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IN THE FUTURE

US		17	Golden West HS Inv, Sacra
June		17-18	Senior's Intl Ch, Los Angeles
30-2	NAIA Ch, Billings, Mont	23-24	USA Junior Ch, Lakewood, Col
1-3	NCAA Ch, Eugene, Ore	24	Rose Festival, Portland, Ore
2-3	California State HS Ch, Oroville	29-9	US Olympic Trials, Eugene
4	Compton Inv, Los Angeles	July	
4-5	AAU Dec Ch, Los Angeles	1-4	US Masters Ch, San Diego
7-8	Interservice Ch, San Jose, Calif	28-29	US-USSR Jr Dual, Sacramento
9	Vons Classic, Los Angeles	INTERNATIONAL	
10	All-American HS Ch, B Rouge	June	
10	Intl HS Ch, Mt. Prospect, Ill	21	Rosicky Mem, Prague, Czech
10	Kennedy Gms, Berkeley, Calif	August	
15-17	AAU Ch, Seattle, Wash	31-9	Olympic Track, Munich, WG

UP FRONT

Suddenly 19-feet in the pole vault takes on an air of reality—thanks to these high-flying record-breakers. Both Kjell Isaksson (top) and Bob Seagren soared 18-4¼ here at the El Paso Invitational to elevate the global best from Isak's 18-2¼ of earlier this year. It was a triumphant return to vaulting's highest heights for Seagren, plagued by injuries in recent years, as he regained a share of the record he last held in 1968. /Mike Pemberton/

TO MAY 29, 1972

Seagren Gets a Share With Isak

Kjell Isaksson is at it again. Only this time he has a rejuvenated Bob Seagren chasing him. Still vaulting in all parts of the globe, Isaksson made a brief return to the US, and raised his own world standard from 18-2¼ to 18-4¼. But not until after Seagren had made the latter height to momentarily take the record from him. Both say they can go higher.

The rest of the US scene in the latter half of May took on a new complexion this year with the movement of the NCAA championships to the first weekend in June, rather than the traditional third.

The weekend of the 27th and 28th featured the best collection of meets for one period in the whole year, but the level of competition was perhaps not quite as high as usual, even though it is an Olympic year. With the start of the NCAA less than a week away, many of the top team contenders abstained from competition completely. Thus, we had a weekend with no Oregon (Steve Prefontaine, Pete Shmock, Bouncy Moore), UCLA (James Butts, Charles Rich, John Smith) or Southern Cal (Willie Deckard, Don Quarrie, Doug Lane) competitors. The IC4A was weakened when decathlete Fred Samara, steepler Joe Lucas and miler Bob Wheeler all laid off in favor of a week's rest before the collegiate championships. The USTFF had its smallest field in recent years as midwestern institutions did not send the contingents they had in the past.

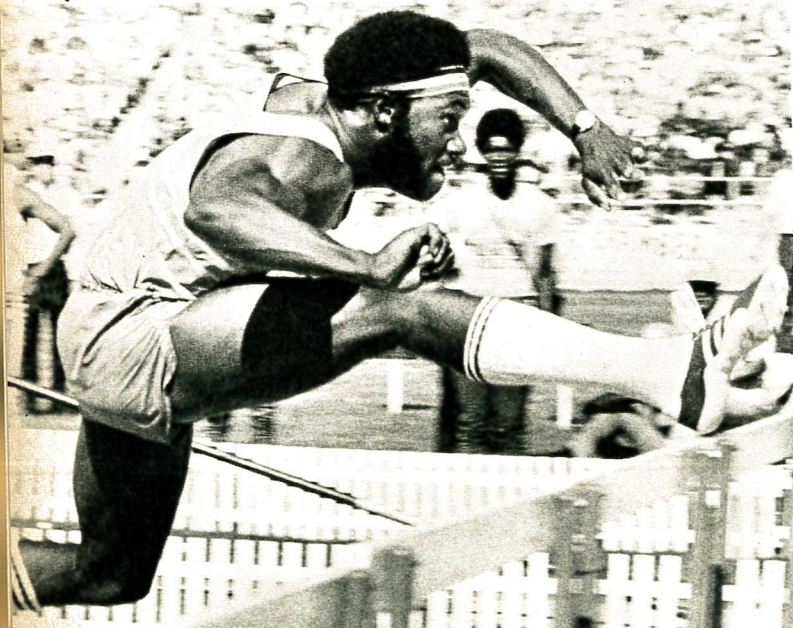
This is not to say that the period was devoid of top-flight performances. In addition to the hot vaulting, George Woods (69-9¼) and Fred DeBernardi (68-7¼) did some boffo shot putting, Rod Milburn continued to dazzle in the hurdles, blazing another windy 13.0 and fighting a head wind to 13.3, and Henry Hines showed great consistency (and talent) in the long jump, bounding 26-10¼ and 27-6¼, although both were windy.

But lest one think that the US had the yearly lists sewn up, faint rumblings began on the other side of the Atlantic. France's Guy Drut rode the wind to another 13.3 in the highs. The East German shot brigade began its quest for dominance as Hartmut Briesenick lobbed one 68-8, followed by countrymen Hans-Peter Geis (67-8½) and Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (67-6¼).

The prepsters, not to be outdone, came up with another pair of national standards. Hot relay runner Ronald Ray (Ferguson, Newport News, Va) moved into equal-tenth on the *world* list for the year with his blazing 45.8 440. Incomparable hammerer Alvin Jackson (Classical, Providence, RI) pounded at his own 12-lb. standard with a new 220-2 mark.

The following outdoor record alterations have been reported since the 11 May issue: W=world; E=European; A=American; HS=high school; "-" equals record.

HT(12)	220-2	HS	Alvin Jackson (Provid, RI)	Providence, RI	May 13
PV	18-½	A	Bob Seagren (Strid)	El Paso, Tex	May 23
PV	18-4¼	W, A	Bob Seagren (Strid)	El Paso, Tex	May 23
PV	18-4¼	=W, E	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)	El Paso, Tex	May 23
400m	45.8	HS	Ronald Ray (Npt News, Va)	Charlottesville, Va	May 27
440y	45.8	HS	Ronald Ray (Npt News, Va)	Charlottesville, Va	May 27



Rod Milburn in full flight, heading toward a windy 13.0 California Relays victory. It was his second windy 13-flat of the season. /Stan Pantovic/

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BIG 8 CONFERENCE

Schur's Big Leap Up Brings 7-3 PR, Co-World Lead



Barry Schur jumped into equal leadership of world high jumpers with this 7-3 clearance to win the Big 8 title. /Rich Clarkson, Topeka Capital-Journal/

Boulder, Colo., May 19-20 /from George Grenier and Carol R. Swenson/—Barry Schur made a big leap up in the high jump and claimed the Big 8 Conference title, a PR by two inches, a share of the world lead, sixth position all-time among collegiate leapers and eighth among Americans—all with his soaring 7-3 clearance.

Schur's first-attempt clearance was the high point of a fine afternoon of jumping by the 6-4, 190-lb. soph who placed 10th in last year's NCAA decathlon at 6598 points. The 20-year-old Schur (born 12/12/51) topped 6-8, 6-10, 7-1½, 7-2¼ and 7-3 all on his initial effort and had one good try at 7-4. He needed two tries at 7-0 but "since I did it with ease, I knew I had some better jumps left in me". All the competition departed at 6-10. His former PR stood at 7-1, achieved earlier this year, while his best prior to 1972 scaled 6-10. Schur thus matched the top performance thus far in the campaign, achieved by Ron Jourdan of the US and Soviet Vladimir Abramov, himself a flopper like Schur. Kansan Schur won the outstanding

Dennis Schultz (r) blazed a 20.4 heat in the Big 8 title meet, beating George Daniels (l) by three-tenths. But in the final here, Schultz just edges Daniels, both sprinters clocking 20.7. /Clarkson/



athlete award in the meet and some 4500 Saturday spectators saw his team win its sixth consecutive team title, this one with 100½ points, its ninth title in the last decade and 18th in the past 21 years.

Action on the track was highlighted by the rapid running of Oklahoma Staters Jim Bolding and Dennis Schultz and Oklahoma's Travis Newsome. Bolding sped over the one-lap hurdles in a PR 49.8, second-quickest among Americans this season. He rocketed to an eight-yard lead by the 150-yard mark and despite having to cut his stride, he finished strongly to nip three-tenths off his best, set earlier in the year. He also placed second in the high hurdles with a windy 13.9 and produced a 46.1 third leg in the mile relay.

Bolding's teammate Dennis Schultz roared to a legal 20.4 220 clocking in Friday's heats, leaving Colorado's George Daniels three-tenths to the rear, and then outran Daniels in the finals, both clocking 20.7. At twice the furlong distance, both Newsome and Missouri's Mike Norman registered PRs of 46.0, Newsome getting the nod. Newsome later finished off Oklahoma's 3:09.8 mile relay winners with 46.4.

Another top Kansas effort came from javelinist Sam Colson, who whipped four throws past 250-feet, his best jabbing at a PR 264.0. Colorado's 440 relayists combined for a 39.8 victory. Kansas State's Jerome Howe and Oklahoma State's John Halberstadt met head-on twice in the distances in the 5400-foot altitude. Howe zipped a 58.6 last lap to win a 4:08.4 mile by nine-tenths, while South African Halberstadt won a last-lap duel in the three-mile as both clocked 14:09.0.

100(ok), tie, Daniels' & D. Williams 9.6. 220(ok), Schultz 20.7; 2. Daniels' 20.7; 3. Lutz 20.8. 440, Newsome 46.0; 2. Norman 46.0; 3. Case' 46.3; 4. Cantrell 46.6. 880, Hawkins 1:50.0. Mile, Howe 4:04.4; 2. Halberstadt' 4:09.3. 3Mile, Halberstadt' 14:09.0; 2. Howe 14:09.0. 120HH(w), Robinson 13.6; 2. Bolding 13.9. 440IH, Bolding 49.8; 2. M. Lee 51.0; 3. Bornkessel 51.6.

HJ, Schur 7-3. PV, McColm 16-3. LJ(w), Adams' 25-1; 2. Kinney 24-11½. TJ(ok), Gray 50-10¼; 2. Kinney 49-9½. SP, Brosius 61-9¾; 2. Frieze 60-3¾; 3. Le Duc 59-5. DT, Brosius 180-11. JT, Colson 264-0; 2. Morland 245-3. 440R, Colorado 39.8 (Branch, Bennett, Brunson, Daniels'); 2. Kansas 40.0. MileR, Oklahoma 3:09.8 (Cantrell, Gilham, Eastin, Newsome 46.4); 2. Oklahoma State 3:11.0 (Bolding 46.1 [3]). *Teams:* 1. Kansas 100½; 2. Kansas State 87; 3. Oklahoma State 82½; 4. Colorado 73; 5. Oklahoma 69; 6. Missouri 55; 7. Nebraska 41; 8. Iowa State 18.

PACIFIC 8 CONFERENCE

Garrison's 45.4 Stops Smith, Butts Pops 54-4¾

Stanford, Calif., May 19-20 /by Jon Hendershott/—Edecel Garrison evened his season's count in the 440 with a PR matching 45.4 victory over John Smith and James Butts popped a big 54-4¾ triple jump to become fifth-longest jumping American in history in the brightest performances of a quality Pacific 8 Conference championships.

UCLA's Smith ran hard from the gun in the one-lapper but Southern Cal's Garrison moved along well with his high-back-kick style and entered the final straight with some four yards on the UCLA pair. Smith worked even more furiously down the stretch, his head bobbing and arms pumping, but the world 440 recordman couldn't cut the distance. Garrison went into the tape with a PR matcher of 45.4, four-tenths up on Smith with Brown claiming third at 45.9, just a tenth off his best set in the UCLA-Southern Cal dual. Smith took that encounter from Garrison, 45.3 to 45.7.

"I really put my heart into this one," Garrison said later. "It hurt to lose in the dual meet after I won in 71, but I used that as a kind of spring-board for this race. John and I have the greatest respect for each other. We know our abilities and that one day the race might be mine and the next day it might be his." Smith later ran fifth in the 220 at 22.2 and didn't run the mile relay; he complained of a sore knee and, as UCLA coach Jim Bush said, "he didn't want to press it".

Butts' big triple leap came in the second round and lengthened his PR from 53-5¾. Only Art Walker, Norm Tate, John Craft and Dave Smith have bounded farther outdoors than UCLA's Butts with Smith only ¾" ahead. As well, Butts becomes the third-longest collegian ever, behind only Pertti Pousi and Mohinder Gill. Butts' big leap came against a 1.3 mph wind.

Mammoth Doug Lane crushed the opposition in the shot with his first effort, emitting a mighty grunt as he exploded the shot 66-11¼, some 2-0 past his previous best and more than a foot longer than the Southern Cal school record, Dallas Long's 65-10½, a world record in 1962. All of Lane's five legal puts surpassed his former 64-11¼ PR, including a 66-7¼. Oregon's Pete Shmock, who had improved to 66-5 two weeks ago, reached 65-10¼ in second. "This was a do-or-die meet for me," said Lane. "I was never more positive of doing well in a meet in my life. Anything Shmock would have thrown, I was confident I could beat."

Top efforts on the oval came from Cal's Rick Brown in the 880, Oregon's Steve Prefontaine in the three-mile and Washington's Bill Koss in the steeple. Brown made his move with some 300 yards to go, unlike a year ago when he often waited until the head of the homestretch, and powered to a 1:47.7 victory, a PR by 1.2 seconds. Pre started fast in the three-mile, 62.3 for the first quarter and 4:18.9 for the first mile, to open some 150-yards on the field at its widest point, but a combination of his own fast pace and a pesky headwind down the final stretch held Pre to 13:32.2. His last lap



(Left) Rick Brown claimed the Pac-8 880 by zipping a PR 1:47.7, his best by 1.2 seconds. /Bernie Lahde/ (Right) James Butts became the fifth-longest US triple jumper ever with his 54-4¾ leap to win the Pac-8. /Steve Sutton/

unofficially took 66.3 while the final circuit for runner-up Jim Johnson (13:36.0) took 60.3. In Friday's steeple, Johnson played the same tactic, opening some 15- to 20-yards on teammate Bill Koss. But Koss began to move down the final backstretch, caught Johnson over the final barrier and held him off at the tape for a two-tenth victory in 8:42.0. Koss cut his best by 12.6 to become the second-quickest collegian of the season. He then ran 13:50.0 for sixth in the three-mile.

Sprint star Don Quarrie saw full action only in the 440 relay final, won by Southern Cal in 40.2. Quarrie started slowly for the pass from Leon Brown and midway through his stint seemed less than snappy. He was later disqualified for two false starts in the 100 and then trotted through a 29.0 220 just for the one point awarded sixth place. "It isn't a muscle," Quarrie said later, sitting on a training table with an ice pad on the inside of his knee. "There is a tightness behind my left knee and I can't get my knee up. It locks. I should be okay by the middle of the week, though."

Doug Lane didn't waste time winning the Pacific-8 Conference shot put. The Southern Cal muscleman hefted the ball 66-11¼ on his first put for a career-best by exactly two feet and the victory. /Steve Sutton/



Even without Quarrie in the furlong, Southern Cal scored a win as Leon Brown ran a strong curve to turn back UCLA's Warren Edmonson by a tenth with 20.8. The other individual victory which helped Southern Cal to its 140-point claiming of the team title came from freshman long jumper Randy Williams, who leaped 25-8. UCLA was runner-up in the team race with 124 points.

100(ok), Edmonson 9.4. Heats: 1(ok)-1. Edmonson 9.3. 220, L. Brown 20.8; 2. Edmonson 20.9; 3. Deardar 21.0; 4. B. Brown 21.4; 5. Smith 22.2; 6. Quarrie 29.0 (inj). 440, Garrison 45.4; 2. Smith 45.8; 3. B. Brown 45.9; 4. Buford 46.6. 880, R. Brown 1:47.7; 2. Bence 1:48.6; 3. Smylie 1:49.2. Mile, Hailu' 4:03.2. 3Mile, Prefontaine 13:32.2; 2. Johnson 13:36.0; 3. Tyson 13:38.2. 3000mSt, Koss 8:42.0; 2. Johnson 8:42.2; 3. Hill 8:55.6. 120HH(ok), Rich 13.7. 440IH, Corval' 52.1. Heats: 1-1. Corval' 52.0; 2. Long 52.1.

HJ, Stones 7-1; 2. Fletcher 7-1; 3. Owens 7-0. PV, Bryde' 16-9½; 2. Pullard 16-3; 3. Cryder 16-3; 4. Sakala 16-3. LJ, Williams 25-8ok; 2. Bendixen' 25-5ok; 3. Conway 25-2½w; 4. Delamere' 24-10¼w. TJ(ok), Butts 54-4¼; 2. Jackson' 51-6; 3. Conway 51-5¼; 4. Tiff 50-10¼. SP, Lane 66-11¼ (66-11¼, 65-3¼, 66-7¼, 64-11¼, f, 65-3¼); 2. Shmock 65-10¼; 3. Walker 60-9¼; 4. Cathcart 60-3¼. DT, Penrose 185-6; 2. Wilkins 185-4. JT, Kennedy' 249-5; 2. Feldmann 248-8; 3. Quitslund 248-7; 4. Barnett 244-6. 440R, Southern Cal 40.2 (Williams, L. Brown, Quarrie', Deardar); 2. Oregon 40.7; 3. California 40.7; ... dnf—UCLA dropped baton. MileR, UCLA 3:06.7 (Echols 47.2, Williams 47.2, Gaddis 47.2, B. Brown 45.1); 2. Southern Cal 3:08.5 (Garrison 47.2, L. Brown 46.5). Teams: 1. Southern Cal 140; 2. UCLA 124; 3. Oregon 86; 4. Washington 64; 5. California 63; 6. Oregon State 43; 7. Stanford 23; 8. Washington State 14.

A Winner and a Loser

Two contrasting scenes, both starring steeplechasers just finished contesting the race for the Pac-8 conference championship:

In one scene sits Bill Koss, Washington senior, a gold medal in a blue case at his feet, the victor in an exciting foot-race with teammate Jim Johnson, Koss clocking a PR 8:42.2, two-tenths ahead of Johnson. Newsmen question the precise-speaking Koss and his teammate. They trade happy smiles, an occasional elbow and *power grips* with congratulatory teammates.

In the second scene sits young Todd Lathers. Alone. Downcast. His boyish face is long, from anger and disappointment. Holding his damp track shoes, he sits on a lonely lip of Stanford's cavernous stadium. No newsmen press Lathers for answers and impressions. No teammates offer best wishes. No one even was in sight. Lathers sits alone with his thoughts and frustrations. When he talks it is quietly, while staring at the ground. An 8:40.4 steepler last year as a freshman, he finished 10th and last in an ignominious 9:40.4 in the race won gloriously by Bill Koss.

While their scenes were different, their stories were somewhat the same. Koss missed all of the 1971 season with a broken foot suffered playing pick-up basketball. Todd Lather's 1972 season hit its lowest point in the Stanford race because of ripped tendons in his left foot—suffered playing basketball.

"I ripped everything in my left foot earlier in the week," said the sad-eyed Lathers, swinging his shoes on his fingers. "They taped it and I was determined to try. [His 8:40.4 placed him second in this meet a year ago.] It didn't hurt too much to run on, but over the first water jump, I stepped over on that foot just like the original sprain." He bends his right foot over until the ankle bone almost touches the ground to demonstrate. "I kept going but by a couple more laps, I just couldn't do any more. I couldn't go any faster so I sat there on my butt and watched the race go by me. This sure has been a hell of a year. I'll just have to make one more try at the NCAA [held on his home oval at Eugene]."

Koss missed all of 71 with a broken foot. "Playing basketball," he said. "Stepped over and pop! But it doesn't bother me in the steeplechase. I alternate jumping legs over the water jump. As long as I can charge into a barrier, I'm fine. I just never try to stutter my stride before a hurdle."

Was he concerned when teammate Johnson opened some 15 yards early in the race? "I thought Jim went out too fast and I wasn't sure how he would do. So I just ran my own race," the greatly-improved Koss replied. This year he has recorded clockings of 4:04.7 in the mile (previous best of 4:10.3 as a sophomore), 13:37.6 three-mile (14:06.0 as a frosh) and 28:41.0 six-mile (over 30-minutes as a prep)—as well as his 8:42.0 steeple, hacking 12.6 seconds from his former best. "Actually our main goal was to get one-two. I wanted to lead after the mile, but Jim was out in front so I kept him and the next upcoming barrier in close view. It was really good to feel so strong at the end. After missing last year, I set out this year to first get a deep background of distance work and then sharpen with more speed after I was confident of my condition.

"I think my improvement is mainly due to physical maturity. I'm a lot older than many of the guys I ran against. In fact, I'm 23 today." A satisfying birthday gift he claimed for himself with his victory? "Rather," he smiled. □



Rod Milburn (r) rocketed at the El Paso Invitational. Hurdling the high against both a 7.16 mph headwind and Olympic champion Willie Davenport (l), the world record holder zipped a 13.3. Davenport picked off second with his 13.5 clocking. /Lance Murray/

EL PASO Milburn Bucks Wind to 13.3, DeBernardi Gets 68-7¾

El Paso, Texas, May 20 /by Bert Nelson—It was a night for the field performers to remember. The runners were good but the throwers and jumpers were better in the second annual El Paso Invitational.

The best performance of the quality meet came on the sand colored Tartan track as Rod Milburn "kept right on schedule". Last season's athlete of the year flowed over the hurdles in 13.3, bucking a 7.16 miles-per-hour breeze. The flawless performance, which left daylight between the winner and Willie Davenport' and Paul Gibson, was worth at least 13.1 in windless conditions and earned Milburn a handsome ring signifying runner-of-the-meet honors.

While the disappointingly small crowd of 6500 only mildly appreciated Rod's run, it went ape over the field athlete-of-the-meet and his heroics. Popular Fred DeBernardi of host El Paso picked the right moment to propel himself into the Olympic picture.

Olympic runner-up George Woods was pointing for 69-feet in his 1972 shot debut and opened the competition with a 68-foot effort. But he absent-mindedly walked out of the front half of the ring and the put was a foul. Still beset with form problems, Randy Matson took the early lead at 67-1 in the second round. Woods edged ahead with 67-2 in the third. And so it remained until the fifth when DeBo put together all his readily apparent nervous energy and popped the bulb 68-7¾. It moved him to number six on the all-time world list and perhaps helped resolve the dilemma of whether to make his Olympic bid in the shot and/or discus.

Five reached 20-meters (65-7½) for the first time in one meet as ex-Kansans Steve Wilhelm and Karl Salb made fine improvements. Wilhelm, just over first year law finals and looking forward to a return to northern California and a chance to train hard, came from behind to edge Salb by a quarter-inch with 65-7¾. The latter, who will train with Wilhelm for awhile, for the first time this year showed a glimmer of the stuff that made him a three-time NCAA winner.

Very pleased with himself was Mark Murro. National record holder at 300-0, Murro had two bad years following an ankle injury. Laying out of school this season, working as a janitor and training, the full-waisted Murro reached 273-8 on his second heave and called it quits in the interests of "saving it".

A strong but erratic wind gave little comfort to the discus heavers. On three valid throws, John Van Reenen produced only one over 200-feet but his 210-3 was good enough. But he was pushed by Tim Vollmer, who at last seems on the way back: three over 200-feet with a best of 206-3 did it. DeBernardi nabbed third with 192-6.

Hal Connolly put life into his fifth straight Olympic bid with a remarkably even series which he said indicated better things to come. He whipped the implement 220-7, 221-1, 222-10, 220-5, foul, 221-3 to turn back a frustrated Tom Gage, who had expected better results than his last



(Left) Fred DeBernardi became the sixth-longest shot putter ever with his 68-7/8 cast. /Louie Villalobos/ (Center) Jerry Culp rolls over the bar at

the Bakersfield Classic where he cleared 7-3/4 for victory. /Don Chadez/ (Right) Mark Murro fired the javelin 273-8 here at El Paso.

throw 218-2.

Six jumps over 26-feet were claimed by Henry Hines, but two 27-footers were foul and the others, topped by 26-10/4, were wind helped. Norm Tate, who reported a narrow scratch at 27-6 in the King Games, had a legal 26-3/4. He nipped Stan Royster by a half-inch.

The wind had eased when Mohinder Gill, strong and confident, attacked the triple jump. He went 53-5, a good foul, and 54-5, with the best ahead, when he twisted an ankle slightly and knocked off. Kjell Isaksson and Dave Roberts both cleared 17-6 and had good cracks at 18-0 ("I should have had it," said Roberts) with the Swede winning. Completing the high level field eventing was high jump winner Rey Brown, scoring with 7-1.

Ed Roberts, the old-timer from Trinidad, featured much of the running activity. He got the Philadelphia Pioneers off to a good start in the 440 relay and they beat a class field in 39.2; he won the quarter in 45.9, a personal best; and he finished with an unlocked winning anchor leg of about 45 seconds. One of the better 440 relay carries was by Curtis Mills who took over from Roberts and opened a wide gap. The former 440 recordman cramped up during the 220 but reported no lasting damage and is confident of making it all the way back.

The half-mile was a showcase for spirited little Fanie Van Zijl. After a piddling 55-second first lap, he showed his back to Juris Luzins with a nine-tenths margin with his 1:47.1 clocking. It was a South African record and not bad, considering a strong wind and slow pace. Third went to the highly promising Tommy Fulton of Texas Southern. Understandably lagging off the pace after running 4:01.4 and 1:49.2 the night before, Fulton closed a little in the last furlong for 1:48.5.

Possibly the fastest last 220 of the night, except for the half-lapper itself, was the 23.8 turned in by Len Hilton as he won the two-mile in 8:52.8, a stadium record in El Paso's 3856-foot elevation. Another good finisher was Duke's Bob Wheeler who had no trouble capturing the mile in 4:03.1.

El Paso's great sprint corps claimed both dashes, which was no surprise although the winners were. With injured Steve Williams watching, it was erratic-starting Errol Stewart who ran 9.4 into the wind, holding off Willie McGee with open space to the rest of the big-name field. The 220 went in 20.9 to Harrington Jackson, better known as the NCAA century champ.

100(-), Stewart' 9.4; 2. McGee 9.4. 220(ok), Jackson 20.9. 440, Roberts' 45.9; 2. Joseph 45.9; 3. Turner 46.6; 4. James 46.8. 880, Van Zijl' 1:47.1; 2. Luzins 1:48.0; 3. Fulton 1:48.5. Mile, Wheeler 4:03.1. 2Mile, Hilton 8:52.8. 120HH(-7.16), Milburn 13.3; 2. Davenport 13.5; 3. Gibson 13.6; 4. Hall 14.1. 440IH, James 51.1; 2. Adsit 51.1; 3. Rondeau 51.4; 4. Ohman' 51.4; 5. Johnson' 52.2.

HJ, Brown 7-1; 2. Jourdan 7-0; 3. Shepard 6-11; ... 5. Elliott 6-10. PV, Isaksson' 17-6; 2. Roberts 17-6; 3. Richards 16-6; 4. Jernberg' 16-6; 5. R. Carter 16-6; 6. Parris 16-6; 7. tie, Simpson' & Vaughn 16-6. LJ, Hines 26-10 1/4 w (f, 26-0 w, f, 26-3 1/4 w, 26-7 w, 26-10 1/4 w); 2. Tate 26-3/4 ok; 3. Royster 26-1/4 ok; 4. H. Jackson 25-6 1/4 ok; 5. Coleman 25-2 ok; 6. Owusu' 25-3/4 ok. TJ(ok), Gill' 54-5; 2. Tate 51-4 1/2; 3. Hall 51-4. SP, DeBernardi 68-7 1/2 (65-7, 64-7 1/2, 63-3/4, 66-5, 68-7 1/2, 66-3 1/2); 2. Woods 67-2 (f, 62-6 1/2, 67-2, f, f, p); 3. Matson 67-1 (65-11 1/4, 67-1, f, 66-4 1/4, 66-5 1/4, 65-1); 4. S. Wilhelm 65-7 1/2; 5. Salb

65-7 1/2; 6. Hoglund' 63-3 1/2. DT, Van Reenen' 210-3; 2. Vollmer 206-3; 3. DeBernardi 192-6; 4. Ordway 186-3; 5. Salb 185-5. HT, Connolly 222-10; 2. Gage 218-2; 3. Farmer' 205-9. JT, Murro 273-8. 440R, Philadelphia Pioneers 39.2 (Roberts', C. Mills, Joseph', Ware); 2. Texas Southern 39.4; 3. El Paso 39.6; 4. Southwestern Louisiana 39.6; 5. Baton Rouge TC 39.8. MileR, Philadelphia Pioneers 3:07.3; 2. Adelphi 3:07.6.

