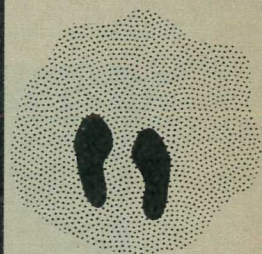


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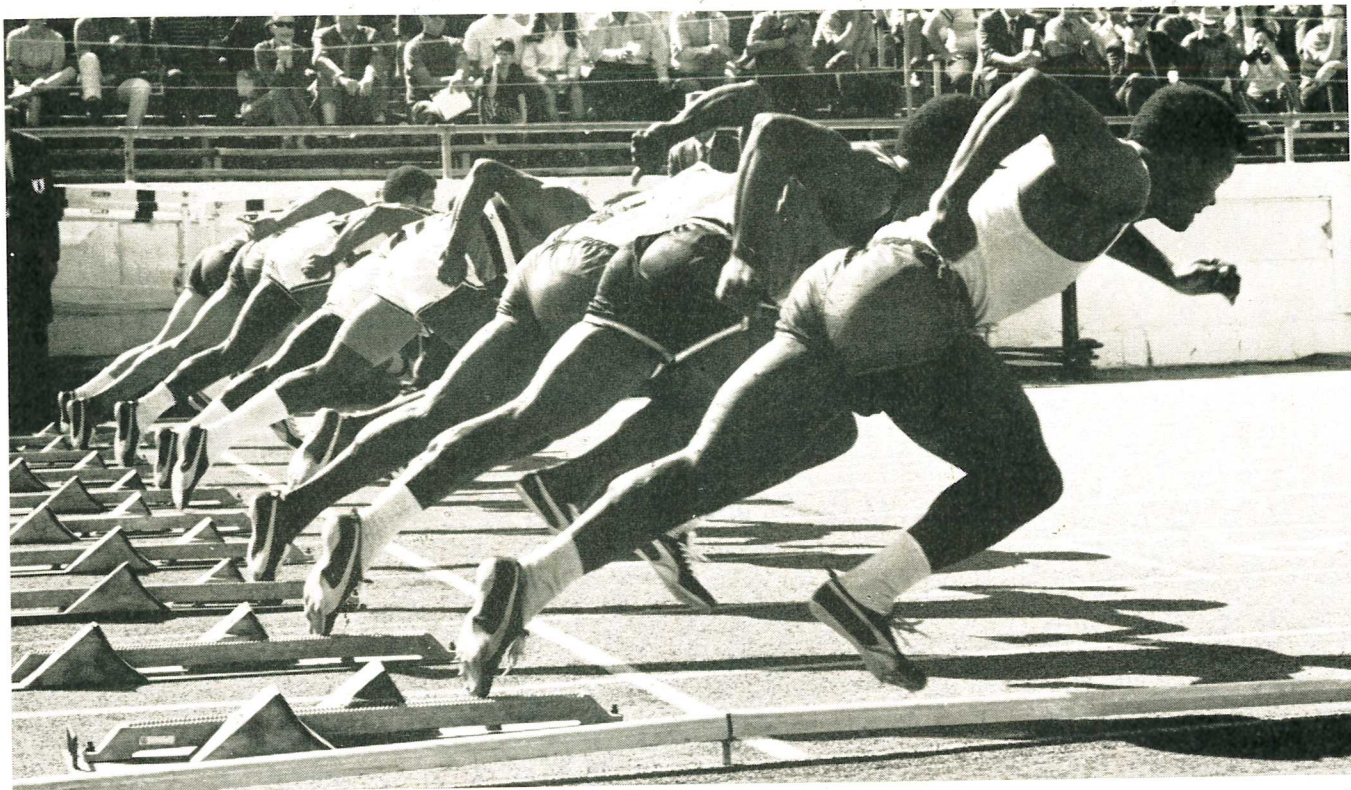
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UP FRONT

For all intents, a record-shattering 1972 outdoor track season was capped off—and brilliantly so—by the record 57-2¼ triple jump of Olympic champion Viktor Saneyev. The foot pattern on this month's cover is an approximation of Saneyev's leaping pattern—although of course not in proportion to his effort which topped the global mark by 1¾”.

US CROSS COUNTRY

Top Stars Currently Inactive

The rigors of the Olympic campaign have had a somewhat deleterious effect on the early cross country season. Although it is true that many non-collegiate distance runners often do not contest any meet save the AAU in cross country, it is a fact that only two (Jeff Galloway of the Florida Track Club and Doug Brown of Tennessee) of the 15 Olympians at distances from the 1500 up have appeared so far in major meet summaries. And NCAA two-time champ Steve Prefontaine of Oregon is passing the whole season, as is IC4A defender Bob Wheeler of Duke. The collegiate scene has been weakened further by the loss to surgery of Minnesota's Garry Bjorklund, runner-up to Pre in the last two meets.

But all is not gloom. Teammates Frank Shorter and Jack Bachelier of the Florida Track Club, winners of the last three AAU championships, are expected to return to action for that meet. Not only that, the NCAA field will be enriched by the first-time appearances of John Halberstadt of Oklahoma State and Gordon Minty of Eastern Michigan, who went 1-2 in the outdoor 10,000 in June. And while the glitter of some of the top stars has been missing, the major meets of the season have been spiced by the closeness of evenly-matched squads in the team tussles, as a clear favorite for the NCAA crown has yet to emerge. With three Olympians on the roster, the Florida Track Club looks good to repeat the team title in the AAU.

Northeast

One of the best gauges for comparison in this part of the country is the oft-traveled 5.0 mile route in Van Cortlandt Park. By that yardstick, at least, Irish Olympian Mike Keogh of Manhattan is ready, blazing the course in 24:30.2, the second-best non-IC4A clocking ever recorded. He becomes only the third performer (Steve Stageberg and Ron Stonitsch are the others) to break 25:00 on the respected route in non-championship competition. With aid from Tony Colon and Pete Squires, the Manhattan squad now has a winning streak of 31 in dual competition, although major competition "keeps ducking us". With Joe Savage running as a solid fourth, the still-young Manhattan squad looks tough as a team. But top team honors currently belong to Penn State after a 24-36 edging of long-time power Villanova. Villanova's Irish Olympian John Hartnett was hot in that one, winning by almost a minute over the 5.0 mile route, 24:36 to 25:21 for Penn State's Bob Hillman. Villanova got a third from Eamonn Cogan, but Penn State packed in eight of the first 11 and recorded a good 39-second differential for its first five as superior depth won the day. And Penn State has also recorded solid victories over Kent State, 17-46, and Georgetown, 15-43, getting steady running from Matt Chadwick, Charlie Maguire and Gary Gittings. Defending IC4A champ Penn was weakened considerably by the transfer of top man Dave Merrick to Alabama, and was upset by Harvard, 27-28. Soph Rick Rojas has been turning in good races for the Harvard squad.

Southeast

Even without Messrs. Shorter and Bachelier, the Florida Track Club has personnel to burn, as Ken Misner took the Alabama Invitational, Jeff Galloway the Tallahassee Invitational and Barry Brown the Stone Mountain race. Olympian Doug Brown has been using his Munich fitness to good advantage, winning by 32-seconds against Michigan State and Ohio State and 25-seconds against Kentucky.

Olympians abound in this area, as East Tennessee State's "Irish Brigade" (now numbering six) is led by Irish Munichers Neil Cusack and Ed Leddy, seventh and eighth placers in last year's NCAA. They have yet to contest a major race in 72. The other solid team in the southeast is the young William & Mary squad, led by frosh Chris Tulou and Mac Collins and soph Tim Cook, as the team is undefeated, including a 21-40 win over Maryland and a 15-50 pasting of Georgetown. Lacking a big star, William & Mary relies on tight group running, such as a 23-second spread against Georgetown.

Midwest

The Notre Dame Invitational provided the highest-returning NCAA placer, Mike Slack of North Dakota State, a chance to prove his mettle against the toughest field of the campaign. And Slack did just that, zipping to a 23:44.2 triumph over Ball State's Steve Wynder (23:50), Ashland's Steve Foster (23:51) and Eastern Michigan's Gordon Minty (23:55) [on the short 5.0 mile course]. Bowling Green State's Steve Danforth and Craig Macdonald filled the next two slots with 24:00 to lead their squad to an easy 81-112 win over Eastern Michigan in the team race. Ball State was a close third at 115. Earlier, Bowling Green had lost dual meets to both of these by



Front-runners among the college cross country pack are (r-l) John Halberstadt, Gordon Minty and Richard Reid. /Don Chadez/

identical 26-29 tallies.

Macdonald held on to an early lead to edge Cincinnati's Ron Stapleton in the All-Ohio Championships, 24:34 to 24:35, over 5.0 miles, with teammates Tracy Elliott and Danforth filling positions three and four. Although Miami/Ohio's first man (Dean Reinke) was sixth, a super-tight 17-second bunching brought them a narrow 48-49 edge over Bowling Green.

Eastern Michigan copped team honors in the Michigan State Invitational, 37-41-47, in a tight battle with surprising Michigan and host Michigan State. Michigan soph Keith Brown pounded through 6.0 miles of wind and rain in 30:19 to annex individual laurels over Minty (30:28) and Randy Kilpatrick of Michigan State (30:29). Eastern Michigan is now an NCAA university division member and a will contest the Mid-American conference crown.

Plains & Mountains

Not known previously as a bastion of overland running power, Arizona has started 72 like a house afire, winning the Long Beach Invitational with 29, and knocking off UCLA, 16-52, Brigham Young, 20-37, and NCAA runner-up Washington State, 20-39. Arizona's front four of Ken Gerry, Ruben Moncivaiz, Steve Davidson and Chuck Walker have never finished out of the top nine, with Raul Nido and Neil Branson never far behind. Gerry has proved to be the strongest, with a 28:29.2 to 28:39 win at 5.3-miles over Washington State's Dan Murphy, fourth in last year's NCAA. Last year's fifth-placer, Richard Reid of BYU, was a 33:06.4 to 33:23 victor over Gerry at 6.1-miles. Another top returnee from this section of the country is Northern Arizona's Richard Sliney, sixth in the 1971 NCAA.

Oklahoma State is powerful in the Big 8, led by South Africans John Halberstadt (NCAA 10,000 champ) and Peter Kaal (returning for his last semester of eligibility). Halberstadt strode to an 18:18.4 win over 4.0 miles in the Oklahoma State Jamboree, topping Alan Walker of Wichita State (18:25), Kaal (18:30), and Tim Patton of Texas (18:42). Oklahoma State can also claim NCAA 13th-placer Charles Boatright and marathoner Reid Harter, but lacks a strong fifth man.

Pacific Coast

Stanford has come up with a hot one in frosh Tony Sandoval. Sandoval burned to a 19:56.4 over 4.2-miles on his home course, then followed up with a win in the Northern California Invitational (29:28 for 6.0) and captured second in the USTFF Western Championships. His 29:14 for 6.0 miles in the latter race left him behind only former Olympian Tracy Smith (29:08.2). Sandoval was a narrow second to teammate Brian Mittelstaedt in a purposeful tie attempt as both clocked 29:15.4 in leading their squad to an easy 31-point win in the Pac-8 Southern Division. Following the Stanford pair were Brian Maxwell (Cal) 29:32.2 and Ruben Chappins (UCLA) 29:36.0.

In the Pac-8 Northern Division, Washington State emerged as an easy winner, with Dan Murphy chugging around 6.0-miles in 29:07 to top Len Hill (Oregon State) 29:23, teammate Mark Hiefield 29:25 and Randy James (Oregon) 29:25. Washington State's 26 easily topped Oregon State's 52 as defending NCAA champ Oregon showed little punch without Pre in scoring 53.

The strongest club group on the coast is the East Los Angeles Track Club, claiming top runners in Mark Covert, Mike Wagenbach, Doug Schmenk, Bob Macias and Rick Hitchcock. The Pacific Coast Club has in effect dropped cross country, and even used vaulters Bob Richards and Steve Smith as scorers in a recent meeting. □

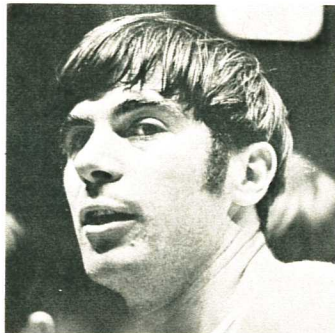
X LATE WORLD Saneyev's October Revolution

Leave it to Viktor Saneyev, top-ranked triple jumper the past four years and the only 1968 Olympic champion to successfully defend his title at Munich, to put the seal on a superlative 72 outdoor season by triple leaping to a new world record distance of 57-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ /17.44.

Few world-class athletes, if any, seem to be more at home and able to produce sterling efforts in October meets than the master Soviet leaper. Saneyev's own version of the "October Revolution" has had a mighty impact on the history of triple jumping: Oct. 17, 1968—At Mexico City, Saneyev displayed his fierce competitiveness and boundless talent with a record-annihilating 57- $\frac{3}{4}$ on the last effort of the competition to win the most memorable of Olympic triple jump finals—which had already produced three marks beyond the world record, one a 56-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ by Saneyev himself; Oct. 18, 1969—In his native town of Sukhumi, on the Black Sea, Saneyev reached 56-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, best-ever at sea level; Oct. 17, 1970—Again at Sukhumi, Saneyev sailed 56-10 $\frac{3}{4}$, then the longest mark ever achieved at sea level; Oct. 17, 1971—The Olympic champion offered a demonstration during a junior meet and combined to 55-2 $\frac{1}{4}$. At Sukhumi, of course.

The latest entry in the history books is dated Oct. 17, 1972. The town of Sukhumi holds its annual "Saneyev Cup", a triple jump event for the benefit of newcomers. Viktor himself is among the competitors as a guest of honor. Ever since his successful Olympic defense, he has been thinking of regaining the world record he lost to the 57-1 bound by young Pedro Perez of Cuba at the 1971 Pan-American Games.

After a foul on his first try, he reaches 56-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ on his second leap and really begins to hope. But then comes another foul. His fourth and fifth efforts are good, but not ultimately satisfying at 55-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 55-10.



Viktor Saneyev /Steve Sutton/

Then Saneyev has but one attempt left. But like his masterful come-through at Mexico, he hits the jackpot—a sterling 57-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to regain his world mark, adding two full inches to his previous best-ever and upping Perez's mark by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Second goes to 20-year-old Anatoliy Piskulin at 54-4, matching the world age-20 best first set by countryman Nikolay Dudkin.

The record—another superb October performance once again achieved at Sukhumi—substantiated Saneyev's comment at Munich, "It just happens I reach my top form, my best condition, around September or October each year. It's a natural progression and adaptation of my body."

As well, the record was a high point of a 1972 season which was not without setbacks for Saneyev. Early in the winter he had a strained Achilles tendon, but he rebounded to up his world indoor mark to 55-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ in winning the European Indoor title. In the weeks leading up to the ultimate confrontation at Munich, Saneyev's results were mixed: he won the Pravda Cup in early June with 55- $\frac{1}{4}$ but then lost to Carol Corbu and Giuseppe Gentile in Italy, to teammate Gennadiy Byessonov versus West Germany and by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to Mikhail Bariban in the USSR Championships, 55-1 to 54-11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

But in the Hannes Braun pre-Olympic meet, Aug. 15 in Munich, Saneyev showed he was not ready to concede his gold medal to anyone. His 56-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ thumped Prudencio by over 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -feet and culminated a high-powered series of 56-6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 55-10, 56- $\frac{1}{2}$, 54-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 55-11 $\frac{1}{4}$. He was ready.

He proved how ready he was in the big meet, riding the wind 55-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the Olympic qualifying to best recent nemesis Jorg Drehmel by nearly a foot. Saneyev never gave the opposition a chance in the finals, exploding his winning 56-11 (windy) on his first effort. Following his victory, Saneyev, along with double Olympic sprint victory Valeriy Borzov, was awarded the Order of Lenin, one of the highest honors accorded Soviet citizens.

Other notable achievements in Europe included a fast post-Munich 800-meters by Pekka Vasala, a 1:44.6 which bested Dave Wottle by three full seconds and missed Vasala's continental best by just .1. The Olympic 1500 champion edged American Rick Wohlhuter in a later race as both timed 1:46.0. Munich 800 silver medalist Yevgeniy Arzhanov set a new USSR record of 1:45.3 just before the Games. Gianni Del Buono's good post-Games form included an Italian record 2000-meters of 5:00.0, moving him to third all-time. Emiel Puttemans capped a sterling year with a career-best steeplechase of 8:27.4. Hartmut Briesenick's European shot record of 70-8 before Munich was part of the best series ever in the event: 69- $\frac{1}{4}$, 69-9 $\frac{1}{4}$, 69-11, 70-8, 69-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 68-10 $\frac{1}{4}$. That's an average of 69-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Two Soviet decathletes joined the 8000-point club, Aleksandr Grenyenyuk totaling five points over and Toomas Berendsen hitting 8000 on the nose. □



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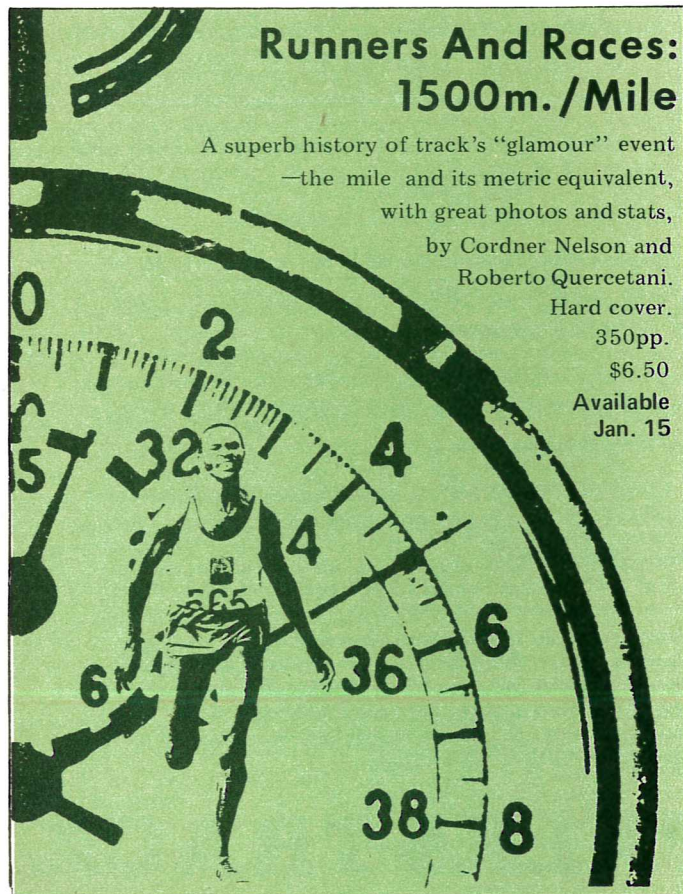
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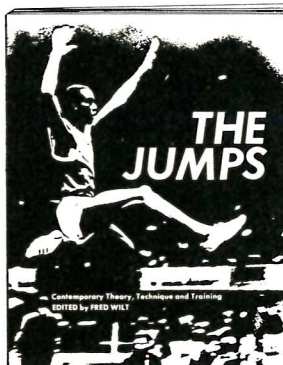
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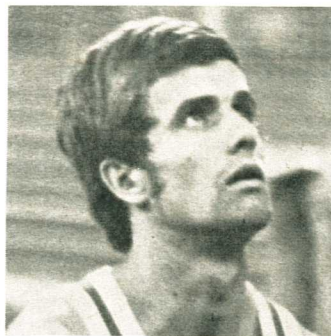
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9.9	Willie Deckard (US)	
9.9	Warren Edmonson (US)	
9.9	Norbert Payton (US)	
9.9	Don Quarrie (Jam)	
200 METERS		
20.0	Larry Black (US)	
20.0	Valeriy Borzov (SU)	
20.2*	Larry Burton (US)	
20.2*	Ivory Crockett (US)	
20.2	Pietro Mennea (It)	
20.2*	Steve Williams (US)	
20.3	Dave Jenkins (GB)	
20.3*	Don Quarrie (Jam)	
20.3	Siegfried Schenke (EG)	
20.3*	Dennis Schultz (US)	
Wind-aided:		
20.2	Willie Deckard (US)	
400 METERS		
44.1	Wayne Collett (US)	
44.2	Fred Newhouse (US)	
44.3	John Smith (US)	
44.6	Lee Evans (US)	
44.7	Karl Honz (WG)	
44.7	Vince Matthews (US)	
44.9	Julius Sang (Ken)	
44.9*	Steve Williams (US)	
45.1	Charles Asati (Ken)	
45.1*	Edesel Garrison (US)	
45.1	Larance Jones (US)	
800 METERS		
1:44.3	Dave Wottle (US)	
1:44.5	Pekka Vasala (Fin)	
1:45.0	Rick Wohlhuter (US)	
1:45.1	Ken Swenson (US)	
1:45.2	Jim Ryun (US)	
1:45.3	Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU)	
1:45.3	Ron Phillips (US)	
1:45.4	Rick Brown (US)	
1:45.4	Dieter Fromm (EG)	
1:45.6	Jozef Plachy (Czech)	
1500 METERS		
3:52.8y	Jim Ryun (US)	
3:36.3	Pekka Vasala (Fin)	
3:36.8	Kip Keino (Ken)	
3:37.4	Mike Boit (Ken)	
3:37.5	Rod Dixon (NZ)	
3:37.8	Ivan Ivanov (SU)	
3:55.3y	Peter Stewart (GB)	
3:37.9	Fanie Van Zijl (S Afr)	
3:38.2	Jerome Howe (US)	
3:38.3	Howell Michael (US)	
5000 METERS		
13:13.0	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)	
13:16.4	Lasse Viren (Fin)	
13:17.2	Dave Bedford (GB)	
13:19.8	Ian McCafferty (GB)	
13:22.4	Gianni Del Buono (It)	
13:22.8	Steve Prefontaine (US)	
13:24.2	Ian Stewart (GB)	
13:26.0	Mariano Haro (Sp)	
13:26.4	Javier Alvarez (Sp)	
13:27.4	Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun)	
10,000 METERS		
27:38.4	Lasse Viren (Fin)	
27:39.6	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)	
27:41.0	Miruts Yifter (Eth)	
27:48.2	Mariano Haro (Sp)	
27:51.4	Frank Shorter (US)	
27:52.4	Dave Bedford (GB)	
27:54.8	Mohamed Gamoudi (Tun)	
28:03.8	Gaston Roelants (Bel)	
28:05.2	Rashid Sharafytdinov (SU)	
28:07.8	Pavel Andreyev (SU)	
STEPPLECHASE		
8:20.8	Anders Garderud (Swe)	
8:21.0	Tapio Kantanen (Fin)	
8:22.2	Bronislaw Malinowski (Pol)	
8:23.6	Kip Keino (Ken)	
8:23.6	Kazimierz Maranda (Pol)	
8:23.8	Amos Biwott (Ken)	
8:24.6	Ben Jipcho (Ken)	
8:25.4	Gerard Buchheit (Fr)	
8:25.4	Pekka Paivarinta (Fin)	
8:25.4	Mikhail Zhelev (Bul)	
110 METER HURDLES		
13.2	Rod Milburn (US)	
13.3	Thomas Hill (US)	
13.3	Alejandro Casanas (Cuba)	
13.3	Guy Drut (Fr)	
13.3	Frank Siebeck (EG)	
13.4y	Willie Davenport (US)	
13.4	Adam Galant (Pol)	
13.4	Jerry Wilson (US)	
13.4	Leszek Wodzynski (Pol)	
13.5y	Paul Gibson (US)	
13.5	Marek Jozwik (Pol)	
13.5y	Danny Smith (Bah)	
13.5	Ricky Stubbs (US)	
Wind-aided:		
13.0y	Rod Milburn (US)	
13.2	Thomas Hill (US)	
400 METER HURDLES		
47.8	John Akii-Bua (Uga)	
48.4	Ralph Mann (US)	
48.5	Dave Hemery (GB)	
48.6	Dick Bruggeman (US)	
48.6	Jim Seymour (US)	
49.0	William Koskei (Ken)	
49.1	Bruce Collins (US)	
49.2	Dieter Buttner (WG)	
49.2	Yevgeniy Gavriyenko (SU)	
49.3	Gary Knoke (Aus)	
49.3	Viktor Savchenko (SU)	



