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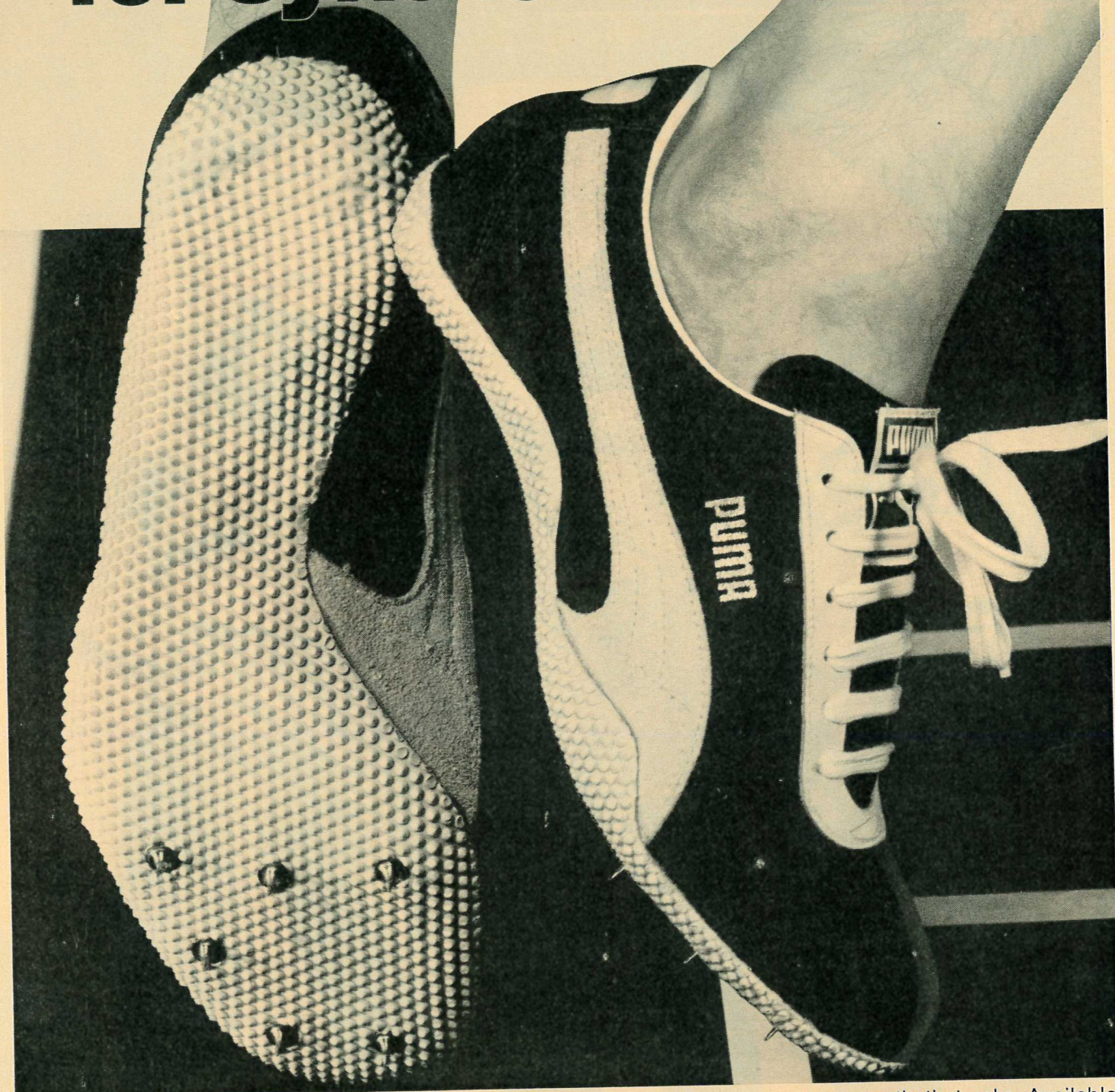
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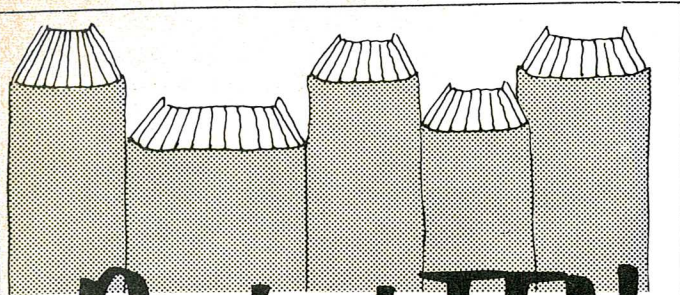
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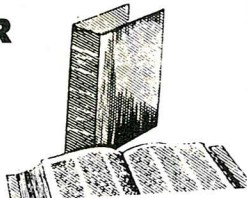
History's only three shot putters ever to throw beyond 70-feet also happen to be the top three Americans of the Olympic year. George Woods (1) has hit 70-1/4 and 70-1/2 this year. Randy Matson (c) claims the global record at 71-5/8 and has thrown 69-6/8 during the current campaign. Al Feuerbach (r) leads the world this season at 70-3/8 and has popped a 70-1/2 effort as well. /Steve Sutton/



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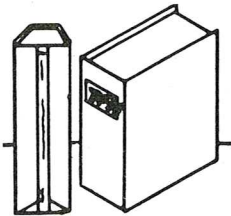
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Woods Current King of Shot Mount

And then there were three—70-footers that is. And the current King of the shot put heap is George Woods. Reaching 69-feet in late May, the Mexico silver medalist began June by twice heaving the ball over the 70-foot barrier, with a 70-1½ topper, and twice claimed victories over the other two 70-plusers, Randy Matson and Al Feuerbach, who suffered the ignominy of losing with 69-plus efforts.

These titanic shot tussles only serve to illustrate the fine competitive edge to which US competitors began to hone their form. Similarly, the 400-meter scene hotted up as Lee Evans, John Smith, Wayne Collett and Vince Matthews did battle.

And while the open competitors were doing battle in big invitational meets, the collegiate season came to a rousing climax with the simultaneous staging of the NCAA and NAIA championships. At the much bigger NCAA, winning marks were superb and the depth of the placers was even better. Hammer thrower Al Schoterman emerged from the meet as the only record setter, with his 231-3 collegiate standard. The NAIA had a collegiate record setter too, Larry Black, who twice matched the 200-meter standard with a pair of 20.0 clockings.

The US isn't the only place with big shot action, either. European action was highlighted by the shot putting East Germans. Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg scared the 70-foot mark with his 69-11½ continental standard as he topped countrymen Hans-Peter Gies (who topped 69-feet for the first time) and Hartmut Briesenick, number-one last year. And another hot sprinter turned up in Greece's Vassilios Papageorgopoulos who matched the 100-meter standard with his 10.0.

Although the upcoming Golden West Invitational is still nirvana to the preps, the All-American Invitational and the International High School meets soared to new heights of respectability with class fields drawn from all parts of the nation. And one new national standard was produced, a 36.6 330 hurdles clocking by Bruce Scully. Prep action was hot elsewhere also, as Alvin Jackson raised his 12-lb. hammer standard to 227-8 and Dale Scott lowered the half-mile best to 1:48.5.

The following outdoor record alterations have been reported since the June issue: E=European; A=American; C=collegiate; HS=high school; "=" equals record.

200m	20.0	=C	Larry Black (N Car Cent)	Billings, Mont	June 2
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HT	231-3	C	Al Schoterman (Kent St)	Eugene, Ore	June 2
100m	10.0	=E	Vassilios Papageorgopoulos (Gr)	Bratislava, Cze	June 3
SP	69-11½	E	Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (EG)	Potsdam, EG	June 3
HT(12)	227-8	HS	Alvin Jackson (Classical, Provid, RI)	Providence, RI	June 3
330IH	36.6	HS	Bruce Scully (Audubon, NJ)	Baton Rouge, La	June 10
880	1:48.5	HS	Dale Scott (El Cerrito, Calif)	Berkeley, Calif	June 10

George Woods shot down his two biggest shot rivals, Randy Matson and Al Feuerbach, with a 70-½ heave here at the Vons meet. /Chip Gane/



united states NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Black Twice Dashes 20.0, Adds 2 Fast Relay Legs

Billings, Mont., May 31, June 1-2 /by Fred Baer/—With their Kenyan stars ineligible for the NCAA championships because of the over-age foreigner limitation, North Carolina Central University's 1972 team made its last group appearance at the NAIA championships and swept every honor en route to its first national title.

Larry Black was an overwhelming choice as the meet's top athlete following his pair of legit collegiate record tying 20.0 200-meter dashes and legs on a pair of winning relays (39.5, 3:04.8). Central racked-up 68 points to outdistance Dallas Baptist (51) and Texas Southern (43), and coach Dr. Leroy Walker was named NAIA coach of the year in balloting by his peers.

Robert Ouko, 800-meter winner in 1:48.5, and 400 runner-up Julius Sang (45.9) departed for Olympic preparations in their native Kenya following Central's last attempt at the world mile relay record of 3:02.8—with a 3:04.8 clocking. Melvin Bassett came back an hour and a half after his 50.5 NAIA record intermediate hurdle win (and a thunderstorm passed over) to run a 47.2 leadoff leg and put Central six-tenths ahead of Jamaica's record pace. Ouko's 46.2 split kept Central a tenth ahead of Jamaica's pace. But they lost it when Sang had no one to push him past a 46.1. Black would have needed to better his world best 43.8 split by a half second to get the record at that point, and he "settled" for a 45.3. If Sang had run equal to his 45.5 and Black his 43.8 which they posted during their 3:03.1 run, the record would have been theirs.

But three days of all-out running is bound to take its toll. And Walker's philosophy is to not let up in trials—Central clocked 3:06.3 in the mile relay semis (Bassett 47.7, Ouko 46.4, Sang 46.4, Black 45.8). In individual races, the quartet won nine of 11 races (heats and finals), the two losses each coming by a tenth of a second.

Despite Central's presence, the big splash in the one lap circuit was made by James Redd, a first semester frosh at Southern U from Elmsford, N.Y. Redd powered down the stretch to convincingly hold off Sang for a one-tenth triumph in a PR 45.8.

It marked Southern's second individual win of the meet. World 120-yard high hurdle record holder Rodney Milburn had no competition but bucking head winds in racing to 14.1 trials and 13.5 finals wins over the 110-meter sticks. A year ago, he had too much wind to his back in clocking the first 13.0 (running at 120-yards).

Wind played a strange role in the meet—hardly noticeable the first day, bucking the runners the second day, and dying down at the wrong time the final day. No top mark was illegally wind-aided, remarkably enough.

Black broke the NAIA record for the 200 with his calm 20.5 run in Wednesday's trials; then sped a relaxed 20.0 in the Friday semis with just the right amount of wind: 4.2 mph. There was no wind for the finals an hour later or Black's second 20.0 might have been closer to the global standard of 19.8 by Tommie Smith and Don Quarrie. Black, who takes command of his races by running perfect opening curves, did equal the college standard set by Smith at San Jose State in 1966. JC transfer Francis Baldwin of Dallas Baptist grabbed a berth among the top 10 in the current world list with his "distant" 20.5 for second.

The expected duel between defending NAIA champ Willie McGee and Westmont's unbeaten Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa didn't really develop because of McGee's trouble at the start of the 100-meter finals. With one false start already on his docket, the Alcorn A&M junior stumbled out of the blocks trying to avoid being called a second time—although Amos Sumpter of Texas Southern led what appeared to be a break. There was no recall, however, and by the time McGee got his feet together, he was in last place and could only gather enough for sixth place at 10.5. Ravelomanantsoa, second ranked in the world last year by *T&FN*, edged Robert Taylor of Texas Southern by a tenth in 10.1 into a 3.0 mph headwind. McGee later placed third in the 200 in 20.7 and also had a 20.6 heat win.

Josh Owusu of Angelo State and Ghana leaped over 25-feet on all five of his attempts to retain his long jump title: 25-3½w, 25-6½w, 25-2¾, p, 25-½, 25-¼. His best mark came in the qualifying, however—a legit 25-8. Jerry Gaines of Western Carolina was runner-up in the qualifying at 25-4½ (legal) but fouled his first two tries the second day and found his 22-4½ third try too short to make the finals.

Owusu was one of several athletes thwarted in double victory attempts. Frosh Marvin Hill of Southern Louisiana took the triple jump lead on his first jump (50-11¼) and survived Owusu's 50-11 leap on his final attempt. (Both had legal wind.)

Texas Southern's Tommy Fulton started after a triple with his 14:35.8 triumph in the 5000 Thursday. But he settled for a pair of runner-up performances Friday—a 1:49.1 in the 800 and a 3:46.2 in the 1500 (won by 1971 mile champ Bob Maplestone in 3:45.9). Fulton won four of six races of 800-meters or longer in the three-day meet, including trial and semi-leading 800 heats of 1:50.3 and 1:50.5 and a heat winning 3:57.5 1500. Ben Bailey of Western Carolina took the early lead in the 1500 with



Tom Fulton's NAIA triple included 1:49.1, 3:46.2 and 14:35.8. /Davis/



Gary Hill's 7538-point PR won the NAIA decathlon. /Jeff Johnson/

a quick 58.5 opener and a 2:02.3 half-mile. Maplestone took command with a lap to go at 2:49.0, crossed the 1320 in 3:05.7, and completed a final 56.9 sprint that easily held off Fulton's challenge and left Bailey third in 3:47.5.

100m(-3.0), Ravelomanantosa' 10.1; 2. Taylor 10.2; . . . 5. McGee 10.5. Heats: I(nil)-1. McGee 10.1. 200m(0.0), Black 20.2 =CR; 2. Baldwin 20.5. Heats: I(0.0)-1. Black 20.5. V(0.0)-1. McGee 20.6. Semis: I(4.2)-1. Black 20.0 =CR; 2. Hargrett 20.6; 3. Denton 20.6. II(5.0)-1. Baldwin 20.6; 2. McGee 20.6. 400m, Redd 45.8; 2. Sang' 45.9; 3. Faager' 46.6. 800m, Ouko' 1:48.5; 2. Fulton 1:49.1. 1500m, Maplestone' 3:45.9; 2. Fulton 3:46.2. 5000m, Fulton 14:35.8. 10,000m, Antognoli 30:07.8. Mar, Franjello 2:41:13.4. 3000mWalk, Tyrer 13:30.6. 3000mSt, Birnbaum 9:16.0. 110mHH(-2.26), Milburn 13.5. 400mIH, Bassett 50.5; 2. Jackson 51.1.

HJ, Curry 7-0. PV, Parris 16-0. LJ, Owusu' 25-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ w (25-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ok). Qual: Owusu 25-8, Gaines 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. TJ(ok), Hill 50-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. Owusu' 50-11; 3. Trujillo 50-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Brown 50- $\frac{1}{2}$. SP, Kenady 57-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. DT, Neugent 178-7. HT, Neugent 194-4; 2. Keating' 194-3. JT, Grant 237-7. Dec, G. Hill 7538 (10.5, 23-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 44-10 $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-0, 49.2, 14.4, 136-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 13-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 149-9, 4:48.6); 2. Bakley 7492 (10.9, 23-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 45-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 50.1, 14.8, 141-11 $\frac{1}{2}$, 12-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 182-4, 4:53.3); 3. Jenner 7422 (10.9, 22-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 44-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, 6-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 51.0, 15.0, 126-11, 13-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 182-11, 4:52.4). 440R, North Carolina Central 39.5 (Foster, Horsley, Black, Sang'); 2. Dallas Baptist 40.0. Heats: II-1. North Carolina Central 39.8. MileR, North Carolina Central 3:04.8 (Bassett 47.2, Ouko' 46.2, Sang' 46.1, Black 45.3). Heats: I-1. North Carolina Central 3:06.3. Teams: 1. North Carolina Central 68; 2. Dallas Baptist 51; 3. Texas Southern 43; 4. Oklahoma Christian 39; 55. tie, International U & Westmont 26.

COMPTON

Woods Pops 70-1 $\frac{3}{4}$; Matthews, Winzenried Hot

Los Angeles, Calif., June 4 /by John Wenos—George Woods became

(Left) Ray Robinson (r) sped 10.3 to take the Compton 100-meters from (r-l) Willie McGee, Bobby Turner and Isaac Curtis. /Don Chadez/ (Center) Mark Winzenried's two fleet Compton races included this 800 triumph over

history's third 70-foot shot-putter with a 70-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ explosion, Vince Matthews put a little confusion in the 400-meter picture with a 44.8 conquest of Lee Evans and Wayne Collett, Uganda's John Akii-Bua bested a super intermediate hurdle field sans only the collegians with a 49.6 400-meter squeaker, and Mark Winzenried cruised a nation-leading 1:46.6 800-meters to highlight the 32nd annual Compton Invitational. Only about 1500 people showed up (officials claimed 3840) to a meet which received little advance publicity for its strong fields consisting mostly of the US's best non-collegiate talent.

Woods was clearly the standout performer. The 1968 Olympic silver medalist popped his winner on his first try, followed with 69-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 69-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ before passing his final three tosses. He expressed a little disappointment with his mark afterwards, "I'd hoped to connect [for the record] today. I was ready, but it just didn't happen. I was near 71-feet in practice this week. I just wasn't getting my right leg under properly." He also continues to experience tendonitis in the index finger of his throwing hand.

Looking ahead to confrontations with Al Feuerbach and Randy Matson, George commented, "I'm really looking forward to meeting Al again, and Randy's always tough. The lack of publicity [compared to Feuerbach and Matson] doesn't bother me. The one reason I'm still throwing is that gold medal."

And to Munich: "The first one to throw 70-feet in the finals will have a great psychological advantage. With the Europeans near 70, it's getting hairy now."

Matthews put himself firmly in the 400 picture with a convincing win over the best one-lap field of the year (in a season of outstanding match-ups). Matthews started fast to make up the stagger on Evans in the next lane by the halfway point. Collett, outside Evans, was right with them—and the three ran the curve stride for stride. Into the final straight, Matthews surged and held off Collett's answer, 44.8 to 45.0, as Evans dropped back noticeably, barely holding off the charge of Fred Newhouse, both at 45.5. Larry James, Hugh Brown, and Tommie Turner followed in a mass finish at 46.3. Matthews, a gold medalist in the 1968 1600-meter relay, was relatively inactive the past two years and this was his most significant race in four years.

The intermediate hurdle field was equally classy as "name" hurdlers Jim Seymour and Terry Musika were relegated to a second section. Akii-Bua overcame some problems with a changing lead foot in the middle of the race to nip Wes Williams at the tape, 49.6 to 49.7. Resurging Olympian Boyd Gittins edged Dick Bruggeman for third, both at 49.9, after leading most of the way. Early pre-Games favorite Ralph Mann chopped his step badly at the eighth hurdle to fall out of contention, but still finished with a quick 50.0 for fifth. He expressed considerable dismay over the race, which he had been pointing toward. Ron Whitney managed 51.2, while NAIA champ Melvin Bassett brought up the rear at 52.6 after a busy NAIA schedule earlier in the week. Larry James dropped out after the sixth hurdle. Seymour and Musika

(l-r) Juris Luzins, Steve Straub, John Mock and Mike Eck and a 2:18.0 1000-meters the next day. /Gane/ (Right) John Akii-Bua's (63) 49.6 won the 400 hurdles from (l-r) Wes Williams, Ralph Mann and Ron Whitney. /Chadez/



went one-two in their section with 50.8 and 50.9 clockings.

Kicker Mark Winzenried led from the start to top archrival Juris Luzins, 1:46.6 to 1:46.9, in the quickest American-led 800 of the year. Steve Straub also clocked a PR 1:46.9 in third to stamp himself as a Olympic team contender. Art Sandison finished near the back of the pack at 1:51.5 in 10th. The next day Winzenried had a go at the American 1000-meter standard of 2:17.7. Programmed to go through the half-mile in no slower than 1:50, Mark "went to sleep" and hit it in 1:50.5. And he was just a bit slow at the end, charging through the tape in 2:18.0, second best-ever by a US runner.

Ray Robinson of Florida A&M continued to impress in the short sprint, edging Steve Riddick of Norfolk State—both 10.2—and the likes of elusive Willie McGee 10.3, comebacking Isaac Curtis 10.3, and Olympian Lennox Miller 10.4. Riddick got revenge in the one-lap relay, however, as his team powered to a 39.5 to 40.2 margin over Robinson's.

In the 1500, Howell Michael played follow-the-leader for three laps before sprinting home with a 3:40.1, ahead of Duncan Macdonald (3:40.9) and Jim Crawford (3:41.0)—PRs for all three. Aussie Tony Benson duplicated the strategy in the 5000 to remain unbeaten in his current American tour. The field wasn't quite up to his previous races in Bakersfield and Modesto, and Benson was content to let the pace lag at a 67-70 second clip before unleashing a 57.9 wrap-up quarter. His time was a slowish 14:03.2.

Except for Woods' heroics, the field events failed to provide much excitement. Bob Seagren did come close on one of his attempts at 18-feet after winning the pole vault easily at 17-4, and Tim Vollmer upset Jay Silvester with a good-for-the-Coliseum 205-8 discus heave. Silvester's best was 203-10 while comebacking Gary Carlsen got a 199-3 in third. Fred DeBernardi apparently suffered a letdown after winning both collegiate weight titles, getting a fourth-place 62-9 in the shot and 181-6 for eighth in the discus.

100m(1.13), Robinson 10.2; 2. Riddick 10.2. 200m, C. Smith 20.7. 400m, Matthews 44.8; 2. Collett 45.0; 3. Evans 45.5; 4. Newhouse 45.5; 5. James 46.3; 6. H. Brown 46.3; 7. T. Turner 46.3. 800m, Winzenried 1:46.6; 2. Luzins 1:46.9; 3. Straub 1:46.9; 4. Mock 1:48.1. Sp1000m(6/5), Winzenried 2:18.0. 1500m, Michael 3:40.1; 2. Macdonald 3:40.9; 3. Crawford 3:41.0; 4. Gorman 3:41.2; 5. Dyce' 3:42.1. 5000m, Benson' 14:03.2; 2. S. Savage 14:03.8. 3000mWalk, Walker 13:02.2. 110mHH(1.11), Gibson 13.7; 2. White 13.7. 400mH, 1-1. Akii-Bua' 49.6; 2. Williams 49.7; 3. Gittins 49.9; 4. Bruggeman 49.9; 5. Mann 50.0; 6. Whitney 51.2; 7. Bassett 52.6; ... dnf—James. 11-1. Seymour 50.8; 2. Musika 50.9.

HJ, Culp 7-0; 2. Brown 7-0; 3. Burrell 7-0. JC HJ, Tinnin 7-0. PV, Seagren 17-4; 2. Richards 17-0; 3. tie, Caruthers & Sprung 16-6; ... nh—Heglar, Lagerqvist'. LJ(ok), Proctor 25-¼. TJ(ok), Gill' 51-7. SP, Woods 70-1¼ (70-1¼, 69-4¼, 69-2¼, p, p, p); 2. Marks 64-3; 3. B. Wilhelm 63-1¼; 4. DeBernardi 62-9; 5. S. Wilhelm 62-1¼; 6. Semkiw 57-3½; 7. T. Albritton 55-3¼. DT, Vollmer 205-8; 2. Silvester 203-10; 3. Carlsen 199-3; 4. Powell 196-9; 5. Lister 196-1; 6. Ordway 194-10; 7. Neville 184-3; 8. DeBernardi 181-6. HT, Connolly 217-11; 2. DeAutremont 205-5; 3. Shuff 197-4. JT, Luke 254-8; 2. Bacon 250-6. 400mR, Norfolk State 39.5 (Pugh, Rodgers, Riddick, Cuffee); 2. Florida A&M 40.2. 880R, Striders 1:22.3. MileR, Bay Area Striders 3:09.4.

AAU DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS Bennett Outscrambles Bannister in Furious 1500

Los Angeles, June 4-5 /by Bert Nelson/—A little man with a big smile and a bigger heart, Jeff Bennett displayed both prominently as he continually fought back from behind to capture his first AAU national decathlon championship.

The 5-8, 150-lb. soldier edged Jeff Bannister, 7910 to 7890, and did it the hard way. Leading at the end of the first day, Jeff slipped to fifth as his weakest event, the discus, caught up with him. His 118-6 throw netted only 607 points, and he trailed not only leader Bannister but defending champ Rick Wanamaker, 1970 titlist John Warkentin, and British ace Peter Gabbett as well.

Good for 15-9 in almost any decathlon, Bennett did not vault well in the beginning. One successful try left the bar teetering on the edge of disaster. Another was in such bad form that it, like the former, produced friendly laughter while Jeff lay on his back in the pit, his wide smile visible in the most remote reaches of the huge, empty Coliseum.

But the pressure produced results and the former Oklahoma Christian all-rounder finally scrambled over 16-¼, his best-ever in a 10-eventer and good for a gaudy 1024 points. But he was still second, now trailing the 13-inch taller Wanamaker, and facing another throwing event. His first javelin effort was a puny 135-feet, the second only marginally better at 150-feet. Now it was the do or die third try situation the decathlete learns to live with and to handle if he is to succeed. Bennett pulled it out with 178-10, more than 20-feet under his best, though it kept him in contention.

Now the scoring tables came out, the quick calculations were made, and the drama was there for all to share. Wanamaker led by 98 points and had to stay within 14 seconds of Bennett to hold the win. But Bannister also was in the fight, just eight digits back of Bennett. Wanamaker had to be no more than 15 seconds behind Bannister, who in turn had to beat Bennett by a little over a second to gain the win. Warkentin had steadily worked his way into contention (as Gabbett dropped out with a sore knee) and trailed Bannister by 10. So it was a four-way contest to be decided by a run of



Jeff Bennett (r) had to do it in the 1500 in order to win the AAU decathlon—so he sped 4:08.9 to triumph with 7910 points. Jeff Bannister finished his 7890 runner-up total with a 4:10.4. /Don Chadez/

1500-meters at the end of nearly eight hot, sultry hours.

Into that contest, Bennett took a personal record of 4:14.1, Bannister 4:13.7, Warkentin 4:26.3, and Wanamaker 4:36.5. And three of them must have remembered the wind-up of the 1969 nationals when an even tighter situation saw Bannister garner a spot on the national team with his third place finish, only two points ahead of Bennett and five in front of Warkentin.

