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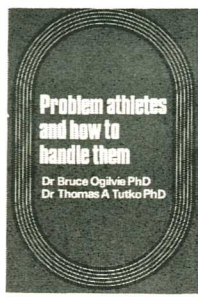
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28-30	Mt SAC Rlys, Walnut, Calif	31-2 NAIA Ch, Billings, Mont
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12-13	West Coast Rlys, Fresno, Calif	4-5 AAU Dec/Compton Inv, L Ang
12-13	Western Athletic Conf, El Paso	9 Coliseum Classic, Los Angeles
14	ML King Games, Philadelphia, Pa	10 Kennedy Games, Berkeley
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UP FRONT

Twice in as many week-ends, Sweden's Kjell Isaksson soared to a new world pole vault record. First it was 18-1 at the Texas Relays and then this 18-2 clearance at UCLA's Meet of Champions. /Don Chadez/

TO APRIL 17, 1972

Vaulters Smith, Isaksson Soar

Never before has there been vaulting such as took place on the second two weekends in April of 1972.

It was Long Beach State's Steve Smith that got the ball rolling, as he soared to a collegiate record 17-9½ on April 7. That vault, the second-best ever by an American, gave him the yearly world lead. But not for long.

The very next day, indoor record holder Kjell Isaksson of Sweden wowed a record Texas Relays crowd with his new world standard of 18-1. Thus, although America missed out on having the first 18-footer on her soil after being the site for first-ever clearances at 10-, 11-, 12-, 13-, 14-, 15-, 16-, and 17-feet, she got the honor of hosting the possibly more significant first-ever 5½-meter vault as Isaksson's mark metrically measured 5.51.

At Westwood, the next Saturday, Isaksson and Smith clashed head-on. At 18-2, both remained in the competition, as did Isaksson's countryman Hans Lagerqvist, all having cleared 17-7. Never before had three competitors been vaulting so high. With his magic still working, Isaksson arched over another record as he cleared that 18-2 on his third attempt.

All others were overshadowed by this titanic vaulting, but the best of the mortals were Al Feuerbach, Rod Milburn and Randy Matson.

Milburn burned a windy 13.0 in the high hurdles, a clocking unmatched by any other runner ever. Feuerbach is still improving with the shot, this time to 70-3½ to solidify his position as number-two all-time. And his six-put series averaged 69-4 59/64, also the second-best ever. Number-one in both of those categories is still Randy Matson, who showed no signs of rolling over and dying, as he hit a solid 69-2¼ without hot competition.

UCLA's Meet of Champions more than lived up to its name, and provided an incredible plethora of performances in nearly every event. Even though Isaksson had the biggest mark there, hardly overshadowed were such performances as Lee Evans' 44.9 victory in the 440 over Wayne Collett (45.0) and John Smith (45.9), Feuerbach's big put and a 7939 decathlon by Jeff Bannister.

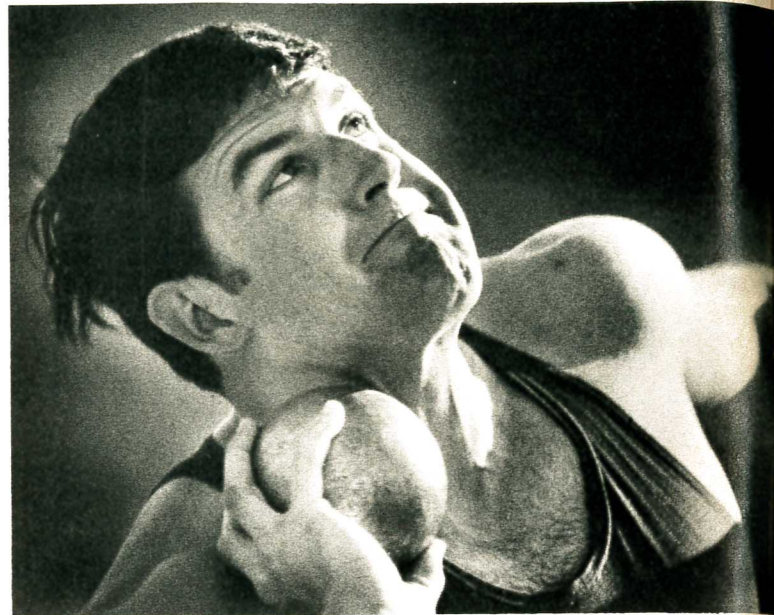
One of the most significant factors in all the meets was the wind, as Isaksson gave some credit to helpful breezes in both his record vaults. But elsewhere, the breezes were not as helpful, as biting cold and errant zephyrs drastically cut the quality at the Kentucky, Dogwood, and Texas Relays.

Only April, and all of these super performances already. It's going to be some Olympic campaign.

The following outdoor record alterations have been reported since the 1 April issue: W=world; E=European; C=collegiate.

PV	17-9½	C	Steve Smith (Long Beach State)	Torrance, Calif	Apr 7
PV	18-1	W, E	Kjell Isaksson (Sweden)	Austin, Tex	Apr 8
PV	18-2	W, E	Kjell Isaksson (Sweden)	Westwood, Calif	Apr 15

The vault wasn't the only thriller at UCLA. Running events like the 440 produced their share of excitement, too. In the one-lap contest, the surging finish of Lee Evans (1) carried him to a slim victory over Wayne Collett (r), 44.9 to 45.0. /Don Chadez/



Randy Matson's 69-2¼ shot push to win the Texas Relays title is his longest effort since 1970. /Bill Meyer/

united states

TEXAS

Isaksson Claims 18-1; Matson Resurges 69-2 1/4

Austin, Texas, April 6-8 /by George Grenier/—Kjell Isaksson soared 18-1 for a world record in the pole vault to cap the 45th annual Texas Relays in its waning moments before a record crowd of 18,250. Kjell added the outdoor record to his world indoor record at 5:05 p.m. CST into the setting sun. Though history's first 18-foot vault was made in Europe by Chris Papanicolaou, history's first 5.50-meter vault was made in America. The actual measurement was 5.51-meters plus.

Isaksson, a slight 5-8½, 150-lb. son of Sweden, used a 170-lb. Sky-pole held at 15-4 to set the record on his second attempt. As in his world indoor record it was a new pole. Not a brown Sky-pole, but appropriately a blue Sky-pole. Conditions were ideal for Isaksson with a strong 10-15 mph wind at his back. "I really like a tail-wind because I can run faster." The box was ok, but not as deep as he would like. The Tartan runway was firm and gave him a good drive. Meet director Cleburne Price thought the sun shining into Isaksson's eyes might have bothered him, but Kjell said it did not bother him at all. "I'm too busy with my plant." The event actually started at 1:00 p.m.; but since he passed the opening height of 16-0, Kjell did not start til about 3:00 p.m., clearing 16-6 on his first try. He cleared 17-1½ on his second effort for a new meet record, and went over 17-6 on his third try. His first try at 18-1 was good, but not quite enough. He aborted his next run. At that point, he beckoned fellow countryman Hans Lagerqvist from the sidelines to watch the wind streamers adjacent to the pit for optimum wind. Next came the record; followed by confirmation, English and metric, by nearly every official present.

The bar was raised to 18-3. He cleared the bar with his feet on the first two attempts but did not have the lift to go completely over. "I think I could have done it," Kjell confided, "but on the second try I got a cramp in my calf which broke my rhythm and made me hesitate a little." On his final attempt, he seemed physically spent and went under the bar. He said, "I think I can do better, possibly 18-3." When? "Maybe next week." At breakfast that morning, Kjell revealed that he had made 18-feet in practice last week. So, it was not surprising that he made 18-1 today.

So, what else happened? Randy Matson got off his best put in two years with a 69-2¼ heave. The series, with no throw under 65-feet, indicates the start of Matson's tune-up for the Olympics. He had little argument from nearest challenger Fred DeBernardi, who hit 65-6¼ after earlier winning the university event with 65-8¼.

The veteran Jim Ryun continued his comeback with an even-paced fine early season 880 of 1:48.1. He led through the quarter in 54.1 Ken Swenson made a rush at Ryun around the turn, but did not have the conditioning to catch him, fading to 1:50.5. Ryun figures his problem to be "putting too much pressure on myself. That's been my problem, beating myself. I've also needed a little more speed work, and I feel that I got that tonight." Jack Bacheler continued his sub-28 ways by taking the six-mile in 27:47.6 after killing off Frank Shorter with an opening three-mile of 13:43.8. It wasn't an all-veteran show, as Rice soph Ken Stadel upset DeBernardi in the discus with a PR of 191-0. DeBernardi hit 190-6. Another

Rice youngster, frosh Paul Geis, nearly took the three-mile, but the kick of Oklahoma State's transplanted South African John Halberstadt proved too much and it ended up 13:33.4 to 13:34.6. Garry Bjorklund, third with 13:40.8, was disqualified for bumping North Dakota State's Mike Slack.

Headwinds the second day held down times in the straight races, after swift heat action on the first. Cliff Branch and Harold Porter both recorded legal 9.3s in their heats, but the errant breeze held Branch to 9.6 in capturing the final. Thomas Hill continued his comeback with a windy 13.4 in the high hurdle heats, but had to be content with a hindered 13.9 final.

The relays were highlighted by a distance medley with sub-four anchor legs for Kansas State and El Paso although the race was marred somewhat by the bulky 20 team field. Charles McMullen of Missouri set the race up by pulling Rick Hitchcock of Kansas State to a 2:55.0 and Greg Jones of UTEP to a 2:56.5 with a fine 2:54.7 leg. Hitchcock touched Jerome Howe off a step ahead of Kerry Ellison. Ellison made his move first down the backstretch into the wind that may have proved his undoing. Howe put on a fine kick down the straight with the wind to overtake him at the wire in a near photo finish with the margin being five-hundredths of a second (although rounding-off produced a two-tenth differential). Ellison ran 3:57.8 with a 55.4 last lap and Howe had 3:57.9 as the teams moved to fifth and sixth on the all-time list with their 9:34.4 and 9:34.6 clockings.

The four-mile relay saw another good leg by McMullen, 4:04.8, giving Missouri a 25 yard lead going into the final carry and Mike Kelly's 4:06.8 anchor was good for a 16:32.6 win. Jerome Howe moved Kansas State past Oklahoma State, 16:33.8 to 16:34.0, but fell eight yards short of Missouri with his 4:04.3 carry.

Jim Bolding notched a PR equaling 50.3 to take the 440 hurdles for the second year. The race lost its luster when injured Mike Cronholm couldn't make the meet. Bolding also ran a 46.3 to help Oklahoma State take the mile relay in 3:07.8. Not many people noticed this race, since it came right after Isaksson's world record. El Paso was second here, with 3:09.0, and captured both short relays, in 40.0 and 1:23.7. Steve Williams did yeoman-duty for El Paso, running in heats and finals two legs on the 440-relay, two anchors on the 880, two anchors in the mile (one at 46.0) and another quarter in the sprint medley.

100(-), Branch 9.6. Heats: 1(ok)-1. Porter 9.3. 11(ok)-1. Branch 9.3. 880, Ryun 1:48.1; 2. Swenson 1:50.5. Mile, Pearson' 4:07.5. 2Mile, Stewart 8:46.6; 2. Hilton 8:52.0; 3. Stageberg 8:54.0; 4. Von Ruden 9:04.0. 3Mile, Halberstadt' 13:33.4; 2. Geis 13:34.6; . . . disq-Bjorklund 13:40.8. 6Mile, Bacheler 27:47.6; 2. Shorter 28:25.4; 3. Garcia 28:34.0. 120HH(-2.0), Hill 13.9. Heats: 1(6.8)-1. Hill 13.4. 440H, Bolding 50.3; 2. Sullivan 51.0; 3. Ohman' 51.3; 4. Bornkessel 51.4.

HJ, Kafer 7-0. OpenHJ, Elliott 7-1; 2. Radetich 7-0; 3. Fosbury 6-10. PV, Johnson 16-6; 2. Hurlley 16-6; . . . nh-Roberts. OpenPV, Isaksson' 18-1 WR; 2. Roberts 17-1½; 3. Lagerqvist' 16-6; 4. R. Carter 16-6; 5. Heglar 16-6. LJ(-), Owusu' 25-4¼. SP, DeBernardi 65-8¼; 2. Hogleund' 62-3; 3. Walker 61-9½; 4. Anderson 61-7½; 5. Brosius 60-7½. OpenSP, Matson 69-2¼; 2. DeBernardi 65-6¾; 3. Hogleund' 62-3; 4. Salb 63-11¼; 5. S. Wilhelm

Bill Elliott (l) high jumped 7-1 to win at Texas /Jeff Jacobsen/, while Kerry Ellison's 3:57.8 narrowly missed winning the distance medley. /Wilkinson/

60-9½; 6. Walker 60-4¼. DT, Stadel 191-0; 2. DeBernardi 190-6; 3. Brosius 178-11. JT, Smiding' 260-11; 2. Bamburg 253-2; 3. Colson 250-5; 4. Morland 242-2.

University Relays: 440, El Paso 40.0 (Stewart', S. Williams, H. Williams, Jackson). 880, El Paso 1:23.7 (H. Williams, Stewart', Jackson, S. Williams). Mile, Oklahoma State 3:07.8 (Stolpe 48.0, Kurrasch 47.1, Bolding 46.3, Schultz 46.4); 2. El Paso 3:09.0 (S. Williams 46.0); 3. Nebraska 3:09.3; 4. LSU 3:09.7. Heats: 1-1. Oklahoma 3:09.8. 2Mile, Nebraska 7:25.2 (Wisemiller 1:53.3, Speck 1:49.7, Chadwick 1:51.5, Hawkins 1:50.7); 2. LSU 7:27.4 (Smith 1:49.8). 4Mile, Missouri 16:32.6 (Rogies 4:10.7, Watson

Matson's Best in 22 Months

Randy Matson, usually somber-faced whether or not he's muscling the shot, actually smiled into a photographer's camera after his 69-2¼ push for victory at the Texas Relays.

"My best in nearly two years," said the world record holder. Matson reached his winning distance on his second heave, following a 68-5½ opener. He tossed 68-8 at this meet a year ago but never bettered that mark; in 1970 he armed 71-4¼, second in history only to his global record 71-5½.

"I have to say I am encouraged by my throwing today," Matson admitted. "I'm cutting down on competing outdoors this year, because I can't condition myself for 20 big meets every year. Not at my age (he turned 27 on March 5). I plan to compete in about only six meets before the Olympic Trials. That way I can prime for each one. I'll prime to win and I guess that means beating Al Feuerbach because he seems to be the best right now."

Matson, who didn't win one of his six meets indoors this winter (Feuerbach won them all), continued, "After the indoor season, I really began to wonder if I finally wasn't over the hill." Despite his fine throwing at Austin, Matson felt he didn't compete as well as he could have. "I couldn't believe myself in warm-ups. It was so easy—and I usually throw two or three feet farther in competition. So if I had been right on the button I think I could have hit 70-feet. My first throw in the competition was good, but if I had hit it on that first throw, it would have been a really good one. I had my best speed on that one. Before this meet, I would have been happy to know I was going to throw 69-feet. But after feeling so good warming-up, I know I could have done better."

Matson admitted he feels a little better about the future now. "I went so terribly for so long," he commented. "What I threw here wouldn't win the Olympics for me, but it's sure good to know I can be competitive again."

That photographer snapping Matson en route to the Texas-victory stand was another athlete who claimed a satisfying win in Austin. "It looks like you're coming back," said Jim Ryun, who won the 880 in 1:48.1 the day before.

"Yeah," Matson replied to his fellow world record holder. "Both of us."

4:10.3, McMullen 4:04.8, Kelly 4:06.8); 2. Kansas State 16:33.8 (Howe 4:04.3); 3. Oklahoma State 16:34.0 (Halberstadt' 4:07.0, Manke 4:05.4); 4. Texas 16:37.4. SpMed, LSU 3:18.9 (DeSoto, Coffee, Wills 46.0, Epps 1:49.5); 2. Drake 3:19.5 (Cape 46.2, Nauman 1:49.9). DisMed, Kansas State 9:34.4 (Vinson 1:53.3, Fields 48.2, Hitchcock 2:55.0, Howe 3:57.9); 2. El Paso 9:34.6 (DeLaCerdal:52.8, S. Williams 47.4, Jones 2:56.5, Ellison 3:57.8); 3. Missouri 9:47.2 (McMullen 2:54.7); 4. Texas 9:47.4.

College Relays: 440, Texas Southern 40.0 (Washington, Polk, Sumpster, Taylor). 880, Dallas Baptist 1:25.4. Heats: 1-1. Prairie View A&M 1:24.9. Mile, Prairie View A&M 3:10.2. 2Mile, Dallas Baptist 7:30.4 (Williams 1:49.4). SpMed, Texas Southern 3:17.9 (Sumpster, Taylor, Jenkins 46.0, Fulton 1:48.9); 2. Prairie View A&M 3:18.4; 3. Dallas Baptist 3:19.2. DisMed, North Dakota State 9:53.6.

KENTUCKY Wottle Overtakes Two Foes for Relay Wins

Lexington, Kentucky, April 7-8 /by Jack Bodnar/—The ninth Kentucky Relays were rained on and wind-blown, but somehow, a raft of good performances were turned in on and off the track.

Bowling Green State's Dave Wottle unleashed his lethal kick again, this time at the expense of Illinois' Mike Durkin in the four-mile relay and Tennessee's Willie Thomas in the sprint medley—17:05.8 and 3:23.4. Each time, Wottle got the baton behind, releasing tactical 4:18.0 and 1:50.2 legs, to best Thomas by two-tenths and Durkin by a full second.

On that Illinois four-miler, Lee LaBadie ran a 4:12.0 third leg and came back to extend the school's win string in the two-mile relay to eight, with a 7:36.4 win. Anchoring in an unpressed 1:51.5, LaBadie added, "I





(Left) Chugging through the rain, Gordon Minty (l) ran to victory in the Kentucky Relays six-mile at 29:10.2. Paul Baldwin (r) placed second with 29:16.8. /Jack Bodnar/

(Right) Stan Whitley (l) and Lorenzo Russell (2nd from left) ran on two victorious California International relay teams at San Diego, winning the 440 at 40.1 and the 880 in 1:24.5. Here at the 71 Mt. SAC Relays, Cal International beat Long Beach State (r). /Bill Foster/



seriously don't think we'll be beaten this season or next, because Durkin will be replacing me when I graduate. And that guy's going to be good."

The 100-meter dashes, university and invitational, and high hurdles were plagued by strong winds blowing across and into the runner's faces. Still the times were reasonable. Jim Green, ex-Kentuckian, edged a fast-changing Ivory Crockett in the invitational 100, as both turned 10.5. Crockett looked to be a winner and even the partisan crowd booed the judges decision. Also in the field but out of contention were Glen Love, Mike Goodrich, Ben Vaughan, and Jimmie Lee Harris. Gerald Tinker showed up to run but left because of the cold weather. Bob Ware of Cuyahoga CC never took off his sweats as he overcame a bad start in the University 100 to win in 10.4. Ware clocked a 10.2 heat with a 3.7 mph wind.

Tennessee's Bill High put together a 13.8 final to best Central Michigan's Dave Derr at 14.0. "I didn't know what was going to happen in that wind," he said later, after anchoring Tennessee to a 57.6 shuttle hurdle win with a 13.6 leg.

As for the longer events, Eastern Michigan's Gordon Minty bested a good field to win the 10,000-meters in 29:10.2 while Wisconsin's Glenn Herold bagged the 5000-meters in 14:07.6. Second in both races was Kentucky's Paul Baldwin at 29:16.8 and 14:09.6.

Steeplechaser Sid Sink still hadn't shook his indoor flu as he faded to a 9:05.8 third place behind Tennessee's Doug Brown, who was running only his second steeple. Timed in 8:55.4, Brown had run a 9:10.2 debut the previous week. He looked very strong and smooth with good potential.

The Kent State duo of Jacques Accambray and Al Schoterman relied mostly on form to register throws of 215-0 and 212-7 in the hammer. Indiana's Dennis Adama high jumped 7-0 to best Pat Matzdorf in second at 6-8. John Craft didn't like the cold either, so after taking jumps of 52-2 and 51-2, he called it a day.

100m(-), J. Green 10.5; 2. Crockett 10.5. Univ100m, Ware 10.4. Semis: III(3.7)-1. Ware 10.2. 660, Fabian 1:19.7. 1500m, Wohlhuter 3:51.7. 5000m, Herold 14:07.6 (13:43.2); 2. Baldwin 14:09.6. 10,000m, Minty' 29:10.2 (28:14.6); 2. Baldwin 29:16.8; 3. Gross 29:17.6. 3000mSt, Brown 8:55.4; 2. Kelley 9:04.0; 3. Sink 9:05.8. 110mHH(ok), High 13.8. Heats: IV(-) -1. Jacques 13.9. 400mIH, Steele 52.7. HJ, Adama 7-0; 2. Matzdorf 6-8. OpenHJ, Bowers 6-10. PV, Robards 15-0. LJ(ok), Bolin 24-9½. TJ(ok), Craft 52-2. SP, Bilder 58-2. OpenSP, Davis 59-10½; 2. John Stuart 58-8. DT, Soudek' 193-8. HT, Accambray' 215-0; 2. Schoterman 212-7. JT, Dowswell' 246-4. OpenJT, Kouvolo 242-5. Dec, DeVries 6925.

440R, Southern Illinois 40.9 (Sutton, Erickson, Patterson, Crockett). 880R, Southern Illinois 1:25.4. MileR, Indiana 3:15.2 (Johnson, Close, Taylor, Wallace). 2MileR, Illinois 7:36.4 (Mango, Kaemerer, Phillips, Labadie). 4MileR, Bowling Green State 17:05.8 (Danforth, Breeze, Macdonald, Wottle). SpMedR, Bowling Green State 3:23.4 (Watkins, Fegley, Farver, Wottle 1:50.2); 2. Tennessee 3:23.6. DisMedR, Purdue 10:01.0 (Parrish, Patrick, Priebe, Hackler). 480HHR, Tennessee 57.8 (Giltner, Flowers, Mattina, High 13.6); 2. Pitt 58.9.

SAN DIEGO Pupil Sliney Tags Teacher Young in Fast 6 Mile

San Diego, Calif., April 8 /by Wally Donovan/—The pupil beat the coach in a fast six-mile as three runners went below 28-minutes and eight dipped under 29-minutes during the 13th annual edition of the San Diego Relays at sun-filled Balboa Stadium.

Great Britain's Dick Sliney of Northern Arizona overtook ageless George Young, his sometime coach, after four miles and raced home in 27:46.0. Young finished third with 27:54.8 in his apparent first-ever six, as he was also defeated by Long Beach State's Ron Pryor, whose 27:52.2 is good for equal-seventh on the all-time collegiate list.

Long jumper Arnie Robinson came from behind to crush Stan Whitley with an astonishing 26-8 to rank him 15th, just one notch below the immortal Jesse Owens, on the all-time list. Unfortunately, a wind gauge was not in use during Robinson's performance and the wind, at times gusting, may have exceeded the allowable limit.

The same wind blowing against the vaulters caused Bob Seagren to withdraw, and the event was won by Vic Dias who joined the ever-growing 17-foot club. Shot putter Al Feuerbach (65-10) and discus thrower John Van Reenen (202-10) had little trouble winning their events. Hal Connolly caused a mild stir with an upset win over favored George Frenn in the hammer, 216-3 to 216-0.

100(ok), Kemp 9.5. Heats(ok): I-1. Kemp 9.4. 220(ok), Bright 20.7; 2. W. Turner 20.9; 3. Breddell 20.9. 440, Evans 46.9. Mile, Selby' 4:03.2; 2. Messina 4:03.6. 3Mile, Harrison 13:33.8; 2. Tocheri' 13:35.8; 3. J. Mason 13:36.0; 4. Brock 13:40.2. 6Mile, Sliney' 27:46.0; 2. Pryor 27:52.2; 3. Young 27:54.8; 4. Heffern 28:38.6; 5. Gregorio 28:44.8; 6. Wallace' 28:45.4; 7. Camp 28:49.4; 8. Walker 28:59.8. 120HH(ok), White 13.6. Heats(ok): I-1. White 13.7. 440IH, Williams 50.9; 2. Whitney 51.1; 3. Johnson' 51.5; 4. Seymour 51.7.

