom Jones in the barracks.

"If I had known how to train in 1960 the way I did in 68, I know I would have made the team in 60. The difference was the volume of work plus weights. I had never run much before I got to Fort MacArthur but I sure did once I got there--and I really hurt. I had never run that much or that fast in my life. Back in 60, I never ran even one practice 440 for example. The longest I used to run was a 220 and I would do maybe two of those a week. I thought that was enough because I was tired and hurt a little. But I learned that I had to be a lot more tired and hurt a lot more, only I wasn't smart enough to figure it out for myself. I watched those other guys and thought, 'My God, why do they work so hard; they're so good?' Then I realized they were good because they worked hard.

"In May of 68, I seriously decided to try for the Olympic team--and I never doubted I would make it in spite of the long lay-off from competition. (In five decathlons in 68, Waddell failed to improve only once: 2nd in SPA-AAU 6969; 17th in AAU 6448; 1st in Walnut Pre-Olympic 7587; 3rd in US Final Olympic Trials 7706; 6th in Olympic Games 7720.) Psychologically,

consistent with any physiological abnormalities. There are definite stress-related psychological factors which cause physiological problems. This is well-known, of course, with things like ulcers.

"Being a doctor hasn't helped me in terms of staying in better shape as I grow older. I didn't know how to train and I depended on people who were not physicians to teach me how to train. I really believe medicine is remiss in its understanding of sports medicine, athletic training and injuries. Trainers are the main people involved in treating athletic injuries and few of them know really what's wrong and how it should be treated. But most physicians know a hell of a lot less. Physicians in this country are, for the most part, sick-oriented people. This isn't true in many European countries where sports medicine is a specialized field. Here our form of medicine is crisis therapy. We wait for something to happen and then jump in. We really don't know much about preventive medicine. Athletic injuries happen to essentially well kids but most physicians don't bother to know anything about this area and it's a shame.

"Sure, I understand the processes that are going on, like when someone pulls a muscle. But I don't know the correct therapy and I can't apply it to myself. I'm sure some of the things I do when I'm hurt people in medical therapy would laugh at.

"I'm sure there are physiological limits when a person's functioning begins to decrease but I think this depends on the individual. You have to think in terms of chronological age versus physiological age. Two individuals can be the same chronological age but one can be much younger physiologically. It's related to the aging process but it's also related to factors like the amount and kind of stimulus, amount of training and things like that. A study in the early 60s indicated the major variables in the aging process were things like geography, where a person was from, occupation, personal habits. Things you might not ordinarily think of. My living in New York was certainly different from California. In New York you have to face four completely different seasonal changes--and you certainly move more sluggishly in the winter. But the weather in California and Florida is more conducive to year-round training outdoors. So there are many external factors which affect aging.

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I was really tough. I just ran my own decathlons and wasn't aware of anyone else. Something I was able to do was come through on my third tries in the field events, which I hadn't ever been able to do in the past. Like I got my best mark at Tahoe in the long jump, shot and javelin on my third tries. In fact in the shot, my best was 47'1 1/2" but I really got charged on my last try and that thing just flew out of my hand. But I was so surprised watching it I stepped out of the front of the circle. It measured 52'6".

"Well, the reason nobody heard from me after Mexico--and I didn't retire although Track & Field News voluntarily retired me--was that I broke my back indoors in 69. I went with the US team to Russia and Germany as team physician and ended up a patient. I competed in Germany and Phil Shinnick was showing me how to extend better in the long jump. I really extended on my next jump but I landed wrong and suffered a compression fracture of the fourth lumbar vertebra. It was a pretty severe fracture and really painful. That's why I didn't compete from March of 69 until May of 70, but I would have continued right on if that hadn't happened.

"My training now is way ahead of what it was in 68--and it's only 1971. Virtually every event but the vault is going well and I want to keep adding to that. I haven't vaulted since Mexico because I hurt my shoulder there--I can put my finger between the end of my clavicle and the joint--but I think it should be alright once I get on a pole. No, I'm not shooting for anything this year, not Cali or anything. I'm going to go in some decathlons and if I do well, fine. If not, I'm sure not going to worry about it. I'm shooting for 72. There's nothing quite as important to me--other than my job--as the Olympic Trials.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I thought the greatest thing that could ever happen to anyone was to make the Olympic team, and when I did in 68 I was ecstatic for months. A lot of people have asked me, 'Well, what if you don't make it in 72? You'll be a pretty dejected guy'. I don't think so. I never expected to improve as much as I did. Having made the team once makes for wonderful memories. I can't express the feeling of what it was like to be in that opening day parade. I felt like I could have wafted away with one of those balloons. There has been no other feeling like that in my life--and if it's a feeling I can experience more than once in my lifetime it would be indescribable.

"Well, Munich is something else again. I want a medal so badly I can almost taste it. In fact, I can taste it. It's going to match this filling in my tooth--which isn't bronze and isn't silver." □



CBS-TV's Track Series

by Dick Drake

Dick Bank has had many callings in the sport of track and field. He was T&FN's first high school editor, the initial compiler of the all-time prep list and organized the first High School Annual for us. He has continued to serve as a T&FN correspondent. He is internationally known as a journalist and critic of the sport. He was the first US athletes' representative for Adidas shoes. He is a noted track statistician, and among his many projects (for the ATFS) he undertook the project of determining the exact birthdates of thousands of athletes. He has secured important technical information and film sequence strips which he has made available to athletes. It goes on and on.

But perhaps his most important contribution--and the one certainly that has made him most well known--is as a track and field TV announcer. It began in the late fifties, and he has since worked for all three US networks as well as other local stations. Most recently, of course, he was the announcer for all track events on the AAU-CBS-TV series in 1969 and 70.

There is perhaps no one in the history of track and field who has as well-rounded a background and such extensive experiences. He has widely traveled to follow track and field, he knowledgeable knows track statistics and competitions from past and present, he knows innumerable athletes, officials, coaches, journalists connected with the sport, and he has studied the technical aspects of the events. He also devotes considerable energy and time to be the kind of authority he has become.

Here, Dick Bank discusses for T&FN readers his personal role in the televising of track and field as well as some of the background details of producing such programs.