That time, Warkentin turned in a gutty PR while the other two came very close to theirs. This was to be more of the same. Bennett moved into the lead, followed closely by Bannister whose obvious strategy was to hang-on and win on the kick. Bennett shot through a 62.0 first lap, but didn't shake Bannister and the pace slowed markedly, to 2:18, and then picked up to 3:25. The bigger Jeff (6-3, 200-lbs) trailed by eight yards, but by the last turn he had closed it in and as they came into the final straight Bannister moved out to go around and take the lead. Bennett looked him over, dug down, and pulled away to a 10-yard win. The time was a tremendous 4:08.9 with Bannister also recording a big new PR, 4:10.4. Warkentin, who didn't really have a chance against the two better runners, still came home in a life best of 4:20.1, taking the third away from Wanamaker who, knowing he couldn't begin to match that kind of running, plodded home in 5:13.4. It was 7807 for Warkentin and 7602 for Wanamaker.

The competition was off to a slow start when it was mixed in with the confused, poorly run, spiritless Compton Invitational. The athletes never did get fired up and it was no better the second day when they showed up to an empty house. Midway through the afternoon a "crowd" count of athletes, officials, press, relatives, and spectators showed exactly 105 on hand. That, plus a new Tartan track that refused to yield good sprint and hurdle times, and the infamously poor Coliseum long jump pit, limited scores.

Even so, the results were notable. Bennett, who has been steadily improving all year, had a third PR with a 46.4 in the 400, and capped it with a strong second day, his 3884 exactly equaling the finish of his 1970 best of 8072. Bannister claimed he couldn't get going and that he had no zip. But it was his second highest ever on a solid performance that netted only one PR, the 1500, and showed he is well over his knee surgery. Warkentin also had his second best-ever, behind only his out-of-the-blue 8026 of 1970, and was cheered by the holding up of his bad elbow, a big improvement to 6-6 in the high jump, and a 48.0 PR. Even Wanamaker had cause for satisfaction. In only his second meet of the year and without any non-decathlon competition at all, the big fellow was rusty. But he showed signs of improved field event potential, at least partially the result of coaching by respected Chuck Coker. He had a PR of 51-1 after warm-ups of 53-feet, warmed up at 160-feet in the discus, where he has thrown 170-feet in practice, and looked good in the vault through 14-6½.

Of the field of 20, only eight finished as minor injuries and disappointing performances took their toll. Rory Kenward overhauled an injury-plagued George Pannel in the 1500 to gain the fifth, 7350 to 7326, while Rex Harvey of the Air Force upped his best to 7122 and 1971 NCAA champ Ray Hupp, recuperating from a twice broken ankle and suffering a no-point-er in the hurdles, was last at 6182.

Showing great improvement was Fred Dixon, former Los Angeles Stater, until he came a cropper in the vault. In second place, he failed to clear 10 feet and then did not run the 1500.

1. Jeff Bennett	10.8	23-3½	40-10¼	6-1	46.4	4026
Fort MacArthur	15.3	118-6	16-¼	135-1	4:08.9	7910
2. Jeff Bannister	10.9	22-5¼	47-2½	6-1	47.7	4005
Dec Club/America	14.8	145-1	12-6	196-2½	4:10.4	7890
3. John Warkentin	11.3	22-10¼	42-10¼	6-6	48.0	3956
Striders	14.8	142-2	13-0	200-11	4:20.1	7807
4. Rick Wanamaker	11.4	22-5¼	51-1	6-6	50.1	3960
San Diego TC	15.2	152.4	14-6¼	195-6	5:13.4	7602
5. Rory Kenward	10.8	22-1	48-9½	5-9	48.8	3892
Club West	15.4	157-5	11-0	169-11½	4:37.3	7350
6. George Pannel	11.0	21-11½	39-10	6-1	50.4	3670
Westmont TC	14.7	138-0	13-0	195-1½	4:44.4	7326

7. Harvey 7122 (48.1); 8. Hupp 6182; ... dnf—J. Carter 3611 (5 events), Dixon 6388 (9 events, 6-6), Gabbett' 6369 (8 events, 47.1), Hodge 804 (1 event), B. King' 5114 (8 events, 150-2), G. King 5979 (8 events), Moro' 2177 (3 events), Stewart' 3607 (5 events), Taft 3402 (5 events), Thoreson 2576 (4 events).

VONS CLASSIC

Woods Takes First Battle of History's 3 70-footers

Los Angeles, June 9 /by Bert Nelson/—If ever there was a greater shot put competition, or a more superb quarter-mile, memory fails. George Woods' narrow victory over Randy Matson and Al Feuerbach and John Smith's even closer win over the three other leading one-lappers in the world paced a Vons Classic meet that focused attention on Olympic hopes in almost every event.

It was a meet full of surprises, with disappointments as plentiful as the satisfying victories. There were big losses by Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa and Larry Black, who could be rated the best 100 and 200 sprinters in the world; by Jay Silvester and John Van Reenen, the top discus throwers anywhere; by Bob Seagren, the reclaimed vault record holder; by Ralph Mann, last year's number one intermediate hurdler; and by George Young, veteran distance star who perhaps never has run so poorly.

There were winners too, of course. There were upsetters such as Chuck Smith and Ray Robinson and Tim Vollmer and Len Hilton. There was the true-to-form win of Rod Milburn and the return to form of Ken Swenson and Jim Ryun.

Also winners were the 14,375 fans who enjoyed a great meet in fine weather while participating in the inauguration of what should become a much needed fixture of the Los Angeles track scene as promoter Al Franken gave the athletes and spectators what they want—competition and excitement.

Of both there was plenty tonight. Leading the way was the shot and it lived up to expectations. The world's only 70-footers (plus Doug Lane, a mere 66-footer) clashed for the first time this year. All had a lot at stake even though the big prize is still three months away.

Woods, the last of the three to reach 70-feet and one who likes to get the big put in early, opened with 69-¼. That should have been enough to intimidate Matson considering his form of the last two years. But Randy spent the week working out at UCLA under the watchful eye of assistant coach Tom Tellez, an acknowledged field event whiz, and it was a different Olympic champ who stepped into the ring. The shot thudded at 69-2¼, his

best in two years. Al Feuerbach, who usually takes it easy on his first one, reached 67-3½.

Woods moved back into the lead in the second round with 69-8 as the magic 70-feet came closer. Matson did well at 68-6¼ but Al seemed to be having problems as he barely improved, to 67-6½. Then George blasted one 70-¼, the second time this week this Coliseum ring had yielded the Big 70 to the 305-lb. Illini. Matson fizzled at 66-½ and Feuerbach, obviously not overawed by his more experienced opponents, took over second with 69-3¼. Could Matson be reverting to the disheartening form of recent months?

No. The proud record holder opened the final three throws with 69-6¼, coming from behind again to take over second place. That was the end of the improvements. After a 66-5½, Woods fouled and, with the victory wrapped, passed. Matson put together another goodie at 69-5½, closing with 67-10¼. Feuerbach battled, but fell just short with 68-9, 66-10¼, 68-11½.

No less hot or exciting was the 440 although unlike the shot putters the long sprinters have been having at each other most of the season. Five of the seven fastest one-lappers of all-time faced each other, including the four who would all be solid Olympic gold medal favorites if it weren't for the other three—Smith, Lee Evans, Wayne Collett and Vince Matthews.

Evans had Smith, Collett and Matthews on his right and as they flew down the backstretch a big gap appeared between Evans and Smith, who made up most of the stagger on Collett. Around the turn Lee began to close, as did the other two. But as they headed for home it was Smith, the 440 recordman, with about two-yards on Evans, the 400 recordman, as Wayne and Vince were in tight position on the other side of Smith.

The stretch battle was a classic of the kind that should be videotaped for frequent replay. Evans, perhaps the fiercest competitor the event has known, bore down on his younger rival. Head rolling, arms pumping, he closed the gap, an inch or so with every rough but powerful stride. But he wasn't alone, as the comebacking Matthews fought off Collett while trying to get up and challenge the two leaders. Evans finally made it, perhaps 10-yards from home, and he leaned into the tape. But Smith seemed to gain a few inches just as Lee bent forward and the ever-so-narrow victory was his. Both Smith and Evans were timed in 45.0. Matthews recorded 45.1 and Collett 45.2, the fastest third and fourth place clockings ever.

Equally satisfying to the fans, and apparently to the writers who voted him the athlete of the meet over the obviously superior performances of Woods, Smith and others, was Ryun. It was up-week for the popular miler and it was a delight to see him take over from a slow pace, turn on a 53.9 quarter, and win going away in 3:57.3. Dave Wottle led the pursuers in 3:58.2 as Tom Von Ruden faded to 4:01.5 but was undismayed.

Once again Milburn was Milburn. Guy Drut, Europe's best, was the newest challenger but was never in the race as Rod won handily in 13.4. Tom Hill, now in the army, also licked the Frenchman.

Discus officials elected to measure only the winning throws, so a fine series by a slow-1972-starting Vollmer was lost. But he will treasure the victory and the new stadium record. He had at least three throws beyond the best of Van Reenen (206-3) and all six past Silvester's top of 199-11. The winner was 210-6 and the estimates were 200, 203, 205, 207, 209.

Ken Swenson, who hasn't run much this year, began to look like the Ken Swenson of 1970. In one of his typical finishes, he caught Mark Winzen-

John Smith wins the battle of one-lap giants at Vons in 45.0, edging (l-r) Vince Matthews (45.1), Wayne Collett (45.2) and Lee Evans (45.0). /Chip Gane/



ried, who is running better after a month of hard training, 1:47.4 to 1:47.5. Both short sprints were shockers. Ravelomanantsoa lost his first outdoor race in two years, running 10.4 behind the 10.3s of Robinson and France's Roger Bambuck. Later, he said he wasn't worried as he had been studying hard. As much of an upset was the solid defeat of Black by Chuck Smith. The 20-flatter was third behind Smith's 20.6 and Ben Vaughan.

The intermediates produced two disappointments, Jim Bolding being disqualified again, after winning in 50.3, and Ralph Mann getting fifth. Another surprise fifth was Young, fading to 8:47.6 in the two-mile. The race was won by Len Hilton who took advantage of a ridiculously slow pace (4:27.5) to start sprinting at the gun and run the last lap in 53.2 for 8:36.2.

100m(0.9), Robinson 10.3; 2. Bambuck' 10.3; 3. Ravelomanantsoa' 10.4. 220, C. Smith 20.6; 2. Vaughan 20.9; 3. Black 20.9; 4. Deckard 21.0; 5. Schultz 21.0; 6. L. Brown 21.2. 440, Smith 45.0; 2. Evans 45.0; 3. Matthews 45.1; 4. Collett 45.2; 5. Turner 46.4; 6. H. Brown 46.6; 7. C. Mills 46.6. 880, Swenson 1:47.4; 2. Winzenried 1:47.5; 3. Straub 1:47.6. Mile, Ryan 3:57.3; 2. Wottle 3:58.2; 3. Wheeler 3:59.2; 4. Popejoy 3:59.7; 5. Luzins 4:00.0; 6. Crawford 4:00.0; 7. Von Ruden 4:01.5. HS Mile, Beck 4:04.2. 2 Mile, Hilton 8:36.2; 2. Pearce' 8:44.6; 3. Michael 8:46.4; . . . 5. Young 8:47.6. 1500mWalk, Walker 6:13.2. 110mHH(nil), Milburn 13.4; 2. Hill 13.5; 3. Dru' 13.6; 4. Rich 13.6; 5. Davenport 13.7. 440IH, Williams 50.4; 2. Bruggeman 50.8; 3. Musika 50.9; 4. Mann 51.1; 5. Bassett 51.5; . . . disq—Bolding 50.3.

HJ, Adama 7-0; 2. R. Brown 6-10. PV, Lagerqvist' 17-0; 2. Richard 16-6; 3. Williamson 16-6; . . . nh—Seagren, Tracanelli'. LJ(ok), Pani' 25-10%; 2. Carrington 25-2; 3. Beamon 25-1%; 4. Williams 25-%. SP, Woods 70-¼ (69-¾, 69-8, 70-¼, 66-5¼, f, p); 2. Matson 69-6¼ (69-2¼, 68-6¼, 66-½, 69-6¼, 69-5½, 67-10¼); 3. Feuerbach 69-3¼ (67-3¼, 67-6¼, 69-3¼, 68-9, 66-10¼, 68-11¼); 4. Lane 62-7¼. DT, Vollmer 210-6; 2. Van Reenen' 206-3; 3. Silvester 199-11; 4. Powell 197-10; 5. Ordway 194-6.

KENNEDY Woods Again Tops Trio, as Feuerbach Nips Matson

Berkeley, Calif., June 10 /by Garry Hill/—Three was a hot number at the 1972 version of the Kennedy Games, as history's three farthest-throwing shot putters (Randy Matson, Al Feuerbach and George Woods) staged another titanic battle and sprinters Eddie Hart and Wayne Collett each produced a trio of swift movements.

Emerging on top of that iron-pellet-putting confrontation was massive George Woods, whose 69-½ punch confirmed him as the traveling 69-foot road show. The winner of the Vons Classic title at 70-¼ over his rivals the night before, Woods started slowly here with a mediocre 64-7 first attempt, perhaps because the order was suddenly changed at his turn. That sandwiched between a 68-2 effort by Feuerbach and a 68-8¼ by Matson wasn't so hot. The best put of the second round was a 69-plus foul by Woods, but in the third he stayed in the ring on what turned out to be his winning effort. It was Woods' fourth consecutive competition over the 69-foot level, a string previously unattained by anyone. The only further improving was done by Feuerbach, who came close to Matson with a 68-6 in the penultimate round, then slipped by for second with a 68-9¼ on his last attempt. "I would have like to thrown harder," said Woods, "but after last night I came in here a bit tired. We all did, so there was no real advantage for any of us."

Many of the competitors had competed in Los Angeles the night before, which may account for some sluggish performances. This meet is one of the few major events in the nation still conducted on a dirt track, but the venerable sod was not above yielding some quick marks on the track. And the 13,500 crowd saved its biggest cheers for Cal alum Eddie Hart.

Traditionally a late-season bloomer, Hart demonstrated that he might be right on schedule for Munich, and might free the present void in US sprintdom. Unable to practice starting for the past 10 days because of a bad back, Hart was slow out of the blocks in the 100, but utilized a tremendous lift at 60- to 70-yards to move away from a quality field to record a 9.4 victory into a 2.5 mph headwind. Gerald Tinker nipped fast-starting Mel Pender for second as both did 9.5. In the heats, Hart had recorded a 9.3 with nil wind. His second big moment came in the 440 relay, as he got the stick a step or two behind Norfolk State's Bill Cuffee, then simply blew by the College Division 200 champ to lead the Bay Area Striders to a 39.6 to 39.8 victory.

Collett began and ended his day by showing impressive strength over the one-lap route. In the open quarter, he went out fast, led into the final straight and poured on a solid stretch drive which carried him to a three-tenth margin over resurging Vince Matthews, 45.7 to 46.1. And, to close the meet, he picked up the mile relay baton five-tenths down on Lee Evans. Quickly closing the gap to two strides, Collett maintained the difference until the final curve, where he pulled even. Coming into the final straight, Collett put on a burst of speed that Evans had no hope of matching, and pulled ahead for a one-tenth victory with his 45.1 carry as the Striders' aggregate was 3:05.5. Evans did 45.7.

Hart and Collett had each produced their other good race earlier in the day when they clashed in the furlong. Even though the race was illegally wind-aided, times were mysteriously slow, as Hart once more erupted halfway through the race for a relatively easy 20.7 victory, slowing five yards from the tape. Collett came through with a 21.0 for second, topping world



(Left) Dale Scott finishes his 1:48.5 prep 880 best. /Stan Pantovic/ (Right) Eddie Hart's (l) 9.4 won the Kennedy 100 (from Mel Pender). /Pantovic/

leader Larry Black by a tenth.

The national prep leader and recent California two-lap state champ, El Cerrito's Dale Scott finally got a chance to show his stuff against national caliber competition. And he certainly didn't blanch under fire, forging into the lead by the time the field had broken from the staggers and leading the pack through a 26.7 first 220. Near the front of the pack with a 54.3 at the halfway point, Scott lay in fourth behind Rick Brown, Mark Winzenried and Steve Straub with a half-lap left. He picked off Brown near the head of the straight, caught Straub some 100-yards out and began to move on Winzenried, falling just short as Winzenried won in 1:48.4. But Scott's 1:48.5 chops three-tenths off Richard Joyce's old national standard, set in 1965. Those Scott defeated represent some class half-miling talent: third, Straub 1:49.2; fourth, Brown 1:50.6; fifth Byron Dyce 1:51.7; sixth Art Sandison 1:52.7 and ninth, Tom Von Ruden 1:55.1.

Other top marks came from: Rod Milburn, who is so dominant and smooth that his winning 13.3 into a 1.5 headwind and on unging track seemed only routine, spectacular an achievement as it was; Jay Silvester, with a 206-5 discus victory over John Van Reenen and Tim Vollmer; John Halberstadt, whose straightaway burst held off early leader but now kicking Gerry Lindgren in the three-mile, 13:17.4 to 13:17.6; and Dwight Stones, who flopped a PR 7-2¼.

100(-2.5), Hart 9.4; 2. Tinker 9.5; 3. Pender 9.5; 4. H. Jackson 9.5; . . . dnr—Ravelomanantsoa'. Heats: I(-0.3)-1. Tinker 9.6; . . . 3. Ravelomanantsoa' 9.6; . . . 6. Deckard 9.7; . . . 8. Leon Brown 10.1. II(nil)-1. Hart 9.3. 220(4.92), Hart 20.7; 2. Collett 21.0; 3. Black 21.1; . . . 6. Evans 21.4; 7. C. Mills 22.1. 440, Collett 45.7; 2. Matthews 46.1; 3. L. Jones 46.8; 4. Musika 46.9; 5. Newhouse 47.0. 880, Winzenried 1:48.4; 2. Scott 1:48.5 HSR; 3. Straub 1:49.2; 4. R. Brown 1:50.6; 5. Dyce' 1:51.7; 6. Sandison 1:52.7; . . . 8. Howe 1:53.8; 9. Von Ruden 1:55.1. Mile, Kaal' 4:01.3; 2. Macdonald 4:01.7; 3. Martinez' 4:02.1; 4. Ebba' 4:02.3. 3 Mile, Halberstadt' 13:17.4; 2. Lindgren 13:17.6; 3. Laris 13:18.2; 4. Bachelor 13:18.8; 5. Shorter 13:20.4; 6. A. Villanueva' 13:21.8; 7. Martinez' 13:25.4; 8. 6. Stewart 13:25.8; 9. Miranda' 13:30.8; 10. Gomez' 13:36.6. 11. Mora' 13:39.6; 12. Mejia' 13:48.0. 5000mWalk, Valle' 22:33.8. 3000mSt, S. Savage 8:39.2; 2. Manley 8:40.6; 3. C. Clark 8:41.2; . . . 7. Reilly 8:55.6; . . . 9. Beardmore 9:00.2; . . . 13. Leibenberg 9:11.2. 120HH(-1.5), Milburn 13.3; 2. Davenport 13.4; 3. Gibson 13.5; 4. White 13.6; 5. Wilson 13.7; 6. Hill 13.7; 7. Draper 13.8; . . . dns—Rich. Heats: I(-3.0)-1. Milburn 13.5; 2. Hill 13.6; 3. Gibson 13.6; 4. Wilson 13.8; 5. Coleman 13.9; 6. Foster 14.2. II(3.7)-1. Davenport 13.5; 2. White 13.7; 3. Rich 13.7; 4. Draper 13.8. 440IH, Bruggeman 50.4; 2. Cronholm 51.0; 3. Williams 51.6; 4. Bassett 52.0.

HJ, Stones 7-2¼; 2. Dunn 7-1; 3. Fletcher 7-0; 4. Culp 7-0; 5. Ferragne' 7-0; 6. Hawkins' 7-0; 7. Adama 7-0; . . . 12. Fosbury 6-8; . . . nh—Brown. PV, Wallick 17-0; 2. Hamer 16-6; 3. Curnow 16-6; 4. Bryde' 16-6; . . . nh—Lagerqvist', Roberts. LJ(ok), Whitely 25-7¼; 2. H. Jackson 24-9¼; 3. R. Williams 24-7¼; 4. Proctor 24-6¼; 5. Royster 24-3¼; 6. Robinson 23-11¼. TJ(ok), Butts 53-5¼ (49-9¼, 52-¼, 52-7¼, 52-½, 53-4¼, 53-5¼); 2. Gill' 53-0; 3. Reader 52-8; 4. Walker 51-7; 5. Conway 51-½; 6. Fraser 51-0. SP, Woods 69-½ (64-7, f, 69-½, 68-10, 68-6¼, 66-4¼); 2. Feuerbach 68-9¼ (68-2, 67-6¼, 65-10, 66-8¼,

68-6, 68-9%); 3. Matson 68-8% (68-8%, f, f, 67-1%, f, 67-8%); 4. S. Wilhelm 63-5; 5. Marks 63-1%; 6. Semkiw 56-7%. DT, Silvester 206-3 (f, 205-6, f, f, 205-6, 206-3); 2. Van Reenen' 202-5; 3. Vollmer 200-9; 4. Powell 195-11; 5. Carlsen 191-5; 6. Ordway 189-10. HT, Gage 226-11; 2. Frenn 220-10; 3. Accambay' 220-2; 4. Farmer' 217-9; 5. Connolly 214-8; 6. Hall 209-0. JT, Schmidt 266-8; 2. Murro 254-1. 440R, Bay Area Striders 39.6 (Payton, Williams, Ligons, Hart); 2. Norfolk State 39.8; 3. Striders 40.2. MileR, Striders 3:05.4 (Kemp 47.2, Sanchez 47.6, Brown 45.5, Collett 45.1); 2. BA Striders 3:05.5 (Evans 45.7).

OTHER

Hilton Logs 3:57.6; Seagren Reaches 18-0

A surprise three-mile find in 1971, Texan Leonard Hilton has now made a big mile breakthrough. Running in a special four-lapper at the Klein high school meet, Hilton blazed a 56.3 last 440 in recording the fastest mile ever run in Texas, 3:57.6. Compton, Calif. was the site of a hot all-comers discus competition, as Jay Silvester hit 212-11 in topping Tim Vollmer's seasonal-best 211-2. Third-place went to Larry Kennedy with a PR 197-2, also the best mark ever by a black American. An interesting side competition saw Vollmer heave the one-kilo women's disc 270-7. Has anyone ever thrown it farther? Some sizzling javelin action of late has seen PR tosses by Milt Sonsky and John Kaveny, who hit 268-0 and 264-1. Roger George and Ray Hupp came up with decathlon PRs, 10-eventing 7515 and 7487. Mike Bowers was credited with a 7-2⁵/₈ high jump, but it is unknown if that is a correct metric conversion or a faulty measurement (to eighths). Rick Wohlhuter topped Ken Sparks in a hot 880, 1:48.1 to 1:48.3. Bob Casseleman edged Bob Steele in a close 440 hurdle battle as both timed 50.8.

Providence, R.I., was the site of an incredible hammer competition, as Alvin Jackson raised his own prep standard with the 12-lb. hammer to 227-8 from 220-2. His series: 217-0, f, 216-3, 216-6, 227-8, 223-1. Teammate Phil Bartlett hit 219-0 in second, with soph Tony Strackaluse third at 209-3. Prep decathlete Craig Brigham went on a rampage at the Oregon state meet, capturing the vault and high jump with PRs of 16-4 and 6-8 and taking second in the shot and disc with 57-6¹/₂ and 182-11.

San Jose, Calif., June 7-8—Although it was not classified as "top-secret", the Interservice Championships were held without a word of publicity, reportedly for fear of unpleasant demonstrations at the meet. Although there was little depth, any crowd that did show up was treated to some fine winning performances. The topper was Bill Schmidt's seasonal-best toss in the javelin, 267-8. Jim Dare of the Navy topped Bob Richards of the Air Force in a hot steeplechase battle, 8:42.0 to 8:43.8. Other top performances came from Fred Newhouse (45.6 in the 400), Tim Vollmer (195-3 in the disc), Bruce Wilhelm (64-4¹/₂ in the shot), Herb Kline (a windy 20.6 200) and the Air Force 400 relay team, which recorded a swift 39.6.

Irvine, Calif., June 11—New co-world record holder Bob Seagren is currently enjoying the finest form of his career, a fact he readily evidenced with another 18-foot clearance at the SPAAAU championships. Scaling 18-0, Seagren then took three shots at a world record 18-5 and was reportedly close on his second effort. There was good depth behind him, as Roland Carter and Bob Slover tied for second at 17-0, with Mike Wedman fourth at the same height. Frenchmen Guy Drut and Jacques Pani came up with impressive winning performances, although both were wind-aided. Drut topped Tommy Lee White in the hurdles 13.3 to 13.6, while Pani out-longjumped Gary Rainwater, 26-3¹/₂ to 26-³/₄. Other top winning marks came from Art Walker, a windy 53-2¹/₂ triple jump, Robert Joseph, a 7-¹/₄ high jump, and Bruce Wilhelm, a 64-1¹/₂ shot mark.

international

East German Putters Off Fast; Stewart Rips 3:55.3

As the heat of the Olympics continues to rise, outstanding performances boil up over the world, particularly in Europe.

Continental throwers have gone wild recently with the biggest pushes coming in the shot. Pole Wladyslaw Komar upped his national record to 68-6¹/₂ at the end of May, good for seventh among all-time throwers. But in Potsdam, June 3, the powerful East German *korps* exploded, Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg upping his European standard to 69-11¹/₂ from his 69-3¹/₂ of 1971. The portly Rothenburg is now fourth-longest performer all-time. But the depth behind him was incredible: Hans-Peter Gies 69-1¹/₂, moving him to sixth all-time, Hartmut Briesenick 68-10¹/₂, Hans-Dieter Prollius 66-5 and Dieter Hoffmann 66-1¹/₂. Gies' PR push dropped Komar to eighth all-time.

Fastest track efforts of late came, surprisingly, over the longer distances. Britain's Peter Stewart cruised to the year's fastest mile with 3:55.3, leading home a quick field of Brendan Foster (3:55.9), Jim Douglas (3:56.0), John Kirkbride (3:56.5) and Andy Carter (3:59.3). Rashid Sharafyedinov matched his USSR 5000 record with a 13:33.6. Quick times in both the 5000 and steeple came out of a Helsinki meet. West German Harald Norpoth clocked 13:34.6 over five-kilometers to best the 13:36.4 of countryman Jurgen May. In the steeple, Swede Anders Garderud powered 8:24.6, a national best, fifth-fastest ever and good enough to move him to fourth among all-time performers. A quick parade followed: Finn Tapio Kantanen, 8:26.4; Willi Wagner in a West German best 8:26.6; Norwegian Sverre Sornes and

US, East German Putters Top 6



East Germany's big shots: Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (l) /Holm/, Hartmut Briesenick (c) /L'Equipe/ and Hans-Peter Gies (r) /L'Equipe/.

