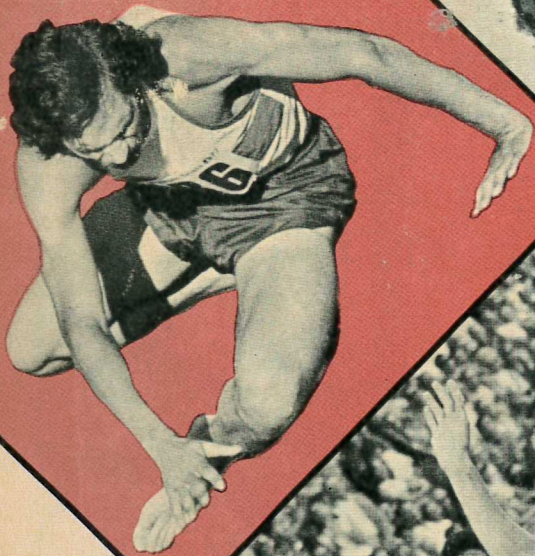


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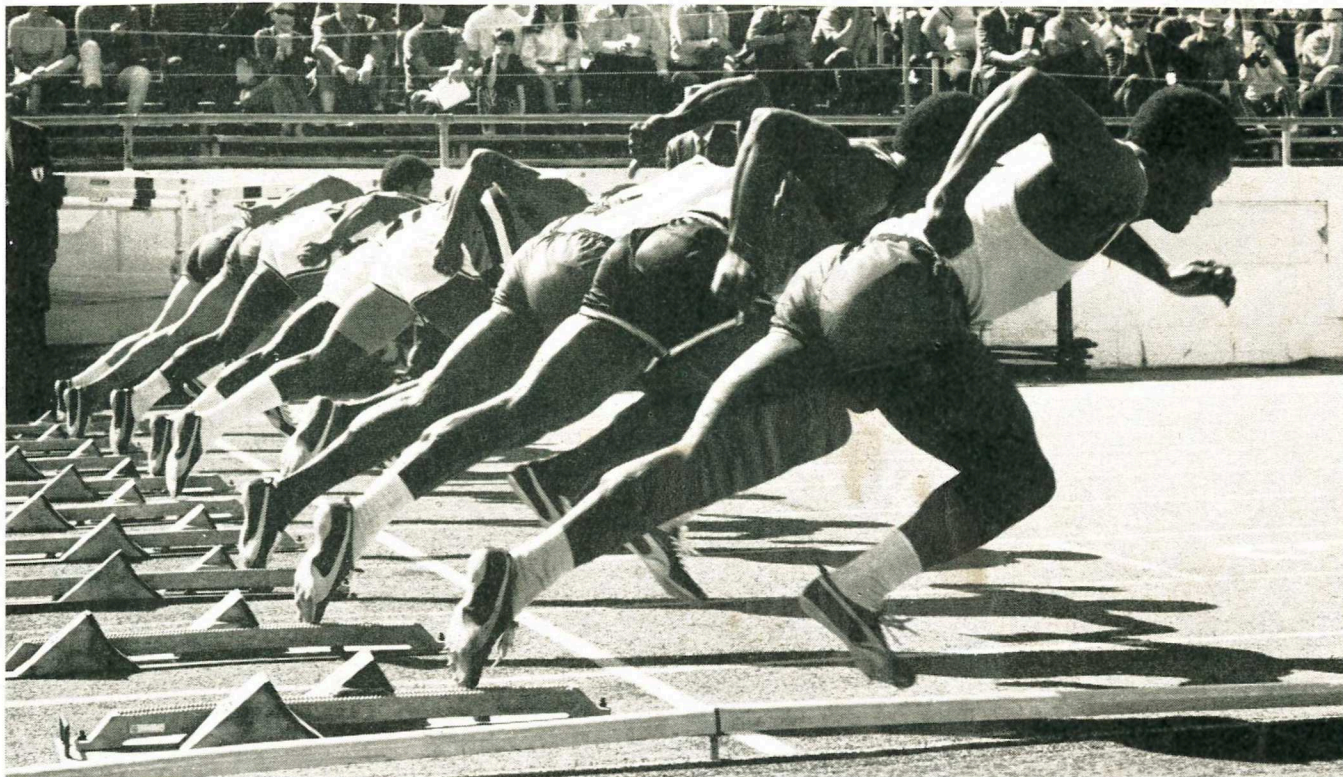
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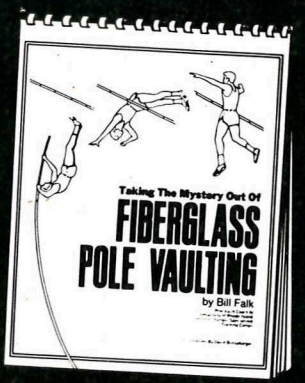


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UP FRONT

The 1972 edition of the US Final Olympic Trials was as high-powered, competitively and emotionally, as ever. There was misfortune and dejection, such as Bill Koss falling in the steeple (upper left) and breaking a foot bone. /Don Chadez/ There was elation, too, like 400 hurdle winner Ralph Mann (lower right) happily hugging runner-up Dick Bruggeman. /Bob Kasper/ There were records, like Bob Seagren's soaring 18-5¾ vault (upper right). /Kasper/ And there were surprises, like Dave Wottle's 1:44.3 800 (lower left). In this case, it was a record besides as Wottle matched the global mark to beat (l-r) Ron Phillips, Ken Swenson, Rick Wohlhuter and Jim Ryun. /Chadez/

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A New High for Seagren,

C'est fini. With a big explosion, the 1972 US season as such has come to a close. But the spectacular Olympic Trials results previewed what promises to be an even more spectacular Olympics. The standard of excellence was uniformly high in Eugene, with world standards being broken or matched four times. And seven American records were altered, equaling the total of the whole season prior to that.

There were record-setters both old and new. Old-hand Bob Seagren raised the vault standard to 18-5½, but he has numerous other world record performances. Eddie Hart and Rey Robinson, who sped over 100-meters in 9.9, and Dave Wottle, who two-lapped in 1:44.3, had never before entered the record category but they got shares here.

But the US isn't the only place where record breaking is going on. Most of the rest of the world's nations don't rely on the one big meet contest so top-flight performances are scattered, as physically ready as the athletes might be due to pressure.

A "new" Ricky Bruch, not even throwing in windy Malmo, has matched Jay Silvester's accepted discus mark of 224-5. And the next day, Soviet veteran Janis Lulis took back the javelin standard he lost two years ago with a gigantic 307-9 heave. And a not-so-out-of-shape Dave Bedford came within six-tenths of Ron Clarke's 5000 mark with a European best 13:17.2, and also recorded a continental best three-mile of 12:52.0 en route.

What promise this gives for Munich. The European competitors are right on schedule for their usual seasonal peak in late August. And the US team members have several weeks in which to deter them from sharpening their skills to a fine edge. On to Munich!

The following outdoor record alterations have been reported since the 1 July issue: W=world; E=European; A=American; C=collegiate; *=un-acceptable as record; "=" equals record.

100m	9.9	=W,=A	Eddie Hart (BA Strid)	Eugene, Ore	July 1
100m	9.9	=W,=A,=C	Rey Robinson (Fla A&M)	Eugene, Ore	July 1
800m	1:44.3	=W,A,C	Dave Wottle (B Green St)	Eugene, Ore	July 1
TJ	56-0	A	Dave Smith (BA Strid)	Eugene, Ore	July 1
400mIH	48.4	A	Ralph Mann (Strid)	Eugene, Ore	July 2
PV	18-½	C	Steve Smith (L Beach St)	Eugene, Ore	July 2
PV	18-½	=C	Jan Johnson (Ala)	Eugene, Ore	July 2
PV	18-5½	W,A	Bob Seagren (Strid)	Eugene, Ore	July 2
50kWalk	4:13:04.4	A*	Larry Young (Colum Coll)	Eugene, Ore	July 4
DT	224-5	=W,E	Ricky Bruch (Swe)	Stockholm, Swe	July 5
JT	307-9	W,E	Janis Lulis (SU)	Stockholm, Swe	July 6
3Miles	12:52.0	E	Dave Bedford (GB)	London, Eng	July 15
5000m	13:17.2	E	Dave Bedford (GB)	London, Eng	July 15

Dave Bedford's European best 5000 (13:17.2) and fast 10,000 (27:52.8) came within two days. /Ed Lacey/

Dave Wottle's (1) 1:44.3 tied the 800 best (from Rick Wohlhuter) and he ran 2nd in the FCT 1500. /Callanan/

Eugene, Ore., June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9,—Wow! The US did it again. As skeptics were questioning whether the United States would be able to field an Olympic team the caliber of some of the great squads of the past, the US Olympic Trials saw 10 fantastic days of competition which yielded performances which should brighten the hopes of even the gloomiest pessimists.

One world record was set—Bob Seagren's 18-5½ pole vault—and two were equaled when Eddie Hart and Rey Robinson sprung 9.9 100-meters and Dave Wottle, who entered the 800 just to get in some quality speed work before the 1500, ran away from the fastest match race in history with a 1:44.3 clocking. In two other events, the 400 and intermediate hurdles, the times recorded by Wayne Collett and Ralph Mann respectively were the fastest ever accomplished at sea level, without the benefit of the lesser gravitational pull and thinner air which aided better marks at Mexico City and Echo Summit four years ago.

American bests were registered by Steve Prefontaine, Dave Smith, Ralph Mann and Larry Young. The combined effect of these global and national records is stunning. The US's prospect on any Olympic form chart for the pole vault, triple jump, intermediates, 100- and 800-meters will have to be upgraded to reflect unexpected strength. Then there was the decathlon, in which the US moved into the 1-3 spots on the season's world list. And all positioned as co-favorites or leading challengers in several other events seemed more solid now.

The only event in which the US's standings seem to have been jeopardized by the Trials was the shot put, in which Randy Matson's fourth place finish provided one of the major disappointments of the meet to most fans. The absence of the defending Olympic champion and world record holder will undoubtedly provide a psychological lift to the East Germans in the anticipated six-way battle for the three medals.

The Trials, as always, were emotionally charged. Memories of the ecstasy of the new Olympians and the disappointment of the unsuccessful contenders will linger as long as those of the competition itself. Nobody who saw Jon Anderson sitting on a table at the end of the track, sobbing uncontrollably as he described his incredible third place finish in the 10,000 will ever forget. Then there was Dave Smith, wildly leaping up and down after his 56-foot triple jump. And Steve Prefontaine's victory lap in a "Stop Pre" T-shirt.

But there was also Matson, again defeated at Eugene, unable to find his form in the finals and deprived of a chance to defend his world title. There was Dave Roberts, frustrated by vaulting 17-8½—the medal height at Mexico City—and finding that not good enough to make the Munich team. And all of the veteran internationalists at 100-meters who found themselves outsped by a younger generation—and forced to confront the disturbing realization that at the age of 30, a sprinter is an old man.

On the statistical side, the following facts are noteworthy: The average age of the team is 25, the same as the 1968 group. As of this meet, the youngest are 18-year-old freshmen Dwight Stones, UCLA high jumper, and Randy Williams, Southern Cal long jumper. The oldest are 34-year-old discusman Jay Silvester and distanceman George Young. There are 20 collegians and no preps, compared with 26 and two four years ago. Fifteen members of the 1968 team will return to the Games in Munich; in 1968, 14 Tokyo veterans repeated. Of the 66 possible spots, 20 are filled by blacks; in 1968, there were 22.

The Trials also had their extra-athletic aspects. The subject of shoes and payments by shoe companies of money and merchandise to athletes made headlines for the first time since Mexico City. Several ugly incidents were observed and others were the subject of widespread rumors. Hopefully, the sport will not again be tarnished by a repeat of the happenings of 1968.

Although a number of leading sports activists were in attendance, there was little talk of boycotts by blacks, or anyone else for that matter, as there have been in recent years. But a number of nationally syndicated journalists wrote features sympathetic to the plight of athletes, who lost pay from their jobs, who had to finance their own trips to Eugene and who then paid for room and board too. Out-of-pocket expenses for an eastern athlete could easily exceed \$500. It was not difficult to find subjects to interview who suggested that the US Olympic Committee should pick up some or all of the tab.

An unusual procedure, instituted for the first time in the US, involved urine testing of competitors in order ensure compliance with the IAAF "doping" rule which will govern the Olympics. Just how many were sampled was never announced, but it was far from 100%.

Nor were the results of the tests made public, although it should be safe to infer from the silence that no serious violators were uncovered. Apparently the tests were not capable of detecting past use of drugs, including steroids or amphetamines. One coach, whose weightmen routinely take steroids, said, "I believe that most of the throwers simply stopped taking them a few days before their event—that's what mine did. Going off them for a week shouldn't affect the athletes physically or psychologically." A runner



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a Faster Wottle for 800

commented, "Some guys take uppers before some meets. But they just help mental stimulation. Nobody needs any extra psych for a meet as important as this."

The site of the meet turned out to be ideal. All of the discrepancies of the facilities which had been noted at the NCAA meet last month seemed to have been remedied. And, of course, the fans in Eugene are more plentiful in number and enthusiasm than those anywhere else in this nation. Average attendance for the eight days of track and field, excluding the decathlon, was more than 11,000 and the last two days were sellout crowds of 16,000-plus. The decathlon was contested before 3000 spectators on the first day and 4200 on the second—surely among the largest throngs ever to assemble just to watch a 10-eventer. The odd-session crowds were even more extraordinary. On Thursday, July 6, for instance, there was nothing scheduled except for the first round of the high hurdles. Some 3800 people showed up. Two days later, the Saturday afternoon session consisted solely of the qualifying competition in the high jump. Attendance: 5500! The sight of 5100 mobbed around the baseball field for the hammer throw was astonishing to hammer nuts who are accustomed to "crowds" of close to 51 people when the event is held outside the main stadium.

The weather was nearly perfect throughout. Rain marred the Trials only in the warm-up period before one afternoon session. The first four days were unusually warm with highs well into the 90s. After that, seasonal temperatures prevailed. The weather might have had an effect upon the distance running and the high jump qualifying sessions. Competitors in the earlier flights of the latter certainly were hampered by the effects of the afternoon rainfall. And the heat could have favored southern-trained distance runners. That is debatable, but it is an odd fact that of the four running events longer than a mile, all 12 Olympians had either the "home court" advantage of running for the Oregon Track Club or had trained for at least the past year in the south.

As it had been at the NCAA, the only casualties of the notorious pollen seemed to be in *T&FN's* part of the press box, where antihistamines were again being passed around like candy. Only one athlete that we were aware of complained about the pollen and that was Willie Thomas, who certainly didn't look like a hay fever sufferer when he won the NCAA 800 here.

The conduct of the meet was by and large exemplary. The events were run on time and the infield was kept reasonably orderly. There did seem to be a tendency on the part of the inspectors to disqualify runners for marginal infractions in the preliminary rounds of track events. But in all cases, that was offset by the inclination of the referee and the appeals committee to uphold the inspectors initially, but then to allow the athletes in question to continue in the competition after protests were filed.

Special words of praise are in order for meet announcer Bob Steiner, who was on the mike for eight full days without ever departing from his

remarkable standard of excellence in providing full information to the appreciative fans, and to Frank Zarnowski, who announced the decathlon in mind-boggling detail. Last but not least, there was Oregon's Sports Information Director, Hal Cowan, who coordinated the furnishing of press services to the 267 accredited writers and photographers. Both the quantity and quality of the information his staff provided were truly Olympian. /Bob Hersh/

100 METERS

There were many good sprinters this year, but none had shown consistent superiority over the rest. And so on the eve of the Trials, some people thought that the 100 team might just as well be selected by drawing three names out of a hat from a dozen or more possibilities. But in retrospect, it really does appear that the best men are going to Munich for the 100 and the 400 relay. Indeed, one almost wonders why there was any doubt at all.

The first round eliminated seven of the 38 entered, including last year's AAU runner-up Jim Green and ex-San Jose star Kirk Clayton, who appeared to have taken four false starts before his heat finally got off. Rey Robinson and Harrington Jackson were 10.0 heat winners and 16 others were clocked in 10.1, including non-qualifier Gene Pouncy. All were wind-aided.

The quarter finals trimmed the field to 16. Among the casualties were three who have represented the US in international competition—Ben Vaughan, Dr. Delano Meriwether, and Olympian Charlie Greene. AAU winner Robert Taylor sped to a 9.9 in the fourth heat behind an 8.5 mph breeze while Marshall Dill led teammate Herb Washington to the tape in a pair of 10 flats, also wind-aided. There were six 10.1s in this round.

In the first semi final, Willie Deckard had the disturbing experience of running a 9.9 and finishing fifth! The four qualifiers also clocked 9.9, aided by a 10.51 mph wind. Leading the field was Robinson, the Florida A&M sophomore. Behind him were surprising Norbert Payton, NCAA champion Warren Edmonson and former college titlist Eddie Hart. In the other semi, Gerald Tinker handed Marshall Dill his first defeat of the Trials, as both turned in breezy 10.1s. Taylor was third and Air Force Sgt. Jon Young a surprise fourth.

Eliminated in the semis was an impressive group which included former national champion Ivory Crockett, 1971 NCAA winner Harrington Jackson, two-time Olympian Mel Pender, NCAA 220 titlist Larry Burton, NCAA 60-yard king indoors Herb Washington, college division winner Steve Riddick, Deckard and James Amerison.

The final saw a fair start, after which Robinson and Tinker, in lanes 1 and 8, seemed to have the early edge. Hart stumbled slightly coming out of the blocks, but soon closed the gap on the leaders. A strong final burst gave him the race in a legal 9.9, the first okay race after 12 windy preliminaries. He just nipped Robinson, who was given the same time. The battle for third went to Robert Taylor, who ran a strong, steady race. Tinker was close behind in fourth.

Hart and Robinson became the third and fourth men to run fully acceptable 9.9s. Behind them, Taylor (10.0), Tinker (10.1). Young (7th,

Eddie Hart's (l) 9.9 100-meters edged (l-r) Gerald Tinker, Robert Taylor, Rey Robinson (also 9.9), Jon Young, Marshall Dill and Warren Edmonson. /Chadez/



Rey Robinson: Diamond in the Rough

Florida A&M track coach B. E. Lang considered Rey Robinson a "diamond in the rough" last year as a freshman. Despite missing virtually all of the 1971 season with a leg injury, the 20-year-old sprinter blossomed into a sparkling gem among 100-meter dashmen with two 9.9 performances at the US Final Trials, the latter legal clocking matching the world record.

Robinson glittered brightest in his record-matching ramble in the final to place a narrow second to Eddie Hart, who also produced a 9.9. Earlier, Robinson rode a healthy aiding wind to a 9.9 semi-final victory. Considering his efforts are the high points of only his second real year of sprinting competition, Robinson takes on the luster of a 24-carat gold medal winner.

A 9.2w-20.7w double winner in the 1970 Golden West prep meet, Robinson injured a hamstring in his first outdoor meet as a Florida A&M frosh and sat out nearly all of 1971 to heal. "We didn't want to push it," recalls Lang. "We wanted to build slowly because this is the year that counts."

Robinson was optimistic for 1972 despite his brief competition the year before. "I never doubted myself at any time," he says frankly. "I never doubted I would be able to make the Olympic team. I didn't let little competition and the injury in 1971 bother me."

By the time he reached Eugene, he had met and outrun most of the US's sprint contenders save Robert Taylor and Warren Edmonson. He had scored victories in the Penn Relays 100-yards (9.3) and 100-meters at Compton (10.2) and Vons (10.3). "Those races showed me I was ready to make the team," he says.

Right from the beginning of the Trials, Robinson showed he was a force to be contended with. The only sprinter to beat him in any race at Eugene was Hart in the final. Robinson finished ahead in his heat (10.0w), quarter-final (10.2w) and semi (9.9w). "Every race I ran satisfied me," he says. "I never had to accept anything less because the competition was so good every race was satisfying. I like competition so it turned out fine."

Robinson expressed disappointment at his draw of lane one in the crucial final contest. "I was nervous before the race and unhappy with lane one. I have a thing, probably totally psychological, that in lane one I can't see the field like I want. I can't 'feel' where the other runners are," he explains. "I like to look from side to side, but in the final I kept looking only to my right. I got a good start—which is one thing I really want to work

on—and I was right with the pack. Another thing about my sprinting is unless I see someone close, I don't run as hard. I didn't see anyone so I just kept in there until I saw someone. Then I got down on it again but it was too late to beat Eddie. I was only aware at the finish where I was."

Robinson feels an all-around excellent season, in both practice and competition, has been the key to his achievements in 1972. Lang adds a few more. "He has a tremendous competitive attitude and desire to win," the coach points out. "When he approaches the starting line, he is cold-hearted. He cares nothing about the name sprinters he might be running against. He just wants to get there first. This attribute is unusual for an athlete as young as Rey. His race is fairly consistent throughout, although he needs work on starting. But his strongest point is his last 30 yards. He reaches high acceleration about 60-meters and usually somewhere in the last 30 he hits his highest peak of speed."

Robinson feels to improve even further his starting needs work. But he also feels he must gain weight. "I ran at 160-lbs. or more in high school," he says. "My first quarter in college I dropped to 137. I couldn't adjust to the dining hall food and so forth and I still haven't gained it all back. I'm 147 now; I have never been this small. I don't really think the weight loss has affected my strength but I feel I ran better as a high school senior than I am now. I had no muscle problems whatsoever in high school, but when I got to college, my muscles started giving way and I would catch cramps. I think if I gain weight I will toughen up physically."

Besides competing in the 100-meters, Robinson has been announced as lead-off man on the 400-meter relay team. He anchored Florida A&M's 40.1 unit this year—just like his teammates Hart, Robert Taylor and Gerald Tinker, all of whom are most experienced on the final leg. But Robinson feels no qualms about starting at the other end.

"I have no hang-up about anchoring," he says. "I just want to do the job. My main concern is if I can adapt to lead-off the position quickly. I haven't passed the baton that much and haven't started with the stick at all. But I don't think there will be any problems because I just like to run the relay, period. I don't think there will be any problem with the other guys adapting to their positions either. I'm concentrating on what I have to do and I know the others will too."

Lang points out this is the kind of challenge which brings out the best in Reynaud Robinson. "He hasn't had experience as lead-off man but with his strong competitive attitude it won't be difficult for him to move right in. He simply wants to get to the finish first in every race and all his efforts go toward seeing he does." /Jon Hendershott/

10.1) and Payton (8th, 10.2) recorded PRs and Dill (6th, 10.1) equaled his. Robinson's time was the best non-winning mark ever, and all-time place marks were equaled by Taylor as well as the last four finishers. /Bob Hersh/

HEATS (6/30, six qualify from heat I, otherwise five qualify): I(8.27)-1. Jackson 10.0; 2. Willie McGee 10.0; 3. Taylor 10.0; 4. Crockett 10.1; 5. Ligons 10.3; 6. B. Miller 10.3; 7. Brisco 10.4. II(8.66)-1. Robinson 10.0; 2. Hart 10.1; 3. Ware 10.2; 4. Young 10.2; 5. Pender 10.3; 6. Gilliard 10.3; 7. Curl 10.3. III(13.64)-1. Dill 10.1; 2. Edmonson 10.1; 3. Deckard 10.1; 4. Kline 10.1; 5. Harris 10.2; 6. Clayton 10.2. IV(8.05)-1. Burton 10.1; 2. Hearvey 10.2; 3. Riddick 10.2; 4. Meriwether 10.3; 5. D. Walker 10.3; 6. J. Green 10.6. V(8.27)-1. Tinker 10.1; 2. Amerison 10.1; 3. B. Turner 10.1; 4. Payton 10.1; 5. C. Greene 10.1; 6. G. Pouncy 10.1; VI(7.83)-1. Washington 10.1; 2. Porter 10.2; 3. Pettus 10.2; 4. Vaughan 10.2; 5. Mays 10.3; 6. Ambush 10.4.

QUARTERS (6/30, four qualify): I(8.05)-1. Edmonson 10.1; 2. Hart 10.1; 3. Riddick 10.2; 4. Jackson 10.2; 5. B. Turner 10.2; 6. Ligons 10.3; 7. Vaughan 10.4; II(5.37)-1. Robinson 10.2; 2. Payton 10.2; 3. Deckard 10.3; 4. Pender 10.3; 5. Pettus 10.3; 6. Hearvey 10.3; 7. B. Miller 10.3; 8. McGee 10.6. III(5.14)-1. Dill 10.0; 2. Washington 10.1; 3. Crockett 10.1; 4. Amerison 10.1; 5. Ware 10.1; 6. Harris 10.1; 7. Mays 10.1; 8. Meriwether 10.4. IV(8.50)-1. Taylor 9.9; 2. Tinker 10.1; 3. Young 10.1; 4. Burton 10.2; 5. C. Greene 10.1; 6. Porter 10.1; 7. Kline 10.3; 8. D. Walker 10.5.

SEMIS (7/1, four qualify): I(10.51)-1. Robinson 9.9; 2. Payton 9.9; 3. Edmonson 9.9; 4. Hart 9.9; 5. Deckard 9.9; 6. Riddick 10.1; 7. Pender 10.1; 8. Jackson 10.1. II(7.83)-1. Tinker 10.0; 2. Dill 10.0; 3. Taylor 10.1; 4. Young 10.0; 5. Washington 10.1; 6. Crockett 10.1; 7. Amerison 10.1; 8. Burton 10.1.

FINAL (7/1, 2.01): 1. Hart 9.9 =WR, =AR; 2. Robinson =WR, =AR, =CR; 3. Taylor 10.0; 4. Tinker 10.1; 5. Edmonson 10.1; 6. Dill 10.1; 7. Young 10.1; 8. Payton 10.2.

200 METERS

No US event group has less experience than the 200-meter Olympic qualifiers: among the three of them, they have about five significant seasons of dashing. A year ago at this time, one was obscure at best and another had not even run yet on a track.

But the threesome of Larry Burton, Larry Black and Chuck Smith dominated the qualifying rounds and clearly defeated five others in the final to make the team.

Smith, 24, who did not begin his track career until his final year at Occidental, left little doubt that he is now America's best 200-meter dashman: he blasted a 20.4 into a headwind in the very first heat to beat Black by three tenths, ran an eased-up 20.8 (losing to Ben Vaughan) in round two, beat Black by three tenths again (20.5 to 20.8) in the semifinal and then convincingly won the final with another wind-hindered 20.4. His win in the

final here comes on the heels of victories at Compton, Vons and the AAU.

Because of his inexperience, Smith had not really been taken seriously until late May. "Experience helps," he said, "but so do determination and concentration in your event. Then, it doesn't matter if you've run one year or 10 years."

That remark was even more appropriate to Burton, 20, who just began running track six months ago at Purdue. "I didn't even know this was an Olympic year [at the beginning of the year]," he said. Burton was beaten in the Big 10 final by Marshall Dill, but he won the NCAA and took all three of his heats here before losing to Smith by a tenth in the final.

Black, 20, the one experienced member of the group, came the closest to not making the team—thanks to lane one, his draw for the final. Athletes throughout the Trials spoke of how tight the Stevenson Track turns were, and it took all of Black's ability to overcome the inside lane in the final. "I was scared to death of lane one," he said afterward. "It's one of the worst feelings I've ever had. But I managed to survive. I talked to my coach [Leroy Walker], and he gave me the confidence."

Black ran 20.6 in the final to finish a clear though marginal winner over Dill, the big freshman from Michigan State who never did quite show the form in this distance he had shown a year earlier when he was just coming out of Detroit's Northern High School.

Willie Deckard showed signs the first day of returning to his form (20.2y) of May 1971, but he barely nipped Ben Vaughan for the final qualifying spot in his semi and then ran a soundly-beaten fifth in the final. The only other man who might have done something at this distance, Eddie Hart, passed it up in favor of the 100 and 400-relay he had qualified for a week earlier. Actually, none of the 100-meter/400-meter relay qualifiers contested the 200.

Despite the lack of a very fast time in the Trials (20.4s for Black and Smith, the best), where headwinds were a constant factor, all three qualifiers predicted better things in the Games. "The biggest problem here was just making the team," said Black. "I think all three of us will run in the 19s." /Jack Pfeifer/

HEATS (7/7, five qualify): I(-1.56)-1. Smith 20.4; 2. Black 20.7; 3. Brown 21.2; 4. Miller 21.3; 5. Edmonson 21.4; 6. Breddell 21.4; ... dnf—Kemp. II(-1.34)-1. Deckard 21.2; 2. Vaughan 21.3; 3. Dill 21.3; 4. H. Williams 21.3; 5. Hearvey 21.3; 6. Rudasill 21.5; 7. Webster 21.7. III(-9.17)-1. Burton 20.8; 2. D. Walker 21.0; 3. Riddick 21.2; 4. Bright 21.3; 5. Harris 21.3; 6. Lutz 21.5; 7. J. Pouncy 21.5. IV(-.89)-1. Jackson 21.0; 2. Schultz 21.0; 3. R. Williams 21.2; 4. Cuffee 21.3; 5. Pettus 21.3; 6. Turner 21.3; 7. S. Williams 21.7.

QUARTERS (7/7, four qualify): I(nil)-1. Vaughan 20.8; 2. Smith 20.8; 3. Edmon-

Chuck Smith: Intramural to US Champ

No ordinary Smith is Chuck Smith—no runner would be ordinary when he wins the US Final Olympic Trials and an Olympic team berth in only his second year of serious sprinting.

From an intramural sprint champion in 1969 to AAU 200-meter champion and Final Trials victor three competitive seasons later, the 24-year-old Smith fashioned a topper worthy of "and they lived happily ever after" with a 20.4 triumph in the Eugene Trials, a personal best matching the one he produced in the heats, both times bucking adverse headwinds down the stretch. As he snapped the string of the final, he thrust both arms skyward in jubilation. From intramural to international, Chuck Smith had arrived.

"Actually I thought my chances to make the team were good," says the 6-0, 170-lb. graduate of Occidental College. "My training was designed to reach a peak just at the time of the Trials. After I won the AAU title, I knew I was coming around perfectly. I was scared about the race itself, but I knew I would make it so I wasn't really worried.

"In the final, I didn't run the turn well either and I was third or fourth going into the straightaway. But I was able to accelerate well on the straight. Really, I made a lot of mistakes in terms of form and technique that I intend to improve before Munich. My knees and arms weren't coming as high or moving as fast as I like. I ran a poor turn. But I know I can run the entire race harder because I have the strength.

"John Smith and I train together and we are good friends. It was peculiar because after I made the team I was happy but I couldn't get real excited until John made it too. I had 24 more hours to wait until John made it. After that, I really felt excited. We trained together all year, and I think that has made the difference for me this season. To me, the 200-meter man has to have the strength of a quarter-miler and the speed of a sprinter. I have run a 9.3 100-yards, so I have the speed. But I did John's quarter-miler workouts this year and gained the important background I never had before."

The articulate UCLA graduate student ("I'll have to postpone my masters thesis in education until after Munich") never had much background in sprinting because, before 1970, he had never sprinted. At Los Angeles High, he went out for track as a sophomore but an abundance of sprinters kept him in the also-rans. He tried high jumping but didn't go out his next two years in order to concentrate on his studies. When he went to Los Angeles City College, it was the same old story. So Smith strayed to the swimming pool and lettered two years. Getting his degree in psychology was always uppermost to him.

When he went to Occidental, he still concentrated on the books to make certain he graduated in four years. He always felt, though, he could run well. "Even back in high school I thought so," he recalls, "but I just never got into running." In the spring of his junior year Smith asked Oxy coach Dixon Farmer if he could try out for the team. Farmer now confirms he told the aspiring speedster there were several other athletes of 9.8 capabilities on the team and it would not be fair to them as they had trained all year to compete. Farmer suggested Smith enter the school's intramural meet. With no more "training" than a few days' worth of jogging and stretching, Smith dashed 10.0 and 22.1 to win the 100 and 220. It was obvious Smith had talent.

