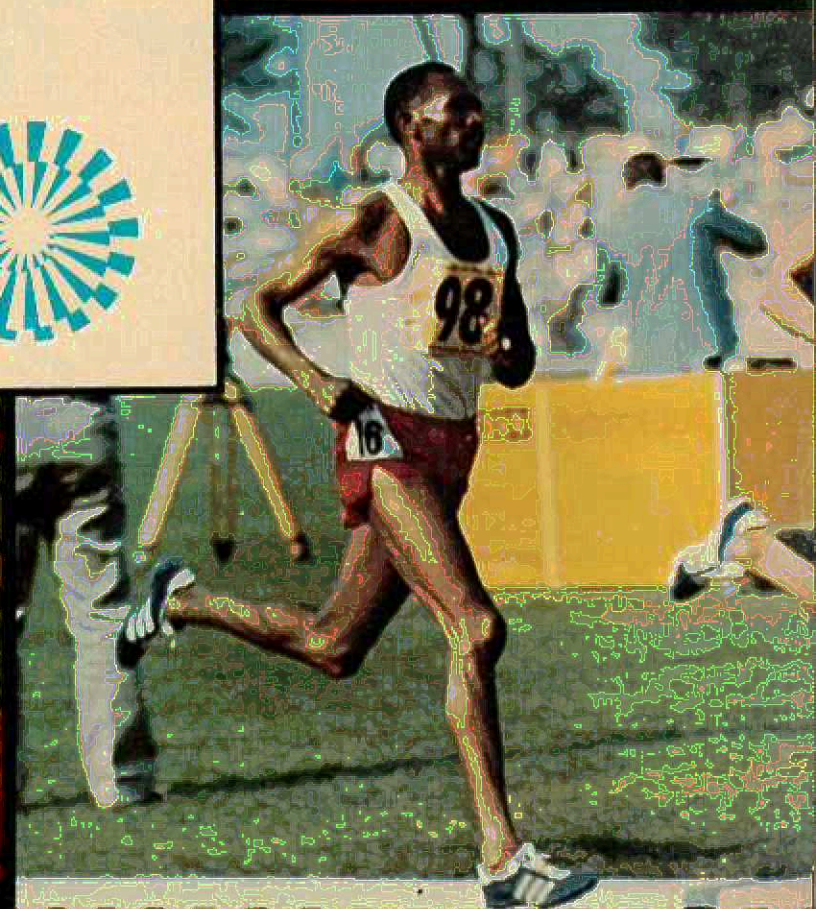
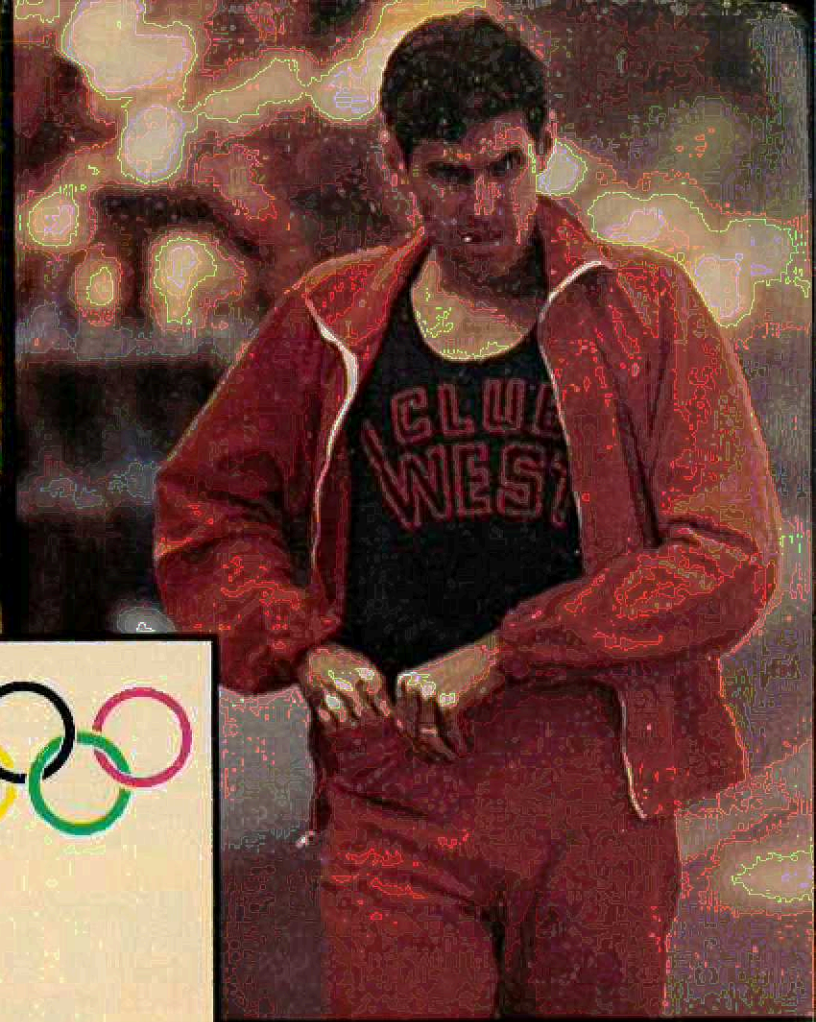


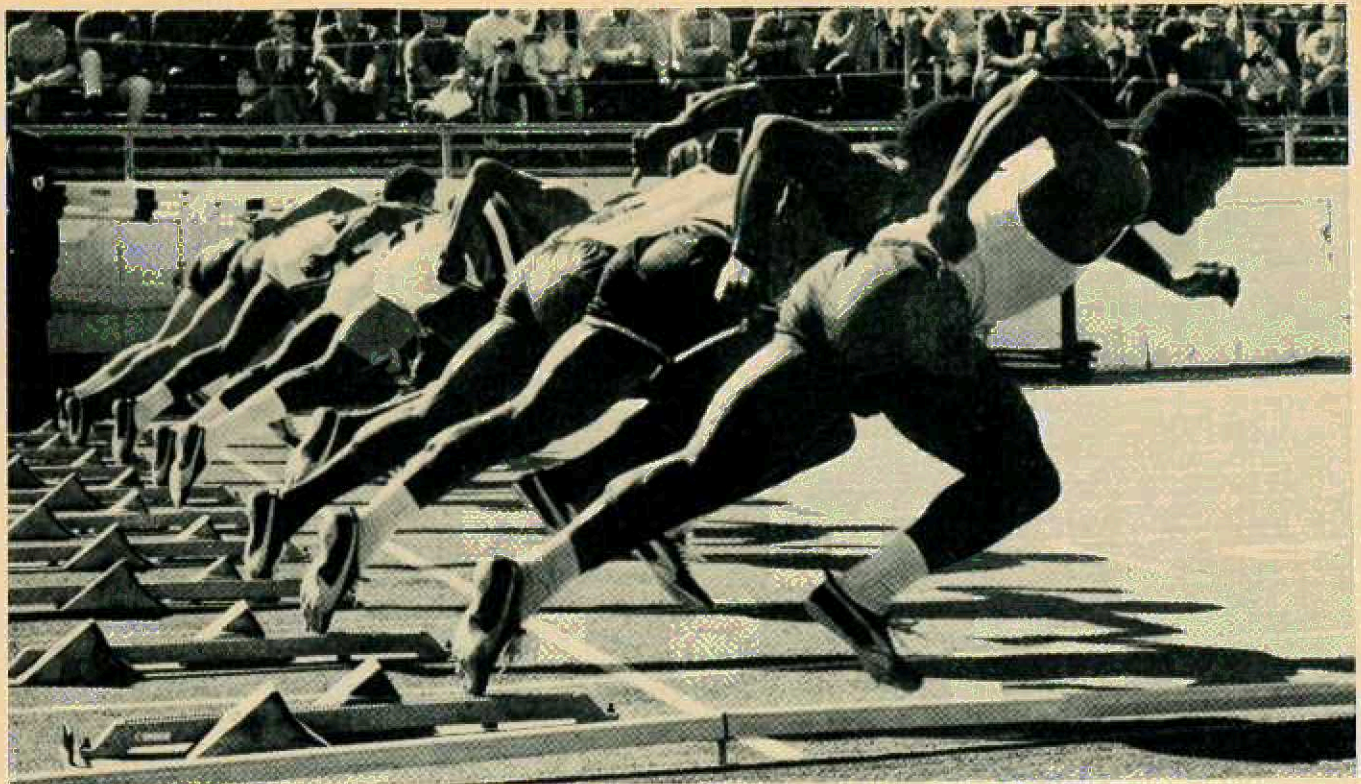
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## IN THE FUTURE

Olympic Games—Munich, WG, August 26-September 9.  
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## UP FRONT

No Olympic Games ever lacks drama. Munich's 1972 renewal should be no exception. With athletes from all corners of the globe shooting for just one thing—a precious gold medal, symbolic of world track and field supremacy—the Olympics can't help but be dramatic. Every event is a showcase in itself, each with its own cast of characters and twists of plot. Four such characters occupy our cover. (Upper left) Janis Lusic is so far ahead of the competition in the javelin, the race seems to be only for the lesser medals. But he didn't win his 68 title until his last throw, the competition's final fling. Can it happen again? (Rich Clarkson) (Lower left) Bob Seagren has inched the pole vault world mark ever higher—but the pole he rode to his latest record has been banned from the Games. Are Bob's wings clipped or will he soar again to retain his title? (Steve Sutton) (Upper right) Can Jim Ryun win the 1500 the third time around? He lost in 64 and 68 and overcame emotional troubles in 72 to run with renewed fire—but can he overcome his old nemesis named Keino? (Clarkson) (Lower right) And what of Kip? He says he wants to run the steeple. What will that do to his chances in the 1500? Has age slowed Kip just enough to put he and Ryun on a par heading to the starting line? So many questions—but so much of the excitement of the Olympics is in learning the answers.

# Festival of München: Games of the XX Olympiad

After four years of eager anticipation, track fans all over are putting down their crystal balls, picking up binoculars and stopwatches, and heading for the Games of the XXth modern Olympiad, which are about to begin in West Germany.

Germany—where in 1936 the Games were used as a vehicle for displaying the glories of Nazism to the world. Where in what was probably the single most publicized happening in the history of modern Olympics, when Adolf Hitler purportedly turned his back on Jesse Owens (a story which is now considered to be somewhat less than accurate, but is one of the great myths of our times), winner of four Olympic Gold medals, whose skin color seemed to disprove an important element of the dogma upon which Nazism was based. In the words of Willi Daume, president of the German Organizing Committee for the 1972 Games, "It is a national hope that this year's events will expunge impressions that have been prejudicial to Germany's good name since 1936. They will certainly give the world an introduction to the new and different Germany." The same could be said about the host city, Munich.

Munich—to this generation of athletes, the location of their most important competition but to their parents a synonym of the appeasement of Germany by Great Britain and France at a fateful conference in this city in 1938 on the dawn of World War II. Now, on the very field where Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's plane landed there arises a magnificent Olympic complex. The lighting of the Olympic torch on these grounds will surely symbolize, as Daume puts it, "the world gift of renewed trust in Germany".

The political significance of the 1972 Olympics will be mainly historical. None of the contemporary issues which created so much turmoil four years ago are in evidence today. In Mexico, government troops killed dozens of demonstrating students just before the Games, jailed hundreds more, closed the university, and ringed the area around the track stadium with troops bearing sub-machine guns, in an incongruous sight for an Olympic venue. The Games themselves were marked with unprecedented political protest on the field of Olympic competition.

There may be controversy at Munich but it will more likely concern itself with the politics of sport, not society. With pressure mounting within the sports federations which participate in the Games and in the Olympic movement itself, change in the amateur code seems inevitable. Indeed, it is possible that this may be the last Olympics at which "amateurism" as we know it today will be a requirement for participation. Other issues likely to make the news the next few weeks concern the temperature inside the Olympic stadium and the pole vaulting rules (see items elsewhere).

Even before the Games begin, some Olympic records are assured. This will be the most expensive Games in history (\$650,000,000 including Olympic complex construction tab of \$420,000,000). It will have the heaviest ticket sales (over \$3,000,000 likely in all sports). The most nations will participate (124—Paraguay has entered since our last report). And of course before it is over we will read wire service reports informing us of such trivia as how many reams of paper were used by how many journalists who will have written how many words to send to how many readers. Somebody will undoubtedly calculate how many miles were run by all the runners and how much beer was consumed by the spectators and somebody else will have formed betting pools on these figures.

Those who are fortunate enough to attend the Games will find themselves in an interesting and picturesque Bavarian city. With 1,300,000 people, it is the third largest city in West Germany. It is within a two-hour drive of the major resorts of the German Alps (where many American tourists will be housed). In conjunction with the Games, Munich will be hosting a cultural festival which will be every bit worthy of the affiliation. During the two-week Olympic period there will be performances of more than 20 operas (including such giants as "Tristan und Isolde", "Boris Goudonov", "Der Rosenkavalier" performed by the Munich Opera and La Scala's "Aida"), plays

by Shakespeare, Brecht, Chekov, and several modern German playwrights, concerts by the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestras and ballet and other artistic events of similar stature.

There will also be the full Olympic program of sports—everything from fencing to kayak racing. The best bet for the fierce competition of the Games is the probable field hockey match between India and Pakistan. That could break the Olympic bloodshed record set by Hungary and the Soviet Union in a 1956 water polo game played in a scarlet pool one month after a popular revolution was quelled by Soviet troops in the streets of Budapest.

The track and field competition will once again reflect the progress the sport has made in the previous four years. But the pattern of relentless record progression which was broken in the longer track events by the 7350-foot altitude of Mexico City, may not hold up in the speed races for the same reason. Of the eight shortest races and the two horizontal jumps, world records were set or equaled in all but the high hurdles in the last Games. And eight of these nine marks remain on the books, with only the altitude aided triple jump of Pedro Perez in 71 topping a Mexico world record. Some of these Games standards will be untouchable this year (nobody is about to jump 29-feet at Munich, and the odds against a 9.8 are great). But even without the thin air and reduced gravity, some

of the others in this group appear within reach, particularly the intermediate hurdles, 800 meters and relays.

Much different of course will be the distance races, where not only are the Olympic records but the global standards as well in serious jeopardy. Not surprisingly, these are the events which have generated the greatest pre-Games excitement. Apart from the 1500 meters, they are all wide-open affairs with numerous contenders from all over the world. The diversity of the athlete has added to the interest, since it is thus the five longest races which will answer many of the questions regarding national and regional trends. These include:

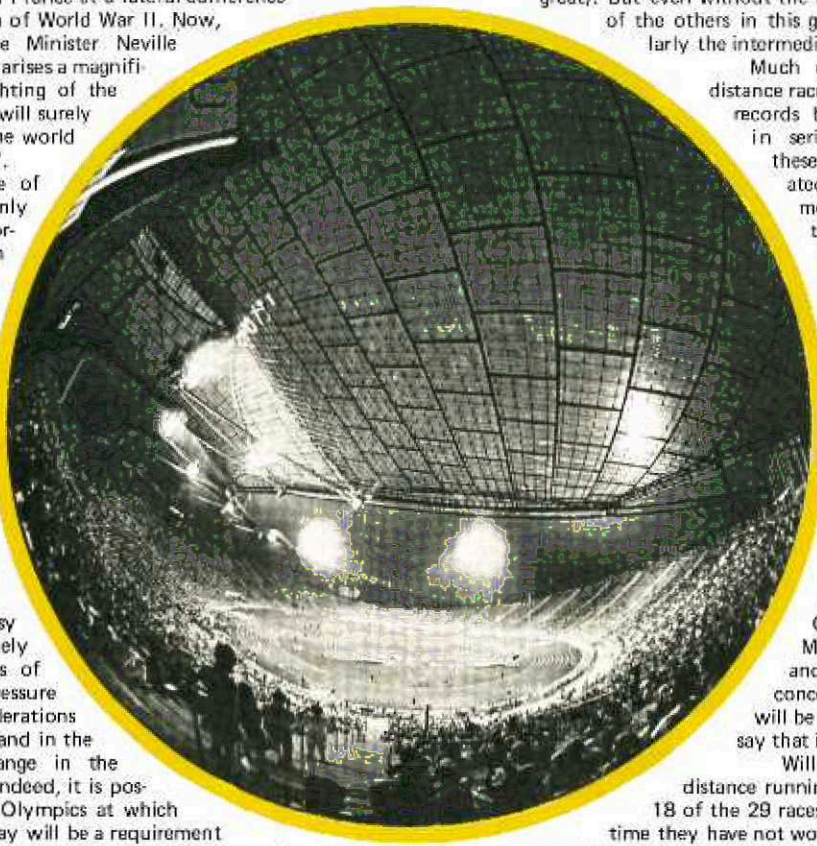
Can Africans repeat the distance showing of 1968 when they won all five events and took 10 of the 15 medals? All five gold medalists—Kip Keino, Mohamed Gamoudi, Naftali Temu, Amos Biwott and Mamo Wolde will be returning. Other possible medalists include Miruts Yifter, Ben Jipcho, Mike Boit and Yetnoberk Belete. It is almost inconceivable that such a performance will be repeated, but it is hard to certainly say that it will not.

Will Finland regain its preeminence in distance running? From 1912 to 1936, Finns won 18 of the 29 races of 1500-meters and up. Since that time they have not won one single track event. Now, with Juha Vaatainen possibly attempting to duplicate his thrilling victories at 5000- and 10,000-meters at 1971's European Championships, joined by Pekka Vasala, Lasse Viren, and Tapio Kantanen, all at or near the top of the season's list in their specialty, it is just possible that some of the long races will end up as fights to the Finnish.

What about Australia, which has picked up eight track medals in the last four Games and New Zealand with five in the last three? For Australia, Kerry O'Brien and Tony Benson have the best chances, but New Zealand's prospects are less bright.

The decathlon, walks, and field contests will, with a few obvious exceptions, be dominated by Americans, Germans and Soviets. The fortunes of those nations will by and large be judged by these events. The winners will probably have to set Olympic records in all but the horizontal jumps. World marks would be a surprise but active world record holders will contest the walks, the discus and javelin throws, and the pole vault.

A close look at the United States prospects reveals that it is simply impossible to make general statements about the "team". The gold medal harvest could be as low as three or as high as 16 without any really major upsets taking place. The American total in 1968 and in 1964 as well was 12. Anything less will surely be regarded as a national failure by many people and some will probably say so in print. Ignore it; the Americans continue to be strong but the rest of the world seems to be getting better. The gathering of nine golds, equaling 1960's sum, should be about par. /Bob Hersh/



## Olympic Facts

If nothing else, the Munich Olympic site should be a big hit in the architectural department. As revealed in the photo below, Buck Rogers would be apt to find it a likely spot to park his spaceship while on a quick visit to Megalopolis in 2050. The futuristic trappings feature over 800,000 square feet of acrylic glass covering many of the venues. The main Olympic Stadium (site of track) appears in the upper center, while the swimming stadium is at the lower left. That cavernous maw on the facing page is the track stadium as caught by Tony Duffy's fisheye lens during the recent West German Championships.

## Men's Track and Field Time Schedule

The 400-meter hurdlers will get the 1972 Olympic track and field program off to a flying start when competition begins on Aug. 31 in Olympic Stadium. The complete men's competitive schedule is listed below. Some of the more common doubles possible include 100-200, 800-1500, 10,000-Marathon, 20-kilo-50-kilo walks, and high-400 hurdles. Difficult doubles include 400-800 and steeple-10,000. Impossible doubles include 200-400, 1500-5000, 5000-Marathon and 400 Relay-1600 Relay.

### Thursday, August 31

10:00 400 hurdles H  
11:00 100 H  
3:00 800 H  
3:45 20-kilo Walk F  
4:15 100 OF  
5:30 10,000 H

### Friday, September 1

10:00 Pole Vault Q  
10:00 Discus Q  
2:30 400 hurdles SF  
3:30 100 SF  
4:00 800 SF  
4:30 3000 steeple H  
5:30 100 F

### Saturday, September 2

10:00 Javelin Q  
1:00 Pole Vault F  
3:00 Discus F  
4:15 400 hurdles F  
5:00 800 F

### Sunday, September 3

10:00 110 hurdles H  
10:00 Triple Jump Q  
11:00 200 H  
2:00 50-kilo Walk F  
2:30 110 hurdles QF  
3:30 Javelin F  
3:40 200 OF  
4:00 400 H  
5:15 10,000 F

### Monday, September 4

10:30 Hammer Q  
11:35 400 OF  
3:00 110 hurdles SF  
3:25 200 SF  
4:00 Triple Jump F  
4:40 3000 Steeple F  
5:45 400 SF  
6:10 200 F

### Wednesday, September 6

10:00 Dec 100  
11:00 Dec LJ  
2:00 Hammer F  
2:30 Dec SP  
3:00 110 hurdles F  
4:00 Dec HJ  
4:10 5000 H

5:30 400 F  
6:30 Dec 400

### Thursday, September 7

9:00 Dec HH  
9:45 Dec DT  
10:00 Shot Put Q  
10:30 Long Jump Q  
1:00 Dec PV  
3:30 Dec JT  
4:45 1500 H  
7:00 Dec 1500

### Friday, September 8

10:00 High Jump Q

2:30 400 Relay H

2:30 Shot Put F

3:20 Long Jump F

3:45 1600 Relay H

4:40 1500 SF

5:40 400 Relay SF

### Saturday, September 9

2:30 High Jump F

3:00 Marathon F

3:10 5000 F

3:35 1500 F

4:10 400 Relay F

4:45 1600 Relay F

selected weekend coverage. (see schedule below.) The ABC telecast team for track will be Jim McKay as play-by-play commentator, miler Marty Liquori for middle distances and the steeplechase, author/marathoner Erich Segal for the distances and 68 decathlon winner Bill Toomey for the remaining events.

"ABC's Munich coverage will differ markedly from the 68 Winter Games in Grenoble—a conventional, unilateral pickup—from Mexico City—where ABC pooled its facilities with NHK, the Japanese network, Telesistema Mexicana, the Mexican network and the European Broadcast Union," reports ABC Sports spokesman Terry O'Neil. "At Munich, a worldwide video feed will be provided by 100 cameras of the Deutsches Olympic Zentrum (DOZ), a special joint effort of the two West German networks. Of all foreign networks, only ABC will be permitted to supplement German video with coverage cameras of its own—a concession won by ABC Sports President Rooney Arledge in 1968 when ABC paid \$13.5 million for exclusive American rights and production services in Munich. Seven ABC unilateral cameras will be trained on the five sports which will command a majority of the 61½ hours—track, swimming and diving, basketball, boxing and gymnastics.

All times scheduled below are Eastern Daylight Time. Other events will be carried during each broadcast so it is not possible to list precise times when track events will be shown. Track competition begins Aug. 31—hence the gap from the Aug. 26 opening to Aug. 31—and there is a rest day Sept. 5 when no track will be contested. Be sure, as the saying goes, to check your local listings for exact program information.



### Sept. 3, Noon-2 p.m. (live);

4-6 p.m. (live); 9-11 p.m.  
M 10,000m, final  
W 800m, final  
M Javelin, final  
W Pentathlon, final events  
M 50k Walk, final

### Sept. 4, 4-6 p.m. (live);

8-11 p.m.  
M 200m, final  
M Triple Jump, final  
M 3000m Steeple, final  
W High Jump, final

### Sept. 6, 8-11 p.m.

M Decathlon, first day  
M Hammer, final  
M 110m HH, final  
W Shot, final  
M 400m, final  
W 200m, final  
W 400m, final

### Sept. 7, 8-11 p.m.

M Decathlon, second day  
W 100m Hurdles, final  
M 1500m, heats

### Sept. 8, 8-11 p.m.

M Shot, final  
M Long Jump, final  
W 1500m, final  
M 1500m, semis

### Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

4-5 p.m. (live); 8-10 p.m.  
M High Jump, final  
W Discus, final  
M Marathon, final  
M 5000m, final  
M 1500m, final  
W 400 Relay, final  
W 1600 Relay, final  
M 1600 Relay, final

### Sept. 10, 1:30-4 p.m. (live);

8-9:30 p.m.  
Closing ceremonies  
Olympic Highlights

### Aug. 25, 8-10 p.m.

M 100m, final

W Javelin, final

### Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-Noon

(live); 8-9 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies

### Aug. 31, 8-11 p.m.

W Long Jump, final

M 20k Walk, final

### Sept. 1, 8-11 p.m.

W 100m, final

M 100m, final

W Javelin, final

### Sept. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.,

5-7 p.m. (live); 8-10 p.m.

M Pole Vault, final

M Discus, final

M 400m H, final

M 800m, final

W 100m, final

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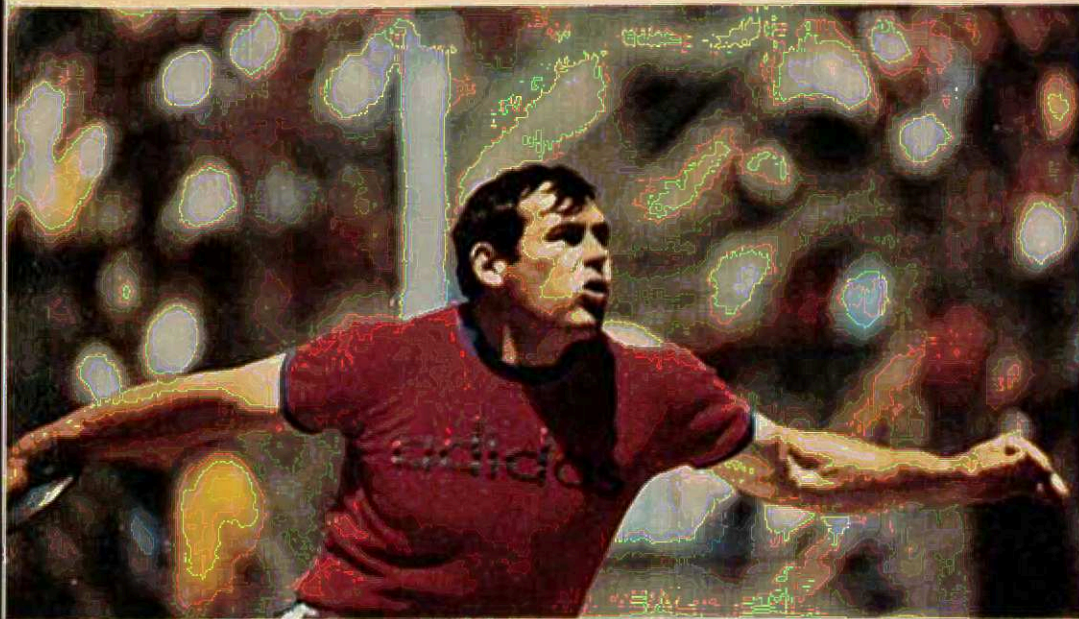
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High Jump—Hochsprung  
Pole Vault—Stabhochsprung  
Long Jump—Weitsprung  
Triple Jump—Dreisprung  
Shot Put—Kugelstoßen  
Discus Throw—Diskuswerfen  
Hammer Throw—Hammerwerfen

Javelin Throw—Speerwerfen  
Decathlon—Zehnkampf  
Hurdles—Hürden  
Walks—Gehen  
400 Relay—4mal 100m  
1600 Relay—4 mal 400m  
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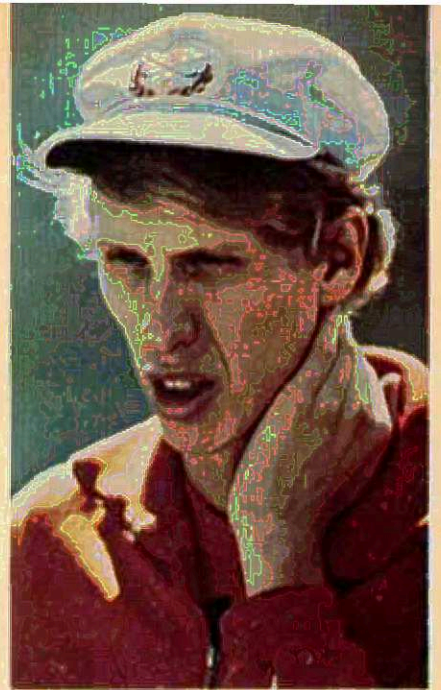
## ABC-TV Track Coverage to US Outlined

For those US track fans who won't be making the quadrennial Olympic pilgrimage, this time to Munich, they may find consolation in the fact that ABC-TV Sports has scheduled some 61½ hours of prime-time video coverage of the Games—and track and field will command more of those hours than any other sport.

During a 17-day period beginning Aug. 25 with a preview of the Games, ABC will broadcast three hours of the Olympics each day plus



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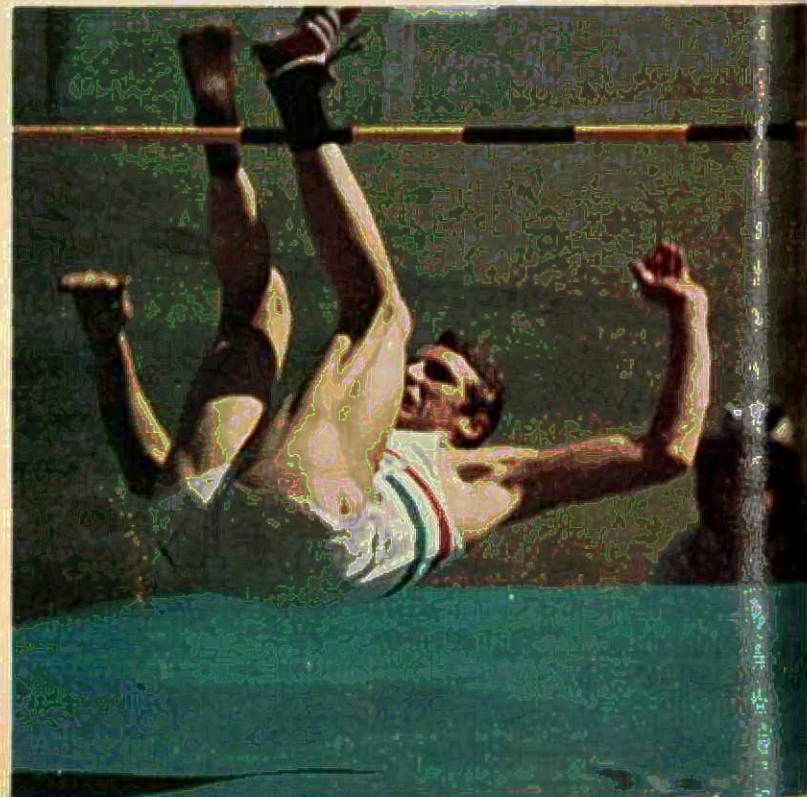
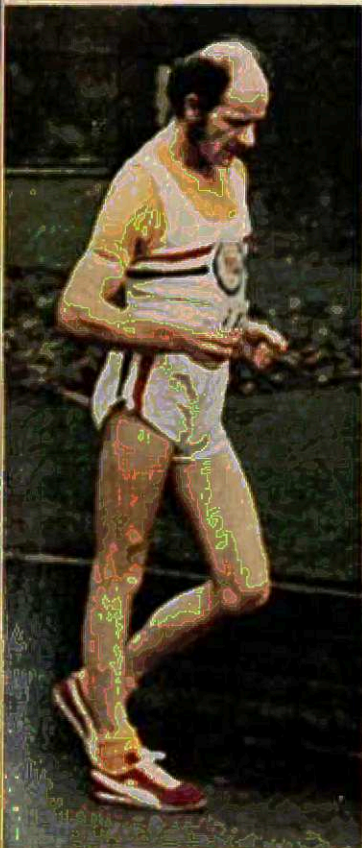
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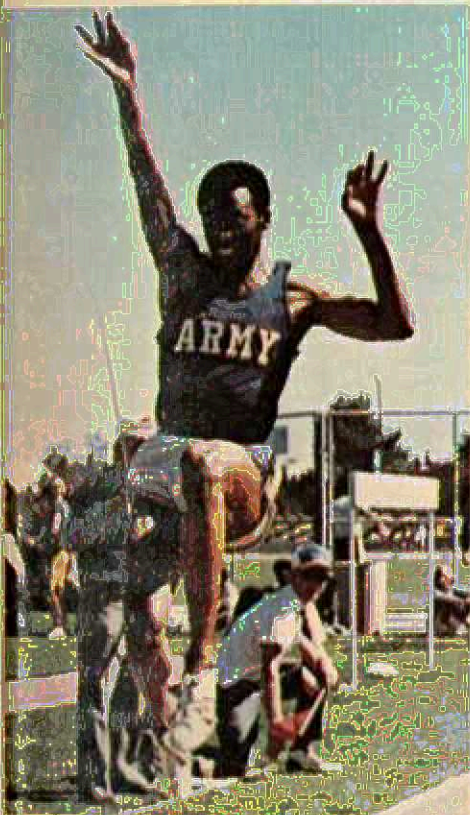
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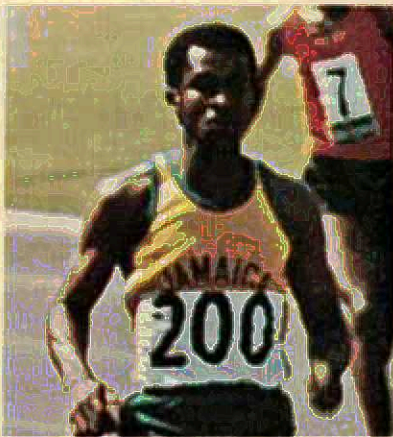




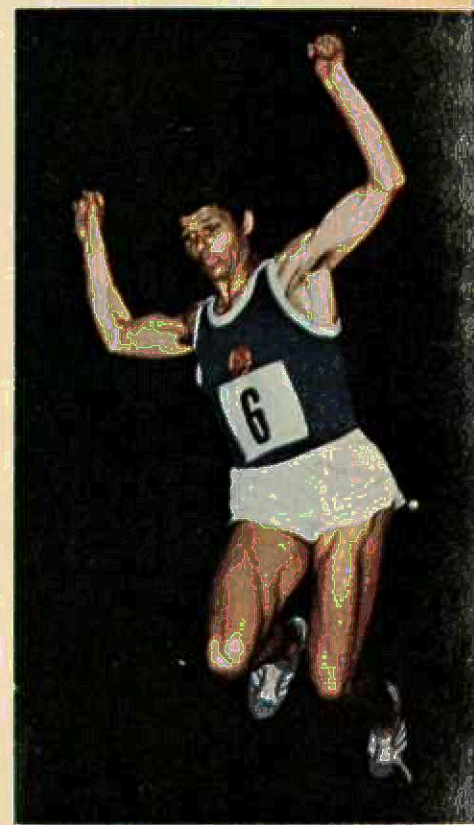
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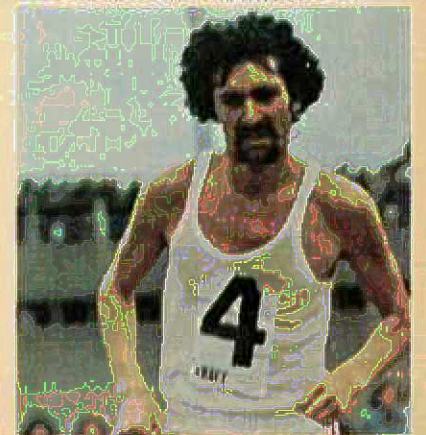
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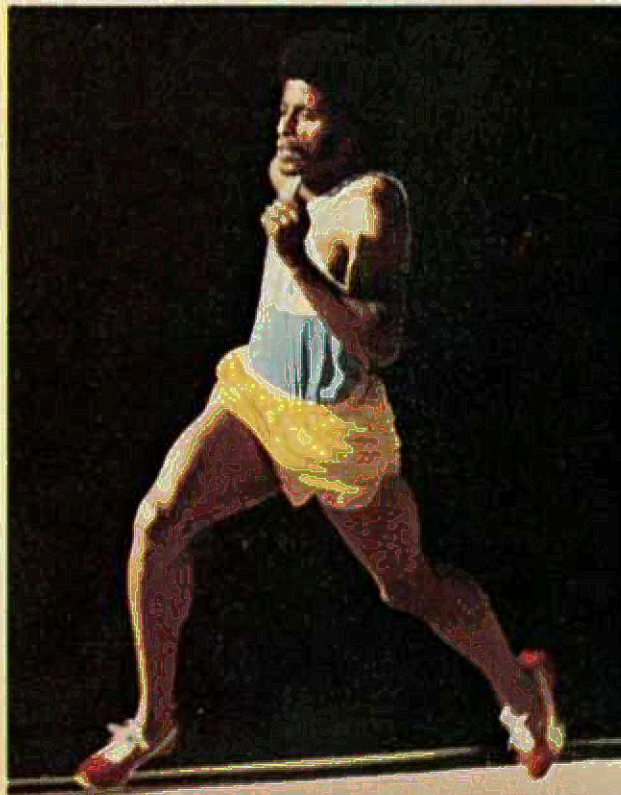
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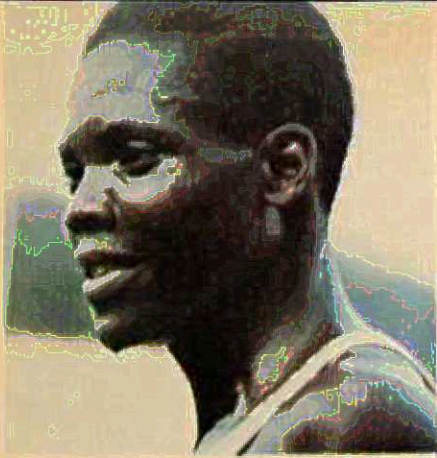


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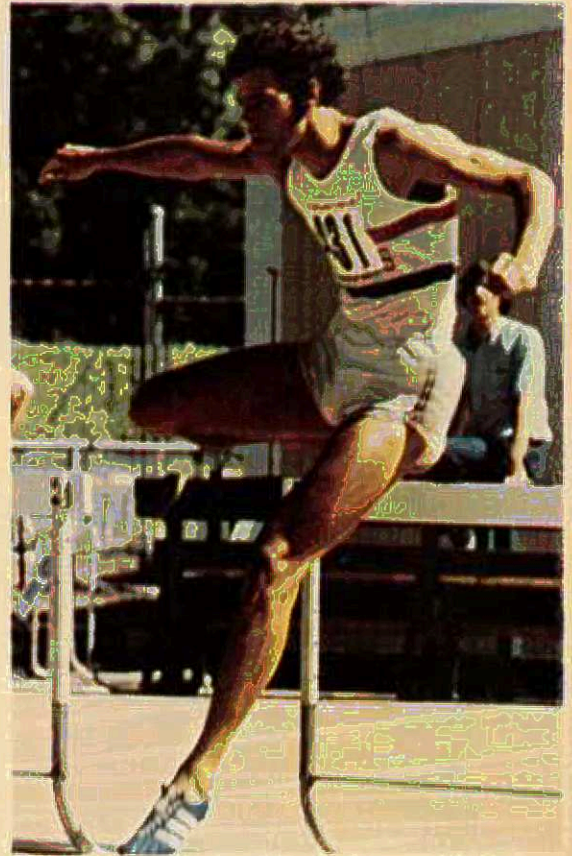




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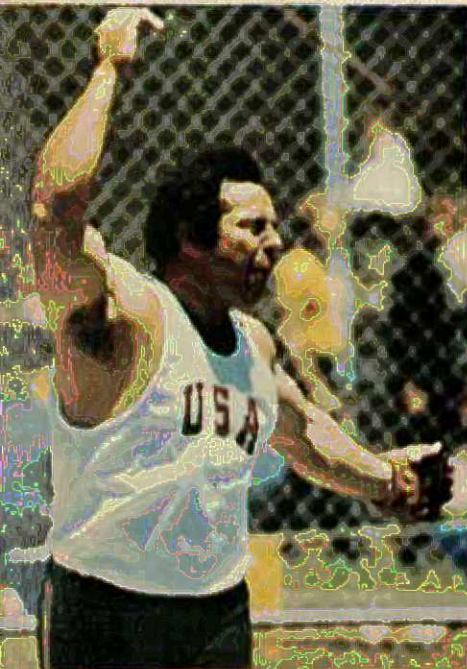


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		WORLD		OLYMPIC	
100	9.9	Jim Hines (US) 68	9.9	Jim Hines (US) 68	
	9.9	Ronnie Ray Smith (US) 68			
	9.9	Charles Greene (US) 68			
	9.9	Jim Hines (US) 68			
	9.9p	Eddie Hart (US) 72			
200	9.9p	Rey Robinson (US) 72			
	19.8	Tommie Smith (US) 68	19.8	Tommie Smith (US) 68	
400	19.8p	Don Quarrie (Jam) 71			
	43.8	Lee Evans (US) 68	43.8	Lee Evans (US) 68	
800	1:44.3	Peter Snell (NZ) 62	1:44.3	Ralph Doubell (Aus) 68	
	1:44.3	Ralph Doubell (Aus) 68			
	1:44.3p	Dave Wottle (US) 72			
1500	3:33.1	Jim Ryun (US) 67	3:34.9	Kip Keino (Ken) 68	
5000	13:16.6	Ron Clarke (Aus) 66	13:39.6	Vladimir Kuts (SU) 56	
10,000	27:39.4	Ron Clarke (Aus) 65	28:24.4	Billy Mills (US) 64	
Mar	2:08:33.6*	Derek Clayton (Aus) 69	2:12:11.2*	Abebe Bikila (Eth) 64	
20KwK	1:25:19.4p	Peter Frenkel (EG)	1:29:34*	Ken Matthews (GB) 64	
	1:25:19.4p	H-Georg Reimann (EG)			
50KwK	4:04:19.8	Peter Selzer (EG) 71	4:11:12.4*	Abdon Pamich (It) 64	
Steeple	8:22.0	Kerry O'Brien (Aus) 70	8:30.8	Gaston Roelants (Belg) 64	
110HH	13.2	Martin Lauer (WG) 59	13.3	Willia Davenport (US) 68	
	13.2	Lee Calhoun (US) 60			
	13.2	Earl McCullouch (US) 67			
	13.2p	Willie Davenport (US) 69			
400IH	48.1	Dave Hemery (GB) 68	48.1	Dave Hemery (GB) 68	
HJ	7-6 1/2	Pat Matzdorf (US) 71	7-4 1/2	Dick Fosbury (US) 68	
PV	18-3/4	Chris Papanicolaou (Gr) 70	17-8 1/2	Bob Seagren (US) 68	
	18-5 1/2p	Bob Seagren (US) 72	17-8 1/2	Claus Schiprowski (WG) 68	
			17-8 1/2	Wolfgang Nordwig (EG) 68	
LJ	29-2 1/2	Bob Beamon (US) 68	29-2 1/2	Bob Beamon (US) 68	
TJ	57-3/4	Viktor Saneyev (SU) 68	57-3/4	Viktor Saneyev (SU) 68	
	57-1p	Pedro Perez (Cuba) 71			
SP	71-5 1/2	Randy Matson (US) 67	67-10 1/2	Randy Matson (US) 68	
DT	224-5	Jay Silvester (US) 68	212-6	Al Oertel (US) 68	
	224-5p	Ricky Bruch (Swe) 72			
HT	250-8	Walter Schmidt (WG) 71	240-8	Gyula Zsivotzky (Hun) 68	
JT	304-1 1/2	Jorma Kinnunen (Fin) 69	295-7	Janis Lasis (SU) 68	
	307-9p	Janis Lasis (SU) 72			
Dec	9417	Bill Toomey (US) 69	8193	Bill Toomey (US) 68	
400R	38.2	United States 68	38.2	United States 68	
1600R	2:56.1	United States 68	2:56.1	United States 68	

## Munich Qualifying, Field Standards Listed

Each member nation of the IAAF is entitled to enter one athlete per event in the Olympic Games. Each nation may add one or two more competitors per event, providing that all entries have met the qualifying standard. The following marks are the qualifying standards for the 1972 Games. Marks must have been achieved between Aug. 1, 1971 and Aug. 13, 1972. No indoor or wind-aided marks are acceptable. There are no standards for either of the two walks or the marathon. Each nation may enter one relay team per event. The standards in the field events are reportedly the same marks which will be used as the cutoff point for moving the top 12 or more performers from the qualifying rounds to the finals.

100	9.4y/10.3	10,000	27:55.0y/28:50.0	LJ	25-7
200	20.9/21.0y	Steeple	8:38.0	TJ	53-1 1/2
400	46.4/46.7y	HH	14.0	SP	62-4
800	1:47.6/1:48.3y	IH	50.6/50.9y	DT	193-7
1500	3:41.6/3:59.6y	HJ	7-5 1/2	HT	216-6 1/2
5000	13:21.0y/13:48.0	PV	16-8 1/2	JT	262-5 1/2
				Dec	7600

## Strict Dope Testing to Prevail for Games

Extensive testing for dope will again prevail throughout the Munich Olympics in accordance with IAAF rules. The Munich Organizing Committee has spent an estimated \$310,000 on an anti-doping control system—which it claims is foolproof.

"Our equipment can deliver faultless proof within 24 hours of the presence of all drugs banned by the IOC medical commission," said Wolfgang Helgels, a member of the doping control committee. He said 200 athletes will be chosen daily to undergo urine control tests after each of the 21 Olympic sorts. This is the largest number the testing laboratory can handle.

According to IAAF rules, "doping" includes "any attempt to improve level of performance through the employment of specific substances". Doping is defined as "the use by, or distribution to, competitors of certain substances which are foreign to the body, in each case with the intention of improving performance".

Substances which are classed as "dopes"—"under all circumstances"—include: (a) Psychomotor stimulants (amphetamines, methylamphetamine, ethylamphetamine, benzamphetamine, phendimetrazine, cocaine, pseydeophedrine) and related compounds; (b) Sympathomimetic amines (ephedrine, methylephedrine, methoxphenamine) and related compounds; (c) Miscellaneous central nervous system stimulants (leprazol, amphenasole, bemigrade, nikethamide, strychnine) and related compounds; (4) Narcotic Analgesics (morphine, heroin, methadone, pethidine, dextromoramide, dipipanone); (e) Anabolic steroids. This list is not considered final; in cases of doubt, the Medical Committee will make a final decision.

According to Dr. Daniel Hanley, chairman of the USOC Medical and Training Services committee, he has yet to find a proven case of superiority arising out of use of "dope" after some 30 years of associating with athletes and studying their reactions to drugs. "Athletes who think drugs will help them reach the top are deluding themselves. There is no 'easy' way," he says.

## How Do You Do. My Name Is Pronounced...

Confounding as they may seem, the names of many world track athletes are relatively simple to pronounce once they have been divided phonetically and "translated" into the reader's own, most-familiar language. Below is a guide to the pronunciation to names of leading Olympic contenders, courtesy of our "language authority" R.L. Quercetani. A couple of grammatical points to remember: "zh" is pronounced like a French "j" (as in "Jacques"); "or" and "ar" in many non-English languages are pronounced with a marked "r" sound.

### Sprints

Fernando Acavedo (Peru): Aseh-veh-do  
Charles Asati (Ken): Ah-sah-tee  
Roger Bambuck (Fr): Bon-buk  
Valeriy Barzov (SU): Bortsoff  
Marcello Fiasconaro (It): Fiasco-nahroh  
F-P Hofmeister (WG): Hof-my-ster  
Karl Honz (WG): Hontz  
Pietro Mennea (It): Men-nah-ah  
Siegfried Schenke (EG): Shen-keh  
Jan Werner (Pol): Vehr-ner

### Middle Distances

Francesco Areso (It): Ah-reh-seh  
Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU): Arzhanoff  
Klaus-Peter Justus (EG): You-staas  
Kipchoge Keino (Ken): Kay-no  
Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol): Koup-chik  
Roberto Ouko (Ken): Ookou  
Henryk Szordykowski (Pol): Sordy-kovsky  
Bodo Tummler (WG): Tum-ler

### Distances

Pavel Andreyev (SU): Andrah-yeff  
Anatoliy Badrakov (SU): Badrah-koff  
Frank Eisenberg (EG): Eisen-bergh  
Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun): Gah-moo-di  
Jurgen Haase (EG): Hah-ahseh  
Mariano Haro (Sp): Hah-roh  
Harald Norpoth (WG): Nohr-pot  
Naftali Temu (Ken): Teh-moo  
Juha Vaatanainen (Fin): Vah-ah-tah-inen

### Steeplechase

Romualdas Bitis (SU): Bee-teh  
Anders Garderud (Swe): Yehr-der-rood  
Tapio Kantanen (Fin): Kan-tah-nen  
Kazimierz Maranda (Pol): Mah-ran-dah  
Dusan Moravcik (Czech): Morav-chik  
Jean-Paul Villain (Fr): Vi-lan  
Willi Wagner (WG): Vagh-ner  
Mikhail Zhelev (Bul): Zhel-off

### Hurdles

John Akii-Bua (Uga): Akeeh-booah  
Alejandro Casanes (Cuba): Casah-nas  
Guy Druot (Fr): Dru  
William Koskei (Ken): Kos-kay  
Lubomir Nadenicek (Cze): Nah-deh-ni-cek  
Jean-Claude Nallet (Fr): Nalle  
Christian Rudolph (EG): Roo-dolph  
Viktor Savchenko (SU): Sav-chen-ko  
Frank Siebeck (EG): Zee-beck  
Stavros Tziortzis (Gr): Jor-jis

### High Jump

Rustam Akhmyetov (SU): Akh-mye-toff  
Jan Dahlgren (Swe): Dahl-gron  
Stefan Junge (EG): Yun-ghen  
Istven Major (Hun): Mah-yohr  
Kestutis Sapka (SU): Shap-kah

Juri Tarmak (SU): Tahr-mak

### Pole Vault

Herve D'Encausse (Fr): Dan-cess  
Hans Lagerqvist (Swe): Lagher-quist  
Wolfgang Nordwig (EG): Nord-ving  
C. Papanicolaou (Gr): Papa-nicho-lahoh

### Long Jump

Hans Baumgartner (WG): Bah-dum-gart-ner  
Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol): Tsi-bull-sky  
Max Klaus (EG): Klah-oss

Jacques Poni (Fr): Pah-nee

Josef Schwarz (WG): Sh-warts

Stanislaw Szudrowicz (Pol): Soo-droh-ivich

### Triple Jump

Carol Corbu (Rom): Cor-boo  
Jorg Drehmel (EG): Dreh-mall  
Giuseppe Gentile (It): Jen-tee-leh  
Michal Joachimowski (Pol): Yoa-ki-moy-sky  
Nelson Prudencio (Brz): Prud-en-syo  
Viktor Saneyev (SU): Sah-nye-yeff

### Shot Put

A. Barishnikov (SU): Barish-nikoff  
Hartmut Briesenick (EG): Bree-seh-nick  
Hans-Peter Gies (EG): Ghae-is  
Wladyslaw Komar (Pol): Koh-mahr  
Heinz-J Rothenburg (EG): Roten-boorgh

### Discus

Ricky Bruch (Swe): Brookh  
Ludvik Danek (Czech): Dah-nyek  
Geza Fejer (Hun): Fah-yehr  
Lothar Milde (EG): Mil-deh  
Detlef Thorith (EG): Ta-reet  
Dirk Wippermann (WG): Vipper-mann

### Hammer

Uwe Beyer (WG): Bah-yer  
Anat. Bondarchuk (SU): Bondar-chook  
Istvan Encsi (Hun): En-chy  
Vas. Khmyelevskiy (SU): Khmye-levsky  
Edwin Klein (WG): Klah-in  
Karl-Hans Riehm (WG): Ree-im  
Jochen Sachse (EG): Zah-kseh  
Reinhard Theimer (EG): Tah-imer  
Gyula Zsivotzky (Hun): Zhi-voh-tsky

### Javelin

Jorma Kinnunen (Fin): Kin-nunen  
Gergely Kulcsar (Hun): Kool-cher  
Janis Lasis (SU): Loo-sis  
Hannu Siitonen (Fin): Seeh-tonen  
Manfred Stolle (EG): Shtollah  
Klaus Wolfermann (WG): Volfer-mann

### Decathlon

Nikolay Avilov (SU): Avee-loff  
Horst Beyer (WG): Bah-yer  
Nikolay Ivanov (SU): Ivanoff  
Stefan Schreyer (EG): Schrah-yer  
Ryszard Skowronek (Pol): Sko-vro-nek

## Facts on Olympic Stadium Facilities, Equipment

The *Olympia-Stadion*—crown jewel in the glittering *Olympia-Park* of *München* and scene of all track competition—not only is an imposing structure in its own right, but within its walls will be exhibited the latest in electronic timing and measuring wizardry which will lighten the duties of officials while providing almost instantaneous reporting of results to spectators, athletes and coaches.

But first some facts on the track stadium itself:

- **Capacity.** 80,000 spectators can be accommodated with seats for 43,000 and standing room for 37,000. 47,000 spaces are covered by the glass roof over the stadium. Tickets vary in price between Germany and the US: All days of track (except the higher priced final competition Saturday) are: Standing \$3.33 (US \$5.00), medium price \$9.00 (US \$11.00), and expensive \$26.40 (US \$28.00).

- **Track.** The eight-lane track—with 10 lanes down the straightaway—is covered by red rekortan artificial surfacing. There are two high jump and pole vault facilities, four long-triple jump pits, four shot circles (two at each end of the stadium), two discus circles (one at each end), two hammer circles (one at each end) and two javelin runways (one at each end).

- **Scoreboard.** A computer-controlled scoreboard will flash results in a matter of seconds via 168,960 bulbs. In less than a tenth-of-a-second after a result has been issued by an electronic data-processing unit, the result will appear on the scoreboard. The entire scoreboard can be changed 12 times a second. Since it is computerized, the scoreboard can't mix up results. For example, a rowing result couldn't be confused with results of the steeplechase not only because of special code numbers at the beginning and end of a message ("K 9 P 401 ED" for the steeple final), but also because the computer "knows" the margin of possible times in the steeple is between, say 8:10 and 10:00. So the computer wouldn't fall for a time like 7:21.5 which might be achieved in rowing; it would check the figure before the result was flashed.

- **Roof.** Covering over half the Main Stadium seats, and all of the indoor and swimming halls, is an acrylic glass roof which spans a total of some 800,000 square feet. Suspended on pylons, some of which are over 250-feet tall, the translucent material permits shadow-free color television broadcasting. The roof cost an estimated \$52 million—twice as much as the stadium.

- **Loudspeakers.** A single cluster of 80 speakers is mounted above the finish-side stands. Announcements (in German, English and French) are audible throughout the stadium with no overlap or interference from the usual effect of a nearby speaker being heard before a more distant one. Each speaker is directed toward a particular section of the arena and even the most powerful sounds directed to the most remote part of the stadium can't be heard by those directly beneath the speakers.

- **Warm-up facilities.** Adjacent to the stadium is a warm-up ground with a nine-foot wide track of artificial turf on a special elastic base, which will make minimum demands on the legs and ankles of athletes. A warm-up hall is connected to the stadium by a 50-meter tunnel. Inside the hall are six straight 60-meter lanes and a banked, four-lane 200-meter track, facilities for the high jump, long and triple jumps and shot, and safety nets for the discus and javelin. The vault is even possible since the roof adjusts from 18- to 26-feet if necessary. Next to the hall is a four-lane, 400-meter track. All are rekortan-covered.

- **Discus Dome.** The discus ring will be covered by a transparent roof to protect competitors against any inclement weather conditions. As well, vacuum apparatus will ensure the ring surface is uniformly dry for all throwers.

- **Training Facilities.** There are three training areas within 1½ miles of the main stadium. One has a seven-lane synthetic track with room for 5000 spectators. Another has a four-lane cinder track. The third is a multi-purpose training area, the facilities of which are partially synthetic covered. All have field event facilities.

While the stadium and other venues will showcase many modern developments, the methods of starting, finishing, measuring and recording performances will also benefit from the latest scientific technology. Such as:

- **Starting Blocks.** When the command "Auf die Plätze" is given to a group of sprinters, all will hear the command at precisely the same instant regardless if they are lined up abreast or spread around half a curve. The Junghans starting blocks have a speaker built into their front which broadcasts the starter's voice at precisely the same tone and frequency for all runners. The blocks are wired to electronic equipment which senses movement premature to the gun. Thus, even if the starter and his assistants miss an early movement, the hyper-sensitive blocks would signal the offender.

- **Timing and Place-Picking.** Both important functions will be performed by strictly electronic devices. Cameras in a timing cabin at the 80-meter mark from the finish can, for short races, produce a 3½ x 4¼ inch picture within 20 seconds and for the longer races a film up to 130-feet long which is then projected onto a screen some 45 seconds after the race. A time scale is reproduced at the same time on the bottom of the photo and film of the finish makes it possible to obtain results to within three-thousandths of a second. Should the photo-timer system fail, a back-up television camera will be mounted 122-feet above the finish line. One hundred images a second are



Willi Daume presides over the Munich Olympic Organizing Committee.