Stefan Junge, PR of 7-3¼, was Munich silver medalist at 7-3. /Chadetz/

MARATHON

2:12:19.8	Frank Shorter (US)
2:12:50.0	Lutz Philipp (WG)
2:12:51.0	Ron Hill (GB)
2:13:16.2	Igor Shcherbak (SU)
2:13:19.4	Eckhard Lesse (EG)
2:13:59.0	Vladimir Mosyeyev (SU)
2:14:11.2	Dave McKenzie (NZ)
2:14:19.6	Anatoliy Baranov (SU)

20,000 METER WALK

1:24:50.0	Paul Nihill (GB)
1:25:19.4	Peter Frenkel (EG)
1:25:19.4	Hans-Georg Reimann (EG)
1:25:37.8	Gerhard Sperling (EG)
1:26:53.2	Anatoliy Terentyev (SU)
1:26:56.8	Lutz Lipowski (EG)
1:26:55.2	Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU)

50,000 METER WALK

3:52:44.6	Bernd Kannenberg (WG)
3:58:24.0	Venyamin Soldatenko (SU)
3:59:33.6	Bernhard Nermerich (WG)
4:00:46.0	Larry Young (US)
4:01:35.4	Otto Bartsch (SU)
4:03:03.4	Christoph Hohne (EG)
4:03:41.0	Sergey Grigoryev (SU)

HIGH JUMP

7-4 ⁵ / ₈	Juri Tarmak (SU)
7-4 ¹ / ₂	Hermann Magerl (WG)
7-4 ¹ / ₂	Kestutis Sapka (SU)
7-3 ¹ / ₂	Rustam Akhmyetov (SU)
7-3 ¹ / ₂	Stefan Junge (EG)
7-3 ¹ / ₂	Jan Dahlgren (Swe)
7-3 ¹ / ₂	Tom Woods (US)
7-3	Viktor Bolshov (SU)
7-3	Chris Dunn (US)
7-3	Valentin Gavrilov (SU)
7-3	Ron Jourdan (US)
7-3	Barry Schur (US)
7-3	Dwight Stones (US)
7-3	Adam Szepesi (Hun)
7-3	Jozsef Tihanyi (Hun)

POLE VAULT

18-5¼	Bob Seagren (US)
18-4¼	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)
18-½	Jan Johnson (US)
18-½	Wolfgang Nordwig (EG)
18-½	Steve Smith (US)
18-½	Dave Roberts (US)
17-10 ¹ / ₂	Renato Dionisi (It)
17-9	Antti Kalliomaki (Fin)
17-8 ¹ / ₂	Chris Papanicolaou (Gr)
17-7	Hans Lagerqvist (Swe)

LONG JUMP

27-4¼	Randy Williams (US)
26-11¼	Preston Carrington (US)
26-10 ¹ / ₂	Henry Hines (US)
26-10	Hans Baumgartner (WG)
26-8¼	Arnie Robinson (US)
26-7 ¹ / ₂	Bill Rea (US)

26-7	Max Klaus (EG)
26-6¼	Christian Tourret (Fr)
26-5¾	Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)
26-5¾	Phil Shinnick (US)

Wind-aided:

27-6¾	Henry Hines (US)
26-9¼	Murray Tolbert (Aus)
26-9	Alan Lerwill (GB)

TRIPLE JUMP

57-2¾	Viktor Saneyev (SU)
56-9 ¹ / ₂	Jorg Drehmel (EG)
56-1¼	Carol Corbu (Rum)
56-0	Dave Smith (US)
55-11¼	Nelson Prudencio (Brz)
55-7¼	Michal Joachimowski (Pol)
55-7	Hans-Gunther Schenk (EG)
55-2½	John Craft (US)
55-2¼	Gennadiy Byessonov (SU)
55-1½	Pedro Perez (Cuba)

Wind-aided:

56-2	John Craft (US)
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SHOT PUT

70-8	Hartmut Briesenick (EG)
70-7¼	Al Feuerbach (US)
70-1¼	George Woods (US)
69-11 ¹ / ₂	Heinz-J Rothenburg (EG)
69-11	Hans-Peter Gies (EG)
69-6¼	Randy Matson (US)
69-6	Wladyslaw Komar (Pol)
68-9¼	Brian Oldfield (US)
68-9¼	Jaroslav Brabec (Czech)
68-7¼	Fred DeBernardi (US)

DISCUS THROW

225-0	Ricky Bruch (Swe)
218-7 ¹ / ₂	Ludvik Danek (Czech)
218-5	Tim Vollmer (US)
216-3	Jon Cole (US)
215-10	John Van Reenen (S Afr)
215-2	Jay Silvester (US)
214-2	Geza Fejer (Hun)
212-7	Klaus-Peter Hennig (WG)
211-6¼	Ferenc Tegla (Hun)
211-2	Hartmut Losch (EG)

HAMMER THROW

248-11 ¹ / ₂	Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)
245-11	Jochen Sachse (EG)
244-6¼	Aleksey Spiridonov (SU)
243-10 ¹ / ₂	Mario Vecchiato (It)
242-11	Vasiliy Khmyeleviskiy (SU)
242-6	Karl-Hans Riehm (WG)
242-4½	Uwe Beyer (WG)
242-3	Iosif Gamskiy (SU)
240-3¼	Valentin Dmitriyenko (SU)
240-9	Walter Schmidt (WG)

JAVELIN THROW

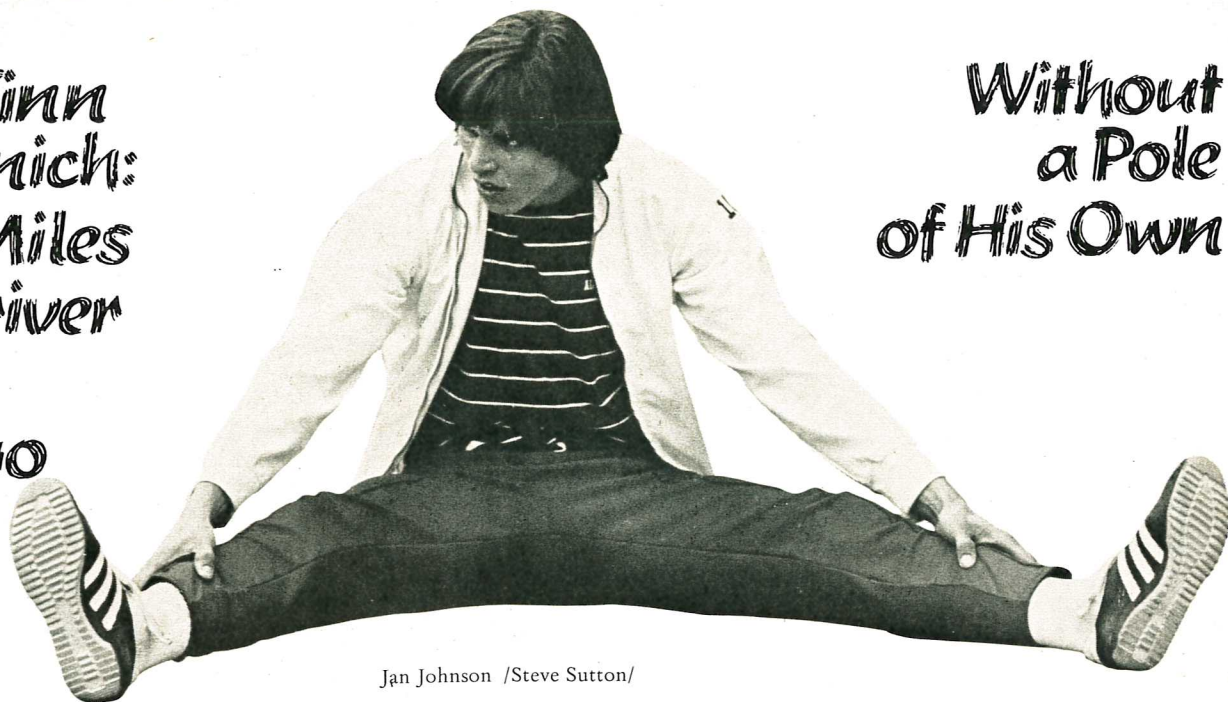
307-9	Janis Lusia (SU)
296-10	Klaus Wolfermann (WG)
290-7 ¹ / ₂	Hannu Siitonen (Fin)
286-4	Miklos Nemeth (Hun)
282-1¼	Manfred Stolle (EG)
280-6	Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)
279-0	Aleksandr Makarov (SU)
277-10 ¹ / ₂	Bjorn Grimnes (Nor)
277-5	Fred Luke (US)
276-11 ¹ / ₂	Bill Schmidt (US)

DECATHLON

8454	Nikolay Avilov (SU)
8147	Ryszard Skowronek (Pol)
8120	Jeff Bannister (US)
8076	Jeff Bennett (US)
8040	Peter Gabbett (GB)
8035	Leonid Litvinyenko (SU)
8006	Tadeusz Janczenko (Pol)
7997	Boris Ivanov (SU)
7995	Hans-Joachim Walde (WG)
7984	Ryszard Katus (Pol) □

Huck Finn in Munich: 5000 Miles Downriver from Chicago

Without a Pole of His Own



Jan Johnson /Steve Sutton/

by Ted Brock

Somewhere in the environs of greater Chicago is a magical island of sanity, made of a 50-foot conveyor belt and a bagful of foam rubber. Astride the cushion are two uprights, and crossing them at the top is a metal bar. The conveyor belt is from an asphalt company, one of those giveaways that come up when your father knows a guy. It's just about level now, maybe three inches downhill toward the foam. Inside, says the owner, the belt has all this lacing and stuff. And it's pretty hard, but the only drawback is that when it gets wet, it's very slippery, you know. That's according to Jan Johnson. It's his runway, his homemade vaulting pit.

"It's sort of like this Eugene runway in feel, but it's *really* fast. It's a real good thing, for my house, and I can get a lot done out there. Sometimes, I kind of like it when the standards are real wide, because it makes the bar look lower, you know? But once you leave the ground, you don't notice that. I cleared 17-feet in my backyard last summer when I wasn't jumpin good."

Jan Johnson wanted to have an invitational meet in his back yard during the summer of 1972. He sat in the bleachers at Eugene's Hayward Field on his day off during the NCAA Championships and described his Meet of Meets in full detail. "I did an exhibition a couple of years ago at my old high school, when I was jumpin about 16-6. About 2000 people showed up, just like that. And I was *horrible*. So I was thinkin, I'd charge a buck, and that way I could pay for everybody who was gonna compete, just have eight or nine vaulters, you know, really get some studs. I think before I did it, though, I'd have to re-excavate my runway, because it's probably not legal, and if somebody really jumped well it wouldn't count. But I'm sure that I've got one of the best places to jump in the country. It's kind of a fantasy, you know, but I think it would really be fun to do. What the heck."

The backyard meet probably wouldn't come off that summer. There was too much organizing to be done for a thing like that, and it was sure to get in the way of proving himself the best pole vaulter in the world, which of course meant making the US Olympic team and competing in the Games. More immediately, he was concerned with the month of June. The NCAA final was the next day, and after winning that he figured he'd go home and jump in a little AAU regional meet in Chicago. As it turned out, he placed second at NCAA, but what the heck, you know? The US Final Olympic Trials would be here soon, and jumping in a short duration meet would be the ideal tune-up, a chance to vault high in 30 minutes. "And," he added, "there's nothin wrong with goin home."

Home and the backyard. The pit is a fairly recent addition, merely the latest symptom of a madness whose origins have been traced to 12-year-old boredom. Listen. This is a story about athletics. *Whole Earth Catalog*, take note.

"So anyhow, one night, it was in the winter, and it was really cold outside. My brother was about six, I was in seventh or eighth grade. We were in this big, like, barn that my dad stores all his tools in. And my mom used to have this garden, and she had all these hay bales that she used to put in there for emulsion. You know what emulsion is? You put all that crap around the flowers. Really weird stuff. So I just had a pitchfork, and I was just goofin around, swingin on it, jumpin on it a little bit. It was only around four or five feet high, so immediately the thing was too short. So I got a couple of my dad's pipes. He had racks and racks of them sittin around there, and I'd cut one off about the right length, one that weighed not too much. So we jumped with that for awhile, and by the end of the year I was

jumpin like about 6-feet, 7-feet. And my brother, he had jumped with me too. And my sister, she'd come out and watch. So that summer we did it a whole bunch. My friends in my neighborhood would come out, and they'd jump too. And we started runnin the hurdles and jumpin and everything. The thing was, we were havin a lot of fun.

"And pretty soon we got pretty competitive about it. We had decathlons, we marked off 50- and 100-yard dashes, and I had a 220 track out there. Every day, all summer, as soon as the weather got nice, we'd start havin meets, and everybody'd jump. And I still have papers at home, I kept 'em all, of like the meet records and the field records in every event that we had. Like when I was in junior high school, the pole vault was 15-feet. I can remember the first day I made it.

"Like I say, we organized the whole thing. My parents never really encouraged me to do it, but they helped me out any way that I wanted them to. My dad helped me build some standards. The whole thing was definitely good. I don't know what I'd be doing now if I didn't start in track. Jesus. Probably fitting pipe or something.

"So the next pair of standards I built, I got on this copper pole, just a piece of pipe. I built the standards, put some nails in, and we'd jump over string. If you hit the string, it was a miss. The string would usually sag. We put it on so that it would come off really easy. You could get hung up in the string, though. We had a guy who broke his ankle one time. He got hung up in the string and landed crooked. We didn't have a box or anything. We just put a brick down, put the pole in, in front of the brick, so we could tell what the depth was. One time I hit the brick. Landed flat on my back.

"Later I got kinda *smart*, and I started readin about bamboo poles and stuff like that. I would have given anything to have a bamboo pole, because I knew that they bent a little bit. One day I went out to this creek by our house, and I cut a willow, a real straight one, you know, only it would bend a little. It weighed a lot. Well, these just grow in a ditch, right on the side of the damn road. I just cut it off. It's not like a weeping willow. It worked out really good. I broke a couple of those. You couldn't bend them any more than about 30 degrees. George Moore's got a pole now that bends 270 degrees. The new green pole. I got on one yesterday . . ."

Even so, it is common knowledge to every pressman worth his complimentary fried chicken, as well as to those who lurch on statistics in the rows immediately below, that Jan Johnson is a screwball. Through a pair of powerful lenses, an embroidered butterfly is sometimes visible on his jersey, in place of any team lettering. And the US Olympic Team Roster dutifully lists his hobby as "butterfly collector," so that settles that. *Troublemaker at Kansas too, remember? Couldn't get along with the coach, too brash, even wanted his own training hours. Finally transferred to Alabama. AlaBAMa? Goes around talking nonsense words like "Pipco", lyrics from Bob Dylan. Wore that tee-shirt with "Jumpin Jack Flash" at the Olympic Trials. Damn near lived in the Olympic Village record shop and discotheque . . .*

Following the Olympic Trials, Jan did another extremely nutty thing. He told a joke to a newsmen, put him on. "Some guy asked me, how did I think the American vaulters were going to do in Europe. And he asked me like it was a fluke, you know, that all those guys jumped that high at the Trials. I said, 'Well, I think the Americans will probably sweep the vault.' Said it very matter-of-factly to the guy. Then I told him, 'After all, the Europeans can't even speak English. How do they expect to pole vault if they can't speak English?'"

The results were predictable. His remarks were paraphrased in a

humorless red-white-and-blue context the next day, the jest having been interpreted as hostility toward European vaulters.

"And did you read that article in *The Sporting News* after the Olympic vault? Some guy wrote that I blew up, threw my pole at an official, that I was swearin and everything. Seagren and I just gave him the poles. Put them down in front of him and said 'Thanks a lot. You got the gold medal you wanted. Thanks for the great time'."

Poleless and frustrated, he warmed down on the stadium infield, jogging nearly 20 laps on the *verboden* grass to the sound of catcalls, the dread European Whistling Torture, and here and there a cheer. "Nobody's supposed to jog on the infield, and after that business with the poles, all the Europeans were booing and whistling. That was when I realized how bad the Games had really become. But that was fun." The troublemaker was finally waved off by an official and left the stadium moments later, having negotiated one of the more bizarre trades of the Games. While most athletes were bargaining vigorously for national emblems, Jan Johnson had settled for ounces of bronze in exchange for his pounds of fiberglass and cups of sweat. (The IOC and IAAF were not to be upstaged by the con artist who got \$287 for an Opening Ceremony ticket a week earlier. In a carnival of ripoffs, the pole vault stole the show.)

There was the two-hour press conference that evening, where mortals were given a chance to shake their fists at the gods. But by the time it was half over, Jan and his family were on the train to Oberammergau, out of Olympia and into Germany. "I was pissed at the whole damn thing and didn't feel that it warranted any more discussion," he said later. "I definitely didn't need to go in there and talk with those insane people again. IOC members, USOC members, by that time they were all lumped into one big group.

"The only people that I could see straight were my parents. I think the best part of the whole thing was just staying up there with them for 10 days.

"But my brother Tim, the one I told you about, he's really havin trouble, because he wants to compete in the Games. He says, 'God, Jan, what am I gonna do?' And my brother's pretty good. He went 15-feet this year. Sophomore in high school. He was there in Munich. But he was really depressed. He said, 'Now I know that the Games aren't all that important.' But the Games capture many young people's imaginations, you know what I mean? Think of all these other little kids across the country." He spoke in more subdued tones and with un-Johnsonlike hesitancy when he recalled his brother's comments and young peoples' imaginations, as if to signal that reminiscence had hit another snag. Worse yet, here was a problem more ambiguous, therefore more likely to persist, than the clearly fraudulent Cata-Pole ruling.

Other post-Games adjustments were minor. On the plane ride to Alabama, he reckoned that an Olympic medal winner returning to the south would be greeted with no ordinary fanfare. "You can't believe it. When I came back here, these people had just completely gone *nuts!* I had to give a speech at the half-time of our first football game, in front of 85,000 people. And I'm standin out there just about ready to *die*, you know. It was all very heavy, and I had a lot of trouble with it. But it was fun. I'd do it again in a second."

Arthur Penn, the American director chosen to contribute a segment to this year's Olympic film, addressed himself to the pole vault when his first choice, paroled boxer Bobby Lee Hunter, got pushed around a Texas ring a month before the Games and had to return to the joint in South Carolina. May God save Bob Seagren and Jan Johnson from the sentimental, over-mystified touch Penn has bestowed on the likes of Billy the Kid ("The Left-Handed Gun"), Clyde Barrow ("Bonnie and Clyde") and Arlo Guthrie (who helped Penn set the youth culture back a few more strides in "Alice's Restaurant"), and nearly on Bobby Lee, who set himself up before Penn could get to him. Alas, the script already prepared and followed by the IAAF and the IOC may prove too tempting, in which case a person like Jan Johnson stands a good chance of being reduced to even more vapid abstractions than the chicken-lickers "Mr. Personality" and "the celebrated flake."