"As a senior, most of my course work was out of the way so I decided to try running seriously," Smith says. He culminated his first competitive season with victories in both 1970 NCAA College Division sprints (9.4, 20.7, both windy). He later placed sixth in the NCAA University 220 and eighth in the AAU 100.

"That first year I ran just on the newness of it all, the excitement and on sheer ability," he admits. "I had no training, background, love for the sport. Nothing. Then I went to UCLA graduate school and met Jim Bush [UCLA track coach]. That was the turning point. He has been instrumental in the success I have had. Also I started training with John Smith and Wayne Collett. They worked hard, and I think it takes a year just for your body to become adjusted to that level of training intensity. I worked hard on both form and technique. I placed only sixth in the AAU 220 in 1971 but that didn't bother me really. I knew this year was the one that counted. I had come a long way, learning form and gaining strength. I felt that really achieving something was just a matter of combining the two at the right time."

Smith sped into the US Olympic team picture with a 20.6 second place in the California Relays 220 and then followed with victories at Compton (20.7 200), Vons (20.6 220) and the AAU (20.7 after a 20.6 semi) before he focused in on the top spot at Eugene.

Now Smith feels he has as good a chance as any to taste the ultimate victory at Munich. "I feel that way because I did so many things wrong in the final at Eugene and still ran what I did. It will take much faster to win at Munich but I'm nowhere near the high-tuned peak I want. I think the sprinter who wins at Munich will have to run a flawless race and that's what I'm tuning and pointing for. I think winning the trials was just a plateau on the way to reaching that perfected level."

Besides, Smith points out, "Tommie Smith and I talked and decided the Olympic 200-meter championship should be kept in the Smith 'family'." /Jon Hendershott/

son 20.9; 4. Riddick 20.9; ... disq—Bright 20.9. II(nil)-1. Burton 20.5; 2. Brown 20.9; 3. Schultz 20.9; 4. Miller 20.9; 5. Pettus 20.9. III(.67)-1. Jackson 20.8; 2. Walker 20.9; 3. H. Williams 21.0; 4. Hearvey 21.1; 5. R. Williams 21.3. IV(nil)-1. Black 20.4; 2. Deckard 20.9; 3. Dill 21.1; 4. Harris 21.3; 5. Cuffee 21.3.

SEMIS (7/8, four qualify): I(-5.37)-1. Burton 20.6; 2. Dill 20.8; 3. Brown 20.9; 4. Deckard 20.9; 5. Vaughan 20.9; 6. Edmonson 21.0; 7. Riddick 21.1; 8. Harris. II(-8.5)-1. Smith 20.5; 2. Black 20.8; 3. Jackson 20.9; 4. H. Williams 20.9; 5. Hearvey 20.9; 6. Walker 21.0; 7. Schultz 21.2; 8. Miller 21.7.

FINAL (7/8, -1.12): 1. Smith 20.4; 2. Burton 20.5; 3. Black 20.6; 4. Dill 20.6; 5. Deckard 20.7; 6. H. Williams 20.8; 7. Jackson 21.0; 8. Brown 21.1.

400 METERS

Maybe things are changing for Wayne Collett. As they apparently have for Lee Evans. For Collett, whose most significant victory prior to this meet was probably in winning the 1970 US-France meet in 44.9 from AAU champ John Smith, the win here was a stunning reversal of a trend which seemed to dictate a non-winning role as history's second fastest 440-yard open and hurdle performer. For Evans, whose career has been studded with great competitive triumphs, his fourth place finish was his lowest since he became an international-caliber athlete in 1966. Both came in the second most important meeting in any four year period.

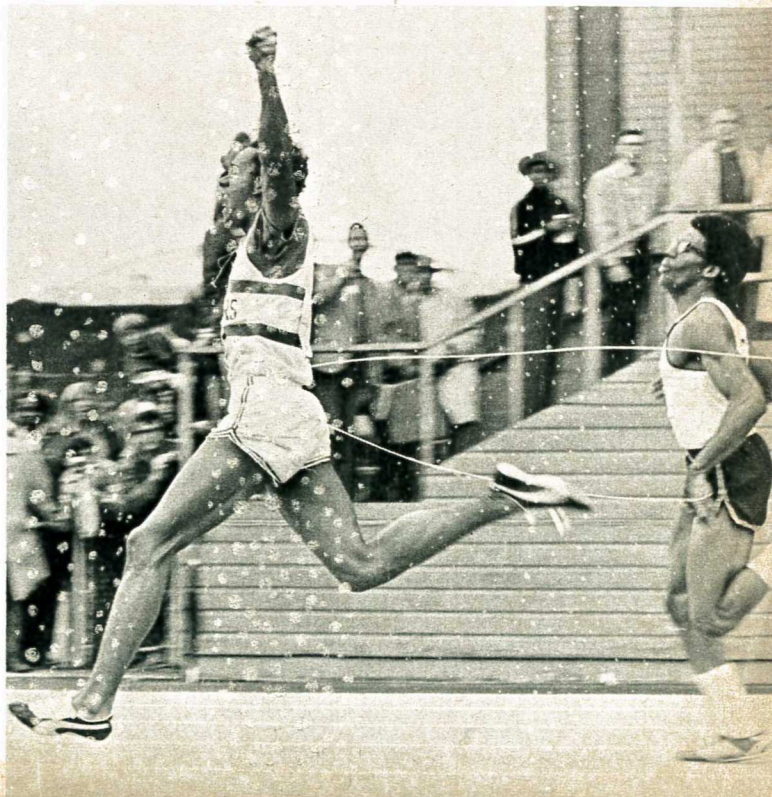
More so than any other event, this represented a world summit meeting. As if the race needed a build-up, the trials alleviated any doubt that these athletes were finely tuned. Fred Newhouse, Vince Matthews and Collett all exceeded the national records of every other country. During the semis. And world record holders, at the metric and yard distances, Evans and Smith, were within spitting distance.

Newhouse was a wild-man throughout the preliminary races. Not only did he force unnecessarily fast paces but he qualified by excessive margins. He recorded the quickest times in each round, of 45.4, 45.2 and 44.2, and qualified by margins of 2.0, 1.1 and 2.6 seconds. Only 16 athletes actually showed up for the first round, apparently because of the obvious talent at the top. And with only one to eliminate in each of the first two rounds, the most significant drop came in the second set as 1968 Olympic silver medalist Larry James ran a lackluster 46.4 non-qualifying race.

Things hotted up in the semis, as the competition was stiffer and the cut rougher—to bring the field to eight finalists from 12. The first semi saw a most remarkably even-paced field down to the 200, where Newhouse emerg-

ed ahead, pulling Matthews ahead of Smith as the trio ran 44.2, 44.8 and 45.2. Peoples blasted a PR 45.3. One-time quarter-mile record holder Curtis Mills took charge of the second semi from the first curve through the 330, where Collett led a homestretch overtake of first Tommie Turner and then Lee Evans. Collett got 44.8, Evans 44.0, with Turner and Mills at 45.2. The most significant casualties were Southern freshman James Redd and former

Jubilant Chuck Smith (1) signals his FOT 200 win over Larry Burton, 20.4 to 20.5. Together their track experience totals some 3½ years. /Stan Pantovic/



prep star Larance Jones.

The stage had been set for the world summit meeting. They would line up, from inside to out, Peoples, Mills, Smith, Turner, Matthews, Evans, Newhouse and Collett. The tension never seemed thicker than for this final, as the athletes paced about, jogged around and tried out their blocks for some eight minutes before the crack of the gun.

By the 200, Newhouse was clearly the leader—and for good reason: he had been clocked in a split between 20.3 and 20.7. Buddies Smith and Collett were a stride ahead of Matthews, as Evans was a distinct fifth. By the top of the curve, no one else was in contention. It was around this bend that Collett was moving up and Newhouse began to show signs of his three tough races and the fast first furlong here. Off the turn, it was an easy striding Smith, a pushing Collett, a tying Newhouse, a fluid Matthews and a straining Evans.

Into the straight, Collett first darted past Smith into the lead, and then Matthews zipped past Newhouse. Newhouse was tiring quickly from the torid pace but hung on gamely—falling prep to Evans only in the final 20 meters. Evans' once patented kick could only earn him a spot on the relay team—despite a valiant effort in the final going to catch a slowing Matthews. Moving the fastest of all was Maurice Peoples, who closed for fifth place just a nudge ahead of Turner as both clocked 45.3.

The first three places didn't change in the final 100-meters. Collett pulled home for his astonishing 44.1 victory to become the third fastest performer ever. After immediately crossing the line in his favorite eighth lane, he lit up with a broad smile, raised his fist and dashed across to lane three to greet Smith, who had finished in 44.3. The winning time was the quickest-ever at

Suddenly all three were question marks: Luzins had a foot injury, Winzenried suffered likewise and Swenson seemed unable to regain his form of 1970 (1:44.8m). The competition was spiced by the entry of top 1500-meter runners Jim Ryun, Dave Wottle and Tom Von Ruden. Ryun and Von Ruden both said they wanted to double at Munich as well. Wottle admitted he was in the race chiefly for a good speed workout: "I don't have quarter-mile speed to stay with the best half-milers."

The shock began with heat one, first event of the Trial. While Ryun won the race easily with a front running 1:48.7, Winzenried was outkicked by Rick Brown, Marcel Philippe and Ken Sparks to once again lose out on his bid for an Olympic berth. The other heats were won by Tommy Fulton (1:48.3) and kickers Rick Wohlhuter (1:49.2) and Wottle (1:49.8). Eliminated in Wottle's heat was NCAA champion Willie Thomas, apparently a victim of Eugene's pollen. The next day, Ryun continued his front running tactics to win the first semi in 1:47.3 with Philippe, Wottle and Brown kicking past Ken Sparks in the stretch to gain the final. In semi two, Fulton led the first lap in 51.9 despite losing a shoe at 200-meters and managed to hang for fourth, although outkicked by Wohlhuter (the winner in 1:47.2), Ron Phillips, and Swenson. Three big names fell by the way. Von Ruden, looking strong until the stretch, faded to fifth in the final 50 meters. Luzins, unable to keep up after the first lap, was last in 1:55.4.

The final started off fast enough, with Ryun and Swenson emerging in front as they came out of the staggered first turn and then Fulton surging up on the outside to take the lead at about 180 meters. Fulton passed 200 meters in a quick 25.2 with Swenson, Ryun and Brown nearest and nobody out of it. At 400-meters, Fulton led in 52.0 with a slight gap to Swenson and Ryun.



A big 44.1 by Wayne Collett (1) won the FOT 400 from (l-r) Fred Newhouse (7th), Lee Evans (4th), Vince Matthews (3rd), Tommie Turner (6th), Curtis

sea-level. Matthews came home in 44.9 and Evans 45.1.

Collett was obviously elated and it came in his first season of full concentration on the event rather than running everything from a 220 to the intermediates. "I've been disappointed so many times that I just didn't want it to happen again. This really means something." For Smith, it was a remarkable recovery from a severe case of hepatitis only seven months earlier. /Dick Drake/

HEATS (7/6, four qualify): I-1. Peoples 45.7; 2. Smith 45.7; 3. James 47.1; 4. Brown 48.0; 5. Cantrell 49.6. II-1. Turner 45.6; 2. Redd 46.4; 3. Evans 46.8; 4. Buford 47.0; 5. Gibson 47.4. III-1. Newhouse 45.4; 2. Collett 46.1; 3. Jordan 46.6; 4. Bayless 46.7; 5. Daughtry 47.5. IV-1. Ulan 46.2; 2. Matthews 46.4; 3. Mills 46.9; 4. Jones 47.4; 5. McPherson 47.7.

QUARTERS (7/6, three qualify): I-1. Matthews 46.4; 2. Peoples 46.5; 3. Jordan 47.1; . . . disq—Buford 47.9. II-1. Turner 45.3; 2. Collett 46.0; 3. Mills 46.3; 4. Brown 46.8. III-1. Newhouse 45.1; 2. Jones 45.8; 3. Redd 46.1; 4. James 46.4. IV-1. Evans 45.4; 2. Smith 45.4; 3. Ulan 46.2; 4. Bayless 47.3.

SEMIS (7/7, four qualify): I-1. Newhouse 44.2; 2. Matthews 44.8; 3. Smith 45.2; 4. Peoples 45.3; 5. Redd 46.9; 6. Jordan 47.6. II-1. Collett 44.8; 2. Evans 45.0; 3. Turner 45.2; 4. Mills 45.2; 5. Jones 45.9; 6. Ulan 46.0.

FINAL (7/9): 1. Collett 44.1; 2. Smith 44.3; 3. Matthews 44.9; 4. Evans 45.1; 5. Peoples 45.3; 6. Turner 45.3; 7. Newhouse 45.4; 8. Mills 45.4.

800 METERS

It had been commonly assumed for most of the year that the US 800 team would be made up of Juris Luzins, Mark Winzenried and Ken Swenson.

Mills (7th), Maurice Peoples (5th) and former UCLA teammate John Smith (2nd). Collett's was the fastest-ever sea-level clocking. /Stan Pantovic/

Wohlhuter had moved up to fourth just ahead of Brown. Around the turn the tempo stayed the same with Wottle moving up into contention from the back of the pack.

Then with 300 meters to go, the race came to life with dramatic suddenness. Ryun accelerated furiously a la Wade Bell, sprinting down the backstretch and pulling Swenson and Wottle with him, stringing Wohlhuter, Phillips, Brown, and Philippe up behind the first three. All seven passed Fulton in that sensational 100 meter stretch. Ryun covered the third 200 meters in 24.8 and must have run the 100 meters of the straightaway in about 11.5 seconds. The sprint continued around the turn. By mid-way Ryun and Wottle had drawn clear by five yards, and Wohlhuter and Brown had also passed the fading Swenson.

Into the stretch, Wottle challenged Ryun for the lead. Ryun cast a surprised look to his right as the orange shirted, golf capped Bowling Green State senior pulled alongside, and with 60 meters to go Wottle began to pull away. With the race for first over, it now became a case of "catch Ryun and make the team". First to make it was surprising Wohlhuter, who boomed down the straight on the outside with a broad grin on his face. Even more surprising was Swenson, although he later said, "I don't remember anything about the last 200 meters." He showed his intestinal fortitude by passing two men in the last 50 meters and almost catching Wohlhuter at the tape. Ryun, who inevitably went deeply into oxygen debt after his backstretch sprint, held on gamely and almost repassed Swenson and Wohlhuter with a lift in the final 10 yards. Wottle had tapped a good six yards in front, and when the excitement of the race itself had died enough for a look at the



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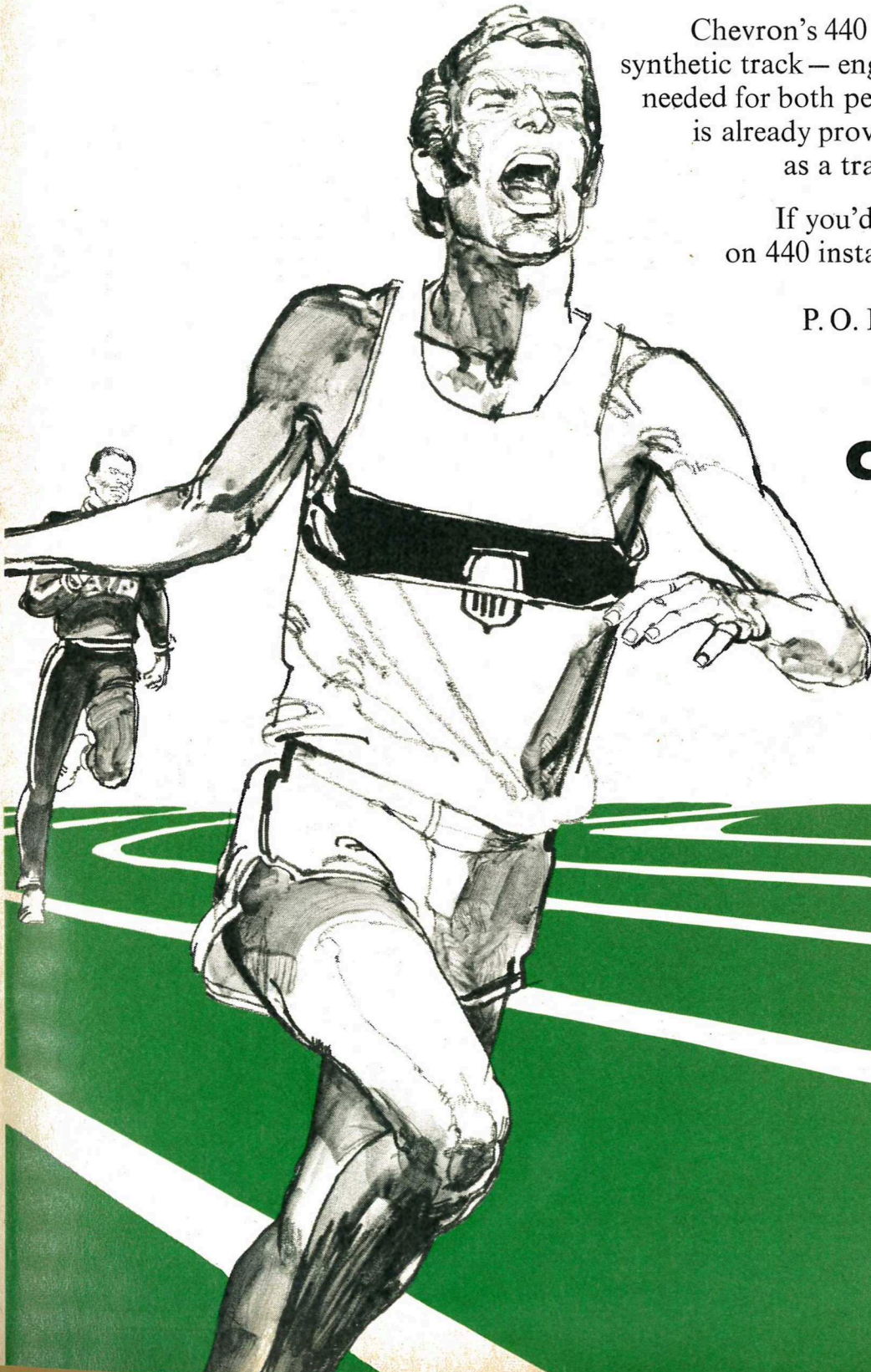
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Dave Wottle: Suddenly Pressures

by Jerry Soifer

"You always get chased by dogs when you're out running in the morning and then there are the guys that try to run you over with their cars, but the thing that bugs me is when I'm out running and people yell at me, 'jogger,' so I yell back, 'I'm not a jogger, I'm a runner.'"

Dave Wottle doesn't have to tell the citizenry of Bowling Green, Ohio or Eugene, Oregon, or anywhere else that he is a runner. He proved it in stunning fashion at the US Final Olympic Trials, one week running a world-record matching 1:44.3 800-meters to lead home a blazing finish which saw Jim Ryun finish fourth and following Ryun home in the 1500 the next week to gain his second Olympic team berth.

And the 6-0, 140-lb. Wottle—he of the white-yellow, sweat-stained golf cap and the stinging finish kick—will be the first American to attempt an Olympic 800-1500 double since Lloyd Hahn back in 1928. After Eugene, almost anything seems possible from the recently-married Bowling Green State senior for before his record-equaler, his best two-lapper was a 1:47.8 880 in 1970.

Two days after the 1:44.3, Wottle was asked about the pressures a world record bring on a runner, something Ryun can testify to. "A lot of the pressure is what you put on yourself, and I'm simply not going to put it on myself. I can still get beat. I'm not a superman who can't get beat. I think I can accept defeat pretty well when it comes and it's going to come." Defeat came a week later when Ryun blasted a 51.5 last lap to take the 1500, 3:41.5 to Wottle's 3:42.3.

For Wottle, who describes himself as preferring to be alone or just with his new wife Jan, the week between the 800-meter record and the 1500-meter finals was a trying one. There were interviews with national magazines and radio and television and countless newspapermen finding their way to his dormitory room on the University of Oregon campus. "The reporters are always getting to Ryun and I think they're starting to find me. I don't know how they find my room but I wish I had a mimeographed sheet of my first eight years in track I could give to them and that would save a lot of questions," he said.

What about the public reaction to him? "The recognition has been ok so far. It hasn't been all over me like Ryun where they crowd around him and don't let him relax. When I went for a run the Sunday after the 800 record, people in cars beeped their horns at me and people on the streets said congratulations but I ran into the country. I don't like to run in the city."

The people of Eugene recognized Wottle running through the streets because of his trademark, the hat. He wore it at first a year ago to keep his long blond hair out of his eyes but he said he wears it now, though his hair is short, partly out of superstition and also because it's become a habit. The cap is so weather-beaten that Wottle took a wash rag and cut it up to use pieces to hold the hat together.

"I went over to the meet [the Trials] during the week and I just wore my regular clothes without my hat and nobody even bothered me. That's a good point of the hat; no one knows what I look like without my hat on."

This is Wottle's ninth year in track, and he, like Marty Liquori, was more interested in basketball when he got into track. "I was an introvert all through junior high and even in high school. I would prefer to just sit around my house and not go out. After I got cut from the high school basketball team, track grew to be the center of my life until I met my wife last year," Wottle said. Wottle's best mile time as a prep was 4:20.2. He was the Ohio State prep champion before he enrolled at Bowling Green State.

The turning point this year for Wottle was in April when he was outkicked in the Drake Relays four-mile relay by Michigan State's Ken Popejoy. Wottle had been sick the week of the race but the defeat had a strong effect on him. Wottle's close friend and fellow runner at Bowling Green, Sid Sink, said of Dave, "He has always hated to lose. After he was outkicked by Popejoy, he came out and ran with us in the morning all the time. Before that he would get up to run only about half the time."

Sink said that Wottle has always put his studies ahead of track. Wottle carries a 3.35 grade point average on a scale of 4 while in his major, English history. Wottle was married July 15, a week after the 1500-meter trials. "I don't see it getting in the way of my Olympic chances," Wottle said before the nuptials. "A lot of people do but I don't."

Wottle said of himself, "Off the track, my life centers around Jan right now which it will in the future. I'm not an outgoing person. I don't like to go out with the guys for fun." And of his running, "The only way I can run is to go competitively. I can never carry the pace and go for time. I love to hook onto somebody's shoulder and then spurt by him in the last 110 yards. That last burst has never failed me except against Popejoy."

What about his future running plans? Wottle was indefinite when he might retire but he said he would always be a jogger. "It would be dangerous to have run as much as I have and then give it up cold," he said. At that point in his life he won't be able to retort to the taunts of the sedentary that he is a runner, not a jogger. But right now Wottle can yell to the world that he's a runner, one hell of a runner. □

stopwatches a new surge of excitement took place. 1:44.3. The world record, established in 1962 by Peter Snell and equaled by Ralph Doubell in winning at Mexico City, had been tied again. Equally impressive were the place times, with Wohlhuter being caught in 1:45.0, Swenson 1:45.1, Ryun in 1:45.2 followed by Phillips in 1:45.3, Brown 1:45.4, Philippe 1:46.0 and Fulton at 1:47.3. Third through eighth were the fastest ever run for these places, making the race the fastest overall, ever. PRs came to all but Ryun and Swenson, who recorded second-bests ever.

The new world record holder said, "I don't know how I did it, I was in a trance the whole race, when I saw Ryun go out I followed him, I didn't know where anyone else was except Ryun." What made the race so fast, of course, was Ryun's third 200. It also probably cost Ryun a place on the Olympic team since he's incapable of a 25 second last 200 meters off of a 1:18 to 1:19 pace at 600. Ryun admits he "made a tactical mistake by starting 50 yards too soon."

The splits: Wottle: 26.0, 26.8, 25.0, 26.5; Wohlhuter: 25.7, 26.9, 25.4, 27.0; Swenson: 25.4, 27.0, 25.5, 27.2; Ryun: 25.4, 27.1, 24.8, 27.9. The third 200 meters just a little slower—say 25.5—might have left Ryun with enough strength for a much quicker finish, possibly first place and a new world record. /Jim Dunaway/

HEATS (6/29, four qualify): I-1. Ryun 1:48.7; 2. Brown 1:49.1; 3. Philippe 1:49.3; 4. Sparks 1:49.3; 5. Winzenried 1:49.4; 6. Schappert 1:49.7; 7. Paul 1:51.2. II-1. Fulton 1:48.3; 2. Swenson 1:48.6; 3. Luzins 1:49.1; 4. Mock 1:49.4; 5. Popejoy 1:49.5; 6. Waldrop 1:49.8; III-1. Wohlhuter 1:49.2; 2. Straub 1:49.3; 3. Phillips 1:49.5; 4. Von Ruden 1:49.6; 5. Hawkins 1:49.9; 6. Lowrey 1:50.8; 7. Mosser 1:51.8. IV-1. Wottle 1:49.8; 2. Mango 1:49.9; 3. Bach 1:50.1; 4. Smith 1:50.2; 5. Bence 1:51.0; 6. Sandison 1:51.5; 7. Thomas 1:52.9.

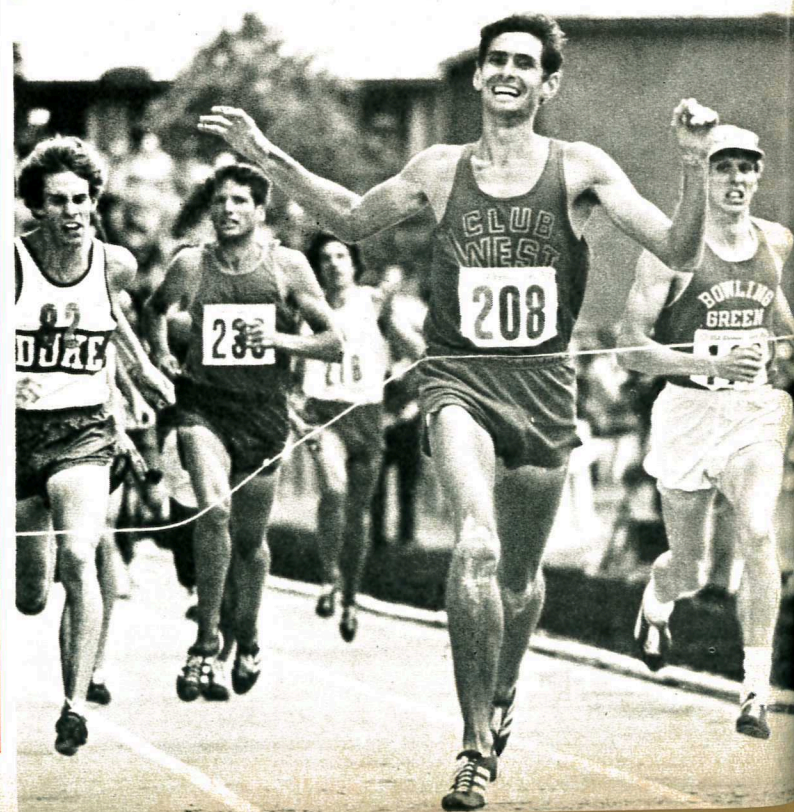
SEMIS (6/30, four qualify): I-1. Ryun 1:47.3; 2. Philippe 1:47.4; 3. Wottle 1:47.4; 4. Brown 1:47.5; 5. Sparks 1:47.6; 6. Mango 1:47.9; 7. Bach 1:48.3; 8. Smith 1:52.0. II-1. Wohlhuter 1:47.2; 2. Swenson 1:47.2; 3. Phillips 1:47.3; 4. Fulton 1:47.4; 5. Von Ruden 1:48.0; 6. Straub 1:48.8; 7. Mock 1:53.0; 8. Luzins 1:55.4.

FINAL (6/1): 1. Wottle 1:44.3 =WR, AR, CR; 2. Wohlhuter 1:45.0; 3. Swenson 1:45.1; 4. Ryun 1:45.2; 5. Phillips 1:45.3; 6. Brown 1:45.4; 7. Philippe 1:46.0; 8. Fulton 1:47.3.

1500 METERS

Most of the excitement in the preliminary rounds came from—are you ready for this?—official decisions! Jere Van Dyk was first disqualified for knocking Cliff West out of the race, but both were advanced to the semi-finals. Then the semi-finals on July 7 began with what must be the most stupidly absurd seeding since the 1908 Olympics. With only three to qualify for the final, one of the three semis included four of the fastest contenders for the Olympic team—Dave Wottle, Tom Von Ruden, AAU champ Jerome Howe and former AAU champ Howell Michael. Immediate protests brought about another draw, but this turned out to be even worse, trading Von

Normally reserved, Jim Ryun lets loose a wide grin as his 3:41.5 wins the FOT 1500. His 51.5 last lap burned (l-r) Bob Wheeler (3rd), Howell Michael (5th), Jere Van Dyk (9th) and Dave Wottle (2nd). /Don Chadez/





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Ruden for the great young collegian, Bob Wheeler. Another draw was used, but then added entry Van Dyk beat out Willie Eashman for third, igniting a black protest. The Committee relented and added the fourth finishers to make a 12-man final, same as the Olympics. Unfortunately, Joe Savage was already on his way home and did not get to run. In the third semi, Michael showed his class with a 53.8 last lap but he was disqualified because of a shoving match with little Reggie McAfee on the last curve. Again, the Committee changed its call, to a "no harm" infraction which allowed Michael into the final.

The only significant result from actual running came when Von Ruden was outkicked in the stretch by Duncan Macdonald and McAfee, then deliberately let down and West passed him to make the final. The pace in the final was slower than expected. Those who thought Ryun would try a run-away were disappointed when the world record-holder stayed back in the pack. He was sixth in 62.7 behind Eashman's 62.1. At the 880, led by McAfee's 2:05.4, Ryun was eighth in 2:05.7 and he looked listless. At the bell, Ryun was eighth and still showed no effort to break out of the pack. Around to three-quarters, McAfee tried to break away, but Macdonald and Wheeler went after him, and Eashman fell.

Down the backstretch, the race began. Ryun, who had averaged over 15.4 seconds per 100 meters and ran the previous one in 14.9, moved into a higher gear to follow Wottle. Ryun pulled alongside Wottle and they raced past McAfee into the last curve. Ryun was running farther, on the outside, but he pulled ahead and beat Wottle by six yards, averaging 12.7 for each of his last three 100 meters. His final 440 was 51.5.

Wheeler, another good half-miler, followed Ryun's move and was close behind around the curve. He caught Wottle 40 yards from the finish, but Wottle found a little extra strength and held him off. Wottle said, "I was tightening up at the end." Michael, always a fast finisher, freed himself from a box and set out after the three leaders. Then Howe, who made a mistake by allowing the slow pace, caught up with Michael and edged him for the alternate's position and a possible Olympic berth if Wottle withdraws.

Ryun's victory would have been of the ho-hum variety a few years ago, but he crossed the line grinning broadly and took a rare victory lap, smiling through tears of joy and waving to the crowd. He said, "I was pretty tired going into the race today, possibly because of the emotion built up over the past ten days." /Cordner Nelson/

HEATS (7/6, five qualify): I-1. Macdonald 3:43.6; 2. Van Dyk 3:45.2; 3. Paul 3:45.9; 4. Howe 3:47.1; 5. Rose 3:48.6; 6. Popejoy 3:50.6; . . . dnf—West (advanced due to interference). II-1. Roberts 3:48.0; 2. Michael 3:49.5; 3. Bach 3:49.6; 4. Crawford 3:50.6; 5. J. Savage 3:50.7; 6. Carey 3:55.3. III-1. Ryun 3:45.1; 2. McAfee 3:45.2; 3. Gorman 3:45.3; 4. Durkin 3:45.5; 5. Fischer 3:45.7; 6. Wilkins 3:46.4. IV-1. Wottle 3:43.7; 2. B. Wheeler 3:43.8; 3. Eashman 3:44.1; 4. Von Ruden 3:44.2; 5. Walker 3:44.2; 6. Carlberg 3:45.7.