HJ, Culp 7-0; 2. Rambo 6-10. PV, Dias 17-0; 2. Caruthers 16-6. LJ(w), Robinson 26-8; 2. Whitley 25-6½. TJ(w), McClellon 50-7½. SP, Feuerbach 65-10; 2. B. Wilhelm 63-9½. DT, Van Reenen' 202-10; 2. Ordway 194-4; 3. Gunzel 187-11; 4. Lister 187-1; 5. Carlsen 184-4. HT, Connolly 216-3; 2. Frenn 216-0; 3. Hart 204-3. JT, Schmidt 243-7.

440R, California International 40.1 (Russell, B. Turner, Whitley, W. Turner). 880R, California International 1:24.5 (Whitley, Russell, B. Turner, W. Turner). MileR, Armed Forces 3:09.0 (Nance 48.4, Harris 47.9, Bennett 46.9, Newhouse 45.8); 2. Pacific Coast 3:09.8. 2MileR, Pacific Coast 7:34.8. DisMedR, Pacific Coast 10:00.0.

DOGWOOD Super Discus Marks for Swarts, Drescher

Knoxville, Tenn., April 14-15 /from Bob Hersh/—Strong winds made running events often difficult at the Dogwood Relays, but the field eventers, most notably the discus throwers, reaped the benefit of the breezes.

For most of the platter event the air moved in from the right quarter,

just where a right-handed discus thrower wants it. Pan-Am champ Dick Drescher added 5-1 onto his PR, with a 209-4 heave, but surprising Art Swarts came up with the biggest toss of the day, a world-leading 209-9. Coincidentally, Swarts' previous PR, 198-6, also came in Knoxville. The wind's aid was readily evident in the college discus, where Michigan's Steve Adams improved from 160-0 to 185-1.

Venerable Ralph Boston remained the only man to win the long jump title in this meet, bounding a windy 26-5½ to capture his sixth consecutive title. Boston, now 32, came up with a remarkably consistent (all windy) series—26-5, 25-10, 24-6¼, 26-5½, 26-5¼, 26-5¼.

Javelinist Bill Skinner chose not to compete in the meet, saying, "After everything that's happened, I just can't get excited about competing in Knoxville." He plans to move to California in May and remain there to train for Munich.

A surprising Memphis State foursome led the relay events with a surprising 39.9 in the one-lap event, as Tennessee did 40.1. Best of the individual running events was the intermediate hurdles, as Dave Adkins did 51.1 to clip Dick Bruggeman by a tenth and Bob Steele by three.

100m(-9.39), Hurd 10.6; . . . dnf—J.Green. 200m(-10.29), Vaughan 20.9. 1500m, Bailey 3:48.1. 5000m, Lightfoot' 14:18.6; 2. D. Brown 14:22.4. 10,000m, Walsh' 29:30.0; 2. Brown 29:36.8; 3. Sink 29:38.4; 4. Bowerman 29:41.0. 110mHH(-), Murray' 13.9. 440IH, Adkins 51.1; 2. Bruggeman 51.2; 3. Steele 51.4.

HJ, Jourdan 7-1. LJ(w), Boston 26-5¼; 2. Haynes 25-11; 3. Bellis 25-2¼; 4. Chilton 25-2. TJ(w), McClure 52-3; 2. Haynes 51-11; 3. Larkins 51-3; 4. McBryde 50-11½. SP, Adams 59-2½. DT, Swarts 209-9; 2. Drescher 209-4; 3. Knop 191-5; 4. Stoltman 190-6. HT, Zilincar 182-9. JT, Dowsell' 249-1. 440R, Memphis State 39.9 (Knight, Fox, Williams, Hammonds); 2. Tennessee 40.1; 3. Michigan 40.5. 880R, Tennessee 1:23.8; 2. Memphis State 1:24.3. MileR, Murray State 3:12.9. 2MileR, Villanova 7:38.4. SpMedR, Middle Tennessee State 3:25.1. DisMedR, Tennessee 9:49.2. 480HHR, Tennessee 58.2.

SOUTHERN CAL-EL PASO

Steve Williams Twice Upends Quarrie in 9.4, 20.3

El Paso, Tex., April 15 /from Wayne Vandenburg/—Hot sprinting was the order of the day at the Southern California-El Paso dual meet, and even though Southern Cal came up with the equal-second fastest 440 relay of all time, the hottest sprinting was done by El Paso frosh Steve Williams.

Williams first showed his stuff in the 100, running into a 2.0 mph wind. Demonstrating great lift, he easily moved away from the pack at the 70-yard mark for a surprising 9.4 to 9.6 margin over Don Quarrie, rated number-four in the world last year. But Quarrie is an inconsistent starter and is much more dangerous at the half-lap distance, where he was ranked first in the world last year and matched the 200-meter standard of 19.8.

Drawn in lane 5, Williams had Quarrie on his inside and quick Willie Deckard on the outside. They came off the turn about equal, and when Quarrie began his characteristic stretch drive, it would seem to be all over. But the surprising Williams, only 18-years-old, turned on his own power and steadily moved away down the straight for a super 20.3 clocking. His previous PR was 21.1, although he did do a windy 20.4 earlier this season. Quarrie was timed in 20.4, with his teammates Leon Brown and Deckard following in 20.8 and 21.0.

The 440 relay was a thriller, as Erroll Stewart and Steve Williams gave El Paso a marginal lead after the first two legs, but Quarrie led Harold Williams by a yard into the final handoff. Smoothly executing their final exchange, Quarrie and Deckard picked up more ground in the passing zone and Deckard added to that slightly against Harrington Jackson as Southern Cal charged to a 38.8 to 39.2 victory. The only faster 440 clocking ever is Southern Cal's own school (and world) record of 38.6. El Paso's clocking moved them to equal-eighth all-time.

It was a good day for freshmen named Williams all around, as Randy of Southern Cal came up with a PR 26-1¼ long jump, boosted by a legal 1.4 mph breeze, and El Paso's Harold took second in the quarter with a PR 46.5 behind Edesel Garrison's winning 46.1.

Another hot freshman was Australian Peter Farmer in a non-scoring (Southern Cal won the dual, 86-59) hammer event, as he hit 202-5, 211-7, 210-5, 213-0 and 211-8 before heaving the iron a PR 216-3.

100(-2.0), S. Williams 9.4; 2. Quarrie 9.6; 3. Stewart' 9.6. 220(nil), S. Williams 20.3; 2. Quarrie' 20.4; 3. Brown 20.8; 4. Deckard 21.0. 440, Garrison 46.1; 2. H. Williams 46.5; 3. Richardson 46.5. 880, DeLaCerdia 1:51.3. Mile, Ellison 4:06.5. 2Mile, Pearce' 8:55.8. 120HH(-2.0), Wilson 13.8; 2. Gibson 13.9. 440IH, Rondeau 52.2.

HJ, Hollins 6-10. PV, Pullard 17-0; 2. Heglar 16-6. LJ(ok), R. Williams 26-1¼ (25-0, f, 26-1¼, 25-5¼, f, f). TJ(ok), R. Williams 50-10¼; 2. Jackson' 50-8; 3. Hall 50-7½; 4. Kelley 50-4¼. SP, DeBernardi 65-5¼; 2. Lane 63-7¼; 3. Hoglund' 62-10. DT, DeBernardi 194-6 (194-6, 193-2, 194-2, 191-3, 194-1, 182-1); 2. Zabelski 182-2. HT, Farmer' 216-3; 2. Nunn 185-7. JT, Barnet 230-6. 440R, Southern California 38.8 (Babb, Brown, Quarrie', Deckard); 2. El Paso 39.2 (Stewart', S. Williams, H. Williams, Jackson). MileR, Southern California 3:07.6 (Babb, Richardson, Brown, Garrison); 2. El Paso 3:08.4 (Kemp, H. Williams, Jackson, S. Williams 46.2).



El Paso frosh Steve Williams, 20-lbs. heavier than as a prep here, has sped a 9.3 100 (9.2 windy), 20.3 220 and 45.7 over one lap. /Don Wilkinson/



Here finishing the Irvine decathlon in a PR 7787, Jeff Bannister further increased his best-ever point total to 7939 at UCLA. /Don Chadez/

UCLA MEET OF CHAMPIONS

Isak Ups Record to 18-2; Many Other Highlights

Westwood, Calif., April 15-16 /by John Wenos/—Kjell Isaksson may make the 18-foot pole vault a weekly occurrence. Exactly one week after clearing 18-1 at the Texas Relays, the small Swede bested 18-2 at UCLA's talent-laden Meet of Champions.

The world record performance was necessary to win the competition as Steve Smith led after leading a trio, including Isaksson's countryman Hans Lagerqvist, over 17-7. The high-flying threesome passed the opening height of 16-¾, Smith made 16-6¾ on his first try, Lagerqvist on his second. Isaksson again passed and the strategy game was on. It was Smith's turn to pass at 17-¾, while Isaksson easily cleared on his first vault of the afternoon. Lagerqvist again needed two attempts. Falling by the wayside at this point were Bob Seagren and Dick Railsback.

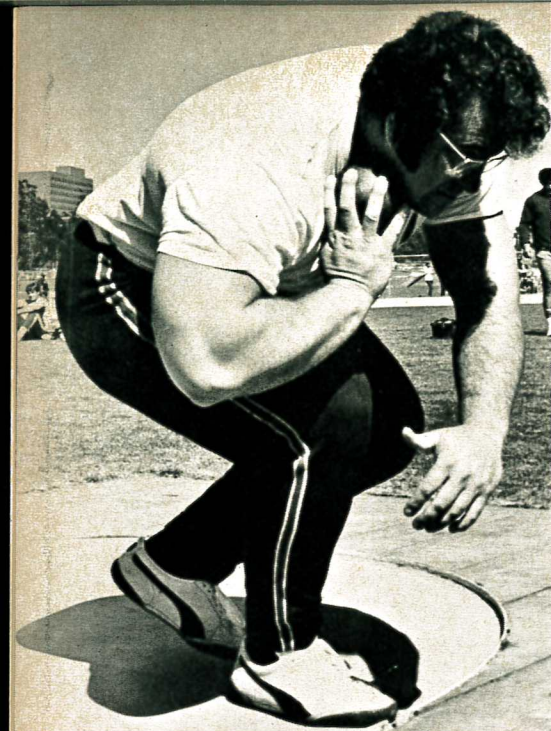
The bar was raised to 17-7 and by now the crowd of 10,307 was paying close attention, almost to the exclusion of some other spectacular happenings elsewhere in the stadium. The two Swedes both missed their first attempts, but Smith made it look easy with a several-inch clearance. Isaksson made his second try with lots of daylight to spare while Lagerqvist negotiated the height on third vault. Now they were shooting at 18-2/5.54-meters, the first time three vaulters in one competition had attempted the 18-foot barrier. Lagerqvist never did come close at this height, but Isaksson and Smith both just missed on their initial vaults. Isaksson had another near-miss on his second try. Smith, obviously feeling the pressure, went through a couple of false starts, but went under the bar on his second effort. Vaulting quickly now, Isaksson caught the announcer in the middle of a promo for UCLA's Mardi Gras and topped his week-old record on his final vault at 3:30 p.m. Smith would have maintained his lead with a clearance, but he took a couple of run-ups before going under again on his third try.

Isaksson's attempts at 18-4 were clearly anti-climactic, although his second try was close. With three inches to spare on his record clearance, could Isaksson be the world's first consistent 18-foot vaulter?

Said Isaksson later, "I wasn't thinking about a record, but I had to clear the height to win. Actually I wanted the bar to go up to 18-3 but I was outvoted by Hans and Steve. So it was put at 18-2. That's fine with me now; this is a bigger thrill than the record at Texas."

The pole vault pit wasn't the only hot-action site of the day. Next door at the shot put ring, Al Feuerbach was putting together a superb series. Opening with 67-11½, he popped the fifth-longest performance ever, 70-3½, on his second put. He then "cooled down" with 68-11¼, 68-1¼, 69-1¼ and 69-9¼—to average out a super 69-4 59/64, a distance only Al and Randy Matson have bettered, even on one throw. Comebacking weight-lifter Ken Patera put himself in the Olympic team picture with a PR by over 1-4½ of 65-11½, leading a field of Richard Marks (65-¾, a PR by ½"), Lahcen Samsam (64-4) and Bruce Wilhelm (62-8¼).

Lee Evans took the 440 with a 44.9 clocking, equal to his quarter-mile PR set in 1969 and equal fourth-fastest in history. He beat probably the



Ken Patera, shot put-turned-weight-lifter, completed the circle as he returned to the shot ring and pumped a PR 65-11½ toss at UCLA. /Gane/

finest field ever assembled for a non-championship meet. Evans' patented homestretch charge nipped fast-starting Wayne Collett by a tenth at the tape. En route, Evans was caught in 44.6 at the 400-meter mark. John Smith, looking more recovered from his hepatitis bout, ran 45.9 to grab third from Fred Newhouse (46.2) and freshman Benny Brown (46.3 PR). Len Van Hofwegen brought up the rear in an Olympic qualifying 46.7.

Ralph Mann led from start to finish in the intermediates to demolish an almost equally-strong one lap field with a 49.4 watch-stopper. Roger Johnson outleaned Ron Whitney, 50.1 to 50.2, for second. Following were Jim Seymour (50.6), Wes Williams (51.5) and Terry Musika (51.7). Williams might have challenged had he not hit the final hurdle and trotted home.

Evans and Collett hooked up again in a class 220, but both were outprinted by Warren Edmonson who held off Collett as both clocked 20.6. Evans was a step back in 20.7. Fourth was Chuck Smith in 20.8, barely holding off John Smith, also 20.8. Unplaced and untimed (but probably at 21.0 or faster) were Jerry Bright, Fred Newhouse and Willie Turner.

Jeff Bannister made his third decathlon appearance of the year a strong one, as he again upped his PR, this time by 152 points to 7939. Only a sub-par 12-0 vault kept him below the 8000-point level. Steady John Warkentin finished his fourth 10-eventer in five weekends to take second with 7797, his second-best total ever. Third, with 7701, was Jeff Bennett, who recorded the best individual mark of the competition, a 46.6 400. Impressive UCLA frosh Rory Kotinek rounded out the field with a 7270 score in his first-ever two-day event, highlighted by a fine 6-10¼ high jump.

UCLA took three of the top four triple jump places with Harry Freeman the surprise winner at a legal 53-1, a PR by 23¾". James Butts took third at 52-9¼ and newly-eligible Uclan Milan Tiff fourth at 50-1½, easily the best-ever college team trio. Oh yes, Mohinder Gill just missed winning with a windy 53-¾.

In other highlights on the track, Tracy Smith prepped for his

Olympic long distance quest with a speed-work mile of 4:05.5, Jim Crawford moved up and scored an 8:36.0 two-mile triumph, Jeromee Liebenberg ran a near-solo—with one other runner—8:41.4 steeplechase and the Army's Earl Harris barely held off Cal International's Willie Turner in the short relay as both teams clocked 39.7. Tom White rode an illegally-aiding wind to a 13.5 high hurdles win, edging Charles Rich by a tenth.

On the field, John Van Reenen topped a classy discus field with a 206-11 heave as five others bettered 190-feet. Arnie Robinson got a legal 26-6¼ long jump to go with a barely-wind-aided 26-7½ in leading a championship-class field. Henry Hines picked off second with a windy 26-2, while Bob Beamon, still looking for that big jump, finished sixth at 24-10.

100(-3.1), Pender 9.5; 2. Edmonson 9.5; 3. B. Turner 9.7. 220, I(0.0)-1. Edmonson 20.6; 2. Collett 20.6; 3. Evans 20.7; 4. C. Smith 20.8 II(5.38)-1. Brown 20.7; 2. Klein 20.8. 440, Evans 44.9; 2. Collett 45.0; 3. Smith 45.9; 4. Newhouse 46.2; 5. Brown 46.3; 6. Van Hofwegen 46.7. 880, Morran 1:51.0. Mile, T. Smith 4:05.5. 2 Mile, Crawford 8:36.0; 2. Lawson 8:40.0; 3. Jay Mason 8:42.0. 3000mSt, Liebenberg 8:41.4. 120HH(5.50), White 13.5; 2. Rich 13.6. 440IH, Mann 49.4; 2. Johnson' 50.1; 3. Whitney 50.2; 4. Seymour 50.6; 5. Williams 51.5; 6. Musika 51.7. 2 MileWalk, Walker 13:46.0; 2. Scully 14:34.4; 3. Bowman 14:44.2.

HJ, Culp 7½; 2. Shepard 7½; 3. Brown 6-10¼. PV, Isaksson' 18-2WR; 2. Smith 17-7; 3. Lagerqvist' 17-7; 4. Seagren 16-6¾; 5. Railsback 16-6¾; 6. Tracanelli' 16-¾. LJ, Robinson 26-7¼(5.2) (26-6¼ok); 2. Hines 26-2w (25-6¼ok); 3. Jackson 25-7¼ok; 4. Royster 25-2¼ok; 5. Whitley 24-11ok; 6. Beamon 24-10ok; . . . 8. Coleman 24-4ok; 9. McAlister 24-¾ok; 10. Proctor 23-9ok. TJ, Freeman 53-1 (4.3); 2. Gill 53-¾ (6.64); 3. Butts 52-9¼(3.70); 4. Tiff 50-1½ok; 5. Tucker 49-11¼w (49-9¼ok); 6. Walker 49-9¼ok. SP, Feuerbach 70-3½ (67-11½, 70-3½, 68-11¼, 68-1¼, 69-1¼ 69-9¼); 2. Patera 65-11½; 3. Marks 65-¾; 4. Samsam' 64-4; 5. B. Wilhelm 62-8¼. DT, Van Reenen' 206-11; 2. Ordway 199-9; 3. Powell 193-7; 4. Volmer 192-2; 5. Neville 192-1; 6. Tollefson 190-10; 7. Antunovich' 188-10; 8. Carlsen 188-1. JT, Laville' 243-5. Dec, Bannister 7939 (10.8, 22-8½, 49-5, 6-4, 47.8, 14.4, 141-3, 12-0, 188-8, 4:17.1); 2. Warkentin 7797 (11.1, 23-3¼, 44-7¾, 6-2¾, 48.8, 14.9, 142-4, 13-6, 203-5, 4:26.3); 3. Bennett 7701 (10.9, 22-11¼, 40-2¾, 6-1, 46.6, 15.0, 120-11, 14-6, 174-4, 4:16.0); 4. Kotinek 7270 (11.3, 24-7¾, 40-2¼, 6-10¼, 54.7, 14.5, 125-1, 11-0, 216-5, 4:54.7). 440R, Fort MacArthur 39.7 (Pender, Bright, Newhouse, Harris); 2. Cal International 39.7; 3. UCLA 40.4. MileR, Pacific Coast 3:10.7.

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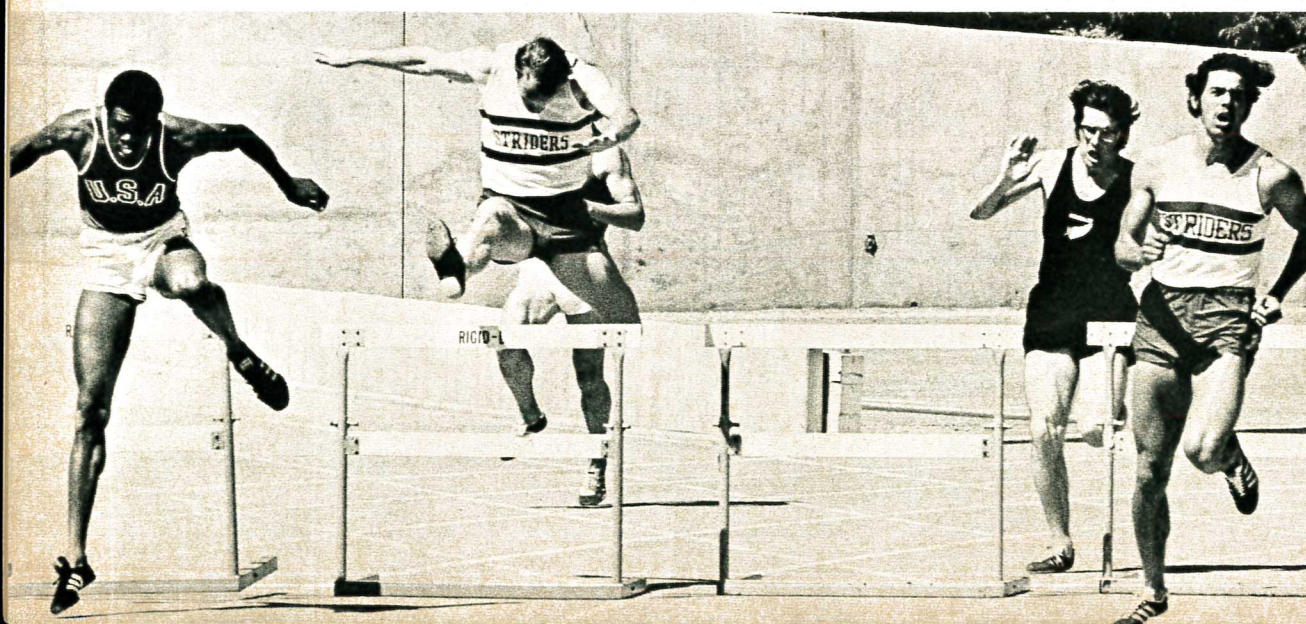
Unheralded Finn Suomalainen Takes Latins

Boston, Mass., April 16 /from Jeff Johnson/—The Boston Marathon once more resembled a "little United Nations", as runners of three differing nationalities captured the first three slots in the 76th edition of this venerable 26-miler, run in warm, sunny 60-degree weather.

The surprising winner was previously undistinguished Finn Olavi Suomalainen, whose 2:15:39 pounding carried him to victory over Colombian Victor Mora (2:15:57) and Mexican Jacinto Sabinal (2:16:10). Sabinal's countryman Alfredo Penazola (2:18:46) and Pablo Garrido (2:19:50) filled the next two slots, with Bruce Mortenson in sixth the first American finisher.

American John Vitale burst into the lead at the beginning, and led the rest of the field by as much as a quarter of a mile in the early going. Veteran Norm Higgins tried to stay with him, but fell back before 10 miles, passed by Vitale in under 50-minutes. Vitale entered Wellesley, about 13-miles out, still in the lead, but Sabinal left town first.

Sabinal then forged ahead of all until the Newton Hills, when Suomalai-



Ralph Mann (r) heads into the homestretch at UCLA and recorded a fine 49.4 in victory. He defeated (r-l) Roger Johnson (2nd, 50.1), Ron Whitney (3rd in 50.2) and Wes Williams (5th, 51.5). /Stan Pantovic/

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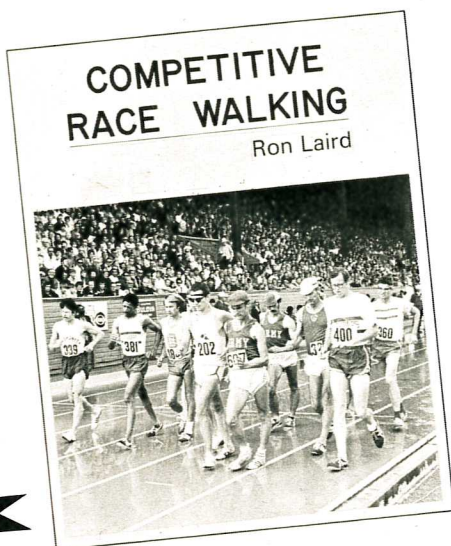
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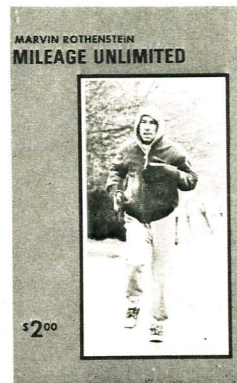
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Steve Smith, the Vaulters Isaksson Picks to Win Munich



Steve Smith

by Lonnie Teper

Wolfgang Nordwig is the form tip [to win the 1972 Olympic pole vault gold medal], but I don't think he'll make it. My money is on Steve Smith to maintain America's tradition. He is very strong. He could break my record any day and will be the man to watch in Munich.