BAKERSFIELD Benson, Manley Get Jump on 5000, Steeple Foes

Bakersfield, Calif., May 20 /by Tom Gleason/—Large fields of world-class athletes in most events produced fine marks despite cold winds that gusted up to 20 mph, and temperatures in the 50s at the second annual Bakersfield Classic.

The finest event of the evening was the 5000-meters, where Australian Tony Benson changed gears in the last 100-yards to defeat George Young (who had done the same thing 200-yards earlier), 13:36.6 to 13:37.6. Jim Ryun was usually at the rear of the pack of seven, even when Young broke the race open, but finished fastest of all in the last 50-yards for a PR of 13:38.2. Tarry Harrison, Tracy Smith, Jack Bacheler, Frank Shorter and Canada's Grant McLaren all shared the lead and frequently picked up the pace, but all of the first 11 laps were between 65 and 69 seconds with mile and two splits of 4:24.0 and 8:49.8. McLaren ran his last mile in 4:22.0 and his last 440 in 60.4, but was outkicked by Benson, Young, Ryun and Smith while defeating Bacheler and Shorter—as all seven were well under the Olympic qualifying standard of 13:48.0.

The same story was true to a lesser extent in the steeplechase. The early leader, Jeromee Liebenberg, faded to fourth as Mike Manley pulled away from Bob Price to win, 8:36.0 to 8:37.4, as only these two runners made the Olympic qualifying standard.

Along with the 5000-meters, the mile relay had seemed to be the major attraction of this meet. North Carolina Central had its 3:03.1 team fresh after no one had run farther than 110-yards in a race today. However, the Striders had a 3:05.2 team which seemed capable of making the race close, although all of their runners had already run a 440 on the flat or over hurdles today. After 435-yards, North Carolina Central's Melvin Bassett had a five-yard lead on the Striders' Ralph Mann, but as he passed the baton to Robert Ouko they tripped over each other's legs and fell. It took Bassett 48.2 seconds to cover one lap but the second lap wasn't completed until 50.9 seconds had elapsed. Sub 21-second first 220s by Julius Sang and Larry Black on the way to 45.8 and 45.5 clockings made the race interesting, but the Striders finished strongly into the headwind on each lap and won, 3:08.2 to 3:10.4.

Earlier, in the 440 relay, Black ran a good third leg to give Sang a two yard lead that he just held to win in 40.0 over California International's Willie Turner who anchored his team in the same time and the US Army's Jerry Bright anchored a 40.1 effort. Bright and Turner had tangled earlier in the 220, but three false starts—all affecting Turner—didn't help Turner's poor starting. Chuck Smith led all the way to win in 20.8. Mel Pender, who contributed a fine leg for the Army's sprint relay team, slowed down after



(Left) Tony Benson (l) follows here in the Bakersfield 5000, but spurred to victory with 13:36.6. Tracy Smith (r) took 4th and Grant McLaren 5th, each at 13:40.0, while Frank Shorter placed 7th at 13:42.4 and Jack Bachelor 6th at 13:40.4. /Don Chadez/



(Right) In the steeplechase, both winner Mike Manley (r) and runnerup Bob Price got seasonal lows of 8:36.0 and 8:37.4 respectively. /Stan Pantovic/

the start of the 100-meters because he expected a recall gun. None was fired, so he failed to finish the race won by Bobby Turner in 10.4.

Collett also won the 400-meters in 44.9, as Fred Newhouse and Jim Kemp ran 47.9 and 48.0 in sixth and eighth after trying to stay with Collett's fast pace. However, the big kickers won the 800-meters and mile. Ken Swenson led Art Sandison past Mark Winzenried in the homestretch but then had to hold off Steve Straub's kick to win the 800-meters in 1:48.9 to Straub's 1:49.0. Tom Von Ruden did the same thing to Jim Crawford as he won the mile by eight-tenths in 3:59.0.

Two young men who won the hurdles at the 1970 AAU here repeated by leading early and finishing strongly to record good times slowed by wind. Thomas Hill defeated a fair field in the metric highs with a 13.9 second effort. Mann faced a stronger (all club-affiliated) nine-man field in the full yard distance intermediates but led over the first hurdle and held off 1968 Olympian Boyd Gittins by one-tenth in 50.7.

The best of many other good, but not surprising, field event performances, was Al Feuerbach's 67-4/8 shot put win. However, Bill Schmidt, who won the javelin by two inches over Fred Luke with a 265-8 toss was named outstanding field event athlete and Benson the top runner.

100m(-4.1), B. Turner 10.4. 200m(-0.17), C. Smith 20.8. 400m, Collett 44.9; 2. H. Brown 46.0; 3. Peoples 46.3; ... 6. Newhouse 47.9. 800m, Swenson 1:48.9; 2. Straub 1:49.0; 3. Winzenried 1:49.3; 4. Sandison 1:49.4. Mile, Von Ruden 3:59.0; 2. Crawford 3:59.8; 3. McDonald 4:01.1; 4. VanDyk 4:01.5. 5000m, Benson' 13:36.6 (13:13.2); 2. Young 13:37.6 (13:12.8); 3. Ryun 13:38.2 (13:14.8); 4. Smith 13:40.0 (13:14.4); 5. McLaren' 13:40.0 (13:14.4); 6. Bachelor 13:40.4; 7. Shorter 13:42.4. 3000mSt, Manley 8:36.0; 2. Price 8:37.4; 3. S. Savage 8:41.6; 4. Liebenberg 8:46.2. 110mHH(-5.4), Hill 13.9; 2. Draper 14.1; 3. Foster 14.1. 440IH, Mann 50.7; 2. Gittins 50.8; 3. Seymour 51.0; 4. Williams 51.6; 5. Steele 51.8; 6. Musika 52.1; 7. Whitney 52.2. HJ, Culp 7-3/4; ... Fosbury 6-8. PV, Seagren 17-0; 2. Williamson 16-8. LJ(-), Whitley 25-1; 2. McAlister 24-9/4; ... 5. Robinson 23-4/4. TJ(-), Reader 51-4; 2. Walker 50-6. SP, Feuerbach 67-4/8; 2. B. Wilhelm 63-4; 3. Marks 62-8/4. DT, Silvester 196-5; 2. Kohler 189-5. JT, Schmidt 265-8; 2. Luke 265-3. 440R, North Carolina Central 40.0

(Foster, Horsley, Black, Sang'); 2. Cal International 40.0. MileR, Striders 3:08.2 (Mann 48.7, Whitney 48.2, H. Brown 46.3, Collett 45.0); 2. North Carolina Central 3:10.4 (Bassett 48.2 [fell], Ouko' 50.9, Sang' 45.8, Black 45.5).

ANTELOPE VALLEY

Silvester Stops Van Reenen in 'Weak Wind'

Lancaster, Calif., May 21 /from Bob Lord/-The throwers ended up disappointed with their marks at this year's first "Antelope Valley Invitational", but they didn't really have much to complain about.

A straight-on wind of 10-20 mph gave nowhere near the aid of last year's 40-45 mph quartering hurricane. Still, Jay Silvester threw "only" 215-7 (compared to 230-0 last year). However, that mark has been exceeded in only one other competition this year, a 215-10 by John Van Reenen. Van Reenen was second here with 212-7, Tim Vollmer third at 201-9.

Everything was officially in order this year, with an AAU sanction and badge-wearing judges.

1. Silvester 215-2; 2. Van Reenen' 212-7; 3. Vollmer 201-9; 4. Penrose 196-10; 5. Ordway 195-9; 6. Neville 192-0; 7. Carlsen 189-9; 8. Weber 186-1; 9. Lister 182-5; 10. Bakkensen 182-2; 11. Kennedy 182-0.

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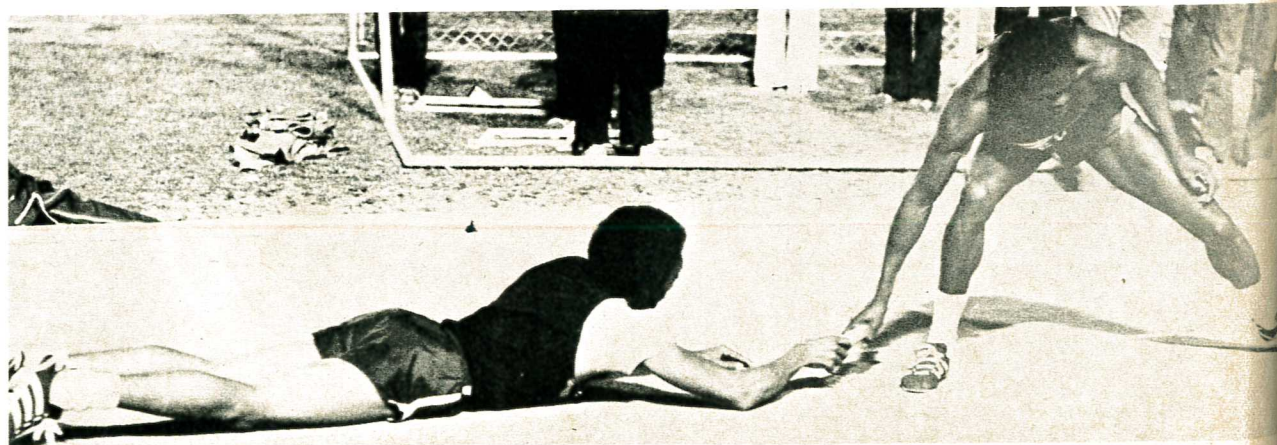
Not One, But Two, 18-4/4 Records by Seagren, Isak

El Paso, May 23-In an era when truly great track and field performances are commonplace, it still is hard to comprehend the pole vaulting that has been taking place in this border city. Would you believe...

... that Bob Seagren raised the world record to 18-4/4 and yet finished second?

... or that Kjell Isaksson matched this latest record but was disappointed because two days earlier he had not one but two superior clearances in practice?

Mel Bassett finally connects with North Carolina Central teammate Robert Ouko in the Bakersfield mile relay after the two jostled and Bassett fell. This bobble put Central too far behind the Striders, whose 3:08.2 won by 2.2 seconds. /Stan Pantovic/



... or that an outrageously high 19-feet, which just last week seemed perhaps a decade in the offing, is now sanely talked about as sure to come, and soon?

... or that Isaksson scaled his super heights on a new, borrowed pole?

... or that 24 hours before he regained the world record he last held in 1968, Seagren was unaware of the competition and training very hard for the weekend's California Relays?

It's all true, every high-flying inch of it.

It all began when the peripatetic Isaksson accepted the invitation of El Paso coach Wayne Vandenburg to compete in the El Paso Invitational on Sat., May 20 and then to stay on and vault in the UTEP Invitational IV that day. He won the El Paso Invitational at 17-6 with good shots at 18-feet.

But Kjell was frustrated that he had not gone higher, particularly since there was the favoring breeze he enjoys so much. So it was back to the drawing board on Sunday and the result was the most fantastic vaulting in history, albeit unofficial. He breezed over 17-0, 17-6 and 18-0 without a miss. Holding a hot hand, he had the bar set at 18-6. "I had trouble at 18-6," Kjell recalled, "and didn't make it until my fourth or fifth vault." but make it he did, adding an unofficial but realistic four full inches to his pending world mark. There was no point in quitting now and Isak went after a

never-before-attempted 18-9, clearing that virginal height on his third effort.

The Swede gave much of the credit for his sudden seven inch surge to a borrowed pole. He's on his way home and is taking a new Sky Pole to decathlete Lennart Hedmark. It's stiffer than Kjell's usual implement and Isaksson decided to give it a try. Now, he says, "I might not give it to Lennart".

Word of an 18-9 vault is bound to get around, and by Monday evening Seagren had heard of it. He had just finished a hard workout and was tired, but the competitive juices started to flow. He called Vandenburg to say he'd be there if he could get a flight.

Some 1500 fans were on hand for the one-event, fully-sanctioned meet, the fourth in a series of UTEP Invitationals this year. They were treated to some fine vaulting before the two big guns took their openers. Bill Curnow, El Paso soph, grabbed third with a PR 17-½ while Paul Heglar, El Paso grad, was fourth at the same height.

Seagren missed at 17-4, Isaksson made it, and so did Seagren. At 18-½, Bob knocked off the bar, and after Kjell made it for his third 18-foot clearance, Bob missed a second time. "It was nerve-wracking now," he said later. "The old third try situation." But he got his nerves together and sailed over a new national record (topping John Pennel's 17-10¼ of 69) and second on the all-time list, a quarter-inch higher than history's first 18-footer, Chris



These are some of the discus throwers who made the trek to Lancaster (l-r): John Van Reenen, Tim Vollmer, Zdravko Pecar, Winston Landes, Steve Dav-

is, Larry Kennedy, Olga Connolly, Jay Silvester, Mike Louisiana, Gary Ordway, Dave Weber and Miles Lister. Silvester beat them all at 215-2. /Chadez/

A Journey into Outer Limits

An interesting assortment of wind-conscious discus throwers from all over the west showed up in Lancaster, Calif., May 21 in hopes of finding the type of ideal conditions that produced last year's remarkable discus results. Twenty-one throwers arrived, but the hoped-for winds didn't, and the results were generally disappointing and surprisingly formful. Most throwers seemed to be within their typical range, and several slumped below expectations.

Veteran Jay Silvester, who had eagerly anticipated the meet, shrugged off disappointing conditions and came through with an outstanding seasonal best 215-2 throw for his first 1972 win over John Van Reenen and the second best throw in the world this year, eight inches behind Van Reenen's earlier world-leading effort at Long Beach. Van Reenen produced a fine 212-7, and Tim Vollmer continued to show signs that he is returning to form at 201-9. Silvester also had fouls in the area of 217- and 219-feet and Van Reenen had one around 214-feet.

This year's meet was carefully sanctioned and AAU-officiated, and was set up by Gil Bishop, meet director of Saturday's Bakersfield Classic, as an adjunct to the Bakersfield meet. Bishop hopes to make this following meet an annual affair also.

The wind was estimated by various means at 10 to 18 mph, strong enough to be very helpful, but it blew from the wrong direction—straight in, rather than from the ideal right quartering angle. Some authorities feel that a straight-in wind is beneficial, but today's results would not seem to support such a contention.

After the meet, while sampling local cuisine at a nearby Jack-in-the-Box, Silvester philosophized about windy throwing. He feels that a standard anemometer should be used in discus competition and a wind of more than 20 mph, from any direction, should rule out throws for record consideration. Thus, even a throw hindered by a strong wind would be thrown out, but nobody is going to set a world record under those conditions anyway. A 20 mph ceiling may seem generous compared to the 4.473 mph that rules out sprints, hurdles, and horizontal jumps, but it would serve to allow for good wind conditions while eliminating the possibility of 40 or 50 mph winds producing outrageously good records. Silvester says he has discussed the 20 mph, any direction, plan with top throwers all over the world and all have been agreeable.

Most onlookers felt that Silvester threw better this year, at 215-2, than he did last year, at 230-11 and a 239-9 foul, and Jay agrees. Last year's wind with this year's form might have produced a mark in the 240s, maybe the high 240s or better. It may take such a throw before international officials begin to seriously consider the problem of wind-aided discus throwing.

The meet was untitled, being something of a step-child to the earlier Bakersfield meet. Many facetious names were suggested, as reported recently in *T&FN*. One discus thrower may have solved the problem. Disappointed by the wrong-way wind, off-form throwing, huge flights of throwers and long waits, he remarked, "This meet is the Polish Olympics." /Bob Lord/

On the phone to *Track & Field News* shortly after their 18-4¼ vaults, the new co-holders both spoke of higher heights and left no doubt they consider them realistic goals, not dreams.

Bob Seagren: "I should go much higher in the near future. I must raise my personal goal. It was 18-6, but that's not enough now. But I'll need competition to do it.

"There's no doubt now that Munich [the Olympic Games] will go well over 18-feet. There's Nordwig [Wolfgang of East Germany], and obviously Kjell. And I was impressed very much in Italy by Dionisi [Renato of Italy]. There are others, too.

"I felt pretty good at 17-4. But it got scary at 18-½. How many times had I tried it and never made it? 18-4 was my best vault ever. And I was really pleased at 18-6. I had three good ones."

Kjell Isaksson: "I could have done more. There was no wind at all. In fact, there was a slight headwind when I made 5.59. I didn't think I could make that high without a wind. I was using a stiffer pole that I thought I could use only

19-Foot No Longer a Dream



This crossbar-level view shows Bob Seagren clearing an American record 18-½ on his way to a share of the world record of 18-4¼ at El Paso. /Louie Villalobos/

with a strong wind and it worked.

"I think I can do more than 18-9, maybe 19-feet. Someone should do 19-feet this year. Three weeks ago I thought maybe in 10 years someone would do 19-feet. But I've changed my mind.

"I'm not really surprised at Seagren. I knew he could do 18. Both of us can go higher. Other 18-footers should be Roberts (Dave of Rice), Nordwig, Dionisi, maybe a couple of others. I think sometime ago, I said there would be six over 18-feet by the Olympics and it looks like we'll make it."

Wayne Vandenburg, who made the opportunity possible, said he was sorry that the usual El Paso wind wasn't helping Isaksson. "He's little and needs it. He'd wait and wait and finally vault without it. And then when he finished it would blow. At lunch today, he said he was expecting 18-8 or 18-10, so here you have a new record at 18-4¼ and he's justifiably disappointed. Think how great it is for Bobby, though, after all he's been through. He's a great competitor and he'll go higher."

Papanicolaou.

Up went the bar, measured at 5.59-meters and 18-4¼. Both failed the first time up. On the second round, Seagren cleared with his new green Cata-Pole and he was the recordman, climaxing, for the time being anyway, a meteoric comeback from last year's knee surgery. But he was the sole claimant to the global mark for only a few minutes as his opponent soon arched over, taking the lead on the countback. It was the first time two athletes had set a world mark in the same event in the same meet since the triple jump world record was improved five times during the 1968 Olympic Games.

Both had good tries at 18-6¼ (5.64) but it was not to be today. Both were certain, though, that it, and higher, would come soon. Kjell vaults in Sweden on the 27th, returning to the United States for the June 9th Von's Classic in Los Angeles, while Seagren goes to Modesto on the 27th and will be awaiting Kjell on the ninth.

Isaksson had favored trying 18-2¾, rather than higher. But Seagren said, "Let's not worry about the record. Let's go for height. . ." Seagren, too, was using a pole for the first time, having collected a slightly stiffer implement just that day. . . Seagren had daylight on his record clearance, as much as four or five inches according to one experienced observer, while Isak hit the crosspiece. Bob also had better shots at 18-6¼. . . In the aftermath, Seagren was elated while Isaksson had mixed emotions, happy to have a new record, unhappy because he "was vaulting poorly and there was no wind."

PV, Isaksson' 18-4¼ =WR, ER (17-4 [1], 18-½ [1], 18-4¼ [2]); 2. Seagren 18-4¼ WR, AR (17-4 [2], 18-½ [3], 18-4¼ [2]); 3. Curnow 17-½; 4. Heglar 17-½; 5. Williamson 16-8¼; 6. R. Carter 16-8¼.

NCAA COLLEGE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS Norfolk State Blasts 39.4 in Fast Sprint Scene

Ashland, Ohio, May 25-27 /by Jack Bodnar/—The 10th annual NCAA College Division championships were most impressive this year in both top marks and depth on the track, with scattered brilliance on the field.

Talent and depth-wise, the 100-meter dash had to be the icing on the cake. A half-dozen went 10.2 or better in the heats, semis and final. Norfolk's Steve Riddick turned in a legal 10.0 semi (all affected marks were devoid of excess aiding wind) and then came back with a 10.1 to take the final. Cal Poly/Pomona's Dave Gilliard sped a pair of 10.1s and took second in the final, while Riddick's teammate Condie Pugh ran a 10.1 heat and dashed 10.2 for third in the final. Adelphi's Dennis Walker also did 10.1 in the heats but could muster only a fifth-place in the final. Norfolk's Bill Cuffee out-started Walker in the 200-meters, 20.6 to 20.8, as Gilliard came

on for a 20.9 third place. Cuffee also ran a 20.8 semi.

Adding Zach Rodgers to the trio of Riddick, Pugh and Cuffee, Norfolk put together a 39.4 all-American-born 440 relay in the heats and a 39.8 final winner. Closest to the Virginians were Eastern Illinois and Eastern Michigan in second and third, both at 40.9. All but Rodgers will be back next year, and as for this season, "all we want is Southern Cal", summed up Riddick, a sophomore.

Eastern Michigan's Gordon Minty of England defended his two distance titles by easily taking both the 5000- and 10,000-meter runs, in a slowish 14:23.6 and a good 29:29.6. In both cases, Rick Bowerman of Wabash was second, 14:36.0 and 29:31.2.

A good 800 field saw itself almost killed off as Jim Couch (Cal Poly/Pomona) paced off a 52.0 first quarter. In the end, defending champ Jay Fabian was outdueled on the final turn by Montclair State's Greg Weiss, 1:48.3 to 1:48.7. Probably the fastest finish came from Eastern Michigan's Gary Collins, who came from the middle of the pack to take a 1:48.8 third place.

Humboldt State's Mike Bettiga edged Eastern Illinois' Rod Jackson in a sloppy metric highs race, 13.8 to 13.9. There was considerable bumping and jostling through the race.

Cal Poly/SLO's 17-foot vaulter Dave Hamer cleared 16-8 to win, pacing Van Davies (Northern Colorado) and Don Albritton (Northeast Missouri State) 16-4¼. Albritton earlier won the decathlon with a 6999 total and also cleared 6-7¼ to tie for second in the high jump.

Setting the scene for the final running event, the mile relay, NCAA indoor 440 champ Larance Jones of Northeast Missouri State won the metric quarter in 45.8, beating a good field in the process, which had seen Adelphi's Clyde McPherson eliminated in the semis. In the relay, Adelphi had run a 3:08.9 prelim with a team of Rich Hardware, Bill McPherson, Ray Lee and Clyde McPherson—minus a resting Keith Davis and a tired Dennis Walker. Eastern Michigan strained a 3:12.2 to make the final.

Eastern Michigan's anchorman, freshman Stan Vinson, caught a long-gone McPherson at the tape in the final as both teams clocked 3:09.7 in a ruled dead-heat. Vinson ran 45.6 to McPherson's 47.2, while back in fifth at 3:11.3 came Northeast Missouri State, finished by Jones' 45.4.

Eastern Michigan, in its first year away from the NAIA, scored in 14 of 21 events to easily take the team title with 93 points. Norfolk State showed impressive world-class sprint strength as it took runner-up honors with 49 points.

100m(ok), Riddick 10.1; 2. Gilliard 10.1; 3. Pugh 10.2; 4. Amerison 10.2; 5. Walker 10.3. Heats: Pugh, Walker 10.1. Semis: I(ok)-1. Pugh 10.2. II(ok)-1. Riddick 10.0; 2. Gilliard 10.1; 3. Amerison 10.1. 200m(ok), Cuffee 20.6; 2. Walker 20.8; 3. Gilliard 20.9; 4. J. Pettus 20.9; 5. Hardware 20.9. Semis: I(ok)-1. Cuffee 20.8. 400m, L. Jones

Fastest 'Super' Mouth in The West

by Bert Nelson

To use his favorite word, Wayne Vandenburg is a "super" promoter. The young coach at the El Paso campus of the University of Texas may, in fact, have no peers among track and field coaches when it comes to promoting their sport.

It wasn't long after he entered college coaching, as assistant coach at the University of New Mexico in 1965, that Vandy started making a national reputation. A virtually non-stop talker, he soon became known as the fastest mouth in the west. Soon it was realized that a lot of knowledge backed up the flow of words and Wayne was recognized as one of the country's best informed experts on the subject of high school track and field. *Track & Field News'* far-reaching string of prep correspondents occasionally failed to come up with details of schoolboy athletic feats that Vandenburg could rattle off without pause.

It wasn't long before that knowledge and that gift of gab were put to practical use. Recruiting it was called, and it seemed he was born for the game. He got his chance to prove it early, being named head track coach of the school once known as Texas Western just as it was changing its name in 1967 to the University of Texas at El Paso.

To some it must have seemed an early end of a promising career. Texas Western was nowhere as a track school. Remotely located on the high desert in the western tip of Texas, UTEP wasn't likely to appeal to many hotshots from the rest of the sprawling state, let alone to the sophisticates of either coast. Money was scarce. Team support was close to non-existent. And the physical facilities were less than super.

Was Vandenburg worried? Not to listen to him. No sooner was the job his than he unabashedly admitted "my goal is to win an NCAA title". The laughter could be heard from Los Angeles to Eugene to Philadelphia, but it was doubtful the brash 25-year-old was listening. He was too busy talking—and recruiting.

A short two years later the laughter abruptly ceased. The impossible had happened. UTEP had its NCAA title. Villanova, winner for the past three years, surrendered its cross-country throne to the Texas upstarts. But it wasn't really a Texas team, for of the seven runners three were Australians and a fourth was English. That's capital R Recruiting, and from then on Wayne Vandenburg has been recognized, and feared, as the equal if not the superior of the country's track recruiters.

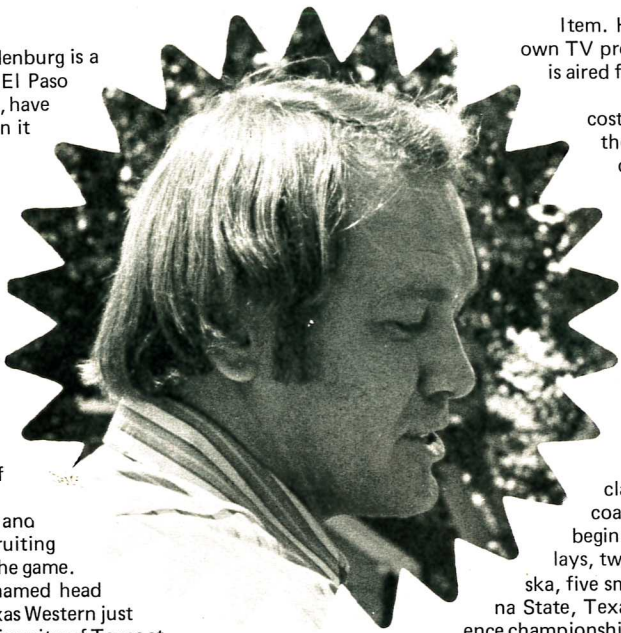
There are those who say Vandy recruited a little too hard. His early track squads were hastily patched together congregations which included unknown frosh, transfers from other schools and second-chance drop-outs. There were some who probably shouldn't have been in college and some who definitely weren't suited for UTEP. The predictable result was trouble and El Paso had it. There was an official NCAA reprimand and a number of athletes, headed by superstar Bob Beamon, departed.

Pausing only long enough to digest his lesson, a mellowing, maturing Vandenburg began to build on a more solid base. UTEP became firmly established as a track power on the basis of two fifths and a sixth in the NCAA outdoor meet and a second indoors. This year, the Miners, whose coach actually is talking a little less and listening more, have a real shot at the big bauble. They have a fast, deep sprint squad capable of scoring well in five events, a double-threat in Fred DeBernardi, and a lot of others who could get in the money, including, believe it or not, two hammer throwers.

Hammer throwers in El Paso? You bet. And in that unlikely situation is found two of the keys to Vandenburg's success. Peter Farmer hails from far away Sydney, Australia, one more proof of Vandy's unquestioned recruiting ability. But it takes more than recruiting to take a 19-year-old freshman from 195-6 to 220-plus in one season. Or to take the other ball-and-chainer, Pryor Nunn, from the 130-foot he threw last spring as a newly converted discusman to the 195-footer he is today.

But the greatest coach in the world is helpless without material and recruiting long has been known as the name of the US collegiate game. And that is where Vandenburg excels. Of the 48 names in the 1972 press book, only 12 are from Texas, including seven locals from El Paso. Seven foreign countries furnish 14 athletes, including six from Australia alone. New York and California contribute seven and six squad members and the rest are scattered among five other states. That is indeed super promotion.

But super promoter Wayne Vandenburg hasn't earned the title on recruiting alone. To his everlasting credit, he cares, really cares, about track. It's a love with him. And he promotes it.



Item. He's the only track coach I know to have his own TV program "The Wayne Vandenburg Track Show" is aired for a half-hour weekly.

Item. UTEP put up only half the \$120,000 cost of the new Tartan track. So Vandy promoted the rest. They got an eight lane Tartan track, complete with field event run-ups.

Item. It takes help to dig up that kind of money, and the additional funds needed for grants and other expenses. So Wayne promoted the El Paso Amateur Track & Field Association and the El Paso Track & Field Official's Association, which is a division of the former. The latter group has 117 men, each of whom not only bought a handsome uniform at \$85 each and worked to become competent officials, but gave their time and energies to promoting track in the El Paso area.

Item. A first-class team deserves first-class competition, and so the 6-2, 200-pound coach put together this 1972 home schedule, beginning Feb. 26 and ending May 22: El Paso Relays, two UTEP invitationals, Oklahoma State, Nebraska, five smaller schools, USC, UTEP Invitational, Arizona State, Texas A&M and Texas, Western Athletic Conference championships, El Paso Invitational and UTEP Invitational.