SEMI (7/7, four qualify): I-1. Howe 3:44.7; 2. Wottle 3:44.7; 3. Van Dyk 3:45.1; 4. Eashman 3:45.9; 5. Walker 3:46.2; 6. Paul 3:46.3; 7. Crawford 3:48.1; 8. Durkin 3:50.1. II-1. Ryun 3:42.2; 2. Wheeler 3:42.9; 3. Fischer 3:44.0; 4. Savage 3:44.8; 5. Bach 3:45.3; 6. Gorman 3:47.6; 7. Roberts 3:48.4. III-1. Michael 3:43.2; 2. McAfee 3:43.9; 3. Macdonald 3:44.4; 4. West 3:44.9; 5. Von Ruden 3:45.2; 6. Popejoy 3:48.8; 7. Rose 3:53.4.

FINAL (7/8): 1. Ryun 3:41.5; 2. Wottle 3:42.3; 3. B. Wheeler 3:42.4; 4. Howe 3:43.0; 5. Michael 3:43.0; 6. Macdonald 3:43.8; 7. McAfee 3:44.1; 8. Fischer 3:45.2; 9. Van Dyk 3:45.7; 10. West 3:47.8; . . . dnf—Eashman; . . . dnc—J. Savage.

5000 METERS

At some time on Thurs., July 6, it began to take shape as America's greatest distance race of all time. Consider: (1) Local hero and national record holder Steve Prefontaine was so full of nervous energy that he ran his heat in 13:51.2, then actually ran instead of jogging during his warm down. He said, "I felt great today"; (2) George Young ended speculation about his intentions by entering the 5000 after the training month of his life. The 34-year-old triple Olympian ran an easy 14:11.6 to qualify fifth in the slower heat and said, "I'm as excited about these Trials as I've been about any of the other three I've been in." About Prefontaine, he said, "If I get second here, I'm going to try to beat him in Munich"; (3) Tracy Smith, 1968 Olympian who began a comeback a year and a half ago, ran 13:52.8 in Pre's heat and said, "I'm not ready for a world record, but I think I'm ready for 13:20. I want the pace to be hard"; (4) Gerry Lindgren, fighting off his latest injury, ran 13:53.6 and said, "The winning time might be 13:20. The last mile will be murder. . . I'm optimistic"; (5) Sid Sink, a great but disenchanted steeplechaser with the equipment and training to improve on his 13:11.0 three-mile, looked confident in 13:58.4 and said, "I think there are four or five of us who have a real good shot"; (6) Len Hilton, tenth fastest three-miler in world history, was picked by some experts to make the team because of his 3:57.6 mile speed; (7) Greg Fredericks, a sensational finisher in the AAU meet, coasted to the slowest qualifying time, 14:19.2, and appeared ready; and (8) the heat broke, promising ideal running weather.

On Sun., July 9, the weather was warmer than expected, and only two runners ran up to expectations. Lindgren led by eight yards at the 880, then faded back through the pack and finished last. With Prefontaine second in 2:09.6, the pack was well bunched past a 4:22.3 mile and 6:36.2 for six laps, where Pre led. Then the race began to take on aspects of greatness. The average 440-yard lap had been 66 seconds, but now Pre ran 64.7 and the line

of runners behind him began to lengthen. A lap in 65.1 brought Pre to the two-mile mark in 8:46.0, and he led Hilton by three-yards. Young moved to Pre's heels with obvious determination, while Fredericks let go. Pre ran a 64.8 lap with only Young and Hilton close. Harrison was now eight yards behind Hilton, with Smith another 10 yards back.

Now Pre began the task of breaking Young, one of the guttiest runners in track history. Pre ran a lap in 63.4 which dropped Hilton 25 yards behind, but the veteran Young held on grimly. With the crowd roaring, Prefontaine began a remarkable drive. A lap in 61.5 weakened Young and left Hilton 75 yards back, but Pre was only beginning. He increased the pace and opened an 8-yard lead with a lap to go. Young had to surrender, and Pre completed the lap in 58.7. His three-mile time of 12:54.4 has been bettered only by Lindgren and Ron Clarke (twice).

With Young beaten, Pre slowed in the homestretch. Then he thought better of it and picked up for a respectable finish in 13:22.8, a time bettered only by Clarke (twice) and Dave Bedford's 13:22.2. Pre's last 440 was only 66.2 because of his homestretch "jog", but his last 880 was 2:00.2, his last three-quarters was an impressive 3:03.2, and his final mile was in 4:08.6.

Young finished in 13:29.4, under Pre's national record. Hilton was a safe third in 13:40.2, equal to 12th on the US all-time list but inferior to his 13:04.4 three-mile. Sink, who had lagged too far behind, moved from seventh at 2½ miles, gained 20 yards on Hilton and missed the Olympic team by 25 yards in a PR 13:43.8. Fredericks seemed to lose his will when the pace quickened and never made a race of it.

Prefontaine, noted for his confident statements, said, "I have confidence now. I think that with proper training and rest I can go 10 seconds faster in Munich." Young was surprisingly unpleased with his performance. "I am disappointed. I should have gone faster. I need more races. I will be tougher at Munich." /Cordner Nelson/

HEATS (7/6, six qualify): I-1. Prefontaine 13:51.2; 2. Smith 13:52.8; 3. Lindgren 13:53.6; 4. Buerkle 13:55.4; 5. C. Clark 13:57.6; 6. Sink 13:58.4; 7. Geis 14:02.4; 8. Baldwin 14:14.4; 9. G. Stewart 14:38.0. II-1. Harrison 14:06.2; 2. Hilton 14:07.0; 3. Johnson 14:08.0; 4. Herold 14:10.2; 5. Young 14:11.6; 6. Fredericks 14:19.2; 7. Hitchcock 14:32.4; 8. Mason 14:55.0; . . . dnf—Ryan.

FINAL (7/9): 1. Prefontaine 13:22.8 AR, CR (12:54.2); 2. Young 13:29.4 (12:59.8); 3. Hilton 13:40.2; 4. Sink 13:43.8; 5. Smith 13:44.8; 6. Herold 13:47.8; 7. Harrison 13:52.6; 8. Buerkle 13:57.2; 9. C. Clark 13:58.6; 10. Johnson 14:03.0; 11. Fredericks 14:09.4; 12. Lindgren 14:17.2.

10,000 METERS

When Greg Fredericks led the big breakthrough of American 10,000-meter runners in the AAU, he was unaware he was setting the stage for the more important Olympic Trials two weeks hence. But it was the Penn Stater's sensational 55.2 last lap, leading to a national record 28:08.0, that dictated the strategy here. And it was that strategy that contributed to Fredericks' downfall, the strong one-two placing of Frank Shorter and Jeff Galloway, and a dramatic third place battle won by Jon Anderson.

The AAU saw Fredericks, Shorter, Tom Laris and Jack Bachelier move into the top four places on the all-time US list, ahead of retired Billy Mills, with Galloway and Anderson taking over the sixth and seventh spots just ahead of Gerry Lindgren. After all seven of the eight fastest Americans ever came through the heats untouched, the strategy was formed and while not announced was strongly hinted at.

Bachelier noted, "Frank and Laris and I can't afford to run the kind of race we ran in Seattle. I think Shorter is in better shape than any man in the field." Shorter said he didn't want to announce his plans, "but obviously I can't be with Fredericks with a 220 to go."

And so it was that Shorter, number two ranked in the world two years ago, set out to burn off the finishing strength of Fredericks. He bombed through the first mile in 4:25.4, close to world record pace despite the enervating 95° heat. By two-miles, reached by the smoothly moving veteran in 8:58.5, the leaders numbered four—Shorter, Lindgren, Laris and Fredericks. There was a good-sized gap to the next group, which contained Shorter's two Florida Track Club teammates, Bachelier and Galloway. The second key to Shorter's strategy had developed—while he pulled out Fredericks and the others, his teammates would run their own pace and wait for Frank's pursuers to weaken.

And weaken they did. Fredericks and Lindgren let go on the ninth go-round, Gerry dropping out a lap later and Greg beginning a steady drift to the rear. But Laris, the 32-year-old Olympian, held on as Shorter reached three-miles in 13:34.7. As he said later, "I felt I was as good as Shorter and that I could stay with him." But he had to let go on the 14th lap and the courageous try turned out to be fatal.

Meanwhile, Anderson, wearing the popular lemon and green stripes of the Oregon Track Club, found himself third, ahead of Bachelier as they hit three-miles 10 seconds after Shorter. The next mile was significant as Laris lost eight seconds to Frank's 18:11.3 while the FTC duo of Galloway and Bachelier was drawing closer, four and eight seconds in arrears of Laris. Anderson had parted company with Bachelier, but they were to meet again.

Laris' retreat soon turned into a rout. On the 17th lap, Galloway passed him for second; on the 18th, Bachelier took third away from him. The Floridians were running 1-2-3 and seemed to have the Olympic spots



(L) Steve Prefontaine (r) overcame a slow pace, and George Young (c) and Len Hilton, for a 13:22.8 US 5000 best. /Kasper/ (C) Marathoners Frank

Shorter (l) and Ken Moore tied at 2:15:57.8. /Sutton/ (R) Larry Young (l) strolled two walk wins, a 4:13:04.4 50-kilo here over Bob Kitchen. /Kasper/

wrapped up.

As Shorter, easing the pace when he got cramps seven laps from home, reached five-miles in 22:52.5, Galloway was 14 seconds back and running well. He said later, "I thought I might take off and go after him, but then I decided to protect what I had." Shorter's victory, after passing six-miles in 27:36.6, was achieved in 28:35.6. The time is unimpressive unless you consider the heat, the fast early pace, and the reserve with which Frank finished. Galloway, better known as a marathoner, finished 20 seconds ahead of third with his 28:48.8.

Back in third, Bacheler was unable to protect that spot. Still, it looked in the bag right up to the last lap, tired though he was. The nearest challenger was Anderson—and once he was at least 60 yards behind, having fallen from third to sixth. And Anderson appeared to be having stitch troubles, frequently holding both sides with his arms (although he said later this is the way he rests his arms).

With 600 yards to go, Anderson began to chase Bacheler. On the last turn, Jon had closed to 10 yards, and halfway up the final stretch they came even. Anderson made a move to pass on the inside as both went by a lapped Don Kardong. A brief bumping match ensued, but nothing was to stop Anderson now, and he threw his arms skyward in exultation as he completed his last lap in 63.6 and reached the finish 10 yards up on the completely weary Bacheler, 29:08.8 to 29:09.8. About this time, the judges were disqualifying Bacheler. This knocked Jack out of the alternate spot and left him to decide whether to try again in the 5000 or marathon.

Laris, completely shot, struggled home in 29:43.0. But his distress was nothing compared to Fredericks', who finished a far-back eighth in 30:37.6. Quite possibly Greg had fallen victim to the heat, the quick opening tempo, and more races than he was prepared for, starting with the AAU, then the preliminary heat (this was the first time since the 1920 Olympics that heats have been contested anywhere in a 10,000) and then the tough final. /Bert Nelson/

HEATS (6/29, six qualify): 1-1. Bacheler 29:22.6; 2. Brock 29:31.0; 3. Fredericks 29:32.2; 4. Antognoli 29:40.2; 5. Galloway 29:40.4; 6. Maguire 29:40.6; 7. Garcia 29:48.4; ... dnf—Pryor. II-1. Shorter 29:07.4; 2. Anderson 29:20.0; 3. Laris 29:27.0; 4. Lindgren 29:28.0; 5. Clark 29:31.2; 6. Kardong 29:32.2; 7. Hoffman 29:35.8; ... dnf—Nuccio.

FINAL (7/2): 1. Shorter 28:35.6; 2. Galloway 28:48.8; 3. Anderson 29:08.2; 4. Laris 29:43.0; 5. Clark 29:57.0; 6. Kardong 30:21.2; 7. Fredericks 30:37.6; 8. Antognoli; 9. Maguire; ... disq—Bacheler 29:08.8; ... dnf—Brock, Lindgren.

MARATHON

As in the 10,000-meters, Frank Shorter showed his ability to cope with the heat as he led most of the marathon with Ken Moore to gain a tie in 2:15:57.8—a time bettered by only five other Americans ever.

When the race began, at 5:00 p.m., the temperature in the shade was 72° but clear skies allowed the sun to shine on the runners, causing Shorter to say after the race, "It was hot. I lost a lot of water. I was drinking everything I could get my hands on."

Moore, who won the AAU marathon in 1971 here (on a different

course) in 2:16:48.6, was the only one of the top six finishers not to have run a heat and final of the 10,000-meters last week (though Greg Brock failed to finish the final).

Third place went to a 1968 Olympian, but one who ran 5000-meters at Mexico City. Jack Bacheler, after being disqualified in the 10,000 ran with his Florida Track Club teammate, Jeff Galloway. The two runners worked their way through the field of 99 runners, moving into third place after 20-miles. As had Shorter and Moore, the pair entered the stadium together, but as they approached the finish line, Shorter waved Galloway back to allow Bacheler to make the team as both ran 2:20:29.2.

Doug Schmenk, Mike Gregorio, Tom Laris, Moses Mayfield, Dave White, Doug Brown I and John Loeschorn all tried to follow Moore and Shorter, but failed to finish. Brock and Don Kardong, both former Stanford runners, used a cautious early pace to earn fifth and sixth places. Mark Covert was the only early leader besides the first placers to finish.

Eamon O'Reilly entered the race but never appeared, Norm Higgins placed ninth after a slow start, but Mike Hazilla dropped out after a slower start. O'Reilly, Higgins, Hazilla, Laris and Schmenk rank first, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth on the all-time US marathon list.

Sixty-six runners finished the race. Sixty-five were greeted by the appreciative Oregon fans (including "Love Story" author and TV commentator Erich Segal, himself a marathoner) while the last finisher, John Garza, arrived while the 5000-meters was in progress, waited until it ended, then ran his final 330 yards on the track. The timers recorded his finish as 3:11:00.0. /Tom Gleason/

FINAL (7/9), 1. tie, Moore & Shorter 2:15:57.8; 3. Bacheler 2:20:29.2; 4. Galloway 2:20:29.2; 5. Brock 2:22:29.6; 6. Kardong 2:22:41.8; 7. Covert 2:23:34.8; 8. T. Hoffman 2:23:44.4; 9. Higgins 2:24:07.8; 10. Houk 2:24:40.8; 11. B. Clark 2:25:10.6; 12. Talkington 2:25:31.6; 13. tie, Gregorio, P. Hoffmann & Wagner 2:26:12.4; 16. Torres 2:27:11.8; 17. Hereford 2:27:28.4; 18. M. White 2:27:41.6; 19. Hayes 2:27:44.4; 20. Wayne 2:28:33.0; 21. Adams 2:28:44.6; 22. Warthan 2:28:47.0; 23. Dean 2:28:54.0; 24. Bertsch 2:29:03.8; 25. Ziegler 2:29:08.8; 26. Harter 2:29:12.4; 27. Pearson 2:29:24.2; 28. Span 2:29:30.2; 29. Butterfield 2:30:10.4; 30. Daws 2:30:31.8; 31. Giesel 2:31:01.2; 32. Brennan 2:31:10.2; 33. Fitts 2:31:43.4; 34. Hendricks 2:31:45.8; 35. Kingery 2:31:46.2; 36. Thompson 2:32:08.8; 37. Stipe 2:32:15.8; 38. Cortez 2:32:23.8; 39. Leydig 2:32:54.2; 40. Koch 2:34:02.0; 41. Mahurin 2:34:35.6; 42. Berger 2:34:44.4; 43. Macdonald 2:34:59.4; 44. Mann 2:35:38.8; 45. Kurrle 2:36:23.8; 46. Mortenson 2:36:25.8; 47. Vitale 2:37:35.8; 48. D. Price 2:38:11.2; 49. Tuttle 2:38:17.6; 50. tie, Gubbins & Pate 2:39:01.8; 52. Norris 2:39:16.4; 53. Heinonen 2:39:37.6; 54. Gray 2:40:18.6; 55. Russell 2:40:23.2; 56. Crist 2:40:54.0; 57. Mittelstaedt 2:41:25.0; 58. Ryan 2:41:55.2; 59. Derderian 2:42:01.8; 60. Comer 2:42:09.2; 61. Howell 2:43:45.6; 62. Fidler 2:44:11.8; 63. Suarez 2:46:11.8; 64. L. Miller 2:50:03.6; 65. Weidinger 2:51:00.6; 66. Garza 3:11:00.0; ... dnf—Backus, Baer, Bayko, Bronzan, Don Brown, Doug Brown I, Carlberg, Darling, Dias, Fleming, Fultz, George, Graham, Hatcher, Hatfield, Hazilla, Jones, Kasischke, Koepfen, Lands, Laris, Lesch, Loeschorn, Mayfield, C. Miller, Misner, Norris, Pontinen, Rude, Schmenk, Spencer, Thomas & D. White.

20,000 METER WALK

On a very warm afternoon in the 90s, American 20-kilometer

record claimant Larry Young quickly pulled away from all challengers to easily win the event in 1:35:56.4 and gain one leg on his goal of qualifying in both the 20 and 50. Young had built up a minute lead at 10-kilometers, which he passed in 46:45. At this point the race for second and third was shaping up between veterans Rudy Haluza (47:41), Goetz Klopfer (47:44), and Tom Dooley (47:44), with Dave Romansky, Larry Walker, Bill Ranney, Todd Scully, Steve Hayden, and Floyd Godwin still within striking distance if any of the leaders failed to hold the pace.

Things really started to thin out by 15-kilos with Young still pulling away in 1:11:08. Dooley (1:13:05), having stomach trouble, began to fade leaving Klopfer (1:12:25) and Haluza (1:12:33) in very good position. Romansky, a little short on conditioning, couldn't hold the pace and dropped out. Ranney and Walker were now two minutes down on third, while Hayden and Godwin (walking with a sore foot tendon), were now well back, with Scully making up good ground on Dooley.

With Young already safely home by two minutes, it looked as if 41-year-old two-time Olympian Haluza and 68 Olympian Klopfer would round out the team. But Haluza, walking with two cautions from the judges, continued to force the pace as he neared the stadium in hot pursuit of Klopfer. His competitive spirit unfortunately resulted in a disqualification after he had crossed the finish line 10 seconds ahead of Klopfer. This moved Tom Dooley into third and on the team as he narrowly held off a fast closing Todd Scully, who was out on his feet and had to be carried from the track.

The times were slow, probably due to the heat and many sharp turns on the course which made it difficult for the walkers to maintain proper rhythm and balance. The course was re-measured after the race and found to be accurate. /Bob Bowman/

FINAL (7/1): 1. Young 1:35:56.4; 2. Klopfer 1:38:03; 3. Dooley 1:39:10; 4. Scully 1:39:25; 5. Ranney 1:41:35; 6. Hayden 1:42:24; 7. Godwin 1:42:56; 8. Ryan 1:43:03; 9. Walker 1:45:07; 10. Blackburn 1:50:00; 11. Daniel 1:50:47; 12. Tyrer 1:50:57; 13. Palamarchuk 1:53:45; 14. Gray 1:54:53; 15. Duran 1:55:10; 16. Lansing 1:55:23; 17. Eidahl 2:00:07; 18. DeWitt 2:06:56; 19. tie, Johnson & Knatt 2:18:37; . . . disq—Haluza 1:37:53.4; . . . dnf—Brown, DeNoon, Diebold, Kelly, Knifton, Knott, Kulik, Laird, Lund, Mortland, Reilly, Romansky, Valle, Wilks.

50,000 METER WALK

As in the 20-kilometer, Larry Young once again showed his complete superiority over the field on another warm day despite the 7:00 a.m. start. It was quite an impressive performance as he won easily in a new all-time US road best of 4:13:04.4 with less than three days rest and thus cemented his decision to double at Munich. Only Bob Kitchen, new American record claimant, chose to fight it out with Young, a tactic which appeared to be his undoing in the latter stages as he faded to fourth, same placing as in 1968, and was overtaken by Bill Weigle and Steve Hayden, whose performances were the revelation of the race.

The first 20-kilometers was passed in a comfortable 1:44 with Young and Kitchen in the lead followed by a group consisting of Ron Laird, Rudy Haluza, Goetz Klopfer, John Knifton, Waigle, Bob Henderson, Ron Daniel, Hayden, and Dave Romansky a minute or so back. Young accelerated the pace in the next 5-kilos to reach the half-way mark in 2:08, Kitchen still on his heels. Young continued this demanding pace the next five kilometers to break away from a now laboring Kitchen. Further in the rear were several other Olympic hopefuls, including Ron Kulik, Bob Bowman, Mike Ryan, Steve Geiver, Jerry Bocci, Todd Scully, and Gary Westerfield; all choosing to walk even more conservatively, thinking the pace and sun would eventually take its toll on the leaders. This tactic also proved fruitless, despite the failure of such pre-race notables as Knifton and Klopfer (walking with less incentive now that he had qualified in the 20) to finish, as their efforts became a case of too little too late when Weigle and Hayden refused to fold.

Weigle, walking fluidly and strongly from start to finish, and Hayden, half serious at the start but growing more serious with every step of the race, walked brilliantly in recording huge personal bests by 20 and 34 minutes in only their second competitive tries at the distance. They thus became the fifth and eighth fastest US 50-kilometer men of all-time. /Bob Bowman/

FINAL (7/4): 1. Young 4:13:04.4; 2. Weigle 4:20:09.4; 3. Hayden 4:23:22.6; 4. Kitchen 4:25:06.2; 5. Kulik 4:30:50.8; 6. Westerfield 4:31:11.2; 7. Scully 4:33:50.8; 8. Henderson 4:37:37.0; 9. Ryan 4:40:28.8; 10. Bocci 4:43:40.4; 11. Bowman 4:46:45.8; 12. Knatt 4:53:40.6; 13. Kelly 4:53:51.6; 14. Tyrer; . . . disq—Romansky; . . . dnf—Bean, Daniel, Geiver, Haluza, Klopfer, Knifton, Laird, Smith.

STEEPLECHASE

Two factors combined to weaken the quality of the steeplechase. First, the air temperature was 94° and the reportedly 135° track was watered to cool it. Second, as 30-year-old Mike Manley said, "People get very, very nervous before races. They blow their chances before they hit the track."

No serious contenders lost out in Thursday's qualifying heats, although Manley fell in the water jump and had to use some of his easy power to finish first in 8:34.8. Bill Koss, leading that same heat two laps later, fell in the water jump when his shoe twisted off his foot. He hobbled out with a broken bone in his arch. Conrad Nightingale, former internationalist, fell over a hurdle and was unable to qualify by a large margin. The tension showed in comments of some of the runners. Steve Savage said, "I felt ter-



Mike Manley (213) trails here but finished strong for an 8:29.8 FOT steeple win from (l-r) Doug Brown (2nd, 8:31.8), Steve Savage (3rd, 8:32.0) and Jim Dare (4th, 8:33.6). Don Timm (397) placed 6th (8:41.4). /Don Chadez/

rible." Sid Sink said, "I didn't feel good." AAU champion Jim Dare said, "The first three laps felt about the same as usual—rotten."

For the first five laps of the final, the wary runners ran no faster than in the heats. Then, with Oregon's Steve Savage exciting the crowd with his front running, they picked up to a lap in 68.0. Savage was followed by Bob Richards, Doug Brown, Manley and Dare. A four yard gap had opened to Cliff Clark, who was 10 yards ahead of Don Timm. Bob Price and Bill Reilly were five yards back of Timm, and the rest were out of contention. American record holder Sid Sink and collegiate champ Joe Lucas surprised by falling far behind, probably victims of tension.

Around the curve to the water jump, Manley moved up from fourth and drove into the lead and the pace became a hot 63.0. At the bell, Savage followed Manley, with Doug Brown and Dare close behind. An eight-yard gap had opened to Richards and it was now a four-man race for the three places. Over the hurdle at the head of the backstretch, Dare moved alongside to pass Brown, and Brown, the tall Tennessee sophomore, hurried his trail leg to fight off Dare. His toe caught the heavy hurdle and he fell to his knees. He slipped on the track and injured one knee so badly it was swollen by several inches the next day. But Brown leaped to his feet. "I got mad. Maybe it helped, because the adrenalin flowed."

While the crowd came to its feet, roaring at the sight of two green shirts fighting for the lead into the last turn, Brown set out after Dare. He caught up at the water jump, eight yards behind Manley and Savage. Into the homestretch, with Manley pulling away from Savage, Brown left Dare behind and set out after Savage. He went past by two yards, while Dare failed by about 12 yards.

Manley, whose 8:29.8 is the fourth fastest by an American, ran his final lap in 63-flat and seemed relatively fresh. Savage fell to the track beyond the finish line after running 8:32.0 and spent half an hour suffering in the training tent. He said, "I'm just starting to realize it's worth it now. After the race, I just didn't know if it was or not." Brown, the youngest man in the race at 20, was enthusiastic and confident. His 8:31.8 moved him to sixth best in US history and gave him a 1.8 second PR improvement.

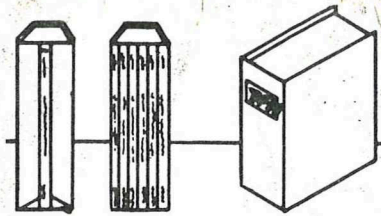
All three Olympians expect much faster times later this year. They expect the weather to be cooler in Munich. /Cordner Nelson/

HEATS (6/30, six qualify): 1-1. Manley 8:34.8; 2. Price 8:37.8; 3. D. Brown 8:37.4; 4. Timm 8:40.0; 5. Reilly 8:40.6; 6. B. Brown 8:43.6; 7. Liebenberg 8:51.2; 8. Larson 9:03.8; 3. Johnson 9:12.0; . . . dnf—Koss. 11-1. Richards 8:38.6; 2. Dare 8:38.6; 3. S. Savage 8:42.6; 4. Clark 8:43.6; 5. Sink 8:43.6; 6. Lucas 8:44.6; 7. Nightingale 8:53.2; 8. B. Williams 8:59.6; 9. S. Kelley 9:04.4; 10. Ryan 9:09.0; . . . dnf—Beardmore.

FINAL (7/2): 1. Manley 8:29.8; 2. D. Brown 8:31.8; 3. S. Savage 8:32.0; 4. Dare 8:33.8; 5. Clark 8:36.4; 6. Timm 8:41.4; 7. Reilly 8:42.0; 8. Richards 8:44.0; 9. Price 9:04.6; 10. B. Brown 9:06.2; 11. Sink 9:07.6; 12. Lucas 9:13.0.

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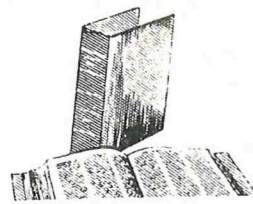
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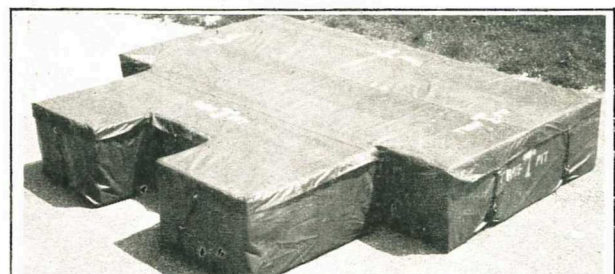
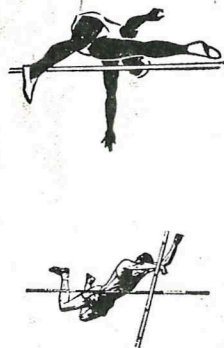
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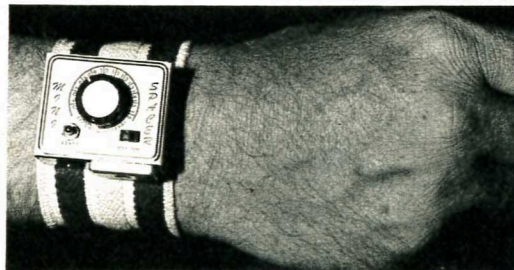
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(L) The proverbial blanket could have easily covered the first four in the FOT highs; Tom Hill (r) prevailed in 13.5 from (l-r) Rod Milburn, Willie Davenport



and Charles Rich. (R) Attacking the last medium barrier together, Ralph Mann (l) and Dick Bruggeman went 1-2, Mann's 48.4 winner a US best. /Chadze/

110 METER HURDLES

A year ago it looked as if the high hurdles would be one of the most fiercely competitive events at the 1972 trials. Rod Milburn had just run his 13-flat world record and looked like the best around. But Willie Davenport was not expected to give up the Olympic crown without a battle. And the other two Mexico City hurdlers, Leon Coleman and Erv Hall, were tough international veterans who were known to be preparing serious comeback attempts. In addition, 1970's world leaders, Tom Hill (comebacking from a serious injury in 1971) and Marcus Walker, would be back in the picture. Ron Draper was the number two in the big meets in 1971, Jerry Wilson and Charles Rich were hot young prospects, and perennially strong veterans like Tommie White were still in the picture.

What went wrong? Well, for one thing, the veterans, apart from Davenport, showed their age and couldn't make the grade. And the group which emerged last year appeared to be still short of their prime. In Draper's case, law school curtailed training. Walker suffered new injuries and White just wasn't quite good enough.

Towards the end, three strong favorites emerged—Milburn, Hill and Davenport. All of them made the team, but not without a surprising twist and a close call in Milburn's case.

Twenty-seven showed up for the heats. Absent were Hall and Paul Gibson, both victims of minor injuries the previous week. No major contenders were eliminated in round one, which pared the field to 20, nor in the quarter-finals, which eliminated four more. Hill and Milburn recorded 13.5s in the quarter-finals, the latter in spite of making contact with seven of the 10 hurdles.

Milburn also won his semi in 13.5, after crashing barriers three and nine. Aided by a slightly excessive (4.7 mph) tailwind, Hill took his semi in 13.2, equal to the world mark for meters (Milburn's 13.0 was run at 120-yards, a lesser distance.) Davenport trailed Hill in 13.4, followed by Wilson and Rich, as Coleman faded to fifth after running in the money for much of the race.

Davenport and Milburn drew lanes seven and eight in the final, with Hill isolated from his major competition in 2. Draper slipped at the start and pulled up after hitting the first barrier. Davenport had the best start, and a third of the way into the race, the three favorites had established a lead over the field. But Milburn was not through with his hurdles problems. He crashed the seventh and thereby lost ground to Rich, who was a surprisingly close fourth. Then he hit the tenth hard and slowed more, but held on gamely to withstand the strong finish of hard-driving Rich, as the crowd gasped.

Hill led Davenport to the tape in 13.4. Milburn's third place finish was his first loss in 28 outdoor final races since the 1970 AAU. A more positive achievement was Davenport's in making his third straight Olympic team. "I won it. I feel great," enthused Hill. "I had no idea I had won it. I thought I was tied for third. I don't care about the time. There were seven others in the race, and I won it." /Bob Hersh/

HEATS (7/6, four qualify): I(1.56)-1. Hill 13.6; 2. Howser 13.9; 3. Brasell 14.0; 4. Carty 14.2; 5. Peters 23.0. II(-.45)-1. Milburn 13.6; 2. Druckery 13.9; 3. Coleman 14.0; 4.

Bouyer 14.1; 5. Shipp 14.1. III(.89)-1. White 13.6; 2. Davenport 13.7; 3. Kennard 14.2; 4. Hodges 14.3; 5. Fisher 14.3; 6. Jaques 14.4. IV(.89)-1. Wilson 13.5; 2. Robinson 14.1; 3. Draper 14.1; 4. Stubbs 14.4; 5. High 14.6; 6. Redfearn 14.6. V(.67)-1. Rich 13.9; 2. Magee 14.2; 3. Harris 14.3; 4. Mattina 14.6; 5. J. Power 14.6.