The shot put battle at Munich figures to be nothing short of stupendous. According to present form, the final round could feature the six farthest-throwing putters in world history. And, three of these would be from the US, three from East Germany. Currently, the three Americans rate as the top three ever, each with a PR over 70-feet. But the East Germans are already surging to new heights, and have their three over 69-feet. And, the East Germans have had very few competitions so far in 1972. The super six, with their best marks, both in 1972 and all-time:

United States	PR	1972	East Germany	PR	1972
Randy Matson	71-5 ¹ / ₂	69-6 ¹ / ₂	Heinz-J Rothenburg	69-11 ¹ / ₂	69-11 ¹ / ₂
Al Feuerbach	70-3 ¹ / ₂	70-3 ¹ / ₂	Hartmut Briesenick	69-2	68-10 ¹ / ₂
George Woods	70-1 ¹ / ₂	70-1 ¹ / ₂	Hans-Peter Gies	69-1 ¹ / ₂	69-1 ¹ / ₂

Czech Dusan Moravcik, both 8:29.8.

Back on the field, Lothar Milde, yet another of East Germany's top heavers, moved to fourth performer all-time with his 219-10¹/₂ spin, good enough to claim the world lead. Ricky Bruch hit 218-3 and Ludvik Danek 217-5¹/₂. Young West German Karl-Heinz Riehm continues to amaze in the hammer, his most current effort of 242-6 upping his world age-21 record from his earlier 242-4¹/₂. That toss beat some big names in a special meet between jumpers and throwers from West Germany and Hungary: Uwe Beyer 240-5¹/₂, Edwin Klein 237-8 and Hungarians Sandor Eckschmidt 235-6, Istvan Encsi 235-6 and Olympic defender Gyula Zsvotzky 225-7. In the javelin, Finn Hannu Siitonen paces the globe at 282-11.

Elsewhere on the field, Jan Dahlgren upped the Swedish high jump best to 7-3³/₈. Kjell Isaksson got his second 17-10¹/₂ of the year, this one at Turin to top the 17-6¹/₂ of Renato Dionisi. Wolfgang Nordwig has also managed the latter ceiling. Henry Hines won the Turin long jump at 26-7¹/₂; Britain's Alan Lerwill sailed 26-9 with wind while West German Hans Baumgartner went ¹/₄" farther under unknown wind conditions. In the triple jump, world recordman Pedro Perez bounded 55-1¹/₂ at home in Cuba and then 54-¹/₂ in Ostrava, Czech. At Turin, East Germany's 71 European champ Jorg Drehmel popped 55-9¹/₂ to top Rumanian Carol Corbu by 2".

On the track, Greek sprinter Vassilios Papageorgopoulos grabbed a share of the European 100-meter standard with a 10.0 in Bratislava, Czech., June 3, edging Britain's Brian Green by a tenth. Green claimed a national record. The Turin meet produced some fast running including a 20.4 200 by Pietro Mennea, matching the Italian best, a Soviet 1500 record of 3:37.8 by Ivan Ivanov (topping Francesco Arese's 3:39.3) and another 13.3 in the highs by France's Guy Drut. At Potsdam, Frank Siebeck equaled his 13.4 national high mark while Frank Eisenberg took the world 5000 lead with his 13:29.0 national record, besting Bernd Diessner (13:32.0) and Winfried Scholz (13:34.0). At Ostrava, Britain's Ian McCafferty cruised 13:33.0, while Bulgarian Mikhail Zhelev steepled 8:29.4. Outside of Europe, Kenya's William Koskei matched the African 400 hurdles record of 49.0 and assumed the world lead.

Two quick efforts resulted recently on the roads. West German walker Bernd Kannenberg hoofed 50-kilometers on pavement in 3:52:44.6, fastest ever for the distance on a road course. In Britain's Maxol Marathon, West German Lutz Phillip edged Ron Hill by a second with 2:12:50—but only because Phillip stopped just short of the finish to greet Hill, whom he led by some 20 yards into the Manchester stadium. Third went to Don Macgregor (2:15:06) and fourth to Colin Kirkham (2:15:17) and the British threesome will likely comprise the Olympic team as this was the trial race. The first 24 finishers ran 2:20:00 or faster with a total of 68 inside 2:30:00, a record for a national meet.

In the decathlon, East German Joachim Kirst's typically strong first day (including 24-11¹/₂, 54-11¹/₂ and 6-10¹/₂) boosted him to a 7971 total, while Poland's Ryszard Skowronek PRed at 7943 in another competition.



Dan Jones' 13.6 highs was one of two Cal prep hurdles wins. /Carey Iida/

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CALIFORNIA STATE McCullough Scores in Four, Middle Distances Fast

Oroville, Calif., June 2-3 /by Jack Shepard/—Sacramento's Carl McCullough turned in an iron-man performance at the California State championships, but the most hotly-contested events were the three distance races.

McCullough had a hand in all of his squad's team-winning 18 points, as he captured the 100 (legal 9.5) and long jump (legal 24-7), took second in the 220 (a legal 21.2 out of lane one behind a fine 21.0 by Albany junior Mike Shavers) and anchored the fourth place sprint relay team (41.7).

The mile was the feature race, as Mark Schilling (Garden Grove) outkicked Terry Cotton (Valley, El Cajon), 4:05.4 to 4:05.5, to take over the yearly national lead. Cotton led a six-man pack through a 2:05.8 half to lead Schilling by a second. Schilling pulled close with a 61.9 third lap, then the pair broke away at the gun. Schilling finally pulled even, then won the race in the final two strides with a 56.7 final go-round. Cotton did 57.2. Previous national leader Barrie Williams (North Torrance), faded in the third lap and ended up fourth at 4:14.2 behind junior Steve Miller (Carlmont, Belmont), who did 4:10.2.

Dale Scott (El Cerrito) was going for the national record (1:48.8), in the half-mile, but had to be content with the ninth-fastest performance ever—1:49.7. He passed the 440 in the required 52.6, but slowed perceptibly in the third 220 before kicking away from the field. A surprise second at 1:51.5 was James Robinson (McClymonds, Oakland), who lowered his pre-meet best from 1:55.9. Tom Kovacich (Buena Park) just got third with his 1:51.6, nipping another surprise, Albert Seeney (Manual Arts, Los Angeles), who did 1:51.7. Scott had dropped from the 440 prelims in order to be ready for this race. In the mile relay, however, he came from 12 yards back with his 47.2 anchor to give El Cerrito the win, 3:17.6 to 3:17.7 over McClymonds.

The two-mile was held early Friday evening to avoid the heat, and Curtis Beck (Santa Monica) responded with a meet record 8:52.4. Leading through a 4:25.6 first mile, Beck produced a 61.6 final 440 to give him a clear win, although Dave Taylor (Merced) also produced an impressive sprint to nail second at 8:53.6. The first five were under 9:00, as Bob Grubbs of Washington, Fremont (8:56.2), Jim Salcido of Sunny Hills, Fullerton (8:56.8) and Steve Martin of Davis (8:58.2) followed. Only Grubbs and Salcido of the top six are seniors, and 16-year-old John Garcia (Redwood, Visalia) claimed the frosh record with his 9:14.4 in ninth.

A surprise double winner was Dan Jones (Palo Verde, Blythe), who utilized a pair of great starts to capture the high hurdles in 13.6 and the lows in 18.7. He may have been the only entry in the meet to complete an undefeated season.

100(ok), McCullough 9.5. 220(ok), Shavers 21.0; 2. McCullough 21.2. 440, Harrell 47.4; 2. Brown 47.8; 3. Lewis 47.9; 4. Lawson 47.9. 880, Scott 1:49.7; 2. Robinson 1:51.5; 3. Kovacich 1:51.6; 4. Seeney 1:51.7; 5. Hyatt 1:52.1. Mile, Schilling 4:05.4; 2. Cotton 4:05.5; 3. Miller 4:10.7. 2 Mile, Beck 8:52.4; 2. Taylor 8:53.6; 3. Grubbs 8:56.2; 4. Salcido 8:56.8; 4. Martin 8:58.2; 6. Williams 9:08.4. 120HH(ok), Jones 13.6; 2. Royal 13.8. 180LH(st, ok), Jones 18.7; 2. Nealy 18.9; 3. Royal 18.9; 4. Rivas 18.9.

HJ, Mills 6-10; 2. Madau 6-9; 3. Schneider 6-9; 4. Johnson 6-9. PV, Black 15-2. LJ(ok), McCullough 24-7; 2. Herndon 24-4½; 3. Farmer 24-1¼. SP, Cross 65-7½; 2. Albritton 63-2. DT, Overton 184-4; 2. Groover 180-9; 3. McNaughton 180-7. 440R, Wilson, San

Francisco 41.3; 2. Crenshaw, Los Angeles 41.5. MileR, El Cerrito 3:17.6 (Scott 47.2); 2. McClymonds, Oakland 3:17.7. Teams: Sacramento 18; 2. Long Beach Poly 13.

ALL-AMERICAN

Scully Hurdles Record 36.6 in First Race Ever

Baton Rouge, La., June 10 /from Paul Adams/—The All-American High School championships featured top winning marks and great depth in almost every event, but none was faster or deeper than the 330 intermediate hurdles, as Bruce Scully (Audubon, NJ) produced a national record 36.6.

Although he was second in the highs in his state meet and the winner of the lows, he had never before run the medium-height barriers in competition. Off behind state rival Nate Austin (Rahway) and John Rudd (Roosevelt, Dayton, Ohio), Scully caught the pair at the last hurdle as both had trouble with hitting barriers. Scully's 36.6 nips a tenth from Bob Bornkesel's standard of 1968. Rudd moves to equal-third all-time with his 36.8, with Austin moving to equal-fifth with his 37.0. Highs winner (13.7) Charles Romes (Hillside, Durham, NC) matched Austin's clocking in fourth.

The meet's only double winner was Johnny Williams (Talladega, Ala), who took both sprint titles with legal 9.4 and 21.0 clockings. An all-star team from the eastern portion of the nation recorded a 3:10.9 mile relay (well under the national standard of 3:11.8) as Rudd produced a 46.7 third leg. The mark is not acceptable as a record because of the informality of the team's composition.

100(ok), Williams 9.4; 2. Dawson 9.5. 220(ok), Williams 21.0; 2. Cobb 21.2; 3. Colvin 21.2. 440, Stroman 47.2; 2. Harris 47.3; 3. Harrell 47.4; 4. Brown 47.7; 5. Son 47.8. 880, Gibson 1:51.0; 2. Kovacich 1:51.4; 3. Trelease 1:51.7; 4. Klonhower 1:51.9; 5. Garrison 1:52.1. Mile, Fischer 4:05.7; 2. Addison 4:05.9; 3. Vogt 4:07.0; 4. Arriola 4:08.6; 5. McDaniel 4:09.3; 6. McLean 4:10.9. 2 Mile, Salcido 8:56.8; 2. Genet 8:58.2; 3. Bentz 8:58.4; 4. Butynas 9:02.8; 5. J.Olswang 9:04.0; 6. T.Olswang 9:04.6. 120HH(ok), Romes 13.7; 2. Reese 13.8; 3. Scully 13.9; 4. Reddic 13.9. 330IH, Scully 36.6 HSR; 2. Rudd 36.8; 3. Austin 37.0; 4. Romes 37.0; 5. Reddic 37.9.

HJ, Reese 6-9½; 2. Wacki 6-9; 3. Nedimeyer 6-9. PV, Baggatt 15-9½; 2. Eddy 15-3; 3. Myers 15-0; 4. Black 15-0; 5. Bailey 15-0; 6. Brigham 14-6. LJ(ok), Carter 24-8½; 2. Banks 24-3½. TJ(ok), Glascoe 48-0. SP, Albritton 67-9; 2. Franklin 66-8. DT, Houston 177-4; 2. Brigham 177-1. JT, Carter 221-8. 440R, West 41.3 (Deaton, Day, Dawson, Gilbreath); 2. East 41.3 (Wells, Colvin, Mackall, Ray). MileR, East 3:10.9 (Thornton 49.1, Harris 47.2, Rudd 46.7, Stroman 47.9).

INTERNATIONAL

Misher, Lawson Speed to Wins, Dow Rifles 247-11

Mt. Prospect, Ill., June 10 /from George Andrews/—Strong winds held down some performers at the first International Prep Invitational, but blew Allen Misher and Bob Lawson to respectively speedy efforts in the 100 and highs, while Bruce Dow threw into the teeth of the wind and stabbed his javelin out exactly 14-feet farther than ever before.

Misher (Sterling, Houston, Tex) rode the strong north wind to a 13.4 clocking over the prep high sticks, edging Larry Shipp (St Albans, Washington, DC) by a tenth. Misher, prep record matcher earlier this season with a legal 13.4, got off fast and Shipp held his own until the last three barriers. Later in the 330 hurdles, Misher's only competition was himself as his 37.5 victory put him 1.5 seconds up on second. He was named the leading performer in the meet witnessed by some 7000 fans.

Short sprint winner Bob Lawson (Libbey, Toledo, Ohio) kept his undefeated string in the 100 this year intact with a wind-blown 9.3 victory, two-tenths up on Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif). In the javelin, Bruce Dow (Hillsboro, Ore) got his winning 247-11 on the final competitive effort of the meet, lengthening his best from 233-11 and topping Dave Ott (Skyline, Salt Lake City) at 243-7. In the discus, thrown straight into the wind, the season's top four preps clashed. Scott Overton (Los Altos, Calif) hit 192-1 to top Whitney Paul (Ball, Galveston, Tex) 186-8, Jim Miller (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore) 186-3 and Brett Dull (Winter Haven, Fla) 179-6. Prepdom's greatest-ever hammer thrower, Alvin Jackson, twirled 219-8 for an over-17-foot-win. Another top field effort was the 25-1¼ long jump effort of Bo Scott (Alton, Ill), wind-assisted.

On the track, the strong winds held down some efforts but Ron Ray (Ferguson, Newport News, Va) still cruised an easy 47.0 440. A two-mile thriller saw Bob Grubbs (Washington, Fremont, Calif) set the pace the entire race with Jose Amaya (Wilson, Los Angeles) right behind. With some 60-yards left, it looked like Grubbs had turned back Amaya's last surge, but Amaya found another effort and inched ahead as both leaned across the line like a pair of sprinters. Both clocked 8:54.6, six-tenths off winner Amaya's best and a 1.6-second PR for runnerup Grubbs.

100(w), Lawson 9.3; 2. McCullough 9.5; 3. Jones 9.5. 220(ok), Jones 21.8; 2. Lawson 21.8. 440, Ray 47.0; 2. Jones 47.3; 3. Campbell 47.4; 4. Newman 47.8. 880, Guaschio 1:52.1. Mile, Morrison 4:13.5. 2 Mile, Amaya 8:54.6; 2. Grubbs 8:54.6; 3. Ellis 8:59.0. 120HH(w), Misher 13.4; 2. Shipp 13.5. 330IH, Misher 37.5.

HJ, DeLoach 6-9¾. PV, Riley 15-6; 2. Klawitter 15-3; 3. Laz 15-3. LJ(w), Scott 25-1½; 2. McCullough 23-11½. TJ(ok), Rim 48-1¼. SP, Cross 63-5¾; 2. Gerasimchuk 63-4¼. DT, Overton 192-1; 2. Paul 186-8; 3. Miller 186-3. HT, Jackson 219-8; 2. Bartlett 202-7. JT, Dow 247-11; 2. Ott 243-7; 3. Tennis 229-6; 4. Delape 221-11. □

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Eugene, Ore., June 1-3—A youth-accented group of collegians, stimulated by the ever-increasing momentum of the Olympic year, a hyperfast track and the rabid fans of the "jogging capital of the world", produced world-class performances and generally exceptional efforts all-around in the Olympic-year NCAA championships.

Virtually all the top college performers did their thing on Stevenson Track and Hayward Field—so well that 14 of 18 event winners, excluding only the relays, would have moved into the world top 10 for the year, if they weren't there already. Global-pacing efforts came from John Smith, who retained his one-lap crown with a 44.5 400-meters (his second-fastest effort over a single circuit) and frosh Tom Woods' 7-3/4 high jump.

Both Smith and Woods typify a curious division of the winners: on one hand were the "veterans" of collegiate and national competition who copped championships; on the other were the "newcomers", often freshman, who moved past their older rivals for victories.

Among the "vets" were Warren Edmonson, whose 10.1 outran a remarkably even 100-meter field; Dave Wottle, whose homestretch surge finished a 3:39.7 1500 winner; hometown hero Steve Prefontaine, who cruised to the US's—and his—third-fastest 5000 of 13:31.4; John Halber-

stadt, the little South African who led five foreigners to the first six 10,000 places with 28:50.4; Dave Roberts, who defended his vault title with 17-3; James Butts, whose last-jump 53-2 1/4 won the triple jump; Fred DeBernardi, the meet's only double winner and only third weightman ever to take the shot-disc double; Al Schoterman, who set the only college record of the meet with a 231-3 hammer spin; and Ron Evans, whose PR 7571 decathlon score moved him up seven places over his 1971 finish.

Then there were the "newcomers". Larry Burton capped his first-ever competitive season with a 20.5 200 win; Willie Thomas surged to a 1:47.1 800 title; Joe Lucas led five under the Olympic steeple standard of 8:38.0 with his 8:30.2; Jerry Wilson out-hurdled Tom Hill and Charles Rich in the highs while Bruce Collins did the same to Jim Bolding in the 400 barriers; Randy Williams popped three long jumps farther than second place; and Rick Dowswell crushed the javelin field with his 265-11 first throw.

The generally superior facilities were marred by minor irregularities. But nothing could mar the enthusiasm of the athletes or the some 29,000 fans who gathered over three days of generally warm, sunny weather to witness the first "big meet" of the year which will culminate in the biggest meet of all in Munich. /Jon Hendershott/

Data-Time NOT Fully Electronic

The Data-Time timing system, used in the NCAA for the second straight year, continues to confuse many, including NCAA meet officials. Billed as an electronic system, with the connotation of complete accuracy and twentieth-century technological perfection, it is in fact subject to all the human errors and imperfections that have plagued non-photographic timing methods for years.

True, the works are electronic and the quartz-crystal timer is more accurate than the hand-held stop watch and is capable of splitting seconds into ten thousand parts. But the timer starts only when human timers push buttons and stops only when other buttons are pushed. Thus, confusion number one, that the recorded times are exact and that the times, which are given in hundredths-of-a-second, show the exact differential between runners. Unlike the photo-timing devices which are mandatory for the Olympics and used occasionally in this country, the times are hand produced and decades of timing experience has shown that hand-timing is not accurate to a tenth, let alone a hundredth.

Confusion number two involves the treatment of the hundredth second timing. IAAF rules provide for the rounding of hundredths, down for four and below, up for five and more. But the international rules fail to

make clear whether hundredths should be used with hand timing or only with electrical timing, which is undefined. Thus, an inconsistency arises. For instance, Warren Edmonson won his semi-final in 10.02. Following IAAF rules, this is rounded down to 10.0. But the same time on a tenth second watch, with the hand stopping just over 10.0 but well short of 10.1, would be read as 10.1. So in half the cases the hundredth-second hand times come out faster than they would in conventional hand timing. This, of course, favors some runners and is an injustice to others. Edmonson, Cliff Branch and Harrington Jackson all ran legal 10.02s and are credited with new NCAA records of 10.0. But under the system used elsewhere, they would have 10.1s, tying the record held by Harry Jerome and Lennox Miller.

Confusion number three involves the decathlon. New IAAF rules make mandatory the use of new hundredth-second tables for the 100 and hurdles whenever electrical timing is used. No doubt the rule makers meant full electrical, photo-finish timing. But they failed to offer any interpretation and the NCAA officials decided the Data-Time system was electrical and the hundredth-second tables should be used. Thus improper scores now are official.

Hopefully, the NCAA, IAAF, AAU and other rule makers will clarify the situation. Also hopefully, Data-Time or someone else will come up with a system of automatically starting (that's easily done now) and stopping (that's the problem) these fancy electronic timers, and thus make of them the completely accurate systems many now mistakenly think them to be.

100 METERS

The search for a consistent, dominating sprinter continues. There was some fast and fancy running, but it belonged to a number of dashmen and when it was over Warren Edmonson of UCLA was the collegiate champion but by no means a sure-fire leader from here on.

The fast Stevenson track and aiding breezes produced a clutch of great heat times. There were two 9.9s, ten 10.0s, and eight 10.1s, six of which did not make it to the semi-finals. The winning 9.9 belonged to Ivory Crockett and the Southern Illinois senior looked to be the class of the field. He whooshed away from Don Quarrie and six others to win by four or five feet (his coach said three yards.) The Data-Time field board recorded 9.59, surely the fastest metric hundred ever. But it was admittedly in error, the start of the timing device having been delayed when someone walked between the Data-Time timers and the starting gun. Back-up timers with hand watches caught Crockett in 9.9. The other times, including a much too fast 9.9 for Quarrie, were arrived at by some unexplained and impossible-to-figure "adjustment".

Notable casualties were Herb Washington, with a solid claim as the number one collegiate hundred man; Leon Brown, fourth last year; and Texas El Paso's Harold Williams, who false-started out.

Just when it seemed two-time AAU champ Crockett was the man to beat, he was beaten in the first semi-final. And badly, by surprising Cliff Branch of Colorado. The soon-to-turn-pro footballer was almost as impressive in whipping Crockett as the latter had been in bouncing Quarrie. His time was a legal 10.0 as Crockett could do no better than 10.2, and Southern Cal ace Willie Deckard ran out of the money. The new NCAA record was equaled in the second semi by Edmonson and Harrington Jackson, the defender from El Paso. Quarrie was third, closing with a rush and then hopping as he crossed the finish, protecting a cramped leg. (Quarrie took his blocks in the final but elected not to run on his bad leg after five yards.)

The final was close, with six of the seven in a line and only Harold Porter out of the fight. Edmonson, in the middle, was out well and held a lead of mere inches to the tape, clocking a windy 10.1. Errol Stewart, another in the deep El Paso stable, was third ahead of Crockett and Branch and Jackson. Second? James Amerison, no less. The unheralded 21-year-old junior from Lincoln University in Missouri ran 10.0 for second in heat four with a just-over-the-limit wind but it was overlooked in the rash of fast marks. He was fourth in the first semi-final and the least regarded man in the final. But at the end, he was the fastest moving man on one of the fastest tracks in the world and his closing rush on the inside just missed. So another contender has to be reckoned with in this most perplexing of sprint seasons. /Bert Nelson/

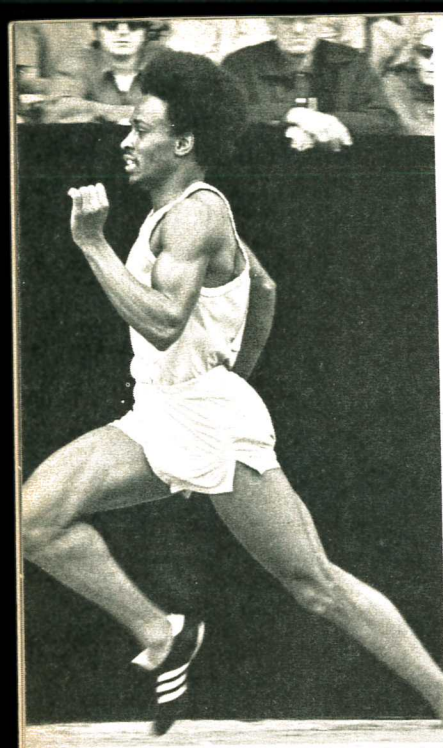
RESULTS (6/2, 5.4 mph): 1. Warren Edmonson (UCLA) 10.1; 2. James Amerison (Lincoln) 10.1; 3. Errol Stewart (El Paso) 10.1; 4. Ivory Crockett (Sn III) 10.1; 5. Cliff Branch (Colo) 10.1; 6. Harrington Jackson (El Paso) 10.2; 7. Harold Porter (SWn La) 10.3; ... dnf—Donald Quarrie (Sn Cal).

HEATS (6/1, three qualify): I(5.33)-1. Edmonson 10.0; 2. Ed Hammonds (Memp St) 10.0; 3. Jackson 10.0; 4. Kent Merritt (Va) 10.1; 5. John Mays (Ore) 10.1. II(7.41)-1. Stewart 10.0; 2. Willie Deckard (Sn Cal) 10.0; 3. Al Hearvey (Ore) 10.1; 4. Herb Washington (Mich St) 10.1. III(8.50)-1. Crockett 9.9; 2. Quarrie 9.9; 3. Bill Holloway (E Tenn St) 10.0; 4. Dave Rorem (Wash St) 10.1; ... disq—Harold Williams (El Paso). IV(4.76)-1. Porter 10.0; 2. Amerison 10.0; 3. Gus Brisco (Ariz) 10.2. V(7.48)-1. Dave Gilliard (Cal Poly/Pom) 10.0; 2. Branch 10.0; 3. Gene Pouncy (SMU) 10.1; 4. Leon Brown (Sn Cal) 10.1; 5. Bill Collins (TCU) 10.1.

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): I(3.67)-1. Branch 10.0; 2. Crockett 10.2; 3. Stewart 10.2; 4. Porter 10.3; 5. Deckard 10.3. II(2.38)-1. Edmonson 10.0; 2. Jackson 10.0; 3. Quarrie 10.1; 4. Amerison 10.1.

200 METERS (Turn)

Based on 1971 form, the 200-meters figured to be perhaps the toughest event of the meet, with five of the top six world-ranked half-lappers of



Warren Edmonson's 10.1 outran the NCAA 100-meter field. /Chadzev/



John Smith's 44.5 400 defended his NCAA one-lap title. /Don Chadez/

1971 slated to appear.

So who filled the top three slots? Three sophomores with no international, in fact little national, experience. And as a fitting chapter to the Larry Burton success story (see 11 May), the Purdue flash slid by a good field to annex his first national championship. Near the leaders as they came off the curve, Burton exhibited good strength as he powered by in the straight, holding on for a windy (5.98) 20.5, with the next three given the same time.