Item. Such a schedule deserves fan support, requiring promotion. So two large, color posters, one featuring DeBernardi and the other NCAA sprint champ Harrington Jackson, were printed by Coors Beer and distributed to 1100 Coors' outlets. El Paso Natural Gas came through with 12,000 folders (headlining "super super value"). Two local gas chains contributed 5000 bumper stickers. Television stations produced 20-, 30-, and 60-second spots over an eight week period and radio did its part. All hammered away at the "Debut '72" theme.

Item. There was no judges stand. So when Wayne spotted some airplane loading ramps no longer needed by El Paso's new terminal, the result was inevitable and the highly suitable stand is in action today.

Item. Kjell Isaksson was available and wanted action, so Vandenburg promoted UTEP Invitational Four, arranged live TV coverage, attracted 1500 non-paying fans, and gave El Paso its first, and second, world records.

Item. Not content with a "super facility" he touts as one of the best in the country, Vandy has complete plans for \$108,000 worth of electric scoreboard and electronic timing capacity and is on his way to promoting it.

Item. There is more to track than intercollegiate competition and, wanting the best, the hard-working coach created the El Paso Invitational last year. Nearly blown out of the stadium by a dust storm the natives still brag about, Vandy was undeterred. This year the weather was great, the field was super, and the crowd was disappointingly small. The meet took a bath that could cost as much as \$10,000. But the true promoter never quits, and within hours Wayne was vowing to come back with another super winner.

Item. Attracting class athletes to an invitational meet, particularly when it's in far-off El Paso, is a promotional art in itself. So Vandenburg laid on the hospitality and provided prizes the likes of which may not have been seen in this country. To the winner went AM-FM cassette recorders, while second placers got AM-FM digital clock radios, and third-placers won AM-FM transistor pocket radios. Each placer received a pair of double-knit slacks. And all took home unique El Paso Invitational plaques. Created by Tiny Barcena, a former track coach and active member of the booster club, the plaques are works of art and would be more than satisfactory prizes themselves. An 11 inch casting featuring the Aztec sun calendar is mounted on a hand carved wooden base 16 inches in diameter. Together, they emphasize the cultural blend that exists in El Paso, the largest American city on the Mexican border. The prizes were promoted, of course. Each event sponsor paid \$150 for the privilege, items were purchased at wholesale or less and one sponsor, Chico's Tacos to be exact, came through with a cool \$1000.

How and why does this friendly, enthusiastic father of two do it? The question is answered in the UTEP press book: "The secret to Vandenburg's success is work, and here's how he reflects on the subject: 'I like a situation where you never get caught up, no matter how hard you work. So you go at it as hard as you can, as long as you can. You achieve results, but you're never really satisfied, because you know you could have always done more'. He's a high pressure, constant motion man who lives and dies track."

Never stopping, never satisfied, Vandy is even now preparing his talented squad for that NCAA challenge, winding up the finishing touches on a recruiting campaign that already has a flock of goodies headed for Vandytown, planning landscaping for the stadium, and, undoubtedly, working on a super promotion or two. □ /Wayne Vandenburg photo by Steve Sutton/

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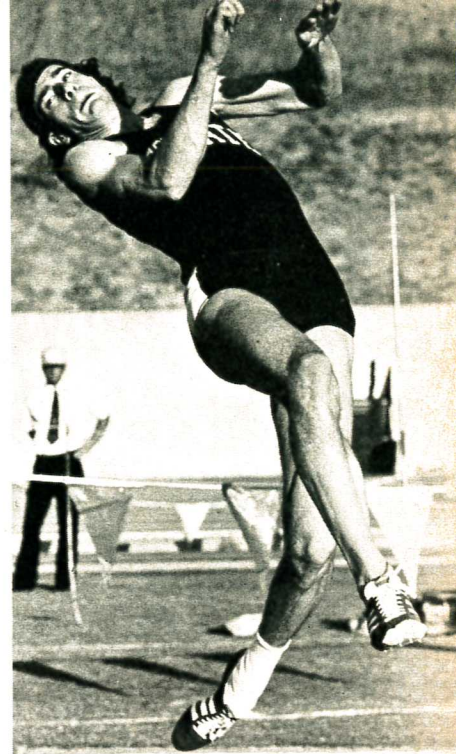
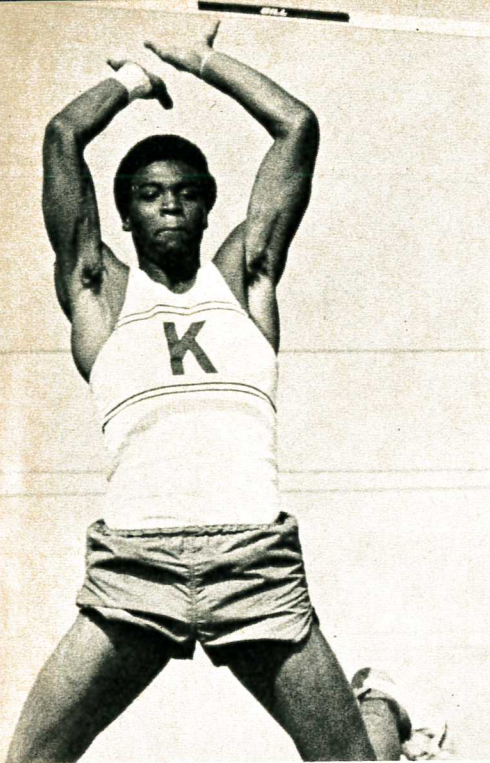
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(Left) Don Albritton was busy at the NCAA College Division meet, winning the decathlon at 6999 points, tying for second in the high jump (6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$) and vaulting 16-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ for third. /Steve Murdock/ (Center) Greg Fredericks (r)

45.8; 2. Jordan 46.1; 3. Kermit Bayless 46.4; 4. Vinson 46.5. Semis: I-1. Jones 46.2. 800m, Weiss 1:48.3; 2. Fabian 1:48.7; 3. Collins 1:48.8; 4. Keal 1:49.4. 1500m, Bentley' 3:50.0; 2. LaPlante 3:50.0; 3. Foster 3:50.0. 5000m, Minty' 14:23.6; 2. Bowerman 14:36.0; 3. Skaja 14:40.0. 10,000m, Minty' 29:29.6; 2. Bowerman 29:31.2. 3000mSt, White 9:04.6; 2. Mullens 9:05.8; 3. Ault 9:08.6. 120HH, Bettiga 13.8; 2. Jackson 13.9; 3. D. Jones 14.2. 400mIH, Jackson 51.2; 2. Cartwright 51.6; 3. Bracy 51.6.

HJ, Buso 6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. tie, Albritton, Nielsen & G. Pettus 6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. PV, Hamer 16-8; 2. Davies 16-4 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. Albritton 16-4 $\frac{1}{4}$. LJ(ok), Barfield 24-4 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Brown 24- $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Boyd 24- $\frac{1}{4}$. TJ(ok), Geredine 50-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Jacobmeyer 49-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. Jenkins 49-2 $\frac{1}{4}$. SP, Lauriano 55-6; 2. McCready 55-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. McKiernan 53-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. DT, Marshall 173-9; 2. McCollum 167-9; 3. Morton 163-8. HT, Bredice 205-2; 2. Parrott 200-9; 3. Cramer 176-4. JT, Feeney 243-4; 2. Hall 237-10; 3. Johnson 230-4. Dec, Albritton 6999 (11.0, 19-1, 42-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 51.6, 15.6, 129-1, 15-6, 155-5, 5:15.2); 2. DeVries 6947; 3. Coad 6791. 440R, Norfolk State 39.8 (Rodgers, Riddick, Pugh, Cuffee); 2. Eastern Illinois 40.9; 3. Eastern Michigan 40.9. Semis: I-1. Norfolk State 39.4. MileR, tie, Adelphi (Hardware 48.0, Lee 47.3, B. McPherson 47.4, C. McPherson 47.2) & Eastern Michigan (Hall' 48.2, Cartwright 47.4, Collins 48.5, Vinson 45.6) 3:09.7; 3. Lincoln 3:10.9; 4. Norfolk State 3:11.2; 5. Northeast Missouri State 3:11.3 (Jones 45.4). Teams: 1. Eastern Michigan 93; 2. Norfolk State 49; 3. Northeast Missouri State 46; 4. Eastern Illinois 34; 5. Cal Poly/Pomona 29; 6. Wabash 26.



Larance Jones won the NCAA College 400 at 45.8 and relayed 45.4.



Ron Phillips claimed the Big 10 660 title in a quick 1:16.5.

IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fredericks Paces PR 27:54.6; Dunn Climbs 7-2

Philadelphia, Pa., May 26-27 /from Jim Dunaway/—Greg Fredericks sliced nearly a half-minute from his six-mile PR in only his second race ever at the distance, Chris Dunn matched his outdoor high jump best and Mike Keogh livened a slow-paced mile as all claimed victories in the 96th IC4A Championships.

Fredericks, Penn State senior, toured the 24-lap distance on Friday

toured six miles in 27:54.6, while Mike Keogh miled 4:01.6 and both claimed IC4A titles. /Albert Session/ (Right) Another IC4A champion, Chris Dunn matched his outdoor high jump PR with a 7-2 winner. /Chip Gane/

in 27:54.6, gunning a 57.2 final 440 to top the 28:00.0 of Villanovan Donal Walsh. These two, plus Penn State's Matt Chadwick, moved through a 13:56.8 first half of the race, rapid going for the 75-80 degree temperatures which prevailed both days of the meet. Chadwick dropped off soon after and Walsh took command in the fourth mile. There was no question of Walsh getting away from Fredericks, however, and Fredericks, who has toured a 4:00.4 mile this year, took off with a lap left to come home the winner. His time surpassed the Olympic qualifying standard of 27:55.0 and chopped 29.2 seconds off his previous best of 28:23.8, set in winning this race a year ago.

Colgate's Dunn matched his outdoor high jump best with a 7-2 clearance, $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches off his all-time high achieved indoors. Then he missed thrice at 7-3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

With Duke's Bob Wheeler not competing, Bruce Fischer towed the mile 'field through a 59.0 first quarter but by the 1320 mark the pace had slowed to 3:05. Villanova's Tom Gregan led, but Manhattan's Mike Keogh jumped to life at the head of the final backstretch and his 56.5 final circuit brought Keogh home first in 4:01.6, three-tenths ahead of fellow Irishman Gregan, a frosh. Fischer followed at 4:02.5, with Duke's other Wheeler, Steve, fourth at 4:02.7.

Tom McMannon high hurdled to a 13.7 win, while Bruce Collins appeared well within himself in his 50.9 440 hurdles win. He also took the 220 at 21.2. The meet's other double winner was Pitt jumper Bill Rea with efforts of 25-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 50-8 $\frac{1}{4}$. Penn took the team laurels with 53 points.

100(nwi), Scott 9.7. 220(nwi), Collins 21.2. 440, Black 47.7. 880, Philippe 1:49.7; 2. Mosser 1:50.1. Mile, Keogh' 4:01.6; 2. Gregan' 4:01.9; 3. Fischer 4:02.5; 4. S. Wheeler 4:02.7. 3Mile, Hartnett' 13:42.8. 6Mile, Fredericks 27:54.6; 2. Walsh' 28:00.0; 3. Chadwick 28:31.4; 4. Eden 28:57.8. 3000mSt, Childs 8:49.0; 2. Allhand 8:50.0; 3. Wright' 8:52.0; 4. Schurko 8:54.6. 120HH(nwi), McMannon 13.7; 2. Dobson 13.9; 3. MacDonald' 13.9. Heats(nwi): I-1. McMannon 13.8. 440IH, Collins 50.9; 2. Slevin 51.2.

HJ, Dunn 7-2. PV, Blair 16-4; 2. Struble 16-4. LJ(nwi), Rea 25-1 $\frac{1}{4}$; TJ(nwi), Rea 50-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Bilmanis 49-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. SP, Hill 60-1. DT, Polselli 178-10. HT, Greenwood 195-3; 2. Furness 193-5; 3. McDermott 192-7; 4. Paliwoda 189-7; 5. Bregar 187-7. JT, DePalma 233-11. 440R, Penn 41.1 (Gansel, Wilson, Clune, Grannum). MileR, Navy 3:11.8 (Watson 49.8, Brueckbauer 48.1, Phelan 47.6, Brilla 46.4); 2. NYU 3:11.9. Teams: 1. Penn 53; 2. Penn State 40; 3. Pittsburgh 25; 4. Villanova 23; 5. Navy 22 $\frac{1}{2}$.

BIG 10 CONFERENCE

Dill, Washington Trade Wins, Burton Second Twice

Champaign, Ill., May 26-27 /from Don Kopriva/—Herb Washington avenged an early-season loss and Michigan State teammate Marshall Dill picked up where he had left off indoors—dominating—as early-season sensation Larry Burton of Purdue ended up with a pair of seconds in the Big 10 title meet.

In the 100, Burton made a move at Washington at 80-yards, but Herb found something extra to pull away. Both clocked legal 9.4s, with Dill third in the same time.

George Woods Ready for All Comers



Even doused by rain, George Woods is happy after heaving the shot 69-9/4 at the USTFF Championships. /Tom Pott/

"Maybe I'll be making some more news for you in the future," a happy George Woods said two nights after his 21" PR of 69-9/4 that moves him to third all-time. "I don't want to make any big predictions. But I guess I'm in the same boat as [A] Feuerbach, we're both thinking in terms of world records. If I can get everything just right, I think I can break the record."

The 1968 Olympic silver medalist will compete every week through the US Olympic Trials, throwing at Compton, Von's Classic, the AAU, and the Rose Festival before the big showdown in Eugene. He's looking forward to the competition, and feels whoever comes out of it ahead will be "the class of the world." I'm not putting down [Hartmut] Briesenick and those guys, and it may be different this year. But that has been the strength of the American shot putters. We've got such tough competition here that when we get into the Games we're more ready than the Europeans."

Woods' big performance came after only five putting practice sessions with the 16-lb. shot this season. "That's what pleased me the most," he said. "I was throwing about 66-6 indoors in practice, but it had taken a lot of hard work to build up to that. Then the week before Winnipeg I had 69-1/2 in practice, but I pulled that hamstring in Winnipeg and had to lay off two or three weeks. My timing left me. Now I'm practicing in the high 68s and generally can add a foot or a foot-and-a-half to my practice throws. If I can get that timing down, and that big improvement, I'll be right there."

George took only two puts in the USTFF for two reasons. One was

In the furlong, Dill started outside, in lane seven, and led all the way, with Burton seemingly unable to close anything in the stretch. Dill's 20.7 gave him an easy five-tenth margin on Burton, as Washington also timed 21.2.

Ron Phillips of Illinois came up with a sparkling performance in the odd-distance 660 (run at the championship level only in this conference), as he produced a 1:16.5. The only faster races at the distance are a pair of 1:16.4s by Jack Yerman and Mark Winzenried. The Portuguese Tables equate Phillips' mark as roughly equivalent to a 1:47.9 half.

An exciting steeplechase race turned into a three-man race among Steve Kelley, Rick Gross and Mark Larson. After Kelley dropped off, Gross and Larson battled it over the last lap, coming off the last barrier together. But Illinois' Gross outkicked his Wisconsin rival to win, 8:42.8 to 8:43.0 PRs for both. Kelley, the fastest of all going into the meet at 8:42.2, finished third at 8:56.0.

Top mile performers Lee LaBadie and Ken Popejoy fell to the back early and could never pick up as Illinois frosh Mike Durkin picked off the title with his 4:03.5. LaBadie and Popejoy finished eighth and ninth in 4:08.3 and 4:10.0.

to protect himself against injuries which have plagued him for some time, and the other was that throwing in flights never allows him to improve on the third round, which comes long after the first two puts. "I stayed warm in the finals, but when I saw Randy wasn't going to push me I didn't see any reason to throw again. This stuff about a big series, I let the other guys worry about that.

"I don't want to de-emphasize technique, but it's not a big thing with me. I rely a great deal on strength, level and snap. I work on the basics, like getting the right foot under me, the left foot down and the left shoulder squared. Once you get those three you can start applying your weight lifting strength, your force, and from there it's just psych and competition. I just get those basics down and then huff and puff and throw the thing."

George, who carries 305-lbs. with a 44-inch waist, says "Everybody says I'm looking lighter and trimmer. That must mean I'm getting in better

A Good Year for 65-feet

It's been a good year for shot putters, especially beyond 65-feet, in the United States—already by May 27. A full 12 Americans have reached that mark in 1972. Perhaps even more impressive is that nine of these 12 currently competing athletes have reached PR distances during this spring. (AT=All-time best; 72=1972 seasonal best).

AT	72	Name	AT	72	Name
71-5/8	69-2/8	Randy Matson (Tex A&M)	66-11/8	66-11/8	Doug Lane (Sn Cal) 72
70-3/8	70-3/8	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)	66-5	66-5	Pete Shmook (Ore)
69-9/8	69-9/8	George Woods (P Coast)	66-3	65-7/8	Steve Wilhelm (Kans)
68-11/8	—	Neal Steinhauer (Ore)	65-11/8	65-11/8	Ken Patena (unat)
68-7/8	68-7/8	Fred DeBernardi (El Paso)	65-11/8	—	Vince Monari (El Paso)
67-10	—	Dallas Long (PAA)	65-10	—	Bill Nieder (US Army)
67-4/8	—	Dave Maggard (SCVYV)	65-7/8	—	Jay Silvester (Intmtn TC)
67-4	67-4	Brian Oldfield (UCTC)	65-6	65-6	Sam Walker (SMU)
67-2/8	65-7/8	Karl Salb (Kans)	65-3/8	65-3/8	Richard Marks (P Coast)

shape, because I haven't lost any weight. And I don't want to. But I have changed my weight training completely since 1968. I was having too many injury problems—the pecs, one elbow. And I've been doing a lot of finger exercises to strengthen them and prevent reinjury."

George sees Al Feuerbach and Randy Matson as his chief rivals, with Fred DeBernardi as the next in line. He says this of his opponents:

"Randy's problem may be that he's talking about the finer points of technique and, frankly, I don't believe he has some of the basics down. He may be starting from too high a level. I think he needs to start all over again and build up. He's still got as much potential as ever, is still as tall, and as strong. If he is having mental problems, with all these years of experience, he should be able to prepare himself mentally.

"Feuerbach is a master as far as technique is concerned. I didn't see his 70-footers, but I've talked to a few who did and they say he's got it all together. He feels he's got so much potential it's disappointing to put 69-feet, and that's the way I felt in El Paso with my 67-2.

"DeBernardi? I don't know, I hate to say these things, they might be unfair to Fred. But he may have just caught one, and never do it again this year. He certainly has the potential, though. He's young, and he hasn't experienced these things yet. He needs a couple of years. If he catches one, though. . .

"I guess they'll be building it up as a big thing when the four of us get together in LA [for the Von's Classic] in a couple of weeks. That's all right with me. I've always liked that kind of competition. I need it. I am physically more ready than I've ever been in my life. If I can just put it all together now."

100(ok), Washington 9.4; 2. Burton 9.4; 3. Dill 9.4. 220(ok), Dill 20.7; 2. Burton 21.2; 3. Washington 21.2. 440, Rowe 47.2. 660, Phillips 1:16.5; 2. Kaemerer 1:17.2. 880, Mango 1:49.6; 2. Bach 1:50.0. Mile, Durkin 4:03.5; 2. Fleming 4:04.2. 3Mile, Herold 13:28.4; 2. Bjorklund 13:33.2; 3. Mander 13:41.0. 3000mSt, Gross 8:42.8; 2. Larson 8:43.0; 3. Kelley 8:56.0. 120HH(ok), Murray' 13.9. 440IH, Cassleman 52.4.

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USTFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Woods First Puts 69-9/4 into Third All-Time World

Wichita, Kans., May 26-27 /from George Grenier/—Burly George Woods made an infrequent shot appearance, then took only two puts when he did appear. However, his great 69-9/4 heave overshadowed all else that

transpired at the USTFF Championships.

Hampered by a sore putting hand that limits his competitive appearances, the 1968 Olympic silver medalist stepped into the circle for his first put, and immediately produced his big heave, moving to third on the all-time list behind Randy Matson and Al Feuerbach. The mark also rates as the 10th-best performance all-time, behind seven puts by Matson (one indoors) and two by Feuerbach. However, George did express some disappointment at his mark. "I had hoped to beat 70-feet today," he said. He took one more put, 66-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, then called it a day. "If Randy had come close, I would have thrown again," he explained. Matson, although not "close" had a fair day himself, hitting 68-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, with three others over 67-feet. Third went to Brian Oldfield, who sucked on a cigarette between puts, at 65-11. Oldfield captured the discus title the next day with a PR 193-9.

Moderate headwinds on the second day hampered all the straight-away races, but the 9600 final day fans were treated to a yeoman-performance by Efen Gipson, currently ineligible at Lamar after transferring from Sam Houston State. Finishing into the wind each time, Gipson in the span of 75-minutes: (a) won his high hurdle semi in 13.8; (b) on 30-minutes rest blazed to a PR 49.9 win in the intermediates although coming close to falling over the last hurdle; and (c) another 45-minutes later took the highs final with 13.9. With bests of 13.9 (13.5w) and 50.9 coming into the meet, Gipson had been impressive the first day also, with a legal PR 13.6 in the highs and a then-PR 50.5 in the intermediates.

Second to Gipson in the one-lap barriers was Terry Musika, who also did some double-PRing. His 50.5 behind Gipson came after he had won the flat 440 in his all-time best of 46.0, four-tenths on runner-up Jay Elbel. Musika had produced two PR-equaling races the first day, flattening 46.7 and hurdling 50.7.

A hot PR double also came from Jerome Howe of Kansas State. With a previous PR of something approximating 14:00 in the three-mile, relay-great Howe came through with a big 13:29.4 win, utilizing a great stretch drive to turn back George Stewart who also PRed, at 13:32.0

Only 45-minutes before, Howe had finished second in the half-mile, in a PR 1:49.3, the same time as winner Ken Sparks. A surprise non-runner was Jim Ryun, who had looked strong the day before in leading qualifiers with a 1:49.1. Competing in the town in which he was raised for the first time since prepdom, Ryun felt a twinge in one thigh on a curve in the heat and decided not to push it after warming up for the final. After Ryun's withdrawal, Ken Swenson followed suit, bothered by an Achilles tendon.

Big Sam Colson of Kansas came through with a PR in the javelin for the second week in a row, raising his best from 264-0 to 272-5, becoming the best left-handed javelin thrower in US history. A surprise second went to Iowa State's Van Holloway, who improved more than 20-feet, from 240-0 to 263-4.

The track, a yielder of hyper-fast sprint times the last two years, was stingier this year, as rain the first day and headwinds the second did their

work. The field was also significantly smaller than in the past, and many heats were eliminated because of scratched entries.

100(-), Vaughan 9.5; 2. Porter 9.6; 3. D. Williams 9.6. 220(ok), Vaughan 20.7; 2. Porter 21.0; 3. Mitchell 21.0. 440, Musika 46.0; 2. Elbel 46.4; 3. Colglazier 46.4.880, Sparks 1:49.3; 2. Howe 1:49.3; 3. McSweeney 1:49.8. Heats: III-1. Ryun 1:49.1. Mile, Kaal' 3:59.9; 2. Walker 4:00.9; 3. Carlberg 4:01.4; 4. Rose' 4:02.8. Heats: II-1. Ortiz' 4:03.0; 2. Wilkins 4:03.5; 3. Blewett 4:03.9. 3Mile, Howe 13:29.4; 2. G. Stewart 13:32.0; 3. Geis 13:32.6; 4. Ryan 13:36.0; 5. Pearce' 13:37.8; 6. Hitchcock 13:39.4; 7. Antognoli 13:40.4; 8. Sink 13:40.8. 6Mile, Antognoli 28:24.8; 2. Pearce' 28:35.4; 3. Majors 28:40.6; 4. Garcia 28:55.0. 3000mSt, R. Smith 8:43.4; 2. Ryan 8:47.2; 3. Sink 8:50.0; 4. Callen 8:52.6; 5. Boatright 8:52.6; 6. Nightingale 9:01.0. 120HH(-), Gipson 13.9; 2. Stubbs 14.0; 3. Hodges 14.0. Heats: I(ok)-1. Gipson 13.6; 2. Hodges 13.7; 3. Brasell 13.7. 440IH, Gipson 49.9; 2. Musika 50.5; 3. Steele 51.0; 4. Adsit 51.1; 5. M. Lee 51.7; 6. Cronholm 51.9. Heats: I-1. Musika 50.7; 2. Adsit 50.8; 3. Cronholm 50.8. II-1. Gipson 50.5; 2. Steele 50.8. III-1. Primeaux 50.9.

HJ, Kafer 6-10; 2. tie, Bowers & Shepard 6-10. PV, Johnson 17-0; 2. Wallick 17-0; 3. Heglar 16-6; 4. Craig 16-6; 5. Hatcher 16-6; 6. Richards 16-6. LJ(ok), Carrington 25-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Smith 24-11 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. Lanier 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$. TJ(ok), Lanier 50-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Gratz 49-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3. Burger' 49-5 $\frac{1}{2}$. SP, Woods 69-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ (69-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, 66-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, p, p, p); 2. Matson 68-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (67-3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 67-7 $\frac{3}{4}$, 68-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 67-9, f, 66-9 $\frac{1}{4}$); 3. Oldfield 65-11; 4. Salb 65-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. S. Wilhelm 64-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Brosius 61-3 $\frac{1}{2}$. DT, Oldfield 193-9; 2. Stoltman 193-9; 3. Ordway 193-7; 4. Lister 184-8. HT, Neugent 182-2. JT, Colson 272-5; 2. Holloway 264-3; 3. Kouvolo 243-9; 4. Winn 240-10. Dec, Pettes 7447 (10.8, 23-3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 38-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6-5 $\frac{7}{8}$, 48.8, 14.7, 127-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 11-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 184-1, 4:36.8). 440R, Southwestern Louisiana 40.5. MileR, Oklahoma 3:08.8 (Cantrell 47.5, Hardwick 47.6, Eastin 47.5, Newsome 46.2); 2. ACC 3:09.2 (Woodroof 46.4); 3. Texas 3:09.2; 4. Houston TC 3:09.8.

CALIFORNIA

Wind Aids Milburn, Hines to Top Marks, Big Wins

Modesto, Calif., May 27 /by Bert Nelson/—Wind-aided or not, Henry Hines and Rod Milburn were the most impressive performers in the 31st running of the California Relays. Hines sailed to two of the six longest jumps in history, 27-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 27-5, while Milburn got his fourth 13.0 in the 120-yard hurdles and decimated an outstanding field in the process.

It was a meet not quite up to its usual excellence and excitement, no doubt caused by heavy competition from other meets throughout the country and by the new early starting date of the NCAA which left a number of top collegians resting. Still, there was some pretty good action, including a world-leading 3:56.0 mile by Fanie Van Zijl, a near-record 3:03.5 mile relay by North Carolina Central, last effort victories in the hammer and shot by George Frenn and Bruce Wilhelm, and a major upset in the discus.