• *What are some of the most common complaints and compliments from viewers? How do these differ from those of sponsors and executives? How instrumental are viewers' comments in affecting change in such programs?*

Most of the comments come from people I know who are pretty knowledgeable in track and field, and the most frequent comment was that we didn't show enough distance races. There is always the problem of time, especially when you're trying to put an international meet of men's and women's competition into a one hour show. Even if it's only an all men's show, it's still difficult to give much time to distance races. Many distance races aren't very interesting, even though the race may be fast. If one athlete in an international race of four breaks off early on a fast pace, it's not competitively interesting to show. It might appeal to the track nut but not the average fan. As for compliments, it generally amounts to the fact that the meets were well covered and presented. The sponsors and executives look at it from a different point of view. The executives are concerned with the technical content of the show--that the camera work, editing, continuity are good, whereas the sponsors and advertising agencies are concerned with how well the meets play--that they are interesting. As long as the ratings and the technical quality are good and the shows are interesting and provide good viewing, then these people are satisfied. Actually, I don't think viewers' comments affect much change in such programs. The average person is not able to offer any real pertinent comments. It's pretty much up to the producer to offer suggestions.

• *Is there a special single philosophy which pervades sports programs and particularly this series? For example, is winning considered to be of prime importance?*

Basically, we're trying to expose the viewer to good quality track and field which they have either seen very little of in the past or a program not presented as well as it could have been. As far as not showing anyone but the winner, that's the fault of the director who directs in turn the cameraman. Not only is a director limited by his understanding of track and field but he is confined to watching the competition on a screen in a truck which limits his perspective. Announcing non-winning results became a fetish with me because the viewer has a right to know what other athletes in a race have done. In the past, telecasts of track and field have ignored this but we developed a good communication system which gets these results to me as quickly as possible. As well, I lean heavily on lap times and splits to help the viewer appreciate a race.

• *What personnel is basic to a TV track telecast?*

Outside of the three commentators, it's all technical personnel. Lou

Millions of track fans around the US weren't the only ones to watch CBS's televised track series. Even the athletes got a look--at themselves. Here after last year's King Games high hurdles, winner Willie Davenport (c), runner-up Rod Milburn (r) and third-placer Leon Coleman (l) view an instant replay of their race. (Jeff Johnson/)

Tyrrell is the producer-director, and he works out of the office of executive producer Marv Sugarman. Tyrrell does the actual physical producing on the scene and Sugarman oversees by negotiating the contract and working with the sponsors and the network. Tyrrell is in charge of putting the entire show together after the meet is over. He looks at what has been taped during the competition and decides what goes in. There is also a director of running events, either Bob Dailey or Tony Verna. And then there are two associate directors who record the segments that are taped. They determine where each race is positioned on the tape and the time each segment requires. Thus, when Tyrrell begins his work he will know that the 400-meters will take a minute and 56 seconds to include the introductions of athletes, pre-race run-down, actual race commentary and the final results. We have two video tape engineers, an audio engineer and two engineering supervisors. There's a general assistant who can fill in where needed. And finally there are five cameramen, who vary from meet to meet in the US but who are the same five Englishmen for each of the European matches. That's one of the reasons our camera work is better in Europe than in the US, because these men are excellent craftsmen and become familiar with our needs.

• *In what ways do you feel this series has overcome some of the drawbacks and criticisms proffered on past track programs?*

I think the more you cover a sport, the better you become. For instance, ABC did only two meets in 1970 while we did 19 meets. You have to do a better job because you do them week in and week out. We come up with new techniques, new approaches and spot mistakes which we can correct. I think that's one of our advantages: we can recognize our own mistakes and rectify them. Without wishing to be critical of other announcers, I think it's necessary to have somebody who's really a specialist in track and field. And one who can specialize on that particular sport is better off than the general sportscaster. We've added events that aren't normally shown, such as the hammer, steeplechase and triple jump. And that's one of the advantages of doing shows from Europe, where competition in those events is so strong. I think basically any time you have a crew which is specializing in a series of meets you're going to be better than the meets which come as specials.

• *How were you personally selected to announce this series? How has your role changed from beginning to present? What was your experience with previous track programs on TV? What makes you personally like this series?*

The selection was made by Sugarman and approved by CBS. But the one is most responsible is Ollan Cassell (AAU track and field director). The series is a three-way contract among Sugarman, CBS and the AAU. As it is AAU track and field that is presented, the AAU feels it is entitled to exercise its opinions. My role has changed considerably, for when I first

Track Television Ratings For 1969-70

Rating information indicates the CBS-TV television series actually fell off between the 1969 and 1970 series, yet this past year's program was considerably better off financially--the show having lost a reported \$300,000 in 1969 but showing a profit in 1970.

A contract has been signed for the 1971 season for 18 weeks but this year there will be five non-track shows. The series begins May 2 and will last until Aug. 22. At present, Dick Bank has indicated he will not return to the series as the announcer of the track events.

The average ratings in 1969 were 21% of the viewing audience, 5.6 on the Nielsen rating system and 3,180,000 homes tuned in, while in 1970 the figures were 20%, 5.0 and 2,954,000.

In 1969, the three highest rated shows were (1) US-Great Britain match (25%, 6.8 rating and 3,880,000 homes); (2) US-USSR-British Commonwealth (25%, 6.6 and 3,760,000); and (3) Compton Invitational (26%, 6.5 and 3,710,000). The lowest rated show was from Malmo (18%, 4.5 and 2,570,000). Surprisingly, the second lowest was Europe vs. Americas (17%, 4.6 and 2,620,000). Ratings can be affected by what is on opposite a show or what precedes the program. For instance, the Martin Luther King Games received a high 19%, 6.0 and 3,420,000 because it followed immediately a Moon shot.

In 1970, the top three were (1) Orange County (surprisingly, with 22%, 6.0 and 3,510,000); (2) Kennedy Games (22%, 5.7 and 3,330,000) and Stockholm (21%, 5.6 and 3,280,000). The lowest was Martin Luther King (15%, 4.3, 2,520,000), while the next lowest, again a surpriser, was the US-USSR (16%, 4.3, 2,520,000).