Second produced a deadlock between Richard Hardware (Adelphi) and Mark Lutz (Kansas) as the pair showed great speed at opposite ends of the race. Several reliable observers felt Hardware caught a flyer, at the start while Lutz closed with incredible speed in the last five yards, as he moved up from fourth or fifth. Southern Cal filled the next two slots, as Leon Brown did 20.5 and Willie Deckard again showed the effects of eight races in three days with his fading 20.6. Still, Deckard, number-five in the world last year, fared better than the other world ranked runners alluded to previously.

Number-one Don Quarrie was an easy heat winner but pulled in the 100 and didn't show for the semis. Number-three Larry Black ended up at the NAIA at the last minute. Number-four Marshall Dill easily qualified in second in his heat, but was unable to appear for the semi when he suffered a leg cramp (a not uncommon occurrence since a tonsilectomy this spring). And number-six George Daniels drew tight lane one in his heat and finished a non-qualifying fourth. Another significant victim of lane one was 20.4 performer Dennis Schultz, knocked out in the first round. Also shot down by a cramp was 100-meter victor Warren Edmonson, who had the second-fastest time in the prelims, a windy 20.3. Well in the fight through the first 100 in the final, a twinge in one leg caused him to stop.

The first-day heats were wicked, as the top 10 qualifiers recorded times of 20.5 or faster, as all races were aided by illegal breezes ranging from 6.46 to 8.59 mph. Unheralded James Amerison was a seeding victim, his 20.6 fourth failing to advance him as he ran behind Deckard, Burton and Lutz. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS (6/3, 5.98 mph): 1. Larry Burton (Purd) 20.5; 2. tie, Rich Hardware (Adelphi) & Mark Lutz (Kans) 20.5; 4. Leon Brown (Sn Cal) 20.5; 5. Willie Deckard (Sn Cal)

20.6; 6. Dennis Walker (Adelphi) 20.6; 7. Harold Williams (El Paso) 20.8; ... dnf—Warren Edmonson (UCLA).

HEATS (6/1, three qualify): I(8.59 mph)-1. Deckard 20.2; 2. Burton 20.4; 3. Lutz 20.5; 4. James Amerison (Lincoln) 20.6. II(6.46)-1. Ivory Crockett (Sn III) 20.4; 2. Harrington Jackson (El Paso) 20.5; 3. Al Hearvey (Ore) 20.5; 4. George Daniels' (Colo) 20.7. III(6.87)-1. Walker 20.5; 2. Marshall Dill (Mich St) 20.8; 3. James Rudasill (Brown) 20.8; 4. Dennis Schultz (Okla St) 21.0. IV(8.36)-1. Don Quarrie' (Sn Cal) 20.6; 2. Hardware 20.7; 3. Gordon Peppers (UCLA) 20.7. V(6.60)-1. Brown 20.3; 2. Edmonson 20.3; 3. Williams 20.4; 4. Oscar Beasley (L Beach St) 20.7.

SEMIS (6/3, four qualify): I(nil)-1. Edmonson 20.7; 2. Lutz 20.8; 3. Deckard 20.8; 4. Walker 20.9; 5. Hearvey 20.9; 6. Rudasill 20.9. II(1.77)-1. Burton 20.6; 2. Brown 20.7; 3. Hardware 20.7; 4. Williams 20.8; 5. Crockett 20.8.

400 METERS

Stevenson track is kind to one-lappers in general and John Smith in particular. Last year, of course, he established a world record setting 44.5 for 440-yards to win the AAU championships here. All he did this year was record his second quickest clocking ever, including metric/yard conversions, with yet another 44.5 mark for the shorter 400-meter course. In the face of all the sparkling performances by newcomers in other events, its true greatness may have gone somewhat overlooked: it ranks a respectable equal 10th all-time in the world, and that includes all the altitude-aided times.

Smith is aggressive, going out fast and taking charge. He bagged both his heat and semi races, in non-loafing-times of 45.9 and 46.0. UCLA teammate Benny Brown twice took runner-up spots behind Northeast Missouri State's Larence Jones, whose 46.1 and 45.4 (PR) qualifying wins re-established his promise last seen as a California prep at 46.6 for yards way back in 1969. Several fast-rising newcomers of this season reaffirmed their early season marks—including Arizona State's Maurice Peoples, Kentucky State's Steve Jordan and Florida's Beaufort Brown, the latter pair coming up with the only other semi PRs, 45.8 and 46.2. Southern California's football-conscious Edesel Garrison went through two listless fourth place qualifying rounds.

Smith, a victim of a severe case of hepatitis during the latter part of 1971 whose Olympic status was still in doubt as late as the indoor season, looked as good, as healthy and as strong as ever. He led from the start to finish, though teammate Brown had pulled about even at the 200, as Garrison lagged slightly behind the other five who formed a perfect diagonal line. Around the curve, Smith left no doubt who was in charge and came off the turn with a three yard advantage on the still closely bunched field.

Smith was just super down the homestretch, smoothly and powerfully drawing away. But out of the pack emerged emerging Larence Jones, who lived up to his preliminary race billing with a magnificent, fast finishing 45.1 PR, with freshman Brown a few strides behind with his best-yet of 45.3. Garrison appeared to "give up" in the final few yards, slowing to 45.5 to get another fourth place here, still ahead of Peoples, Jordan and Brown, who may have suffered from their fast trials. It was the first year since 1968 that three rounds were necessary, despite only 18 entries.

The 21-year-old Smith revealed he ran all out. "I didn't have to hold

anything back. This track really helps. The air is cleaner, I am physically more activated, and I use a minimum of energy and a maximum of speed." /Dick Drake/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. John Smith (UCLA) 44.5; 2. Larence Jones (NE Mo St) 45.1; 3. Benny Brown (UCLA) 45.3; 4. Edesel Garrison (Sn Cal) 45.5; 5. Maurice Peoples (Ariz St) 45.8; 6. Steve Jordan (Ky St) 45.9; 7. Beaufort Brown (Fla) 46.5; 8. Earl Richardson (Sn Cal) 46.9.

HEATS (6/1, four qualify): I-1. Jones 46.1; 2. Benny Brown 46.4; 3. Greg Stephens (LSU) 46.8; 4. Dale Gibson (Miss St) 46.9; ... dnf—Steve Williams (El Paso). II-1. Smith 45.9; 2. Peoples 46.2; 3. Roger Colglazier (ACC) 46.3; 4. Richardson 46.5. III-1. Jordan 46.4; 2. Beaufort Brown 46.6; 3. Lloyd Wills (LSU) 46.6; 4. Garrison 46.7; 5. Stan Vinson (En Mich) 46.7.

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): I-1. Jones 45.4; 2. Benny Brown 45.5; 3. Jordan 45.8; 4. Garrison 46.2. II-1. Smith 46.0; 2. Peoples 46.2; 3. Beaufort Brown 46.2; 4. Richardson 46.7.

800 METERS

Unlike last year's NCAA 880, which was totally dominated by Mark Winzenried, this season's 800-meter version was no slowpoke nor was it a one man race. Four runners from last year's top eight were returning, though second placing Rick Brown was not here because of Cal's suspension.

Thursday's trials were uneventful as no one really revealed himself as a favorite, even though West Virginia's Morgan Mosser went on the wild in the second heat with a 51.8 first quarter on his way to a straining 1:47.8. Ashland's Jay Fabian, fifth last year, was eliminated in the first heat. The final two heats went cheap, for neither winner's time would have qualified him in the top three spots of the first three.

Friday's semi-finals proved to be a bit more interesting. Lennox Stewart of North Carolina won the first heat in 1:47.7 after passing the quarter in 54.0. Right behind Stewart was Rob Mango of Illinois at 1:48.1 with Marcel Philippe of Fordham and Mosser one- and two-tenths back.

Marring the second heat of the semis, which was won by Stewart's teammate Tony Waldrop in 1:48.4, was a bumping incident on the second turn. Oregon State's Clay Lowrey tripped on the piped edge as he cruised near the lead, bumped Illinois' Ron Phillips (third in 71), tripped again, and this time knocked Phillips into lane five and out of contention along with himself.

Phillips, 20 yards back, didn't lose any more ground until the final turn when he discovered his situation hopeless. However, an Illinois protest was answered with a swelling of the final field from eight to nine.

Philippe, a junior who is rarely known to lead, paced a tight final field pack through a 53.4 first quarter. "I really didn't expect to be in the lead, but I didn't want to fall back and get boxed," he said later.

On the far backstretch, everyone was juggling for position. Stewart sat right behind Philippe with Mango, Phillips, Tom Bach of Northwestern, and an in-and-out Willie Thomas of Tennessee crush on his shoulder and the rest of the field clinging tightly on them.

All the runners spread out in two rows over four lanes in a dash for

Tennessee's Willie Thomas barges through the middle of the NCAA 800-meter field to victory in 1:47.1, edging (l-r) Ron Phillips (2nd), Tony Waldrop (3rd), Rob Mango (7th), Tom Bach (4th), Lennox Stewart (8th) and Marcel Philippe (5th). /Don Chadez/



the final straight. Phillips, in the second row, paused and then flew around everyone as he jumped into lane five.

It looked like Phillips and Waldrop one-two at 10 yards from the tape, but Thomas, who was in the middle of the charging rows, had been trying to ram his way through the first row.

Suddenly, there was daylight and Thomas put on some spectacular super-speed to nip Phillips, a junior, by a 1:47.1 to 1:47.2 margin at the tape in one of the fastest mass half-mile finishes in NCAA history. Waldrop finished third, Bach fourth, Philippe fifth, Oregon frosh Steve Bence sixth, and Mango seventh as all finished at 1:48.0 or better. A step back were Stewart and Mosser, at 1:48.5 in eighth and ninth.

"Confidence won it for me today," said Thomas, a sophomore transfer from Florida A&M who still owns the prep indoor 880 record. "This race was more brain work than physical." /Jack Bodnar/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Willie Thomas (Tenn) 1:47.1; 2. Ron Phillips (Ill) 1:47.2; 3. Tony Waldrop (N Car) 1:47.4; 4. Tom Bach (NWN) 1:47.4; 5. Marcel Philippe (Ford) 1:47.5; 6. Steve Bence (Ore) 1:47.7; 7. Rob Mango (Ill) 1:48.0; 8. Lennox Stewart (N Car) 1:48.5; 9. Mike Mosser (W Va) 1:48.6.

HEATS (6/1, three qualify): I-1. Bach 1:48.6; 2. Waldrop 1:49.0; 3. Willie Blackmon (Tex A&M) 1:49.5; . . . 6. Jay Fabian (Ashland) 1:51.5; 7. Pat Collins (Ore St) 1:55.0. II-1. Mosser 1:47.8; 2. Clay Lowrey (Ore St) 1:48.1; 3. Bence 1:48.4; 4. Bob Smith (LSU) 1:48.8. III-1. Thomas 1:49.8; 2. Mango 1:50.0; 3. Fernando DeLaCerde (El Paso) 1:50.7. IV-1. Greg Weiss (Montclair St) 1:51.5; 2. Reggie Clark (Wm&Mary) 1:51.5; 3. Phillips 1:51.6. V-1. Philippe 1:51.3; 2. Wes Smylie (Ore) 1:51.3; 3. Stewart 1:51.4; . . . 6. Greg

Willie Thomas: Championship Surprise

Willie Thomas seems capable of pulling surprise after surprise in the half-mile. First, as a Chicago prep he produced a high school indoor record 1:52.4 in early 1969 and then came up with three of the quickest prep clockings of that outdoor campaign, 1:50.8 and two 1:51.1s. Two seasons of relative obscurity fell away this spring when Thomas, now a Tennessee sophomore, sped 1:50.2 in a dual meet. Then, in the Southeastern Conference, he blasted his best down to 1:47.6.

But perhaps Thomas' biggest surprise yet came in a competitive NCAA 800-meter final when he surged to the championship with a 1:47.1 clocking, topping a fast field yet one which was not dominated by a clear-cut favorite.

For that very reason, Thomas felt his chances at Eugene were good. "Most of the runners I was concerned about were eliminated," says the 6-2, 162-lb. Thomas. "I was comparing my chances based on my 1:47.6 and I



Willie Thomas /Jack Bodnar/

Jones (El Paso) 1:53.0.

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): I-1. Stewart 1:47.7; 2. Mango 1:48.1; 3. Philippe 1:48.2; 4. Mosser 1:48.3; 5. Blackmon 1:48.6. II-1. Waldrop 1:48.4; 2. Bach 1:48.5; 3. Thomas 1:48.8; 4. Bence 1:48.9; . . . 7. Phillips 1:53.3 (bumped and injured, petitioned to final).

1500 METERS

This was a fierce battle, full of surprises, from the first heat right down to the last few strides of the final.

In the very first heat, an exciting homestretch melee stirred the crowd. Hailu, Oregon State's 3:59.3 sophomore miler from Ethiopia, was near the rear of the tightly-bunched pack at three-quarters in 3:04.6. He tried to kick, but a bout of flu had weakened him and he had difficulty moving to fourth in the homestretch. As he struggled alongside Rick Ritchie at the tape, tall Steve Wheeler of Duke slipped through on the inside to beat them both for the last qualifying spot.

The second heat was a sizzler, with last year's runner-up Bob Wheeler and little Reggie McAfee passing three-quarters in 3:01.4. Then they kicked and Wheeler finished in 3:42.7. The third heat provided a surprise. Willie Eashman of Hayward State, a promising runner for several years, ran his last 310-yards faster than Bob Wheeler's 41.1 while Dave Wottle breezed in second with a 57.9 last 440. Keith Munson, third last year, could not overcome his leg injury this year and dropped out. In the fourth heat, Lee LaBadie led in 3:09 but was shunted back to fourth at the finish. He made

didn't think too many guys could stand up to that."

The NCAA final didn't proceed as Thomas wanted—except at the finish. "I wanted to blast out of the last turn," he points out, "but I couldn't because traffic was heavy and I was blocked. I had to wait for an opening."

And the opening didn't come any too soon. Only some 10 yards from the tape, three runners were abreast with Thomas behind but one veered and Thomas surged to victory. "I was waiting for just any little opening, the least bit of daylight."

Thomas' unexpected SEC performance might have been faster—but he was standing talking to an official at trackside when the gun went off. "It was really freaky," he says. "In the heats, the starter would say 'set' and then pop the gun right after. No one asked him if the start would be fast or slow, and before the final I wanted to get it straight. I was in lane eight and I called to him to ask if it would be a fast or slow start. Evidently, he didn't hear me but an official on the side of the track did and said, 'Wait a minute' because he was going to ask. But the starter fired the gun even though the official kept calling to wait. All the runners took off and I looked at the official, then the field running away and I just started running. I was last about 10-yards behind." Thomas just missed catching LSU's Bob Smith at the tape, both timing 1:47.6.

After his leading prep times, recent obscurity and sudden resurgence, Thomas feels his NCAA victory is a natural progression. "I felt it was about time I really got my time down," he says. "I'm glad it came when it did."

Now he looks forward to the US Final Olympic Trials. And how does he see his chances there? "Well, I might surprise myself," he says with a chuckle. A few other people, too. /Jon Hendershott/

the final when Richard Selby of Northern Arizona was disqualified.

The final was run in the shade of an overcast, and Southern Illinois' David Hill led an overeager pack around in 57.1. Wottle, wearing a white cap "because it keeps the hair out of my eyes", moved up on the outside, even with Hill at the 880 in 1:57.7. Down the backstretch, a strange thing happened. Selby, who was not supposed to be in the final, fell to the track and LaBadie fell over him, tripping Ken Popejoy off stride. Hill lost a shoe before the bell, and Bob Wheeler drove down the backstretch, trying to pull away.

Jerome Howe, in the purple of Kansas State, was second into the last curve, and Wottle took over fourth place. Wottle passed Popejoy on the inside around the curve, then launched his feared kick before reaching the homestretch. He shot past, into the lead, and Wheeler was beaten.

Howe, however, was far from beaten. Surprised by Wottle's burst, he began his sprint five yards back, but he showed Olympic-team potential with a powerful kick which missed catching Wottle by only two-feet in 3:39.8. He said, "I should have started running harder earlier." Wheeler edged McAfee by two feet in 3:40.9, but McAfee was disqualified for cutting in earlier. Eashman finished with power, bursting between the two green-shirted runners—Popejoy and Joe Savage of Manhattan—50-yards from the finish.

Wottle, whose 3:39.7 broke Dave Patrick's meet record, said, "When I heard that first lap time today I thought I'd be hurting." When a reporter, probably thinking of Kip Keino, asked if this particular cap was important, Wottle answered, "Yes... because I don't have another one." /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Dave Wottle (B Green St) 3:39.7; 2. Jerome Howe (Kans St) 3:39.8; 3. Bob Wheeler (Duke) 3:40.9; 4. Willie Eashman (Hayward St) 3:41.0; 5. Joe Savage (Manh) 3:41.6; 6. Ken Popejoy (Mich St) 3:41.9; 7. Jim Wilkins (N Car St) 3:44.2; 8. Mike Durkin (Ill) 3:44.3; 9. Steve Wheeler (Duke) 3:45.4; 10. Dave Hill' (Sn Ill) 3:49.5; ... disq—Reggie McAfee (N Car); ... dnf—Lee LaBadie (Ill); Richard Selby' (Nn Ariz).

HEATS (6/1, three qualify): I-1. Durkin 3:46.6; 2. Wilkins 3:47.3; 3. S. Wheeler 3:47.6; ... 5. Hailu' (Ore St) 3:48.8. II-1. B. Wheeler 3:42.7; 2. McAfee 3:43.4; 3. Howe 3:43.7; 4. Al Walker (Wich St) 3:44.5; III-1. Eashman 3:46.2; 2. Wottle 3:46.9; 3. Hill' 3:47.0. IV-1. Savage 3:44.6; 2. Popejoy 3:45.8; 3. LaBadie 3:46.6.

5000 METERS

Steve Prefontaine supposedly was unbeatable, especially in front of the rabid, Pre-loving hometowners. And he was. But not without a fight. Greg Fredericks gave it to him and in the process ran himself into high level Olympic contention.

It was a strong collegiate field, as the mass results will testify, but Pre dominated it and with Fredericks provided the only nationally known names. And shortly after half the race had been run it boiled down to a two man affair. Pre had assumed command, taking the field along at a smart pace and finally pulling away from it. He went past the initial mile in 4:21.8 and the second one in 8:47.4 (4:25.6) and by then the Oregon junior and the Penn State senior were 30-yards ahead of the remaining contenders and pulling away.

Unable to shake his taller, slimmer rival, Pre quickened the attack,

(Left) Oregon's Steve Prefontaine cruised 13:31.4 on his home track to take the NCAA 5000 from Greg Fredericks (13:34.0). /Don Chadez/

(Center) Dave Wottle's (r) homestretch surge carried him to a 3:39.7 NCAA 1500 win over Jerome Howe, who was a tenth back. /Roger Horning/

(Right) South Africa's John Halberstadt (c) took the NCAA 10,000 in 28:50.4 from England's Gordon Minty (l) and Ireland's Donal Walsh. /Chadez/



covering the third mile in 4:16.9. But it was not until there were less than two laps to go that he could edge away from the tenacious easterner. Then he steadily built a firm but not overwhelming margin as the packed stands wildly cheered the most satisfying achievement of what for them was a disappointing meet. At the bell, Steve had a 20 yard lead and was digging in. Still, in the final stretch drive Fredericks actually closed a bit.

The 13:31.4 time challenged Pre's American and collegiate record of 13:29.8 and obliterated the meet standard of 13:57.2. Greg, too, did himself proud, his 13:34.0 ranking fourth on the all-time US list behind Pre, George Young and Gerry Lindgren. It was a third straight win for Prefontaine, equaling Lindgren's achievement, and with another year of eligibility he has to be favored to become the first four-time winner of any NCAA event.

The last mile was a speedy 4:14.4, the final three-quarters was 3:08.9, the half 2:03.8 and the ultimate lap 61.4. Three-mile times, caught by the T&FN crew as the officials once again passed up the opportunity—and the obligation—to catch these significant performances, were 13:04.4 for Pre and 13:06.8 for Fredericks, about 16 and 22 seconds faster than in their similar one-two finish in last year's three-mile.

Back down the track aways, there was a ding-dong battle for the other four medals. About the same time Steve made his move, i.e., with less than two laps left, the pursuing pack began to break apart. John Hartnett, Villanova's Irish soph, took command of third and held it, finishing in a good 13:43.4. Wisconsin's Glenn Herold (13:45.8), Manhattan's Mike Keogh, another Irish soph (13:48.3), and Kansas State's Rich Hitchcock (13:49.6) rounded out the first six in a speedy over-all finish. /Bert Nelson/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 13:31.4 (13:04.4); 2. Greg Fredericks (Penn St) 13:34.0 (13:06.8); 3. John Hartnett' (Vill) 13:43.4 (13:17.6); 4. Glenn Herold (Wisc) 13:45.8 (13:20.8); 5. Mike Keogh' (Manh) 13:48.4 (13:22.0); 6. Rick Hitchcock (Kans St) 13:49.6 (13:23.2); 7. Dave Tocheri' (Nn Ariz) 14:03.0; 8. Phil Burkwitz (Wash St) 14:04.4; 9. Paul Geis (Rice) 14:07.8; 10. Joel Majors (Ga Tech) 14:13.6; 11. Paul Baldwin (Ky) 14:22.4; 12. Del Ramers (Fla St) 14:39.2.

HEATS (6/1, six qualify): I-1. Prefontaine 14:01.4; 2. Herold 14:09.8; 3. Tocheri' 14:10.0; 4. Geis 14:11.4; 5. Hartnett' 14:13.6; 6. Ramers 14:18.8. II-1. Burkwitz 13:59.0 (13:31.4); 2. Keogh' 14:00.4; 3. Fredericks 14:01.0; 4. Baldwin 14:01.6; 5. Majors 14:02.4; 6. Hitchcock 14:03.6; ... 11. Bruce Fischer (Syr) 14:25.6; 12. Gary Harris (Wn Mich) 14:28.2.

10,000 METERS

With defending champion Garry Bjorklund disabled by a congenital foot condition, several three-milers rushed in to fill the vacuum and a classic race developed.

Except for an ill-advised initial burst by Ron Pryor, the pack ran together at an even pace until the slower runners weakened in the warm weather. Pryor, a tall slim runner who prances on his toes, led by 20-yards, past three laps in 3:23 before he began to fade, a victim of the pollen.

After three-miles in 13:56.0 (4:32.3, 4:41.5, 4:42.2), the US citizens in the race were not looking like serious factors. Donal Walsh, Villanova senior from Ireland, led most of the time, and he passed four-miles in 18:37.7. The first American was BYU's Richard Reid in sixth. After two

more laps, Peter Duffy, Nevada's 28:08.0 six-miler from England, began to lose contact, but at four-miles in 23:26.1 he was only 15-yards behind fifth place. Then Cornelius Cusack, a 27:40.6 Irishman at East Tennessee State, lost contact and Duffy lagged 20-yards behind him.

At 4½-miles in 26:56.5, the lead was taken by John Halberstadt of South Africa, a 27:54.2 six-miler at Oklahoma State. Reid, a sophomore who placed third in last year's three-mile as a frosh, began to let go, while Cusack dropped 35-yards behind him.

At six-miles, in 28:01.2, Halberstadt had completed a lap in 64.7 and Reid was now 50-yards behind third place. Halberstadt, a 5-5, 120-lber., showed his 4:01.1 mile speed with a last lap in 57.7. He won in a South African record 28:50.4 and said, "I knew I would win it."

But he was hard pressed in the last lap by tall Gordon Minty, a 28:14.6 six-miling Englishman at Eastern Michigan, who finished only one second behind. Walsh ran a creditable 28:53.6 but was disappointed in missing the Olympic qualifying standard of 28:50.0. Reid finished hard for fourth place, and Duffy passed Cusack to take fifth.

Walsh will go home to run in the Irish marathon. Minty will go to England to try for the British team at 5000-meters. Halberstadt will go to Lake Tahoe for six weeks of high altitude training. He believes his week there helped him in this race. He said, "I thought it was going to be a much tougher race, but as it turned out I didn't feel I had any kind of trouble in winning it." /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS (6/2): 1. John Halberstadt' (Okla St) 28:50.4 (28:01.2); 2. Gordon Minty' (En Mich) 28:51.4; 3. Donal Walsh' (Vill) 28:53.6; 4. Richard Reid (BYU) 29:02.6; 5. Peter Duffy' (Nev) 29:08.8; 6. Neil Cusack' (E Tenn St) 29:09.8; 7. Dick Bowerman (Wabash) 29:27.2; 8. Charles Maguire (Penn St) 29:40.8; 9. Matt Chadwick (Penn St) 29:50.8; 10. Mike Slack (N Dak St) 29:51.4; 11. Steve Wynder (Ball St) 29:51.4; 12. Bob Scharnke (Wisc) 29:56.0; 13. Dan Murphy' (Wash St) 30:12.0; 14. Pat Mander (Ind) 30:15.0; 15. Pat Tyson (Ore) 30:21.8; 16. Keith Pharr (Wich St) 30:35.8; 17. Randy Heierding (Okla) 30:37.6; 18. Chuck Walker (Ariz) 30:38.8; . . . dnf—Scott Eden (Duke), Cletus Griffin (Akron), Bill Haviland (Ohio U), Mark Hiefield (Wash St), Tom Keefer (Ind), Jim Krejci (Murray St), Jim Nuccio (Portland), Ron Pryor (L Beach St), Elliott Rogers (Penn), Mark Savage (Ore), Jim Stanley (Cinc), Bob Wallace' (L Beach St).

STEEPLECHASE

The steeplechase is definitely alive and well in the United States, especially on the collegiate level. The NCAA steeple, though crippled by the graduated loss of its three fastest steeplers of all-time—Sid Sink, Steve Savage and Jerome Liebenberg—again produced excellent marks and depth for the future.

Oddly enough, the slowest qualifier from the two trial heats was the athlete with the fastest listed time, Joe Lucas of Georgetown, 8:35.0 at this year's King Games and last year's sixth placer. All 12 qualifiers had to break 8:50 to gain access into the finals.

Lucas was sixth in the first heat with 8:49.4 as Washington's Jim Johnson led a tight finish with 8:46.8. In the killer second heat, Doug Brown of Tennessee, Roger Beardmore of Duke, and Leonard Hill of Oregon State all hit the tape at 8:46.8. Penn's Bob Childs was a quick sixth at 8:46.8, while George Cook of Montana ran 8:47.0 for a non-qualifying seventh place. Both sixth place times were much faster than last year's initial heats for this meet. Of note, Drake Relays champ Ed Leddy of East Tennessee State and Ireland and Oregon sophomore Todd Lathers were eliminated in this heat.