Hines said he didn't feel particularly good but you would never know it to look at his series. Opening with 26- $\frac{1}{2}$ (5.4 mph), he moved on to 26-8 (8.0 mph), 27-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ (9.4 mph), 27-5 (8.5 mph), and a 27-plus foul (5.6 mph) before passing his final attempt. Only Bob Beamon's immortal 29-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and

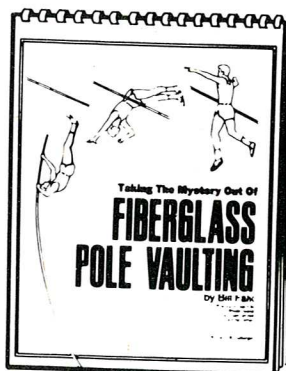
(Left) Burly Sam Colson upped his javelin PR to 272-5 in winning the USTFF. /Clarkson/ (Below left) A double of note came from Jerome Howe at the USTFF. He wins the three-mile here in a PR 13:29.4 some 45 minutes after placing second in the 880 at 1:49.3. /Tom Pott/ (Below center) Glenn Herold three-miled in 13:28.4 to take the Big 10 crown from Garry Bjorklund. /Dick O'Connor/ (Below right) Wichita State freshman Randy Smith takes the tape to win the USTFF steeplechase in 8:43.4. /Pott/



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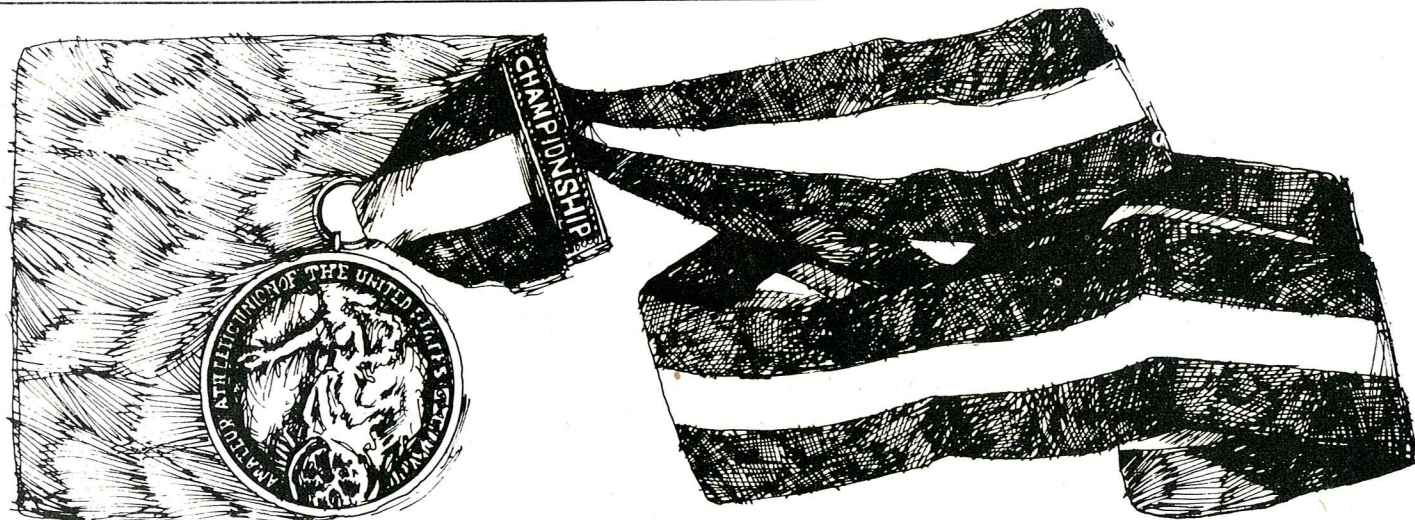
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Things are pretty even at the first hurdle in the California Relays high final, but at the finish it was Rod Milburn (2nd from right) all the way in a windy

Ralph Boston's windy 27-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1964 surpass Hines' best effort. As well, Beamon has a windy 27-6 and Boston a legal 27-5. Stan Whitley sneaked into second place on his last jump, scoring 26-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ with help of 4.5 mph, just over the allowable 4.473. Phil Shinnick, who leaped 27-4 without a wind reading here way back in 1963, and Jerry Proctor had barely legal leaps of 26-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 26-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ while Henry Jackson was well within the limits at 26-2.

Milburn's 13.0 had less than a mile of excess wind at 5.4. But it wasn't the time that excited the knowledgeable as much as it was his victory. The five best hurdlers in America were there at the start—Milburn, unbeaten Tom Hill, still-a-threat Willie Davenport, Tom White and Paul Gibson. But at the finish it was only Milburn. Davenport was edging Hill, *five yards* back of Milburn in 13.5, Gibson was at 13.8, and promising Charlie Foster was a full second behind the flying world record holder. Sprawled on the track, just beyond the seventh hurdle, were White and Ron Draper. White, who ran through a hurdle and took Draper down with him, suffered a bad ankle sprain and a pulled thigh muscle, and had to be carried off.

Van Zijl won the mile handily but there was a bang-up race for second. Half-miler Juris Luzins overhauled Duncan MacDonald in the stretch, both recording lifetime bests. Luzins was especially pleased with his 3:58.2 as it satisfied his goal of getting under four before concentrating on the 800 from here on. MacDonald, the only runner to give the winner a fight, was a fifth back.

North Carolina Central won the 440 relay in 39.7, ran into trouble in the 880 and finished third and last when Jeff Horsley suffered a cramp, and wound up the evening with another stellar mile relay performance. Mel

Fanie Van Zijl (r) quickened his world mile lead with his 3:56.0 victory here at Modesto. Van Zijl's PR (by four-tenths) downed Juris Luzins (l), 2nd in a PR 3:58.2, and Duncan MacDonald (c), 3rd in a PR 3:58.4. /Bob Kasper/



13.0. Willie Davenport (2nd from left) ran 13.5 in second, the same time for Tom Hill (l) in third. Paul Gibson (r) clocked 13.8 in fourth. /Don Chadez/

Bassett split 47.5, Robert Ouko 46.4, Julius Sang 45.3 and Larry Black 44.3 for a 3:03.5 total, four-tenths slower than their new collegiate record.

Frenn trailed Tom Gage into the last round, 222-11 to 230-3, and the three fouls he collected didn't make him any happier. But his final throw, accompanied by one of the loudest and longest grunts in the business, thudded down at 231-1. The shot was an even tighter match as Wilhelm's 65-0 final put turned the tide on Fred DeBernardi by a mere quarter-inch.

A class field in the discus was headed by Jay Silvester and John Van Reenen. But while John was winning with 213-2, Jay suffered one of his worst days, failing to qualify for the final three throws. He did 189-4 and 187-11 plus a foul in the prelims, then took three non-counting heaves of 207-4, 209-10 and foul. Tim Vollmer was second at 198-0 while third went to Jim Penrose of Cal, his 196-1 defeating some top rivals. Included were Gary Carlsen, the 1968 Olympian whose names creeps ever higher in the placings, at 195-9; John Powell, 195-5; and Mac Wilkins of Oregon, who won the battle of the NCAA eligible collegians by defeating Steve Gunzel of Arizona, 192-5 to 190-1. Comebacking Rink Babka, 1960 Olympic silver medalist who says he is serious about trying for this year's Olympic team, reached 181-9 for 12th place.

Elsewhere on the field, Bob Seagren was off form as he vaulted "only" 17-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, needing three tries at each of the two heights he cleared; Rey Brown continued not to look like the world's best high jumper he was last year, finishing third at 6-10 behind Canadian John Beers and Clarence Johnson, both 7-1; Art Walker had windy marks of 53-10 and 53-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ on his only measured triple jumps; and Fred Luke dominated the javelin field, his first three whips of 262-7, 265-7 and 261-10 surpassing the one good throw of 259-6 by runner-up Mark Murro.

The quest for a consistent American sprinter wasn't helped any and the 100 and 200 remain the most difficult events for predicting Olympic team members. The metric century went, as expected, to Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa in 10.1 but at the end Eddie Hart was closing on him and Ray Robinson, the Florida A&M soph, was gaining on both and claimed second, also 10.1. Hart, the 1970 NCAA 100 winner who is rounding into contending form, collected his watch in the 220 with a PR-equaling 20.5 over Chuck Smith, at 20.6.

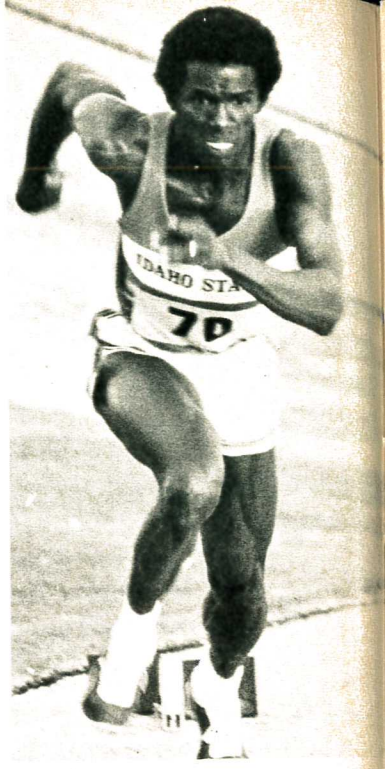
Defending AAU champ Del Meriwether arrived too late to run in the invitational section of the 100, so contested the open section of the race. Still off his form of last year, this was only his second outdoor appearance of the season (the other was a 9.8 heat in the Florida Twilight meet). The sprint find of 1971 recorded a legal 10.4 in his heat, but was fourth and did not advance to the final. Later, he ran 21.4 for third in a 220 section.

Perhaps the best race of the night was the 440. Vince Matthews led most of the way, but Lee Evans was in hot pursuit and could be expected to crush him in the stretch drive. But Matthews, a member of the 1968 Olympic relay quartet, wasn't crushable and Evans just barely managed, both timed in 45.7.

Tom Von Ruden's workaday 1:48.0 half turned back surprisers Steve Straub (1:48.2) and Cal miler Cliff West (1:48.8). In the two-mile, it was Australian Tony Benson who never led a packed field until near the end when his 57.2 final quarter prevailed in 8:33.0 over John Halberstadt (8:33.8), Mike Manley (8:34.8), fast closing Len Hilton (8:35.6), unsung Peter Duffy of Nevada and England (8:35.8) and Gerry Lindgren (8:37.0).

Remaining unbeaten in the intermediates was Jim Bolding. The Oklahoma Stater's 50.2 soundly whipped a top field, including Uganda's John Akki-Bua, third in 50.8 behind Dick Bruggeman (50.5) as notables Wes Williams, Mel Bassett, Ron Whitney, Boyd Gittins and Jim Seymour trailed.

In the relays, the Armed Forces' Earl Harris, Fred Newhouse, Jerry Bright, and Herb Kline took the 880 in a good 1:22.5 while Oregon State, paced by Hailu's 1:48.3, held off Louisiana State in the two-mile affair,



(Left) Clarence Johnson's 7-1 high jump took second at Modesto. /Gane/ (Right) Henry Hines sailed 27-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ w and 27-5w at Modesto. /Don Chadez/

(Left) Art Walker triple leaped a windy 53-10 at Modesto. /Chadez/ (Right) Carl Lawson tripled in the Big Sky sprints and mile relay. /Dennis Carollo/

7:23.8 to 7:24.2. The relays, more than the individual events, were hurt by lack of depth and real competition.

100m(6.0), Ravelomanantsoa' 10.1; 2. Robinson 10.1; 3. Hart 10.2; 4. Tinker 10.2; 5. C. Smith 10.2; 6. Pender 10.2. Open 100m(6.4), Curtis 10.2; 2. Jackson 10.2; 3. Harris 10.2; 4. Kline 10.2. 220(ok), Hart 20.5; 2. C.Smith 20.6; 3. Kemp 20.9; 4. Tinker 21.0. 440, Evans 45.7; 2. Matthews 45.7; 3. Schultz 46.7; 4. H.Brown 46.7; 5. Turner 47.0. 880, I-1. Sinnott 1:49.0. II-1. Von Ruden 1:48.0; 2. Straub 1:48.2; 3. West 1:48.8; 4. Smith 1:49.2; 5. Sandison 1:49.2. Mile, Van Zijl' 3:56.0; 2. Luzins 3:58.2; 3. MacDonald 3:58.4; 4. Maplestone' 4:00.4; 5. S. Savage 4:00.4; 6. Messina 4:00.6; ... 11. Winzenried 4:10.7. 2Mile, Benson' 8:33.0; 2. Halberstadt' 8:33.8; 3. Manley 8:34.8; 4. Hilton 8:35.6; 5. Duffy' 8:35.8; 6. Lindgren 8:37.0; 7. Laris 8:37.2. 120HH(5.4), Milburn 13.0; 2. Davenport 13.5; 3. Hill 13.5; 4. Gibson 13.8; ... dnf—Draper & White. Heats: I(4.4)-1. Davenport 13.6; 2. White 13.7; 3. Coleman 13.8. II(8.0)-1. Milburn 13.3; 2. Gibson 13.5; 3. Foster 13.6. III(4.9)-1. Hill 13.6; 2. Draper 13.9. 440IH, Bolding 50.2; 2. Bruggeman 50.5; 3. Akii-Bua' 50.8; 4. Williams 51.5; 5. Bassett 51.5; 6. Whitney 51.6; 7. Gittins 51.7; 8. Seymour 54.8.

HJ, Beers' 7-1; 2. Johnson 7-1; 3. Brown 6-10; 4. Culp 6-10. PV, Seagren 17-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Simpson' 17- $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. Caruthers 16-6; 4. Bryde' 16-6; 5. Curnow 16-6. LJ, Hines 27-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ w (26- $\frac{1}{2}$ w, 26-8w, 27-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ w, 27-5w, f, p); 2. Whitley 26-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ w; 3. Shinnick 26-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok; 4. Proctor 26-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok; 5. Jackson 26-2ok; 6. McAlister 25-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok; 7. Coleman 25-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ w. TJ, Walker 53-10w (53-10w, 53-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ w, p, f, f, f); 2. Reader 52-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok; 3. Steffes 52-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ w (52-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok); 4. Fraser 51-7w (51-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ok). SP, B. Wilhelm 65-0; 2. DeBernardi 64-11 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. Marks 63-10; 4. Hoglund' 63-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. Silvester 61-2 $\frac{1}{4}$. DT, Van Reenen' 213-2 (203-2, 213-2, f, f, 210-6, f); 2. Vollmer 198-0; 3. Penrose 196-1; 4. Carlsen 195-9; 5. Powell 195-4; 6. Wilkins 192-5; 7. Gunzel 190-1; 8. Silvester 189-4; 9. Puce' 189-3; 10. Kennedy 187-5; 11. Roost' 186-2; 12. Babka 181-9; 13. DeBernardi 180-11; 14. Davis 180-4. HT, Frenn 231-1 (f, 210-6, 222-11, f, f, 231-1); 2. Gage 230-3 (209-9, f, 228-6, f, 230-3, 223-0); 3. Connolly 222-0; 4. Hall 214-3; 5. Farmer' 212-8; 6. Dinneen 205-11; 7. DeAutremont 198-11; 8. Grob' 195-8; 9. Nunn 188-5; 10. Pryde 187-3; 11. Shuff 187-3. JT, Luke 265-7 (262-7, 265-7, 261-10, 238-4, 233-7, f); 2. Murro 259-6; 3. Wallis 251-6; 4. Laville' 250-10; 5. Schmidt 248-3; 6. Bacon 241-4; ... 12. Feldmann 226-4; 13. Skinner 217-9.

440R, I-1. Florida A&M 40.1 (Henderson, Thompson, Ramsey, Robinson); 2. Arizona 40.5. II-1. North Carolina Central 39.7 (Foster, Knight, Horsley, Black, Sang'); 2. Memphis State 39.9 (Knight, Fox, Williams, Hammonds); 2. Bay Area Striders 40.0 (Ligons, Rodgers, Payton, Hart); 4. Fort MacArthur 40.2; 5. El Paso 40.3. 880R, Armed Forces 1:22.5 (Harris, Newhouse, Bright, Kline); 2. Bay Area Striders 1:24.2; 3. North Carolina Central 1:24.3. MileR, North Carolina Central 3:03.5 (Bassett 47.5, Ouko' 46.4, Sang' 45.3, Black 44.3); 2. Bay Area Striders 3:09.0 (Evans 46.6). 2MileR, Oregon State 7:23.8 (Svoboda 1:54.6, Lowrey 1:49.5, Hailu' 1:48.3, Collins 1:51.4); 2. Louisiana State 7:24.2 (Smith 1:48.6).

LATE NEWS

Crockett Doubles Legal 9.4-20.7 and 9.2-20.7

Although their overall quality wasn't as high as the big meets, a fast-closing rush of smaller conference and invitational affairs produced a spate of fine individual performances, such as 9.4/20.7 Midwestern Conference and 9.2/20.7 Central Collegiates doubles by Ivory Crockett and a 1:47.2 800 by

Tony Waldrop. In late dual meet action, Brian Oldfield of the UCTC came up with a shot shocker, a 67-4, to move to eighth on the all-time national list.

Pasadena, Tex., May 19 /from Fred Duckett/—The 16th version of the southwest's Meet of Champions featured a pair of fine double winners in sprinter Harold Porter of Southwestern Louisiana and middle distance runner Tommy Fulton of Texas Southern. Porter ran legal 9.3s in both the heats and finals of the 100, then came back with a legal 20.9 in the 220. As well, he led off his winning 39.9 relay team. Fulton continued his improvement with a 1:49.2 half-mile win and a PR 4:01.4 mile victory. Efen Gipson of the Lamar TC took the 440 intermediates with a good 50.9 and also captured third in the highs with a legal 13.9. That race was won by Ricky Stubbs of Louisiana Tech in 13.7.

Johnson City, Tenn., May 19-20 /from Tom Murrell/—East Tennessee State runners dominated the scene, both long and short, and the Ohio Valley Conference championships. In the sprints, it was Bill Holloway, who turned legal times of 9.4 and 20.9 to capture the 100 and 220 after legal heat times of 9.3 and 20.9. Bob Knox captured the quarter with a 47.1 and anchored the winning 3:10.7 mile relay with a 46.3. And, Irish distancemen Ed Leddy and Neil Cusack held hands across the line for a 13:31.8 triumph in the three-mile. Western Kentucky's Emmett Briggs came up with a surprise victory in the triple jump, bounding a PR 51-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to upset Barry McClure of Middle Tennessee State, who did 50-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in other top performances.

Muncie, Ind., May 19-20—The Midwestern Conference Championships gave Ivory Crockett of Southern Illinois an opportunity to confirm his newly-found furlong sprinting talent. An earlier winner of the 100 with a legal 9.4, Crockett pushed to a legal 20.7 in the 220, his second best time ever. Teammate Jim Harris captured the triple jump with a legal 51-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pop, Rich Bilder of Northern Illinois pushed the shot 60-7 and Bruce Ijirigho of Illinois State, a Nigerian, captured the quarter in 46.7.

Toledo, Ohio, May 19-20 /from Jay McNally/—With the exception of a good double by Dave Wottle, the field eventers dominated the scene at the Mid-American Conference championships. Wottle moved through a 4:05.6 mile victory, then added a seasonal best 1:49.9 win in the half. On the field, Miami/Ohio's Scott Wallick vaulted 16-7, Ohio U Canadian Rich Dowsnell chucked the javelin 256-1, Toledo's Glyn Smith long jumped 25-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the Kent State duo of Al Schoterman-Jacques Accambray went one-two in the hammer with tosses of 218-5 and 215-11.

Boise, Idaho, May 19-20—Jamaican Carl Lawson was troubled by the headwinds, but still recorded a good sprint double in the Big Sky finals. Fighting breezes reportedly as strong as 19 mph, the Idaho Stater still recorded 9.4 and 20.8 times in the 100 and 220. Montana's George Cook recorded an upset steeplechase victory over Richard Sliney of Northern Arizona, 8:59.0 to 9:00.8.

San Jose, Calif., May 19-20 /from Mike Stewart/—Long Beach State's Steve Smith made a solid return from his injury-enforced four-week layoff with a 17-0 vault win to highlight the Pacific Coast AA title meet. Teammates Terry Metcalf and Dennis Ruby also came up with good performances, winning the long jump (25-2 $\frac{1}{4}$) and intermediate hurdles (51.7), respectively.

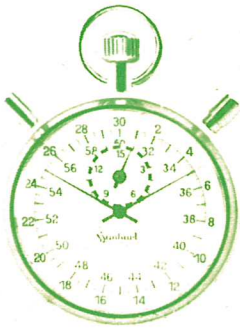
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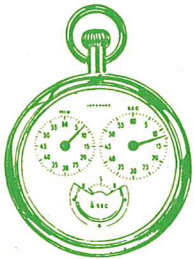
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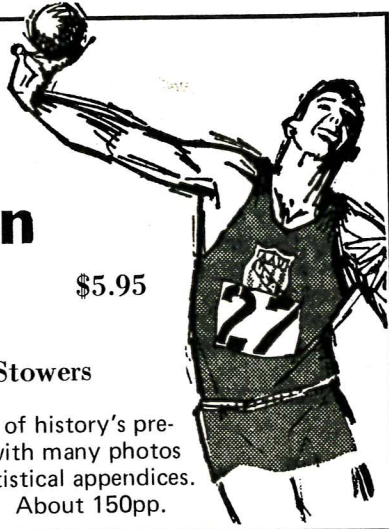
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Ivory Crockett /Don Wilkinson/

by Ted Brock

For those who are still checking their calendars, it is a fact that Ivory Crockett's 9.2 and 20.7 sprint victories in the Central Collegiate Championships at Carbondale, Ill. came on May 27. May 27.

Someone (could it have been The Bible of the Sport?) has been giving people the impression that Ivory Crockett's track season consists of one or two weeks in late June. Since 1969, when the 5-6, 150-lb. speedster from Southern Illinois upset John Carlos in the AAU 100, he has been labeled with the tags traditionally reserved for "one shot" performers. The 1970 AAU lent further credence to the labels, as Crockett "saved" himself with an eyelash victory over Ben Vaughan, Charlie Greene and Eddie Hart. "Saved" because he had failed to gain the NCAA finals a week before.

If running 100-yards were a simple matter of taking off one's sweats, stepping into the blocks and leaving at the sound of the gun, Crockett could be dismissed as the man who just seems to show up in the right place at the right time. But Ivory's approach to sprinting contradicts those whom he feels are his critics, and he offers his 1972 season as proof.

Fact: Ivory hasn't been "saving" himself this year. He co-leads the world in both the 100 and 220, having twice dashed a 9.2 century as well as a 20.3 furlong. Just so it isn't mistakenly assumed that half-lapper was some sort of fluke, he has twice sped 20.7, two-tenths up on his previous PR.

"I'd like people to stop thinking that I'm a *last resort* athlete who comes on at the end, because I do work hard *all through the season*. I have been more consistent this year than ever. The slowest time I've run this year in a major meet was 9.4 at our conference, and we were running into a six mph wind there."

One break in the consistency came at the King Games, where he finished an untimed seventh. "I should have stayed at home. I had run eight races the day before, and I travelled all that night to get to Chicago. I didn't get to bed until 3:00. Then, I had to get to the King Games by 12:30. Still and all, I ran a 9.4 [heats], and they didn't beat me by much [in the final]."

Southern Illinois head coach Lew Hartzog, to whom Ivory attributes the major part of development since 1969, offered his views on Crockett's

1972 status following the 9.2, 20.7 showing. If there is such a feeling as carefully reserved ecstasy, it may be read into the next few remarks. The Big Day isn't here yet, won't be until July or even September, but Hartzog is getting into the spirit.

"He's in the best shape he's ever been in all his life. He's in the best frame of mind, he's starting well, and he's running extremely strong. That 100 last night was run into a 4.2 mph wind."

And the furlong? "On our track, we just barely have a 100-foot radius. Very tight turns. A 20.7 on it is a pretty good race. You've seen him before, always tying up in the last 100-yards, driving all the way through. Now he's finally learned how to relax."

"We know how many great sprinters there are in the country, and I just think a coach would be a damned fool to predict that his kid's going to win. It would put pressure on the little man. He's gonna run tough."



IVORY CROCKETT'S GOT IT TOGETHER BEFORE THE AAU

Meanwhile Ivory, reflecting on past disappointment as well as present consistency, looked only as far ahead as the NCAA championship a few days hence. Southern Illinois' own DC-3 would be leaving for Eugene at 6:00 the next morning, and there was business to be taken care of in Oregon.

"I want to get back because of the bad luck and mishaps that have happened to me in the NCAA. We'll see, when the AAU comes up, whether it's necessary for me to go or not. If coach feels that the AAU is necessary, then I'll go."

"I'd like to train really hard before the Trials, because I'd like to stay in the good shape I'm in now. Every athlete who's capable of running in the Olympics wants to go. I'm one of those athletes. You know, *anything* can go wrong in those Trials. But if I stay in the shape I'm in, keep the right frame of mind and stay with the coach, I should do awfully good. . . ."

Fresno State came up with a pair of top winners, as Keith Tice heaved the hammer a PR 193-3 and Roger George captured the decathlon with 7193.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 20 /from Jim Gaines/—The two-lap swiftness evidenced on Tennessee's track at the 1969 NCAA is still there, judging from the 800-meter results at the Tom Black Classic. James Craig towed the field for the first 700 yards before faltering, but his pacemaking did the trick, as North Carolina soph Tony Waldrop powered by for a 1:47.2 win. Also swooping by Craig, who finished fourth in 1:48.0, were Tennessee's Wilbur Hawkins and Trinidadian Olympian Benedict Cayenne, who did 1:47.6 and 1:47.9. Other top marks came from Doug Brown, who took the steeplechase at 8:47.8, and Memphis State's 440 relay foursome, who turned a 40.0.

Santa Maria, Calif., May 20-22—An informal set of decathlon competitions over a three day period produced some fine marks and best-ers, albeit unofficial, as a group of west coast decathletes got together. However, the marks cannot be accepted for records, or the yearly list, or Olympic qualifying because of the total unofficiality of the meets, both in quality and number of officials and in the general conduct of the affair. Dave Thoreson put his 10 events together on the first two days, coming up with a best-ever 7632. On the second two days, England's Peter Gabbett produced a fine 8040 total, better than the British and Commonwealth records. Second-placer Gerry Moro came up with a Canadian record 7809 and third-place Briton Barry King got his best-ever with 7676. Also competing was Bill Toomey, who did 7421.

Fayetteville, Ark., May 22-23—A combination of high temperatures, high humidity and a loose powdery track significantly lowered the quality of track performances at the Southwest Conference championships, but the field eventers came through in fine style. The top performance was turned in by Sammy Walker of SMU, who produced an outdoor PR of 65-6 in the shot. William Oates of Texas added 2½ inches onto his high jump PR as he flopped over 7-1½. Danny Brabham of Baylor captured the long jump with a windy 25-11, but also had a legal 25-4 pop. Rice's Ken Stadel took the discus with a PR 197-5. Dave Roberts of Rice was upset by Bill Smalley of Texas in the vault as both cleared 16-0. The best of the track marks was a

13.8 high hurdle victory by Gordon Hodges of Texas. Texas swept to the team crown, 141 to 93½, over defending champ Rice.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 21—Ed Norris made his first-ever run of more than 18-miles a memorable one, as he loped through 26-miles, 385-yards in 2:24:42.8 to capture the AAU marathon title. The 25-year-old Norris, a graduate of Kent State, had a previous mileage top of 18-miles, and that was only in training. Taking the lead between the 15- and 20-mile marks, Norris had a comfortable margin over second placer John Vitale, who clocked 2:25:30. The top five was filled out by 1970 champ Bob Fitts (2:26:23), Jack Fultz (2:26:39), and 1968 Olympian Ron Daws (2:26:47). Most of the country's top marathoners skipped the affair, as the meet held little significance other than providing an opportunity for an Olympic Trials qualifying time (2:30:00, reached here by the first 10).

Carbondale, Ill., May 26-27 /from Jim Ferstle/—On a campaign to prove that he is the number-one sprinter in America, Ivory Crockett added some solid backing to his argument with two solid wins in the Central Collegiate championships. With the wind not a factor, the Southern Illinois senior burned to easy 9.2 (his second of the season) and 20.7 wins. He also anchored his squad's winning 40.6 relay team. Another impressive easy winner was Dave Wottle of Bowling Green State, who strode through two laps in 1:48.8. The top performer in the field was Barry McClure of Middle Tennessee State, who annexed the triple jump with a legal 51-5 over Jim Harris of Southern Illinois, who did 51-½.

Mesa, Ariz., May 26-28 and Modesto, Calif., May 27-28—The nation's JC season reached its championship peak with the "simultaneous" staging of the National JC and California State JC championships. An impressive double winner at the California affair was Greg Tinnin of Pasadena, who won the high jump at 7-0 and also took the high hurdles with a windy 14.0. Bakersfield easily defended its team title. At the national level, Marvin Jones of Calhoun and Abe Brown of Lincoln-Land waged a hot triple jump battle, Jones emerging the victor, 50-4 to 50-2½. Essex CC of New Jersey captured the team title, as sprinter Ainsley Armstrong took the 100 and 220 with a legal 9.4 and a windy 21.1.

High School

Ray Smashes Prep 440 Record With Swift 45.8

Good weather and a raft of state finals and state qualifying meets have brought forth a number of stunning prep performances, such as national records in the 440, discus and hammer, a 70-foot shot effort, and two sub-1:50 half-miles.

Ron Ray (Ferguson, Newport News, Va), producer of that super 45.8 relay carry at the Penn Relays, was even better in his state qualifying meet, improving his relay best to 45.7, then winning the 220 and 440 with 21.5 and a PR 47.4. But that PR only lasted a short time, as the state meet produced the demise of one of the oldest records on the book, Ullis Williams' 46.1 of 1961 as Ray blasted to an incredible 45.8. Williams' time was recorded around one turn while Ray's came on the now-standard two-turn format.

In the discus, Scott Overton (Los Altos, Calif) became the third from his school to hold the national record (following Bob Stoecker, 195-4 and Chris Adams, 201-3) with a 204-5 heave. But the next week he suffered his first loss of the campaign, 187-9 to 187-6, by junior teammate Jay Plushkin.