QUARTERS (7/6, four qualify): I(-.179)-1. Davenport 13.6; 2. Rich 13.9; 3. Carty 14.0; 4. Druckery 14.1; 5. Mattina 14.1. II(3.58)-1. Milburn 13.5; 2. Robinson 13.7; 3. Brasell 13.9; 4. Bouyer 14.0; 5. Magee 14.2. III(.89)-1. White 13.7; 2. Draper 13.8; 3. Howser 14.0; 4. Hodges 14.2; 5. Harris 14.2. IV(1.79)-1. Hill 13.5; 2. Wilson 13.6; 3. Coleman 14.0; 4. Stubbs 14.4; . . . dnf—Kennard.

SEMIS (7/7, four qualify): I(4.70)-1. Hill 13.2; 2. Davenport 13.4; 3. Wilson 13.7; 4. Rich 13.7; 5. Coleman 13.7; 6. Stubbs 13.7; 7. Druckery 13.7; 8. Carty 13.9. II(-1.12)-1. Milburn 13.5; 2. White 13.7; 3. Draper 13.9; 4. Howser 13.9; 5. Robinson 13.9; 6. Brasell 13.9; 7. Bouyer 13.9; 8. Hodges 14.1.

FINAL (7/9, 2.01): 1. Hill 13.5; 2. Davenport 13.5; 3. Milburn 13.6; 4. Rich 13.6; 5. Wilson 13.6; 6. White 13.6; 7. Howser 13.7; . . . dnf—Draper.

400 METER HURDLES

Ralph Mann overcame a month of confidence-wrecking poor races to firmly re-entrench himself as one of, if not the, premier intermediate hurdlers in the world. He did it supremely, running controlled races throughout. Stamina, rather than speed, probably told the story best for Dick Bruggeman and Jim Seymour, who filled the remaining spots from a talented final. Last was 50.2.

Bruggeman went out hard in all his races, tied up slightly near the finish, yet won both preliminary rounds and recorded all his times under 50-flat. His 49.8 and 49.4 first and second races led all qualifiers. Penn sophomore Bruce Collins also paced himself hard in the early races and his 50.6 and 49.9 wins probably cost him a spot on the team.

A raft of veterans disappeared before the finals, the first series getting Olympian Boyd Gittins and the second nabbing Mel Bassett, Olympian Ron Whitney and Wes Williams. All had been given a chance sometime during the year to earn a spot on the team.

Jim Bolding, who enjoyed a strong early year and paced himself well throughout the qualifying rounds here, was unfortunate enough to draw lane one which inevitably plays havoc in the short-laned races. Outside him were Carl Wood, Collins, Bob Steele, Bob Casselman, Bruggeman, Seymour and Mann. Mann was reportedly happy with his eighth lane assignment, because it would force him to concentrate on his own race.

Mann popped off to a quick start and led by the first hurdle. But it was quickly apparent that Bruggeman would follow his strategy of earlier races, as he had a noticeable lead coming into the back-straight. Other than Bolding lagging slightly, the others were virtually even down the straight. By the 200, Bruggeman had gobbled up the stagger on Seymour and was up with Mann. It didn't particularly bother Mann, who revealed later, "I noticed Bruggeman had had trouble at the end of his races. Anybody who blasts out like he does is going to have trouble."

The curve was most important to Bolding, who by turn's end had moved into a solid third. Collins whacked the sixth hurdle but used the rest of the curve to change into fourth. Seymour faded back to seventh.

Ralph Mann: Only Munich Counts

It has been an up-and down year for Ralph Mann—sometimes down so low the top-ranked 400-meter hurdler of 1971 and 440 barrier recordman felt like flicking it all in and hanging up his spikes for good.

But Mann reached the highest point yet when it counted most as he rocketed an American record 48.4 over the metric one-lap hurdles to win the US Final Olympic Trials, second-fastest time ever and equal (by conversion) to 48.7 for 440-yards, a tenth better than his 48.8 world-record of 1970. For Mann, it was the biggest step yet toward the ultimate "high"—the top rung of the Olympic victory stand in Munich.

"Sure this race was important," admitted the jubilant 23-year-old Mann following his Trials triumph. "But I'm still on the upswing. Instead of peaking here, I'll be peaking at Munich. I'm in just as good shape as I was back in April when I ran 49.4 at the UCLA Champions meet. But in that race I tore flexor tendons in my right foot, my take-off foot. I taped my foot whenever I ran, but I got into some bad habits like running flat-footed. After I got fifth at Compton (50.0) and fourth at Vons (51.1) five days later, I told myself I was through, that I didn't have it anymore.

"So I talked with [UCLA coach] Jim Bush and started to train under his direction. We felt my condition would be good enough for the Trials so we gambled and concentrated on the technique troubles that cropped up because of the foot.

"Basically there were just a couple of small problems in Ralph's technique," affirmed Bush. "Mostly it was just that he was very discouraged. But Ralph was great to work with; he would say, 'Anything you want me to do, I'll do'. Heck, he's the world record holder. I wasn't going to change anything."

"The gamble paid off—and then some," continued Mann. "Now I have nearly two months to train. I'm going to work on conditioning, probably with quarter-miler workouts. I need to work on speed and relaxation. I'm really thankful for my years of international experience. I think I know myself pretty well as a runner and I know what I can do."

Mann explained his international competition of the past three seasons—hurdling in meets from Los Angeles, Paris and London, to Jyvaskyla, Finland, and Cali, Colombia—have taught him the most important lessons in preparation for the ultimate test in Munich. What have some of those lessons been?

"I look back now and wonder how I ever ran what I did on the training I did," related Mann, who won three consecutive NCAA and AAU titles while hurdling for Brigham Young University. "It seems every year my training increases both in terms of greater quantity and higher quality. When I was a freshman and sophomore in college, I trained once a day and really did very little. But I soon learned I had to do more so I started running in the morning, doing more distance training, running in the off-season, lifting weights and my capabilities increased. I think the main difference was in quality; I don't necessarily do more now, it's just faster. Plus, when I plan my training now, I can look back and apply what I have learned."

Such as? "Well, for one thing competing in an international meet is completely different from a college meet. I learned that in every race during the European tour of 1969. I ran three internationals in Europe and took three second places, all to different hurdlers. It seems like I would beat the hurdler I lost to the previous week only to have someone new beat me. In an international, there are only three others in the race usually, so you can run a great time and still place last. You have to run super races week after week. There is no letdown. There is little time for training so you have to be in your best shape to start with. Plus, the other hurdlers are always after you. They always gun for the top man—so to speak.

"Like against France in 1970. My wife and I were on our honeymoon and I wasn't concerned about the race. So Jean-Claude Nallet ripped by at 200-meters and it was all over. The main thing I learned from that race was to never underestimate the opposition.

"Always assume it will take your best to win. That's really how I viewed the US Olympic Trials. I knew there were several hurdlers capable of winning a place on the team. I was determined to try to win every race. Bruce Collins thought it would take at least 49-flat to make the team. I thought, 'Let him run 49.0 and take second'. All the races in the past have been important in that I learned valuable lessons about competing from them. But when it comes right down to it, none of them matter at all.

"What matters most is that one race in Munich. There is no other track meet in creation like the Olympic Games. There is so much importance put on the Games. There have been many athletes labeled as 'chokers' because they didn't fulfill a lot of people's expectations in the Games. You can achieve a lot between Olympics, but one day there might ruin your whole athletic career. So there is a tremendous pressure along with everything else like training and planning and competing.

"But mention the Olympics and my heart rate jumps a few points and I breathe a little faster. It's the same for so many athletes because they know so much is riding on one race, on one supreme effort. For intermediate hurdlers, four years of work can go down the drain in about 48 seconds. But that gold medal is everything, the highest you can go." /Jon Hendershott/□

Coming off the eighth hurdle, Mann was two strides down on Bruggeman, but he pared it to a yard at the ninth and caught him as the former Ohio Stater tired and knicked the 10th and sprinted home safely. Mann was clocked in an American record 48.4, the second fastest performance all-time behind Dave Hemery's altitude-aided 48.1. With Bruggeman at 48.6, the first two claimed the fastest times ever at sea-level.

The real battle, however, was going on behind them. Bolding, who had done so well on the second tight curve, began to fade—of all places—on the straight. First to go by was Collins, after the tenth, and he appeared to have third sewed up. But the fastest finish of all was coming from Seymour, who really got his momentum going by the ninth. He was still fifth and trailing Collins by about a yard and a half at the 10th—but he had 40 meters to reach the Munich goal of third place. The charge had to be one of the fastest-ever for a race of this quality. And with its blitz nature, Collins never saw it. As it was, he was lucky to even hold on to fourth as Cassleman roared over the final yards. Seymour claimed that valued third spot, in 49.3, while the next two clocked 49.5. Bolding wound up in sixth, in a swift 49.7.

Mann's injury problems of April and other woes of May and June may actually prove a blessing. "Instead of peaking here, I'll peak for Munich now." /Dick Drake/

HEATS (6/30, four qualify): I-1. Collins 50.6; 2. Bassett 50.7; 3. Cassleman 51.0; 4. Cronholm 51.2; 5. Gittins 51.8. II-1. Mann 50.9; 2. Musika 51.0; 3. Walls 51.1; 4. Whitney 51.2; 5. Adsit 51.4. III-1. Bruggeman 49.8; 2. Seymour 50.2; 3. Steele 50.3; 4. Williams 50.7; . . . disq—Bornkessel 51.1. IV-1. Wood 50.4; 2. Bolding 50.4; 3. Lee 51.2; 4. Rondeau 51.7; 5. Brasell 54.1; 6. Gipson 2:07.3.

SEMIS (7/1, four qualify): I-1. Collins 49.9; 2. Bolding 50.2; 3. Wood 50.3; 4. Cassleman 50.4; 5. Bassett 50.9; 6. Lee 51.9; 7. Rondeau 52.2; . . . dnf—Cronholm. II-1. Bruggeman 49.4; 2. Mann 49.6; 3. Seymour 49.9; 4. Steele 50.2; 5. Musika 50.2; 6. Whitney 50.3; 7. Williams 51.0; . . . disq—Walls 52.6.

FINAL (7/2): 1. Mann 48.4 AR; 2. Bruggeman 48.6; 3. Seymour 49.3; 4. Collins 49.5; 5. Cassleman 49.5; 6. Bolding 49.7; 7. Steele 50.2; 8. Woods 50.2.

HIGH JUMP

Of all the events, none was harder to pinpoint one or more favorites than the high jump. And when rain greeted the jumpers as the qualifying round started, it began to look as if any three of the 26 jumpers might make it to Munich.

Chris Dunn, first jumper at the unexpectedly high qualifying opener of 6-10%, made it look easy with a first try clearance. But then the trouble began and in the next 30 tries there were only four clearances. One was by world record holder Pat Matzdorf who missed on a hurried first effort but rolled over nicely on his second.

Meanwhile, though, there were heavy casualties. Tom Woods, the NCAA champ at 7-3/4, couldn't overcome an injured leg. Neither could Barry Schur of Kansas, a 7-3 leaper with fine consistency. With only an occasional success, the failures included veterans Barry Shepard, Mike Bowers and Bill Elliott. Thus, three of the year's four highest fell by the wayside.

Then, two-thirds of the way through, the take-off was dry and the jumping improved 100%. Of the last 11, nine made it, including six who did it the first time up. All told, 15 were advanced to the finals, including only four of nine floppers whose fast run-ups were hurt by the wet approach.

Class told quickly in the finals. By the time 6-10% had been negotiated by an even dozen, five highly rated contestants were leading the way. Rey Brown, all of a sudden jumping with authority after a disappointing season and two misses in the qualifying round, cleared 6-10% on his first effort, after passing 6-8%, as did Dunn, young Dwight Stones and Ronnie Jourdan. Matzdorf showed his bent-leg straddle to good effect while clearing both heights and was fifth.

At 7-1/2, there were only six left, the five above being joined by Ray Lisby who stood sixth. Brown, Jourdan and Stones led on first try successes while Matzdorf, still paying the penalty of his early extra try, was fourth and Dunn, who needed two to make it was next.

The bar went up to 7-1/4 and the first five who tried failed. But Stones flopped over and figured, "I had made the team." In the second sequence, Jourdan was over as the bar quivered and Dunn made it big. Brown was over but pulled the crosspiece off with his hand. It was the closest he was to come. Matzdorf, short on competition after successive knee, back and foot injuries, followed Brown to the sidelines where they were joined by Lisby.

The team had been selected but the jumping wasn't over. At this point Stones was the leader, followed by Jourdan and Dunn. And that's the way it ended, but not before all three achieved 7-3 on their second efforts. The height represented an outright PR for Stones and Dunn and a match for Jourdan. Stones had the best clearance and the two best tries at 7-4 1/2, clearly earning his victory.

Not 19 until December, the UCLA frosh is the baby of the team, a fact which pleased him as did his bettering of Valeriy Brumel's world age-18 outdoor 7-2 5/8 (although Brumel did clear 7-4 5/8 indoors). Full of enthusiasm and talkative, the tall (6-5), thin (165) short-haired blond revealed that his improvement this year could be traced to "lifting, great teammates, good coaching, more confidence, and faith in God." He said he had prayed for a

number of things, the last being for good weather. "When I looked out the window at seven o'clock and saw it was clear, I knew I was going to do all right." It was his third PR-raising in five weeks. /Bert Nelson/

QUALIFICATION (7/8, all finalists cleared 6-10%): Non-qualifiers: nh-(6-10%) Albright, Bowers, Burrell, Curry, Elliott, Halton, Johnson, Joseph, Schur, Shepard, Woods. **FINAL (7/9):** 1. Stones 7-3; 2. Jourdan 7-2; 3. Dunn 7-3; 4. Brown 7-½; 5. Matzdorf 7-½; 6. Lisby 7-½; 7. Culp 6-10%; 8. Radetich 6-10%; 9. Heikkila 6-10%; 10. tie, Adama & White 6-10%; 12. Stoner 6-10%; 13. Fletcher 6-8%; . . . nh-(7-½) Clarke; (6-10%) Bernard.

POLE VAULT

The greatest vaulting competition in the history of the event resulted in a world record plus two new 18-footers, and the defeat of a fourth 18-footer. The results must come as a shock to European vaulters, who claimed both of history's 18-foot vaulters only six weeks ago.

The excitement of the final was slow in coming. Of the 21 vaulters who cleared 16-9 in the three-hour qualifying round, 15 passed the opening height of 16-8½ in the final. Only Bob Sprung went out, although AAU runner-up Jack Ernst needed three jumps. At 17-¾, only four passed and seven cleared, and it was beginning to look as though Jan Johnson was right when he complained about the large field: "We'll start at 2:30 tomorrow and go till dark."

They began trying 17-4¼ at 4:45 p.m. and Johnson was the second vaulter. He sailed over easily, but it was an hour before it was cleared again—by Bob Seagren, who had cleared the bar at 18-3 in a warm-up ("You have to show the field who's boss. It's a psyche maneuver, sure."). Tom Blair won fifth place by clearing it on his second attempt after a pass at the opening height.

The vaulting at 17-4¼ ended at 5:50 with only four left in the competition and the spectators somewhat bored by the lack of clearances. Suddenly, the fireworks began. In a space of 12 minutes, all four vaulters cleared 17-8½, each on his first attempt, making this the best mass attack of all-time. (Three cleared that height in the 1968 Olympics.) Seagren said, "Everybody was so hot. . . it kind of made me nervous."

First over was Johnson, who grinned happily, figuring he was on the Olympic team. He was followed soon after by Smith, who had competed only once in 10 weeks because of a groin injury. Smith had cleared 17-¾ easily and passed 17-4¼, but he sailed well over 17-8½. He said, "I've only been working out for about a week and a half. I've had four workouts total in ten weeks. I seriously didn't think I could jump more than 17-4 or 17-6."

When Roberts and Seagren cleared, the bar was raised to 18-½. Johnson was almost over, but he hit the bar with his upper arms. Smith, in his third vault of the day, cleared without touching the bar. Roberts, who now had to clear to make the team, knocked it off with his knees, and Seagren slipped over the bar. Johnson missed again, giving Roberts another opportunity. Roberts, behind because of his opening miss at 17-¾, missed the slot on his second attempt and ran through.

Johnson, who claims an 18-foot practice vault, cleared—by perhaps the best margin of all three on his third attempt. He showed no emotion at first. Then, as he realized what he had done, he began to smile. He slapped the back of his head and dropped to the ground. Roberts came close on his last attempt, and said, "I was kind of wild off the top." He had switched to the heavier pole he used to clear 18-¾ at the AAU for his last three vaults. The 20-year-old NCAA and AAU champion took the bitter disappointment like a man, vowing to compete through the 1976 and 1980 Olympics.

Smith, another 20-year-old, said, "I was holding 15-feet today. With a stiffer pole, I can hold 15-8. . . I know I can jump a helluva lot higher than 18-0 or 18-6." He passed 18-5¼, and left the vaulting to Johnson and Seagren. Johnson hit the bar with his feet all three times, while Seagren hit it with his upper leg and then went under on his second attempt. For their efforts, Smith and Johnson also claimed the collegiate record.

At 6:52 p.m., Seagren sprinted down the runway for his last attempt, aided by what he called "a good tail wind" and a stiffer pole. He said, "I didn't have good speed, but I got a good pole plant. Then I started losing momentum as I got close to the bar, but I somehow found it again with a second effort. I got good hip height, but I started to get close with my chest, and I think I touched the bar with my arm." While Seagren dropped into the pit and bounded out with joy, the crossbar wiggled and a judge on a step ladder watched it closely, red flag in hand. The bar worked out toward the end of the peg, but it stopped in time. It was Seagren's sixth raising of the world record. He said, "I don't think the record will last long. Nineteen-feet is near." /Cordner Nelson/

QUALIFICATION (7/1, all finalists cleared 16-9): Non-qualifiers: 16-3—Porter & Wallick; nh—Barrett, Caruthers, Cotton, Dias, Jesse, McCole, Pullard, St. Lawrence, & Taylor.

FINAL (7/2): 1. Seagren 18-5¼ WR, AR; 2. Smith 18-½ CR; 3. Johnson 18-½ =CR; 4. Roberts 17-8½; 5. Blair 17-¾; 6. Wedman 17-¾; 7. Struble 17-¾; 8. R. Carter 17-¾; 9. tie, Hatcher & Dennis Phillips 16-8½; 11. Ernst 16-8½; . . . nh—(17-4¼) Railsback & Vaughn; (17-¾) Craig, Curnow, Hamer, Heglar, Lipscomb, Slover, Sprung & Williamson.

LONG JUMP

Little-known jumpers Preston Carrington and Bill Rea played havoc

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Young Dwight Stones took the FOT high jump with a 7-3 PR flop. /Chadex/

with the form charts in the long jump and made an otherwise-drab competition rather interesting.

Despite a field of 20 26-foot jumpers and a pit many of the jumpers called "the best in America", only five could reach 26-feet. And one of those who did it, 23-year-old Carrington, had never gone that far before.

A lot of "names" did not get out of the qualifying round: past American champions Bouncy Moore and Jerry Proctor, former Olympian Phil Shinnick, three-time Olympian Ralph Boston—alas, Boston's attempted comeback ended without a jump when he withdrew because of a sore calf. Thus, none of the top eight at Tahoe in 68 competed here.

The final 12 did still include the three jumpers who had been predicted most often to make the Olympic team: southern Californians Henry Hines, Randy Williams and Arnie Robinson.

Yet with just 10 jumps to go in the competition, only the 18-year-old Williams was in the top three. Randy and Carrington had jumped 26-4 at that stage, and Rea, a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh, had just burst into third at 26-2¼.

Robinson, next to jump after Rea and the one Bill had displaced in third, later reflected that he was glad Rea got that jump; it made him go out and jump better, he said. Arnie, the 24-year-old soldier who is getting a reputation for come-from-behind victories, then jumped 26-4¼ to pass Williams and Carrington and win the competition.

That left Hines missing, and Henry never did make it as Carrington became the surprise third representative.

"I never seriously thought about making the Trials until a couple of months ago," said Carrington, last year a student at Wichita State. His PR 26-½ in the qualifying led everyone; he was only 20th on the US list this year before the meet. "Then my brother in Los Angeles got me interested and got me to start training for it." Carrington took just four jumps in the meet: 26-½ to lead the qualifying round, 26-4 and two shorter in the preliminary round, three passes in the last three rounds. He spoke of a bruised heel and twisted ankle that made him decide to skip the finals. Sitting at the end of the runway, he watched his position in the final slip from leading to a precarious third.

Williams, the youngster who won the NCAA this year and in this pit as a freshman at Southern Cal, got a PR and a share of the world age-18 record with his 26-4. He showed few signs of youth, jumping confidently and steadily: on the final day, he had three jumps beyond 26-feet and another at 25-11½.

Several of the jumpers had been predicting high-26 to make the team. No one really had much explanation for the shorter jumping, although some felt the cool temperature (about 65) and variable (though legal) wind might have cut down the distances. As well, the runway had been modified.

Boston felt the competition was hurt by so many ailing jumpers and he listed Shinnick (hamstring), Tom Chilton (back), Henry Jackson (hamstring), Moore (back), Norm Tate (groin), Ron Humphrey (knee), Stan Royster (hamstring) and himself. /Jack Pfeifer/

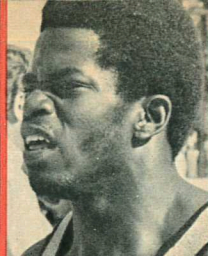
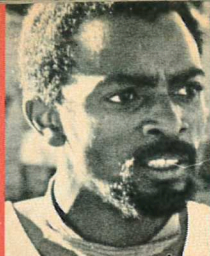
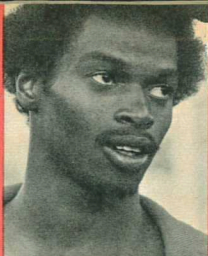
QUALIFICATION (7/7, 12 qualify plus all over 25-7): Qualifiers: Carrington

Bob Seagren's high flying culminated in a record 18-5¼ vault. /Ed Lacey/



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200-Meters

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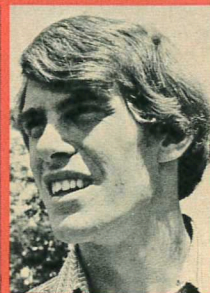
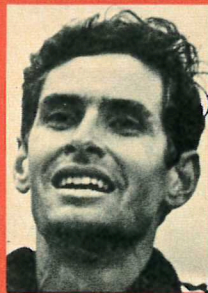


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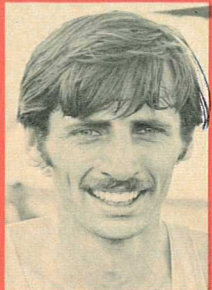
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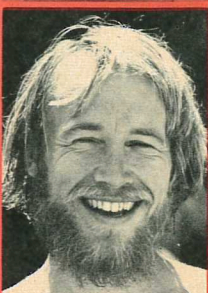
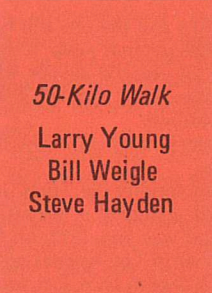


They're on Their Way to München

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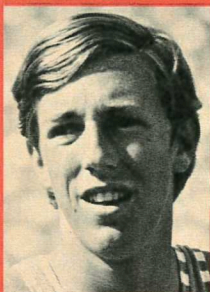
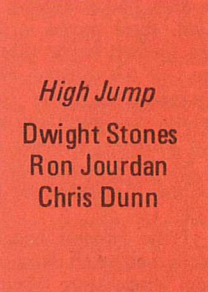
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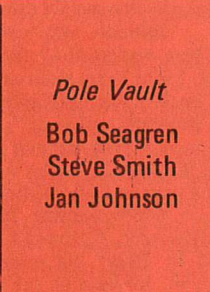
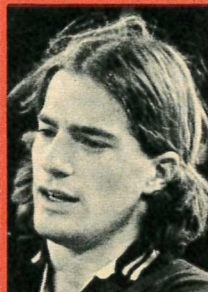
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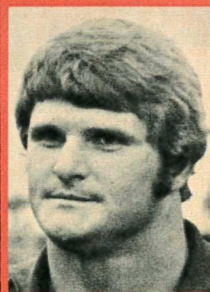
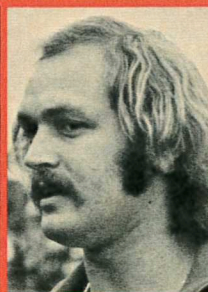
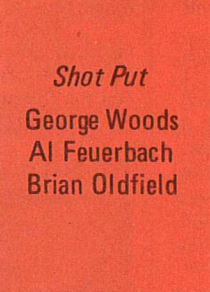
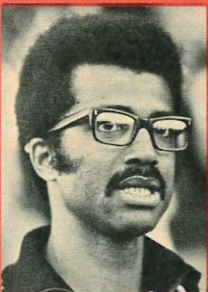
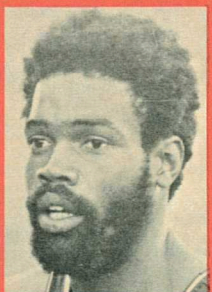
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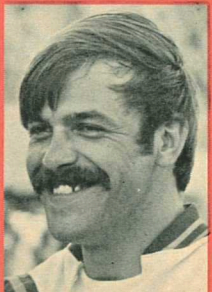
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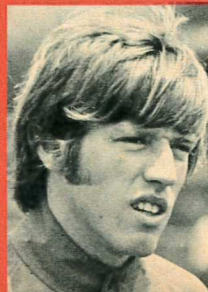
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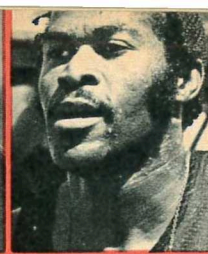
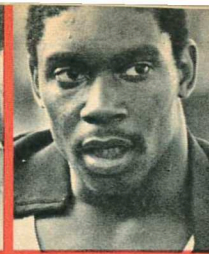
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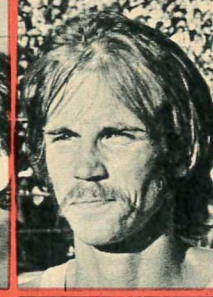
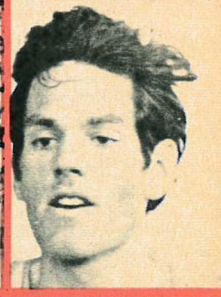
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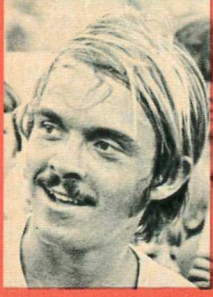
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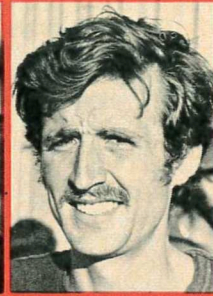
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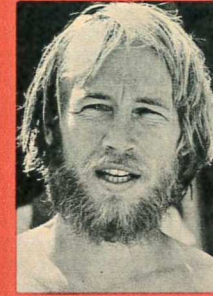
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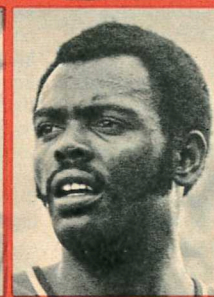
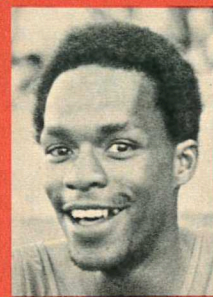
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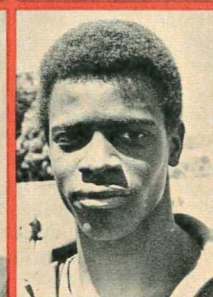
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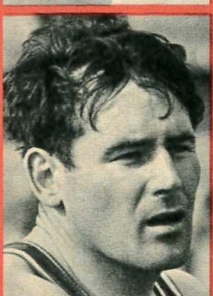
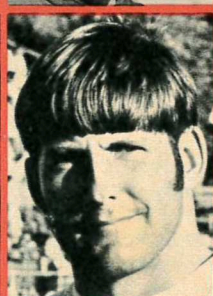


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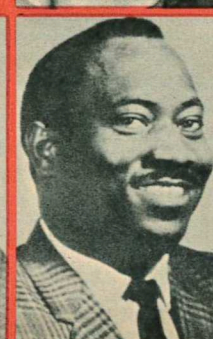
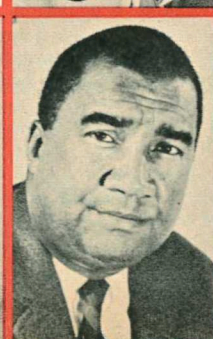


Triple Jump
John Craft
Dave Smith
Art Walker

Hammer
Tom Gage
Al Schoterman
George Frenn



Coaches
Bill Bowerman
Stan Wright
Bill McClure
Hoover Wright
Ted Haydon



26- $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, Hines 26- $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, Robinson 25-11ok, Whitley 25-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, Rainwater 25-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, Williams 25-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, Rea 25-7ok, Coleman 25-6ok, Tate 25-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ w, Jackson 25-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, T. Smith 25-2w, McAlister 24-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok. *Non-qualifiers:* Duncan 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, Bolin 24- $\frac{3}{4}$ ok, Humphrey 23-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, Moore 23-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, Geter 23-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok, Royster 22-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, Proctor 22-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok.

FINAL (7/8, all jumps ok): 1. Robinson 26-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ (f, 26-2 $\frac{1}{4}$, 25-4, f, 26-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, f); 2. Williams 26-4 (26-1 $\frac{1}{4}$, 25-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, 26-4, 25-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 26-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, 19-7 $\frac{1}{4}$); 3. Carrington 26-4 (23-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 26-4, 25-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, p, p, p); 4. Rea 26-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5. Hines 26-1 $\frac{1}{4}$; 6. Coleman 25-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; 7. Jackson 25-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 8. Tate 25-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; 9. Whitley 25-2; 10. T. Smith 24-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 11. McAlister 24-1; 12. Rainwater 21-9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TRIPLE JUMP

Awesome. That's the only way to describe the triple jump competition that saw Dave Smith add 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the American record and still finish second to favored John Craft, 56-2 (illegal wind) to 56-0 (legal).

Fans got a preview of this "European quality" jumping in Friday's qualifying round as the three-steppers rode excessive breezes to notable efforts. Craft, at 55-0, led Harry Freeman (54-6 $\frac{1}{4}$), James Butts (54-5) and Smith (54-1) over the once-formidable 54-foot barrier with five others beyond 53-feet. Barely qualifying in the final spot was national record holder Art Walker, whose 51-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ squeezed him in with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to spare.

Saturday's final saw the favorites pick up right where they left off. Craft opened the competition with a soaring (but windy) 55-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, almost jumping out of his powder-blue knee-socks in his exuberance. At the other end of the list, Walker ended the first round with a badly off-balance 55-1 (windy) to move into second. In between, Butts and Smith had started strongly with wind-aided 54-plus efforts. Butts had taken off well behind the board in recording his farthest-ever 54-8, while Smith did 54- $\frac{1}{4}$. Freeman moved to third with his windy 54- $\frac{1}{2}$ in the second round, and improved to an illegal 54-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ in the third as the rest of the leaders failed to improve.

Craft, who had passed his third trial, hit the board squarely on his fourth effort and landed a foot past the flag marking the American record (55-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ by Walker in 68). It was a big one—56-2, but alas, Craft was again denied by the wind, a slightly over-the-limit 5.37 mph (the only windy jump in the round). The mark equals Walker's altitude and wind-aided leap at Mexico as the best-ever by an American under any circumstances. Utilizing a now-legal breeze (4.02 mph), Dave Smith bounced himself onto the team (and Butts off) with a 54-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ effort.