Then again, Arthur Penn might begin with a few shots of kids swinging on pitchforks, and close with slow motion sequences of old number 993 struggling up an overflexed blind date of a pole, knocking the crossbar akimbo and falling with it into the air mattress. For the soundtrack, a curiously lyrical voice-over:

"When I started off, the whole idea of track was very pure to me. The Olympic Games, the brotherhood thing, all this other stuff. All the doctrines of the Games, the original Games, just expressed competition between individuals. There wasn't any of this political baloney. The Olympic Games are becoming a little too outmoded, a little too highly publicized, and I don't know, maybe they're about to be torn down. I want to be the world's best at pole vaulting, regardless of whether there's an Olympics or not, and I don't have to jump in the Games to prove that I'm the best, especially with pro track coming up now, you understand? And I think it'd be nice if they *had* the Olympic Games, but I've been worked into this attitude because of their failure. Much as I want to see them succeed, they've failed because of themselves. And I think for me to be the best in the world, it doesn't make any difference. It could be with the Games or without the Games. That's all that's on my mind." □

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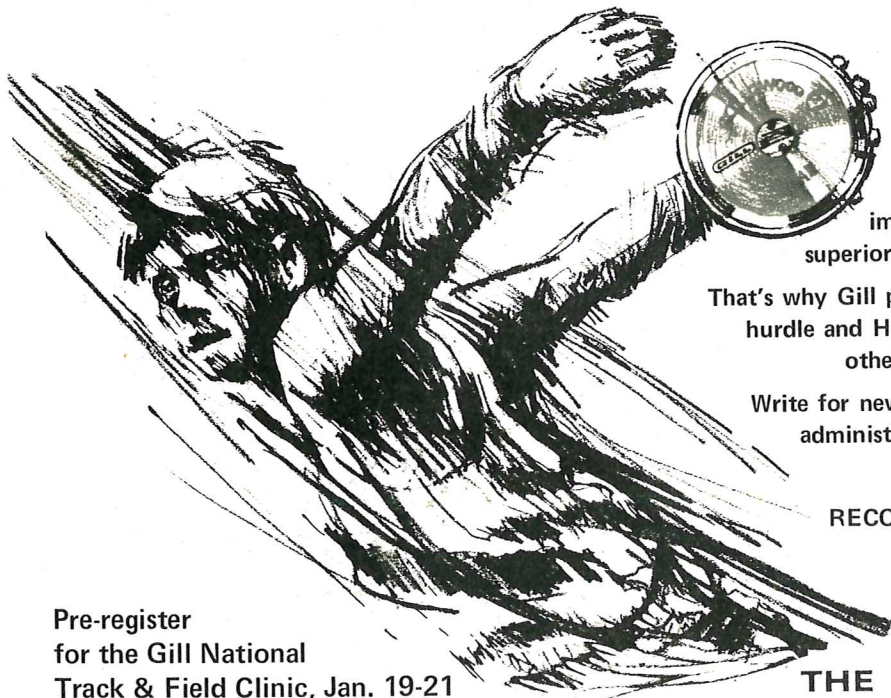
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by Kerry Hill

The aftermath of the Munich 1500 gave the crowd one of the most touching, spontaneous reactions seen in the main stadium. This lump in the throat was brought on by New Zealand's latest running star, bronze medalist Rod Dixon, the leading candidate for biggest surprise medalist of men's track and field.

The 22-year-old (7/13/50) insurance inspector jubilantly threw his arms in the air as he crossed the finish line and sealed a classic "rags-to-riches" story. And as he elatedly jogged back up the home straight, bleeping tears, he waved to friends, including New Zealand's triumphant rowing eight in the stands and fellow trackmen. Several times he raised the traditional "Kiwi" salute to his teammates, an upward lower arm movement with the hand position as if holding a drinking mug (see page 75 of *T&FN's* Olympic Edition). This is generally interpreted as meaning "We'll drink up tonight, mate!" The watery droplets from his eyes continued on the dias, along with more arm flapping, but for those in New Zealand the TV network saw fit to show only the moment in which Rod's medal was draped around his neck. He could not stem the flow of tears and what's more, he didn't want to.

Although he cannot describe his feelings in words, Dixon feels that the tears showed enough of his thoughts. When asked if they embarrassed him, he replied, "No, that's my love for my sport and it was a way of showing my complete happiness and release of three days of tension." On his return to his hometown, Nelson, he was welcomed by what was described as perhaps the best-attended reception in the city's history, including visits by the Royal Family. "It was totally unexpected," said Dixon. "I considered it tremendous and overwhelming, something I will always treasure in my memories." Tears again.

Many were preoccupied with the emotions surrounding Rod, but he was able to provide insight to his thoughts on the racing. Was he hampered in Munich by his calf strain? "I guess my results don't indicate this," he says, "however, it hurt mentally to a certain degree. But a cable and telephone discussion with John [his coach and brother] sorted things out." Dixon holds Kip Keino in awe, and has pictures of the Kenyan and Australian Ron Clarke on his bedroom walls. Does he think he might have overtaken his great hero while he was gaining on him in the stretch if he didn't hold so much respect for him? "I did my best," he replies, "I achieved something I didn't expect and I haven't really considered the *ifs*. And I feel that if the race had been different [such as Jim Ryun's presence] I think that I could have adjusted."

One big-name miler who was impressed with Dixon's performance was countryman Peter Snell, the 1960 800 and 1964 800/1500 double winner. "I was delighted with Rod," explained Snell. "His pattern of emergence at Munich was identical to mine at Rome, and although he did not win the gold his feat equaled mine. Over 800-meters the fatigue factor is not nearly so great as it is over 1500, and I was expecting him to run between 3:38 and 3:40, taking into account that he had three hard races in three days. The question is, where does he go now? Look at his strength—an 8:19.4 two-mile recently. His future surely is promising."

Possibly in his future is a US college, as he has received many scholarship offers in the past 2½-years. But Rod says, "I think I am better off in my home town [Nelson, a city of 30,000 located at the northern end of the South Island], which has the best conditions, weather and training of any place I've seen. I'm happy here and that's the most important thing to me." He says this in spite of being 30-minutes flying time from the nearest synthetic track, although his hometown's grass oval is probably the best in the country. And the city has little wind and one of the highest sunshine hour recordings in New Zealand.

But the tall (6-2), slim (156-lb) Dixon has been labled with "Rabbit" as a nickname because he is "constantly on the go and can't keep still; because I'm hopping all over the country like a rabbit I guess." More incentive to stay where he is has been provided by the local newspaper, which gives him regular coverage and has been chiefly responsible for his being recognized as the area's foremost sportsman, even before the Olympics.

The Rabbit's basic speed is slow (800 PR 1:50.4), so his reply to a query on his uncharacteristic last-bend sprint bursts at Munich was, "I guess it was strength." This is supported by his 45:28 for third in the national 15,000-meter championships in October. Indeed, much of Rod's success might be due to his long distance work. Passing up the 1970 track season for a rest, he returned the following winter in strength-building cross country races, finishing fifth in the national championships. With his strength still building, he ran a fine race to nab 10th in the World Championships. But the aid to his miling was readily evident, as in January 1971 he had produced a surprise PR 4:00.1 during his cross country buildup.

In early 72 he improved to 3:59.6, then clocked a slightly better 3:41.7 for 1500 as Tony Polhill nipped him for the national championship. As it was, he was quite fortunate to be selected for the Games. New Zealand sent an unusually large team in keeping with the up-to-date policies of the New Zealand Olympic Committee, but if the team had been chopped due to threatening financial difficulties, Rod would have been early on the deleted list.

New Zealand requires fitness trials of its athletes to indicate acceptable form before leaving during the winter. In his fastest race, Rod recorded



Rod Dixon (688) follows Kip Keino (r) and leads Pekka Vasala (l) in the Olympic 1500. Dixon's 3:37.5 placed a stunning 3rd. /Ed Lacey/

his fastest time, 3:47.7, with the aid of brother John as a pacemaker, as were all his fastest times prior to Munich. The latter, three-years older and earlier prominent as a long distance runner, also has tremendous ability but may have sacrificed his best years and opportunities for Rod, who says, "Arthur Lydiard's system has, of course, been a big influence on our training methods, but John has been the biggest in the way that he has adapted various methods to suit me. He used ideas from other sources also, and contrary to newspaper reports in this country, Lydiard definitely did not help me with training at the Games."

Dixon was eager to spend a month on the European circuit prior to Munich, although the tour failed to present many high spots as he recorded low placings and slow times. But the Olympics brought out his known ability to *rise to the occasion*. He feels that his tremendous improvement since March was due to "a better understanding of track, better facilities and more consistent competition". Before leaving for Munich he said he was "aiming to make the semis, or on an off chance, the final. Both would be great."

His present goals achieved, the jovial Dixon, who is relaxed best in a social atmosphere, celebrated his performance at Munich by touring beer halls with his teammates. Of the whole Games he could say only, "A truly fantastic experience."

Due to his talent over road races and longer track events, he has often been criticized for selecting the wrong event. Of this and future goals he says, "I like cross country and track both, but my only goal is to run and enjoy it." Enjoyment is Rod Dixon at Munich. □

Munich Happiness Was Rod Dixon



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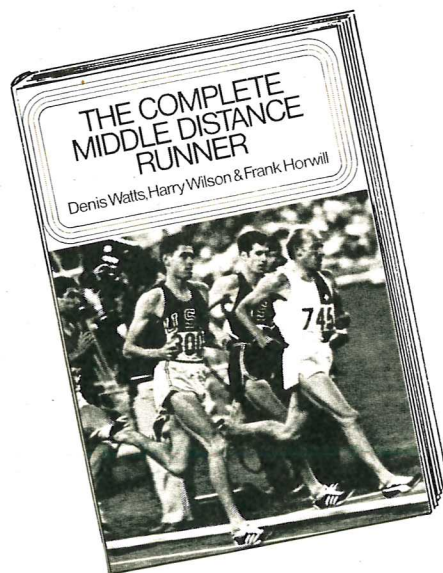
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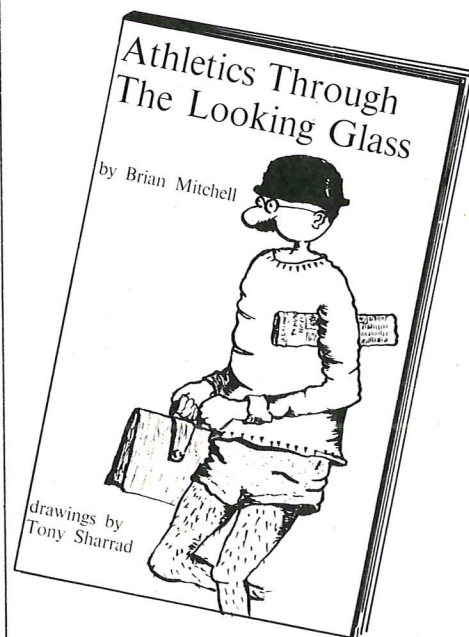
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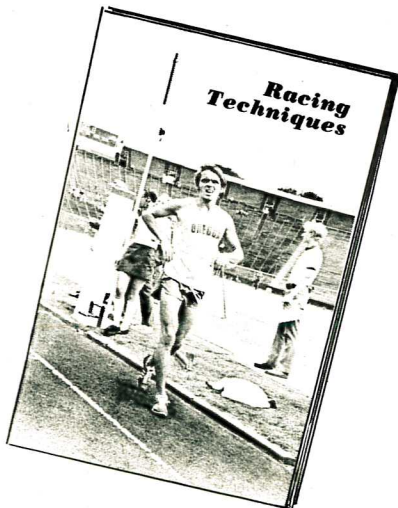


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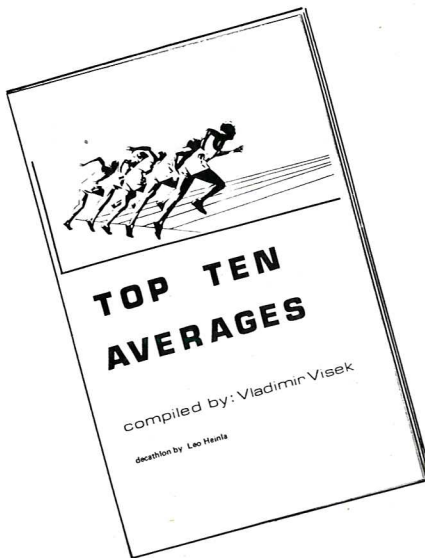
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Olympic Notes

Seen, heard, scribbled in notebooks, thought about or otherwise noted at the XXth Olympiad:

• **General**—The oldest track and field competitor at Munich, according to birthdates listed in the roster book issued the press, was Canadian walker Alex Oakley, 43 (4/26/29). The youngest was Iranian sprinter Farhad Navab, 16 (7/1/56). Oldest champion was discus winner Ludvik Danek, 35 (1/6/37), while youngest striker of gold was US long jumper Randy Williams, 19 (8/23/53). Oldest medalist was marathon third-placer and 68 champion Mamo Wolde, (6/12/32) while US high jump third-placer Dwight Stones, 18 (12/6/53), was the youngest medalist . . . Triple jump victor Viktor Saneyev was the only successful defending champion, but five defenders got silver medals (Kip Keino, Mohamed Gamoudi, Janis Lusic, Bob Seagren, Vladimir Golubnichiy), two won bronzes (Mamo Wolde, Dave Hemery), one placed fourth (Willie Davenport), one fifth (Gyula Zsivotzky), one sixth (Amos Biwott), one 14th (Christoph Hohne) and one didn't make the final (Naftali Temu) . . . Lusic, Hemery, Danek and Wolde each finished out winning a complete set of medals, with their performance at Munich. Lusic's javelin silver added to a 64 bronze and 68 gold, Danek's discus gold topped a 64 silver and 68 bronze, Hemery added a 400 hurdles bronze and 1600 relay silver to his 68 hurdles gold and Wolde's marathon third gave him a bronze to go with a marathon gold and 10,000 silver won in 68. As well, Keino scored his second 1-2 claim—although in different events (1st 1500, 2nd 5000 in 68; 1st steeple, 2nd 1500 in 72)—and Mohamed Gamoudi added a second silver to his complete set of 64 10,000 silver, 68 10-kilo bronze and 5000 gold . . . The winning marks in the 100, 400, 800, 5000, vault and shot at the US Olympic Trials were superior to the Munich winners.

Before each race, as entries flashed on the scoreboard, a baleful, doomsday-sounding gong rang out . . . Relay teams wore, instead of numbers, German abbreviations of the name of their nation: the respective 400 and 1600 winners read "USA" and "KEN", while others were usually very close: "FIN" (Finland), "POL", "GER" (West Germany) . . . Few false starts were noted, but when there was one, it was for the slightest movement. In a high hurdles heat, Gunther Nickel barely twitched an arm but was called for it. The special starting blocks, wired to electrically record premature movement, no doubt cut down the number of early getaways. Then the starter often kept the athletes in their blocks much longer than is customary in the US, yet the athletes remained steady. The equipment was not only effective in doing its job of detecting, but apparently also had a psychological effect on athletes—that is, they waited for the gun's report . . . Athletes wore numbers front and back and small ones on their right side so the electric phototimer could register their identity. Officials often requested athletes to straighten crooked numbers . . . Apparently three sets of US jerseys were issued. The most common featured just the letters USA and the Olympic rings on the front. The other two were fairly similar in style, both including the rings and letters but on a blue background. No official explanation was offered for the three varying uniforms, none of which have been standard in previous international meetings. Most countries stick with the same uniform, sometimes with slight alterations, year after year, but US outfits can vary between international duals, individual international meets and Olympic and

Pan-American competition—and vary sometimes from year to year within the organizations which sponsor those teams.

As young West German 1500 runner Gunter Zahn carried the Olympic torch into the stadium on opening day, he was followed by four athletes and together the five represented the five continents symbolized in the intertwined Olympic rings. Zahn represented Europe, Derek Clayton Australasia, Kip Keino Africa, Kenji Kimihara Asia and Jim Ryun the Americas . . . Of the 122 flag-bearers in the opening ceremony, 36 were track athletes: Chris Papanicolaou (Greece), Mamo Wolde (Ethiopia), Azzedine Azzuzi (Algeria), Mike Sands (Bahamas), Gaston Roelants (Belgium), Abdala Bucaram (Ecuador), Simbara Maki (Ivory Coast), Usaia Sotutu (Fiji), Samuel Bugri (Ghana), Abdon Pamich (Italy), Lennox Miller (Jamaica), Junis Rabian (Kuwait), Charles Sowa (Luxemburg), Jean-Aime Randrianalijaona (Madagascar), Martin Matupi (Malawi), Namakoro Niare (Mali), Jit Bahadur (Nepal), Donald Velez (Nicaragua), Benedict Maejekodumi (Nigeria), Donaldo Arza (Panama), Armando Aldegalega (Portugal), Arnaldo Bristol (Puerto Rico), Nicodemus Maipambe (Zambia), Bical Said (Saudia Arabia), Urs von Wartburg (Switzerland), Mohamed Esmail (Somalia), Richard Mabuza (Swaziland), Claver Kamanya (Tanzania), Roger Kangni (Togo), Ed Roberts (Trinidad), Ahmed Senoussi (Chad), Ludvik Danek (Czechoslovakia), Salem Boughattas (Tunisia), John Akii-Bua (Uganda), Gergely Kulcsar (Hungary) and Darwin Pineyrua (Uruguay). Flag bearer for the US was five-time Olympian and 56 women's discus champ Olga Connolly, the only women's track athlete to serve as a flag-bearer . . . In the two horizontal jumps and all four throws, the leader of the qualifying round also won the final. As well, first-round efforts locked up victories in the long jump, triple jump, shot and hammer . . . Wind in the Olympic Stadium swirled and switched with surprising frequency. US 400 hurdler Ralph Mann said the bowl-shaped stadium swirled wind all around it so "you were running into the wind all the way".

A recent Louis Harris poll indicated US sports fans, by a decisive 87-6% margin, felt "despite all the problems at the Games this year, the Olympics should be held in 1976." The Harris Sports Survey, conducted among a cross section of 1834 households from Sept. 17-22, showed an interest level in the Games that would challenge football, basketball and baseball as a major center of US sports attention. Some 69% of the public over age 18 said they followed the Olympics, compared to 63% who regularly follow football, 60% who are baseball fans and 51% who follow basketball. The survey also revealed fans did not sympathize with the victory stand actions of Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett. By 53-37%, a majority disagreed with the claim "it was wrong to ban [them] from all future Olympics because they did not stand at attention when the national anthem was played" . . . The segment of the Olympic film to be directed by Japan's Kon Ichikawa, who directed the masterful 64 Games film "Tokyo Olympiad", centers on the 100-meters and how years of work by an athlete can be fulfilled or negated in a little over 10 seconds. Ichikawa reportedly plans to make considerable use of slow motion—as he did in the 100 sequence of "Tokyo Olympiad." Reports US filmmaker Dick Emerson, who also worked on sequences for the movie, "Ichikawa had several 35 millimeter cameras shooting at 96 frames per second (24 is normal), backed up by a battery of other cameras, including two 16 millimeter machines that were shooting at the incredible rate of 400 frames per second. That's \$1 a second just to let the film go through the camera. When they all started going at once, it was like the sound of 8000 insane bumble bees. I'm almost surprised the rules committee allowed it. It must have been distracting to the runners" . . . At

Olympic torch bearer Gunter Zahn (r) leads representatives of five continents (r-l), Kenji Kimihara, Derek Clayton, Kip Keino and Jim Ryun. /Don Wilkinson/





Happy Finnish fans run toward their hero, Lasse Viren, following his world record 10,000 triumph. /Michael Carberry/

the closing ceremonies, after giving the traditional closing speech declaring the XXth Games closed and calling upon the youth of the world to gather in Montreal in four years, outgoing IOC president Avery Brundage offered his thanks, in German, to the citizens of Munich: "Dear citizens of Munich. Your heartfelt and warm hospitality has moved us deeply. We have celebrated these days of radiant happiness with one another and have borne the difficult hours of terrible sorrow with you all. Now the time for farewell has come. Upon our journey back to our fatherlands, we leave you all with the words: *Auf Wiedersehen*." Then as he walked from the podium for the last time after a 20-year reign as IOC chief, the scoreboard flashed the huge sign: "Thank You, Avery Brandage"—his last name misspelled.

• **100-Meters**—Would you believe the best finish in any track event in which there were more than two USSR finalists was in the 100? The next-best Soviet finishes, after the 1-4 100 result of Valeriy Borzov and Aleksandr Kornelyuk, came in the walks with 2-4 in the 50 (Venyamin Soldatenko-Otto Bartsch) and 2-5 in the 20 (Vladimir Golubnichiy-Nikolay Smaga). . . Not only was Borzov's win the first ever by a Soviet sprinter in the Olympics, but Kornelyuk also bested the previous top placing, Vladimir Sukhar'yev's fifth in 1952. . . Some spectators after the 100 final expressed surprise that white sprinter Borzov beat black sprinter Robert Taylor of the US. But since Jesse Owens' 1936 win, only two black sprinters have won, Bob Hayes in 64 and Jim Hines in 68. . . With his third-place bronze, Lennox Miller joins Ralph Metcalfe as the only sprinters to win two 100-meter medals. Miller ran second in 68, while Metcalfe was runner-up in both 1932 and 36.