Kjell Isaksson of Sweden, record holder indoors and out

Steve Smith's reaction was as surprising as his best-ever effort. With a 17-9½ vault at El Camino Junior College on April 7, the Long Beach State sophomore became the fifth highest pole vaulter in history, the new collegiate record holder, and the second tallest-soaring American vaulter ever.

But, as far as he's concerned, the effort was "no big thing". "I see no reason to get excited over the vault—it's not a world record, and that's all that counts," he says. "School records, NCAA records, they're all meaningless and are broken easily, but the world record means you're not just the best within a certain group but of everyone who has ever competed."

While most of Steve Smith's discussion revolves around the world record, his meteoric rise is not dissimilar to the fast climb that carried Fred Hansen to both the global mark and an Olympic title all inside the year 1964. Hansen improved from a 1963 best of 16-1, 12th place AAU finish, eighth place world rank and fifth place US rank to three records culminating at 17-4 and a dramatic Tokyo Games triumph. Last year, Smith did not clear a height in the AAU championships, only thrice cleared 17-feet with a ceiling of 17-1, and went unranked worldwide though he was fourth best among Americans with good performances at the California Relays and Kennedy Games. This year, he has already negotiated 17-feet in 12 of 18 meets and improved most recently to 17-5 and 17-6½ before going 17-9½.

It has been vaulting like this that prompted new world record-setter Kjell Isaksson to talk about Steve Smith in terms of Olympic gold. And, in six head-to-head competitions, Smith and Isaksson have split, each winning three. As well, the 24-year-old Swede has watched the 20-year-old Smith (born 11/24/51) forge a succession of steadily higher heights.

Those who knew Smith two years ago as a freshman at Southern California swear a Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde transformation has taken place.

A two-time California state champion from South Torrance High school (his 16-8¾ was and is the second best high school vault of all-time), Smith only had one goal in mind—to break the seemingly impossible 17-foot barrier.

Now, he sits back and laughs when his past dreams are brought up, but he quickly defends himself. "At the time, I felt 17-feet was about as high as I was capable of vaulting. Then, at USC, I was just terrible, clearing 16-¾ a couple of times for my best vaults of the year. I was getting discouraged and was beginning to feel 17-feet might be out of range," he says.

But, as he admits, "bull-headedness" is part of his nature, and instead of giving up, decided to work that much harder.

A move to Long Beach transpired the following season, and Smith, competing for the Pacific Coast Club while redshirting for Long Beach State, surpassed his lifelong dream by clearing 17-0 at the California Relays in

Modesto, then scaling 17-1 a week later at the Kennedy Games in Berkeley.

"The one thing that impressed me the most about Steve was his bulldog determination," recalls Jack Rose, head track coach at CSLB.

"He's the type of athlete that won't give up until he reaches his goal—sometimes I think he overdoes it," Rose laughs. "A particular instance comes to mind when I think about his tough mental state," Rose says. "We had been working on short run vaulting with a lighter pole for weeks, and just when he was ready to vault in a meet, the rains came. When he could finally get back on the track and work on long run vaulting with a bigger pole, he was twice as determined to succeed, despite the layoff."

Smith, a muscular 6-1, 180-pound blond with 10 flat speed in the 100, says the major breakthrough in his track career came last fall when he met Dick Tomlinson, the former Southern Cal javelin star now head coach at El Camino.

Smith explains that Rose, overburdened with his normal coaching duties, allowed workouts to be conducted at El Camino under Tomlinson, who concerns himself only with field events. "My technique was terrible, and I still have a lot to work in that aspect of vaulting. When I look back and analyze my vaulting, I can see why I was doing so poorly. That's the main reason why I didn't get overjoyed with the 17-9½ vault—I now realize I'm not even close to my potential, and should improve as my technique gets better," he says.

Steve Smith: 17-feet in 12 of 18

It could be a long season for Steve Smith. The campaign isn't even four-months old yet, and already he has contested 18 meets, indoors and out. But it is his string of marks that is most impressive, as he has bettered 17-feet in 12 of those competitions. That yearly total hasn't been achieved by an American since 1969.

16-6	(1)AC	1/7	17-5	(1)Champions	3/4
16-6i	(2)CYO Inv	1/14	16-6i	(5)NCAA Ch	3/11
16-6	(1)AC	1/29	17-4½	(1)v S Jose St	3/18
17-¼i	(1)Bennion G	2/5	17-0	(1)v Ore St	3/24
17-½i	(1)LA Times	2/11	17-6½	(1)AC	3/25
17-1½i	(2)M-Dixon G	2/12	16-0	(1)v S Diego St	4/1
17-1½i	(1)S Diego G	2/19	17-9½	(1)JC Dual(guest)	4/7
17-4i	(3)AAU Ch	2/25	17-7	(1)UCLA M/Ch	4/15
17-1	(1)v UCLA	2/26	16-9	(1)L Beach Inv	4/16

When the year began, Jan Johnson and Dave Roberts were considered the top American hopefuls for the US Olympic team, with doubts concerning the physical condition of Bob Seagren, 1968 gold medal winner who had been sidelined with a knee injury. Now Smith is vying for top billing among Americans, and duels with Isaksson have highlighted several track meets this year. "Isaksson has beautiful technique, he's much better than I am in that respect," Smith admits.

Smith, termed "Nature Boy" by close friends and teammates for his sometimes extraordinary antics on and off the track, holds no fear of other vaulters, but realizes he can be beat by any number of them. "People don't understand when I tell them I might not make the US Olympic team. Don't get me wrong. I feel I'm going to win, but I have a world of respect for the other competitors, too. As a matter of fact, there are several vaulters with much more talent than myself—I'm just going higher now because they haven't got down the proper technique."

With a 17-5 vault in the Meet of Champions at the Los Angeles Coliseum in March, Smith achieved a goal he's been striving for since 1967. "That vault, and my brother's 15-8½ in 1965 (Chuck Smith achieved that height while competing for Stanford) gave us a new combined brother's record," he says excitedly.

Smith, who is one of the world's stronger vaulters with a 300-pound bench press to his credit (his upper body development confirms it), says he has "so many little things to work on," and won't reach his potential until all the little flaws are corrected.

"I admit it—I've come a long way by being so stubborn," Smith laughs, "but now I know what I'm capable of doing, and I won't be satisfied until I reach it." □

LATE NEWS

Milburn 13.0w, Porter 9.2, Van Reenen 215-10

Some super straightaway action featured the Southwestern Louisiana Relays, as Rod Milburn utilized an illegally-aided 7.0 mph breeze to blast to a 13.0 high hurdle clocking. The world record holder now has two windy and one legal time at that level. Home-schooler Harold Porter had a beneficial, but legal, 3.5 mph breeze at his back in the 100, coming home in 9.2. Louisiana Tech freshman Wesley Smith had a good horizontal jump double

nen first entered the picture. At about 21-miles, the pair ran together for some 220-yards before Suomalainen moved ahead to stay. The good weather was reflected by the good depth of times, as 39 broke 2:30:00 and 277 3:00:00.

1. Suomalainen' 2:15:39; 2. Mora' 2:15:57; 3. Sabinal' 2:16:10; 4. Penazola' 2:18:46; 5. Garrido' 2:19:50; 6. Mortenson' 2:19:59; 7. Galloway' 2:20:03; 8. Mejia' 2:20:06; 9. Dean' 2:20:29; 10. Salminen' 2:20:42; 11. Tibaduiza' 2:21:58; 12. Hatfield' 2:22:07; 13. Hoffmann' 2:22:19; 14. Vitale' 2:22:57; 15. Barreneche' 2:22:58; 16. Thurston' 2:23:03; 17. Gubbins' 2:23:28; 18. Bayko' 2:23:32; 19. Hayes' 2:23:51; . . . 28. Higgins' 2:26:14.

in that meet also, getting legal PRs of 25-7 and 50-9½.

The Long Beach Invitational turned out to be a weightman's delight. John Van Reenen used a well-placed, but not overly strong, quartering breeze as he raised his PR from 209-6 to 215-10. He had another toss at 214-7 to easily top Tim Vollmer's seasonal-best 198-1. In the hammer, George Frenn came up with the 10th-best toss in US history, 231-5. Bill Schmidt took the javelin with a good 262-10.

Al Schoterman and teammate Jacques Accambray also did some hot hammer throwing, as Schoterman defeated his French compatriot 224-4 to 223-4. Elsewhere in the midwest, Purdue's Jeff Bolin did a wind-informationless 26-2¼ long jump.

There was a multitude of fine performances in North Carolina dual meets. JC Smith's William Lide recorded a legal 9.3/20.9 sprint double. Tony Waldrop topped Jim Schaper in a quality half-mile, 1:48.8 to 1:49.3, and Jim Wilkins miled 4:01.5.

The best mile was turned in by Oregon State's new Ethiopian sensation, Hailu who surprised with a 3:59.3 mile. Steve Prefontaine improved his seasonal two-mile best to 8:35.2, while Oregon teammate Steve Bence halved 1:49.4.

High School

Brigham Zaps Campbell Decathlon Record

For the second year in a row, an Oregon athlete has broken a national record early in the season. Last year it was Russ Francis in the javelin and now, on the final weekend in March, Craig Brigham, a senior at South High in Eugene scored 7373 points in the decathlon. This performance in the Oregon Invitational, which he won against college competition, broke Milt Campbell's venerable 19 year old record of 7253 points. Craig, who indicated his potential with 6461 points and 15-5½ in the vault last season, produced the following well-balanced attack to get the record—11.1, 22-1, 47-6½, 6-2⅞, 51.8, 16.4, 151-3, 15-¾, 174-8 and 4:55.9. South High has more talent than just Craig as Jeff Carter has javelined 227-1 to rank behind the 228-7 for Bruce Dow of Hillsboro (Ore) and junior Tom McChesney has already clocked 9:18.0.

In other late action, Sammy Dierschke (Sealy, Tex) exploded in the 220 with a 21.1 and versatile Don Robins (Destrehan, La) now owns bests of 9.6, 21.6, 47.9 and 24-2. Soph Jesse Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee, Fla) is reported to have a legal 9.5 to equal the class record. Half-mile leader Dale Scott (El Cerrito, Calif) has improved to 1:52.2 and second at 1:53.7 is sophomore Alvin Crenshaw (Roosevelt, Dallas, Tex). Greg Gibson (Connell, Wash) looks ready for sub-1:50 as he clocked 1:53.8 after running the hurdles and the mile. At the mile, junior Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif) is near the top with his 4:12.9 while Craig Virgin (Lebanon, Ill) opened outdoors in cold, wind and snow with a 9:07.6.

California state leader at 6-9½ is Bill Erbes (Homestead, Cupertino) over the 6-9¼ for Carl Miles (Poly, Long Beach). In the vault, Al Sandoval (West Covina, Cal) regained the national lead with his 15-4 as Larry Johnson (Hoover, Glendale) improved a foot in one week to go 15-2. Dana Tuttle (Poteet, Tex) has the Texas lead at 15-¾. Frank West (Mart, Tex) popped one 65-2½ but was outdueled at the Texas Relays by Ed Franklin (Lamar Consolidated, Rosenberg), 64-½ to 62-3½. That same meet saw a fine 3:29.1 sprint medley win for hometown Austin Lanier as Edinburg clocked 3:18.1 in the mile relay. Two other Texas schools took the national lead in these events. Jones of Houston clocked the fastest time in two years with its 3:27.9 medley win while Lincoln of Port Arthur sped to a 3:16.8 clocking. Whitney Paul (Ball, Galveston, Tex) recently tripled with 189-6, 59-2 and 6-3 efforts while Jim Miller (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore) has plattered 187-6. Scott Overton (Los Altos, Calif) improved his national discus lead to 197-3 while putting the shot 61-5.

The San Diego Relays produced some excellent baton efforts. Terry Cotton, with his 4:08.8 anchor, helped Valley of El Cajon to a state record 10:10.2 as his school defeated Clairemont of San Diego (10:16.0). Dominguez of Compton moved well up in the four-lap event with its 3:17.0 as Centennial of Compton ran 3:17.9, 42.0 and 1:27.7. Manual Arts of Los Angeles surprised with its easy 7:54.0 win. Carlmont (Belmont, Calif) zipped 17:47.8 in the four-mile relay. Dale Scott helped El Cerrito, Calif. to a 7:55.0 two-mile baton effort with his quick 1:50.3 anchor.

The final gasp of the indoor season produced some excellent action. Amos Brown (Northern, Detroit, Mich) who owns a 9:16.4 two-mile defeated Dave Wood (Union, Grand Rapids) at the Spartan Relays, 4:16.6 to 4:17.3, while Minnesota's Dan Lyndgaard (New Richland) has run 4:16.0, and Robin Shipman (Bedford, Ind) did a solo 9:09.0. Two more vaulters topped the once magic indoor height of 15-feet: Bob Crites (Northwestern, Kokomo) and Marc Hanna (Bloomington). Twelve vaulters in one season have now topped 14-6¾, a mark previously topped by only 11 others in prep history. Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa) closed his indoor season with 64-11 and 64-0 efforts. In the New Jersey AAU meet, junior Lee Johnson of Hackensack, barely off the basketball squad, cleared 6-10 for a win and Rah-way's mile relay team ran second with a nation leading 3:23.0. /Jack Shepard/



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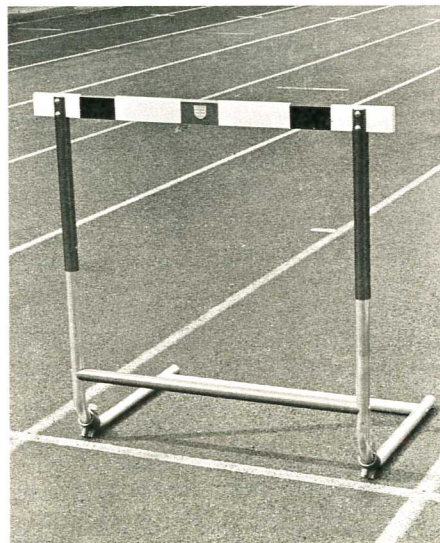
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This second outdoor report of 1972 contains all performers who have reached *T&FN* minimum reporting standards since Jan. 1. Seasonal bests recorded since the II March report are denoted with an asterisk *.

Symbols: n=non-winning time; h=heat; °=time recorded en route to longer distance; m=metric time; nh=no height; disq=disqualified; dnf=did not finish; tr=walk on track rather than road; /c=college division; /g=guest competitor; /o=open division; /sp=special competition; /u=university division; i=incomplete wind information; w=wind-aided.

Meet abbreviations: Arl R=Arlington Relays; Eas R=Easter Relays; Fla R=Florida Relays; Ky R=Kentucky Relays; Mem St R=Memphis State Relays; News-P R=News-Piedmont Relays; Ore=Oregon Invitational; SD R=San Diego Relays; St-Rec=State-Record Relays; Tex R=Texas Relays.

The following are the accepted world records as of March 1, 1972. American records, where different, are listed in parentheses: 100y, 9.1; 100m, 9.9; 200m, 19.8; 220y, 20.0; 400m, 43.8; 440y, 44.5; 800m, 1:44.3 (1:44.8); 880y, 1:44.9; 1500m, 3:33.1; Mile, 3:51.1; 2Mile, 8:17.8 (8:22.0); 3Mile, 12:50.4 (12:53.0); 5000m, 13:16.4 (13:30.4); 6Mile, 26:47.0 (27:11.6); 10,000m, 27:39.4 (28:17.6); Steeple, 8:22.0 (8:26.4); 120yHH, 13.0; 110mHH, 13.2; 400mIH, 48.1 (48.8); 440yIH, 48.8; HJ, 7-6½; PV, 18-¼ (17-10¼); LJ, 29-2½ (29-2¼); TJ 57-¾ (55-1¾); SP, 71-5½; DT, 224-5; HT, 250-8 (235-10); JT, 304-1½ (300-0); 400mR, 38.2; 440yR, 38.6 (39.0); 800m/880yR, 1:21.7; 1600mR, 2:56.1; MileR, 3:02.8 (3:03.4); 3200mR, 7:08.6 (7:16.4); 2MileR, 7:11.6 (7:16.4); 6000mR, 14:49.0 (15:26.4); 4MileR, 16:09.0.

Olympic Qualifying Standards

The following marks represent the Olympic qualifying standards as established by the IAAF (except in the two walks and marathon, for which the standards apply only to the US Olympic Trials). These marks also serve as qualifying standards for the US Trials (although fields will be filled out if sufficient athletes have not reached the standards).

100y	9.4	1500m	3:41.6	HH	14.0	LJ	25-7
100m	10.3	Mile	3:59.6	400mIH	50.6	TJ	53-1¾
200m	20.9	3Mile	13:21.0	440yIH	50.9	SP	62.4
220y	21.0	5000m	13:48.0	Mar	2:30:00	DT	193-7
400m	46.4	6Mile	27:55.0	20kWk	1:45:00	HT	216-6½
440y	46.7	10,000m	28:50.0	50kWk	5:00:00	JT	262-5½
800m	1:47.6	Steeple	8:38.0	HJ	7-5½	Dec	7600
880y	1:48.3			PV	16-8		

100 YARDS

If Dr. Del Meriwether is to be believed, making the US Olympic team for Munich isn't all that important to the 28-year-old hematologist and 1971 AAU 100-yard champion. "Sure I would love to be in the Olympics," says the good doctor, "but if I'm not, I won't brood." Meriwether is teaching and doing leukemia research with the Harvard Medical Unit at Boston City Hospital, concentrating much of his medical efforts on sickle-cell anemia, the disorder of the blood-protein hemoglobin which affects blacks predominantly. "If I had a choice between an Olympic gold medal or a breakthrough on sickle-cell anemia," he says, "it's obvious where I would place my priority"... Mel Pender claimed a world age-34 best with his 9.4... With our reporting standard dropping a tenth to 9.4 this year, the crowd at unreportable 9.5 includes Willie Deckard, Don Quarrie, Lennox Miller and Harrington Jackson.

1. Cliff Branch, Colo (9.2w v En NM-NM; 9.3h, 9.6 Texas Relays) 9.3*
- Gus Brisco, Ariz (9.3 v Okla-Utah) 9.3*
- Bill Holloway, E Tenn St (9.3 News-Piedmont Relays; 9.4 v Penn St) 9.3*
- Harold Porter, SWn La (9.3wh LSU R; 9.3h, 9.7n Texas Relays) 9.3*
- Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa', Westmont (9.4i Tri/Hayward; 9.3 v UCSB) 9.3*
- Ray Robinson, Fla A&M (9.6 Florida Relays; 9.2wh, 9.3 Rebel Inv) 9.3*
- Errol Stewart', El Paso (9.2w EP R; 9.3n AC; 9.2nw v Wyo-Okla St) 9.3*
- Steve Williams, El Paso (9.3 AC/EP; 9.2w Tri/El Paso; 9.4 5-way/Tucson) 9.3*

9.4, *Ron Barther (Tex Sn), Vesco Bradley (Seminole JC), *Aaron Capital (Alcorn A&M), Warren Edmonson (UCLA), *Jim Kemp (Strid), Willie McGee (Alcorn A&M), *Mel Pender (US Army), *John Smith (Okla), *Robert Taylor (Tex Sn), *Gerald Tinker (Kent TC), *Ben Vaughan (unat).

Wind-aided: 9.2, *Cliff Branch (Colo), *Harrington Jackson (El Paso), *Danny Johnson (Lubb Chris), *Ray Robinson (Fla A&M), *Errol Stewart' (El Paso), *Steve Williams (El Paso), 9.3, *Warren Edmonson (UCLA), *Willie McGee (Alcorn A&M), *Dennis Schultz (Okla St).

Incomplete wind info: 9.4, *Francis Baldwin (Dall Bapt), *Chuck Francis' (BA Strid), *Jeff Horsley (N Car Cent), *Coleman Thomas (Dall Bapt).

Questionable: 9.3, *Charles Joseph' (EPTC), 9.4, *Art Cooper (EPTC).



Sprinting out of Louisiana's bayou country, LSU's Lloyd Wills (left) has zipped a 46.4 quarter /Don Wilkinson/, while Harold Porter of Southwest Louisiana (right) has sped 100s of 9.2 and 9.3. /Don Chadez/

100-meters: 10.2, *Bob Ware (Cuyahoga CC).

Wind-aided: 10.1, *Fred Newhouse (Ft Mac).

220 YARDS

UCLA is virtually untouchable as an all-time producer of furlong sprinters. Freshmen Gordon Peppers and Benny Brown, at 20.8 and 20.9 respectively, are the 12th and 13th sprinters in the school's history to break 21.0 legally. UCLA claims four on this year's list; cross-Los Angeles rival Southern Cal has three while El Paso is the only other school to have even two... The furlong is really a California event: 14 of the 19 performers on the list made their marks within the state.

1. Warren Edmonson, UCLA (20.8 v Tenn; 20.6 v Kans) 20.6*
2. Jerry Bright, Ft Mac (21.0n 5-way/Tempe; 20.7 S Diego R) 20.7*
- Jim Kemp, Strid (20.7n Quad/Fullerton) 20.7*
- Mark Lutz, Kans (20.9w AC/Lawrence; 20.7n v UCLA) 20.7*
- Chuck Smith, Strid (20.7 Quad/Fullerton; 21.3 v LA St-US Army) 20.7*
6. Fred Newhouse, Ft Mac (20.4mw AC/S Maria; 20.8 AC/Bakersfield) 20.8*
- Gordon Peppers, UCLA 20.8
- Don Quarrie', Sn Cal (20.8 5-way/Tempe; 21.0n v Stanford) 20.8*
- 20.9, *Vince Breddell (S Diego Mesa CC), Benny Brown (UCLA), Steve Gibson (UCLA), *Willie Turner (Cal Int). 21.0, *Leon Brown (Sn Cal), *Ivory Crockett (Sn III), *Willie Deckard (Sn Cal), *Harrington Jackson (El Paso), *John Koeppe (Ariz St), *John Pettus (S Fran St), *John Smith (Okla), *Harold Williams (El Paso).

Wind-aided: 20.4, *Cliff Branch (Colo), *Steve Williams (El Paso). 20.7, *Dennis Schultz (Okla St). 20.9, *Harold Porter (SWn La).

200-meters/wind-aided: 20.4, *Fred Newhouse (Ft Mac).

440 YARDS

El Paso freshman Steve Williams has registered a fantastic improvement over one lap, in two races cutting his 48.1 prep best all the way to 45.7. Williams' clocking is notable in another respect. Achieved on April 1, his time is the fastest 440 ever run so early in the year. Tommie Smith claimed the previous best with a 45.7 on April 2, 1966. (Lou Jones did run a metrically-equal 45.4 at the Pan-Am Games, March 18, 1955)... While touring Australia, Wayne Collett covered metric one-lappers of 47.2, 46.7, 46.7 and 45.8... A good share of new faces show up in the quarter: seven of the 12 reported athletes have never made the US list at 440-yards before... A thought to remember: "You will have to break the world record to make the Olympic team in the 400". The speaker—defending Olympic champ and world record holder Lee Evans... *Leading relay splits:* Larry Black (N Car Cent) 44.1 (and 46.0); Benny Brown 44.5 (and 46.0); Lee Evans 44.6; Robert Ouko (N Car Cent) 45.7; Fred Newhouse (Ft Mac) 45.8; Ron Jenkins (Tex Sn), Lloyd Wills and Steve Williams, all 46.0.

1. Steve Williams, El Paso (47.4n 5-way/Tempe; 45.7 Quad/El Paso) 45.7*
2. Leighton Priestley', Nebr (47.8n v Ariz-Nn Ariz; 46.2n Quad/El Paso) 46.2*
3. Benny Brown, UCLA (46.4 v Tenn; 47.1n v Cal) 46.4*
- Lloyd Wills, LSU (46.9 5-way/Baton Rouge; 46.4 LSU Relays) 46.4*
5. Charles Joseph', El Paso TC (46.6n/g Quad/El Paso) 46.6*
6. Lee Evans, BA Strid (46.7 AC/Bakersfield; 46.9 San Diego Relays) 46.7*



(Left) From 4:21 in high school two years ago to 4:03.2 this season has been Ben Bailey's speedy mile progress. /Terry Davis/

Forming a corps of strong distance talent at Northern Arizona are these three. (Near right) Canadian Dave Tocheri has already covered three miles in 13:35.8 this year. /Wilkinson/ (Center right) Briton Richard Sliney won a fine San Diego Relays six-mile with 27:46.0. (Far right) Richard Selby, also from England, posted a 4:03.3 mile victory at San Diego.