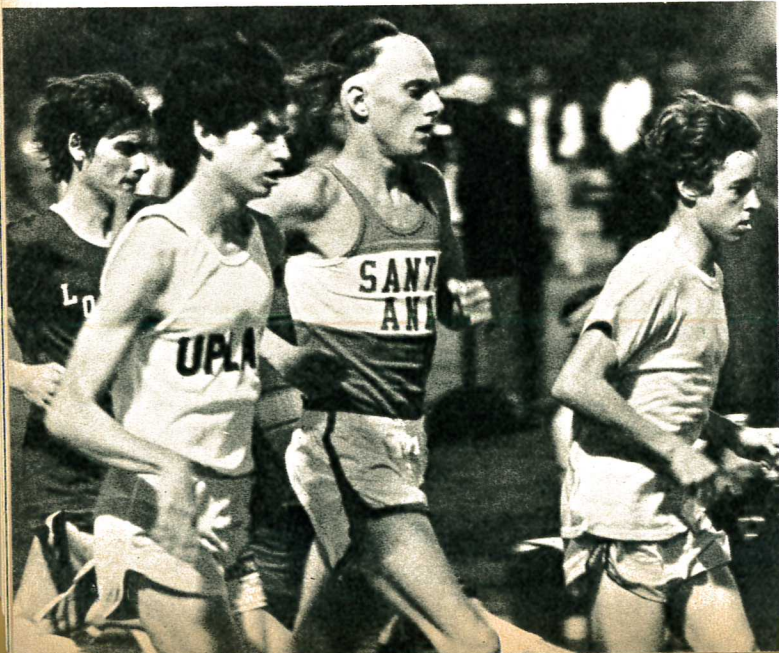
The hammer is still dominated by Alvin Jackson (Classical, Providence, RI). He and teammate Phil Bartlett recently hit 217-1 and 211-5 to rank one and two on the year. But Jackson soon outdid that, hitting 220-2 to add 5-inches to his own national standard with the 12-lb. implement.

The day after Dale Scott (El Cerrito, Calif) took the half-mile lead with his 1:50.9, he had relay carries of 46.5 and 1:48.4. The latter, the fastest-ever half for a prep, helped El Cerrito to a 7:49.8 clocking. Ineligible senior Brian Guaschino (North Bergen, NJ) sped to a 1:48.8 800-meter clocking and Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa) became the fourth prep to top 70-feet in the shot when he boomed the ball 70-1¾.

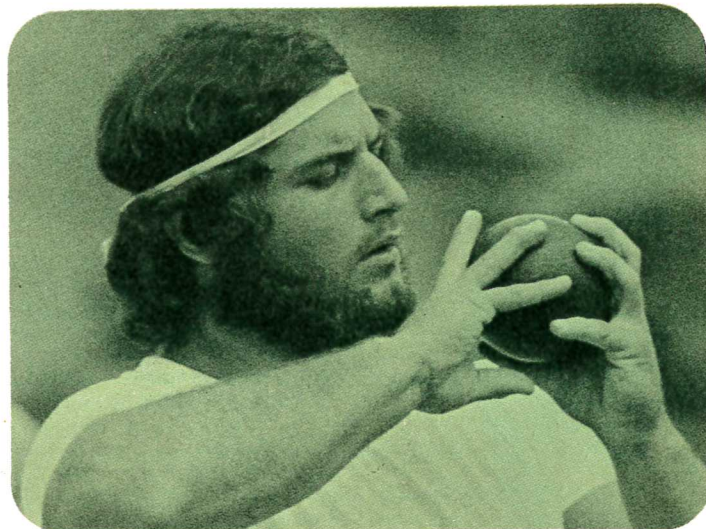
The prep section of the Houston Meet of Champions had some superb efforts. Allen Misher (Sterling, Houston) doubled with legal 9.4 and 13.5 times. He topped the 9.4 for Mike Ross (Smiley, Houston) and the 13.6 of Bobby Littlefield (Sterling, Baytown) as three others came home in 13.7—Ross, Gary Taylor (Ball, Galveston) and Mike Fulgham (Central, San Angelo). Reed Fischer (Highland Park, Dallas) took the mile in 4:09.3 over the 4:11.4 of John McDaniel (Clear Creek, League City) while Whitney Paul (Ball, Galveston) won the college discus event with the third best by a prep—170-7.

In the sprints, Bob Lawson (Libbey, Toledo, Ohio) had a legal 9.4 in a heat at his state meet. Mike Shavers (Albany, Calif) now has five legal 9.5s while Haywood Woodward (Public, Hartford, Conn) has two legal and one windy. In the Alabama state meet, James Kimbrough (Williamson, Mobile) upset Johnny Williams of Talladega, 9.5 to 9.6, though Williams won the 220 in 21.5. That 9.3 for Haywood Ray (Sanderson, Raleigh, NC) was later reported as windy. He also has a windy 9.4 and legal 21.2. Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif) tripled with 9.5, 21.1 and 24-3 efforts while James Milton (Morse, San Diego) has a 9.5, 21.2 double. Also at 21.2 is 15-year-old soph Millard Hampton (Silver Creek, San Jose, Calif) while Tom Rein (Wilson, Beckley, W Va) ran a state best of 21.1. Daryl King (Public, Hartford) has an impressive 21.3 since he also has gone 1:52.6. In the Louisiana state meet, Andrew Brown of Opelousas hit 47.4 while in another division Don

Curtis Beck (r) raced to the third-quickest prep two-mile ever with an 8:48.8 victory here in the Southern CIF meet. Beck's junior class best downed (r-l) Marc Genet (3rd, 8:57.8), Gordon Innes (4th, 9:02.0) and Terry Williams (2nd, 8:55.0). /Don Chadez/



Putter Ron Semkiw



Ron Semkiw has armed the prep shot 70-1¾. /Don Wilkinson/

Mighty Strong Prep

If weight-lifting prowess is an important criterion in the development of a modern shot putter, then Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa), prepdom's leading putter for 1972 at 70-1¾, is liable to make quite a mark for himself in the future. Says world indoor record holder shot Al Feuerbach, "He could be another Gary Gubner [former world indoor shot record holder and member of US Olympic weightlifting squad]."

Any lifting buff could tell you that poundages turned in by Semkiw, such as a 360 press, 340 power clean and 270 power snatch are highly respectable. But coming from a 5-11, 230-lb., 18-year-old (3/28/54) high school senior, they are remarkable. And it has just been in the last year that Ron has been able to do much lifting.

"I fractured my left wrist [he puts with his right] and couldn't lift during the 10th and 11th grades," he says. "And I also had a pinched nerve in my neck in the ninth grade, so I couldn't lift for six months then either."

But a paucity of lifting before this year didn't stop Semkiw from turning in fine putting. In 1970, his first full season with the 12-lb. ball, he hit 61-9¼, a distance exceeded by only three others as prep sophs. In 1971, as a junior, he improved to 66-8½, moving to third-best ever for that class. As well, he chucked the international weight implement 55-½, the second best-ever.

As the fourth-best soph and third best junior ever, it would only be a logical progression for Semkiw to become at least the second best senior ever. And with the season about half over, he has now improved to 70-1¾ to move to fourth on the all-time list. And all the big championship meets are yet to come.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the current season has been his rapid improvement in the disc. A 161-1 thrower as a soph, he improved to only 167-1 as a junior. But this year, he has spun the plate 191-5, good for fifth on the yearly list. Even though he is primarily a shot putter, Ron rates this discus mark as his biggest thrill in track.

Semkiw gives a lot of credit for his development as a shot putter to Gary DeMar (a 64-2½ prep putter in 1968), who lived on the same street. "He got me interested in lifting and throwing," says Semkiw. "And he showed me how to lift weights and has helped me as much as possible with my form." Coach Charles McKinney rates Ron as an above average technician with the shot and average with the disc.

With his strength and speed (a good 5.7 for 50-yards), Semkiw is likely to be thought of in terms of football. Not so. "Don't play football if you want to be a great track athlete," he says. He really digs track. "It's a great sport. I love to throw and compete. It's the greatest thing I do, along with lifting, which is necessary to be good."

But being good isn't enough for Semkiw, who adds, "I want to be the best."

Year	Age	School	Grade	SP(8)	SP(12)	SP(16)	DT(1kg)	DT(3lb-9oz)
1967	13	Whitehall Jr	7	52-1¼			133-0	
1968	14	Whitehall Jr	8	62-10¼			165-0	
1969	15	Whitehall Jr	9	68-9¼			180-6	
1970	16	Baldwin HS	10		61-9¼			161-1
1971	17	Baldwin HS	11		66-8½	55-½		167-1
1972	18	Baldwin HS	12		70-1¼	52-7i		191-5 □



Ron Ray has sped a prep record 45.8 440 and relayed 45.7. /Walley Brown/

Robins of Destrehan was super-windy marks of 9.6, 21.7 and 25-2/4 plus a 47.7.

Of the 17 under 1:53 in the half-mile, the top efforts have been a 1:51.7 for junior Don Sellars (Harrison, Evansville, Ind) and an eased-up 1:51.7 for Robert Harrell (Santa Ana, Calif). Most of the top California milers and two-milers prepped for section finals with less than stellar efforts though Curtis Beck (Santa Monica) outjogged Terry Williams of Lompoc, 8:59.2 to 9:01.8, and Terry Cotton (Valley, El Cajon) hit 4:10.1 and 4:10.3 before his 4:08.1 at the section. But Beck really turned it on in the sectional meet, blazing a new junior class standard of 8:48.8, moving to third on the all-time list. Williams was second with a PR 8:55.0, Marc Genet (Santa Ana) was third in 8:57.8, and Gordon Innes (Upland) was fourth in 9:02.0. Junior Dave Sandridge (Parkdale, Riverdale, Md) took two state titles with 1:53.2 and 4:13.4 efforts, defeating 4:08.7 miler Gordon Oliver (Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Md) who had an off-day 4:18.5. Two other fine mile clockings are 4:10.9 for Robin Shipman (Bedford, Ind) and 4:11.0 for Ron Addison (Rhodes, Cleveland, O)

Larry Shipp (St Albans, Washington, DC) hurdled 13.9 over the college highs at the King Games while Brent West (Chandler, Okla) hit 13.8 at his state meet. A fine doubler is John Pfersdorf (Catalina, Tucson, Ariz) at 13.9 and 18.5, while Harold Schwab (Centereach, NY) stepped over the intermediates for the first time in 37.6.

The high jump has taken off lately with a raft of 6-10-plus efforts. Dave Bush (Campbell, Calif) with a previous 6-8 best took the national lead at 6-11 while juniors Alan Moore (Junction City, Kans) and Jay Meisler (Farmingdale, NY) are over 6-10½. Most amazing is the 6-8½ for 15-year-old freshman Kyle Doudican (Pauls Valley, Okla) in his state meet. Craig Brigham (South, Eugene, Ore), the national decathlon record holder with bests of 6-6½, 177-10, 57-8½ and 192-8, hit his stride in his best event, the pole vault, with a big 16-1½ effort to lead the US. Elsewhere, Steve Riley (East, Wichita, Kans) is over 15-7, junior Grant Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville, Ind) has topped 15-6 and Mark Aide (Bismarck, N Dak) is over 15-4. Arizona has two fine vaulters in Ron Lindley (Alhambra, Phoenix) at 15-5 and junior Manuel Gonzales of Chandler at 15-4½. Another hot junior is Gerald Hardeman (Edison, Fresno, Calif), who long jumped a legal 25-9½ to move to third on the all-time list.

The discus has been a big event behind Overton's efforts. Brett Dull of Winter Haven, Fla. was his state meet star with a southeastern best ever of 199-5, while Overton's neighbor, junior Dave Hickson (Leland, San Jose), improved to 188-7. In the Colorado state meet, junior Howard Banich of Arvada won over Art Burns (Arapahoe, Littleton), 183-10 to 183-5. Soph Tony Strackaluse (La Salle Academy, Providence, RI) ranks third in the hammer with 198-6.

Relay quantity drops off near the end of the season but not the quality. The southeast has gone wild in the 880 relay as La Grange of Lake Charles, La. shares the lead at 1:26.5 with Hall of Little Rock, Ark. at 1:26.5 while at 1:26.8 are South Terrebonne of Bourg, La. and Jackson of Miami. The Texas mile relay champ at 3:14.2 was Pinkston of Dallas. In Oklahoma, Putnam City topped Muskogee 3:16.0 to 3:16.2. Proviso West of Hillside, Ill. and Essex Catholic of Newark, N.J. rank near the top off 17:42.6 and 17:43.0 efforts while Boys of Brooklyn took the sprint medley lead with a great 3:27.3. Essex Catholic also defeated national leader St. Joseph of Buffalo, N.Y. in the distance medley, 10:08.4 to 10:08.6. □

There's No Inside Track to Success in Kenya

by John Manners and Tony Barclay

"How many more are there like Julius Sang and Robert Ouko?" Countless American track coaches, athletes and fans are asking this question, and not merely out of idle curiosity. The two talented Kenyans have helped North Carolina Central's crack relay teams set several records, including a 3:03.1 clocking for the mile at the Penn Relays. While Kenya has fast been gaining recognition as a major power in world track, Sang and Ouko are the first of her top runners to attend college in the United States. (Patrick Onyango, a 53-foot-plus triple jumper, is a Wisconsin sophomore.) But they may be the pioneers of a movement that will bring many of their countrymen here in the next few years.

In the media press of western countries, particularly the United States, African athletes are all too often portrayed as exotic, unpredictable figures. Without a doubt, they differ markedly as individuals and as a group from the products of the US' highly competitive, highly publicized scholastic and collegiate sports programs. Yet this is no justification for characterizing them as "inscrutable" or for dealing in facile stereotypes. One example is the meaningless statement (which has appeared in print so many times) that "Africans always run as fast as they can, as far as they can, until they drop". Even worse, many sports writers indulge in crude amateur psychology, assuming that African runners know nothing of tactics and are incapable of pacing themselves in a closely contested race.

In fact, no easy generalizations will ever hold true for all of Africa: the continent is much too varied and diverse for that. As teachers in one country, we have followed the development of track in Kenya since 1968. A brief account of the state of the sport, especially in Kenyan schools, may dispel some illusions and stimulate further interest.

There are many remarkable things about Kenya's runners: the absence of regular coaching, which results in erratic training habits; their surprisingly narrow regional and tribal distribution (all of Kenya's medal-winning internationals belong to two tribal groups who make up less than 20% of the country's total population); or simply the astounding abundance of raw talent in the country just walking the hills herding cattle. But perhaps most unusual for a developing country, and certainly of greatest interest to American coaches and fans, is the fact that many of the brightest stars have come out of the secondary school track program.

Three of Kenya's first runners of world-class stature—Kipchoge Keino, Naftali Temu and Wilson Kiprugut—all reached maturity before the country had more than a handful of secondary schools. But since the Mexico City Olympics of 1968, many products of Kenya high schools have made their mark on the national and international scene. Sang and Ouko, who were then in their last year of secondary school, represented Kenya at Mexico City. Although neither distinguished himself there, Ouko won the 1970 British Commonwealth Games 800-meters (1:46.7), and he and Sang ran on the gold medal 1600-meter relay team at Edinburgh. As most *T&FN* readers doubtless know, they've continued to improve. Ouko's win over Juris Luzins and Ken Swenson at the USA-Pan Africa meet in Durham last July established him as a major contender for Munich. Sang had an unofficial split of 19.7 in North Carolina Central's 880 relay effort at the Penn Relays and his 45.6 win in the King Games 440 two weeks later, where he outran a class field that included 1968 Olympic gold medalists Vince Matthews and Lee Evans, made believers out of a rain-drenched crowd at Franklin Field.

Ben Jipcho and Amos Biwott were also still in school when they competed at Mexico City. Jipcho, ranked third worldwide in the mile for 1971 by *T&FN*, gained notice in the last Olympics as Keino's inadvertent hare in the 1500 final. Since then, he has also emerged as a definite medal threat in the Munich steeplechase and has recorded one of only two sub-14-minute 5000-meter clockings in Kenya (together with Keino, at 5500-feet above sea level in Nairobi). Jipcho is an officer in the Kenya Prisons Service (as are Sang and Ouko, who were granted leaves of absence to attend North Carolina Central). Biwott was one of the sensations of the Mexico Olympics: he had never run the steeplechase before July of that year, yet ran away from the pack on the final lap to take the gold medal. He completed high school last December, and though he claimed a bronze medal in the 1970 Commonwealth Games, he has not been a consistent performer. If an ankle injury sustained last year clears up, however, Biwott will certainly be a factor at Munich this September.

A new, younger generation is already beginning to move up, and it is likely that Kenya will put some new faces on the track in 1972. The turnover in Kenya track hasn't been nearly as fast as in the US, but several newcomers may well eclipse the more established stars during the Olympic trials early this summer. This is not to say that Kenya's secondary schools are as well suited to producing world-class athletes as are American colleges and universities. Far from it. The only basis for comparison is that most Kenyan secondary school students are roughly the same age as college students in the United States. Otherwise, Kenya's schoolboys are tremen-

dously disadvantaged, even in comparison with American high school athletes. An unusually high percentage—by African standards, of school-age children go to primary school in Kenya but only one in seven of these ever goes on to secondary school where the openings are few and the tuition fees (in spite of government aid) are high. Consequently, a large majority of the country's most gifted natural runners never get anywhere near a secondary school.

Even for those fortunate few who do get in, the opportunities for developing their track potential are far from golden. Most schools have little to offer their athletes apart from a rude grass track and a few pairs of spikes to be shared among the entire team. Track suits are rare, warm-up shoes unheard of. Most schools count themselves lucky if they can provide the basic implements for field events, let alone such frills as sweatsuits. Training schedules are irregular because of the frequent afternoon rains, which fall during most of the May-to-July season. Some of the most determined schoolboys try to log a mile or two before breakfast during these months. Most secondary schools in Kenya are boarding schools, where the diet for all students all year long consists largely of starches and vegetables, with meat a couple of times a week and occasional milk.

But material deficiencies aside, the real shortcoming is in the area of coaching. School track coaches are, almost without exception, ordinary teachers who have taken on additional responsibility because of a general interest in sports or a particular eagerness to help develop the extraordinary natural talents their students possess. The best any of these "coaches" can hope to do is to organize an intra-school competition to pick his team, then schedule a regular training time (weather permitting!) in the late afternoon. He may be able to arrange dual or triangular meets with other schools to give his charges outside competition before the district-level and provincial championships, which precede the national schoolboy meet each July.

While the training and instruction offered may be casual and inexpert, the caliber of competition at the secondary school level is not. Take, for example, a triangular meet held last July between three western Kenya schools, St. Patrick's-Iten, Mosocho and Kaplong. The sixth and last man home in the 800-meters (run on a rough track, altitude over 5000-feet) was timed in 1:54.4. In the Rift Valley provincial meet last year, the first three runners in the 800-meters recorded 1:51.0 or better, while the first four in the 400-meters were spread between 48.2 and 48.6.

Schoolboy track in Kenya is replete with stories of sudden success. Kiplang'at Nogeno, who graduated from Kabianga School last December, ran 14.2 in the 110-meter hurdles less than a year after he first put on spikes and jumped over anything but sticks. Nogeno promises to get even better—and he hasn't ever used starting blocks! Mike Sang (no relation to Julius) has cleared 6-8 in the high jump, but uses no recognizable style and has had no coaching. Wesley Maiyo, a schoolmate of Mike Sang's, won the national schoolboy 1500-meters two years ago with a time of 3:47.5. It was only the sixth time Maiyo had ever raced over that distance!

The statistics are probably most impressive in the 800-meters, which is Kenya's strong suit at the moment. Cosmas Silei (1:47.2), who joined Keino on a tour of US indoor meets this past winter, did not complete secondary school, having switched to a teacher training institution several years ago. Sammy Kipkurgat Mutai (1:47.5) reached the Olympic qualifying standard in his first year at secondary school, while Mike Boit (also 1:47.5)

graduated from St. Patrick's-Iten in 1969 and has been on the brink of stardom for several years. Ironically, only one of these three is likely to enter the Munich 800 because Ouko and the veteran Thomas Saisi appear to have two berths locked up.

Mike Murei, another Iten product, is undoubtedly the most versatile athlete to come out of Kenyan schools in the last few years. Murei claims a personal best of 50.5 in the 400-meter hurdles, but his finest hour was probably in the 1969 Kenya schoolboy decathlon. His total of 6700 points (using hurdles set at 3-3 and a 12-lb shot) was remarkable, considering that Murei had never attempted four of the 10 events before, even in practice. Another Iten student, Daniel Tum, scored 6500 points a year later, again without any decathlon training.

Among those still in school now, the distance prodigy John Kipkemoi Ngeno is the only Kenyan who has made a significant international mark. In his second year of high school in 1970, Ngeno represented Kenya in the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, where he ran sixth (13:44) in an exceptionally fast 5000 and seventh in the 10,000. Early in the 1971 season, Ngeno set a Kenya 5000-meter mark (14:05.0 at a mile-high altitude) which has since been bettered only by Keino and Jipcho. Kipkemoi Ngeno is probably the only Kenya athlete in any danger of over-training. Averaging nearly 100 miles throughout the year, he has tended to peak during the February-to-April cross country season. In last year's US-Pan Africa meet, he was clearly off form in the 10,000-meters and pulled out after only 10 laps. But Ngeno is a talented and exceptionally determined athlete, and he's aiming for Munich.

We could go on and on, but any listing of promising Kenya schoolboys is sure to be out of date already, since the 1972 season is now underway and several new faces have probably appeared on the scene. One "veteran" schoolboy to watch is the small (5-6) but tireless Kipkogei Kimeto, whose best time of 14:11.0 in the 5000-meters was achieved without the benefit of any international experience. Evans Mogaka, a Mosocho High school graduate, has run a sub-8:40 steeplechase and is a certainty to qualify for Munich if only he can tackle this event at sea level instead of a mile-high altitude.

The answer to the question, then, is that there are many more fine athletes where Sang and Ouko came from. Obviously, only a very small number of them are likely to match North Carolina Central's brilliant pair. And the only really feasible way to develop the country's great untapped potential is to upgrade the quality of coaching in Kenya. An invasion by high-powered American recruiters and a massive airlift of Kenya runners to the United States would create many more problems than they would solve. Kenya's people are justly proud of their athletes and would resent any wholesale export of talented young runners to a foreign country.

Even so, in the immediate future it is very likely that Sang, Ouko, and Onyango will be joined by several of their countrymen on American college campuses. If North Carolina Central's superb performances this spring are anything to go by, and we think they are, the American track scene will be the richer and more exciting for it. □

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Cosmas Silei /Albuquerque Jaycees/



Thomas Saisi /Mark Shearman/



Naftali Temu /Jeff Kroot/



Pat Onyango /Bill Meyer/



With a Little Help from Kenya, North Carolina Central Speeds the Baton

From 1964 through 1967, whenever you mentioned "relays", chances were in the next breath you also mentioned either "Grambling", "Southern", "Texas Southern", "Prairie View A&M" or "Arkansas AM&N". The teams from these predominantly black schools in the southern US blistered the 440, 880, mile and sprint medley baton routes.

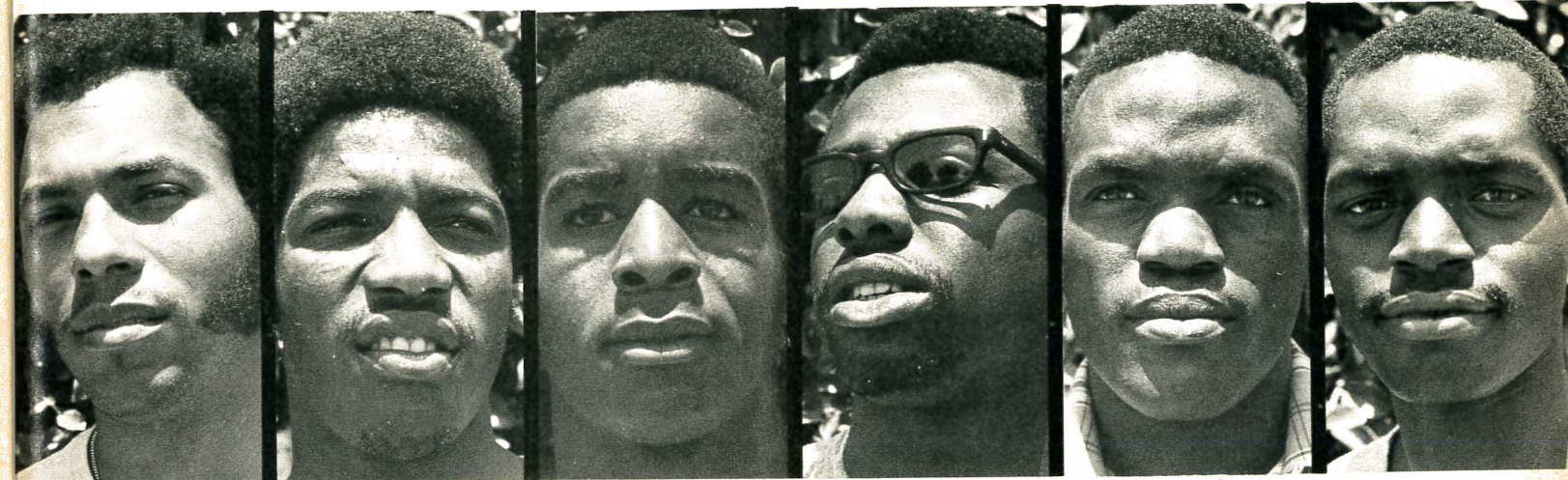
While most of these teams are still plenty fast, they have had to yield the pace to a maroon-clad band of relayists from a black school farther north—from North Carolina Central, to be specific. And for good reason(s). First, at the Florida Relays, Central's teams recorded victories of 40.1, 1:22.9, 3:06.0, 3:16.9 sprint medley and 57.6 in the shuttle hurdles. Then came the big blasts at the prestigious Penn carnival: 1:21.8 in the 880 (third-fastest ever run), 3:03.1 mile (fastest ever run by a college team), and 3:14.8 (fastest sprint medley in history). At the California Relays in Modesto, Central clipped its 440 relay best to 39.7 and later raced to a 3:03.5 in the mile.

But unlike the teams of the mid-60s, which often had a dozen or more fleet athletes to mix and match into the quickest teams possible, North Carolina Central has recorded its quick clockings in the flat relays with just six athletes. Four of them—Americans Mel Bassett and Larry Black and Kenyans Julius Sang and Robert Ouko—are experienced veterans of international and national competition. Freshman Charles Foster has ably stepped into the 440 team lineup. And Jeff Horsley openly admits that football is his prime sport—but he still has contributed plenty of speed to Central's relay squads.

all three US college meets, seconds in the AAU and African meets and third versus the USSR-World All-Stars. Black, 20, has proven his talent over the full lap in 1972 with a 44.1 split at Florida, a 45.2 anchor in a Penn heat and then the fastest mile relay leg ever, 43.8. As well he anchored the 880 team at Penn and covered one furlong stint of the sprint medley. At Modesto, Black closed Central's 3:03.5 winner with a clicking 44.3. A 46.7 prep quarter-miler, he anchored Killian High of Miami to a 3:11.8 prep record matcher in 1969 with 46.2. 6-1, 175-lbs., a junior from Miami, Fla. Bests: 100y, 9.5 (71, 72); 220y, 20.5 (70, 71, 72); 440y, 46.6 (70).

CHARLES FOSTER—Freshman high hurdler Foster stepped into the lead-off slot on the quarter-mile unit mid-way in the season when Bassett felt three relays per meet were putting too much of a dent in his intermediate hurdling. Foster, a 13.5 prep hurdler who has stepped over the college barriers in 13.7 this season (winning the Florida and Penn Relay events with those clockings), has shown he can move on the flat as well, getting Central off to a quick start in its 39.7 Modesto win. 6-0, 160-lb. freshman from Gaffney, S. C. Bests: 120yHH, 13.7 (72).

JEFF HORSLEY—Jeff readily admits football is his big sport but he has shown he can run some, too. He clocked 9.5 in the 100 (a windy 9.4) and a 21.0 220 in 1969 while a freshman at Arizona State where he went to play ball. But he transferred to Maryland's Essex CC in 1970 and then Central in 71. Horsley, 22, played football for Central last fall and hopes to play professionally. Right now, though, he is sprinting with the best: the 220 legs



Mel Bassett

Larry Black

Charles Foster

Jeff Horsley

Robert Ouko

Julius Sang

The Kenyan pair ended up at the Durham, N. C., school thanks to the persistence of head coach, Dr. Leroy Walker. He tried to recruit Ouko and Sang before the last Olympics when they were just schoolboys. But Kenyan officials insisted the pair could get an education in Kenya at either Nairobi College or Kenyatta College in their own country. A year or so ago, Walker stopped in Nairobi on his way to Zambia (he periodically has visited Africa for the US State Department since 1958) and called on Ouko and Sang. Both were working as officer-trainees in the prison system under Kipchoge Keino.