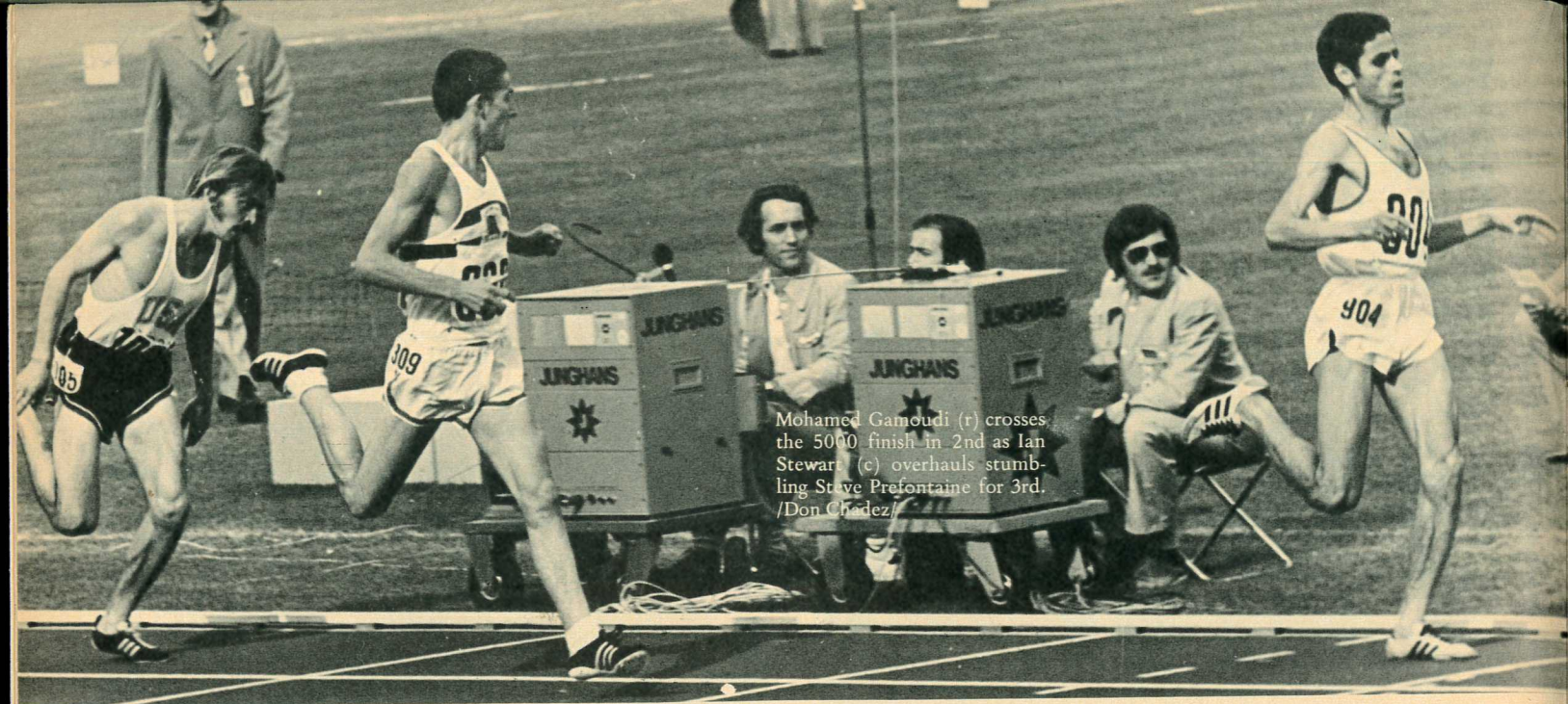
• **400-Meters**—Winner Vince Matthews reportedly had an ailing leg from the time of the US training camp at Bowdoin but the leg cleared up by the end of August. . . Various physical troubles nipped the Olympic hopes of Italy's Marcello Fiasconaro, 1971 find of Europe. He had stomach illness for much of the summer, suffered a foot injury and then a low red blood cell count. . . The European one-lap find of 1972, West German Karl Honz, reveals, "The Israeli tragedy affected me. My mood was off. Before it happened, I thought I had a good chance to finish high. But in the race, I felt heavy the first 100-meters and then at 300-meters I knew I could not do it. Also the first lane is not good for me. [He finished seventh and last in 45.68.] Perhaps the hopes of the West German populace were too high, but it was good to have reached the finals and I am happy with my times in my first year in the 400." Following his 44.7 European record earlier this year, Honz acquired the nickname "Charlie the Great". . . Britain's Dave Jenkins, 71 European champ and top-ranked European, had a heavy cold while competing at Munich. Adds his coach John Anderson, "That, plus the draw of lane eight in the semi and running in such a tough race [with Matthews, Honz, Charles Asati, John Smith and Andrzej Badenski] was too much. We hoped he might sneak through to the final. If he had, who knows what might have happened? The final was pretty rubbishy."

• **800-Meters**—Dave Wottle is thinking of bronzing the golf cap which has nearly made him as famous as his Olympic 800 win. "I think the cap has had it," he says of the grimy headpiece he forgot to remove during the US anthem played for his victory. The cap, with a replica of two golf clubs, a tee and golf ball on a badge on the front, was acquired when Wottle offici-

ated at a track meet in Bowling Green, Ohio, in June of 1971. He started wearing it to keep his then-longer hair out of his eyes and stuck with it out of habit, even after his hair was cut. He says he is so accustomed to wearing the cap that that is precisely why he left it on at Munich. "I just forgot about it. I didn't realize it was still on my head." Wottle stood on the victory dais with his right hand over his heart and didn't learn he left the hat on until told in the interview room—when he nearly broke into tears and apologized profusely. With the Munich hat now headed for bronzed immortality, Wottle has a new, white cap, a present from fellow Bowling Green runner Rick Schnittker. "I've got to wear a hat now," Wottle says. "Nobody will know me if I don't." He added he would wear his new hat during the 73 outdoor season but not indoors. . . Wottle later revealed he and five other US distancemen forged credentials which successfully got athlete's wives past security guards and into the Olympic Village. He said he and runners Ken Moore, Steve Savage, Mike Manley, Frank Shorter, Ken Swenson and Jon Anderson constructed the identification tags from photos and various Olympic paperwork and encased them in plastic. The wives were passed off as "American gymnasts". Anderson is the only single one of the group, and all the athlete's wives except Ms. Savage had the fake credentials. . . After his Munich victory, Wottle was the chief target of reporters in a chaotic interview room. He was ushered into the room at the same time as the three discus medalists, who were to be interviewed first. But one newsman (reportedly American) shouted, "This is our room and we want Wottle!" At that, Jay Silvester stalked out and the journalists broke into groups, interviewing the athlete of their choice. Wottle attracted the largest group. From the other side of the room, discus champ Ludvik Danek observed, "I guess running events are more attractive than field events. But I'm awfully happy to get this gold medal in my last Olympics." Outside in the hall, Silvester said, "The press can be rather obnoxious sometimes. I didn't want to come to this place but the press asked me. Then they said they wanted Wottle so I let them have him. . . According to Dave's mother, Ms. James Wottle, Dave walked on to the track for the final wearing a new seven-spoke adidas track shoe. An official stopped him—and only him—checked his shoes and ordered them removed. Wottle protested that he had no spike wrench. The order was repeated. Britain's Andy Carter, eventual sixth-placer, happened by; by chance he had a wrench in his bag and helped Wottle remove the extra spikes. . . When Wottle returned to his home of Canton, Ohio, he was met by some 3000 well-wishers. He was later honored at a testimonial dinner at Bowling Green State U at which he was presented a bronze bust of himself. It is not known if the bust was capped or not. He was honored in a parade in Bowling Green and at the half of the Bowling Green—Miami/Ohio football game. Some 200 friends and neighbors gathered at his home for another welcome. He was beseged by autograph seekers

This worm's-eye view shows eventual steeple champ Kip Keino (top) heading for splashdown in a heat won by Tapio Kantanen (l), eventual 3rd-placer. Others (l-r): Gheorghe Cefan (776), Steve Savage (1009), Toni Feldmann (r).





Mohamed Gamoudi (r) crosses the 5000 finish in 2nd as Ian Stewart (c) overhauls stumbling Steve Prefontaine for 3rd. /Don Chedez

wherever he went, signing everything including the cast on a boy's arm. Canton sponsored Dave Wottle Day during which caps like Wottle's were passed out to children and everyone was asked to wear a cap whether at school, work or play.

• **1500-Meters**—Seen on several tourists well before the 1500 were tee-shirts reading, "1500 Meter Olympic Champion Pekka Vasala". . . *Athletics Weekly* reports Jim Ryun lay stunned on the track after his fall for eight seconds . . . Ryun's 3:51.5 1500 time at Munich is actually slower than his two world record times for the mile.

• **10,000-Meters**—Lasse Viren's 27:38.4 world record knocked off the oldest (meaning unbroken and untied as several have been matched) standard event record existing, Ron Clarke's 27:39.4 of 1966. The 27:47.0 six-mile mark Clarke set en route in the same race still stands . . . Frank Shorter's 27:51.4 US record time is so good that if he hadn't run any six-mile races this year, he still could rank sixth on the yearly US list with his metric time . . . Jon Anderson's 28:34.2 for eighth in his heat at Munich is a PR.

• **Steeplechase**—Winner Kip Keino was reportedly upset after the final because security guards roughed up a Kenyan broadcaster who tried to get Kip to say a few words to the folks back home—in Swahili. Kip sat in the stands for some time before appearing at the press interview. He admitted his hurdling form was poor, principally because he has done no training or hurdling. "I'm not a good hurdler so I have to step on each barrier instead of jumping over it," he said. "I don't have any experience other than doing it that way." Asked what effect he thought his performance would have on his rivals in the 1500—Jim Ryun in particular—Kip replied, "I do not think about Jim Ryun or any other competitor when I am running. I think about the event. If you think about the man as well as the event, you serve two masters. You cannot do this and race well". . . After a pedestrian early pace of 2:54.4 1000-meters (8:43.2 pace) and 5:44.4 2000-meters (8:36.6 pace), Kip burned the final kilometer in 2:38.8—with barriers and water jump included—which represents 7:56.4 at even pace.

• **400-Meter Hurdles**—John Akii-Bua, whose happy, uninhibited victory romp following his 47.8 world record win won over many fans, reportedly shunned photographers in the days before the competition. "No, no," he protested. "They put evil spirits in my body". . . Akii said after his win he thought of wearing the 25-lb. weight jacket he wore during his training of hurdling 39-inch barriers for 1500-meters. He added with a wink, "But I thought it might be banned, like the vaulting poles". . . The warm, enthusiastic reception accorded Akii-Bua was curious when considered against the backdrop of the unpopular ouster of Asian citizens from Uganda. Uganda was one of many black African countries to threaten a boycott of the Games if white supremacist Rhodesia was allowed to compete . . . Stavros Tziortzis was not the first Greek track finalist since 1896. In the only other German summer Olympics, at Berlin in 1936, Hristos Manticas also made the 400 hurdles final and, like Tziortzis, placed sixth (54.2). Tziortzis, however, was the first Cypriot ever to reach an Olympic track final.

• **Marathon**—Random thoughts from Frank Shorter, first American to win the marathon in 64 years: On the course: "I liked the course for the way I ran the race. Being out in front and having all those corners was an advantage because the runners behind me couldn't see how far ahead I was. The cobblestones were a bit of a pain, but not as bad as many thought they would be." On his pre-race chances: "I was pretty sure I could finish in the top three; you can't enter a marathon saying, 'I'm going to win'. When you're finished with the 10,000, the marathon is a nice race. You don't approach it as

aggressively or with the same intensity as you do the 10,000. You sort of back into the marathon, relaxed." On the race itself—"I nearly was run down by the camera bus carrying the photo crew after about three-quarters of a mile. I saw it coming toward me and started to pull over but that didn't do any good. He almost creamed me. I started to swear at the driver but then I thought I had better concentrate on the race if I was ever going to finish it. At one of the refreshment stations, I had just taken a drink when some Ethiopian grabbed it out of my hand. No big deal because I just took another one. I listened for the Americans. American girls yell like no other girls in the world. The girls yelling today were really great and that made the race fun." On his thoughts approaching the stadium: "In a marathon, the last 10,000-meters is just an attempt to slow down less than the others. Everyone is dying. As you approach the stadium, you have this feeling of extreme relief". . . At age 24, Shorter was by far the youngest marathon winner at least in the post-war Olympics. From 1968 back to 1948, the winners have been Mamo Wolde 36, Abebe Bikila 33, Bikila 29, Alain Mimoun 35, Emil Zatopek 29 and Delfo Cabrera 29.

• **50-Kilo Walk**—Larry Young's second consecutive bronze medal may cost him a high grade in a sculpture class at Columbia College. Art major Young, studying to be a sculptor at the Missouri school, was assigned to make 12 wax figures of Olympic athletes. By the time he placed third in the long walk, however, he had completed only two, a long jumper and a javelin thrower. "It took me 25 hours for the long jumper," he said. "I doubt I can finish them all."

• **High Jump**—The US and USSR have split gold medals in the last six Olympics, each winning three, and in the last five Games have claimed five gold, three silver and five bronze medals for 13 of the 15 available . . . Earlier in the week preceding the finals, eventual winner Juri Tarmak took some of the inevitable pressure off himself by predicting he would finish fourth . . . US third-placer Dwight Stones, on the importance of the US Final Olympic Trials: "There is so much emphasis on our Trials. It's almost harder to make the US Olympic team than it is to compete in the Olympic Games. We go all out to make the team and then a few weeks later we have to get up again for the Games and it's very hard. Making the team is a big, big thing but there is a natural let-down afterward and it's hard to get back up again. It was hard for me so I was happy to equal my best and get third."

• **Pole Vault**—Contrary to the comment of one jokester—"The Olympic vault is the only event which begins on Saturday and ends on Sunday"—the Munich vault competition lasted 5:52 compared to 7:15 in 1968, a marathon 9:00 in 64 and 6:40 in 60 . . . As of the Games, there are now seven 18-footers with 14 clearances and five jumpers have cleared 5.50-meters (18-½) 10 times . . . Bob Seagren shouldn't be too upset about not winning as there has been only one double vault winner, Bob Richards in 1952-56. Seagren (68-72), Wolfgang Nordwig (68-72) and Shuhei Nishida (32-36) are the only other two-time medal winners. Seagren should now try to match Richards as the only three-time Olympic vault medalist; Richards won a 1948 bronze as well as two golds . . . Throughout the final competition, a brightly-painted sign hung on the stadium rail close to the head of the runway which read, "East Brunswick, N.J., Loves Bob Seagren".

• **Long Jump**—The white tag on Randy Williams' teddy bear mascot read "We're going to be Number 1. We try harder". . . In the French quarters, Jacques Pani had reportedly enlisted the aid of a faith healer to try to ease a groin injury in time to compete. The spirits were apparently unmoved as Pani was forced to scratch . . . A plasticene preparation to detect fouls in



Munich aftermaths: (L) New decathlon king Nikolay Avilov (r) is congratulated by deposed monarch Bill Toomey; (C) Dejected Jim Ryun leaves the track after his 1500 heat /Don Chadez/; (R) Ken and Bobbi Moore talk things over following his fourth-place finish in the marathon. /Chadez/

both horizontal events was removed after each fault and replaced with an unmarked board which had been smoothed and leveled with a putty trowel. Officials also watered both pits intermittently, which seemed to have the effect of making holes smaller as the sand was more compact.

• **Triple Jump**—Comments went around after Nelson Prudencio's third-place about how the Brazilian pops up every four years to jump spectacularly in the Olympics (2nd 1968, 56-8; 3rd 72, 55-11¼) and then fades into relative obscurity between Games (53-7¼ 69, 53-5¼ 70, 55-2¼ 71). But perhaps even more sensational in this regard is Munich sixth-placer Mansour Dia of Senegal. Following his 54-10¾ for eighth in Mexico, he settled back into seclusion with yearly bests of 51-½ (69), 50-¾ (70) and 52-11 (71) before exploding again in the Olympics with a windy 55-2½ at Munich... After his third-place performance, Prudencio said, "This will probably be my last competition as I will be married soon after I return to Brazil." He is a college physical education instructor and his fiancée is an English teacher.

• **Shot Put**—Wladyslaw Komar's 69-6 triumph completed a sweep of the three heavy throws by veteran throwers over age 30: Komar 32 (4/11/40), Ludvik Danek, 37, in the discus and Anatoliy Bondarchuk, 32 (5/31/40), in the hammer... Immediately after the shot and hammer competitions, officials replaced all divots with large round sections of soil and grass combined so there would be no holes to interfere with later track competition and more importantly soccer competition held in the stadium later in the evenings... The decathlon and open shot were measured by tape, not by the electronic trigonometrical measuring equipment used for the discus, hammer and javelin.

• **Discus**—Danek's 211-3 triumph was the first Olympic victory by a male Czechoslovakian track and field athlete since Emil Zatopek's legendary 5000-10,000-marathon triple in 1952... Asked if he had been injured the month before the Games, Jay Silvester replied, "Yes, in the head. I have tried everything to correct my problems from overworking to underworking. But I have no physical injuries." After placing second, he commented, "I hate the Olympics. They have been a very painful experience for me, and for my family too. The pressure is fantastic. It scares the daylight out of me"... John Powell, eventual fourth-placer, was reportedly the big arm in practice, narrowly fouling 220-foot throws and hitting 227-feet on his long effort.

A close 2nd in Munich, Janis Lulis plans to throw at Montreal. /Wilkinson/



• **Hammer**—In comparing the Munich hammering to that of Mexico, the winning toss four years ago (Gyula Zsivotzky's 240-8) would not have earned a medal in Munich. The 68 bronze medal effort of 228-11 would have placed 12th this time. And in 68, there were only 13 finalists against Munich's 20, even though the qualifying mark was the same both times... One Latin American entrant was a William D. Silen of Puerto Rico, a fact which is notable only because Silen is none other than Dartmouth grad Bill Dinneen, ex-IC4A champ. Dinneen, who is of Puerto Rican descent on his mother's side, threw a non-qualifying 203-5½.

• **Javelin**—Note that Schmidt and Schmidt, Americans no less, won the bronze medals in both the women's and men's spear throw. Kathy threw 196-8 and Bill 276-11½... Following an elbow injury in 70 which resulted from the longest throw of his career (280-7), Bill Schmidt took to wearing a copper bracelet around his right wrist. "Golfers wear 'em, so why shouldn't I?" he says. "I wrecked my arm on that throw but the doctors couldn't find anything wrong. So I started wearing this bracelet"... World record setter Janis Lulis revealed he had a back sprain earlier this year but that he was perfectly healthy at Munich... On the unexpected defeat of Lulis by Klaus Wolfermann, Lulis' coach, close friend and fellow Latvian Valentin Mazalitis commented, "Disappointed? Of course, we are disappointed. We prepared hard and came to win. And Janis did not have a bad day; you don't have a bad day if you can beat the existing Olympic record and throw over 90-meters [295-3]. But it just shows that on any given day somebody could be better and throw farther like Wolfermann did. But Janis Lulis is still the best javelin thrower in the world; Wolfermann himself admitted so. 1976 in Montreal? We will be back, of course, but it will be harder to win then. After all, Janis will be over 37 by then, but who knows."

• **Decathlon**—The morning and afternoon crowds for both days of the decathlon undoubtedly smashed every attendance record for a decathlon: most paid seats were taken at all times, the exception notably being in the VIP area (which was often uninhabited anyway) and the press section in the morning. There were still some 55,000 fans present for the 1500, well into the evening darkness and long after the last open event... Winner and world record setter Nikolay Avilov has competed in 18 decathlons in his career, not 17, and has failed to finish two, rather than one. The additional DNF came in the 71 European Championships, Aug. 11-12 in Helsinki, when he dropped out after the discus with 5202 points.

• **400-Meter Relay**—After stepping off the victory stand following the medal award ceremony, Gerald Tinker and Robert Taylor traded gold medals. One TAFNOT member reports IOC president Avery Brundage watched the four black American sprinters during the US anthem and didn't turn to look at the US flag... The 38.5 by the USSR for second is the fastest ever by an all-Caucasian squad; the previous best was East Germany's 38.6 in 68 at Mexico.

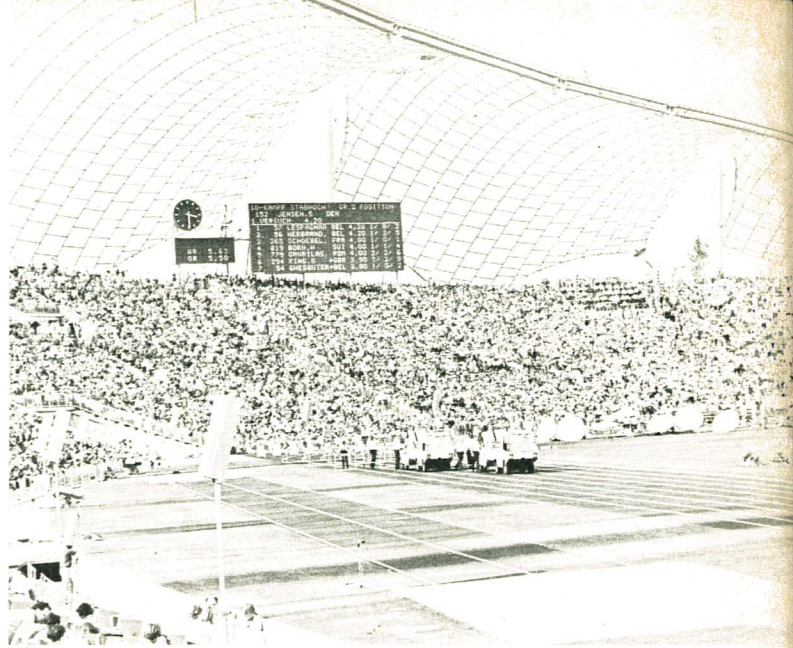
• **1600-Meter Relay**—The scratching of the US team from the heats marked the first time in the 60-year history of the event in the Olympics that the US did not field a team... The US team was forced out when Dr. Harvey O'Phelan, one of the team physicians, said John Smith's pulled leg muscle was too tender to run. "He could have competed," said O'Phelan, "but that meant taking the chance of permanent damage. The team didn't feel it was that important." IAAF rules allow a country to submit six names 10 days before the meet begins for relay teams, and the US turned in those of Smith, Vince Matthews, Wayne Collett, Lee Evans, Maurice Peoples and Tommie Turner. Smith's injury and the banning of Matthews and Collett from further Olympic competition after the 400 award incident left three-quarters of a team. The US reportedly appealed, indicating decathlete Jeff Bennett (46.3 in the Munich decathlon) would move onto the team, but the appeal was denied. One IAAF member was reported to have replied, "Next time bring runners who are healthy." □

On Your Marks

Red China, known to be putting out feelers for admittance to the 1976 Olympics, will make a partial breakthrough in the western world in 1973 with a tour of Italy. The Chinese sent delegates to an Italian competition in July, and the announcement was made shortly thereafter . . . There will again be a US-USSR indoor dual meet in 1973, again in Richmond, Va. The meet will move to the Soviet Union in 1974 (probably Moscow), but stays in the US in 73 because the outdoor meet will be held in the Soviet Union. . . California's recent NCAA suspension involves only the football program. The track squad will be eligible in 1973. All charges stem from the period before track coach Dave Maggard took over as athletic director. His administration is apparently free of blame. . . Kentucky State's team has been suspended for a year by the NAIA for "unsportsmanlike conduct" at an NAIA district meet last April. . . Controversial Percy Cerutti, coach of former 1500 world record holder Herb Elliott and author of many books, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth . . . The banned Cata-Pole must be at least slightly better than the old—at the AAU, the 12 vault finalists signed a card to designer Herb Jenks reading, "Thanks, we've never had it so good". . . Coverage of the Olympic Trials by two Eugene newspapers was spectacular. The *Register-Guard* usually had four full pages in the sport section and more in the front section each day devoted to the meet, and covered competition in great depth, with good feature material and many photos. And the student newspaper at the host University of Oregon, the *Daily Emerald*, devoted its whole issue (about 12 pages with advertising) to the meet each day . . . On the foreign front, perhaps the greatest sports publication in the world is the French daily newspaper, *L'Equipe*, from which *T&FN* garners much of its non-US material. The publication, which covers all sports, is one of the most complete sources of up-to-date material available. In fact, there have been instances where we at *T&FN* have seen results of a US meet published in this Paris-based paper before we received them ourselves.