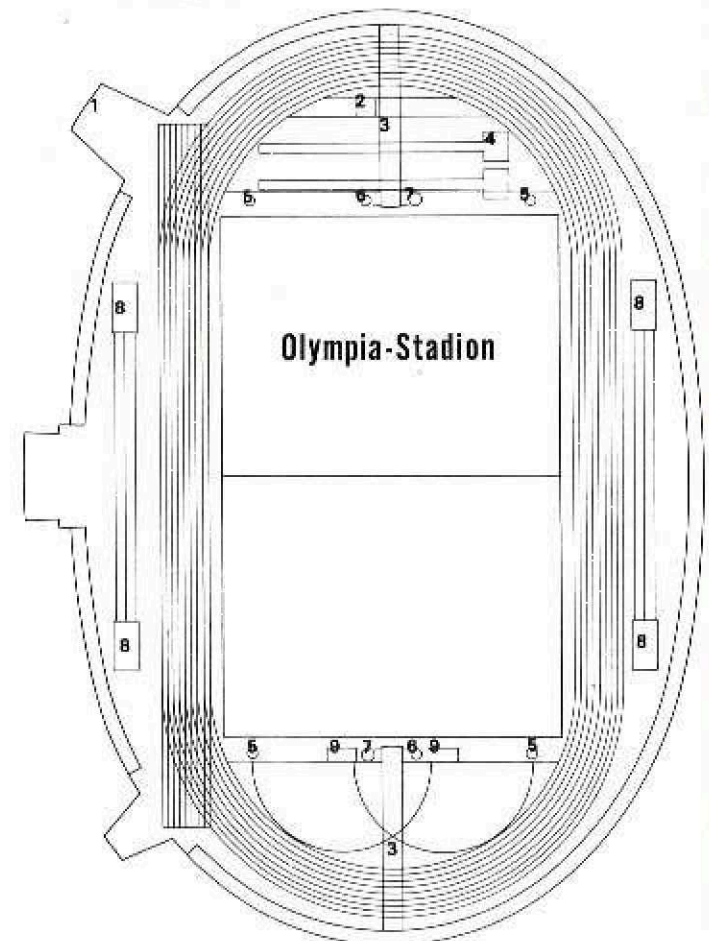


IOC president Avery Brundage steps down after Munich. /Ray Borges/

recorded on magnetic tape and times will be superimposed on the bottom of the film which can then be replayed for judges.

- **Measuring Performances.** The measuring tape is passé at Munich. Field event performances will be measured by electronic distance measurers similar to those used in surveying. Throws are measured on the basis of a trigonometrical formula by a portable calculator. The horizontal jumps are measured by a sliding carriage trained on an optical detector; the carriage is wired to a drum acting as a counter for distances jumped. The result appears at once and need not be read off a scale.

The 1500 men and women track participants at Munich will need equipment and the staggering inventory of some 1300 items includes: 200 hurdles, 100 relay batons, 100 umpires' whistles, 50 fiberglass and steel jumping bars, 180 shots of iron, steel, lead and brass, 50 hammers of steel, brass, lead and tungsten, 50 discs and 80 javelins. □



This diagram shows where it will all happen—the venues of the Munich Olympic track competition: (1) Marathon gate in roughly the northwest sector of the stadium; (2) Steeplechase water jump pit; (3) Javelin runways; (4) Pole vault pits; (5) Shot put circles; (6) Hammer throw circles; (7) Discus throw circles; (8) Runways and pits for the long and triple jumps; (9) High jump pits. The eight-lane rekortan-covered track has a 10-lane straightaway which runs roughly north and south.

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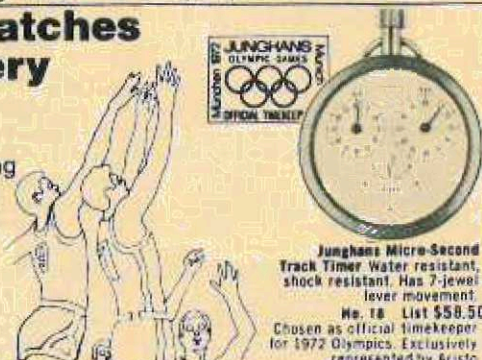
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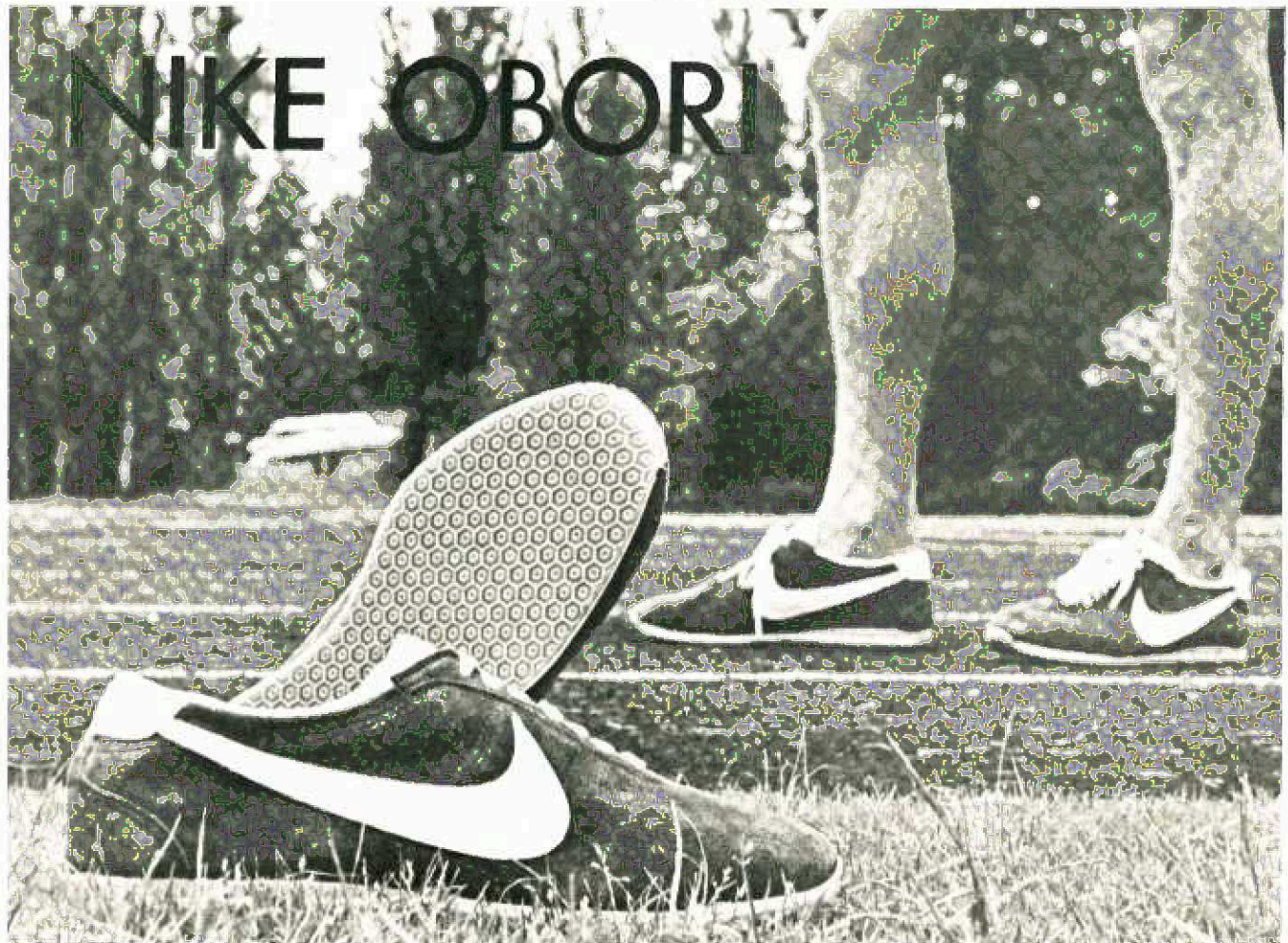
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## Olympic Developments

### Late Developing Status Quo Changes

Injuries and illnesses have struck at several leading Olympic contenders, eliminating some from Olympic competition. Jean-Claude Nallet, 71 European 400 hurdles champ, is out after decalcification troubles led to recurring foot injuries. He was a shadow of his 70-71 form during his brief appearances in 72. Italian vaulter Renato Dionisi, 17-10½ this year, is still hobbled by sore leg tendons. He is reportedly been able only to train his upper body and not able to run at all. His participation at Munich is very doubtful. Peter Stewart, Britain's 3:38.5 1500 man, was forced out with a sudden flare-up of sciatic nerve trouble. Australian marathoner John Farrington pulled out voluntarily as the Aussie team departed for Munich; a leg injury prevented him from attaining 100 percent fitness, he said, and he didn't feel he could give his best. Ben Jipcho of Kenya suffered a leg injury when he tripped on barbed wire protruding from his training track; he was announced as out of the steeple and in only the 5000, but recently ran a fast steeple in a Munich tune-up meet. West Germany decathletes Hans-Joachim Walde (ankle) and Heinz-Ulrich Schulze (torn muscles in lower back and upper thigh) are still ailing and chances of their appointment to the host-nation's team are virtually nil.

### Matson Leads Top Gallery of Non-Olympians

Almost as notable as those athletes competing in Munich are those who are not. Probably the most notable is world shot recordman Randy Matson, who did not make the US team. Other notable non-qualifying US athletes: Sprints: Charles Greene, Mel Ponder, Fred Newhouse; 800: Jim Ryan, Ron Phillips, Rick Brown, Mark Winzenried, Juris Luzins; 1H: Bruce Collins, Ron Whitney, Boyd Gittins, Wes Williams; HJ: Pat Matzdorf, Reynaldo Brown; PV: Dave Roberts; LJ: Bob Beamon, Ralph Boston, Bill Rea, Henry Hines; TJ: James Butts, Harry Freeman; DT: Gary Carlsen, Dick Drescher; HT: Al Hall, Hal Connolly; JT: Mark Murro, Bill Skinner; Dec: Russ Hodge, Rick Wanamaker. Al Oerter retired. Other leaders who didn't make their national teams include Peter Norman (Aus) 200 and Jerome Drayton (Can) marathon. Injuries earlier eliminated US miler Marty Liguori (torn muscle sheath in left heel since mid-fall 71), French 1500-5000 man Jean Wadoux (groin), British marathoners Bill Adcocks (calf) and Trevor Wright (foot), Aussie jumper Phil May (foot injury since July 71), and West Germany decathlete Kurt Bendlin (Achilles tendon injury suffered in early June). South African notables Fanie Van Zijl (800-1500) and John Van Reenen (DT) are out due to the Olympic ban against South African participation.

### West German Athletes Criticize Olympic Stadium

Following the West German track championships, one of several "test" competitions to serve as trial runs for the facilities and equipment at the various Olympic sports sites, the organizers of the Munich Games has found numerous "bugs" in the meticulously-planned and constructed venues and equipment.

Some athletes, housed in the Olympic Village, found the rooms "too spartan and functional". Others described the Village quarters as cramped and noisy. "Everybody had their windows open at night to keep cool," said one athlete, "so the noise filtered inside and it was harder than ever to sleep." Officials responded by pointing out there were many families, coaches and friends of athletes being housed in the Village, besides the athletes themselves, and that "much of the noise results from the huge mixture of people". Said one official, "When the teams move to their designated areas, there will be much more order and quiet."

The much-touted "Golymp" computer, programed to the hilt with Olympic facts and details of competitors, fed out women's pentathlon scores based on tables out of date since new ones were made official at the first of the year. Newsmen covering the West German title meet sometimes were handed entry lists after an event had been completed.

But such complaints appeared minor when contrasted to some of the problems posed by one of the focal points of the Games—the acrylic glass roof covering part of the main stadium and the nearby main hall and swimming stadium. One newspaper called the Olympic Stadium "Germany's biggest frying pan" after athletes competing in torrid heat conditions complained about vacillating air conditions apparently caused by the roof.

Athletes and spectators also lamented the solar magnifying power of the spun-glass roof. Heat trapped in the bowl-shaped stadium pushed field temperatures as high as 95-degrees. The rekortan-surfaced track softened as a result and times suffered accordingly.

Jumpers complained of being knocked off balance by winds sweeping onto the field after funneling by the glass roof. Another problem arose with one hammer area. One thrower flung his implement onto the track three times, narrowly missing a runner once.

### Black Africa Upset By Rhodesia Entry

Withdrawals of several black African nations, other threatened pull-outs and urgings all African nations follow suit accompanied the insistence of the IOC that Rhodesia—along with South Africa, censured strictly in international sport because of national racial policies—will compete in the Munich Olympics.

While no invitation was extended to South Africa, Rhodesia was invited in 1971 to send a team of athletes to the 72 Games. Among trackmen who would likely compete for Rhodesia is California javelinist Bruce Kennedy. Less than a month before the Games' opening, increased pressure was brought to bear on the Munich Organizing Committee to withdraw the invitation to the nation which rebelled and declared itself independent of British rule.

Britain informed the West German government that it was up to Bonn to decide if Rhodesia could compete but Bonn deferred judgment, saying only the Organizing Committee could withdraw the invitation. International Olympic Committee president Avery Brundage informed Organizing Committee chairman Willi Daume the invitation must stand. Lord Burghley, chairman of the British Olympic Association, said there was no reason Rhodesia should not be allowed to compete. The organizers said the invitation would stand and the British government quietly accepted the fact.

But black Africa loudly protested Rhodesia's participation. After Africa's largest sports body, the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, was told by Daume in person and Brundage by letter that Rhodesia's invitation would stand, the protests and withdrawals began. Tanzania was first to pull out on Aug. 10 and was later joined by Sierra Leone and Zambia. Then on Aug. 15 (too late to change athletes considered in our event presentations or affect the introduction on pg. 4), Egypt, Sudan, Liberia, Ghana, Ethiopia and Kenya followed suit. As well, Uganda, Somalia and—out of sympathy—the Latin American nation of Guyana also indicated they would pull out if Rhodesia competes. Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and Sudan, as well as African nations Lesotho, Senegal and Togo, had athletes registered at the Olympic Village at the time of the withdrawal announcements. The most notable track athletes affected by the pull-outs include many Kenyans (Keino, Jipcho, Temu, Biwott, Asati, Koskei, Boit, et al), Egyptian shot putter Nagui Asaad and Ethiopian distance runners Miruts Yifter, Yetneberk Belete and others. Right up to the Games' opening, though, the issue remains in doubt.

### Vault Pole Ban No Polish Joke to Americans

A ruling by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), track's world-wide rule-making—and enforcing—body, banning use of certain types of fiberglass vaulting poles in the Olympic Games has raised the most heated storm of controversy on an other-wise trouble-free *autobahn* to the Munich Games.

A statement released July 22 by the IAAF said, "New poles have recently been developed, using new materials or different methods of manufacture. These poles enable a vaulter with a given body weight and strength to use a lighter pole than hitherto. While such poles do not contravene the existing IAAF rules, it is considered that the use of a new, improved type of pole could confer an advantage on the limited number of athletes who have had the pole in their possession for a long enough period to become accustomed to its special properties. The IAAF has therefore decided that for a pole to be permitted for use at the 1972 Olympic Games, it must have been available to all athletes through normal supply channels since August 1971."

In one fell swoop, the ruling banned from the Munich Games poles used by Bob Seagren when he set his 18-5¼ world record at the Final Olympic Trials, as well as those used by Seagren and Sweden's Kjell Isaksson when both earlier scaled 18-4¼, then a global best.

"The only difference is the glass has a greater strength-to-weight ratio which enables us to produce a pole that is lighter and smaller in diameter. Again there are no carbon fibers; we have simply come up with a new fiberglass weave which provides greater strength," confirms Herb Jenks, who developed the new weave for Pacer-American.

To those most directly affected by the ruling, the vaulters, the decision is no Polish joke—but a serious matter which could seriously affect their chances at Munich.

"It's 100 percent politics," charges Seagren. "The officials of the IAAF panicked because of pressure from one vaulter, Wolfgang Nordwig of East Germany. He complained because he hasn't been vaulting well lately and he had to have something to blame other than himself."

"I agree with Bob," says Pacer's George Moore. "Nordwig *did* get several poles of the exact model Bob used to jump 18-5¼: three on May 2, three stiffer ones on May 25 and we were preparing three more when the ruling was announced. Also, Francois Tracanelli, Chris Papanicolaou, Renato Dionisi and other Italians and vaulters in West Germany, Sweden and Finland were sent poles. We made every effort to get poles to as many top world vaulters as we could."

Browning's similar Sky-pole is reportedly okay for Olympic use as it was listed in a 1960 Browning catalog. Moore meets with the Munich technical committee Aug. 25 for further discussion on Pacer's pole.



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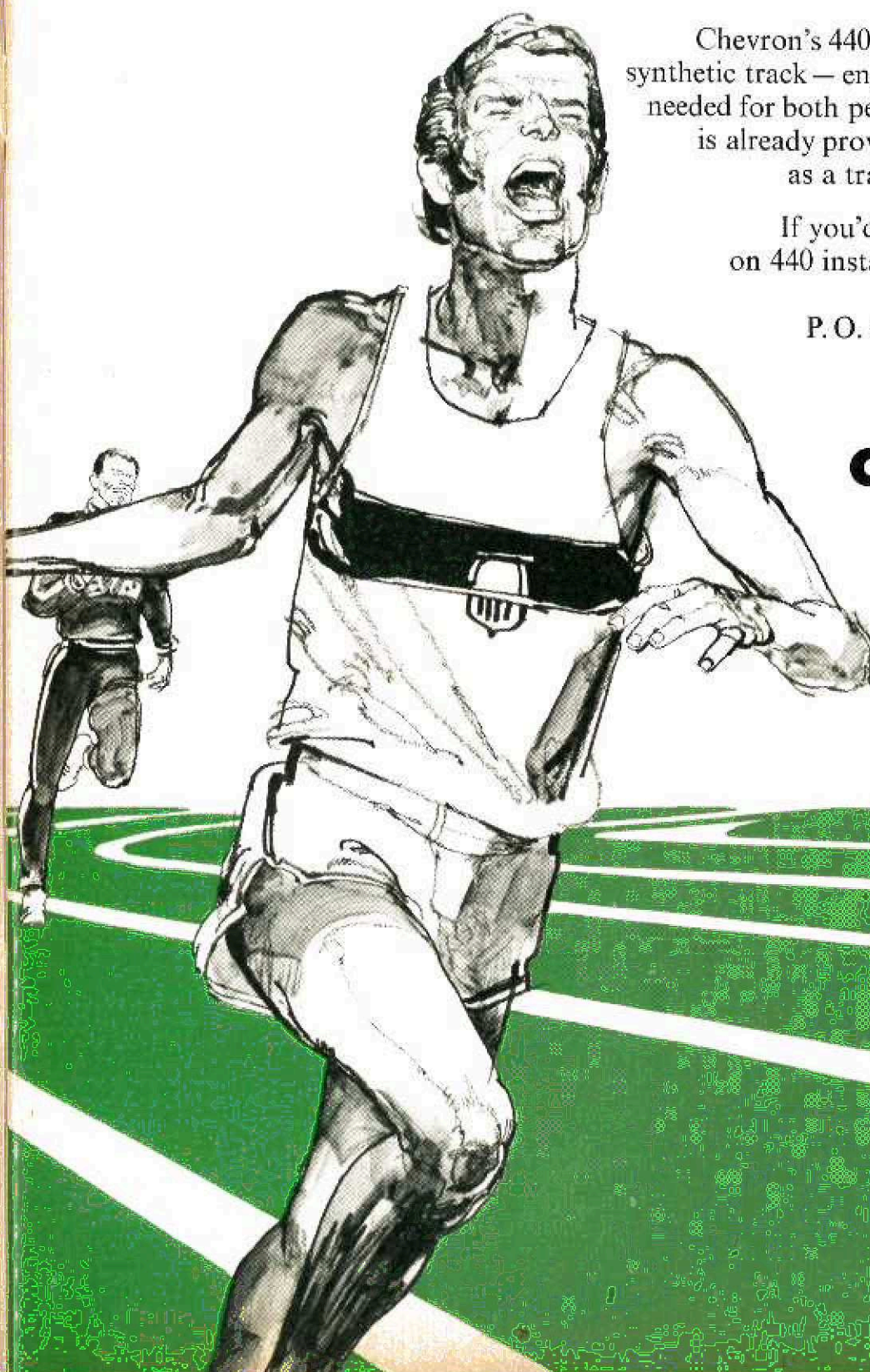
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# 100-METERS

## Borzov, Ravelo Threaten US Hold

### 1972 Leading Olympians

9.9	Eddie Hart (US)	10.2	Dominique Chauvelot (Fr)?
9.9	Rey Robinson (US)	10.2	Philippe Clerc (Switz)?
10.0	Valeriy Borzov (SU)	10.2	Hasley Crawford (Trin)
10.0	Pietro Mennea (It)	10.2	Juraj Demec (Czech)
10.0	Vas Papageorgopoulos (Gr)	10.2	Chuck Francis (Can)
10.0	Hermes Ramirez (Cuba)	10.2	Audun Garshol (Nor)
10.0	Robert Taylor (US)	10.2	Guillermo Gonzales (PR)
10.1	Hans-Jürgen Bombach (EG)?	10.2	Luis Gonzaga da Silva (Braz)
10.1	Klaus Ehl (WG)?	10.2	Aleksandr Karnelyuk (SU)
10.1	Brian Green (GB)	10.2	Amadou Meite (IC)
10.1	Manfred Kokot (EG)	10.2	Zenon Nowosz (Pol)

### All Preview Details Received by August 16

10.1	Felix Matta (Ven)	10.2	Sandy Osei-Agyeman (Gha)
10.1	Jaroslav Matousek (Czech)	10.2	Antti Rajamaki (Fin)
10.1	Lennox Miller (Jam)	10.2	Alain Sarteur (Fr)
10.1	Don Quarrie (Jam)	10.2	Erial Stewart (Jam)
10.1	Anat Ratanopoi (Thai)	10.2	Barka Sy (Sen)
10.1	J-L Ravelomanantsoa (Mal R)	10.2	Stanislaw Wagner (Pol)
10.1	Siegfried Schenke (EG)	10.2	Gerhard Wucherer (WG)
10.1	Jose Triana (Cuba)	10.2	Hans-Joachim Zenk (EG)
10.2	Daniel Amuke (Ken)	Wind-aided:	
10.2	Vladimir Atamas (SU)	9.9	Don Quarrie (Jam)
10.2	Ludvik Bohman (Czech)	9.9	Robert Taylor (US)
10.2	Bernd Borth (EG)	10.0	Errol Stewart (Jam)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Valeriy Borzov** (SU, 10/20/49, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /174) succeeded Bambuck as Europe's top gun in the dashes and has compiled a stellar record over the past 3 seasons: the 69 and 71 ECh, tying the ER (10.0) both years and ranking 1st globally in 71. He has run 2 10.0s in 72. He runs a solid race from gun to tape and indicated both endurance and the ability to hold his speed with an ER 200 of 20.2 and the ECh title (20.3) in 71. A hard trainer, he reportedly runs repeat 800s in practice. Borzov carries Europe's hopes in the 100. 71/10.0; 70/10.3; 69/10.0; 68/10.2.

• **Hasley Crawford** (Trin, 6-2/160) is lesser-known quantity, but one who could surprise as he did in the 70 BCG, when he ran 4 successive 10.3s to take the bronze medal behind Quarrie and Miller. He spent a quiet 71 season at Eastern Michigan, and was a disqualified 4th (10.2) in the 72 NCAA/CD. But he showed good fire at Viareggio with an upset win over Hart (both 10.2). 71/nt; 70/10.3.

• **Eddie Hart** (US, 4/24/49, 5-10/160) reaches the strongest part of both his race and his season close to the end. After a slow start, his superb finishing lift carried him to an =WR 9.9 at the FOT. He had won only one major meet in 72 before Eugene. He suffered leg injuries in 71 and withdrew from the AAU sprints with a cramp but appears to be at full strength now. The 70 NCAA winner (9.4y) admits, "I'm only a fair starter," but coach Maggard counters, "Eddie is a late bloomer. He peaks for the races that count most." 71/9.3y; 70/10.4; 69/9.2y.

• **Pietro Mennea** (It, 6/28/52, 5-10/150) matched two ERs late in June with a 10.0 and 20.2 200—both while still 19. Usually a slow starter, he has stunning acceleration the final half of both races, the home straight of the 200 being his strongest show-place. Not to be discounted in the 100, despite not having won a major 100 in 72, he remains strongest at the half-lap. 71/10.2; 70/10.5.

• **Lennox Miller** (Jam, 10/8/46, 5-11/165) remains among the world's sprint elite despite tough dentistry studies. He is a seemingly perennial runner-up—67 & 69 NCAA (8.3y, 9.2y), 68 OG (10.0), 70 BCG (10.3w), 71 PAG (10.3)—but is a seasoned competitor when the going gets rough. He adds his experience and speed in the 400 relay. 71/10.1; 70/10.2w; 69/9.2y; 68/10.0.

• **Vassilios Papageorgopoulos** (Gr, 6/27/47, 5-11/165) burst from the pack of European sprinters in 72 with a 20.0=ER and several clockings in the 10.1-10.2 range. Some of his quick times have come after questionable starts, though. But Papa can run with fast company as indicated by a ECh 3rd in 71. 71/10.1; 70/10.2; 69/10.4.

• **Don Quarrie** (Jam, 2/25/51, 5-8/155) is another whose forte is the 200. Nevertheless, he won the 70 BCG (10.2w) and 71 PAG (10.2). He has run 9.9w in 72. A poor starter in the 100, he still was good enough in 71 to rank 4th. Like Mennea, Quarrie can't be ignored in the 100. 71/10.1; 70/10.3; 69/10.4; 68/10.3.

• **Hermes Ramirez** (Cuba, 1/7/48, 5-10/146) has assumed leadership of Cuban sprint forces following the retirement of Figueroa and the lack of form of Montes. He has run 10.0 4 times, once each in 68, 69, 71 and 72, and ranked 2nd globally in 69. Eliminated in the 68 OG semis (10.2), he started the 2nd-place 400 relay (38.3). The next year, he rated 2nd globally. 71/10.0; 70/10.1; 69/10.0; 68/10.0.

• **Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa** (Mal R, 4/30/43, 5-5/155) made his lengthy name well-known on world sprint paths following an 8th in the 68 OG (10.2). A powerfully-built, rocket-starting sprinter, Ravelo dashed 10.0 in 71 and ranked 2nd globally. He has lost but twice in 2 years, at the 72 Vons meet to Robinson (10.2) in Oslo to Taylor (10.1). An experienced veteran, he competed in the 64 OG. If all falls right, he could run away with all the glory. 71/10.0; 70/10.2w; 69/10.3; 68/10.1.



(L) Valeriy Borzov carries European hopes in the 100. /Fionnbar Callanan/  
(C) Quick-starting Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa challenges Borzov. /Callanan/  
(R) Eddie Hart matched the world 100 best en route to Munich. /Jacobsen/

• **Rey Robinson** (US, 4/1/52, 6-1/150) pushed Hart to the limit at the FOT and also claimed a 9.9 =WR—in essentially his 2nd full season of sprinting after an injury sidelined him in 71. Says coach Lang, "He has tremendous competitive aggressiveness and desire to win." Robinson hits his peak speed in the final 20-30y and his starts are consistently sharp enough that he might start the 400 relay. 70/6.1i (inj); 69/9.5y (9.2yw).

• **Errol Stewart** (Jam, 3/2/50, 5-8/146) indicated most forcefully in 72 he could sprint fast on the flat as well as with a relay baton. Previously, he led off the 38.4 Jam's 68 OG 4th placers while 18 and repeated the position on the 70 BCG winners (39.4). He ran 7th in the 70 BCG 100 (10.5). But in 72 he zipped to 3rd in the NCAA (10.1w) and tore to a 10.0w heat win. He also clocked 2 9.2yw, 71/6.0y; 70/10.3w.

• **Robert Taylor** (US, 9/14/49, 6-1/190) ran only 3rd in the FOT (10.0) but thrashed some big names in Oslo (10.1) including Ravelomanantsoa, Robinson and Quarrie. He earlier beat some of the top Americans plus Bambuck in an impressive AAU win (10.2). A 70 relay internationalist, he turned back Borzov in the 70 US-SU meet 400 relay anchor. He has run a 9.0yw and 9.9w in 72. 71/9.3y; 69/9.2y.

• **Gerald Tinker** (US, 1/19/51, 5-11/170) finished 4th at the FOT 100 and will run a leg in the 400 relay squad. After no competition in 71, Tinker bounced back in 72 to win the King Games (9.4y) and run a 10.0w in a heat at the FOT. He was a 9.3y and 20.6y sprinter in 70. 71/dnc; 70/9.3y; 69/9.4y.

• **Raimo Vilen** (Fin, 8/10/45, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /165) isn't exactly a household name among the sprinting fraternity, but after a 10.0 =ER and several other 10.1-10.2 dashes, he is making himself better-known. One of his 10.1s left Britain's Green and countryman Rajamaki .2 behind. 71/10.2; 70/10.2; 69/10.2; 68/10.7.

### Analysis

Up until July 1, 1972, Borzov had forged an outstanding career: twice ECh, twice ER setter, twice a victor over the Americans, top-rated globally in 71. Oh, he had lost all right, but to countrymen he could easily handle when the chips were down. In the races that counted most, Borzov could be counted upon for a strong, usually victorious, performance. Even when Ravelomanantsoa began to assert himself, with a 10.0 and 2nd world rating in 71, it still couldn't quite overcome the picture of supremacy painted by Borzov. But in 9.9-seconds at Eugene on July 1, the 100 picture for Munich took on a new focus and began to blur on a favorite. For Hart and Robinson matched the WR and Taylor clocked 10.0, the best-ever run by either Ravelo or Borzov. The Soviet has met neither of the American recordmen but was burned on a relay leg in 70 by Taylor. Robinson beat Ravelo in June, but when Ravelo was admittedly concentrating on studies rather than sprinting. Taylor was the surprise AAU champion then upset the charts in Oslo by dumping Tinker, Ravelo, Robinson and Quarrie. For spice, add a dash of veterans Miller, Bambuck and Ramirez, the recent potential of Papageorgopoulos and Vilen, and the stretch speed of 200 luminaries Quarrie and Mennea, and you come up with . . . anybody's guess for a winner. But Borzov is reportedly highly motivated to quell his critics and disbelievers and establish himself as No. 1 with a victory in Munich. In more ways than one, time will tell.

### Form Chart

- B. Valeriy Borzov (SU).  
C. Eddie Hart (US)-Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa (Mal)-Rey Robinson (US)-Robert Taylor (US).  
D. Roger Bambuck (Fr)-Hasley Crawford (Trin)-Pietro Mennea (It)-Lennox Miller (Jam)-Vassilios Papageorgopoulos (Gr)-Don Quarrie (Jam)-Hermes Ramirez (Cuba) Siegfried Schenke (EG)-Raimo Vilen (Fin).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Hart	Borzov	Ravelo	Taylor	Miller	Vilen
CN Hart	Borzov	Robinson	Taylor	Mennea	Ravelo
DD Borzov	Hart	Taylor	Ravelo	Miller	Robinson
RD Borzov	Hart	Taylor	Ravelo	Papageorg	Ramirez
MW Borzov	Hart	Papageorg	Taylor	Ravelo	Robinson
JP Borzov	Hart	Ravelo	Quarrie	Robinson	Ramirez
All Borzov	Hart	Taylor	Ravelo	Robinson	Papageorg



## 200-METERS

# A Well Quarrie, Americans Tight

## 1972 Leading Olympians

20.0	Larry Black (US)	20.7	Valeriy Borzov (SU)*
20.2*	Larry Burton (US)	20.7	Philippe Clerc (Switz)
20.2	Pietro Mennea (It)	20.7	Gerard Fenouil (Fr)
20.3*	Don Quarrie (Jam)	20.7	Guillermo Gonzalez (PR)
20.3	Siegfried Schenke (EG)	20.7	Torsten Johansson (Swe)
20.4	Chuck Smith (US)	20.7*	Carl Lawson (Jam)
20.5	Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG)*	20.7	Rene Metz (Fr)
20.5	Manfred Ommmer (WG)	20.7	Lucien Sainte-Rose (Fr)
20.6	J-L Ravelomanantsoa (Mal R)	<b>Wind-aided:</b>	
20.6*	George Daniels (Gha)	20.3	Bevan Smith (NZ)
20.6	Hans-Joachim Zenk (EG)	20.6	Gerard Fenouil (Fr)
20.6	Hermes Ramirez (Cu)	20.6	Rene Metz (Fr)
20.7	Pasqualino Abeti (It)	20.6	Lucien Sainte-Rose (Fr)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Larry Black** (US, 7/20/51, 6-11/175) remains a co-favorite despite a poor record in the latter stages of the US campaign. His long season began in March with hot mile relay legs: in April, he recorded the second-best ever (44.1y) and later blazed the quickest ever at 43.8y. Rated as the top US half-lapper in 71 (3rd in world), Black moved to 4th on all-time world list with 2 20.0s at the NAIA. A heavy racing schedule showed in 3rds at Vons (20.9y) and Kennedy (21.1yw), where he was suffering from tendonitis. He rebounded with the equal fastest time in prelims at FOT (20.4) but took 3rd in final (20.6) running in tough lane 1. The North Carolina Central junior also had trouble with tight curves in the 72 NCAA, and says, "I prefer the outside lane because I don't have to cut down my stride on the curve." This Florida prepster scored a collegiate sweep in 71, winning the NAIA (20.4yw), NCAA/CD (20.9yw) and NCAA (20.5y). Black already has 7 legal clockings of 20.5 or faster in 72, more than any other performer. 71/20.5y; 70/20.5y; 69/46.7y.

• **Valeriy Borzov** (SU, 10/20/49, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /174) showed emphatically in 71 why Soviet track followers are as high on his prospects in the 200 as the 100. He 1st set a 20.2 ER and followed that up with a crushing 20.3 ECh win, completely dominating a good continental field. Those 2 performances were part of an undefeated campaign in the 200 which served to rank him 2nd world-wide. He has run 20.7 in 72 but has yet to meet any major opposition. In fact, as he has never faced any western half-lappers, the 72 OG will be his biggest 200 test yet. 71/20.2; 70/20.5; 69/20.8; 68/21.0.

• **Larry Burton** (US, 12/15/51, 6-2/190) is probably the only Olympic competitor who can claim that in January he didn't even know this was an Olympic year. But such is the case with this Purdue football player, who ran his first-ever track race in January, and his first-ever 220 on Apr. 15 (21.1). And his next outing produced 20.3y, a time bettered only by Black in 72. Burton runs a good turn (especially for such a novice) and has great top-speed. His start is predictably inconsistent, but when on it is good, as indicated by his 5.9yi and 10.0w. The NCAA champ (20.5w) and FOT runner-up (20.5), Burton now has a half-lap career spanning only 13 races in 6 meets.

• **Pietro Mennea** (It, 6/28/52, 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /150) suddenly emerged as a contending force in early June with a 20.4, knocking .3 from his PR. And 2 weeks later he chopped that PR to 20.2 =ER, a time .2 faster than anyone else has ever run at 19. He backed up this clocking with another 20.4 in July. 6th in the 71 E Ch (20.9), Mennea runs a poor curve but shows good acceleration over the closing stages. One who competes well in big meets, he has shown good endurance through qualifying rounds and has never suffered a major injury. If he chooses to double, he will have to contest the 200 after the 100. He will also anchor a good Italian 400 relay squad. Hart has authored his only defeat in the 200 since Sept. 71. 71/20.7 (20.5w); 70/21.5.

• **Manfred Ommmer** (WG, 9/13/50, 5-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /159) was picked by *Leichtathletik* (the T&FV of WG) for 6th in the WG champs, but he completely upset form in cutting .4 from his PR with a 20.5 clocking. His win is even more impressive in light of the fact that he won by .3, and that the race was electrically timed, costing him up to .2. A 10.3 performer, he also pulled an upset in the 100 with an electrical 10.4 victory. 71/21.2; 70/21.2; 69/21.3.

• **Don Quarrie** (Jam, 2/25/51, 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /155) rated as a prohibitive favorite as the season began, but has now fallen into the question-mark category. 71 was a banner year for the diminutive Quarrie, as he blazed a 19.8 =WR to win the PAG and rank 1st in the world with an undefeated season. And his margin of victory in 71 averaged an impressive .35. Early 72 looked good, as he turned in relay splits in the low 19s and ran 20.4y (in losing to Steve Williams). But mid-season mishaps muddied the waters, as a locking knee at the Pac-8 and a leg cramp at the NCAA felled him from final action in both meets. And his only competition since early June has been an inconclusive 20.9 (4th at Oslo). A poor starter, Quarrie frequently yields ground on the curve but has super finishing speed. Durable in the past, he scored sprint doubles at both the 70 BCG (10.2w/20.4w) and 71 PAG. He runs on Jamaica's sprint relay squad. 71/19.8 =WR; 70/20.5; 69/10.3; 68/21.2y.

• **Edwin Roberts** (Trin, 8/12/41, 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /155) can rightfully claim the title of "grand old man" of half-lap sprinting at 31. World ranked for the last 8 years, the veteran Roberts has never won an international gold, but has a raft of high placings: 3rd 64 OG (20.6); 2nd 66 BCG (20.9y); 4th 68 OG (20.3); 2nd 70 BCG (20.6w); 3rd 71 PAG (20.3). He has shown no signs of deteriorating with age—matched 200 PR in 71 and set one-lap PR of 45.9y in 72. He has a best of only 21.0y, but his low in 71 prior to his 20.3 was 20.8y, a good indication of his fierce competitive spirit. Roberts possesses both good speed, as indicated by his 9.2y, and strength, shown by a 44.8y. 71/20.3; 70/20.5; 69/20.4.



(L) Larry Black's 20.0 paces Munich 200 entrants. (M) Siegfried Schenke is 2nd-fastest European in 72 over 200. (R) Two-time finalist Ed Roberts returns again—for his 3rd final? (Callanan)

• **Siegfried Schenke** (EG, 5/6/43, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /150) has performed well inside EG in 72, but showed little in his one excursion outside the country, scoring 3rd against Fr (21.1). But his home season record was nearly flawless, with 20.6, 20.7, 20.5, 20.3 NR and 20.8 (EG Ch) clockings. A 25-5/4 Ljer in 69, Schenke made a 200 breakthrough in 70 in cutting his PR from 21.2 to 20.8 and ranking 8th in the world with an ECup win. A capable 100 performer, Schenke matched his PR with 10.1 this year and took 2nd in the EG Ch. 71/20.7; 70/20.8; 69/21.6; 68/21.2.

• **Chuck Smith** (US, 3/12/48, 6-1/175) failed to turn many heads with his AAU win (20.7w) because of the mediocre field. But everyone noticed his surprising FOT triumph (20.4) over an impressive group of half-lappers. Smith enters the Games with solid competitive credentials for 72—he suffered an early season loss to Edmonson, Collett and Evans and a later one to Hart, none of whom will compete here. And he stands 2-0 against Black and 1-0 with Burton, his American teammates. His only other loss of the campaign was in out-of-season February, when he was pipped in NZ by another Smith, Bevan. Smith emerged from the intramural fields of Occidental to run 9.4yw/20.7yw in 70, his first competitive season, and improved to 9.3y/20.5y in 71. Although Smith ran "only" 20.4 (=PR) at the FOT, it might be noted that he ran a fast trio of races into headwinds—20.5 (-8.5), 20.4 (-1.56) and 20.4 (-1.12). 71/20.5y; 70/20.7yw.

• **Bevan Smith** (NZ, 7/18/50, 6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) is going to be almost a half-year from his "peak" when Munich rolls around, but so was Aussie Norman in 68 when he chopped .5 from his PR to win the silver. Smith sports a legal best of just 20.9, but that was into a headwind with electrical timing. Tall and long-legged, he is a slow starter and takes time to get rolling. A 47.3 400 gives some indication of his strength. With his "season" so far behind him, and lack of international experience, it is hard to assess his chances—he could be hopelessly out of shape or improve incredibly. 71/21.2; 70/21.1w; 69/21.4y.

## Analysis

A healthy Quarrie in the condition of 71 would still seem to be the odds-on favorite, but anything less than that form throws him into a dog-fight with the 3 Americans and Borzov (if he contests this event). The US bunch is headed by Black and Smith, who appear fairly evenly-matched. Smith has not lost to Black in 72, but was not in his class in 71. Black appeared ready to challenge Quarrie for supremacy before his tendonitis, but was shunted to 3rd at the FOT by Burton. Black appeared on the road back with an impressive 20.5 from lane 1 at Viareggio. Burton is apparently having difficulties in maintaining his shape over an extended period. Borzov is easily the class of the continent in this event, but there is speculation he will not attempt a double. Never pressed in a hard 200, his true abilities in this event remain unknown. Mennea (ER holder with Borzov) is the only other consistent European and rates as at least an outside chance for a medal. Quarrie, Mennea and Borzov will probably go through up to 4 rounds of the 100 prior to the 200, which might strengthen US hopes, as all 3 Americans are entered in just the 1 event. The best of the rest is veteran Roberts, who will likely find his way to the final again. Bevan Smith remains basically an unknown quantity, as does late-comer Ommmer. Chances for a WR performance would seem slight. Both 19.8 marks came at altitude, and no one in the field appears to be of Tommie Smith 68 or Quarrie 71 caliber.

## Form Chart

- B. Larry Black (US)-Chuck Smith (US).  
 C. Don Quarrie (Jam)-Valeriy Borzov (SU).  
 D. Larry Burton (US)-Philippe Clerc (Switz)-Gerard Fenouil (Fr)-Martin Jellinghaus (WG)-Pietro Mennea (It)-Manfred Ommmer (WG)-Ed Roberts (Trin)-Siegfried Schenke (EG)-Bevan Smith (NZ).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Black	Smith	Borzov	Mennea	Burton	Quarrie
CN Black	Smith	Mennea	Borzov	Quarrie	Burton
DD Black	Smith	Quarrie	Mennea	Borzov	Burton
RQ Borzov	Smith	Black	Mennea	Quarrie	Ommmer
MW Smith	Quarrie	Mennea	Black	Burton	Ommmer
JP Black	Quarrie	Mennea	Smith	Hofmeister	Schenke
All Black	Smith	Mennea	Quarrie	Borzov	Burton

400-METERS

# Who Can Stop an American Sweep?

## 1972 Leading Olympians

44.1	Wayne Collett (US)	45.8	Charles Asati (Ken)
44.3	John Smith (US)	45.8	Andrzej Badenski (Pol)
44.6*	Lee Evans (US)	45.9	Alberto Juantorena (Cuba)
44.7	Karl Honz (WG)	45.9	Francis Kerbirou (Fr)
44.8	Vince Matthews (US)	45.9	Markku Kukkoaho (Fin)
45.3	Bernd Hermann (WG)	45.9	Hezekiah Nyamau (Ken)
45.3	Dave Jenkins (GB)	45.9*	Leighton Priestley (Jam)
45.3*	Julius Sang (Ken)	45.9	Lucano Susanj (Yug)
45.5	Charles Joseph (Trin)	46.0	Gilles Bertouid (Fr)
45.6	Marcello Fiasconaro (It)	46.0	Hermann Kohler (WG)
45.6*	Ed Roberts (Trin)	46.0	Roger Velasquez (Fr)
45.7	Zbigniew Jaremski (Pol)?		

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Fernando Acevedo** (Peru, 7/26/46, 5-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ /141) surprised in 68 by making it to the third round of the 200. In 71, after 2 years of relative inactivity, he surprised again by shooting to third in the PAG 400 (45.3) and ranking 6th in the world. He did not begin hard training until two years ago. He came to the US in April and trained with Evans. His best known mark of 72 is a recent 45.7r. A 20.6 PR indicates good basic speed. 71/45.3; 70/46.1; 69/20.8; 68/20.7.

• **Charles Asati** (Ken, /45, 5-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ /148) emerged in 70 as the top non-American one-lapper and ranked second in the world, but injuries in 71 prevented him from furthering his case. One of the less flamboyant Kenyans, Asati showed remarkable durability in the 70 BCG with 10 hard races in miserable weather—20.5w, 20.6w, 20.8w, 20.7, 46.7, 45.8, 45.5, 45.0 BCR, 45.3r and 44.6r. And it might be remembered that he also turned a 44.6r in the first leg at Mexico, beating Matthews by .4. Asati, who runs with a relatively low body carriage and long strides also holds the NR at 10.2. He is reportedly healthy again and ready to take up where he left off. He won the Ken Ch at 45.8, 71/46.6; 70/45.0; 69/45.6; 68/44.8r.

• **Andrzej Badenski** (Pol, 5/10/43, 5-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /150) will be aiming for his 3rd OG final, following a 3rd in 64 (45.6) and 7th in 68 (45.4). Rated 1st in 65, Badenski had his slowest season since 62 in 71 (46.3), but started 72 on a high note with a 45.8 behind Fiasconaro but beating Mills. However, he has seen limited competition since. This tough veteran owns the best set of career clockings by a European—11 at 45.8 or faster. 71/46.3; 70/45.8; 69/45.8; 68/45.4; 67/46.1; 66/45.8; 65/45.6; 64/45.6.

• **Wayne Collett** (US, 10/20/49, 6-2 $\frac{1}{8}$ /180) found his early career cluttered by other events (20.2, 49.2y IH, relaying), but settling down to one event has done wonders for his 400 running. A semi-surprise FOT winner (44.1), Collett hacked .6 off his PR in moving to 3rd on the all-time world list. And it was a convincing .2 win over Smith, whom he ran down in the homestretch, no mean feat. Collett won only 3 of 8 finals he contested in the US in 72, but the FOT win appears to be a significant breakthrough. He has been accused of inconsistency, which might be traced to a tendency to "fall asleep" during some portion of the race. The versatile Collett is no stranger to international competition (not that US 400 runners need any), copying the dual meets with Fr and SU in 70, when he rated 3rd in the world. 71/44.7y; 70/44.9; 69/45.8y; 68/44.9; 67/46.9y; 66/47.2y.

• **Lee Evans** (2/25/47, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /175) is probably one of the greatest competitors in the 400 as he has been 1st ranked 4 times and is defending OG champ (43.8) and a member of the 68 relay squad which shattered the WR with a blazing 2:56.1, his split being 44.1. 4th at the FOT for his lowest placing in at least 7 years, Evans has clocked 44.9y in 72 and recently defeated Smith at Stockholm in 45.1. 71/45.9y; 70/45.8y; 69/44.5; 68/43.8 WR (44.1WR); 67/44.9.

• **Marcello Fiasconaro** (It, 7/19/49, 6-2 $\frac{1}{8}$ /165) fortunately has an Italian father. Otherwise, this South African-born star would be sitting out of the OG. His early-season running in 72 was of the highest order—45.6 and an unpressed 1:47.7, an indication of good endurance. But in May and June, he was forced to cut down his training because of stomach ailments, and in late July suffered a sprained ankle. He appears to be less sharp than last year when he was 2nd in the ECh (45.5). "March" was described in 71 as "a very undisciplined runner with no judgment of pace and very bad arm action". Whether or not the 72 campaign has smoothed off the rough edges remains to be seen. His prime limiting factor appears to be a lack of basic speed. 71/45.5; 70/46.5.

• **Karl Honz** (WG, 1/28/51, 6-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ /183) is not one of the 2 Europeans who were expected to fight it out for the slots behind the 3 Americans. And he may not be—at his rate of improvement, he might be fighting for one of the medals. If he even enters the event, that is. Honz is reportedly more interested in helping WG win the silver in the 1600 relay. He has had a brief career in the 400: after a casual 47.8 effort in 71, he has recorded 45.7, 45.7 and 44.7 in his 3 open races of 72. And he lost .1 or .2 in his 44.7 due to electrical timing. A 20.8 performer in 71 (only 5th in his heat at the ECh), Honz uses his furlong experiences in the full-lap race. In his record run, he passed the 200 in 20.7 and the 300 in a blazing 31.8. 71/47.8; 70/21.4; 69/21.9; 68/23.3.

• **David Jenkins** (GB, 5/25/52, 6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ /186) has an almost flawless record in the 400, with only one loss over the distance in his career. Of course, he has yet to race a US competitor over the distance. A big, strong runner with good speed (20.6), Jenkins goes out fast (21.1 in the 71 ECh), but finishes strongly. He concentrated on speed work in early 72, improving to 10.1 and taking second in the AAU 200 (20.8w). Jenkins was hopeful of a ER in first 400 of the season, but had to be content with 45.3. And he followed this clocking with 2 45.4s and a 45.5. His big ambition is to race against the Americans. a



(L) Wayne Collett leads 400 contestants with a 44.1 at the FOT. /Sutton/ (C) Dave Jenkins feels he can run with, and beat, the US 400 men. /Lacey/ (R) Marcello Fiasconaro is a threat despite inexperience. /Fionnbar Callanan/

chance he will soon get. 71/45.5; 70/46.9; 69/46.5; 68/49.0y; 67/53.7y.

• **Vince Matthews** (US, 12/16/47, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /175) is getting the chance he so narrowly missed in 68, when he was the 4th US man and led off the winning 1600 relay. Matthews enjoyed a brief sojourn near the top when he ranked 2nd in the world in 67 and set a 44.4 WR in 68. He competed briefly in 69, retired in 70-71, then made a surprising return to competition this year. Matthews is a gutsy finisher in the stretch, and wins his share of close battles. 71-70/dnc; 69/21.0y; 68/44.4 WR; 67/45.0; 66/46.2y.

• **Julius Sang** (Ken, /48, 5-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ /150) has been described as "looking frail, but on top form he is so graceful". And he runs fast as well, with a significant win (45.6y) over Matthews and Evans in the King Games. He was with a slight heel injury upon his return to Kenya, and placed 4th (46.5) in the Ken Ch. One of the best all-around sprinters ever, he has short sprint bests of 9.3y (67) and 20.4y (69). 71/45.8; 70/45.6; 69/46.9.

• **John Smith** (US, 8/5/50, 6-2 $\frac{1}{8}$ /180) had the one-lap world by the tail at the conclusion of the 71 season, as he had run a 44.5y WR, suffered only 2 losses of consequence, recorded 3 of the fastest 4 times of the year and ranked 1st. But a fall/winter case of hepatitis had seemingly dimmed any hopes of a successful 72 campaign. To be certain, he didn't win the FOT (2nd, 44.3), but his form now appears to be only slightly below that of last year. Blessed with fine natural speed (9.4y 71 in first race ever), Smith utilizes that attribute best in the latter half of the race, when he puts on a concerted drive. His last half in his WR race was a wicked 22.4 on top of a 22.1 for near-even pace. Early in his career he suffered from injuries, but has remained trouble-free (other than the hepatitis) over the past 3 campaigns. Perhaps his greatest strength is his knowledge of the race. Very seldom does Smith make a tactical error. 71/44.5y WR; 70/45.0; 69/47.2y; 68/47.2y.

## Analysis

It has been somewhat of a foregone conclusion for the past 4 years that the US troops would quite handily annex the 3 available medals in the 400. Well, the first 2 positions still look to be solidly filled with Smith and Collett (or vice versa), but that 3rd position might be scrapped for. Matthews will be no slouch, but suddenly he has only the 4th best time, as surprising Honz has entered the fray with his ER clocking. It is difficult to assess the Smith/Collett battle, what with Smith's illness and Collett's recent improvement. Over the past 3 seasons, Smith holds an 11.8 edge, but so many of those races came in a "team" light that who really won is a moot point. Matthews finished .6 out of 2nd in the FOT, and has not shown much "hunger" to win, while Honz is an eager newcomer, who still appears to have much room for improvement. No one pushed him down the stretch in his big race. Of course, Jenkins cannot be lightly dismissed. The top runner on the continent last year, he has had no competition worthy of the name yet in 72 he is running better than ever. And although Fiasconaro has been down of late, the talent is still there. "Unknown" Africans filled 3 of the final positions in 68, so it would be no surprise to see such a recurrence this year, and "known" quantities such as Asati possess who-knows-how-much talent. The Polish pair, Badenski and Werner, are battle-ried veterans who can be expected to make a run for the final but little more. Evans' altitude-assisted 43.8 seemed unapproachable a short while ago, but a race pushed by swifities Honz and Jenkins and finished by Smith or Collett could be mighty fast.

## Form Chart

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## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Smith	Collett	Matthews	Jenkins	Honz	Asati
CN Smith	Collett	Honz	Jenkins	Matthews	Acevedo
DD Smith	Collett	Matthews	Asati	Jenkins	Acevedo
RD Smith	Collett	Jenkins	Matthews	Asati	Honz
MW Collett	Jenkins	Smith	Matthews	Honz	Asati
JP Smith	Collett	Jenkins	Asati	Matthews	Honz
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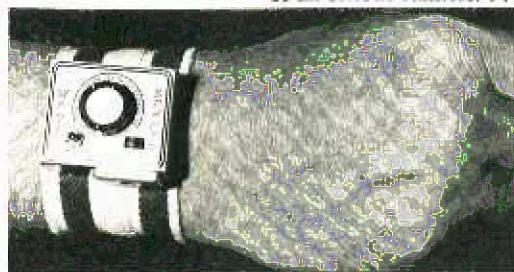
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## 800-METERS

# Arzhanov Has All the Components

## 1972 Leading Olympians

1:44.3	Dave Wottle (US)	1:46.3	Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol)
1:45.0	Rick Wohlhuter (US)	1:46.5	Daniel Omwanza (Ken)
1:45.1	Ken Swenson (US)	1:46.5	Graeme Rootham (Aus)
1:45.4	Dieter Fromm (EG)	1:46.6	Philippe Meyer (Fr)
1:45.6	Jozef Plachy (Czech)	1:46.6	Hans-Henning Ohlert (EG)
1:45.7	Franz-Josef Kemper (WG)	1:46.8	Antonio Fernandez (Sp)
1:46.0	Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU)	1:46.8	Sjef Hengens (Hol)
1:46.0	Robert Ouko (Ken)	1:46.8	Alain Sans (Fr)
1:46.0	Josef Schmid (WG)	1:46.9	Reinhard Dominik (EG)
1:46.0	Pekka Vasala (Fin)?	1:47.0	Andy Carter (GB)
1:46.1	Colin Campbell (GB)	1:47.1	Francis Gonzales (Fr)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Walter Adams** (WG, 3/15/45, 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /141) finished 4th in the 68 OG (1:45.8) and would not doubt like to move up a place—or two or three—before his countrymen. But he had not been super-sharp since 70 when he lost to Swenson by .1 in 1:44.9 =ER. Adams didn't compete in 71 due to an ulcer and was bothered this May by Achilles trouble, but easily won the WG Ch and appears ready. 72/1:47.4; 71/1:48.3; 70/1:44.9; 69/1:46.8.

• **Yevgeniy Arzhanov** (SU, 4/22/48, 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /163) hasn't lost an 800 final since the 68 ECh (4th) and after taking the 71 ECh (1:45.6) and ranking 1st globally in 70 and 71 surely isn't planning to start at Munich. He had his troubles earlier in 72: he pulled a muscle early in the year and was on his way to full recovery by early June when he ran a casual 1:51.6. Then he ran 3rd in the WG-SU 1500 (3:44.3). In the SU Ch 800, he was boxed in, lost a shoe and dropped out. But he came back, seemingly as good as ever, a few days later with a 1:46.0. A supreme competitor in the big races, he resembles 2-time OG champ Snell in his ability to explode suddenly, open a sizable gap and then hold it. 71/1:45.6; 70/1:45.5; 69/1:46.8; 68/1:50.3.

• **Andy Carter** (GB, 1/29/49, 6-0/160) paced his 72 campaign slowly to no doubt coincide with his storming finish to his 71 season when he clocked a PR 1:46.2 for 3rd in both the ECh and world ranking. Carter can set a fast pace and still have something in reserve for the finish. 71/1:46.2; 70/1:47.2; 69/1:46.8; 68/1:50.3.

• **Dieter Fromm** (EG, 4/21/48, 5-10, 143) has been the one European thorn in Arzhanov's side. The 68 OG 6th placer (1:46.1), Fromm won the 69 ECh (1:45.9) and rated 2nd globally. He followed a mediocre 70 year with a 2nd in the 71 ECh (1:46.0) and another 2nd world-wide. His 1:45.4 of 72 is a .5 PR—and .1 faster than Arzhanov's best. He is a "metronome" type runner: always in contention, suitably positioned, seldom if ever leaving the pole lane. Despite his lack of speed (compared to Arzhanov), Fromm is a tough big-race runner. 71/1:46.0; 70/1:47.0; 69/1:45.9; 68/1:46.1.

• **Ivan Ivanov** (SU, 6/26/48, 5-11/159) made big headlines with some fancy 1500 running this spring (an NR 3:37.8), but then won the SU Ch 800 (1:48.9) in Arzhanov's absence. He did not compete in the 71 ECh, but has compiled a solid record in both the 800 and 1500 in 72. An able back-up man for Arzhanov, Ivanov is a talented, strong not-to-be-underrated runner in his own right. 72/1:48.9; 71/1:46.0; 70/1:47.8; 69/1:47.7.