7. Edesel Garrison, Sn Cal (46.8 5-way/Tempo; 46.9 v Stanford) 46.8*
 47.0, *Maurice Peoples (Ariz St), *Earl Richardson (Sn Cal). 47.1, *Roger Colglazier (ACC), *Beaufort Brown (Fla), *John Smith (UCLA).
 400-meters: 45.8, *Wayne Collett (Strid).

880 YARDS

Oregon's latest surprise, Steve Bence, is from Zaragosa, Spain, where as an American citizen he attended military high school. He won the European 800-meter title for athletes of military personnel in 1971 at 1:55.2. The 5-10, 150-lb. yearling is unbeaten this year, scored consecutive PRs of 1:52.3, 1:52.0 and a metric 1:49.2 in his first three meets and followed those with a 1:50.8. . . Although Jim Ryun is world record holder at 1:44.9, he has run faster than his 1:48.1 win at the Texas Relays on only four occasions. . . The all-time competitive records of the US's current leading four two-lappers look like: Juris Luzins, 9-1 v Art Sandison, 9-3 v Mark Winzenried, 5-0 v Ken Swenson; Swenson, 5-2 v Sandison, 6-3 v Winzenried; Winzenried, 6-4 v Sandison. . . *Leading relay splits:* Ryun and Winzenried 1:48.6; Robert Ouko (N Car Cent) 1:48.7; Thomas Fulton (Tex Sn) 1:48.9; Dave Wottle (B Green St) 1:49.0; Willie Blackmon (Tex A&M) and Roy Williams (Dall Bapt) 1:49.4.

1. Jim Ryun, CW (1:48.1 Texas Relays) 1:48.1*
 2. Hailu Ebba', Ore St (1:49.7 v Sacramento State) 1:49.7*
 James Epps, LSU (1:49.7n LSU Relays) 1:49.7*
 Bob Smith, LSU (1:49.7 LSU Relays) 1:49.7*
 1:50.2, Juris Luzins (Quantic), *Fanahan McSweeney' (McNeese St), *Robert Ouko' (N Car Cent).
 800-meters: 1:48.7, *Mark Winzenried (CW). 1:49.2, *Steve Bence (Ore). 1:49.7, Jere VanDyk (CW).

ONE MILE

Ben Bailey, newest face among the top 10 four-lappers, was a 4:21 prep miler. . . George Scott's 4:06.0 is a world age-35 best. . . *Leading relay splits:* Kerry Ellison (El Paso) 3:57.8; Jerome Howe (Kans St) 3:57.9 (and 4:04.3). *Leading 1320 legs:* Charles McMullen (Mo) 2:54.7; Rick Hitchcock (Kans St) 2:55.0; Jim Ryun 2:56.3; Greg Jones (El Paso) 2:56.5.

1. Tom Von Ruden, P Coast 3:57.8
 2. John Lawson, P Coast 3:59.5
 Mark Winzenried, Club West 3:59.5
 4. George Young, unat 3:59.6
 5. Bob Messina, SDTC (4:00.9n Champions; 4:03.6n San Diego Relays) 4:00.9*
 6. Jerome Howe, Kans St (4:02.3 v LSU-Houston) 4:02.3*
 7. Ben Bailey, Wn Car (4:03.2 Florida Relays) 4:03.2*
 8. Richard Selby', Nn Ariz (4:05.5 v Nebr-Ariz St; 4:03.3 San Diego Relays) 4:03.3*
 9. Paul Cummings, BYU (4:03.4 5-way/Tempo; 4:06.9 v Ariz St-Utah) 4:03.4*
 10. Barry Brown, Fla TC (4:03.5n Fla R; 4:06.0 AC/Gainesville) 4:03.5*
 Rick Ritchie', Ore (4:09.4 v Fresno St; 4:03.5 AC/Bakersfield) 4:03.5*
 4:03.6, *Rick Carr (Sn Cal). 4:03.8, *Jim Wilkins (N Car St). 4:04.0, *Mark Rafferty (Ariz St). 4:05.0, *Rick Hitchcock (Kans St). 4:05.1, *John Walton (Ga Tech). 4:05.2, *Hailu Ebba' (Ore St), *Bob Rhen (Ore). 4:05.4, *Danny Zoeller (Tenn). 4:06.0,

*Tom Laris (NYAC), *George Scott' (P Coast).
 1500-meters: 3:45.6, *Todd Lathers (Ore). 3:46.0, *Wes Smylie (Ore).

TWO MILES

1. Steve Prefontaine, Ore (8:55.4 v Fresno St; 8:35.8 Oregon Invitational) 8:35.8*
 8:39.6, Gerry Lindgren (Coug TC). 8:40.2, Richard Selby' (Nn Ariz). 8:41.2, Tarry Harrison (CW). 8:44.0, *Steve Savage (Ore TC). 8:44.8, Richard Sliney' (Nn Ariz).
 8:46.2, *Larbi Oukada' (Tex Strid). 8:46.6, *Rick Ritchie' (Ore), *George Stewart (MATC). 8:48.4, *Mark Savage (Ore).
 3000-meters: 8:09.4, Steve Stageberg (Geotwn AA).

THREE MILES

Hot Rice freshman Paul Geis clocked 14:47.4 last season as a prep senior. Already this season he has hacked some 72.8 seconds from that time. Geis credits tennis for some of his success in running. "I used to play tennis from nine in the morning until six at night," he says. "I was gung-ho for tennis all day long. I was fifth in the state in 12-and-unders and when I was 13, I was sixth in 14-and-under. All that tennis helped develop my whole physical system. When I was 14 or so, my tennis fell off. I was steady, but not great. I dropped it and started running. I wasn't real good, but I did run a 4:49.0 mile in ninth grade." Even though we have spelled it wrong several times, his name is Geis, not Gies (and it rhymes with Rice).

1. Richard Sliney', Nn Ariz (13:28.2 v San Diego St-SDTC) 13:28.2*
 2. John Halberstadt', Okla St (13:33.4 Texas Relays) 13:33.4*
 3. Tarry Harrison, CW (13:33.8 San Diego Relays) 13:33.8*
 4. Paul Geis, Rice (13:34.6n Texas Relays) 13:34.6*
 5. Dave Tocheri', Nn Ariz (13:35.8n San Diego Relays) 13:35.8*
 6. Jay Mason, CW (13:43.0n Easter R; 13:36.0n San Diego Relays) 13:36.0*
 7. Neal Cusack', E Tenn St (13:39.2 v Baptist) 13:39.2*
 8. Doug Brown, Tenn (13:39.4 v UCLA) 13:39.4*
 13:40.2, *Greg Brock (CW). 13:40.8, *Dennis Savage (CW). 13:42.0, *Rick Riley (Coug TC). 13:43.2, *Glenn Herold (Wisc). 13:43.8, *Jack Bacheler (Fla TC). 13:44.0, *Gaylon Smith (Ala). 13:44.2, John Stewart (LSU).
 5000-meters: 14:07.6, *Glenn Herold (Wisc). 14:09.6, *Paul Baldwin (Ky). 14:10.0, *Paul Lightfoot' (AATC).

SIX MILES

Frank Shorter's 27:22.8 at Florida gave him six clockings below 28-minutes. Florida TC teammate Jack Bacheler, who clocked the same time at Florida in another tie finish, now has five. . . The six-mile is a quick-starter this year: seven runners, six of them Americans, have already clocked 28-minutes or faster. A year ago at this time there were none. . . The leading four runners, Steve Prefontaine, Bacheler, Shorter and Tom Laris, now rate, respectively, third, equal fourth and seventh on the all-time US list.

1. Steve Prefontaine, Ore (27:22.4 AC/Bakersfield) 27:22.4*
 2. Jack Bacheler, Fla TC (27:22.8t Florida R; 27:47.6 Texas Relays) 27:22.8*
 Frank Shorter, Fla TC (27:22.8t Florida R; 28:25.4n Texas Relays) 27:22.8*
 4. Tom Laris, NYAC (27:38.0n Florida Relays) 27:38.0*
 5. Richard Sliney', Nn Ariz (27:46.0 San Diego Relays) 27:46.0*

6. Ron Pryor, L Beach St (27:52.2n San Diego Relays) 27:52.2*
 7. George Young, unat (27:54.8n San Diego Relays) 27:54.8*
 8. Jim Johnson, Wash (28:14.4 AC/Seattle) 28:11.4
 9. Gordon Minty, En Mich (28:14.6*, 29:10.2m Kentucky Relays) 28:14.6*
 10. Jeff Galloway, Fla TC (28:20.0n Florida Relays) 28:20.0*
 28:30.4, *Jerry Garcia (unat). 28:38.6, *Dave Heffern (unat). 28:40.4, *Tim Patton (unat). 28:41.2, Bill Koss (Wash). 28:44.8, *Mike Gregorio (SDTC). 28:45.4, *Bob Wallace (L Beach St). 28:49.4, *Phil Camp (unat). 28:52.2, Doug Schmenk (Full St). 28:56.4, Bob Price (AIA). 28:57.8, *Tom Hale (Whit). 28:59.8, *Chuck Walker (Ariz). 29:03.2, *Billy Fordjour (H Payne). 29:05.6, *Mike Long (Ore). 29:06.6, *Bill Elder (LSU). 29:07.4, *Ken Misner (Fla TC). 29:14.6, *Mark Hiefield (Wash St). 29:17.2, Karl Weiser (Husky SC). 29:19.2, *Terry Ziegler (Okla).
 10,000-meters: 29:10.2, *Gordon Minty (En Mich). 29:16.8, *Paul Baldwin (Ky). 29:17.6, *Rick Gross (Ill). 29:27.4, *Pat Mander (Ind). 29:37.2, *Carl Hatfield (W Va TC). 29:44.4, *Gary Harris (Wn Mich).

MARATHON

1. Doug Schmenk, Cal TC 2:17:45.0
 2. Don Kardong, WVTC 2:18:05.6
 3. Ken Misner, Fla TC (2:18:39 Florida Relays) 2:18:39*
 4. John Vitale, NHTC (2:19:01.6 Conn AAU) 2:19:01.6*
 5. Scott Bringham, unat 2:19:24
 6. Jeff Galloway, Fla TC 2:19:34
 7. Ken Moore, Ore TC (2:20:26 AC/Eugene) 2:20:26*
 8. Wayne Badgley, unat (2:20:36n AC/Eugene) 2:20:36*
 2:20:45, Mike Gregorio (SDTC). 2:21:31, Duncan MacDonald (WVTC). 2:22:01, *Dennis Spencer (Ga). 2:22:21, *Mike Mittelstaedt (USMC). 2:22:30, Reid Harter (Okla St). 2:22:35, Mark Covert (Full St). 2:23:18, Paul Hoffman (ACC). 2:23:32, Gareth Hayes (N Car TC). 2:23:00.0, Russ Pate (Ore TC). 2:23:17.6, *Tom Hollander (En Mich). 2:23:38, Brook Thomas (Strid). 2:23:53, Fred Lands (March AFB). 2:24:37.8, *Larry Blancett (Kirtland AFB). 2:24:54, Tom Bache (SDTC).

20,000 METER WALK

1. Larry Young, MATC (1:36:10° Hollywood; 1:33:10° Seattle) 1:33:10*
 2. Ron Laird, NYAC (1:33:35tr Edinburgh, Scotland) 1:33:35*
 3. John Knifton, NYAC (1:34:35 Asbury Park, NJ) 1:34:35*
 4. Bill Ranney, Athens (1:35:34tr S Fran; 1:38:45° Hlywd; 1:36:42° Sea) 1:35:34*
 5. Todd Scully, US Army (1:36:42n Asb Pk; 1:40:31° Hlywd; 1:39:35° Sea) 1:36:42*
 1:37:25, Phil McDonald (UCTC). 1:38:18, Larry Walker (Strid). 1:38:32, Bob Kitchen (Athens). 1:39:07, Bob Bowman (Strid), Goetz Klopfer (Athens). 1:39:35, Steve Tyrer (Strid). 1:39:45, Bob Daniel (NYAC). 1:39:52, Ray Somers (unat). 1:41:05, Bob Henderson (US Army). 1:42:25, Jack Mortland (Ohio TC). 1:42:48, Bob Jackson (unat). 1:43:15, Jerry Brown (Colo TC). 1:43:16, Ron Kulik (NYAC). 1:43:19, Howie Palamar-chuk (unat). 1:43:50, Jerry Bocci (Motor City Strid), Steve Geiver (Snohom TC). 1:43:52, Leon Jaskonowski (Motor City Strid). 1:44:01, John Kelly (Strid), Mike Ryan (Strid). 1:44:27, Rudy Haluza (Strid). 1:44:45, Roger Duran (WVTC).
 50-kilos: 4:13:35.8, Bob Kitchen (Athens). 4:40:00, John Knifton (NYAC). 4:40:27, Jerry Bocci (Motor City Strid). 4:47:50, Bill Walker (Motor City Strid). 4:59:09, Ron Daniel (NYAC).

STEEPLECHASE

Latest product of Oregon's steeplechase program is sophomore Gary

Washington's Jim Johnson (r) straddles the final steeple barrier versus Oregon as Bill Koss (l) heads to a PR 8:54.6 win. Johnson ran 8:56.4. /Bill Glad/



Tom Ryall sped to a 13.7 high hurdles win at the News-Piedmont Relays, following 13.8 in the heats and 13.9 in the semis. That 13.7 shaved Ryall's PR by a tenth.

Williams at 8:57.0. As far as we can determine, previous to that he was a 4:18.0 miler with no steeple experience. He becomes the 13th Oregon steepler to break 9:00.0.

1. Barry Brown, Fla TC (8:44.2 Florida Relays) 8:44.2*
 2. Jeromee Liebenberg, CW (8:46.0n Florida Relays) 8:46.0*
 3. Jim Gorman, Ore TC (8:48.0 Oregon Inv) 8:48.0*
 4. Don Timm, unat (8:49.2n Florida Relays) 8:49.2*
 5. Jon Callen, Kans (8:51.6 v UCLA) 8:51.6*
 6. Mike Long, Ore (8:52.0n Oregon Inv) 8:52.0*
 7. Roger Beardmore, Duke (8:54.6 State-Record Relays) 8:54.6*
 Bill Koss, Wash (8:54.6 v Oregon) 8:54.6*
 8. Doug Brown, Tenn (9:10.2 v N Dame-Wisc; 8:55.4 Kentucky Relays) 8:55.4*
 8:56.4, *Jim Johnson (Wash), Ron Pettigrew (Strid). 8:57.0, *Gary Williams (Ore). 8:59.8, *Dan Mullens (Humb St). 9:00.0, *Ed Leddy (E Tenn St). 9:00.6, *Sid Sink (B Green TC). 9:03.6, *Len Hill (Ore St). 9:04.0, *Steve Kelley (Ind).

120 YARD HURDLES

Thomas Hill recently commented, "Man, I'd carry a water bucket at the Olympics if that was what it took to go." The former world record matcher shouldn't sell himself short since he seems well recovered from a knee injury suffered late in 1970 which kept him out of competition in 1971—and fully capable of mustering a challenge to Rod Milburn, who assumed Hill's mantle in sensational fashion in 1971. Hill has clocked a windy 13.4 and a legal 13.5, while Milburn has a pair of legal 13.5s plus a 13.6. Tom White, too, is looking strong, off a pair of 13.6s already. . . Paul Gibson recently tallied 6979 in his first-ever decathlon attempt, highlighting the affair with a legal 13.8 over the 110-meter barriers. That matches the world decathlon best set by Martin Lauer of West Germany in 1959 and clips a tenth off Don Shy's former US decathlon best, set in 1966.

1. Thomas Hill, Ark St U (13.5/o Fla R; 13.9i Mem St R; 13.4wh, 13.9 Tex R) 13.5*
 Rod Milburn, Sn U (13.6h, 13.5 Tex Sn R) 13.5
 3. Tommy Lee White, Strid (13.6 AC/Walnut; 14.0/sp Dual; 13.7h, 13.6 SD R) 13.6*
 4. Charles Foster, N Car Cent (13.8s, 13.8n News-P R; 13.7 Fla R) 13.7*
 Paul Gibson, P Coast (14.2n 5-way/Tempe; 13.8m Dec/EP; 13.7 Quad/EP) 13.7*
 Tom Ryall, Baptist (13.8h, 13.9s, 13.7 News-Piedmont Relays) 13.7*
 7. Bill High, Tenn (14.1 v UCLA; 14.0ms, 13.8m Kentucky R) 13.8m*
 John Morrison, Mich St (14.0h, 13.8n Florida Relays) 13.8*
 Jimmy Upton, NE La (13.8 SF Austin R; 13.9 Cowboy R; 14.0wh, 14.1n Tex) 13.8*
 13.9, *Lance Babb (Sn Cal), John Brasell (McNeese St), *Ron Draper (UCTC), *Efren Gipson (Lamar Tech), m*Dan Jacques (Nn Ill), *Korise Jubert (N Tex St), Gary Lewis (unat), *Tom Malik (unat), *Ray Swetenberg (Davidson), *Ricky Stubbs (La Tech). 14.0, Eric Barfield (Ariz), *Randy Butts (Nebr), F.L. Clark (Ariz), m*Dave Derr (Cent Mich), *Dave Fegley (B Green St), m*Ivory Harris (Ore), *Gordon Hodges (Tex), *Larry Livers (BA Strid), *Larry McBryde (P Coast), *Henry Orum (Ala), *Chuck Peters (Ky), *Dan Redfearn (BYU), *Charles Rich (UCLA), Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal).
 Wind-aided: 13.4, *Thomas Hill (Ark St U). 13.8, *John Brasell (McNeese St), *Carl Brown (W Tex St), *Gordon Hodges (Tex), *Scottie Jones (Tex A&M), Randy Lightfoot (Tex), *Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal). 13.9, *Clyde Fields (E Tenn St), *Ron Washington (Tex Sn), *Jay Wheeler (Idaho).

440 YARD HURDLES

1. Jim Bolding, Okla St (52.3 Arl R; 52.4 v El Paso-Wyo; 51.7h, 50.3 Texas R) 50.3*
 2. Dick Bruggeman, Ohio TC (50.8 Florida Relays) 50.8*
 3. Ron Whitney, Strid (51.1n San Diego Relays) 50.9
 Wes Williams, SDTC (51.8/g Dual/SD; 50.9 San Diego Relays) 50.9*
 5. Ralph Mann, Strid 51.0
 Mike Sullivan, Ala (52.0h, 51.0n Texas Relays) 51.0*
 7. Roger Johnson, P Coast (51.3/sp Dual/Westwood; 52.0 Tri/Tempe; 51.5n SD) 51.1



Isaksson Admits an Aiding Wind Helps

Kjell Isaksson openly admits he likes the wind to blow strongly—at his back. On two successive week-ends, he was pushed along by helpful breezes—and twice boosted the world pole vault record, first to 18-1 at the Texas Relays and then to 18-2 at the UCLA Meet of Champions. After his 17-10½ indoor record last February, the little Swede is now history's highest flyer recordwise indoors or out.

After that indoor mark, he called the leap a perfect one. How about the 18-1 effort? "It was much, much better," he reveals. "I was good. I didn't touch the bar at all. When I did 17-10½, I was maybe only ¼" over the bar, but I had good height on the 18-1. I knew I could do it because I had cleared 18-feet in practice four days before the Texas meet, so I really wasn't surprised."

And how about the 18-2 clearance? "At first, I thought the 18-1 jump was better," he says, "but after I saw some film of the 18-2, I believe it was much better. I had good height on top of the bar. Maybe two inches."

Isaksson's efforts have continued Europe's domination of the world record since Wolfgang Nordwig's 17-10½ of 1970 made the East German only the second non-American since 1925 to establish the mark. Chris Papanicolaou then assumed the mantle with history's first 18-footer later in 1970.

Isaksson feels the main difference between vaulting 17-10½ indoors and 18-1 or 18-2 outdoors is speed in his approach—and that's where wind steps over to Kjell's side. "The tail wind makes the difference," he says. "With a strong wind behind you, you have to move your check marks back because your strides are longer. The most important thing wind does for me is it enables me to relax while I'm running. I don't have to force the running as much. I can feel if a jump will be good by how I am running in the approach. That's why I like a tail-wind so much; being small as I am [5-8, 150] it helps me get my speed up. I can't jump at all when there is a head-wind. It's like running into a wall."

He flatly states he feels a strong aiding wind helps add inches to a vault. "Definitely. The faster you are in your approach, the higher you

should be able to vault. A tail-wind helps you gain the speed you need to go higher." But the wind at Texas wasn't always helpful. "It gave us problems because it shifted from a cross-wind to behind our backs and in between. It was pretty strong. A cross-wind can be as bad as a head-wind. It can cut your speed down but it also can get hold of the pole and whip it and make it hard to control. I didn't even reach the box a couple of times because the pole was too hard to control." On his initial approach run of his second attempt at the record ceiling, Isaksson had to pull up short of the box because of his whipping pole. His next approach was successful, though, and he added ¾" to Papanicolaou's former global mark. He then had to wait over an hour while officials found a metric tape so the record 5.51-meter leap could be officially measured and then while the standards went up to 18-3. His second shot at that height was closest.

Just a week later at UCLA, the wind was blowing as hard but, as Isaksson explains, "It was more consistent. It got up to about seven miles-per-hour at its strongest." Did he do anything different on the 18-2 vault as compared to the 18-1 leap? "My grip was higher," he says. "I held at 15-5, an inch higher than at Texas. When you hold higher, you have to run faster so, like at Texas, the wind helped boost me along."

Was vaulting at 18-1 a big help in trying 18-2, in that he had had the sensation of actually vaulting that high? "Yes, it helped," the 24-year-old physical educator from Stockholm comments. "But I think it was more important when I did 18-feet in practice before Texas. Before that, I think I was a little scared of 18-feet, but now it doesn't matter if the bar is at 18-4."

That was, in fact, the next ceiling he attempted at UCLA. The only special thing Isaksson did before his attempts at that height was raise his grip another inch, to 15-6. "That meant having to speed up my approach run again," he says. "My second jump at 18-4 was the best. I had my feet and stomach over but came down on the bar."

Was he surprised to jump 18-2 just a week after 18-1? "I knew I was in good shape," he says. "When I missed my first try at 18-2 and I was so close, I knew I still had two good jumps left in me." □

18-2 Kjell Isaksson (Swe) 72
 18-1 Isaksson (Swe) 72
 18-¾ Chris Papanicolaou (Gr) 70
 17-11 Wolfgang Nordwig (EG) 70
 17-10½ Nordwig 70
 17-10¼ John Pennel (US) 69

17-9¼ Isaksson 71
 17-9¼ Papanicolaou 70
 17-9¼ Isaksson 71
 17-9¼ Steve Smith (US) 72

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17-9 Bob Seagren (US) 68
 17-8¾ Dick Railsback (US) 69
 17-8½ Claus Schiprowski (WG) 68
 17-8½ Francois Tracanelli (Fr) 70

17-8 Paul Wilson (US) 67
 17-7¾ Herve D'Encausse (Fr) 68
 17-7 Yuriy Isakov (SU) 71
 17-7 Hans Lagerqvist (Swe) 72
 17-6¾ Renato Dionisi (Italy) 70
 17-6¾ Dave Roberts (US) 71



/Don Chadez/



What Could Kjell Do With a Rola-Pole?

Kjell Isaksson's new vault records are certainly magnificent, but they might have been even better if he was using the best equipment available. It appears as if Kjell used a conventional fiberglass pole for his vault. But recent vault engineering science seems to have come up with some possible substitutes for fiberglass, which itself drove the metal pole out of business.