Shades of the 1968 shoe scandals. At Eugene, high jumper Gene White charged that adidas representatives had offered him money to wear their shoes. White announced his charges in a letter to the Olympic Committee, which is reportedly "gathering facts". Later, adidas dropped hints that perhaps rival Puma had put White up to the deed in order to discredit adidas. . . Apartheid is still a live issue in international circles, as a Helsinki meet banned three South Africans from competition rather than lose the East German and Bulgarian delegations, who had threatened to leave if the South Africans were allowed to compete. . . Speaking of leaving, that's just what Olympic javelinist Milt Sponsky is doing to New York City, moving to Phoenix, Ariz. He commented, "As an athlete, there are no places for you to train in New York anymore. I'm tired of climbing over and under fences, police kicking me out of Marine Park." Sponsky's comments provoked Donald Manes, president of the borough of Queens, into asking for an emergency allotment of \$100,000 to set up a year-round Olympic training area. But Manes concluded that despite Sponsky's claims to the contrary, "New York is a great city—a great place to live, a great place to play and a great place for athletes to train". . . Britain's *Daily Express* panned the British men's outfits for Munich as looking like "Dad's old trilby" (whatever that is) and said that the women's were "likely to go down in Munich like a badly thrown hammer". . . A badly thrown discus nearly caused a tragedy at the Golden West Invitational. A right-handed thrower must have gone a half spin too far, for the platter went out of the left sector line, bounced off a judges stand into the middle of the track and struck Dick Clausen of Orangevale, Calif. in the forehead. Clausen, who was working as a place-judge at the time, received 13-17 stitches in his forehead, but there were no fractures. . . Several old-time track fans wondered why we didn't list the 1931 SPAAU in our all-time attendance figures (1 June). The estimated attendance at that affair was 35,000-40,000, but it was a "regular three-ring-circus" reports long-time nut Wally Donovan. Held in the Coliseum, the meet was called the pre-Olympic Carnival and featured: polo, wrestling, tumbling and gymnastics, weight lifting, fencing and hand balancing; a new lighting system turned on by film star Mary Pickford; Douglas Fairbanks (a great actor) as master of ceremonies (assisted by Harold Lloyd); and, some pretty fair track events, such as the rubber match between Vic Williams and Ben Eastman in the quarter, with Williams winning in 48.2. And Al Franken is regarded as putting on wild affairs these days.

Reports that Olympic Coach Bill Bowerman is retiring as head coach at the University of Oregon have been denied by the school's athletic department. Bowerman is currently enjoying a sabbatical and working on a book at his home near Eugene, but will return to the reins for the spring quarter . . . Bowerman has also revealed that just prior to the Olympic Trials he was told by safety inspectors that spectators could not be seated in the west grandstand because of its poor shape. "They wanted to condemn the place," said Bowerman, "but the inspectors cleared the old stands when they finally accepted the fact that we had already a national championship meet there and admitted it would not fall down." But Bowerman emphasized that



Munich's *Olympiastadion* during a typical day's track competition, looking down the homestretch toward the starting line. The speedy hurdle crew sets up barriers for a race. Note the large scoreboard and smaller timing board, the double jump pits and runways and umbrellas for decathletes. /Chadez/

the structure would have to be replaced if major meets were to be held there in the future. Subsequently, the Oregon Track Club announced the selection of an architectural firm to design new stands with approximately 15,000 covered seats. The project, slated to begin after the 1973 season, will be financed by the Oregon Track Club with no financial assistance from the athletic department or the university . . . The 1978 British Commonwealth Games will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as the northerly Canadian city edged Leeds, England for the honor . . . Victoria, B.C., Canada is planned as the site for the first-ever Pan-American Cross Country Championships on Dec. 2, 1972. The IAAF has designated the meet as a "Cup" championship to permit smaller teams than are ordinarily required by IAAF rules. In this way, more countries will hopefully be able to afford to send squads. The men's race will be over approximately 12-kilos (about 7.5-miles), with four members of a six-man team to score. Individuals may be entered by nations not entering teams, and nations may enter more than one team . . . After 52 consecutive years in Madison Square Garden(s), the New York Knights of Columbus indoor affair will be held on Long Island in the Nassau Coliseum, which will hold 14,500 spectators for track. And a new 11-lap Pro West plywood track will be used.

World shot put record holder Randy Matson is still on the minds of pro football teams, at least the Houston Oilers, who have repeatedly tried to recruit him over the past two years. Owner Bud Adams called Matson after he failed to qualify for the Olympic team and made another offer, but Matson declined, saying he had concentrated on track too long to switch sports. . . Mexico City 100-meter champ Jim Hines has the opposite problem. He wants to play football, but has been cut by his third team, the Oakland Raiders. "I thought I deserved a better chance," said the disgruntled Hines. . . The other short sprint winner at Mexico, Tommie Smith, has been appointed as head basketball coach at Oberlin, where he was already track and cross country mentor. . . Mexico 200 bronze medalist John Carlos was often in evidence around the training sites in Munich and claimed that he had beaten 100 silver medalist Robert Taylor over 50-yards prior to the meet. . . A study by Dr. Lawrence Golding of Kent State indicates that track and field performers are in the best physical shape of all sportsmen. The other sports: 2. swimming; 3. cross country skiing; 4. soccer; 5. hockey; 6. basketball; 7. football; 8. tennis; 9. baseball; 10. golf. . . Bob Beamon's 29-2½ long jump and Pat Matzdorf's 7-6¼ might rank highly in the human world, but are nothing in the animal kingdom as a whole. Did you know that the blood thirsty human flea can jump nearly 8" up and land 13" away? That is the equivalent of a human jumping up 275-feet and landing 450-feet away. It seems that the little critter is aided by an untiring elastic protein called resilin that is peculiar to insects. The flea's acceleration when he takes off is 140-times the force of gravity, which is 10 times the force that causes humans to black out. . . The NCAA announced at its fall meeting that it has withdrawn from the United States Olympic Committee, saying the USOC "has shortchanged America". Secretary-treasurer Samuel Barnes said, "The NCAA strongly supports the continuation of the Olympics, but can no longer accept membership in the USOC until it is extensively reorganized." Similar motions have been made off and on for 10 years by the NCAA. In essence, the action means the NCAA will no longer appoint representatives to USOC committees or offer organized financial assistance. NCAA officials are hopeful of forcing a Congressional inquiry into the USOC. □



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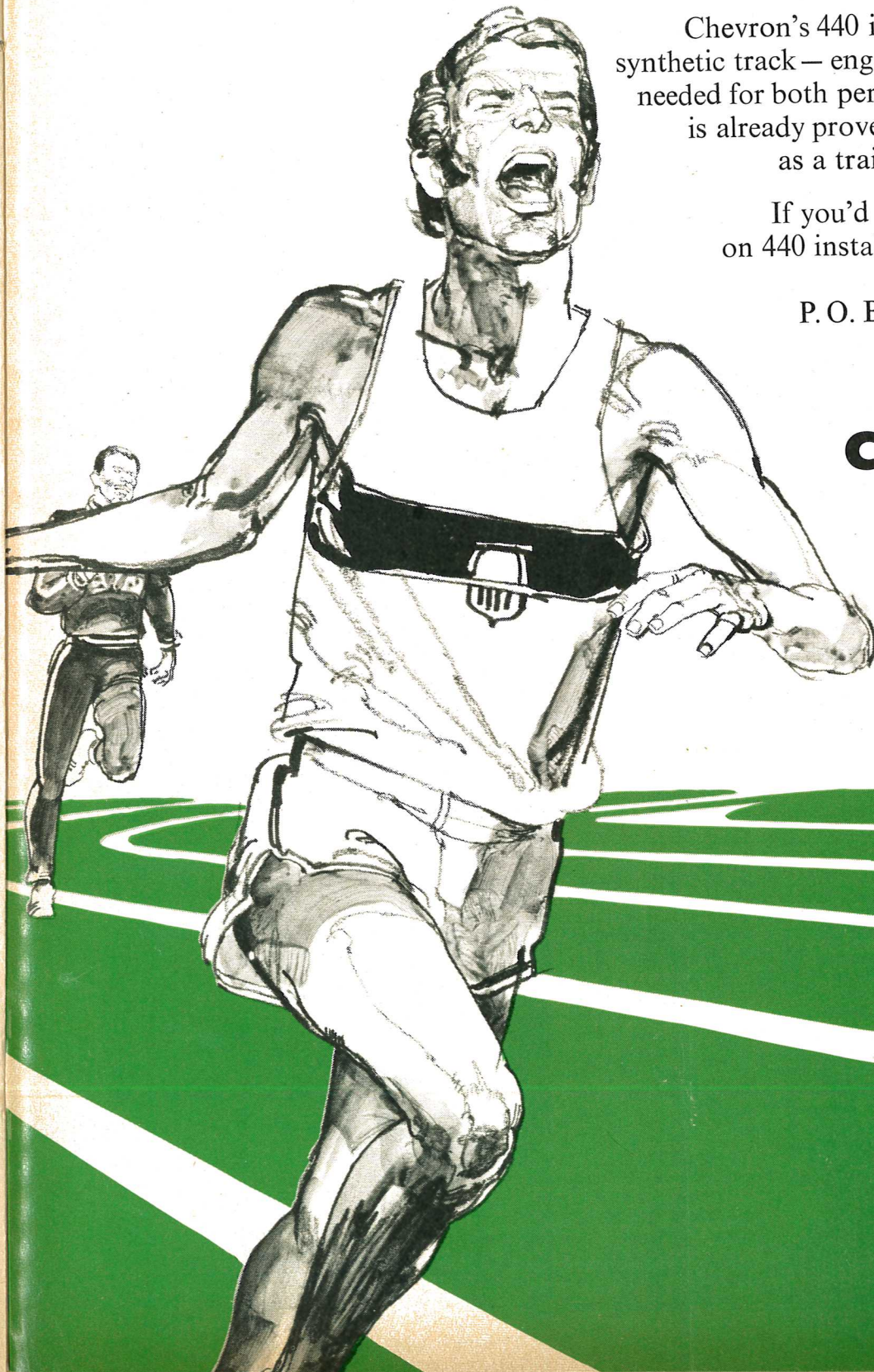
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Prep Talent Spread Around Country

A wealth of talented, record-breaking high school track and field athletes diffused to many widespread US colleges and universities as the annual "where they are going" survey reveals. Indeed, virtually every sector of the nation picked up a prep who claimed a high school record during 1972.

Dale Scott, 1:48.5 half-miler, headed to Washington State. Vince Cartier, 4:06.6 indoor miler, emigrated to Florida. Alvin Jackson took his 227-8 prep weight and 191-11 international weight hammer talents to Penn State. Versatile sprinter/hurdler Allen Misher (9.4, 13.4, 13.9 42", 37.0) will compete for LSU. Ron Ray, 45.8 440 sensation, bolsters North Carolina Central's strong sprint corps. Penn picked up 330 hurdle recordman (36.3) Harold Schwab. Craig Brigham, 7523 decathlete, stayed right in his hometown of Eugene, Ore., at Oregon. Same with Sacramento's Ken Duncan, 26-2½ long jumper, who is at Sacramento City College.

Other leading preps further spread the wealth around. Arizona State gained Ron Semkiw's 70-1¼ prep and 59-6½ international shot talents. Steve Rim, 50-10 triple jumper, bounded to Oregon State. Bruce Dow, 247-11 javelinist, is at Southern Cal. All led their events in 1972. Mark Schilling, second-quickest miler at 4:05.4, enrolled at San Jose State. Versatile speedster Mike Ross (9.4, 14.0w 42") will run for Howard Payne.

Leading junior collegians now at four-year schools include 16-11 vaulter Terry Porter at Kansas and 13:43.8 three-miler Dave Babiracki at

Brigham Young. Both set Jaycee bests with those 72 efforts.

Naturally, in some cases the rich got richer as already-powerful schools strengthened their arsenals with major hauls of both freshmen and transfers. Tennessee gained the likes of Mark Branch (6-10¼), Frank Glascoe (49-8¼), junior international Ron Addison (4:05.9), Tom Garrison (1:51.4), James Vogt (4:07.0) and Bob Bentz (8:58.4). UCLA picked up preps Bill Heinzen (1:52.2), Gordon Innes (8:54.4), Tom Kovacich (1:51.4), Jim Salcido (8:54.2) and Randy Cross (67-6½) and JCers Sam Albanese (7215), Clim Jackson (14.0) and Dave Jackson (50-½). Besides Semkiw, Arizona State added Nate Austin (13.8, 37.0), Ron Lindley (15-5), Carl McCullough (9.5, 20.8, 25-5), Glenn Purvis (24-1¼), Charles Wells (9.5, 21.2) and Jim Groover (183-10). Joining Misher at LSU are Barney Cobb (9.5, 21.2, 47.1), Carey Schimpf (13.7w), Eddie Crews (15-3) and Larry Shipp (13.5, 13.9 42") although the latter is ineligible academically. Besides Brigham, Oregon acquired Gary Barger (4:11.1), Albin Dukowski (21.2m), Judd Eddy (15-5¼), Jeff Carter (239-8), Bob Grubbs (8:54.6) and ineligible transfers Paul Geis (13:32.6) and Tom Hale (28:20.6). UTEP picked up freshmen Dennis DeLoach (6-10), Arnold Grimes (48-9w), El Roy Williams (6-9), Wardell Gilbreath (21.2) and Frank West (65-2½) and will have speedsters like Charles Joseph (45.5m, 44.5 relay leg at Munich), Rudy Reid (10.2m) and Gary West (14.0) and 4:04.3 miler Paul Pearson newly eligible.

Abbreviations used in this survey include: i=indoor mark; l=international hurdles or implement; m=metric mark; s=straight mark; w=windy mark; / followed by number=probable number of years eligibility athlete has remaining. All references to eligibility are regarding NCAA championship meets. As is usual each year, sources other than solely coaches or sports information directors at schools were used to compile this survey; however, every effort has been made to verify an athlete is in fact enrolled at the school listed. Please send all amendments to *T&FN*. (Thanks to coaches and publicists as well as Jack Shepard, Ken Masterson and Jim Gaines for supplying primary information.)

New Freshmen

SPRINTS

Elmo Boyd 6.0i (Troy, Ohio) En Ky
Andrew Brown 47.1 (Opelousas, La) Sn U
Claude Brown 47.5/71 (Gardena, Calif) Sn Cal
Mike Carter 47.4 (Pine Bluff, Ark) Baylor
Barney Cobb 9.5, 21.2, 47.1 (Mshll, Rchmd, Va) LSU
Sammy Dierschke 9.5-9.4w/71, 21.0 (Sealy, Tx) TexA&M
Albin Dukowski 21.2m (Canada) Ore
Wardell Gilbreath 21.2-21.0w (Amarillo, Tex) UTEP
Bob Harrell 47.2/71, 1:51.4 (S Ana, Calif) S Ana JC
Pearlie Harris 47.3 (Wn-Olin, Birmingham, Ala) Ala
Willie Johnson 21.0w (Borger, Tex) W Tex St
James Kimbrough 9.5 (Williamson, Mobile, Ala) Alc A&M
Bob Lawson 9.4-9.3w, 20.9-20.8w (Lib, Tol, O) Iowa
Tony Lawson 47.4 (Pittsburg, Calif) Ariz
Carl McCullough 9.5, 20.8, 25-5 (Sacmnto, Cal) Ariz St

Bob Parry 47.8 (Springbrook, Silver Spring, Md) Colo St
Ken Randle 47.5 (Central, Kansas City, Mo) Sn Cal
Haywood Ray 9.3w, 21.2 (Sndrsn, Raleigh, NC) NC St
Ronald Ray 45.8 (Ferguson, Npt News, Va) N Car Cent
Donald Robins 47.4, 24-2-25-2¼w (Dstrhn, La) SE La
Tim Son 47.2 (Plainview, Tex) Baylor
Anthony Stroman 47.2 (DeSoto, Arcadia, Fla) Ark St U
Don Thornton 47.8 (Male, Louisville, Ky) Wn Ky
Hrvoje Vincijanovic 10.2mw (Yugoslavia) BYU
Charles Wells 9.5, 21.2 (Lincoln, Jrsy City, NJ) Ariz St
Johnny Williams 9.4, 20.9 (Talladega, Ala) Auburn
Lloyd Williams 9.4w (Wash, Tulsa, Okla) Lincoln
Haywood Woodward 9.5 (Public, Htrfd, Conn) Conn
Roy Young 9.4w, 20.7sw/71 (Mt Morris, Mich) Tex Sn

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Ron Addison 4:05.9 (Rhodes, Cleveland, Ohio) Tenn
Ed Arriola 4:08.6 (Gahr, Artesia, Calif) Ariz
Gary Barger 4:11.1 (St Helens, Ore) Ore
Larry Bates 1:52.2 (Evanston, Ill) Ind

Vince Cartier 4:06.6i (Sc Pl-Fnwd, Sc Pl, NJ) Fla
Mac Collins 4:11.7 (Kecoughtan, Hampton, Va) Wm&M
Reed Fischer 4:05.7, 14:22.2 (Hld Pk, Dallas, Tx) Tex
Tom Garrison 1:51.4 (Antioch, Nashville, Tenn) Tenn
Greg Gibson 1:51.0, 2:10.1i (Connell, Wash) Wash
Bill Heinzen 1:52.2 (Glendora, Calif) UCLA
Ron Hyatt 1:52.1 (Placer, Auburn, Calif) Ind
Niels Kahlke 1:48.8m (Denmark) Cal Poly/SLO
Mark Klonower 1:51.9 (Denton, Tex) Tex
Tom Kovacich 1:51.4 (Buena Park, Calif) UCLA
Chris Loring 1:52.2 (Thorndridge, Dolton, Ill) Wisc
Doug MacLean 4:10.9 (Costa Mesa, Calif) Sn Cal
John McDaniel 4:09.3 (Cl Crk, League City, Tx) N Tex St
Sven Nielsen 1:48.9m, 3:45.2m (Denmark) Cal Poly/SLO
Mark Schilling 4:05.4 (Garden Grove, Calif) S Jose St
Dale Scott 1:48.5 (El Cerrito, Calif) Wash St
Albert Seoney 1:51.7 (Man Arts, LA, Calif) Cal Poly/Pom
Bill Trelease 1:51.7 (Catholic, Roselle, NJ) Manh
Gary Trojanowski 1:51.9 (St Joseph, Metuchen, NJ) Vill
James Vogt 4:07.0 (Jackson, Manassas, Va) Tenn



(L) Three leading 1972 prep distance-men clash in the Golden West two-mile. Winner Jim Salcido (c) is now at UCLA, 3rd place Nick Ellis (r) at Eastern Michigan and 4th place Kevin McCarey (l) at Villanova. /Steve Sutton/



(R) Prepdom's fastest-ever quartermiler at 45.8, Ron Ray (c) wins the Golden West one-lapper in 46.6. Both 2nd-placer Andy Brown (l) at 47.1 and 3rd-placer Tim Son (r) at 47.2 set PRs here. Ray is schooling at North Carolina Central, Brown at Southern and Son at Baylor. /Don Chadez/

LONG DISTANCES

Jose Amaya 4:09.5, 8:54.0, 13:56.4/71 (Wlsn, LA) Ore St
Jack Bellah 30:30.0 (Leigh, San Jose, Calif) Stan
Bob Bentz 8:58.4 (Beaver Creek, Lisbon, Ohio) Tenn
Steve Brooks 14:10.2, 30:31.0 (Mt Pl, S Jose, Cal) SJCC
Mike Brown 14:29.6, 9:33.8St (LaSalle, NYC) Geotwn
Mike Butynnes 9:02.8 (Sterling, Smrdle, NJ) CW Post
Jon Cross 30:55.2 (Belleville, Mich) Mich
Nick Ellis 8:57.6 (Cooley, Detroit, Mich) En Mich
Dennis Fee 9:02.8 (White Bear Lake, Minn) Minn
Marc Genet 8:53.4 (Santa Ana, Calif) Cal Poly/Pom
Bill Glad 9:30.2St/71, 30:46.8 (Bellevue, Wash) Wash
Bob Grubbs 8:54.6 (Washgtn, Fremont, Calif) Ore
Gordon Innes 8:54.4/71 (Upland, Calif) UCLA
Gert Kaerlin 13:45.0m, 29:40.4m/71 (Den) CP/SLO
Tom Koppes 8:58.4 (St J Bosco, Bflr, Calif) Kans
Dan Lyndaard 2:36:54 (N Richland, Minn) Wisc
Rudy Mareno 2:35:58 (S Mtn, Phoenix, Ariz) Colo St
Kevin McCarey 9:03.8 (Cath Prep, Elmhurst, NY) Vill
Kevin McCarthy 30:48.6 (Hawthorne, Calif) Spok FallsCC
John Ngeno 13:44.6m/70, 28:31.4m/70 (Kenya)
Wash St
Des O'Connor 14:49.4m (Eire) Ark
Jim Salcido 8:54.2 (S Hills, Fullerton, Calif) UCLA
Tony Sandoval 14:08.4 (Los Alamos, NM) Stan
Robin Shipman 4:10.9, 9:09.0i (Bedford, Ind) Ala
Chris Tulou 9:12.0i (Maury, Norfolk, Va) Wm&Mary
Rob Waugh 2:32:05 (Camelback, Phoenix, Ariz) Ariz St
Mike Weinstock 2:42:37 (Lynwood, Calif) L Beach St