Saturday's final dawned cool and slightly overcast. The gun sounded

Joe Lucas: Winning 'Straggler'

Joe Lucas just stood there in his faded, lackluster Georgetown warm-ups. His eyes were clear and his straight blondish hair was slightly out of place as he watched a sprint semi-final. Mr. Lucas had just run his race, the 3000-meter steeplechase.

And he had run it well enough to break American record holder Sid Sink's NCAA meet record of 8:31.0 and become the fourth fastest American steepler of all-time. All this in the span of 8:30.2.

"It was a good race," said Lucas, who rises 5-10 from the ground and weighs 137-lbs. "This was certainly the fastest race of my life. I was confident and yet worried going into the final because I had the slowest time of all the qualifiers (12 were taken from two heats)."

He continued, "In the prelim race, I couldn't get the hurdles right at all. I was hitting them flatly instead of hitting the top. My problem mostly



Joe Lucas /Steve Sutton/



Splashing down together, Joe Lucas (l) and Jim Johnson (r) waged a tight duel in the NCAA steeple before Lucas surfaced the winner (8:30.2) over Johnson (8:32.4). Atop the barrier follow (l-r) Mark Larson (4th), Doug Brown (3rd) and Roger Beardmore (5th). /Don Chadez/

and the runners took off, leaving Indiana's Steve Kelly in their wake—a fall victim before the first turn.

Al Myers of Ball State pushed a quick pace that gradually slowed as he led through less-than-quarter-splits of 66.4, 68.6, 69.2, 70.0 and 70.6. Brown fell flat into the water jump at two laps but bounced back quickly to regain his lost ground. At 1½ miles, Johnson moved next to Myers and then started to pull away. Lucas, who was near the middle of the still bunched-pack, began to move on Johnson.

Lucas soon pulled next to Johnson and began to put yardage on the field, a few feet at a time. With 1½ laps to go, Lucas put on his elongated kick and got almost 10-yards on Johnson, but from there on the gap between he and Johnson stayed the same as they finished in PRs of 8:30.2 and 8:32.4 to become the fourth and equal seventh fastest Americans ever.

Brown moved into third with his 8:33.6 while Wisconsin's Mark Larson was pressing Duke's Roger Beardmore in fourth at the final water jump. Beardmore took a bad fall and that was all Larson needed to get fourth, 8:35.0 to 8:38.0. Moving well in sixth place was Illinois' Rick Gross in 8:41.8.

was that I was thinking of who was in the race rather than the hurdles."

With a mile best of 4:04 indoors, run against Greg Fredericks in a relay and lost to same, Lucas doesn't have much faith in his natural speed. "That race against Fredericks was evenly paced, 61s all the way through. I'd like to run a few more to see what I can really do, though I think I've got more strength than speed," he adds.

"In my steeple races, I start my kick with a lap and a half to go," Lucas continues. "I'll just lay back and then make my move. So far it's worked alright."

Previewing his big NCAA steeple win was a sixth place 8:51.4 in last year's meet, an 8:42.0 ninth place in the AAU, and then this season, an 8:40.0 Penn Relays win and an 8:35.0 King Games victory over America's best. It has been a steady trip down the road, since improving on his 4:35 mile time in high school.

Lucas likes to alternate his weekends, running a steeple every two weeks and often taking the remaining weekends "off", in that he will train right through rather than compete. He did admit, however, that he was peaking for this meet. He had skipped the prestigious IC4A.

"I'm glad [Al] Myers took the lead because I don't like to lead," said a soft-spoken Lucas. "I don't like the pressure of leading, so I wait back with the 'stragglers' as long as possible. As it was, for this meet I used up a lot of energy just worrying about this race."

Joe Lucas is a Georgetown senior who at 22 years of age, is a native of Colorado and has a major in psychology. He also has been known to steeple 8:30.2. /Jack Bodnar/

with Washington's Bill Koss at 8:43.2 and a slumping Myers eighth in 8:44.2. The first six placers recorded PRs as 10 runners finished under 8:50.0.

"I always lay back and kick with 1½ laps to go," said Lucas, a senior who was probably the calmest interviewee of the meet. "I don't have a whole lot of speed, so I have to do it that way."

Said Johnson, "I thought I could pull it out, but Lucas was a little faster than I thought he was in the last half-mile. He won honestly."

Although the pit has been reported as too shallow, the engineer who constructed the facility insists that all was legal. Unfortunately, before he could return to check the specifications, the pit was torn down and construction begun on another. /Jack Bodnar/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Joe Lucas (Geotwn) 8:30.2; 2. Jim Johnson (Wash) 8:32.4; 3. Doug Brown (Tenn) 8:33.6; 4. Mark Larson (Wisc) 8:35.0; 5. Roger Beardmore (Duke) 8:38.0; 6. Rick Gross (Ill) 8:41.8; 7. Bill Koss (Wash) 8:43.2; 8. Al Myers (Ball St) 8:44.2; 9. Graham Hutchison' (Wash St) 8:48.4; 10. Bob Childs (Penn) 8:49.2; 11. Steve Kelley (Ind) 9:10.0; 12. Len Hill (Ore St) 9:12.2.

HEATS (6/1, six qualify): I-1. Johnson 8:46.8; 2. Larson 8:48.0; 3. Gross 8:48.0; 4. Hutchison' 8:48.2; 5. Myers 8:49.2; 6. Lucas 8:49.4; 7. Charles Boatright (Okla St) 8:52.6; . . . 10. Randy Smith (Wich St) 9:02.6; . . . 14. Dennis Bayham (Miami/O) 9:22.6. II-1. Brown 8:46.8; 2. Beardmore 8:46.8; 3. Hill 8:46.8; 4. Koss 8:46.8; 5. Kelley 8:46.8; 6. Childs 8:46.8; 7. George Cook (Mont) 8:47.0; . . . 16. Todd Lathers (Ore) 9:35.6.

110 METER HURDLES

For two rounds of competition, Tom Hill ran true to form, looking like the 13.2 hurdler he was two years ago and ready to blow down the opposition. But it was a different Hill who ran the final—and the surprise winner was Jerry Wilson of Southern California.

Hill, who has been enjoying a successful comeback season after being injured last year, paced the heats with a windy 13.4. Wilson and Charles Rich, the former's crosstown rival from UCLA, won trials in 13.5 while Ricky Stubbs of Louisiana Tech showed promise with his 13.6 victory. All marks were breeze-helped.

Hill really turned it on in the first semi. The 6-2, 165-lb. senior from Arkansas State University was smooth as he cut a tenth off the meet record with his 13.3, legal. Rich was two-tenths back and Bill High, Tennessee's good hurdler, a full half-second in arrears. Wilson was a big winner in the second race, his 13.4 being windy but three-tenths ahead of runner-up Stubbs.

So it figured to be Hill, chased by Wilson and Rich, and the final was a three-man race, but with a different outcome. Hill, sandwiched between Wilson on his left and Rich, was off just behind the other two. It took him half the course to ease ahead of Rich but he made no progress on the flying 21-year-old Wilson who came into his own as one of the world's best. Tom and Jerry weren't far apart at the end but the splits came out 13.4 and 13.5, Rich also getting 13.5. Stubbs, too, clocked 13.5, well ahead of the trailing foursome.

As is often the case, the athletes saw it different than it actually was. Wilson said, "It looked as if Rich and Hill were ahead", while Hill thought he was ahead out of the blocks but "messed up. It was either the seventh or eighth hurdle where I lost my balance". /Bert Nelson/

RESULTS (6/2, 0.33 mph): 1. Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal) 13.4; 2. Thomas Hill (Ark St U) 13.5; 3. Charles Rich (UCLA) 13.5; 4. Ricky Stubbs (La Tech) 13.5; 5. Godfrey Murray' (Mich) 13.7; 6. Randy Lightfoot (Tex) 13.8; 7. Gordon Hodges (Tex) 13.8; 8. Bill High (Tenn) 13.8.

HEATS (6/1, four qualify): I(7.8)-1. Hill 13.4; 2. Murray' 13.6; 3. High 13.7; 4. Greg Pivovar (Ill) 14.0. II(11.15)-1. Rich 13.5; 2. Hodges 13.8; 3. Tom McMannon (N Dame) 13.8; 4. Dave Fegley (B Green St) 13.8. III(7.41)-1. Wilson 13.5; 2. Delario Robin-

son (Kans) 13.5; 3. Lightfoot 13.7; 4. Dan Redfearn (BYU) 13.8. IV(8.64)-1. Stubbs 13.6; 2. Ivory Harris (Ore) 13.8; 3. Adeola Aboyade-Cole' (Ill St) 13.8; 4. Dan Jacques (Nn Ill) 13.9.

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): II(1.3)-1. Hill 13.3; 2. Rich 13.5; 3. High 13.8; 4. Hodges 13.9. II(4.76)-1. Wilson 13.4; 2. Stubbs 13.7; 3. Murray' 13.7; 4. Lightfoot 13.8; 5. McMannon 13.8.

400 METER HURDLES

On the sand-colored oval which UCLA coach Jim Bush calls "the fastest track in the world", times were fast and competition fierce, and no man could have predicted the results.

Pre-meet favorite Jim Bolding followed his meet plan by going out extremely fast and coasting in with 17 steps between hurdles for an easy 50.9 in the first heat. Bob Bornkessel, one-time boy wonder who left his reputation back in 1968, showed his talent with a well-paced 51.2. Jean-Pierre Corval surprised from lane eight in the second heat with 49.9. In heat three, bearded Bruce Collins showed astonishing poise with what seemed an effortless 49.7, a best by eight-tenths. Mike Lee of Kansas State claimed perhaps the greatest performance of the meet by running 50-flat in the difficult curb lane.

In Friday's semi-finals, Mike Sullivan of Alabama crashed through the first hurdle. Chris Adsit of Colorado State went out fast while Dennis Ruby's blond pony-tail trailed all except Sullivan. Lee apparently felt his excess of the day before, and ran only 51.1 to qualify two-yards ahead of Ruby. Collins breezed in 50.3 and converted quarter-miler Bob Cassleman matched Collins' time. Bolding ran 49.6 in the other semi while Bornkessel's 50.4 lost out in the last few steps to 50.3s by Carl Wood, Ron Rondeau, and Corval.

In the final, Bolding jumped the gun, slowed for a recall which never came, and then sprinted. Off stride, his left foot went inside a hurdle. He ran hard, and led Collins by three-yards at the third hurdle. Collins, inside Bolding in lane four, began to move faster, still using 13 steps, but the 21-year-old Penn soph was still two-yards behind at the ninth hurdle after switching to 15 steps halfway through. He drove harder and he was only two feet behind the tiring Bolding at the last hurdle.

Bolding faded badly and the on-rushing Cassleman almost caught him at the finish line, in 49.8 to 49.9. Wood, the strong Richmond senior, finished powerfully in 50.3 to beat out Adsit's 50.6. Corval, in the unfair curb lane, barely edged Lee and Rondeau at the end.

Bolding and Cassleman were disqualified for trailing feet alongside hurdles, and Adsit was disqualified for running out of his lane.

Collins showed less fatigue than most quarter-milers, walking away happily instead of bending over and gasping for oxygen. His 49.1 is Olympic quality, and he said, "I guess I have to think about the Olympic Trials now." The 6-foot, 142-lber. added, "I knew that if we were close coming off the last hurdle I would have a good chance." /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Bruce Collins (Penn) 49.1; 2. Carl Wood (Richmond) 50.3; 3. Jean-Pierre Corval' (UCLA) 51.1; 4. Mike Lee (Kans St) 51.3; 5. Ron Rondeau (El Paso) 51.9; . . . disq—Jim Bolding (Okla St) 49.8, Bob Cassleman (Mich St) 49.9, Chris Adsit (Colo St) 50.6.

HEATS (6/1, four qualify): I-1. Bolding 50.9; 2. Bob Bornkessel (Kans) 51.2; 3. Dennis Ruby (L Beach St) 51.3; 4. Mike Sullivan (Ala) 51.5; 5. Robert Primeaux (Tex) 51.5. II-1. Corval' 49.9; 2. Adsit 50.8; 3. Rondeau 50.9; 4. Wood 51.1. III-1. Collins 49.7; 2. Lee 50.0; 3. Cassleman 51.1; 4. Mike Cronholm (Rice) 51.2.

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): I-1. Collins 50.3; 2. Cassleman 50.3; 3. Adsit 50.6; 4. Lee 51.1; 5. Ruby 51.5. II-1. Bolding 49.6; 2. Wood 50.3; 3. Rondeau 50.3; 4. Corval' 50.3; 5. Bornkessel 50.4.

Jerry Wilson: Right On Track

Jerry Wilson admits he is glad the US Final Olympic Trials will be staged at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. After his high hurdling the past two years on that caramel-colored track, it's understandable.

In the 1971 AAU meet, as a sophomore at Fresno City College, Wilson skimmed to a junior college record 13.4 behind Rod Milburn's global record 13.0. In the 1972 NCAA, as a Southern California junior, Wilson surged to the NCAA high hurdles championship in 13.4.

"The track in Eugene is very fast," says the 6-2½, 185-lb. Wilson. "I like the kind of track it is too. I was looking forward to running in the NCAA in Eugene since I did well in the AAU there the year before."



Jerry Wilson /Steve Sutton/

For a good part of this season, though, Wilson ran under wraps due to a muscle injury behind his left knee. He was defeated by cross-Los Angeles rival Charles Rich of UCLA both in their dual meet and then in the Pacific 8 Conference meet. Wilson says he didn't practice much the week after the Pac-8, just jogging easily so not to strain his leg.

"Actually I've noticed that since I have been in college I seem to peak later in the year," points out the 21-year-old Wilson, a two-time California junior college highs winner. "I seem to improve after the dual meets end; I really jump at the increased competition. I told Rich I thought things weren't going so well for me early in the year because of the injury. But I knew it would just be a matter of time before I would get my stuff together."

Wilson says he wasn't certain he had become collegiate champion until he snapped the tape. "My start was slow and I was worried mainly about catching the others," he says. "About mid-way, I put all I had into it and caught them. Actually, maybe not getting a good start wasn't so bad. In the heats, I started fast and eased off and Delario Robinson from Kansas nearly caught me. If I had started well in the final and been ahead, I might have eased off, which wouldn't have been too good."

Wilson is anticipating the Final Olympic Trials even more now. "I'm glad the Trials are in Eugene," he says. "I think the track agrees with me." Judging from his two previous championship-meet appearances at Hayward Field, Wilson must agree with the track as well. /Jon Hendershott/

Bruce Collins: Winning Momentum

Jim Bolding of Oklahoma State was setting a torrid pace in the 400 intermediate hurdles at the NCAA nationals. After two rounds of fast qualifying, this was it, the final race that would tell all.

At the 220 mark of the staggered start in the final, Bolding in lane five was straining with the lead while only a few steps behind and closing was smooth-striding Bruce Collins of Pennsylvania.

By the time both hurdlers hit the final homestretch, Bolding was still slightly ahead but tiring rapidly. At the tenth hurdle, they were even but Collins' foot touched the ground first. The rest of the race was just Collins pulling away to PR 49.1 victory.

"I tried to run my race and didn't worry about what Bolding was doing," commented Collins in his soft, articulate manner. "My only chance



Bruce Collins /Don Chadez/

was to be near him. So at the 220, I started to pick it up with the main thing being to get within striking distance. I was also concerned with Jean-Pierre [Corval, UCLA-France]."

When Collins came to Eugene with a PR of 50.8 for yards at the Penn Relays, he expected to hit 50.0. That goal was shattered after he blasted an easy-looking 49.7 trial on Thursday and a 50.3 semi-final on Friday. More was expected. "In the trials, I was really relaxed and loose, but in the semi I had a little bit of trouble with the second and sixth hurdles," he informed.

Collins, a 21-year-old sophomore from Chester, Pa., has a beautiful flowing stride pattern that tends to flow rather than chop. He's clean over the hurdles without much effort and his trail leg, though not lightning-fast, is quick in clearing the hurdle.

"I've got good natural ability and speed," continues Collins. "During one summer, I attended an Olympic Training Camp held near San Diego. It helped me a lot, as has my coach at Penn, James Tuppeny, who is a very good technique coach."

Right now, he's taking each meet as it comes, having mapped out his strategy late last summer. Realizing the length of his impending season, he kept some shape by playing a lot of tennis in September and October. At the end of October, he started training for his outdoor season, with a sprinkling of indoor contests slipped in besides.

"We started off very slow and we've just picked up momentum," says Collins. So far, the momentum has carried him to a 49.1 and solidly into the Olympic picture. *Jack Bodnar/*

HIGH JUMP

In last year's NCAA high jump, not one flopper made it past the qualifying height of 6-11 which formed a field of 12. This year was different, though, as 6-11 again proved to be the cut-off point with nine jumpers advancing to the finals—but six of them were floppers.

And as it turned out, the top four places were floppers. It was also a battle of the youngsters, as first and third places went to freshmen, second to a sophomore, and fourth to a junior.

The run-in took some getting used to because three different surfaces were in use. There was the infield grass, then a urethane jumping surface which was split by an added texture strip that served as the javelin runway.

But this year's NCAA meet was all Tom Woods of Oregon State. Last year as an Oregon prep, he PRed a 6-11½ jump for a seasonal third behind the second highest prep ever, Dwight Stones of California. This early season, he was somewhat inconsistent, bettering 7-0 only three times and didn't place in the Pac-8. However, here he missed once at 7-0, PRed 7-1 (although he did do 7-1¼ indoors) and 7-2 on his first attempts, recorded one miss at another PR and winning 7-3¼ and finally the pressure set in as he didn't come close to clearing 7-4½.

"These past couple of weeks I've been taking it easy," said the shy unassuming frosh, who worked with originator Dick Fosbury this past fall. "And last week, I went back to my high school coach, Dick Stiles, to improve on my take-off, rotation, and landing. He knows me better than my Oregon State coach Mr. [Berny] Wagner, and he gave me confidence." Woods, who emphasizes the use of science in high jumping, uses a 55-foot run-in and an 8-step approach.

Tom Woods: Jump In Confidence

All spring, Tom Woods admits he didn't have much confidence in his high jumping. He jumped 7-¼ in early April but could manage just 6-10 for seventh in the Pac-8 Conference meet. Then a week before the NCAA meet, he visited his former high school coach in Estacada, Ore., who had the Oregon State freshman read *Track & Field Dynamics* to better understand the complicated physics involved in the flop style. Woods practiced hard all that week, concentrating on his rotation at take-off.

At the end of that week, Tom Woods had won the NCAA high jump championship and taken command of the world with his 7-3¼ leap.

"I just hadn't had much confidence in my run-in and my jumping," says the soft-spoken 19-year-old. "Reading the book helped me understand the physics of the event. There really is a lot of science involved in this style. Then in practice, I felt my confidence grow; my run was improving and I felt



Tom Woods /Steve Sutton/

Meanwhile, second and third went to super-consistent Big 8 champ Barry Schur of Kansas and Pac-8 titlist Dwight Stones of UCLA, both at 7-2. Schur, who led the field with his 7-3 entry, missed only once at 6-10 on his way to 7-2 while Stones, who is considered the closest approximation to Fosbury himself, was perfect until three-shooting his PR 7-2.

"I was really pressing at 7-3¼," said Stones, who came in with an outdoor season filled with six 7-foot or better jumps and a low of only 6-10. "I was really tight, especially after Tom made it on his second try. That was just too much, because he has been so inconsistent all season. I just couldn't get loose, but you can't be unhappy with a personal best."

Tying down the fourth spot was NCAA indoor champ Chris Dunn of Colgate at 7-0. Another consistent performer, Dunn looked as if his reflexes were slowed and he didn't look like Chris Dunn, especially once he had cleared the bar and was delayed in kicking his calves out.

World record holder Pat Matzdorf of Wisconsin passed the meet because of a spike wound in one heel. *Jack Bodnar/*

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Tom Woods (Ore St) 7-3¼; 2. Barry Schur (Kans) 7-2; 3. Dwight Stones (UCLA) 7-2; 4. Chris Dunn (Colgate) 7-0; 5. tie, Mike Bernard (Sn III) & Bob Niehl (Wash St) 6-10; 7. Rick Fletcher (UCLA) 6-10; 8. John Mann (Mich) 6-10; ...
nh—Gene Halton (Princ).

QUALIFICATION (6/1): *Leading qualifiers:* all finalists cleared 6-11. *Notable non-qualifiers:* Dennis Adama (Ind), Larry Hollins (Sn Cal), Gary Kafer (Baylor), William Oates (Tex), Dean Owens (Sn Cal), Wyatt Tompkins (Tex).

POLE VAULT

Twenty-seven vaulters showed up for the event's trials, the most conspicuous absentee being Long Beach State's Steve Smith, who was still

better in the jump. I simply had a great deal of confidence going into the NCAA."

Woods used his new-found confidence well at Eugene, clearing 7-1 and 7-2 on his first tries, 7-0 and 7-3¼ on his second tries and leading four floppers to the first four medals.

But it wasn't as though Woods was over-awed by being a freshman making his first appearance in the college title meet. "I approached the meet from the aspect that I jumped against many of the same jumpers I had met," explains the lanky (6-4¼, 165-lb.) leaper. "I felt I was competitive on their level and that's the way I went into the meet."

Does Woods feel it is difficult for a freshman to step into this very high level of national competition when he has never experienced anything like it before? "There certainly is no specific way to prepare for this kind of competition. I felt I was well-prepared and I was confident. Third-placer Dwight Stones of UCLA is also a freshman. Another factor, I think, is the experience you have had in the past, the kind of meets you have had. Meeting the athletes at the [US Olympic] jump camp helped a great deal, too. The first time you go into a meet like the NCAA, you look at all the big names and that's what bothers you. But if you have met them and jumped against them that helps your confidence. It's important to get familiar with the atmosphere of a meet like the NCAA, a meet where national championships are at stake."

Woods now looks ahead to the Final Olympic Trials and concentrated work on his form. "I feel confident in my form," he says, "but I want to work more on it so I can always jump as high as I can." He has already shown how he can jump when his confidence is up. *Jon Hendershott/*

Randy Williams: First His Place

Randy Williams admits, "One of the first things I had to do when I came to Southern Cal was remember that I'm just a freshman and not to get out of my place. I always vowed to do my best but I didn't want to set my goals too high." Winning the NCAA long jump championship as a freshman, as Williams did with a 26-8½ wind-aided bound, isn't a bad way to start.

Williams, 1971's leading prep leaper in both the long (25-4½, 26-3¼w) and triple (52-3½) jumps, popped three leaps longer than the best of runner-up Al Lanier (26-2¼w). Randy spanned a windy 26-3 in the second round and his winner in the fourth, plus a legal 26-3½ in the fifth.

The thought never entered Williams' mind that many of his opponents were in their second or third NCAA, while he was in his first. "I just had the confidence," says the pint-sized (5-9, 160-lbs.) but powerful 18-year-old. "I always felt if someone was going to beat me, he would have



Randy Williams /Steve Sutton/

recuperating from a recent groin injury. Of this year's 17-footers entered, only Oklahoma's Tom Craig couldn't negotiate 16-6 which turned out to be the qualifying height. Jan Johnson of Alabama didn't clear 16-6 either. He passed everything to 16-9, and his second-attempt success at the latter ended the qualifying round more than five hours after it started.

The final, as expected, turned out to be a duel between Johnson and defending champion Dave Roberts of Rice. It also turned into a battle of wits when Johnson continued his daring passing and came in at 17-0. JJ nearly went away empty-handed as it took him three tries to make his starting height. Roberts passed 16-0 and 16-6, cleared 16-9 on his first attempt, and then passed 17-0. So Johnson led when the bar was raised to 17-3, with Bill Curnow of El Paso in second place by dint of his third attempt clearance of 17-0. Curnow went out at 17-3, and Roberts made it on his second effort. Johnson passed again, and had to settle for the silver when he failed at 17-6, as did Roberts.

Cal Poly/SLO soph Dave Hamer took fourth at 16-9, edging Washington's Kirk Bride on misses. Vince Struble of Maryland was the only other one of the 14 finalists to do as well at the qualifying height of 16-6.

Nobody could account for the relatively unspectacular performances in the final. Johnson said before the competition, "These conditions are just perfect. This is one of my favorite places to vault." Roberts concurred. "There was a little head wind warming-up, but other than that all conditions were ideal. I really expected to go to 18-feet." /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Dave Roberts (Rice) 17-3; 2. Jan Johnson (Ala) 17-0; 3. Bill Curnow (El Paso) 17-0; 4. Dave Hamer (Cal Poly/SLO) 16-9; 5. Kirk Bryde' (Wash) 16-9; 6. Vince Struble (Md) 16-6; 7. Bob Pullard (Sn Cal) 16-0; 8. Allen McMillen (Fla St) 16-0; ... nh—Mike Cotton (Fla), Van Davies (Nn Colo), Bill Hatcher (Kans), Charles Strode (Wm&Mary), Francois Tracanelli' (UCLA), Scott Wallick (Miami/O).

QUALIFICATION (6/1): *Leading qualifiers:* Johnson cleared 16-9, all others 16-6. *Notable non-qualifiers:* Don Albritton (NE Mo St), Tom Blair (Penn), Tom Craig (Okla), Scott Cryder (Sn Cal), Scott Hurley (Fla), Jeff Sakala (UCLA), Jeff Taylor (Wash).

Dave Roberts defended his NCAA vault title with a 17-3 leap. /Don Chadez/

to beat me straight out. I wasn't going to give him anything. I went into meets this year with the attitude that if I lost, I was still as good as everyone else. I didn't go to a meet thinking there was a big favorite before the jumping started. I knew I was one of the best and that everyone had a shot."

Winning the Pac-8 gave Williams' confidence an important boost. "I was pleased to win my first championship meet," he says. Plus training partner Henry Hines added another weapon to Williams' competitive arsenal. "I used to just jump, but Henry got me to try to get a good jump on my first try. That relieves a lot of the pressure and puts it on the other guys," Williams points out. In the NCAA qualifying, he popped 26-7¾ on his first leap to pace the trials; in the finals, he won the title for all intents with his second round 26-3.

He also picked up a second gold medal as lead-off man on Southern Cal's 440 relay team. "Running in the relay, I run against some pretty fast guys," he says. "That has really helped increase my speed and I can then use that in the long jump." However, he didn't make the triple jump final, leaping 49-½ in the qualifying. But that didn't bother him. "I have favored the long jump most this year," he says. "Concentrating on it has taken something away from my triple jumping, and that's why I didn't jump 52-feet like I did last year in high school. The long jump has been my favorite of the two events anyway."