A real battle was on. Butts hit the board on the nose and appeared to land himself on the team. But an alert official caught a dragging fingertip several inches back of the footprints and he fell just short with a 54-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ PR. Smith responded to the challenge with a good run and solid hit of the board as he caromed his way to 56-0. As Smith leaped from the pit, his jumps for joy were no less ecstatic than Craft's earlier boundings. The jump was momentarily announced as 56-8, then corrected to 56-0, smashing Walker's record and greatly adding to his previous PR (54-5 $\frac{1}{2}$). The legal (only .67 wind) jump moves the 24-year-old Smith to seventh on the all-time list.

Craft, who usually passes whenever possible, elected to take his last jump. Moving his take-off markers closer to the pit, Craft waited for the wind to die down. The crowd grew silent in anticipation of another record. Another solid jump, not as good as the others but still an outdoor PR of

54-10 (55-5 indoors). A pretty fair third jump in any series. Next up was Butts, still with a shot at the team. Only five inches ahead was Walker, who paced nervously on the track. Walker had a 48-11 after his opening jump, and had passed three times in watching his spot become insecure. Butts made a game try but fell just short as his 54-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ completed a fine series. A considerably relaxed Walker also passed his last try.

It was the greatest competition in American triple jump history on a number of accounts. Competitively, of course, it was super. But statistically, it was even wilder. No one, not even the great Soviets to compete in this country, have gone further on US soil—windy or not. Never before have three Americans gone over 55-feet in one meet (for that matter, never before had two). There were 12 jumps beyond 54-feet. And six of the top seven achieved a best-ever of some kind (often windy) during the two days.

And it is doubtful that so much emotion has ever been shown by triple jumpers. Uncontrolled bounds, somersaults, huggings, screamings were common with each great success, while the strain and tension was obvious on those in precarious positions or close to making the team. And the crowd was equal to the occasion. . . . applauding the leading contenders before their jumps and going animal after super-leaps. One European track editor was moved to comment that this was the most enthusiastic crowd he had encountered for a triple jump match. Smith commented, "The crowd had a tremendous effect on what happened."

Craft agreed. "I love it here. The weather is wonderful and the people great." Walker, so ailment-plagued he took only two jumps in the final, said, "I made it today on experience." Of late, he has been troubled by a pinched nerve, a stomach ulcer and the infamous "Eugene head cold".
/John Wenos/

QUALIFICATION (6/30, 12 qualify plus all over 53-1 $\frac{1}{4}$, all jumps windy): *Qualifiers:* Craft 55-0, Freeman 54-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, Butts 54-5, Smith 54-1, McClure 53-7, Fraser 53-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, Tiff 53-3, McBryde 53-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Reader 53-1, Steffes 52-7, Lanier 52-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Walker 51-11 $\frac{1}{2}$. *Non-qualifiers:* Rainwater 51-9, Royster 51-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Dunn 50-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, Kelly 50-5, Gratz 49-6.

FINAL (7/1): 1. Craft 56-2w (55-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ w, 53-11w, p, 56-2w, p, 54-10ok); 2. Smith 56-0ok AR (54- $\frac{1}{4}$ w, 51-10ok, f, 54-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok, 56-0ok, f); 3. Walker 55-1w (55-1w, 48-0ok, p, p,

p, p); 4. Butts 54-8w (54-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ok); 5. Freeman 54-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ w; 6. Fraser 53-10w (52-0ok); 7. Lanier 53-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ w (45-11ok); 8. McClure 52-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ w; 9. Steffes 52-6w (51-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok); 10. Tiff 52-5ok; 11. Reader 52-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok; 12. McBryde 51-0ok.

SHOT PUT

The key figures in the shot put competition, as it developed, were Olympic champ and world record holder Randy Matson and neophyte Brian Oldfield—despite the fact that George Woods and Al Feuerbach claimed the top two spots. The key element was pressure, and it resulted in unexpectedly mediocre performance all-round and the deposition of Matson from defending his title.

History's only three 70-footers appeared to have their slots on the US shot squad virtually wrapped up, from season's start to the AAU. Only Fred DeBernardi gave much reason for doubt—early in the going.

But Brian Oldfield changed all that. Unofficially, it started in practice, where he managed a legal 69-6 and a 70-10 foul—in the presence of Matson. The best he had done in competition previously was 67-4 in a dual meet; he had placed third in the AAU. Then came the qualifying round. But not before Oldfield managed eight foul throws, including some sidearm and over-the-head efforts as well as a measured 72-7 with a more standard style. In the competition, he lived up to his own fanfare with a first-round 68-9 $\frac{1}{4}$.

That had to get the juices pumping in the trio, for Matson pushed the bulb 69- $\frac{1}{4}$ and Woods 68-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ with Feuerbach safe at 66-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. There was every indication that the final would be a titanic battle—with great competitive responses and sensational puts.

And even the warmups seemed to substantiate this prediction. With nothing else to distract attention from the shot, the focal point was now the 27-year-old Oldfield, replete in a Speedo flowered bathing suit and a mesh T-shirt, and on Matson. Both were getting big distances. Oldfield connected on two fouls around 71-feet and a flock of other good ones. Matson got five legal pushed between 67 and 70—two at the latter distance. The crowd was eating it up. The athletes were stalking about nervously.

Oldfield was up first among the big-four, and put all his speed and explosiveness into a 67-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ effort—which curiously enough would hold up not only as his best of the match but also as his price of admission to Munich. Matson responded with a low-slung 63-4 $\frac{1}{4}$. Then came Woods and Feuerbach with throws of 67-2 and 68-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. The only other reputable throwing by the foursome came in the very next round, as Woods improved to 70-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ —his eventual winning distance—and Feuerbach got his second best throw, 68-2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

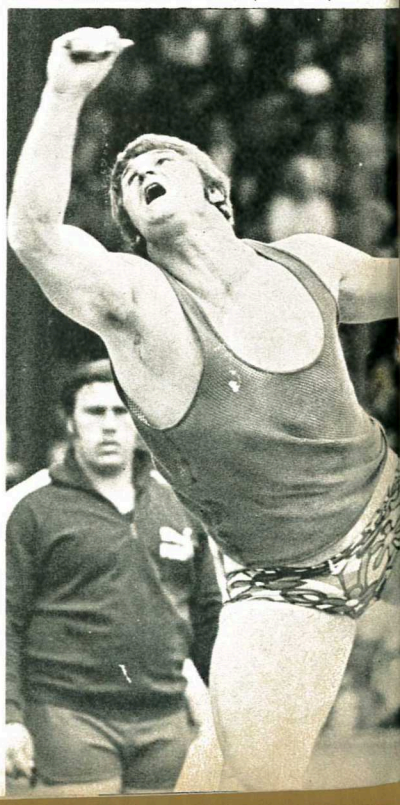
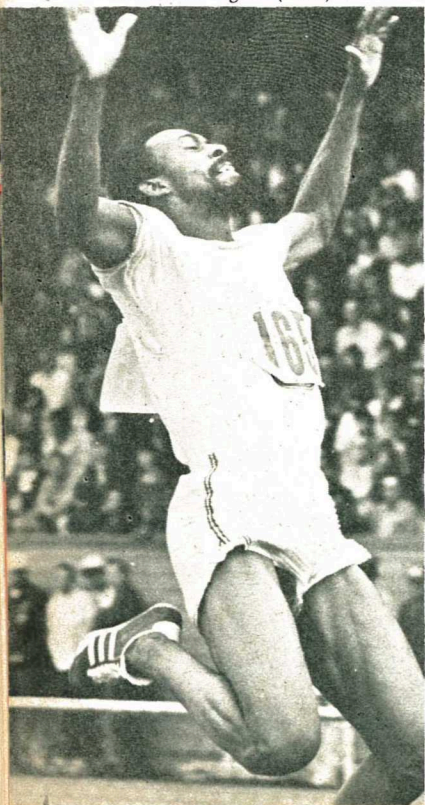
The tension was obvious. Before the warmups for the third throw, Oldfield continued his non-establishment methods by lighting up a cigarette—out of habit and nervousness.

Matson never really got a technically decent throw. But he fought back and actually claimed the two longest puts by anyone in the last four rounds—66-0 and 67-5 $\frac{1}{4}$. Only one other put bettered his last heave—probably forever—67-5 $\frac{1}{4}$.

No other athlete's failure to make the US Olympic team evoked a

Flamboyant Brian Oldfield earned 3rd in the shot at 67-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. /Chadze/

The third long jump berth went to Preston Carrington (26-4). /Chadze/



greater feeling of sympathy and despair than Matson, the tall, cool Texan who at his peak had dominated the event as few ever rule any event. "I missed my first throw. My timing was bad. I started pressing for a good throw on my first or second effort—which is where I usually do best. When I didn't get it, I guess I was done."

Still, the fans had taken to Oldfield, whose wild attire, unique warmups, open smoking and unusual explosive technique, presented a diabolical contrast to Matson. And he got his good throws where it counted too—in the competition.

Woods seemed to sum it all up. "I think in the Olympic Trials you're so psyched up, it's hard to get your technique down. He who can compete in that kind of competition is the winner." /*Dick Drake*/

QUALIFICATION (7/7, 12 qualify): *Qualifiers*: Matson 69- $\frac{1}{4}$, Woods 68-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, Oldfield 68-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, Feuerbach 66-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Wilhelm 66-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, Shmock 65-9, J. Stuart 65-6, B. Wilhelm 64-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, Salb 63-6, Lane 62-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Walker 62-4, Marks 62-4. *Non-qualifiers*: DeBernardi 61-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Anderson 60-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Davis 59-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, Tyms 58-8; . nm—Bilder.

FINAL (7/8): 1. Woods 70-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ (67-2, 70-1 $\frac{1}{4}$, p, 67-1, f, p); 2. Feuerbach 68-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (68-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 68-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 65-6, f, 65-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, 65-11); 3. Oldfield 67-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (67-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 66-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, f, 66-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 66-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, 64-5); 4. Matson 67-5 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5. B. Wilhelm 66- $\frac{1}{4}$; 6. Salb 65-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. S. Wilhelm 65-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; 8. J. Stuart 64-2; 9. Marks 63-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 10. Shmock 63-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; 11. Walker 62-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 12. Lane 62-2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

DISCUS THROW

It was a hectic discus competition, full of controversy, trouble, and the special drama of the Final Trials. But when it was over, 1972's three longest throwers in the United States were on the Olympic team.

The trouble began in the qualifying round when the Olympic Committee failed to provide a Gill discus, even though, as Jay Silvester said, "It was on the list." Tim Vollmer said, "I threw a Karhu discus. . . never had thrown it before. It feels a little different than what I normally throw." Add an 8 to 13 mile wind which blew straight in, and the relatively easy qualifying mark of 193-7 was difficult to reach. Only Silvester made it in the first two rounds, with 199-9 and 211-2.

NCAA champion Fred DeBernardi threw only 176-5 and his coach,

Wayne Vandenburg, filed a protest which was not allowed. In the third round, John Powell, the smooth-throwing "find" of the year, reached 201-0 while Brian Oldfield improved to 185-4. This moved Vollmer's 184-2 to 12th and last, with Jim Penrose, Ed Kohler and Bill Neville threatening. Vollmer walked into the ring and threw quickly—194-3. He said, "That scared about five years of growth off of me. . . The wind is really bad for right handers, unless you can get that edge up."

Powell threw first in the final and sailed the platter into a good quartering wind for 205-10, which turned out to be the first performance in any event good enough to make the Olympic team. The San Jose policeman said, "I've always maintained that there is a certain amount of luck involved in the discus. When I threw, I had a wind that slightly favored a right-handed thrower. Soon after, the wind began to come straight in."

Next into the blue circle was Jay Silvester, the hulking two-time Olympian who had led a fight for expense money, worried about his eligibility for the Olympics, and had torn the skin on the index finger of his throwing hand. He said he was "very flat today", but his first throw sailed 211-2. Neither he nor Powell had another throw over 200-feet, although Powell had fouls of about 203- and 201-feet and Silvester fouled at about 209-, 214-, and another 209-feet.

The competition for the third place on the team was tense. Gary Carlsen, the 1968 Olympian who retired to dental school for three years, opened with 196-3 right after Silvester. But in the second flight, Steve Gunzel threw 199-10. Then, Dick Drescher, who had opened with 198-8, hit 200-1 on his second effort to move into the coveted third place. Vollmer, who threw 212-1 in the AAU as well as 210-6 and 208-0, managed only 198-10. Afterwards, he said, "I should have thrown farther, and I call that choking." In the third round, Carlsen improved to 198-4 and Vollmer reached 197-11, but there was no change in position.

The first eight men had three more throws, drawing for the order of throwing. Carlsen threw eighth, and sailed it out 201-3 to move into third place. Vollmer, who had been throwing quickly, seemed to take a little more time for his fifth throw. "I knew it was a good one when I was halfway in

Brian Oldfield: A Colorful Shock

Hey! Somebody forgot to tell Brian Oldfield he wasn't supposed to make the US Olympic shot squad. With history's three 70-footers to contend with and promising young Fred DeBernardi ready to step into the breach if one of them faltered, his pre-meet prospects were less than stellar.

But here he is, firmly ensconced in the third spot, beating out no less than world record holder and Olympic champ Randy Matson. That made it 2-1 for Oldfield during their sojourn in Eugene. The first confrontation came in a practice session a few days earlier. "I was hitting over 69s," relates Oldfield, "my best practice session ever. Randy walked onto the field, and I said to myself, 'Randy, I hope you're watching'. I fouled, but it was a 70-10. Afterwards, Randy said, 'You win this one, Oldfield.'" The qualifying round had evened the score, as Matson led all qualifiers with his 69- $\frac{1}{4}$ toss. But "Barney" came up with the shockeroo, tacking 1-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ onto his old PR with a 68-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ toss for third spot behind George Woods.

But Oldfield dominated that competition in many ways. First, there was his outfit, straight out of the Delano Meriwether story—a tiny, wild color print bathing suit and a see-thru mesh knit under shirt ("If I wore one that came close to my neck, it would be too confining, I'd choke," he says). His first warm-up, in the low 60s, was mediocre as a shot put but spectacular for a sidearm fling. Yes, sidearm. "You like that?" he says, "I made it up myself." His next toss goes about the same distance. But it was delivered backwards over his head with two hands. "Gosh," he says, "I have to admit I stole that one from West German Heinfried Birlenbach. I saw him do it and I thought it was amusing. You know, you get bored in practice and you start thinking of funny things you've seen. I threw 65-feet both ways at the Trials, and that's impressive to me. It sure makes 70-feet look a lot shorter."

And 70-feet looked even shorter yet on his next toss, which he achieved with the by-now mundane "O'Brien" style. Although fouling badly, Oldfield managed to punch his ball out to never-never land—72-7. He probably gained several feet with his lurch out of the front of the ring, but 72-7 by any method is something. "I really hit something there," said the genial Oldfield, whose 6-5, 275-lb. frame was described in local papers next day in terms such as "mammoth, mastodon and wild man". His hot streak continued when the actual throwing began, as his first toss was his 68-9 $\frac{1}{4}$. The final act of the day came after the throwing, as Oldfield casually lit up one of his customary cigarettes. "My doctor says if I quit smoking I'll have to use tranquilizers instead," he says. "I'd rather smoke. Besides, they taste good."

After the great putting in the qualifying round, world record and 70-foot talk was rampant, but the malaise that hit all the others hit Brian too. "I went out the next day," he recalls, "and my timing was a little different, so I knew the world record wasn't there for me. Fortunately, it wasn't there for anybody else either." So even though he dropped off almost a foot, to 67-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, third spot and a trip to Munich were his. "Before the meet," he says now, "I was just looking for this competition. But when I hit

the 72-7, I began to get some grandiose ideas. I was ready to shoot for the biggie. On the first day, I had just been planning to get in a chance for two months practice. But on the second, I had thoughts of world record. I know now that with two months practice I can be with anybody in the world. I've never had a throw like that [72-7] before. I had some 68-footers, but nothing really to give me the kind of confidence I feel now.

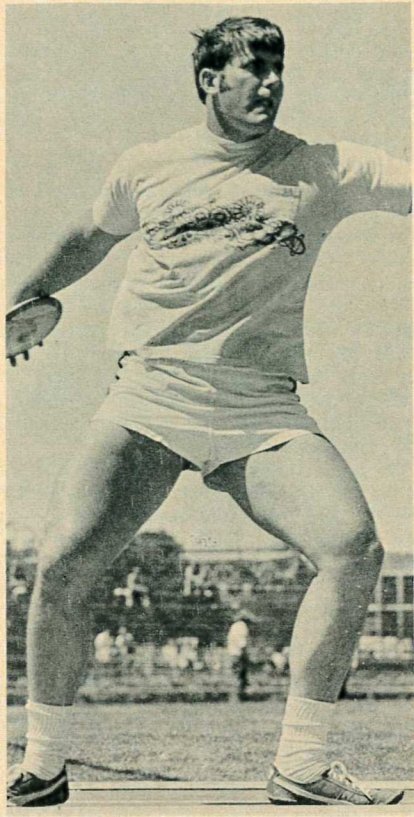
"I'm eager to throw in the European meets. I'm going to see if I can't improve the gap between me and the other people, because I'm getting more confident. Whatever I throw in a meet, I'll go back to practice and within the next week I'll usually push it hard enough to add another foot onto that. Then I usually have to wait two or three weeks before I can duplicate that [practice throw] in a meet again. And now I'm having 70-footers in practice, so I know I can get 70-feet. I know I can lob it and still stay in the ring, but when you start pushing for 71-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ or better, then, well, I start going back to all my old bad habits. I really have aspirations for the record now. I want to get it out there for the people like Matson did. Sure would be nice to do it at Munich."

In retrospect, it certainly seems odd to hear Oldfield, now 27, talking about his chances at Munich. At the beginning of the year he was remembered as the number-10 putter of 1969 (and a 64-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ performer) who had faded from the scene in the interim. "I didn't really get into putting the last couple of seasons," he says. "In 69, I had visions of pro track breaking but it didn't come off."

"I started weight lifting though and have really improved my strength. I don't have to utilize as much speed now. If you have the strength, you can utilize your speed at an optimum, a coordinated amount." His improvement was readily apparent in his first meet of the campaign, as he put 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ onto his PR with a 65-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ toss. And a few weeks later, he added another 1-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ with a 67-4 toss. So, his 1-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ improvement at the Trials was only his second best jump of the year. He thinks there will be more. "My technique is much improved," he continues, "but it still lacks the initial timing and I have a little paranoia at the toeboard." George Woods said Oldfield has more "raw, explosive power" than anybody, while 1968 Olympian Dave Maggard reiterated about his uninhibited speed. Although comments are rampant about his supposed lack of technique, UCTC coach Ted Haydon remarks, "If his technique was that bad, he wouldn't be throwing as far as he is."

Even if he doesn't throw much farther, it is certain he will continue as a crowd favorite. And Oldfield, the character, doesn't mind a bit. "Did you see my picture in *Sports Illustrated*," he exclaims, "I loved it. I thought that was where they put all the best athletes. I'd like to be a colorful character, but I'm not going to put anything on. I haven't really tried to be colorful now, it's just that people are trying to put a lot of thought into my contrast against the 'All-American Athletes'. But if they just knew the 'All-American Athlete' a little better. . ."

Even indoor record holder Al Feuerbach has conceded. "I've had my hair cut pretty short now," he reveals. "Oldfield can be the new wildman." /*Garry Hill*/



(L) John Craft's windy 56-2 won a high-class triple jump contest. /Chadez/ (2nd from left) John Powell's first discus toss of 205-10 placed second. /Cal-

lanan/ (2nd from right) Al Schoterman hammered 225-5 for second. /Kasper/ (R) Bill Schmidt's javelin winner spanned 270-6. /Chadez/

the middle of the ring." He walked out toward his throw and heard the announcer say "into third place". Vollmer raised his arms and head, and his eyes rolled skyward. But only after Carlsen threw 198-10 and 196-10 in a gallant effort did Vollmer break into a broad smile. "I just gave one last sigh of relief... Man, it's going take three weeks to come down from this... I never want to go through that again. I was scared, mad, and a little bit of everything. I knew if I didn't make it, it would be my own fault."

Silvester, who has won the last three Trials and now faces an Al Oerter-less Games, said, "Now comes the important business of trying to beat the rest of the world." /Cordner Nelson/

QUALIFICATION (6/30, 12 qualify plus all over 193-7): *Qualifiers:* Silvester 211-2, Powell 201-0, Vollmer 194-3, Drescher 193-2, Gunzel 192-9, Stoltman 187-5, Ordway 187-2, Carlsen 186-10, Kennedy 186-4, Lister 186-3, Oldfield 185-4, Wolf 185-3. *Non-qualifiers:* Penrose 182-4, Wilkins 180-3, Swarts 178-4, DeBernardi 176-5, Kohler 175-6, Miller 173-5, Tollefson 169-1, Neville 168-2, . . . nm—Weber.

FINAL (7/1): 1. Silvester 211-2 (211-2, f, p, f, f, 199-1); 2. Powell 205-10 (205-10, 188-2, f, f, 190-10, f); 3. Vollmer 202-0 (198-10, f, 197-11, f, 202-0, 197-0); 4. Carlsen 201-3; 5. Drescher 200-1; 6. Gunzel 199-10; 7. Stoltman 194-7; 8. Oldfield 194-4; 9. Ordway 192-5; 10. Lister 189-1; 11. Kennedy 183-6; 12. Wolf 178-2.

HAMMER THROW

With Al Oerter finally retired, there remained only two active four-time US Olympians in men's track and field. They were hammer throwers Al Hall and Hal Connolly. Both came to Eugene to try for number five.

In warming up for the qualifying round, several throwers flung their implements into the cage, which was too close to the circle on the right. The resultant damage to the handles left the meet without a single legal hammer. That delayed the competition for about an hour, while conforming handles could be fetched from the dorms. And it meant that the event was held at the same time as the long jump and shot put qualifying.

Nonetheless, an amazing crowd of 1500 gathered at Howe baseball field to watch what figured to be, and turned out to be, rather routine throwing. Of the 200-footers entered, only Larry Hart failed to survive the first session, which cut the field from 16 to 12. Al Schoterman led the group with a 229-8 effort, the only toss over 220-feet.

With no competition in the stadium, 5100 spectators surrounded the fence of the ballfield for the final. This must have been the largest crowd ever to watch a hammer throw held outside the principal meet stadium. And they saw some unexpected drama when, after two rounds, Hall and Connolly stood 2-3 at 219-6 and 218-7, respectively, behind George Frenn's 224-7. Tom Gage seemed to have trouble getting loose and stood fourth at 212-0. But the big shocker was the favorite, Al Schoterman, who had two fouls and was that close to not making the team.

Playing it safe on his third throw, the Kent State senior took only two turns, didn't come near the front of the circle, and earned his last three throws with a 213-5 mark as the other contenders held their places.

Schoterman made the team on his fourth throw of 221-7, and added a margin of safety on his last toss, which gave him second place at 225-5. Gage clinched his berth in round five, when he heaved the ball and chain 224-11, and won the competition on his sixth throw of 229-11. Frenn held on to third as Hall improved to 220-9 in fourth.

For Connolly, the failure to make the team again was especially disappointing because his wife, Olga, whom he met when she competed for Czechoslovakia at Melbourne in 1956 (where both were Olympic Champions) had qualified the night before for her fourth consecutive American women's team in the discus. But neither he nor Hall seemed very upset by the result, which was anticipated in view of the superior season's records of their conquerors. After congratulating the victors, the veteran pair embraced in a smiling bear hug. And an era came to an end. /Bob Hersh/

QUALIFICATION (7/7, 12 qualify): *Qualifiers:* Schoterman 229-8, Gage 217-6, Frenn 216-3, Hall 213-9, Connolly 211-6, DeAutremont 204-3, Shuff 203-8, R. Narcission 199-1, Casey 197-2, Bredice 196-9, Bregar 196-6, Roeder 191-8. *Non-qualifiers:* Hart 190-5, Jackson 181-2, Bessette 179-5; . . . nm—Diehl.

FINAL (7/8): 1. Gage 229-11 (212-0, f, 212-10, 215-0, 224-11, 229-11); 2. Schoterman 225-5 (f, f, 213-5, 221-7, f, 225-5); 3. Frenn 224-7 (213-11, 224-7, 215-4, 222-10, 221-4, f); 4. Hall 220-9; 5. Connolly 218-7; 6. Narcission 215-10; 7. DeAutremont 209-9; 8. Bregar 201-5; 9. Shuff 200-7; 10. Bredice 198-1; 11. Casey 187-4; 12. Roeder 181-8.

JAVELIN THROW

The three javelin qualifiers—Bill Schmidt, Milt Sonsky and Fred Luke—clearly were the class of the field and represent about as solid an entry as the US can field in a year when European throwers continue to dominate.

With steady seasons behind them, Schmidt and Luke were the co-favorites going in. American record holder Mark Murro was rated a threat, partly because he had caught one for 273-8 and mostly because of his previous achievements. Sonsky, a senior member who doesn't throw as often as most of the others, had come along well to rate equal consideration with big Sam Colson.

Only 16 showed up for the qualifying round, and no notables missed out on the final day's throwing. The leaders were Schmidt with 266-2 on his only effort, Colson at 259-11, Bob Wallis of the Army with 259-2, Luke at 257-4 and Sonsky at 255-9. The javelinists complained of the wind but the stage had been set for the tomorrow's showdown with the favorites looking good, the lone exception being Murro, who had 248-5 and two fouls.

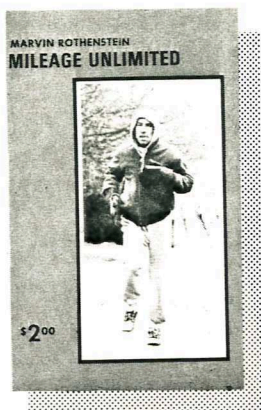
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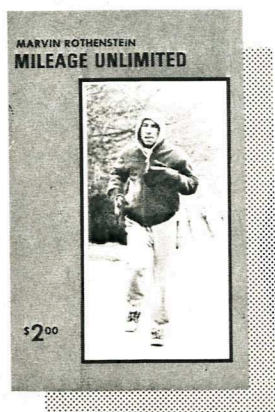
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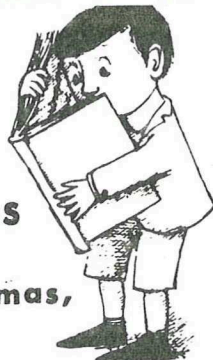
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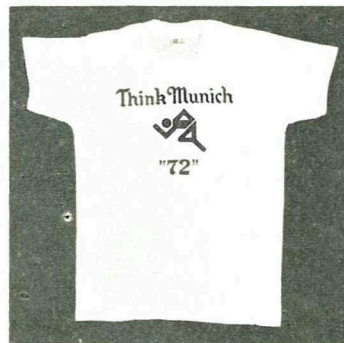
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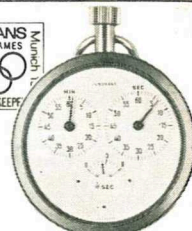
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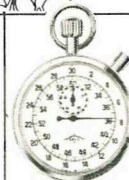
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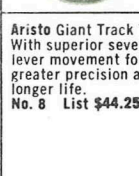
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the second round, Sonsky was in front at 265-11, Luke was next at 262-4 and Schmidt was third with 257-10. Les Tipton, the 30-year-old ex-Oregonian, was a surprise fourth at 257-1 while Wallis continued to challenge at 255-7 and Murro (232-6) and Colson (230-10) were in trouble.

As expected, the unpopular third round, wherein the entire field throws in rotation after being in flights of four for the first two throws, produced limited improvement. Murro got up to 247-1 to qualify seventh as Jack Bacon (254-6) and Cary Feldmann (237-3), last year's big man, completed the eight finalists.

There was considerable movement in the last three rounds but it was mostly by the three leaders, who juggled their order as all improved. Schmidt, the Army's 24-year-old, moved into second in the fourth round, hitting 265-1. Threatened, Sonsky continued to celebrate his 31st birthday by hoisting his lead to 267-11 on the first throw of the fifth series. Bacon moved from sixth to fourth with 258-8 and Feldmann got off his only decent throw of the meet, 255-2 for seventh, and the stage was set for the ultimate efforts.

Sonsky failed to improve and while Bacon did, to 259-11, he was still fourth and heading for the alternate's spot. Luke, tallest of the team members at 6-3 to the others' six even, overhauled Schmidt for second with a nice 267-9. But he wasn't there long as on the very next fling Schmidt stuck it out there at 270-6 for the victory.

It was a seasonal best and third best of life for Schmidt, who said "I thought 270-feet would [be required] to place but I can't believe it won." Sonsky averred he is in the best condition of his life, "and the way I feel right now I'll be competing for another 10 years". The results were no surprise to Luke, who, like Sonsky and Bacon had his second-best ever. "I thought it would be between the three of us, the key being how well Murro might be able to do." /Bert Nelson/

QUALIFICATION (7/1, 12 qualify plus all over 262-5½): Qualifiers: Schmidt 266-2, Colson 259-11, Wallis 259-2, Luke 257-4, Sonsky 255-9, Morland 253-4, Bacon 252-0, Murro 248-5, Feldmann 244-5, Tipton 244-0; Kaveny 242-10, Daniel 239-4. Non-qualifiers: Hollaway 236-10, Stiles 227-10, Quitslund 224-1, Barnet 176-3.

FINALS (7/2): 1. Schmidt 270-6 (232-9, 257-10, f, 265-1, 251-9, 270-6); 2. Sonsky 267-11 (265-11, f, 235-1, 258-4, 267-11, 251-6); 3. Luke 267-9 (248-6, 262-4, 248-8, 245-2, 231-3, 267-9); 4. Bacon 259-11; 5. Tipton 257-1; 6. Wallis 255-7; 7. Feldmann 255-2; 8. Murro 247-1; 9. Morland 236-9; 10. Colson 230-10; 11. Kaveny 222-8; 12. Daniel 171-3.

DECATHLON

Out of the torrid battle for survival which is called the decathlon emerged two athletes who must be given good chances to keep alive the US tradition which has seen only one Olympic loss in the last 40 years.

The two Jeffs, Bannister and Bennett, topped steadily-upward careers with impressive scores of 8120 and 8076 that could have been even higher had they elected to go all out in the 1500. They will be accompanied to Munich by Bruce Jenner, one of the strong, deep crop of less experienced decathletes who make the US future bright in this two-day, 10-event competition.

There were the inevitable casualties. Aging Russ Hodge reported he was dispirited from the start by a recent injury, limped through the javelin and withdrew, never really in the hunt. Rick Wanamaker, last year's find and a real threat, sprained an ankle when he landed on an unyielding vault bar early in the week and wound up a game but sad last. Fred Samara, the frenetic pride of the east, reinjured a hamstring in the vault and fell from a hopeful fourth to a disappointed eighth as he limped through the 1500. Ron Evans, the surging NCAA titlist, made it only through one long jump. And John Warkentin, an 8026 pointer in 1970 who has been hampered by a bad elbow, couldn't get going and called it quits after the first day.

But there was plenty of competition. The battle for first was joined from the opening gun and by midway through the first day it was apparent the winner would be either Bennett or Bannister. And the fight for the third team spot went as far as it could go, to the finish of the 1500. Four men were in contention right into the last event.