HURDLES

Kevin Allen 37.0, 53.9 (Madison, NJ) Geotwn
Nate Austin 13.8, 18.6st, 37.0 (Rahway, NJ) Ariz St
Mike Fulgham 13.7, 38.3 (Cent, S Angelo, Tex) Rice
Mike Grant 13.8, 47.9 (Murphy, Mobile, Ala) Ala
Matt Hogsett 19.0st (Npt H, Npt Bch, Calif) Stan
Dan Jones 13.6, 18.7st (P Verde, Blythe, Calif) LB St
Jouko Kokkonen 52.3/69 (Finland) BYU
Bobby Littlefield 21.1, 13.6, 38.3 (Strg, Btwn, Tx) Tex
Rich Matthews 18.7st (Hlds, N Highlands, Calif) Ariz
Allen Misher 9.4, 13.4, 14.1-13.9wl, 37.0 (Sterling,
Houston, Tex) LSU
Kiplangat Ngeno 14.21/71 (Kenya) Wash St
John Pferdsdorf 18.5st (Catalina, Tucson, Ariz) Ariz
Donnie Reddic 13.4w, 37.7 (Jeff, Dallas, Tex) BlinnJC
Steve Reimer 18.9st, 19.3t, 38.2 (Wasco, Calif) Fres Pac
Jose Rivas 18.9st (Tulare, Calif) Oxy
Charles Romes 13.6, 18.3st, 19.0t (Hillside, Durham, NC)
Lake City JC
Mike Ross 9.4, 13.7, 14.0wl (Smiley, Houston, Tx) H Payne
Carey Schimpf 13.7w (E Jefferson, Metairie, La) LSU
Harold Schwab 13.7, 36.3, 52.9 (Centereach, NY) Penn
Bruce Scully 18.8st, 19.1t, 36.6 (Auburn, NJ) Drexel
Gary Taylor 13.7, 37.9 (Ball, Galveston, Tex) Tex Sn
Gene Taylor 18.9st (Marina, Hntgtn Beach, Calif) Oxy
Steve Truehart 13.7 (Bartram, Philadelphia, Pa) Ariz
Dave Wyckoff 19.1t (Bloom Twp, Chic Hts, Ill) Wisc
Lynn Zwahlon 18.8st (Davis, Modesto, Calif) BYU

JUMPS

Rick Baggett 15.9% (Pasco, Wash) Wash St
Eddie Banks 24-11% (Las Vegas, Nev) Mesa, A, CC
Mark Branch 6-10% (Doyle, Knoxville, Tenn) Tenn
Dave Bush 6-11 (Campbell, Calif) Cal Poly/SLO
Tom Cochee 50-1% (Tech, Oakland, Calif) Sn Cal
Eddie Crews 15-3 (Baton Rouge, La) LSU
Dennis DeLoach 6-10 (Irvin, El Paso, Tex) UTEP
Ken Duncan 26-2% (McClatchy, Sacramento, Calif) Sac CC
Chuck Durrant 6-9 (Portland, Mich) Wn Ky
Judd Eddy 15-5% (Ferris, Spokane, Wash) Ore
Bill Fitz 6-9 (Greencastle-Antrim, Grcstle, Pa) Penn St
Frank Glascoe 49-8% (Williams, Alexandria, Va) Tenn
Arnold Grimes 19.3t, 48-9w (East, Akron, Ohio) UTEP
Ken Harrison 24-4% (S Park, Beaumont, Tex) SMU
Wayne Hinkley 49-9% (Davis, Yakima, Wash) Wash
John Hochuli 15-2 (Syosset, NY) Ohio U
Doug Laz 15-5 (Urbana, Ill) Ia St
Ron Lindley 15-5 (Alhambra, Phoenix, Ariz) Ariz St
Johnny McCollum 24-6/71 (Rock Hill, SC) Mesa, A, CC
Carl Miles 6-10 (Poly, L Beach, Calif) L Beach CC
Bob Nalley 6-10/71 (Bladensburg, Md) Md

Jeff Nedimyer 6-9 (Titusville, Fla) Fla St
Mike Nowacki 6-10 (Greenfield, Wisc) Mich
Moise Pomaney 53-2½ (Ghana) H Payne
Glenn Purvis 24-1% (Arcadia, Phoenix, Ariz) Ariz St
Tim Quinn 15-8% (Monroe, Sepulveda, Calif) Canyons JC
Dan Ridlen 15-6 (Hayworth, Kokomo, Ind) Ind
Steve Riley 15-8½ (East, Wichita, Kans) Kans
Steve Rim 24-7, 50-10 (Clovis, Calif) Ore St
Tony Rotella 47-10% (Central, Fresno, Calif) Fres Pac
Chris Schneider 6-9 (Canyon, Castro Valley, Calif) Hay St
Alan Smith 48-1½w (Mt Rainier, Des Moines, Wash) Wash St
John Stanek 6-10 (Proviso West, Hillside, Ill) Augustana
Stefan Von Gerich 48-11/71 (Finland) BYU
Elroy Williams 6-9 (Palo Duro, Amarillo, Tex) UTEP

THROWS

Terry Albritton 67-9, 55-3¼ (Npt H, Npt Bch, Calif) Stan
Thomas Andersson 172-5i (Finland) BYU
Phil Bartlett 219-0, 179-2i (Classical, Providence, RI) Brown
Mike Budincich 62-9% (South Gate, Calif) Sn Cal
Art Burns 183-8 (Arapahoe, Littleton, Colo) Colo
Craig Carter 63-3½ (Monterey, Lubbock, Tex) Tex A&M
Jeff Carter 239-8 (South Eugene, Ore) Ore
Randy Cross 67-6% (Crespi Carmelite, Encino, Calif) UCLA
Robert Cummins 223-3 (Grove City, Pa) Dartmouth
Mike Dahlstrom 228-5 (Hellgate, Missoula, Mont) Mont
Bruce Dull 247-11 (Hillsboro, Ore) Sn Cal
Bret Dull 199-5, 165-1i (Winter Haven, Fla) Auburn
Rod Ewaliko 238-5/71 (Kailua, Ha) Wash
Ed Franklin 66-8 (Lamar Cons, Rosenberg, Tex) SF Austin
Chet Gapinski 219-7 (Elk Co Chris, Johnsonburg, Pa) Dart
Terry Gent 165-11i HT (Eire) UTEP
Dave Gheradi 62-1½ (St Ignatius, S Francisco, Calif) SJ St
Tom Gibson 61-7 (Ft Myers, Fla) Wn Ky
Jim Groover 183-10 (Branham, San Jose, Calif) Ariz St
Curt Heide 223-5 (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore) Ore St
Fred Huston 182-3/71 (Camarillo, Calif) Colo
Alvin Jackson 227-8, 191-11i (Class, Provid, RI) Penn St
Dave Lawson 218-5 (North, Mission, Kans) Air Force
Ron Lee 234-10 (Lexington, Mass) Ore
Bret Mannon 63-1½, 53-4i (Los Gatos, Calif) Cal
Mike Metoyer 63-¾ (Gardena, Calif) Colo
Jim Miller 193-10 (Reynolds, Troutdale, Ore) Ore St
Bill Newton 222-7 (Haven, Kans) Tex A&M
Scott Overton 200-1 (Los Altos, Calif) Cal
Marty Peterman 216-10 (Kennewick, Wash) Tex
David Sage 220-10 (Hobbs, NM) NM JC
Ron Semkiw 70-1%, 59-6½i, 191-5 (Bldwn, Pitt, Pa) ArizSt
Ken Starch 62-4% (East, Madison, Wisc) Wisc
Warren Shank 62-10 (Rio Americano, Sacram, Cal) Wmont
Tom Tennis 232-8 (Cent Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash) Bell CC
Todd Thompson 181-2 (Turner, Carrollton, Tex) Tex A&M
Frank West 65-2% (Mart, Tex) UTEP

DECATHLON

Craig Brigham 16.4, 183-2, 7523 (S, Eugene, Ore) Ore
Christer Lythell 6992/71 (Sweden) BYU
Brian Mondschein 6862 (Haverford, Hvtwn, Pa) Wash

Ineligible Freshmen

Brian Guaschino 1:48.8m (N Bergen, NJ) Tenn
J. T. Hollins 9.5/71-9.4w/70, 24-2% (McKinney, Tx) Colo
Gary Minor 48-8½w (Great Falls, Mont) Wash St
Whitney Paul 195-11, 170-71 (Ball, Galveston, Tx) Colo
Larry Shipp 13.5, 13.9i (St Albans, Wash, DC) LSU

JC Transfers

SPRINTS

Vince Bredell 20.9 (SD Mesa) S Jose St
Mike Carr 9.4w (Highline) Wash
Eberhart 51.7 (S Plains) N Tex St
Clim Jackson 14.0/71 (Sequoias) UCLA
Mickey Senior 57.8i (Chaffey) Wash
Danny Smith 13.5 (Miami Dade-Bah) Fla St
Greg Tinnin 14.0, 7-0 (Pasadena) S Jose St
Bob Ware 9.3 (Cuyahoga) Wn Ky
Ronnie Williams 10.0mw (Merritt) Cal Poly/Pom

DISTANCES

Dave Babiracki 13:43.8, 29:09.4 (LA Valley) BYU
Rudolph Griffith 1:49.0/71 (Miami Dade-Guy) Tex

JUMPS

Abe Brown 50-2% (Lincolnlnd) N Tex St
Ralph Drew 24-10w (Compton) Ariz
Dave Jackson 50-¾ (Harbor) UCLA
Steve Le Voe 6-10 (Bakersfield) Westmont
Ernie Lopez 50-8 (Fresno) BYU
Eddie Loughridge 50-1w (LACC) UTEP
Charles Mackey 7-0 (Bakersfield) S Jose CC
Terry Porter 16-11 (Ranger) Kans
Wavie Reed 24-10%w (New Mexico JC) Okla
Paul Stillians 16-0 (El Camino) Okla
Montena Terry 50-5% (S Joaquin Delta) S Jose St
Doug Todd 25-3 (Mt SAC) Kans
Brad Winter 16-9 (New Mexico JC) Okla

DECATHLON

Sam Albanese 7215 (Hartnell) UCLA
Kenny Kring 7243/71 (Hancock) Stan

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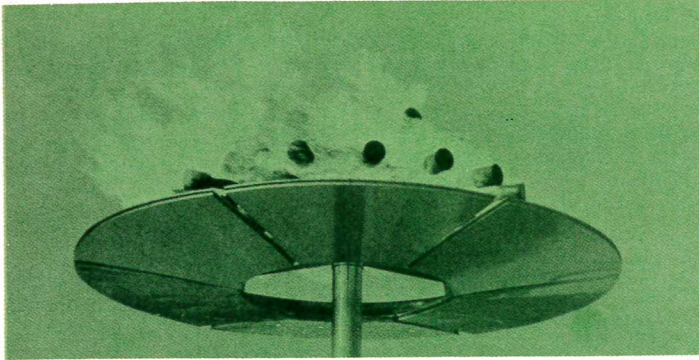
Dave Bedgood 6-10 (Auburn) transfer/1
Grant Birkinshaw 25-2% /69, 50-2% /69 (Wash) injury/3
Lloyd Brown 49-2/71 (Wash St) acad inel/3
Jerry Culp 7-1% (Sn Cal) transfer/2
Isaac Curtis 9.3, 20.8/both 70 (S Diego St) transfer/2
Denis Flood 1:48.7m/70 (Tenn) injured/2
Larry Gene 9.3w/71 (NE La St) transfer/2
Efred Gipson 9.5, 13.6, 49.9 (Lamar) transfer/2
Ben Greathouse 6-11% /71 (Tex A&M) acad inel/1
Tom Gregorson 238-4 (Wash) redshirt/2
Steve Hardison 16-6% /71 (Fres Pac) transfer/1
Paul Hoffman 2:23:18 (N Tex St) transfer/1
Charles Joseph 21.0, 45.5m-44.5mr (UTEP) acad inel/3
Darryl LaVerdure 6-10% (Wash) redshirt/3
John Leedy 50-4% /70 (Md) transfer/2
Gary Lewis 13.9, 51.6 (Ariz St) transfer/1
Ed Lipscomb 17-2 (Ore St) returning/2
Ken McBryde 53-0 (Manh) transfer/3
James McAlister 26-6% /71 (UCLA) NCAA susp/2
Eugene Miller 7177 (Ohio U) transfer/1
Marcus Mitchell 9.4/70 (Cal Poly/Pom) transfer/2
Tim Patton 8:32.2i, 28:40.4 (Tex) transfer/3
Paul Pearson 4:04.3 (UTEP) transfer/2
Kevin Reabe 2:09.8i (Mich St) transfer/2
Rudy Reid 10.2m (UTEP) acad inel/3
Mike Sands 9.3w/71 (Penn St) acad inel/3
Bob Sprung 16-9 (Tenn) military service/2
Jesse Stuart 66-2 (Wn Ky) transfer/3
John Stuart 60-5 (Wn Ky) transfer/1
Tony Tenisci 198-7/71 (Wash St) returning/1
Gerald Tinker 10.1m, 20.6/69 (Kent St) transfer/2
Gary West 14.0/71 (UTEP) transfer/3
John Worcester 16-3/71 (Fla) transfer/1

Ineligible or Inactive

Paul Broderick 4:05.1i (CW Post) not returning
Willie Cole 24-9% (NE La St) not returning
George Daniels 9.2, 20.4w, 46.9/ali 71 (Colo-III St) trans
Greg Flippen 25-0/70 (Tex Sn-Adelphi) transfer
Paul Geis 13:32.6 (Rice-Ore) transfer
Richard George 247-0 (BYU) religious mission
Tom Hale 28:20.6 (Whitworth-Ore) transfer
Larry Jessee 17-0 (N Tex St-UTEP) transfer
Dana LeDuc 59-7% (Kans-UTEP) transfer
Jim McGoldrick 178-5 (Wash St-UTEP) transfer
Dave Merrick 4:05.4i, 13:37.0i/both 71 (Penn-ala) trans
Bob Richards 17-0 (L Beach St) not returning
Steve Smith 18-½ (L Beach St) not returning
George Stevens 255-5/71 (Okla St) acad suspension
Craig Stiles 255-10 (Mont) not returning
Dave Tucker 52-6% /70 (L Beach St)
Mike Wood 28:56.0 (L Beach St) not returning
Steve Young 51.0 (BYU) religious mission □

Of People & Things

by
Bert Nelson



/Buddy Davis/

What's wrong with the Olympic Games? Are they in such bad shape that their future is in doubt? Is massive surgery called for to make the patient well? Is nationalism killing the world's greatest sporting event? Are they worth the price?

To read the US national press is to gain the impression the Games are badly off indeed. Commentator after commentator expounds on the popular theme: the malaise and possible death of the Olympics. Personally, I think these commentators are wrong. As they so often do, they reach too far for a spectacular angle and in the process of reaching think all too little.

In the history of these Olympics it will be recounted how they were marred by murder, politics, nationalism, bad officiating and poor management. Indeed, a strong case can be made that the Munich experience was not all fun and games. But let's see, how much of it was the fault of the Olympic Games per se?

Surely not the murders, which had nothing to do with the Olympics. Deprive madmen of the Olympics as an international stage for their insanities and they will choose the next most appealing setting.

Not nationalism, even though this is the favorite whipping boy of many. And not poor management, for that is a problem of the teams involved, not of the Games.

That leaves politics, which most decidedly is a curse of the Games, and bad officiating, which most suspect is the outcome of politics and which is not much of a problem in track.

Before discussing nationalism and politics, let's see if the Olympics really were as bad as some would have you believe. I don't think so. And from all I can tell, neither do many others aside from the professional commentators. Of perhaps 100 persons I have talked with since the Games, only two or three have made a major issue of the "problems". All the others were caught up by the exciting action and color and have nothing but good to comment on.

And they are right. Eliminate the murders, which weren't part of the Olympics, and how bad was it? Consider that 12,000 athletes took part in thousands of contests and it wasn't bad at all. It was, in fact, good—very good. If you don't believe it, read your sports pages for the next 16 days. If you don't find more total controversy, arising from fewer athletes, than was found in Munich I'll be very surprised. Fights, name calling, charges and counter-charges, bad officiating, and politics are far more rampant in collegiate and professional sports than in the Olympics. Or have you already forgotten Bobby Fischer? The fight-marred hockey series between the Soviets and Canadians? Baseball's bat throwing incident or the record NFL fumble return which officials admitted too late was a bum call? The player stealing and litigation of the basketball and hockey leagues? The cheating accusations in women's golf? The enduring bad-mouthing of poor losers and even worse winners?

No, the Olympics are not without problems. In an imperfect world the Olympic Games must be imperfect. It is a sign, however, of their greatness and nobility—yes, nobility—that so much is expected of them.

Let's look now at nationalism and politics and what, if anything, can and should be done about the Olympics.

I won't argue the case for nationalism. Whether it is good or bad is not the issue, although I see nothing wrong in favoring my country over another, any more than it is wrong to favor my school, my company, my family. Extreme nationalism is another matter, of course.

Nationalism per se is not the issue because the solutions proposed by those who decry nationalism is not the elimination of nationalism but the elimination of its symbolism. Do away with the parade of athletes representing their countries. Have all athletes compete in identical uniforms. Eliminate the flag raising and national anthems.

Do all that and what have you changed? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. Valeriy Borzov is still a Russian whether he wears the USSR uniform or an all white outfit. Kip Keino is a Kenyan whether or not they

raise his flag and play his music. A prejudiced official will still be prejudiced, no matter what type of uniforms are worn by the competitors. Do all the things the critics would have done and the press will still identify the winners by country, and count medals by country, and the fans will still root for their countrymen.

Nor will the elimination of official identification by country rid the Olympics of politics. If the black African nations don't want to compete against South Africans and Rhodesians, it will make no difference whether the latter compete in national colors or as individuals. If a diving official wants to discriminate against a US diver, he will manage to do so regardless of the diver's listed affiliation.

While the elimination of symbols of nationalism will not eliminate politics, there are steps that should be taken:

1. Allow all countries to compete and let it be known that black-mail by threatened boycott will not prevail. I don't condone the racism of South Africa, but why pick on that country? Few countries are without racism in one degree. Should the warring powers in Indo-China be banned, along with their material supporters? Then how about the Israelis and Arabs who continue to make war on each other? And the Indians and Pakistanis? And the African nations who suffer inter-tribal war? And how about those countries which have deprived their own citizens of freedom through dictatorial regimes, be they communist, Greek or South American?

Either the IOC should be consistent and ban all imperfect nations, or it should be sensible and allow all to compete. Look to the nature of the individual, not to that of his country. If he is a decent human being, he should be allowed in the Games, despite the actions of the country. Open the doors to all. Then tell the world that there will be no changes, no black-mail. Those countries and individuals who choose not to compete will do so at their own loss.

2. Upgrade the quality of officiating in judgment sports, such as basketball, boxing, and diving. If there are not enough good, non-prejudiced officials then more should be trained. Or,

3. Eliminate these sports, or threaten to do so. Let it be known that if judging is not satisfactory in the next Games the sport will not be held thereafter.

In addition to improving the political picture, there are other answers to what is wrong with the Games.

4. Make them smaller. Either eliminate many sports or divide the Games. I have favored the latter step for years. The Games are the celebration of a four-year long Olympiad. Why not celebrate with competition each year, in four different cities? The 12,000 athletes in Munich would be pared to 3000 in each of four cities. Each section of the Games would be easier to administer and far easier for the spectators. And it would spread the Olympic movement into four times as many areas as well as focusing attention on the movement yearly instead of quadrennially.

5. Let everyone compete who is good enough. Open the Games to:

- a. All countries, as noted above.
- b. The better athletes, regardless of country. Remove the three per country limitation while raising the standards for entry. For instance, let the top 25 athletes in the world compete, based solely on ability. If the list includes 15 American 400-meter runners or 15 Russian hammer throwers, so much the better for the competition. Then fill out the field of 50 by the next ranked athletes except those representing countries who already have at least three entries.

- c. All athletes, regardless of occupation. This would mean that coaches and other "professional" athletes could compete. And it would achieve two very worthwhile aims. It would make the Olympics a true world championship by giving a chance to the likes of Bob Hayes and Earl McCulloch and John Carlos. And it would do away with the deplorable sham and hypocrisy of our so-called "amateur" system. Does it make sense to ban an honest pro footballer while continuing to call amateur the private school collegian whose grant-in-aid is worth upwards of \$16,000 over a four-year period, or the man in the service whose prime job is to compete, or the state supported athletes from totalitarian countries?

6. Improve the administration of the Games. This means bring some new life into the International Olympic Committee which is composed of rich, old men elected for life. And it applies equally to the governing bodies of the various sports, for it is they who run the competition. The IAAF, which runs track and field internationally, is pretty much a self-perpetuating body, is not very responsive to the forces of change, and is forever disgraced by its sorry showing in the pole vault fiasco, the one track and field incident that was a fault of the Games themselves.

In summary, as a lover of Olympic track and field, I would like to see track held separately from all other sports, thus solving the size problem; opened to all countries and all qualified athletes, thus making it a true championship; and administered by a progressive, courageous group which has the guts and the decency to take politics out of sport.