Neither year was the AAU outdoor championships rated as the meet falls on a "blackweek" for the Nielsen rating service.

began I was in a secondary position. I accepted the job on this basis but I felt as time passed, I could contribute a lot more to the success of the telecast. By the second telecast I was calling all the races while Jack Whitaker was the host and interviewer of runners and Ralph Boston was commenting on the field events and interviewing those athletes. It's a good feeling not being encumbered in terms of my commentary and pre-race rundowns, because when I did telecasts for other networks in a secondary position I was obliged to speak when the announcer threw a cue to me which can destroy the continuity and train of thought. This way, I can do exactly what I want. I started announcing meets with the 1959 Mt. SAC Relays, and continued with other invitationals, college dual meets and high school meets. I worked with CBS at the Olympic Trials in 1960 as a background expert. It was Gil Stratton who was responsible for my working in the same position in Rome. The first thing I did with ABC was the 1962 Oregon Invitational on the Wide World of Sports in its first year. I had been anxious to announce the 1961 US-USSR



Dick Bank calls the first-day telecast of the 1970 US-USSR meet from Leningrad "the most memorable I've ever done". Besides 40° cold, wind and rain, Bank and his crew didn't have enough cover for even one person, he couldn't see his monitor, his papers were soaked and once communications were lost with his control truck. /Paul Mosconi/

meet from Moscow. I met the ABC people in New York, and tried very hard to get my foot in the door. They decided on their way to Moscow that they wanted to use me and sent a telegram to an address they thought to be mine telling me to get on a plane and get to Moscow. The telegram went to the wrong address. Naturally, I was crushed because I came very close to going on my own anyway. They let me do Portland sort of as a compensation. I did the interviews there but they were sufficiently pleased that they let me do even more at the LA Times meet, which was a superb one. I was in with ABC and worked with them through the spring of 1964, until we had a falling out over a legal matter. I did nothing more until the 1965 US-USSR meet in Kiev for ABC though I had been working for NBC. I did nothing more until this current series with CBS after the 1964 Olympics at which I worked one day. I was working as a so-called expert commentator with Bud Palmer. I became more excited during the 10,000 than ever before, and when Palmer wasn't calling Billy Mills I took over. I only worked that first day. I was a spectator for the rest of the time, because the producer and I couldn't see eye to eye and it would have been frustrating to work under such conditions. Actually, I have to admit I'm not an easy person to work with, because I am a perfectionist who wants to do the best possible job. The next fellow is not always as interested or desirous. And I'm sure there are times when they're not happy with some of the things I say but I am an outspoken individual. I'm out to do the best job of my ability. I put in untold hours of preparation for each telecast, and I'm not about to have some individual because of his incompetence stand in my way to having things right. I can't apologize because of someone else's shortcomings. I can only stand on the job I do. I can't say, 'Well, I'm sorry, folks, my communications set-up is not good here and you'll have to excuse me because of such and such an error.' But I like the series because we have an opportunity to cover good meets and athletes, and there's no reason we can't do a good job.

● *How do you personally prepare for a particular meet?*

This year, I went to meets on Wednesdays in the US and sought the meet director first thing on Thursday morning in order to get all the information. Often, however, I don't get the complete info until very late on Friday which puts me under the gun and which means I've got to work late into the night and still get up early Saturday to work. Often, I still haven't completed all my work by the time I get to the stadium. Of all meets, it's really a treat to work at the Kennedy Games, because Cal sports information director Bob Steiner is so well organized. It's terribly difficult to get information at some meets, largely because the directors are both hard to find and sometimes disorganized and not very concerned about television. As a one-time venture, we who work for TV find the meet promoters have little indebtedness for us. My preparation includes making five copies of the entries for my three spotters plus Whitaker and myself and making notes on each of the athletes. These are items I usually know without looking up but I make notes for myself so that during the heat of a race I won't forget the important details that make for lively presentation. Even though I subscribe to numerous European publications, digging up information on continental athletes can be tough because many are only locally known. My preparation for a telecast requires an average of eight hours of concentrated work. As far as pronunciation of foreign athletes' names goes, I have learned the rules for different languages, especially the Eastern European languages. Sometimes I will go over each name with our interpreter. Actually, I even spend time on the names of American athletes.

● *Is there any type of incident that arises that gives you particular qualms?*

The most frequent problem is that our communications set-up between the field and our announcing position is not working. With the 1970 AAU nearly ready to begin, we had no communication with the field, which makes determining scratches difficult. In Leningrad, we lost communication with the director in the truck. He could hear my commentary but I couldn't take his cues and had to work through the cameraman who was wired to the truck. In general, Leningrad was the worst conditions under which anybody has ever had to announce a track and field meet. I don't like to be in a pressbox or booth because you're restricted. You can't always see well to either side

and lose the feeling of the competition. So, I always have a platform built in the stands. In Leningrad, I was sitting at the top of the stadium, and the 40° wind was just whistling right through and the driving rain storm was getting us soaked. Here was associate Mort Tenner who couldn't hold pencil to write or even punch his stopwatch. I couldn't see the monitor or my papers, which became completely drenched. There's another problem we've encountered in eastern Europe with members of the secret police. Our female interpreter in Warsaw in 1969 insisted on staying in the production truck during filming and editing. Of course, one has every reason to believe the interpreters in Eastern Europe are members of the secret police. They wanted to make sure that nothing uncomplimentary was being said about Poland. We had three who insisted on sticking around in Leningrad. They were supposed to be from the Soviet television.

● *Describe some of the events that take place in conjunction with announcing that the general public is never familiar with. How do you and your team—spotters, statisticians, fieldmen—work together? What are the biggest headaches?*

I have two people working on the field, and in the US it's Dennis Minishian and Jack Shepard. Dennis handles the finish line and Jack the start. Dennis is a lawyer by profession, he's knowledgeable and sees things quite clearly. You don't have to tell him anything. Upstairs, it's Mort Tenner or Stan Eales, who serve as spotters, statisticians and coordinators with the field men. They're all fantastic. This year in Europe, I had Roy Grimshaw, an Englishman who has emigrated to the US but who is fluent in German and French, on the field along with JC Newswire editor Fred Baer. Bobbi Moore--Ken's wife--worked for us a couple of meets this year, and she proved very knowledgeable and helpful. We had other local people at other meets. Generally, all these people serve to take the pressure off me. All are especially useful with last minute changes or quick details. The spotter is responsible for taking lap times and relay splits and for getting the results of one race before the next race is started because of the manner in which the races are taped.