In early April, *T&FN* received a phone call from a representative of a major shoe company, wanting information concerning a radically new vaulting pole which was supposed to revolutionize the event. At the time, we were completely in the dark. But our enlightenment was not long in coming.

There it was, in the April 1 issue of *Athletics Weekly*, *T&FN*'s English counterpart, as part of a Cliff Temple story on British record-holder Mike Bull. The following excerpt is taken from that story:

"I was confident that I could get used to the bend on the Rola-Pole, and that if I did I would be consistently over 17-feet," says Mike, "but this injury has meant that I am unable to vault at present, and the pole is still rolled up in the kitchen."

"The Rola-Pole is, of course, the new Italian invention, developed at the Institute of Science in Sport by Dr. Looflirpa Naruo.

"The principle, briefly, is that the pole is constructed of a finely woven mixture of nylon and glass-fiber, with a hole of about 1.25cm drilled down the center. In this condition, it can be rolled right up and carried round like a garden hose. Yet when the specially developed "core" is added, it acts like a normal pole. This core is constructed of an alloy of soft metals . . . These sections can be screwed together to the desired length . . . then inserted into the pole.

"When Dr. Naruo, an ex-athlete himself, tried to clear a modest 9-10 with the prototype, known as the 1472 model, he was in fact carried right up to the ceiling of his laboratory, some 15-feet above the ground, and had to be treated later for concussion and bruises."

In an attempt to bring our readers the full facts concerning this new

invention, we asked Pacer American's George Moore, well-known expert in the construction of vaulting poles, to make a comment. His remarks follow:

"The Rola-Pole mentioned is only one of several challenges along these lines we have met in the past. We feel the Rola-Pole, like its predecessors, the Helium-Pole and the Boa-Pole, will probably meet with a similar fate.

"The Helium pole, if you are not familiar with it, was a German invention, which was a fiberglass woven tube inflated with helium. The German vaulter Wolfgang Luftwaffa had some early success until his pole was punctured and deflated in mid-vault.

"The Boa-Pole was a quite extraordinary thing used by an Indian vaulter, Rhama Sing. Sing carried a 17-foot boa constrictor in a basket from meet to meet. Being very adept at hypnotism, just prior to competition, he would hypnotize the snake into a rigid state, then use the rigid reptile as a pole. Unfortunately, an attendant snapped his fingers in mid-vault. When last seen, Sing was limping off the field with an equally limp boa.

"I am sure that as in the past we will be able to meet the challenge of the new Rola-Pole . . . at least until next April 1."

T&FN hopes that this dissertation clears the air regarding recent innovations in the vaulting industry. However, we are surprised that neither Temple nor Moore chose to mention the recent perfection of a cold-weather pole, one which will stand up in near-freezing conditions and still retain its original characteristics. Developed by Temple's countryman, Sir Geoffrey North, the pole was unveiled last Jan. 22 at the Arctic championships in Spitsbergen. The pole consists of an icicle coated with walrus fat, and any vaulter who uses it will automatically qualify for the finals of the "Dirtiest" hands contest (see 1 April). Surely you have all heard of the North-Pole?

Of course, Sweden does lie in the northerly portion of the planet, so it would seem that perhaps Isaksson may be one of the first "name" vaulters to begin using this latter pole. □

16-¾ John Uelses (US) 62
 16-2 Dave Tork (US) 62
 16-2½ Pentti Nikula (Fin) 62
 16-5 Brian Sternberg (US) 63
 16-8 Brian Sternberg (US) 63
 16-10¼ John Pennel (US) 63

17-¾ John Pennel (US) 63
 17-2 Fred Hansen (US) 64
 17-4 Fred Hansen (US) 64
 17-5½ Bob Seagren (US) 66

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 51.5, *Carl Wood (Richmond), 51.6, *Melvin Bassett (N Car Cent), *Milton Bresler (Auburn), *Rick Britain (SF Austin St), 51.7, *Jean-Pierre Corval' (UCLA), Roger Colgazier (ACC), *Bruce Collins (Penn), 51.9, *Mark Low (BYU), Robert Phelps (Ariz), 52.1, *James King (SDTC), *Tom Ryall (Bapt Coll).

HIGH JUMP

Speaking of good high jump trios, as we did last month, Texas has a pretty fair threesome: Wyatt Tompkins (7-1), William Oates (6-10) and Silverio Bosch (6-10). Tompkins is the big surpiser. A 6-4½, 185-lb. soph with a previous best of 6-9¾, Tompkins improved from that mark in only two weeks. And the week before his big jump, he did only 6-5, certainly no indication of what was to come. Bosch wasn't even on the Texas squad last year, but was the school's intramural champion. . . Barry Shepard's reported 7-1 turned out to be only 7-0, but three weeks later he came back with a PR-equaling 7-2 to lead the country. . . UCLA frosh Dwight Stones also had a 7-2 clearance, but it came on a fourth attempt. Stones has four meets better than 7-0 outdoors, the best total in the country. . . World record holder Pat Matzdorf has made two outdoor appearances so far, clearing 6-8 in both. . . There are some slow-starting events this year, but the high jump isn't one of them, with 54 jumpers (compared to last year's 35) already at 6-10 or better.

- Barry Shepard, P Coast (7-2/g Quad/Tempe; 7-0 v Cal-Ariz St) 7-2*
- Rick Fletcher, UCLA (6-10n v Kans; 7-¼n v Cal) 7-1½
- Reynaldo Brown, Cal Int 7-1
- Bill Elliott, P Coast (7-1/o Texas Relays) 7-1*
- Ron Jourdan, Fla TC (7-1/o Florida Relays) 7-1*
- Ingemar Nyman, NM (6-10n 5-way/Tempe; 7-1 Tri/Alb; 6-11 Tri/Alb) 7-1*
- Wyatt Tompkins, Tex (6-9¾ Rice Inv; 6-5n Tri/Abilene; 7-1 Tri/Aus; 6-10nTx) 7-1*
- Dean Owens, Sn Cal (7-¾ v Oxy; 7-0 v Stan) 7-¾*
- Dwight Stones, UCLA (7-½ v Tenn; 7-¾ v Kans; 7-¾ v Cal) 7-¾
- Chris Dunn, Colgate (7-¾ State-Record Relays) 7-¾*
- Tom Woods, Ore St (6-8 v Sac St; 6-6 v S Jose St; 7-¾ v Wash St) 7-¾*

7-0, *Dennis Adama (Ind), *Lorenzo Allen (Ariz), Wayne Bradley (Ariz St), Jerry Culp (Cal Int), Gary Kafer (Bay), *John Radetich (Staters), *Greg Redmond (Diablo Valley JC), 6-11½, Jim Arnold (UCLA), 6-11½, *John Little (Wash St), 6-10½, *Johnny Allen (Casa Grande, Ariz HS), Kerry Elders (Fresno CC), *Mark Pleich (Foothill JC), *Eric Riterath (Glendale CC), 6-10¼, *Marty Hill (Ore), *Ray McGill (MATC), *Chandler Muse (Charlotte, NC HS), *Bob Niehl (Wash St), *Barry Schur (Kans), 6-10, *Aaro Alarotu' (BYU), *Mike Bernard (Sn III), *Brad Beutow (Minn), Silverio Bosch (Tex), *Mike Bowers (UCTC), *Bernard Brown (Compton JC), *Ron Coleman (Westmont), *Dennis DeLoach (El Paso, Tex HS), *Delaney (Full St), *Dick Fosbury (Staters), *Skip Grodahl (Stan), *Bill Hancock (Sn III), Ed Hanks (SDTC), Johannes Lahti' (Sn Cal), Mal MacFarlane' (Cal), Phil McGuire (Tex A&M), *Tim Mayo (CP/Pom), *Ed Miller (Diablo Valley JC), *Tom Murphy (CP/SLO), *William Oates (Tex), *John Rambo (P Coast), *Glen Ray (Rice), *Warren Shanklin (NE La), *Gene Stoner (Okla), *Greg Tinnin (Pasadena CC).

POLE VAULT

An historical note: if Kjell Isaksson's 18-1 is accepted as a world vault record, it will be the first ever for that event in the state of Texas (Bob Gutowski cleared 15-9¾ in Austin in 1957 and Fred Hansen did 17-1 in Houston in 1964, and although both were superior to listed marks, neither was accepted by the IAAF). . . Texas has been kind to other vaulters also this year. Terry Porter and Brad Winter have now recorded the top two marks in

JC history, both within Texas. Porter was busy the day of his 16-11 clearance, as in addition he high jumped 6-0, triple jumped 44-8 and ran the highs in 15.0. . . Voluble Jan Johnson has confirmed the *laissez-faire* attitude he sometimes shows for the vault. "Life is not a joke to me, and I don't want to give that impression," he says. "But pole vaulting is just a game. It's not such a big deal. I enjoy it, but it isn't my whole life. I didn't enjoy the world record when I had it. Everytime I'd go out after that, I would expect to vault 17-7 or more. Of course it didn't happen that way and we'd all be disappointed." But maybe he is more serious than he lets on, as he adds, "The next time I get the world record I'll know what to do with it." Johnson recently ran the third leg on a 40.8 440 relay. . . The vault joins the high jump as the quickest-starting event in the land, with 54 jumpers bounding over 16-0 or better.

- Steve Smith, L Beach St (17-4½ v S Jose St; 17-0 v Ore St; 17-6½ AC/Bakersfield; 16-0 v S Diego St; 17-9½/g JC Dual/Torrance) 17-9½*
- Jan Johnson, Ala (16-6 Fla R; 17-5 Ala R; 16-6 Texas R) 17-5*
- Dave Roberts, Rice (17-0 Rice Inv; 16-0; 16-0; nh/u, 17-1¼ Texas Relays) 17-1¼*
- Sam Caruthers, Cal Int (17-1 Intl/Melbourne; 16-6n San Diego Relays) 17-1*
- Vic Dias, P Coast (16-6 AC/Bakersfield; 17-0 S Diego R) 17-0*
- Bob Pullard, Sn Cal (16-9 v Oxy; 17-0 v Stanford) 17-0*
- Terry Porter, Ranger JC (16-6¼ W Tex R; 16-11 Ranger R) 16-11*
- Jeff Taylor, Wash (16-10 AC/Seattle; 16-6n/indoors v Oregon) 16-10*
- Bill Curnow, El Paso (16-0n AC/EP; 16-0 5-way/Tempe; 16-6 Tri/EP; 16-1½n 5-way/Tucson; 16-9 Quad/El Paso) 16-9*
- Bill Hatcher, Kans (16-9 v UCLA; 16-0n Texas Relays) 16-9*
- Paul Heglar, P Coast (16-4 AC/EP; 16-9 AC/EP; 16-0n/g Tri/EP; 16-0 AC/El Paso; 16-6n/o Texas Relays) 16-9*
- Rickey Parris, McMurry (16-9 Sul Ross Inv; 16-¾ Tex Tech Inv) 16-9*
- Brad Winter, NM JC (16-6 El Paso R; 16-9/jc Border Olympics) 16-9*
- 16-6½, Dick Railsback (Strid), Bob Seagren (Strid), 16-6, *Tom Blair (Penn), *Roland Carter (unat), *Tom Craig (Okla), *Scott Hurley (Fla), *John McCole (Okla), *Bob Richards (P Coast), *Bob Slover (BA Strid), *Francois Tracanelli' (UCLA), *Scott Wallick (Miami/O), *John Whitson (Lamar Tech), 16-5½, *Vince Struble (Md), 16-2, *Ingemar Jernberg' (NM), 16-1½, *Alan McMillen (Fla St), *Mike White (Ariz), *Dave Hamer (CP/SLO), *Ron Mooers (UCLA), Bill Smalley (Tex), 16-0, Jeff Bennett (Ft Mac), *Dave Bussabarger (Colo), *Jack Carter (USAF), *Bill Chew (L Beach St), *Scott Cryder (Sn Cal), Wayne Lambert (P Coast), *Rogers Lanford (McMurry), Jim Lincoln (En NM), Harold McMahan (Tex A&M), *Roger Martin (S Jose St), Greg Miguel (BA Strid), *Gerry Moro' (unat), *Rick Olander (SDTC), *Dick Rambo (unat), *Mike Robinson (BA Strid), Russ Royal (S Jose St), Jeff Sakala (UCLA), *Jim Speer (Colo), *Bob Sprung (USMC), Bob Steinhoff (Strid), Mike Weidig (Cal), Bud Williamson (NYAC).

LONG JUMP

US long jumpers have been an inconsistent lot in recent years, and 1972 is no exception. The top 10 list here bears little resemblance to the one at this time last year, as only Henry Hines, Arnie Robinson and Josh Owusu from last year's edition appear this time. . . Veteran performer Ralph Boston says, "Pound-for-pound, (Ron) Coleman is the strongest long jumper in the world." Coleman scales 6-0, 185-lbs. . . 24-8½ performer Jerry Gaines finished second in pass-receiving yardage among NAIA football players last fall.

- Henry Jackson, Ft Mac (26-1 AC/Bakersfield; 24-7wn S Diego R) 26-1*
- Ron Humphrey, Tenn Tech (25-10¼ Florida Relays) 25-10¼*
- Bouncy Moore, Ore (25-6½w v Fres St; 25-9½n AC/Bakersfield; 25-1 Ore Inv; 24-3n v Washington) 25-9½*
- Josh Owusu, Angelo St (25-9¼ Sul Ross Inv; 25-4¼ Texas R) 25-9¼*
- Arnie Robinson, Ft Mac (25-1½n AC/Bakersfield; 26-8i S Diego R) 25-8½



(Left) Dick Bruggeman (l) scored a 50.8 intermediate hurdles victory at the Florida Relays, second-fastest of the season. Alabama's Mike Sullivan (r) lowered his PR by seven-tenths to 51.0 at Texas. /Don Wilkinson/ (Below) Texas high jumper Wyatt Tompkins literally made a big leap up with his 7-1 clearance, upping his PR from 6-9¾. Just a week before his highest jump yet, Tompkins cleared only a modest 6-5.





John Van Reenen set a PR, South African and African continental records with his 209-6 and later lengthened out to 215-10. /Chip Gane/

25-8½, Henry Hines (Strid). 25-6½, Marion Anderson (BA Strid). 25-6, Bob Beamon (Adelphi AA). 25-3½, Don Barfield (UC Riverside). 25-3, *Tom Chilton (Knox TC). 25-2¼, *Randy Williams (Sn Cal). 25-1¼, *Henry Jackson' (Sn Cal). 25-¾, *Wesley Smith (La Tech). 24-11½, Ron Coleman (Ft Mac), Stan Royster (BA Strid). 24-11, *Ralph Boston (Knox TC). 24-10¼, *Finn Bendixen' (UCLA). 24-9¾, *James McAlister (Cal TC). 24-9¾, *Jeff Bolin (Purd), *Danny Brabham (Bay). 24-8½, *Jerry Gaines (Wn Car).
Wind-aided: 26-8, *Arnie Robinson (Ft Mac). 25-7½, Darryl Hughes (Rice). 25-6½, *Stan Whitley (Cal Int). 25-3, Chuck Steffes (NM). 25-¼, *Finn Bendixen' (UCLA). 24-10½, *Steve Rogaway (BA Strid).

TRIPLE JUMP

New Zealander Kevin Todd made a massive PR improvement with his sudden 51-8 bound, coming from a previous top of 48-9. And, just the week before, he hit just a windy 48-8. Even so, that good leap ranks him only third on PRs on the super-deep Southern Cal squad behind Henry Jackson (52-9½) and Randy Williams (52-3½). All the events will be loaded in the Southern Cal-UCLA dual, but the triple jump could be one of the best, as UCLA has a pretty fair duo in James Butts-Harry Freeman to combat the Southern Cal trio. In fact, Butts' recent 53-5¾ bound is the best ever recorded in a dual-type meet. . . North Carolina State's David Thompson has been described by several observers as one of the top frosh basketball players in the country this year.

1. James Butts, UCLA (52-5¾w, 50-10 v Tenn; 52-6w, 51-8¾ v Kansas; 53-5¾ v Cal) 53-5¾*
2. John Craft, UCTC (52-2 Kentucky R) 52-2*
3. Barry McClure, Mid Tenn St (51-9 Florida R; 50-9½n St-Rec R) 51-9*
4. Kevin Todd', Sn Cal (48-8nw v Oxy; 51-8 v Stanford) 51-8*
5. Chuck Steffes, NM (50-10½n 5-way/Tempe; 52-4½w Tri/Alb; 52-9¾w, 51-7¾ v Okla St-W Tex St) 51-7¾*
6. Henry Jackson', Sn Cal (50-11n 5-way/Tempe; 50-7¼n v Stanford) 51-7½*
7. Mohinder Gill', Cal Int (51-¼g 5-way/Tempe) 51-½*
8. Ron Coleman, Fla (50-10½ v Sn III; 50-11¼n Fla R; 50-10½n St-Rec R) 50-11¼*
9. Harry Freeman, UCLA (50-7n v Tenn; 49-10¼n v Cal) 50-9
10. Ernie Lopez, Fresno CC (50-8½w v W Hills; 50-5¾ v Amer R) 50-5¾*



In addition to a seasonal best 64-11¼, NCAA Indoor shot put champ Doug Lane hit 63-10¾ in Arizona and won the Easter Relays at 62-2¼. /Chadez/

50-4, *Sjurd Langeland' (BYU). 50-3½, *Walter Davenport (E Car). 50-3, *Tommy Haynes (Mid Tenn St), Terry Metcalf (L Beach St). 50-2¼, Dave Tucker (unat). 50-2, Ted Heroman (LSU), Rod Utley (Stan). 50-1½, *Darryl Kelly (N Car). 50-1¼, *Art Walker (Strid). 50-¾, Dave Jackson (Harbor JC). 49-11, *David Thompson (N Car St). 49-10¼, *Craig Conway (Cal). 49-9¾, *Randy Williams (Sn Cal). 49-8½, *Ed Washington (LACC).

Wind-aided: 52-10¼, Chuck Steffes (NM). 51-¾, *John Delamere' (Wash St). 51-½, *Walter Davenport (E Car). 50-11½, *Darryl Kelly (N Car). 50-8¾, *Larry Vanley (EPTC). 50-8½, *Larry Gray (Mo). *Ernie Lopez (Fresno CC). 50-7½, *Bill McClellan (USAF). 50-¾, *Trevor Hall (El Paso). 49-11, *Ed Bilusak' (Ore).

SHOT PUT

Al Feuerbach currently rates as one of the prime candidates for a position on the US Olympic team in the shot, but how many of you trivia nuts can name the event in which he qualified for the 1968 Olympic Semi-Trials? Believe it or not, it was the hammer. The NAIA second-placer at 126-2, Feuerbach automatically became eligible for the SFOT under the qualifying system in use that year. . . Being a roommate of Feuerbach is sitting well with Lahcen Samsam, apparently. On successive weekends he raised his PR (and Moroccan national record) from 62-9½ to 63-5¼, 64-1½, 64-10 and 65-3½. . . Ken Patera was the sixth placer in the Final Trials in 1968, then threw in one more meet that year. But he didn't enter another shot competition until this year, and has already hit 63-8½, less than a foot off his 64-7 PR. Not that he has been idle in the interim. The Pan-Am champ in weight-lifting in the super-heavyweight category, Patera was second in last year's world championships.

1. Al Feuerbach, P Coast (66-6½ v Cal-Ariz St; 65-10 San Diego Relays) 70-½
 2. Randy Matson, Tex Strid (65-9½ Tex Tech Inv; 69-2¼/o Texas R) 69-2¼*
 3. Fred DeBernardi, El Paso (62-10n 5-way/Tempe; 61-8 Tri/EP; 63-2 5-way/Tucson; 66-5 Quad/El Paso; 65-8¼/u, 65-6¾n/o Texas R) 66-5*
 4. Lahcen Samsam', BA Strid (64-10/g Dual/S Jose; 65-3½ AC/S Francisco) 65-3½*
 5. Doug Lane, Sn Cal (63-10½n 5-way/Tempe; 62-2¾ Easter R; 62-2¾ v Oxy; 61-10 v Stanford) 64-11¼
 6. Anders Arrhenius', BYU (64-4½ 5-way/Tempe; 61-½n BYU Inv; 62-9 Tri) 64-4½*
 7. Bruce Wilhelm, Ft Mac (60-5n Quad/Fullerton; 62-11 AC/Bakersfield; 64-3½ v Strid-LA St; 63-9½n San Diego Relays) 64-3½*
 8. Karl Salb, MATC (63-11¼n/o Texas Relays) 63-11¼*
 9. Ken Patera, unat (62-7½ Quad/Fullerton; 63-8½n Tri/L Angeles) 63-8½*
 10. Richard Marks, P Coast (62-9½n/g Dual/S Jose; 61-6n S Diego R) 62-10½
- 62-3, *Hans Hoglund' (El Paso). 61-10¼, *Pete Shmock (Ore). 61-9½, *Sam Walker (SMU). 61-7½, *Colin Anderson (Minn). 61-3¾, *Ernie Cathcart (Wash). 61-2, *Jay Silvester (unat). 60-9½, *Steve Wilhelm (MATC). 60-8, Greg Born (S Jose St). 60-7¼, *Tom Brosius (Kans St). 60-6, *Spike Walker (Ore St). 59-10¼, *Dave Davis (UCTC). 58-11¼, *John Hannah (Ala). 58-10½, *Dave Frieze (Mo), *Ernie Hearon (Spts Intl). 58-8, *John Stuart (Glasgow AC). 58-3½, *Dana LeDuc (Kans). 58-2, *Richard Bilder (Nn III). 58-1¼, *Brian Caulfield' (Ut St). 57-8¼, *Rudy Guevara (Kans). 57-6¾, *Kent Pagel (UCLA).

DISCUS THROW

Oregon's Mac Wilkins now rates as the finest all-around thrower in history, at least according to the Portuguese Tables. With a shot-discus-javelin combo of 60-1½-187-3-257-4, his 2866 points put him comfortably ahead of his nearest challenger, Norwegian Harald Lorentzen, who has done 61-3½-186-3-242-6. Known primarily as a javelin thrower until this year, his evolution into a collegiate-class discus thrower is an interesting one. "It's all due to my coaching," says Bill Bowerman. "When he came here I switched him from the discus to the javelin. I didn't think he was big enough to throw the discus, as he was only about 6-4, 190-lbs." So he became a 257-4 javelin heaver as a frosh, but hurt his elbow last year after doing 255-4. He now weighs about 240 and has proved that he can throw the disc after all. Oh yes, he has also chucked the hammer 163-6 to probably rank as the best-ever four-event thrower, although specific facts are lacking on other performers. . . Defending AAU champ Tim Vollmer has started slowly, but has improved his previous yearly best in each meet. . . As has become common in the past few seasons, Miles Lister is way ahead in the number of competitions department, already heaving his platter in 14 meets. And he has been throwing pretty well too, with only two of those sub-190.

1. John Van Reenen', Cal TC (209-6/sp Dual/L Bch; 205-5 AC/Compton; 204-3/g Tri/L Angeles; 202-10 San Diego Relays) 209-6*
 2. John Powell, P Coast (195-9 AC/Bakersfield) 208-0
 3. Jay Silvester, unat 202-6
 4. Gary Ordway, P Coast (194-4n San Diego Relays; 202-5 AC/Compton) 202-5*
 5. Miles Lister, P Coast (193-1 Quad/Fullerton; 200-5n/sp Dual/L Bch; 195-1n AC/Compton; 188-8 Tri/Tempe; 187-1n S Diego R; 191-10n AC/Comp) 200-5*
 6. Ernst Soudek', AATC (188-11 Tex Sn R; 193-8 Kentucky R) 200-3
 7. Dick Drescher, Spts Intl (197-5 American U Relays) 197-5*
 8. Steve Gunzel, Ariz (194-6 v Tenn; 186-6n Eas R; 183-2n 5-way/Tucson; 187-11n San Diego Relays) 194-6*
 9. Gary Carlsen, Strid (190-6/sp Dual/L Bch; 184-4n San Diego Relays) 193-2
 10. Fred DeBernardi, El Paso (183-11 5-way/Tempe; 185-0 Tri/EP; 189-6 5-way/Tucson; 192-8 Quad/EP; 190-6n Texas Relays) 192-8*
- Ed Kohler, Strid (184-3n Quad/Fullerton; 186-0n Tri/LA; 192-8n AC/Com) 192-8*
- 192-4, *Tim Vollmer (Ft Mac). 192-2, *Jim Penrose (Cal). 191-6, Larry Kennedy (BA Strid). 191-0, *Ken Stadel (Rice). 190-0, *Dave Weber (P Coast). 188-6, *Joe Antunovich' (Strid). 187-3, *Mac Wilkins (Ore). 185-7, *Paul Corrigan (Md). 184-7, *Roger Smith (Ore St). 184-0, *Zdravko Pecar' (BYU). 182-7, *Art Swarts (Shore AC). 181-0, Winston Landes (Hay St). 180-6, *Dale Gordon (UCLA). 178-11, *Tom Brosius (Kans St). 178-8, *Elio Poleselli (Notre Dame). 178-7, *Chuck Sherman (S Jose St), *Gary Wolf (Ore). 177-11, *Greg Born (S Jose St). 177-7, *Roger Freberg (UCLA). 177-3, *Mike Louisiana (BA Strid), Sylvester Marshall (Valley St), *Gary O'Sullivan (BA Strid). 177-2, *Alan Thomas (Tex).