Now that he has won the college title, Williams is looking forward to the Final Olympic Trials, the AAU Junior Championships and the international junior match with the USSR. "Sure I would like to make the Olympic team," he says, "but if I don't I won't worry about it. I've got some years ahead of me." /Jon Hendershott/

LONG JUMP

All four eligible collegians with legal 26-foot leaps this year showed for the competition and qualified for the finals, which included everyone of note except hometown Bouncy Moore. The Oregon senior was forced to scratch because of a bothersome pinched nerve aggravated in the trials. And he complained bitterly that Oregon fans only cared about his lost points and not his personal welfare.

It remained for Randy Williams, a hefty 160-lb., 18-year-old frosh fit inside a 5-9 frame, to produce more 26-foot jumps here than the total number of meets in which he had previously exceeded that standard. He was red-hot, and far outclassed the field.

He started off things most impressively, with a windy 26-7¾ in the initial round of the qualifying—and he proceeded to pass his final two trials. He would have to start over the next day when all slates returned to zero, but with the comforting realization that his closest rival was six inches in arrears.

The final came during the best weather of the meet (early the second day). It was efficiently conducted in less than 1½ hours with one of the most beautifully manicured pits, enhanced by a foot-wide yellow painted border level with the height of the pit. Carefully raked after each jump, not a grain of sand was out of place.

The Southern Californian didn't assume the lead until the second round, but it was for keeps with a windy 26-3 that no other jumper would manage to exceed. With a lightning approach and superior height, he stretched that lead to 26-8¼, albeit windy, on his fourth round jump. For the record books, he came up with a PR legal 26-3½ effort in the next round. He experienced trouble hitting the board, on the safe-side as he came up with six recordable jumps. "I must have taken off five inches behind the board. Except for not hitting the board, everything was perfect and it was the best day of my life."

Lanky but well developed Al Lanier of Cincinnati, sporting a gartered belt on his left arm, reached a windy 26-2¼ on his first jump which held up for second. Pitt's Bill Rea appeared to be the most stylish of all the jumpers, and the fast-rising soph also claimed his best mark on his first jump, at 26-1¼ with wind. UCLA's Finn Bendixen gave the meet four over 26-feet, with his 26-½. Nine reached 25-feet. /Dick Drake/

RESULTS (6/2): 1. Randy Williams (Sn Cal) 26-8¼w (25-10¼w, 26-3w, 24-11¼ok, 26-8¼w, 26-3¼ok, 25-8¼ok); 2. Al Lanier (Cinc) 26-2¼w (26-¼ok); 3. Bill Rea (Pitt) 26-1¼w (26-0ok); 4. Finn Bendixen' (UCLA) 26-½w ; 5. Henry Jackson' (Sn Cal) 25-8¼w (25-2¼ok); 6. Danny Brabham (Baylor) 25-7¼w (24-10ok); 7. Jeff Bolin (Purd) 25-2¼ok; 8. Terry Metcalf (L Beach St) 25-2ok; 9. Ross Blackman' (Ore) 25-¾w (25-0ok); 10. Wesley Smith (La Tech) 24-11¼w; ... dnc—John Berry (Tex), Bouncy Moore (Ore).

QUALIFICATION (6/1, windy): *Leading qualifiers:* Williams 26-7¾, Rea 26-1¼, Bendixen' 26-0, Bolin 25-11½. *Notable non-qualifiers:* Charles Geter (Tenn), Tommy Haynes (Mid Tenn St).

TRIPLE JUMP

Three-against-one is pretty tough odds, as evidenced by the triple jump battle, which soon became Barry McClure versus UCLA. The Los Angeles institution came to the meet as the first school ever to have three 53-footers at one time, bringing national leader James Butts (54-4¼), Milan Tiff (53-2) and Harry Freeman (53-1).



Middle Tennessee State's McClure, a 53-8 performer who was runner-up in this meet last year, was in the midst of a mediocre season, having a legal best of 51-9 and a windy 52-3. But he quickly raised that with a typically high-bounding 53-4½ to lead all qualifiers.

In the competition proper, Butts quickly took the lead as the first jumper, with a poor 48-6½. McClure took over later in the round with a 51-2 effort. But Tiff upped this with 51-9%, and Freeman enlarged on that with 52-10¼ as none had a beneficial wind. McClure was shunted back to fourth in the second round as Butts came up with a legal 52-2½. But he bounced back into second with a 52-4¾. By the final three rounds, the wind had shifted to the jumper's backs. McClure came up with a legal 52-11½ to take the lead, so Butts improved to 52-4¾. The wind had reached major proportions when final jump time came. Tiff came close with an 11.4 mph aided 52-9¼. Then Butts came really alive, breaking a barely windy 53-2¼ to take over. McClure failed to improve, and Freeman came up for the last trial of the day. Soaring past 53-feet with what appeared to be a winner, he had a marginal foul.

Butts improved from last year's meet fourth-place finish, when he also got his best mark in the last round. "I had to do it on my last jump in Seattle, too," he said. "So that's what I really thought about. It helps you to relax if you've done it before."

The early headwinds lowered the quality of what might have been an even more spectacular competition, as evidenced by the qualifying round. As well as McClure's legal 53-4¾, Butts had 53-2, Tiff 52-11 and Darryl Kelly of North Carolina 52-8¾. Top windy efforts came from Freeman at 53-2¼ and Chuck Steffes of New Mexico at 53-0. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. James Butts (UCLA) 53-2¼w (48-6½ok, 52-2¼ok, 52-4ok, 52-4¼ok, 52-7w, 53-2¼w); 2. Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St) 52-11¼ok; 3. Harry Freeman (UCLA) 52-10¼ok; 4. Milan Tiff (UCLA) 52-9¼w (51-11¼ok); 5. Keith Witherspoon (Va) 51-9¼w (51-5¼ok); 6. Chuck Steffes (NM) 50-11¼ok; 7. Henry Jackson (Sn Cal) 50-9¼ok; 8. Sigurd Langeland (BYU) 50-8¼ok; 9. Jim Harris (Sn III) 50-2¼ok; 10. Trevor Hall (El Paso) 49-5¼ok; 11. Darryl Kelly (N Car) 47-8¼ok; . . . dnc—Maurice Peoples (Ariz St).

QUALIFICATION (6/2): *Leading qualifiers:* McClure 53-4¼ok, Freeman 53-2¼w, Butts 53-2ok, Steffes 53-0w, Tiff 52-11ok, Kelly 52-8¼ok, Harris 52-8¼ok, Langeland 52-6ok, Witherspoon 52-4¼ok. *Leading non-qualifiers:* Al Lanier (Cinc), Pat Onyango (Wisc), Randy Williams (Sn Cal).

SHOT PUT

Fred DeBernardi, the tall blond discus thrower from El Paso, completed his conversion to the shot put in his fifth year after high school by winning his first national championship. He made the five best puts of the competition but his victory was not quite one-sided.

DeBernardi, who has a best mark of 68-7¾ to his credit and claims a 70-foot practice put last week, made consistent puts of 66-2¼, a foul over 66-feet, 66-6½, 65-4, 65-3, and 66-1¾. He said, "I didn't get my throw. . . I usually have one throw much farther than the others."

Pete Shmock of Oregon, greeted with cheers from the home-towners every time he approached the ring, also failed to get the one big put he expected. Before the meet, the 66-5 putter had said, "My workouts have been great. I feel like I can get one out there 68-feet." He reached 64-10¼ on his second put, then put everything into his last effort. The iron ball thudded down past DeBernardi's stake, but Shmock's left foot swung around behind his reverse, far out of the ring. He explained, "Where your head goes, your body goes, and I just had to watch that last throw. . . I made a stupid mistake."

Doug Lane, a blocky Southern California senior with short black hair, had exploded to 66-11½ two weeks ago and was given a chance to win. He put 67-feet in a warm-up toss, but his left foot came around over the stop board. After practicing fouls all through his warm-up he continued it during the competition and accumulated four fouls, three of them over 65-feet. His 64-6 on his second put gave him third place. He said, "I just couldn't stay in the ring."

Sam Walker of Southern Methodist, runner-up last year, managed 64-4¾ on his fourth put. Hans Hoglund, DeBernardi's left-handed teammate, had the loudest roar of the competition. He came through on his last put with 62-9¾ and moved from eighth place to fifth. Colin Anderson of Minnesota set a PR of 62-1¾ on his first put. /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS (6/2): 1. Fred DeBernardi (El Paso) 66-6½ (66-2½, f, 66-6½, 65-4, 65-3, 66-1¾); 2. Pete Shmock (Ore) 64-10¼; 3. Doug Lane (Sn Cal) 64-6; 4. Sam Walker (SMU) 64-4¾; 5. Hans Hoglund (El Paso) 62-9¾; 6. Colin Anderson (Minn) 62-1¾; 7. Anders Arrhenius (BYU) 62-0; 8. Tom Brosius (Kans St) 61-7¾; 9. Rich Bilder (Nn III) 59-10; 10. Steve Adams (Mich) 59-7½; 11. Dana LeDuc (Kans) 59-7¼; 12. Greg Born (S Jose St) 59-6¾; 13. Doug Price (Brown) 59-6; 14. Spike Walker (Ore St) 59-1½; 15. George Tyms (Nn III) 56-5.

DISCUS THROW

El Paso's Fred DeBernardi, already the shot-put winner, never got around to removing his sweats as he easily defeated the discus field after two runner-up years. He had been the favorite in this a year earlier but was beaten by unheralded Mike Louisiana; this time he was no more than co-favorite with 200-footer Steve Gunzel of Arizona.

But he had three throws in the trials and finals over 194-feet and won easily with 196-5, his best throw this season.

"This makes up for a lot now," he said, no doubt referring to his double win (a feat achieved by only two others ever in this meet) after so many NCAA failures before. He said he had difficulty getting up for the disc after winning the shot, but by Saturday felt he "was ready".

Few others were, as Ken Stadel or Rice managed the only other 190-footer in the entire competition: 191-0 in round four for second. Gunzel was consistent, with his final five throws 182-8 and better, but he peaked at 189-4 for third.

Hometown Mac Wilkins, in the blue jersey and red suspenders of the Ducks, managed 183-7 on his final throw for fourth. That displaced UCLA's Dale Gordon, who had thrown a PR 183-2; he was fifth with that. Wilkins, an extremely fast spinner, had thrown 186-2 in the qualifying; Kansas State's Tom Brosius, 184-10 in the qualifying, slipped to 179-4 in the finals. Zdravko Pecar of BYU, another contestant for world's fastest spin, barely bettered 180-feet on two throws to place sixth.

Wilkins' lefty teammate, Gary Wolf, who had boomed to 193-2 a week earlier, threw 181-2 in the qualifying but never got going in the trials round. He did not get under any of his three throws there and purposely stepped through the ring each time to save the ignominy of measurement: his first, about 140-feet, was his best that day.

Gordon, short and rather dumpy, was the most excited of any of the throwers, for he bounded all around the sector after his best-ever throw. The only other real excitement in the competition was how close hooking throws could come to triple-jumpers at the head of their runway; DeBernardi won that, also. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Fred DeBernardi (El Paso) 196-5 (196-5, 177-4, 194-9, 184-1, 184-5, 194-8); 2. Ken Stadel (Rice) 191-0; 3. Steve Gunzel (Ariz) 189-4; 4. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 183-7; 5. Dale Gordon (UCLA) 183-2; 6. Zdravko Pecar (BYU) 180-6; 7. Tom Brosius (Kans St) 179-4; 8. Greg Born (S Jose St) 172-6; 9. Chuck Enix (Wn Ky) 171-6; 10. Alan Thomas (Tex) 171-5 (170-8 2nd best); 11. Mike McCourtie (Wash St) 171-5 (170-2 2nd best); . . . nm—Gary Wolf (Ore).

QUALIFICATION (6/2): *Leading qualifiers:* DeBernardi 189-9, Gunzel 187-10.

HAMMER THROW

It was a good year for college hammer throwers, with six over 200-feet before June—the most-ever this early. And the fight for the top spots at the NCAA seemed more interesting than last year, when everybody conceded 1-2 to Kent State. This season, there were two throwers with bests within 10-feet of those by Jacques Accambay and Al Schoterman, while last year there were none.

The depth was still lacking, however. The percentage difference between the best pre-meet mark and the 10th best was greater than any other event. That, and the fact that the meet was again held a continent away from the area which produces the greatest number of hammer throwers, accounted for the fact that only 11 showed up, the least of any event in the meet. It obviously did not require a qualification round.

Schoterman opened at 226-9 and settled matters on his second throw with a collegiate record of 231-3 which leaves him fifth on the all-time US list even though he improved his PR by 6-9. Three of his remaining four throws were fouls as he attempted to improve his record. Accambay held second all the way, and his best of 227-1 was less than a foot below the previous undergraduate standard which he had set in last June's title meet in Seattle.

Third came Peter Farmer, the El Paso freshman from Down Under. His toss of 221-11 was the best-ever by an Australian. Frank Bredice of Southern Connecticut State hit 204-5, good for fourth ahead of the PR of 203-2 by NYU's Mike McDermott.

For the record, it should be noted that the hammer circle was an eighth of an inch too long in diameter measured from front to back, and 5/16" too wide from side to side. It is probable that Schoterman will be credited with a meet and collegiate record, since the facility was approved for use in the college championships.

After the event, American record holder Ed Burke came over to congratulate the winner and said, "You were great. You're going to be at 240-feet soon. In fact, you would have had it today if you had driven up better at the end. Except for that finish, you're the best I've ever seen." Schoterman, and everyone else in earshot, was appropriately impressed by the compliment. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS (6/2): 1. Al Schoterman (Kent St) 231-3 CR (226-9, 231-3, f, f, 225-9, f); 2. Jacques Accambay (Kent St) 227-1; 3. Peter Farmer (El Paso) 221-11; 4. Frank Bredice (Sn Conn) 204-5; 5. Mike McDermott (NYU) 203-1; 6. Tom Parrott (CW Post) 199-1; 7. Pryor Nunn (El Paso) 192-4; 8. Doug Greenwood (Princ) 191-8; 9. Keith Tice (Fresno St) 180-11; 10. Mike Bolliger (Ore) 176-10; 11. Dave Phillips (Wn Mich) 171-9.

JAVELIN THROW

In retrospect, it really didn't take too long to decide the winner of the javelin. The first thrower of the day was Ohio U's Rick Dowswell, a squatly (5-9, 190-lb) soph with a 256-1 PR. Moving swiftly down the tan approach, he exploded near the line. Pow! A new Canadian record, 265-11,

Rick Dowswell: 'Let One Go Early'

Rick Dowswell never gave the NCAA javelin field a chance. He just exploded his winning 265-11 throw on the very first throw of the collegiate finals. After all, he planned it that way.

"By the luck of the order, I threw first," explains the 5-9, 190-lb. Ohio University sophomore who collected a Canadian record along with his title. "I wanted to throw either first or last; there is a benefit in both. Throwing first you put the pressure on the others, and throwing last you know what everyone else has done and what you have to do. So I was up first and I did it on my first throw. Naturally, I was very happy. I have been training with [68 Olympian] Gary Stenlund. Before the competition, he and coach Meade Burnett took me aside and told me, 'You're throwing first in the field. You have nothing to lose, so go out and throw it big early'. So I did it on my first throw."



Rick Dowswell /Jay McNally/

and it was all over. "I have always felt there is an advantage to being either first or last," said happy Dowswell. "And it worked out ok." His mark rates behind only Bill Skinner's record 273-3 in meet history.

Sam Colson, larger but proportionately similar to Dowswell, at 6-5, 265, made it look like an interesting competition as he hit 255-5 as the second thrower of the day. Dowswell came back with a 251-10, but when Colson fouled Dowswell passed. Bothered by a tender upper calf, Dowswell took his fourth heave, 249-9, then passed his last two when Colson appeared stuck in the 230-foot range. Colson's heave did stand up as the runner-up mark through 5½ rounds. Then Washington's Gary Quitslund, like Colson a lefty, erupted with a PR 261-4, shunting Colson to third, one slot ahead of his finish of last year. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Rick Dowswell' (Ohio U) 265-11 (265-11, 251-10, p, 249-9, p, p); 2. Gary Quitslund (Wash) 261-4; 3. Sam Colson (Kans) 255-5; 4. Ed Morland (Kans St) 251-8; 5. Sam Strickland (Ariz) 245-11; 6. Glen Pere (Lamar Tech) 242-8; 7. Craig Stiles (Mont) 241-0; 8. Dan Martin (Tenn) 236-6; 9. John Tobin (UCSB) 227-9; 10. Van Holloway (Ia St) 221-4; 11. Rich Ram (Sn Cal) 216-9; 12. Bob Daniel (Ore) 208-10.

QUALIFICATION (6/1): *Leading qualifiers:* Strickland 252-9, Dowswell' 251-9. *Notable non-qualifiers:* Ronnie Bamberg (La Tech), Andy Barnet (Sn Cal), Cary Feldmann (Wash), Russ Francis (Ore).

DECATHLON

Going into the decathlon, Ron Evans of Connecticut had the fifth best score at 7357. Leader Fred Samara (7669) was worried about his bad leg and called it quits after two; Mike Hill took his injured knee out of competition after four; Mike Wedman (7471) went scoreless in the vault and dropped out; and Bo Sterner (7334) was disqualified in the 400 and didn't finish the 1500.

But Evans' win was no fluke. He earned it. The 6-2, 210-lb. junior came from sixth place at the end of six events, adding more than 200 points to his previous best to win with a meet record 7571. And he had to turn back the challenge from the strongest collegiate field yet, as the next five placers also scored bests of life.

Andrew Pettes of Oklahoma led for seven events and was still in contention after the vault. Don Allbritton's 16-2 leap gave him a 73 point edge on Evans and 168 on Pettes after eight contests. Wedman, who foolishly waited to enter the competition at 15-8, cleared no height and was out. Not able to run with the slimmer Pettes, who is signing a pro basketball contract, Evans needed a big javelin performance. He got it with a best ever 202-2 and took an insurmountable 181 point lead into the 1500.

Pettes outran Allbritton for the silver medal, 7461 to 7328. Fourth went to Fresno State's Roger George (7302) and fifth to UCLA's Rory Kotinek (7298 in his second decathlon. /Bert Nelson/

1. Ron Evans	11.16	21-2	45-11¼	6-8½	50.6	3523
Connecticut	16.01	147-2	13-9	202-1	4:37.8	7571
2. Andrew Pettes	11.02	23-10½	37-4¾	6-4¾	48.7	3912
Oklahoma	14.30	123-1	11-7	179-6	4:26.9	7461
3. Don Allbritton	10.97	21-10	41-4½	6-9½	52.7	3806
Northeast Missouri St	15.13	125-1	16-2	160-3	5:04.0	7328
4. Roger George	11.55	20-8½	40-4¾	6-3½	50.0	3562
Fresno State	15.36	128-1	13-9	194-7	4:20.7	7302
5. Rory Kotinek	11.28	24-1¾	40-4¾	6-10¾	53.1	3868
UCLA	14.85	121-0	11-1	214-0	4:48.1	7298
6. John Whitson	11.10	23-1½	41-2¾	5-11	50.7	3701
Lamar Tech	15.38	121-8	15-¾	170-9	4:59.8	7161

A 252-6 thrower in 1971, Dowswell moved his PR to 256-1 in winning the Mid-American Conference title in his last meet before the NCAA. "That set me up for Eugene," he says. "I honestly didn't think I could win the NCAA; I just wanted to be in the top four and be an All-American."

For three weeks prior to the NCAA, Dowswell layed off throwing the spear itself. Instead, he moved to the unlikely venue of a handball court and threw tennis balls. "Technique-wise, my throwing action with the tennis ball is the same as with the javelin," he explains. "Being in the court, I was secluded and could concentrate on only throwing. I wasn't thinking about all the little technical points. Plus, it didn't hurt which is probably the biggest thing. When an exercise doesn't hurt, yet you are still throwing an object as you would the implement and can still work on technique, you can throw and throw. I take over 100 throws usually. It made me feel fast and snappy."

In addition, Dowswell feels other throwers were intimidated by the Tartan runway at Eugene. "They seemed a little afraid of it," he feels. "They almost walked up the line and then tried to muscle it. On a hard runway, when your spikes grab, they really grab and it's quite a jar. But I trained on a Tartan pole vault runway because I don't like grass run-ups. It's too easy to pull something on grass. The main thing on a hard runway is to keep your momentum going right through the throw and not to hold back. I just charged the line and let one go early."

Dowswell had little time to bask in glory, though. He had to return to school the following Monday for exams. "I wrote a paper all the way back," he laughs. "My exams came out well; all Bs." Dowswell passed his big exam in javelin throwing in grade-A fashion as well. /Jon Hendershott/

7. Karl Harz (Fair-Dick) 7077; 8. Gene Hackney (Tex) 6998; 9. Ron DeVries (En Mich) 6927; 10. Bill Hanson (UCSB) 6873; 11. Phil Wash (Wash St) 6825; 12. Jim Reilly (Princ) 6766; 13. Bo Sterner' (Sn Cal) 6309; . . . dnf—Don Bajema (S Diego St) 6496 (9 events), Mike Hill (Colo) 2944 (4 events), Mike Monahan (Wash St) 4280 (7 events), Fred Samara (Penn) 1587 (2 events), Mike Wedman (Colo) 5343 (7 events).

440 YARD RELAY

Southern California, minus injured lead-offer Lance Babb from its 38.8 team, was still the favorite, having run 39.1 with Randy Williams, Leon Brown, Donald Quarrie and Willie Deckard. El Paso, which had run 39.2, figured to lose a lot of speed when Ron Rondeau replaced ailing Steve Williams on the second leg. Norfolk State, after clocking 39.4 at the College Division, was entered but did not show.

The first heat saw Southern Cal winning by six yards from Purdue in 40.1, with Colorado and North Texas State also advancing to the semis. UCLA, which had run 39.8 and figured to score, muffed the third exchange when Reggie Echols apparently dropped the baton after receiving it from Gordon Peppers, making it three years in a row that the Uclans failed to advance past the first round because of poor passing and the fourth straight of disqualification. Heat two featured a smooth-passing Memphis State team winning in 39.9. Oregon edged Southwestern Louisiana in the third heat as both ran 40.8.

In semi one, Southern Cal improved to a Hayward Field record of 39.4, although still passing carefully. Purdue was second in 40.1, with Kansas, getting a strong third leg from Mark Lutz, and Oregon both running 40.4 to edge Arizona. Southern Illinois dropped the stick on the final pass. Semi two was easy for Southwestern Louisiana, El Paso and Colorado, who ran 1-2-3 in 40.1, 40.2 and 40.3. Memphis State, in position to win, just saved the fourth spot when anchorman Ed Hammonds pulled a muscle.

In the final, Edsel Garrison replaced Quarrie for Southern Cal (the Jamaican had scratched from the 200 semis), and Vern Wolfe reshuffled the line-up to Williams, Garrison, Brown and Deckard, thus setting up three excellent opportunities for bungled handoffs. But the first two were smooth, and although Brown ran up Deckard's back on the final pass, Willie still got the baton only a step behind fast-starting Southwestern Louisiana. And as soon as Deckard got under way there was no stopping him. Southern Cal's

Ron Evans' 7571-point total annexed the NCAA decathlon. /Don Chadez/



first all-American team of the year thus ran 39.6 to win the NCAA sprint relay title for Vern Wolfe the second year in a row. Has any college or club ever run under 40 seconds with three different lineups in one year?

Southwestern Louisiana, with consistent passing and Harold Porter leading off, ran 39.9 to edge Purdue (on a great Larry Burton anchor) and Kansas (both 40.0). with El Paso fifth in 40.3, and Oregon, fired-up but in lane one, last to finish, in 40.4. Colorado and Memphis State did not finish. */Jim Dunaway/*

RESULTS (6/3): 1. Southern California 39.6 (Randy Williams, Edesel Garrison, Leon Brown, Willie Deckard); 2. Southwestern Louisiana 39.9 (Harold Porter, Pat Gullett, Aaron Thompson, Don Credeur); 3. Purdue 40.0 (Larry Grambo, Carl Capria, Dave Lichtenheld, Larry Burton); 4. Kansas 40.0 (Tom Scavuzzo, Bob Bornkessel, Mark Lutz, Delario Robinson); 5. El Paso 40.3 (Errol Stewart, Ron Rondeau, Harold Williams, Harrington Jackson); 6. Oregon 40.4 (Ross Blackman, Vince Buford, John Mays, Al Hearvey); . . . dnf—Colorado (Cliff Branch, Charlie Bennett, Larry Brunson, George Daniels'), Memphis State (Maurice Knight, Lynn Fox, Norman Williams, Ed Hammonds).

HEATS (6/1, four qualify): I-1. Southern Cal 40.1 (Williams, Brown, Don Quarrie, Deckard); 2. Purdue 40.8; 3. Colorado 41.4; 4. North Texas State 41.9 (Don Davis, Vernon Evans, W. L. Mitchell, Rod Walter); . . . dnf—UCLA. II-1. Memphis State 39.9; 2. El Paso 40.5; 3. Kansas 40.6; 4. Arizona 40.8 (Hardie Masengill, Jackie White, Ashland Whitfield, Gus Brisco). III-1. Oregon 40.8; 2. Southwestern Louisiana 40.8; 3. Michigan State 40.9 (Herb Washington, LaRue Butcher, Bob Cassleman, Marshall Dill); 4. Southern Illinois 41.0 (Eddie Sutton, Terry Erickson, Stan Patterson, Ivory Crockett).

SEMIS (6/2, four qualify): I-1. Southern Cal 39.4; 2. Purdue 40.1; 3. Kansas 40.4; 4. Oregon 40.4; . . . dnf—Southern Illinois. II-1. Southwestern Louisiana 40.1; 2. El Paso 40.2; 3. Colorado 40.3; 4. Memphis State 41.0; 5. Michigan State 41.0.

MILE RELAY

As any track nut who has seen an international meet knows, getting accurate splits for the first two legs of a mile relay with a three-turn stagger is a problem. But apparently setting up the staggers themselves is even more difficult, as we shall see.

With North Carolina Central's Julius Sang and Robert Ouko declared not eligible for the NCAA, prospects for the fastest two-team race of all time vanished, leaving UCLA as a can't-miss favorite. They didn't miss, but before the Uclans won the final a lot happened.