• **Franz-Josef Kemper** (WG, 9/30/45, 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /150) wasn't originally named to the WG team, but he proved his fitness with a speedy 1:45.7. Veteran Kemper is a former 1000m WR holder (2:16.2) and co-holds the ER (1:44.9). 2nd in 68 ECh (1:46.0), Kemper was eliminated in 68 OG semis. 71/1:46.3; 70/1:45.4; 69/1:49.7; 68/1:47.0; 67/1:46.2, 66/1:44.9.

• **Robert Ouko** (Ken, 10/24/48, 5-9/150) is an enormously talented runner who has ably filled the vacated shoes of retired two-time medalist Kiprugut. Ouko ran 5th in his 68 OG semi (1:47.1 PR), but two years later powered past a BCG field which included OG champ Doubell for a 1:46.8 victory. Now schooling at North Carolina Central, Ouko is known for his blazing first laps in relays: 48.6 in a 1:45.4 anchor of Kenya's 7:11.6 2Mile WR in 70, 49.7 in a 1:47.7 anchor of Central's best-ever 3:14.8 sprint medley. He won the 72 Kenya 800 title with .7 PR of 1:46.0. Blessed with speed (146.2 flat 400, 45.5 on Kenya's 70 BCG 1600R winners) which can keep him in contact over the final 200, Ouko needs to judge the pace correctly to be in the middle of the homestretch scramble. But as college coach Walker says, "When the chips are down, Robert is at his best." 71/1:46.7; 70/1:46.8; 69/1:46.6; 68/1:47.1.

• **Jozef Plachy** (Czech, 2/28/49, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /154) ranked 1st globally in 69 after winning the A-E (1:45.4 PR) and taking 2nd in ECh (1:46.2). He ran 5th in the 68 OG (1:45.9). Holder of ER in the 800 (1:46.7), he suffered injury problems in 71 (Achilles tendon) and 72 (spina wound). But he was able to rebound in 71 to take 6th in ECh (1:47.3) despite losing considerable training and indicated he is in form in 72 with a 1:45.6 (after a 50.6 1st 400). He has the strength to react to a series of bursts in the last lap, but still has had trouble running in crowded fields (baffled by East German boxing tactics in 69 ECh, he allowed Fromm to jump into an insurmountable lead). 71/1:45.6; 70/1:45.9; 69/1:45.4; 68/1:45.9.

• **Graeme Rootham** (Aus, 3/7/48, 5-10/165) turned in an unexpected 1:46.5 against a stiff wind to take the Aus Ch early in 72. Virtually untested outside his country, the big question is, can he survive three rounds of top-class OG competition? A strong runner who, like Snell, can hit top gear over the last 300, he still lacks the acceleration of a Doubell. But he has reportedly trained 7 days a week since his Aus Ch win. 71/1:48.8; 70/1:49.3; 69/1:50.4; 68/1:51.4.

• **Ken Swenson** (US, 4/18/48, 5-10/140) was the US's 800 star of 70, winning the NCAA, AAU, setting an 800 AR of 1:44.8 (in defeating Adams), losing only once (to



(L) Despite a slow 72 start, Yevgeniy Arzhanov is a prime contender. (Kroott) (C) Dieter Fromm is fast (1:45.4 in 72) and experienced (6th in 68). (Holm) (R) Jozef Plachy, 3th in 68, returned to form in 72 with a 1:45.6. (Holm)

Arzhanov when ill), and ranking 2nd globally. But Army induction soon after put a dent in his condition. His best race since came as he collared Ryan for the 3rd US team place with 1:45.1. He feels his strength is in the last 50 of a race, where, in fact, he overtook Ryan and also moved away from Adams in the 70 race. The 71 PAG 800 champ (1:48.0), Swenson also set a mile PR in 72 with 4:00.6. 71/1:47.6y; 70/1:44.8; 69/1:47.7y.

• **Rick Wohlhuter** (US, 12/23/48, 5-9/130) improved gigantically in a matter of weeks in 72, going from a previous best of 1:49.0y (71) to 1:48.1y to 1:45.0 (2nd FOT). Probably best-known previously as an NCAA indoor 600y champ (1:09.4 best), he decided to train hard just to see what he could do—and the =10th performance all-time world and =4th all-time US resulted. A front-runner throughout the race, he likes a fast pace to stay relaxed and save energy for the latter stages. Wohlhuter likes to kick with 180-200 remaining. 71/1:49.0y; 70/1:50.5y; 69/1:50.7y.

• **Dave Wottle** (US, 8/7/50, 6-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ /140) stunned rivals, fans, coaches, "experts" and even himself with a 1:44.3 =WR in the FOT. Prior to that, his seasonal best had been 1:47.3 to win the 72 AAU. And his lifetime best stood at 1:47.8y from 70. And he entered the 800 "just for some speed work before the 1500. I don't know how to run an 800 anyway". No matter, for he crushed the fastest-finishing field in 800 history. Says college coach Brodt, "Dave may appear nonchalant on the outside, but he is a fierce competitor who likes to finish only first—even in workouts." He has exceptional ability to accelerate at low and varying paces. His downfall, however, may be a pair of surprisingly frail legs—stress fractures and knee bursitis sidelined him for all of 71. Two weeks after the FOT, bursitis flared up in both knees following a hard workout and prevented Wottle from quality training for several weeks. "Unless I get in some good training and racing before the Olympics, I'll go into the races in Munich thinking I'm out of shape and not able to stick with the pace." 71/inj; 70/1:47.8y; 69/1:54.9y.

### Analysis

Just as suddenly as he emerged, Wottle seems threatened by injury. If his ailing knees mend, he seems a strong bidder for top honors. Runners who improve 3 full seconds over their old PR to WR class have to be rated high. The Olympics will be Wottle's first international competition and he couldn't get a stiffer first test. Arzhanov is a veteran international fighter who has it all, speed, strength and stamina, to take the race. His own recent troubles apparently are behind him and he seems at full strength. Even the slightest chink in Wottle's armor would allow Arzhanov to win both the battle and the war. Fromm doesn't possess the turn of speed of Arzhanov but keeps himself in constant contact with the leaders. But this threesome cannot become so preoccupied with each other that they let Ouko slip by. The Kenyan is fully capable of winning and has proved to be both quick and tough in big races. The following pack is fast as well, with Ivanov, Wohlhuter, Swenson, Plachy and Carter all capable of overtaking any of the leaders at the slightest letdown. All keep close to the front and Carter can set a fast pace and still finish strongly. Native-sons Kemper and Adams should be especially dangerous on home soil. Rootham and Omwanza remain difficult to assess, mainly because they have performed mostly at home, but their improvement fully indicates they have the ability to cut even more 10ths, or seconds, from their time.

### Form Chart

B. Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU).  
C. Dieter Fromm (EG)-Robert Ouko (Ken)-Jozef Plachy (Czech)-Dave Wottle (US).  
D. Walter Adams (WG)-Andy Carter (GB)-Ivan Ivanov (SU)-Franz-Josef Kemper (WG)-Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol)-Daniel Omwanza (Ken)-Graeme Rootham (Aus)-Thomas Saisi (Ken)-Ken Swenson (US)-Rick Wohlhuter (US).

### 'Expert' Predictions

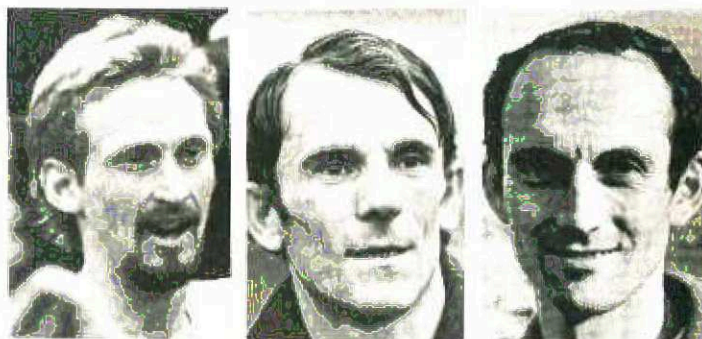
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1500-METERS

# The Confrontation of Ryun, Keino

## 1972 Leading Olympians

3:52.8y	Jim Ryun (US)	3:39.3	Francesco Arese (It)
3:36.8	Kipchoge Keino (Ken)	3:39.3	Bram Wassenaar (Hol)
3:36.8	Pekka Vasala (Fin)	3:39.4	Gord Larsen (Den)
3:37.4	Mike Boit (Ken)	3:39.5	Robert Lehorgne (Fr)
3:55.9y	Brandon Foster (GB)	3:39.5	Cosmas Silei (Ken)
3:38.5	Frank Murphy (Eire)	3:39.5	Henryk Szordykowski (Pol)
3:36.5	Ray Smedley (GB)	2:39.6	Herman Mignon (Bel)
3:38.8	Jean-Pierre Dufresno (Fr)	3:39.6	Vladimir Panteley (SU)
3:38.6	Mansour Guettaya (Tun)	3:39.7	Gianni Dal Buono (It)
3:56.5y	John Kirkbride (GB)	3:39.7	Haico Scharn (Holl)
3:39.0	Ulf Hogberg (Swe)	3:39.7	Dave Wottle (US)
3:39.0	Klaus-Peter Justus (EG)	3:39.8	Graham Crouch (Aus)
3:39.2	Jackie Boxberger (Fr)	3:57.7y	Gunnar Ekman (Swe)



(L) Part of Finland's distance return, Pekka Vasala has run 3:36.8. (Mattson)  
(C) Experienced internationalist Henryk Szordykowski was 7th in 68. (Holms)  
(R) Francesco Arese, 71 European champ, has yet to reach that form. (Holms)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Francesco Arese** (It, 4/13/44, 6-1/152) is still in search of his form of 70 and 71 when he was ranked 2nd in the world. He has a best of 3:39.3 this year, but has been beaten on at least 4 occasions by lesser known Europeans. He holds 8 NRs ranging from the 800 to the 10,000, including a 3:57.8y and a 1:47.1 and he bagged the 71 ECh (3:38.4) and the 70 ECup (3:42.3) titles. In his best 70 and 71 form he would be a strong candidate for a medal. He has been training very hard as of late and appears to be getting in top shape. 71/3:36.3; 70/3:38.7; 69/3:37.6; 68/3:39.0.

• **Mike Boit** (Ken, c25, 6-1/150) has been tabbed as Keino's successor in the 1500, and his 3:37.4 earlier this season suggests he has talent. Boit has good speed as a 1:47.0y PR shows, and he could be a factor in a kicker's race, despite switching from the half to the 1500 last year. After an unimpressive 3:55.4 in 71, Boit has come on strong this year. His one-day double of 3:37.4 and 1:47.0, only one hour apart, for 2nds in the Ken Ch appears to qualify him as a medal contender. 71/3:55.4; 70/1:47.0; 67/1:48.5.

• **Brandon Foster** (GB, 1/12/48, 5-10/147) doesn't appear to win many major races but still manages to place well (3rd BCG in 70 and 3rd in 71 ECh), and is rated by some GB observers as the "best of our milers". He has a 3:55.9y and a 3:39.3 in 72 and will force the pace if he feels it is necessary. He was ranked 9th in the world in 71. 71/3:39.2; 70/3:40.6; 69/3:47.1.

• **Mansour Guettaya** (Tun, c21) could well be the surprise of the OG as he comes in with a 3:38.5 in 72 but his incredible 1:49.5 second 800 in winning the 71 Izmir Mediterranean over Arese indicates great speed and breakaway while his 38.0 last 300 in the race gives one the idea that he had something left over. 71/3:43.0, 4:00.6y.

• **Klaus-Peter Justus** (EG, 7/1/51, 5-8/137) is the 70 EJr champ, who has run often and well in 72, racing six times within a period of a month and winning all races in consistent clockings between 3:39.0 (Potsdam) and 3:41.0 (TOP Games). He has yet to face world-class competitors. 71/3:42.1; 70/3:41.5; 69/3:44.7.

• **Frank Murphy** (Eire, 5/21/47, 6-1/154) is a former Villanova runner and a veteran of the 68 OG, where he finished 10th in a heat (3:54.8). He has a good 3:38.5 in 72, which set a NR to break his old mark of 3:39.5 in 69. He was ranked 8th in the world in 69 and he was runner-up to GB's Whotton in the 69 ECh. 71/3:41.4; 70/3:41.3; 69/3:39.5.

• **Kip Keino** (Ken, 1/17/40, 5-10/146) is the defending OG and BCG champ, and his 3:36.8 at the Ken Ch indicates he is ready to defend his crown. The versatile performer, who will also run the steeple, has been ranked either 1st or 2nd the last 4 years and is a proven clutch performer: 1st 68 OG (3:34.9) and 1st 70 BCG (3:36.6). He has the stamina to face many heats as he also placed 2nd in the 68 OG 5000 (14:05.2). He has never finished worse than second in any 1500/mile start since 68, except at Berlin, 71 when he was 3rd in a fine 3:56.7y. 71/3:36.8; 70/3:36.6; 69/3:37.3; 68/3:34.9.

• **Jim Ryun** (US, 4/29/47, 6-3/170) is a veteran of 2 OGs, a teenaged semi-finalist in 64 and a silver medalist (3:37.8) in 68 at altitude. He appears to have overcome a series of physical and psychological obstacles plaguing him recently as this May. He has ripped off some hot times since June, including wins of 3:57.3y at Vons, 3:41.5 at the FOT, and a Toronto scorch of 3:52.8y, which is the fastest recorded since his WR 3:51.1 in 67 and the 3rd quickest ever. Ryun analyzes his strategy by stating, "my only real strategy is that I believe I have the ability to run anybody's race at Munich and then do what circumstances dictate to win." Ryun's experience in 2 OGs is a plus for him. 71/3:54.8y; 70/dnc; 69/3:55.9y; 68/3:37.8; 67/3:33.1 WR, 3:51.1y WR, 1:44.9y WR; 66/3:51.3 WR; 65/3:55.3y; 64/3:39.9.

• **Cosmas Silei** (Ken, c24) made his mark in the 800 in 71 but moved up to the 1500 for the OG and has a 3:39.5 performance. A front runner, Silei is an unpredictable performer but his times indicate he has the potential to produce a stellar race on a given day. His 1:47.2 apparently indicates good kicking speed. 71/1:47.2.

• **Henryk Szordykowski** (Pol, 6/3/44, 5-11/148) has a non-winning 3:39.5 to his credit but he is known as an August-September type runner. A finalist in the 68 OG, (7th in 3:46.6), Szordykowski has been world ranked 4 times, 3rd in 69 and 70. A 1:46.6 performer, which indicates the kicking speed, if he is content with 200m to go he could be a factor. 71/3:38.7; 70/3:38.8; 69/3:38.2; 68/3:40.3.

• **Bodo Tummler** (WG, 12/8/43, 6-2/157) has been relatively quiet since 68, when he took 3rd in the OG (3:39.0) and produced a 3:53.8y to rank 5th on the all-time world list. After a still-successful 69 campaign (ranked 5th), Tummler was injured in 70 and raced little in 71. But the OG have brought him back in a cautious return, and the main

question is how much effect his limited competition will have on his fighting edge. Tummler was rated as the no. 5 miler of the decade of the 60s, with Keino 1 and Ryun 2. The 66 ECh winner, he has a 3:41.5 (1st WG Ch) in 72. He has been world ranked 5 times, the highest being 3rd in 66 and 68. 71/3:42.3; 70/inj; 69/3:39.3; 68/3:36.5 (3:53.8y); 67/3:40.5; 66/3:39.1; 65/3:39.5.

• **Pekka Vasala** (Fin, 4/17/48, 6-3/4/150) has apparently timed his form just right and his 2-day double in the Fin-Sp-GB tri of 3:41.2 and 1:46.0 NR seems to verify this. He has the technical ability and stride to win and has recently acquired a kicking speed. Vasala, who owns a 71 triumph over Keino and P. Stewart, will feel right at home with a fast race of 3:33-3:35, where he could be a force, but a slower pace, 3:38-3:40, might hurt his chances for a medal. Vasala, who spent a brief period at BYU, has a season's best of 3:36.8. He was a 68 OG non-finalist. 71/3:38.6; 70/3:41.0; 69/3:41.9; 68/3:41.8.

• **Dave Wottle** (US, 8/7/50, 6-3/140) is trying to be the 1st US performer since Lloyd Hahn in 28 to double the 800-1500 but a knee injury might prevent him from doing so as he indicated in early August he might opt for the shorter event. Wottle, who has no international experience, finished 2nd to Ryun in the FOT in 3:42.4 and the Bowling Green product has confidence in his speed, "I like to hook onto somebody's shoulder and then spurt by him in the last 110 yards." Shelved with stress fractures in 71, Wottle appears to be injury prone. He has an NCAA winning time of 3:39.7 and 2-sub-4:00 miles at King and Vons in 72. 71/inj; 70/3:59.0y; 69/4:06.8; 68/4:20.2y.

• **Bob Wheeler** (US, 1/11/52, 6-0/155) leaped onto the Olympic team with as much quickness as he leaped into the spotlight in 71, when on successive weekends indoors, he defeated Mark Winzenried, raced 2:09.3, and then turned in a 4:01.9 in his first outdoor performance for Duke. This season Wheeler has fully recovered from a partially torn Achilles tendon, which slowed up his indoor season, and has a 3:59.2y and a 3rd place NCAA time of 3:40.9. He has since lowered that 1500 PR by .1. Wheeler states, "I like to run for victory and not for times. I prefer an evenly-paced race with a strong finish." 72/3:40.8; 71/3:43.5; 70/4:06.6y; 69/4:14.0y.

### Analysis

A classic race could be in the making as Ryun and Keino once again head up the field. Keino is the defending champion, winning in 3:34.9 at altitude in 68. And his competitive record is virtually unmatched, having finished lower than 2nd only once in a 1500/mile since 68. Ryun has defeated Keino as recently as 72 LA indoors, and the Kansas product is in peak form, apparently both mentally and physically. His 3:52.8y at Toronto might give him a slight edge over Keino but as Ryun has said before, "until I win the Olympics, the win-loss favor is entirely in Keino's favor." It is far from a two-man race, however, as Vasala, Boit, and a healthy Wottle could be factors. Vasala is hot and has apparently peaked at the opportune time, while Boit is a promising new Kenyan find in a tradition of other notables. Wottle can repeat races, as he showed at the FOT, but injuries seem to slow him up just as he gets up a head of steam. Justus could be a factor if he can handle the world class competition. Two veterans, Arese and Szordykowski, could be contenders if each finds his form of past years. Ryun has prepared for this race since his return to running in 71 and this might be a fact that will help him overtake Keino.

### Form Chart

B. Kipchoge Keino (Ken)-Jim Ryun (US).  
D. Francesco Arese (It)-Mike Boit (Ken)-Brandon Foster (GB)-Mansour Guettaya (Tun)-Ulf Hogberg (Swe)-Klaus-Peter Justus (EG)-Frank Murphy (Eire)-Cosmas Silei (Ken)-Ray Smedley (GB)-Henryk Szordykowski (Pol)-Bodo Tummler (WG)-Pekka Vasala (Fin)-Dave Wottle (US).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Ryun	Keino	Vasala	Boit	Arese	Smedley
CN Ryun	Keino	Arese	Vasala	Boit	Wottle
DD Keino	Ryun	Vasala	Boit	Arese	Guettaya
RQ Ryun	Keino	Wottle	Boit*	Tummler	Justus
MW Ryun	Keino	Vasala	Foster	Boit	Arese
JP Ryun	Keino	Arese	Boit	Wottle	Vasala
All Ryun	Keino	Vasala	Boit	Arese	Wottle

# 5000-METERS

## Pacers Bedford, Pre Vs the Kickers

### 1972 Leading Olympians

13:17.2	Dave Bedford (GB)	13:32.2	Wilfried Scholz (EG)?
13:19.0	Lasse Viren (Fin)	13:32.8	Jos Hermans (Hol)
13:19.8	Ian McCafferty (GB)	13:33.2	Emiel Puttemans (Belg)
13:22.8	Steve Prefontaine (US)	13:33.6	Rashid Sharafyudinov (SU)?
13:24.2	Ian Stewart (GB)	13:33.8	Miruts Yifter (Eth)
13:26.0	Mariano Haro (Sp)	13:34.0	Harald Norpoth (WG)
13:26.4	Javier Alvarez (Sp)	13:35.0	Dick Quax (NZ)
13:29.0	Frank Eisenberg (EG)	13:35.4	Per Halle (Nor)
13:29.4	Jurgen Haase (EG)?	13:35.6	Josef Jansky (Czech)
13:29.4	George Young (US)	13:36.4	Jurgen May (EG)
13:31.2	Bernd Driessner (EG)	13:36.4	Pavel Penkava (Czech)
13:31.2	Mahamed Gamoudi (Tun)	13:36.6	Tony Benson (Aus)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Dave Bedford** (GB, 12/30/49, 6-0/140) is currently cast in the Ron Clarke mold—i.e., able to set a super-hot pace from the start in forging ultra-fast times, but having little in the way of a kick to free himself from the last-lap challenges of hangers-on. But his super run in the AAA (13:17.2 ER), the 2nd best ever, showed little need for anything but a steady pace. Such gold-medal possibilities as McCafferty and Stewart lost contact by the 5th lap, passed in a blistering 5:12.4. He started his 72 season slowly due to injury, and has concentrated on adding some speed. He has been successful in that department to the extent of setting NRs at 2 shorter distances, 2000 (5:03.2) and 3000 (7:46.4). Bedford also set an ER in 71, 13:22.2, ranking 3rd in the world. This year's AAA is the first race he has had against "big" competition in this event. Reportedly, he is more interested in the 10,000. 71/13:22.2 ER; 70/13:54.8; 69/13:42.8; 68/14:24.0y.

• **Tony Benson** (Aus, 5/20/43, 6-0/143) is what is known in the running trade as a "racer". Claiming a PR of only 13:36.2, Benson still remains as a force to be contended with, as he has a tendency towards winning races. 22nd on the 71 yearly list, Benson ranked 5th, claiming victories over much faster performers Keino, Norpoth and Puttemans. A swift kicker, Benson used his quick finish earlier in 72 to top Young, who is also known as a fast lap-lapper. 71/13:36.2; 70/13:52.6; 69/13:56.2; 68/14:02.0; 67/14:04.8.

• **Ian Hilton** (US, 9/28/47, 6-2/155) has good miling speed (3:57.8), but might find it tough hanging onto the swift pace which will likely transpire at Munich, obviating his usual hand-and-kick style. He has a history of blister problems which have rendered him inconsistent. 71/13:04.4y; 70/13:44.8y; 69/13:53.6y; 68/inj.

• **Ben Jipcho** (Ken, 4/3, 5-10/159) is rated by many knowledgeable observers as having a vast untapped reservoir of talent, but has yet to really concentrate on one event. His experiences in the 5000 are limited, but he did beat Stewart in the 71 Pre-OG affair in PR time. Jipcho was reportedly weakened in early June by a case of either the flu or malaria. 72/13:46.2; 71/13:40.8; 70/14:09.2; 69/13:59.2.

• **Ian McCafferty** (GB, 11/22/44, 5-8 1/2/126) is known to his countrymen as an enigma, one who lacks a concerted positive attitude, but can provide the big result on his day. He has already shown one streak of brilliance in 72, making up ground on Bedford in the last lap of the AAA as he moved to 4th all-time with his 13:19.8. 2nd was also his placing in the 70 BCG (13:23.4) as he was edged by Stewart in a hot last-lap tussle. He has also run a 3:56.8 mile. 71/13:52.0; 70/13:23.4; 69/14:13.6; 68/13:25.8y; 67/13:06.4y.

• **Harald Norpoth** (WG, 8/22/42, 6-3/134), as one way put it, "would find some way not to lead even in a one-man race". And if the pace becomes funereal, Harald likes it even more, relying on his solid last 1000 to bring him through. It is tactics such as this that have left his PR at the 13:24.8 ER he set back in 66. However, although he is a consistent high placer, he has yet to win a big international meet: 2nd 64 OG (13:49.6); 2nd 66 E Ch (13:44.8); 4th 68 OG 1500 (3:42.5); 3rd 71 ECh (13:33.8). He also holds the indoor WR at 1500, 3:37.8. Norpoth is reportedly in the shape of his life. 71/13:33.8; 70/13:34.6; 69/13:36.0; 68/13:35.2; 67/13:41.2; 66/13:24.8.

• **Steve Prefontaine** (US, 1/25/51, 5-9/145) has yet to demonstrate how good he is against the "big boys". All indications are that he should be able to hold his own, thank-you. Unafraid to force the pace, Pre has been criticized in some quarters for his lack of a fast finish. However, although his last 400s have been slow, his prolonged closing speed has sometimes been overlooked, e.g., a 4:08.6 final mile in his 13:22.8. And his recent 3:39.4 PR will rate him among the fastest of his competitors. Self-confident to the point of cockiness, Pre will likely have the most positive mental attitude of those present. And, he is undefeated over the 3 mile/5000 distance since a last-lap lesson from Norpoth in July 70. 71/13:30.4; 70/13:39.6; 69/13:52.8.

• **Emiel Puttemans** (Belg, 10/8/47, 5-0/150) would be ecstatic if the race were about 5 laps shorter, as he is the reigning giant at the 3000 distance. 2 off the 3000 WR in 71, this gardener early headed the 72 yearly list with his 7:44.2 in topping Stewart and Bedford. The versatile Puttemans also set a WR at 2 miles (8:17.8) in 71 (a PR he improved to 8:17.2 this year behind Viren's WR) and has a solid 10,000 (28:01.4). Oh yes, he also does fairly well in the 5000, where he placed 6th in the 71 ECh (13:36.6) and has a 13:24.6 PR. In his only major 5000 of 72, he was easily handled by Stewart, 13:27.2 to 13:33.2. 71/13:24.6; 70/13:47.0; 69/13:53.2; 68/13:51.6.

• **Dick Quax** (NZ, 1/1/48, 6-0) appears to have made a reasonably successful transition from the 1500 to 5000. Ranked 8th in the world at the shorter distance in 70 (3:38.1), Quax is now serious about the 5000, and has had good success in sitting behind the leaders and winning with his kick. 71/3:57.3y; 70/13:43.4; 69/4:01.0y.

• **Ian Stewart** (GB, 1/15/49, 5-10/142) goes to Munich as 3rd-man on the GB squad,



(L) Only 4 in history are faster than Ian McCafferty's 13:19.8. /Ed Lacey/  
(C) Mariano Haro is a threat in both the 5000 and 10,000. /Knut Holm/  
(R) Odd distance whizz Emiel Puttemans is also tough at 5000. /Chadez/

but only 2 years ago was number-one in the world. Covering his last 200 in a swift 26.4, Stewart copped a tight win in the 70 BCG (13:22.8) to solidify his top ranking. But in 71, he was injured, and in a late return to action, clocked 13:33.4 as his best. Still improving in 72, he topped Puttemans easily, then finished 3rd to Bedford and McCafferty with his 2nd best time ever, 13:24.2. Has had great success in other major championships, 1st in 69 E Ch (13:44.8) to rate 3rd in world. 1500 competitor Peter is his brother. 71/13:33.4; 70/13:22.8; 69/13:36.4; 68/13:53.4; 67/14:34.2.

• **Lasse Viren** (Fin, 7/22/49, 5-11/132) currently rates with Bedford as just about the hottest distance runner on 2 legs, ranking equal with his British counterpart in the 10,000 and just behind in the 5000 with his swift 13:19.0. And he followed these clockings with a brilliant 8:14.0 WR for 2 miles (rated as 13:13.4 by the Portuguese Tables). Showing progressively better form in 72, he suffered an early-season setback to Yifter and Gamoudi. He was 7th in the 71 ECh (13:38.6), and although lacking a big kick, he moves well over the last 1000. Viren has now improved by nearly 2-minutes since the 68 Games. 71/13:29.8; 70/13:43.0; 69/13:55.0; 68/15:07.8.

• **Miruts Yifter** (Eth, 4/7, 5-6 1/2/132) remains relatively untested. He had a good chance to upset Prefontaine in 71, but miscounted laps to kick early and leave the issue in doubt. Has proven his potential in 72 with an impressive TOP win over such as Viren and Haro. His 13:33.8 mark is almost 20 seconds up on what he produced in 71. 71/13:52.6; 70/13:52.6.

• **George Young** (US, 7/24/37, 5-9/150) was a steeple favorite in 68, but finds himself in a less-honored roll over this flat distance, 5th in the 64 OG and 3rd in the 68 OG steeple, the veteran Young did no outdoor racing in 69-70, then returned in 71 with an AR 13:32.2. Was no match for Prefontaine in FOT (2nd, 13:29.6), but says he will be ready by Munich. Possesses a punishing kick. Showed improved speed and endurance this year with PRs at mile (3:59.6) and 6 mile (27:54.8) distances. 71/13:32.2; 70/dnc; 69/13:09.8y WR; 68/13:38.8.

### Analysis

If any OR is in danger, it is Kuts' mediocre 13:39.6 of 56, the oldest one on the books. In fact, it is a distinct possibility that every runner attaining the finals will have to surpass that mark to make it in. And if there is that much pressure on the OR, then Clarke's WR (13:16.6) is certainly going to receive some attention. That record requires a stiff pace from the beginning (c4:10 a mile), and who else but Bedford will be there to supply such a tempo. If he doesn't choose to do so, then Pre surely will. The rest of the serious contenders are mainly the wait-and-see-what-happens types. Personified by Norpoth, they will be jostling for position behind the leaders, waiting for what they consider the right moment to kick home. And kick with these international competitors doesn't just mean a hot last quarter. Preceding this is a general build-up from the 4000 mark in. And it is about here that those who have already contested the heats and final of the 10,000 plus these heats might feel the constriction in their throats. It seems unlikely, however, that Bedford or Pre will be able to "run away" from this caliber of field, but their kicks can still be blunted by a hot pace if they hang on. In reality, this is still one of the most wide open events of the meet. Any one of at least 10 still has a chance. Even a little known African could take it all.

### Form Chart

C. Dave Bedford (GB)-Ian McCafferty (GB)-Steve Prefontaine (US)-Ian Stewart (GB)-Lasse Viren (Fin)-George Young (US).  
D. Javier Alvarez (Sp)-Tony Benson (Aus)-Frank Eisenberg (EG)-Mariano Haro (Sp)-Ben Jipcho (Ken)-Harald Norpoth (WG)-Dick Quax (NZ)-Emiel Puttemans (Bel)-Miruts Yifter (Eth).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Prefontaine	Viren	Stewart	McCafferty	Young	Bedford
CN Prefontaine	Viren	Puttemans	Bedford	Stewart	McCafferty
DD Viren	Stewart	Prefontaine	Young	Jipcho	Puttemans
RQ Prefontaine	Jipcho	Viren	Stewart	McCafferty	Bedford
MW Stewart	Prefontaine	McCafferty	Viren	Bedford	Quax
JP Bedford	Prefontaine	Yifter	Norpoth	Viren	McCafferty
All Prefontaine	Viren	Stewart	Bedford	McCafferty	Jipcho

10,000-METERS

# Early Pace Should Forge Outcome

## 1972 Leading Olympians

27:52.4 Dave Bedford (GB)	28:28.8 Joachim Krebs (EG)?
27:52.4 Lasse Viren (Fin)	28:30.0 Jeff Galloway (US)
28:03.8 Gaston Roelants (Bel)	28:30.4 Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun)
28:05.2 Rashid Sharafyettinov (SU)	28:31.6 Naftali Temu (Ken)
28:07.8 Pavel Andreyev (SU)	28:31.8 Neal Tijou (Fr)
28:09.2 Anatoliy Badrankov (SU)	28:32.6 Richard Juma (Ken)
28:12.0 Frank Shorter (US)	28:32.8 Juan Martinez (Mex)
28:14.0 Jurgen Haase (EG)	28:33.8 Abdelkader Zadden (Tun)
28:14.4 Manfred Letzerich (WG)	28:34.6 Pedro Miranda (Mex)
28:16.0 Mariano Haro (Sp)	28:34.8 Edward Mleczko (Pol)
28:24.6 Bernd Driessner (EG)?	28:35.4 Jon Anderson (US)
28:28.2 Manfred Kuschmann (EG)?	28:38.8 Lachie Stewart (GB)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Jon Anderson (US, 10/12/49, 6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /160)** proved that he is one of the more gutsy performers with his last-lap rundown of Bachelor at the FOT for the 3rd spot (29:08.2). He is not overly blessed with speed, so he cannot rely on his kick but must follow a hard even pace. 71/28:36.0y; 70/28:19.8y; 69/14:34.6y; 68/9:40.8vi.

• **Dave Bedford (GB, 12/30/49, 6-0/140)** might be in more trouble than people realize with his lack of a kick. Pretend that he hadn't forged most of that hot pace at Helsinki in 71 and say that he had waited on the sidelines for 23 laps, then jumped in with a lap to go. Vaatainen produces a 53.8 in his 24th lap. Bedford is still dead, for in 72 he has recorded a new PR in the 400, a rolling start 55.9. Still, there were 5 who swept by the bell-leading Bedford in that race. However, he is clearly faster this year and might stand up to some of them. And he just might be capable of forging an even faster pace than before. His AAA win (27:52.8) the day after his great 5000 is an amazing feat. Injured early in the year, there were fears for his condition which he quickly squelched. He has run few races in 72, "and as a consequence, I'm really eager every time I race". Bedford ranked 1st in the world in 70 and 3rd in 71 with a 27:47.0 ER. 71/27:47.0; 70/28:06.2; 69/28:24.4; 68/32:16.0.

• **Jeff Galloway (US, 7/12/45, 5-11/140)** is one of the most rapidly-improving young distancemen in the US, running 10,000 in 72 almost as fast as he did 6 miles in 71. His kick is improving, but still not strong enough to rely on. He has also run well at the 5000 (13:44.2) and marathon (2:19:34) this year. 71/29:28.8y; 70/29:05.0y; 69-68/dnc.

• **Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun, 7/38, 5-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ /136)** is reportedly returning to the shape which has garnered him 2 OG medals (2nd 64 and 3rd 68 10,000) in this event and another in the 5000 (1st, 68). Beseated with personal problems for several seasons, he has spent much of 72 training at altitude and has been doing some fine running at 5000, including a PR 13:31.8. 71/13:40.8; 70/29:07.8; 69/13:40.6; 68/29:18.6.

• **Jurgen Haase (EG, 1/19/45, 5-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /132)** was thought to be just about the best 10,000-kicker until the emergence of Vaatainen. Still, the difference between the 2 was slight at Helsinki (Haase's last lap in the 54s) and Haase's reliability is superb. Only Clarke has more sub-28:20 times than Haase's 6. He has been stopped several times in recent years by stomach problems, but never in a major championship: 1st 66 ECh (28:26.0); 1st 69 ECh (28:41.6); and 2nd 71 ECh (27:53.4). His only "failure" was the 68 OG (15th, 30:24.2). His usual tactic is to sit until 200-300 remain, then blast by, although he is also capable of a prolonged drive, such as a scorching 2:27.2 last kilo in his recent 13:29.6 5000 PR. He has been world ranked every year since 66, and has 3 wins, 0 losses so far in 72. 71/27:53.4; 70/28:26.0; 69/28:08.2; 68/28:04.4; 67/28:38.8; 66/28:12.6.

• **Mariano Haro (Sp, 5/27/40, 5-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /128)** seems to get a little better each year. And, at 31, he finally broke into international-class (5th 71 ECh, 27:59.4), swooping by Bedford on that hectic final lap at Helsinki. More impressive at the 5000 so far in 72, he can claim a victory over Roelants in this event. 71/27:59.4; 70/28:34.2; 69/28:58.8; 68/29:06.6.

• **Manfred Letzerich (WG, 8/15/42, 5-11/139)** has a modest last lap and enjoys setting the pace—constantly changing the tempo. At one time a world-class steeplechaser (8:31.0 NR in 66), Letzerich has been a steady flat performer for several years. He finished behind 3 Soviets in this year's dual. 71/28:21.0; 70/28:29.0; 69/29:32.8; 68/28:36.8.

• **Rashid Sharafyettinov (SU, 7/10/43, 5-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /128)** is another kicker of the Vaatainen-Haase class, as he ably demonstrated in the 71 ECh (3rd, 27:56.4). And Shorter felt his sting earlier that year when the Soviet covered the last 220 in a fast 26.2 in running away from him. He already has two quality races in 72, winning vs. WG (28:06.0) and the SU Ch (28:05.2). Shar is also a capable 5000 performer (13:33.6 NR), one who placed 2nd in the 69 ECh (13:45.8). A 68 OG veteran in the shorter event, he placed 7th in his heat (14:44.4). 71/27:56.4; 70/28:52.2; 69/13:37.8; 68/13:39.4; 67/13:41.8.

• **Frank Shorter (US, 10/31/47, 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /135)** will return to Munich (his birthplace) in a rather unique position for an American—he will actually be a serious contender for an OG medal in the 10,000. One of the world's top marathoners (1st 71), Shorter also has solid credentials in this long track race, ranking 2nd in the world in 70, scoring a significant victory against the SU (28:22.8). Not a big kicker, he lost to Fredericks at the AAU (28:12.0) on the last lap, so he forged a super-pace (13:34.8y in 90") to annihilate the field at FOT (28:35.6). His marathon strength (2:12:50.4) should hold him in good stead through the tough heats. He has spent time in recent months training at altitude in Colorado. 71/27:24.4y; 70/28:22.8; 69/29:16.4; 68/13:58.0y.

• **Naftali Temu (Ken, 4/20/45, 5-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ /132)** has not been world ranked since 68, when he was 2nd after winning the OG (29:27.4). And the 2 years prior to that he had ranked 1st, and had a win in the 66 BCG (27:14.6y). In the 70 BCG he was injured and finished



(L) Opponents must contend with Jurgen Haase's speed and savvy. (Callanan) (C) Frank Shorter is a solid US threat at 10,000 and the marathon. (Lacey) (R) Mohamed Gamoudi, 68 5000 victor, attacks the longer races. (Shearman)

19th (30:54.0). But in late 71 he came back to life, running the 2nd best race of his career (28:21.8) and recording a 5000 PR (13:36.6). He has had 2 races of little significance in 72 (28:31.6 Ken Ch 1st); 71/28:21.8; 70/29:27.8; 69/29:03.2; 68/28:27.4.

• **Juha Vaatainen (Fin, 7/12/41, 5-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ /134)** did it all at the 71 ECh, 1st in both the 5000 (13:32.6) and 10,000 (27:52.8), logging giant hunks off his old PRs in both races in defeating crack fields. But just as quickly as his name reached the top (he had never been ranked before in any event), he began to fade. Stowed by a leg injury, he has yet to compete in 72 and probably won't before the Games. If he is back in 71 shape, it seems difficult to conceive of anyone beating him. Who else has ever turned in a blazing 53.8 in a quality 10,000 (or quality 1500, for that matter)? Vaatainen began his career as a sprinter and slowly developed endurance to go with his speed (10.9, 22.1, 48.9 and 1:48.4). He had entertained thoughts of the marathon before his current leg problems. 71/27:52.8; 70/28:19.6; 69/28:53.0.

• **Lasse Viren (Fin, 7/22/49, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /132)** has run only 3 10,000s in his career and indicated great aptitude for the event in his 2nd (28:17.4 in 71). Previewing his 3rd by moving to 3rd on the all-time 5000 list (13:19.0), Viren moved to that same spot at twice the distance with a blazing 27:52.4. Passing the 5000 in 14:00.2, Viren accomplished the last half of his race in 13:52.2, a split unmatched in quality 10,000s (Clarke ran 13:54.4 in his 27:39.4 WR). Viren, obviously in high spirits, reportedly says he is ready to break Bedford's ER (27:47.0) and possibly approach Clarke's WR. 71/28:17.4; 70/29:15.8; 69/13:55.0; 68/15:07.8.

• **Miruts Yifter (Eth, 7/47, 5-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ /132)** is even more of an unknown quantity in the 10,000 than he is in the 5000. His PR lowering in this event (admittedly he has only 1 72 race) was only 8.2 and he beat no one of great significance. Still, he must remain a factor on his raw talent. 71/28:53.2; 70/14:25.8.

## Analysis

The 10,000, to some extent, should give a good preview of the 5000. If Bedford is good in the 5, then he is great in the 10. And just as in that shorter conflict, he cannot rely on his kick, but will have to put his faith in a hot early pace which will either break him away from the pack or kill their kicks. Of course he will have more opportunities to do just that in this race. An interesting report from one quarter raises an intriguing point. Old fox Roelants, a good friend of Bedford, is reportedly willing to do the hot early pace-setting himself (as he is more interested in the later marathon) in order to help the Englishman. All this assumes that new surprise Viren and Shorter, both non-kickers, are not way out there already. Haase, however, has shown himself capable of following any pace thrown at him and still possesses his biting kick. This also applies to the mysterious Vaatainen. The application of heats to this event might also alter the whole complexion, as the effects of such multiple races will be almost completely unknown to every runner. Obviously, the strength-types would seem most likely to benefit—if they make it to the final. Slow-paced heats could allow a vastly different crop of runners into the final. The threat of another African uprising (outside Yifter) doesn't seem as real as in 68. There is no aiding altitude factor, and old campaigners Temu (admittedly at his best in big meets) and Gamoudi (who already has a lot of OG metal) are question marks.

## Form Chart

- C. Dave Bedford (GB)-Jurgen Haase (EG)-Rashid Sharafyettinov (SU)-Juha Vaatainen (Fin)-Lasse Viren (Fin).  
 D. Pavel Andreyev (SU)-Anatoliy Badrankov (SU)-Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun)-Mariano Haro (Sp)-Dane Korica (Yug)-Manfred Letzerich (WG)-Frank Shorter (US)-Naftali Temu (Ken)-Miruts Yifter (Eth).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Viren	Bedford	Shorter	Haase	Sharaf	Roelants
CN Haase	Shorter	Bedford	Viren	Sharaf	Temu
DD Vaatainen	Haase	Yifter	Viren	Gamoudi	Bedford
QQ Vaatainen	Haase	Viren	Bedford	Yifter	Sharf
MW Bedford	Haase	Viren	Gamoudi	Sharaf	Haro
JP Haase	Vaatainen	Sharaf	Bedford	Viren	Yifter
All Haase	Bedford	Viren	Vaatainen	Sharaf	Shorter

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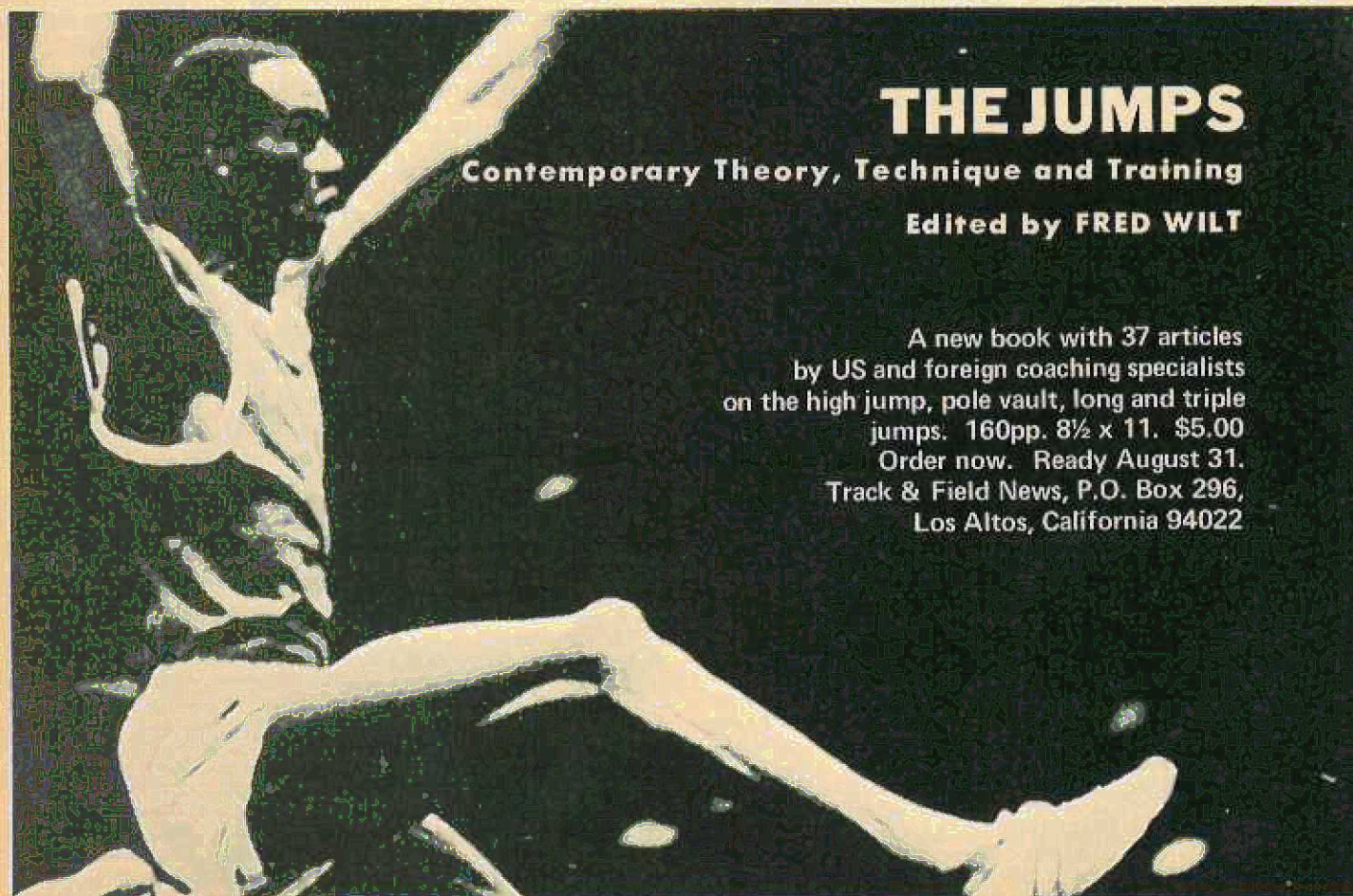
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## 1972 Leading Olympians

8:22.2	Bronislaw Malinowski (Pol)	8:26.6	Willi Wagner (WG)
8:23.6	Anders Garderud (Swe)	8:26.6	Tadeusz Zieliński (Pol)
8:23.6	Kazimierz Maranda (Pol)	8:27.0	Sergey Skripka (SU)
8:24.0	Tapio Kantanen (Fin)	8:27.4	Ben Jipcho (Ken)
8:25.4	Gerard Buchheit (Fr)	8:28.6	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)
8:25.4	Pekka Paivarinta (Fin)	8:28.8	Jozef Rebaz (Pol)
8:25.4	Mikhail Zhelev (Bul)	8:29.0	Mikko Ala-Leppilampi (Fin)
8:25.6	Kerry O'Brien (Aus)	8:29.4	Jozef Horcic (Czech)
8:25.6	Jan Kondzior (Pol)	8:29.8	Romualdas Bite (SU)
8:26.0	Sverre Sornes (Nor)	8:29.8	Amos Biwott (Ken)
8:26.6	Dusan Moravcik (Czech)	8:29.8	Mika Manley (US)
8:26.6	Georgi Tikhov (Bul)	8:29.8	Steve Savage (US)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Romualdas Bite** (SU, 1/3/44, 5-11/157) carries Soviet hopes in the steeple. His pre-OG best is 8:29.8. Consistent and reliable in big meets, Bite won the 72 SU Ch (8:30.0). Bite's PR 8:27.0 placed him 4th in the 71 ECh and ranking. The straw-blond Lithuanian, an excellent cross country skier in the winter, has good technique but indifferent speed. 71/8:27.0; 70/8:33.6; 69/8:36.0.

• **Amos Biwott** (Ken, 7/8/47, 5-11/146) was the sensation of the 68 OG with his unorthodox, loop-over-the-water, lag-and-sprint style. But his last-lap charge carried him to a surprise 8:51.0 altitude victory and 1st ranking globally. He has been an inconsistent competitor ever since, coming up with a big race when it's needed (3rd 70 BCG; 2nd 72 Ken Ch in PR 8:29.8 to clinch selection) but just going through the motions when it's not. Plagued by injuries in recent years, he is a strong runner when healthy. 71/no mark known; 70/8:30.8; 69/8:39.8; 68/8:44.8.

• **Doug Brown** (US, 3/1/52, 6-2/152) never steepled until 1972. Yet in only his 8th race ever, he PRed 8:31.8 for 2nd in the FOT, despite a jarring fall on the final backstretch. He earlier placed 3rd in the NCAA (8:33.6). As a Tennessee frosh he ran 27:51.6 for 3rd in 71 NCAA 8-mile. In the steeple, he says, "Roughly-paced races are my bag. I haven't much speed." 71/27:51.6y; 70/8:57.8y.

• **Anders Garderud** (Swe, 8/28/46, 6-3/157) was tabbed Sweden's "naw Haugg" as far back as 64, and indicated his promise in a 71 ECh heat (8:28.2). But he slipped to 10th in the final (8:39.2). After that race he resolved to concentrate on steeple training and it has shown in 72: 8:24.6 and 8:23.6 to than co-lead the world. His speed over a variety of distances—1:47.0, 3:38.7, 3:58.6y, 8:20.6y, 13:35.8 NR—combined with his greater strength marks him a top threat. He has lost to Kantanen in 72 but also beat him with the 8:24.6 and has also downed O'Brien, Sornes, Wagner, Moravcik and Zholov. 71/8:28.4; 70/8:45.6; 69/8:38.6.

• **Ben Jipcho** (Ken, /43, 5-10/159) gave a hint of his immense talent in the 71 Pre-OG affair, when he took 2 bad falls (1 just before the bell), yet came back to win in an AfrR 8:29.6. His participation in this event is a question mark. He was the Ken Ch winner (8:28.6 AfrR), but announced in early Aug. he would not compete due to a leg injury. Then he won a Pre-OG meet in 8:27.4 AfrR. 71/8:29.6; 70/8:29.6.

• **Tapio Kantanen** (Fin, 5/31/49, 6-0/159) has produced a flock of sub-8:30 clockings in 72, topped by an NR 8:24.0 vs GB. He won 3 big races with fast times, TOP Games (8:25.6 over Paivarinta, Tikhov, Zhelev), Dagens Nyheter (8:26.6 over the likes of Garderud, O'Brien, Sornes, Zhelev, among others) and Bislett (8:25.8 over Paivarinta, Sornes, Savage, Manley, etc.). Kantanen put in a hard burst 250 from home vs GB, but his more usual tactic is to break between 350-450 to go. He has run 7:58.0, 13:43.4 and 28:38.8 in 72 besides his sensational steepling (6 of 7 sub-8:30 races run in succession). 71/8:31.6; 70/8:41.8; 69/9:01.4.

• **Kip Keino** (Ken, 1/17/40, 5-10/146) proved again early in 72 he is one of history's most versatile distancemen—if proof was needed—by steepling 8:30.0 in Japan in early May. That cut his best from 9:00.4. He then ran 8:35.2 several days later. Intent on competing in the OG steeple despite the fears of Ken officials he could be injured, Kip won the Ken FOT at 8:36.4 but is an unpolished hurdler and this may cause him to chop steps or soar way over a hurdle. Also, he might not like the jostling that occurs in the steeple. 71/9:00.4; 70/9:10.0.

• **Bronislaw Malinowski** (Pol, 6/4/51, 5-11/146) lay dormant on the steeple scene from late in 71 when he recorded a PR and world age-20 best 8:28.2 until mid-August 72 when he blazed back with an =ER 8:22.2, 2nd fastest ever and only .2 shy of O'Brien's WR. He didn't run in the 71 ECh race but ran 8th in the 5000 (13:39.4 PR) and won the 70 EJR 2000 steeple title (5:44.0). Malinowski downed Ala-Leppilampi and Kantanen in his last 71 race but has met little major world opposition otherwise. 71/8:28.2; 70/8:45.2; 69/9:08.8.

• **Mika Manley** (US, 2/14/42, 5-10/150) won the 72 FOT (8:29.8) to move up 9 places from his 68 FOT finish. The 71 PAG champ (8:42.2), Manley matured into an international class runner while training with Oregon's distance corps. His PR 8:27.6 came behind Sink's 71 AAU AR 8:26.6 win. Manley doesn't mind leading but did a lot of "pack" running in 72 "to get used to it for Munich". He recorded mile (4:01.6) and two-mile (8:34.8) bests in 72. 71/8:27.6; 70/8:49.6; 69/8:35.2; 68/8:39.0.

• **Kazimierz Maranda** (Pol, 5-9/137) produced a surprising 8:23.6 effort in June to cut his best from 8:28.2 then led the world—only to have Garderud match the time the same day. Maranda, whose small size isn't the most helpful in the often-large international fields, took the steeple up seriously in 69 and has set a PR every year since. He



(L) Kerry O'Brien carries 8:22.0 world record credentials to Munich. /Holm/ (C) Tapio Kantanen's 72 trademark has been superb consistency. /Holm/ (R) Mikhail Zhelev's 8:25.4 missed his PR by four-tenths. /Knut Holm/

placed 7th in both the 69 and 71 ECh, 71/8:28.2; 70/8:30.4; 69/8:34.6.

• **Dusan Moravcik** (Czech, 5/27/48, 5-7/137) chases the big meet for Europeans in 71, the ECh, to make his big breakthrough on the world scene as he took the silver medal with a PR 8:26.2. He had won his heat at Helsinki in a PR 8:32.8—with a spike wound and without one shoe. A 3:42.4 1500 man, he has run 39.0 final 300s in a 1500; in the steeple, he likes to run a faster 2nd half of the race. His 72 best, 8:26.6, is just .4 shy of his PR. 71/8:26.2; 70/8:46.0.

• **Kerry O'Brien** (Aus, 4/17/46, 5-11/164) is WR holder with his 8:22.0 of 70. He ranked 1st that year in the steeple and last but once, in the BCG final when he fell. In the 68 BCG, he won the silver (8:32.4). The 68 OG 4th placer (8:52.0), O'Brien is a strong, versatile runner (13:37.2, 28:43.4, 8:19.2y) WR) but his record in European steeples in 72 (seasonal best 8:25.6 but losses to Kantanen and Garderud) indicate improvement is needed in his finish—which has been a strong point. 71/8:24.0; 70/8:22.0 WR; 69/8:26.8; 68/8:31.0; 67/8:38.8; 66/8:29.0.

• **Steve Savage** (US, 6/6/48, 5-11/150) is a product of Oregon coach Bowerman's "rule" that all Oregon distancemen run the steeple at some time. From 8:45.0 in 69 as a soph, he cut his best to 8:29.6 in the 71 AAU and missed that PR by .2 for 4th at Bislett. He took 3rd at the FOT (8:32.0). Savage likes to go hard over the final 600, preferring to let others lead and relying on his finish. 71/8:29.6; 70/8:38.6; 69/8:45.0.

• **Mikhail Zhelev** (Bul, 7/15/43, 5-9/134) was 69's top steepler, winning the ECh (8:25.0) and A-E (8:33.0). He placed 8th in the 68 OG (8:58.4). Zhelev has not been as predominant as he was in 69, but shows he is returning to that level with a 72 best of 8:25.4. He has lost to a number of world leaders but has beaten Kantanen and Moravcik. 71/8:30.0; 70/8:29.4; 69/8:25.0; 68/8:36.8.

### Analysis

Few events in Munich are as wide-open as the steeplechase. A bevy of runners representing eastern and western Europe, Africa, Australia and the US have sped sub-8:30 times. But that might be good enough for only a far-back view of a fast-finishing final considering the number of steeples in the 8:26-vicinity. But there is no clear favorite. Most of the time leaders have met each other at least once and results are mixed. A pair of Scandinavians, Swede Garderud and Finn Kantanen, have turned in over a half-dozen sub-8:30 clockings apiece. Kantanen has won three big races, all with quick clockings, while Malinowski suddenly captured a share of the ER and took the yearly lead away from Garderud and Maranda. Garderud turned in a fast heat in the 71 ECh but lack of conditioning held him back in the final. His deepened training this year is reportedly aimed solely for the Munich final. There are 3 days between the heats and finals, and Garderud is said to be stronger than ever. But Kantanen has his share of stamina as well plus a tough attitude. World record holder O'Brien seems to be rounding into his super form of 70. Defending Olympic champ Biwott is reputed to be a big meet runner but will not have the advantages of altitude or life-long acclimatization this time around. A pack of Europeans—Moravcik, Zhelev, Wagner, Villain, et al—have fast times which indicate their ability to pull a big one out of the bag. And, why not, how can Keino be counted out? A stupendous event seems in store with even more surprises likely due.