HAMMER THROW

A notable development of the early season is the performance of ageless



(Left) Fred Luke's nation-pace 267-0 is just 2" from his best. /Chadez/ (Right) Oregon frosh Bob Daniel, a 235-3 prep heaver, has hit 251-3.

Hal Connolly in the hammer. In two of three competitions he has come out on the winning end against last year's number-one, George Frenn. . . The nigh-on invincible collegiate Kent State duo of Jacques Accambray and Al Schoterman just might get some arguments this year from El Paso's Australian frosh, Peter Farmer, who has bettered his PR in every meet. He now ranks as the number-four collegian ever off his 211-7 heave. Teammate Pryor Nunn gives him a solid backup as a 183-10 performer.

1. George Frenn, P Coast (221-8 AC/L Beach; 216-0n S Diego Relays) 221-8*
 2. Hal Connolly, Strid (220-1n AC/L Beach; 216-3 San Diego Relays) 220-1*
 3. Jacques Accambray, Kent St (215-0 Kenutcky Relays) 215-0*
 4. Al Schoterman, Kent St (212-7n Kentucky Relays) 212-7*
 5. Peter Farmer, El Paso (196-1 E Paso R; 207-6 Tri/EP; 210-9 Quad/EP; 211-7 AC/El Paso) 211-7*
 6. Larry Hart, Ft Mac (191-2n AC/L Beach; 204-3n San Diego Relays) 204-3*
 7. Steve DeAutremont, Staters (196-2n AC/L Beach) 196-2*
 8. Bill Dinneen, unat (194-11 Fla R; 191-3 Amer U Relays) 194-11*
 9. Augie Zilincar, Shore AC (190-2 Tri/W L Branch) 190-2*
- 188-3, Keith Tice (Fres St). 185-9, *Bill Shuff (Ft Mac). 184-4, *John McLaughlin (Navy). 184-3, *Jim Pryde (unat). 183-10, *Pryor Nunn (El Paso). 183-1, *Ken Moss (United AA). 182-8, *Dave Phillips (Wn Mich). 180-10, *Jim Neugent (Okla Chris). 175-6, *Mike Wolak (Yale). 175-1, *Mike Bolliger (Ore).

JAVELIN THROW

Prep javelin record holder Russ Francis currently doesn't even rank as the top frosh thrower on the Oregon squad. That honor goes to Bob Daniel, who has topped Francis in three out of four competitions and has a top throw of 251-3. Last year, Daniel ranked only number-seven among the nation's preps, with a 235-3 heave. . . It is a good year for frosh spear-chuckers, with Dan Martin (245-10) and Richard George (238-5) also well-placed on the yearly list. . . Obviously, Bill Skinner's recovery from his wounds of last fall isn't progressing too swiftly. In his only known competition he went unplaced at a distance of something less than 200-feet.

1. Fred Luke, Husky SC (267-0 AC/Seattle; 251-8 Spok Falls R; 239-2n/g Dual) 267-0*
 2. Bill Schmidt, Ft Mac (266-0 AC/Bakersfield; 243-7 San Diego Relays) 266-0*
 3. Per-Eric Smiding, NM (249-5 Quad/Tempe; 238-0 Tri/Alb; 260-11 Tex R) 260-11
 4. Cary Feldmann, Wash (260-2n AC/Seattle; 243-2 Ore Inv; 260-5 v Ore) 260-5*
 5. Andy Barnet, Sn Cal (248-3n 5-way/Tempe; 246-4 v Oxy; 256-10 v Stan) 256-10*
 6. Ronnie Bamberg, La Tech (252-4 Ark R; 253-2n Texas Relays) 253-2*
 7. Mark Richardson, Spts Intl (252-5 Amer U R) 252-5*
 8. Bob Daniel, Ore (251-3n AC/Bakersfield; 232-0n Ore Inv; 222-3n v Wash) 251-3*
 9. Sam Colson, Kans (229-3 v UCLA; 250-5n Texas Relays) 250-5*
 10. Mark Murro, P Coast (243-10n Quad/Tempe; 248-5 v Cal-Ariz St) 250-3
- 246-4, *Rich Dowswell (Ohio U). 245-10, *Dan Martin (Tenn). 244-8, *Jack Bacon (NYAC). 244-6, *John Kaveny (Cal TC). 243-9, Roy Waddell (unat). 243-3, *Bruce Kennedy (Cal). 243-0, *Raulli Uitto (unat). 242-5, *Dan Kouvollo (unat). 242-2, *Ed Morland (Kans St). 240-7, *Larry Stuart (P Coast). 240-4, John Burns (unat). 239-4, *Larry Hynek (Emp St). 238-8, *Glen Pere (Lamar Tech). 238-5, *Richard George (BYU). 238-4, *Tom Gregorson (Husky SC). 238-3, *Willie Franklin (Okla). 238-1, *Mike Lyngstad (Mont TC). 238-0, *Bob Wallis (Ft Mac), *Russ White (Spts Intl). 237-9, *Russ Francis (Ore). 237-2, *Gary Quitslund (Wash).

DECATHLON

The decathlon is a good event for might-have-beens. In Jeff Bannister's 7787 PR meet, Russ Hodge led him by 69 points after the first day but did not contest the second half because of troublesome shin splints. At the end of seven events in the Santa Maria 10-eventer, Canadian record-holder Gerry Moro led countryman Gordon Stewart by 65-points. But Moro, a 16-3 vaulter, chose to open at 15-0 and failed to make a height. Stewart went on to record a new national standard of 7438.

1. Jeff Bannister, Dec Club/America (7787 Irvine) 7787*
 2. Fred Samara, Penn (7669 Florida Relays) 7669*
 3. Jeff Bennett, Ft Mac (7424n Irvine; 7587 Santa Maria) 7587*
 4. John Warkentin, Strid (7480n Irvine; 7581 Fresno; 7340n Hayward) 7581*
 5. Rory Kenward, Strid (7380n Irvine; 7453n Florida Relays) 7453*
 6. Jack Carter, USAF (7444n Santa Maria) 7444*
 7. Bill Bakley, Westmont (7394 Hayward) 7394*
 8. Craig Brigham, South Eugene, Ore HS (7373 Oregon Invitational) 7373*
 9. George Pannel, Westmont TC (7351n Irvine; 7269n Florida Relays) 7351*
 10. Barry King, CW (7350n Irvine; 7108n Florida Relays) 7350*
- 7274, *Roger George, (Fres St). 7254, Jim Sobiesczyk (CW). 7210, *Kenny Kring (Hancock JC). 7168, *Don Bajema (S Diego St). 7133, *Dave Stephens (Ore Coll/Educ). 7111, *Dave Thoreson (Unat). 7032, *Eugene Miller (unat). 7006, *Tom Taft (CW). 6979, *Paul Gibson (P Coast). 6925, *Ron DeVries (En Mich). 6855, Rex Harvey (USAF). 6832, *Don Albritton (NE Mo). 6712, Paul Cox (unat). 6671, *Phil Wash (Wash St). 6660, *Bill Hanson (UCSB). 6630, Darl Locke (Okla City AC).
- Pentathlon: 3254, *Jack Carter (USAF).

440 YARD RELAY

Southern California used a foursome of Leon Brown, Edesel Garrison, Willie Deckard and Don Quarrie in its world record setting 880-relay, but the makeup of the quartet which has recorded 39.8 and 39.4 clockings in the one-lap event goes Lance Babb, then Brown, Quarrie and Deckard. . . The only unit which seems to have a chance at chasing down Southern Cal is El Paso, authors of 39.8 and 39.5 clockings with Errol Stewart, Steve Williams, Harold Williams and Harrington Jackson.

1. Southern Cal (39.8 5-way/Tempe; 40.0 Eas R; 44.0n v Oxy; 39.4 v Stan) 39.4*
 2. El Paso (40.5 EP R; 39.5 Tri; 40.2 5-way; 39.8 Quad; 40.2h, 40.0 Tex R) 39.5*
 3. Texas Southern (40.5h, 40.4 Tex Sn R; 40.3h, 40.0/c Tex R) 40.0*
 - UCLA (40.0 v Tenn; disq v Kans; 41.3 v Cal) 40.0*
 5. Cal International (41.0 v Sn Cal-Oxy; 40.1 San Diego Relays) 40.1*
 - North Carolina Central (40.5 N-P R; 40.6h, 40.1 Florida Relays) 40.1*
 - Southern Illinois (40.1n Florida Relays; 40.9 Kentucky Relays) 40.1*
 8. Oregon (40.8n AC/Bakersfield; 40.2 Ore Inv; dnf v Wash) 40.2*
 9. Kansas (40.3 v UCLA; 41.3nh Texas Relays) 40.3*
- 40.4, *ACC, *Florida A&M, *Memphis State, *Oklahoma State. 40.5, *Long Beach State. 40.6, *Alabama, *El Paso TC, *Prairie View A&M, *Sacramento State, *SMU, Striders. 40.7, *Arizona All-stars, *Arizona State, *Fort MacArthur, *Kansas State, *Lamar Tech, *Southwestern Louisiana. 40.8, Alcorn A&M, *Arizona, *TCU, *Texas A&M, *USAF.

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- 1:22.9, *North Carolina Central. 1:23.4, *Southern Illinois. 1:23.7, *El Paso. 1:23.8, Fort MacArthur. 1:24.0, *Southwestern Louisiana. 1:24.3, *SMU. 1:24.5, *Cal International. 1:24.8, *Memphis State. 1:24.9, *Florida A&M, *Prairie View A&M. 1:25.0, *Lamar Tech.

MILE RELAY

1. North Carolina Central (3:09.5 News-Pied R; 3:07.0h, 3:06.0 Florida R) 3:06.0*
2. Oklahoma State (3:11.5h, 3:07.8 Texas Relays) 3:07.8*
3. Armed Forces (3:09.0 San Diego Relays) 3:09.0*
- El Paso (3:11.1 Quad/El Paso; 3:10.3h, 3:09.0n Texas Relays) 3:09.0*
5. Nebraska (3:11.8n Quad/El Paso; 3:11.7h, 3:09.3n Texas Relays) 3:09.3*
6. LSU (3:11.1 5-way; 3:10.7 LSU R; 3:11.6 Tri; 3:10.7h, 3:09.7 Texas R) 3:09.7*
7. Oklahoma (3:09.8h, 3:14.0n Texas Relays) 3:09.8*
- Pacific Coast (3:09.8n San Diego Relays) 3:09.8*
- Prairie View A&M (3:09.8 Tex Sn Relays; 3:10.2/c Texas Relays) 3:09.8*
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- Distance medley: 9:34.4, *Kansas State. 9:34.6, *El Paso. 9:42.0, *Club West. 9:47.2, *Missouri. 9:47.4, *Texas. 9:48.2, *Washington. 9:50.0, *North Carolina.
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Club West coach Pete Petersons (above/Don Chadez) reveals, "I won't help an athlete unless he asks for it." Some of the club's runners—and adherents to its precept of integrating living and running, and vice versa—embark on a "collective" jog (l-r): Mark Winzenried, Tarry Harrison, Jeromee Liebenberg, Greg Brock and Jere VanDyk. Their canine companion is Liebenberg's dog, The Ace. /Bob Ponce, Santa Barbara News-Press/



A Club West Experiment in 'Living-Running'

The images of track life in Santa Barbara, Calif., blend into a diverse collage: decathletes, sun, morning runs, surf, frisbees, training. All the images have one central focus, though: Club West. The club's decathletes are well-known (II April 1971), but a stellar group of distance runners are just as notable—not only for their running exploits but also for the experiment in "living-running" in which they are the principal participants. John Zant, Santa Barbara News-Press writer, delved into the runners and their experiment—and his report adds more colors to the tapestry that is track in Santa Barbara.

by John Zant

Mark Winzenried dashed into the discus sector, reached up for the platter spinning over his head, and snagged it with one hand.

"The major prerequisite for training here," said Club West coach Pete Petersons, "is the ability to play catch with a frisbee."

"That's right," concurred Winzenried as he flipped the plastic saucer back across the UC Santa Barbara track. "On hard days we do tricks—behind the back and between the legs—and for easy workouts we play straight catch."

Winzenried, Jere VanDyk, Jeromee Liebenberg, Tarry Harrison and Mike Hazilla all are accomplished frisbee-throwers. They also run distances from 800-meters to the marathon with sufficient speed to entertain hopes of reaching the Munich Olympic Games. That brought them to Santa Barbara to train under Petersons and to perform what VanDyk calls "an experiment unique in America . . . athletes coming and living together for nonacademic reasons."

When they are not working out or out working, those Club West athletes' lives unfold in Isla Vista, the college community where a tall, somewhat attractive bank was burned to the ground in 1970, only to be replaced by a squat, ugly fortress. Two years later, the youths that swarm Isla Vista seem largely uncommitted and searching for identities and such.

Harrison and Hazilla did come across another dedicated young man early one March morning, a time they thought they shared only with the milkman. They were on a pre-dawn 12-mile run along the bluffs above the Pacific Ocean when a jumping figure wearing only his undershorts loomed in their path. "Surf! Foaming water!" he sputtered. "Run, run, tell your friends, the surf's up. *The surf's up!* I tell you, *the surf's up!*"

"He was just outstanding," said Hazilla. "All I could think of was Paul Revere."

Leaving the 1960-model enthusiast leaping and shouting in their wake, Harrison and Hazilla ran to their apartment and announced to their roommates—Greg Brock and Liebenberg, who were sleeping peacefully, and Winzenried: "*The surf's up!*" And they shook the beds for a little added

effects.

It's the weather, if not the surf, that inspires the Club Westers from the east. "It's unbelievable," said Hazilla, who followed Liebenberg out of Michigan, "I haven't trained in anything but shorts." Santa Barbara, like the rest of southern California, experienced the driest first three months in history this year. There was not enough rain in January, February and March to keep a lawn growing for 30 minutes.

"Everything has been ideal for training," said Winzenried, the prolific half-miler. "We can run in orange groves, on the beach, bridle trails; and the UCSB track is beautiful, surrounded by trees."

"Variety is important," commented Petersons, who prefers to be known as a runner's "conscience" rather than his coach. "These guys demand that I come up with creative interval workouts. We warm up with the frisbee—anything to make it seem more fun. We are extremely casual in order to take the pressure out of training."

"Back in Wisconsin last year, I was thinking about the best way to spend the Olympic year," said Winzenried, who first met Petersons at Lake Tahoe in 1968. "I even considered a monastery—wow. I'm glad I followed Pete here. He's one of the guys, a friend. You can go over to his place and have a beer. In college, you do it behind a coach's back. And my roommates—holy cow. What a great bunch of guys. We just sit around and all of the sudden explode because we know it's going to be a great year. It's gotta be a great year."

Winzenried now shares an apartment with Hazilla, Harrison and Liebenberg. It's a typical Isla Vista dwelling—cheap furniture and walls into which you can plunge headlong and be reasonably certain that they will crack before your skull does. On the front door is a little sign: "Peace. To all the world: Welcome."

Other club members frequent the place—Greg Brock, the former Stanford runner who lives nearby; VanDyk, who headed south from Oregon by way of Paris, and lives up a canyon near Bill Toomey; ex-Kansas three-miler Jay Mason, who is a boarder on a huge estate in affluent Montecito. Two former Santa Barbara schoolboys, Dennis Savage and Bill Schabram, along with Brook Thomas, George Minarek and Dave Eastland, bolster the running talent. A brigade of decathletes, including Ray Hupp, Barry King, Jim Sobiesczyk and Rory Kenward, works out with the help of UCSB track coach Sam Adams. Club member John Lilly, a half-miler, prefers an uncluttered existence somewhere between Bakersfield and nowhere. Of course, Jim Ryun, the club's most famed member, has moved back to Kansas.

"The damn newspapers made it sound as if Ryun left here because we failed him," said Petersons. "That's not true. All along, he followed his

own program provided by Bob Timmons in Kansas. It differed from ours like night and day. We reached an understanding that I would help him only if he wanted it. He stuck to his own schedule, and when he had troubles the logical thing to do was go back to the source."

With the departure of Ryun and family—they left the impression that they will return to Santa Barbara some day—the bachelors in the club continue to pursue what VanDyk calls, in a phrase only a writer could devise, "a sybaritic sojourn in Santa Barbara".

Winzenried came home from a workout the other day to discover that his roommates had invited three girls over for dinner. "Just like last year," Winzenried said. "I lived with three other guys and they were all engaged. It was the Magnificent Seven every day. We had some good times."

Mark's own particular buffer against loneliness or constant male companionship, which can be just as bad, is a girl across the street named Sue. She is a student and a fleet halfback for the Busty Bruisers, a women's flag football team. But that night she had to work and get psyched up for the Bruisers' season opener. "We're going to kick the Thetas' butts," she told Mark. From anybody not as cute as Sue, the roller-derby type remark would not have seemed so innocently charming.

Harrison, Hazilla and Liebenberg were standing at attention when their guests entered the apartment. Leslie, Chris and Jan. The outgoing Leslie announced that she was a 2:58 miler.

Hazilla generously offered everybody some Pink Chablis, which he mixes with Kool-Aid. "I can't tell any differences," he said. "Boone's Farm Apple is great. The stuff is great."

"How about some Cabernet Sauvignon?" queried Winzenried. Harrison snacked on raw cauliflower.

Dinner was a saucy pot roast, prepared by Liebenberg. For desert, Hazilla baked a lemon cake with lemon frosting, decorated by cherries and a pair of sunglasses. "We alternate cooking dinner," said Hazilla, "except for Mark. Mark prepares the greatest of them all—cornflakes."

Although Mark cannot bake the bread, he earns some. The Raytheon Company in Goleta has employed him as an "administrative aide". One of the limitations of Club West is that the Santa Barbara establishment is not overly impressed by the plight of the amateur athlete who needs several hours during the day to train. Harrison is the only other member of the foursome with a job. He abandoned a teaching position in Los Angeles, and now he is employed by Raytheon as a "gopher". "I gopher this and gopher that," explained Tarry. "Actually, I'm one of the world's foremost inventory clerks."

Hazilla is taking a year's sabbatical from graduate studies in economics. "I do a lot of reading, but not in economics," said the 2:16 marathoner. "School does bad things to you. It's such a competitive atmosphere, and you have only so much competitiveness in you. April would have been a bad month for me in my training, but now I don't have to worry about cutting my studies or my workouts."

Liebenberg keeps busy by fashioning leather goods. He and Tarry learned the craft at a class in Isla Vista. One of his latest projects was an etched leather cover for a book of lithographs. "I've got more stuff in my bedroom," he said to one of the girls. "Want to see it?"

"Where have I heard that line before?" interjected Harrison.

Jeromee had an honest array of leather creations stockpiled in his room. Wide belts with big, round brass buckles; all sizes of purses; headbands; and magnificent, tall, wide-brimmed hats. He sells the stuff at arts and craft shows. There was such a "faire" in Isla Vista the previous weekend—part of a celebration of the rites of spring that included street theatre and folkdancing—but Liebenberg was running a three-mile in San Diego.

Jeromee, once depicted in *Sports Illustrated* as a complete flake who did his knitting on the way to track meets, added, "I don't want any more bad publicity like that other magazine article. It was written by somebody who only saw me on the surface, who didn't really know me. It was only about things more bizarre than I usually do and made it look like I was never serious about anything."

Liebenberg, who has a best of 8:32.2 in the steeplechase, is very serious about his running. "It's the biggest thing in my life this year," he said, then adding facetiously, "besides partying. Party, party, party. That's all we really do. Just sit here and get stoned."

"We don't drink every night," said Winzenried.

"No, we drink every day and every night [pause], well, not really; all that alcohol isn't too good."

Enter Jere VanDyk, another member of the clan who scrapes for a living. His current occupation is "collecting rejection slips". It was time to step up the tempo of the evening, so Harrison got the Chicago rhythm section cooking on his new Sansui stereo. "Listen to that," said Tarry. "It reminds me of the Southern Games in Trinidad. All these guys were going 'tiki, tiki, tiki' all day long. The sound permeated the background of the whole meet."

The runner from Colorado (Harrison) was wearing the most colorful garb of the evening, an elegant, orange-and-yellow half-sleeved shirt from Barados that reached to the bottom of his shorts. Jeromee came in second with a

shirt covered by red stars. During his first month in Isla Vista, he had both worked out and slept in a faded Superman shirt.

When the sounds of George Harrison started leaping out of the stereo, Tarry decided to get down to some heavy listening with his earphones. "George Harrison is my uncle," he said. As soon as the headset went on, he became consumed by the music. "How does it sound?" Leslie asked him. "How does it sound!" But Tarry was in a deep musical trance, which brought to mind Winzenried's meditation.

When Mark arrived in Santa Barbara last fall, one of the first things that caught his eye was a poster advertising a course in transcendental meditation. The adventurous NCAA 880-yard champ signed up. Before long he was plunging through the surface layers of his consciousness down into previously untouched levels of thought. "I don't think it was very good for me at first," he said. "I was just out of school for the first time in 16 years, and you know school's an escape from the cruel world. I wasn't too secure, and when I started meditating, I realized a lot of things that shook me up."

So he stayed away from meditation for a period, but now he's getting back to it again. "I've got a lot more confidence now, and meditating really relaxes me," said the excitable Winzenried, who competed in nearly 70 races last year. "Fifteen minutes of meditating is worth four hours of sleep."

A sign of Winzenried's new confidence is on the door to his closet. It's a poster of the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville. It was there in February that he set his indoor world best for the 1000-yard run (2:05.1), circling the laps on an exact timetable he planned with Petersons before the race. "When you plan to set a world record and then go out and do it, you have to be pretty good," said Petersons. "And then Mark went to the Coliseum and ran his first sub-four-minute mile, a race he doesn't normally run. All that has really helped build his confidence over previous seasons, when he basically wasn't sure he was doing the right things in workouts."

Leslie finally succeeded in prying the earphones off Harrison, who folded his arms and began to utter primitive-sounding chants: "W-doo . . . Ahkoo . . ." He also threw in some grunts.

On a more scholarly level, there was talk about Europe, which provided another building block in Winzenried's career. He took advantage of the heavy schedule of meets in Europe last summer and ran 22 races in two months. "I only had time for five workouts," he laughed. "The competition in the summer sure is a lot better over there than in the US. And every town had a track club."

VanDyk, who spent a year studying at the Sorbonne, was the expert on Europe, and he really dug some of the attitudes about athletics over there. "The Europeans take a Platonic approach in the old Greek tradition," he said. "Athletes perform for a good of the state, so the state helps them out. America has that Calvinistic, Puritan ethic initiated through deCoubertin. You're supposed to do it entirely on your own. They don't care how. You scrape and you shove, you finally make it to the top, 100,000 spectators shower you with adulation, and that's it; that's your trip."

"Well, the last American Olympic team had a greater percentage of guys who had completed college. These guys can't do it without help. We've got to find what we can do for them. The European idea is subsidization, the Soviets and East Germans being the extreme cases. I've heard of a government taking care of the family of a 10-year-old girl who was a hot prospect."