● *What happens after the meet until the program is ready to roll? What happens in the mobile truck, how long does it take, do you always edit immediately after a meet?*

After the meet, I suggest what races should be used. Each running event has been timed, so we know exactly how long each segment will take. Lou Tyrrell makes up a format of the events to be included in the telecast. He has to juggle them around to coincide with the required commercials in the show. Say you have eight minutes from the start of the show to the first commercial, you have to pick events that fit into that slot. Too, you have to be careful you don't have an athlete preceding himself in the competition. Don't show the 100 before the 440 relay in the telecast, if it was run in opposite sequence during the meet because some of the same athletes are likely to be in both. Then the editing begins. Fortunately, there are rarely major technical problems, such as losing an entire event because of taping difficulties. We start editing 30 to 45 minutes after the meet. And it goes until its finished. For a night meet, it's not unusual to finish at 6 a.m.

That makes for a laborious night in the truck. This is when Ralph Boston does his segment. He doesn't do any event live, so he has a great advantage of knowing exactly what he's going to say before he does it. I wouldn't want to do the running events that way because you can't make a good commentary on a race you've already seen. That's part of the excitement, calling it exactly as it takes place. The field events are difficult in the sense that you don't have man against man competition so you don't have the same kind of competitive feeling.

● *As an announcer who is obviously concerned about the success of the show and how it might relate to the future of track and field, what aspects in the overall presentation do you consider especially vital to maintaining viewer interest? How do you strike a balance between informing and telling data to the average fan versus the super fan?*

I believe the overwhelming majority of viewers know virtually nothing about track and field. They may know Jim Ryun. But track and field when it is presented well can be a good spectator sport and a good TV subject, so it is my job to make sure the meets come over well: that they're entertaining and informative so the people will want to watch again. You have to strike a balance, and not overwhelm the viewer with statistics. This year, I didn't use as many stats. You have to inform them of what the individual has done so they can recognize how good an athlete he is and how good his competition will be. In this way, I hope we can build spectator interest and develop a greater following for the sport. I have other material prepared which I can mention during a race. I think it's important to inform them of important technical stats, such as the height of the hurdles. And you can't assume because you told them last week that same people are watching this week. I make every effort to be as descriptive as I can during the course of the race. Track has been very good to me. It has permitted me to travel around the world. I've made 18 trips to Europe in conjunction with the sport, and I've made a lot of good friends during that time who have actually proved helpful on these telecasts. I met my wife through track (Pat Winslow Bank, the pentathlete). I feel I owe something to track. I can never repay the sport for the opportunities received, and these telecasts have been my contribution to the sport I love dearly. In my own eyes, I have improved because I have been able to view every meet and hear the commentary at home since purchasing a Sony video tape recorder. It is really important to hear your commentary when it's combined with the action. You can't just sit down after a meet and reflect on what you've said.

● *As a fan, do you enjoy meets while working them?*

There's a tremendous amount of concentration required in a telecast, and since I'm wholly intent on doing the best possible job the energy may go into details rather than watching some of the field events. I'm often intense and even anxious. But I do enjoy calling races, and I'm eager to do as competent a job as I would expect if I were sitting and watching the meet as a viewer. Perhaps the greatest loss as an announcer is not being able to chat with journalists and officials and fans during meets, because sharing these experiences with others is one of the greatest enjoyments of a meet for me. It's a good feeling to know that 10 to 15 million people will be watching a race and listening to your words. You have a great responsibility to make that program as accurate and interesting as possible. □

"Can you come down and present your World Athlete of the Year award to Randy Matson?", asked the caller from Amarillo, Texas. "I would be delighted," I replied to Jack Donovan, information director at West Texas State University. Thus began a quick but altogether pleasant and satisfying visit to the high plains country of the Texas Panhandle, sometimes known as Matsonland.

It began early in January when I called Charlie Matson, Randy's father, for some information on his son, to go into our annual edition write-up of the none-such shot putter. Two days later, I heard from Warren Hasse, general manager of radio station KPDN (Top O' Texas Broadcasting Company), in Pampa, a city which proudly identifies itself, via a highway sign, as the "Home of Randy Matson".

"Charlie Matson just told me of Randy's award," explained Hasse. "He's busting his buttons with pride." Then and there, Hasse taped a two-minute statement from me on the award for later release on the Mutual Broadcasting System network. He said he thought the West Texas State Buffalo Club, the athletic booster organization for which Matson works, might ask me to be its guest for special ceremonies honoring the pride of the panhandle.

Donovan's call confirmed the invitation and set up what the Amarillo News later referred to as a transcontinental telephone news conference. From my office in Los Altos, I made the official announcement of Randy's selection while on the other end of the line the local newspaper, radio and television people heard it on a public address system. Then I talked briefly with Randy and his two bosses, Boyce Box, president of the Buffalo Club, and Joe Kerbel, athletic director at West Texas, whom Matson assists.

"You will be met at the airport," I was told. But when my wife Jeanette, and daughter Linda and I stepped off the plane at noon Monday, the first of February, I was unprepared for the welcome we received. But that was because I didn't know about the hospitality of the region.

Matson and Box were there, and Bob Kitchens, West Texas track coach who had come some 25 miles from Canyon, home of the university. Kerbel arrived a little later and we all had lunch at the Big Texan. The figure of a Texas cowboy reached 30 or 40 feet into the clear sky, which the natives claim is the least polluted in the entire country. An oversized steer looms just off the highway. The restaurant, complete with old-west memorabilia and gun-toting cowgirls as waitresses, featured a 72-ounce steak which is yours free if you can eat it, and all the trimmings, within the hour. But not until I took stock of the company did I realize what Big Texan really meant. There was Matson, an imposing 6'6½" and 270 well-muscled pounds. And Box, a former West Texas football player and basketball star, at 6'4½" and 240. And Kerbel, well under six-feet but admitting to 290-lbs. Kitchens, short and slight, was dwarfed, as were we Californians.