The first two aims can be achieved by directive. The third will be much harder to achieve but once the first two goals become a reality the constructive forces can concentrate on the third. At least those of us who care will have a better identified target. Meanwhile, we will enjoy the great competition even more than now. □

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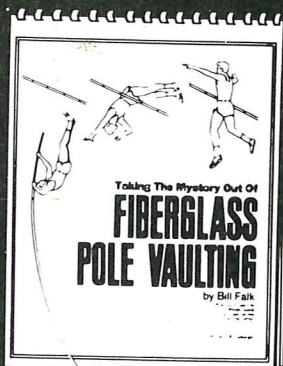
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The IAAF has released a list of world record performances ratified between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30. The only major omissions from the list are Tom Hill's 13.2 120-yard hurdle time of 1970 (held up by the AAU-USTFF struggle) and vault marks of 18-1 by Kjell Isaksson and 18-4½ by Isaksson and Bob Seagren (unknown reasons). The ratified marks:

100m	9.9	Eddie Hart (US)	Eugene, Ore	7/ 1/72
100m	9.9	Rey Robinson (US)	Eugene, Ore	7/ 1/72
200m	19.8	Don Quarrie (Jam)	Cali, Colombia	8/ 3/71
800m	1:44.3	Dave Wottle (US)	Eugene, Ore	7/ 1/72
2Mile	8:17.8	Emiel Puttemans (Belg)	Edinburgh, Scot	8/21/71
110mHH	13.2	Willie Davenport (US)	Zurich, Switz	7/ 4/69
30miWk	3:56:12.6	Peter Selzer (EG)	Naumburg, EG	10/ 3/71
50kmWk	4:04:19.8	Peter Selzer (EG)	Naumburg, EG	10/ 3/71
PV	18-2	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)	Los Angeles, Calif	4/15/72
PV	18-5½	Bob Seagren (US)	Eugene, Ore	7/ 2/72
TJ	57-1	Pedro Perez (Cuba)	Cali, Colombia	8/ 5/72
HT	247-8	Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)	Rovno, USSR	10/12/69
4MileR	16:02.8	New Zealand	Auckland, NZ	2/ 3/72

Don Potts First American Voted ATFS President

On Sept. 5, Donald H. Potts, associate editor emeritus of *Track & Field News*, became the first American to be elected president of the Association of Track and Field Statisticians (ATFS). He succeeds Roberto L. Quercetani (1950-68) and Rooney Magnusson (1968-72) as head of this worldwide body, which was founded in Brussels, Belgium, in 1950. Some 50 "nuts" from all corners of the globe—about one third of the membership of the ATFS—gathered at Munich's Hilton Hotel for their quadrennial convention. Fritz Steinmetz of West Germany was elected secretary-general and Palle Lassen of Denmark was appointed treasurer. Among the main topics of discussion were the improvement of the ATFS Annual, the study of such technical matters of manual/electronic times and conversion tables, and the reconstruction of World and European Lists for the years prior to the foundation of the ATFS. Among new members elected was Wally Donovan of the US, for many years a contributor to *Track & Field News* and author of the "Indoor Record Book".

T&FN-USTFF Postal Competition Set for 1972

Almost as annual a fixture in running as cross country is the T&FN-USTFF co-sponsored Postal Competition. Now underway, the competition offers races in the following categories: three-mile team and individual—open, college, high school; two-mile team and individual—high school and junior high school; two-man, 10-mile relay—each division except junior high school.

Entries will be accepted *only* when submitted on official entry blanks available only from the USTFF, 1225 N. 10th Ave., Tucson, Ariz. 85705. Closing date for competition is Dec. 15, with Dec. 20 as final date for entries to be postmarked. Results will be available early in the new year, and highlights published in T&FN in February.

T&FN prep editor Jack Shepard, also compiler of age records for ages 1-18, has assumed editorship of the postal competition. However, *no* entries should be sent directly to him or T&FN, only to the USTFF.

Seconds & Inches

World Records Rated on Portuguese, IAAF Tables

Anybody who sets a world record has accomplished a remarkable achievement, but obviously some records are better than others. Here is how one source, the Portuguese Tables, rates the best performances (not necessarily the world record) in the 10 best events:

Long Jump	29-2½	Bob Beamon (US) 68	1081
200m	19.7	John Carlos (US) 68	1078
Pole Vault	18-5½	Bob Seagren (US) 72	1072
400m	43.8	Lee Evans (US) 68	1061
Discus	230-11	Jay Silvester (US) 71	1060
220ySt	19.5	Tommie Smith (US) 66	1058
220y	20.0	Tommie Smith (US) 67	1056
1600mR	2:56.1	United States 68	1052
200mSt	19.5	Tommie Smith (US) 66	1049
Shot Put	71-5½	Randy Matson (US) 67	1049

The IAAF Tables (which have no values for relays or 100-yards) see things a little differently:

Discus	230-11	Jay Silvester (US) 71	1201
Pole Vault	18-5½	Bob Seagren (US) 72	1194
Long Jump	29-2½	Bob Beamon (US) 68	1189
Shot Put	71-5½	Randy Matson (US) 67	1156
200m	19.7	John Carlos (US) 68	1122
400m	43.8	Lee Evans (US) 68	1122
10,000m	27:38.4	Lasse Viren (Fin) 72	1117
3000m	7:38.6	Emiel Puttemans (Belg) 72	1114
100m	9.9	four performers	1101
High Jump	7-6½	two performers	1098

Leveling Out Pattern in 1500-Mile Times Evolves

"Should we consider the possibility that all is not forever upward and faster in every aspect of track and field?" asks reader Dennis Plapp of Lakewood, Colo. "I suggest that there seems to have been a pinnacle reached in the 1500/mile."

Although raw data might lead one to similar conclusions for other events also, the all-time performances list currently bears out Plapp's conclusion. Of course, it is rather difficult to tell the difference between a pinnacle and a plateau. Using T&FN's 8% figure to convert 1500 times to correspond with miles, here are the top 22 1500/miles of all-time:

3:50.2*	Jim Ryun (US) 67	3:53.6	Michel Jazy (Fr) 65
3:51.1	Ryun 67	3:53.6*	Francesco Arese (It) 71
3:51.1*	Jean Wadoux (Fr) 70	3:53.6*	Jazy 66
3:51.3	Ryun 66	3:53.6*	Pekka Vasala (Fin) 72
3:52.1*	Kip Keino (Ken) 68	3:53.7	Ryun 67
3:52.8	Ryun 72	3:53.7*	Jurgen May (EG) 65
3:52.9*	Herb Elliott (Aus) 66	3:53.8	May 65
3:53.1	Keino 67	3:53.8	Keino 67
3:53.2	Ryun 67	3:53.8	Bodo Tummler (WG) 68
3:53.3*	Marty Liquori (US) 71	3:53.8*	Tummler 68
3:53.4	Keino 66	3:53.9*	Keino 70

Of these 22 times, 16 were made prior to 69, and only six since. The years 65-66-67 claim 12 marks, including three of the top four and 10 of the top 16.

A Rough Formula for Estimating Distance Records

Reader James Dobbin McNatt of Middletown, Wisc., writes, "For what it's worth, did you know you can get a reasonable estimate of world record times for distance running between six- and 26-miles by multiplying the distance in miles by five-minutes and subtracting three-minutes? The answer is accurate within a minute or so. It wouldn't mean much to those who need the precise time, but as a rule of thumb it is sufficient."

The following chart shows that the formula works rather well. And if some of the "odd" distances (such as seven-, eight-, nine-miles) were run regularly, they would be faster and come even closer to fitting the formula. All times are listed in full seconds:

Distance	Best-ever	Calculated	Difference
4miles	17:51	17:00	-51
5miles	22:24	22:00	-24
6miles	26:47	27:00	+13
7miles	32:35	32:00	-35
8miles	37:18	37:00	-18
9miles	42:00	42:00	0
10miles	46:04	47:00	+56
marathon (26.22)	2:08:34	2:08:09	-25

Status Quo

✓ The Athletes in Action club has added a pair of fine distance runners to its roster, as 68 Olympian Tracy Smith (13:39.0m/28:47.0m) and ex-Minnesota steeplechaser Don Timm (8:37.8) have joined the southern California organization.

✓ Minnesota distance runner Garry Bjorklund (13:12.2/27:24.6), the 1970-71 NCAA six-mile champ has once more been felled by the foot problems that sidelined him from championship action in 72. After resting over the summer, he began an easy program, but the congenital foot trouble recurred and he is now scheduled for surgery in November.

✓ Willie Deckard, Southern Cal's sprint sensation of 71 (9.2/20.2) is uncertain about his competitive future. "Motivation for me is low now, because I'm not running for the school anymore and feel no real drive to train," he explains.

✓ The Florida Track Club continues to attract top athletes, allowing more eastern-based competitors an option other than going to California in search of sunny training weather. Now residing in Gainesville are international sprinter Ben Vaughan (10.1/20.4), half-milers Mike Hoses (1:50.2i) of CW Post, Jim Kidd (1:49.5) of East Carolina and Eamonn O'Keeffe (1:49.9) of Florida and Miami/Ohio steeplechaser Dennis Bayham (8:54.4). As well, Richmond intermediate hurdler Carl Wood (50.0) is there working at switch-



(L) 49.8 440 hurdler Jim Bolding now represents Pacific Coast Club. /Gane/
 (C) Recurring foot trouble has again sidelined Garry Bjorklund. /McNally/
 (R) 5.8 60 sprinter Herb Washington passed up pro ball for school. /Jarocki/

ing to the decathlon.

✓ The top-ranked American 1500/miler of 70, **Chuck LaBenz** is looking forward to a top indoor season. He has been working and living in South Lake Tahoe and is already in excellent shape and has hopes of regaining his 3:56.9 form of past seasons.

✓ Also in Florida is **Marty Liquori**, although he will still represent the NYAC. The world's top miler in 71, Liquori (3:54.8) is optimistic. "X-rays still show a bone ridge, but it may be small enough that it doesn't matter. I've been building up slowly, running about 100-miles a week. I'm going to stay with that for the rest of the year. "I won't be running cross country, but the indoor season is coming up. I know that I won't be able to pick up where I left off, but I'll go indoors and maybe set a few records." Liquori is happy about his move to Gainesville, where he is a student in broadcasting at the University of Florida, saying, "One reason for my moving to Florida was that it was close, but there is no other place with as many distance runners, except maybe Santa Barbara—the smog drove them out of Los Angeles. Florida is the place of the future for distance runners."

✓ The **Pacific Coast Club** has added some classy new names to its roster, including hurdler **Jim Bolding** of Oklahoma State (13.7/49.8) and vaulter **Tom Blair** of Penn (17-3½). The club is now solid in vaulters, as Olympian **Steve Smith** (18-½) and **Bob Richards** (17-0) have ceased competition for Long Beach State.

✓ Three-time NCAA shot put champ **Karl Salb** of Kansas (67-5½) will not be playing professional football, as a back ailment caused him to fail the tough physical at training camp. He is expected to continue competition.

✓ The **Southern California Striders** are embarking on a strong rebuilding program under new president **Harold Connolly**, four-time Olympic hammer thrower and 56 champion. Hammer thrower **George Frenn** (232-7) and discus thrower **Miles Lister** (206-0) have switched from Pacific Coast.

✓ Super indoor sprinter **Herb Washington** of Michigan State, who holds the world records for both 50- (5.0) and 60-yards (5.8), has at least temporarily passed on pro football though he has completed his collegiate athletic eligibility. The 9.2 outdoor speedster is still in school, deciding that a teaching certificate and a diploma were more important than a pigskin career, although he may try out in the future. He is currently planning on running during the indoor season at least.

Books

An Olympian Task: Complete Game Stats

Erich Kamper, Austrian journalist and statistician, one of the founders of the ATFS, has crowned 40 years of research with an unparalleled collection of facts and figures on the modern Olympic Games in his *Encyclopedia of the Olympic Games*. What had been so far attempted by some for track only, Kamper has done for all sports: his book—a massive volume of 360 pages, 11½"x8"—contains the first six place winners in every individual or team competition from Athens 1896 through Mexico 1968 (including the unofficial Olympics of 1906 in Athens). In trying to establish facts beyond all reasonable doubts, the author had to delve into the wilderness of incomplete and often contradictory reports: to do this, he had to contact national Olympic committees, various sports federations, competitors, officials et al. For every event, he gives the number of entries in the first preliminary round, the number of competing countries and the exact date of the final. In the case of track and swimming, he also gives the world records at the time of the competitions concerned. There are tables which sum up the figures of participation, medals won, etc. for both individuals and countries. Critical value is added by 33 pages of notes and comments on controversial results and other finer points. This unique documentation also covers events which are no longer on the Olympic program. The text throughout the book is in three languages: German, French and—oh, yes—English. /R. L. Quercetani/

Encyclopedia of the Olympic Games: Redaktionsburo Harenberg, Dortmund, West Germany, 1972, is available direct from the author, Erich Kamper, 8019 Graz, Postfach 328, Austria, with remittance of \$40.00 plus \$2.25 for postage. ATFS members may purchase the book for \$30.00, plus postage. The book has also been published in the US by McGraw & Hill, and is now available through them.

What Ever Happened to . . .

ABC newsman Howard K. Smith, whose 14.5 high hurdle standard of 1936 still stands as the Tulane University school record, was recently awarded an NCAA commemorative plaque for having achieved national prominence as a newsman after having won a varsity letter while attending a member institution. . . Former Stanford coach (1946-56) Jack Weiershauser is currently associated with the Hubbard and Johnson lumber firm in Palo Alto, Calif. Weiershauser was known as the "Iron Man" of the Dink Templeton era. In 1937 he won the AAU 200 and was second in the NCAA 200 and low hurdles, also teaming with Jim Kneubuhl, Ray Malott and Stan Hiserman to set a world record in the 880-yard relay. Hiserman is currently director of events at the University of Washington, while Malott is chief of drilling operations for the western region of the Shell Oil Company. Malott won the AAU 400 in 1937. The following year, he won both the AAU and NCAA and handed German great Rudolph Harbig his only loss of the year. . . High jumper John Dobroth is now an attorney in Ventura, Calif. Third in the 70 AAU, Dobroth set a world age-29 record with his scaling of 7-2½ in 71. . . The IC4A 440 champion in 1946 was William Kash of Navy, who is currently Captain William Kash, Commander of Cruisers and Destroyers in the Atlantic Fleet out of Newport, RI. . . Billy Tidwell has returned to his alma mater, Emporia State, to serve as chairman of the PE department. Tidwell was the NAIA 880 champ in 55-56 and mile champ the latter year. He ranked 10th in the world at the two-lap distance in 1957 and had a 1:48.1 PR. /Wally Donovan/

Those Were the Days When

Twenty-years ago: Major Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia injected a political note into international track when he joined the Communist party and announced his intention of breaking two world records to honor the occasion. He more than lived up to his promise by covering 15-miles in 1:06:26.4, 25,000-meters in 1:19:11.8 and 30,000-meters in 1:35:23.8 during one race at Stara Boleslav. . . Norway's Sverre Strandli shattered the world record in the hammer with his 200-11½ toss at Oslo—the first 200-footer ever. . . Soviet Yuriy Lituyev moved into fourth on the all-time list in the intermediate hurdles behind three Americans with his 51.2 European record.

Ten-years ago: Incomparable Soviet Valeriy Brumel raised the world high jump record for the fifth time in his career, spanning 7-5¾ at Moscow exactly two months and one day after he had set a record of 7-5 at Stanford. . . At the European Championships, Italian Salvatore Morale equaled Glenn Davis' world record in the intermediate hurdles with his 49.2. . . Another Soviet, 30-year-old Vasilii Kuznyetsov, came up with his third European Championship win, annexing the decathlon after a tight battle with Werner von Moltke of West Germany, 8026 to 8022. . . The European hammer record was broken three times in three weeks by Hungarian Gyula Zsivotzky, who finally reached 231-½.

Five-years ago: In a Mexico City pre-Olympic meet, Igor Ter-Ovanesyan of the Soviet Union matched Ralph Boston's world long jump record with his 27-4¾ leap. The Soviet's five-jump series averaged 26-10¾ compared with his American rival's 26-11¼. . . Greek Chris Papanicolaou moved to fourth on the all-time vault list with his European record 17-4¾. . . Vyacheslav Skomorokhov of the Soviet Union became one of the greatest all-around hurdlers ever with his 50.1 clocking in the intermediates. He had previously run 13.9 and 22.8 around a turn. /Wally Donovan/

False Starts

1. **1 July:** Although 8% is the correct figure for converting 1500-meter times to miles, Bob Sparks (compiler of the Sparks Conversion Tables) has determined that the best figure for converting miles back to 1500-meters is 7.4% rather than 7.5%. *T&FN* concurs.

2. **August:** Jesse Owens did not anchor the winning 400-meter relay at Berlin in the 1936 Olympics, he ran the first leg.

3. **September:** The Olympic champions in the rings on page five were inadvertently misidentified. Top row: Nikolay Avilov, John Akii-Bua, Anatoliy Bondarchuk; bottom: Valeriy Borzov, Lasse Viren. . . There were track athletes who did not compete as a direct result of the Israeli affair. Two Dutch athletes, Bram Wassenaar (1500) and Jos Hermans (5000) withdrew, as did West German sprinter Manfred Ommer, who abstained from the 400 relay after running in the 200 earlier. □

Bowerman: Regrets About Munich

by Blaine Newnham

The English countryside, the gem lakes of Switzerland, even the grandeur of Paris couldn't eradicate the memories of Munich for Bill Bowerman.

"Who in the hell will ever want to go to the Olympic Games?" he asked sardonically, a little more than two weeks following the XXth Olympiad at Munich. "I was physically and emotionally exhausted after the Games," he said. "I took a week to relax and then thought if I wanted to eat this winter I'd best get back to Eugene."

Bowerman is back and the bitterness and frustration of Munich lingers on. "I think it is fine that Munich got a new subway system and beautiful sports facilities that will last 500 years," he said, "but as far as public relations and treatment of the fans, the Olympic Games were a fiasco. Like tickets. Where else would they make tickets available to the black market . . . to the crooks."

While he is disillusioned about what happened in Munich, Bowerman does not find fault with the performance of his American men's track and field team. Nor does he think the Olympic Games should be terminated. "We won six of 24 track and field gold medals," he said. "The Russians won six, too, which leaves 12 for the rest of the world. Maybe somebody should ask: 'What's wrong with the rest of the world?'"

Bowerman said he went to Munich hopeful that his team could win from five to 10 gold medals. "And we got jobbed out of three medals," he said. "The decisions in the 4 x 400-meter relay, in the pole vault and in the shot put were outright thievery. Every time we turned around we got jobbed. It wasn't coincidental that our 4 x 100-meter relay team drew lane one in the final and so did our best 200-meter man. And how about all those preliminaries when our guys drew lane one?"

For sounding off during the competition, Bowerman was censured by the US Olympic Committee. "They asked me, 'Why is track and field the only one complaining,'" said Bowerman. "And I told them, 'Why don't you look around?' This was before the basketball game, but it was that way throughout the Games. Americans were being jobbed at every turn."

The future of the Olympic Games? "Saying the Olympic Games have outlived their usefulness is like saying democracy has outlived its usefulness," he said. "The true spirit of competitive sport is part of people's heritage. It's just too bad it has been lost in people like Avery Brundage."

"There is no question that the Olympic Games are too big," he said. "First of all, there are too many officials and too many hangers-on. And if a country doesn't have an athlete who is competitive he shouldn't be there. It's just like the aristocracy [the International Olympic Committee] to put

up a warrior with a sword in his hand he can't even lift."

Bowerman has given up hope that the IOC will effectively change the Olympics. "Do you know," he said, "that Avery Brundage proposed that to limit the size of the Games an athlete be allowed to compete in only one Olympiad during his lifetime? That would be fine," said Bowerman, "if Brundage would limit himself to one Olympic Games."

Bowerman calls for the countries themselves to implement change. "It must come from within. Here in the United States, people involved with sports must put their minds to changing the Olympic Games so it can be the center of wholesome international sports. For example, we must have real representation. Sports must be represented by people from those sports. We can't keep sending hangers-on to the Olympics to represent us."

Although he thought his team competed well, Bowerman realizes that America's track team is not the dominant force it once was. He has some suggestions to improve it. "We need to do two things," he said. "We need to make a better opportunity for our out-of-college athletes to train, and we need to take a long look at our program for the selecting of athletes to an Olympic team."

It is obvious that Bowerman missed people like Randy Matson, the defending Olympic shot put champion, who failed to make the US team in the trials at Eugene. "Matson shouldn't have gotten any special consideration because he was the Olympic champion," said Bowerman, "but his record during the year, his winning the AAU championship, for example, should have been weighed."

Bowerman likes a point system. Give the trials winner three points, give the winner of the AAU or NCAA championship two points, and each man a point for meeting the Olympic qualifying standard. "And if we have just two men in an event who are outstanding," he said, "Let's take just two to the Olympic Games."

Bowerman again was critical of the US holding its trials two months before Munich. "We were ready to compete when we left our camp in Maine," he said. "After that we got less and less ready. I like what the Russians did. They came in three days before their events and stayed out of the rat race of the village."

Would Bill like to try his hand at coaching the US team in Montreal? "Are you kidding?" snorted the 61-year-old Bowerman. "First of all, there is no way they would consider me. I think I will recommend that the next coach should be under 50 years of age. I know I was too damn old for the job."

Will there be any takers for the job in Montreal? "Sure," said Bowerman, "the world is full of fools." □

Blaine Newnham, sports editor of the Eugene Register-Guard—one of the most comprehensive "track" newspapers in the US—saw his first track meet at the 1956 NCAA at Berkeley, Calif. Years later after graduating from Cal, Newnham wrote for the Oakland Tribune for five years (covering the 68 US Trials and Olympics) before moving to Eugene in September 1971. He covered the 72 Olympics and spearheaded the Guard's revealing in-depth coverage of the 72 US Trials. □

Oerter: No Regrets About Munich

"By no means do I regret not having tried out for the Olympic team," says Al Oerter. "Naturally, during the competition [the discus] I thought that perhaps I could have won it." He laughs, "No one threw 275-feet. I think it would have been a very interesting competition."

Those who have not been following the sport for long might ask, "Who is this smart Oerter guy who talks about winning the Olympics? I haven't seen his name on the world list in the last three years." Although he needs little introduction to most, Al Oerter is the darn-best discus thrower ever to come down the Olympic pike.

In 1956, as a University of Kansas junior, the unheralded Oerter broke the Olympic record on his first toss with a 184-10½ heave that stood up for an upset win. "I don't know how I did it," he said later, "I was nervous and keyed up. Somehow or other everything went just right and this throw came out." But Oerter is a man of such guts and determination that things always turned out right.