"The only way we can stay abreast of the rest of the world is to form something like our club, to professionalize our athletes. We aren't paid like true professionals yet, but our lifestyle is professional. Face it, the most important thing to us is not what Mark does at Raytheon every day, but his running. If we can make this club go, I think track and field will really take off here. Maybe it's not the answer, but it's an important experiment. Look at the diverse guys we've gotten together: a leather worker, a stockman, a fledging writer . . ."

Now Sly and the Family Stone were exhorting everybody through Harrison's machine to "Dance to the Music." Tarry himself was setting the pace with a display of gyrations that would do any 13:08 three-miler proud. "He would make a good belly-dancer," said Liebenberg. The room went dark except for two candles flickering on the table and everybody started to dance. The natural wedding of athletes and rhythm was dramatically demonstrated by those shadowy figures. Harrison's throbbing movements carried him right out the front door, giving the neighbors a blast of the music, and back into the living room.

But distance runners who work out twice a day only have so much left in them for evening action, and soon all the athletes were collapsed on the floor and the couch and the three girls were left dancing.

"What's the matter with you guys?" they fretted.

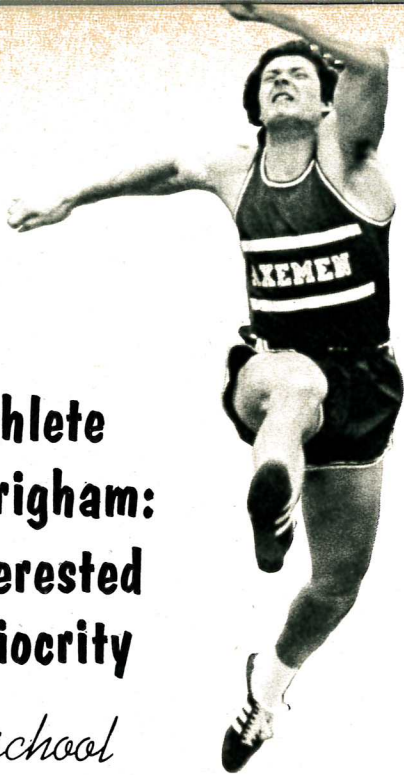
"Don't have any energy," said Winzenried.

"Easy come, easy go," said Liebenberg.

Hazilla dove into a bucket of Neapolitan ice cream for a bedtime snack. It was 9:30 p.m.

The next morning they were up early, swiftly pressing rubber soles against pavement. The surf was flat. They were alone again, resolutely moving through a town of a thousand parties with a firm sense of purpose.

Decathlete Craig Bringham: Not Interested in Mediocrity *high school*



(Phil Grenon, Eugene Register-Guard)

When Craig Bringham pole vaults or high jumps or throws the discus, the other competitors in the event are secondary. He admits as much. For Bringham, his stiffest competition comes from Craig Bringham.

The 6-½, 193-lb. senior at South Eugene High in the city which has spawned many a distance running talent believes, "Any athlete must set personal goals to strive for. The greater the challenge, the greater the rewards."

Bringham picked a tough challenge when he settled on the decathlon—and in only his second 10-eventer he reaped a big reward: a national prep record total of 7373 points, eclipsing Milt Campbell's 7253 standard set back in 1953, outdistancing Bob Mathias' US age-17 mark of 6899 and even

Bringham vs. Campbell

CRAIG BRIGHAM—7373, March 31-April 1, 1972									
11.1	22-1	47-6½	6-27/8	51.8	16.4	151-3	15-¾	174-8	4:55.9
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10.5	22-4	46-5	6-1	49.3	14.3	134-4½	11-11¾	156-6	5:22.1

surpassing Don Shy's US age-18 score of 7247. Bringham, born in 1954, won't be 18 until May 6.

Says South coach Harry Johnson of Bringham, "He is a very tough competitor and finds his greatest challenge in competing against himself. Probably his strongest attribute, in both the decathlon and track in general, is his native ability coupled with a strong desire to achieve. He is not interested in mediocrity. He finds great satisfaction in self-improvement. His goals relate to Craig Bringham—no one else."

A self-centered attitude? Perhaps, but rarely has an athlete registered such startling improvement in one of track's most demanding events, both technically and physically, and one in which it is conceded the longer you stick with it, the more experienced and knowledgeable you become. A 15-5½ vaulter in 1971, the highest junior-class vaulter in the country, Bringham's first try at the decathlon came in the early summer when he totaled 6461 points.

"I knew that the decathlon was for me," Bringham relates. "I was accepted to the Olympic training camp for decathletes and I was the youngest guy there. I was impressed by the physical potential of most of the other decathletes there. I figured the only way to be competitive with them was to learn correct techniques. Since then, I have been training seriously for the decathlon."

Says Johnson, "Craig will become an even greater decathlete because he is a thinker, a worker and a technician and is very solid in all these areas for a high school athlete. He responds well to coaching; he listens carefully, thoroughly thinks out what he has heard and then tries as best he can to apply what he has learned." The coach feels the same qualities will govern Bringham's future improvement as have aided his present meteoric rise: "He is a dedicated, talented technician."

When Bringham decided to seriously pursue the decathlon, the athlete and coach undertook a training program with several purposes in

mind. Johnson explains: "First we wanted to get a solid running background under him—that was the key point as he hadn't much running background. Next, we wanted to settle him into a solid weight-training routine. Then we wanted him to learn and understand the techniques of the various events."

Bringham headed into the Oregon Invitational Decathlon, March 31-April 1, not with the idea of taking a specific shot at the prep record. Far from it. "I went into the competition thinking mostly about doing my best and hoping I could qualify for the Olympic Trials," explains the new record-setter. "The prep record was really a kind of afterthought. I felt that I needed the experience of a competitive decathlon—besides I wanted to try to put together a good one. With my individual marks, I could score much higher but I didn't want to speculate because you rarely do your best in decathlon competition. So I wanted some real competition to see where I stood."

At the conclusion of the two days' doings, it was clear where he stood. Bringham compiled the following marks: 11.1, 22-1, 47-6½, 6-27/8, 51.8, 16.4, 151-3, 15-¾, 174-8, 4:55.9. He has non-decathlon bests of 22-7 in the long jump, 48-3½ shot, 6-7¼ high jump, 195-5 javelin and 14.8 college highs. That discrepancy between his open and decathlon hurdle marks—and the notable disc mark following the decathlon time—reveal that competitive side of Craig Bringham that won't accept mediocrity.

"The competition went fairly well. I sprained my left ankle five days before the competition (his take-off foot in the long jump, high jump, vault and hurdles) and it hindered me in the competition. I'm not trying to make excuses; I know I have a lot of work ahead of me in many events. After my poor hurdle race—I hit every hurdle—it was all I could do to not give up. The pain in my ankle was excruciating and I was really discouraged. I knew then there was no way I could get the Olympic qualifying mark of 7600 points. But after the pain subsided in my ankle I was in a better mood. I forced myself to forget about the hurdles and go to work in the other events. I was pleased with my discus mark." Understandably so since his 151-3 effort bettered his previous best with the college platter by more than 10-feet.

It seems Bringham has needed a self-imposed challenge to rise to his best. "My junior high school coach, Jerry Andrews, kept on my back until I came out for track. I wished then he would leave me alone; now I'm glad he didn't." As a seventh-grader in 1967, he high jumped 5-6 and vaulted 10-6, raising his marks in following seasons to 5-8/11-3 (1968), 6-2½/13-0 (1969), 6-7¼/13-7 (1970) and 6-7/15-5½ (1971). Says Bringham, "Harry Johnson has helped me more than I can say. Many times he would spend time on week-ends just coaching me. He would do it for any athlete, he would give 100% of his effort to any athlete. All he would ask in return is that the athlete do the same."

A stand-out in junior high school, Bringham admits his need for personal motivation was, at one point, not satisfied by track. "I lost interest because everything came easily for me. I didn't have to work hard to be good and the rewards were shallow." So he turned to gymnastics—and became proficient enough to lead South Eugene to the state title as a sophomore and to second place as junior, winning the floor exercise and high bar as a junior.

"Gymnastics gives great body explosiveness and kinesthetic sense. It helps immensely in the pole vault and I believe it helps total body control. It also produces good flexibility. However, I found earlier this year I was spending so much time training for both track and gymnastics that neither were really benefiting. I quit gymnastics not only because of the time involved but also because I couldn't share my full efforts between the two sports. I felt my future was in track, so I quit gymnastics and put all my mental and physical faculties into training for the decathlon." The results of that concentration are already destined for the record books.

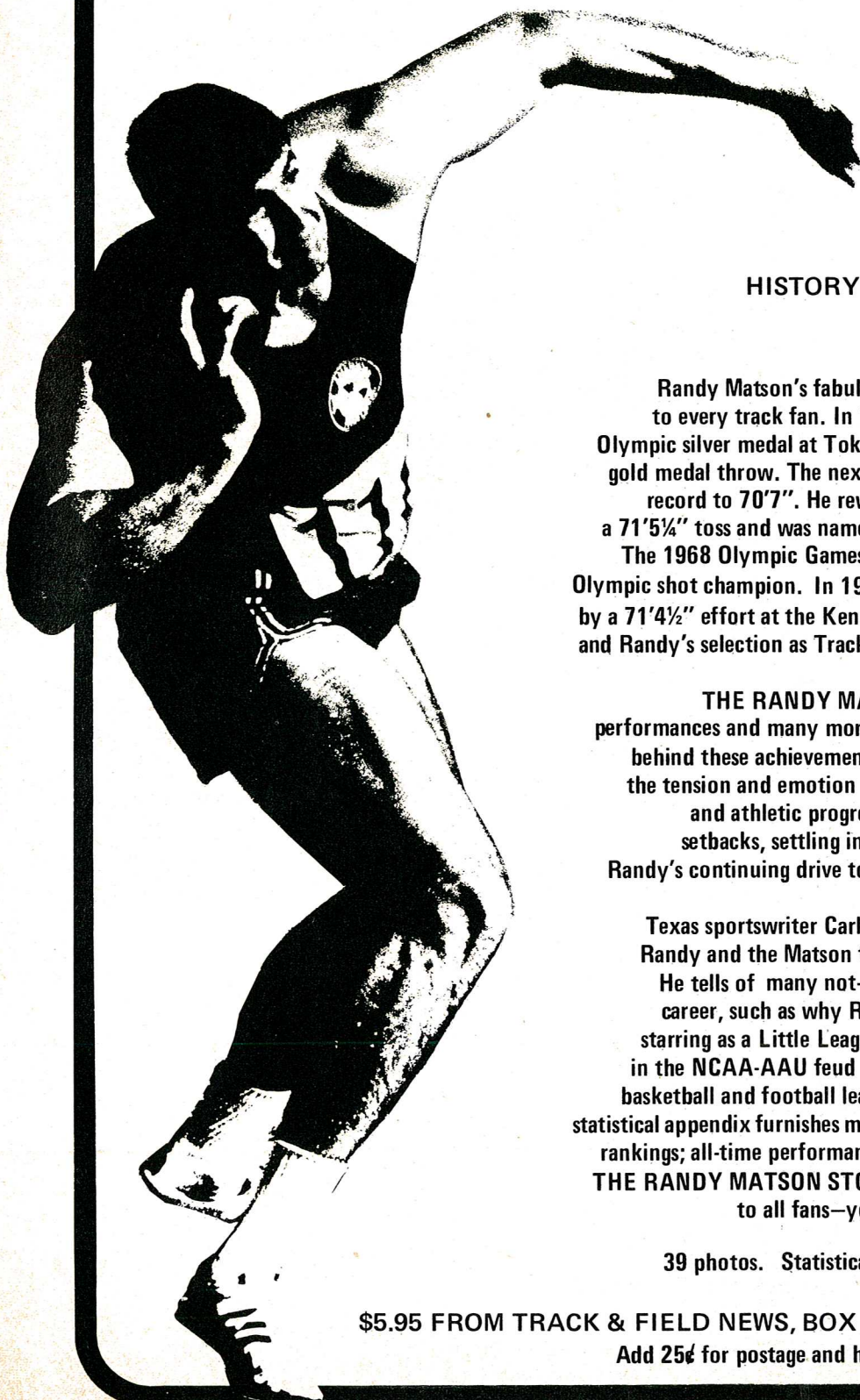
Certainly Bringham is a special athlete in his outlook and approach to athletics. He has the physical equipment needed for success in an event like the decathlon. But is he really that special? Could any well-prepared, highly-motivated high school athlete achieve as much—or more—in as imposing an event as the decathlon?

"For a 'well-prepared' prep athlete, it seems to me the decathlon is as much a mental challenge as a physical one," offers Johnson. "Just throwing the heavier weights and running the higher hurdles might scare off prep athletes who have the talent to succeed." Says Bringham, "I think a high school athlete seriously aiming at the decathlon needs a good running background plus basic technique work. I look at all the events, and the decathlon in general, as there is always something to improve on. Probably the biggest advantage of being a decathlete is that you don't have to be great in any one thing, just competent in all the events. Like I started working with international implements right from the start so I had no trouble with them. Really, any athlete can succeed in what he sets out for if he just has confidence in his abilities."

And at what target is Bringham aiming his considerable abilities?

"I want to become the best decathlete I possibly can," he says. "I am convinced the human body has vast potential and I am very curious to see just how high I can jump, how far I can throw and how fast I can run." Aren't we all. */Jon Hendershott/* □

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Olympic Games

In case there is any doubt that the Olympic Games are a money-making proposition—and a money-spending one as well—here are some facts and figures on what the price-tag of producing the Games will look like for Munich and West Germany. Willi Daume, president of the German Organizing Committee, reported recently the cost of the Games has been computed at a total expenditure of \$650 million—more than triple the original estimate—and that income from all sources would approximate \$420 million. The West German government will cover half of the \$230 million deficit, while the state of Bavaria and city of Munich will assume 25% each . . .



The organizers announced in late-March an Olympic record in ticket sales: 2.3 million of the allotted 3.8 million tickets. That eclipsed the figure of 2,017,967 spectators who witnessed the 1964 Tokyo Games. A total of 1,893,500 tickets were sold for the Mexican Olympics. The 2.3 million ducats, 60% of the total available, are worth an estimated \$9.9 million. The following events are sold out: opening and closing ceremonies, all afternoons of track and field (all finals), gymnastic and swimming events, semi-finals and finals in boxing, basketball and volleyball, finals in soccer and handball and the individual equestrian and dressage. About 800,000 tickets, worth some \$3.4 million, have been sold to 94 foreign countries; the US claims the largest share (118,246) followed by France (59,938) and Britain (51,941). The tickets will be produced on a printing press for bank notes and will have several devices to guard against forgery. Some of these marks are unknown even to the organizing committee.

And what is Munich gaining out of all this—besides the privilege and publicity value of staging the world's largest single sporting event? Probably the biggest gain will be the wide variety of permanent facilities, roads, housing facilities, underground transit systems and park lands that would have cost several times Munich's \$57.5 million bill to build. The city is getting some facilities after 1972 that it had not planned to get for 20 years and some which, until the city won the right to stage the Games, were only wishful thinking. The effect on the economy of the area and the tourist industry cannot be underassessed. During the 16 days of the Games, organizers expect some 200,000 visitors each day, spending a minimum of \$10 per day on food and accommodation alone . . . But that still won't pay Munich's bill entirely, so other steps have been initiated to raise money. A lottery is geared to raise \$75 million and will run until the full amount is earned. Well over \$100 million is expected to be raised by commemorative coins and stamps. After the Games, soccer games will be staged in the main stadium. The indoor sports hall appears to have been built more for post-Olympic use than for the Games themselves. Stage productions, conventions, exhibitions, circuses and concerts, plus sporting events like basketball and tennis, will fill the hall once the Games end. Even the cartwheel symbol of the Munich Games has been put to work to raise money: the organizing committee has licensed the use of the symbol, so everything from match book covers and beer mugs to buses and airplanes can be adorned with the symbol.

The money-raising, and spending, are by no means limited only to Germany. The United States Olympic Committee set a goal of \$10 million after the 68 Games to be raised for 72 and, according to USOC publicist Bob Paul, "As of the first of the year, it looks as if we will make it." He added the precautionary comment, though, "Of course, big things can happen between now and September" . . . Schlitz Brewing Co. is spending some \$3 million on advertising during television coverage of the Olympics, not as large an outlay as Sears, Roebuck & Co., but the suds company's 24 commercial spots reportedly make up the largest pool of commercials ever made for one brand—in any business. And the commercials themselves are unique. Many depict athletes from all parts of the world and from many sports in either training or competition—but nary even a drop of beer. According to a Schlitz spokesman, "They are an extension of the current 'lifestyle' campaign which urges viewers who 'go around once in life' to grab all the gusto they can, but with less emphasis on the man and the sea." Schlitz feels the ads will be a study in emotions, "the spirit of Olympics", the toil and pain in pushing to win. In fact, the only reference to beer at all will be the final line of the spots: "Schlitz of Milwaukee and the world" . . . The organizers signed a contract with the US film company Wolper Pictures, Ltd. and the Munich-based Bavaria Atelier on filming and distributing the official 72 Olympic movie. A dozen of the world's finest directors are competing to direct the film.

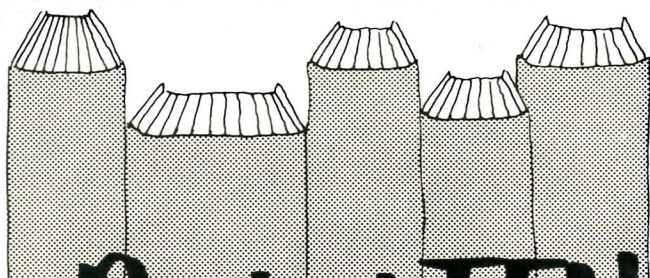
Munich's preparations to stage its biggest festival yet are proceeding apace, according to Daume. And, not surprisingly when the meticulous German sense of organization is considered, seemingly no detail is being left undone . . . Daume reports several new hotels will be ready by summer. "We will have 28,000 beds in Munich itself, including boarding houses,

and including a new Sheraton Hotel, a new Hilton and a new Holiday Inn. It's true that the hotels are giving us only half their rooms right now, so the Olympics get only 14,000 beds, maybe 16,000, and we have close to 6000 officials alone to house." But the unflappable Daume reports good housing in nearby areas such as Augsburg, Oberammergau and Garmisch-Partenkirchen and that "everyone will be taken care of". As for tickets to events, Daume says, "We have tickets—to archery" . . . Exactly 296 days before the Aug. 26 starting date of the Games, a helicopter dropped a wreath atop the completed substructure of the world's largest sunroof, the "tent" which will cover much of the Olympic site. Under the roof so decorated on Nov. 6, 1971, there will be room for 66,000 spectators in the main stadium, indoor swimming stadium and several smaller facilities. Forty poles and 123 fundaments support a network of some 270 miles of steel cable connected in 137,000 "knots". Approximately 8300 panes of translucent acrylic glass will finish the structure . . . Press arrangements for track and field will include 1059 places with tables and 870 without and 534 with television sets. Press housing will have 3800 rooms . . . Another aid to the journalistic corps will be something called "super lexicon". A sophisticated computer bank, it will be able to provide at the push of a button information ranging from who won the double shot at a running deer in shooting during the 1896 Athens Games to who is the captain of the 72 Argentinian team, how many and what sex are his children. Siemens, the West German firm contracted to provide television as well as computer equipment at Munich, says the five computers containing this information will be able to provide personal data

Fellini, Wilder, Polanski, Bergman, or...?

Reportedly, a veritable who's who of contemporary film directors are vying to handle the 1972 Olympic film: Federico Fellini (*La Dolce Vita*, *8½*), Franco Zeffirelli (*Romeo and Juliet*), Vittorio de Sica (*Bicycle Thief*, *Garden of the Finzi-Continis*), Michaelangelo Antonioni (*L'Avventura*, *Blow-up*, *Zabriskie Point*)—all from Italy; Billy Wilder (*Sunset Boulevard*, *The Apartment*, *Some Like It Hot*), Fred Zinneman (*A Man for All Seasons*, *Oklahoma!*, *From Here to Eternity*)—both Hollywood directors originally from Germany; Richard Lester (*A Hard Day's Night*, *Help!*), an American who has worked primarily in England; Luis Bunuel (*Viridiana*, *Belle de Jour*) of Spain, who has worked principally in France and Mexico; England's John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*, *Far from the Madding Crowd*) Poland's Roman Polanski (*Knife in the Water*, *Rosemary's Baby*); Sweden's Ingemar Bergman (*Wild Strawberries*, *The Seventh Seal*); and, Japan's Akira Kurasawa (*Rashomon*, *The Seven Samurai*). Film buffs can trip out speculating how each might do the film: Antonioni would show a lot of bland stadium walls, illustrative of the failure of communication between coach and athlete in the modern technological society; Billy Wilder might have some fun with the sex tests; Bunuel's film would have long sequences lovingly focused on the athletes' footwear; and Kurasawa, of course, would concentrate on fencing. Perhaps there is still time for other directors to make formal bids—and who knows?—maybe Andy Warhol will step forward and offer his inimitable services.

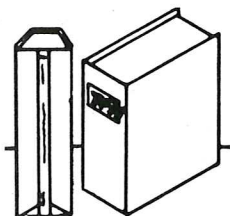
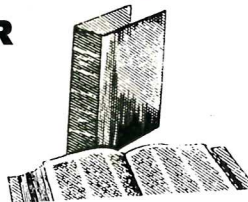
on all 9000 competitors and briefer data on 6000 officials, names and results of the first six Olympic placers since 1896 and even a guide to night-life in Munich and Kiel, site of the yachting competition. If the computers were asked to give out personal data on only the 15,000 athletes and officials, it would produce a stack of paper seven feet high and weighing 220-lbs. . . . During construction of the Games facilities on the broad plain on which German soldiers trained in World War II, bombs, grenades and flak have been unearthed. A dozen bombs up to 1100-lbs. are the biggest remnants yet discovered . . . Avenues around the Olympic Village will bear the names of past Olympic champions and participants, including James B. Connolly of the US, first gold medalist of the modern Games, Spiridon Louis of Greece, first winner of the marathon, Lillian Board of Britain, 68 women's 400 silver medalist who died of cancer in 1970, past German heroes Luz Long and Rudolf Harbig and distance greats Hannes Kolehmainen and Janusz Kusocinski. The central square between the main stadium, swim stadium and main sports hall has been named after Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games . . . Daume has suggested each of the 126 competing teams at Munich bring a tree symbolizing its nation. The idea first came from the president of Lebanon's Olympic Committee, Sheikh Gabriel Gemayel, who said he would send four of Lebanon's famed cedar trees as a gift to Munich. The idea extended to all nations bringing a representative tree which would then be planted in a proposed "Olympic Glade" on the Games' site . . . A little-reported fact about Munich could present problems bordering on Mexico City's altitude crisis. The German city has fallen to foul air, now ranking second in the world in pollutants only behind Tokyo. Studies of athletes in the Los Angeles area indicate athletes are often adversely affected by that city's smog. . . . Avery Brundage, who confirmed he will step down as IOC president after Munich, did pay his dues as an athlete, placing fifth in the pentathlon and competing in the discus and decathlon in the 1912 Stockholm Games. □



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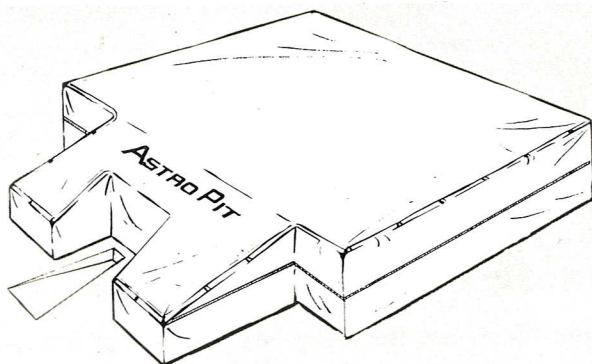
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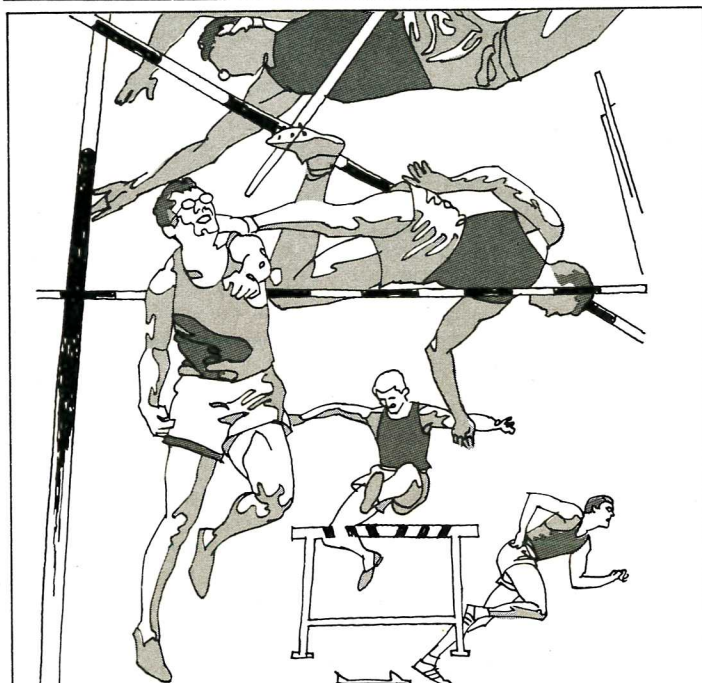
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Win or lose, Jim Ryun has been, and is, the center of more attention than any other trackman in the country, perhaps the world. Win or lose, he has been the target of many newsmen and others who often have not considered Ryun's needs while fulfilling their own. Now, in the midst of an up-and-down comeback that he hopes will result in Munich gold, Jim has requested cooperation and consideration from the press.