To my disappointment, none tried the 72-ounce hunk of beef. The big men, in fact, ate no more--and perhaps even less--than the rest of us. We were told that a professional wrestler, who weighed "something like 600 pounds" had eaten two at one sitting. And Randy remembered that shot putter Bruce Wilhelm had tried it once. "He didn't have much money on him and thought he could eat well for nothing. But he couldn't finish it and had to borrow money to pay the bill." Now, that comes to \$10.75.

Kerbel was proud that Rocky Thompson of West Texas was a first-round pro football pick. But Kitchens bemoaned the loss of the 9.2 windy sprinter, who had run for his native Bermuda in the British Commonwealth Games as Gary Symonds, the name he uses at home. They spoke of Duane Thomas, the sensational rookie running back for the Dallas Cowboys who was also a trackman, and of Randy Thomas, the Buffs' 13.7 windy hurdler. Not bad talent for a school in just its third year of track, with a turnout of five athletes in 1969, 13 in 1970 and 20 this year.

Texas brags, which are tall stories about the big state, dotted the conversation, and when Matson told of a high school discus thrower having the wind blow the discus right back in his face I knew I had heard one of the better brags. But we were assured this was a true story and later, after experiencing the cold wind that whips unhindered across the open plains, I can believe how it could happen to a not-so-strong thrower.

"Jay Silvester would love this place," thought Randy. "There is nothing he loves better than a good wind and if I told him what we had here he would come a running."

"Please don't tell me the wind is strong enough to help the shot," I pleaded. "Of course not," Randy answered, "but it does hurt. It can throw you off balance a little. And it is bad psychologically. Every time you start to throw you have to think about what it is going to do to you."

After lunch, Randy went to his office and later took a weight-lifting workout at the small but adequately equipped gym a convenient two blocks from his work. Box took us on a tour of Amarillo, a sprawling city of more than 150,000 people in the metropolitan area. A complete absence of greenery was most noticeable to our California eyes. Every lawn was straw-colored and the leafless trees, 99% of which were elm, were ash gray. The countryside, seemingly flat as a shot put ring, appeared well-farmed and prosperous. Milo is the big crop, most of it used to feed the staggering total of four million head of cattle on local feed lots at one time. Meat packing is a growing industry, as the cost-conscious packers come to where the cattle and feed are. Natural gas abounds and Amarillo calls itself the helium capital of the world as the area produces more than 80% of the global supply.

West Texas State University looms ahead as you come over the lip of the shallow canyon which gives the town its name. The 8000-plus students enjoy a well-financed, constantly-expanding plant, with good sports facilities. The track is all-weather and the trackmen have the benefit of a huge sports hall with a Tartan surface. It is part of the outstanding student activities center and was bustling with activity. Ten one-court basketball games were underway, badminton birds were flying down the middle, and trackmen were

Randy Matson was twice presented *T&FN's* 1970 Athlete of the Year award—once at home in Texas as related here by Bert Nelson and for the second time at California's Athens Invitational where this shot was snapped. /Bob Kasper/



running. There is no track as such, but there is space and a good surface and it's warm. The chill factor, a combination of temperature and wind, was below zero and any but the most masochistic of track athletes would want to be inside.

That evening we attended the West Texas versus Weber State basketball game. It was a thriller, going into overtime before the locals won, partially because Weber State's star, the 7½" high jumper Willie Sojourner, blew two free throws in the closing seconds.

Matson was honored at half-time in televised ceremonies. I told the listeners we feel our world athlete-of-the-year award is very special. Unlike the more popular and more publicized games of football, basketball and baseball, track and field is a truly universal sport. Achievements are measurable and thus can be compared with all others. And the performances are individual, not depending upon the skill of teammates or the quality of the opposition or the breaks of the game.

Randy received the plaque which features the cover of our annual issue and made a gracious, humble acceptance. A state representative read a resolution of commendation passed by the Texas house of representatives and Box related how delighted the Buffalo Club is to have Randy as its executive director.

While the rabidly-partisan crowd sweated out the second half of the game, the Matsons and Nelsons visited in the corridor. Jessica, a blonde, brown-eyed two-year-old doll who quite obviously can melt her 270-lb. father at will, and Jim, just three months but already the subject of speculation as to an athletic future, were centers of attention. They and Margaret, his pretty, petite wife, are the family whose welfare and happiness mean more to Randy than anything else.

Randy's dad, a big, strong looking man who never participated in sports, was on hand, but his mother wasn't feeling well enough to make the 60-mile drive from Pampa. Margaret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, also had come from Pampa and Mrs. Burns asked if she could get some copies of the annual issue, "for the family." I'm keeping scrapbooks for the kids. Randy never would and I know they would like to have them later on."

I asked Randy if he had kept records of any of his performances as we are missing three of his better series. "No, I never have," he said, "but I wish now that I had. I really enjoyed all the figures you come up with. As I get older these things mean more to me. In the beginning, it was just go out and win."

The next morning the gals and I enjoyed Palo Duro Canyon, most easily described as a miniature of the Grand Canyon, and a great western museum at the university. At lunch with Randy, we talked track. Naturally.

"I always do better when someone is watching," Randy admitted. "Even in practice. I'll be putting by myself, trying as hard as I can. Some kid will come by to watch for a minute or two and immediately I'll get two feet more. When he leaves I'm back down to the previous level."

"Margaret is the best watcher. She has a good eye for the shot and can really help me. I'm not very good at spotting what the other putters are doing. If I look for a certain thing I can tell if they are doing it right or wrong. But I can't watch the overall throw and pick out the little flaws. Dave (Maggard) is good that way. So is Coach (Payton) Jordan."

While enjoying a lunch of catfish, which I hadn't had for about 30 years, Matson revealed he invariably loses five pounds on short trips. "Then I have to work to put it back on. I don't like breakfast and would skip it if I could. But if I don't eat breakfast I'm not hungry for lunch. And if I don't eat then I'll lose weight."

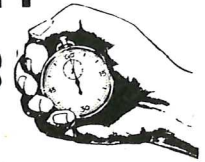
We told Randy the outstanding feature of our visit was the warmth of the people. Not only was everyone friendly and helpful but many thanked us for coming when in reality we were grateful for the opportunity to be there and to honor this great athlete on his home grounds. Complete strangers at the basketball game stopped to say, "Thanks, come again, y'all."