In the first heat, UCLA cruised to an easy 3:08.7 win, with LSU, Southern Illinois and Indiana also qualifying. Mysteriously, USC, a 3:07.6 team got an unbelievably slow 52.1 lead-off leg from frosh Tony Krzyzosiak and was disqualified (presumably for an illegal pass) after finishing last in 3:28.3. In the second heat, Oregon ran a season's best of 3:07.2 to win, cheered loudly every step of the way by the home-town crowd, and followed at a respectful distance by Oklahoma State, Adelphi and Abilene Christian. Again, one of the fastest teams, El Paso, which had run 3:07.1 this spring, mysteriously got a very slow lead-off leg (from Harrington Jackson, yet), and failed to finish.

Both USC and El Paso had started in lane 8, and people were scratching their heads. Pretty soon, they were out on the track with measuring tapes taking a closer look at the staggers. They were, it soon became apparent, wrong. *T&FN's* resident guru on staggers, Dick Dodge (a PhD in Physical Chemistry), estimated that lanes one and two were ok, with each lane from there progressively four yards too long on the first leg, making lane eight 24 yards out. An official survey reportedly indicated that lane two was two inches too long and lane eight 22 yards.

Whatever the truth, there was nothing to do but re-run the heats on Saturday as sections of a final, with places determined on time. UCLA won the first section by 40 yards in 3:05.3 with John Smith anchoring in a less-than-all-out 45.0, and though Oregon improved again to 3:06.4 to win the second section handily, it was really no contest. */Jim Dunaway/*

RESULTS (6/3, run in sections. Heat results of 6/2 invalidated by improper staggers. Heats rerun as sections. Because of three-turn stagger employed, splits for first and second legs should not be considered reliable): 1.(I-1.) UCLA 3:05.3 (Reggie Echols 47.1, Ron Gaddis 46.7, Benny Brown 46.5, John Smith 45.0); 2.(II-1.) Oregon 3:06.4 (Vince Buford 47.3, Craig Blackman' 45.7, Doug Chapman' 47.4, Weldon Vance 46.0); 3.(II-2.) Michigan 3:07.8 (Kim Rowe' 47.5, Eric Chapman' 46.5, Reggie Bradford 47.0, Greg Syphax 46.8); 4.(I-2.) Southern Illinois 3:09.8 (Gerald Smith 47.9, Lonnie Brown 48.3, Terry Erickson 47.2, Eddie Sutton 46.4); 5.(II-3.) Oklahoma State 3:10.0 (Stan Stolpe 48.8, James Kurrasch 47.1, Dennis Schultz 46.8, Jim Bolding 47.3); 6.(I-3.) Southern California 3:10.3 (Tony Krzyzosiak 47.1, Earl Richardson 49.8, Leon Brown 47.6, Edesel Garrison 45.8); 7.(I-4.) Texas 3:10.7 (Mike Leifeste 48.5, Robert Primeaux 47.6, Craig Brooks 46.8, Ed Wright 47.8); 8.(II-4.) Abilene Christian 3:11.7 (Dee Witherspoon, Roger Colglazier, Barry Harper, Bob Woodroof); 9.(II-5.) Oklahoma 3:12.0 (Tom Cantrell 47.9, Ken Hardwick 47.4, Mike Eastin 49.0, Travis Newsome 47.1); 10.(I-5.) Indiana 3:12.1 (Glen Love 49.0, Glen Close 47.7, Winslow Taylor 48.6, William Wallace 46.8); 11.(I-6.) South Carolina 3:12.4 (Jim Small 49.2, Bob Dempsey 46.6, Paul McLeod 48.1, Jim Schaper 48.5); . . . dnf—LSU (I).

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. UCLA 82; 2. Southern California 49; 3. El Paso 45; 4. Oregon 32; 5. Kansas 25; 6. tie, Kent State, Rice & Washington 18; 9. Kansas State 17; 10. tie, Purdue & Tennessee 16; 12. tie, Oklahoma State & Villanova 12; 14. Illinois 10½; 15. tie, Bowling Green State, Connecticut, Georgetown, Ohio U, Oregon State & Pennsylvania 10. □

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by Jon Hendershott

Back here on earth, we mortals are no doubt wondering, "When are those pole vaulters gonna stop? When are those guys going to hit the ceiling?" Bob Seagren doesn't think it will be for quite a while—especially after both he and Sweden's Kjell Isaksson boosted the global record to 18-4½. In fact, Seagren sees the near-mythical height of 19-feet within reach, and soon, and he doesn't intend to be the second man to scale that height.

The defending Olympic champion wasn't the second vaulter over the record elevation of 5.59-meters/18-4¼, clearing that mark on his second attempt in a special meet in El Paso, May 23, Isaksson, former global claimant with his 18-2 earlier this year, followed over moments later on his second try.

Thus, Seagren established the world mark with one of the event's greatest improvements on a personal record en route to the global standard—Bob's going 7¼" up from a 1968 best of 17-9 to the record 18-4¼.

It was a triumphant return to vaulting's highest heights for Seagren, sidelined by torn cartilage in his right knee since last fall and deflated by lack of inspiration for most of the last two seasons, yet still harboring smoldering flames of the competitive fire which boosted him to a world-best 17-9 and the Olympic gold medal in 1968. His high-flying return bodes well for the future.

"It was very significant to me because it has given me the confidence and the boost I need heading into the Final Olympic Trials," relates the 25-year-old Seagren. "I was very happy because I had been shooting for 18-feet for nearly five years. It was significant to first make 18-½ and get the American record back; then with that barrier out of the way, I relaxed and had a good clearance at 18-4¼ and close shots at 18-6. In terms of training and condition, I'm in the best condition of my life. I just needed the conditions conducive for a world record. Now I have had to readjust my goal; it used to be 18-6 but I almost made that in El Paso. I can still hold higher on the pole and my technique is not quite right yet, so 19-feet is definitely possible."

Seagren feels he chased the elusive 18-foot ceiling as long as he did because he had been so good in the past. "I think 18-feet was a personal barrier for so long because I had been on top and chasing 18 and it was a big deal then," Seagren feels. "I had things my way for some time, being the top vaulter. I didn't push quite as hard. The 69 season was going to be my last and I pushed to get 18. I had some near-misses, like at the AAU, and it became a mental barrier.

"The 70 and 71 seasons were bad ones for me. I had a number of injuries, not much incentive to pursue a great deal of competition, and my wife and I traveled extensively. But since the Olympic Games were coming up again, I thought I would make a big effort in 72. I started my training, getting in a lot of distance running in September and October. One day I went horseback riding and the horse ran away with me. When it finally threw me, I landed hard on my right knee. I let it go for a couple of weeks and continued running. The knee was sore and would catch on me, so x-rays were taken which revealed torn cartilage. I was operated on and repaired. All along I planned to compete indoors this past winter, but I started pushing training on the knee too soon. It became extremely sore and I became depressed after I saw a couple of doctors who felt it would never again be an athletic knee. I was really down around the New Year.

"So I layed off for nearly a month and then started in slowly. I taped the knee heavily to give it support and it started responding. It felt better and better. I competed March 4 in the Champions meet in the LA Coliseum with the knee heavily taped; 16-6¾ in my first meet in over eight months wasn't bad. I couldn't negotiate even 15-feet in practice. I thought it was coming back okay but I was impatient. The other guys in that meet were clearing 17-5.

"I kept plugging away at it. The most beneficial thing from all this is that I knew I had to train hard and work a great deal. I have spent more time on speed work than ever before, which I probably wouldn't have done if I hadn't had the operation. I think the extensive speed training is paying off. I used to do things like repeat 220s and 330s, never any of the real hard, fast kicking stuff I've been doing now. I feel 10 times better on the runway and I feel like I'm charging the box much harder. This is why I feel the injury might have been a blessing in disguise."

If there was a turning point in Seagren's 72 season, after which he knew he could clear at least 18-feet, it was the UCLA Champions meet—coincidentally, the meet where Isaksson raised his global best by an inch to 18-2. I knew I had it in me then," Seagren explains. "I felt extremely good that day, much stronger than in March, even though my technique was all



(Don Chadez/

Bob Seagren's High Flying Just Starting

shot way over 18-½. I was happy but everything still wasn't right on. We argued about where to put it next and finally decided on 18-3¾/5.58.

"My first run was good, although I hurried a little because I was anxious. But I forced myself to relax more. I had cleared 18-½ so that [18-foot] barrier was out of the way, and I was the first American to jump 18-feet, so I was partially satisfied. We both missed and when the bar was remeasured, it came out 18-4¼/5.59. I told them to leave it. I just tried to stay relaxed and keep everything under control. It was a good take-off, right on, I really got back on the pole, pulled, turned and I was way over the bar. My first thought was that everything had clicked. Then I thought how ironic it was: here I was breaking the world record in 'Kjell's' meet.

"I was tired on all three tries at 18-6, plus being a little let-down mentally, having just broken the world record. But the thing that surprised me, even though I was tired and knew I couldn't be as sharp and forceful as I would like, I was still well over the bar on all three jumps. I was over but my momentum was dropping and I was coming down on the bar. But having that much height is very encouraging for the future."

And in the future, Seagren is looking straight at 19-feet. He feels he has one of the two necessary ingredients to get over 19-feet—speed on the runway—and that the other—raising his hand grip on the pole—is in the offing. "I'm holding now at 15-0 or 15-1½, but I'm going to get it up to 15-7. That's where Isaksson holds, and if he can, I surely can," Seagren feels. "One of the biggest concerns to me about 19-feet, though, is where am I going to get the jump in? I'm physically capable but there are so many variables: the facilities have to be good—a good runway, good box, good pit—the conditions have to be right—a warm day, a following wind—plus you need someone pushing you—in other words, top competition."

Perhaps Munich? "Perhaps," he ventures. "Considering the quality of vaulters who will be there, it might take something over 18-6, even 18-9 to win, providing the conditions are good.

"That's why it's important for me to get some more 18-footers. Each time you jump at it, your sense of rhythm and timing develops and the jump becomes easier. You learn how much effort to put into it, when to turn and so on. Isaksson has had four 18-foot clearances and I've had three, but I'm going to catch up to him. Of course, it's nice to have the world record back. It's not bad to share it—but it's better to have it all by yourself." □

screwed up. My timing was off just from being away so long. I had over a 10-month lay-off with no vaulting, plus I had only eight meets outdoors in 1971. But I continued working on it and it came around. I don't think I have ever trained as hard as I have this year."

In fact, one of Seagren's hardest training sessions of the year came the day before he set the world record. "Monday is a hard day for me and Buddy Williamson and I worked hard the day before the El Paso meet—simply because we didn't know there would be a meet," he says. "We lifted, ran hard and vaulted, and it seemed like an unusually hard workout. We even mentioned how tough it was.

"The next morning, Tuesday, I got a call from my mother; she read that Isaksson had cleared 18-9 in practice and that a special meet was being set up for him that day. I called Wayne Vandenburg right away and got into the meet. I would not arrive in El Paso until about 2:30 that afternoon, only about an hour before the meet, but I didn't care. Actually I was a little irritated that a meet was being set up in the US so a foreigner could try for the world record, yet the best Americans weren't even invited. I then called George Moore of Pacer [makers of Cata-Poles] and asked if he wanted to go. He asked when the plane left but didn't say he would bring any poles. But he knew I needed a stiffer pole and just threw one in with his luggage. I'm awfully glad he did, because it turned out to be one that really worked for me. I really let loose and didn't hold back. I owe an awful lot to George.

"We got to El Paso and it was kind of drab: there weren't many people around, there was no track meet atmosphere, it was like a workout. But I have to continually convince myself I'm the best in the world.

"We both came in at 17-4 and he made it on his first try and I needed two. Then it went to 18-½. I wasn't really strong on my first two jumps because my step was off and I missed. Kjell cleared his first time. I was scared on my third try and I thought, 'I've spent \$114 to come down here and jump 17-4'. I had a terribly nervous, weak feeling in my stomach when I started my third try. As I planted the pole and started up, my bottom hand slid up more than usual and my hands were too close together. A vaulter usually loses control when this happens, but I just continued to lean as far back as I could to force my hips up. It ended up that I

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MARKS RECEIVED THROUGH JUNE 5, 1972

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100 YARDS

9.4	Bob Lawson (Libbey, Toledo, Ohio)
9.4	Charles Dawson (Elmore, Houston, Tex)
9.4	Allen Misher (Sterling, Houston, Tex)
9.4	Mike Ross (Smiley, Houston, Tex)
9.5	Walter Arnold (Haines City, Fla)
9.5	Bill Deaton (Cristobal, US Canal Zone)
9.5	**Jesse Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee, Fla)
9.5	*Pablo Franco (Public, Hartford, Conn)
9.5	Greg Jones (Lemoore, Calif)
9.5	*Howard Jones (Evanston, Ill)
9.5	James Kimbrough (Williamson, Mobile, Ala)
9.5	Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif)
9.5	James Milton (Morse, San Diego, Calif)
9.5	*Andre Releford (Dob-Ben, Kport, Tenn)
9.5	*Mike Shavers (Albany, Calif)
9.5	*Dwaun Stewart (Westwood, Mesa, Ariz)
9.5	Harold Tassin (Centennial, Compton, Calif)
9.5	Alvin Walker (Del Valle, Tex)
9.5	Antonio Watkins (McClymonds, Oakl, Calif)
9.5	Charles Wells (Lincoln, Jersey City, NJ)
9.5	Johnny Williams (Talladega, Ala)
9.5	Haywood Woodward (Public, Hartford, Conn)
Rolling start:	
9.5	Silvester Thomas (Central, Belle Glade, Fla)

Wind-aided:

9.3	Bob Lawson (Libbey, Toledo, Ohio)
9.3	Haywood Ray (Sanderson, Raleigh, N Car)
9.4	Lewis Edmondson (Kashmere, Houston, Tex)
9.4	Joe Law (Douglass, Memphis, Tenn)
9.4	**Bobby Smith (Muskogee, Okla)
9.4	Lloyd Williams (Washington, Tulsa, Okla)
9.4	Roy Young (Mt Morris, Mich)

Incomplete wind info:

9.4	Gene Washington (L Richland, Columbia, SC)
9.5	*Gerald Bell (Auburn, Rockford, Ill)
9.5	Tom Vann (Washington, South Bend, Ind)

100-meters:

10.4	Greg Jones (Lemoore, Calif)
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220 YARDS (Turn)

21.0	Sammy Dierschke (Sealy, Tex)
21.0	*Mike Shavers (Albany, Calif)
21.1	Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif)
21.1	Tim Reid (Wilson, Beckley, W Va)
21.2	*Pablo Franco (Public, Hartford, Conn)
21.2	Wardell Gilbreath (Amarillo, Tex)
21.2	**Millard Hampton (Silver Cr, San Jose, Calif)
21.2	*Howard Jones (Evanston, Ill)
21.2	James Milton (Morse, San Diego, Calif)
21.2	Haywood Ray (Sanderson, Raleigh, N Car)
21.2	Paul Wallace (Hamilton, Los Angeles, Calif)

No flash:

21.0	Ken Paulson (York, Elmhurst, Ill)
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Wind-aided:

21.0	Wardell Gilbreath (Amarillo, Tex)
21.0	Roy Jackson (Kress, Tex)
21.0	William Johnson (Borger, Tex)
21.0	Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif)
21.1	Bobby Littlefield (Sterling, Baytown, Tex)

Incomplete wind info:

21.2	Barney Cobb (Marshall, Richmond, Va)
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Wind-aided:

20.5	Bob Lawson (Libbey, Toledo, Ohio)
20.8	*Dwaun Stewart (Westwood, Mesa, Ariz)

(Left) Bob Lawson has zipped a legal 9.4 100 and won the International Prep meet with a windy 9.3. (Right) Ronald Ray hits the tape to end his prep record 45.8 440 in the Virginia state title race. /Jim & Alice Looney/



440 YARDS

45.8	Ron Ray (Ferguson, Newport News, Va)
47.1	Barney Cobb (Marshall, Richmond, Va)
47.3	Tim Son (Plainville, Tex)
47.4	Andrew Brown (Opelousas, La)
47.4	Mike Carter (Pine Bluff, Ark)
47.4	Robert Harrell (Santa Ana, Calif)
47.4	Tony Lawson (Pittsburg, Calif)
47.5	Fred Brown (Weequahic, Newark, NJ)
47.5	Anthony Strohmman (DeSoto, Arcadia, Fla)
47.6	Bill Butler (East Orange, NJ)

880 YARDS

1:49.7	Dale Scott (El Cerrito, Calif)
1:51.4	Tom Garrison (Antioch, Tenn)
1:51.4	Robert Harrell (Santa Ana, Calif)
1:51.5	**Alvin Crenshaw (Roosevelt, Dallas, Tex)
1:51.5	James Robinson (McClymonds, Oakland, Calif)
1:51.6	Tom Kovacich (Buena Park, Calif)
1:51.7	Albert Seeney (Manual Arts, LA, Calif)
1:51.7	*Don Sellers (Harrison, Evansville, Ind)
1:51.9	Gary Trojanowski (St Joseph's, Metuchen, NJ)

800-meters:

1:48.8	Brian Guaschino (North Bergen, NJ)
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ONE MILE

4:05.4	Mark Schilling (Garden Grove, Calif)
4:05.5	Terry Cotton (Valley, El Cajon, Calif)
4:06.7	*Barrie Williams (North, Torrance, Calif)
4:07.0	*Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif)
4:08.7	Gordon Oliver (Beth-Chevy Ch, Bethesda, Md)
4:09.2	*Craig Virgin (Lebanon, Ill)
4:09.3	Reed Fischer (Highland Park, Dallas, Tex)
4:10.1	James Vogt (Jackson, Manassas, Va)
4:10.7	*Steve Miller (Carlmont, Belmont, Calif)
4:10.9	Jim Hurt (Proviso West, Hillside, Ill)
4:10.9	Robin Shipman (Bedford, Ind)

5th year:

4:09.5	Jose Amaya (Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif)
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TWO MILES

8:48.8	*Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif)
8:52.0	*Craig Virgin (Lebanon, Ill)
8:53.4	Marc Genet (Santa Ana, Calif)
8:53.6	*Dave Taylor (Merced, Calif)
8:54.8	Terry Cotton (Valley, El Cajon, Calif)
8:55.0	*Terry Williams (Lompoc, Calif)
8:56.2	Bob Grubbs (Washington, Fremont, Calif)
8:56.8	Jim Salcido (Sunny Hills, Fullerton, Calif)
8:58.2	*Steve Martin (Davis, Calif)
8:58.4	Tom Koppes (St John Bosco, Bellflower, Calif)

5th year:

8:54.0	Jose Amaya (Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif)
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STEEPLECHASE

9:33.0	Bill Glad (Bellevue, Wash)
9:33.8	Mike Brown (La Salle Academy, NYC, NY)

120 YARD HURDLES

13.4	Allen Misher (Sterling, Houston, Tex)
13.5	Larry Shipp (St Albans, Washington, DC)
13.6	Dan Jones (Palo Verde, Blythe, Calif)
13.6	Bobby Littlefield (Sterling, Baytown, Tex)
13.6	Charles Romes (Hillside, Durham, N Car)
13.7	Mike Fulgham (Central, San Angelo, Tex)
13.7	Mike Ross (Smiley, Houston, Tex)
13.7	Harold Schwab (Centereach, NY)
13.7	Gary Taylor (Ball, Galveston, Tex)

Wind-aided:

13.4	Donnie Reddic (Jefferson, Dallas, Tex)
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Incomplete wind info:

13.6	Harold Reese (Auburn, Ala)
13.6	Eddie Romes (Hillside, Durham, N Car)

180 YARD HURDLES (Straight)

18.5	Dan Jones (Palo Verde, Blythe, Calif)
18.5	John Pfersdorf (Catalina, Tucson, Ariz)
18.6	Nate Austin (Rahway, NJ)
18.6	Michael Nealy (Edison, Stockton, Calif)
18.7	Duke Ferguson (Merced, Calif)
18.7	Rich Matthews (Highlands, N Highlands, Calif)

Wind-aided:

18.5	Ricardo Sims (Washington, Los Angeles, Calif)
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No flash:

18.2	Michael Nealy (Edison, Stockton, Calif)
18.4	*Scott Skillman (Campbell, Calif)
18.4	Lynn Zwahlen (Davis, Modesto, Calif)
18.5	Duke Ferguson (Merced, Calif)
18.5	Rich Matthews (Highlands, N Highlands, Calif)

180 YARD HURDLES (Turn)

18.8	*Oscar Jones (Jackson, Charleston, W Va)
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330 YARD HURDLES

37.1	Allen Misher (Sterling, Houston, Tex)
37.6	Harold Schwab (Centereach, NY)
37.7	Donnie Reddic (Jefferson, Dallas, Tex)
37.8	*Carlos Cribbs (Cleburne, Tex)
37.9	Gary Taylor (Ball, Galveston, Tex)

HIGH JUMP

6-11½	*Lee Braach (Mt Rainier, Des Moines, Wash)
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6-11 Dave Bush (Campbell, Calif)
 6-10½ *John Allen (Casa Grande, Ariz)
 6-10½ Mark Branch (Doyle, Knoxville, Tenn)
 6-10½ *Alan Moore (Junction City, Kans)
 6-10½ Chandler Muse (Myers Park, Charlotte, N Car)
 6-10½ *Jay Meisler (Farmingdale, NY)
 6-10 Dennis DeLoach (Irvin, El Paso, Tex)
 6-10 Carl Miles (Poly, Long Beach, Calif)
 6-10 Mike Nowacki (Greenfield, Wisc)
 6-10 Harold Reese (Auburn, Ala)
 6-10 John Stanek (Proviso West, Hillside, Ill)

POLE VAULT

16-4 Craig Brigham (South, Eugene, Ore)
 15-8½ Tim Quinn (Monroe, Sepulveda, Calif)
 15-7 Steve Riley (East, Wichita, Kans)
 15-7 Al Sandoval (West Covina, Calif)
 15-6 Jim Adlam (Abington, Pa)
 15-6 *Tim Curran (Crespi Carmelite, Encino, Calif)
 15-6 *Grant Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville, Ind)
 15-5½ Richard Baggett (Pasco, Wash)
 15-5½ Judd Eddy (Ferris, Spokane, Wash)
 15-5½ Dan Ridlen (Haworth, Kokomo, Ind)

LONG JUMP

25-9½ *Gerald Hardeman (Edison, Fresno, Calif)
 25-5 Carl McCullough (Sacramento, Calif)
 24-8½ *Jerry Herndon (Cajon, San Bernardino, Calif)
 24-7½ Anthony Carter (Toulminville, Mobile, Ala)
 24-7 Steve Rim (Clovis, Calif)
 24-7 Lester Scott (Alton, Ill)
 24-6 Ken Duncan (McClatchy, Sacramento, Calif)
 24-5½ Anthony Edwards (Redlands, Calif)
 24-4½ Ken Harrison (South Park, Beaumont, Tex)
 24-4½ *Alex Ray (Ball, Galveston, Tex)

Wind-aided:

25-2½ Don Robins (Destrehan, La)
 24-11½ Ken Duncan (McClatchy, Sacramento, Calif)

TRIPLE JUMP

50-1¼ Tom Cochee (Tech, Oakland, Calif)

49-8¼ Frank Glascoe (Williams, Alexandria, Va)
 49-5 Steve Rim (Clovis, Calif)
 49-2 David Knapp (North Springs, Atlanta, Ga)
 48-10¼ John Triplett (Branham, San Jose, Calif)
 48-10 Bill Scott (Menchville, Newport News, Va)
 48-7½ *Tom Andrews (West, Bakersfield, Calif)
 48-7½ *Ron Livers (Eisenhower, Norristown, Pa)
 48-5½ Greg Hay (Concord, Calif)
 48-2¼ *Victor White (Harrison, Colorado Sp, Colo)
Incomplete wind info:
 49-¾ *Victor White (Harrison, Colorado Sp, Colo)

SHOT PUT (12 lb)

70-1¼ Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa)
 67-6½ Randy Cross (Crespi Carmelite, Encino, Calif)
 67-4 Terry Albritton (Npt Har, Npt Bch, Calif)
 65-7½ Dave Gerasimchuk (Narbonne, Harbor C, Calif)
 65-2½ Frank West (Mart, Tex)
 64-½ Ed Franklin (Lamar Cons, Rosenberg, Tex)
 63-11¼ Bret Mannon (Los Gatos, Calif)
 63-¾ Mike Metoyer (Gardena, Calif)
 62-10 Rich Girt (United Twnsp, E Moline, Ill)
 62-10 Warren Shank (Rio Americano, Sacramento)
16-lb:
 57-3½ Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa)

DISCUS THROW (3 lb, 9 oz)

204-5 Scott Overton (Los Altos, Calif)
 199-5 Brett Dull (Winter Haven, Fla)
 195-11 Whitney Paul (Ball, Galveston, Tex)
 193-10 Jim Miller (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore)
 191-5 Ron Semkiw (Baldwin, Pittsburgh, Pa)
 188-7 *Dave Hickson (Leland, San Jose, Calif)
 187-9 *Jay Plushkin (Los Altos, Calif)
 183-11 Albert Mullen (Lincoln, Port Arthur, Tex)
 183-11 Mark Smith (Independence, Iowa)
4-lb., 6-oz:
 170-7 Whitney Paul (Ball, Galveston, Tex)

HAMMER THROW (12 lb)

227-8 Alvin Jackson (Classical, Providence, RI)

219-0 Phil Bartlett (Classical, Providence, RI)
 209-3 **Tony Strackaluse (La Salle Acad, Prov, RI)
 194-7 Johnson (Bishop Hendricken, Warwick, RI)
 182-11 Tony Sylvander (East Greenwich, RI)
 181-4 **Emmett Barry (Hope, Providence, RI)
 178-2 Gary Besette (Cumberland, RI)
 172-2 Beaten (Classical, Providence, RI)

JAVELIN THROW

239-8 Jeff Carter (South, Eugene, Ore)
 234-10 Ron Lee (Lexington, Mass)
 233-11 Bruce Dow (Hillsboro, Ore)
 232-8 Tom Tennis (Cent Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash)
 230-9 *Bill Wilcox (H Cross, New Orleans, La)
 229-6 Dave Ott (Skyline, Salt Lake City, Utah)
 228-5 Mike Dahlstrom (Hellgate, Missoula, Mont)
 225-2 Keith Keller (Marshall, Portland, Ore)
 223-5 Curt Heide (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore)

440 YARD RELAY

40.9 Smiley, Houston, Tex
 41.0 Dunbar, Ft. Worth, Tex
 41.2 Crenshaw, Los Angeles, Calif
 41.3 Centennial, Compton, Calif
 41.3 Wilson, San Francisco, Calif
 41.4 Elmore, Houston, Tex
 41.4 Northside, Ft. Worth, Tex
 41.4 Weequahic, Newark, NJ
 41.5 Greenville, Tex

MILE RELAY

3:14.2 Pinkston, Dallas, Tex
 3:15.0 Santa Ana, Calif
 3:15.2 Boys, Brooklyn, NY
 3:15.9 Tech, Ft. Worth, Tex
 3:16.0 McClymonds, Oakland, Calif
 3:16.0 Putnam City, Okla
 3:16.1 Wissahickon, Ambler, Pa
 3:16.2 Lincoln, Port Arthur, Tex
 3:16.7 Muskogee, Okla
 3:16.8 Fair Park, Shreveport, La



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THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS

US OLYMPIC PICKS

Way back in February, *T&FN* made its first predictions of the year for the US Olympic team, labeling it "gutsy picks". And the way the season is developing, gutsy is a pretty apt term. The following predictions, based on the best information available to us by June 12, bear only a 63% resemblance to those original top three picks. In other words, 24 of our original 66 picks have fallen by the wayside. These reflect the state of affairs prior to the AAU.