Ryun made his plea at a special news conference called to "grant at one time all the requested interviews". He said interviews prior to meets are interfering with his training program and his family life. "By the time I get through talking to everybody, I couldn't care whether I run in a race or not. I'll be glad to have interviews after meets."

Kansas coach Bob Timmons, who guided Ryun through his high school and college successes and is once again working with him, says he'll be happy to talk about Ryun with anyone. "Whether Jim's request is right or wrong is unimportant," said Timmons. "The important thing is that this is one of the things Jim believes will help him achieve his gold."

Meanwhile, Ryun is making solid progress toward the goal. After two last place runs in 4:13.2 and 4:19.2, Jim ran relay legs of 1:48.6 and 2:56.3 at Florida, without strain. At the Texas Relays, he won the open half in 1:48.1 after a cautious start that took him past the quarter in over 54 seconds and the 660 in 1:21.

"He looked great," enthused Timmons. "When Jim and Ken Swenson started moving in the last 220 it was real easy. He held his form, had good lift. There was no struggling."

While coach and athlete both admit there have been psychological problems, Timmons now feels Jim may not have been in very good shape earlier in the season. "Running by himself on the roads, he may have been misjudging his conditioning. I know he had no speed work. We've added that now. It's volume stuff, not high quality. He's running much better in practice. And he's enthused, relaxed and happy."

Southern Cal Writers Meetings Equal to NY Group

New York's track writers convene weekly in an Italian restaurant (1 March, p. 28), but their counterparts on the opposite coast fancy French food. But like the meetings of the New York Track Writers Association, the weekly gathering of the Southern California Track and Field Writers brings together athletes, coaches, officials, track writers and other newsmen and just plain track buffs for a brief, but informative luncheon.

The California get-together convenes each Monday noon at Taix, a French *maison de cuisine* in Los Angeles where, for \$3, anyone interested can partake of a hearty meal and all the French bread he can manage—in addition to the latest track talk.

The southern California area, one of the hottest of US track hotbeds, not only boasts such super-track nuts as Dick Bank and Stan Eales, but college coaches like Jim Bush and Vern Wolfe, club directors like Tom Jennings and athletes *ad infinitum*. President Al Franken, himself a meet promoter known for assembling A-1 class fields in meets, has gotten some of the world's leading athletes to attend and speak to the group. They have been such world-class performers as Ron Clarke, Kip Keino, Ralph Doubell and Murray Halberg, as well as local athletes—many of whom also happen to be global names—like John Smith, Jim Ryun, Bob Seagren, Kjell Isaksson, Wayne Collett, Don Quarrie, Willie Deckard and Steve Smith.

The meetings are lively and to the point, over with by 1:30 so athletes and coaches can get back to training and reporters may file stories. Besides being informative, and fun, the meetings give the media-men vital information on lesser-publicized aspects of the sport, like walking and women's competition. In addition, weekly awards, donated by a local dairy, are presented to track and field athletes of the week in university, college and club divisions. Special awards to women, junior collegians and preps are awarded at the end of each month.

Says Dan Berger, Associated Press track writer and past president of the Southern California Writers, "We invite track buffs to join us for a simple, old-style French repast and some heady track talk Mondays at 12:15. Who knows? Maybe Ni Chih-chin will be our next guest speaker. I don't put anything past Al Franken."

US Olympic Trials: Marks Indoors OK; Windy not

Indoor performances, contrary to a previous report in *T&FN*, will be acceptable for admission into the US Final Olympic Trials. Wind-aided performances in the five affected events, according to USOC track and field committee chairman Bob Giegengack, will *not* be acceptable.

The following guidelines will apply to submission of entries for the

US Final Olympic Trials:

1. Each athlete must fill out an official entry blank, which is available from meet director Bob Newland, Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1107, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Inquiries may be directed to Newland at 503/344-4430, at caller's expense only. Filled out entries should be forwarded to T&FN, P.O. Box 296, Los Altos, Ca. 94022 for certification of performance.
2. All qualifying performances must be achieved between Aug. 1, 1971 and June 17, 1972, which closing date is one week earlier than previously announced in T&FN. Entries must be received by T&FN by June 21.
3. In order to qualify for entry, athlete must either achieve the minimum USOC qualifying mark (same as the IOC standard in all events save the two walks and marathon) or be among the 32 best athletes seeking entry in the 100, 200, 400 and high hurdles) and top 24 in all other events. In other words, if fields cannot be completed with athletes who have met the qualifying standard (probably in such events as the distance events 800-meters and longer as well as the triple jump, hammer and javelin). The qualifying standards are listed on page 13 of this issue. All entry marks must be certifiable, even if they do not meet the qualifying standard.
4. All marks submitted must be recorded in legitimate meets involving competitors from two or more teams and officiated by qualified officials. Indoor performances will be okay for admission into the Final Trials but not for the Olympic Games. No wind-aided (above 4.473 mph in the sprints and horizontal jumps), relay, practice or hastily assembled meet marks will be accepted. Official wind-readings should be submitted in all instances. In those cases where a meet is not-regularly scheduled or only an estimate of the legality of wind is provided, the athlete (or coach) should be prepared to authenticate its officialness as a performance.
5. Entries should be submitted at the earliest occasion in order that performances may be verified and, hopefully where time permits, those athletes with unverifiable performances may be informed. At least two performances should be provided where available to help insure instant certifiability.
6. All members of the US Olympic team must have met the Olympic qualifying standard. In the unlikely event the US Final Trials winner has not met the standard, he will not be entered even though each country is entitled to one entry per event regardless of standard. In short, all those entered at Munich must have met standard.

Seconds & Inches

Caribbean, South Pacific Geographic Records

The Commonwealth, African, Asian, South American and Nordic records published in the February T&FN stirred considerable interest. As a result, we are now publishing a sequel to those records. The Central American and the Caribbean records were compiled by Bernard Linley (countries in South America which border on the Caribbean and are sometimes considered in this bloc, such as Venezuela, are not included here). The South Pacific records were compiled by Tony Isaacs and cover the many islands of the southern Pacific Ocean (exclusive of Australia and New Zealand).

CARIBBEAN		SOUTH PACIFIC	
100y	9.2 Lennox Miller (Jam) 67(2)-69		
100m	10.0 Enrique Figuerola (Cu) 67	10.3	Jean Bourne (Fr Polynesia) 68
	10.0 Lennox Miller (Jam) 68 (2)		
	10.0 Hermes Ramirez (Cu) 68-69-70		
200m	19.8 Don Quarrie (Jam) 71	21.1	Jean Bourne (Fr Polyn) 68-70
400m	45.2y Wendell Mottley (Trin) 66	45.8	Saimone Tamani (Fiji) 70
800m	1:45.9y Byron Dyce (Jam) 69	1:53.1	Usaia Sotutu (Fiji) 70
1500m	3:41.6 Jose Neri (Mex) 68	4:00.3	Usaia Sotutu (Fiji) 69
5000m	13:44.0 Juan Martinez (Mex) 69	15:11.8	Usaia Sotutu (Fiji) 69
10,000m	28:57.4 Juan Martinez (Mex) 69	31:55.8	Usaia Sotutu (Fiji) 69
Mar	2:12:52.8 Pablo Garrido (Mex) 69		
St	8:37.8 Antonio Villanueva (Mex) 71	8:48.0	Usaia Sotutu (Fiji) 71
HH	13.6y Arnaldo Bristol (P Rico) 67	14.5y	Josaia Kobiti (Fiji) 55
	13.6m Juan Morales (Cuba) 71	14.5m	Charles Tetaria (Fr Polyn) 66
IH	50.6m Juan Garcia (Cuba) 70	52.9m	Penisimani Tuipulotu (Tonga) 71
	50.6m Alejandro Sanchez (Mex) 70		
HJ	6-11 Teodoro Flores (Guat) 60	6-9½	Paul Poaniewa (N Caled) 71
PV	16-3¼ Rolando Cruz (P Rico) 64	14-9½	Stanley Drollet (Fr Polyn) 71
LJ	26-¾ Silvio Cator (Haiti) 28	25-1¼	Christian Kaddour (N Cal) 67
TJ	57-1 Pedro Perez (Cuba) 71	51-11¼	Christian Kaddour (N Cal) 65
SP	54-9 Fidel Estrada (Cuba) 66	64-1¼	Arnjolt Beer (N Caledonia) 69
DT	189-11½ Javier Moreno (Cuba) 71	177-10	Arnjolt Beer (N Caledonia) 69
HT	225-8 Enrique Samuells (Cuba) 68	164-1	Arnjolt Beer (N Caledonia) 70
JT	262-9½ Aurelio Janet (Cuba) 68	263-0	Petelo Wakalina (N Caled) 66
Dec	7363 Roberto Carmona (Mex) 71	6556	Charles Tetaria (Fr Poly) 71
400mR	38.3 Jamaica 68	41.8	Fiji 71
	38.3 Cuba 68	41.8	French Polynesia 71
		41.8	New Caledonia 71
1600R	3:01.7 Trinidad-Tobago 64	3:18.5	Fiji 71
MileR	3:02.8 Trinidad-Tobago 66		

Those Were the Days When

Twenty-years Ago: Texas soph Charles Thomas (now the coach at Texas A&M) was named the outstanding performer at the Texas Relays. The winner of the straight 220 in a windy 20.3, the fleet Thomas also anchored winning relay teams that ran 41.2 and 1:25.6 . . . In a featured 100 at the Kansas Relays, Kansas State's Thane Baker upset Dean Smith of Texas in a swift 9.5 over a wet and heavy track . . . Wes Santee of Kansas starred in the Drake Relays with anchor miles of 4:06.7 and 4:07.4. Illinois set an American two-mile relay record with a 7:31.6 clocking . . . In eastern relay action, Manhattan foursomes copped the 440, 880 and mile relays at the mud-soaked Penn Relays . . . Jim Fuchs set a seasonal shot best with a 57-4½ heave . . . One of the great shot duels in history took place in the Los Angeles Coliseum, with Southern California's Parry O'Brien barely edging defending NCAA champ Darrow Hooper of Texas A&M, 55-3⅞ to 55-2½.

Ten-years ago: John Uelses, the first 16-foot vaulter indoors, became the first outdoor 16-footer as well with a 16-¾ clearance at the Easter Relays in Santa Barbara . . . Unleashing a final 440 of 54.7, Oregon's Dýrol Burleson romped to a new American two-mile record of 8:42.5 . . . Getting double victories from Burleson, sprinter Harry Jerome and hurdler Jerry Tarr, Oregon snapped Southern California's dual meet string of 104 meets without a loss with a resounding 75-56 victory in Los Angeles. Although tied by Michigan State in 1949, Southern Cal had last lost a dual in 1945 . . . The first international indoor dual in history was held in England as the hosts defeated West Germany, 69½-56½ . . . Joe Faust of Mt. SAC JC moved to third on the all-time world high jump list with a JC record 7-1¼ clearance .

Five-years ago: In a special "Randy Matson Day" in College Station, Tex., the Texas A&M senior came through with a 10¼" raising of his own shot record of 1965 with a 71-5½ heave. Earlier, he had an incredible shot/discus double of 70-5½/213-9. The discus mark was an American record, and missed the world standard by only 2½" . . . On the strength of a 1:46.1 half-mile anchor by Jim Ryun, Kansas established a new world sprint medley best of 3:15.2 at the Texas Relays. At the Kansas Relays, Ryun zipped to a collegiate record 3:54.7 mile before 23,700 spectators . . . Jim Hines anchored Texas Southern to a world record equaling 39.6 in the 440 relay. . . J. B. "Cap" Haralson, USOC track committee chairman, died. He was the only athlete besides Jackie Robinson to letter in four varsity sports at UCLA. /Wally Donovan/

Status Quo

American vault record holder John Pannel has apparently retired, never having fully recovered from a leg injury. Now 31, and the highest US vaulter ever at 17-10¼, he is now reportedly some 30-lbs. over his competitive weight of 175 . . . Gary Carlsen, 68 Olympic sixth-placer in the discus who has thrown 193-2 this year in his first competition since 1969, is now Dr. Carlsen, following graduation from dental school at his alma mater, Southern Cal. Now taking oral surgery residency training, he says, "I will throw this spring only for fun. My residency training won't allow me the time I know I need to train—but if I throw surprisingly well, I might get serious! Actually, if I enjoy throwing in the next five years, the 76 Games would be a more realistic goal" . . . Carl Wood, seventh-rated 440 hurdler of 1969 with a 50.0 PR and third-placer in both the NCAA and AAU, says he is ahead in training and competition of that year. The Richmond senior ran 52.0 at the Carolina State-Record Relays that year, but clocked 51.5 this year. Wood reports his football injury suffered in the spring of 1970 had made him realize he has a lot of work to do this year. He says, "The injured left knee is still a little wobbly at the end of races but I figure that will clear up with warmer weather and more running" . . . Recent additions to the US Army team, now back at Ft. MacArthur in southern California, include quarter-miler Dave Morton (45.5/68), decathlete Bill Foucher (6982/71), half-miler Dan Morran (1:47.8/69), hurdler Dick Taylor (13.5/71) and jumper Don Warren (25-0, 51-2/both 70) . . . Tony Krzyzosiak, 1971's top prep quarter-miler at 46.7 and now at Southern Cal, is expected to be racing by the time you read this, following an ear infection which delayed his outdoor debut . . . Florida high jumper Chuck Duff (7-0/71) is seeing a neurosurgeon in California about headaches which have plagued him since a fall last summer . . . Miler Sam Bair decided to have a blood test after the Champions meet mile to find out why he felt sluggish since January. "The tests revealed I was recovering from a mild case of hepatitis," the Florida TC miler reports. "The doctors say it was overlooked because I had none of the classic symptoms, like jaundice. I had the flu around New Years, but it must have really been the hepatitis. The doctors say I'll feel weak and sluggish for some time and the full recovery period may take as long as eight months. But they do say I can jog five miles a day." Bair expects to return home to Pennsylvania to work until his recovery is complete and he can return to the Gainesville area. "I'll be back," he adds. "There is no way this thing will finish me" . . . Half-miler Steve Straub (1:48.6/69) graduated from Rice in January, moved to Seattle and joined and now competes for the

Husky Spike Club—all in pursuit of making the US Olympic team.
Additions to "Quo Vadis":

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Pat Collins 1:46.5/70 (Ore St) schol inel/1 year.

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Redshirt: Mark Covert 28:08.6/71 (Fullerton St).

Transfer: Efren Gipson 9.4w, 13.5w, 51.4/all 71 (S Houston St—Lamar Tech).

Olympic Status Quo

Olympic 800-meter champion Ralph Doubell, forced to retire by a calf injury suffered in the US in January, plans to enroll in a two-year business administration program at Harvard University in August. "I have devoted enough of my life to running," he says. "From now on, I am concentrating on studies and my career" . . . Another two-lapper, Jamaica's Byron Dye, says he plans to run both the 800- and 1500-meters at Munich . . . Jean-Paul Villain, France's European steeplechase champion in 1971 and number-one ranked with the world's second-quickest time of 8:25.2, contracted hepatitis from eating oysters (he is from the fishing town of Dieppe on the English Channel). Villain, reputed to be a very tough trainer, is optimistic for the Olympic year, though. "I expect to be training by June and to be fully ready for Munich," he says. "I did my best running late in the season last year and I will do it again this year in Munich."

Another pretty fair steeplechaser, former world record holder and 64 Olympic winner Gaston Roelants of Belgium is intent on winning the Olympic marathon this year. Now 35, the recent winner of his fourth International Cross Country title says, "I plan to spend three weeks in Tunisia in June training at a camp run by Alain Mimoun (winner of the 56 Olympic 26-miler). Then in July, I will spend at least two weeks at altitude in Mexico with Karel Lismond and Emiel Puttemans." A Belgian firm will be paying expenses for all three. Roelants, second in the 69 European marathon and fifth in 71, intends to increase his training to 70-kilometers—43½ miles—a day . . . Some notable US marathoners, Frank Shorter, Jack Bacher and Ken Misner by name, plan to train in Colorado until the end of May in preparation for the Olympic Trials. Misner, who clocked 2:18:39 in his first-ever try at the distance to win the Florida Relays, says, "Even though I qualified for the trials with that time, I still would like to run the 10,000-meters" . . . Training reports from Kenya indicate Finland's Juha Vaatainen, hero of last year's European Championships in Helsinki with his 5000-10,000 double victory, is in better shape now than the same time a year ago . . . Another Finn, 290-1 javelinist Hannu Siitonen, has claimed to be in 90-meter-plus/295-3 shape right now . . . American Chuck LaBenz is apparently not out of contention for the Olympic Trials. He recently ran a 4:23 mile in combat boots. Injured last year and currently suffering from a sprained arch, he has reportedly been training 20 miles a day and intends to seriously pursue a berth in the 800-meters . . . Four leading Oregon athletes, Wade Bell, Roscoe Divine, Neal Steinhauer and Dave Wilborn, are reportedly actively training hard to determine if they have a chance to make the Olympic Trials. Both Bell, a 68 US Olympian in the 800, and Steinhauer are expected to compete soon. Wilborn is making a definite attempt for the 1500-meters, while Divine is still recovering from achilles surgery.

Puerto Rican high hurdler Arnaldo Bristol, a 13.6 performer at Texas Southern, hopes to train for the Olympics with the US team. "I hope to get in at least two months of training in the US before the Games," he says. . . Bob Wheeler, second in the NCAA mile last year as a freshman with 3:59.9, is healthy and back to full training and competition. He was injured at the CYO indoor meet in January, suffering a torn left achilles tendon and a badly sprained right achilles tendon. "It was primarily an outgrowth of training too hard too soon following a badly-sprained ankle in the NCAA cross country meet," believes Duke coach Al Beuhler. He did not run from January 7th to March 7th as a consequence. Fit again, he reportedly wants to duck under 4:00 in the mile again as well as perform in the NCAA and Olympic Trials. . . Otis Burrell is back. The number-two ranked high jumper of 1969, Burrell has been hampered by knee injuries the past couple of seasons. He jumped 6-6 for second at the recent Sacramento State Relays and also ran in the high hurdles. Asked if he would make a serious effort for the US team this year, he replied, "What else is there?"

False Starts

1. I March—The first conference to have a full slate of events in its championship meet will not be the Western Athletic in 1973, as the SCIAA (Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic) is adding the six-mile, steeplechase, hammer and decathlon as scoring events this year.

2. II March—Winner of the High School Frosh two-mile team title in the postal competition was Hoover Jr (Edison, NJ) with 52:57.6. □

To Box 296

15 DECATHLETES, Goleta, California:

Brook Thomas' letter (I March) stimulated the desire to further comment. Why are we 15 decathletes from all over the United States and four foreign countries training at UCSB as opposed to any of the other excellent facilities in southern California? Because we feel that one of the very best decathlon coaches to be found is Sam Adams. How many coaches of Sam's caliber give equal time to the members of his own team, international competitors and individuals whose names have never seen the pages of the local sports section? How many coaches at any level would take their own personal time to roll, line and fully prepare a track facility for a pre-season three-event practice meet for anyone desirous of entering? This is true devotion to the sport, and we do not feel that Sam has yet received the recognition he deserves. As members of the Santa Barbara-Goleta community and competitors who have received assistance from Sam, we wish to collectively thank him.

BRYON W. TAYLOR, Culver City, California:

Of otherwise interesting articles, I did not appreciate nor approve of Kenny Moore's conjectured profanity of Steve Prefontaine nor of the crude analogy in Ted Brock's article on Mal Andrews (II March). Since 1956, I have thought this publication to be an uplifting source of inspiration comparable to *National Geographic*, *Scientific American* and the Holy Bible in their respective fields. Please, if for no other reason, consider the young people who read this very informative athletic journal.

DICK BANK, Beverly Hills, California:

It is the opinion of many that *T&FN* has gotten well away from a magazine printing the facts in detail and an easy-to-read form and is becoming one of many long and seldom interesting features. The Mal Andrews story defies description. I mean, it was right on, man. I'm surprised it wasn't picked up first by the *Saturday Review*.

JACK PFEIFER, Seattle, Washington:

I was amazed to see that the USOC had enough sense to use *T&FN* for its validation of performances.

STEVE HIELDEN, Jersey City, New Jersey:

When I first began subscribing in 1960, there was news in *T&FN*. As the years went by the magazine improved (type, pictures, paper, etc) but the news decreased. It's at a point now where an event result might consist of only the winner. I would like to suggest that consideration be given to results, maybe through third, even without affiliations. Perhaps some of the space needed could be found if repetition is eliminated or reduced. (Editor: *No less space is being devoted to news, lists and reports than in the past. What we have done is to add pages and double the number of issues during the peak track season, and we have devoted most but certainly not all of these additional publishable inches to features and photographs. In 1967, for example, the April issue was 24 pages long. Roughly the same news period was covered in the I April and II April issues in 1972 in two editions totaling 64 pages. Between news and reports, T&FN published 153 inches in 1967 and 251 inches in 1972 . . . a fat increase of 98 inches. T&FN's philosophy purports that the feelings of the athletes and other related persons play an integral role in the reporting of track and field as a totality.*)

R. S. WAITE, Durham, North Carolina:

Your decision to drop coverage of women's track just when it is catching on in the US is incompetent. Space could be found, even if small, and easily so. For example, women's track is surely more important and even interesting than the article entitled "New York Track Writers Meetings a Tradition" (I March).

DALE TORRENCE, track coach, West High, Phoenix, Arizona:

Would *T&FN* certify a performance of an athlete to the USOC for qualification into the US Final Olympic Trials if, for example, the high jump standard is set exactly opposite to international rules than is required by the high school federation rules? These rules require that the top of the support to have the long side parallel to the cross bar. (Editor: *Inasmuch as an athlete must qualify for the Olympic Games proper with performances set under conditions in accordance with world record setting procedures, T&FN would not accept any performance for admission into the USOC Trials under rules which vary from IAAF standards that make an effort easier to achieve. Final authority, however, rests with the USOC.*)

EDWARD CANTU, JR., Ft. Ord, California:

I'd like to congratulate Kenny Moore on his fine article on Steve Prefontaine (II March). He seems to be a very talented writer. Perhaps you should talk him into contributing a lot more material to the magazine.

LENNART STRAND, Eskilstuna, Sweden:

Congratulations on the new *Track & Field News* (II March). The layout is good, the text easy to read and the articles interesting. Good luck.

KIRK HALL, Ft. MacArthur, California:

Will wind-aided times or distances qualify for the US Olympic Trials in the 100, 200, high hurdles, long jump and triple jump? (Editor: *No. See Last Lap for details on Olympic Trials qualifying.*) □



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