"I had a long talk with their supervisors," Walker relates. "They were not in college so this was a chance for them to go. I stressed our fine sociology department and our program of working with juvenile delinquents. Finally they agreed to let them come, but the officials said, 'You have to do more than make them just run around a track'. I told them that in 25 years of college teaching and coaching, only three of my athletes had not graduated. That clinched it." In his first semester at Central, Ouko earned three As, two Bs and one C, while Sang received an A, three Bs and a C.

What this sextet has already done together is well-known. But they all have registered notable achievements on their own, with a baton and on the flat.

MELVIN BASSETT—Bassett made his name previously in the intermediate hurdles in 1971, when he won the NCAA College title, placed second in the NAIA, NCAA University and US-Africa meets, fifth in the AAU and recorded a PR of 50.3—all in his first year of quarter hurdling. This year the 22-year-old Bassett has shown he can move on the flat, running the second leg on Central's 880 team at Penn and leading off the mile unit in 47.5. He earned athlete-of-the-meet honors at the Florida Relays for a 51.6 hurdles second-place and legs on victorious 440, 880 and mile stick teams. He led off the latter in a heat in 46.5. 5-10½, 150-lbs., a junior from Chicago, Ill. Bests: 440IH, 50.3 (71).

LARRY BLACK—The team captain at Central, Black ranked third among world 200/220 sprinters last year with a 20.5 yard best, victories in

by Horsley and Black in the Penn sprint medley consumed 40.7 seconds or an average of 20.35 per man, quick stepping for any footballer—or sprinter. Says Horsley, "We have the best coach in the world in Dr. Leroy Walker. We call ourselves 'Doc Walker and the Imports' because only one guy on the whole squad is from North Carolina." A 6-1, 205-lb. senior from Newark, N. J. Bests: 100y, 9.4 (69); 220y, 21.0 (69).

ROBERT OUOKO—A 23-year-old 68 Olympian from Kenya, Robert Stephenson Ouko won the 1970 British Commonwealth 800-meter title (1:46.8) and the US-Africa match in 1971 (1:46.7). No slow-poke himself, Ouko zipped a 45.5 third leg on Kenya's Commonwealth 1600-meter relay winners. He ranked 10th globally in 1970 and seventh in 71. With a baton at Central, Ouko anchored mile and sprint medley winners at Florida (46.8 and 1:48.7 respectively; 45.7 mile heat) and produced a 46.2 second leg in the Penn mile and finished the sprint medley record with 1:47.7. Known for his blistering first laps of 880 legs, Ouko dashed 49.7 at Penn—still not as quick as a 48.6 on his 1:45.4 anchor of Kenya's 7:11.6 world two-mile relay record in 1970. 5-9, 150-lbs. Bests: 400m, 46.2 (70); 800m, 1:46.6 (69).

JULIUS SANG—The second of Central's Kenyan whizzes, the 23-year-old Sang is another international veteran like countryman Ouko. Sang placed eighth in the 70 Commonwealth 400 (46.4) and then dashed a 46.0 split on the relay winners. He ran 46.2 for third in the US-Africa meet last season and turned in a 45.7 mile relay effort. His work at Florida included anchoring the 440 win, covering the number two slots in the 880 and mile and clocking 46.2 for his sprint medley quarter. At Penn, Sang registered a 45.5 mile stint and 46.4 medley opener, while he sped 45.3 at Modesto. 5-8, 150-lbs. Bests: 100y, 9.3 (67); 100m, 10.3 (68); 220y, 20.4 (69); 400m, 45.6 (70).

And where do they go from here? Black is definitive on the goals of the teams: "We want to run 1:21.5 in the 880, 2:59.0 in the mile and 3:14.1 in the sprint medley. All that might sound fantastic, but we have already come pretty far pretty fast." □/Photographs by Steve Sutton/

With the Munich Olympics only three months away, European outdoor activity may seem to be at a low ebb, particularly in the middle and long distances, yet we can already point to a fair number of notable achievements. Once again, the early season bonanza is to be credited to the hammer throwers—seven have already excelled 236-feet. From an American standpoint, however, the fine form of hurdler Guy Drut of France—three 13.3s within three weeks—may be even more interesting.

European hammer champion Uwe Beyer of West Germany won his first duel of the season with world record holder Walter Schmidt at Darmstadt in mid-May—242-4½ to 240-9. Schmidt, who seems to have overcome his injury of last fall, may find partial relief in the fact that his rival's winning margin was narrower than in most of their previous clashes. West Germany is sure to field its strongest "hammer team" since the 1936 Olympics: in May, Karl-Hans Riehm, 21, added over ten-feet to his 1971 best with a throw of 240-11½ and followed it up with a 242-4½ victory over Beyer (233-8½). But competition from eastern Europe will be formidable: the Soviet's youngest hope, Iosif Gamskiy, got one off to 239-10—his second best ever; Vasilii Khmyelevskiy, also of the USSR, has thrown 238-6 and 237-6½, once beating Gamskiy himself; Reinhard Theimer of East Germany opened his 1972 account with 238-½; and veteran Gyula Zsvivotzky 35, of Hungary started with 236-4. Todor Manolov 21, of Bulgaria, can point to a new national record of 230-2, which places him no higher than 11th in the 1972 European list.

Guy Drut, 22, may well turn out to be the most serious challenger American high hurdlers have faced in post-war Olympics. To his 13.3 of August 1970 in Zurich (which was no better than 13.56 electrically), he has now added three clockings of equal face value, achieved under various conditions. He began on April 23 at Colombes, where his 13.3 was aided by a wind of nearly 9 mph. His second was in vanquishing Willie Davenport at Formia, Italy, and his third was again at Colombes, May 14, aided by a wind of nearly 6 mph but on a cold, rainy day. His Formia mark, achieved against a slight adverse wind of unmeasured velocity, seems acceptable.

SPRINTS

Franz-Peter Hofmeister of West Germany, who was second to Borzov in last year's European 200-meter championship, started in brilliant fashion with a legal 10.2 for the metric century and a subsequent 20.5 for 200-meters, equaling his personal best of 1971. Roger Bambuck of France, an Olympic finalist in 1968, did 10.2 twice with a wind just under the limit and 20.6 with an illegal breeze. Brian Green of Britain dashed 10.2 and 20.7, both wind-assisted. Anatoliy Radul of the USSR duplicated his 10.1 of 1971, under unspecified conditions.

Fastest times from the one-lap circuit—apart from the three sub-46 performances recorded at Formia—are Lucano Susanj's 46.4 and Anders Faager's 46.5, new national records for Yugoslavia and Sweden respectively. The latter was made in the US, enroute to a 440-yards tape which Sweden's star sprinter broke in 46.9.

Martin Winbolt Lewis ran 600-meters in 1:17.6. At 300-meters, Dave Jenkins upset Fred Newhouse in England in poor weather, 32.6 to 34.5.

Marcello Fiasconaro of Italy displayed his usual workmanlike form to win the Poli 400-meters in 45.6—one tenth off his best—from Andrzej Badenski on Poland (45.8) and Curtis Mills of the US (45.9). This last was a fast mover in the early part of the race but tired visibly toward the end. On the first day, Badenski celebrated his 29th birthday with a 46.1 heat.

DISTANCES

Marcello Fiasconaro, the South-African born Italian, will probably run the 400 at Munich, but there are many who regard the 800 as his "ultimate" distance. Such an opinion was strengthened by what he did at Bergamo late in April—leading from gun to tape on a water-logged, mediocre track in cold weather, he lowered his personal best by over a second with 1:47.7 (fractions of 53.8 and 53.9).

Fiasconaro's countryman Francesco Arese twice lost to Gianni Del Buono (3:39.3 for 1500-meters), first over 3000-meters at Piacenza—8:12.2 to 8:10.8—then over 1500 meters at Formia. Emiel Puttemans of Belgium won a fast 3000-meters from Ian McCafferty, 7:54.0 to 7:56.6.

Dave Bedford, who is nursing an Achilles tendon injury, was no better than fifth in a two-mile race won by Maurice Benn in 8:34.8. Bedford was timed in 8:44.2.

Bernd Diessner ran his fastest ever 10,000 in 28:24.6, at Potsdam on April 28, leaving behind Manfred Kuschmann (28:28.2) and Gert Eisenberg (28:39.6). Tony Simmons of Britain covered the same distance in 28:34.6.

HURDLES

The 1971 European high hurdles champion, Frank Siebeck of East

Keino Blazes 800 to Steeple

Sometimes second place can be just as sensational as first. For instance, Ben Jipcho lowered his African steeplechase record by eight-tenths with his 8:28.8 in Hiroshima, Japan, May 3. Interesting in itself. But second in that race was none other than Kip Keino, again proving he is probably the most versatile distance runner in history, with a sparkling 8:30.0. Four days later in Tokyo, Kip ran 8:35.2 behind Jipcho's 8:33.4—and Keino also recorded 1:48.5 and 3:45.8 at 800- and 1500-meters at the same meet.

That 8:30.0—in one of few attempts at the distance—now gives him a set of personal bests unparalleled in modern distance history and even qualifies him for the Munich Olympics. In fact, the defending 1500-meter gold medalist is qualified for every event from the 1500 through the steeple and is just a tenth shy of qualifying for the 800-meters.

A brief look at Keino's performances—this season, all-time and those achieved since Olympic qualifying opened Aug. 1, 1971, which qualify him for the Munich Olympics—gives an even better measure of his greatness at every standard distance on the track from the 800 through the steeplechase.

	1972 best	Career best	Since Aug. 1, 1971
800m	1:47.7	1:47.0/71	—
1500m	3:45.8	3:34.9/68	3:36.8/71
			3:56.9 mile/71
5000m	—	13:24.2/68	13:25.8/71
10,000m	28:48.8	28:06.4/68	28:48.8/72
3000mSt	8:30.0	8:30.0/72	8:30.0/72

Germany, got off to a quick start with a 13.5 season-opener. West German Manfred Schumann sped 13.6 to edge Gunther Nickel by two-tenths. One national record has already fallen: Rumania's Nicolae Pertea lowered his country's record to 13.7.

Over the 400-meter hurdles, East Germany's Christian Rudolph, runner-up in last year's European title meet, cruised to a 50.1 in his outdoor opener.

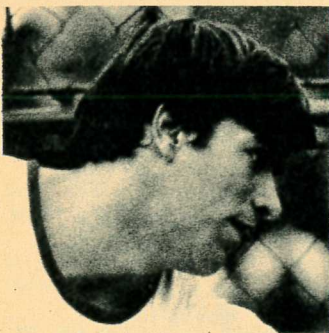
JUMPS

The USSR has another fine flopper in Vladimir Abramov, who cleared 7-3 recently. He is 23, and his real progress first became apparent in one of the latest indoor meets as he went 7-2½, well over his 1971 best of 7-¼. The only other notable marks in the high jump are 7-1½ by Roman Moravec of Czechoslovakia and Hermann Magerl of West Germany and 7-1 by Gianmarco Schivo of Italy.

Never since the Mexico Olympics had three vaulters cleared 17-8½ in one and the same meet. Such a thing happened again on the second day of the IV Poli Memorial Meet at Formia, Italy, May 10-11. Same as in Mexico, Bob Seagren was one of the characters in the play, but this time the Olympic champion had to settle for second place while world record holder Kjell Isaksson had to be content with third. Beating them both on the count-

(Left) Anders Faager sped a Swedish record 46.5 400 in the US. /Chadez/ (Right) Soviet Vasilii Khmyelevskiy has hammered 238-6. /Bob Kasper/





Klaus-Peter Hennig has spun the disc 209-½. /Horst Muller/



Vladimir Lyakhov upped the Soviet disc best to 210-5. /Tony Duffy/

back was Renato Dionisi of Italy, who thus won his most precious victory since 1969, when he beat Wolfgang Nordwig in the Europe vs Americas.

He entered the event at 16-5—a height he mastered on his second attempt. Isaksson began at 17-¾, went over the first time, while Seagren needed two attempts. Dionisi began to shock onlookers by passing at that height. He began to lay his cards on the table at 17-4¾—which he cleared the first time, as did Isaksson. Seagren boldly chose to pass. Dionisi got the inside lane as he mastered 5.40 (17-8½) the first time—and with plenty of room to spare. That added two inches to his Italian record. Seagren went over second time in what appeared to be an elaborate, masterful jump. Isaksson—who in the first four months of the year had competed in 18 meets—needed three tries to master the height. Until then, the event had been held in a hot atmosphere, with local fans lined up on both sides of the runway and pit, just as in a cycling race on the Alps. Things began to cool off when an interruption of notable length was made to suit the needs of Italian TV. When the bar was raised to 5.50 (18-½), the three champions failed, Dionisi's second attempt being perhaps the closest miss. Seagren was nonetheless content with his performance, merely a half-inch shy of his life-time best. Four others went over 5-meters (16-5) in this memorable event, and Hans Lagerqvist, hampered by a sore knee, was fourth at 17-¾.

Russia's Yevgeniy Tananika, a surprise winner in the vault at the recent US vs USSR indoor meet, improved to 17-4¾ in his first outdoor try. Countryman Gennadiy Bliznyetsov matched that mark later.

Jacques Pani of France bettered 16-feet in the long jump on three different occasions, with a top mark of 26-2¼ at Font-Romeu. His countryman Jacques Rousseau did 26-3¾ with an aiding wind at Fort-de-France (and 25-9 legally). Waldemar Stepień of Poland, whose 26-11¼ of 1969 has long been regarded as a "one-day dream", started well into the Olympic season with 26-1 in a meet at Prague.

THROWS

East Germany's formidable shot corps wasted little time in meeting head-on as the nation's four leading throwers clashed in Jena in the first major outdoor meet of the year in that country. European record holder and 71 continental champion Hartmut Briesenick emerged victorious with a 68-8 heave, nearly one foot ahead of second-place Hans-Peter Gies (67-8½). Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg followed at 67-6¾ with Dieter Hoffmann fourth at 65-8½.

Wladyslaw Komar bettered his Polish shot put record in his first outdoor meet of the season as he reached 67-6¾, then continued on a lower tone during a stay in Italy, 64-9½ and 65-8¾. Hoffmann had earlier opened with 66-10¾. Jaroslav Brabec threatened his own Czech record in a close victory over Miroslav Janousek, 66-2½ to 65-10¾.

Vilmos Varju began with 65-2¾. Lest you may wish to call this 35-year-old stalwart a veteran, here is a news item from Czechoslovakia: 42-year-old Jiri Skobla started his 24th season with 56-5¼—more or less the distance that once used to win top European honors for him.

Geoff Capes twice equaled Arthur Rowe's British shot put record as he tossed the iron ball 64-2¼. This is actually a fraction of an inch over Rowe's 1961 mark, but the two marks are equal in metric value (19.56)—the only one that counts in progressive Britain.

Ludvik Danek will again be a force to reckon with in the Olympic discus circle. His season's opener was a significant 212-4½ (Prague, May 12). Klaus-Peter Hennig and Dirk Wippermann of West Germany also started well—209-½ and 208-0 respectively. The Soviet discus record was bettered on two occasions in April, first by 22-year-old Boris Karayev with 209-5½ (an improvement of 14' over his previous best!), then by Vladimir Lyakhov with 210-5. Hungary's Janos Muranyi has spun the platter 210-3.

Young West German Karl-Heinz Riehm prevailed again over countryman Uwe Beyer as Riehm whirled the hammer 239-5 to 237-6¾ for Hungary's Istvan Encsi, 234-3 for Beyer and a national record 231-5 for France's Vladimir Prikhodko.

Notable javelin marks so far include Hannu Siitonen's 281-6 and Klaus Wolferrmann's 273-6¼. □

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This list contains the top outdoor performers of 1972. * = yard mark converted to meters.

100 YARDS

9.2 Ivory Crockett (US)
9.2 Harold Porter (US)
9.2 Herb Washington (US)

Wind-aided:

9.0 Willie McGee (US)
9.0 Robert Taylor (US)
9.1 Adrian Capitol (US)

100 METERS

10.0 Warren Edmonson (US)
10.0 Eddie Hart (US)
10.0 Steve Riddick (US)
10.1 James Amerison (US)
10.1 Willie Deckard (US)
10.1 Dave Gilliard (US)
10.1 Lennox Miller (Jam)
10.1 Condie Pugh (US)
10.1 Walter Walker (US)

Incomplete wind info:

10.1 Manfred Kokot (EG)
10.1 Anatoliy Radul (SU)
10.1 Siegfried Schenke (EG)

200 METERS

20.2* Larry Burton (US)
20.2* Ivory Crockett (US)
20.2* Steve Williams (US)
20.3* Don Quarrie (Jam)
20.3* Dennis Schultz (US)
20.4* Larry Black (US)
20.4* Eddie Hart (US)
20.5* Wayne Collett (US)
20.5* Warren Edmonson (US)
20.5 Franz-Peter Hofmeister (WG)
20.5* Chuck Smith (US)
20.5* Ben Vaughan (US)
20.5* Dennis Walker (US)
20.5* Harold Williams (US)

Wind-aided:

20.3* Cliff Branch (US)
20.3 Bevan Smith (NZ)
20.4 Fred Newhouse (US)

400 METERS

44.6* Lee Evans (US)
44.7* Wayne Collett (US)
44.9* Steve Williams (US)
45.0* John Smith (US)
45.1* Edesel Garrison (US)
45.3* Julius Sang (Ken)
45.4* Joseph Bennis (US)
45.4* Vince Matthews (US)
45.4* Lloyd Wills (US)

800 METERS

1:46.4 Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)
1:46.5 Graham Rootham (Aus)
1:46.9* Bob Smith (US)
1:46.9* Willie Thomas (US)
1:47.0* Rick Brown (US)
1:47.1 Mark Winzenried (US)
1:47.2 Tony Waldrop (US)
1:47.3* Juris Luzins (US)
1:47.3* Tom Von Ruden (US)
1:47.4 Dicky Broberg (S Afr)
1:47.4* Jim Ryun (US)

1500 METERS

3:37.9 Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)
3:39.4 Dick Quax (NZ)
3:39.8 Steve Prefontaine (US)
3:40.4 Hailu (Eth)

3:41.0 Rod Dixon (NZ)

MILE

3:56.0 Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)
3:56.7 Steve Prefontaine (US)
3:57.1 Jim Ryun (US)
3:57.8 Tom Von Ruden (US)
3:58.2 Juris Luzins (US)
3:58.4 Duncan MacDonald (US)
3:58.5 Howell Michael (US)
3:58.5 Dave Wottle (US)

THREE MILES

13:04.0 Steve Prefontaine (US)
13:07.2 Dick Quax (NZ)
13:10.8 Grant McLaren (Can)
13:11.0 Gordon Minty (GB)
13:11.0 Sid Sink (US)

5000 METERS

13:29.6 Steve Prefontaine (US)
13:35.0 Dick Quax (NZ)
13:36.6 Tony Benson (Aus)
13:37.6 George Young (US)
13:38.2 Jim Ryun (US)
13:40.0 Grant McLaren (Can)
13:40.0 Tracy Smith (US)
13:40.4 Jack Bacheler (US)

SIX MILES

27:22.4 Steve Prefontaine (US)
27:22.8 Jack Bacheler (US)
27:22.8 Frank Shorter (US)
27:30.8 Gerry Lindgren (US)
27:37.8 Tony Simmons (GB)
27:38.0 Tom Laris (US)
27:40.6 Neil Cusack (Eire)

10,000 METERS

28:24.6 Bernd Driessner (EG)
28:28.2 Manfred Kuschmann (EG)
28:34.6 Tony Simmons (GB)
28:39.6 Gert Eisenberg (EG)

MARATHON

2:13:16 Igor Shcherbak (SU)
2:13:19 Eckhard Lesse (EG)
2:13:59 Vladimir Mosyeyev (SU)
2:14:11 Dave McKenzie (NZ)
2:14:47 Paavo Nikkari (Fin)
2:15:14 Jurgen Busch (EG)
2:15:14 Vasily Sterlyagov (SU)
2:15:15 Pekka Tiuhonen (Fin)
2:15:24 Terry Manners (NZ)
2:15:30 Olavi Suomalainen (Fin)

20,000 METER WALK

1:26:13 Hans-Georg Riemann (EG)
1:26:53 Anatoliy Terentyev (SU)
1:26:55 Paul Nihill (GB)
1:26:56 Lutz Lipowski (EG)
1:26:57 Viktor Yavilov (SU)

50,000 METER WALK

4:03:03 Christoph Hohne (EG)
4:03:16 Bernard Nermerich (WG)
4:03:41 Sergey Grigoryev (SU)
4:07:51 Gennadiy Agapov (SU)
4:10:04 Yevgeniy Lyungin (SU)

STEEPLECHASE

8:28.8 Ben Jipcho (Ken)
8:30.0 Kip Keino (Ken)
8:30.8 Kerry O'Brien (Aus)

8:31.8 Akira Takeuchi (Japan)
8:35.0 Joe Lucas (US)
8:36.0 Mike Manley (US)
8:37.4 Bob Price (US)
8:37.8 Don Timm (US)
8:38.4 Barry Brown (US)
8:40.6 Steve Savage (US)

110 METER HURDLES

13.3m Guy Drut (Fr)
13.3 Rod Milburn (US)
13.5m Willie Davenport (US)
13.5 Paul Gibson (US)
13.5 Danny Smith (US)
13.5 Thomas Hill (US)
13.6 Efen Gipson (US)
13.6 Erv Hall (US)
13.6m Jeff Howser (US)
13.6 Randy Lightfoot (US)
13.6 Godfrey Murray (Jam)
13.6 Charles Rich (US)
13.6 Tommy Lee White (US)

Wind-aided:

13.0 Rod Milburn (US)
13.4 Thomas Hill (US)
13.5 Tommy Lee White (US)

Incomplete wind info:

13.5m Frank Siebeck (EG)
13.6m Manfred Schumann (WG)

400 METER HURDLES

49.1 William Koskei (Ken)
49.1* Ralph Mann (US)
49.3 Gary Knoke (Aus)
49.5* Jim Bolding (US)
49.5* Dick Bruggeman (US)
49.6* Efen Gipson (US)
49.8* Roger Johnson (NZ)
49.9 Bruce Field (Aus)
49.9* Ron Whitney (US)
50.1 Christian Rudolph (EG)

HIGH JUMP

7-3 Vladimir Abramov (SU)
7-3 Ron Jourdan (US)
7-3 Barry Schur (US)
7-2 Reynaldo Brown (US)
7-2 Chris Dunn (US)
7-2 Lawrie Peckham (Aus)
7-2 Barry Shepard (US)
7-1 Hermann Magerl (WG)
7-1 Roman Moravec (Czech)
7-1 William Oates (US)

POLE VAULT

18-4½ Kjell Isaksson (Swe)
18-4½ Bob Seagren (US)
17-9½ Steve Smith (US)
17-8½ Renato Dionisi (It)
17-7 Hans Lagerqvist (Swe)
17-6½ Jan Johnson (US)
17-6 Dave Roberts (US)
17-4 Gennadiy Bliznyetsov (SU)
17-4 Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)
17-4 Yevgeniy Tananika (SU)

LONG JUMP

26-8½ Arnie Robinson (US)
26-8½ Henry Hines (US)
26-7½ Bill Rea (US)
26-5½ Phil Shinnick (US)
26-3½ Jerry Proctor (US)
26-2½ Randy Williams (US)
26-2½ Jeff Bolin (US)
26-2 Henry Jackson (US)
26-2 Jacques Pani (Fr)
26-1½ Bouncy Moore (US)
26-1½ Norm Tate (US)
27-6½ Henry Hines (US)
26-9¼ Murray Tolbert (Aus)
26-7½ Stan Whitley (US)

26-7 Bruce Field (Aus)
26-5¾ Ralph Boston (US)

TRIPLE JUMP

54-5 Mohinder Gill (Ind)
54-4¾ James Butts (US)
53-6¼ Yukito Muraki (Japan)
53-5 Kosei Gushiken (Japan)
53-5 Robert Reader (US)
53-4½ Mick McGrath (Aus)
53-3½ Juan Velasquez (Cuba)
53-2¾ Jim Fraser (US)
53-2¾ Stan Royster (US)
53-2 Milan Tiff (US)

Wind-aided:

55-¼ John Craft (US)
53-10 Art Walker (US)

Incomplete wind info:

54-6¼ Yukito Muraki (Japan)
54-5½ John Craft (US)
53-11¼ Kosei Gushiken (Japan)
53-11¼ Toshiaki Inoue (Japan)

SHOT PUT

70-3¾ Al Feuerbach (US)
69-9¼ George Woods (US)
69-2¼ Randy Matson (US)
68-8 Hartmut Briesenick (EG)
68-7½ Fred DeBernardi (US)
67-8½ Hans-Peter Gies (EG)
67-6¼ Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)
67-6¼ Heinz-Joa Rothenburg (EG)
67-4 Brian Oldfield (US)
67-1¼ Lahcen Samsam (Moroc)

DISCUS THROW

215-10 John Van Reenen (S Afr)
215-2 Jay Silvester (US)
212-4½ Ludvik Danek (Czech)
210-8 John Powell (US)
210-5 Vladimir Lyakhov (SU)
210-3 Janos Muranyi (Hun)
209-9 Art Swarts (US)
209-5½ Boris Karayev (SU)
209-4 Dick Drescher (US)
209-½ Klaus-Peter Hennig (WG)

HAMMER THROW

242-4½ Uwe Beyer (WG)
242-4½ Karl-Heinz Riehm (WG)
240-9 Walter Schmidt (WG)
239-10 Iosif Gamskiy (SU)
238-6 Vasily Khmyeylevskiy (SU)
238-½ Reinhard Theimer (EG)
237-6½ Istvan Encsi (Hun)
236-4 Gyula Zsvotzky (Hun)
233-1½ Edwin Klein (WG)
232-9 Jochen Sachse (EG)

JAVELIN THROW

281-6 Janis Lulis (SU)
277-6½ Hannu Siitonen (Fin)
273-8 Mark Murro (US)
273-8 Miklos Nemeth (Hun)
273-6½ Klaus Wolfermann (WG)
272-5 Sam Colson (US)
271-11 Aleksandr Makarov (SU)
267-2 Milt Sonsky (US)
267-0 Fred Luke (US)
266-0 Bill Schmidt (US)

DECATHLON

7940 Jeff Bannister (US)
7795 John Warkentin (US)
7791 Regis Ghesquiere (Belg)
7750 Russ Hodge (US)
7704 Steve Gough (US)
7701 Jeff Bennett (US)
7678 Bruce Jenner (US)
7669 Fred Samara (US)
7656 Bill Bakley (US)
7603 Freddy Herbrandt (Belg) □

He stood there, in the middle of the now almost deserted stadium, tall, slender, patient, somewhat regal. The black face was strangely familiar. But what was he doing here in El Paso, Texas, halfway across Africa, all across the Atlantic, and two-thirds across the wide US thousands of miles from Uganda?

John Akii-Bua, third ranking intermediate hurdler in the world, had come to run. But the arrangements had been too late for pre-meet publicity, fortunately, for he arrived as the El Paso Invitational was ending.

"Did Ralph run?" That was Akii-Bua's initial response and Ralph, of course, was Mann, the man Akii-Bua has to beat in order to win Olympic gold. No other American names popped up in the entire conversation, but there was a continuing curiosity about Mann. John was relieved to learn he would be meeting Mann at Modesto and/or Los Angeles for he had two reasons for his quick, long trip—to race Mann and to run on Tartan.

He's had only one race this year. The time for 400-meters was a mediocre 51.3 but, he explained, he's in far better shape than that. "It would have been in the 49s but I had trouble on the changeover at the seventh hurdle. I want to run 13 steps for the first six hurdles then change to 14 the rest of the way. I can do it all right, but sometimes I have trouble changing."

Akii-Bua has added lots of interval work to his training program, and likes it. He also goes in for long distance hurdling including a rather incredible workout he runs once or twice a week. It's 1000-meters over 39-inch hurdles, wearing a 16 pound vest!

From the US he goes to England, home for a bit, then to Germany where "they have been kind enough to have me train for two months before the Olympics". At Munich he expects we'll see a lot of William Koskei of Kenya, unranked with a best of 49.8 last year, but with four times of 49.5 or better already this season, topped by a 49.1.

I had trouble placing another face earlier in the day. A bit older looking than the collegians, and smaller than most, he never rang the bell as he moved about the hospitality room. Another official, or a high school coach, I remember thinking. But on a third or fourth look, I suddenly became interested and it dawned—Fanie Van Zijl, the South African middle distance star. On introducing myself, I discovered one of the bright spirits of the track world.

The eyes sparkle, the whole face lights up, the voice carries enthusiasm. Life to Fanie obviously is all that it's meant to be. He loves America, *Track & Field News*, the opportunity to compete here. But he doesn't love the half-mile, a distance at which he just happens to be the fastest in the world right now. "I really don't like the 880. The mile is a much better race. But I like to run 880s now and then. It's good for me."

He observed that his 1:47.1 was about the same as his 1:46.4 for meters at Drake, "your conversion is seven-tenths, isn't it?", and that it was a national record. "We run only meters now, you know." And he wanted the full results on the half and the discus, won by countryman John Van Reenen, so he could pass them on to a hometown newsman who was phoning the next morning.