"I guess they are pretty friendly all right," guessed Randy. "In Pampa, if you don't say hello to everybody you meet, you get a bad name."

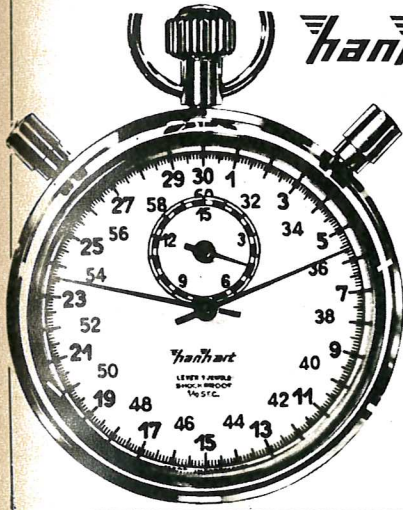
Hasse, the Pampa radio man, proved the point. "Why don't you move your whole operation to Pampa," he invited. "We have no union problems, clear air, a lot of interest in track, and nice people." Although finding nothing to argue about, we declined with thanks. We will stay in Los Altos. But we will long remember the good people of Matsonland. □



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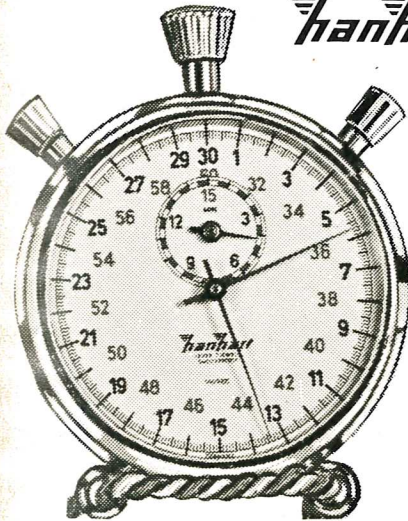


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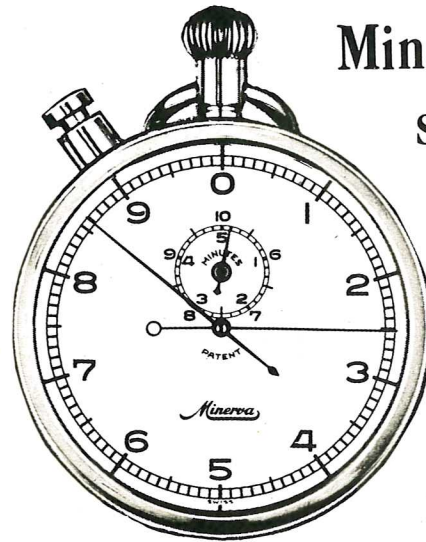
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Over 30s Now Top Under 20s in Pretend Meet

The majority of top performances in track and field are made by athletes in their 20s. But top marks are also recorded by teenagers and those in their 30s. How do the teenagers and the "oldsters" compare with each other? In the Aug. 25, 1966 Track Newsletter, Peter Matthews conducted an hypothetical dual meet between the two groups, utilizing the international dual meet scoring system of 5-3-2-1. The result then--Youth 109, Age 100. Now, four seasons later, the performances on both sides of the ledger have been almost completely revamped. The new result--Age 105-1/3, Youth 103-2/3. Given in parentheses with each athlete's nationality is his age at the time of performance: *= mark converted from yards. /Garry Hill/

100m	Harry Jerome (Can-19)	10.0	Mel Pender (US-30)	10.0
	Willie Turner (US-18)	10.0	Manf Knickerberg (WG-33)	10.1
200m	Willie Turner (US-18)	20.1*	Barney Ewel (US-30)	20.6*
	Jim Hines (US-19)	20.4*	Marian Foik (Pol-31)	20.8
400m	Wayne Collett (US-18)	44.9	Mike Larrabee (US-30)	44.9
	Vince Matthews (US-19)	45.0	Amos Omolo (Uganda-31)	45.3
800m	Jim Ryan (US-19)	1:44.2*	Wilson Kiprugut (Ken-30)	1:44.5
	Neville Myton (Jam-18)	1:46.5*	Roger Moens (Belg-30)	1:46.5
1500m	Jim Ryan (US-19)	3:51.3y	Michel Jazy (Fr-30)	3:36.3
	Herb Elliott (Aus-19)	3:58.7y	Michel Bernard (Fr-31)	3:38.7
5000m	Gerry Lindgren (US-19)	13:04.0y	Ron Clarke (Aus-30)	13:18.8
	Steve Prefontaine (US-19)	13:39.6	Kip Keino (Ken-30)	13:27.6
10,000m	Gerry Lindgren (US-19)	27:11.6y	Ron Clarke (Aus-31)	27:49.4
	Dave Bedford (GB-19)	28:24.4	Nikolay Sviridov (SU-30)	28:09.0
Steeple	Andy Holden (GB-19)	8:42.0	Laz Naroditskiy (SU-30)	8:26.6
	Wald Cierpinski (Pol-19)	8:42.0	Gaston Roelants (Bel-31)	8:29.2
HH	Guy Drut (Fr-19)	13.3	Viktor Balikhin (SU-31)	13.7
	Bill High (US-19)	13.5	Hinrich John (WG-30)	13.8
IH	Eddie Southern (US-18)	49.7	Willie Atterberry (US-30)	50.2
	Bob Bornkessel (US-18)	49.8	Yuriy Lituyev (SU-31)	50.4
HJ	Valeriy Brumel (SU-19)	7'4 1/2"	Viktor Bolshov (SU-31)	7'2 1/2"
	John Thomas (US-19)	7'3 3/4"	Werner Pfeil (WG-30)	7'1"
PV	Franc Tracanelli (Fr-19)	17'8 1/2"	Manf Preussger (WG-32)	16'10 3/4"
	Paul Wilson (US-19)	17'8"	Dave Tork (US-30)	16'8"
LJ	Jerry Proctor (US-18)	26'4"	Ig Ter-Ovanesyan (SU-30)	27'2"
	Bouncy Moore (US-19)	26'1 1/2"	Tom Chilton (US-31)	25'8 1/4"
TJ	Igor Tarasyuk (SU-19)	53'3 3/8"	Jozef Schmidt (Pol-33)	55'5"
	John Baguley (Aus-19)	52'11 1/2"	Vitold Kreyer (SU-30)	53'11 1/2"
SP	Karl Salb (US-19)	67'1 1/2"	Wladyslaw Komar (Pol-30)	66'4"
	Randy Matson (US-19)	66'8 3/8"	Les Mills (NZ-32)	64'11 1/2"
DT	Boris Karayev (SU-19)	191'2 1/2"	Jay Silvester (US-31)	224'5"
	Randy Matson (US-19)	189'1"	Ludvik Danek (Cze-32)	218'1"
HT	Jac Accambray (Fr-19)	223'10 1/2"	Anat Bondarchuk (SU-30)	246'2 1/2"
	Uwe Beyer (WG-19)	223'4 1/2"	Romuald Klim (SU-36)	244'6"
JT	Mark Murro (US-19)	292'8"	Janis Lusis (SU-30)	300'3"
	Gary Stenlund (US-19)	260'4 1/2"	Manfred Stolle (EG-32)	297'6"
Dec	Hans-Jurg Schulz (WG-19)	7772	Bill Toomey (US-30)	8417
	Rafer Johnson (US-19)	7758	Russ Hodge (US-31)	8025