### Form Chart

C. Anders Garderud (Swe)-Ben Jipcho (Ken)-Tapio Kantanen (Fin)-Bronislaw Malinowski (Pol)-Kazimierz Maranda (Pol)-Kerry O'Brien (Aus).  
D. Romualdas Bite (SU)-Amos Biwott (Ken)-Gerard Buchheit (Fr)-Kipchoge Keino (Ken)-Jan Kondzior (Pol)-Dusan Moravcik (Czech)-Pekka Paivarinta (Fin)-Georgi Tikhov (Bul)-Jean-Paul Villain (Fr)-Willi Wagner (WG)-Mikhail Zhelev (Bul).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Garderud	Kantanen	Malinowski	Keino	O'Brien	Moravcik
CN Garderud	Malinowski	Biwott	O'Brien	Zhelev	Kantanen
DD Kantanen	Garderud	Malinowski	Keino	O'Brien	Maranda
RD Garderud	Keino	Malinowski	Moravcik	Kantanen	O'Brien
MW Keino	O'Brien	Garderud	Kantanen	Zhelev	Moravcik
JP O'Brien	Moravcik	Bite	Kantanen	Villain	Zhelev
All Garderud	Kantanen	O'Brien	Malinowski	Keino	Moravcik

## 110-METER HURDLES

# Will Milburn Rebound to Lead US?

## 1972 Leading Olympians

13.3	Alejandro Casanas (Cu)	13.6	Miroslaw Wodzinski (Pol)
13.3	Guy Drut (Fr)	13.7	Nicolae Pertea (Rum)
13.3	Thomas Hill (US)	13.7	Sergio Liani (It)
13.3y	Rod Milburn (US)	13.7	Giuseppe Buttari (It)
13.3	Frank Siebeck (EG)	13.7	Marco Acerbi (It)
13.4y	Willie Davenport (US)	13.7	Lorand Milassin (Hun)
13.5	Marek Jozwik (Pol)	13.7	Alan Pascoe (GB)
13.5	Leszek Wodzinski (Pol)	<b>Wind-aided:</b>	
13.6	Petr Cech (Czech)	13.0y	Rod Milburn (US)
13.6	Viktor Myasnikov (SU)	13.2	Thomas Hill (US)
13.6y	Godfrey Murray (Jam)	13.5	Viktor Myasnikov (SU)
13.6	Lubomir Nadenicek (Czech)	13.6	Godfrey Murray (Jam)
13.6	Gunther Nickel (WG)	13.6y	Adeola Aboyade-Cole (Nig)
13.6	Manfred Schumann (WG)		

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Alejandro Casanas** (Cuba, 5/2) blitzed to a 13.3 clocking in Warsaw at the end of June and also ran 13.4, 13.6 and 13.6w in Europe. He is fast (lead-off man on Cuba's 400 relay) but is not the most polished stylist. 71/13.9; 70/14.6.

• **Willie Davenport** (US, 6/8/43, 6-1/185) heads into his 3rd OG, this time as the defending champ after a 13.3 1st in 68. He ran in the 64 OG when teammates Hill and Milburn were still in their early teens, yet Willie keeps rollin' along. World-ranked every year since 64, he rated 1st 65 through 69. An expert technician, he matched the 110 record of 13.2 in 69 although the mark remains pending. Willie feels his last three hurdles are his strong point as he can accelerate into the tape while maintaining his rhythm. Davenport is the kind of runner who is consistently good, yet strives to be even better in the OG final, because he feels that is the race of races. 71/13.3; 70/13.4; 69/13.2; 68/13.2y; 67/13.3; 66/13.3; 65/13.5; 64/13.6; 63/13.9.

• **Guy Drut** (Fr, 2/6/50, 6-2/181) is an immensely talented athlete (17-3/4 PVI, 7565 dec) and probably the top hurdling talent in Europe. His all-around athletic talent has hardly been tapped. But the memory of two ominous falls (a heat of 71 ECh and 72 AAU final) may haunt him. He has run 4 13.3s in 72 (2 legal, 2 windy). A splendid hurdler stylistwise, he is the best of the non-US contestants. 71/13.5; 70/13.3; 69/13.7.

• **Thomas Hill** (US, 11/17/49, 6-2/185) rebounded with a sterling 72 season after a knee injury suffered indoors early in 71 kept him out all that year. He burst on the world scene in 70 by matching the then-WR of 13.2 for 120y. He ranked 1st that year. He returned to form in 72 with an NCAA 2nd (13.5) and a fine FOT win (13.5). He won a semi at 13.2w. A long-legged hurdler who hardly seems to bend or break stride in taking the barriers, Hill has 9.4y speed to go with a quick style. 71/inj; 70/13.2y (13.1yw); 69/13.6y.

• **Rod Milburn** (US, 5/18/50, 6-0/175) made history in 71 by skimming to a 13.0 WR for 120y. He was undefeated that year, won the PAG (13.4) and ranked 1st globally. He looked like a shoo-in for Munich gold (having run 13.5 or faster 12 times in 72 plus 2 windy 13.6s) until he barely placed 3rd in the FOT (13.6) in a rough-shod, hurdle-bashing, uncharacteristically non-Milburn race. But he had reportedly been sloughing off in training; the day after the FOT final he reportedly was out with Davenport and coach Hill at 9 a.m. training. He withdrew from the Oslo meet with an undisclosed, but believed not serious, injury. Obviously no slow-poke (he has never run an open 100y), Milburn has something in his style (which no one else has caught onto yet and which Milburn isn't talking about) that makes him get down off the barrier and running again incredibly quickly. He uses almost a double-arm lead and some speculate this is the secret. Whatever, Milburn is fast, smooth and usually tough in the major races. 71/13.0y WR; 70/13.5; 69/13.7y.

• **Godfrey Murray** (Jam, 8/6/50, 6-0/170) has matured as a hurdler while a student at Michigan. He ran 3rd in the 70 BCG (14.0), 4th in the 71 PAG (13.9) and placed in the 70 and 72 NCAA Finals. Says Michigan coach Farmer, "Godfrey is a fierce competitor. He is often displeased with even a winning effort if it is not as technically sound as he feels it should be." His PR 13.6y came in 72. 71/13.7y; 70/13.7y.



(L) Tom Hill upset the form charts with his FOT victory. (Don Chadez) (C) Frank Siebeck's first meeting with US hurdlers will be at Munich. (Holm) (R) Europe's top HHer? Guy Drut is out to prove it at Munich. (L'Equipe)

• **Lubomir Nadenicek** (Czech, 3/11/47, 5-9 1/2/148) seems to possess few of the attributes of world-class hurdlers yet he can claim numerous fast times. Short and not fast when compared to the competition (best 100 10.9), he still has a fast start and is a smooth technician. He did not advance past the heats in 68 OG (14.1), but ran 3rd in 71 ECh (14.3). In 71, his fastest time outside Czechoslovakia was 14.0, while his PR 13.4 came at Prague. 71/13.4; 70/13.7; 69/13.8; 68/13.6.

• **Gunther Nickel** (WG, 3/24/46, 6-3/172) has seen faster days than those recently, such as 69 when his PR 13.5 took 2nd in A-E meet. Still he ran 13.6 in both 70 and 72. Not great in technique, he is nonetheless fast (71WG 100 champ; 10.2 best). He will marry WG pen/LJ star Heide Rosendahl the day after the Munich OG opening ceremonies. 71/13.7; 70/13.6; 69/13.5; 68/13.6.

• **Alan Pascoe** (GB, 10/11/47, 6-1/161) could be Europe's most underrated HHer. Cold British weather and strict timing may have kept him from achieving the notoriety of other Europeans. Strong in big meets (3rd 69 ECh, 13.9; 2nd 71 ECh, 14.1), his one major let-down came in 70 BCG when he dnfed in the final due to injury. Bull-strong, some British observers feel the 400 IH is his real race once he concentrates his considerable talent on it, 71/13.7; 70/13.6; 69/13.7; 68/13.9.

• **Manfred Schumann** (WG, 2/7/51, 6-1 1/4/190) dashed to the fore in 72 and tussled with Nickel for supremacy among WG HHers. Like Nickel, he's not a sharp stylist but quick on the flat. Schumann has run a 10.2. 71/13.9; 70/14.1.

• **Frank Siebeck** (EG, 8/17/49, 6-2 1/2/172) won the 71 ECh against a stiff headwind (14.0) and has shown his speed in 72 with a PR 13.3. Underrated by some observers ("no leg speed", "not aggressive"), he nonetheless is a consistent performer with clean form. The OG will be his first meeting against any US hurdlers and will likely provide his stiffest test yet, but Siebeck's competitiveness has stood him well in the past. 71/13.4; 70/13.5; 69/13.6; 68/14.4.

## Analysis

Until the FOT final, Milburn was nearly everyone's pick for a gold medal. Undelected in two years, possessor of a time .2 faster than any other hurdler in history and a polished, fast stylist, he decimated fields of experienced, quick hurdlers with almost nonchalant ease. But Milburn ran a wretched race at Eugene and nearly didn't make the US team—plus fine hurdling by Hill and Davenport served to up their stock considerably at the same time. Now the main question seems to be, can Milburn regain his pre-Eugene form and attitude? Even if he does, the outcome of the final could still be up for grabs among the three Americans. A slip such as Milburn's by any of the US trio at Munich and hurdlers the capability of Drut, Pascoe and Siebeck could rush past. Drut, though, has had some confidence-rattling experiences in major finals in 71 and 72. His confidence restored, he is a medal threat. Siebeck appears stiff and slow to some but any 13.3 hurdler isn't that slow. Nadenicek seems to lose several 10ths when he leaves Czechoslovakia, while Pascoe seems to gain some when he leaves Britain. Casanas could be a bit too young and unpolished to make the grade in this level of competition, his times notwithstanding. Overall, the US hurdlers—surprisingly, especially Milburn—probably have to fear their own possible errors more than they have to fear their foreign rivals.

## Form Chart

- B. Thomas Hill (US)-Rod Milburn (US).  
C. Willie Davenport (US).  
D. Adeola Aboyade-Cole (Nig)-Alejandro Casanas (Cuba)-Guy Drut (Fr)-Marek Jozwik (Pol)-Godfrey Murray (Jam)-Lubomir Nadenicek (Czech)-Gunther Nickel (WG)-Alan Pascoe (GB)-Manfred Schumann (WG)-Frank Siebeck (EG)-Leszek Wodzinski (Pol).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Milburn	Hill	Davenport	Casanas	Drut	Siebeck
CN Milburn	Hill	Davenport	Drut	Siebeck	Casanas
DD Milburn	Hill	Davenport	Drut	Siebeck	Pascoe
RQ Milburn	Hill	Siebeck	Davenport	Drut	Pascoe
MW Milburn	Hill	Davenport	Drut	Siebeck	Pascoe
JP Milburn	Davenport	Hill	Siebeck	Drut	Nickel
All Milburn	Hill	Davenport	Drut	Siebeck	Casanas

## The Games of The Modern Olympics

The exact date of the first Olympics is unknown, but we do know that they were held as early as the 13th century B.C., and every four years (an Olympiad) from 776 B.C. to 393 A.D. The "modern" era of the Olympics began in 1896. The sites and years of the Games of the modern era:

I	1896	Athens, Greece	XII	1940	not held
II	1900	Paris, France	XIII	1944	not held
III	1904	St. Louis, USA	XIV	1948	London, England
IV	1908	London, England	XV	1952	Helsinki, Finland
V	1912	Stockholm, Sweden	XVI	1956	Melbourne, Australia
VI	1916	not held	XVII	1960	Rome, Italy
VII	1920	Antwerp, Belgium	XVIII	1964	Tokyo, Japan
VIII	1924	Paris, France	XIX	1968	Mexico City, Mexico
IX	1928	Amsterdam, Holland	XX	1972	Munich, W Germany
X	1932	Los Angeles, USA	XXI	1976	Montreal, Canada
XI	1936	Berlin, Germany			

## 400-METER HURDLES

# Hemery, Mann Can't Run on Records

### 1972 Leading Olympians

48.4	Ralph Mann (US)	49.6	Rolf Ziegler (WG)
48.6	Dick Bruggeman (US)	49.7	Jean-Pierre Corval (Fr)
49.0	William Koskei (Ken)	49.7	Yuriy Zorin (SU)
49.2	Dieter Buttner (WG)	49.8*	Roger Johnson (NZ)
49.2	Yevgeniy Gavriilyenko (SU)	49.8	Tadeusz Kulczycki (Pol)
49.3	Dave Hemery (GB)	49.8	Manuel Soriano (Sp)
49.3	Gary Knoke (Aus)	49.9	Bruce Field (Aus)
49.3	Viktor Savchenko (SU)	50.0	Jean-Pierre Parrinelle (Fr)
49.3	Jim Seymour (US)	50.0	Christian Rudolph (EG)
49.4	John Akii-Bua (Uga)	50.1	Ivan Danis (Czech)
49.4	Rainer Schubert (WG)	50.2	Roberto Frinolli (It)
49.5	Ari Salin (Fin)	50.2	Ladislav Karsky (Czech)
49.5	Stavros Tziortzis (Gr)		

## US-Medal Contenders

• **John Akii-Bua** (Uga, 12/3/48, 6-2/170) blazed to prominence in 49.0 during the 71 US-Africa match after beating the US-SU in his previous meeting. Only a loss at the Pre-OG (49.9 to Gavriilyenko's 49.4) prevented him from 1st ranking globally; he was still 3rd. An alternate-leg leader, he often skims the final hurdles as though they were lows. His early 72 best 49.6 came in winning Compton—with Bruggeman and Mann 4th and 5th. Akii clocked 49.7 for 2nd behind GB Ch winner Hemery (same time) and then won Bislett (49.4). A versatile athlete, he holds the Uga decathlon record (6933 in 71). 71/49.0; 70/51.0.

• **Dick Bruggeman** (US, 6/13/47, 6-1/170) used the same blazing backstretch run to claim the 72 AAU title (50.0) and to record history's 3rd fastest time, 48.6, for 2nd in FOT. "The finish used to be the strongest part of my race," he says, "but I have worked hard to keep a consistent, fast first half." He has run 5.4 to the first hurdle compared with Hemery's 6.0 in his 68 OG 48.1 WR and a 22.5 1st 200 against Hemery's 23.3. He realizes he could tire at race's end because of his blitz start, but still feels it is a vital part of his race. Bruggeman strides 13 steps for 6 hurdles. 71/50.2y; 70/50.9y; 69/51.4y; 68/51.3y.

• **Dieter Buttner** (WG, 2/24/49, 6-3/170) defeated 68 OG 7th placer Rainer Schubert in a PR 49.2 at the 72 WG Ch. That cut Buttner's best from 49.6 of 71. He ran 50.1 for 4th in 71 ECh. He admits being lazy in training and usually able to concentrate on only one big race a year. He feels his ultimate is 48.9—"good for last in the Munich final". Buttner is still a sharp technician. Known as a Bohemian-type, he is one of the most colorful members of the WG team. 71/49.6; 70/50.8; 69/52.0.

• **Yevgeniy Gavriilyenko** (SU, 4/5/51, 6-1/168) proved his 71 Pre-OG win over Akii-Bua in 49.4 was no fluke with a 49.2 SU Ch win in 72. Gavriilyenko ranked 5th globally in 71 after his Munich win and ECh 5th (50.5). The 68 EurJr champ is just beginning to realize his vast potential, say Soviet experts. 71/49.4; 70/50.6; 69/51.1.

• **Dave Hemery** (GB, 7/18/44, 6-1/170) is history's fastest medium hurdler—and he hadn't run a 400 hurdles race since his smashing 48.1 68 OG win until mid-May of 72. Flings at the high, decathlon and then concentrated graduate studies kept him away from the race, but he soon indicated in 72 he is strong and confident. He has posted victories over Akii-Bua and countryman Sherwood in 72. A 13.4 HHer, he won the 66 and 71 BCG highs titles. With his superb fighting spirit and hurdling talent, Hemery has every chance of defending his title. 71/dnc; 70/13.4; 69/13.6; 68/48.1 WR.

• **Gary Knoke** (Aus, 2/5/42, 6-3/174) placed 4th in the 64 OG, yet ran a PR 49.3 in 72 to indicate his speed is far from dulled by age. The former Oregon hurdler, who led the world in 66, is a tough international competitor who set PRs in the last two OG. 71/50.4; 70/50.2; 69/50.2; 68/49.6; 67/50.2; 66/49.7.

• **William Koskei** (Ken, /47, 6-0, 160) matched Akii-Bua's 49.0 AfrR in 72—but did it on a loose, cut-up track in Kenya, with no competition and bashed the 10th barrier and jogged home. Later the same day he sprinted a 46.5 flat 400, only 10 Portuguese points shy of Rex Cawley's best-ever one-day 46.0y-49.6y double. Koskei ran 50.1 for 2nd in 70 BCG while representing Uga, where he worked as a prison officer. Using a long stride, Koskei runs 13s to the 7th hurdle. 71/49.8; 70/50.1; 69/51.4.

• **Ralph Mann** (US, 6/16/49, 6-4/185) is history's fastest 440y hurdler after a 48.8 NCAA 1st in 70. He won 3 straight NCAA-AAU doubles from 69 to 71, took 71 PAG (49.1) and ranked 1st globally. A physically powerful hurdler who strides 13s for better than half the distance, Mann has produced a world-leading time the last 3 seasons. Mann experienced some confidence-shaking losses in 72, as well as a foot injury, but his AR 48.4 FOT win indicated he was good as ever. To Mann, "Winning the Olympics is everything." He has but one racing strategy: "to win". 71/48.9; 70/48.6y; 69/49.6y; 68/51.6y.

• **Christian Rudolph** (EG, 2/15/49, 6-3/176) chased Nallet home in the 71 ECh with a PR 49.3 in 2nd and shaved another .1 off that in 72 in the EG-Fr match but was disqualified for trailing a leg. Rudolph is usually a copy-book stylist and is a hard worker who is reliable in stiff competition. He ranked 4th world-wide in 71. 71/49.3; 70/50.7; 69/51.5.

• **Ari Salin** (Fin, 1/20/47, 6-3/161) came on like gangbusters in 70, scoring several international wins (topped by a then PR 49.9), giving Mann runs for his money when they met and ranking 4th for the year. He slumped in 71, placing 6th in the ECh (50.6) in his home stadium; he did lower his best to 49.6. The speedy Salin (13.8 HH best) has moved well in 72, lowering his best to 49.5 in losing to Hemery but trouncing Sherwood. He has posted other international wins at 50.4 and 50.6. 71/49.6; 70/49.9; 69/52.4.

• **Viktor Savchenko** (SU, 9/3/48) cut his PR drastically with his 49.3 2nd in the 72 SU



(L) Only 3 other entries have faster PRs than John Akii-Bua's 49.0. (C) Dave Hemery will defend the 68 title he won with a record 48.1. (R) West Germany's Dieter Buttner sliced his PR to 49.2 in 72. (Schirmer)

Ch, lowering his best from 50.8 of 71. He hasn't appeared outside the SU in major competition, so both western hurdlers and observers will see him initially at Munich, 71/50.8; 70/52.5.

• **Rainer Schubert** (WG, 10/21/41, 6-2/172) briefly held the ER with 49.1—in a 68 OG heat. He placed 7th in the final (49.2). Not until the 72 WG Ch did he approach that time as he ran 49.4 for 2nd. Between the two, he had been as much as .5 slower. An experienced international hurdler, his two fastest times ever came in the OG. A free-thinking, independent spirit, Schubert's goals are "48.9 and the final". He retires after the OG. 71/49.9; 70/49.8; 69/49.7; 68/49.1.

• **Jim Seymour** (US, 7/27/48, 6-1/165) rocketed from a far-back 5th at the 10th hurdle to a team-gaining 3rd at the finish of the FOT with a PR 49.3. Seymour ranked 6th globally in 71 and ran 2nd in the PAG (50.3). An alternate-leg leader, he feels his finish is his strong point, but "this is sometimes offset by a slow middle part of the race". Quick leading with either leg, Seymour has run the highs in 14.0w with a left lead, 14.5 with a right lead. 71/50.0y; 70/51.2y; 69/52.0y.

• **John Sherwood** (GB, 6/4/45, 6-1/183) has had his troubles lately after 3 stellar years: 3rd 68 OG (49.0 PR), 2nd 69 ECh (50.1), 1st 70 BCG (50.0). But in 71 he ran 52.8 for last in his ECh heat; a strained tendon on the instep of his right foot hampered him all year and caused his indifferent form. He has responded in 72, clocking 50.3 thus far as well as 50.4 and 50.5, all in internationals. But he has lost to Hemery, Akii-Bua and Salin. Still, he is a supreme big-meet competitor. 72/50.3; 71/51.1; 70/50.0; 69/49.9; 68/49.0; 67/50.2.

• **Stavros Tziortzis** (Gr, 9/15/48, 5-9/141) may not be one of the biggest 400 hurdlers but he is probably one of the fastest for his size. A 50.7 hurdler prior to 72, he blasted his best to 50.2, then to 49.5 to top 68 OG 3rd placer Sherwood. 71/50.8; 70/50.7; 69/52.2.

## Analysis

History's two fastest hurdlers, Hemery and Mann (the metric and yard record bearers), certainly won't have the center-stage to themselves to battle for the gold medal. Capable company should come from Akii-Bua, Koskei, Rudolph and perhaps even Gavriilyenko and Bruggeman. It could turn out to be the fastest-ever tussle over the one-lap hurdles. Hemery seems to be at least as good now as he was at this time in 68—but he may have to be far better to run 48.1 at Munich since there will be no help from altitude, which can be a major factor in the one-lap department. Hemery's superb competitiveness is well-known and he will no doubt need it. Mann indicated he had restored his confidence after a shaky spring. His still-tender right foot must hold up through three tough rounds, however. The African pair of Akii-Bua and Koskei could just take all the marbles. Koskei's coach Velzian feels, nay knows, a sub-48 time is in the cards for his athlete. Akii-Bua has yet to fully extend his considerable capabilities, yet succumbed to the youthful Gavriilyenko at Munich in 71. The Soviet is young and improving but short on this caliber of international experience. Rudolph could be the best European of all; his 49.2, even if disqualified, shouldn't be discounted. Bruggeman hasn't been in the class of international competition, but could surprise as he did at Eugene. Then from somewhere back in the pack of hurdlers like Seymour, Tziortzis, Buttner, Schubert, et al, bursts Munich's version of Hemery at Mexico.

## Form Chart

B. John Akii-Bua (Uga)-Dave Hemery (GB)-William Koskei (Ken)-Ralph Mann (US).  
D. Dick Bruggeman (US)-Dieter Buttner (WG)-Yevgeniy Gavriilyenko (SU)-Gary Knoke (Aus)-Christian Rudolph (SU)-Ari Salin (EG)-Viktor Savchenko (Fin)-Rainer Schubert (WG)-Jim Seymour (US)-Stavros Tziortzis (Gr).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Mann	Hemery	Koskei	Bruggeman	Akii-Bua	Gavriilyenko
CN Mann	Hemery	Koskei	Akii-Bua	Bruggeman	Rudolph
DD Koskei	Akii-Bua	Hemery	Mann	Seymour	Bruggeman
RQ Koskei	Mann	Hemery	Rudolph	Gavriilyenko	Akii-Bua
MW Koskei	Mann	Hemery	Akii-Bua	Buttner	Bruggeman
JP Akii-Bua	Mann	Koskei	Hemery	Bruggeman	Buttner
All Koskei	Mann	Hemery	Akii-Bua	Bruggeman	Rudolph

MARATHON

# Hill, Shorter, Most Anyone for Gold

## 1972 Leading Olympians

2:12:50 Lutz Philipp (WG)	2:15:15.0 Pekka Tiirihonen (Fin)
2:12:51 Ron Hill (GB)	2:15:17 Colin Kirkham (GB)
2:13:16 Igor Shcherbak (SU)	2:15:21 Donal Walsh (Eire)
2:13:19.4 Eckhard Lesse (EG)	2:15:24.0 Terry Manners (NZ)
2:14:11.2 Dave McKenzie (NZ)	2:15:34 Mamo Wolde (Eth)
2:14:19.6 Anatoliy Baranov (SU)	2:15:39.0 Olavi Suomalainen (Fin)?
2:14:27 Yuriy Velikorochnik (SU)	2:15:57.8 Ken Moore (US)
2:14:47.0 Seppo Nikkari (Fin)?	2:15:57.8 Frank Shorter (US)
2:14:52.0 Yetneberk Belete (Eth)	2:16:05.8 Paul Angewoarth (WG)
2:15:06 Don Macgregor (GB)	2:16:10 Jacinto Sabinal (Mex)
2:15:14.2 Jurgen Busch (EG)	2:16:10.4 Walter van Renterghem (Bel)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Jack Bachelier** (US, 12/20/43, 6-6½/162) surprised at the FOT by claiming 3rd after being disqualified in his specialty (the 10,000) the week before, in only his 4th marathon. His 1st attempt produced a 2:22:00 Atlanta romp in 70 but he dropped out in the 71 AAU. He rebounded at New Orleans (2:26:40.5) and his FOT time was 2:20:29.2. Bachelier attributes his success in the marathon to "running hard in parts of the race where they're difficult". He reduced his 10,000 PR to 28:13.4 earlier this year, and has a 13:37.2 clocking. 71/2:22:00.0; 70/2:22:00.

• **Yetneberk Belete** (Eth, 10/25/47) is one of many comparatively unknown Ethiopians who could surprise at the OG. He came to international notice in 70, winning the EAfr Ch (2:18:48.4) but then dropped out of sight until earlier this year when he ran an altitude 2:14:52 and beat 68 OG winner Wolde. 70/2:18:48.4.

• **Derek Clayton** (Aus, 11/17/42, 6-0/160) recently recorded a 2:16:19.0 to place him back in contention for the Munich gold. He has been bothered by numerous injuries since 67, when he became the 1st to break the 2:10 barrier (2:09:36.4, a WR which he lowered to a WR 2:08:33.6 in 69). He was troubled by a cyst on his knee at the 68 OG (5th) and by a virus infection which forced him out of the 70 BCG; he has still managed to duck under 2:20 on 8 occasions and cop the Aus Ch thrice. His ailments have been attributed by some to an arduous training schedule in 67/68. 71/2:11:08.8; 70/2:13:19; 69/2:08:33.6; 68/2:14:47.8; 67/2:09:36.4; 65/2:22:12.

• **Jack Foster** (NZ, 5/23/42, 5-9/136) is like good wine, he has improved with age and he can hold his own with the best of road runners anywhere. Although he can point to only 4 wins in 15 races he has finished in the top 3 on 10 occasions. His best performance to date was a 2:12:17.8 at Fukuoka; he was 4th at the 70 BCG. In 71, he ran 1:39:14.4, a 30k WR and this year PRed 10,000 in 28:46.8. 71/2:13:42.4; 70/2:12:17.8; 69/2:19:02.6.

• **Ron Hill** (GB, 9/25/38, 5-6/130) has registered 5 wins in 9 outings since turning his attention to the event following his 4th at the 68 OG, including the 69 ECh and the 70 BCG. He was the 1st European to break 2:10:00 (winning the 70 BCG in 2:09:28) and is probably the most consistent marathoner. Hill is current WR holder for 15,000 (1:12:48.2) and has run 10,000 in 28:39.2. He has his own training methods which he does not divulge and has spent time experimenting with racing gear over the years. 71/2:12:39; 70/2:09:28; 69/2:11:54.4; 68/2:17:11; 67/2:23:43.6; 66/2:20:55; 65/2:26:33; 64/2:14:12; 63/2:18:06.

• **Karel Lismont** (Bel, 3/8/49, 5-7/141) is the youngest of the medal contenders. Lismont was the surprise though worthy winner of the 71 EG in only his 3rd marathon. He has won all 3 marathons, and is one of the few runners in the world who did not have to run a trial this season to gain OG selection. He is compactly built though ungainly in style, and his 28:31.2 should speed him along.

• **Ken Moore** (US, 12/1/43, 6-¾/144) was the top US placer at the 68 OG (14th) and is the only US marathoner back at Munich. He has twice run well at the big Fukuoka race (69 2:13:27.8, 70 2:11:35.8 PR), won the 71 AAU ahead of Shorter and tied with him at the FOT. Heat prostration forced Moore to retire from the 71 PAG. An introspective, articulate writer, Moore describes himself as "easily the most knock-kneed of world-class marathoners. I run the race most effectively by maintaining an even, relaxed pace for 20 miles, then putting my head down and ruining myself over the last 6. Complete ease of mind is absolutely essential in the early miles." He feels his main strength is his speed (4:03.7y, 27:54.4y, 28:47.6m with a 56.5y last lap) over the closing stages, while his big disadvantage is the opposition knows his speed and thus throws a hard pace at him from the start. 71/2:16:48.6; 70/2:11:35.8; 69/2:13:27.8; 68/2:29:49.4.

• **Seppo Nikkari** (Fin, 2/6/48, 6-2/163) enjoyed a good initial season in 71 over the distance. After a 2:16:33.6 debut, he dropped out of Boston but came back at Fukuoka, claiming 4th in 2:16:21.4 ahead of such runners as Farrington, Manners, Kimihara and Unetani. He lowered the NR to 2:14:47.0 this season while finishing 2nd to Lesse. 71/2:16:21.4.

• **Lutz Philipp** (WG, 10/14/40, 5-10/150) was not considered a favorite for the OG until June when he won the Maxol race, beating Hill and the remainder of GB's top marathoners, in a fine 2:12:50. After running 2:15:22.6 in 70, he finished a good 3rd in the Kyoto race in early 71 prior to winning the WG Ch and managing 7th at the ECh. He is good at 10,000 (28:31.2). 71/2:16:39; 70/2:15:22.6.

• **Gaston Roelants** (Bel, 2/5/37, 5-8½/148) is still a force to be reckoned with, after a long career primarily as a steeplechaser. The "Old Fox" has his sights firmly fixed on the Munich medalware. The 72 OG marathon will be only his 5th over the distance, and he will be wanting to improve on his 11th place finish of 68 which was a disappointment



(L) Fastest-ever marathoner Derek Clayton ran 7th in 68. (Eric Wadsworth/ (C) West German Lutz Philipp is 72's fastest at 2:12:50. (Mark Shearman/ (R) Gaston Roelants, 64 steeple winner, tries the marathon in 72. (Kallanan/

after winning the 67 pre-Olympic race. He is the one hour (12m, 1478y) and 20,000 (58:06.2) WR holder, and has track times of 28:03.8 (72) 13:34.6 (69) and 8:26.4 (65). Roelants was this year's ICC champ as well as the 64 OG steeple gold medalist. This race could be his swan song. 71/2:17:48.8; 70/28:25.4; 69/2:17:22.2; 68/2:29:04.8.

• **Frank Shorter** (US, 10/3/47, 5-10/135) was the 1st ranking marathoner in 71, despite running only 3 races. He finished 2nd to Moore at the AAU, won the PAG title at mid-altitude Cali, before capturing the famous Fukuoka race (PR 2:12:50.4) at the year's end. At the FOT, he tied with Moore and claimed the 10,000 as well. Shorter was born in Munich and is a great competitor, having claimed 2 successive AAU 6-mile/10,000 crowns, and 2 straight AAU x-country crowns. 71/2:12:50.4.

• **Akio Usami** (Jap, 5/31/43, 5-6/125) is Japan's biggest favorite to win at the OG since Kitei Son's 36 triumph and is by far the fastest of the current school on the road (2:10:37.8) and track (28:36.6). A fine and tough competitor, he has had a good record over the past 2 years, losing only 1 of 5 big races, and that to Shorter at Fukuoka 71. In the 68 OG, he hoped for a good finish but had to settle for 9th. His confidence has been built up again with wins at Seoul, Manchester, Athens, and Otsu. Usami has run under 2:20 16 times in 24 outings with 7 wins—only 1 less than the record held by Munich teamster Kimihara. 71/2:13:22.8; 70/2:10:37.8; 69/2:11:27.8; 68/2:13:49; 67/2:14:50.

## Analysis

To accurately analyze and predict the favorites in the OG marathon is a task that is almost impossible because it is one of the most difficult of all Olympic athletic events to prophesy. For example, who had ever dreamed Ethiopia would have had the past 3 champions and no doubt they will send 1 or 2 unknowns into this year's event. On paper, Hill and Shorter have fine statistics and good competitive records. Shorter was the 1st ranked marathoner in 71, while Hill has 5 triumphs in 9 outings. Other top bets for a medal include Lismont, any Ethiopian, Clayton if he is well, and the veteran Foster. It doesn't appear that you can count out other notables as Bachelier, Moore, Roelants, McKenzie, and Usami. Usami could win it all if he comes up with the big race he has been waiting for since his letdown at the 68 OG. The unpredictability of this event is what makes this such a great event because so many things enter into the picture during a marathon. (Moore points out, "There is so much psychology in marathoning. Like there is a point beyond which, if you take the lead, you can blast home without worry, just pain. But if you take the lead, before that point—it's different for everybody, probably depending on ego-strength—you have so far to run, you wonder if you can make it, you worry. As the doubt seeps in, you slow. The best way of relaxing is not so much in talking to yourself as it is in simply having experienced marathons before and having either forgotten or come to terms with the inevitable discomfort they cause. Then, during the race, getting ready for that final surge takes a little self-cajolery. Sometimes remembering successful races gets you excited. Sometimes nothing works. But in the OG, there's isn't much difficulty in taking the race seriously.") The winner will be the runner who can best adapt to the situations during the event and the one who can best use his physical resources and mental capabilities through this test of stamina, strength, and mental alertness.

## Form Chart

C. Yetneberk Belete (Eth)-Derek Clayton (Aus)-Ron Hill (GB)-Karel Lismont (Bel)-Lutz Philipp (WG)-Frank Shorter (US)-Akio Usami (Jap).  
D. Jurgen Busch (EG)-Jack Foster (NZ)-Eckhard Lesse (EG)-Dava McKenzie (NZ)-Konny Moore (US)-Seppo Nikkari (Fin)-Gaston Roelants (Bel)-Igor Shcherbak (SU)-Mamo Wolde (Eth).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Shorter	Roelants	Hill	Clayton	Philipp	Usami
CN Roelants	Shorter	Clayton	Philipp	Hill	Lismont
DD Hill	Shorter	Belete	Usami	Philipp	Roelants
RD Hill	Shorter	Belete	Philipp	Usami	Lesse
MW Hill	Clayton	Roelants	Shorter	Wolde	Philipp
JP Philipp	Belete	Shorter	Roelants	Hill	Foster
All Shorter	Hill	Roelants	Philipp	Belete	Clayton

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# 20-KILO WALK

## Europeans Should Vie Down to Wire

### 1972 Leading Olympians

1:24:50.0 Paul Nihill (GB)	1:29:22.2 Nikolay Smaga (SU)
1:25:19.4 Peter Frenkel (EG)	1:29:24.8 Heinz Mayr (WG)
1:25:19.4 Hans-Georg Reimann (EG)	1:30:03.6 Rene Pfister (Switz)?
1:25:37.8 Gerhard Sperling (EG)	1:30:10.0 Larry Young (US)
1:20:04.8 Wilfried Weach (WG)	1:30:13.0 Jan Ornoch (Pol)?
1:28:22.4 Bernd Kannenberg (WG)	1:30:50.0 Constantin Staicu (Rum)?
1:28:46.0 Antal Kiss (Hun)	1:31:38.8 Juraj Benčík (Czech)?
1:28:54.2 Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU)	1:31:41.0 Jean-Claude Decosse (Fri)?
1:29:02.4 Yevgeniy Ivchenko (SU)	1:31:52.0 Tom Dooley (US)
1:29:19.0 Phil Embleton (GB)	1:32:07.6 Jan Gasitu (Rum)?

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Tom Dooley (US, 12/9/45, 5-10/140)** has been bothered by minor injuries for most of 72. A good stylist, he was 9th in the 70 Lugano and 2nd in the 71 PAG. 71/1:30:39; 70/1:30:50; 69/1:34:41; 68/1:33:39.

• **Phil Embleton (GB, 12/28/48, 6-3/154)** came through in fine style in his 1st big international, garnering 6th in the 71 ECh (1:29:31.6). Embleton is plagued from time to time by problems with his form. He scored a smashing GB Ch victory (1:30:2.5) in Nihill's absence. 71/1:27:59; 70/1:32:50; 69/1:34:38; 68/1:39:02.

• **Peter Frenkel (EG, 5/13/39, 5-11/165)** briefly co-held the WR this year (1:25:19.4) before Nihill went to work. Although he has been near the top timewise for several years, he has yet to win a big one. But his form is solid and he usually goes down to the wire in major internationals. 10th in the 68 OG, he was 3rd in the 70 Lugano and 4th in the 71 ECh (1:27:52.8). 71/1:27:52; 70/1:25:50 WR; 69/1:27:53; 68/1:28:57; 67/1:29:38; 66/1:30:12; 65/1:29:24.

• **Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU, 6/2/36, 5-10 1/2/172)** is always a gold medal threat when in condition, and 72 is no exception. Injured in 71, he came back this year to top Smaga and Ivchenko for the SU Ch (1:28:54.2). He has a decisive win-loss record in his favor against all challengers but Nihill. Golubnichiy has a handful of OG metal: 1st in 60 (1:34:07.2) and 68 (1:33:58.4), 3rd in 64 (1:31:59.4). Perhaps the strongest and most fluid walker in the world today, Golubnichiy first set a WR in 58 and got his PR 1:26:13 in 59. 71/inj; 70/1:27:21; 69/1:32:11; 68/1:33:58; 67/1:28:54.

• **Yevgeniy Ivchenko (SU, 7/27/38)** raised his status with a 2nd in the SU Ch (1:29:02.4) over Smaga. He has less experience than his teammates, with only 1 big meet, 8th in the 71 ECh (1:31:32.2). 71/1:25:52; 70/1:31:37; 69/1:32:37; 68/1:31:50.

• **Bernd Kannenberg (WG, 8/20/42)** is an ex-weight lifter who has made a sensational rise to prominence this year after only 2 years of walking. Very muscular, he is still smooth with impeccable form (uncommon among WGs). Exhibited great speed with an impressive 10km win (41:36.2) over Smaga and Golubnichiy, missing the WR by 1.2. He was 9th in the 71 ECh (1:32:06.4) in his first international 20. 71/1:32:06.

• **Goetz Klopfer (US, 6/25/42, 5-6/130)** has made a successful transition to this event from the 50 ranks (10th 68 OG, 4:49:13.8). Has been consistent in the last year, and might move up on a good day. 71/1:32:38; 70/1:35:12; 69/1:32:34; 68/1:36:09.

• **Paul Nihill (GB, 9/5/39, 5-11/145)** looks like the class of the world now that he is concentrating on this distance. He has yet to face his continental rivals in 72, but recently lowered the WR to 1:24:50 (that's 6:49 a mile). Only in the 70 Lugano, when recovering from illness, has he had a bad international 20. Nihill uses a good, but safe style and exhibits a strong finish. He contested the 50 in both the 64 (2nd, 4:11:31.2) and 68 (1st) OG, and was the 69 ECh winner (1:30:41.0) in the 20. 71/1:27:34; 70/1:30:55; 69/1:28:29; 68/1:31:19; 67/1:37:13.

• **Hans-Georg Reimann (EG, 8/24/41, 6-0/143)** has been near the top for many years, and is in great form at present, setting a WR (1:25:19.4) in knotting with Frenkel for the EG title. 2 weeks prior to that he had topped all his countrymen in winning another race. His OG record: 12th, 64 (1:34:51.0) and 7th, 68 (1:36:31.4). 71/1:28:56; 70/1:26:07; 69/1:27:34; 68/1:29:06.



(L) Vladimir Golubnichiy, 60-68 winner, is as big a threat in 72. (Crowell)  
(C) Nikolay Smaga added to 3rd in 68. And in 72? (Don Wilkinson)  
(R) Youngsters like Phil Embleton are challenging the veterans. (Ed Lacey)

• **Nikolay Smaga (SU, 8/22/38, 5-10/163)** is one of the world's better stylists, walking with powerful but smooth strides. His record in recent years has been almost as impressive as that of Golubnichiy: 3rd 68 OG (1:34:03.4), 3rd 69 ECh (1:31:20.2) and 1st 71 ECh (1:27:20.2). He holds a solid win-loss record over all competitors but Nihill (even) and Golubnichiy. 71/1:27:20.2; 70/1:28:08; 69/1:29:05; 68/1:34:03.

• **Gerhard Sperling (EG, 11/25/37, 6-1 1/2/163)** is known for his consistency and 2nd-half comethroughs. A deaf-mute, he possesses one of the fairest styles among the world's 20 elite. Although he has yet to win a big one, he was 8th in the 64 OG (1:33:15.8) and 5th in 68 (1:35:27.2). He finished 3rd in the 72 EG Ch (1:25:37.8 PR). 71/1:27:08; 70/1:27:04; 69/1:27:56; 68/1:28:31.

• **Larry Young (US, 2/10/43, 5-10/150)** will use the 20 as a final tune-up for the 50, his main concern in Munich. However, Young is highly competitive and fears no one. He has the ability to pull a shocker, and can go faster, but the gap between him and the Europeans might be too big. 71/1:33:34; 70/69/dnc; 68/1:32:42.

### Analysis

This race should come down to the wire as a 6 or 7 man battle, with Nihill and Kannenberg dueling with the EGs and SUs. The determining factors will be form, experience, and sheer speed and guts over the last 5000. Kannenberg, walking on home ground, looks dangerous off recent performances, suffering his only loss of the year in early May to Smaga and Golubnichiy at 30. But he recently reversed this loss with a 10 win and now has the momentum. But Nihill is now the fastest over this distance and has always been rough to beat when in form. Now in the form of his life, he has assumed the mantle of the favorite. The EG group is as tough as ever, but gold usually seems to elude them. The rest will find it next to impossible to crack this bloc. US walkers simply haven't mastered the technique required to achieve sub-1:28. Young, Embleton and Kiss could get close though.

### Form Chart

B. Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU)-Paul Nihill (GB)-Nikolay Smaga (SU).  
C. Peter Frenkel (EG)-Bernd Kannenberg (WG)-Hans-Georg Reimann (EG).  
D. Phil Embleton (GB)-Yevgeniy Ivchenko (SU)-Gerhard Sperling (EG)-Larry Young (US).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Nihill	Golubnichiy	Kannenberg	Frenkel	Smaga	Reimann
CN Nihill	Golubnichiy	Frenkel	Reimann	Smaga	Sperling
DD Nihill	Golubnichiy	Smaga	Reimann	Frenkel	Kannenberg
RO Nihill	Golubnichiy	Smaga	Frenkel	Reimann	Sperling
MW Nihill	Golubnichiy	Smaga	Reimann	Frenkel	Sperling
JP Frenkel	Golubnichiy	Smaga	Sperling	Nihill	Kannenberg
All Nihill	Golubnichiy	Frenkel	Smaga	Reimann	Kannenberg

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50-KILO WALK

# Soviets, Both Germanys Monopolize 1972 Leading Olympians

3:52:44.6 Bernd Kannenberg (WG)	4:18:27.0 Jean-Claude Decosse (Fr)?
4:03:41.0 Sergey Grigoryev (SU)	4:18:20.0 Shaul Ladany (Isr)
4:06:00.2 Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller (EG)	4:20:09.4 Bill Weigle (US)
4:06:27.4 Horst-Rudiger Magnor (WG)	4:23:22.6 Steve Hayden (US)
4:06:27.4 Gerhard Weidner (WG)	4:23:25 Paul Nihill (GB)
4:08:31.8 Peter Selzer (EG)	4:24:02.0 Tore Brustad (Nor)?
4:12:35.0 Alfred Badel (Switz)?	4:24:02 Howard Timms (GB)
4:12:36.8 John Warhurst (GB)	4:28:07.2 Domenico Carpentieri (It)
4:13:04.4 Larry Young (US)	4:27:18.0 Kjell Lund (Nor)?

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Otto Bartsch** (SU, 12/20/43, 5-10 1/2/165) is another Soviet who has made a successful switch upwards to the 50 after years of frustration against Golubnichiy and Smaga. He contested the shorter distance in the 68 OG (6th, 1:36:12.2). In the 50, he was 4th in the 71 ECh (4:09:14.2). He has no known marks so far in 72. 71/4:05:07; 70/4:09:29; 69/4:13:48; 68/4:21:56.

• **Sergey Grigoryev** (SU, 10/7/37) has a long history in the 50, but little international experience other than a 15th in the 68 OG (4:44:39.2). He rates solid consideration in 72 off his fast 4:03:41.0. 71/4:18:27; 70/4:15:57; 69/4:25:20; 68/4:04:40.

• **Steve Hayden** (US, 6/11/44, 6-0/140) gained a spot on the US squad in only his 2nd 50 ever (4:23:22). He has been limited in the past by knee and shin injuries, and had form problems as a 20 walker. 71/nj; 70/1:32:06; 69/1:38:50; 68/1:41:35.

• **Christoph Hohne** (EG, 2/12/41, 5-7 1/2/137) must still be regarded as a tough customer, even though his form has slipped the past 2 seasons. After an early 72 4:03:03.4, he dnfed in both the dual with Fr and the EG Ch. And in 71, he lost 2 big races (2nd ECh 4:04:45.2, 3rd vs. SU, 4:04:06.0). Perhaps he has lost some of his desire, since there have been no reports of major injuries. His record prior to this was superb: 6th 64 OG (4:17:41.6); 1st 68 OG (4:20:13.6), 1st 69 ECh (4:13:32.8) and wins in the 65, 67 and 70 Lugano races. 71/4:04:06; 70/4:04:35; 69/4:05:19; 68/4:06:23; 67/4:02:43.

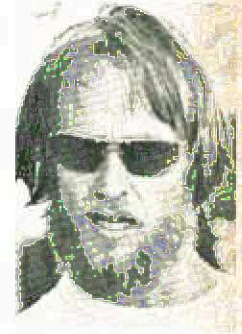
• **Bernd Kannenberg** (WG, 8/20/42) is now the fastest performer of all-time with his mind bogging 3:52:44 (7:29 a mile) on a reportedly accurate course to top the best GBer by 20-minutes. That time is an incredible 6 1/2-minutes ahead of 2nd all-time, owned by Soldatenko. However, the relatively-inexperienced Kannenberg has yet to face his SU-EG counterparts at the 50 distance. One of the few doublers at Munich, he will test this event 3 days after the 20. He must rate as a favorite off his phenomenal improvement, if nothing else. 71/4:17:26; 70/4:21:43.

• **Paul Nihill** (GB, 9/5/39, 5-11/145) is walking so well at 20 that he has decided to give the 50 a go as well, as it follows the 20. The 64 OG silver medalist (4:11:31.2) in this event, Nihill has taken 2 shots at it this year. In the 1st, he did a safe 4:23:25, but he went out too fast in the 2nd and dnfed. 71/4:15:08.0; 70/1:30:55; 69/1:28:29.

• **Peter Selzer** (EG, 6/25/46, 5-10/143) was in superb form in late 71, establishing a still-standing track best of 4:04:19.8. But he has been unable to reach his potential yet in 72 after suffering an early-season injury. A 4:08:31.8 2nd in the EG Ch indicates that he is on his way back. Still a youngster in this event, he is considered by many as the heir to Hohne's throne. He was 4th in the 68 OG (4:33:09.8), and 3rd in the 71 ECh (4:06:11.0). 71/3:59:21; 70/4:07:49; 69/4:02:46; 68/4:08:41.

• **Venjamin Soldatenko** (SU, 1/4/39) is a late developer in this event who switched over in 69 after years of mixed fortune at the 20. But he has risen to the top quickly since his switch and scored 3 big wins in 71: SU Ch (4:04:27.2); ECh (4:02:22); and vs. EG (3:59:17.8). He exhibits a strong finish and has good 20 speed (1:27). A tough, wiry competitor, Soldatenko has not contested a 50 yet in 72. 71/3:59:17.8; 70/4:06:56; 69/4:12:10.

• **Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller** (EG, 1/30/53) shares with Kannenberg the distinction of being the revelation of the year in the walking world. An amazing junior (under-20) performer, he axed more than a minute from Hohne's 30 record with a 2:14:15.6 in early



(L) Venyamin Soldatenko strolled to the 71 European 50 title. (M) Mezavilks. (C) Veteran Otto Bartsch is another leading Soviet 50 contender. (R) Larry Young returns intent on bettering his 3rd of 68. (S) Stan Pantovic.

April. And when he discovered he couldn't crack the tough EG contingent at 20 (5th, 1:31:52.8), he moved to the 50. In his first race at that distance he hopped to his 4:06:00.2, topping Hohne and Selzer no less. 71/1:32:37; 70/1:32:22.6.

• **Bill Weigle** (US, 5/25/40, 6-0/160) began his career as a runner, but has been a pleasant surprise on the US scene in his 2nd year of walking. Like Hayden, the FOT was only his 2nd attempt at the 50 distance. He has done little speed work, but has good form and strength. 71/4:40:59.

• **Larry Young** (US, 2/10/43, 5-10/150) hasn't faced European competition since his surprising 3rd in the 68 OG (4:31:55.4). After 2 years of inactivity, he has come back, surprisingly better than ever and must be considered as a force to be reckoned with. He hasn't walked nearly as fast as his SU and EG counterparts, but this doesn't mean he can't. He has good speed and an efficient form that draws praises from judges. He has won the last 2 PAG titles. 71/4:18:39; 70-69/dnc; 68/4:21:01.

## Analysis

Can the hot newcomers top the old veterans? Kannenberg and Stadtmueller have already made significant breakthroughs in 72, and are probably the fastest 20 performers in the field, although all the major contenders are sub-1:30 types. Kannenberg has the most impressive credentials to date and is extremely strong, while Stadtmueller is young and inexperienced and lacks Kannenberg's strengths. Still, his victory in the EG Ch is highly significant. How about the old-timers? Soldatenko has yet to produce a 50 time in 72 but must retain his favored position off his undefeated 71 season. Potential winners Hohne and Selzer are questionable due to recent problems they have encountered. If any of these 5 falter, Young could pick them off, as might Bartsch or Grigoryev.

## Form Chart

- B. Bernd Kannenberg (WG)-Venyamin Soldatenko (SU).  
C. Christoph Hohne (EG)-Larry Young (US)-Peter Selzer (EG)-Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller (EG).  
D. Otto Bartsch (SU)-Stefan Ingvarsson (Swe)-Sergey Grigoryev (SU)-Antal Kiss (Hun)-Horst-Rudiger Magnor (WG)-Paul Nihill (GB)-Gerhard Weidner (WG).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Kannenberg	Soldatenko	Selzer	Young	Hohne	Stadtmiller
CN Soldatenko	Stadtmueller	Selzer	Kannenberg	Young	Hohne
DD Soldatenko	Kannenberg	Young	Hohne	Selzer	Stadtmiller
RD Kannenberg	Soldatenko	Hohne	Selzer	Bartsch	Young
MW Kannenberg	Young	Nihill	Hohne	Selzer	Bartsch
JP Soldatenko	Hohne	Kannenberg	Selzer	Bartsch	Young
All Soldatenko	Kannenberg	Hohne	Young	Selzer	Stadtmiller

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## HIGH JUMP

# Floppers Vs Straddlers: 10 at 7-3

## 1972 Leading Olympians

7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Juri Tarmak (SU)	7-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rune Almen (Swe)
7-4 $\frac{1}{4}$	Kestutis Sapka (SU)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Henri Elliott (Fr)
7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Stefan Junge (EG)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Vladimir Maly (Czech)
7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Jan Dahlgren (Swe)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Istvan Major (Hun)
7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hermann Magerl (WG)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Serban Ioan (Rum)
7-3	Rustam Akhmyetov (SU)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Asko Pesonen (Fin)
7-3	Chris Dunn (US)	7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Gianmarco Schivo (It)
7-3	Ron Jourdan (US)	7-1	John Beers (Can)
7-3	Dwight Stones (US)	7-1	Petar Bogdanov (Bul)
7-3	Adam Szepesi (Hun)	7-1	Enzo Dal Forno (It)
7-3	Jozsef Tihanyi (Hun)	7-1	Teymour Ghiassi (Iran)
7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Bernard Gauthier (Fr)	7-1	Ingemar Nyman (Swe)
7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Roman Maravec (Cze)	7-1	Hidehiko Tomizawa (Japan)
7-2	Lawrie Peckham (Aus)	7- $\frac{3}{4}$	Rick Cuttell (Can)
7-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jaroslav Alexa (Czech)	7- $\frac{3}{4}$	John Hawkins (Can)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Rustam Akhmyetov** (SU, 5/17/50, 6- $\frac{3}{4}$ /163) exploded suddenly in 71 from a previous PR of 7- $\frac{1}{4}$  (and only 6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in 70) to a soaring 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 3rd in ECh (7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and 6th ranking world-wide. A stylish roller, Akhmyetov has reached 7-3 in 72, 71/7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 69/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ .

• **Jan Dahlgren** (Swe, 2/19/47, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /163) has developed into probably the most consistent world jumper in 72. He has no known mark below 7- $\frac{5}{8}$  and has topped a PR 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ . He has been unlucky in big meets, however: an injury kept him from jumping in the 68 OG and another infirmity hampered him in the 71 ECh in which he didn't qualify. Injuries, in fact, have contributed to his slow rate of improvement—less than 3" since 67. While his fragile legs sometimes have been his undoing, Dahlgren is a psychologically tough jumper who often employs bold strategic tactics. 71/7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/7- $\frac{5}{8}$ ; 69/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 68/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 67/7- $\frac{5}{8}$ .

• **Chris Dunn** (US, 5/7/51, 6-5/190) made the big jump to the international plateau with a PR 7-3 FOT 3rd. He jumped  $\frac{1}{2}$ " less to win the 72 NCAA indoor and placed 3rd in the US-SU indoor. Physically the biggest of the US jump trio, this flopper says, "My best jumps come under the most pressured situations." He feels the main weaknesses in his style are inconsistency in his approach and sometimes erratic head action over the bar. He adds, "I jump to win, usually disregarding bar height, and try to get the big jump late." 71/7-0; 70/6-9; 69/6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

• **Ron Jourdan** (US, 2/28/47, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /155) put together his finest competitive season since 69 with two 7-3 leaps in 72 and at least a half-dozen more 7-0 leaps. His 1st 7-3 came in late April and his 2nd was good for an FOT 2nd. In 69, Jourdan topped 7-0 in 10 of 19 meets, 6 consecutively, with a 7-2 high plus 2 7-1s. He competed in Europe, the only US HJ'er with continental experience. Jourdan is big on meditation and concentration to aid "relaxation in approach, then explosion at take-off and relaxation again during flight and over bar" in his roll style. He topped 7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  for 2nd at Bislett behind Tarmak's 7-3. 71/7-0; 70/7-2; 69/7-2; 68/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ .

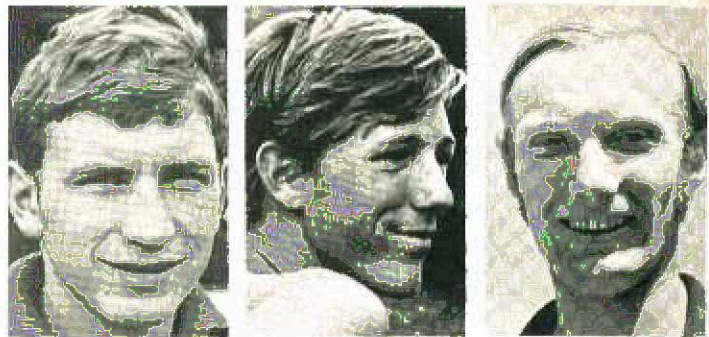
• **Stefan Junge** (EG, 9/1/50, 6-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ /167) added nearly 2" to his PR with a 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$  clearance in 72 and has since reached 7-3. He placed 5th in the 71 ECh (7-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and ranked 9th globally. A physically powerful jumper, he has a 7486 dec PR and is former world age-19 record holder (7319). 71/7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 70/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

• **Hermann Magerl** (WG, 1/13/49, 6-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ /196) carries WG hopes in the *hochsprung*, especially after his 7-3 clearance in 72, an NR he later bettered fractionally with a 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$  leap. He has also topped 7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$  once and 7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  4 times this season. He won the WG Ch at 7- $\frac{3}{4}$ . One observer reports Magerl had several inches clearance on his 7-3 jump. Explosive at take-off, he has been known to have a case of jittery nerves on occasion. 71/7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 69/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

• **Istvan Major** (Hun, 5/20/49, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /183) has yet to hit outdoors in 72 the superb peak he reached indoors: 7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to win the EInd as the 2nd-highest indoor leaper ever. He has reached 7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  outdoors in 72 but has been more consistent at the 7- $\frac{5}{8}$  level and has lost several times to countrymen Tihanyi and Szepesi. But Major is rated by many HJ followers as probably the outstanding flop exponent—both in terms of height and style—in the world. He placed 4th in the 71 ECh (7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and ranked 5th. 71/7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 69/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 68/6-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

• **Lawrie Peckham** (Aus, 12/4/42, 6-3/185) may be one of the few HJ participants at Munich to have placed in previous 2 OG (10th 64, 8th 68). Although his PR 7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  came in 65, he twice approached that mark with 7-2 leaps (69, 72). He often suffers from the "Australian handicap": achieving a fine early-season mark and then having to regain that form to compete in a top-class meet several months later. But he is experienced (1st 66 & 70 BCG, top 5 global rank 4 of 5 times rated) and a big-time competitor. 71/7-0; 70/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 69/7-2; 68/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 67/7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 66/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 65/7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

• **Kestutis Sapka** (SU, 11/15/49, 6-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ /187) scaled 7-4 $\frac{1}{4}$  outdoors in 72, =highest ever by a flopper outdoors and matching Fosbury's 68 OG winner. 1st in the 71 ECh (7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), Sapka was a mediocre roller (6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) until he switched to the flop after seeing Fosbury win at Mexico on television. 2 years after his conversion, Sapka erupted to 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ . A consistent, strong jumper, he is a versatile all-around jump talent with LJ/TJ bests of 25-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /51-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . He ranked 3rd world-wide in 71, 6th in 70. 71/7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 69/6-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 68/6-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .



(L) 71 European winner Kestutis Sapka heads strong SU corps. /Callanan/ (C) Dwight Stones upped his PR to 7-3 in winning the FOT. /Steve Sutton/ (R) Soviet Juri Tarmak leads the world to Munich with 7-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ . /Mezavilks/

• **Dwight Stones** (US, 12/6/53, 6-5/165) is the youngest member of the US team at 18. But he showed talent and nerves of a veteran at the FOT with a PR 7-3 flop victory and twice exceeded his former 7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  PR earlier in the year with 7-2 and 7-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . And Stones' improvement to 7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  came from a previous best 6-7. In his 1st international meet ever, at Bislett, he cleared 6-8 $\frac{3}{4}$  for 10th. Reportedly confident despite his youth and lack of international experience, Stones reflects his confidence thusly: "We [the 3 US jumpers] don't have much international experience but we're young and hungry. None of us are going all the way to Munich to lose—particularly me." 71/7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 70/6-7; 69/6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

• **Adam Szepesi** (Hun, 4/12/45) is the oldest of the trio of good jumpers from Hun, yet remains the most unknown and untested. A 7- $\frac{3}{4}$  performer in 71, with no big international experience, Szepesi joined Tihanyi as a shocker in early 72 with his 7-3 bound. And he confirmed his new-found excellence with a win over Major and Tihanyi in Hun Ch (7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ). 71/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 70/6-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

• **Juri Tarmak** (SU, 7/21/46, 6-4/161) popped a big 7-4 $\frac{1}{4}$  in the 72 SU Ch—in qualifying—to become the 4th highest jumper ever, but slipped to 5th in the final (7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ). Despite competing often, sometimes too often as his up-and-down record shows, he has also topped 7-3 twice (once to win Bislett) and 7-2 $\frac{3}{4}$  once in 72. This left-leg leader places great emphasis on flexibility and technique. Rated not very strong by even his SU observers, this doesn't seem a great hindrance; as one SU jumper says of him, "Look at his swing. He does a split taking off." 71/7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 70/7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ; 69/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 68/6-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

• **Jozsef Tihanyi** (Hun, 10/31/46, 6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ /172) has been the most consistent jumper in Hun in 72. A 9th in the 71 ECh (6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), Tihanyi sported a 7-1 PR until early 72 when he suddenly bounded over 7-3 to top Szepesi. 2nd to Szepesi in the Hun Ch (7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  for both), he did top Major, and also won the dual with WG (7-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ). He was 7th in the EInd Ch (7- $\frac{3}{4}$ ) this year. 71/7-1; 70/7- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 69/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 68/6-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

## Analysis

Besides having world leader Tarmak in attendance, the Munich competition should be able to boast at least 10 other leapers who have exceeded 7-3 in their careers, many of them in 72. Only 4 Mexico entrants had cleared 7-3 or higher prior to the 68 OG. Just like at Mexico, the 72 winner could be a flopper. Sapka is currently the outstanding Soviet, both in terms of competitiveness and consistency. Major achieved the highest-ever flop, but did it indoors early in 72 and has not approached that form yet. Stones and Dunn are young and inexperienced internationally—but so was Fosbury in 68. The straddle corps has two strong exponents in Akhmyetov and Tarmak, who give the SU a tough trio. Tarmak, however, competes too frequently and is inclined to have an off day now and then as a result. Akhmyetov showed well in the 71 ECh, his 1st major international since his world-class breakthrough earlier that year. Dahlgren is enjoying an injury-free year for virtually the first time. Jourdan has twice topped 7-3. Junge is consistent and can point to a good season's record. Peckham, although a strong competitor, may not be in his early-season form and even if he is might not stay in touch when the elevation reaches 7-3 to 7-4. Magerl, the host's hope, is a strong jumper who has displayed his nerves before. Should dark horses like Szepesi or Tihanyi improve at Munich as they have to reach their present level, a high placing could be theirs.

## Form Chart

B. Kestutis Sapka (SU).  
C. Jan Dahlgren (Swe)-Istvan Major (Hun)-Juri Tarmak (SU)  
D. Rustam Akhmyetov (SU)-Chris Dunn (US)-Ron Jourdan (US)-Stefan Junge (EG)-Hermann Magerl (WG)-Lawrie Peckham (Aus)-Dwight Stones (US)-Adam Szepesi (Hun)-Jozsef Tihanyi (Hun).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Tarmak	Dahlgren	Sapka	Stones	Junge	Magerl
CN Sapka	Dahlgren	Tarmak	Stones	Major	Junge
DD Sapka	Dahlgren	Tarmak	Major	Stones	Junge
RD Sapka	Major	Tarmak	Junge	Magerl	Jourdan
MW Sapka	Dahlgren	Tarmak	Jourdan	Woods	Major
JP Tarmak	Sapka	Major	Stones	Akhmyetov	Jourdan
All Sapka	Tarmak	Dahlgren	Major	Stones	Junge



# POLE VAULT

## Seagren, Isak, Nordwig Gold Hopes

### 1972 Leading Olympians

18-5%	Bob Seagren (US)	17-4%	Gennadiy Bliznyetsov (SU)
18-4%	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)	17-4%	Herve D'Encausse (Fr)?
18-3%	Jan Johnson (US)	17-4%	Yuriy Isakov (SU)
18-3%	Steve Smith (US)	17-4%	Reinhard Kuretzky (WG)
17-10%	Renato Dionisi (It)?	17-2%	Wojciech Bucziarski (Pol)
17-9	Antti Kalliomaki (Fin)	17-2	Kirk Bryde (Can)
17-8%	Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)	17-1	Mike Bull (GB)
17-8%	Chris Papanicolaou (Gr)	17-3%	Ingemar Jernberg (Swe)
17-7	Hans Lagerqvist (Swe)	17-3%	Tadeusz Olszewski (Pol)
17-5	Volker Ohi (WG)	17-3%	Francois Tracaneli (Fr)?
17-5	Tadeusz Slusarski (Pol)	17-3%	Hans-Jurgen Ziegler (WG)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Mike Bull** (GB, 9/11/46, 6-3/4-168) became GB's 1st 17-foot vaulter this year when he cleared 17-1. Bull's only major title came in 70 when he vaulted 16-8 1/2 to win the BCG. He placed 2nd in the 66 BCG and has not had much luck at the ECh, finishing 7th in 69 and having a nh performance in 71 but his 4 1/2" improvement in 72 may indicate better vaults are in store for him. 72/17-1; 71/16-6 1/2; 70/16-8 1/2; 69/16-6 1/2; 68/16-7 1/4.

• **Herve D'Encausse** (Fr, 9/27/43, 5-11/159) remains a mystery vaulter as he reaches good heights in minor meets, like his 17-4 1/2 earlier this year in a dual meet, but he seems unable to put it all together in a big meet. He has no major wins. In the 68 OG, he was entered with the 2nd best vault but managed only 7th (17-2 1/2). He had 3 quiet years after the 68 OG, his best vault during that period being a 16-6 1/2 in 70, but the Olympic year has lured him back. He is a veteran of 2 OG. He does have one placing to his credit, however, a 3rd in the 66 ECh (16-5). 71/15-9; 70/16-6 1/2; 69/16-5 1/2; 68/17-7 1/2; 67/17-4; 66/16-8 1/2; 65/16-1; 64/15-9.

• **Kjell Isaksson** (Swe, 2/28/48, 5-8 1/2/150) has had a remarkable season: he has cleared 18-feet or higher on 5 occasions, and of his 21 outdoor appearances, 20 have netted 17-foot or better vaults. He has rested the past month both to ease a tender thigh muscle and in order to prepare for his final big effort. The blond holds a 3-2 advantage over defending OG champ Seagren in 72 and he is pleased Seagren has the WR "entering the last lap". His title merit includes a 2nd in the ECh in 69 and 71. The world's no. 2 ranked performer in 71 was a 10th place finisher at 68 OG and his best this year is a 18-4 1/2 UTEP triumph over Seagren, who also cleared the same height. Strength is a forte of Isaksson, despite his size; this may pay off in a long drawn-out competition. Isaksson has been bothered by three leg injuries this year but claims that they have healed. 71/17-7 1/2; 70/17-7 1/2; 69/17-3 1/2; 68/17-2 1/2; 67/15-5.

• **Jan Johnson** (US, 11/11/50, 5-11/158) has a history of setting PRs in big meets: 17-7 70 NCAA win, 17-5 71 USTFF triumph and 18-3 CR at the FOT. A reputed 9.6 sprinter, Johnson likes to utilize his speed and high handhold for quality vaults. "I never attempt heights 9" lower than my best. I do not feel the wind is important and I get my best efforts in big meets." Johnson recently vaulted 18-4 on his home pit for TV. Johnson has not finished lower than 2nd in any meet this season, except the FOT, where 3 vaulted over 18-feet. The Alabama senior has been troubled lately with a bruised heel he suffered in Maine when he fell in the box. 71/17-5 1/2; 70/16-8 1/2; 17-7; 69/16-4; 68/15-4.

• **Antti Kalliomaki** (Fin, 1/8/47, 6-3/165) apparently has vaulted himself into the thick of the OG vault picture with a recent PR 17-9 in winning the Fin Ch. Kalliomaki has had a good season, clearing 17-7 indoors and finishing 3rd in the Eln Ch, and outdoors he has improved 8 1/2" over his previous outdoor best. 71/17-3 1/2; 70/16-5; 69/16-1; 68/16-5.

• **Reinhard Kuretzky** (WG, 12/1/47, 6-3/168) was a surprise winner over Ohi to claim the 72 WG Ch (17-3). He also claimed the victory in the dual with SU (17-2 1/2). His best in 72 is 17-4, which is a PR, and his best prior to this was a 16-8 1/2 in 70. 71/16-5 1/2; 70/16-8 1/2; 69/16-5 1/2.

• **Hans Lagerqvist** (Swe, 4/28/40, 5-11 1/2) just might be the sleeper in the OG. Having never cleared 17-feet until late 70, Lagerqvist blossomed into the 8th ranked vaulter in 71 with a PR 17-4. Lesser known than his teammate Isaksson, he has beaten Isaksson in Swe-Nor dual (17-3) and WR holder Seagren at Vons (17-0) this year. Lagerqvist has an indoor PR 17-8 1/2 for 2nd in 72 Eln Ch. He has a best outdoor vault this year of 17-7. 71/17-4; 70/16-9 1/2; 69/16-1; 68/16-4; 67/16-2.

• **Wolfgang Nordwig** (EG, 8/28/43, 6-3/160) has been ranked no. 1 in the world the past 2 seasons and is a lucid competitor who saves his quality performances for the championship meets. Proof of this appears to the 3 ECh, in 66, 69 and 71, and a bronze medal performance in the 68 OG. He has been rather quiet to date: his best is 17-8 1/2 and Isaksson has defeated him on at least 4 occasions. Munich should bring out the best in Nordwig, a former WR holder in 70 at 17-11. Nordwig's 15 years of vaulting and his experience gained from this might be an advantage in a long drawn out affair, like the marathon in 68. 71/17-8 1/2; 70/17-11; 69/17-6 1/2; 68/17-8 1/2; 67/16-10 1/2; 66/17-2.

• **Volker Ohi** (WG, 4/27/50, 5-9/154) had his troubles lately as he lost the WG Ch to Kuretzky and again to him at the SU-WG dual. He started off the 72 campaign well, clearing 17-5 but cleared only 16-8 1/2 in the nationals and 17-3 in the SU-WG dual. The 10th ranked vaulter in 71 is appearing in his 1st OG. 71/17-2 1/2; 70/17-3; 69/16-5; 68/15-9.

• **Chris Papanicolaou** (Gr, 11/25/42, 5-11 1/2) was the first man to go over 18-feet, clearing 18-3 in 70, and is showing some signs of coming around with recent vaults of 17-4 1/2 and 17-8 1/2 in Athens. His track record in big competition is mediocre, failing to place in the 71 ECh, 4th in the 69 ECh, and 4th in the 68 OG. This will be his 3rd OG. 71/17-6 1/2;



(L) Kjell Isaksson's long, successful season could culminate in gold. /Holm/  
(C) Recently off form, Wolfgang Nordwig is still a prime threat. /Holm/  
(R) Steve Smith cleared 18-3/4 in only his 2nd meet in 14 weeks. /Callanan/

70/18-1/2; 69/17-2 1/2; 68/17-6 1/2; 67/17-4 1/2; 66/16-6 1/2; 65/16-1 1/2; 64/15-6 1/2; 63/14-5 1/2.

• **Bob Seagren** (US, 10/17/46, 6-0/175) is the current WR (18-5 1/2, FOT) holder and defending OG champ (17-8 1/2). A fierce competitor, Seagren was injured in 70 and 71 but has battled back into the form that made him the no. 1 vaulter in 68 and 69. Seagren isn't afraid to pass heights as he showed in 68 OG and this might be to his advantage. "I like competition and pressure because it gets me more excited and the only thing I don't like is a vaulter who takes a long time to vault causing the competition to drag." Both of these facts could play a role at the OG. The pole Seagren used in his WR has been banned from the OG but George Moore, president of Pacer-American which produced the pole, says "Seagren can vault 18-6 with a fence post. It's the athlete that produces records." He has cleared 18-feet or higher 3 times in 72. 71/17-0; 17-5 1/2; 70/17-2; 69/17-8 1/2; 68/17-9; 67/17-7; 66/17-5 1/2.

• **Steve Smith** (US, 11/24/51, 6-1/180) set a new CR at the FOT, 18-3/4 in finishing 2nd to Seagren's WR. The Long Beach St. athlete hasn't finished lower than 2nd in any competition this year and has 6 vaults of 17-4 or higher. He's a newcomer to international top-level competition. A coach says of him, "He is the most knowledgeable vaulter in the world. Some may have better technique, but I doubt if any knows what he is trying to accomplish as well as Steve." Smith trains hard on the trampoline and attributes his success to this. He has shown the ability to battle pain, as shown at the FOT when he vaulted despite a groin injury which permitted him only one meet in 14 weeks. 71/17-1; 70/16-3; 69/16-8 1/2; 68/15-5 1/2.

### Analysis

Competitively, the favorites' role should fall to Seagren, Isaksson, and Nordwig. They have all compiled strong records vis-a-vis one another, titles to boot, and have laid claim to the WR more than once each. Seagren and Isaksson take the edge in 72 as Seagren has set the WR (18-5 1/2), while Isaksson has defeated Nordwig at least 4 times this season but Nordwig has to be considered on his outstanding record: only one loss in 70 when he twice raised the WR, undefeated in 71 with 3 wins over Isaksson, no. 1 ranked both years, and 3 time ECh winner. In this space age of the 18-footers, which Nordwig has not yet entered, it is difficult to ignore the likes of Johnson, Smith, and history's first-ever 18-footer in Papanicolaou. The soaring heights seem to be as much a part of the OG competition as passing either heights or attempts in the strategical war of nerves and untapped talent. Johnson has demonstrated an ability to vault well in big meets, while Smith has shown the desire and determination to vault over 18-feet with a groin injury. Lagerqvist might be the surprise of the competition as he owns 72 wins over Seagren and Isaksson and he has improved rapidly since 70, going from a PR 16-9 1/2 to 17-7. After 3 quiet years D'Encausse has vaulted himself back into the picture but lacks a creditable OG record in 2 tries. In a long-drawn out affair as is the rule in OG competitions and as this match will probably evolve, the champ will require a rare blend of toughness, strength, durability, calm, skill and strategical confidence. And what effect the banning of the new poles will have on certain vaulters is an unknown variable. It would appear that a veteran of the wars would have the edge in this important set of requirements.

### Form Chart

- B. Kjell Isaksson (Swe)-Bob Seagren (US).  
C. Jan Johnson (US)-Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)-Steve Smith (US).  
D. Mike Bull (GB)-Renato Dionisi (It)-Herve D'Encausse (Fr)-Antti Kalliomaki (Fin)-Reinhard Kuretzky (WG)-Hans Lagerqvist (Swe)-Volker Ohi (WG)-Chris Papanicolaou (Gr)-Tadeusz Slusarski (Pol).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Seagren	Johnson	Isaksson	Smith	Papanicolaou	Nordwig
CN Seagren	Isaksson	Johnson	Smith	Dionisi	Nordwig
DD Seagren	Isaksson	Nordwig	Smith	Johnson	Lagerqvist
RD Seagren	Isaksson	Nordwig	Johnson	Dionisi	Papnclaou
MW Seagren	Isaksson	Nordwig	Smith	Johnson	Papnclaou
JP Seagren	Nordwig	Isaksson	Smith	Dionisi	Johnson
All Seagren	Isaksson	Nordwig	Johnson	Smith	Dionisi

## LONG JUMP

# Five Close to Non-Beamon Record

## 1972 Leading Olympians

26-9%	Hans Baumgartner (WG)	25-11½	Raijo Toivonen (Fin)?
26-8%	Arnie Robinson (US)	25-11	Ari Vaananen (Fin)?
26-7	Max Klaus (EG)	25-10%	Siegfried Dahne (EG)?
26-5%	Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)	25-10%	Alan Lerwill (GB)
26-5%	Jacques Pani (Fr)	25-10%	Valeriy Podluzhnyi (SU)
26-5%	Leonid Barkovskiy (SU)	25-9%	Carlo Arrighi (It)
26-4%	Josef Schwarz (WG)	25-9%	Rolf Bernhard (Switz)
26-4	Preston Carrington (US)	25-9%	Milan Matos (Cuba)
26-4	Randy Williams (US)	<b>Wind-aided:</b>	
26-2½	Javoslav Broz (Czech)	27-4%	Randy Williams (US)
26-1%	Mike Ahay (Gha)	26-9	Alan Lerwill (GB)
26-1%	Finn Bendixen (Nor)	26-7%	Max Klaus (EG)
26-1%	Stanislaw Szudrowicz (Pol)	26-7%	Valeriy Podluzhnyi (SU)
26-1	Waldemar Stepien (Pol)	26-7	Bruce Field (Aus)
26-%	Josh Owusu (Gha)	26-6%	Jacques Pani (Fr)
25-11%	Vasile Serucan (Rum)	26-3%	Josh Owusu (Gha)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Leonid Barkovskiy (SU, 12/13/40, 5-8½/161)** has competed in the shadow of countryman Ter-Ovanesyan throughout his career. But at the SU Ch, this 2-time Olympian came up with a PR (26-5½) to win. 5 times world ranked, Barkovskiy did not make the finals in the 64 OG (24-3) and was 11th (25-11) in 68. His 72 season includes a win at Znamenskiy (26-%). 71/26-2%; 70/25-10%; 69/26-3; 68/26-4½; 67/26-1%; 66/26-2%; 65/26-3; 64/26-4%.

• **Hans Baumgartner (WG, 5/30/49, 6-2¾/157)** enters the Games as the competitor with the best legal mark, 26-9%. And in 72 he has forged the credentials to back up that jump—8 outdoor meets over 26-3 and only one defeat (to non-entered Hines). The lithe Baumgartner is swift down the runway (10.2w this year) and has a good landing. Before this year he was sometimes unpredictable (did not qualify for the 71 ECh final). However, he rated 3rd in the world off a generally solid season. He definitely holds a competitive edge over countryman Schwarz, claiming a 7-2 lifetime margin through July. His 26-6½ win in the WG Ch was achieved with a sore Achilles tendon. 71/26-5; 70/26-1%; 69/25-3%; 68/24-11%; 67/24-8; 66/22-4%.

• **Finn Bendixen (Nor, 6/27/49, 6-1/170)** came up with a significant win at Bislett, leaping just 25-6¾ but topping Robinson and Carrington. 3rd in the 71 NCAA, he had little success in Europe (14th ECh). But this year, although 4th in the NCAA, he produced a 26-1¾ NR on his return home before his big win. He performed at a consistent level this spring, with three windy 26-footers. 71/25-10; 70/25-%; 69/25-1%; 68/25-1%.

• **Jaroslav Broz (Cze, 11/8/50, 5-11¾/168)** was a surprise 3rd in the ElandCh (25-10%), topping many name jumpers. A typical hitch-kicker, he set a NR 26-2½ in win at Kusocinski over the Poles. He characteristically produces his best effort in the first 2 rounds. 71/25-10%; 70/25-4; 69/24-7%; 68/24-10%.

• **Preston Carrington (US, 6/12/49, 6-0/156)** will enter the Games with probably the briefest 72 season of all jumpers—the FOT was only his 3rd meet. A multi-event performer (9.3yw, 13.8w, 50-5w) who had his winters taken up by basketball, Carrington has had little track experience in any of his seasons. He led the FOT early with a PR 26-4, but passed his last 3 jumps with a turned ankle and bruised heel. Fortunately, he has the ability to recover quickly from injuries. 71/25-1% (25-11¾w); 70/25-6; 69/9-5.

• **Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol, 11/23/51, 5-10/152)** remains a virtually unknown quantity. He was hot in early June, producing leaps of 26-3¾ and 26-5¾ on consecutive weekends, and was an easy winner in the dual with GB (although Lerwill did not jump). A 25-11¾ performance at Kusocinski slipped him to 3rd behind Broz and Stepien. 71/25-10%; 70/26-1%; 69/25-1%.

• **Max Klaus (EG, 7/27/47, 6-¾/187)** has made a highly successful transition from first-class decathlete to first-class long jumper. Still the world age-20 record holder (7986 PR 67) in the 10-eventer, Klaus scored 6th in the 69 ECh (26-3) and was a surprising winner in the 71 meet (25-11%). Generally acknowledged as a solid performer both mentally and physically, Klaus suffered a loss to Hines this year, but has no blemishes otherwise, winning the EG Ch (26-7¾w) and the dual with Fr (26-1%). He also won the indoor crown from Baumgartner. He can claim fair speed (10.6) and good jumping ability (6-8%). 71/26-3; 70/inj; 69/26-5; 68/26-5%; 67/25-10%; 66/25-%.

• **Alan Lerwill (GB, 11/15/46, 6-2¾/178)** is regarded in many circles as a great talent, but unfortunately he has a very mediocre record in hot competition. His major splash on the international scene was a 3rd in 70 BCG (26-¾w). He did not qualify for the finals in the 68 OG, 69 ECh or 71 ECh. A good all-around jumper, he has also done 6-8½ and 51-4%. He was ranked 8th in 70, his best season to date, when he also won the Universiade (beating Robinson). 71/25-11 (26-7¾w); 70/25-11%; 69/25-2%; 68/25-2¾w.

• **Jack Pani (Fr, 5/21/46, 5-9/152)** was nonpareil in 70, producing the 2nd longest legal jump of the season (26-9%), winning the ECup (26-6%) and suffering no losses in 13 competitions to rate 1st in the world. But 71 brought a knee injury, and with it poorer marks and some losses. Like Baumgartner and Lerwill, he failed to make the finals of the ECh. Whether 72 will bring a complete recovery of form has yet to be seen, although he did show good competitive fire in his AAU tussle with Robinson. Pani was 7th in the 68 OG (26-1%) and has been world ranked every year since 67. 71/26-9; 70/26-9% (26-10¾w); 69/26-9% (26-11¾w); 68/26-6%; 67/26-4%; 66/25-8%.

• **Arnie Robinson (US, 4/7/48, 6-2/165)** says he likes to get off his big jump in the first



(L) West German Hans Baumgartner paces the world at 26-9%. /Tony Duffy/  
(C) At 34, Soviet Leonid Barkovskiy hit a PR 26-5½ in 72. /Mezavilks/  
(R) Britain's Alan Lerwill has twice ridden aiding winds to 26-9. /Shearman/

2 rounds, but more often than not comes through to win with a last jump effort, as he responds well to pressure. He suffered an ankle sprain in mid-season, but other than a poor string of meets there, his record has been exemplary. In earlier months he had a 4 meet string of 26-8w, 26-7¾w (26-6%), 26-6¾w, 26-8%. A hot competitive spirit has won him 2 major battles in 72, the AAU against Pani (26-5% last jump) and the FOT (26-4% 5th jump). Robinson has excellent physical qualifications; he has leaped 6-10 and has 21.4y speed, which he is strong enough to utilize. In 71, he ranked 1st in the world and won the PAG (26-3%). 71/26-4% (26-10¾w); 70/25-10; 69/25-6.

• **Josef Schwarz (WG, 5/20/41, 5-11¾/154)** is potentially the most dangerous jumper in the field, due to his great speed. Formerly a sprinter of 10.3/20.9 caliber, "Joe Black" won the ECup 200 in 65 and was rated 5th in the world in that event. He made no impact on the international scene again until 70, when he equaled the ER with an amazing 27-4% leap against the US and ranked 2nd in the world. Super-inconsistent, he has trouble finding the board, and has barely come within a foot of that jump since (26-5% in 71). He usually relies on one or two big jumps (only had 1 non-foul at the WG Ch). An illustration of his inconsistency is the 71 ECh, where he was among the top qualifiers (25-7) but was 12th in the final (24-7%). 71/26-5%; 70/27-4% =ER; 69/25-9%; 68/24-8%; 67/26-%.

• **Randy Williams (US, 8/23/53, 5-9/160)** will be one of the shorter jumpers in the field, but is more than able to make up for his lack of height with fine speed and good power. Williams has already raised his legal PR 4 times in 72, and still appears to be on the way up, as indicated by a recent 27-4¾w. That mark has been surpassed by only 5 others under any circumstances. At 19, he will also be one of the younger competitors, but he appears to respond well to pressure. Williams also showed great triple jump promise with a 52-3% bound in 71. 71/25-4% (26-3¾w); 70/25-0.

## Analysis

So we can mention the name of the man who authored the greatest performance this event has ever seen, suffice it to say that Beamon's 29-2½ WR is safe. However, the "other" WR (27-4% by Boston, Ter-Ovanesyan and Schwarz) just might get a tumble. Schwarz will be here, and at least 4 others who have been within 8" of that mark by some means will also compete. Robinson has lost only 1 big meet (when not injured) in 72, and that was to Hines. Again healthy, he appears to have it all—long jumps, consistency, and a fierce competitive ability. Baumgartner, Pani and Klaus are not far behind. Each has adequate credentials to step in should Robinson falter. Baumgartner has the better 72 credentials so far, but has been known to falter in the past, where Klaus and Pani are more solid competitors. The urgings of a patron WG crowd could be the edge Baumgartner requires. Countryman Schwarz needs only 1 jump to win it all, and he does claim Munich as a hometown. Williams is improving quickly, but still appears to be several inches out of the running for the top positions. His consistency could stand him in good stead though. Lerwill could come up with a major surprise if he lives up to the expectations of his supporters. Bendixen doesn't jump as far as most of the others, but is consistent. Carrington has a lot of ability and might have one big jump in him. The 3 Poles (Cybulski, Szudrowicz and Stepien), 2 Ghanians (Ahay and Owusu) and Broz are likely place-fillers, although young Podluzhnyi also showed promise recently.

## Form Chart

- B. Hans Baumgartner (WG)-Max Klaus (EG)-Arnie Robinson (US).  
C. Randy Williams (US).  
D. Leonid Barkovskiy (SU)-Finn Bendixen (Nor)-Jaroslav Broz (Czech)-Preston Carrington (US)-Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)-Alan Lerwill (GB)-Jacques Pani (Fr)-Valeriy Podluzhnyi (SU)-Josef Schwarz (WG).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Robinson	Williams	Baumgartner	Pani	Klaus	Barkovskiy
CN Robinson	Baumgartner	Williams	Klaus	Pani	Carrington
DD Robinson	Klaus	Baumgartner	Williams	Lerwill	Barkovskiy
RD Robinson	Baumgartner	Klaus	Williams	Schwarz	Broz
MW Baumgartner	Lerwill	Williams	Robinson	Barkovskiy	Pani
JP Baumgartner	Robinson	Williams	Lerwill	Klaus	Broz
AI Robinson	Baumgartner	Williams	Klaus	Lerwill	Pani

TRIPLE JUMP

# Saneyev, Drehmel Beatable Masters

## 1972 Leading Olympians

56-6%	Viktor Saneyev (SU)	54-1%	Bernard Lamitte (Fr)?
56-5%	Jorg Drehmel (EG)	54-1%	Tadashi Inoue (Jap)
56-1%	Carol Corbu (Rum)	54-%	Eugeniusz Biskupski (Pol)
56-0	Dave Smith (US)	54-%	Pentti Kuukasjarvi (Fin)
55-7%	Michal Joachimowski (Pol)	54-%	Jiri Vycichlo (Czech)
55-7	Hans-Gunther Schenk (EG)	53-11%	Kosei Gushiken (Japan)
55-2%	Gennadiy Byessonov (SU)	53-11%	Esa Rinne (Fin)
55-1%	Pedro Perez (Cu)	53-11%	Art Walker (US)
54-10%	Giuseppe Gentile (It)?	53-11%	Jurgen Rabe (EG)
54-10	John Craft (US)	53-11	Jan Broda (Czech)?
54-9	Nelson Prudencio (Brz)	53-9%	Kristen Flogstad (Nor)
54-6%	Yukito Muraki (Jap)		
54-5	Mohinder Gill (Ind)	<b>Wind-aided:</b>	
54-2	Vaclav Fiser (Czech)	56-2	John Craft (US)
		55-1	Art Walker (US)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Mikhail Bariban** (SU, 2/25/49, 5-11/159) rates as one of the great all-around jumpers in history with bests of 6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 25-8 and 55-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . His serious TJ career did not begin until 71, when he bounded 54-%. Improving rapidly in this 3-bounce event, he beat Saneyev (and lost to Craft) with a 55-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the indoor dual with the US. 3rd against WG, he has won the 2 biggest meets of the SU season, Znamenskiy (54-6%) and the SU Ch (55-1, 71/54-%; 70/6-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 69/25-4%; 68/25-6%).

• **Gennadiy Byessonov** (SU, 12/9/44, 5-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /148) gives the SU a powerful triumvirate with Bariban and Saneyev. A consistent performer, this high-bouncing speedster ranked 5th in the world in 71 after 7th in the ECh. 3rd in the SU Ch (54-4%), he was also 2nd at Znamenskiy (54-4%) and 1st against WG (54-6) and also did 55-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to nail another defeat on Saneyev during 72. 71/54-2 (55-4w); 70/53-%; 69/54-1%; 68/53-7%.

• **Carol Corbu** (Rum, 2/8/46, 6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /187) is a solid bet to become the first-ever medal winner for his country in men's track. Easily the tallest of all world-class TJ performers, Corbu seems to have shaken off the injuries which have troubled him in the past. A consistent high-level performer, he ranked 3rd in 71, losing only 2 competitions (to Drehmel and Saneyev in the ECh and Saneyev again). Lost to Drehmel by 2" in their only clash so far this year. He now has 3 performances over the 56-foot barrier. He has a LJ best of 25-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 71/56-2; 70/55-0; 69/53-9% (54-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ w); 68/52-6%; 67/51-4%.

• **John Craft** (US, 3/24/47, 6-0/160) has forged an undefeated 72 season prior to the Games, indoors and out. While he has yet to face European competition outdoors, he did score a big victory indoors with an AR 55-5 to defeat Saneyev in the US-SU dual. Craft also owns a share of the longest windy jump ever by an American, 56-2 in winning the FOT. Craft is stingy with his jumping, contesting few meets and using only as many trials as he has to. His legal best is only 54-10, but has had performances of 55-0w and 55-4w as well as the 56-2. Ranked 9th last year, he is only 4th American ever to make the world rankings. 71/54-7; 70/52-7%; 69/53-9; 68/inj.

• **Jorg Drehmel** (EG, 5/3/45, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /183) enters Munich with an outstanding competitive record—1 outdoor loss in 70, 2 in 71 and none so far in 72. Two of those losses are to Saneyev, the other to Corbu. A super competitor, this former javelin thrower has won the biggest meet for the last 2 seasons, the 70 ECup (56-2%) and 71 ECh (56-3%), recording best-overs each time. Edged Corbu in his only major competition of 72, and ranks 5th on the all-time world list with his 56-5%. Drehmel is also very consistent, with 10 meets over 55-feet in 70-71. 71/55-6% (56-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ w); 70/56-2%; 69/54-7%; 68/53-4%.

• **Giuseppe Gentile** (It, 9/4/43, 6-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /183) endured the unenviable experience of setting 2 WRs in the 68 OG and finishing 3rd (56-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  qual and 56-6). A colorful competitor, Gentile is one of few performers to openly smoke. He has been up and down since his surprising performance at Mexico, and is currently nursing an injury and not mentally sharp. He is also a good LJ'er (25-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). 71/54-3%; 70/54-10%; 69/52-7%; 68/56-6 WR (56-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  WR).

• **Michal Joachimowski** (Pol, 9/26/50, 6-%/170) is the latest in a fine series of TJ'ers to be produced by Pol. He is still young by European standards at 21. His improvement this year has been a significant 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . In addition to his 55-7%, Joachimowski was second to Corbu at Kusocinski (54-11). 71/53-4%; 70/53-3; 69/52-2; 68/49-10.

• **Pedro Perez** (Cu, 2/23/52, 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ /148) is the all-time child prodigy of the TJ. The age-record holder at 17-18-19, his 19 mark of 57-1 also happens to be the WR, making him the youngest of all current records holders. The early season world leader, Perez was trounced by the EG duo Drehmel (56-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ )—Schenk (55-7) as he produced a 54-10 $\frac{1}{2}$  and encountered a knee injury. Cuban sources report that he is likely to be ready by Munich. He is coached at home by Soviet specialist Shcherbakov, a former WR holder. His WR came in winning the PAG over Craft and Prudencio, but other than his 72 conflict, Perez has not met any other "name" competitors. 71/57-1; 70/53-9; 69/51-9; 68/47-11%.

• **Nelson Prudencio** (Brz, 4/4/44, 5-11/148) would not be rated as a serious medal contender off his performances in the past 3 seasons, but he was even less highly-rated in Mexico, where he bounded a WR 56-8 for a silver medal. With little encouragement to train and poor facilities in South America, Prudencio's international forays are few and far between, but distinguished, as he also has silver medals from the 67 PAG (53-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ w) and 71 PAG (55-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Prudencio is a student of the Polish school of TJing, which places a great emphasis on speed. 71/55-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 70/53-5%; 69/53-7%; 68/56-8 WR; 67/53-5%.

• **Viktor Saneyev** (SU, 10/3/45, 6-2/174) now owns the TJ, statistically speaking, with 7 of the top 11 jumps ever, 10 averaging 56-4%. He has ranked 1st in the world every year



(L) A stellar big-meet leaper, Carol Corbu is 2nd-longest entrant. (L'Equipe)  
(C) An OG win could confirm Pedro Perez's world record ability. (Mezavilks)  
(R) Mikhail Bariban is 2nd among the tough USSR corps at 55-1. (Mezavilks)

since 68, when he was undefeated and won the OG (57-% WR). Prior to 72, he had lost only 3 outdoor meets in last 3 seasons (2 to Drehmel). But has had a slow start this season, suffering several setbacks: 3rd to Corbu-Gentile in one meet, 2nd against WG and 2nd in the SU Ch. However, he will undoubtedly be in peak shape at Munich, as he is probably delaying reaching peak form. Saneyev can claim all the attributes of a great TJ'er. He is fast, strong, well coordinated and a great competitor (witness the 68 OG where he set a WR 56-6% and had to produce a 57-% WR on his last jump to regain the lead). 71/56-8%; 70/56-10%; 69/56-3% (56-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ w); 68/57-% WR (56-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  WR); 67/54-8%.

• **Heinz-Gunther Schenk** (EG, 1/16/42, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /168) spends most of his time in Drehmel's shadow, which makes winning difficult. A proven competitor in the high-53/low-54 range, he suddenly added more than a foot to his PR with 55-7 bound in topping injured Perez. Schenk didn't qualify for the 68 OG final. 71/55-1; 70-69/inj; 68/54-6%.

• **Dave Smith** (US, 11/8/47, 5-8/160) brought the US record back into high-class with his 56-0 at the FOT, but was only 2nd as Craft produced a 56-2w. The swift Smith has had trouble with sore knees in the past, and has competed sparingly in 72 (the FOT was his 3rd meet). He was also 2nd in the 68 FOT (53-0) but didn't make the OG final. Smith is the 7th to reach 56-feet. 71/54-5% (55-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ); 70/53-1%; 69/50-5%; 68/53-3%.

• **Art Walker** (US, 7/9/41, 6-2/155) is back for another try after a disappointing 4th in the 68 OG (56-2w). Essentially retired since then, Walker embarked on a strength-building program over the winter and appears to be close to his AR form (55-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of 68. So far in 72 he has shown a good capability for getting big jumps with an illegal wind, but has not fared so well without. He got his best mark of the season (55-1w) for 3rd at the FOT, but feels he is still improving. 71-70-69/dnc; 68/55-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  AR (56-2w).

### Analysis

Saneyev has ranked as the world's best since 68. But the rankings reflect the performances of a whole season, not just one meet. And in the "one meet" situations, Drehmel has proved to be Saneyev's master, copping both the ECup and ECh. As one veteran observer puts it, "I don't know what it is that Drehmel has over Saneyev, but I have seen it twice now within a year. I honestly think Drehmel puts a bit of fear into him, for Saneyev does not look like the same man when he competes against EG." Still, neither of these defeats has been convincing, and Saneyev did score a significant revenge on Drehmel in the Universiade after the ECup. Corbu has been getting better each year, and doesn't appear ready to stop now. Perez is still the world record holder, but that mark was altitude-aided and remains a one-shot effort, as the Cuban's next best performance is nearly 2-feet behind that (55-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Once one of the worst nations among track powers in the world in this event, the US forces can no longer be sneered at. All 3 have reached 56-feet by some means. Craft and Smith are definitely on the way up, while Walker was one of the favorites in 68 and might make it back. No other event will be able to claim the services of 4 some-time WR holders. Mexico City record setters Prudencio and Gentile do not appear to be hot prospects at the moment, but they were essentially unnoticed 4 years ago. Bariban and Byessonov, Joachimowski and Schenk are capable 55 footers who will adequately serve to fill the final spots, although it wouldn't take much improvement on their part to be in the thick of the battle.

### Form Chart

- B. Carol Corbu (Rum)-Jorg Drehmel (EG)-Viktor Saneyev (SU)  
C. John Craft (US).  
D. Mikhail Bariban (SU)-Gennadiy Byessonov (SU)-Giuseppe Gentile (It)-Mohinder Gill (Ind)-Michal Joachimowski (Pol)-Pedro Perez (Cuba)-Nelson Prudencio (Brz)-Heinz-Gunther Schenk (EG)-Dave Smith (US)-Art Walker (US).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Saneyev	Corbu	Drehmel	Craft	Perez	Prudencio
CN Saneyev	Drehmel	Corbu	Perez	Craft	Smith
DD Drehmel	Saneyev	Corbu	Craft	Bariban	Smith
RQ Drehmel	Corbu	Craft	Saneyev	Joachimowski	Bariban
MW Drehmel	Saneyev	Prudencio	Craft	Corbu	Smith
JP Drehmel	Bariban	Saneyev	Corbu	Perez	Craft
All Drehmel	Saneyev	Corbu	Craft	Bariban	Perez

SHOT PUT

# Titans of US, East Germany Clash

## 1972 Leading Olympians

70-7%	Al Feuerbach (US)	66-2	Vilmos Varju (Hun)
70-1%	George Woods (US)	66-1%	Seppo Simola (Fin)?
69-11%	H-J Rothenburg (EG)	66-1%	Ralf Reichenbach (WG)
69-9%	Hans-Peter Gies (EG)	65-11	Bo Grahn (Fin)?
69-4	Hartmut Briesenick (EG)	65-10%	Miroslav Janousek (Czech)
68-10%	Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)	65-10%	Jaromir Vlk (Czech)
68-9%	Brian Oldfield (US)	65-9	Matti Yrjola (Fin)
67-11%	Nagui Asaad (Egypt)	65-7	Yves Brouzet (Fr)?
67-4%	Aleksandr Barishnikov (SU)	65-3%	Hans Hoglund (Swe)
67-1%	Lahcen Samsam (Mor)	65-3%	Rimantas Plunge (SU)
66-2%	Jaroslav Brabec (Czech)	65-2%	Valeriy Voikin (SU)
66-2%	Geoff Capes (GB)	64-10%	Heinfried Birlenbach (WG)

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Nagui Asaad** (Egypt, 8/12/45, 6-4/249) will arrive in Munich with the benefit of several years training in East Germany. The fruits of those labors first became apparent in 71, when he improved from 62-6% to 66-3 AfrR. Although he has competed little in 72, he has already improved to his AfrR 67-11%. Asaad has a unique training quirk—he takes 100 throws each morning out of a bucket of shots of odd-weights, adjusting to each ball. 71/66-3; 70/62-6%; 69/62-2; 68/56-4%.

• **Aleksandr Barishnikov** (SU, 11/11/48, 6-3/243) will undoubtedly be one of the crowd favorites in Munich. Disdaining conventional shot put form, Barishnikov positions himself in the back of the circle like a discus thrower, spins across the circle like a discus thrower (but with the shot under his chin) and then uses a normal release. Fantastic! And it works, as he set an NR 67-4% against WG, 71/63-0; 70/58-1%.

• **Hartmut Briesenick** (EG, 3/17/49, 6-3%/256) is a solid technician who performs well under pressure. Not only that, he can throw the shot a long way, and does so quite often. Finishing May with a 68-8 heave, he filled June with performances of 68-10%, 68-11%, 69-4 and 68-¼ (3rd EG Ch). The tightness of EG competition is illustrated by his 3 72 losses to his countrymen. In 70-71, he lost 3 meets total. Briesenick ranked 1st in the world in 71, and won the Ech (69-2 ER). That was his third ER of the season, although Rothenburg has raised that twice since. Briesenick dominates the European indoor scene, where he has raised the record 7 times. An indication of his general improvement this year in his recording of 5 of his top 8 marks (plus his PR) of all-time. 71/69-2; 70/67-5%; 69/66-4%; 68/61-4%; 67/56-4.

• **Al Feuerbach** (US, 1/14/48, 6-1/250) began 72 in the same manner as his 71 season—hot indoors and early outdoors followed by a less successful main season. But in late 72 he has broken out of the doldrums with another super put, a PR 70-7%. That gives him 11 performances (2 indoors) over 69-feet on the year (Matson's best total was 5). Feuerbach sacrificed his competitive sharpness in May in order to concentrate on the basics. Since then he has reworked his technique in order to obtain more explosiveness, although his detonations across the ring were already in the top rank. The compact Feuerbach is one of the quickest putters ever, and possesses a lightning arm. Although he is basically left-handed, he throws the shot and disc (178-7) with his right. Well coordinated, he can claim a left-handed practice mark of 52-0. Feuerbach usually comes up with his big throw in the 2nd or 3rd round. 71/67-11% (68-11i WR); 70/65-0; 69/58-9%; 68/57-5; 67/56-2%.

• **Hans-Peter Gies** (EG, 5/9/47, 6-4%/231) is regarded by many as being the EG putter with the greatest potential. In 69 he set a ER of 67-8% and was ranked 2nd in the world. But in 70 he was injured and unable to compete, and got back up to only 66-6% in 71. But 72 has brought much more than a mere return to form, as he matched his PR in his first meet, improved to 69-1% in his next, and then to 69-9% for 5th all-time. And he followed those up with a solid 69-7 in winning the EG Ch. Packing surprisingly less bulk than most world-class putters, Gies has a deviation in his spine which prevents him from doing many heavy lifting exercises. So rather than relying on strength his putting depends on good speed and technique. He is also very explosive. 71/66-6%; 70/inj; 69/67-8%; 68/61-10%; 67/59-9%; 66/57-7%.

• **Wladyslaw Komar** (Pol, 4/11/40, 6-5%/276) still stands several inches behind his EG rivals in the distance department, but has not been equaled in the consistency section and has fared well competitively so far in 72. In 2 clashes with the EG phalanx, Komar first lost to Briesenick (beating Gies and Rothenburg), then beat Gies, but his 68-10% topper is backed up by 7 more tosses past 68-3%. By far the most experienced competitor in the field, Komar tasted international competition as long ago as 62, when he was 2nd in the Ech (59-¼). He was 9th in the 64 OG (59-8%) and 6th in 68 (63-3). The muscular Komar was once suspended "for life" by the Polish Federation. Since his reinstatement in early 70, he has done his best putting, setting an indoor ER and moving to 6th (70) and 4th (71) in the world rankings. 71/67-5; 70/66-4%; 69/62-9%; 68/64-¼; 67/62-7%; 66/64-4.

• **Brian Oldfield** (US, 6/1/45, 6-5/275) will undoubtedly vie with Barishnikov for the crowd's attention. Although his spectacular apparel at the FOT will be unlikely to appear, Oldfield's unorthodox warm-ups and methods of relaxation should turn a few heads. 10th ranked in 69, "Barney" paid the shot little heed for 2 years, then made a run for it in 72. Opening with a PR 65-7% (old PR 64-6%), he has improved in big bounds—67-4%, then 68-9%. His 3rd at the FOT (67-10%) to knock Matson from the team may stick as the most memorable thing he has ever done, no matter what the future brings. Big and strong, Oldfield is also explosive and feels he has much to learn about technique. Another indication of his raw ability is his 200-6 discus PR this year, with virtually no training or background



(L) Only 3rd EG putter, Hartmut Briesenick is tough in big meets. (L'Equipe)  
(C) Wild Brian Oldfield bounced Randy Matson from the US team. (Sutton)  
(R) Aleksandr Barishnikov has spun his PR to 67-4% in 72. (Mezavilks)

in that event. 71/60-1%; 70/61-8%; 69/64-6%; 68/61-2%.

• **Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg** (EG, 4/9/44, 6-¾/260) has set ERs in 3 of the last 4 seasons, but cannot cement himself as even the top thrower in his own country. In 69 he hit a 67-2% ER early, but that soon fell to Gies. And he was 2nd to Hoffmann in the Ech (65-9%). The 71 Ech (67-2) saw him finish second again, this time to Briesenick. But even though he later got an ER 69-3% he ranked 3rd in the world. He has already raised his own ER to 69-11% in 72, but has been able to win only 1 of 6 competitions with his countrymen and has been less consistent, with a second-best effort of 68-6%. Rothenburg was omitted from the 68 OG team, but on the same day as the SP final threw 65-7% at home, a mark which would have been good enough for 4th. Rothenburg is also a highly-capable discus thrower, with a 203-5% PR (69). 71/69-3% ER; 70/65-10%; 69/67-2%; 68/65-7%; 67/60-10.

• **George Woods** (US, 2/11/43, 6-2/300) has performed at a remarkably high level in 72 since his opening outdoor meet of 67-2: 69-9%, 70-1%, 70-¼, 69-¾, nm (3 fouls), 68-10% qual and 70-1% (1st FOT) and 68-11%. Other than that 3-faulter, only in his 67-2 meet did Woods not win. Due to sore fingers on his putting hand, George has limited his competitive appearances and taken as few throws as possible, usually getting his winner in the 1st or 2nd round. "Besides," he says, "I like to get the pressure on the competition early." Woods was also the 68 FOT winner (68-¾ PR) but "slipped" to 2nd at the OG (66-¾) behind Matson. That old PR has been eclipsed by Woods in all but 1 competition. Amazingly swift and agile for his size, Woods turned down a chance at pro football after the 68 Games. Woods joins Feuerbach as the only throwers ever to record 3 70-footers in 1 season. 71/inj; 70/63-10%; 69/66-9%; 68/68-¼; 67/63-11%.

### Analysis

Once calculated to be a 3-3 US vs. EG battle, the SP has now taken on more of a 3-2-1 configuration (that's EG, US, Pol). Matson's replacement, as Oldfield is in most eyes, isn't quite up to the level of the others yet and must be relegated to the second row. Woods and Feuerbach are still there for the US side, as expected, with Woods having the upper hand through the FOT off his winning record and consistently long throwing. Feuerbach was an early favorite who fell off the pace with a mid-season slackening, but has now gained more respect with the 3rd best toss ever. The EG trio still remains solid, although Rothenburg's stock is sometimes hard to calculate. Apparently, none of that threesome has competed since July 4, but at that juncture their seasonal records stood: Briesenick-Gies 3-3; Briesenick-Rothenburg 4-2; Gies-Rothenburg 3-3. That isn't much grounds for picking favorites, although Briesenick has been the best in most "big" meets. Consistent Komar is waiting in the wings. His hyper-consistency makes him dangerous, and a big PR improvement (rather than the 5 small ones he has already made in 72) puts him near the top. Although the EGs haven't reported anything fantastic, each of the 3 super-confident USers claims some sort of practice mark past Matson's 71-5% WR. And with 7 of the top 9 putters of all-time in the competition, it might seem on the surface as if that mark might be approached. But results of the 72 FOT and 68 OG (where many throwers did better in the qualifying round) might indicate that the high tension doesn't provide the atmosphere needed to pop the big ones. The coolest nerves may win out. Joining Oldfield in the "almost there" group are Barishnikov and Asaad.

### Form Chart

- B. George Woods (US).  
C. Al Feuerbach (US)-Hartmut Briesenick (EG)-Hans-Peter Gies (EG)-Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)-Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (EG).  
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### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Woods	Briesenick	Feuerbach	Gies	Komar	Rothenburg
CN Woods	Feuerbach	Oldfield	Briesenick	Gies	Rothenburg
UD Woods	Briesenick	Feuerbach	Gies	Komar	Oldfield
RQ Woods	Briesenick	Komar	Gies	Feuerbach	Rothenburg
MW Woods	Feuerbach	Briesenick	Rothenburg	Gies	Rothenburg
JP Briesenick	Woods	Komar	Feuerbach	Gies	Rothenburg
All Woods	Briesenick	Feuerbach	Gies	Komar	Rothenburg

## DISCUS THROW

# Toss-up: Silvester, Danek, Bruch

## 1972 Leading Olympians

224-5	Ricky Bruch (Swe)	209-½	Klaus-Peter Hennig (WG)
218-5	Tim Vollmer (US)	208-1½	Lothar Milde (EG)
217-5½	Ludvik Danek (Czech)	207-1	Silvano Simeon (It)
215-2	Jay Silvester (US)	205-9	Jarmo Rinne (Fin)?
214-2	Geza Fejer (Hun)	205-5½	Leszek Gajdzinski (Pol)
212-1	Dirk Wippermann (WG)	205-1	Ernst Soudek (Aut)?
211-6½	Ferenc Tegla (Hun)	205-½	Pentti Kahma (Fin)?
211-2	Hartmut Losch (EG)	206-0	Namakoro Niare (Mali)
210-9	Detlef Thorith (EG)	203-10½	Hein-Direck Neu (WG)
210-8	John Powell (US)	203-2	Bill Tancred (GB)
210-5	Vladimir Lyakhov (SU)?	202-10½	Armando De Vincentiis (It)
210-3	Janos Muranyi (Hun)		

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Ricky Bruch** (Swe, 7/2/46, 6-6¼/298) will undoubtedly be less popular with many people this year. No longer throwing temper tantrums, he will not be as much fun for the fans to watch—and he will be much tougher to beat. No longer recording a plethora of marks in windy Malmo, Bruch has been competing at almost as high a level all over Scandinavia, equalling Silvester's accepted WR (224-5), 8th in the 68 OG (194-6). Bruch really burst on the scene in 69 with an ER 223-3½ and a 2nd in the ECh (200-4½). He competed well in 70 (winning 6 of 15 from Silvester), but fell apart mentally in 71, sulking consistently and popping in and out of the hospital with nervous trouble. Hooted at by the ECh crowd, he finished 9th (193-10). He scored a highly significant win recently at Bislett (209-4½). Also NR holder in the SP (65-9), Bruch spent a brief period schooling at NM several years ago. 71/224-2; 70/220-3; 69/223-3½; 68/203-4.

• **Ludvik Danek** (Cze, 1/6/37, 6-4/260) will come to Munich lacking only 1 kind of Olympic medal—gold. 2nd in 64 (198-6½) and 3rd in 68 (208-5), the veteran has been world ranked every year since 63, and never lower than 4th. Like Consolini a "pure" discus thrower, he has a shot PR of only 50-11½, set in 72. And also like Consolini, he is improving with age, getting his PR in 71 at 33 (219-6½), and finally winning a ECh (209-7½) after 9th, 3rd and 4th placings. Danek raised the WR to 211-9½ in 64 to rate as the OG favorite, but was tagged by the amazing Deter. He showed his control in winning the 71 ECh, overcoming gusty winds, cold weather and a slippery circle. He plans to continue competition for many years, regardless of the Munich result. 71/219-6½; 70/210-3½; 69/218-1; 68/206-5; 67/212-6; 66/216-9 WR; 65/213-11½ WR; 64/211-9½ WR; 63-200-½.

• **Geza Fejer** (Hun, 4/20/45, 6-3½/265) is one of only 2 throwers able to claim a victory over Silvester in 71. The 64 ECh in both the SP and DT, Fejer was 3rd in the 71 ECh (201-11) and ranked 4th in the world. His 72 results have been contradictory—he threw 214-2, then lost badly to Bruch and Tegla, then won the Hun Ch (207-0) by almost 15-feet, then placed 8th at Oslo (198-9). Fejer is highly regarded in most quarters, and is the most dangerous of the good Hun trio. 71/219-6½; 70/213-4; 69/200-1½; 68/197-3½.

• **Klaus-Peter Hennig** (WG, 5/2/47, 6-5½/260) had only 1 bad meet in 71, but unfortunately it was the ECh (11th, 186-6½). Still, he ranked 6th in the world. He reportedly has trouble throwing well without the wind. In 72, he was 4th in the WG Ch and 3rd vs. SU. He did not qualify in the 68 OG. 71/210-½; 70/198-8; 69/199-5; 68/194-2½.

• **Hartmut Losch** (EG, 9/11/43, 6-3½/265) has not had a career full of tape-stretching performances, yet is one of the most reliable DT performers: 2nd 66 ECh; 4th 68 OG (203-9½); 1st 69 ECh (202-10); and 5th 71 ECh (199-8). He was the runner-up in the 72 EG Ch (195-6½). 71/209-2; 70/196-7; 69/200-0; 68/205-9; 67/198-2½.

• **Lothar Milde** (EG, 11/8/34, 6-4¾/243) is like Losch in that he has few long marks but performs well in the meets that count: 3rd 62 ECh; 3rd 66 ECh; 2nd 68 OG (206-1½); 3rd 69 ECh (194-8); and 2nd 71 ECh (202-2). The highlight of his 72 season was his surprising 219-10½ performance, which has since been rejected by the EG federation for an unknown reason. Only 4th in 72 EG Ch. 71/207-10½; 70/196-2½; 69/210-6; 68/207-9.

• **John Powell** (US, 6/25/47, 6-2¼/245) has had to fit his training around the tough schedule of a policeman. He started 72 hot (202-10 in Jan), but surged up (210-8 to best Van Reenen) and down (195-4 5th Cal R) for most of the regular season. He placed only 4th in the AAU (199-10) but came through with a big toss (205-10) in the 1st round to sew up 2nd in the FOT. Relatively inexperienced still, he has only 13 lifetime performances over 200-feet. He is one of the faster spinners in the US. 71/207-1; 70/201-6; 69/195-0; 68/187-5.

• **Jay Silvester** (US, 9/27/37, 6-2¼/240) has been a major force in world DT circles since 1958 (that's 15 seasons folks), but still lacks one important jewel in his diadem—an Olympic medal. 4th in the 64 OG (193-10½) and 5th in 68 (202-8), Silvester has raised the WR 6 times in his career and won nearly every other major meet in the world. But his 2 OG experiences were less-than-satisfactory. In 64 he cracked his head in a doorway just prior to the competition and in 68 he set an OR in the qualifying, then allowed himself to cool down in the finals and changed technique midway. The 72 season began as one of his worst ever, (only 4 wins in his first 10 meets), but he settled down to his old powerful confident self to take the AAU (213-0) and FOT (211-2) titles. Silvester is eager for Munich. "I am a child of Europe," he says. "For the past 2 years, my throwing there has been worth 5% more in the US." Unfortunately, that statement has not been born out in 72 Pre-OG meets, where he has thrown consistently under 200-feet in losing to Bruch 4



(L) Can Ludvik Danek's 3rd final be his lucky winner? /Steve Murdoch/  
(C) Geza Fejer leads a strong Hungarian delegation at 214-2. /Knut Holm/  
(R) Stable and strong, Ricky Bruch seems prime for victory. /Knut Holm/

times. 71/230-11 WR; 70/217-5½; 69/211-2; 68/224-5 WR (218-4 WR); 67/205-3; 66/200-9; 65/210-6; 64/200-9; 63/204-7½; 62/199-7½ WR (198-10 WR).