In 1960, he trailed for four rounds before unleashing another Olympic record toss, 194-1½, to win. "I was so tense I could barely throw," he said after his win. In 1964, he was suffering from torn cartilages in his rib cage and his first practice throw doubled him up with pain. "I was thinking of dropping out," he said. And again trailing as he took his fifth toss, he again uncorked an Olympic record, 200-1½, for number three. And in 1968, he was down by almost 20-feet on the tape measure off pre-Games performances. But displaying remarkable concentration, Oerter not only won again with an Olympic record (naturally), his 212-6½ toss was a PR by more than five-feet. "I get fired up for the Olympics," was his reply. And he added "I guess I'm a little jealous of my gold medal. I don't want to give it up."

But when the 72 Games rolled around, there was no Oerter. In fact, he hadn't even tried out for the US team. But wasn't he going to try?

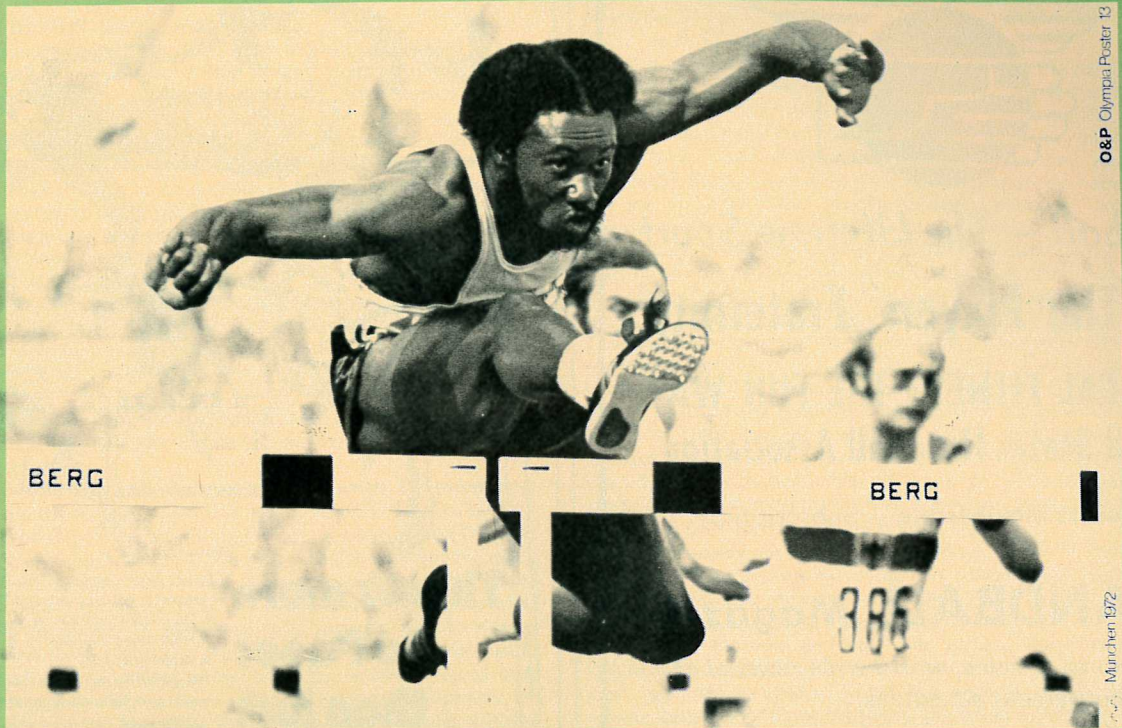
"Yeah," he recalls, "in fact I worked out up until the middle of March of 1971, actively going for the Games, then I discontinued the effort. At that time, it was much too time-consuming for the number of things we had in the family [he has two young daughters], there were just a great number of personal reasons. In the end it just became a burden. There was no difficulty in attaining good condition in weight and strength and all the things that go into it, there just wasn't any time to put in the effort that was required."

So, sparkling as the Munich discus competition was, to many there was something missing—Oerter. In fact, his presence was felt all throughout the season, as rumors kept flying that he was secretly training on Long Island, and would suddenly appear in Eugene. Indeed, a group of eastern tafnuts was thinking of buying Al a plane ticket and paying him to put on his sweats and walk onto the discus field with his platter and say, "Hi guys". It's probably a good thing they didn't, or American might have been minus two Olympic discus throwers when Jay Silvester died of a heart attack.

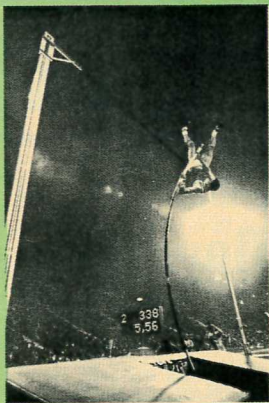
As it is, Oerter's record of four golds in one event is unparalleled in track history. "I must admit that the feeling crossed my mind if I put in two or three years hard work and finished second it would have been considered a failure. It's hard to follow-up four. What do you do for an encore?" Well for a start, you might begin throwing again. And, Al says, "I intend to start competing on a very inactive local basis next year. I'm not competing nationally, I won't be out there in the California meets. I think it will be great fun. I won't have to put much effort into it and will be able to enjoy it. I'll have to give it a try." And the bad vertebrae which forced him to wear a neck brace in competition for years no longer troubles him. "I've already thrown hard," he says. "Not far," he emphasizes, "but hard, and it hasn't hurt." He may never throw 200-feet again, but Oerter is probably sending shivers up and down a few spines just by talking about touching the platter again.

Ever the sportsman, Al injected a light note into TAFNOT's Munich banquet when his telegram to winner Ludvík Danek was read: "Congratulations, but thanks for not breaking my Olympic record." /Garry Hill/ □

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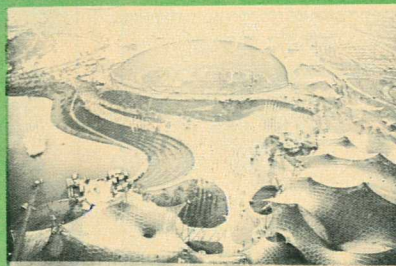
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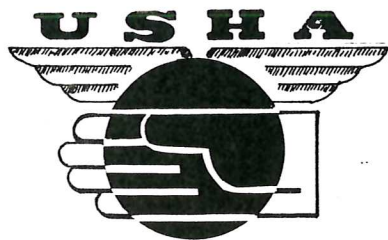
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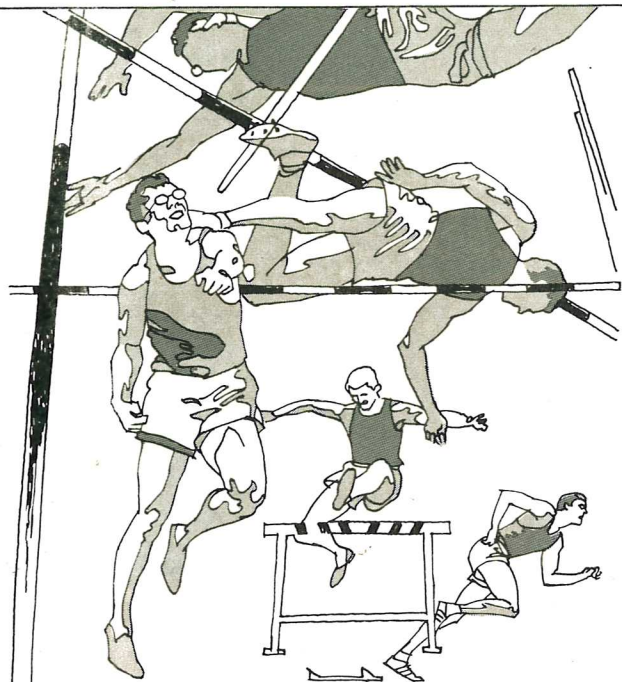
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MAURICE BEVINS, Seattle, Washington:

Relating to the Eddie Hart-Rey Robinson affair in the Olympic 100-meters. Why is everyone so anxious to blame Stan Wright for the mix-up? Aren't 22-year-old college students and graduates supposed to demonstrate some slight amount of independence and intelligence? Every morning, before spectators left for the Games, I'm sure they carefully checked their tickets to be certain they had the right ones, knew the right time, etc. Is it too much to expect Olympic-caliber athletes to have sufficient interest in their schedule, easily available to everyone in the world who is interested, by way of fitting it into their own particular preferences of sleep, diet, work-outs, etc.? Are we to believe that these modern-era athletes were so dependent on their "other generation" coach for everything that he can rightfully be blamed, completely, for such a mix-up? A coach is supposed to help his athletes, and in this case he didn't, but certainly they have some responsibility for their own performance, too. Does anybody really think that they listened to and followed completely every bit of advice that Wright passed on to them? Or did they, in fact, play it too loose and fail in their responsibility to themselves and everyone else? Didn't they fight Wright on the type of baton passes to use? Well, if they had been on the ball they would have fought him on his faulty time schedule.

LOWELL PAUL, US middle distance runner, Munich, West Germany:

I take issue with the three reasons set forth in Bob Hersh's "Politics Undeniably Intertwined With Olympics" [Sept. *T&FN*] for continuing the Olympic Games and submit, instead, that there was only one valid reason for doing so. The first proffered reason, that "noble pursuits must not be abandoned because of isolated acts", strikes me as simply nonsensical. "Isolated acts" as opposed to a mass conspiracy or several terrorist assaults? Are 11 corpses simply too few? The third objection, that discontinuing the Games would have subjected all future Olympics to blackmail by violence, would have been more compelling if the Olympics were not the target of, but merely the forum for, the actions of the terrorists. The second reason, dealing with the great sacrifice which a cancellation of the Games would have imposed upon the living, really gets to the heart of the matter. There is to my mind something very sick about a view of sport which equates a lost opportunity to compete in the Olympics with a "massive waste of talent and human dedication", as if the Olympic Games are what sport is all about. The point to be noted here is that the only good reason for continuing the Games was that no one—athletes, IOC, spectators or entrepreneurs—was willing to make the sacrifice entailed in stopping them, whether for reasons of money, personal ambition, political prestige or whatever. The saddest aspect of the whole affair is not that the Games went on—there is probably no sense in forcing people to participate in expression of a grief they do not feel—but rather that they went on just as before. This was the clearest possible demonstration of complete bankruptcy of the so-called Olympic ideals of brotherhood and friendship. There was, in all of the discussion surrounding the events and in the political pep rally held to "honor" the dead, almost no expression of a time-honored yet very basic elegiac sentiment. It goes like this: Eleven of our brothers, with whom we joined here to engage in games in a spirit of peace and friendship, have been murdered in cold blood. How can we continue to play? Instead the most oft-heard expression was "Life must go on".

JACK DANIELS, Honolulu, Hawaii:

In thinking back on the US team and the many strange events related to the Munich Games, the one thing that seems to have been blown out of proportion more than ever before is the demand to win the gold medal. Everything I heard has concentrated on the "terrible performances" made by the American track and field athletes. What's wrong with second, or fifth or 10th? It's a shame if Ralph Mann, George Woods, Bob Seagren or Jay Silvester who missed a "gold" must be thought any less of because they did not come through one time. And it really makes me wonder when a non-winner says, "That's four years down the drain" or "That means another four years of work and sacrifice". Anyone who gets no reward on the way to trying for an Olympic victory shouldn't be bothering.

DONALD DUNCAN, Chicago, Illinois:

While I think that perhaps Wayne Collett and Vince Matthews may have been slightly out of line with their behavior on the victory stand, I find the sentence the IOC imposed upon them ludicrous. But what bothers me more are the people who keep saying, "If they wanted to protest, why didn't they refuse their spots on the team?" I think this is best answered by Jon Hendershott in an unrelated statement in his introduction to the Olympic Issue: "the terrorists wanted attention and what better place than the Olympics, focus of world attention to begin with". If the pair had refused their spots on the team, how much publicity would they have gotten? It would have made the papers for a week or two (with no TV coverage) then died. But by doing their deed in front of an international audience Matthews and Collett have immortalized themselves. Two minutes in Munich was worth two years work in the US. Let me ask: how many people talk about the whole USSR and Polish teams dropping out of the meet in 1966 as a protest against US

Vietnam policy? Damn few. But how many mention Tommie Smith and John Carlos? So please, don't ask why Collett and Matthews chose that time and place to express themselves. As the Bible says, "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." (*Matthew 5: 15*)

J. R. CLARKE, San Francisco, California:

Vince Matthews said it was hard for either he or Wayne Collett to hear the national anthem at Munich and forget what they left at home. If they felt that way, why didn't they relinquish their places on the US team to other eligible athletes and stay at home to work to try to improve the conditions which they found unacceptable and to which they were trying to draw attention? Rather than draw attention to grievances, hatreds, injustices and the ills of racism, their gesture probably alienated more whites than it moved. If they didn't feel like representing their country in the best possible way, a way which was equitable to both themselves and to the hospitality of their hosts—the people most directly insulted by their action—why were they so quick to snap up a place on the team? Why weren't they just as quick to refuse by saying, "I cannot represent this country in its current situation and I would rather give up my place to an athlete who feels he can in good conscience represent the nation as it is now?" Their running was selfish and hypocritical—selfish because it indicated they thought only of themselves up to the point of the national anthem, when suddenly they extended themselves to their race as a whole to justify their action, and hypocritical because they couldn't extend their feelings to their race right after making the US team, by giving up their place and staying in the ghetto or wherever to try to correct the conditions which drew their ire and disrespect.

JERRY BEENE, Grand Prairie, Texas:

I am thoroughly disgusted by the actions of Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett on the victory stand in Munich. I found their behavior reprehensible. I am ashamed they were on the US team. America deserves better.

W. D. JENNINGS, Los Angeles, California:

In regard to the item entitled, "The Victory Stand Incident" in the Sept. Olympic Coverage issue. This is not news writing. It is an editorial and, as such, demands an answer. In refuting each of the charges brought against Wayne Collett and Vince Matthews, the writer satisfies only those who share his own political bias. He suggests that good manners and respect for one's own fellows are nothing more than fine points of etiquette imposed by a high society of capitalist oppressors. He asks, "Why shouldn't these poor guys do their thing?" Worse, he ends his editorial with the frank announcement that patriotism is out. Pride in one's country stands in the way of the Brotherhood of Man. This unity of all mankind is best displayed by accepting high honors wearing pointedly sloppy clothes, by scornful behavior toward those very people who sent you to the Games and, in case anybody missed your message of "Shove It" he makes himself unequivocally clear with a gesture of revolutionary defiance. This is brotherhood. It will come as a surprise to many that whites very often have a tough time, too. If they chose to use the victory stand as a soap box, the Olympics would last four years. If Collett and Matthews trained all those years just so they could have this chance to "spontaneously" demonstrate their grievances against the US, perhaps they should represent some other country. Perhaps America should now demand of its representatives adult behavior or drop out of the Olympics until there is a less political atmosphere at home and abroad. [Editor: Your point is noted; perhaps it should be clarified that author Garry Hill is a Canadian, not a US citizen.]

KIRBY NICOL, Shannon, Illinois:

I was particularly pleased with the generally objective approach *T&FN* took in reporting all those reversals suffered by the US team at the Olympics. Indeed, the Olympic Coverage issue achieved a new high in international perspective. . . I would, however, draw your attention to one facet of the Vince Matthews/Wayne Collett incident that was either overlooked or unknown by *T&FN*. There is a dress code set up by the Olympic Organizing Committee which applies to awards ceremonies. The following text appears in the official Athletics Handbook for the XXth Olympic Games: "Athletes taking part in the victory ceremony shall wear clean track suits in the colors of their country and training shoes." On the basis of that guideline alone, Collett and Matthews clearly violated the "letter of the law", not to mention the spirit and let themselves open to IOC censure. Whether or not the USOC informed all team members of this technicality is another matter.

STEVE HIDDEN, Jersey City, New Jersey:

Would Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett have conducted themselves in the same manner if they had been citizens of, say, Kenya and Uganda, and the anthem of one was played as both flags were raised?

BILL BELL, Los Angeles, California:

To claim the US men's track and field team fared "Okay" at Munich as Bert Nelson did is closing one's eyes to a reality which says that just isn't so. We didn't fare ok. We fared badly, indeed, due—I would say in large measure—to the arrogant attitude displayed by both coaches and athletes alike. The US team probably thought all it had to do was step into the starting blocks or on the field at Munich, and the rest of the world would shrivel up and quietly sneak away—scared of the big, bad American bullies. But it was the rest of the world that finally gave the US a lesson in competitiveness. The US

sprinters choked before that Red turkey Valeriy Borzov, a US pole vaulter who had loudly proclaimed himself the greatest just prior to the Olympics choked against an East German, the US intermediate hurdler ace choked to an unsung Ugandan; the top US shot putter bowed to a Pole; the world's greatest middle distance runner slipped and fell, and last year's top discus thrower was trounced by another Red, a Czech. If the above recital of failures and non-successes isn't enough to make any American spike buff sit down and cry about the state of affairs his favorite sport has degenerated into, I don't know what it will take.

DICKIE KAY, New Orleans, Louisiana:

It was a pleasure to read Bert Nelson's article, "The US Fared Okay", in defense of the American track and field performance at Munich. Although the number of gold medals and total medals was below par, the US remains the leading track power in the world and will likely dominate the Games at Montreal in a fashion similar to the past showings at Tokyo and Mexico.

ERNST SOUDEK, discus thrower, Houston, Texas:

It is interesting in how many ways the European anti-Americanism manifested itself in 1972. I, for one, was also one of its victims. Two months before the Olympics, the Austrian Olympic Committee decided to simply invalidate my American marks (among them a 193-8 toss at the Kentucky Relays, plus two others over 200-feet) as qualifying performances for Munich. No reason was given for this action. They gave me one meet at which I had to throw 200-feet: the Austrian Championships. When that meet was rained out, they said, "That's tough but we can't do anything about it." Apparently, the small-minded Austrians could not stand the idea that I became a decent discus thrower in the US without the aid of their egomaniac coaches... Who is Hans Ury, who seems to confuse *T&FN* with the *Volksischer Beobachter* of Nazi Germany [Letters, Sept. *T&FN*]? You can send *T&FN* to me as long as I live. You truly have evolved into a superb journal. Your coverage of the US Trials and the Olympics was simply superb.

MARVIN MILBURN, Tucson, Arizona:

I feel a point needs to be made on behalf of Larry Black that *T&FN* neglected to provide in its coverage of the Olympic 200 final. We must remember that Black is not the beautiful long-striding furlong artist (a la Tommie Smith) but rather a stellar turn runner who in many instances has to have a large lead built up in order to hold off the threat of other contestants with his mediocre stretch drive. I contend that had Black been in lane six or seven, he would have held a substantial lead over Valeriy Borzov, instead of coming off the turn even, and might have given Valeriy a bit more trouble to overcome.

WERNER RODIGER, San Mateo, California:

The case of Steve Prefontaine. No athlete bragged about winning so much as this cocky kid from Oregon. Where was the murderous pace he wanted to set? What I cannot understand is how the mature people of *T&FN* and experts all over the world rated him gold. How could you have fallen for the rhetoric of this immature kid. I order the immediate disbandment of all the silly Pre Fan Clubs.

MITCHELL ORFUSS, New York City, New York:

Are Tom Gleason and I the only individuals who thought that the US men's track uniforms were very noticeably ill-fitting? The arm holes were far too large.

HALE ROACH, El Cerrito, California:

Whoever designed the US men's uniforms for Munich must have rocks in their heads. They were the least colorful of any in Munich... I had the feeling that other teams were more for each other while most of the US guys were only thinking of themselves. It is my opinion that until we can get someone to inspire our athletes in this direction, we will continue to have problems.

BOB COVEY, Bakersfield JC coach, Bakersfield, California:

As head coach of the US Junior team in the US-USSR Junior match this past July, I have a couple of reactions to pass along. In reference to *T&FN*'s article claiming the US team was "makeshift" was about as appropriate as on any US international team. We had a qualifying meet and selected the first two for the team. We did qualify at high altitude, and it was five weeks before the dual meet—which did not help the readiness of the team. Nevertheless, this group was of quality, enthusiastic, well-conditioned and dedicated. They came to Sacramento five days before the competition very fit. The distancemen were especially fit, but six of this group were hit by an epidemic of the 24 hour flu. In all, nine were affected, representing a minimum of 20 points—which almost certainly cost us the meet. Something could have been said of the outstanding experience both teams had together in international good will. Soviet coach Oleg Konstantinov gave his team great freedom of movement, and both teams benefited from living together in the dorms. When it was all over, the score was almost incidental, and I suspect that we had more true Olympic spirit in Sacramento than was shared in Munich.

JOHN RANDOLPH, William & Mary coach, Williamsburg, Virginia:

I feel that your reporting standards for entering freshmen in your Quo Vadis Report are way out of proportion (too high). They favor the ideal climatic areas and consequently ignore many athletes who are winners over strong competition but do not run the great times because of the weather or inferiority of high caliber competition. □

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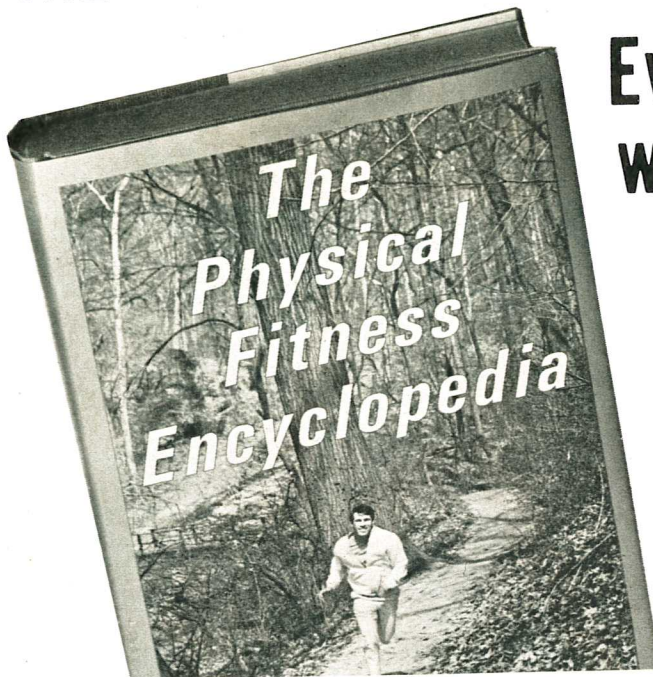
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