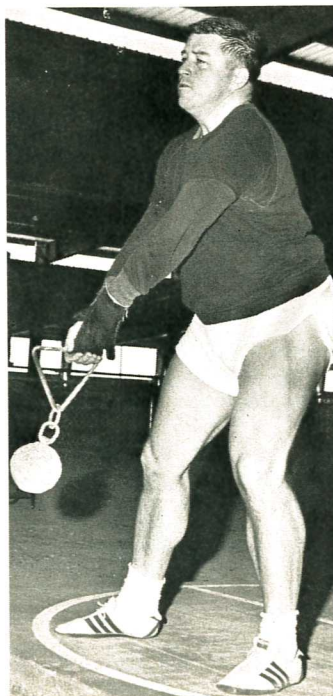
Rules, Officials, Facilities

Although it is considered to be an integral part of indoor track on the east coast, the 35-lb. weight throw is an event rarely contested in other parts of the US. Most fans outside of the east do not even have any idea what the implement even looks like.

The picture to the right shows the general configuration of the device (being heaved by Hal Connolly), but what does the weight thrower do with it?

Although any stance or technique is permitted, the generally accepted method used is that employed in throwing the hammer outdoors. The athlete usually stands in the back of the circle and swings the ball about his head a few times, makes three spins and releases it in the general direction of the 45° sector.

The triangular handle is a piece of round iron, measuring 1/2" in diameter with each side of the triangle having an inside measurement of no more than 7 1/4". The handle is connected to the head by a welded steel link measuring 1 3/8". When connected to the ball, the entire implement must have a maximum overall length of 16". The importance of regulation of the length of the chain is reflected by a toss of 75'1 1/4" by Connolly with an implement having an 18-inch handle. The best toss with a regulation weight is 73'3 1/2" by George Frenn. □



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JERRY SPINELLI, Norristown, Pennsylvania:

Not to take anything away from Dave Tucker but my vote for High School Athlete of 1970 goes to Gene White of Bristol, Pa. It's true that White trailed Tucker in the triple jump, 49'1 1/2" to 52'6 1/2", but White also threw in a 25'0" long jump and a 6'9" high jump. Has anyone else, high school or otherwise, ever put together three such marks?

LEE EVANS, quarter-miler, en route from New York to California:

I'm writing this card because I'm wondering why I didn't get my picture on the cover of the January issue. (Just kidding.) But what do I have to do to get my picture on the cover. Retire? I guess I'm just not fast enough. What if I run 54.3 (500) or 1:07.9 (600) or maybe 43.5 (440) or 20.3 (220)?

DON KNAPP, Springfield, Missouri:

I don't see how, in your January annual, you could possibly consider Valeriy Borzov second in the world in the 100, how you could fail to rank Norm Tate at least 10th in the triple jump, or how you could rank Kurt Bendlin ahead of Russ Hodge in the decathlon.

JOHN DIXON, Independent Press-Telegram sports editor, Long Beach, California:

I was surprised that you recognized Ni Chih Chin's 7'6 3/4" jump as a world record. Why, I jumped 7'8" on Dec. 14 at Nogales, Mexico. While I had few witnesses, their veracity is even better than that of Ni's supporters. Now I suppose Al Schoenfeld will be recognizing Chairman Mao Tse-Tung's marathon swim as a world record. What was it he claimed--50 miles or 150? Any nation with a population of more than a billion is capable of producing individuals with world record potential. Potential, of course, means nothing. Action does. Does China have a massive track and field program? China does invent achievement. There isn't the faintest question of that. Incidentally, I asked a dozen coaches, officials and athletes at the Sunkist meet whether they would credit Ni with a world record. With one exception, the reply was a very loud guffaw. (Editor: Dixon's comments refer to comments made by publisher Bert Nelson in the Los Angeles Times concerning Ni. However, neither in that article nor in T&FN has he or this organization suggested that T&FN would accept it as a world record, only as a mark.)

INDIGNANT TRACK FAN, Alhambra, California:

I have noticed a disturbing trend in the letters you print. I see a letter printed in which the writer takes a strong, outspoken stand on some controversial issue in track and field and then refuses to sign his name. I'm sick of letters signed "Anonymous" or "Name withheld at writer's request". How cowardly can you get. These spineless jellyfish who don't even have the courage to sign their names to letters don't deserve to have them printed, and I, for one, want to stand up and be counted so you'll know how strongly I feel about this disgusting situation.

WALT MURPHY, Glendale, New York:

I was surprised to read that Randy Matson had been chosen T&FN's Athlete of 1970. I felt this was similar to John Wayne receiving the Academy Award. He's being honored for his great career rather than a great single year. In my opinion, the fact that Randy didn't compete overseas should have weighed heavily against his selection. John Carlos had a short season but completely dominated the 200 and was unbeaten in the 100; yet he received only five votes. What annoys me is that the vote represents the views of 20 people. If it had been made by one or two persons, it would have been easier to accept.