• **Ferenc Tegla** (Hun, 7/15/47, 6-1¾/225) can usually find all the competition he needs right at home. He has performed well elsewhere in the last 3 years, achieving world ranking each time, topped by a 4th in 70. Slipped to 3rd in the 72 Hun Ch, but showed style in placing 4th at Bislett (201-11), 7th and 6th in the last 2 ECh. Tegla was 11th at the 68 OG (191-5½), 71/214-8½; 70/214-3; 69/206-4½; 68/199-5.

• **Detlef Thorith** (EG, 9/27/42, 6-2¾/231) has not made much noise on the international scene since his upset win in the 66 ECh (186-4½). But in 72, he has become EG's most consistent thrower, winning the EG Ch (205-½) and the dual with Fr (200-11½) and reaching a PR 210-9. 71/206-2; 70/209-7½; 69/195-4; 68/197-4½.

• **Tim Vollmer** (US, 9/13/46, 6-2¼/225) may have the largest wingspread of any thrower in the competition—a rather long 6-10½. Those appendages give Vollmer great leverage and a quick whip in the front of the ring. His 72 season has been unspectacular competitively speaking, with back-to-back wins at Compton (205-8) and Vons (210-6) his only major achievements. He placed only 9th at Bislett (193-½). 71/221-1; 70/205-6; 69/204-2; 68/204-2.

• **Dirk Wippermann** (WG, 1/27/46, 6-5¾/225) has ranked 7th in the world for the past 2 seasons, but has recorded most of his big marks in unimportant meets. Still, he was 4th in the 71 ECh (201-3½). Only 3rd vs the SU, he won the WG Ch in 72. He has reportedly been doing much experimentation with his style this year. 71/216-1½; 70/210-5; 69/204-4; 68/inj.

## Analysis

If there is an event where the win-loss record is important, it is the discus. With the growing popularity of private wind tunnels (and no legislation against it), it is becoming increasingly difficult to compare throwers unless they meet face-to-face. So which of the big-3 has the best scoresheet? Silvester and Danek have been battling for nearly a decade now, and at the end of 71 the tally stood 11-11. At that juncture, Bruch was behind both Danek (10-5) and Silvester (15-9). The "new" Bruch is evident in the 72 results. Through early August, he was on top of both Danek (4-3) and Silvester (4-0). Danek and Silvester continued their stalemate with a 1-1 split. Still, there seems little ground for choosing a favorite from the trio. Danek is a seasoned veteran who has always done well in international competition. Silvester has fared less well in the past but has been almost unbeatable the past 2 seasons. And a young Bruch still has the greatest room for improvement. It would seem unlikely that any upstart could perform well enough on any given day to pass all 3. The upstarts seem to be grouped in enclaves: EG has solid veterans Thorith, Losch and Milde, WG counters with Hennig, Wippermann and Neu, while Hun has 3 long-throwers in Muranyi, Tegla and Fejer and the US has another good pair in Powell and Vollmer. The EG trio rates slightly ahead of the others on years of steady performing in tough international competition. Simeon is another potential finalist. Not originally thought of as a problem (because of the tent roof), the wind might play a large part in determining the winner. Whoever handles the reportedly tricky Munich breezes best might get the upper hand. Maybe conditions will be so weird that a lefty can take it all.

## Form Chart

B. Ricky Bruch (Swe)-Ludvik Danek (Czech)-Jay Silvester (US).  
D. Geza Fejer (Hun)-Klaus-Peter Hennig (WG)-Hartmut Losch (EG)-Lothar Milde (EG)-Janos Muranyi (Hun)-John Powell (US)-Silvano Simeon (It)-Ferenc Tegla (Hun)-Detlef Thorith (EG)-Tim Vollmer (US)-Dirk Wippermann (WG).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Danek	Bruch	Silvester	Fejer	Wippermann	Losch
CN Danek	Bruch	Silvester	Milde	Losch	Fejer
DD Danek	Bruch	Silvester	Fejer	Thorith	Vollmer
RQ Danek	Bruch	Silvester	Fejer	Thorith	Wippermann
MW Danek	Silvester	Bruch	Fejer	Vollmer	Hennig
JP Bruch	Danek	Silvester	Vollmer	Hennig	Fejer
AlI Danek	Bruch	Silvester	Fejer	Vollmer	Thorith

# HAMMER THROW

## Three Nations Battle for Medals

### 1972 Leading Olympians

248-6½	Antatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)	234-11	Vladimir Prikhodko (Fr)?
245-3	Jochen Sachse (EG)	234-0	Stanislaw Lubiejewski (Pol)
242-10	Vasiliy Khmyelevskiy (SU)	232-11	Todor Manelev (Bul)
242-6	Karl-Hans Riehm (WG)	231-5	George Frenn (US)
242-4½	Uwe Beyer (WG)	231-3	Al Schoterman (US)
242-3	Iosif Gamskiy (SU)	230-3	Tom Gage (US)
239-6½	Edwin Klein (WG)	229-11	Georgios Babaniotis (Gr)
238-7½	Mario Vecchiato (It)	227-3½	Janusz Rys (Pol)
238-6	Reinhard Theimer (EG)	225-11½	Josef Hajek (Czech)
237-8½	Istvan Encsi (Hun)	225-10	Szymon Jaglinski (Pol)
236-4	Gyula Zsvotzky (Hun)	225-0	Barry Williams (GB)
236-1	Sandor Eckschmidt (Hun)	224-9	Wolfgang Skibba (EG)?

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Uwe Beyer** (WG, 4/14/45, 6-3½/247) was hailed as the world's next great HTer as far back as 64, when as a mere 6-2/194 "child" of 19 he amazed with his 3rd in the OG (223-4½). And in 71 he was at the top, ranking 1st and copping the ECh (237-4½). But the road there was the tough one, as never before had he won a major title or ranked 1st. In the 68 OG he didn't make the final. His ECh win showed great poise, as he came from behind on the last round to cop the title. Beaten thrice in early 72 by Riehm, Beyer is slowly rounding into shape and was only 2nd vs. SU (241-8½) and 3rd in the WG Ch (231-1). He was reportedly suffering from a sore back in the latter meet but is still confident of his chances in Munich. Beyer is a good proponent of the 4-turn style. 71/245-8½; 70/237-4½; 69/234-5½; 68/237-8½; 67/226-7½.

• **Antatoliy Bondarchuk** (SU, 5/31/40, 6-0/245) was mysteriously "down" for much of 71 (3rd ECh, 234-3) after leading the world in the 2 previous seasons and setting a pair of WRs. But no more, for in 72 he has blasted back better than ever. Against WG, he trounced the field in moving to 3rd all-time with his 248-6½ blast. And he was almost as good in decimating the pack in the SU Ch, his 247-10 winning by nearly 10-feet. As well, he has another meet at 248-6. Late in appearing on the hammer-rich SU scene, Bondarchuk has no OG experience, rating as the 4th-wheel in 68, but ranking 8th in the world anyway. Bondarchuk gave most of the credit for his early successes to 64 OG champ Klim, "who really made me what I am". 71/244-9; 70/246-2½; 69/247-7½ WR (245-0 WR); 68/232-0; 67/228-1; 66/214-5; 65/208-6½.

• **Sandor Eckschmidt** (Hun, 10/25/38, 6-½/236) has been in the finals of each ECh and OG since 62, with a best placing of 5th in the 68 OG (227-10½). Although just 3rd on the 72 Hun list, he pulled an upset win in the Hun Ch (231-1), besting Encsi by ½". 71/233-10; 70/221-7; 69/221-9½; 68/227-10½.

• **George Frenn** (US, 12/26/41, 5-11/245) might surge into world-class if he could convert to 4-turns. "I could be over 240-feet easily with 4 turns," says the voluble Frenn, "but I can't because of foul problems." So at 3 revolutions, he'll really have to rely on strong psyching, which he has been noted for in the past. He has an extremely elaborate pre-throw ritual. Frenn has rated as the top US HTer since 69. He was 4th in the 68 FDT. 71/232-2; 70/232-7; 69/227-5; 68/226-6.

• **Tom Gage** (US, 5/16/43, 6-3/220) is the no. 3 thrower in US history at 233-6, but at that remains some 15-feet behind the leaders. He has ranked 2nd to Frenn in the US for the past 2 seasons. Gage was 67 PAG champ (214-3½). 71/233-6; 70/228-5; 69/228-5; 68/223-11.

• **Iosif Gamskiy** (SU, 10/20/49, 5-11½/229) was only 5th in that tough SU Ch (237-6½), but was selected for the team off his seasonal record, including 2nd in the Pravda Cup (234-7), 4th vs. WG (237-0) and a 239-10 best. The leading SU 4-turn exhibitor, Gamskiy burst onto the scene in late 71 by moving to 2nd all-time with a 248-6½ win against WG. Noted for big PR improvements, that heave added 12-4 to his old high. 71/248-7½; 70/226-3; 69/207-4; 68/198-2½.

• **Vasiliy Khmyelevskiy** (SU, 1/14/48, 6-5½/273) beat Gamskiy in the SU Ch (3rd, 238-11), but has a generally inferior seasonal record: 5th Pravda (227-½), 5th vs. WG (236-3½), 4th Znamenskiy (230-3½). But he does have a good string of performances, topped by a 240-5½. He has ranked 9th in the world for the past 2 seasons. 71/242-9½; 70/233-8½; 69/221-5½; 68/225-2½.

• **Edwin Klein** (WG, 6/19/48, 6-2¾/209) was a surprise winner in the WG Ch (239-6½ PR) over better-known countrymen Beyer and Riehm. The most consistent WG thrower in 72, Klein was 3rd against both Hun (237-8) and SU (239-6½) and also has a 239-3 toss. Klein is a training mate of Riehm; at 209-lbs. he will be giving away almost 20-lbs. to the field. 71/230-11½; 70/227-9; 69/209-11; 68/214-6½.

• **Karl-Hans Riehm** (WG, 5/31/51, 6-1¾/238) is the current "boy wonder" of the HT world. Early in the season he shocked Beyer with 3 straight losses and produced an age-21 best of 242-6 to win vs. Hun. But he may have peaked too early, as his later season results have begun to slip: 6th vs. SU (235-6) and 2nd WG Ch (232-7½). Utilizing 3 turns, Riehm is smooth, accelerating continually through his spins. Encsi says, "It would be difficult to find an HTer today with better technique." 71/230-5; 70/211-7½; 69/198-1; 68/187-0.

• **Jochen Sachse** (EG, 10/2/48, 6-4/243) has suddenly shot ahead of Theimer as the leading contender from EG. Sachse first served notice on his better-known teammate with a PR win against Bulg (239-11½). He then topped Riehm with an even better toss, 244-9½. Still on the rise, he moved to 5th all-time with a 245-3 win in the EG Ch. On the negative side is his 7th in the Znamenskiy (227-8) in late June, although only Khmyelevskiy was there among the top throwers. This season has been a major breakthrough for



(L.) Anatoliy Bondarchuk combines distance and experience. (M.) 64 teen medalist, Uwe Beyer is a grown-up victory contender. (R.) 3rd of 3 long-throwing West Germans is Edwin Klein at 239-6½. (Lacey)

Sachse, 5th in the 69 ECh and 7th in 71. 71/238-8½; 70/237-6½; 69/225-4; 68/208-2½.

• **Al Schoterman** (US, 9/11/50, 6-2/255) may be the one to carry US fortunes in the 70s a little higher in the HT world, if not this year than soon. Only a 3-year performer in the event, Schoterman is already 5th best all-time in the US. US record-holder Burke is high on Schoterman's prospects, and says that other than his "release", he is already one of the best. 71/231-3; 70/196-0.

• **Reinhard Theimer** (EG, 2/28/48, 6-½/231) was a prime contender for top honors a year ago, but has yet to confirm his form in 72. 2nd in the 71 ECh (235-6½) and ranked 3rd then, Theimer this year barely scrapes into the top 10 on the IJAs with his 238-6 best. And he has fared poorly against Sachse, placing 2nd to him in the duals with Bulg and Fr and in the EG Ch. Still, Theimer is a seasoned competitor who has ranked in the top 4 since 68 when he was 7th in the OG (225-10). He led the 71 ECh until the last round. 71/242-10; 70/234-9; 69/239-2; 68/233-9½; 67/210-4½.

• **Mario Vecchiato** (It, 10/24/48, 6-½/243) stands out as the only thrower in the top 12 of the 72 list of Olympians not from WG, EG, SU, or Hun. Not a thrower of the top-ranking in the past (10th 71 ECh, 219-8), he has suddenly moved up with his 238-7½ heave. 71/235-3½; 70/224-5; 69/210-10; 68/194-6.

• **Gyula Zsvotzky** (Hun, 2/25/37, 6-2¾/225) is the veteran-of-veterans, having been world ranked every season since 57. And he has an impressive set of OG metal—2 silvers (60 and 64) and a gold (68, 240-8). As well, he can claim 2 WRs. But now, as a veteran of 5 ECh, he has had little success in 72, finishing a poor 3rd in the Hun Ch (227-6), and a poorer 6th vs. WG (225-7 although he took just one throw due to injury.) Still, OG champions cannot be overlooked, and he may yet rise to the occasion. 71/239-8½; 70/232-9½; 69/238-1½; 68/242-0 WR; 67/226-3; 66/238-0; 65/241-11½ WR; 64/226-7.

### Analysis

World HT power is really concentrated in small circles. Only 4 nations are represented in the list of the top 9 OG competitors, and 3 make up the first 7. And from the latter 3 should come the winner: Bondarchuk (SU), Beyer (WG) or Sachse (EG). Bondarchuk is in the middle of the best season he has ever had, and when you are talking about one who set 2 WRs in 69, that is some season. But the 2 Germans are not about to let Bondarchuk walk away with the title. Beyer confirmed his earlier promise with good victory in the 71 ECh, and although down in early 72 still has it all. And where Beyer has been cool in 72, his EG counterpart Sachse has been hot, powering out some big throws. The fight for the rest of the positions, and maybe a lesser medal, still belongs to those from the preceding 3 nations, with perhaps a little argument from Hun. SU has 2 long heaviers in Gamskiy and Khmyelevskiy, WG presents early-season flash Riehm and super-consistent Klein, and EG has Theimer, one of the hot prospects of a year ago. Hun went 1-3-5 in Mexico, but the trio of Zsvotzky, Encsi and Eckschmidt has not been overly impressive this year although having some good marks, and are not receiving much attention. American hopes in this event are poor at best. A report following the WG champs, held in the OG stadium, indicated that the HT ring was smooth and slick. This could pose problems for those with fast spins, or those who go 4-turns, leaving more room for error for such as Gamskiy and Beyer.

### Form Chart

- B. Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU).  
 C. Uwe Beyer (WG)-Jochen Sachse (EG).  
 D. Sandor Eckschmidt (Hun)-Istvan Encsi (Hun)-Iosif Gamskiy (SU)-Vasiliy Khmyelevskiy (SU)-Edwin Klein (WG)-Karl-Hans Riehm (WG)-Reinhard Theimer (EG)-Mario Vecchiato (It)-Gyula Zsvotzky (Hun).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN Bondarchuk	Beyer	Sachse	Klein	Khmyelevskiy	Gamskiy
CN Bondarchuk	Beyer	Gamskiy	Klein	Sachse	Theimer
DD Bondarchuk	Sachse	Beyer	Klein	Theimer	Riehm
RQ Bondarchuk	Beyer	Klein	Sachse	Theimer	Khmylvsyky
MW Bondarchuk	Sachse	Beyer	Klein	Khmyelevskiy	Encsi
JP Bondarchuk	Beyer	Sachse	Riehm	Gamskiy	Khmylvsyky
AI Bondarchuk	Beyer	Sachse	Klein	Gamskiy	Khmylvsyky

## JAVELIN THROW

# Lusis Solid Choice for Gold Repeat

## 1972 Leading Olympians

307.9	Janis Lusis (SU)	270.5%	Wolfgang Hanisch (EG)?
290.7%	Hannu Siitonen (Fin)	268.10%	Seppo Hovinen (Fin)?
286-1	Klaus Wolferrmann (WG)	268-6	Jorg Hein (WG)?
285-10%	Miklos Nemeth (Hun)	268-6	Hurst Timmer (WG)?
282-1%	Manfred Stolle (EG)	268-0	Milt Sonsky (US)
280-6	Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)	267-0	Dave Travis (GB)
279-0	Aleksandr Makarov (SU)	265-11	Rick Dowswell (Can)
277-10%	Bjorn Grimnes (Nor)	265-10%	Urs von Wartburg (Switz)
277-5	Fred Luke (US)	265-2%	Lech Krupinski (Pol)
272-%	Pekka Lappalainen (Fin)?	265-0	Per-Eric Smiding (Swe)
270-6	Bill Schmidt (US)	264-7%	Wieslaw Sieranski (Pol)
270-5%	Janis Donins (SU)	264-6%	Renzo Cramerotti (It)

## US-Medal Contenders

• **Bjorn Grimnes** (Nor, 9/24/50, 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /203) throw himself right in the OG scene as he tacked nearly 20-feet to his pre-72 best with his 277-6% cast to win at Bislett over Nemeth, Schmidt, three-time OG medalist Kulcsar and Luke. He has also reached 270-11 in 72 but has lost to Lusis, Siitonen and Kinnunen. 71/257-11; 70/254-0.

• **Wolfgang Hanisch** (EG, 3/6/51, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /187) was a youthful "find" in 71 when he hit a PR 276-10, nabbed the ECh 3rd at 276-3% and ranked 4th globally. But he has not approached that form in 72, notching a yearly best of 270-5%. 71/276-10; 70/252-3%; 69/243-4%.

• **Jorma Kinnunen** (Fin, 12/15/41, 5-9/181) has been one of the event's big men in recent years despite his short stature. His PR 304-1% was the WR until bettered in 72, he placed 2nd in 68 OG (290-6) and he has ranked globally since 64 (2nd in 65 & 68). He was 6th in 64 OG and 5th in 71 ECh (265-7%). Kinnunen's record has been erratic, in 72 and overall, and he often has trouble keeping the spear within the sector. As well, he has lost several times to Siitonen and others in 72. But he is known to compete well in OG-type meets. 71/288-0; 70/295-3; 69/304-1% WR; 68/290-6; 67/268-6; 66/275-11; 65/289-2.

• **Fred Luke** (US, 11/12/46, 6-3/205) was hampered by injuries much of his college career, but the now-healthy thrower emerged internationally with a 277-5 72 AAU win, upping his previous PR by over 10-feet. An engineer, Luke theorizes a throw in which the javelin point remains in a 39-41 degree sector is at the best angle for longest flight. He utilizes one cross-step in a style he patterns after European throwers. 71/267-2; 70/264-1; 69/c225; 68/242-3.

• **Janis Lusis** (SU, 5/19/39, 5-11/198) is probably the finest all-around talent the javelin has ever known. He upped the WR in 72 to a superb 307.9; he has ranked 1st globally every year since 62, save 64 & 70 (he was injured in the latter); he is the only athlete in any event ever to win 4 consecutive ECh (62-66-69-71); he is a supreme big-meet competitor, winning the 68 OG on his last throw. He was 3rd in the 64 OG. He is a versatile athlete as well, having once been a fairly serious decathlete and owning bests like 7763, 6-3% and 23-6%. Lusis often unloads his winner in the early rounds but, as in 68 OG, he can come from behind if necessary. He has also hit 297.9 and 293.3 in 72, the latter still over 6-feet up on the nearest throwers. 71/297-6; 70/288-9%; 69/300-3; 68/301-9 WR; 67/298-6; 66/281-2; 65-284-0; 64/270-11.

• **Miklos Nemeth** (Hun., 10/23/46, 6-0/194) suffered from injuries every year since his big breakthrough in 67 with 286-1—every year but 72. Healthy this season, he reached 286-4 and then powered 287-2%. Despite injuries, he reached beyond 280-feet in both 70 & 71; his highest world rank was 2nd in 67. He placed 5th in the 66 ECh (261-10%) and 9th in 71 (252-0), but didn't qualify at the 68 OG (247-8%). 71/280-7%; 70/281-10; 69/251-1%; 68/267-7%; 67/286-1.

• **Bill Schmidt** (US, 12/29/47, 6-0/220) aims to be the 1st US JTer to take 6 throws in the OG since 52 (Murro almost made it in 68, placing 9th). His 280-7 PR indicates he can unleash the big throw but he has not come within 10-feet of that 70 mark the past 2 years. Injuries haven't helped; on that very PR throw, in fact, he hurt an elbow which curtailed him for a year. In 72 he lost only 3 meets in the US and won the FOT with



(L) Hannu Siitonen hasn't shown big-meet big-throw ability. (Guy Mattson/ (C) Jorma Kinnunen returns to defend (or better?) his 68 silver. (Chadez/ (R) West German Klaus Wolferrmann is 4th-longest entrant at 286-1. (Muller/

270-6. He says, "Greater distance comes with increased speed; I have worked on technique in the past, but I have stressed speed this year." 71/270-0; 70/280-7; 69/259-1.

• **Hannu Siitonen** (Fin, 3/18/49, 6-0/176) looked to be the newest thrower to carry on the strong Finnish JT tradition, especially after his 290-1 PR in 71 and 3rd global rank. He hit 287-7 in 72 and then unloaded a PR 290-7%. He has proven to be Kinnunen's superior in 72, with repeated victories over Jorma in excess of 280-feet. But Siitonen has not convincingly proved he can unload the big throw in the big meet. He placed 4th in the 71 ECh (275-0). 71/290-1; 70/278-2%; 69/261-1; 68/241-1%.

• **Milt Sonsky** (US, 7/2/41, 6-0/210) was a US international in 69 (3rd A-E, 254-6) but did little in 70-71 before re-emerging in 72 with a 268-0 PR, and in the AAU (263-10) and 2nd in the FOT (267-11). Says NYer Sonsky, now transplanted to Ariz, "I try to pattern my style after Lusis—but unfortunately I do not have his speed, strength, coordination or flexibility." A relaxed, but highly competitive (by his own estimation) thrower, his previous yearly best came in 68 with 265-8. 71/259-8; 70/245-2; 69/264-0; 68/265-8.

• **Manfred Stolle** (EG, 3/5/37, 6- $\frac{3}{4}$ /203) has a habit of unleashing a big throw one year and then staying dormant for several. He hit 281-6 in 68, regressed to 273-3% in 69, exploded to a PR 297-6 in 70, fell back to 268-10% in 71 and rebounded in 72 to 282-1%. He seems to thrive on few meets a season. Stolle placed 5th in the 68 OG (276-11%); his highest world rank is 2nd in 70. 71/268-10%; 70/297-6; 69/273-3%; 68/281-6; 67/280-5%.

• **Klaus Wolferrmann** (WG, 3/31/46, 5-10/187) has twice exceeded in 72 his former yearly PR (283-8), 1st with 284-9, then a big 286-1. As well he took the WG Ch at 280-6. The bearded WG hope has beaten Nemeth and Kinnunen but lost to Lusis and Siitonen. World ranked 5th in 71, he placed 6th in the ECh (265-2). He didn't qualify in the 68 OG (248-7%). 71/283-1; 70/283-8; 69/274-3%; 68/269-7%.

## Analysis

"The most erratic event has the roughest bet of all in Lusis. Only a complete collapse could keep the gold medal from him." We said it in our 68 OG Preview and the same view holds even better before the 72 Games. Not only has Lusis pumped up the WR to a near-storybook 307.9 but he has also forged a competitive record second to none. While injury flouted his overall record in some years past, his ability to produce a big winning throw in major championships remains unshakable. And he vows to keep at throwing until he is no longer at the top. Consequently, the battle should surely be over the remaining silver and bronze medallions. Siitonen and Wolferrmann are highly improved, and the WG can also punch out the long throw. The Finn hasn't strongly established his ability to throw well in big competition, but his very ability makes him a major contender. Nemeth lacks consistency, while veterans Kinnunen and three-time placer Kulcsar aren't at the level they once were—although Kinnunen has the ability to put together a big throw. The big finds of 71, Hanisch and Lusis' Latvian friend and training partner Donins have done little to distinguish themselves. Stolle has the ability for a big heave but has not indicated the steadiest big-meet nerves. Newcomers to this level of competition, Grimnes and Americans Schmidt and Luke could earn three more throws in the final. Any American who reaches the final 3 throws would be the first in 20 years; the last was 52 winner Young.

## Form Chart

- A. Janis Lusis (SU).  
 C. Miklos Nemeth (Hun)-Hannu Siitonen (Fin)-Klaus Wolferrmann (WG).  
 D. Bjorn Grimnes (Nor)-Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)-Gergely Kulcsar (Hun)-Fred Luke (US)-Bill Schmidt (US)-Milt Sonsky (US)-Manfred Stolle (EG)-Dave Travis (GB).

## 'Expert' Predictions

BN Lusis	Nemeth	Siitonen	Wolferrmann	Kinnunen	Grimnes
CN Lusis	Siitonen	Nemeth	Wolferrmann	Grimnes	Kinnunen
DD Lusis	Siitonen	Nemeth	Wolferrmann	Kinnunen	Stolle
RQ Lusis	Wolferrmann	Nemeth	Siitonen	Stolle	Grimnes
MW Lusis	Siitonen	Nemeth	Grimnes	Kinnunen	Wolferrmann
JP Lusis	Nemeth	Wolferrmann	Siitonen	Stolle	Donins
All Lusis	Nemeth	Siitonen	Wolferrmann	Grimnes	Kinnunen

## Stewart, Wickline Bag T&FN Trials Contests

As we said in our last issue, "Undoubtedly there are individual predictors who did better than our staff's collective picks (40 of the 66 US Olympic team members)". There were.

Best of all was Mike Stewart (Torrance, Calif), who picks up a \$10.00 T&FN merchandise certificate for tabbing 45 of the top placers. Also taking home a \$10.00 certificate is veteran prognosticator Virg Wickline (Spokane, Wash) for his 149 total in the monthly contests (total of 4 months picking). Tied for second in the individual picks contest at 44 were Wickline, Charles Levy (Staten Island, NY) and Chuck Skow (Fresno, Calif). At 43 were Ray Johnson (Santa Rosa, Calif), Alvin Paullay (Tappan, NY) and Allen Wilson (Fresno, Calif). Runner-up in the monthly contests was Paullay with 148, followed by David Johnson (Swarthmore, Pa) and 1968 winner Vlassios Pyrpyris (NYC, NY) with 144 and Bill Ahrens (Newport, RI), Paul Papazian (San Francisco, Calif), Levy and Ray Johnson with 142.

DECATHLON

# Much Doubt Should Loom till 1500

## 1972 Leading Olympians

8147	Ryszard Skowronek (Pol)	7852	Ryszard Katus (Pol)
8120	Jeff Bannister (US)	7850	Vasilie Bogdan (Rum)
8115	Nikolay Avilov (SU)	7850	Sepp Zeilbauer (Aut)
8076	Jeff Bennett (US)	7846	Bruce Jenner (US)
8040	Petar Gabbett (GB)	7835	Yves Leroy (Fr)?
8006	Tadeusz Janczenko (Pol)	7809	Gerry Moro (Can)
7997	Boris Ivanov (SU)	7792	Hans-Joachim Perk (WG)
7975	Leonid Litvinyenko (SU)	7791	Regis Ghesquiere (Bel)
7971	Joachim Kirst (EG)	7759	Roger Lespagnard (Bel)
7959	Horst Beyer (WG)	7754	Steen Smidt-Jensen (Den)
7942	Stefan Schreyer (EG)	7713	Ludvik Pernica (Czech)
7905	Jozsef Bakai (Hun)	7704	Freddy Herbrandt (Bel)
7872	Jurgen Olek (EG)	7676	Barry King (GB)



(L.) Joachim Kirst's big 1st day may get him off to a winning start. /Holm/ (C.) Little-heralded Lennart Hedmark could steal all the thunder. /Holm/ (R.) 4th in 68, Nikolay Avilov figures to move up several spots. /Tom Plumb/

### US-Medal Contenders

(Note: Following each profile is a series of tabulations: S=1972 seasonal best decathlon score with performances; C=career best decathlon score with performances; C is omitted if the career best was made in 1972; B=best over performances made during decathlon competition, with the total point score these marks would produce; A=average of performances in three highest scoring decathlons in athlete's career.)

• **Nikolay Avilov** (SU, 8/6/48, 6-3/181) is one of the young veterans of the competition. He came fast in 68 to place a surprise 4th in the OG with a PR 7905 at 20. Although placing 4th in the 69 ECh (7779) he did not improve his score until a big breakthrough to 8096 in 1971. This year he has turned solid, making first 8084 and then a PR 8115. E Jr LJ champ (23-11½) in 66, Avilov's best events now are the HJ (6-11½) and HH (14.0). He is solid throughout but gives away speed to the Americans and Kirst. 71/8096; 70/7874; 69/7945; 68/7909.

S-8115 (4187-3928); B-4195-3940; A-8098 (4164-3934)  
 S 11.1 24-3% 45-9% 6-9% 49.0 14.2 145-0 14-1% 190-3% 4:27.8  
 B 10.8 25-3% 46-3% 6-11% 49.0 14.0 153-0 14-5% 200-6 4:23.0  
 A 11.0 24-3% 45-8% 6-9% 49.5 14.2 147-3 14-1% 190-5 4:28.5

• **Jeff Bannister** (US, 8/30/45, 6-3/200) is America's best hope to keep alive its strong decathlon tradition. Off his FOT 8120, which would have been at least 8200 had he pressed the 1500, he is ready. Although unheralded, Jeff's rise to the top is no surprise. At 27 he has competed in 23 10-eventers and in 1970 was on his way to 8100-plus when cut down by a knee injury that held him back until this year. Cool under fire, Bannister is a top competitor and makes good use of his running talent (10.4, 47.3, 14.4, 4:10.4), beginning and ending both days on up-notes. The vault is his only weakness and his individual bests total 8507, second only to Kirst, as he is in first day total (4323). 71/7231; 70/7754; 69/7668; 68/7650.

S-8120 (4263-3857); B-8501 (4418-4089); A-7983 (4140-3843)  
 S 10.8 24-1% 48-0 6-6 47-7 14.5 142-3 13-1% 200-11 4:25.5  
 B 10.4 24-1% 49-7 6-6 47-3 14.4 152-11% 13-5% 207-5 4:10.4  
 A 10.8 23-1% 48-2% 6-3% 47-7 14.6 142-10 12-6% 195-3 4:17.7

• **Jeff Bennett** (US, 8/29/48, 5-8/152) is by far the smallest good man in decathlon history, giving away 4" to 8" and 35- to 55-lbs. to most of his rivals. His throws suffer, naturally, but he compensates with outstanding running, good jumping, great vaulting, and 110% attitude. If he's challenging with 3 to go, watch out, for Jeff has vaulted 16-7½ and run 4:08.9, tops in this field. He astounded with 8072 in 70, entered the Army, and finally worked back up to 8076 in the FOT, despite an easy 1500. A "big burden" was lifted when Bennett made the team and he says, "I know I won't be so tight in Munich and should do a lot better. I think I'll win." Only Kirst and Bannister have better event bests. 71/7934; 70/8072; 69/7551; 68/7468.

S-8076 (4204-3872); B-8453 (4204-3884); A-8027 (4156-3871)  
 S 10.6 23-11% 41-5 6-4% 46.7 14.7 120-5 167-7% 178-9 4:22.5  
 B 10.4 25-3% 41-5 6-4% 46.4 14.6 120-11% 16-7% 200-½ 4:08.9  
 A 10.6 24-7% 40-6 6-2% 47.1 15.0 117-10 15-11% 189-4 4:19.4

• **Horst Beyer** (WG, 1/5/40, 6-5½/212) is the tallest, heaviest and oldest of the major contenders. He is also one of the more surprising, 6th in the 64 OG (7647), 3rd in the 1966 ECh (7562) and world ranked 7th in 1967, he was thought over the hill until he decided last year to make a big run at it. Beyer won the WG Ch with a PR 7956 and said, "I'm still improving." His attack is well balanced with no weaknesses, no big events, and relatively little difference between the two days. 71/7819; 70/7894; 69/7900; 68/7615.

S-7956 (4068-3888); B-8334 (4225-4109); A-7917 (4018-3898)  
 S 11.38 23-11 50-3% 6-7% 50.1 15.26 147.3 14-1% 182-3% 4:14.8  
 B 10.9 23-11 50-5% 6-7% 49.2 14.6 158-0% 14-5% 199-6 4:14.8  
 A 11.2 23-6% 48-2% 6-6% 50.3 15.0 149-10 14-1% 182-11 4:19.5

• **Lennart Hedmark** (Swe, 5/18/44, 6-4½/198) turned from an injury-ridden JT career (268-10, 66) to become one of the really solid medal contenders. 2nd oldest of the threats at 28, and probably the most experienced with 36 decathlons, Lennart has improved strongly the last 3 years. Jumping from 7755 in 69, he hit 8011 and was ranked 4th in 70, then moved to 8065, plus 2nd in the ECh (8031) and ranked 2nd in 71. Now he looks better than ever, despite a thigh injury early in the year. His only start produced 7573 for 9 events, at which he withdrew. But a week later he ran 4:32.7 in a pentathlon, which would have given him 8144. Solid in every event, he gained 9-lbs. last winter.

71/8065; 70/8011; 69/7755; 68/7625.  
 S-7573 (4141-dnf); C- (4073-3992); B-8396 (4221-4175); A (4059-3977)

S 11.1 24-7 50-4% 6-5% 49.9 14.8 161-2% 13-3% 235-2% dnr  
 C 11.23 24-3 48-6% 6-3% 48.8 14.61 147-11 14-1% 233-5% 4:38.4  
 B 11.0 24-7% 50-5% 6-5% 48.8 14.2 161-2% 14-1% 242-1 4:32.3  
 A 11.0 24-4% 48-5% 6-2% 48.9 14.7 150-3 14-1% 232-8 4:38.0

• **Boris Ivanov** (SU, 9/26/47, 6-1/187) is one of those decathletes who scores big unexpectedly then takes a while to catch up. His turn came last year when he improved his PR by a dramatic 567, scoring a NR 8237 for 4th on the all-time list. Since then his best is 7997 for 2nd in the 72 SU Ch, achieved with 3 PRs. Boris' strong points are the HJ, JT and balance. 71/8237; 70/7670; 69/7512.

S-7997 (4075-3992); C-8237 (4246-3991); B-4284 (4118-8412); A-8043 (4112-3932)  
 S 11.0 23-2% 46-4 6-8% 49.9 14.8 141-3 14-5% 225-8% 4:38.6  
 C 10.6 24-1 49-3% 6-7% 50.2 14.1 143-1 14-1% 247-½ 4:50.0  
 B 10.6 24-1 49-3% 6-8% 49.9 14.1 148-10 14-5% 247-½ 4:38.6  
 A 10.8 23-3% 47-½ 6-7% 50.2 14.6 143-7 14-1% 230-10% 4:42.4

• **Bruce Jenner** (US, 10/28/49, 6-2/185) at 22 is younger than all the others listed here and probably a few years from his peak. But he has surprised before, including the FOT where he beat out several more highly regarded rivals with a PR 7846. He's a big second day man, the only one here with a higher score than on the initial day. Bruce's best of 3999 is one of the highest ever and his 3966 in the FOT brought him from 11th at the end of five events to 3rd. He won his spot with a big PR in the 1500. 71/7533; 70/6991.

S-7846 (3880-3966); B-8075 (3960-4115); A-7686 (3741-3945)  
 S 11.1 22-5% 45-1 6-4% 50.4 15.3 143-7% 14-5% 207-3% 4:16.9  
 B 10.9 22-8% 45-5 6-5% 50.4 15.0 144-2 15-0 227-11% 4:16.9  
 A 11.2 22-1 44-7% 6-2% 50.9 15.3 142-4 14-8% 210-6 4:23.0

• **Joachim Kirst** (EG, 5/21/47, 6-2%207) was expected to be a strong favorite, but his season has not produced desired results. Third best ever at 8279, Kirst has bettered 8100 by July in each of the previous three years, but this June could do only 7971 and 7749, the latter only 3rd in his nationals. After a 68 OG 5th with 7861, he jumped big in 69, hitting the 8279 and winning the ECh (8041). He hasn't improved since that 22-year-old mark but has become far more consistent and won the ECh again in 71 (8203). Kirst's first day is awesome with bests of 10.4, 25-8, 57-1, 7-1, 47.9. He has scored over 4500 four times, but has never learned to hurdle and is slow in the 1500, giving him the worst second day of all contenders. His best marks total 8699, far-and-away the most. 71/8206; 70/8121; 69/8279; 68/7861.

S-7971 (4430-3541); C-8279 (4549-3730); B-8699 (4764-3935); A-8229 (4495-3734)  
 S 10.8 24-11% 54-11% 6-10% 49.9 15.8 156-2% 13-5% 178-9 4:57.7  
 C 10.7 25-4 57-1 6-11% 49.5 15.5 154-2% 14-1% 206-9% 4:55.4  
 B 10.4 25-8 57-1 7-1 47.9 15.1 162-8% 14-5% 215-2 4:44.7  
 A 10.8 25-1% 55-3 6-11% 49.3 15.7 157-3 14-1% 206-10 4:54.1

• **Leonid Litvinyenko** (SU, 1/28/49) is the youngest of the 3 young Soviets, but not without experience. He climbed to 7900 in 70 with a second day total of 4008, highest of any of the leaders. The next year he joined the 8000 club (8044) and was 3rd in the 72 nationals (7975). 7th in the EC (7715), he was ranked 6th last year. His 4:10.0 has been bettered only by Bennett. 71/8044; 70/7900; 69/7605; 68/7434.

S-7975 (4011-3964); C-8044 (4097-3947); B-8344 (4149-4195); A-7973 (4000-3973)  
 S 11.0 23-5% 46-11% 6-2 48.8 14.9 151-1 14-9% 189-11 4:23.1  
 C 10.7 23-5% 47-7 6-3% 49.1 15.0 153-3% 13-5% 205-3 4:19.6  
 B 10.7 23-5% 47-7 6-3% 48.5 14.4 153-3% 14-9% 207-7 4:10.0  
 A 10.9 22-11% 46-4% 6-2% 48.8 14.9 150-2% 14-1% 195-½ 4:17.6

• **Stefan Schreyer** (EG, 1/23/46) is a newcomer to the big time at the ripe age of 26. From a 1971 PR of 7537 he improved to 7942 this year, good enough to win the national championships in which Kirst was only 3rd. Has little big time experience and suffers a weak second day and a bad 1500. 71/7537; 70/nm; 69/6867.

S-7942 (4109-3833); B-8008 (4140-3868); A-7724 (3967-3757)  
 S 10.7 23.9 50-2% 6-3% 50.9 14.4 148-2 14-5% 195-9 4:49.2  
 B 10.7 23.9 50-2% 6-3% 50.1 14.4 148-2 14-5% 197-10 4:45.3  
 A 10.8 23-6 45-6 6-2% 50.7 14.7 144-0 14-2% 192-9 4:47.1

• **Ryszard Skowronek** (Pol, 5/1/49, 6-½/179) is the latest find and surprise year leader. Undistinguished through 70 (7554), he edged into contention last year (7920), scored a PR 7934 early this year and then took off with 8147. That made him, at 23, the youngest of the 8000-pointers in the meet. As with many such breakthroughs, he was



near his peak in most events, coming within 127 points of his individual bests; only Schreyer has a lesser differential (66 points). He jumps and hurdles well but needs improvement in the DT and 1500. 71/7920; 70/7554; 69/7245.

S-8147 (4209-3938);

S	10.8	24-3/4	45-7/8	6-6 1/2	48.3	14.3	137-5/8	14-9 1/2	205-7/8	4:34.0
B	10.6	24-7/8	45-7/8	6-6 1/8	48.3	14.3	142-11	14-10	207-9/16	4:33.5
A	10.8	24-3/8	43-4/8	6-5 1/2	49.0	14.6	140-9	14-6 1/2	202-9	4:35.6

### Best First, Second Day Scores for Leaders

Nikolay Avilov	4195-3940	8135	Bruce Jenner	3920-3999	7919
Jeff Bannister	4323-3885	8208	Joachim Kirst	4557-3748	8305
Jeff Bennett	4204-3884	8088	Leonid Litvinyenko	4097-4008	8105
Horst Beyer	4068-3934	8002	Stefan Schreyer	4109-3833	7942
Lennart Hedmark	4141-3992	8133	Ryszard Skowronek	4209-3937	8146
Boris Ivanov	4146-3991	8137			

### Abbreviated Scoring Tables

100m	LJ	SP	HJ	400	800				
10.4	959	25-2	955	51-3	825	6-11	942	47.0	948
10.5	932	24-10	935	50-6	812	6-10	925	47.5	923
10.6	905	24-6	915	49-9	798	6-9	900	48.0	898
10.7	897	24-2	893	49-0	784	6-8	882	48.5	875
10.8	853	23-10	873	48-3	771	6-7	857	49.0	852
10.9	828	23-6	853	47-6	757	6-6	840	49.5	829
11.0	804	23-2	832	46-9	743	6-5	813	50.0	805
11.1	780	22-10	812	46-0	729	6-4	796	50.5	784
11.2	756	22-6	791	45-3	715	6-3	769	51.0	762
11.3	733	22-2	767	44-6	700	6-2	751	51.5	740
11.4	710	21-10	746	43-9	686	6-1	725	52.0	720
11.5	687	21-6	725	43-0	671	6-0	707	52.5	699
HH	DT	PV	JT	1500	3000				
14.3	926	162-0	8611	15-8	998	225-0	863	4:14.0	704
14.4	914	159-0	845	15-4	974	220-0	845	4:18.0	674
14.5	903	156-0	828	15-0	950	215-0	950	4:22.0	645
14.6	892	153-0	812	14-8	925	210-0	810	4:26.0	617
14.7	881	150-0	795	14-4	901	205-0	791	4:30.0	589
14.8	870	147-0	778	14-0	874	200-0	773	4:34.0	563
14.9	859	144-0	761	13-8	848	195-0	754	4:38.0	537
15.0	848	141-0	743	13-4	822	190-0	735	4:42.0	512
15.1	837	138-0	726	13-0	796	185-0	716	4:46.0	488
15.2	827	135-0	708	12-8	769	180-0	697	4:50.0	464
15.3	817	132-0	690	12-4	744	175-0	677	4:54.0	441
15.4	807	129-0	672	12-0	717	170-0	657	4:58.0	419

### Analysis

With 5 athletes as strong contenders for the gold medal, this could become a classic decathlon battle with the decision in doubt until the end of the 1500. Perhaps never has the big one been so wide open to so many. Kirst would be a definite leader if he were performing up to par, but he's a question. In fact he must improve on his 72 performances to rate a chance with Hedmark and Avilov, the only two besides Kirst who were in the 68 OG, and the American duo, Bannister and Bennett. The latter 4 have life bests within a narrow 55 point range and all are in top form. Avilov, Bannister and Bennett scored their PRs this year while Hedmark would have, had he run the 1500 in his only start to date. Outside chances must be given Skowronek, the year leader, and Ivanov, 4th highest scorer ever. Their life bests are impressive but they are younger, relatively inexperienced, and not consistent at a high level. Kirst will demonstrate his fitness, or lack of it, early in the game. As the greatest, by far, first day scorer ever, he has to get out in front and hold on. If he doesn't lead by 250 points at the end of the first day, he's dead. Bannister and Bennett should lead the others at the halfway point; if they are as much as 100 up on Avilov and Hedmark they should stay ahead. Bannister's moment of truth may come in the vault while Hedmark should close ground in the javelin. With only the 1500 left, Kirst needs at least a 250 point lead on Bannister and Bennett, 150 on Avilov and 100 on Hedmark to assure victory. Likewise, the two Jeffs could pick up 100 or so on Avilov and 150 on Hedmark.

### Form Chart

- B. Nikolay Avilov (SU)-Jeff Bannister (US)-Lennart Hedmark (Swe)-Joachim Kirst (EG).  
 C. Jeff Bennett (US)-Ryszard Skowronek (Pol).  
 D. Jozsef Bakai (Hun)-Horst Beyer (WG)-Peter Gabbett (GB)-Boris Ivanov (SU)-Leonid Litvinyenko (SU)-Hans-Joachim Perk (WG)-Stefan Schreyer (EG)-Sepp Zailbauer (Aut).

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN	Bannister	Hedmark	Kirst	Bennett	Avilov	Skowronek
CN	Kirst	Bannister	Bennett	Avilov	Schreyer	Gabbett
DD	Bannister	Kirst	Avilov	Hedmark	Bennett	Skowronek
RQ	Avilov	Kirst	Hedmark	Bannister	Skowronek	Bennett
MW	Hedmark	Kirst	Bannister	Beyer	Bennett	Gabbett
JP	Kirst	Hedmark	Avilov	Bannister	Bennett	Skowronek
All	Kirst	Bannister	Hedmark	Avilov	Bennett	Skowronek

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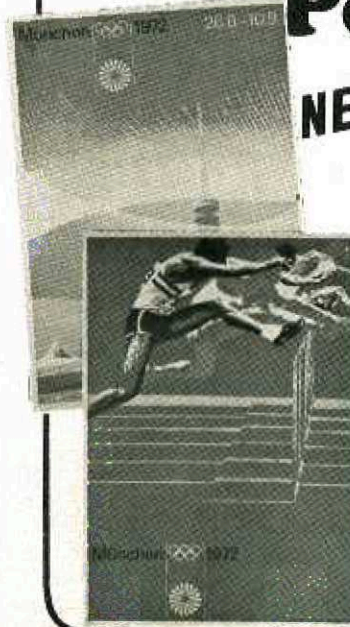
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## 400-METER RELAY

# US, Jamaica Speediest: Passing Key

### 1972 Leading Olympians

38.8	Poland	39.0	East Germany	39.1	Soviet Union
38.8	United States	39.0	Italy	39.2	Cuba
38.9	West Germany	39.1	France	39.4	Czechoslovakia

### US-Medal Contenders

• **Cuba** has a collection of pure sprinters 2nd only to that of the US, with Hermes Ramirez (10.0/20.6) passing to Jose Triana (10.1), Barbara Bandomo (10.2) and Pablo Montes (10.1) or hurdler Alejandro Casanas (13.3). The 68 OG silver medalists, Cuba in 72 has run 39.2, 39.4 (thrice) and 39.6 (twice). They were defeated 39.0-39.6 by EG and 39.0-39.4 by It, but avenged the loss to EG, 39.2-39.6, and have topped Pol twice.

• **Czechoslovakia** is a marvelous example of what good passing can do, as Ladislav Kriz (10.2), Juraj Demec (10.2), Jiri Kynos (10.3) and Ludvik Bohman (10.2) combined for a 39.3 to win the 71 EG (their open bests total 40.9). It is little wonder they pass well, having run 55 races together in 66-71. Jaroslav Matousek (10.1) is a capable backup.

• **East Germany** also has a first-class collection of sprinters with Manfred Kukot (10.0), Hans-Joachim Zenk (10.1), Harald Eggers (10.2) and Siegfried Schenke (10.1/20.3). Another smooth-passing foursome, they have traded wins with Cuba and lost to France 39.1-39.2 in 72.

• **France** treats this event with extreme care, having extensive training among large groups. In one early meet, separate teams ran 39.5, 39.7 and 39.8. The foursome used in the 39.1 win over EG was Patrick Bourbeillon (10.2), Rene Metz (10.3), Gerard Fonouil (10.3/20.5) and Roger Bambuck (10.0/20.4). Other potential members include Dominique Chauvelot (10.3), Gilles Echevin (10.3) and Jean-Pierre Gies (10.3).

• **Italy** too, searched hard for a 72 relay team, with a 9-man "gruppo" at the start of the year. The quartet used in their 39.0 win over Cuba was Vincenzo Guerini (10.4), Ennio Preatoni (10.2), Luigi Benedetti (21.4 in 71) and double co-ER performer Pietro Mennea (10.0/20.2). Norberto Olivos (10.3) is a probable alternate.

• **Jamaica** needed little practice in 71 to produce the world's top team: Alf Daley (20.7), Carl Lawson (9.3y), Don Quarrie (19.8=WR), and Lennox Miller (10.0). They have shown little in 72, but have yet to unveil its potentially top team, which could also include Errol Stewart (10.0w) and Rich Hardware (20.5w). Much depends upon the injured Quarrie and a schooling Miller. All are US-trained.

• **Poland** surprisingly co-leads the yearly list (38.8 vs Fr) with a foursome of Stanislaw Wagner (10.2), Tadeusz Duch (10.3), Jerzy Czerbniak and Zenon Nowosz (10.2). Definitely not in that class earlier in the year, they twice ran 39.7 for 3rd behind EG and Cuba. But they also have a convincing 38.9 in recent weeks.

• **Soviet Union** will be highly dangerous if some combination of Aleksandr Zhidkikh (10.2), Juris Silovs (10.3), Vladimir Lovyetskiy (21.0), Vladimir Atamas (10.3) and Aleksandr Kornelyuk (10.1) can get the stick to Valeriy Borzov (10.0=ER/20.2=ER) in close proximity to the rest of the pack. He has an anchor leg already in 72 fairly accurately timed in 9.0. They have run 39.6 without Borzov.

• **United States** has a group of sprinters second to none, as Ray Robinson (9.9), Robert Taylor (10.0), Gerald Tinker (10.1) and Eddie Hart (9.9) have an aggregate clocking of 39.9. Producers of a 39.1 in Oslo (SU 39.6), the US squad improved to 38.8 at Viareggio (It 39.1) with Larry Black (20.0) replacing Robinson. And with improved passing, they can go much faster, their exchanges in the latter race being a yard or so on the safe side. Black was likely to remain on the team.

• **West Germany** barely edged SU in the dual, as they were even to the 1000th, 39.12. And they also have a 39.0. Klaus Ehl (10.1), Karl-Heinz Klatz (10.1) and quickly-improving Manfred Ommmer (20.5) ran the first 3 legs in those races, and anchorman Klaus-Dieter Bieler has been replaced, with either Gerhard Wucherer (10.2) and/or Jobst Hirscht (10.3).

### Analysis

As always, the US is super-dangerous because of their raw speed. And with Stan Wright coaching, as in 68, there is a good possibility that they might learn to pass decently before Munich. Jamaica appeared to have a squad in 71 that was probably as fast as the US and passed fairly well. But they have yet to produce in 72. In general, the European squads are highly-efficient foursomes lacking great speed but passing extremely well off years of practice together. Poland was a pushover in the early season, but has suddenly emerged as the best threat from that continent. The rest of the squads seem evenly matched on best times and win-loss record.

### Form Chart

- B. United States.  
C. Jamaica-Poland.  
D. Cuba-Czechoslovakia-East Germany-Finland-France-Italy-Soviet Union-West Germany.

### 'Expert' Predictions

BN	United States	Cuba	Soviet Union	W Germany	Poland	Jamaica
CN	United States	Cuba	Jamaica	Poland	Italy	E Germany
DD	United States	Jamaica	Poland	W Germany	Czechoslovakia	Cuba
RQ	United States	Jamaica	W Germany	Poland	Cuba	E Germany
MW	United States	France	Soviet Union	Jamaica	W Germany	E Germany
JP	United States	Jamaica	E Germany	W Germany	Czechoslovakia	Poland
All	United States	Jamaica	W Germany	Cuba	Poland	S Union

## 1600-METER RELAY

# US Best Bet of Games: Then Kenya?

### 1972 Leading Olympians

3:03.0	United States	3:04.4	West Germany	3:06.5	Finland
3:03.7	Poland	3:05.2	Great Britain	3:06.7	Italy
3:03.9	France	3:05.7	Yugoslavia	3:06.8	Sweden

### US-Medal Contenders

• **East Germany** has a solid line-up which should contend for one of the lower places in the final: Klaus Hauke (46.1), Benno Stops (46.6), Peter Gutschmidt (46.3) and Wolfgang Muller (45.9). They beat Fr 3:05.5-3:06.6 in 72.

• **France** has suddenly come up with a mentionable quartet, even without injured NR holder Jean-Claude Nallet (45.1). Francis Demarthon (47.1r), Gilles Bertoulet (45.5r), Roger Velasquez (45.7r) and Jacques Carotte (45.5r) surprisingly gave Poland a great battle before succumbing by .2 in 3:03.9.

• **Great Britain** will have to do fancy running to top their 68 OG 5th, although if Dave Jenkins (44.5r and unpressed yet in 72) is close on the anchor they will be right in there. Gary Armstrong (46.2) is also solid, with the rest of the team coming from Dave Hemery (44.6r), Alan Pascoe (45.4r) and Martin Reynolds (46.5).

• **Italy** will not be a factor unless anchorman Marcello Fiasconaro (44.6r) is back in top form. His backup cast includes Sergio Bello (45.9r), Lorenzo Cellerino (47.3), Daniele Giovanardi (51.4 IH) and Giacomo Pusi (45.4r).

• **Jamaica** traditionally has strong teams in this event, although none has run in 72. Leading contenders would appear to be Leighton Priestley (46.2y), Garth Case (45.7yr), Alf Daley (46.5) and Kim Rowe (46.9y), all US competitors this year.

• **Kenya** returns half of the 68 OG 2nd team in Charles Asati (44.6r) and Hezekiah Nyamau (45.5r). Julius Sang (45.6y) is a strong 3rd member, with the other slot to be filled by Robert Ouko (45.3r), William Koskei (46.0) or Mike Murei (50.5 IH). Sang and Ouko have much relay experience in the US this year, and while the others have not run as much, they might be expected to surprise in international competition.

• **Poland** is another traditionally strong team in this event, and returns 3 members from the 68 OG 4th place squad (3:00.5): Jan Werner (45.5r), Andrzej Badanski (44.5r), and Jan Balachowski (44.7r). Newcomer Zbigniew Jaremski (45.7) and Waldemar Korycki (46.2) can also help.

• **Trinidad** is another traditionally strong Caribbean power in this event. The nucleus of the team will be veteran Ed Roberts (44.8yr). Charles Joseph (45.5) will provide good help, with Trevor James (47.0y), Ben Cayenne (45.9r) and Art Cooper (47.6).

• **United States** rates as the surest bet of the Games to win the 1600R barring unforeseen misfortune. On seasonal bests, the team members stand 1 (Wayne Collett 44.1)-2 (John Smith 44.3)-3 (Lee Evans 44.9y)-5 (Vince Matthews 44.8) in the world. On PRs, they are the top four, as Matthews (44.4), Collett (44.1), and Smith (44.5y WR) will pass to Evans (43.8 WR). Matthews and Evans occupy the same slots as in the 68 OG, when the US set the still-standing WR, 2:56.1. Fred Newhouse (44.2) is the most likely candidate for the alternate spot. The team will be attempting to maintain an interesting tradition, as the US has captured the last 3 OG titles in WR time.

• **West Germany** will make a concerted effort for the silver medal, up one slot from their 68 OG finish. On paper, their team is second only to that of the US: Karl Honz (44.7 ER), Martin Jellinghaus (44.9), Bernd Herrmann (45.3), Herman Kohler (45.8), Horst-Rudiger Schloske (45.9) and Jorg Nuckles (46.8). And Honz is reportedly so eager for 2nd here that he might pass up the open 400 in favor of remaining fresh for this event. Neither Honz nor Kohler ran on the 3:04.4 team.

### Analysis

This could turn out to be a fantastic race for first—if the US drops the baton (maybe twice). Their margin of superiority is just that great. And not only are they all fast, they are all highly-experienced relayers. Complicating the attempts to assess chances of non-US teams is the fact that not only do they race few relays, but splits for them are also hard to come by. The race for 2nd should be fantastic. Kenya no longer has the superiority it once did. And all potential team members could end up running 3-4 rounds in other races first. West Germany and Poland battled for 3rd in 68, and each has at least 5 pure 400 men, so will have fresher runners than Kenya. Great Britain and Italy own super-anchors, but will have trouble getting close enough for them to do well. The 2 West Indies squads have potential of making their usual places in the final. France is improving quickly.

### Form Chart

- A. United States.  
D. East Germany-France-Great Britain-Italy-Jamaica-Kenya-Poland-Trinidad-Soviet Union-West Germany.