They were: Steve Gough, who stood third with 7291 but was the slowest metric miler of the foursome; Samara, fourth at 7257 but injured; Jenner, 127 points back of Gough with 7164; and surprising Andrew Pettes at 7156, with 1500 skills about equal to Jenner's. Quick figuring revealed that to overcome Gough, Samara had to beat him by about six seconds, Jenner had to do it by 20 seconds and Pettes by 21. It was soon obvious that Samara couldn't cope, and when Jenner surprised by taking the lead over Bennett and Bannister, the two best 1500-meter men America has had, Pettes was unable to answer. So it came down to Jenner and Gough and the gap steadily widened. But 20 seconds is a big margin and even when Bruce pounded home in a PR 4:16.9 for 7846 the issue was still in doubt. Gough, too, got a best of life although hampered by lack of training most of the spring because of a bad leg, but his 4:38.9 was just a few seconds too slow.

The Jeffs were locked in a close struggle from the beginning. Even when Bannister was first and Bennett sixth after four events the outcome was in doubt. Big Jeff (Bannister, 6-3, 200) led from that point until the vault, when Little Jeff (Bennett, 5-8, 152) soared over 16-7¼ to take a 48 digit lead with only two events left. After two javelin throws Bannister was in trouble, leading by only four feet, not enough to close the gap, with



In the climactic 1500-meters of the FOT decathlon, Bruce Jenner (l) cruised a 4:16.9 to end a 7846-point third-place effort. Stripe-shirted Jeff Bannister totaled a PR 8120 to win from the Army's Jeff Bennett (8076), Steve Gough (c) placed 4th (7822) and Andrew Pettes (r) 5th (7762). /Don Chadez/

Bennett slightly favored in the 1500. But then the 26-year-old ex-New Hampshireman came through with 200-11 and carried a 44 point margin into the wind-up event. To win, Bennett would have to have a margin of about six seconds. That probably wasn't in the cards, and besides, making the team was the important thing, not placing first. So the two old rivals and friends agreed that if they were together on the last lap they would come in together. That they did, striding through in 4:25.5. Had Bannister run the 4:10.4 he did in the AAU he would have tallied 8232, fifth best in world history and second best in American. Bennett's 4:08.9 from the AAU would have given him an even 8200. So these top scores, scored in a pressuresome meet, and with added potential, have to be taken seriously by everyone.

Bannister explained the 1500 finish. "It would have been too hard on both of us. . . I'm just sorry everybody couldn't make the team. You get to know the other decathletes real well and they are a great bunch." Bennett, regarded as an extremely tough competitor, acknowledged he carried an unshakeably positive attitude into the contest and said he owed it to "my faith in God. I put myself in His hands and so far it's worked just great in the decathlon".

Both performers were solid throughout, particularly Bannister, for he has no weaknesses. Except for the always low 1500 where he is better than everyone but Bennett, his shortest score was 751 for 142-3 in the discus. PRs of 23-4¼ and 6-6 helped. Bennett, who refuses to believe he is too small to be that good, collected three bests, 41-5 in the shot, 6-4¼ in the high jump, and 16-7¼ in the vault. He gained 261 points on big Jeff in the vault, helping to offset his handicap in the throws, where he ranged from 619 to 684 points.

One of the best second day men in decathlon history, Jenner made a big move in the final five events. He piled up 3966 points, about a hundred more than the two leaders but short of his all-time high of 3999, and advanced from 11th place. His PRs came in the 400 (50.4) and 1500.

The first seven all had lifetime bests, Gough scoring 7822, Pettes 7762, Gary Hill 7584 and Mike Hill 7549. /Bert Nelson/

FINAL (7/3-4):

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| 2. Bennett | 10.6 | 23-11¾ | 41-5 | 6-4¾ | 46.7 | 14.7 | 120-5 | 16-7¾ | 176-9 | 4:25.5 | 8076 |
| 3. Jenner | 11.1 | 22-5¼ | 45-1 | 6-4¾ | 50.4 | 15.3 | 143-7½ | 14-5¼ | 207-3½ | 4:16.9 | 7846 |
| 4. Gough | 10.9 | 24-10 | 50-6 | 6-2½ | 51.0 | 14.8 | 146-10 | 13-9½ | 177-9 | 4:38.9 | 7822 |
| 5. Pettes | 10.8 | 23-8¾ | 40-5½ | 6-6 | 47.8 | 14.5 | 131-½ | 12-1¼ | 194-5 | 4:27.5 | 7762 |
| 6. G. Hill | 7584 | (10.6, 23-4, 44-4¼, 5-10⅞, 49.4, 14.9, 135-5, 13-1½, 164-1, 4:26.1); | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. M. Hill | 7549 | (10.7, 24-5¼, 43-3¼, 5-8⅞, 49.4, 14.6, 126-8½, 13-1½, 177-1, 4:34.4); | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Samara | 7510 | (10.5, 23-8, 45-7, 6-4¾, 50.0, 14.8, 136-2, 13-5¼, 182-4, 5:31.5); | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. George | 7476 | (11.5, 22-¼, 41-10¼, 6-3⅞, 49.6, 15.0, 128-5, 14-1¼, 189-3, 4:22.2); | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Pannel | 7464 | (10.9, 22-9¼, 45-1¼, 6-0, 50.5, 14.3, 140-6, 12-5¼, 189-3, 4:53.4). | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Bakley | 7427; | 12. J. Carter 7340 (16-5¼); | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Brigham | 7296 | (50-2¾); | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. King | 7256 | (24-1½); | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. Hupp | 6989 | (6-9¼); | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Wanamaker | 6514 | (216-2½); . . . dnf—Hodge 7025 (9 events, 55-10), Thoreson 6611 (9 events), Kenward 3922 (6 events), Warkentin 3729 (5 events), Evans 804 (2 events), Robinson 733 (1 event). □ | | | | | | | | | |

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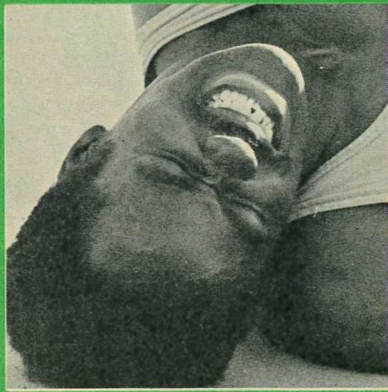
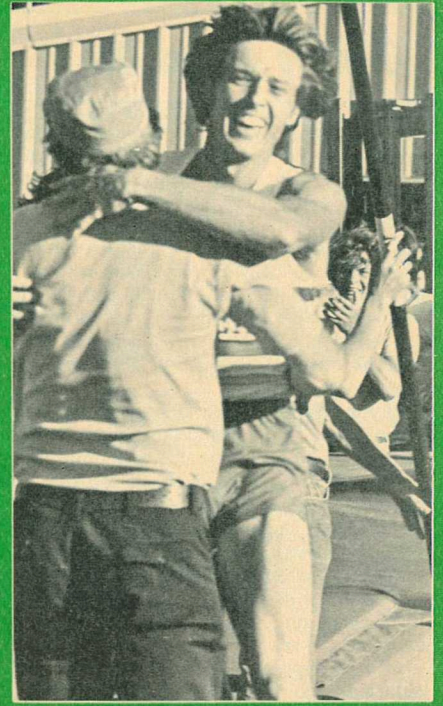
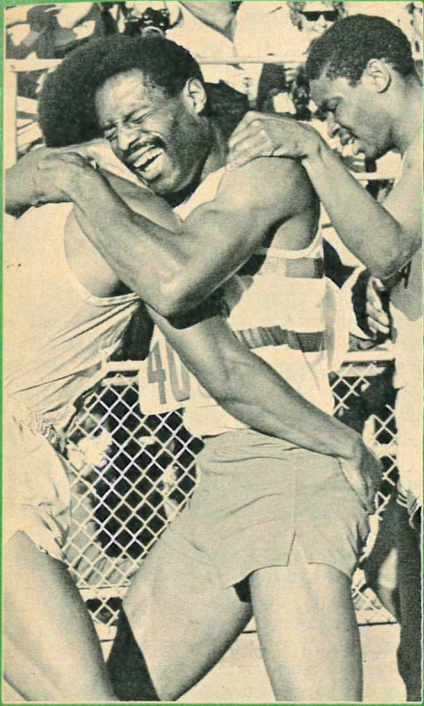
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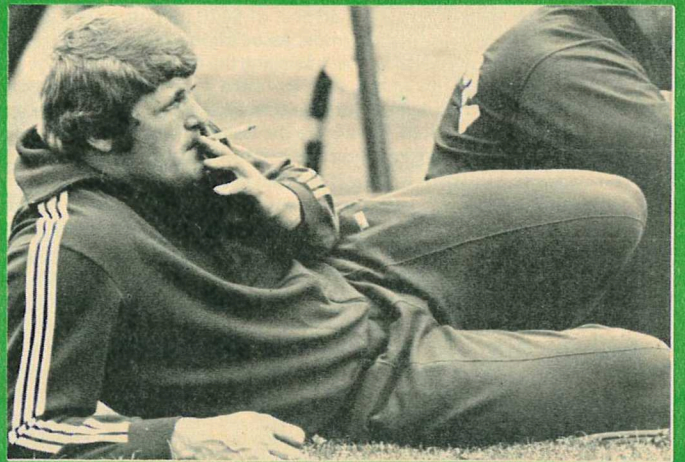
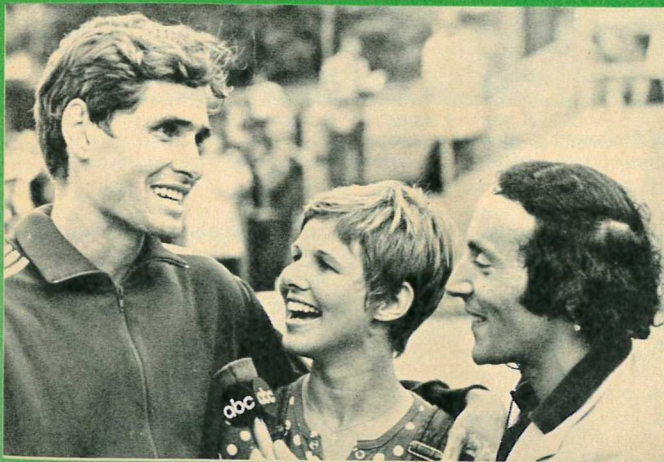
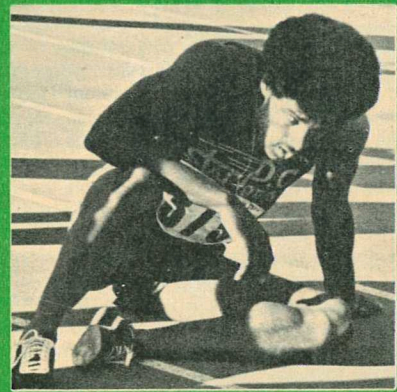
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Olympic Status Quo

✓Defending European 1500-meter champ **Francesco Arese** of Italy has yet to recapture his fine form of 1971. Apparently a brief session of training on a synthetic track incurred some tendon troubles for the 3:36.3 performer. His main failing at the moment is a lack of sprinting power in the final stages of the race. Although he has a current seasonal best of 3:39.3, he has yet to win an international outdoor competition.

✓Kenyan policeman **Naftali Bon**, who once looked like a great find in the 800 (1:46.5 in 1969 and fourth in the world rankings) has gone into almost complete eclipse, according to reports from Kenya. He apparently no longer has the desire to train hard, and did not make the finals in the recent national championships. Bon also ran a 45.1 third leg on Kenya's silver medal team at Mexico.

✓**Lynn Davies**, 1964 Olympic long jump champ, has reportedly been injured. And, as he has yet to achieve Olympic qualifying standard (25-7), it seems unlikely he will be able to compete in Munich.

✓The Americans will likely be too strong for him, says Italian one-lapper **Marcello Fiasconaro**. But he hopes to be the first European, and is pointing for a sub-45 clocking. Second in the European Championships last year at 45.5, Fiasconaro started quickly this year but had to reduce his training in the second half of May, when plagued by stomach pains.

✓Vault standout **Kjell Isaksson** of Sweden suffered a strained muscle in his right thigh on July 3 while attempting to clear 18-½. The injury was expected to keep him out of action for two to three weeks.

✓**Kip Keino**, who entered the 1500, 5000 and 10,000 at Mexico, will reportedly go for a 1500-steeple double at Munich. A surprise 8:30.0 performer this year, Keino would form a formidable trio with defending champ **Amos Biwott** (8:29.8) and **Ben Jipcho** (8:28.6).

✓Kenya's other steeplechaser of international repute, Mexico City runner-up

Olympic Games

The IAAF is reportedly very unhappy over vaulting poles, particularly those manufactured in the US, and is considering recommending to the Munich Olympic organizers that all recently developed models of poles be banned from the Games—especially the American ones, the technical improvements of which the IAAF feels are responsible for the recent sky-rocketing of the world record. When recent recordman **Bob Seagren** learned of this development, he said, "How can they do that six weeks before the Games? A lot of vaulters have been using these poles all year and it would be very hard to re-adapt on such short notice." The IAAF reasoning apparently goes that the advantages of the poles are not available to all vaulters; the greatest number of vaulters now using the poles are Americans, while very few Europeans use them, save those who happen to have been in the US. . . . Some 10,500 men and women athletes from 123 nations have been entered for the Munich Games. Host-nation West Germany will have the largest delegation: 405 men and 118 women athletes plus 134 officials for a 657 total. The USSR is next at 628 (382 men, 119 women, 127 officials), with the US third-largest at 625 (369 men, 119 women, 127 officials). Eight nations either refused or did not reply to invitations by the June 30 closing deadline: Jordan, Iraq, Zaire, Paraguay, Honduras, Mauritius, Guinea and the Central African Republic. . . . The Olympic construction company officially handed over the facilities to the Munich organizers June 29. The main stadium has already been "tested" twice with soccer matches, both time filling the stadium's 80,000-seat capacity. All remaining sites will also have test events before the Aug. 26 opening ceremonies. The entire Olympic complex was built in three years at an estimated cost of \$420 million. . . . *World Sports*, the official journal of the British Olympic Association, soundly criticized what it called the "Totally unrealistic" cost of staging the Munich Games. The magazine, in an article written by editor **Alan Hubbard**, estimated the total cost for staging the Games in the German city would reach \$780 million. "Can any city follow that?" the article asked. "These are the Games of the computer and cash register which will ensure organization and commercialism on a scale never seen before. It is surely enough to wonder if the Games are out of financial control."

A radically-relaxed definition of amateurism which would permit an athlete to compete in the Olympic Games and still profit from product endorsement and television money is destined to become a reality, according to **Marcus Plant**, chairman of the USOC's Eligibility Committee. Plant called such a proposal "a recognition of reality" and expects a concrete plan will be presented to the annual IOC meeting to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 1973. Under such a concept an athlete could: remain an amateur in one sport despite being a professional or non-amateur in another; lose his amateur status and regain it under certain conditions; coach or teach a sport in which he competes and still be an amateur if his coaching position is not his primary vocation; accept remuneration such as television or endorsement funds provided these don't involve any performance or is contingent upon

Ben Kogo, has disappeared from the competitive scene and has most likely retired.

✓And Kenya may have another "K" who will stand out at Munich, intermediate hurdler **William Koskei**, who has already equaled the African standard of 49.0. Koskei is now in an intensive training program under the eyes of **John Velzian**, honorary national coach of Kenya several years ago. Notable is the fact that although Koskei's 49.0 may have been aided by the 5452-foot altitude of Nairobi, the mark was recorded without competition on a loose track. And, he clobbered the last barrier and broke stride in coasting home. Velzian predicts a sub-48 soon for "the finest athlete I have ever been associated with". Koskei has been running 13s to the seventh hurdle (and even the eighth in practice).

✓**Pietro Mennea** of Italy, new European co-record holder at both 100- and 200-meters (10.0/20.2), will likely concentrate on the half-lap and relay at Munich. Mennea runs conversely to the style employed by 1960 gold medalist **Livio Berruti**. While his countryman ran a fantastic curve, Mennea not infrequently loses ground around the bend then uses a fast final straight.

✓Finnish javelin thrower **Pauli Nevala**, the 1964 Olympic champ, will not be able to compete this year, perhaps ever again. History's number-three performer, at 303-11, Nevala tore a shoulder muscle in early 1971 and missed that season. And in a practice session this year, he reinjured the joint and may have concluded his career. Nevala was world ranked eight times between 1961 and 1970.

✓At one time the odds-on favorite for the Olympic vault title, East German poleman **Wolfgang Nordwig** has had his stock decrease in 1972. He recently suffered three straight losses to **Kjell Isaksson**, prompting one European observer to comment, "I have never seen him look worse than now." However, in comparison with his traditional slow starts, he is vaulting as well (or better) than ever. In a recent interview, Nordwig also was quoted as saying that he thought some of the impressive vaulting at El Paso (Isaksson and **Bob Seagren** 18-4¼) was due more to new US vaulting implements than to the vaulters themselves. Nordwig thinks that the probable eight-hour duration of the competition at Munich will put a ceiling on performances,



Steve Prefontaine, sportingly adorned in his very own "Stop Pre" T-shirt, accommodates youthful admirers following his American record 13:22.8 victory in the FOT 5000-meters. /Stan Pantovic/

participation or quality of performance; accept reimbursement for participating expenses and for loss of income due to time off for training and competing; take out accident or illness insurance for training and competing; accept prizes for competing if allowed by his national governing body; receive royalties for his sport-related writings; accept a college scholarship; retain his amateur status and still sign a professional contract in his sport, providing he takes no money or material considerations for signing. . . . A similar proposal was endorsed unanimously by the Association of International Sports Federations at its annual meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland. The association—comprised of sports federations representing 21 Olympic sports and 13 others—saw such a concept of amateurism as an important step

declaring that the first vault over 5.50 (18½) should win.

✓Conspicuously absent from the Munich hammer competition will be current world record holder (250-8) **Walter Schmidt** of West Germany. An unspecified injury has reportedly immobilized him for some months.

✓Two West German decathletes of note were injured during the long jump in the decathlon dual against the Soviet Union. **Heinz-Ulrich Schulze**, an 8043 performer, tore muscles in his upper thigh and lower back, while **Hans-Joachim Walde**, winner of the bronze at Tokyo and silver at Mexico, twisted an ankle. At present, there is no indication as to the extent or duration of the injuries.

✓**Silvano Simeon**, who set an Italian discus record of 202-6 in 1967, has made a successful recovery from heart surgery in 1969. He had a partial substitution made on his mitralic valve and was unable to do much training in 1970 or 1971, but began again over the winter. Already he has upped his old PR to 207-1.

✓Olympic 10,000 champ **Naftali Temu** of Kenya appears to be in the midst of a fine comeback after three seasons of mediocrity. Temu has already recorded a solid 28:31.6. Although this is far off the world leaders, Temu is known for his ability to rise to the top in big meets (such as his 1968 Olympic and 66 Commonwealth wins).

✓Double European champ **Juha Vaatinen** of Finland gave a press conference in June and announced that he will run both the 5000 and 10,000, with no thoughts of the marathon. He also announced that he will retire after Munich, as "I am getting older and I have had a runner's lonely life". Vaatinen was scheduled to make his debut at the Helsinki TOP Games but showed up with a heavily taped right leg and did not compete. At that time, he said, "After having consulted my doctor and tested my leg, I find that I can do one of two things. Run now and never again—or wait until later and have a chance when it counts."

✓**Jean Wadoux** of France, European 1500 record holder (3:34.0 in 1970), has announced his retirement because of a groin injury which has made running too painful. Wadoux last year took the silver medal at 5000-meters in the European Championships. □

away from the rigid interpretation of amateurism adhered to by IOC president Avery Brundage. . . AAU president Jack Kelly said he felt athletes seeking changes in Olympic rules on amateurism may stage some sort of demonstrations at Munich and that he supported some aims of the movement to changes rules of eligibility. Kelly said he hoped any changes would come about constitutionally, but that he understood some US athletes were considering not wearing official US team blazers and shunning some official ceremonies as part of their campaign for reform. . . On another score, however, Kelly said members of the US team will be asked to sign a statement that they will obey all rules and regulations while representing the US at Munich. Those who refuse would not be taken to the Games. Such a requirement was seen in some quarters as an attempt by US team officials to ensure a repeat of the Tommie Smith-John Carlos victory stand demonstration of four years ago does not happen again. . . USOC president Clifford Buck voiced recent alarm that opening the Olympics to both professional and amateur athletes would spell the end of the Games as they are known today. "Speaking as an individual and not as USOC president, I think it would be a natural reaction for amateurs to refuse to compete against pros in the Olympics," opined Buck. "An athlete who competes because he loves the sport would never have a chance against a professional who spends his entire life working to perfect his physical skills. An amateur would know before he started he would have little chance against such a pro and would naturally resent the pro's intrusion. The amateur would likely quit and without the amateurs there would be no Olympics."

Buck earlier said he was very unhappy about the ticket situation for Americans wishing to attend the Munich Games. "We have been allotted less than half the tickets we requested," he reported. More than 140,000 tickets were allotted to the US and Canada for the 21 different Olympic sports, some 12 percent of the 1.2 million tickets reserved for Olympic visitors. According to German organizing committee statistics, the US was the leading foreign ticket buyer with 118,246 tickets obtained by February of this year, with many more expected after that. Canada bought 22,145. . . For those without tickets to the athletic contests, there will still be plenty to see on the Munich Olympic grounds. An "Avenue of Entertainment" in the Olympic Park adjacent to the competitive area will feature 30 stages and assorted podiums on which some 200 artists from over the world will perform. Activities scheduled range from street theater, rock and folk music and circuses, to painting exhibits, experimental films and a variety of multimedia shows. . . What country can afford to stage the Olympics? Try the largest in the world for size. Yes, mainland China has expressed interest in joining the Olympic movement and in staging the Games, according to Hugo Steinegger, a Swiss sports official who recently visited Peking. "I learned of advances by the Chinese to the Canadian Olympic Committee to gain admission for China to the IOC to clear the way for the holding of the Games in China," he reported. He added China's candidacy as a host-nation would not be before 1980 and would be conditional on the exclusion of Taiwan from the IOC. □

OLYMPIC FORM

Olympic medal picks are denoted by bold type. 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; ?=athlete's status indefinite.

100-METERS

- B. **Borzov (SU)-Ravelomanantsoa (Mal R)**.
C. **Hart (US)**. Mennea (It)-Quarrie (Jam)-Robinson (US)-Taylor (US).
D. **Bambuck (Fr)-Miller (Jam)-Montes (Cu)-Papageorgopoulos (Gr)-Ramirez (Cu)**.

200-METERS

- B. **Black (US)-Quarrie (Jam)**.
C. **Smith (US)**. Borzov (SU)-Mennea (It).
D. **Burton (US)-Hofmeister (WG)-Roberts (Trin)-Schenke (EG)**.

400-METERS

- B. **Collett (US)-Matthews (US)-J.Smith (US)**.
D. **Acevedo (Peru)-Asati (Ken)-Badenski (Pol)-Fiasconaro (It)-Jenkins (GB)-Sang (Ken)-Werner (Pol)**.

800-METERS

- B. **Arzhanov (SU)-Fronm (EG)-Wottle (US)**.
C. **Ouko (Ken)-Swenson (US)**.
D. **Adams (WG)-Carter (GB)-Kupczyk (Pol)-Plachy (Cze)-Rootham (Aus)-Wohlhuter (US)**.

1500-METERS

- B. **Keino (Ken)-Ryun (US)**.
C. **Jipcho (Ken)**.
D. **Arese (It)-Boit (Ken)-Foster (GB)-Ivanov (SU)-Justus (EG)-Murphy (Eire)-P.Stewart (GB)-Szordykowski (Pol)-Wottle (US)**.

5000-METERS

- B. **Bedford (GB)-Prefontaine (US)-McCafferty (GB), I. Stewart (GB)**.
C. **Norpoth (WG)**.
D. **Benson (Aus)-F. Eisenberg (EG)-Haro (Sp)-Puttemans (Bel)-Quax (NZ)-Sharafyedinov (SU)-Vaatinen? (Fin)-Yifter (Eth)-Young (US)**.

10,000-METERS

- B. **Bedford (GB)-Haase (EG)**.
C. **Sharafyedinov (SU)**. Shorter (US)-Vaatinen? (Fin).
D. **Andreyev (SU)-Gamoudi (Tun)-Haro (Sp)-Letzerich (WG)-Temu (Ken)-Yifter (Ken)**.

MARATHON

- B. **Hill (GB)**.
C. **Lismont (Belg)-Shorter (US)**. Clayton (Aus)-Philipp (WG)-Usami (Japan).
D. **Belete (Eth)-Drayton (Can)-Farrington (Aus)-Foster (NZ)-Moore (US)-Nikkari (Fin)-Roelants (Belg)**.

20-KILO WALK

- C. **Golubnichiy (SU)-Nihill (GB)-Smaga (SU)**. Frenkel (EG)-Reimann (EG)-Sperling (EG).
D. **Embleton (GB)-Ivtchenko (SU)-Kannenbergt (WG)**.

50-KILO WALK

- C. **Hohne (EG)-Kannenbergt (WG)-Soldatenko (SU)**. Selzer (EG)-Yaung (US).
D. **Bartsch (SU)-Lyungin (SU)-Zschiegner (EG)**.

STEEPLECHASE

- C. **Jipcho (Ken)-O'Brien (Aus)-Zhelev (Bul)-Garderd (Swe)-Maranda (Pol)**.
D. **Bite (SU)-Biwott (Ken)-Kantanen (Fin)-Keino (Ken)-Moravcik (Cze)-Tikhov (Bul)-Villain (Fr)-Wagner (WG)**.

110-METER HURDLES

- B. **Milburn (US)**.
C. **Hill (US)**
D. **Davenport (US)**. Aboyade-Cole (Nig)-Casanias (Cu)-Drut (Fr)-Murray (Jam)-Nadenicek (Cze)-Nickel (WG)-Pascoe

(GB)-Schumann (WG)-Siebeck (EG).

400-METER HURDLES

- B. **Mann (US)**.
C. **Akii-Bua (Uga)-Koskei (Ken)**. Bruggeman (US)-Hemery (GB).
D. **Gavrilyenko (SU)-Knoke (Aus)-Rudolph (EG)-Salin (Fin)-Seymour (US)-Skomorokhov (SU)-Tziortzis (Gr)**.

HIGH JUMP

- B. **Sapka (SU)**.
C. **Dahlgren (Swe)-Mejer (Hun)**. Stones (US).
D. **Abramov (SU)-Dunn (US)-Gavrilov (SU)-Jourdan (US)-Junge (EG)-Magerl (WG)-Peckham (Aus)**.

POLE VAULT

- B. **Isaksson (Swe)-Seagren (US)**.
C. **Nordwig (EG)**. Smith (US).
D. **Bliznyetsov (SU)-D'Encausse (Fr)-Dionisi (It)-Johnson (US)-Lagerqvist (Swe)-Ohi (WG)-Papanicolaou (Gr)-Tananika (LON)**.

LONG JUMP

- B. **Robinson (US)**.
C. **Baumgartner (WG)-Klauss (EG)**. Pani (Fr)-Williams (US).
D. **Broz (Cze)-Carrington (US)-Cybulski (Pol)-Schwarz (WG)-Ter-Ovanesyan (SU)**.

TRIPLE JUMP

- B. **Corbu (Rum)-Drehmel (EG)-Saneyev (SU)**.
C. **Craft (US)-Perez (Cu)**.
D. **Byessonov (SU)-Dudkin (SU)-Gill (Ind)-Joachimowski (Pol)-Prudencio (Braz)-Sauer (WG)-Smith (US)-Walker (US)**.

SHOT PUT

- B. **Woods (US)**.
C. **Feuerbach (US)-Gies (EG)**. Briesenick (EG)-Komar (Pol)-Oldfield (US)-Rothenburg (EG).
D. **Asaad (Egypt)-Barishnikov (SU)**.

DISCUS

- B. **Bruch (Swe)-Silvester (US)**.
C. **Danek (Cze)**.
D. **Fejer (Hun)-Hennig (WG)-Losch (EG)-Lyakhov (SU)-Milde (EG)-Muranyi (Hun)-Tagla (Hun)-Vollmer (US)-Wippermann (WG)-Powell (US)**.

HAMMER

- B. **Beyer (WG)-Bondarchuk (SU)**.
D. **Saeshe (EG)**, Eckschmidt (Hun)-Encsi (Hun)-Gamskiy (SU)-Khmyelevskiy (SU) (SU)-Klein (WG)-Riehm (WG)-Theimer (EG)-Zsvotzky (Hun).

JAVELIN

- A. **Lusis (SU)**.
C. **Siitonen (Fin)-Wolferrmann (WG)**.
D. **Donins (SU)-Hanisch (EG)-Kinnunen (Fin)-Kulcsar (Hun)-Luke (US)-Makarov (SU)-Nemeth (Hun)-Schmidt (US)-Stolle (EG)**.

DECATHLON

- B. **Bannister (US)-Kirst (EG)**.
C. **Avilov (SU)**. Bennett (US)-Hedmark (Swe).
D. **Gabbett (GB)-Ivanov (SU)-Schreyer (EG)-Schulze (WG)-Swoboda (WG)-Walde (WG)**.

400-METER RELAY

- B. **Jamaica-United States**.
D. **Cuba**. Czechoslovakia-East Germany-France-Italy-USSR-West Germany.

1600-METER RELAY

- A. **United States**.
D. **Kenya-West Germany**. Canada-Great Britain-Italy-Jamaica-Trinidad-USSR. □

World Outdoor List

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MARKS RECEIVED THROUGH JULY 17, 1972

This list contains approximately the top 20 outdoor performers of 1972. In the 100-, 1500-, 5000- and 10,000-meter listings, equivalent yard performances have been included when the mark is superior to the athlete's metric performance. Yard performances are listed where they would occur if converted to metric times. *=yard mark converted to meters; y=120-yard hurdles time.