GEOFFREY MILLER, Los Angeles, California:

I have read articles in Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News, the San Francisco Examiner and the Los Angeles Times concerning the rise of Al Feuerbach, but Garry Hill's "Out of His Mind" in the February T&FN was, by far, the finest. It was both thoughtful and precise, structured by a genuine "instinct" to inform the track fan of what he would like to know. This article is the finest representative yet of what constitutes your "new look". Just like the sport itself, your magazine benefits by this new flashiness. Joe Henderson, like most hard core readers of your magazine, worries about the declining interest in track and field in this country. It is hoped that your ever-improving journalism will go a long way in rejuvenating that interest.

TED GRAYES, Memphis, Tennessee:

After reading my letter in the January T&FN, I feel I must add that you still do a good job.

CHARLES SILCOCK, AAU national walking chairman, New York, New York:

Your choice of Robert Bowman as race walking editor could not have been better. As the new national chairman of the sport, let me thank you. If issues this year treat us fairly and reasonably, I will certainly recommend T&FN to our 1000 active walkers, judges, committeemen and others.

STEPHEN A. SEYMOUR, M.D., Huntington Park, California:

Javelin ideology on the freeway. All manufactured javelin models of varied classifications should be submitted to a four-man coaches committee before their competitive acceptance for javelin model testing. Their own athletes could thoroughly test the submitted model for distance testing at rated distances. If the would-be competitive model does not stick 100% of the time, then, like Consumer's Digest, the model is not recommended or accepted for competitive use... In competition, if a throw does not stick (although my first original proposal is to have such on the ball judges that they quickly like a fast basketball referee get there and see where all throws land), then the javelin is Xed out of competition with a painted X on the spear and the thrower is given another throw if the particular toss appears to have surpassed his best previous throw. If it is less than his last throw, he gets no extra throw but the flat javelin is Xed out of competition. If flat on the first throw, he automatically gets another throw. Under all circumstances, the javelinist is never failing to get credit for a best throw because of manufacturer's defect. This method will soon curtail flat javelins off the field and make manufacturers improve their product. I would be happy to work out the minor details.

JOHN SLAUGHTER, Nashville, Tennessee:

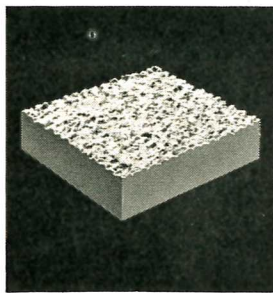
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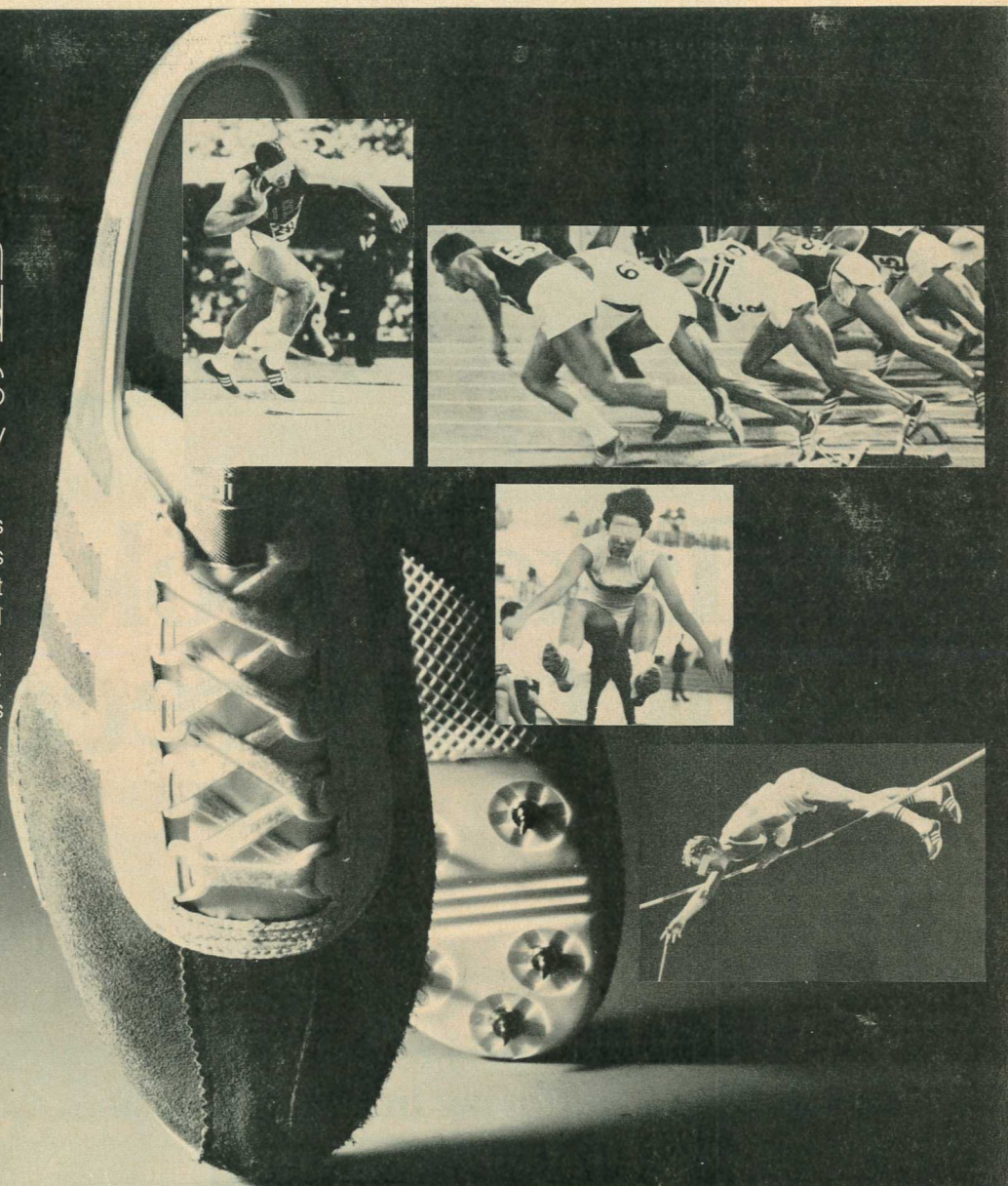
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