### 'Expert' Predictions

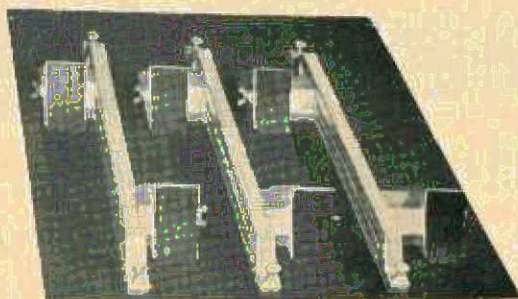
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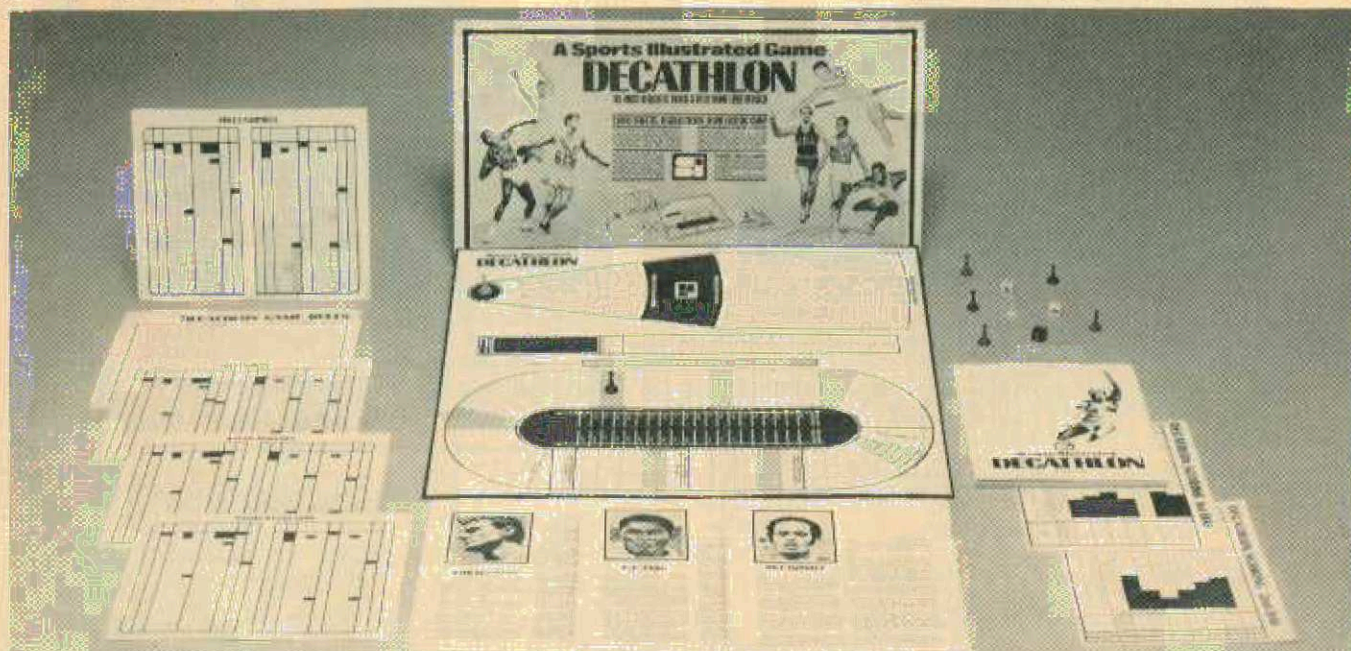
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US-USSR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Williams Outduels Podluzhniy

Sacramento, Calif., July 28-29 /by Gardner Nelson/—From the moment they carried their nation's flags into Hughes Stadium, long jumpers Randy Williams and Valeriy Podluzhniy set the pace in the first US Soviet Union Junior (under 20) dual meet.

The long jump competition looked like the start of another Ralph Boston vs. Igor Ter-Ovanesyan era. American Munich Olympic team member Williams had a great wind-aided series: 26-4", 26-9", 25-8", 27-4" (12.3 mph), 25-9" and 26-3". Williams' winning 27-4", although windy, has been bettered by only five others in world history. And only on that big jump did he hit the board. Podluzhniy, no bigger than the 5-10/150 Williams, also turned in a fine wind-aided set of jumps—26-1", 26-1", 26-7", 26-2", f, 25-8". The two handsome athletes concluded the affair by jogging a lap at the meet's end, each holding a huge trophy from sponsoring Chevrolet signifying their award as being the most valuable performer from each squad.

A well-prepared Soviet group topped the makeshift US team, 123-109, in the team battle, as a crowd estimated at 6000 to 8000 watched the meet each day. As might have been expected, Americans ran 1-2 in all flat races through the 800 and handily took both relays, while the Soviets swept all the longer races and the vault, hammer and javelin. Daytime temperatures soared over the 100° mark, and although it was a twilight affair, the air temperature at the stadium had not cooled significantly for the meet.

NCAA high jump titlist Tom Woods' pass at 7-0 served as the foothold for his victory over red-shirted rivals Aleksandr Zhurba and Vladimir Zhuravlev, as all three high jumped 7-1. Woods then flopped over 7-2½ on his first attempt and made three valiant efforts at a world junior record height of 7-5.

An impressive hammer winner was 19-year-old Sergey Korobov, who lofted the 16-lb. ball-and-chain 222-11 for a near 10-foot win over teammate Yevgeniy Korsak, who hit 213-0. Korobov has reportedly not yet begun weight training.

The Williams bunch continued to make an impression on the US sprint scene, as Marshall Dill built his winning margin in the first 30 yards of the 100 to edge an again-healthy Steve Williams, 10.2 to 10.3. In the 200, prep Johnny Williams pulled away from Harold Williams in the stretch for a legal 20.8 to 21.0 victory. And Johnny and Harold handed off to Charlie Wells and Dill in a 39.6 sprint relay victory. In the 400, prep record holder Ronald Ray showed remarkable backstretch speed in blazing to a 46.5 400 win. Ray's 46.0 anchor finished the winning 3:08.5 1600m relay team.

UCLA's Rory Kotinek and Soviet Vladimir Yachmyenov waged a tight battle in the decathlon through the first day, with Yachmyenov emerging on top by 11 points after five events. But things were rapidly decided the second day when Kotinek fell in the hurdles and lost about three seconds (270 points). Yachmyenov went on to score a 331 point victory, 7345 to 7014.

100m(ok), Dill 10.2; 2. S.Williams 10.3; 3. Yevtyokhov' 10.7; 4. Izotov' 11.0. 200m(ok), J. Williams 20.8; 2. H. Williams 21.0; 3. Radul' 21.3; 4. Aksinin' 21.8. 400m, Ray 46.5; 2. Eisenlauer 46.9; 3. Kornyeushkin' 48.6; 4. Semyonov' 49.4. 800m, Smith 1:49.3; 2. Scott 1:49.4; 3. Panomaryev' 1:49.7; 4. Zimin' 1:52.0. 1500m, Nalyetov' 3:48.4; 2. Korchenkov' 3:49.4; 3. Addison 3:49.5; 4. Forsy 3:54.0. 5000m, Zatonkskiy' 14:13.6; 2. Ipatov' 14:13.8; 3. Virgin 14:14.6; 4. Sandoval 15:01.2. 10,000m, tie, Kraynov' & Mysayov' 31:36.0; 3. Perkins 31:55.2; 4. Maguire 33:49.2. 10,000m/Walk, Solomon' 51:00.6; 2. Stralychenko' 51:00.6; 3. Palamarchuk 55:51.6; ... disq—Bentley. 3000mSt, Isakov' 9:18.8; 2. Filonov' 9:24.0; 3. Elijah 9:50.0; 4. Hill 10:03.4. 110mHH(ok), Pereverzyev' 14.1; 2. Lightfoot 14.1; 3. Mosley 14.5; 4. Bondarenko' 14.7. 400mH, Vitkov' 52.5; 2. Gailley 52.7; 3. Fyodorov' 53.2; 4. Schwab 54.2.

HJ, Woods 7-2½; 2. Zhurba' 7-1; 3. Zhuravlev' 7-1; 4. Mackey 6-10½. PV, Boiko' 16-8½; 2. Krylov' 16-3; 3. Petree 15-1; ... nh—White. LJ(w), R. Williams 27-4½ (26-4", 26-9", 25-8", 27-4", 25-9", 26-3"); 2. Podluzhniy' 26-7½ (26-1", 26-½; 26-7", 26-1", f, 25-8); 3. Duncan 25-6½; 4. Matveyev' 25-4". TJ(ok), Syegal' 53-5½ (51-6", 52-7", 52-11", 53-5", f, f); 2. McBryde 53-0 (49-4", 51-8", 51-9", 51-6", 52-2", 53-0); 3. Piskulin' 52-3½; 4. Witherspoon 50-11½. SP, Semkiw 59-6½; 2. Yarosh' 58-6; 3. Pagel 58-5; 4. Nosyenko' 57-½. DT, Smith 177-0; 2. Fyedorov' 174-11; 3. Nazhimov' 173-7; 4. Zabelski 167-7. HT, Korobov' 222-11; 2. Korsak' 213-0; 3. Bessette 190-9; 4. Jackson 187-11. JT, Ritov' 248-10; 2. Borokin' 241-11; 3. Dow 235-1; 4. Martin 230-5. Dec, Yachmyenov' 7345 (11.3, 23-5", 47-5, 6-4, 52.4, 16.2, 142-5, 13-1", 188-8, 4:45.8); 2. Kotinek 7014; 3. Mondschein 6882; 4. Yakovlev' 6272. 400mR, United States 39.6 (J.Williams, H. Williams, Wells, Dill); 2. Soviet Union 41.2. 1600mR, United States 3:08.5 (Beaufort Brown, Eisenlauer, Son, Ray 46.0); 2. Soviet Union 3:17.8.

### TORONTO POLICE

## Ryun Follows Quick Pace, Then Solos to 3:52.8

Toronto, Ont., Can., July 29—If history's third-fastest mile (a 3:52.8) is any indication, then Jim Ryun is ready for Munich. And that clocking is

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Randy Williams flew 27-4½w against the USSR Juniors. /Don Chadez/



Valeriy Podluzhniy soared too with a windy 26-7". /Chadez/

just what Jim did produce in the 90th edition of the Metro Toronto Police Games.

Running on a newly installed synthetic track in this evening meet, the refurbished Ryun followed pace-setters Davie Quibell and Mike McCann through the first two laps as he knocked off 59.0 and 58.6 splits for a 1:57.6 halfway clocking. Midway through the third lap he pulled away from all the

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rest, his 59.6 go-round giving him a 2:57.2 three-quarter split. This put him four-tenths up on the pace in his world record 3:51.1 race of 1967. Although he couldn't match his 53.5 final stage of that race, his still-quick 55.6 brought him home in 3:52.8, a clocking bettered by only Ryun himself. He now owns five of the eight fastest mile clockings ever.

"I felt pretty tired most of the way," he said after the race. "But I knew I was in for a good time when I heard that 2:57.2, and the crowd [17,000] really gave me tremendous encouragement." Ryun had not earlier planned to run another mile this year, but changed his mind because of the scarcity of competition in the US currently. "But last week a dream or something came to me," he revealed. "It told me if I sort of let my mind free and was uninhibited by worrying about times I would run a mile in the 3:52 range—and it happened." Canadian 5000-meter runner Grant McLaren took second in the race with a PR 3:59.0.

### LATE NEWS

## Feuerbach Moves to Second All-Time 70-7½

Long Beach, Calif., Aug. 6—An ecstatic Al Feuerbach said, "It's there now." And after his impressive performance at this small all-comers affair, he just might be right. Utilizing the "best explosiveness I've had in a long time", Feuerbach solidified his hold on second place on the all-time list with a big pop of 70-7½, the equal-third performance of all-time. Feuerbach was hot instantly, dropping one 70-1 in the first round, and getting his big push in the second. The third was a foul of 70-plus, but "then the pressure set in. I wanted an even bigger one." His final three heaves were another foul, a 68-plus effort and a 66 11½.

Lawrence, Kans., Aug. 16—Touted as a "tune-up for three Olympians", a special two-mile race stalled in terms of indicating the pre-Olympic form of both Jim Ryun and George Young—but indicated Grant McLaren is fine.

The Canadian romped to a national-best 8:32.0 victory with Young next in 8:43.2 and Ryun a far-back third and last at 9:13.4. Ryun was up close to the front early in the race, but by a lap-and-a-half, he was obviously laboring. Tired looking from the start, he dropped steadily back after that. Earlier in the day, however, he gave no outward appearance of any trouble. But McLaren was moving steadily—and he led by some 50-yards at the mile after assuming command at the half-mile mark. McLaren's quarter posts passed in 60.0, 2:04, 3:07, 4:10, 5:18, 6:25 and 7:24.

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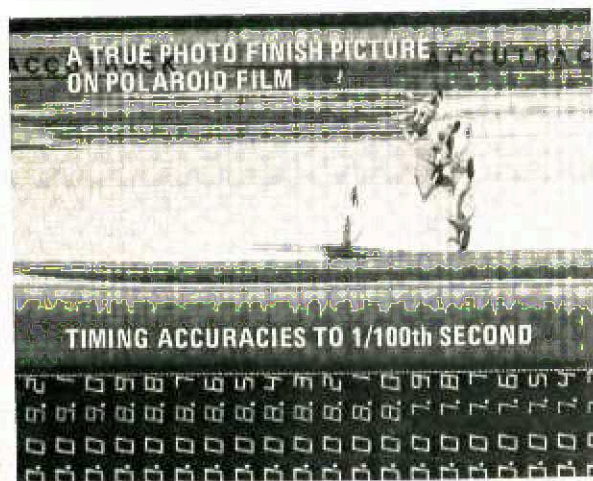
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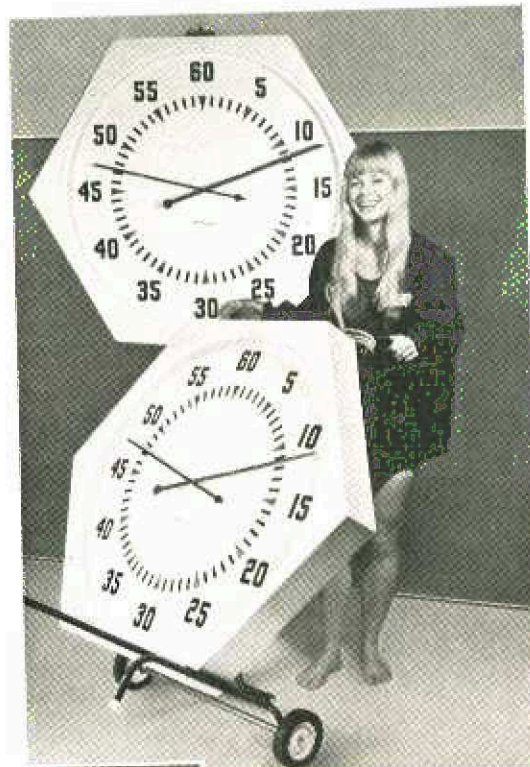
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## MARKS RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 3, 1972

Europe is the hotbed of track in this unpredictable summer of 1972. Most of the overseas actors of the XX Olympiad have set foot on this continent several weeks before D-Day and are preparing in different ways. There are those who plan to compete in pre-Olympic meets, and that includes a good many Americans, Africans and Australians. Others prefer to live in a fresher atmosphere, like that of Font-Romeu, a favorite training center in the Pyrenees. Europeans, too, follow different paths: the East Germans, for example, are assembled in a sort of lager where they prepare in all secrecy, undisturbed by the press or other modern evils. In western Europe, most if not all Olympic candidates will compete here and there until Games time.

The highlight of recent weeks was a new European 400-meter record by Karl Honz at the West German Championships: an "electric" 44.70. Be-

## Includes All Non-Europeans On the Continent

lieve it or not, a Finnish sprinter has joined the cohort of 10.0 sprinters in the 100-meters, equaling the continental record first set by Armin Hary in 1960 and later equaled by a bunch of others—the man in question is Raimo Vilen. Dave Bedford's new European record for the 5000-meters (13:17.2) was reported in a PS last month.

Even apart from the records, there is ample evidence that old Europe will be able to hold its own at Munich. Apart from big guns USSR, East Germany and West Germany (the host country seems to be short of prospective gold medalists but is expected to land quite a few men in the various finals), several other countries have hopes. A remarkable revival is apparent in Finnish distance running: two more V's—Pekka Vasala and Lasse Viren—are now in the forefront of Olympic candidates, while a third and more famous 'V', Juha Vaatainen was scheduled to make his season's debut at the Finnish Championships (Joensuu, Aug. 11-13).

First of the big pre-Olympic meets was that of Aug. 2 and 3 at Oslo's famed Bislett Stadium. A large attendance saw a sizable portion of the US Olympic team in action. For most if not all the Americans, that was the first competitive test in about a month. Not surprisingly, some—like Ken Swenson, Dick Bruggeman, Chris Dunn, Dwight Stones, Bob Seagren, Arne Robinson—turned out to be pretty far, mentally if not physically, from their Eugene condition. But after all, that was only a tune-up meet and those concerned will have sufficient time to acquire a "second wind". Others—like Robert Taylor, Eddie Hart, Steve Prefontaine, Thomas Hill, George Woods, reserve Lee Evans and non-Olympian Dave Roberts—did very well at Oslo, winning in the face of strong opposition.

## SPRINTS

At 27, Raimo Vilen of Finland is faster than ever. Following a nice double at the TOP Games (10.1 and 20.9), he won the 100, again in 10.1, over Brian Green of Britain (10.3) and lost to Dave Jenkins, 20.8 to 20.7. Then, on July 27 at Vuosaari, he chalked up a 10.0 to tie the European record.

Robert Taylor won the 100 from a choice field at Oslo in 10.1. Gerald Tinker, second in the same time, beat the highly touted Jean-Louis Raveiomanantsoa (10.2), while Rey Robinson was no better than fifth in 10.3, still ahead of Commonwealth champion Don Quarrie (10.4). Eddie Hart, who will only run the 100 (and the relay) at Munich, beat Italy's Pietro Mennea in the 200, 20.5 to 20.6. Tinker was third in 20.7, while Quarrie (4th in 20.9), John Smith (5th in 21.1) and Wayne Collett (6th in 21.2) looked off form.

Valeriy Borzov scored an easy double at the USSR Championships, looking as reliable as ever. He won the 100 in 10.0—the fourth Ten Flat of his career—from Aleksandr Kornelyuk (10.2) and the 200 in 20.7. Vassilios Papageorgopoulos scored a convincing victory over Brian Green (a windy 10.2 to 10.4) in the AAA and now leads his British rival, 3 to 1.

In the absence of Franz-Peter Hofmeister, who is still nursing an injury, the West German 200-meter title went to Manfred Ommmer, a 21-year-old hitherto known as a good indoor runner, in 20.5. Two 400-meter men, Martin Jellinghaus and Karl Honz, were second and fourth respectively, in 20.8 and 20.9. Two days earlier, on July 21, Honz had provided the sensation of the meet by winning at his now favorite distance in 44.7—two-tenths under the European record jointly held by two other West Germans, Carl Kaufmann and Jellinghaus. This performance, made on Munich's Olympic track, crowned a meteoric rise by the 21-year-old. This well built (6-1½, 181-lbs) athlete was primarily a sprinter until last year, when he chalked up a nice 20.8 and placed third in the title meet. Encouraged by a casual 47.8 for the 400, he decided to turn to the longer distance for the Olympic season. In June, he caused quite a stir with a 45.7, a time he duplicated three weeks



Manfred Ommmer (l) strains to win the West German 200 title in 20.5 from Karl Honz, who took the 400 with a European record 44.7. /Tony Duffy/

later against the USSR. He also improved to 10.4 in the 100 and 20.6 in the 200. At Munich, in what was practically his third major 400 of the year, he went out fast and turned in that incredible 44.7, winning from Bernd Herrmann, also 21 (45.3), Hermann Kohler (46.0), Jellinghaus (46.3) and Falko Geiger (46.4). After the race, Honz surprised his listeners saying that he may bypass the individual race in the Olympics to concentrate on the relay, where he thinks West Germany has a chance to hit silver. Of course, nobody was willing to believe him.

Dave Jenkins looks stronger than ever. After his 45.3 in June, the 20-year-old Briton ran a 45.5 semi and a 45.4 final at the AAA. In the latter, he covered the first half in a rather cautious 22.3 and the second in 23.1, leaving Gary Armstrong (46.2) well behind. Then Jenkins took care of Finland's Markku Kukkoaho at Helsinki, 45.4 to 45.9.

In the meantime, Jenkins' chief rival in last year's European title meet, Marcello Fiasconaro of Italy, was hampered by a foot injury and other problems. He managed to win in 46.3 at his championships, then found himself in a slump and lost to his countryman Lorenzo Cellerino with no better than 47.5, one of the poorest marks of his short career.

Francis Kerbirriou, 21, won the French title in 45.9. The same time was turned by Lucano Susanj of Yugoslavia for a new national record. Lee Evans won the 400 at Oslo in an excellent 45.0, while 20-year-old Charles Joseph of Trinidad took second with a PR 45.5.

## MIDDLE DISTANCES

There has been no race in Europe comparable with the Eugene 800, but then the best have never met. Dieter Fromm was joined in the sub-1:46 department by Jozef Plachy of Czechoslovakia, who sped to 1:45.6 in a heat and Franz-Josef Kemper of West Germany, who did 1:45.7. The latter extended 19-year-old Josef Schmid to 1:46.0. Part of the merit for these fast times was to be credited to Walter Adams, who led for 600 meters. Adams had earlier won the West German title in 1:47.9, nosing out Kemper and Schmid.

Plachy also won at Stockholm in 1:46.3 and at Oslo in 1:46.6. There were three Americans in the latter race: Bob Wheeler finished fourth in 1:47.6, a time shared by Rick Brown, fifth, while Olympic candidate Ken Swenson, in a season of ups and downs, was 9th in 1:48.6.

Yevgeniy Arzhanov made his first major appearance in the 800 at the USSR championships: in the final he was caught in a box, lost a shoe and decided to call it a day. Victory went to Ivan Ivanov in 1:48.9. Only five days later, Arzhanov had to prove himself to selectors and he did: during the intermission of a football match in Moscow, he ran a convincing 1:46.0.

Pekka Vasala disappointed his Finnish supporters last year when he finished no better than ninth (3:41.5) in the European Championship 1500. He is now trying hard to make amends for that: at Turku, on July 19, he equaled Kip Keino's 1972 world best with a nifty 3:36.8, a new Scandinavian record and 1.8 under Vasala's 1971 mark. The stage for this classy performance was set by Matti Hamalainen, who led the field through 57.6 and 1:57.0. Then the tall, light (6-7/8, 146-lbs) Vasala took over and passed the kilometer in a fast 2:24.0, and went on to win unopposed. Mansour

Guettaya of Tunisia, the man who shone in last year's Mediterranean Games, was second in 3:38.8, easily his best ever, while Ulf Hogberg of Sweden, who going into this race held the Scandinavian record at 3:37.3, took third in 3:39.0. Graham Crouch, Australia's sub-four miler, was fourth in 3:39.8.

The 24-year-old Vasala went on by scoring a fine double in a triangular meet with Britain and Spain. On the first day, he evened the count with Brendan Foster (who had beaten him in a close mile finish, 3:57.2 for both, early in July) in the 1500, 3:41.2 to 3:42.0. On the second day, Vasala chalked up another Finnish record as he beat Colin Campbell in a fast 800, 1:46.0 to 1:46.1. Vasala thus missed Audun Boysen's old Scandinavian record by one-tenth. Campbell, 26, earned a new British record, a few days after losing to Andy Carter and Dave Cropper in a rousing finish at the AAA. Vasala added one more to his string of victories as he won the Oslo 1500 in 3:38.3 from Steve Prefontaine, who was rewarded with a personal best 3:39.4. Gianni Del Buono of Italy was third in 3:39.7.

The AAA 1500 was a big race, with Brendan Foster no better than fourth in 3:39.3. Peter Stewart won in 3:38.2, a new British record, from a surprising Ray Smedley (3:38.5) and John Kirkbride (3:38.7). Smedley, not yet 21, was on the book with 3:45.0 last year.

Bodo Tummler, the 1968 bronze medalist, has cautiously embarked on the comeback trail after a long layoff. He won the West German title easily in 3:41.5. Francesco Arose, the reigning European champion, is still a shadow of his 1971 self, while Henryk Szordykowski seems to be rounding into form at the right moment. Steve Prefontaine made his 1972 European debut a most positive one: 24 hours after his 3:39.4 1500, he returned to the Bislett track to run 3000-meters in 7:44.2, fastest-ever by an American. He thrashed a choice field: 10 were clocked in less than eight minutes! Len Hilton of the US was a brilliant second in 7:48.0, ahead of Dick Quax of New Zealand, 7:49.6. Frank Shorter was 6th in 7:51.4 and Francesco Arose dropped out. A few days earlier, a faster 3000 time had been recorded by Lasse Viren of Finland: 7:43.2.

## DISTANCES

"Lasse Viren should win a medal of some sort in Munich," said Juha Vaatainen recently. Two days before his fast 3000, namely on July 25 at Helsinki, the 23-year-old Viren had lowered the Finnish 5000 record to an excellent 13:19.0. His third national mark came at Oslo on Aug. 3, when he ran 10,000 in 27:52.4, four-tenths under Vaatainen's own mark, made in the memorable European Championship race of 1971. Viren (5-10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, 132-lbs) did not look so good earlier in the season: he lost to two Ethiopians in no better than 13:51.2 and then was nosed out by steeplechaser Tapio Kantanen, 13:44.2 to 13:43.8.

Bedford's feats at the AAA astounded even the great Ron Clarke, an old hand at such tricks. Dave won the 5000 on July 14, chopping five seconds off his own European record. His 13:17.2 was barely .6 slower than Clarke's world record. Of course, Bedford ran a la Bedford, going into the lead after 200 meters, running away from the likes of Ian McCafferty and Ian Stewart in the fifth lap. Bedford was faster than Clarke 1966 up to 4000 meters, but lost two seconds vis-a-vis the Australian in the last kilometer. His kilometer times: 2:35.0, 5:12.4, 7:53.6, 10:38.6. However, he was challenged by McCafferty in the last lap: but the Scot had to surrender to Dave's 59.6. Even so, McCafferty was a fine second in 13:19.8, followed by Stewart (13:24.2), Mariano Haro (13:26.0, a Spanish record) and Dave Black (13:28.0). (Javier Alvarez of Spain, sixth in 13:34.8, tried to recapture the Spanish record five days later but had to be content with a close shave—13:26.4). The following day Bedford ran the 10,000. He said he had saved something for this race—and the result was a great 27:52.4, his second best ever. He covered the first 5000 in 13:47.6, the second in 14:04.8. He left Commonwealth champion Lachie Stewart far behind (28:38.8).

While all this was happening, Vaatainen was training secretly, somewhat worried by his sore knee and by the fact that "I'll be a year older (vis-a-vis Helsinki 71) in Munich." Rashid Sharafyettinov won the 10,000 at the USSR championships in 28:05.2, extending Pavel Andreyev to a PR of 28:07.8, while Anatoliy Bodrankov exactly matched his own best as he finished third in 28:09.2.

## STEEPLE

The number of European sub-8:30 performers is up to 17. Three of these are Finns, who paraded in the Oslo meet, finishing 1-2-3: Tapio Kantanen 8:25.8, Pekka Paivarinta 8:28.2, Mikko Ala-Leppilampi 8:29.0. Next came two Americans, Steve Savage (8:29.8) and Mike Manley (8:32.8). Both Kantanen and Paivarinta had done better a few days earlier: Kantanen, a solid 6-footer, with a new Finnish record of 8:24.0, Paivarinta, who is even taller (6-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) but somewhat lighter (150- vs 161-lbs) than Kntanen, with 8:25.4.

Dusan Moravcik of Czechoslovakia missed his own best by only .4 as he ran 8:26.6 in a dual meet with Hungary.

## HURDLES

Thomas Hill chalked up a 13.4 in a practically windless race at Oslo, winning from Tommy Lee White (13.5) and France's Guy Drut (13.6). Hill and White won their respective heats in 13.5 and 13.6. Late in July, Drut did



Dave Hemery (l) sharpened for a defense of his Olympic 400 hurdles title with this AAA win over John Akii-Bua as both clocked 49.7. /Tony Duffy/

13.5 twice at the French Championships. Viktor Myasnikov ran a windy 13.5 and a legal 13.6 (USSR record) at his title meet before finishing fourth in the above-mentioned Oslo race (13.8). Alan Pascoe won a nice double in the AAA, with 13.9 in the highs and 20.9 in the 200 flat.

Olympic champ Dave Hemery seems to have lost little of his one-time zip, even after spending the major part of the last three seasons away from the track or in low-fire competition. He won a close duel with John Akii-Bua of Uganda at the AAA, as both ran 49.7. Then Hemery went to Helsinki and found another hard nut to crack in Finland's Ari Salin, but eventually came out victorious, 49.3 to 49.5 (a Finnish record for Salin).

The USSR and West German titles were both won in 49.2. Yevgeniy Gavriyenko had to fight hard against Viktor Savchenko, who finished a close second in 49.3. Yuriy Zorin was third in 49.7. Dieter Buttner also had his hands full but finally came through in 49.2, beating 1968 Olympian Rainer Schubert (49.4), Rolf Ziegler (49.6) and Werner Roibert (49.6). John Akii-Bua ran his fastest race of the year, 49.4, at Oslo to win from Savchenko (50.3), Jim Seymour (50.9) and Dick Bruggeman (51.7). Both Americans had run 50.0 in their heats the day before.

## JUMPS

Juri Tarmak achieved the highest high jump mark of the season so far—2.25 (7-4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>)—in the *qualifying rounds* of the USSR Championships. The following day, in the final, he could do no better than 7-1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and had to settle for fifth behind Kestutis Sapka, Rustam Akhmyetov, Vladimir Abramov and 1960 Olympian Viktor Bolshov, all of whom cleared 7-3 (a PR for the 33-year-old Bolshov) to finish in that order. Tarmak was up again in the Oslo meet, where he won at 7-3 from Ron Jourdan (7-1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), while America's other Olympic candidates Chris Dunn and Dwight Stones were fourth and 10th respectively (6-11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 6-8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>). Hermann Magerl of West Germany upped his country's record to 7-3, then won the national title at 7-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>.

Bob Seagren was in Europe well before the Oslo meet and won with 17-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in Sweden. But at Bislett Stadium, he lost to his countryman Dave Roberts, 16-8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 17-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. With Kjell Isaksson and Wolfgang Nordwig both pausing in view of the season's major test, and Renato Dionisi once again nursing a bad tendon, top-ranking Europeans were practically inactive in the second part of July. In this rarefied atmosphere, Mike Bull's 17-1 in the AAA—best-ever by a UK vaulter—gained particular relief.

Finn Bendixen of Norway, formerly based in the US, beat Arnie Robinson and Preston Carrington in the Oslo meet. The three ended in that order with 25-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 25-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 25-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Hans Baumgartner and Sepp Schwarz had a hot duel at the West German championships and the former won narrowly, 26-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 26-4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. That marked a fine return to form by the 31-year-old Schwarz, who shares with Ralph Boston the longest regular jump ever made at sea level (27-4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>). Another veteran who seems to have lost nothing of his one-time luster is 32-year-old Leonid Barkovskiy, who won the USSR title with 26-5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, his best-ever, winning from another "oldie", Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, 26-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

Lynn Davies, the 1964 gold medalist, was selected for Munich, even though he fell a bit short of the qualifying standard in the AAA, where his



25-4% was outshone by Alan Lerwill's 26-9. That was the second time Lerwill reached exactly that distance—again with the help of a wind over the limit.

Viktor Saneyev is still striving to regain his best form: at the USSR championships he produced a good 54-11½, but lost to Mikhail Bariban's 55-1. The result of the Kusocinski Memorial has not been reported yet: Carol Corbu of Rumania just won from the new Polish star Michal Joachimowski—55-1 (wind-aided) to 54-11. Vaclav Fiser, fourth in this event, later raised the Czech record to 54-6¼.

## THROWS

East Germany's big guns have remained silent in recent weeks. Even so, the list of new arrivals at 20-meters (65-7%) includes several shot putters: Geoff Capes of Britain (66-2%), Seppo Simola of Finland and Ralf Reichenbach of West Germany (both 66-1¼).

Lothar Milde's early season discus throw of 219-10½ was not allowed as an East German record, and he is currently listed with a seasonal best of 208-1½. What was wrong with that throw has not been revealed yet. At any rate, Detlef Thorith did 210-9 at Berlin on June 18 and got credit as new record holder.

Ricky Bruch's series the day he equaled Jay Silvester's world record was: 224-5, foul (c223-feet), 216-4, foul (c210-feet), 213-7, 212-2½. He won from European champ Ludvik Danek, who had four throws over 210-feet and a best of 214-3. At Oslo, the two top European throwers met an old acquaintance, Jay Silvester. Bruch won again, with 209-4¾. The American reached 208-1, while Danek was third at 204-6¾. With Tegla, Fejer and Tim Vollmer (8th) also in the circle, that was as good an Olympic preview as one could wish for.

The hammer was a hot affair in both the Russian and the West German title meet. At Moscow (July 20) the result of the historic event was: 1. Anatoliy Bondarchuk 247-10; 2. Valentin Dmitriyenko 239-7½ PR; 3. Vasily Khmyelevskiy 238-11; 4. Dzhamber Pkhakadze 238-4¼ PR; 5. Iosif Gamskiy 237-6½; 6. Anatoliy Maksimov 232-9; 7. Romuald Klim 232-7½; 8. Aleksey Malyukov 230-11½.

In the absence of world record holder Walter Schmidt, the West German title went to consistent Edwin Klein, who chalked up a PR 239-6½. Place winners were young Karl Hans Riehm (232-7½), European champ Uwe Beyer (231-1) and Peter Rieck (230-11½). Veterans Lutz Caspers (who got one off to 239-6½ in a small meet two weeks earlier) and Hans Fahl were fifth and sixth. The first three in this meet will probably represent West Ger-

many in Munich.

Full results of the Znamenskiy meet reveal that Jochen Sachse of East Germany, currently number two in the world year list, was no better than seventh with 228-7. Unexpected winner was Romuald Klim (235-10), from Dmitriyenko and Pkhakadze (both 234-7½).

Everything was apparently OK with Janis Lulis' javelin world record at Stockholm (July 6), according to Swedish reports. The phenomenal effort (307-9) came in the opening round. Lulis passed his second trial, then went on in easy style with: foul, 250-11, foul, 263-11½. The runner-up lost by exactly 59-feet! Lulis later won the USSR title with 279-9½. His closest rivals on paper are Miklos Nemeth of Hungary, Klaus Wolfermann of West Germany and Hannu Siitonen of Finland, all of whom had nice long throws in July: 287-2½ (NR), 286-1 (NR) and 285-6.

Winner of the javelin at Oslo was Bjorn Grimnes of Norway with a personal best of 277-6½. Nemeth was a fairly close second (275-8), while Bill Schmidt of US took third with 262-8.

## DECATHLON

Ryszard Skowronek of Poland, 22, is the surprise leader of the world year list with a new national record of 8147. His best last year was 7920, which placed him second to Tadeusz Janczenko at the Polish title meet. Skowronek, a well built (6-0, 165-lbs) athlete whose only weak points, relatively speaking, are the shot and discus, improved to 7934 early this year, prior to reaching the top late in July. Nikolay Avilov improved to 8115 at the USSR championships—his second 8000-plus in five weeks—and beat Boris Ivanov (7997), Leonid Litvinyenko (7975), Toomas Berendsen (7841), Aleksandr Grebyenyuk (7835) and Vladimir Shcherbatikh (7812).

Horst Beyer, 32, took the West German title with a career best of 7956, in the absence of Kurt Bendlin and Hans-Joachim Walde.

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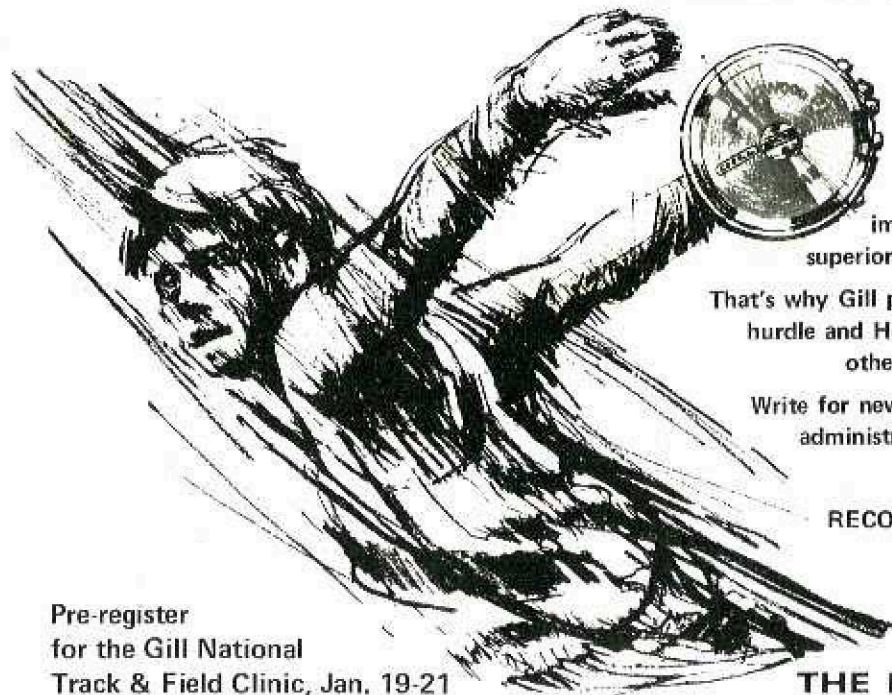
The year's fastest 4x100 time by a national team is Poland's 38.9, which equals the national record set at Mexico City in 1968. The Polish team was composed of Stanislaw Wagner, Tadeusz Cuch, Jerzy Czerbniak and Zenon Nowosz. However, it is hard to say which is the best of the many good European teams, as West and East Germany, Italy, USSR, France and Czechoslovakia seemed to be evenly matched.

West Germany's 3:04.4 in downing the USSR (3:07.8) in June still ranks as Europe's best. New national records for Yugoslavia (3:05.7), Finland (3:06.5) and Sweden (3:06.8) are also worthy a mention.

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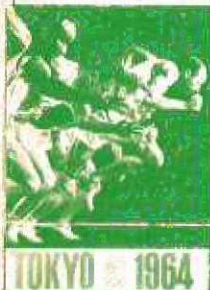
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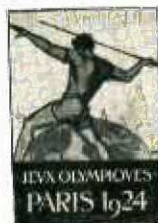
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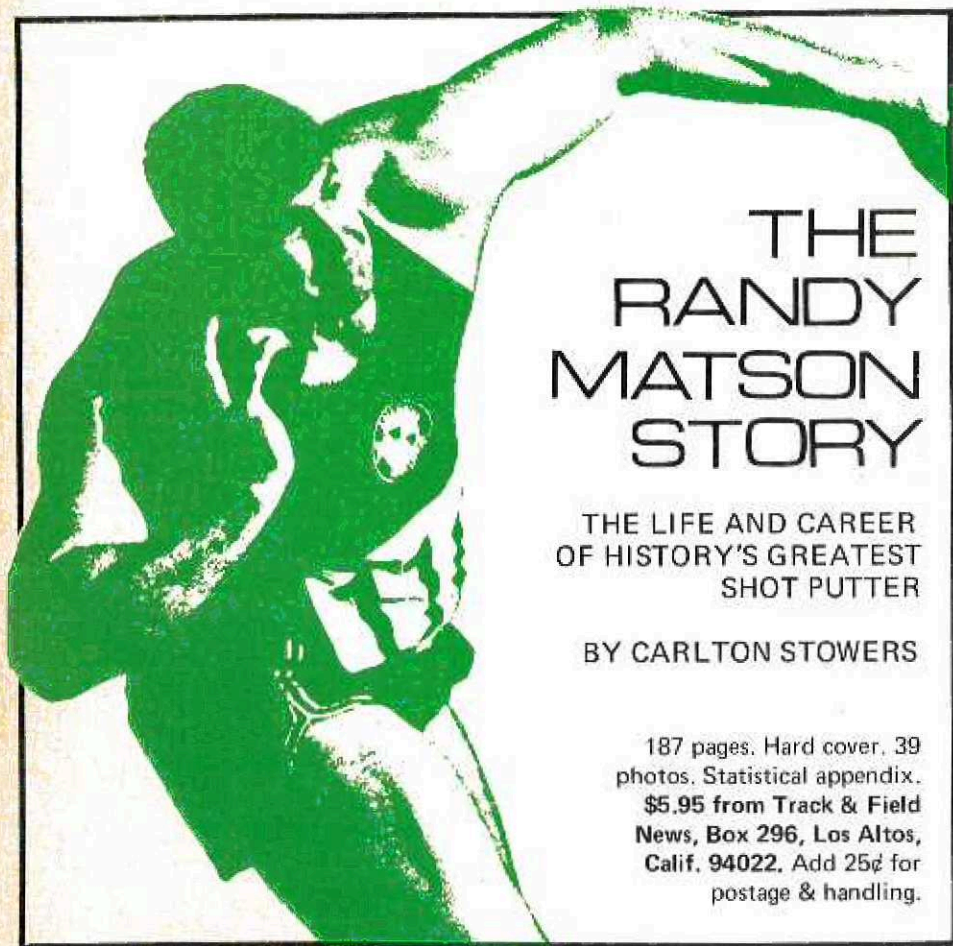
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# Viren Rambles Record 8:14.0

In Oslo's Bislett Games, Aug. 2-3, Both US relay squads scored quick wins, the 400 foursome (Robinson, Taylor, Tinker, Hart) combining for 39.1, and the 1600 quartet (Matthews, Collett, Smith, Evans) totaling 3:03.0, the year's fastest. The France-Poland match produced a steeple-shocker as 21-year-old Pole Bronislaw Malinowski sped 8:22.2 in his first steeple of the year to match the European record and missed Kerry O'Brien's global mark by just .2. Second went to France's Gerard Buchheit with a massive PR of 8:25.4. Poles Jan Kondziar (8:26.6) and Tadeusz Zielinski (8:28.0) followed while 71 European champ and top-ranked Jean-Paul Villain clocked 8:33.0 in fifth. Jean-Pierre Corval, of France and UCLA, lowered his 400 hurdles best to 49.7, while Polish shot heaver Wladyslaw Komar pumped 68-5.

Other European meets produced several top-class marks. Vladimir Abromov, an alternate on the USSR high jump team for Munich, flopped over 7-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , a PR. Hannu Siitonen won the Finnish javelin title at 287.7 and later hit a PR 290.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , second globally this year. Antti Kalliomaki vaulted 17-9 and Juha Vaatainen made his first start of 72 a victorious one as he covered 5000-meters in 14:03.0. He didn't contest the 10,000; Seppo Matela won in 28:54.0 in the meet held under poor weather conditions. Hermann Magerl upped his PR and West German record to 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$  versus Switzerland, while Josef Schwarz outjumped Hans Baumgartner (26-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -25-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and West Germany clicked to a 38.9 400-meter relay.

Viareggio, Italy, Aug. 11—A shuffled US 400-meter relay team put together the equal-fastest time in the world this year, 38.8, to highlight an international meet here. The foursome of Larry Black, Robert Taylor, Gerald Tinker and Eddie Hart matched the time earlier achieved by Poland. In Oslo, the US foursome, with Rey Robinson starting, clocked 39.1. But Robinson's indifferent showings in open 100s during European competition prompted the switch with Black, an Olympic 200-meter entrant. Black actually got a late start, perhaps thinking there would be a recall gun, but once he got rolling, Larry ate up the opposition. An Italian team anchored by 10.0 100-meter sprinter Pietro Mennea finished .2 back.

Black later sped through his specialty in 20.5, .4 up on Ed Roberts. Jim Seymour hurdled 400-meters in his second-fastest ever time, 49.5, to win. He typically was well back entering the homestretch and even over the final hurdle but put on another blitz finish to nip teammate Dick Bruggeman by .2. Aussie Tony Benson kicked home powerfully for a 5:06.2 2000-meter win over early pace-setters Jerome Howe (5:07.0) and Greg Fredericks (5:07.2). Kerry O'Brien timed 5:08.4 in fifth. Rod Milburn scored a 13.5 win over Tommy White (13.6) in one high race, while Thomas Hill (13.6) won another but Willie Davenport bashed several barriers and fell to fourth (14.0). Barry Schur (7-1 $\frac{1}{8}$ ) and Bill Schmidt (258-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) were other US winners.

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 14—Finland's current distance dynamo, Lasse Viren, whirled to a world two-mile record here of 8:14.0, lopping 3.8 seconds off the old mark, and crushing a stellar field that included record holder Emiel Puttemans and Dave Bedford. The vastly-improved Finn, already possessor of 13:19.0 5000- and 27:52.4 10,000-meter times this season, also recorded history's fourth-quickest 3000-meters en route,

(L) Lasse Viren blasted the world two-mile record to 8:14.0. /Shearman/  
(R) Bronislaw Malinowski steepled 8:22.2 in his first race of 72. /Shearman/



(L) Antti Kalliomaki took the Finnish vault title at an NR 17-9. /Holm/  
(C) Hermann Magerl upped the West German high jump best to 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ .  
(R) Tony Benson won the Viareggio 2000-meters at 5:06.8. /Stan Pantovic/

7:43.6—only .4 off his best open time at the distance.

Puttemans pushed the early pace with the leading group of Viren, Bedford, Anders Garderud of Sweden, Britain's Ian Stewart and New Zealander Dick Quax. At about 2500-meters, though, the Finn took off and only Puttemans could keep up—or try to. Viren moved away with some 300-meters left to beat the Belgian by nearly three seconds; Puttemans also bettered his old record with a fine 8:17.2. The fastest parade ever in a two-mile followed with Garderud third (8:20.6), Stewart fourth (8:22.0), Quax fifth (time unreported) and Bedford sixth (8:28.2). Respective 3000-meter times behind Viren's were 7:45.2, 7:47.8 NR, 7:48.4, 7:51.2 and 7:52.2. Viren thus became Finland's first world record holder at a flat track distance since Viljo Heino set a six-mile/10,000-meter record in 1944.

Lee Evans scored a 45.1 400 win, while both Ricky Bruch (205-4) and John Powell (200-8) outspun Jay Silvester (198-2) in the disc with Tim Vollmer fifth (190-4). Rick Wohlhuter covered 800-meters in a winning 1:48.2 with Dave Wottle back in an unreported place and time. In an earlier Stockholm meet, Bob Wheeler lowered his 1500 PR to 3:40.8. He then ran 3:41.1 in this meet to win, while Francesco Arese ran fourth in 3:42.3.

Munich, West Germany, Aug. 15-16—Viktor Saneyev popped the world's leading triple jump, Ben Jipcho turned in a personal-best steeplechase and the US 400-meter relay team turned in another quick performance to highlight the Hanns Braun Memorial meet.

Saneyev, defending Olympic three-leap champ, hopped 56-6 $\frac{1}{2}$  on the meet's first day, topping the jumper who finished second to him at Mexico, Brazil's Nelson Prudencio. The Brazilian upped his seasonal best to 54-9. Saneyev's Soviet teammates Gennadiy Byessonov and Mikhail Bariban placed third and fourth with 53-9 and 53-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Jipcho appeared recovered from a leg injury which may keep him out of the Olympic steeple as he recorded a PR and African best 8:27.4. He nearly wiped himself out on the last lap trying to take a hurdle too hard but recovered to cut 1.2 seconds from his former best. Amos Biwott (8:30.8) and Kip Keino (8:32.8) followed their Kenyan teammate. These two performances came on the meet's first day, conducted in Dante Stadium adjacent to the Olympic grounds under sunny skies, while the second session was hampered by heavy rains.

Under these circumstances, the US's 400 relay win the second day, timed 39.0, was good indeed. There was considerable water standing on the track during the race and really very little competition. Lead-off man Larry Black and second runner Robert Taylor connected with a very good pass, while those between Taylor and Gerald Tinker and Eddie Hart were something less. But the runners voiced general satisfaction with their passing.

Just before the second-day rains started, Rod Milburn clicked off a 13.5 high win over Willie Davenport (13.6) and Czech Lubomir Nadenicek (13.8). The day before, Ralph Mann took the 400 barriers in 49.9. Other first-day wins went to sprinter Valeriy Borzov (10.1), 400 man Fred Newhouse (45.5), shot heaver George Woods (69-5) as Brian Oldfield approached his PR of 68-9 $\frac{1}{2}$  in second with 68-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Dave Roberts vaulted 17-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to top Chris Papanicolaou (same height) and Jan Johnson (16-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

## Latest Records

The following outdoor record alterations have been reported since the 11 July issue: W=world; E=European; A=American; C=collegiate; \*—unacceptable as record; †—unofficial event.

Mar	2:15.21	C†	Donal Walsh (Ire)	Athlone, Ire	Jun 25
Pent	3675	C†	Bo Stener (Sw Cal)	Stockholm, Swe	July 15
100m	10.0	=E	Valeriy Borzov (SU)	Moscow, SU	July 18
400m	44.7	E	Karl Honz (WG)	Munich, WG	July 21
800mR	1:21.5	W,E	Italy	Berletta, It	July 21
100m	10.0	=E	Raimo Viren (Fin)	Vuosari, Fin	July 27
20k Walk	1:24:50	W*, E*	Paul Nihill (GB)	Douglas, GB	July 30
3000m	7:44.2	A, C†	Stevy Prefontaine (Ore)	Oslo, Nor	Aug 3
Steeple	8:22.2	=E	Bronislaw Malinowski (Pol)	Warsaw, Pol	Aug 10
2Mile	8:14.0	W, E	Lasse Viren (Fin)	Stockholm, Swe	Aug 14

# Avery's Vision of the Olympics

by John Zant

Avery Brundage was annoyed. He had been trying not to pay any attention to his right foot, but somebody had just mentioned it. Brundage looked down slowly, as if hoping it had disappeared. But the big toe, encased in a splint, and the white bandages all stood out prominently, like sneakers on a ballroom floor.

"It was such a stupid thing," muttered Brundage. He had stumbled and broken the foot in July, on the same day he was released from the hospital after a minor operation on a nerve in his right hand. The hand was wrapped in bandages too. His right side seemed to have escaped from an Egyptian tomb. "It was very stupid," Brundage repeated.

At 84 years, a man's body is not expected to hold up like new. The standard warranty has long since expired. But Brundage obviously took great pride in his resistance to corrosion. Granite mountains may crack and fracture, but six-foot Avery Brundage seemed hardly to believe what had happened to his foot.

He extended his bandaged right hand for a handshake. He walked around his office as best he could on his sled of a foot. He hoisted the morning's mail—some executives would need a two-week vacation to accumulate such a pile of correspondence—and, with that monumental bundle on his desk as a reminder of what a busy man he was, impatiently waited for questions to answer.

Brundage has been put on paper and film many times in the past few months, since his intention to retire as president of the International Olympic Committee became known. Going down the home stretch, he has steadfastly clung to an idealized vision of sports, athletes and the Olympic Games. The resoluteness of his viewpoint is even more formidable than his remarkable physical preservation. Listening to him is like listening to the Pope explain the traditional doctrines of his church. Brundage clearly intends to finish his 20-year presidency strongly as the world rushes through the Munich Games.

Brundage expects the IOC to carry on with the same rigid ideals after he retires. He is making some firm recommendations at the pre-Olympic meeting of the ruling body this month, seeking to send the Games back to a purer form. He wants to do away with the Winter Olympics and condense the Summer Games, eliminating sports that he feels do not belong. Track and field would remain the heart of the Olympic sports program.

"Any sport that is commercialized successfully does not belong on the Olympic program," he declared, looking out the window at the green expanse of the Montecito Country Club, the hillside golf course he owns above the Pacific Ocean near Santa Barbara, Calif. "Ice hockey, basketball, soccer football—all the good athletes in those sports turn professional. They become interested in the sport for financial reasons. They become paid employees of an entertainment business. That's all professional sports are."

On the other hand, Brundage said the Olympics are for amateurs. He recited his definition of an amateur competitor as "a free, independent individual who competes in sport for sport's sake, for the joy of competition, for the thrill of victory."

In some cases, he admitted, a man can love what he is doing, being an amateur in that sense, and still receive financial reward. "But sport is by definition recreation, an avocation. One doesn't get paid for it. It's simple."

Brundage refused to acknowledge that those concepts of amateurism and sport could undergo any change. "Black is black; white is white," he said. "Amateur sports have meant the same thing for 50 years, since they became distinct from professional entertainment."

Brundage expects track and field to remain a true sport, a sport for amateurs, an Olympic sport. "I don't think professional track would ever be successful," said the former decathlon and all-around competitor. "It has been tried before. How many people do you get to a track meet? The Olympics is the one track meet that interests great numbers of spectators."

Brundage unsuccessfully tried for a medal in the 1912 Olympic decathlon at Stockholm. The Illinois graduate later became the US champion in the all-around, a competition in which 10 events were packed into one day. "I'm for the athlete, naturally, having been one myself," he said, when asked about the expenses that many individuals were forced to pay to compete in the US Olympic Trials at Eugene. "I used to compete for the Chicago Athletic Club. There were meets every weekend in the summer. The club would take care of my expenses. But that sort of thing seems to be dissolving now. There are fewer clubs and fewer meets. It's unfortunate."

But Brundage opposes extra pay for athletes to make up for time lost from their jobs while competing in the Olympics themselves. "I'm against payment for broken time," he asserted. "Olympic medals are worthwhile because of the sacrifices a man must make. I used to train every day after working for 10 hours."

Brundage was rather successful in his own unhindered business vocation. He started out as a construction superintendent in Chicago, later branching out into real estate and investments. He maintained viable credit during the Depression, and has since amassed a fortune through the investments he made. Meanwhile, he became president of the US Olympic Associa-

tion in 1929, a member of the IOC in 1936, and head of the entire Olympic movement in 1952.

He believes in prosperity, and he views the Olympics as a sign of prosperity—civilized man, no longer concerned with mere survival, can afford to engage in leisure-time sports and games on a worldwide scale.

But the United States, the richest nation in the world, is one of the poorest in Olympic spirit, according to Brundage. "We think we're the greatest Olympic country, but we're not," he said. "A German camera crew was following me around earlier this year, and they were amazed and shocked that there was no Olympic news in the Chicago papers. You don't see people discussing the Olympics in the streets here as in other nations."

"People in the United States want to see Olympic sports become part of the entertainment business. We're becoming a nation of spectators. The Olympic movement is designed to point out the benefits of a national program of physical training. It should reach everybody through the educational system. The government should provide coaches and facilities."

Brundage bristles over the subject of sports in American higher education, in which an athlete gets coaches, facilities and—here is the rub—extra inducements. "You can go back to the Carnegie Report almost 50 years ago," he expounded, "and they said giving athletic scholarships was a reprehensible activity. Young men are hired to play football. Every other country in the Olympic movement is horrified about this activity being part of education in the United States."

What about the alleged subsidization of athletes in Communist countries? "Everybody is subsidized in those countries," Brundage replied. "Only when they give athletes extra considerations beyond normal subsidization do they violate the Olympic rule. And this has never been proven. The IOC takes the matter up with national committees and they deny it."

"There is a similar problem in uncovering illegal college athletic scholarships. It's against Olympic rules when they give an athlete a scholarship just because he is an athlete."

The IOC has relied on national committees to bare Olympic eligibility violations. But Brundage said it was very unhappy with the situation in the 1972 Winter Games, and the IOC's own eligibility committee will try to be more vigilant in the future; "but we don't know who is entered in the Games until very late."

The exclusive IOC now totals some 75 members elected for life from within the body. "Each man takes an oath that he represents the Olympic movement," said Brundage. "They don't come representing their countries and looking for something, as in the United Nations. They are independent individuals. The Olympics is an idealistic enterprise conceived by Baron de Coubertin and passed on to this committee."

As president, Brundage said he doesn't feel the IOC shares his views, rather "I share their views, in public anyway. I announce their actions. I also get the blame for everything."

Brundage indicated he will spend his last battle in an IOC meeting this month trying to muster the two-thirds vote needed to cut sports from the Olympic program. "We've been talking about reducing the program for 50 years, but instead they've been adding," he said.

He rejected the suggestion of spreading segments of the Olympics around to different cities—track and field here, swimming there. "The Olympic idea is to bring the sportsmen of the world together in one place."

"The Olympic Games are, after all, the Baron's invention. He set up the rules. They can't be changed by popular whim. Competing in them is a right, not a privilege. Those who don't agree with the rules can set up their own games. The pros can have their own world championships. Olympic glory is for amateurs only."

It has been questioned whether there would be such games as the Olympics if the IOC rules were really enforced in a hazy world of profits, promotions and payoffs. One of the few men in the world who could still qualify as an amateur athlete, it has been suggested, is Avery Brundage himself; and now he has a broken foot.