100 METERS

9.9	Eddie Hart (US)	20.5*	Wayne Collett (US)
9.9	Rey Robinson (US)	20.5*	Warren Edmonson (US)
10.0	Valeriy Borzov (SU)	20.5	Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG)
10.0	Cliff Branch (US)	20.5*	Ben Vaughan (US)
10.0	Warren Edmonson (US)	20.5*	Dennis Walker (US)
10.0	Harrington Jackson (US)	20.5*	Harold Williams (US)
10.0	Pietro Mennea (It)	Wind-aided:	
10.0	Vassilios Papageorgopoulos (Gr)	20.2	Willie Deckard (US)
10.0	Hermes Ramirez (Cuba)	20.3*	Cliff Branch (US)
10.0	Steve Riddick (US)	20.3	Leon Brown (US)
10.0	Robert Taylor (US)	20.3	Warren Edmonson (US)
9.2y	Harold Porter (US)	20.3	Bevan Smith (NZ)
9.2y	Herb Washington (US)	20.4	Fred Newhouse (US)
10.1	James Amerison (US)	20.4	Harold Williams (US)
10.1	Hans-Jurgen Bombach (EG)		
10.1	Willie Deckard (US)	44.1	Wayne Collett (US)
10.1	Marshall Dill (US)	44.2	Fred Newhouse (US)
10.1	Klaus Ehl (WG)	44.3	John Smith (US)
10.1	Dave Gilliard (US)	44.6*	Lee Evans (US)
10.1	Brian Green (GB)	44.8	Vince Matthews (US)
10.1	Dave Jenkins (GB)	44.9*	Steve Williams (US)
10.1	Manfred Kokot (EG)	45.1*	Edesel Garrison (US)
10.1	Felix Matta (Ven)	45.1	Larance Jones (US)
10.1	Jaroslav Matousek (Czech)	45.2	Curtis Mills (US)
10.1	Willie McGee (US)	45.2	Tommie Turner (US)
10.1	Lennox Miller (Jam)	45.3	Benny Brown (US)
10.1	Condie Pugh (US)	45.3	Dave Jenkins (GB)
10.1	Don Quarrie (Jam)	45.3	Maurice Peoples (US)
10.1	Anat Ratanapol (Thai)	45.3*	Julius Sang (Ken)
10.1	J-L Ravelomanantsoa (Mal R)	45.4	James Redd (US)
10.1	Siegfried Schenke (EG)	45.4	Lloyd Wills (US)
10.1	Gerald Tinker (US)	45.5*	Ronald Ray (US)
10.1	Raimo Vilén (Fin)	45.6*	Hugh Brown (US)
10.1	Dennis Walker (US)	45.6	Marcello Fiasconaro (It)
10.1	Jon Young (US)	45.6*	Charles Joseph (Trin)
	Incomplete wind info:	45.6*	Ed Roberts (Trin)
10.1	Anatoliy Radul (SU)	45.6*	Dennis Schultz (US)
	Wind-aided:		
9.0y	Willie McGee (US)	1:44.3	Dave Wottle (US)
9.0y	Robert Taylor (US)	1:45.0	Rick Wohlhuter (US)
9.0y	Ivory Crockett (US)	1:45.1	Ken Swenson (US)
9.9	Willie Deckard (US)	1:45.2	Jim Ryun (US)
9.9	Warren Edmonson (US)	1:45.3	Ron Phillips (US)
9.9	Norbert Payton (US)	1:45.4	Rick Brown (US)
9.9	Don Quarrie (Jam)	1:45.4	Dieter Fromm (EG)
9.1y	Adrian Capitol (US)	1:45.6	Jozef Plachy (Czech)
10.0	James Amerison (US)	1:46.0	Robert Ouko (Ken)
10.0	Marshall Dill (US)	1:46.0	Marcel Philippe (US)
10.0	Dave Gilliard (US)	1:46.3	Andrzej Kupczyk (Pol)
10.0	Ed Hammonds (US)	1:46.4	Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)
10.0	Bill Holloway (US)	1:46.5	Daniel Omwanza (Ken)
10.0	Harold Porter (US)	1:46.5	Graham Rootham (Aus)
10.0	Errol Stewart (Jam)	1:46.6	Philippe Meyer (Fr)
10.0	Herb Washington (US)	1:46.6	Hans-Henning Ohlert (EG)
10.0	Ronnie Williams (US)	1:46.6	Mark Winzenried (US)
		1:46.8	Antonio Fernandez (Sp)
		1:46.8	Sjef Hensgens (Hol)
20.0	Larry Black (US)	1:46.8	Alain Sans (Fr)
20.2*	Larry Burton (US)	1:46.9	John Davies (GB)
20.2*	Ivory Crockett (US)	1:46.9	Reinhard Dominik (EG)
20.2	Pietro Mennea (It)	1:46.9	Juris Luzins (US)
20.2*	Steve Williams (US)		
20.3*	Don Quarrie (Jam)		
20.3	Siegfried Schenke (EG)	3:36.8	Kipchoge Keino (Ken)
20.3*	Dennis Schultz (US)	3:55.3y	Peter Stewart (GB)
20.4*	Eddie Hart (US)	3:37.4	Mike Boit (Ken)
20.4	Chuck Smith (US)	3:37.8	Ivan Ivanov (SU)
20.5	Francis Baldwin (US)	3:37.9	Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)

200 METERS

400 METERS

800 METERS

5000 METERS

10,000 METERS

3:55.9y	Brendan Foster (GB)
3:38.2	Jerome Howe (US)
3:56.0y	Jim Douglas (GB)
3:38.3	Howell Michael (US)
3:38.5	Frank Murphy (Eire)
3:56.5y	John Kirkbride (GB)
3:56.7y	Steve Prefontaine (US)
3:39.0	Klaus-Peter Justus (EG)
3:39.3	Francesco Arese (It)
3:57.1y	Jim Ryun (US)
3:39.3	Bram Wassenaar (Hol)
3:39.4	Dick Quax (NZ)
3:39.4	Gerd Larsen (Den)
3:39.5	Cosmas Silei (Ken)
3:39.6	Herman Mignon (Bel)
3:39.6	Vladimir Pantyeley (SU)
3:39.6	Mikhail Zhelobovskiy (SU)

13:17.2	Dave Bedford (GB)
13:19.8	Ian McCafferty (GB)
13:22.8	Steve Prefontaine (US)
13:24.2	Ian Stewart (GB)
13:26.0	Mariano Haro (Sp)
13:28.0	Dave Black (GB)
13:29.0	Frank Eisenberg (EG)
13:29.4	Jurgen Haase (EG)
13:29.4	George Young (US)
13:29.6	Ricky Wilde (GB)
13:31.2	Bernd Diessner (EG)
13:32.2	Wilfried Scholz (EG)
13:32.8	Jos Hermans (Hol)
13:33.2	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)
13:33.6	Rashid Sharafytdinov (SU)
13:33.8	Miruts Yifter (Eth)
13:34.0	Greg Fredericks (US)
13:34.6	Nikolay Puklakov (SU)
13:34.8	Javier Alvarez (Sp)
13:34.8	Harald Norpoth (WG)
13:35.0	Dick Quax (NZ)
13:35.4	Per Halle (Nor)

27:52.8	Dave Bedford (GB)
28:06.0	Rashid Sharafytdinov (SU)
28:07.8	Pavel Andreyev (SU)
28:08.0	Greg Fredericks (US)
28:09.2	Anatoliy Badrankov (SU)
28:12.0	Frank Shorter (US)
28:12.6	Tom Laris (US)
28:13.4	Jack Bacheler (US)
28:14.0	Jurgen Haase (EG)
28:14.4	Manfred Letzerich (WG)
28:16.0	Mariano Haro (Sp)
28:20.4	Gaston Roelants (Bel)
27:22.4y	Steve Prefontaine (US)
28:24.6	Bernd Diessner (EG)
28:28.2	Manfred Kuschmann (EG)
28:28.8	Joachim Krebs (EG)
28:29.4	Eckhard Lesse (EG)
28:29.8	Nikolay Sviridov (SU)
28:30.0	Jeff Galloway (US)
28:30.4	Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun)

2:12:50	Lutz Philipp (WG)
2:12:51	Ron Hill (GB)
2:13:16	Igor Shcherbak (SU)
2:13:19.4	Eckhard Lesse (EG)
2:13:59	Vladimir Mosyeyev (SU)
2:14:11.2	Dave McKenzie (NZ)
2:14:47	Paavo Nikkari (Fin)
2:14:52	Ytbarek Belete (Eth)
2:15:06	Don Macgregor (GB)
2:15:14	Vasilii Sterlyagov (SU)
2:15:14.2	Jurgen Busch (EG)
2:15:15	Pekka Tiuhonen (Fin)
2:15:17	Colin Kirkham (GB)
2:15:24	Terry Manners (NZ)
2:15:34	Mamo Wolde (Eth)
2:15:39	Olavi Suomalainen (Fin)
2:15:57	Victor Mora (Col)
2:15:57.8	Ken Moore (US)
2:15:57.8	Frank Shorter (US)
2:16:05.8	Paul Angenvoorth (WG)
2:16:10.0	Jacinto Sabinal (Mex)

20,000 METER WALK

1:25:19	Peter Frenkel (EG)
1:25:19	Hans-Georg Reimann (EG)
1:25:37	Gerhard Sperling (EG)
1:26:53.2	Anatoliy Terentyev (SU)
1:26:55	Paul Nihill (GB)
1:26:56.8	Lutz Lipowski (EG)
1:26:57.4	Viktor Vavilov (SU)
1:27:40	Nikolay Ragilevich (SU)
1:28:04.6	Wilfried Wesch (WG)
1:28:22.4	Bernd Kannenberg (WG)
1:28:40	Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller (EG)
1:28:42.2	Janos Tabori (Hun)
1:28:46	Antal Kiss (Hun)
1:28:50	Sandor Forian (Hun)
1:29:19	Phil Embleton (GB)
1:29:24.8	Heinz Mayr (WG)

50,000 METER WALK

3:52:44.6	Bernd Kannenberg (WG)
3:59:33.6	Bernhard Nermerich (WG)
4:03:03.4	Christoph Hohne (EG)
4:03:41	Sergey Grigoryev (SU)
4:06:27.4	Gerhard Weidner (WG)
4:06:57	Horst-Rudiger Magnor (WG)
4:07:51	Gennadiy Agapov (SU)
4:10:04	Yevgeniy Lyungin (SU)
4:10:11	Yevgeniy Torgov (SU)
4:10:25.2	Herbert Meier (WG)
4:12:36.8	John Warhurst (GB)
4:13:04.4	Larry Young (US)
4:13:35.8	Bob Kitchen (US)
4:14:08.8	Siegfried Zschiegner (EG)
4:15:11	John Knifton (US)
4:15:51.2	Ray Middleton (GB)
4:15:52.2	Yevgeniy Ivchenko (SU)

STEEPLECHASE

8:23.6	Anders Garderud (Swe)
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(L) Vassilios Papageorgopoulos' 10.0 tied the European 100-meter record. /Holm/ (C) Cuban Alejandro Casanas has high hurdled 13.3. /Jan Agertz/ (R) Peter Frenkel is one of two East Germans to walk a 20-kilo best. /Callanan/

8:23.6	Kazimierz Maranda (Pol)
8:25.4	Mikhail Zhelev (Bul)
8:25.6	Kerry O'Brien (Aus)
8:25.6	Tapio Kantanen (Fin)
8:25.6	Jan Kondzior (Pol)
8:26.0	Sverre Sornes (Nor)
8:26.6	Willi Wagner (WG)
8:26.6	Tadeusz Zielinski (Pol)
8:26.6	Pekka Paivarinta (Fin)
8:26.6	Dusan Moravcik (Czech)
8:26.8	Georgi Tikhov (Bul)
8:28.6	Ben Jipcho (Ken)
8:28.6	Sergey Skripka (SU)
8:28.8	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)
8:28.8	Jozef Rebacz (Pol)
8:29.4	Josef Horcic (Czech)
8:29.8	Romualdas Bite (SU)
8:29.8	Amos Biwott (Ken)
8:29.8	Mike Manley (US)

110 METER HURDLES

13.3	Alejandro Casanas (Cuba)
13.3	Guy Drut (Fr)
13.3	Thomas Hill (US)
13.3y	Rod Milburn (US)
13.3	Frank Siebeck (EG)
13.4y	Willie Davenport (US)
13.4	Jerry Wilson (US)
13.5y	Paul Gibson (US)
13.5	Marek Jozwik (Pol)
13.5	Charles Rich (US)
13.5y	Danny Smith (US)
13.5	Ricky Stubbs (US)
13.6	Petr Cech (Czech)
13.6y	Efren Gipson (US)
13.6y	Erv Hall (US)
13.6	Jeff Howser (US)
13.6y	Randy Lightfoot (US)
13.6y	Godfrey Murray (Jam)
13.6	Lubomir Nadenicek (Czech)
13.6	Gunther Nickel (WG)
13.6	Marc Noe (Fr)
13.6	Manfred Schumann (WG)
13.6	Tommy Lee White (US)
13.6	Leszek Wodzinski (Pol)
13.6	Miroslaw Wodzinski (Pol)

Wind-aided:

13.0y	Rod Milburn (US)
13.2	Thomas Hill (US)
13.5	Delario Robinson (US)
13.5y	Tommy Lee White (US)

400 METER HURDLES

48.4	Ralph Mann (US)
48.6	Dick Bruggeman (US)
49.0	William Koskei (Ken)
49.1	Bruce Collins (US)
49.3	Gary Knoke (Aus)
49.3	Jim Seymour (US)
49.5*	Jim Bolding (US)
49.5	Bob Casleman (US)
49.5	Stavros Tziortzis (Gr)
49.6	John Akii-Bua (Ug)
49.6*	Efren Gipson (US)
49.7	Yevgeniy Gavriilyenko (SU)
49.7	Dave Hemery (GB)
49.7	Wes Williams (US)
49.8*	Roger Johnson (NZ)
49.8	Tadeusz Kulczycki (Pol)
49.8	Manuel Soriano (Sp)
49.9	Jean-Pierre Corval (Fr)
49.9	Bruce Field (Aus)
49.9	Boyd Gittins (US)
49.9*	Ron Whitney (US)

HIGH JUMP

7-4½	Kestutis Sapka (SU)
7-3¾	Stefan Junge (EG)
7-3¾	Jan Dahlgren (Swe)
7-3¾	Tom Woods (US)
7-3	Vladimir Abramov (SU)
7-3	Chris Dunn (US)

7-3	Valentin Gavrillov (SU)
7-3	Ron Jourdan (US)
7-3	Hermann Magerl (WG)
7-3	Barry Schur (US)
7-3	Dwight Stones (US)
7-3	Adam Szepesi (Hun)
7-3	Juri Tarmak (SU)
7-3	Jozsef Tihanyi (Hun)
7-2 ^{5/8}	Mike Bowers (US)
7-2 ^{5/8}	Bernard Gauthier (Fr)
7-2	Reynaldo Brown (US)
7-2	Lawrie Peckham (Aus)
7-2	Barry Shepard (US)
7-2	Gene White (US)

POLE VAULT

18-5½	Bob Seagren (US)
18-4½	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)
18-½	Jan Johnson (US)
18-½	Steve Smith (US)
18-¼	Dave Roberts (US)
17-10½	Renato Dionisi (It)
17-8½	Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)
17-8½	Chris Papanicolaou (Gr)
17-7	Hans Lagerqvist (Swe)
17-6¾	Yevgeniy Tananika (SU)
17-5	Volker Ohi (WG)
17-4¾	Gennadiy Bliznyetsov (US)
17-4¾	Herve D'Encausse (Fr)
17-4¾	Yuriy Isakov (SU)
17-4	Jon Vaughn (US)
17-4	Bud Williamson (US)
17-3	Bob Slover (US)
17-2¾	Wojciech Buciariski (Pol)

LONG JUMP

26-10½	Henry Hines (US)
26-9¾	Hans Baumgartner (WG)
26-8¾	Arnie Robinson (US)
26-7½	Bill Rea (US)
26-7	Max Klauss (EG)
26-5¾	Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)
26-5¾	Phil Shinnick (US)
26-5¾	Jacques Pani (Fr)
26-4	Preston Carrington (US)
26-4	Randy Williams (US)
26-3¾	Jerry Proctor (US)
26-3¾	Tom Smith (US)
26-2¾	Jeff Bolin (US)
26-2¾	Jaroslav Broz (Czech)
26-2¾	Ken Duncan (US)
26-2	Henry Jackson (US)
26-1¾	Mike Ahey (Ghana)
26-1¾	Finn Bendixen (Nor)
26-1¾	Bouncy Moore (US)
26-1¾	Stanislaw Szudrowicz (Pol)
26-1¾	Norm Tate (US)

Wind-aided:

27-6¾	Henry Hines (US)
26-9¾	Murray Tolbert (Aus)
26-9	Alan Lerwill (GB)
26-8¾	Randy Williams (US)
26-7¾	Max Klauss (EG)
26-7¾	Stan Whitley (US)
26-7	Bruce Field (Aus)
26-6¾	Jacques Pani (Fr)
26-5¾	Ralph Boston (US)
26-3¾	Jacques Rousseau (Fr)
26-3¾	Josh Owusu (Ghana)
26-2¾	Al Lanier (US)

TRIPLE JUMP

56-5½	Jorg Drehmel (EG)
56-1¾	Carol Corbu (Rum)
56-0	Dave Smith (US)
55-7¾	Michal Joachimowski (Pol)
55-7	Hans-Gunther Schenk (EG)
55-2¾	Gennadiy Byessonov (SU)
55-1¾	Pedro Perez (Cuba)
55-¾	Viktor Saneyev (SU)
54-10¼	Giuseppe Gentile (It)



(L) Leading West German vaulter Volker Ohi has cleared 17-5. /Horst Muller/
(C) Karl-Hans Riehm lofted the hammer an age-21 best 242-6. /Hanns Krebs/
(R) Miklos Nemeth rates second globally with a 286-4 javelin toss. /Holm/

54-10	John Craft (US)	245-3	Jochen Sachse (EG)
54-9	Mikhail Bariban (SU)	242-6	Karl-Hans Riehm (WG)
54-7½	James Butts (US)	242-4½	Uwe Beyer (WG)
54-6¾	Yukito Muraki (Jap)	240-9	Walter Schmidt (WG)
54-5	Mohinder Gill (Ind)	240-5½	Vasiliy Khmyeleviskiy (SU)
54-2	Vaclav Fiser (Czech)	239-10	Iosif Gamskiy (SU)
54-1¾	Bernard Lamitie (Fr)	239-6½	Lutz Caspers (WG)
54-1¼	Tadashi Inoue (Japan)	239-3	Edwin Klein (WG)
54-¾	Eugeniusz Biskupski (Pol)	238-6	Reinhard Theimer (EG)
53-11¼	Kosei Gushiken (Japan)	237-8½	Istvan Encsi (Hun)
53-11¼	Art Walker (US)	236-4	Gyula Zsivotzky (Hun)
Wind-aided:		236-1	Sandor Eckschmidt (Hun)
56-2	John Craft (US)	235-10	Romuald Klim (SU)
55-1	Art Walker (US)	234-7½	Valentin Dmitriyenko (SU)
54-8	James Butts (US)	234-7½	Dzhumbar Pkhakadze (SU)
54-6¾	Harry Freeman (US)	234-0	Stanislaw Lubiejewski (Pol)
		233-5½	Mario Vecchiato (It)
		232-11	Todor Manolov (Bul)
		231-5	Vladimir Prikhodko (Fr)
		231-5	George Frenn (US)

SHOT PUT

70-3½	Al Feuerbach (US)	307-9	Janis Lusis (SU)
70-1¾	George Woods (US)	286-4	Miklos Nemeth (Hun)
69-11½	Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (EG)	286-1	Klaus Wolfermann (WG)
69-9½	Hans-Peter Gies (EG)	283-9½	Hannu Siitonen (Fin)
69-6½	Randy Matson (US)	282-1½	Manfred Stolle (EG)
69-4	Hartmut Briesenick (EG)	280-6	Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)
68-10¾	Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)	279-0	Aleksandr Makarov (SU)
68-9¾	Brian Oldfield (US)	277-5	Fred Luke (US)
68-7¾	Fred DeBernardi (US)	273-8	Mark Murro (US)
67-11½	Nagui Asaad (Egypt)	272-5	Sam Colson (US)
67-4¾	Aleksandr Barishnikov (SU)	272-½	Pekka Lappalainen (Fin)
67-3	Uwe Grabe (EG)	270-11	Bjorn Grimnes (Nor)
67-1¾	Lahcen Samsam (Mor)	270-8½	Nikolay Grebnyev (SU)
66-11¼	Doug Lane (US)	270-6	Bill Schmidt (US)
66-10¾	Dieter Hoffmann (EG)	270-5½	John Donins (SU)
66-5	Hans-Dieter Prollius (EG)	270-5½	Wolfgang Hanisch (EG)
66-5	Pete Shmook (US)	268-6	Jorg Hein (WG)
66-2½	Jaroslav Brabec (Czech)	268-0	Milt Sponsky (US)
66-2¼	Vilmos Varju (Hun)	265-11	Rick Dowsnell (Can)
66-1½	Steve Wilhelm (US)		

DISCUS THROW

224-5	Ricky Bruch (Swe)	8120	Jeff Bannister (US)
219-10½	Lothar Milde (EG)	8084	Nikolay Avilov (SU)
218-5	Tim Vollmer (US)	8076	Jeff Bennett (US)
217-5½	Ludvik Danek (Czech)	8040	Peter Gabbett (GB)
215-10	John Van Reenen (S Afr)	7971	Joachim Kirst (EG)
215-2	Jay Silvester (US)	7959	Herbert Swoboda (WG)
214-2	Geza Fejer (Hun)	7942	Stefan Schreyer (EG)
212-1	Dirk Wippermann (WG)	7934	Ryszard Skowronek (Pol)
211-6½	Ferenc Tegla (Hun)	7905	Jozsef Bakai (Hun)
211-2	Hartmut Losch (EG)	7896	Boris Ivanov (SU)
210-8	John Powell (US)	7872	Jurgen Olek (EG)
210-5	Vladimir Lyakhov (SU)	7852	Ryszard Katus (Pol)
210-3	Janos Muranyi (Hun)	7850	Vasile Bogdan (Rum)
209-9	Art Swarts (US)	7846	Bruce Jenner (US)
209-5½	Boris Karayev (SU)	7822	Steve Gough (US)
209-4	Dick Drescher (US)	7809	Gerry Moro (Can)
209-¾	Klaus-Peter Hennig (WG)	7807	John Warkentin (US)
207-7½	Detlef Thorith (EG)	7791	Regis Ghesquiere (Bel)
207-1	Silvano Simeon (It)	7776	Vladimir Ormanov (SU)
206-0	Gary Carlsen (US)	7762	Andrew Pettes (US) □
248-6½	Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)		

HAMMER THROW

MARKS RECEIVED THROUGH JULY 6, 1972

Most if not all the big guns of Europe, old and new, have now taken the field and their combined firing power appears to be notable all along the line or nearly so.

Individually, the biggest news came last, namely as we were going to close our report. A two-day meet at Stockholm (July 5-6), advertised in some Swedish papers as the Meet of Records, produced two very long throws:

- A 68.40 (224-5) in the discus on July 5 by Ricky Bruch to equal Jay Silvester's official world record. The 26-year-old Swede, by now behaving almost like "the guy next door", had a couple of exceptional warm-up throws up around 225-feet then opened the competition with a throw that was first measured as 68.38 (224-4). Almost an hour later, a re-measurement gave Bruch the record-equaling performance. No other details are available at the time of writing, except that the trajectory of the discus was lengthened somewhat by a "slightly adverse wind" and that the weather was fine, with a temperature of 71° F.

- An eye-catching 93.80 (307-9) on July 6 by Janis Lulis of USSR in the javelin, erasing Jorma Kinnunen's world record (304-1½). According to an early report, the javelin landed flat, leaving no trace in the ground—yet the throw was allowed as official. This effort also came in the opening round.

The above information is given with certain reservations: we plan to return to the subject of these record performances with full details in the August issue.

As briefly hinted in the issue of 1 July, Valeriy Borzov was seriously threatened by a European sprinter, Italy's Pietro Mennea. The Russian won a hotly contested 100-meters by a bare foot as both equaled the European record of 10.0. The following day, Mennea was on his own in the 200 and equaled spectator Borzov's European record of 20.2.

Collectively, no event seems to have more surprises in store than the steeplechase, with 16 Europeans under 8:30 already and many more likely to follow in weeks to come.

While Americans reached the "rien-ne-va-plus" stage and Europeans were rounding into form, one could still hear the echo of some very fine performances turned in by African runners both at home (notably at Mombasa) and on European tours.

SPRINTS

Just a few days before turning 20, Italy's new star Pietro Mennea managed to give Valeriy Borzov a real run for his money. It happened at Milan, June 16, on a brand new Tartan track as the two clashed in the 100-meters of the quadrangular Italy-USSR-Romania-Belgium meet. The Russian, hitherto considered well nigh untouchable by most European observers, showed his early acceleration and led his rival by a clear margin at the halfway point. Then Mennea, who looks perhaps more diminutive than his 5-10, 150-lbs., began to close the gap—in the end, Borzov had to rally his last resources to win by a foot. The time for both in the windless race was 10.0, equaling the oft-tied European record. That was Borzov's third Ten Flat, recorded like the others under manual timing. There was, however, an electric timer which showed 10.1. Later in the day, Mennea hardly lost an inch in defending his lead from Borzov in the anchor leg of a 400-meter relay. Mennea sped over the 200-meter route all alone the following day and gave the Russian a thrill by equaling Borzov's one-year old European record: 20.2. The wind was 2.2 mph. Same as in the 100 the day before, Mennea shaved .2 off his previous best, and his countryman Pasqualino Abeti improved by .3 in finishing second in 20.7. Mennea competed as a junior in last year's European Championships at Helsinki and passed almost unnoticed, even though he placed sixth in the 200.

Hermes Ramirez of Cuba has been rather hot recently, equaling his life-time bests for both the 100 (10.0) and 200 (20.6). His Ten Flat was at Prague, June 21, in the Rosicky Memorial Meet—and it was the fourth of his career. In a dual meet with Italy at Florence, he won the 100 unopposed against a slight wind in 10.3, then met Mennea at 200—a distance the Cuban ace does not like very much—and lost, 20.7 to 20.5.

Another consistent sprinter is Vassilios Papageorgopoulos of Greece, who missed his 100-meter best by .1 as he won easily from Britain's Brian Green at Athens. New national records of 10.1 were credited on different occasions to Jaroslav Matousek of Czechoslovakia, Raimo Vilen of Finland and Anat Ratanapol of Thailand. Sprint times can be a matter of opinion though: the day before his record performance, Ratanapol was fourth in 10.5 in losing to three fair sprinters.

Roger Bambuck of France beat some of the best East German sprinters in a 10.2 race. Siegfried Schenke of East Germany, who brought his

country's 200-meter record down to 20.3 at Potsdam, June 15, was no better than third (21.1) against France as his countryman Bernd Borth won from Gerard Fenouil in 21.0.

Borzov scored his first double of the year in a dual with West Germany: the Russian won the 100 in 10.3 from Klaus Ehl (10.5) and the 200 in 20.7 from Karl Honz (21.1). The latter is shaping up as a possible Olympic finalist in the 400, which he has covered in 45.7 on two occasions—he can also point to a 20.6 for 200-meters.

Marcello Fiasconaro of Italy lost a close 400 to an American, Terry Musika, 46.0 and 45.9. Homecoming Anders Faager finished a close third in 46.1, a new Swedish record.

By far the fastest of Europe's one-lappers right now should be Britain's Dave Jenkins. He sped round the Karaiskakis track at Athens, June 27, in 45.3—equal best by a non-American this year and a new British record.

Bernd Herrmann, a 21-year-old West German who started as a triple jumper in 1969 and was later forced to abandon that event by a heel injury, is now on the books as a 45.7 400-meter performer.

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Dieter Fromm of East Germany, a top ranking two-lapper for several years now, seems to be in the form of his life. He leads the European pre-Olympic parade at 1:45.4, a time he achieved twice. The first time was in the Olympic Day meet at Berlin, June 14. After trailing Reinhard Dominik through fast fractions of 25.0 and 51.2, Fromm picked up the pace at 600 (1:18.8) and covered the last 200 in 26.6 to create a new East German record. He won from two Czechs, Jozef Samborsky (1:47.3) and Jan Sisovsky (1:47.6), while Dominik was fourth in 1:47.9. Fromm's second 1:45.4 was against France and appeared to be even more impressive as he led from start to finish to win unopposed (fractions: 51.4 and 54.0) from Hans-Henning Ohlert and Philippe Meyer who finished in that order, both in 1:46.6. That was a new French record for Meyer. Another Frenchman, Alain Sans, duplicated his winning time of the Mericamp Memorial meet (1:46.8) in finishing fourth. Dominik took fifth in 1:46.9 and Francis Gonzales of France sixth in 1:47.3—a fantastic set of times for a dual meet. In between the two 1:45.4 races, Fromm annexed the East German title in 1:46.4. Andrzej Kupczyk won at the Kusocinski meet in 1:46.8, then lowered the Polish record to 1:46.3. Andy Carter of Britain lost to Jos Hensgens of Holland, 1:47.0 to 1:46.8.

Europe has nothing to match the fast 1500-meter times turned in by Kip Keino and Mike Boit at Mombasa (3:36.8 and 3:37.4), yet 14 under 3:40 at this stage is impressive and certainly adds to the confusion of Olympic prognosticators. Former European Junior champ Klaus-Peter Justus of East Germany has the most consistent record so far: in the space of a month, he posted winning times of 3:39.6 (Erfurt), 3:40.0 (vs Bulgaria), 3:39.0 (Potsdam), 3:40.4 (national championships), 3:41.0 (Top Games) and 3:39.5 (vs France). He still has to meet some of the big ones though. European champion Francesco Aresè is still in search of form: he suffered his fourth loss of the year at the distance from Vladimir Pantyeley of the USSR, who edged him, 3:43.0 to 3:43.1. A former European champ on the comeback trail is Bodo Tummeler of West Germany, who ran 3:42.7 early in June, then beat Pantyeley and European 800-meter champ Yevgeniy Arzhanov at Augsburg, 3:43.2 to 3:43.5 to 3:44.3.

Peter Stewart, Britain's 3:55.3 miler, suffered a heavy defeat, finishing 2.7 behind winner Brendan Foster, who went home in 3:43.7. Included in the plethora of sub-3:40 marks is a new Danish record of 3:39.4 by Gerd Larsen.

Three top ranking contenders for Olympic honors met over 3000-meters at Louvain. Emiel Puttemans, competing before his home crowd, once again showed that the distance is very much to his liking as he won in 7:44.2 from Dave Bedford, whose 7:46.4 was reassuring, besides being of course a new British record. Ian Stewart, reportedly short on speed work, was third in 7:55.2.

DISTANCES

Ian Stewart and Emiel Puttemans met again at Stockholm on July 5, this time over 5000-meters, and the result was a complete reversal of the Louvain affair. The Briton won easily in 13:27.4, while the Belgian's 13:33.2 merely sufficed for third, behind another Briton, Ricky Wilde, who chalked up a personal best of 13:29.6. Back in fourth place, Per Halle of Norway set a national record of 13:35.4, edging one of 1971's top ranking distance men, Dane Korica of Yugoslavia (13:37.6). Stewart's time was a world seasonal best. As we now learn, Jurgen Haase ran the last kilometer of his 13:29.4 (Berlin, June 14) in a scorching 2:27.2 and the last lap in 56.4. Eleven days earlier, at Potsdam, Haase was forced to drop out of another 5000 due to stomach trouble, an ailment which was known to have persecuted him in the past. And he was down again in the dual meet with France: after winning the 10,000 in 28:41.8 on the first day, he ended a badly beaten fifth in the 5000 (won by Frank Eisenberg in 13:46.6) the following day, with 14:05.8. Even Eisenberg had an off day, when he finished ninth in 13:41.8 in the "Olympic Day" race—but was up again 11 days later to capture the East German title in 13:33.8.

Harold Norporth posted his second 13:34.8 of the year at Augsburg against the USSR for an impressive victory. German sources claim he has never been so good.

"Splendid." That's how an expert Finnish observer termed Miruts Yifter's victory in the Top Games at Helsinki. The Ethiopian, who made such good copy in the EU vs. Africa meet last year, won in 13:33.8, leaving far behind such good European runners as Lasse Viren, Allan Rushmer and Mariano Haro.

A week after Greg Fredricks' 28:08.0, Rashid Sharafytdinov of the USSR took his turn and reached the top of the world list, winning the 10,000 in 28:06.0 in the dual meet with West Germany. He was followed home by his countrymen Pavel Andreyev (28:07.8) and Anatoliy Badrankov (28:09.2), while the first German to finish was Manfred Letzerich at 28:14.4. Haase has no flaws at this distance so far: his three races yielded times of 28:14.0, 28:23.4 (East German title meet) and 28:41.8. Mariano Haro of Spain beat old campaigner Gaston Roelants of Belgium, 28:16.0 to 28:20.4. Dane Koryca, apparently slow in reaching top form this year, scored his first major victory at the Znamenskiy meet in Moscow, with 29:00.6.

STEEPLECHASE

Same as in 1971, this event continues to show more improvement than any other. At the time of writing, we count 16 Europeans in the sub-8:30 region—and it's a steadily moving picture. Former European champ Mikhail Zhelev of Bulgaria seems to have regained his 1969 form: after a winning 8:29.4 on June 1, he improved to 8:27.8 in the Top Games (alas, to finish no better than fourth), then defeated world record holder Kerry O'Brien of Australia in a close finish at Oslo, 8:25.4 to 8:25.6. Jan Kondzior of Poland, fresh from a 7:53.8 on the flat route at home, was third, matching O'Brien's time.