Symbols: A=almost certain to make team; B=good chance to make team; C=reasonable chance to make team; D=possible chance to make team, but definite chance for top six at Final Olympic Trials; †=unknown if athlete will attempt this event; ?=athlete's status unknown.

The top three choices (US team members) are indicated by bold-face type and listed alphabetically when in the same category. Remaining choices are not differentiated.

100-METERS

- C. **Crockett-Edmonson-Hart.**
D. Amerison-Dill-Curtis-C.Greene-Jackson-McGee-Meriwether-Pender-Porter-Riddick-Robinson-Tinker-Washington.

200-METERS

- C. **Black-Burton-Dill.**
D. L.Brown-Crockett-Deckard-Edmonson-Hart-Lutz-C.Smith-Tinker-Walker-H. Williams-S.Williams †.

400-METERS

- B. **Evans-Matthews-Smith, Collett.**
C. S.Williams †.

- D. B.Brown-H.Brown-Jones-Newhouse-Peoples-Redd.

800-METERS

- B. **Luzins-Swenson-Winzenried.**
D. Bach-Brown-Fulton-Paul-Philippe-Phil-

lips-Sparks-Straub-Thomas-Waldrop-Wottle.

1500-METERS

- B. **Ryun-Von Ruden.**
C. **Wottle, Howe-Michael.**
D. Crawford-Macdonald-McAfee-Popejoy-Van Dyk-B.Wheeler.

5000-METERS

- A. **Prefontaine.**
B. **Fredericks-Young.**
C. **Hilton-Lindgren-Smith †.**
D. **Bachelor †-Harrison-Herold-Hitchcock-Stageberg.**

10,000-METERS

- A. **Shorter.**
B. **Bachelor-Lindgren.**
C. **Laris-Smith †.**
D. **Clark-Reid.**

MARATHON

- B. **Moore-Shorter.**
C. **Laris, Mortenson.**
D. **Bachelor †-Bringhurst-Galloway-Hatfield-Hazilla-Higgins-Lorenz-Misner-Norris-O'Reilly-Schmenk-Scobey-Vitale-White.**

20-KILO WALK

- A. **Dooley-Young.**
C. **Romansky, Godwin-Klopfner-Ranney.**
D. **Brown-Daniel-Haluza-Scully-Walker.**

50-KILO WALK

- A. **Young.**
B. **Kitchen.**
C. **Klopfner, Bowman-Knifton-Scully.**
D. **Geiver-Haluza-Kulik-Romansky-Weigle-Westerfield.**

STEEPLECHASE

- B. **Lucas-Manley-S.Savage.**
C. **Johnson-Price.**
D. **Beardmore-B.Brown-D.Brown-Larson-Liebenberg-Sink-Timm.**

110-METER HURDLES

- A. **Milburn.**
B. **Davenport-Hill.**
C. **Gibson-White.**
D. **Draper-Foster-Rich-Stubbs-Wilson.**

400-METER HURDLES

- B. **Bolding-Collins.**
C. **Bruggeman, Mann.**
D. **Bassett-Cassleman-Gipson-Gittins-Musika-Seymour-Steele-Whitney-Williams-Wood.**

HIGH JUMP

- C. **Brown-Dunn-Schur, Jourdan-Stones-Woods.**
D. **Bowers-Burrell-Culp-Fletcher-Johnson-Matzdorf-Shepard-White?**

POLE VAULT

- B. **Johnson-Roberts-Seagren.**

- C. **Smith.**
D. **Caruthers-Curnow-Dias-Hamer-Railsback-Richards-Slover-Wallick-Williamson.**

LONG JUMP

- B. **Hines.**
C. **Robinson-Williams, Jackson-Moore-Tate.**
D. **Beamon-Bolin-Boston-Coleman-Lanier-McAlister-Proctor-Rea-Royster-Whitley.**

TRIPLE JUMP

- A. **Craft.**
C. **Butts-Reader, McClure-Tiff-Walker.**
D. **Fraser-Freeman-Smith.**

SHOT

- B. **Feuerbach-Matson-Woods.**
C. **DeBernardi.**
D. **Lane-Oldfield-Salb-Shmock-Jesse Stuart-B.Wilhelm-S.Wilhelm-Walker.**

DISCUS

- B. **Silvester-Vollmer.**
C. **Powell, Drescher.**
D. **Carlsen-DeBernardi-Gunzel-Lister-Ordway-Penrose-Swarts.**

HAMMER

- A. **Frenn.**
B. **Gage-Schoterman, Connolly.**
D. **Bredice-DeAutremont-Dinneen-Hall-Hart-McDermott-Narcessian.**

JAVELIN

- B. **Luke-Murro-Schmidt.**
C. **Colson.**
D. **Feldmann-Morland-Quitslund-Skinner-Sonsky-Tipton.**

DECATHLON

- B. **Bannister-Bennett-Wanamaker, Hodge.**
C. **Gough-Samara-Warkentin.**
D. **Bakley-Brigham-Evans-G.Hill-M.Hill-Jenner-Kenward-Pannel-Thoreson.** □

Of People & Things

by
Bert Nelson

As the 1972 track scene rushes towards the first of its two great climaxes, I have the feeling that America's tracksters are about ready to explode. Until now, it has been a rather strange season, featuring a continual sensing that it's going to happen soon. Now there is no tomorrow and a superb body of talent is certain to rock the track world with its Olympic Trials greatness. As of June 8, I see it this way, but the thinking has to be re-ordered after every weekend, perhaps every big meet:

Decathlon: Seven men have a real shot at the team but the two outsiders, Steve Gough and Fred Samara, are hurting. Any of the others could make it with 8000-plus. Jeff Bannister and Rick Wanamaker have the most potential, Jeff Bennett is solid, Russ Hodge has to get it all together, and John Warkentin is steadily tough and coming.

Javelin: A disappointment. Mark Murro is just beginning to show signs of his former greatness and looks a good team-bet with improving Fred Luke and steady Bill Schmidt, but none are of European class.

Hammer: As formful an event as there is. It's still George Frenn and Tom Gage almost certain, with old Hal Connolly battling young Al Schoterman for the other spot and no one else in sight.

Discus: Another formful event, finally. Jay Silvester is solid. Tim Vollmer has taken over the number two spot after a poor start. Third remains in doubt. Dick Drescher reportedly is hurt, John Powell is up and down, and 1968 Olympian Gary Carlsen is moving up.

Shot: Exciting is the word here. Three all-time greats—the three best in history—all with a chance to win. First, it was Al Feuerbach and then George Woods, with Randy Matson's still awesome potential there all the while. And Fred DeBernardi challenging.

Triple jump: Look for a surprise or two here. John Craft looks sure, even though he doesn't jump much. But behind him it could be any of many, headed by Dave Smith and James Butts. Don't overlook Art Walker whose great potential shows a little whenever it's windy.

Long jump: Still uncertain because there is so much talent. Henry Hines looks good as did Arnie Robinson until a recent poor third. Veterans Ralph Boston and Norm Tate insist they will make it. Bob Beamon can't make up his mind to try. Young Randy Williams may not wait.

Pole vault: The cream has risen to the top with Bob Seagren the sweetest of all. Dave Roberts and Jan Johnson are peaking at the right time while early season star Steve Smith is hurting. The rest are outdistanced.

High jump: An almost complete reversal of form. Reliable Rey

Brown is having troubles as is injured Pat Matzdorf. That leaves it wide open for promising youngsters like Barry Schur and Chris Dunn and Tom Woods and vets like Ron Jourdan, Barry Shepard, Dick Fosbury and Tim Heikkila.

440 hurdles: Another unformful event. Ralph Mann is discouraged, needlessly so most likely. Jim Bolding shows effects of too many races. Ron Whitney and Bob Steele aren't doing it. But Bruce Collins is. And Boyd Gittins is comebacking while Wes Williams is close to making it.

110 hurdles: There's Rod Milburn and the rest, divided into two groups. Willie Davenport, Tom Hill head the second bunch, closely pressed by Jerry Wilson, Paul Gibson and Tommy Lee White. It would be a real surprise for anyone else to get in ahead of those six.

10,000: It's an old-timer's event with no young blood in sight. Frank Shorter hasn't been in the best of form but should be. Jack Bachelor is beginning to run as of old. Gerry Lindgren looks much better but is still a question. Tom Laris and Tracy Smith are good enough.

5000: Steve Prefontaine is one of the real solid ones. George Young is playing it cozy but has shown enough to satisfy me he'll be there. Of the rest, Greg Fredericks rates the edge off the NCAA as Len Hilton, Steve Stageberg, Smith and Lindgren must prove themselves again.

3000 steeplechase: No cinches here. Mike Manley is the strongest of the old guard, but the others—Steve Savage, Sid Sink and Bob Price—are under attack from a lot of challengers. Heading the pack are young Joe Lucas and Jim Johnson with others as possibilities.

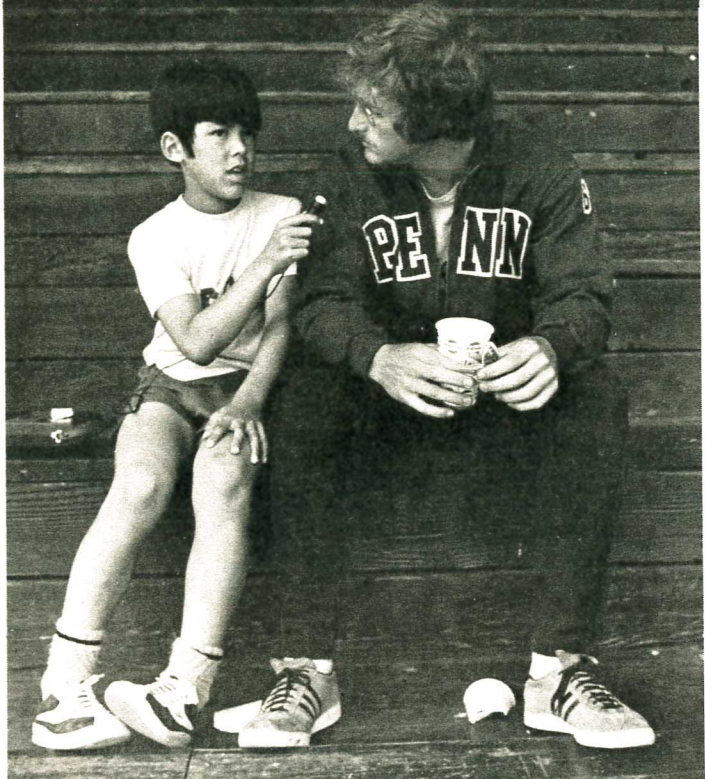
1500: Marty Liquori is out. Jim Ryun can't seem to make up his mind to be as great as he can be. The third Olympian, Tom Von Ruden, hasn't dominated. There's sure to be an exciting scrap for team spots, featuring, among others, Dave Wottle, Howell Michael and Jerome Howe.

800: The old-timers haven't scared off the opposition yet. Juris Luzins and Mark Winzenried are running well if not great, while Ken Swenson runs infrequently and Art Sandison is undistinguished. Waiting for a chance are Rick Brown, Ron Phillips, Willie Thomas and Tom Fulton.

400: The problem here is too much talent. John Smith is consistently great and Lee Evans is a bit erratically great. Wayne Collett is a great second placer and Vince Matthews is good and improving every race. Fred Newhouse is regaining form and Curtis Mills may. Fantastic.

200: After Larry Black, a truly solid citizen, what is there? Marshall Dill went home without contesting the NCAA final, Steve Williams is hurt, Larry Burton won the NCAA but not in great company, Ivory Crockett, Willie Deckard and Eddie Hart are fast but not consistent.

100: Perhaps never has an event been so hard to pin down. Warren Edmonson is most consistent but a lot of others are as good, or better, when at their best, which isn't regularly, Del Meriwether, Ivory Crockett, Herb Washington, Willie McGee, Charlie Green, Ray Robinson????□



Steve Sutton's roving camera caught these varied scenes at the NCAA. (Left) After dropping out of the decathlon, Fred Samara (r) still had to face the press. Fourth-grader Douglas Gilliland, 9, gets the scoop for his Bellevue, Wash., grade-school paper. (Above) Getting down to business, Cliff Branch adjusts his starting block before a sprint race. (Below) The setting sun casts the shadows of runners in the 10,000-meters onto the walls of their gladiatorial arena, Hayward Field.

Last Lap

US Olympic Trials Schedule Favorable to Fans

Going to the US Final Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon? Or just planning on reading about the June 29 to July 9 events in your local newspaper? Either way, the following daily schedule will undoubtedly be of aid in knowing what to expect, and when. Symbols: Q=field event qualifying; H=heats; QF=quarterfinals; SF=semifinals; F=final.

Thursday, June 29: 800 H; steeple H; 10,000 H.

Friday, June 30: intermediate hurdle H; discus Q; triple jump Q; 100 H; 100 QF; 800 SF.

Saturday, July 1: javelin Q; vault Q; intermediate hurdles SF; 20-kilo walk F; discus F; 100 SF; triple jump F; 100 F; 800 F.

Sunday, July 2: vault F; javelin F; intermediate hurdles F; steeple F; 10,000 F.

Monday, July 3: decathlon first day.

Tuesday, July 4: decathlon second day; 50-kilo walk F.

Wednesday, July 5: no competition.

Thursday, July 6: high hurdles H; 5000 H; high hurdles QF; 400 H; 1500 H.

Friday, July 7: 200 H; hammer Q; 400 QF; shot Q; long jump Q; 200 QF; high hurdles SF; 400 SF; 1500 SF.

Saturday, July 8: high jump Q; 200 SF; shot F; long jump F; 1500 F; 200F.

Sunday, July 9: hammer F; marathon F; high jump F; high hurdles F; 400 F; 5000 F.

Remaining CBS-TV Coverage of AAU Events Set

Here is the concluding schedule for the AAU Champions Sunday afternoon television series, all shows running from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. EDT on CBS-TV. Shown June 18 will be the national AAU (filmed June 15-17); June 25, US vs. Canada women's meet (June 4), plus July 2, AAU decathlon (June 4-5) plus boxing; July 9, AAU women's championships (June 30, July 1) plus swimming; July 23, USSR vs. Italy and USSR vs. West Germany, plus volleyball and equestrian; July 30, US vs. USSR junior meet (July 28-29); Aug. 6, Oslo Invitational, including near-full US and USSR teams (Aug 11); Aug. 20, Munich international (Aug. 15-16); Aug. 27, Garmisch, Germany (Aug 19) and Innsbruck, Austria (Aug 20) internationals.

Seconds & Inches

Smith, Evans, Collett, Matthews Waging War

If there is any event in which the United States is usually assured of a gold medal at the Olympic Games, it is the 400. And 1972 looks like no exception to the rule. The real question is, who will be the three US team



members? Four contenders have currently broken away from the rest of the pack, and appear likely to battle among themselves for the three spots. Although John Smith has seen limited activity because of his winter illness and his collegiate activities, the four seem fairly evenly matched so far. Smith, Lee Evans and Vince Matthews each claim a seasonal winning record over one of the other three. Look at their comparative seasonal records against each other and try to pick the team. What it really means is that the US is going to have one super (read unbeatable) 1600-relay team with these four (or someone who is able to displace any of them).

	John Smith	Lee Evans	Wayne Collett	Vince Matthews
UCLA M/Ch	45.9(3)	44.9(1)	45.0(2)	---
Mt SAC Rlys	---	46.0(1)	46.0(2)	---
West Coast R	---	45.2(1)	46.0(3)	---
King Gms	---	45.8(3)	---	45.8(2)
Calif Rlys	---	45.7(1)	---	45.7(2)
Compton	---	45.5m(3)	45.0m(2)	44.8m(1)
Vons Classic	45.0(1)	45.0(2)	45.2(4)	45.1(3)
Kennedy G	---	---	45.7(1)	46.1(2)

(additionally, Smith was second in the Pac-8 (45.8) and first in the NCAA (44.5m).

Olympic Status Quo

✓History's fourth-fastest marathoner, 2:10.47.8 performer **Bill Adcocks** of Britain, will miss a chance for Munich this year. The fifth-placer at Mexico in 1968, Adcocks is now sidelined with an injury to a calf muscle. And this just as he was believed fully recovered from another ailment.

✓West Germany's **Kurt Bendlin**, one of decathloning's biggest names, has been knocked out of the 1972 Games. A former world record holder at 8319, Bendlin severely injured an Achilles tendon in an early June meet, and later announced the injury would prevent him from attempting to improve on his third-place finish at Mexico.

✓A foot problem has sidelined one of America's brightest young distance

hopes, Garry Bjorklund of Minnesota. The 1971 NCAA six-mile champ, Bjorklund has a severe strain along the longitudinal arch of his left foot, caused by an accessory navicular bone. "Any chances of competing in the Olympic trials are almost nil," he says. "Hopefully, a summer of complete rest will improve the condition." But he is quick to stress his true feelings about running. "I run because I like to" he says. "The idea of being fortunate enough to make national teams or being able to compete in the Olympics is a motivating factor, but not all-important."

✓**Sprinter Isaac Curtis**, runner-up to Cal teammate Eddie Hart in the 1960 NCAA 100, is getting back into sprinting after transferring to San Diego State. Originally planning on concentrating on football, the 9.3/20.8 performer recently ran a metric 10.3 and a windy 10.2. "I enjoy running," he says. "That's why I'm out here. It helps keep me in condition for football, too. Sure, I'd like to make the Olympic team. If I got down and worked hard like I should, I think I'd have a good chance."

✓**Footloose vaulter Kjell Isaksson** has had his traveling activities curtailed, at least momentarily. Already this season, he has set one indoor and three outdoor world records in the US, done 17-8½ and 17-10½ in Italy, 17-10½ in Sweden and 17-4¾ in Japan. Planning a return to the US for some June meets, Isaksson received a no from the Swedish Track Federation, which told him he had been out of the country too much already this year.

✓**Versatile New Zealand distance star Rex Maddaford** is currently suffering from mononucleosis. The illness kept him from competing at the recent NAIA championships, where he was runner-up at both one- and three-miles in 1971 after winning the three- and six-mile titles in 1970.

✓**The latest chapter in the John Van Reenen-searching-for-a-country epic** has involved active senior sprinter Senator Alan Cranston. The world leader for much of this year, South African Van Reenen has been frustrated in attempts to go to Munich. An act of Congress could make him a US citizen. "I would be glad to introduce a bill on your behalf," Cranston was recently quoted as saying.

✓**Another depletion to the British marathon squad** is one of the most impressive newcomers of 1971, **Trevor Wright**, silver medalist at the European championships. A 2:13:27 performer in his first year of serious marathoning, Wright was forced to give up running in late May due to a chain-reaction of foot troubles stemming from a bruised bone.

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False Starts

1. II May—More confusion on Kjell Isaksson's 5.54-meter vault. The IAAF-approved Sparks conversion tables have two different charts at that level, one for long jump, triple jump and shot and another for the high jump and pole vault. When we reported that Isaksson's 5.54 would be accepted as 18-2¼, we were using the incorrect chart. Although 5.54 is equal to 18-2¼ on the long jump chart, it equals only 18-2 on the official vault chart. So the world record should be accepted as 18-2, equal to the English measurement. However, the ATFS (Potts) tables still rate 5.54 as equal to 18-2¼. □

STEVE MURDOCK, *T&FN* photographer, New York, New York: I imagine this is the peak of your really super-frantic time. Having tussled with a few deadlines myself in my time, I stand somewhat in awe of the vast amount of work you guys do with scarcely a break.

BARBARA BELL, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Whenever I read in the pages of *T&FN* about some outstanding South African athlete, his achievements and ineligibility for the Olympics, I think it regrettable that an athlete should be penalized for the faults of his government, particularly when the Olympic Games are, at least officially, competition between individuals and not between national teams. Then, I wonder if this and perhaps other problems could not be solved by the creation of a non-affiliated "open" Olympic category. Athletes entering in this category would wear a special Olympic uniform, and should one win, the Olympic flag and anthem could be appropriately substituted. This category I suggest should be open to all persons of any nationality. Athletes who fail to make their national team or did not wish to represent their country could obtain or provide independent financing for their expenses. To prevent excessive numbers of "open" entries, I would suggest that the qualifying standards be set higher than those applying to the three national entries—perhaps midway between Olympic record and regular qualifying standard.

J. H. STEELE, East Lansing, Michigan: It seems strange that the three right leg leaders of the 1972 NCAA intermediate hurdles final in Eugene (Jim Bolding, Bob Casseleman and Chris Adsit) were all disqualified. And that in the 1971 AAU finals in Eugene, two right leg leaders in the final (Ron Whitney and Bob Steele) were disqualified. It would seem only logical that these men should have a history of disqualifications, or is it possible that the officials were calling for outside the hurdle rather than *outside and below*? The Eugene disqualifications bring back memories of the 1966 NCAA at Indiana where 13 right leg leaders were disqualified in the intermediates. Indiana also tried to disqualify Ron Copeland in the high hurdles, until UCLA coach Jim Bush proved that Copeland's foot could not pass between the hurdles. Perhaps to save time during the Olympic Trials to be held at Eugene, it would be best to ban all right leg leaders from competing in the intermediates. The officials would not be bothered by protesting athletes wanting to see TV films proving whether or not they had been disqualified legitimately.

S. JOAQUIN WATKINS, Grand Junction, Colorado: It is with considerable concern that I note the increasing emphasis by high school and even junior high school athletes to train for the two-mile and longer distances. The times for the races tend to indicate that these boys are running up to 100 miles a week in training, which I consider excessive. For a coach to encourage an athlete to this at an immature stage of body development is not only stupid but shows a complete disregard for the future of the individual. *T&FN*, with its postal competitions, is partially responsible. During the past few years, the record appears to indicate that many of our distance runners with exceptional possibilities have failed to reach their potential due to this early emphasis upon excessive training which their immature bodies cannot tolerate. Track is fast becoming a "way of life" and is no longer a sport.

STEVEN D. GENTRY and friends, State College, Pennsylvania: ABC's NCAA track and field coverage would have been laughable if it were not so pitiful. It was evident many events were entirely ignored, while in those which were "covered" the results were ignored. Many talented, Olympic-bound athletes were also ignored by the camera due to ABC's fascination for the UCLA-Southern Cal team battle. We might remind ABC that this was a national track and field collegiate championship meet at which more than a team title was at stake. A key case in point: we were shown some 14 seconds of Steve Prefontaine's victory lap and about one second of the actual race. And of course who else competed in this race, much less who finished second or third?

FERRANDO RODEIL-VIVAS, Santurce, Puerto Rico: I indignantly protest the castration of dates and venues in the 1972 Annual edition. You did better back in 1948. As to your I May *T&FN*, valuable space is wasted on personal matters such as articles on Jim Ryun, Steve Williams, John Van Reenen and Lee Evans. This last article is chock-full of capillary and astrological stupidities. Writer Jon Hendershott deserves a dunce-cap. Let's cut out the trash in *T&FN*. Let us have fuller summaries on important US meets and more information from Europe, Latin America and Japan. I am a subscriber to *Track Newsletter*, where I hope to get the statistical information that I miss in recent issues of *T&FN*.

RON CLARKE, world distance record holder, Victoria, Australia: Steve Prefontaine is really shaping up now, isn't he? I feel his only threat in the 5000 is Ian Stewart, but it should provide an interesting race in what promises to be a great Games. . . I couldn't have been more thrilled with the new book [*Ron Clarke Talks Track*]. Somehow you [Jon Hendershott] have turned my stumbling, rambling answers into a lucid text whilst still retaining my peculiar mannerisms and expressions. □

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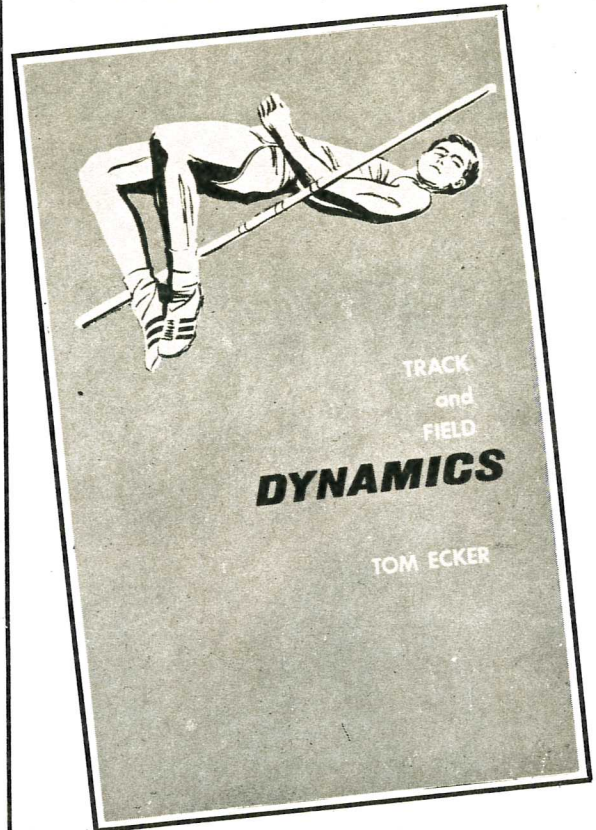
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