But Brundage believes there will always be a current of pure Olympic spirit running through the world. The most significant aspect of his term as IOC president, he said, was "the tremendous worldwide growth of the Olympic movement . . . and the reason the Olympics are admired is they have a code."

He gazed out at the lush, tropical view outside his Montecito office, and then abruptly attacked the pile of letters on his desk. "Now get out of my hair, will you?" the balding man said, almost good-naturedly.

The conversation was extended briefly when the subject of wine was brought up. Brundage, who disdains hard liquor, is fond of wine. His first thought on the subject was revealing: "The trouble is that some big liquor companies try to mass-produce wine for commercial reasons. You can't commercialize good wine."

Later in the day, after hobbling along the beach on his broken foot for his daily two-mile walk, Brundage would sit down for his evening meal. He might request a glass of chateau-bottled French wine to go with dinner. When the wine was poured into the glass, he might hold it up to the light and admire the contents just as he views the Olympic Games: pure and wholesome; made from only the best grapes by a man who loves what he is doing; and improving with age. □

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# A Lot of Questions Face Munich

by Bert Nelson

If I could see only one event in the Olympics this year, it would be the 5000. The second longest track race is always thrilling when it is competitive, and quite likely it has never been so competitive as the 1972 Olympic version is shaping up. Just thinking about the great field, three weeks before the Sept. 6 starting time, is enough to start the anticipatory juices flowing at full throttle.



Distance races per se have the built-in values of enough time to watch the runners individually, check their styles, note the pace and tactics, and see the field dwindle as one runner after another reluctantly lets go. All the while the suspense is building. The issue remains in doubt, hopefully to the last few meters. And even after the race is won there is great excitement in the fights for the remaining places.

This is true of any good distance run. And the Olympics offer a unique thrill, unmatched in any

other sport. Here, just once in every four years, the greats of the world meet to demonstrate their talent and guts, their conditioning and determination. Most any other footrace is almost meaningless in comparison.

The Olympics have produced an unbroken series of great, exciting 5000-meter races. My first was Helsinki, 1952, when the immortal Emil Zatopek was passed by three runners on the backstretch of the last lap, just in front of us. I still remember pounding brother Cordner and screaming over and over, "Zatopek's going to lose, he's going to lose!" But of course he didn't, fighting back for the second of his three victories that year. Melbourne saw Vladimir Kuts coming back from his 10,000 match-up with Gordon Pirie (perhaps the greatest man-to-man battle in distance running annals) to again test Pirie, plus Derek Ibbotson. Murray Halberg left me hoarse and limp in 1960 as he broke away from the pack with three laps to go, built up a big lead with a furious lap, and then held an ever-decreasing lead, collapsing at the finish. And remember Bob Schul at Tokyo, going to sleep on the last lap, letting Michel Jazy steal an insurmountable lead, then suddenly coming alive to win it all with a frenzied burst of speed? Last time it was a gallant Ron Clarke, fighting a losing battle against the altitude, and then Mohamed Gamoudi surprisingly holding off the finish of Kip Keino.

But never has there been so much talent as this year. The field is so deep that it's a safe bet that at least one runner will break Kut's Olympic record of 13:39.6 and fail to qualify for the final. Those heats will offer both superb competition and much food for track talk before the final three days later. The picture as I see it will be altered somewhat by the heats, but now it looks as if half or more of the probable 15 finalists will be regarded as possible winners. With that kind of a line-up, most anything can happen. And probably will.

For sake of argument—and it's bound to start some—I would give three runners an equal chance to win, each with odds of perhaps 3-to-1. There's Dave Bedford of Britain, with the best time of the year, and second best-ever, of 13:17.2. He currently is very hot, but there are those who remember his "failure" in last year's European Championships. Lasse Viren is a great new Finnish find, with recent super clockings from 3000 to 10,000, including 5-kilos in 13:19.0. He, too, is very hot right now. The third co-favorite is Steve Prefontaine, American record holder at 13:22.8. His time is a bit slower, but Pre is unbeaten in two years, is the faster miler, and won't have run a heat and final in the tough 10,000 campaign, as will the other two.

Next, at about 6-to-1, I rate the other two-thirds of Britain's outstanding trio. Ian McCafferty (13:19.8) was third ranked in 1970 and Ian Stewart (13:24.2) was first ranked, winning the Commonwealth title. Both have the class to run with the three favorites, but both have been defeated decisively by Bedford.

Five more have to be regarded as possible winners, at odds of perhaps 10-to-1. Spain's Mariano Haro (13:26.0) is fast and improving. Emiel Puttemans (13:33.2) of Belgium was the sensation of late '71, running a world record two-mile, among other triumphs. Tunisia's Gamoudi is the defending champ, a great veteran, and running faster than ever this year at 13:31.8 (although he may only go in the 10,000). It's out of season for Tony Benson of Australia (13:36.6), but he was fifth best in the world last year and a hard man to beat. And then there is George Young (13:29.4), competing in his fourth Games at 34, stronger than ever and unwilling to concede defeat.

Some good men will not qualify, as rounding out the finalists could be Miruts Yifter (13:33.8), last year's surprise package from Ethiopia, not yet fully tested; Ben Jipcho (13:46.2) of Kenya, a surprise entrant here rather than in the 1500 where he was third ranked last year; West Germany's

Harald Norpoth (13:34.8), sixth ranked last year and second in 1970; and Dane Korica (13:37.6) of Yugoslavia and Javier Alvarez (13:26.4) of Spain, seventh and eighth ranked a season ago. (Juha Vaatainen, injured and possibly not running, is perhaps the biggest question of all.)

It's bound to be a fast, tough race all the way, as Bedford and Pre, among others, make certain no sprinter steals the race. But as fast as the first four kilometers are, the real racing probably won't start much before the last one. Then, watch out! That's when all the questions will be answered. Can Bedford win in tough competition? Is Viren even better than his recent outstanding marks indicate? Will Pre be able to out-tough the opposition? Or can one of the others, finding the right day at the right time, catch Olympic glory in that last gut-busting drive for home?

The winner? If I have to pick one—and I do—I still like the chances of the Americans. I think Pre is capable of the times of Bedford and Viren and will have the advantage of not running the 10,000. And if one of the longer shots comes through I still like the chances of Young, even though Steve whipped him by almost seven seconds in the trials. He's better prepared now than he was then, he can enjoy the advantages of not having to lead, he can get as much out of himself as any man alive, and his kick is potent.

But the wonderful thing about this race, and the whole Olympics, is that from a fan's standpoint it really doesn't matter much who wins. The competition truly is what it's all about. No matter if the winner is an American or a Briton, a Spaniard or a Kenyan. It will be a race to live on, long after the last time is recorded.

The above thoughts are only a small part of the speculation centering on but one of the 24 events. What on earth can you say about the steeplechase, where there more runners closer to the world record than in any other event? In the sprints, can Valeriy Borzov maintain his claim to supremacy over fast-and-still-improving Eddie Hart, and can injured Don Quarrie work himself into shape soon enough to keep the US half-lappers from dominating? Will Larry Black regain his once unbeatable form or will Chuck Smith, who was protecting a leg strain in the trials, complete his Cinderella story?

How do you pick a discus winner, now that Al Oerter has left? As Jay Silvester, Ludvik Danek and Ricky Bruch trade wins, which has the competitive fire to succeed Oerter? Are the Americans really as good as they seem to be in the triple jump, can Viktor Saneyev rise to the occasion to become the world champ he once was, can young Pedro Perez do here what he did last year?

Is Jim Ryun finally ready to show he not only is the old Ryun, but better, as he should be five years later? Will Dave Wottle's tendons let him improve on his Eugene world record; is Yevgeniy Arzhanov physically sound enough for the heats and final; what was Ken Swenson, who looked on the way back at Eugene, up to with his dismal showing in Oslo; is Rick Wohlhuter destined to be the big man?

And there is much to think on that does not involve the individual competition. What effect will the weather have? Will the return to low altitude be reflected in slower sprint times, shorter horizontal jumps? What can be expected from the entire Olympic complex, the stadium and its fancy roof, the new scientific measuring systems, the other technological advances?

Can the babies of the US team, high jumper Dwight Stones and long jumper Randy Williams, hold up under this unusual pressure? Both have the stuff to win if they can. Will the vaulting pole controversy screw-up the vault as almost all the top vaulters are forced to change poles, and can Bob Seagren, Jan Johnson and Steve Smith keep alive the American win streak? What do you make of the recent disappearance from competition of the great East German shot putters, so hot early in the season, and now preparing, somewhere, somehow? Can Dave Hemery, on his way to near Mexican form, and Ralph Mann, definitely better than ever before, hold off the talented, still somewhat mysterious Africans, John Aki-Bua and William Koskei?

Will it be John Smith and Wayne Collett one-two, or two-one, in the 400, and can Vince Matthews make it a sweep over the suddenly stronger opposition of Karl Honz and Dave Jenkins and others? Can the US one-lappers, aided by Lee Evans, touch the out-of-sight Mexico City relay record? Will Ron Clarke's all alone 10,000 record finally fall to a super field and a sure-to-be-tough pace? Is there anyone who can hold onto Bedford and outkick him, as Juha Vaatainen (supposedly not in the Games) did last year?

Was the poor performance of Rod Milburn at Eugene all that was needed to shake him up, will Tom Hill gain enough glory from an Olympic win to forget all about the rooking he has taken on his record from the USTFF and AAU, or can wily Willie Davenport slip by for his second win? Janis Lulis is a cinch (or is he?), but who wins the fight for the other javelin medals? And how can you pick among the Soviets and Germans in the hammer where the marks go up and up? Can Larry Young surprise again with a walk medal? Will Frank Shorter become America's first marathon winner since Johnnie Hayes, back in 0-eight? Is Joachim Kirst really in trouble and can Jeff Bannister and Jeff Bennett finish the 1500 fast enough to win the decathlon?

You name the event, the pre-meet speculation is exciting, the results in doubt. And it's all part of the biggest, most talented competition in sports history, truly the greatest athletic show on earth. □

## Olympic Notes

All eyes will focus on the marathon gate on the northwest portal of the Munich Olympia-Stadion on Aug. 26 as the last runner in the 3600-mile torch relay of the Olympic flame from Olympia, Greece, will emerge. This final runner will be 18-year-old Gunther Zahn, West German junior 1500-meter champion in 1972. Zahn said he doesn't expect to be bothered by stage fright when he circles the Olympic stadium track, torch in hand and



then mounts 162 steps to ignite the flames signaling the opening of the Munich Games. . . The flame's journey began July 28 in Olympia after rays of the sun ignited the torch in a ceremony performed in an ancient Greek sanctuary. Over 3000 runners will have transported the torch across eight European countries to

Munich—and Gunther Zahn. . . The Olympic flag flew for the first time above the Olympic Stadium on Aug. 8 during a test run for the official flag-raising ceremony which is a part of the Games' opening festivities. The official ceremony on opening day will be performed by the West German rowing eight which won the Olympic title at the 68 Mexico Games. . . Most West Germans between 14- and 25-years-old believe US athletes will win the majority of medals at Munich, a West German pollster reports. In a poll of 1000 persons in the 14-25 age group, 45 percent said they believed US contestants would win the most medals of all three types. Another 32 percent picked home nation West Germans and two percent thought other nations would be most successful. Four percent offered no opinion.

Not all is sweetness and light toward the Olympics as far as some "average" Muncheners are concerned. The Olympic budget has soared to 1972 billion marks or some \$612 million—triple the original estimate and four times higher than the 1968 Games. The *Kosten boom*—"cost boom" as the locals call it—has raised debate on whether the money could not have found better uses in Munich. Total construction costs for Olympic facilities in Munich and Kiel, the Baltic seaport for yachting competition, are figured at \$434 million, while the remaining \$178 million is being spent for organizational and operational costs. Less than 35 percent of the Games financing is being underwritten by Munich local; Bavarian state and West German federal governments. The remainder is to be covered by sales of Olympic coins, souvenirs, television rights, Games tickets and other fund-raising activities. While some natives question the value of the Games, and the expected influx of some 2.5 million visitors during them, they should recall after the Games the city will come away with a vast sports complex, modern housing facilities, underground and overground transportation systems and great areas of urban renewal—much of which had been talked about in earnest prior to the Games, but probably would never have been realized. But the Games sped up the timetable to make such dreams a reality. . . Munich has also attempted to freshen its image in expectation of the guests with crack-downs on prostitution and profiteering and dire warnings to night club and clip-joint owners about swindling Olympic guests. More than one native, though, has found prices elevated at none other than Olympic Park. Said one downtown waiter, "They charge \$3.70 for wiener schnitzel and \$1.40 for a glass of beer. I can get the same for \$3.07 and 62 cents in town."

A former football teammate of legendary Olympian Jim Thorpe has located the bronze trophy awarded to the fabled Indian athlete by King Gustav V of Sweden after the 1912 Games. The trophy, a 200-lb. bust of the king, was among the awards stripped from Thorpe by the IOC after it was learned he played semi-professional baseball for a short time before he won the pentathlon and decathlon in the Stockholm Games. E. Donald Sterner of Colts Neck, N.J., who played on Thorpe's pro football Canton Bulldogs in 1917, ended a three-year search when he located the statue in the old, now-closed IOC museum in Lausanne, Switz. At the close of the 1912 Games, King Gustav proclaimed Thorpe "the greatest athlete alive" and gave him the trophy. So the story goes, Thorpe replied, "Thanks, King." . . . A bill passed the US Senate and was sent to the House which would authorize striking of commemorative medals for Thorpe. The bill was introduced by Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okla.; Thorpe was born in Oklahoma. . . Vince Reel, Claremont-Mudd head track coach, is head coach of Taiwan's Olympic track squad. A chaprone of the women's team is world record holding sprinter Chi Cheng, Mrs. Reel in private life. . . San Jose CC coach Bert Bonnano will direct the Peruvian Olympic team at Munich. Bonnano coached Peru's team in 1970 as well as the Mexican national team from 1965 through 1968. He directed 45.3 400 sprinter Fernando Acevedo, sixth-rated globally in 71. . . Mal Whitfield, 48 and 52 Olympic 800 champ, recently coached athletes from several central African nations at a 10-week training camp sponsored jointly by the governments of the US and Somali. Whitfield is currently serving in the US embassy in Somali. . . Whitfield was one of former Olympic track champions from the US selected by President Richard Nixon to represent him at Munich. The others are Bill Toomey and Bob Richards. . . Two-

time Olympic decathlon champ Bob Mathias, now a US Congressman from California, wouldn't want government to subsidize athletics. "Every other sport is a business venture," he feels. "The Olympics and amateurism is the only thing supported by the public. I would like to see it stay that way." . . . Ralph Craig, double sprint winner at the 1912 Olympics, died in late July at the age of 83. Thirty-six years after scoring his sprint double at London, Craig was an alternate on the US sailing team in the 48 London Games and as the senior member of the US team carried the US flag during the opening ceremonies.

The entry of Paraguay in the Munich Games raised the total number of teams in the 72 Games to 124—but the number slipped back one with the withdrawal of Tanzania over the participation of Rhodesia. . . China has been invited to send a delegation of observers and journalists to Munich. China withdrew from the Olympic movement in 1958 because it objected to the presence of Taiwan, but China recently indicated interest in rejoining the Olympic movement. . . Will Israel's Olympic team march in the closing parade Sept. 10? That's what the hassle is about in Tel Aviv where a national religious party wants the athletes to skip the closing ceremonies because they fall on the Jewish Sabbath and Rosh Hashana, the New Year of the Jewish calendar. The squabble has been referred to a parliamentary committee. . . The "Guest of Munich" foundation has offered to pay the expenses of the Sierra Leone Olympic team so the African squad can compete at Munich. Sierra Leone withdrew its team of five athletes and two officials because of lack of finances. The Philippines announced it would not send its basketball team to Munich and would drastically cut the size of its remaining delegation to save money to aid victims of the worst flooding in the history of the Luzon area of the Philippines. The "Guest in Munich" foundation responded by indicating it hoped to also be able to pay for the entire Philippine team's expenses. . . Venezuela, banned from the Games earlier in the year when control over sport in the country was given to a private institute, has been readmitted after control was given to the Venezuelan Olympic Committee.

During the Munich marathon, some 43 percent of the route will pass through parks and green countryside. But 4½ miles will go through Olympic Park and Munich suburbs and to ensure no runner is felled by carbon monoxide or other noxious fumes, plans are underfoot to use an oxygen dispenser in underpasses and tunnels so no runner lacks fresh air. . . A staff of over 1000 restaurant workers will prepare and serve an estimated 1,100,000 meals to the 12,000 athletes and officials housed in the Olympic Village. . . Golyim is not a misspelled abbreviation of Olympics but rather the name of a three-computer storehouse of information on past Olympics, as well as on the participants in the current Munich Games. Some 250,000 pieces of information have been fed into Golyim over the past two years on more than 400,000 punch cards—information including rules of each Olympic sport, past records and performances and personal data of athletes and team personnel at Munich. The vast computerized encyclopedia has enough information to fill a book six-feet thick and weighing 220-lbs. During the Munich Games, Golyim will be constantly updated with results and records. The memory bank of the three computers can hold 500 million items of data and will be linked to all Games' sites by a data transfer network. . . Eugene, Oregon, site of the highly-lauded 10-day US Final Olympic Trials may be the site of future FOT meets. Bill Rau, meet manager for the hosting Oregon Track Club, said the club was asked by a number of people, including USOC President Clifford Buck, to seriously consider bringing the trials back to Eugene in 1976 if the meet could be conducted on the same 10-day format as the 72 meet. Rau noted Eugene would be the site of the 73 Northern Division and Pac-8 Conference collegiate meets and "we fully intend to bid for the 74 AAU meet". He added the Oregon Track Club is "seriously looking into the possibility" of hosting the Pan-American Games at a future date.

The US's share of tickets for the Munich Games—118,000—were purchased by some 8835 people and organization representatives, according to the AAA, exclusive US agent for sale of Olympic tickets. . . The US has won some 1275 medals at the summer Olympics since the modern Games were inaugurated in 1896. Great Britain claims 476, the Soviet Union 464, Germany 444 (East and West not differentiated) and Sweden 387. . . The city of Los Angeles, which lost bids to stage both the 1972 and 1976 Olympics intends to bid for the 1980 Games, according to Mayor Sam Yorty. "We're still going to keep trying," says Yorty. "Los Angeles is still the best American city to host the Olympics". . . Reaction to the dress uniforms of the men and women of the 72 US team will wear in the parade of nations during the opening ceremonies has not been exactly overwhelming. Some women athletes have complained the skirts are too long. The women's uniform consists of a red blazer, white skirt, navy and white polka-dot shirt and white Gucci-type moccasins. The men will wear white blazers, red flared slacks, navy shirts, tri-color striped ties and white loafers. "We hope the girls won't roll up the waistbands of the skirts," said Barbara Seegers, in charge of outfitting the women's team. "We can't make them too short and still have a decent proportion of skirt beneath the blazer. But we have been cutting three to five inches off—depending on how good their legs are." Ah, such problems. . . Finally, lament the case of the first-time Olympic champion who was so excited about winning he took his gold medal home and had it bronzed. □

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## Mills' Shock an Olympic Standout

by Corder Nelson

Last spring, during a track meet at Stanford, I said, "I'd rather see the Olympics than all the meets in the United States for four years."

I could see some doubting looks cast in my direction, but I meant it. Somebody asked me why, and all I could think of was, "It's such great competition and it's so important. . . It makes the races more exciting."

Recently, somebody asked me to name the most exciting race I've ever seen in more than 40 years as a track enthusiast, including six Olympic Games, and my mind went back, instantly, to Oct. 14, the first day of the 1964 Olympics.

Tokyo's National Stadium was rimmed with the flags of all the nations, and the wind beat the ropes against the metal flag poles in a rousing rhythm. A morning rain had flooded the red cinder track, but the puddles were gone and a weak sun shone on the 38 starters in the 10,000-meters.

Favored to win was Ron Clarke, who, 10 months ago, had knocked 2.6 seconds off Pyotr Bolotnikov's world record, down to 28:15.6. Bolotnikov was there, too, along with Murray Halberg and a lot of other fast runners. It was, without doubt, the fastest field of 10,000 runners ever.

Among them was Billy Mills. I had been interested in Billy for years, first because he entered Kansas University in 1957 as a promising 4:22.8 miler from Haskell Institute, where he had gone as an orphan of 12. My daughter, Nancy, liked him especially, partly because she glamorized Indians (Billy was 7/16 Sioux), but mostly because he was a nice, friendly guy when he visited our home after the 1960 NCAA at Berkeley. Billy had placed only fifth in the 5000, and he placed sixth in the Final Olympic Trials. The next year he placed only ninth in his final NCAA. A lot of nice guys never win.

Nancy and I met Billy again, unexpectedly, at Culver City in July of 1964. He was entered in the marathon, hoping to make the Olympic team after a change to long-distance training methods. I didn't think he was a marathon runner, but I expended a lot of emotional energy, and some running energy, rooting him into second place with a mile to go, and he made the team. Happiness is making the Olympic team. . . or watching a friend do it. Then, in September, Billy finished eight seconds behind boy-wonder Gerry Lindgren to make the US Olympic team in the 10,000 too, the only man to make it twice.

At Tokyo, some of the big-name runners dropped behind early, and Halberg lost contact after eight laps. There were only nine runners in the first division, including Billy, which was quite a surprise to me. And no little pleasure. At 5000-meters, at a world record pace of 14:04.6, who was leading but Billy Mills. We were certain he could not last much longer, but we admired his gutsy effort. Billy never lacked courage.

Only three other runners were with Billy into the second half of the race, and when he stayed with them for a few laps at a slower pace, I realized he was pulling a "Truex". (Four years before, at Rome, Max Truex had followed my formula for racing excitement: [1] An athlete I like personally, [2] up against insurmountable odds, [3] nevertheless does far better than I dare to hope.)

It began to look as if Billy could hold on to fourth place against this fast field, and I, for one, was satisfied. But not Billy. He kept pressing them, and, with two laps to go, Mamo Wolde began to drop back. Billy had a chance for a medal! We were almost delirious with joy, for no American had done so well since 1912.

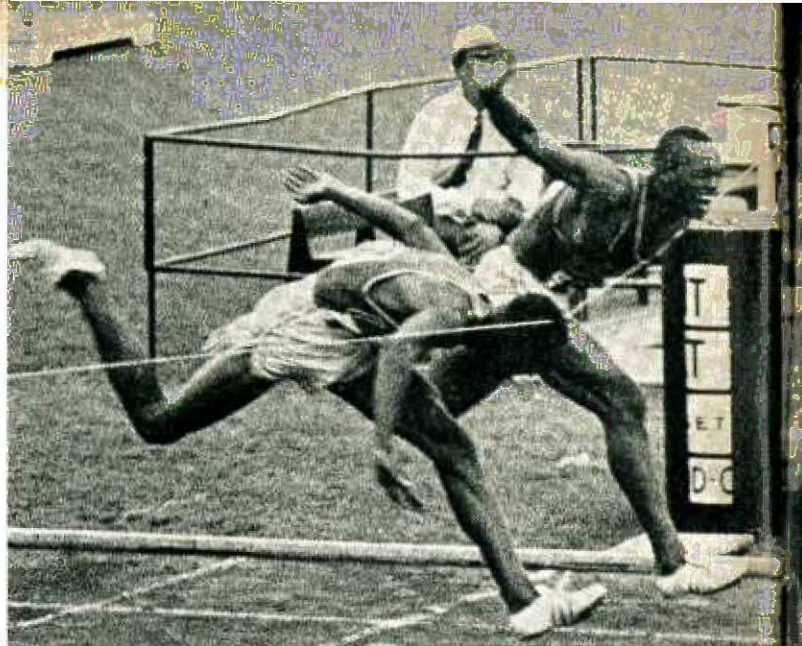
The three runners circled the track for the 24th time, and Billy was hanging on. The track was cluttered with lapped runners, and down the last backstretch they ran into trouble. Clarke pushed Billy aside so he could get past the lapped runners. At that moment, Mohamed Gamoudi, a tough little Tunisian with a strong finish, burst between them into the lead.

Billy dropped back, as expected, while Clarke pursued the red-shirted Tunisian around the last curve. With Billy out of it, I yelled for Clarke, and he caught Gamoudi and forged into the lead in the homestretch. Amazingly, Billy had closed the four yard gap, and he entered the stretch on their heels!

The homestretch looked like a football scrimmage, with several runners blocking Billy's way, but then came that unbelievable moment I'll never forget. Siegfried Hermann, being lapped, moved aside, opening a gap, and Billy saw it.

Billy was a fighter. He was a Marine, and a descendant of a Sioux war chief, and an orphan who had wanted something big for a long, long time. Suddenly, he put all his heart into a final kick, and his 23.4 220 speed carried him past the lapped runners, up to Clarke and Gamoudi, past them with decisive speed toward the dream of his life. I let out a scream of surprise and joy which strained my vocal cords, but nobody could hear me, because all around me sane Americans were hysterical at the sight of Billy's blue shirt out in front.

He was the third man to lead in that fantastic homestretch battle,



Typical of the close finishes at the 1960 Rome Olympics was this hair-thin high hurdles victory by Lee Calhoun (l) over Willie May. Both clocked 13.8.

and he hit the tape with a leap of sheer joy, arms upraised in victory and a wild grin on his face.

Americans in the stands were pounding each other on the back and babbling with joy. Billy Mills was the Olympic champion, only 8.8 seconds off Clarke's world record. Billy's Kansas coach, Bill Easton, had tears in his eyes and called it "the greatest thrill of my life". Billy's pretty blonde wife, Pat was crying with great gladness. After the victory ceremony, Billy said, "I thought I would cry, and I did." And, to this day, I have trouble with my damaged vocal cords.

If you've never experienced such elation you cannot know how much I mean it when I say, "I'd rather see the Olympics . . ."

### Those Were the Days When

## Rome Games Feature Davis, Elliott, Relay Records

In the magnificent flag-rimmed Stadio Olimpico, nestled below the verdant slopes of Mount Mario, three world records were smashed and two equaled during the Games of the XVII Olympiad amid the splendor of historic Rome. Blending the old with the new, the Italians had lots of money to spend and they spent it lavishly. No Olympic Games in history had more sumptuous appointments. Upsets occurred in about half the events and only three individual champions were able to retain the titles they had won in 1956—Lee Calhoun (high), Glenn Davis (intermediates) and Al Oerter (discus). Otis Davis took a thrilling 400 in a world record 44.9, just edging Germany's Carl Kaufmann, who recorded the same time. Just 30-minutes later, Aussie Herb Elliott set a world record of high standard, a super 3:35.6 for 1500-meters. A strong US 1600-relay team set a world record with its 3:02.2 aggregate. The crowd's biggest favorite was home son Livio Berruti, who so pleased the Italians with his world record equaling 20.5 in the 200 that they rolled up newspapers and burned them as torches in the stadium. The US won nine golds, eight silvers and five bronzes, sweeping both hurdles, the discus and shot. Of interest was the adoption by Olympic organizers of something T&FN had been doing for 10-years—adjustment of non-winning times on the basis of intervals shown on a phototimer.

Winners: 100(ok), Armin Hary (Ger) 10.2; 200(ok), Livio Berruti (It) 20.5 =WR; 400, Otis Davis (US) 44.9 WR; 800, Peter Snell (NZ) 1:46.3; 1500, Herb Elliott (Aus) 3:35.6 WR; 5000, Murray Halberg (NZ) 13:43.4; 10,000, Pyotr Bolotnikov (SU) 28:32.2; Mar, Abebe Bikila (Eth) 2:15:16.2; 20kWalk, Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU) 1:34:07.2; 50kWalk, Don Thompson (GB) 4:25:30.0; 3000mSt, Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak (Pol) 8:34.2; 110mHH(ok), Lee Calhoun (US) 13.8; 400mH, Glenn Davis (US) 49.3; HJ, Robert Shavlakadze (SU) 7-1; PV, Don Bragg (US) 15-5; LJ, Ralph Boston (US) 26-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; TJ, Jozef Schmidt (Pol) 55-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; SP, Bill Nieder (US) 64-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; DT, Al Oerter (US) 194-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  HT, Vasily Rudenkov (SU) 220-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; JT, Viktor Tsibulenko (SU) 277-8; Dec, Rafer Johnson (US) 8392; 400mR, West Germany 39.5 =WR (Bernd Cullmann, Armin Hary, Walter Mahendorf, Martin Lauer); 1600mR, US 3:02.2 WR (Jack Yerman 46.2, Earl Young 45.6, Glenn Davis 45.4, Otis Davis 45.0).

## Snell Cops Tokyo 800-1500, Mills Stuns in 10000

Having relinquished the Olympics to Helsinki in 1940 (but not held at all), the Japanese had to wait until 1964 to stage the greatest of all athletic meetings. Tokyo hosted the Games with efficiency and precision as the National Stadium was filled to its 75,000 capacity by 10 every morning.



A tense moment in the dramatic 64 Tokyo 10,000 saw Mohamed Gamoudi (c) charge between Billy Mills (l) and Ron Clarke. Mills recovered and won.



Not only the most sensational moment of the 68 Games and Olympics overall, Bob Beamon's 29-2½ long jump is track's greatest feat. /Ed Lacey/

Held in October, the Games had satisfactory weather on all but two rain-soaked days. The star of the meet was New Zealand's Peter Snell, who was the only double winner and became the first in 44 years to win the arduous 800/1500 trip. Except for Snell, the US would have placed first in all the flat track events. The biggest shocker was unknown Billy Mills' dramatic winner in the 10,000. It was probably the most sensational upset in Olympic history. The US took the 5000, for the first time, as Bob Schul captured the race in 13:48.8. A 40-year US domination in the long jump was broken by Great Britain's Lynn Davies, Bob Hayes proved to be unsurpassable in the speed department, matching the 100-meter standard and anchoring the 400 relay team with one of the most fantastic bursts of speed ever seen. The US walked off with 12 gold medals, but for the first time scored no 1-2-3 sweeps. Electrical timing became an official part of the Games.

Winners: 100(2.31), Bob Hayes (US) 10.0 =WR; 200(1.74), Henry Carr (US) 20.3; 400, Mike Larrabee (US) 45.1; 800, Peter Snell (NZ) 1:45.1; 1500, Peter Snell (NZ) 3:38.1; 5000, Bob Schul (US) 13:48.8; 10,000, Billy Mills (US) 28:24.4; Mar, Abebe Bikila (Eth) 2:12:11.2; 20kWalk, Ken Matthews (GB) 1:29:34.0; 50kWalk, Abdon Pamich (It) 4:11:12.4; 3000mSt, Gaston Roelants (Bel) 8:30.8; 110mHH(4.47), Hayes Jones (US) 13.6; 400mH, Rex Cawley (US) 49.6; HJ, Valeriy Brumel (SU) 7-1½; PV, Fred Hansen (US) 16-8¾; LJ, Lynn Davies (GB) 26-5¾; TJ, Jozef Schmidt (Pol) 55-3¾; SP, Dallas Long (US) 66-8¾; DT, Al Oerter (US) 200-1½; HT, Remuold Klim (SU) 228-9¾; JT, Pauli Nevala (Fin) 271-2¾; Dec, Willi Holdorf (WG) 7887; 400mR, US 39.0 WR (Paul Drayton, Gerry Ashworth, Richard Stebbins, Bob Hayes); 1600mR, US 3:00.7 WR (Dilan Cassell 46.0, Mike Larrabee 44.8, Ulis Williams 45.4, Henry Carr 44.5).

## Beamon Uncorks Unbelievable 29-2½ at Mexico

Paeans of praise were heaped on the people of Mexico City, who staged the first Games ever held in Latin America and the first ever contested 1½-miles above sea-level. Records fell like the rain which often visited the stadium, suddenly and often. The most supersensational mark was set by Bob Beamon, who recorded one of the great feats in the history of man with his unbelievable 29-2½ long jump—nearly two feet further than the world record. Al Oerter, in becoming the only 1964 winner to repeat, also became the first to win four titles as he annexed another discus win. The triple jump competition was hot from the qualifying round, as Giuseppe Gentile led with a new world record. But even though Gentile began the finals with another world record, he finished only third as Nelson Prudencio and Viktor Saneyev raised his mark three times. The biggest group impact came from the Africans, as runners from that continent captured the 1500 (Kip Keino), 5000 (Mohamed Gamoudi), 10,000 (Naftali Temu), marathon (Mamo Woide) and steeplechase (Amos Biwott), as well as taking 11 of 18 medals offered in events from the 800 up.

Winners: 100(.67), Jim Hines (US) 9.9 =WR; 200(2.01), Tammie Smith (US) 19.8 WR; 400, Lee Evans (US) 43.8 WR; 800, Ralph Doubell (Aus) 1:44.3 =WR; 1500, Kip Keino (Ken) 3:34.9; 5000, Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun) 14:05.0; 10,000, Naftali Temu (Ken) 29:27.4; Mar, Mamo Woide (Eth) 2:20:26.4; 20kWalk, Vladimir Galubnichiy (SU) 1:33:58.4; 50kWalk, Christoph Hohne (EG) 4:20:13.6; 3000mSt, Amos Biwott (Ken) 8:51.0; 110mHH(0.0), Willie Davenport (US) 13.3; 400mH, Davu Hamery (GB) 48.1 WR; HJ, Dick Fosbury (US) 7-4¾; PV, Bob Seagren (US) 17-8¾; LJ, Bob Beamon (US) 29-2½ WR; TJ, Viktor Saneyev (SU) 57-¾ WR; SP, Randy Matson (US) 67-4¾; DT, Al Oerter (US) 212-6¾; HT, Gyula Zsivotzky (Hun) 240-8; JT, Janis Lusic (SU) 295-7; Dec, Bill Toomey (US) 8193; 400mR, US 38.2 WR (Charles Greene, Mel Pender, Ronnie Ray Smith, Jim Hines); 1600mR, US 2:56.1 WR (Vince Matthews 45.0, Ron Freeman 43.2, Larry James 43.8, Lee Evans 44.1). /Wally Donovan/

## What Ever Happened to...

### Some of the Great Olympians of Past Games

We know where this year's leading Olympic contenders are, but where are the luminaries of yesteryear?

Jesse Owens has his own public relations firm in Chicago. In 1936, the Ohio State star captured four Olympic golds, winning the 100, 200, long jump and anchoring the sprint relay. The previous year, Owens had his famous "day of days" on May 25, when he broke five world records and tied another in the span of 45-minutes. That day, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Owens matched the 100-yard standard of 9.4 and set records in the 200-meters and 220-yards straight (20.3), 200-meter and 220-yard low hurdles straight (22.6) and set his famous long jump mark (26-8¾), a record which lasted for a quarter of a century. The great Owens won four events at the NCAA two years in a row and also ran the first accepted 10.2 for 100-meters. In 1950, a panel of sports experts tabbed Owens as the greatest track and field performer of the first half of the century, beating, in order, Jim Thorpe, Paavo Nurmi and Glenn Cunningham... The only athlete to win gold medals in four consecutive Games is discus thrower Al Oerter. Now a manager of data communications for the Grumman Corp. in Bethpage, Long Island, Oerter took the platter title in 1956-60-64-68. A gutsy competitor, Oerter was the pre-meet favorite only in 1960. In 1962, he became history's first legal 200-footer with his 200-5½ toss, and he broke the world record on another three occasions... At the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, the US flag-bearer was Parry O'Brien, a four-time shotputter in the Games. O'Brien captured the gold in 1952 and 56, took the silver in 60 and ended up fourth in 64. Raising the listed world standard no less than 16 times (10 accepted) during his career, O'Brien revolutionized the event by popularizing the technique which bears his name. He was the first performer to reach 59-, 60-, 61-, 62-, and 63-feet. He is now in banking, real estate and financing and lives in Encino, Calif., near Los Angeles.

Clarence "Bud" Houser is now a dentist in Palm Springs, Calif. Houser picked off three Olympic golds in his career, scoring a rare double in 1924 by winning the shot and discus (a feat not achieved since) and repeating in the discus in 1928. In 1926, he set a world record of 158-1¾... The assistant track coach at Yale is Lee Calhoun, the only man to win two Olympic high hurdle titles (1956 and 1960). The owner of one of the best finishing leans in the business, Calhoun ran a world record equaling 13.2 in the metric highs in 1960, a record which still stands. Bob Mathias and Ralph Metcalfe are both members of the US House of Representatives. Congressman Mathias represents California's 18th District and serves on the Agriculture Committee. At the age of 17 (1948), Mathias slogged through the rain and mud to capture the Olympic decathlon title. Four years later, he raised his own world record with a 7731 total as he successfully defended his title to become the event's only two-time winner. Metcalfe is one of the greatest sprinters of all-time. He represents the First District of Illinois and serves on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees. His Olympic medal collection includes two silvers in the 100 (1932 and 36), a bronze in the 200 (1932) and a relay gold (1936). Metcalfe is the only sprinter to take three NCAA doubles. He also tied the world 100-meter standard of 10.3 three times and matched the 200 standard of 20.6... The first man to throw the discus 190-feet was Sim Iness, who is now a football and track coach at Porterville JC. He hit 190-¾ in the 1953 NCAA. /Wally Donovan/

## T&FN's Most Extensive Pre-Games Analysis

The saying goes, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Considering the 17 consecutive days the seven-person *T&FN* staff put in (at an average of 12-plus hours a day) on this Olympic Preview edition, we should all be blithering idiots by now. But fortunately for us, and all of you out there, we look upon most of these toiling as being as much play as they are work. This a labor of love.

And we have good reason to be proud of this 64-page issue, 16-pages longer than our super 1968 edition. There is more power-packed info per page than ever before. Not only is there a wealth of statistical material, but also added facts on the socio-political and human interest sides. And what about those color photos?

## An Olympian Thank You from T&FN to Many

It seems like we say it every four-years, but here it is—our biggest and best Olympic Preview yet. And though the *T&FN* staff spent countless time in preparing this gem, none of it would have been possible without the generous efforts of our worldwide network of volunteer correspondents. Special thanks must go to European Editor Roberto Quercetani, who as usual supplied us with a myriad of information from all corners of the globe. Likewise, the special provinces of walking and the marathon were products of the work of Bob Bowman and Roger Gynn, specialists in those fields.

And doing a wonderful job of providing other special information from their pet interests were Michael Gernandt, Heinz Vogel and Don Steffens (West Germany), Bernie Cecins (Australia), P.N. Heidenstrom (New Zealand), Jan Popper and Miroslav Klir (Czechoslovakia), Elio Trifari (Italy), Hakan Nordqvist (Scandinavia), Kauko Niemela (Finland), Yves Pinaud (Africa and France), Tony Barclay (Kenya), Brian Allen (Africa), Tony Isaacs (South Pacific), Peter Matthews (Great Britain), Bernard Linley (Caribbean), Oscar Medina Herrera (South America), Andrew Trummer (Hungary), Kuniyaki Yamazaki (Japan), Juan Zubillaga (Mexico), Sven-Ivar Johansson (Sweden) and Boris Lvov (Soviet Union).

Also vital in our work were the *71 European Championships Preview* and *72 Olympic Preview* published by *L'Equipe/Athletisme* of France (editor Robert Pariente), *Who's Who in European Athletics 71* by *Athletics Weekly* of Great Britain (editor Mel Watman), and *1971 European Lists* (editor Vladimir Visek, Czechoslovakia).

## Processed Color Art Introduced in T&FN

Unless you are totally color blind, you probably have noticed by now a rather significant new development in this issue of *T&FN*—full process color (i.e., the full spectrum, rather than the single colors we have occasionally run on certain pages in the past year or so).

Publication of full-color photos is an involved (and costly) process, which involves an extended period of time. Even major news weeklies carry a limited amount of such work. And we at *T&FN* were complete novices in this field, so bear with us if a few small errors crop up. Future plans call for such use of color again in our Olympic Coverage issue next month.

Of course, we had to have color photos before we could publish any.

Our thanks go out to Rich Clarkson, Steve Sutton, Don Chadez, Mark Shearman, and the files of *Miroir L'Athletisme* (editor Raymond Pointu) for providing us with a remarkable selection from which to choose.

## Steve Wacaser Joins T&FN Editorial Staff

The newest edition to the *Track & Field News* editorial staff brings a midwestern look to the magazine in the person of Steve Wacaser, who hails from Springfield, Illinois.

Wacaser was selected from among 37 applicants, which is the highest ever for a *T&FN* position, and is a 20-year-old track freak and former distance runner, who has a PR 4:14.7 mile as a frosh after finishing 144th in the 1969 NCAA College Division cross-country championships while running for Augustana College.

He was a political science major, and his most memorable experience was studying at the United Nations for a semester in the fall of 71 and witnessing the admittance of Red China to the UN.

Before coming to *T&FN*, he was employed by the *Moline Daily Dispatch*, Moline, Ill. as a reporter covering events ranging from the Drake Relays to a wedding on a motorcycle.



## T&FN Set for Extensive Munich Games Coverage

The Olympic Coverage issue is next. And with the wide scope of that event, it is going to take special effort by *T&FN* to bring you all the facts. To this end, we plan on turning out our largest issue ever—80-pages. Producing this issue is going to require the efforts of a larger staff than usual, so *T&FN* will have 11 writers anchored by managing editor Dick Drake covering the events at Munich: Bert Nelson, Corder Nelson, Jon Hendershott, Garry Hill, Steve Wacaser, Bob Hersh, Jim Dunaway, Roberto Quercetani, Bob Bowman and Roger Gynn (in absentia).

And the photography won't be overlooked either, with at least nine regularly contributing photogs providing shots: Rich Clarkson, Tony Duffy, Ed Lacey, Mark Shearman, Don Wilkinson, Chip Gane, Donald Duke and Buddy Davis.

Behind this front-line corps of writers and picture-takers we have enlisted the help of a large supporting cast—*T&FN*'s 1100-plus tour members (probably the largest in the world), many of the nuts among them having volunteered to provide us with invaluable info and pictures. We will have several timers and observers on every event, usually on every athlete in preliminaries as well as finals.

Our intention of gathering complete Olympic coverage extends to the home front. We have a network of correspondents who will be sending us clippings from newspapers all over the country with their Olympic coverage. And we will be video-taping every minute of the ABC-TV coverage for later appraisal. We will be able to see slow-motion reruns over and over, able to pick out the finest points.

We will begin work on this Olympic Coverage issue immediately upon our return from Munich, as we have just three short weeks in which to coordinate these mountains of information. The issue will be mailed Oct. 5. Unlike recent years, this issue will represent only one month. There will also be regular Oct., Nov., and Dec. *T&FN* issues.

## A Key to T&FN's Olympic Preview Issue

OK, so now you've peeked inside this bulk of info and said to yourself, "Great, but what does it all mean?" Well, basically, each event in the Olympics has been allotted one page, on which we have tried to tell you as much about what is going to happen as possible. There are profiles on the 9 to 14 leading contenders (titled US-Medal contenders), which includes all three Americans plus other potential finalists, giving such vital stats as nation, height/weight and birthdate along with recent progression and some relevant comments for each. And there is an analysis of each event. In order to get as much info onto each page as possible, we have used our special condensed type face. Not quite as easy to read as usual (it's just as tall, but skinnier) it's the price one has to pay for getting so much meaty stuff. Further, we have abbreviated wherever feasible, so a working knowledge of basic abbreviations is essential.

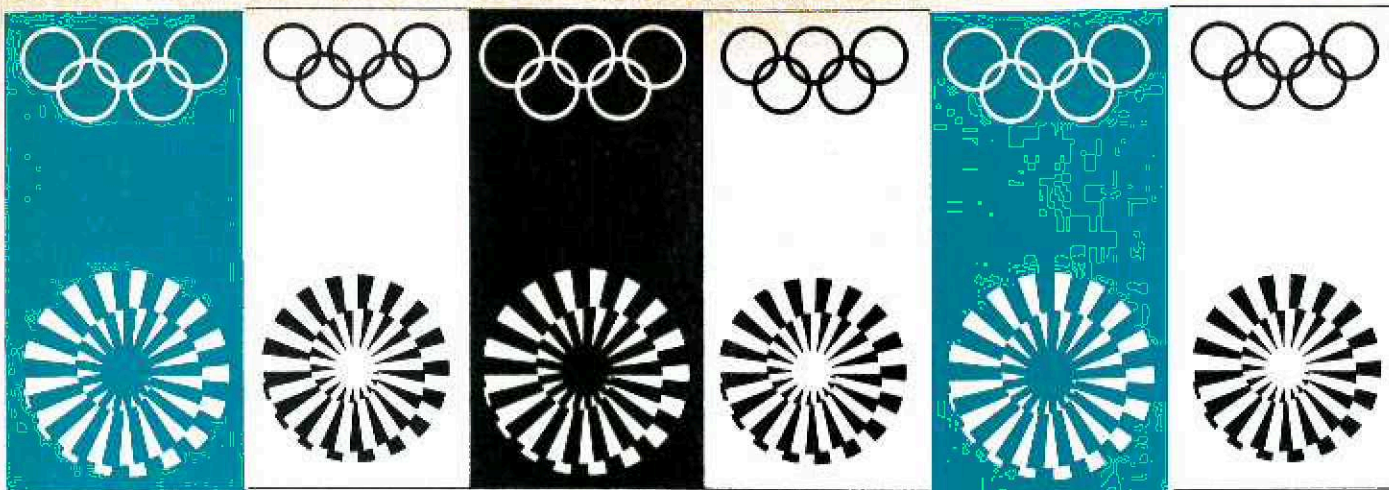
All nations have been listed as they usually are within parentheses. Other highly important abbreviations: A-E=Americans vs. Europe; BCG=British Commonwealth Games; ECup=European Cup; ECh=European Championships; Eind=European Indoor Championships; EJR=European Junior Championships; FOT=US Olympic Trials; ICC=International cross country; OG=Olympic Games; PAG=Pan-Am Games; NR=national record; PR=personal record; AR=American record; AfrR=African record; CR=collegiate record; ER=European record; BCR=British Commonwealth record; WR=world rec-

ord.

All times in the profile and analysis sections have been listed exactly as they were recorded with no conversion. All times are for metric distance races, except those denoted as yards (y). I=indoor time; r=relay leg; y=yard mark. Walking races are listed as the number of 1000s of meters (e.g., 20=20,000m). In the yearly list (which contains only those going to Munich), times are converted in the 220 (.1), 440 (.3), 880 (.7) and 440H (.3) and indicated by \*. 100-yard, mile, three-mile and six-mile times are integrated into the 100-, 1500-, 5000- and 10,000-meter lists without conversion.

At the end of each event is a prognostication section. These "educated guesses" come in two forms. First, there is the Form Chart, prepared by *T&FN*'s staff. This attempts to break competitors into four distinct categories. A=almost certain to win; B=good chance to win; C=reasonable chance to win; D=possible chance to win, definite chance for top six. No further differentiation is attempted within these broad categories.

The "Expert" Predictions give a specific 1-2-3-4-5-6 preferential listing by six brave souls, and the consensus among them. The super-six: BN=Bert Nelson, editor and publisher of *T&FN*; CN=Corder Nelson, founding editor of *T&FN*; DD=Dick Drake, managing editor of *T&FN*; RQ=Roberto Quercetani of Italy, *T&FN*'s European Editor and co-founder of the ATFS (Association of Track & Field Statisticians); MW=Mel Watman, editor of Britain's *Athletics Weekly*; and JP=Jan Popper, renowned Czechoslovakian statistical expert, who has done extensive work in the field of rankings.



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**CHARLES M. YOUNG, Claremont, California:**

Three injustices with regard to the qualification of athletes for the Olympics have been noted in recent weeks by *T&FN* and its readers. The first is that world class athletes from certain countries (e.g., South Africa) are often unable to compete because their country, for various political reasons beyond the athlete's control as an athlete, is not allowed to send a team. The second is that, because each country can send only three competitors per event, the Olympic field in certain events (e.g., the 400 this year) is often weaker than the field in less important national and international meets, with the result that the Olympics does not provide a true world championship in that event. The third is that, because many countries select their teams on the basis of athletes' performances on a single day, many athletes long of world class but who happen to be ill, injured, or to have an off day, cannot compete in the Games (e.g., Randy Matson this year). All three of these injustices can be corrected by a simple device. Hold a meet before the Olympics but after national teams have been selected. Invite all athletes who meet the Olympic qualifying standard for their event who are not on any national team. And let the top three placers compete in the Olympics as "citizens of the world". Such a plan, if implemented, would not greatly increase the Olympic field in any event, but would allow athletes excluded for political reasons, to compete, would improve the quality of the Olympic field in many events, and would give "off-day" types a second chance—surely they could ask for no more. Moreover, it gives special treatment to no one, because it would be on the basis of an open competition that these exceptions would be made.

**HADDON G. B. SPEAKMAN, Queens, New York:**

On the South African/Olympic question [Letters, 1 July], I agree with Mr. Bob Hersh who states, "If the pressure of the world—in the form of ostracizing South Africa from athletics and other areas of social intercourse among the more civilized people of the world—can possibly help to effect a change in that nation's terrible racial policies, then I am willing to suffer the consequent diminution of the quality of the Olympic discus throw." However, I like to be consistent, and to be consistent usually means going further: Because of the way the Soviet Union represses her Jewish citizens, the US discriminates against her blacks, Australia treats Aborigines, I favor banning each of these nations, although this would result in a slight diminution in the quality of the men's 800, 100 and 1500. There are many other countries who could be treated in the same manner. It could be argued that Palestinians do not enjoy the same privileges as Israelis, and that French-Canadians do not enjoy the same privileges as the English-Canadians. It would be a tragedy if non-whites from more civilized countries, like Pakistan and Nigeria, were forced to compete side-by-side with South Africans. My final suggestion may shock you. Of all the modern Olympics, the 1936 Games in Berlin were the most racist. Of all the countries competing in the modern Olympics, Germany has the most sordid record of racism. I suggest that the site of the 1972 Summer Olympics be changed. To my knowledge, the Eskimos at the North Pole have an excellent record in racial relations. It is here that I propose we conduct the upcoming Olympics.

**DAVID YOUNGBLADE, Saginaw, Michigan:**

Your centerfold pages of the 11 July *T&FN*, showing the photos of the US Olympic team members, reveals an interesting point. With the exception of the decathlon, the 24 events (including both relays) are either all black or all white. We'll have eight events with blacks, 15 whites and one salt and pepper group. Is this really an integrated team or another example of stereotyped coaching in the United States?

**JACK PFEIFER, Seattle, Washington:**

Has anyone yet tried to decide who might (and might not) have made this year's US Olympic team had the FOT selection been a two-day, sans trials, meet? I would say Fred Newhouse, Willie Deckard, Bruce Collins and Warren Edmonson might have been threats. Perhaps even Greg Fredericks, Jerome Howe or Howell Michael. In any case, I was pleased by the selection method, because it gave an advantage to the man who was built more on strength than speed—which is what it takes to perform well at the Games. This approach here might finally bring some changes in training methods in this country, particularly by those middle distance men who now train by sprinting and have little bulk background. . . Personally, I thought Eugene did a marvelous job of hosting the Trials. Even the fans were tolerable and their enthusiasm, though partly helped along by Bob Steiner's nuttiness [on the PA], made it certainly one of the finest track meets ever held, anywhere. And for those reasons, I would love to see the Trials return there in 1976.

**JERRY QUILLER, Colorado assistant coach, Boulder, Colorado:**

Your thoughts [11 July] about the southern-trained distance runners [being better prepared to run in the heat of the FOT] might be a bit erroneous. You might ask Frank Shorter, Jack Bachelier and Jeff Galloway how they liked training in Colorado [and at Lake Tahoe] since April. I think their altitude training during these last two-three months might have been a prominent factor in their success.

**CARLETON CROWELL, Army coach, West Point, New York:**

I find *Track Newsletter* and *TrackStats* very interesting and informative. I especially like the Olympic results of each event from 1896 to 1968 that you have been publishing. It's very disturbing to me to see the US's ever-present poor showing in the javelin. We can't blame the weather conditions, because Finland, Sweden and the Soviet Union have worse conditions. Somehow we can't seem to keep our top throwers interested in the event for as long a time as do the Europeans. We have the material and the coaches; we just need to popularize the event and keep our top throwers interested in competing longer. I found the results of the Olympic hammer interesting as well. The US dominated the event from 1900 to 1924 and won it in 1956. We have not been able to keep pace with international competitors. It is sadly neglected in the US, mostly due to the attitude of American coaches. The east is the only section that has tried to keep the hammer event alive. We need to put the 12-lb. hammer in the high schools. I can remember back in the early 20s when the 12-lb. hammer was contested in many of the high schools in Illinois. This is a popular event for the big athlete, and it can be taught by American coaches if the athlete is given a chance to compete.

**MARCO MARTINI, Rome, Italy:**

I agree with Mr. Bill Libby [Letters, 11 July] that the first two of the US Trials should be sent to Munich and that the third be chosen on the basis of his record. There was another blunder. Look back to the last three Olympic years: 1960 Trials, two months before the Games; 1964 and 68, US Trials one month before the Games after Semi Trials. 1972=1960. For these mistakes, the US lost four gold medals (Steve Williams and the 400 relay, Reynaldo Brown or Pat Matzdorf, and Randy Matson), many other medals, and I think the US will lose other golds because Steve Prefontaine, George Woods and others will be out of form.

**HAKAN NORDQVIST, Tapiola, Finland:**

I have revised my prophecy for America's chances at Munich. Maximum good luck yields 11 gold medals, probable outcome seven (which would be the worst Games yet), and maximum bad luck one. The class of super stars in the US is getting smaller and the stars fostered need to be encouraged to stay in the sport if the US really intends to stay in the race of the 70s. The great emphasis should be put on the selection of the Olympic team (the Randy Matson-Brian Oldfield situations must be avoided when it is apparent that Randy would win nine out of 10, including the Games). The US stars should compete in Europe much more than they do. International merits should be decisive in selecting teams also. The outcome of a race changes with the outer conditions. The best man in sunshine is not always the best in rain. How many times have the top US athletes tried the chilly weather on a late September night in central Europe during the four years available after Mexico? I have seen the few who have tried lose badly to inferior athletes.

**DISAPPOINTED TAFNOT MEMBER, United States:**

I'm disappointed in you, *T&FN*. Or at least in your TAFNOT branch. The Olympics are for everybody, remember? I imagine my surprise when I got my tour materials, and out falls this cute little stars-and-stripes button with "GO USA" emblazoned on it. Wow! Did that ever set my jingoistic juices flowing. I can hardly wait till we go out and crush those dirty Commie rats. Will it be *de rigueur* in the TAFNOT section to cheer only for US athletes? A little national pride is fine with me, but these buttons smack of all the rampant nationalism that makes a mockery of the true intent of the Games.

**MIKE STEWART, Long Beach, California:**

Thanks for the gift certificate [for winning *T&FN*'s "Pick the US Olympic Team" contest]. Picking people for such events as the Olympic Trials is based not just upon one's best mark; you must consider the performer's attitude and past record in events when such things really mattered. One such example is Steve Smith. Steve, even though injured, had the positive-competitive attitude that he was going to make the team to Munich. Many of the top competitors eliminated themselves by running too hard and too many races during the indoor and early outdoor track season.

**DAVID BOEHI, Eugene, Oregon:**


I was literally angered by the lackluster TV coverage of the FOI provided by ABC-TV. They bought exclusive rights to the Trials, and then tried to squeeze all the events into a 90 minute telecast. As a result, many events were only covered with a five-second film clip as the placings were announced. Only five seconds of the world record 800 were shown, ditto for the great triple jump competition. I did enjoy laughing at Erich Segal's coverage of the 5000 final. Just before Steve Prefontaine started pulling away from George Young, Segal was blurring, "I can't understand it. . . Prefontaine is just giving this race to Young."

**RICHARD JOHNSON, Alexandria, Virginia:**

I was just as disappointed with ABC's coverage of the NCAA as anyone but I cannot believe the people who wrote to you to complain about ABC's bad coverage and CBS's good coverage. I think that these criticisms should be reversed. I thought ABC's coverage of the Trials was excellent even though all the events were not covered. Their style allowed viewers to become more involved in each event. ABC's more professional announcers made less popular events seem more interesting, unlike CBS's poor interviews and hurrying-through tactics which actually hurt the sport by disinteresting potential fans. ABC gives a new excitement to track that can hardly be matched by CBS's dull humdrum statistical type coverage. □



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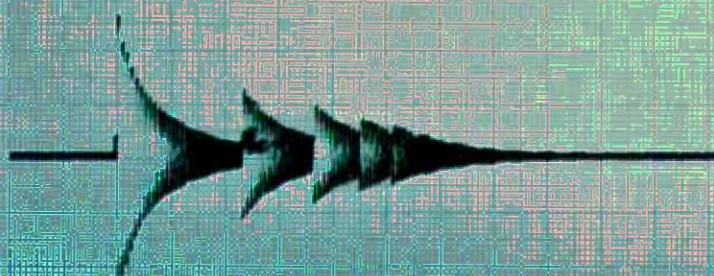
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