A dramatic example of the suffocating competition now prevalent in Europe was offered on June 27 (a Tuesday) when two ran 8:23.6—the year's fastest time—in different meets. Kazimierz Maranda did it at Warsaw and Anders Garderud turned in the same time at Stockholm—both erased their country's record. The Pole won from Tadeusz Zielinski (8:26.6) and Jozef Rebacz (8:28.8), both of Poland, and the Swede defeated Sverre Sornes, who with 8:26.0 shaved .4 off his own Norwegian record. Another hot Scandinavian is Tapio Kantanen, a solid Finn who won from strong field at the Top Games in 8:25.6. Prior to his defeat to Zhelev, O'Brien ran a winning 8:27.0.

HURDLES

While Guy Drut is sidelined with the injury he sustained in the AAU, Frank Siebeck, the reigning European champion, continues to perform rather brilliantly. So far he can point to one 13.3, four 13.4s and one 13.5, all legal as to wind assistance.

Another prospect for the Olympic final is Alejandro Casanas, 20, of Cuba: after losing to Siebeck in the Olympic Day meet, 13.6 to 13.4, he turned the tables on his German rival at the Rosicky meet in Prague in a hot race that saw both timed in 13.4. Casanas went on to equal the year's fastest time, 13.3, in the Kusocinski meet. Then, somewhat surprisingly, he went down to defeat, losing by inches to Sergio Liani (14.0 for both), a veteran known for his atrocious start and his driving finish.

How times can change in no time was further demonstrated in the case of Poland's Marek Jozwik: on June 3 in Warsaw, he set a national record of 13.5, with an aiding wind of merely 1.34 mph. Running on the fast Meadowbank track at Edinburgh on June 17, and with the help of a 2.68 mph wind, Jozwik did no better than 14.1 and was downed by Britain's Alan Pascoe, who won in 13.8. Pascoe later ran 13.7 in Athens. France's Marc Noe cut half a second off his previous best with a nifty 13.6.

New faces are moving into the Olympic picture for the intermediates. Fastest time by a European so far is 49.5 by Stavros Tziortzis of Greece who won from 1970 British Commonwealth champ John Sherwood (50.5). Tadeusz Kulczycki ran 49.8 in Warsaw. Yevgeniy Gavriyenko of the USSR was an impressive winner in 49.7.

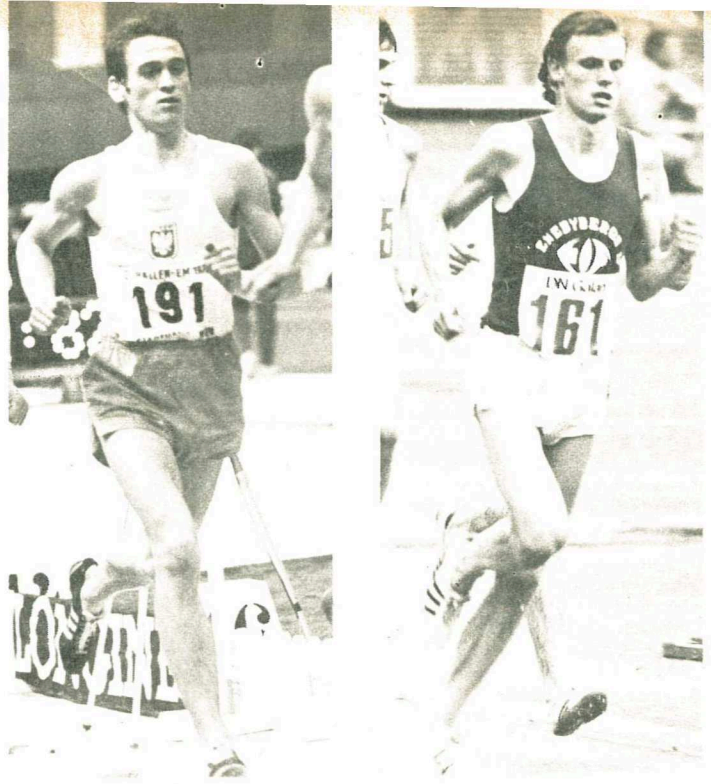
Christian Rudolph was an easy winner against France with 49.2. This would have been a new East German record but Rudolph was disqualified for trailing his leg to the side of a hurdle, and victory went to Jean-Pierre Perrinelle of France (50.0).

JUMPS

Kestutis Sapka unexpectedly lost to Gianmarco Schivo of Italy at Milan (7-1½ for both), then rose to his best-ever in the dual meet with West Germany at Augsburg (June 24), matching Fosbury's and Istvan Major's Flop record—2.24 (7-4¼). Jan Dahlgren of Sweden, with a fine series of marks in the range 7-3⅜-7-1½, is second to none in consistency. Stefan Junge of East Germany also had some significant wins before losing to Henry Elliott of France on the countback (7-⅝). Others showing good improvement are Hermann Magerl of West Germany (7-3) and Bernard Gauthier of France (7-2⅝). Juri Tarmak had mixed fortunes, until he rose to 7-3 in winning at the Znamenskiy meet.

Wolfgang Nordwig of East Germany continues to show a low profile in these pre-Olympic weeks—and his supporters at home seem a bit worried.

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(L) Kazimierz Maranda's 8:23.6 grabbed the world steeple lead. /Horst Muller/ (R) Later the same day, Anders Garderud matched the time. /Jan Agertz/

After losing to Kjell Isaksson for the fourth time this year, and by a crushing margin (17-¾ to the Swede's 18-½), he suffered a far more shocking defeat in the dual meet with France: after failing three times at 17-¾, he was pinned down to fourth place at 16-5, behind Frenchmen Herve D'Encausse (17-4¼), Francois Tracanelli and Serge Lefevre.

Isaksson, still the non-stop performer spending the major part of his time in the air (and that obviously includes his many air travels), added other good marks to his extraordinary season's record and, finally but not surprisingly, lost to his partner Hans Lagerqvist at Stockholm, 17-¾ to 17-4¼.

Now second to Isaksson in the European year list is Renato Dionisi of Italy, who scaled 17-10½ for a new national record. It was one of those short competitions most vaulters like best when aiming for the major heights. Along with the record, however, came Dionisi's old foe, and he is now nursing his sore foot. Nothing serious, apparently.

Back from his good US tour, Jacques Pani of France won at the Mericamp Memorial with 26-5¼. New national records for Czechoslovakia, 26-2¼ by Jaroslav Broz, and Norway, 26-1¼ by Finn Bendixen.

Viktor Saneyev, once regarded as well high untouchable in the trick of triple jumping, suffered two defeats within a week. In a quadrangular meet at Milan, he not only lost to Carol Corbu of Rumania (56-1¼) but also to non-scorer Gennadiy Byessonov (55-2¼) and Giuseppe Gentile of Italy (54-10¼) while doing 54-9½ twice. Against the West Germans, Saneyev had one of history's truly amazing series (six valid efforts within a 2' range, 54-3¼-54-1¼), yet lost to Byessonov's initial 54-6.

World record holder Pedro Perez of Cuba met frustration in his recent European tour. Pitted against European champ Jorg Drehmel of East Germany, the 20-year-old Perez injured his right knee in his fourth try and had to call it quits. Until then, he trailed Drehmel, 54-10¼ to 56-1¼. Drehmel then upped his East German record to 56-5¼, with a wind just under the limit, while his countryman Hans-Gunther Schenk moved ahead of Perez with a lifetime best of 55-7.

Michal Joachimowski of Poland may succeed the great Jozef Schmidt as national record holder. He produced a fine 55-7¼, then won against Britain with a windy 54-2½.

THROWS

The shot put picture is clouded by contradictory results among leading contenders. Hans-Peter Gies won the East German title on his last try with 69-7 from Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (68-2½), Hartmut Briesenick (68-¼), Dieter Hoffmann (65-11¼) and Gerd Lochmann (65-3—a personal best); but only three days later at the Kusocinski meet, Gies was beaten by Wladyslaw Komar of Poland, 67-9½ to 68-3¼. Komar is at present the most consistent of them all—he did 68-8¼ against Britain, then improved again, joining the 21-meter club with an even 21.00 (68-10¼). He can point to eight marks in the range, 68-3¼ to 68-10¼! Another form reversal among East Germans occurred when Briesenick won with an "ordinary" 67-2¼ from Rothenburg and Gies.

Aleksandr Barishnikov used his supposedly new form to good advantage to raise the USSR record to 67-4¼. Others to show marked

improvement are Jaromir Vlk of Czechoslovakia (65-10¼) and Rimantas Plunge of the USSR (65-3½). Vilmos Varju, 35, is still in the running though: he hit 66-2 in topping Vlk, a 6-6 giant of 23 (who does not waste his time with vowels in his name).

Lothar Milde seems to be living up to his reputation: good in small meets (he recently did 208-1½, his second best for the season) and invariably bad in the big ones: at the East German title meet he was no better than fourth with 188-9½ (winner Detlef Thorith with 205-½), and prior to that he was merely seventh in the Olympic Day meet with 194-2½ (winner Ludvik Danek with 209-7½).

Ricky Bruch hopes that 1972 will repay him for some of the bitter pills he had to swallow in previous years. Prior to his world record equaling effort, he won an important victory at Budapest, where his 210-7½ left the Hungarian duo Ferenc Tegla-Geza Fejer far behind. Only five days earlier, Fejer had thrown 214-2 and Tegla 211-6½.

The top West German and Soviet hammer throwers had a field day at Augsburg, June 24: out of 36 throws by six contenders, no fewer than 20 landed beyond the 70-meter (229-8) line. The result: Anatoliy Bondarchuk 248-6½ (third best-ever), Uwe Beyer 241-8½, Edwin Klein 238-1½, Iosif Gamskiy 237-0, Vasilii Khmyelevskiy 236-3½ and Karl-Hans Riehm 235-6. Young Riehm had suffered his first loss of the year at Budapest, June 17, when Jochen Sachse of the East German side produced his best ever, 244-9½, finishing well ahead of Riehm (239-5). Sachse went on to win his country's title at Erfurt with an even better performance of 245-3.

Todor Manolov again added to his Bulgarian record, this time with 231-9. The French mark is now up to 231-5 thanks to Vladimir Prikhodko.

Even before his record-shattering effort at Stockholm, Janis Lusi behaved as the safest of bets for the upcoming Olympics: he scored wins with 288-4, 293-3, and 297-9. The only man to offer him the semblance of competition was Klaus Wolfermann, second with 284-9; the German later improved to 286-1.

Finland's Hannu Siitonen gained further confidence with an important victory at the Top Games in Helsinki with his longest throw of the season, 283-9½, leaving far behind his arch rival Jorma Kinnunen, who in another meet got one off to 280-6. If you add that East German veteran Manfred Stolle is back in the picture and won his country's title with 282-1½, then it won't be hard to conclude that there is nothing new at the top of this event.

DECATHLON

The biggest surprise here is Joachim Kirst's third place at the East German title meet in Erfurt. With no apparent excuse apart from doing poorly in several events, he amassed no more than 7749 points. Unfavorable weather conditions (cold, rain and wind) and the very fine form of winner Stefan Schreyer (7942) and Jurgen Olek (7872) further contributed to make Kirst's performance look shabbier than in reality. Vasile Bogdan of Rumania twice improved on his Rumanian record, first with 7841, then with 7850.

RELAYS

West Germany, East Germany and Italy lead the parade in the 4x100 meters with 39.0, achieved in different races; France and USSR follow at 39.1. The Cuban foursome seems definitely weaker than in 1968, even though they won at the Kusocinski meet in Warsaw with 39.2.

Nothing to threaten, let alone scare the Americans in the 4x400 meters: best time so far is 3:04.4 by West Germany.

LATE WORLD

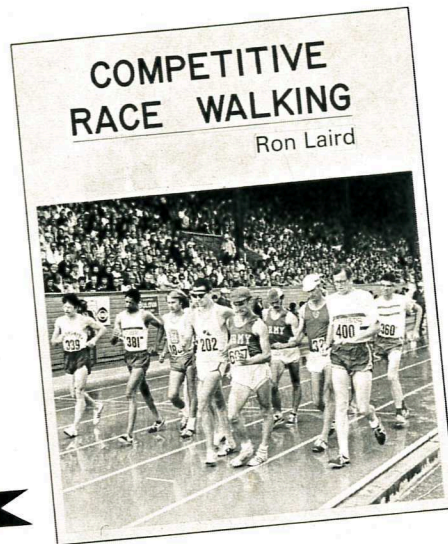
Bedford Scores Super Double: 13:17.2, 27:52.8

Dave Bedford is alive and well. He proved it in stunning style at the combined British Championships and Olympic trials as he turned in a sensational two-day distance double. First, he cruised 5000-meters in a European best 13:17.2, just six-tenths off Ron Clarke's global mark, to top a super field: Ian McCafferty (13:19.8), Ian Stewart (13:24.2), Spain's Mariano Haro (13:26.0) and 19-year-old Dave Black (13:28.0). As well, he passed three-miles in a continental best 12:52.0. The next day, Bedford turned in the equal-fourth fastest 10,000-meters ever, 27:52.8. Only recordman Clarke and Bedford himself have run faster, while Bedford matched Juha Vaatainen's time set in winning the 1971 European title. Later, Bedford confirmed he will run both distances at Munich. "I had no intention of running the 5000 until a couple of weeks ago," he added. Said Stewart, former European 5000 record holder, "He would be a damn fool not to double, since the schedule shouldn't bother him. Plus, he is in great form."

Other top performances in the meet, hampered by winds the second day, included Dave Jenkins' 45.4 400, Alan Lerwill's windy 26-9 long jump and Dave Hemery's 400 hurdles win over John Akii-Bua as both ran 49.7.

Another national meet, Kenya's, saw Robert Ouko clock 1:46.0 over 800 ahead of new face Daniel Omwanza (1:46.5), and Ben Jipcho lower the African steeple record to 8:28.6 with defending Olympic champ Amos Biwott second at 8:29.8 (PR). In Europe, Jozef Plachy timed a 1:45.6 800, Miklos Nemeth popped the javelin 286-4 and Pietro Mennea dashed 200-meters in 20.4. □

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Memories. Oh what grand and glorious remembrances we have, those of us fortunate enough to witness that great, great track meet. They come at me in all forms. The records, the thrilling competition, the joys of placing and the stifled sorrow of missing out. The men who competed and those who watched and worked, their deeds and their words.

There was Randy Matson, leaning forward over the dinner table a few hours after his defeat, wryly repeating the overheard comment from the booth behind, "Matson's over the hill". What do you say to comfort a good friend whose loss provoked that horrible upset stomach feeling? Who is held in such esteem that a veteran sports writer such as UPI's Joe Sargis said, "I feel like crying"?

But then there was Dwight Stones, the baby of the team. Fresh, enthused, excited and talkative, and whole world at his feet. Yes, he could do better. He has been making a lot of things on the third try, and he has tried 7-4½ twice now. Yes, "I tried to phone my mom, but the line was busy. By the time I get through she will have heard it, and I won't have the fun of telling her."

I remember how happy I was for George Young, who ran his fastest ever 5000, and how surprised I was at his unenthusiastic, almost surly reaction. Second, no matter how fast, is never good enough for George. Will I ever forget the finishing drive of Young's conqueror? Pre, some of the know-it-alls maintained, wouldn't have a chance against the Europeans because he couldn't run a last lap in 55 seconds. But Steve Prefontaine did run from two-and-a-half to three miles in just 1:58.7. And, as a relaxed, celebrating Pre said that evening, "The Europeans will have to respect me now."

Can I forget those dedicated, marvelous fans? Many sat on the unyielding bleachers for eight to 10 hours, only to adjourn to more comfortable spots to carry-on far into the morning. The day's events were reshaped, arguments waged, predictions made, games played. And on to another day and night of the same. Where else would Bill Toomey in street clothes cause resounding applause as he walked in the infield? Or would late finishing marathoners, completely unknown, be greeted by applause that was far more than cursory?

I recall the hard-working press, including European writers and photographers—and the lone San Francisco writer who showed up late, explaining his editor thought it was a three day meet. Ekkehard zur Megede, editor of the German track magazine *Leichtathletik*, said, "It's the greatest meet I ever saw" before it was half over.

There was Bruce Collins, homeward bound a week after he missed the hurdle spot he had been favored to win. "I would rather have been fifth or sixth than fourth." There were other "losers", already looking ahead, such as Dave Roberts who soon put in a very hard workout session. And Fred Samara, who said, "you don't know me if you have to ask if I'll be back in 1976". And Paul Gibson, soon to be a professional footballer, who vowed to turn to the decathlon "to be ready when professional track comes".

I remember the incredible tension of that first Saturday (the 100, 800 and triple jump) and Sunday (pole vault, intermediates, steeple and 10,000). "I'm not in shape for the Olympics," I thought. "How can I take nine full days of even greater competition?"

I remember. . . the heartlessness of ABC, grabbing Randy Matson for an interview as he tried to leave the field, and the graciousness with which Randy agreed as he fought to hold back his emotions. . . the athletes who turned first to our Olympic team predictions in *T&FN*, checking on their ratings. . . The long row of photographers, prone on their stomachs, probably for the first time in history, as they photographed the shot competition. . . The quiet pride of coaches, such as Cal's Dave Maggard, who in successive events had Eddie Hart win the 100, Rick Brown come so close in the 800, and unrated Jim Fraser jump 53-10 for early hope in the triple leap. . . Frank Shorter letting Kenny Moore take the victory lap before his hometown admirers after the marathon tie, while Shorter waited at the entrance to see if his Florida teammates would be the next finishers—he led the applause when they were. . . And the ecstasy of Bob Seagren as he fled from the pit, record holder once again, and embraced pole maker George Moore, identified in the papers as manager Whitey Taylor.

I remember, too, what was said. . . A happy, confident Ryun asking "How's your hay fever" both times we talked and joyfully reporting that he wasn't bothered a bit. . . Al Hall saying, "I note you don't give any of us a chance", a few days before his gutty series, the best in a long career, fell just short of an upset. . . Bill Dellinger, Oregon coach to be, predicting "Pre is ready to go 13:20". . . Kenny Moore looking forward to Munich, noting "a cooler day will take five minutes off our times". . . Jan Johnson, recalling that he had just been home for the first time in a long while, and grinning as he said, "It must have been good for me". . . And young Doug Brown, surprisingly confident, maintaining "I've got a lot of improvement in me. I think I can run with the Europeans". □

Cutthroat Trials Best Method; Witness Predictions

Only the United States among major track powers selects its Olympic representatives solely on the basis of a one-shot, man-to-man competition. Inevitably there are critics of the system, who feel such a minority position must be wrong, who cite examples of great athletes left off the team, who say selection should be by committee.

Most supporters of the select-yourself system argue that those who come through under the extreme pressures of Olympic style eliminations are those best qualified to stand the test of the Games. Certainly the record of US domination of the Olympics supports this belief. But even those who feel there are inequities in the procedure, and who are distressed by the occasional elimination of definite standouts, cannot come up with a better system. That's because they can't conceive of a committee capable of doing the job half as well as it is done now. Where could you find men wise enough, and courageous (or foolish) enough to say with assurance, this is your Olympic team, and it's the best possible team?

To comprehend the extreme difficulty in selecting a team off seasonal performances, you have only to try to do the job yourself. Would you have picked Dave Wottle for an 800 berth over Juris Luzins, Ken Swenson, Mark Winzenried and Jim Ryun? Which three high jumpers from among an evenly matched dozen or more would you have gone with, and how would you defend your choice against equally good arguments in favor of the others? Would you have chosen an injured Steve Smith, who had vaulted only once in about two months, over Dave Roberts, who had just gone 18-feet? And so it would go, event by event.

That the American competitive scene is hot, the talent deep, and the differences among contenders often indistinguishable is perhaps best proved by the Olympic team predictions of *Track & Field News*. With an abundance of facts at our disposal, a continuous interest in the leading candidates, and some knowledge of the sport, the *T&FN* staff was able to predict only 61% of the qualifiers. Of the 66 men we thought most likely to make it, only 40 finished among the first three.

But of course we recognized the difficulty, and the absurdity, of such selections. So we used our usual ABCD system. An A-rated athlete was almost certain to make the team, B had a good chance, C had a reasonable chance, and D a possible chance. Only six were strong enough to rate A and all of them made it, although Rod Milburn had a real scare. The B category contributed 28 team members, 19 came from the C group and nine came from the outsider ranks of the D-classed. To top it off, four made the team who weren't even in the rankings—Jon Anderson (whose absence from the D grouping was an oversight), Jim Seymour, Preston Carrington, and Steve Hayden.

Undoubtedly there are individual predictors who did better than our staff's collective picks. But even a super-wise committee couldn't expect to score as high as 75%, which means they would be wrong on at least 16 athletes.

"Stop Pre" T-Shirts Excite "Go Pre" Fanatics

Newton's third law of motion states: to every action there is an opposite and equal reaction. And even one of the country's fastest moving bodies, Steve Prefontaine, is not immune. At the NCAA it was "Go Pre" T-shirts (see II June). A month later the track circuit moved back to Eugene for the Olympic Trials.

And what raised a lot of commotion there was "Stop Pre" T-shirts. Conceived as a put-on to the rabid Eugene crowd, the shirts featured a big red stop sign, with the words, "Stop Pre" emblazoned on the front. Carefully sequestered in the stands on the day of the 5000 final were 20 intrepid (or is it foolhardy?) fans, virtually unnoticed in their new accoutrements. But you couldn't miss eager Gerry Lindgren promenading around the oval in his. The response was overwhelming. Now Gerry knows how the Christians felt in the Roman Coliseum. But the response Gerry received was kind in comparison to that meted out to the perpetrators of the whole affair. Angry fans wanted to fight, meet management let it be known that it was not amused and some columnists made rather nasty comments concerning the rascallions who would do such a dirty deed.

But all's well that ends well. Pre won his race in fine fashion despite such hindrances, and at race's end even accepted one of the shirts and put it on (which is what the whole affair was really about).

US Olympic Relay Order Assigned, Doubles On

The quadrennial dilemma is here again. The US has the horses, but can they trade the baton well enough to win the 400-meter relay at Munich? With an aggregate time of 39.9 out of the blocks you know the speed is there. Assistant coach Stan Wright has arranged his charges in the following

order: Rey Robinson (9.9) to Robert Taylor (10.0) to Gerald Tinker (10.1) to Eddie Hart (9.9). "I watched Robinson in four races at Eugene," said Wright, "and he didn't have a false start. They were all solid, and his coach tells me he can run the turn. Taylor doesn't run the turn well, so I'm expecting him to eat them up on the second leg. We want to put the pressure on there. With all respect to Eddie, I don't want to wait until the anchor to win."

The issue of personnel and order in the 1600 relay is purely a philosophical question, as the US could field two foursomes (and have two runners left over) whose individual seasonal bests are faster than any other single performer in the world this year. As it is, the team will probably be Vince Matthews (44.4) to Wayne Collett (44.1) to John Smith (44.2) to Lee Evans (43.8). Those PRs add up to 2:56.5, four-tenths shy of the world mark. With three running starts and Olympic competition. . .

In addition to the six sprinters who will contest the relays as well as the open events, the other three US athletes who qualified in two events will reportedly contest both at Munich. Dave Wottle will go in both the 800 and 1500, Frank Shorter the 10,000 and marathon and Larry Young both walks. Apparently, Jack Bachelor, marathon qualifier, and Florida Track Club teammate Jeff Galloway, 10,000 team member, wished to switch events. If Bachelor's fourth-place finish in the 10,000 was not disqualified, he would be the alternate in that event and he could switch with Galloway, who is the marathon alternate. However, at this time it appears as if the switch will not be allowed.

US Trials Fields Included Most 1972 Talent

The opening of the Trials to all those who had a qualifying performance, rather than through qualifying meets, produced one of the most solid fields in history. It was a rare event where all of the top 10-15 performers on the yearly list did not compete.

Among the notable absentees: 100, Cliff Branch (9.3/10.0) pro football; 200, Francis Baldwin (20.5); 400, Benny Brown (45.3), Lloyd Wills (45.4); 800, Dale Scott (1:47.8); 10,000, Richard Reid (29:02.6); HH, Paul Gibson (13.5) injured, Danny Smith (13.5); IH, Mike Lee (50.0); HJ, William Oates (7-1½); PV, Bob Richards (17-0); SP, Ken Patera (65-11½); DT, Ken Stadel (197-5).

Those Were the Days When

Twenty-years ago: A crowd of more than 30,000 showed up at the Los Angeles Coliseum to see the greatest two-day track meet ever—the 1952 US Olympic Trials. The only world record of the meet came from statesque Andy Stanfield, who glided the curve in 20.6 to equal his own 200-meter standard. Undefeated Charlie Moore skimmed the 400-meter barriers in 50.7, setting a new US record in missing the world mark by a tenth. Veteran Curtis Stone turned in a sparkling 14:27.0 5000 to better a US record which had stood since 1932. Horace Ashenfelter splashed, hurdled and ran to a national steeplechase standard of 9:06.4. Versatile Mal Whitfield equaled the US 800 best with his 1:48.6 and also captured the one-lap race in 46.9. Harrison Dillard, who had failed in the highs four years before but went on to win the 100, this time qualified in his favorite event with a winning 14.0. As usual, there was good news and bad news. The good news was the squad's overall performance, which saw the surpassing of Olympic records in seven events. The bad news was the failure of pre-meet favorites Jim Golliday (100), Don Gehrmann (800), Don Cooper (vault), Bob DeVinney (intermediate hurdles) and 1948 Olympic shot champ Moose Thompson to make the team.

Ten-years ago: Finland's Pentti Nikula became the first non-American to set a world pole vault record since 1925 with his 16-2½ clearance. . . Al Oerter, who had lost his world discus record to Soviet Vladimir Trusenyov a month earlier, regained it with his 204-10½ to highlight the US-Poland dual. It was a good period for world records. Jim Beatty of the US lowered the two-mile mark to 8:29.8. Ralph Boston's long jump record fell to Soviet Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, who spanned 27-3¼. Paul Drayton matched the 220 standard with his 20.5 at the AAU. In that meet, Peter McArdle set an American six-mile best of 28:34.8. . . In the NCAA, Dallas Long of Southern California won his third shot title with a 64-7 toss. The outstanding performer of the meet was home favorite Jerry Tarr of Oregon, who won the highs in a windy 13.5, and the 440 hurdles in 50.3 (in his third race ever).

Five-years ago: Jim Ryun was on a hot mile binge. At the Coliseum affair, he ran the second-best ever, 3:53.2. But at the AAU, he forced his own pace all the way in setting his still-standing world record 3:51.1. In seventh-place was Marty Liquori, his 3:59.8 making him the third sub-4:00 prep. . . Some hot world record setting was also done by Southern Cal athletes. The 440 relay foursome of Earl McCullouch, Fred Kuller, O.J. Simpson and Lennox Miller hacked six-tenths off the old mark with a 39.0 clocking, then chopped that down to an amazing 38.6 at the NCAA. Vaulters Bob Seagren and Paul Wilson got into the act too, with Seagren first soaring 17-7. But two weeks later Wilson upped that mark to 17-8. . . World sprint records received some alteration, as Charles Greene equaled the 100-yard standard of 9.1 at the NCAA. *Wally Donovan* □

To Box 296

HAKAN NORDQVIST, Tapiola, Finland:

With two months remaining before the Games, who are Scandinavia's greatest hopes? I think these: (1) Kjell Isaksson, vault; (2) Anders Garderud, steeple; (3) Juha Vaatainen, 10,000; (4) Ricky Bruch, discus; and (5) Hannu Siitonen, javelin. They are all potential winners, but there is probably only one probable winner among them. In addition, Scandinavia has 17 to 20 potential finalists, 10 of whom are probable.

STEVE MURDOCK, New York, New York:

Believe it or not, it wasn't until five days later that I knew who were the finishers in the 800-meters beyond Dave Wottle or who the fourth finisher was in the 100-meter final at the Final Trials. The *New York Times* had the barest mention of these two races, due, obviously, to the time problem, but there was never any follow-up. Finally, on the following Thursday, the *Times* carried Olympic team members to date and then *Sports Illustrated* arrived. I felt like I was back in the days of the Pony Express. The great 800 race was, as far as I could determine, completely ignored here. Of course, I didn't listen to every news telecast or read every issue of every paper.

BILL LIBBY, Westminster, California:

Randy Matson, Lee Evans, Pat Matzdorf, Greg Fredericks, to say nothing of Henry Hines, Rey Brown, Tom Von Ruden, Juris Luzins, Mark Winzenried, and Harold Connolly—what an array of Olympic champions, world pace-setters and record holders who failed to make the US Olympic track team. A fellow can be sick or suffering from an injury in July, yet splendid in September. A fellow like Rod Milburn almost missed the team because of a bad start in a single race. There are no perfect solutions, but why not let the first two finishers in each final trials event automatically make the team and let an official panel pick the third on the basis of his overall record and final trials performance? Sure there might be some politics involved, but at least fellows who have dominated an event for years would get the extra consideration their consistency and high attainments merit. Athletes would know they could make it by making the top two and in many cases the third might be picked anyway. This seems to be an ideal compromise solution. If after due consideration you agree it has merit, why not get behind it and campaign for it in 1976?

AL FRANKEN, meet promoter, Los Angeles, California:

I thought this unsolicited letter from an athlete I've met only once—and briefly at that—might make interesting reading as to why the best meets are out in the west: "Thank you very much for inviting me to run in the Vons mile. As you probably know, that was my first sub-four minute mile—and to have run in such a prestigious field, well thank you. I ran in the King Games earlier this year and was really disillusioned by its lack of organization. Your direction of this meet was completely the opposite. Well run and fun to run in. I hope I will be able to deserve future invitations to your fine meets. Sincerely [signed], Ken Popejoy."

BOB GILMORE, National City, California:

Ditto to the remarks of Steven Gentry in the 11 June *T&FN* pertaining to the poor ABC NCAA TV track coverage. I know Dick Bank would have told us who was second and third behind Steve Prefontaine and who fell in the 1500-meter race as well as many other interesting tidbits.

J. FRED DUCKETT, Houston, Texas:

I want to congratulate the CBS network on the quality of its telecasts of the recent AAU national championships. From the point of view of both the track fan and the ordinary viewer, the coverage was excellent. In particular, CBS showed to great advantage when compared to the miserable job done by the ABC network on the NCAA. Their job was unprofessional, un knowledgeable, poorly directed, even more poorly announced, and totally unsatisfactory. In addition, I would like to congratulate the network on its choice of announcers. I can only wish that the CBS network rather than the "Amateur" Broadcasting Company was covering the Olympics.

HANS URY, Berkeley, California:

Robert Hersh's letter (1 July) begins loftily, with concern for the human condition, deteriorates rapidly and ends by likening Fanie van Zijl to a good-German-under-Hitler. His harsh moralism, so strangely reminiscent of right-wing utterances during the McCarthy era, might carry more weight if they didn't happen to be self-serving. Hersh is in favor of sacrifices, provided they are largely made by others. He is willing to sacrifice a certain keen edge of competition but will cheerfully accept an increased likelihood of medals for the US in the events in question. Like the rather selective ban on non-reciprocal foreigners" at the AAU, this comes under the heading of "doing well by doing good", as Tom Lehrer so aptly put it.

JOHN BOULTER, 1968 British Olympian, Yorkshire, England:

I would like to add my appreciation of your excellent magazine. The glossy style was a significant improvement but I am not so sure about the new type setting—it seems too large. However, the most significant features are the excellent multitude of photographs and the "in-depth" features on particular aspects of the sport, e.g., Steve Prefontaine article (11 March) and Stan Wright profile (1 March). □



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