Other athletes I visited with had this to say:

Henry Hines, pleased with his new found consistency in the long jump: "Next time you see Arnie [Robinson], tell him it's my turn. He's really great, and we're both getting consistent. Some guys say you should leave the good marks until the Trials, that you should save yourself. They are so sure they are right that they had me a little worried. But I asked Ralph [Boston], and he said that's stupid. Now I agree. I'd rather go into the Trials knowing I've done it right along than hoping the one big one will turn up suddenly."

Mark Murro, happy with his 273-8, thinking he might have been chosen field athlete of the meet: "I only took two throws because I want to save it. But I felt strong. The first time I've really felt good in two years. The ankle I hurt in 1970 still swells but it doesn't really bother me. I think I'm going to be all right. I'm looking forward to the Kennedy Games. Berkeley is the best place in the world to throw the javelin."

Tom Fulton, Texas Southern's seemingly tireless middle-distance runner with the growing reputation: "No, I wasn't tired tonight (after running a fast half and mile the previous evening). I'm used to lots of races. But I only trained one day this week. And I didn't feel like staying with the pace. I've never run against guys like Van Zijl and [Juris] Luzins before. But I'll know better next time."

Mohinder Gill, Indian triple jumper now training and coaching at El Paso: "I'm ready to jump 57-feet. My technique is good and I don't practice it much. Strength is the important thing. I work hard at it, using special exercises I have developed. . . Why did I come to El Paso? Because it's a good place to train and Wayne [coach Vandenburg] has made it possible."

Randy Matson: "I caught Jessica [his three-year-old] tearing up *Track & Field News*. When I asked her what she was doing she made a face and said [AI] 'Feuerbach' and kept right on tearing. When I call home after a meet she gets on the phone and says, 'Daddy, did you beat Feuerbach?' When I say 'no', she gets real mad at me." □

Al Ragan: The Stuff of Permanence

Edwards Stadium, the fortress and home of California track and field, bespeaks permanence. In my youth, I was naive enough to imagine that these blocks of granite were shaped by the wind, the rain, and the heat of the sun. I now know that it is true. I also know that when the earthquake comes to Berkeley the Campanile will tumble and the football stadium will be swallowed by Strawberry Canyon. Edwards will remain standing, its four tall columns still extending from the 20-foot south wall.



Al Ragan has been here since 1924, first as an athlete, then as assistant track coach and interim head coach and assistant again. Listen to Dave Maggard, who has known Al as coach, colleague and friend. "Of all the people I can think of who have been associated with track and field at Cal, no one has been more loyal than Al Ragan," says Cal's present head coach and athletic director. All the people.

That includes Walter Christie, who is eulogized in stone-carved letters on the face of Edwards Stadium, and Brutus Hamilton, who . . . was Brutus Hamilton.

"Of course in those days you could compete for two years in JC and still have three years of college eligibility," Ragan reflects. "I came here on the advice of a friend, Jim Corley, and immediately tried out for basketball under Nibs Price. I was on the team until he had to cut from 20 to 15. That was the beginning of my track career at Cal."

Al ran for the Bears in 1925, 26, and 27, concentrating on the highs and performing well. Following the 1927 season, Christie, the head coach at that time, asked him to stay on as an assistant. "I didn't have anything special planned, so I took it."

Brutus Hamilton became California's head coach in 1933 and retained Ragan's services. Brutus took a leave from 1943 to 45 to join the armed forces, during which time Al held the head coaching position. The 1943 team, which included world record holders Grover Klemmer (46.0 for 400-meters and 46.4 for 440-yards) and Hal Davis (10.2 for 100-meters), was the last Cal squad to defeat Southern Cal in dual competition. A four-man fragment of the Cal team traveled to Evanston, Ill. in June, sans Ragan, to place second to the Trojans (also represented by a four-man contingent) in the NCAA Championships, 46-39. "If we only could have sent three or four more . . ." he muses, recalling the WWII travel limitations.

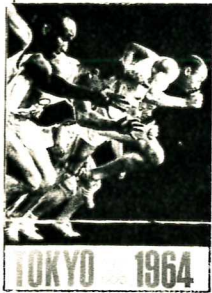
Now in the spring of 1972, coaching "under" his fourth head mentor at Cal, Al continues to stress the sound, fundamental approach to the sport which he has espoused since his days with Christie. "Brutus believed in a very basic approach, too. With an athlete, he'd take one thing at a time. Keep watching. Keep watching. Sometimes I think the kids didn't realize how much they were being coached. He and I stayed quite close to them, in their academics, work, talk of the future."

Al is reluctant to assume a great deal of credit for an athlete's accomplishments, and he candidly admits that 1972 is not 1943 in terms of his own vicarious involvement with his charges. Perhaps the comparison is moot. "Still when an important meet is on, and you know it's important to win, you run every race, jump every jump with them. Even against Southern Cal (April 22 at Palo Alto), when nobody was expecting us to win, I told (pole vaulter) Ed Otter, 'Look, Ed, there's no pressure. Nobody expects you to do anything. But you're coming down the runway with your face muscles all tied up. Take this thing in stride. Keep calm. Maybe this'll do it.'" No one knows how much credit Al can be given for Otter's then lifetime best 16-0 that day, but that's not the point.

Maggard rates Ragan's technical abilities as excellent, especially when Al is dealing with an athlete on a one-to-one basis. According to Dave, there needn't be a special area or event tied to these abilities. "When a guy is having a little bit of difficulty, I'll want to hear Al's thoughts, get his observations on how we might correct things. Of course, he did such a fantastic job with Eddie Hart and Isaac Curtis, and if you have to pinpoint his area of strength it would certainly be the sprints and hurdles."

Ragan is most emphatic when discussing the perils of over-coaching. "It's especially true in field events. Trying to concentrate on too many details at once only brings confusion. By this time of year, late April and early May, we're mainly concerned with *sharpness*. If the strength and basic technique aren't there by now, it's too late. You can leave their race or their event right in practice by over-coaching."

Across the track, Maggard pauses, shrugs, looks into the empty stands. "I've never been able to understand this thing athletes have about coaches 'taking advantage of them'. But perhaps that's because I was fortunate enough to work with Brutus and Al." And Brutus with Dave and Al and Al with Dave and the athletes. So the legacy continues, with Al Ragan at the cornerstone. The granite. It's the stuff of permanence. /by Ted Brock/ □



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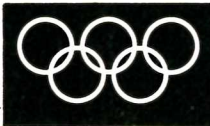
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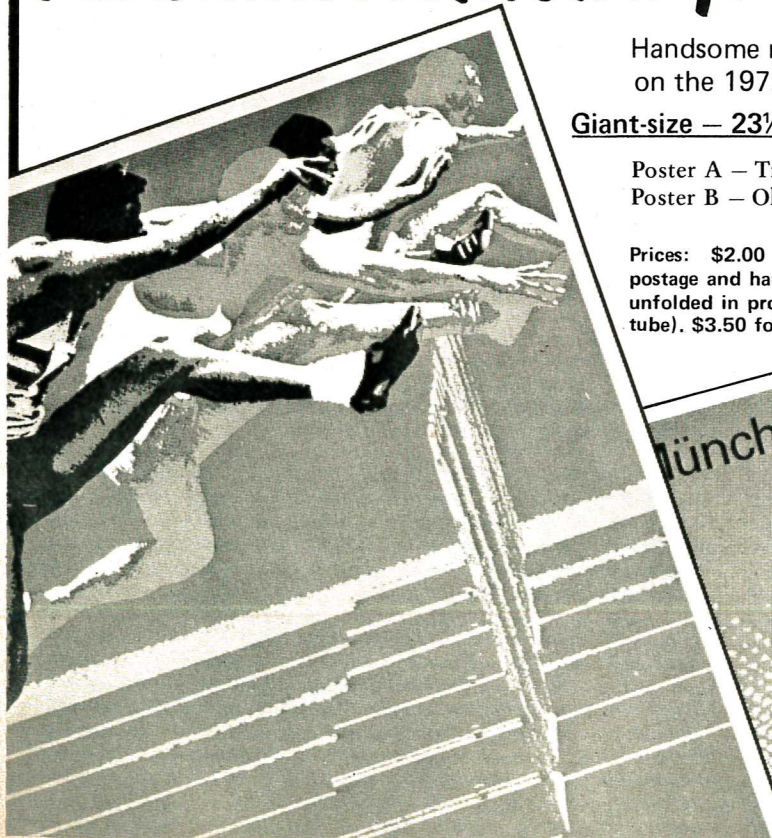
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by Jon Hendershott

Most any way you look at him, Lahcen Samsam is an athlete of anomalies.

His style of throwing the shot is precise, deliberate, almost like a slow-motion movie—yet he has powered an African record 67-1½ this year, the longest heave in a series of exploits in which he has upped his career best four times from his former PR of 62-9½ and matched the old African record of 66-3 the meet before he shattered it. The 6-4, 265-lb. Moroccan giant is the longest thrower ever to come from Africa—yet he is racked by injuries and may take a fling at the disc and javelin in coming years. He doesn't like to get mad at other throwers or feel he has to beat them "personally"—he would much rather please himself with his efforts. He was entered in the 1968 Olympics—yet walked away from his team because he knew he wouldn't throw as well as he knew he could. He is an African—yet he is neither black nor white. He doesn't know when he was born—not even the year.

Yet Sam's long throws this season have been one of his most consistent trademarks. Coming into the year with a 62-9½ best, he upped that mark first to 63-5¼, then followed with 64-1½, 64-10 and 65-3½ before taking Mt. SAC at 66-3 to match the African continental record set in 1971 by Egypt's Nagui Asaad. Then in his next meet, the San Jose Invitational, Sam unloaded his record buster.

Why all this improvement? "I think it's a combination of things," says the French-accented roommate of another pair of pretty fair shot heavers, Al Feuerbach and Richard Marks. "I did a lot of strength work this year and last year but, although I gained a lot of strength and weight, I couldn't transfer that strength into the shot. This year, though, I learned how to transfer that force. I learned that through Al actually, by putting harder. The only way to become explosive is by throwing every time as hard as you would in a meet. I put more often [per week], take less puts [per session] and make them the quality of puts I would throw in competition. Also, by throwing like I do in a meet, I have learned how to compete. Before I worked on various points of technique and when I got to a meet, there was so much pressure I didn't know what to do. Now in a meet, I do just what I do in practice."

Samsam's technique is almost dream-like in that he doesn't explode across the circle like Feuerbach, but rather floats across as though on a cloud. He finishes each put with a dynamic lunge, as if giving the shot one last powerful thrust.

"I have always thrown this way," he says. "I am not a quick person. However, I have run an 11.1 100-meters in flats while weighing about 230-lbs. I threw the javelin over 200-feet and played volleyball with the Moroccan national team. All these things require quickness. However, quickness is specific to the movement itself. In the shot put, I don't have enough motor skill to be able to use my quickness throughout. I think a person is born with a certain level of quickness but anyone can improve his quickness by becoming stronger and by learning the skill better. My quickness has improved this year because I tried to do both. Also I think my 'slowness' is an illusion. I have long arms and legs and never look quick. John Van Reenen is probably the same because he is so big. Yet someone who is smaller, like Al Feuerbach or John Powell, looks very fast. It's a matter of coordination, too. If a movement is coordinated, it may appear easy and slow; if it is jerky and dynamic, it may appear very fast."

Sam feels living with Feuerbach and Marks has had quite a positive effect on his throwing. "Because of injuries I have had, especially this year, my motivation has been cut down," he points out. "But when they get ready to go throw, I get ready too."

His most serious infirmities are calcium deposits in his knee, elbow, wrist and two fingers—all on his right, and throwing, side. "There is nothing the doctors can do about it," he says. "The knee is the worst because I can't get down at all. I had to cut out squats completely from my lifting routine. My strength has gone down and the doctor told me to rest. I rested but it didn't help. Throwing can't make it any worse so I may as well ruin it completely. I'm going to go on it until it just breaks. At least that way I will have tried. If I sit down and wait for it, it may never get better."

He won't let the calcium trouble affect his chances in Munich. "Since it hasn't affected me up to now, I won't let it bother me now. Of course it hurts, but what helps is this: when I practiced alone, I was aware of all the things hurting me; when I'm with other throwers—which means psyche because there is a pride thing involved—I forget about the pain. I never have put 60-feet in practice. It's hard; everything hurts."

But he feels this rise in improvement will continue despite some technical flaws in his style. "I never use my left leg at all," he explains. "I

never put it down and drive over it. I broke my left ankle in 1971 and it still hurts to bear down on it, so my foot just stays up. But getting my foot down and over it could add a foot right there—with no strength gain.

"Actually my goal at the beginning of this year was to throw 20-meters (65-7½). I have now thrown farther twice. Now I want to become consistent at 65-feet and over. As far as Munich goes, my goal is to be among the top shot putters in the world. My philosophy is that it is not the winning or beating of an individual which is important. Improvement is what I want."

Despite all his improvement, he is thinking of foresaking the shot in coming years. "I am thinking of throwing the discus and javelin next year," he says. "I would like to raise the national records in those events." He already holds them, at 155-9½ and 206-9, respectively. "Plus I don't like to weigh 265. I like to be about 220," he adds.

Samsam's first track experience, in fact, was with the javelin. As a 17-year-old—or thereabouts—he hit about 185-feet in high school. He later played volleyball and made the Moroccan national team. In 1962, he enrolled at Oregon State to study soil chemistry. Scaling 6-2 and 180-lbs. then, he was told he was too skinny to throw the shot, which he wanted to try. So he lifted weights, bulked up and eventually hit 60-2½. Then he went home for two years between 1966 and 1968. But working with test tubes and soil samples all day wasn't Sam's cup of tea. In the fall of 68, he decided to return to the US. The only thing was, he had been assigned to the Moroccan Olympic team in the shot, discus and javelin and had to undergo a crash training program in Germany shortly before leaving for Mexico.

"The sports federation forgot about me while I was at home," he says. "They think things happen just the way they do. They didn't check with me to see if I was training, if I needed coaching and to see if I had all the help I needed. They waited until

there was a big meet—the biggest one—and then came running saying 'You have to throw this and this and this'. I said, 'Why weren't you interested before this?' Anyway, the team was sent to Germany for a month to prepare for the Games, and I'm sure the officials expected me to go from 54-feet to 65-feet. But I felt bad and I didn't want to go to Mexico and not do as well as I felt I could. I couldn't accept that. So the night before the team left for Mexico, I split. They couldn't fine me because I was in Paris on my way here." He has been in the US ever since, studying for a master's degree in physical education at San Jose State and hoping to coach in the future. Because of his formidable size, he was once pressed to become the bodyguard of Morocco's king, but it wasn't the sort of job he wanted. "If someone was going to shoot the king," he jokes, "I would be a much better target."

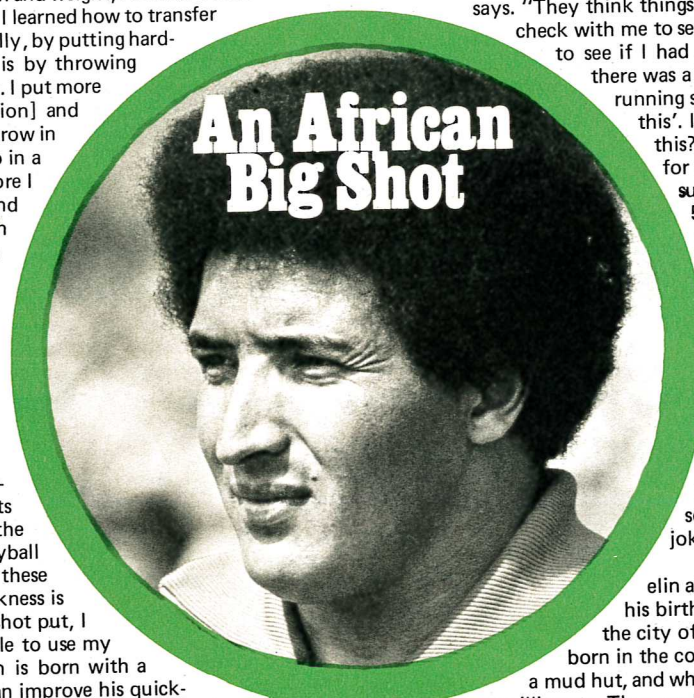
We mentioned earlier Sam took up the javelin at age 17 "or thereabouts". He doesn't know his birthdate so he can only guess at his age. "I call the city of Fez my home town," Sam says, "but I was born in the country some 10 miles from there. We lived in a mud hut, and when I was born, it was no big deal. My parents are illiterate. They couldn't write the date on the wall. It made no

difference to them. Our people throw a big party when a child is born simply because they are happy to have a son or daughter. Everybody is happy, but no one ever thinks to write down the date. I don't even know which year. So I just made up one so I don't have to go through hours of explanation."

After Samsam arrived in the US, it was virtually inevitable that he would be mistaken for an American black. "Actually my mother is as white as an Anglo," he reveals. "I'm a Berber, and Berbers can be very black with slightly different features than Negroes, or they can be white with blonde hair and blue eyes. The people are just a big mixture."

"When I came here, the questions started. People looked at me and said 'What are you?' 'What do you mean?' I would say, 'I'm a person, I'm from the planet, Earth'. It didn't bother me, and doesn't now, because I know what I am. I never think of people as a race. I tell people to look at me and decide for themselves. If they want me to be black, that's fine with me. I have been taken for an American black because of my Afro and color. If people think of me as white, that's fine too. To me, it doesn't matter. I identify with people."

For Samsam, walking away from one Olympic team probably will put him on another. "I'm simply very glad I came here in the first place and then came back again," he says. "When I first came here I could have accepted a scholarship from Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, France and both Germanies. But I wanted to come here. And after I went back to Morocco I had a hard time readjusting. I wasn't the same person. I'm glad I came back because I improved again. I wanted to come to the US because when I was at home throwing 54-feet, I just knew I could throw so much better. So I felt I had to come and exploit my body for a few years and try to do my best. It has all worked out well." □ /Lahcen Samsam photo by Chip Gane/



An African Big Shot

Status Quo

While four-time Olympic discus winner Al Oerter does not intend to compete in this Olympic year, the thrower who placed second behind him at Rome in 1960 fully intends to seriously pursue a berth on the US team—"if not this year, then in 1976," says Rink Babka. The former co-holder of the world platter mark, the 35-year-old Babka says he got serious about making the US squad last season after he threw 194-0 in an all-comers meet after little training. Silver medalist at Rome, Babka missed the 64 team by some 4½" following an injury and placed fifth in the 68 Final Trials after suffering an injury weight lifting only 2½ weeks before the meet. He reached his best of 209-9 in 68.

Miler John Baker, third in the 71 AAU with a PR 3:59.8 and an internationalist versus the USSR and Africa, has retired. "He simply had his fill," says Maryland coach Nick Kovalakides.

World long jump record holder Bob Beamon's plans for 1972 are still a mystery. He has only long jumped twice during the outdoor season, his most recent effort being a 24-10 on April 15. He did contest a triple jump in San Diego on May 24, however, spanning 46-10 for second place.

1970 NCAA six-mile champ Garry Bjorklund appears to be through for the year, and faces possible surgery on his left foot, where he has an extra bone which has been rubbing against a tendon. The problem is a

When asked how serious he was about making the US Olympic team for Munich, decathlete Russ Hodge replied, "About 20 years worth."

Perennial American walk champion Ron Laird is still recuperating from a bad hamstring pull as well as a recurrence of an old hip problem. The injuries are reportedly not coming around and the three-time US Olympian in the 20-kilos is reportedly not too hopeful. But he does intend to keep training.

World high jump record holder Pat Matzdorf will reportedly not contest the NCAA meet. While doing pop-ups in his warm-up at the Big 10 meet he spiked himself in the back of the foot. It turned out to be a severe gash, one which nearly exposed his Achilles tendon. Additionally, he has been troubled by a bad back for the past several weeks.

Sprinter Dr. Del Meriwether is still hobbled by a ligament tear in his right knee suffered in a fall at the finish of the AAU Indoor 60 earlier this year. "I'm just having trouble kicking out at full stride," says the 1971 AAU outdoor 100-yard champion. "Naturally, I would like to be in the best shape possible for the Olympic Trials, but if the ligament won't hold up and I recognize it, I won't go. My initial reason for running in the first place was not the competition but rather the physical and medical benefits I could derive from the sport. Those are still most important."

France's Jean-Claude Nallet, 71 European intermediate hurdles champion and top-ranked one-lap hurdler of 1970, has been unable to train regularly of late. He is affected by decalcification and his sole try at the race thus far this season resulted in a noncommittal 53.4.

17-8½ vaulter Dick Railsback severely tore an Achilles tendon in late May while swinging up during a practice vault. His status for the remainder

Marty Liquori Bows Out of Munich, Grateful to Walk

by Henry Ehrlich

From the minute I picked him up at LA International airport until we visited Dr. Robert Kerlan's office, Marty Liquori, in his usual sophisticated eastern manner, was enthusiastically encouraged and hopeful that, somehow, a miracle would happen that would make it possible to once again start training in order to compete and qualify for the upcoming US Final Olympic Trials.

This enthusiasm was short-lived. Dr. Kerlan, concurring with all of the specialists who have attended Liquori, stated that treatment, a cast or possibly major surgery, would be needed in order to correct an existing heel ailment.

I have been with athletes and, for that matter, many show business personalities, when the so-called "turn for the worse news" has taken place. It's not a pleasant experience to witness. In this case, Marty was my house guest and I did look forward to a very enjoyable few weeks during which time he would be able to put things together again and also to share a belated honeymoon with his wife Carol.

Marty and I spent the rest of the afternoon, all evening and into the wee hours of the morning discussing the pro and con of what to do, the decision-making process every person, on occasion, faces. This, however, was no ordinary occasion and the decision certainly no ordinary decision.

It was 6 a.m. in Hollywood—9 a.m. on the east coast. Marty called his coach, his doctor, his parents and, most important of all, his wife Carol. He told each of his decision to hang up his track shoes for this season and to concentrate instead in treating his ailment. He informed them that a formal announcement would be made at that noon's Southern California Sports Broadcasters Luncheon.

congenital one and has been hampering the Minnesota junior's performances all season.

A pleasant surprise this season has been the return to competition of high jumper Otis Burrell. This year promises to be better for him than 1971, when he injured his knee jumping, incurred an eye infection and crashed on a motorcycle. The knee still bothers him, but he remains hopeful of regaining his form of the late 60s, when he won four AAU titles in five years and cleared 7-2½.

Italian vaulter Renato Dionisi learned earlier this spring his years-old tendon trouble was actually due to the unusual conformation of the plantar arch in his feet. He was then subjected to a new treatment which apparently worked wonders in restoring his physical condition. After an eight-month layoff, Dionisi returned April 30 and cleared 16-8½. And in early May, he soared a national record 17-8½ to defeat Bob Seagren and Kjell Isaksson.

Dick Drescher, last year's Pan-Am discus champ, has recently broken a hand, says an unconfirmed rumor.

Edesel Garrison again says he may pass up competing in the Olympic Games in order to concentrate on football. The 6-2, 197-lb. quarter-miler played wide receiver for Southern Cal's grid team last season. "I've been running since I was in fourth grade," he says. "But from now, football is everything. I may pass up the Olympics. The Olympics would take a lot of emotion out of me. If I play football all dragged out, what's coach John McKay going to think? And what about the guys we play against? The defensive backs aren't going to say, 'Take it easy on Garrison.'"

Tom Harmon was the first to interview Marty. He was followed by CBS's Gil Stratton and then ABC's Allin Slate. Word was out. Dan Berger of the AP got his scoop at this time.

Following the TV and radio interviews, Marty spoke at the luncheon and answered the many queries fielded by the assembled press and media reps. Sitting there at the luncheon with meet promoter Al Franken (Marty was to have participated in the upcoming June 9th Von's Classic at the LA Coliseum), we both remarked how articulate, how intelligent and how refined this young athlete was. Our respect for Liquori, already very high, increased a million-fold. He is a real man. He acted in a manly way as he faced his present dilemma and his future plans. He is a lad of great character or, to phrase a film title, a man of true grit.

There is little doubt but that Marty would have earned his berth on the Olympic team this year. His absence will be felt. But as Marty so aptly put it in his CBS-TV interview with Gil Stratton, "Sure I am disappointed, who wouldn't be? But I am able to walk in and out of a hospital anytime I go for treatment—something many other patients cannot do and may never do. I am thankful and grateful for this. It's a real blessing in itself just to be able to walk in and out of a hospital."

This is Marty Liquori—the athlete, the man. I feel certain that his greatest rivals as well as his closest friends and associates wish him a speedy recovery so that he can return to his track endeavors. He is a tremendously talented athlete. He is a most deserving individual. It is hoped that during the next few months Marty is able to undergo successful therapy and treatment so that the 1976 Olympics in Montreal won't be just an objective: they will be a reality.

of the season is currently unknown.

Peter Selzer, 71 European bronze medalist in the 50-kilo walk and 68 Olympic fourth-placer, is reportedly injured although no specifics are available as to the condition of one of East Germany's big guns in walking.

Yet another East German walker, Winfried Skotnicki, is plagued by injury. Fifth in the 71 European 50-kilo, he is suffering from bad shin troubles and reportedly hospitalized. His competitive status is questionable.

John Smith says he didn't get much encouragement from his doctor about his case of hepatitis. "I was told about 70% of the people who come down with it have a relapse," reported the 440 world record holder. "I didn't want to be a part of that percentage, so I tried to take it easy when I first came back. I knew if I could continue on that I could make it back. I haven't been able to do the volume of training this year I did last year, but this year I have the additional experience. That's a big equalizer."

After placing second in the El Paso Invitational triple jump at 51-4½, Norm Tate reported he was through with the event for the year. He says he will limit action to the long jump.

Tommy Lee White, rated by T&FN as the number-three high hurdler in the world last year, had a spectacular accident at the California Relays in Modesto. Running through, rather than over, the seventh barrier, he shattered the crosspiece, then tumbled across two lanes into Ron Draper, knocking him sprawling also. White appeared to be rather severely injured in the mishap, having to be helped from the track. Reportedly, he incurred a serious sprain in his right ankle and also damaged a thigh muscle. □

Paul Nihill Foregoes 50 for 20

by Bob Bowman

One of the most colorful as well as successful individuals to grace the race walking world in recent years is Britain's Paul Nihill. This somewhat flamboyant and extremely popular Surrey bank clerk may very well be the most versatile walker the world has ever seen. He has been equally successful at all race distances from the sprints through 50-kilometers where he achieved a silver medal in the 1964 Olympics.

It was at Mexico City in the 50-kilometer, that Paul suffered his only real major disappointment. Considered a worthy challenger to then world champ Christoph Hohne of East Germany, Paul collapsed with sun stroke after leading. "This hit me bad because I so much wanted to win," says Paul. Many feel that he would have won the 20-kilometer in Mexico had he

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not opted for the longer race.

Paul again considered concentrating on the 50 for Munich, but the results of two races earlier this year—one an attempt at the 50 world record on the track and the other a head-to-head clash with 68 Olympic champion Christoph Hohne—did not turn out as promising as they could have. Paul has now set his sights on only the 20-kilometer at Munich.

His list of major achievements and records set is quite lengthy. Just about every honor has come his way—except an Olympic gold medal. Paul is determined to add this to his collection this year at Munich. This does not mean he was disappointed at his third-place finish in last year's European Championship 20, when he failed to defend the title he won in 69 but still placed a close third following a serious illness which kept him sidelined much of 1970.

"After the initial disappointment of losing the European title, I had to admit my performance was a good one in view of the serious illness the previous year." Paul adds, "It was a good comeback and I only lost in a close finish [to Nikolay Smaga of the USSR and Gerhard Sperling of East Germany] with a then personal best (1:27:34.8)."

Paul seriously considered going for both the 20 and 50 and is well-tested at both distances this year. He clocked a super 1:25:55 over 20-kilometers on Feb. 27th and won the AAA title in May with 1:28:45 over a rough course. Second in that race was nearly five minutes back. At 50-kilometers, he attempted a world record April 9 in a special track race in Leicester, only to encounter heat and find himself lucky to win in 4:23:25. Then, in a race in East Berlin against Christoph Hohne and other top East Germans, Nihill traded strides with Hohne as they passed 25-kilometers in just over two hours. But Nihill then blew up and finished sixth in 4:30. These two results at the long distance settled Nihill's thoughts about doubling. He will concentrate on the 20.

Regardless of recent results, Nihill has supreme confidence in himself. He says, "In the 20-kilometer, I have both the necessary speed and the endurance of a 50-kilometer walker, so I am doubly ready." He certainly feels he can win in Munich. "It's a burning ambition of mine; nothing else matters," he emphasizes.

Paul has been averaging approximately 100 miles a week in training, with his record mileage month coming last December when he hit a phenomenal 510 miles! "I've always said, the older I get the more miles I will do," claims Paul. This mileage consists of daily 10 to 15 mile workouts with a 30 miler on Sunday. Speed work comes on Tuesday and Thursday with 800-meter interval sprints. However, this year Paul has been unable to do much serious speed work. He injured a hip in December while experimenting for the first time with weight training (half squats with 260-lbs) and has since left the weights alone. His hip does not trouble him in races but tightens up and aches afterwards. It apparently hasn't affected his speed any off his recent outings.

Much of Paul's success, as with any champion, lies in the fact that he leaves no stone unturned in his search for improvement. Ever since he first took up race walking seriously in 1960 after removal of a cartilage in his knee, which cut short his running career, Paul has worked on his style. This is best described by England's national race walking coach, T. Lloyd Johnson, who states, "Paul is not a picture stylist, but perhaps this has been his strength. In fighting his disability, his determination to succeed has made him use every ace in the pack to get the best out of himself. Paul's action is powerful, rather than vigorous; it looks deliberate, and however fast he travels he never appears hurried." Because of Paul's safe and relaxed style, he is rarely troubled style-wise by the judges.

Whatever the future holds for Paul Nihill, he certainly has been a great ambassador for the sport of race walking. A qualified senior race walking coach in England (youngest ever when named), Paul has conducted coaching courses in Britain and South Africa. Not many people know that Paul refused to coach walkers in South Africa until black athletes were included. A first class athlete, coach, writer on the sport, and track fan who is respected by all. Paul has recently been nicknamed "the gunvor". □



Jerry Smartt



Paul Nihill /Ed Lacey

Senior Distancemen: 'Get Smartt'

The word is out. Jerry Smartt has served notice that he is the man to catch from here on out. To undertake that, the other senior runners must refigure their training schedules. Here's a man who hasn't stopped training for the past 23 years; hasn't been injured since 1959; has been a national champion; has been a winner in the first US-USSR track meet; had a 400-meter time trial last December that was only 1.8 seconds off his lifetime best and has the aim of rewriting the record book for senior runners. To say the least, that's enough to make a chap change his event just to stay out of Jerry's lane.

Jerry just returned from his latest overseas trip in January and having turned 40 recently has already posted a 4:32, 9:33, 1:27 for 15 miles, and

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1:57 for 30 kilo. He figures he has a way to go in his conditioning to get down to his university days' weight of 117-lbs. I don't understand why he weighs only 123-lbs. because his stomach must be made of cast iron.

When he goes for a training run of 20 miles or so, he tucks a jelly sandwich in his trunks. In preparation for his recent 30 kilo win, his Iranian wife Janet prepared a native dish for breakfast, consisting of onions and hamburger. Halfway in the race, Jerry whipped out a banana and munched on it as he passed by some fellow competitors. It's a wonder someone didn't break his neck on his banana skins. I wonder if you could get a lawyer to handle your case on a set of circumstances like those?

Jerry figures that his body was made for stress, and he is constantly experimenting with it to see what makes it move faster. One of his spur of the moment workouts recently was 30x110 in 15 seconds with a 55 yard jog followed by 11x220 in 30 seconds with a 55 walk/55 jog. Afterwards, he ran five miles because he didn't think the training session had been a quality one. He starts out each day with a five mile run and likes to alternate with two days on the track and one on the roads. Typical sessions would be: Monday, five miles in the a.m., 15 miles in the p.m.; Tuesday, 30 to 40 440s in 80 seconds with a 30 yard jog; Wednesday, 40x100, jog 100 yards followed by 20x200 in 31 seconds, walk 100, jog 100.

His goals seem rather lofty, but he insists they are within his grasp. Mile—4:20; 2 Miles—9:00; 3 Miles—14:00; 6 Miles—29:00; marathon—2:20.

In addition, he wants to be the first American to run from one tip of England to the other and he also plans to run over one of the original caravan trails from the southern Sahara to the coast of North Africa.

At present, he is a substitute teacher in southern California and will become a proud father for the first time in October. His trademark since 1956 has been a white handkerchief on his head that has provoked many a needle from his competitors. One of them had the audacity to ask him if he had forgotten to take off his curlers, and, needless to say, Jerry burned him into the ground in that particular race.

He is his own man and wants to do the work in the race a la Ron Clarke style. His stock answer to the question, "How are you going to run this one?" is a simple "Fast". He wants to be the first senior in every race and figures that the rest of the field is going to have to catch him. He has tremendous confidence in his ability to achieve, and the idea to just be a good runner has never entered his head. "At 123-lbs., there isn't a lot in life that I can do physically, but I can run and I don't plan on being mediocre. I know what is necessary to get the job done and I am going to do the very best that is possible. I want to achieve goals in my 40s and 50s that other runners do in their 20s, and I don't intend letting up in my training."

It is very clear to see that here is an enthusiastic competitor who has reasoned that if something hasn't been done, it just means that you have never tried to do it. /Howard Barnes/ □



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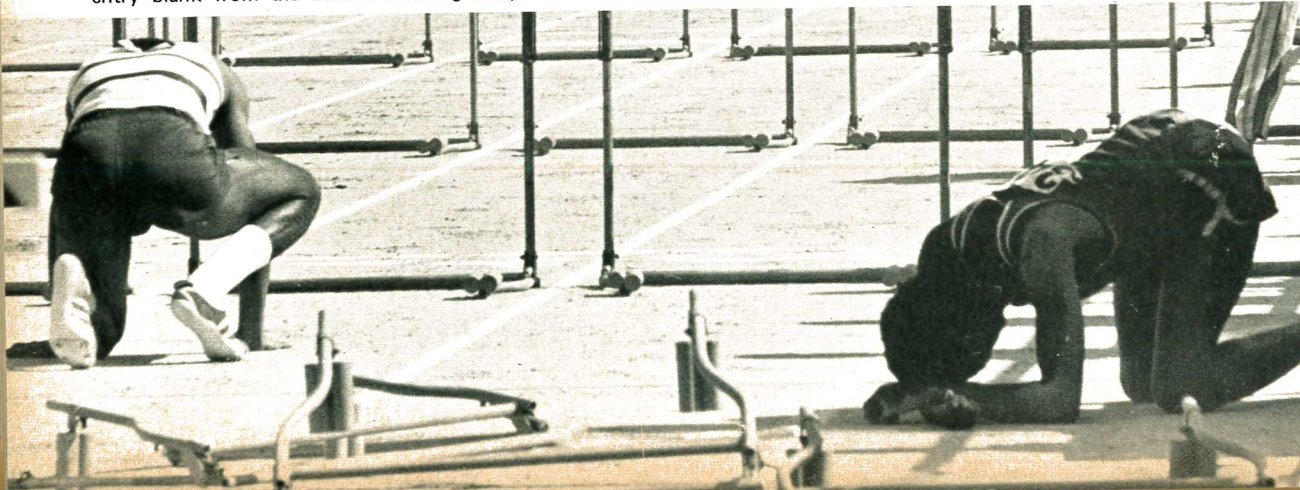
Talk in West German circles, according to *T&FN* European editor R. L. Quercetani, is about a new "super-glider" discus implement, which according to discusman Klaus-Peter Hennig adds anything from one to two meters (3 to 7 feet) to a good thrower's distance. There is some doubt, however, about the possibility that the new discus will be approved by the IAAF. The technical commission of the Czech federation plans to submit a proposal to the next IAAF convention demanding that the wind assistance be henceforth considered a factor also in the discus and javelin, the limit suggested being the usual 2.0 mps/4.473 mph used for the sprints and horizontal jumps. . . The former Terri Stickle, of Olympic swimming fame, now married to marathoner Alvaro Mejia, is back in action, winning competition in seniors races. In swimming, seniors begin at 25! . . . A radio station in Coos Bay, Oregon, says it will change its call letters to KPFE if honorable-resident Steve Prefontaine wins the Olympic Games 5000. . . Interesting inconsistency. On page 143 of the latest AAU Official Handbook; it reads "the number of spikes is limited to a maximum of six in the sole proper and two in the heel". On page 67, there's a Puma ad picturing prominently the multi-spiked brush shoe. . . Oregon State track coach Berny Wagner took a swipe at cross-state fans at Oregon, where the NCAA and Final Trials are scheduled: "I just hope they don't get too carried away down there. In the past, they've been pretty brutal on the opposition. They appreciate Oregon first and track second". . . Houston will become a member of the Southwest Conference, in track, effective this coming fall. . . Montana State was without a track this year since the oval was torn out when the football field was leveled to make way for a new PE center. The school will have an all-weather track in 1973. . . The nickname for San Jose's athletes is slowly changing from Speed City in honor of its plethora of sprint talent. Some are suggesting Fat City or Musclemans City in recognition of the super shot talent, including Al Feuerbach, Lahcen Samsam and Richard Marks among others. . . Illinois is claiming a midwest relay circuit triumph, including the Kentucky, Texas, Kansas and Drake Relays in eight baton events. The Illinois claimed four firsts, three seconds, two thirds, one fourth and one fifth.

A delegation of Soviet athletes, led by 71 European 800-meter champ Yevgeniy Arzhanov, is currently training at France's altitude center of Font Romeu in the Pyrenees. Included in the group are quarter-milers Aleksandr Bratchikov, Yevgeniy Borisenko and Semyon Kocher, half-miler Ivan Ivanov, distancemen Rashid Sharafyudinov and Vladimir Afonin, steepers Anatoliy Vyerlan, Romualdas Bite and Pavel Sisoyev, 400 hurdlers Yevgeniy Gavriyenko, Dmitriy Stukalov and Vyacheslav Skomorokhov and walkers Vladimir Golubnichiy, Otto Bartch, Nikolay Smaga and Venyamin Soldatenko. . . Tunisian 800-1500 find Mansour Guettaia and distance runner Abdelkader Zaddam will also put in some training time at Font Romeu. . . It's a relatively well known fact that *T&FN* is taking perhaps the largest group in the world to the Olympic Games in Munich: 1100. But did you know that *T&FN* already has, by May 20th, 705 signed up with \$100 deposits each for 1976, four for 1980 and two for 1984? Who are the eager beavers for the Games of yet unannounced sites? Two couples from northern California, Fred Chez of Los Gatos for 1980 and the John Geers of Belmont for both 1980 and 1984. . . Whenever a record is broken at the Kansas Relays, a balloon is released carrying a note on the record and an offer of two free tickets to next year's relays for the finder of the balloon. . . *T&FN* and *Runner's World* are doing their darndest to see that all—but only—the qualified athletes receive accreditation for performances for the US Olympic Trials. Take one example. A release was received stating that X athlete had won Y race in Z time, qualifying him for the Trials. Slight snag. The publicity sheet arrived before the date of the race. Still, the date of either the race or the release could have been wrong. A call to this athlete from an "anonymous athlete" seeking admission into the unknown competition revealed that the competition had been canceled. Just a little while later in comes an entry blank from the athlete claiming his performance at this fictitious

event.

The NCAA has ruled that air vaulting pits, ruled illegal in 1970, are once again acceptable since improvements have been made to upgrade the safety. One manufacturer, Thermo-Flex, which makes the Cloud-9-Plus pit, has 333% more air pressure than its predecessor, a high pressure air mat added to the top and front safety wedges for stabilization; conversion kits are available to convert the original model to present standards. . . The Northern Division (of the Pac-8) championships will be a non-team-scoring event in the future, with an emphasis on qualifying athletes for the conference and NCAA meets. . . The US Masters Track and Field Program has requested of IOC president Avery Brundage that the Olympic Committee endorse its program, permit them to use a name in the genre of Masters Olympics, and use its worldwide prestige and contacts to stimulate its program. . . Mike McDermott, NYU's 202-0 hammer thrower, won the NCAA super-heavyweight class weight lifting title this year. . . The National Junior College AA track and field championships have been awarded to San Jacinto JC in Pasadena, Texas for 1973 and 74 after two years at Mesa, Ariz. JC. . . While there were no invitational meets at the LA Coliseum in 1971, there will be three there this year—and two will fall within a six-day period. The Compton Invitational will combine with the AAU decathlon championships on the Sunday and Monday following the NCAA championships. The following Friday evening, June 9, will be the Von's Classic, put on by Al Franken, who headed the LA Meet of Champions earlier this year and who for years ran the Compton show. . . The US Olympic Trials will host a coaching clinic from June 26 to July 8 that will headline coaches Bill Bowerman and Bill Dellinger of Oregon, Ken Shannon of Washington, Gabor Simonyi of Hungary and Canada, Phil Delevan of Emporia State, Jim Bush of UCLA, Stan Wright of Sacramento State, Bob Giegengack of Yale, Payton Jordan of Stanford and Bill McClure of South Carolina. . . Arizona State is in the midst of raising \$170,000 in funds for a new synthetic running surface in the novel manner of "selling" a stride of track for \$18.50.

Two rules about record setting conditions which are frequently bandied about are apparently only old-wives-tales. *T&FN* cannot locate any details in the Official IAAF Handbook which stipulate that a meet must have a certain number of events or that the event in question must have more than two athletes or teams. Many people have argued that there must be three events and three entries per event to constitute a legitimate competition. Apparently, it taints so. Of course, you can set world marks in walking, long distance running events and decathlons which are often contested independent of other events. World records have been accepted in relays in collegiate dual meets, where there are never more than two entries. . . Attendance may be picking up slightly this Olympic track year. Kansas drew a record 32,000 for its final day, Penn picked up its highest Saturday figure since 1960 with 37,351, and the Southern Cal-UCLA dual meet scored its most customers since 1956 at 17,400. . . The Harvard-Yale outdoor meet was postponed due to rain, marking the first occasion the competition has not been contested since 1945. . . Track nut Bob Forbes is so gung-ho Oregon and Steve Prefontaine that he painted his car the school's colors of lemon and green and acquired a license plate reading "GO PRE". . . Texas Striders athletes, who can no longer represent the defunct club, have crossed out the "Tas" on the uniform. . . For the real trivia nuts: When Doug Lane popped the shot 66-11¼, he snapped Dallas Long's former Southern Cal school record and one-time world record but maintained a tradition for the initials of DL. . . The Pacific 8 Conference will add the six-mile and decathlon to its championship meet in 1973. . . Duke's Bob Wheeler was recently disqualified in the Atlantic Coast Conference for an NCAA rule which states that "the leading runner on any straightaway, and especially the last, must commit himself to a definite course as he comes off the curve so that he maintains the same distance from the curb throughout". . . Emil Breitkreutz, involved in many aspects of sports and a bronze medalist in the 1904 Olympic 800-meters, died at the age of 88. Ralph Boston once referred to him as perhaps the best—if not the toughest—long jump official in the US. . . The NCAA has officially ruled North Carolina Central's Kenyans Robert Ouko and Julius Sang and Colorado's Ghanian George Daniels ineligible for this year's championship on the over-age foreigner rule. □



A mid-race collision in the high hurdles final at the California Relays knocked both Ron Draper (r) and Tom White out of the running. At the 7th barrier, White bashed the hurdle, careened across a lane and slammed into Draper, with the scene above resulting. White sprained an ankle and strained a leg muscle, but Draper was uninjured. (Don Chadez)

Track & Field News

UAA Stands Ready to Assist US Athletes

The possibility of athlete protests at the Munich Olympics and meets leading up to the Games was presented in a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*. It indicated the possible demonstrations would likely have the backing of United Amateur Athletes, an athlete's organization, but no concrete threats were made.

Consideration was being given, according to the article, to such forms of demonstration as an athlete boycott of the AAU championships, while at Munich, athletes might wear an "Olympic" uniform rather than the US national outfit and would have the Olympic Hymn played in place of the Star Spangled Banner during award presentations for victorious Americans. Such action is still just talk, however. But the possibility of the talk transforming to action exists, points out UAA spokesman John Dobroth.

"The UAA is not in existence to impose certain viewpoints on athletes, political or otherwise," says high jumper Dobroth. "We are here to administer for athletes if they want help—which is what we think the AAU should do. If enough athletes wish to undertake such forms of demonstrations, we could supply the organizational format and some of the work involved. If a substantial number of athletes don't want to do something like this, then it won't get done. We won't impose such actions or ideas on anyone."

When asked how the UAA would respond, for example, to the suspension of athletes for their affiliation with the defunct professional track organization, Dobroth explains, "We will certainly take action to protect individuals, whether in the form of legal action in the courts or in some other way. But in terms of mass action, if athletes don't have the interest and concern to show their political position, we would never force such a position on them."

Aussie, New Zealand Olympic Teams Picked

The first two officially appointed Olympic track teams for 1972 come, not surprisingly, from Australia and New Zealand, two southern hemisphere nations whose seasons end early in the year. Notable entrants for Australia include world steeplechase record holder Kerry O'Brien, fastest-ever marathoner Derek Clayton, 49.3 quarter hurdler Gary Knoke, 1:46.5 800 runner Graham Rootham, improving 5000 runner Tony Benson (13:36.6) and 7-2 high jumper Lawrie Peckham. Notable omissions include 68 200-meter runner-up Peter Norman, injured horizontal jumper Phil May (6th in 68 triple jump) and 26-9/8 windy long jumper Murray Tolbert. Defending 800 champion Ralph Doubell retired earlier in the year. Leading New Zealanders include Tony Polhill in the 1500, Dick Quax in the 5000, marathoners Jack Foster, Dave McKenzie and Terry Manners, 400 hurdler Roger Johnson and shot-disc heaver Les Mills. Quax is probably better-



(Left) New Zealand's Dick Quax takes a 13:35.0 best into the Munich 5000. /Plumb/ (Right) Tony Polhill enters the 1500 with a 3:40.1 PR. /Callanan/

known at the 1500 (Commonwealth silver medalist in 1970 and possessor of a 3:57.8 mile best) but has toured a 13:35.0 5000 this season nonetheless.

What Ever Happened to . . .

When the "old" Madison Square Garden was torn down, Glenn Cunningham was voted the outstanding track and field performer of the structure's 42-year history. Cunningham was one of the most versatile runners in history, and held world or American records at distances from 800-meters through 1½-miles. He was second in the 1936 Olympic 1500, and in 1938 ran the fastest mile in history, 4:04.0 indoors. He was Sullivan Trophy winner in 1933. Today, Cunningham and his wife run a youth ranch in Augusta, Kans. During the past 25 years, a total of 8500 youngsters have lived at the ranch at one time or another. Most are dropouts, or have had problems at school. The Cunninghams get them back in school at least to finish high school, with a number going on to college. . . Dr. David W. Sime is an ophthalmology surgeon in Miami, Fla. In the summer of 1971, at age-34, he ran a 9.6 100-yards after an 11-year layoff. While at Duke in 1956 he twice ran 9.3 to equal the world record. He also zipped 20.0 for the straight 220 and did 22.2 over the 220 straight low hurdles for world records that year, but an injury kept him from the Olympics. In the 1960 Games, however, he was a close second in the 100 to Armin Hary. . . The track coach at Whittier College (President Nixon's alma mater) is Rainer Stenius. While competing for Los Angeles State in 1966, Stenius was NCAA long jump champ and spanned 26-9/8, a mark which still ranks him 10th on the all-time world list. . . Karl Wildermuth recently retired as Law Assistant in the Supreme Court of Nassau County (Long Island, NY) after 34-years on the job. Wildermuth was IC4A 100 champ in 1929 and indoor AAU titlist at 60-yards in 1927 and 1928 while competing for Georgetown. . . Greece's current national javelin coach is Dick Held. Dick is developer of the now-famous Held Javelin, and brother of Bud Held, former world record holder in the spear event. /Wally Donovan/

Individual Decathlon Event Bests

The following marks represent what are believed to be the best marks ever recorded in each decathlon event, during serious decathlon competition (excluding those who might compete in only one or two events, including

World:	1500m 3:54.2	Simo Saloranta (Fin) 59
100m 10.2	1st day 4557	Joachim Kirst (EG) 68
	2nd day 4105	Kurt Bendlin (WG) 67
LJ 26-3	US (where different):	
SP 62-10 3/4	SP 60-1 1/2	Brian Oldfield 71
HJ 7-5/8	HJ 7-0	Ray Hupp 71
	DT 170-6 1/2	Rafer Johnson 60
400m 45.6	PV 16-7	Rick Sloan 69
HH 13.8	JT 249-1	Jerry Dyes 64
	1500m 3:58.8	Paul Cummings 71
DT 171-9	1st day 4499	Bill Toomey 68
PV 17-3/4	2nd day 4011	Rick Sloan 69
JT 265-10 1/2		

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their speciality, such as a 184-0 discus toss by Fortune Gordien). In comparison to Bill Toomey's current world and American record of 8417, the world bests here total 9925 and the US bests 9727. All point values are from the 1962 IAAF tables.

US Attendance Record

Track certainly isn't the spectator sport it once was. As evidenced by the following figures, the crowds just don't turn out as they used to. The list gives the top 24 one-day attendances at US meets. The most recent dates are eight-years old (from 1964). Although the 1932 Olympic Games hold eight of the top slots, the Coliseum Relays evidences the decline in attendance. From a high of 59,661 in 1948, the meet fell to 12,696 in 1970 before being phased out last year. The most recent meet with a good figure is the 1972 Penn Relays, which stands in 38th spot with a

37,351	In fact, the Penn meet has long been a mainstay, and cops 11 of the 14 spots behind the 24 listed here. /compiled by Wally Donovan/
86,443	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 3/32
85,568	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 7/32
83,323	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 5/32
81,000	USA vs USSR Stanford 7/22/62
77,787	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 6/32
72,000	USA vs USSR Stanford 7/21/62
62,000	Olympic Trials Stanford 7/ 2/60
60,000	USA vs USSR Los Angeles 7/25/64
59,661	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/21/48
56,000	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/20/55

55,924	USA vs USSR Los Angeles 7/26/64
52,848	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 1/32
49,528	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/21/49
47,611	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/21/54
46,435	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 4/32
46,000	Olympic Trials Stanford 7/ 1/60
45,579	Olympics Los Angeles 8/ 2/32
45,211	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/16/52
45,170	Olympics Los Angeles 7/31/32
45,000	NCAA Los Angeles 6/23/34
44,000	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/24/57
43,618	Penn Relays Philadelphia 4/26/58
43,137	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/19/51
40,139	Coliseum Relays Los Angeles 5/19/50



The head coaches of the 1968 and 1972 US Olympic track teams share a light moment at the Pac-8 meet. Payton Jordan (l) directed the 68 team at Mexico, while Bill Bowerman heads the 72 team at Munich. /Steve Sutton/

From Box 296

T&FN Offers Olympic Contests, Special Mailings

Two reminders regarding *T&FN* offers, which may increase your anticipation and appreciation of the Munich Olympic Games.

First, we have two more contests coming up soon, to augment two others which have been continuing since March.

You can pick the first three finishers (not necessarily in order) of the US Final Olympic Trails in all events, including the walks, marathon and decathlon. (Should the USOC select some athlete other than one finishing in the first three, it will not affect this contest.) Entries must be postmarked by June 25.

And you can try your luck at selecting the top six placers at Munich in all 24 events on the track and field men's schedule. Entries are to be postmarked Aug. 25.

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False Starts

1. 1 May—Although the meet management did not pay Bob Seagren's way to the Kansas Relays, Bob did not actually "pay his own way", as travel funds were provided by his club, the Southern California Striders... The description of the Drake Relays three-mile was in error. Sid Sink was described as "leading most of the way", when apparently he never led. And Jack Bachele and Frank Shorter, who were "never in the race" were in a tight pack at the front for 11½ laps... In the Drake distance medley, it was stated that Rick Gross of Illinois had a lead of 80 yards on Jerome Howe of Kansas State when he began his anchor mile. However, since the splits show a differential of 2.2 seconds between the two, the margin must have been more on the order of 15-20 yards.

2. 11 May—Jeff Bennett scored a PR of 8072, not 8972, in the decathlon in 1970. □

JAY SILVESTER, discus thrower, Provo, Utah:

I don't know much about Steve Prefontaine, so when I came across that article by Kenny Moore (11 March), I was interested. But I was disappointed. The article depicted Prefontaine as a pugnacious truck driver who has little aesthetic appreciation for the sport in which he does so well. It also typifies Steve as one who exercises language typical of an uneducated farmer. I hope that three years of college have done more for Prefontaine than that. The article may have been steeped in realism but I get too much every day. I really enjoy going beyond it, to a condition where life is what it might be.

RICHARD HYMANS, Northwood, Middlesex, England:

As one of the relatively young people referred to in Byron W. Taylor's letter (11 April), I'd like to refute his imputation of any stain on my purity (!) caused by the articles on Mal Andrews and Steve Prefontaine (11 March). Mr. Taylor may not be aware of it, but athletes are human beings and not clock-work evangelists... I'd like to congratulate you on your new format. For every article I find uninteresting, there are at least three interesting ones. The Lee Evans article in the current issue was particularly delightful. The John Van Reenen article could have expanded a little though in personal political terms. [Editor: Interestingly, the Evans piece and photos were picked up by The Sunday Times of London.]

HAROLD CONNELLY, Gary, Indiana:

The article by Ken Moore on Steve Prefontaine [11 March] was one of the finest bits of reporting I have ever read. Please have Ken do some more. He is terrific.

JON W. ALQUIST, Dayton, Ohio:

Four cheers for the new format and larger type size. I, too, have been saved from imminent blindness and can now put my magnifying glass to more scientific use. The justified right margin gives the mag a much more professional look. However, I think you would be advised to keep away from red and even worse red-on-red body type (page 30, 1 May). That is a little tough on these old orbs. Now, as soon as you go to a heavier weight, more durable cover, we'll have a journal to be really proud of. [Editor: Your complaint about red-on-red was one of many received. It was the result of a printer's error, and shouldn't happen again.]

MORT TENNER, SPAAAU track chairman, San Pedro, California:

I would like to present the facts in the so-called "SPAAAU Harassment" story (11 May). For more than four months, many of the Pacific Coast Club athletes had been competing in AAU sanctioned meets without being registered. Tom Jennings had told me at two committee meetings that all his athletes would be registered. At the time of the UCLA Meet of Champions meet, there were still several who had not completed registration. All other club athletes in our association had been registered, and there is no reason why the Pacific Coast Club should be treated differently. If Tom had followed proper procedure, there would have been no problem... I'll end this letter on a positive note. Our SPAAAU track and field committee unanimously voted to spend approximately \$5000 of our funds to send "registered" athletes from our association to the US Olympic Trials. The chosen athletes will receive free air transportation and per diem. Athletes who are not selected by the committee but who do make the final round will receive retroactive allotments.

ANTHONY CHMURA, New York City, New York:

I am a trackman very interested in the upcoming Olympics. I am, however, disappointed in your coverage leading up to them. In your last couple of issues, you seemed to neglect the European athletes and placed more emphasis on high school performers. At this stage, with only four months before the Games begin, I am sure that most of your readers want to read about the potential Olympic medalists rather than high school athletes. Why don't you set up a special newspaper solely for high school athletes and reserve *T&FN* for college and international stars only? [Editor: The quality and quantity of noteworthy performances has been surprisingly slow starting in Europe, as European editor R. L. Quercetani indicates in his Report this issue. By the deadline for the 11 May issue of May 5, there still was little to report. But even this issue's specially updated World List as of May 28 is still predominantly composed of athletes from the US and southern hemisphere. We tried a high school magazine and it was not supported!]

TED GRIMSRUD, Elkton, Oregon:

It was disappointing to see John Van Reenen's portrait on the cover of your 11 May *T&FN* instead of Steve Prefontaine. If leading the US in all distances from the 1500 through the six-mile in the middle of May doesn't merit the cover, then running a 46.4 quarter-mile or a 3:57.8 mile surely shouldn't.

DAVE SMITH, triple jumper, Berkeley, California:

I know of no one who has renounced an Olympic medal, contrary to what some misinformed people believe. Winning a medal gives the person the self-satisfaction of knowing on that particular day he was in complete control of his mind and body to be one of the three best in the world. Since we live in a country where the emphasis is on winning, the thrill of having a medal in your possession cannot be overemphasized. However, just being a part of the Olympics is a thrill and, in my opinion, underemphasized. □

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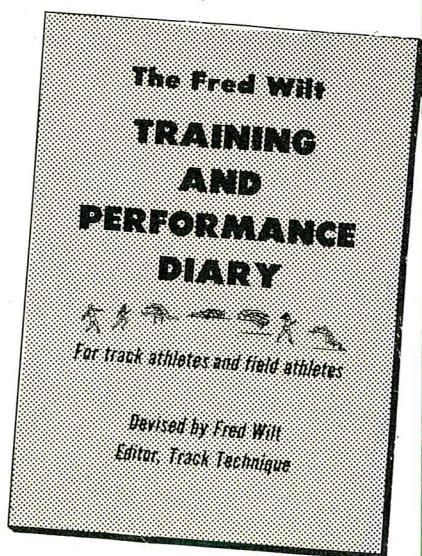
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