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Prefontaine-Young duel looms in 5,000 final

By BLAINE NEUNHAM
Register-Guard Sports Editor

Steve Prefontaine drew a comb through his hair in the dressing rooms beneath McArthur Court. He was confident.

"How fast will I run?" he repeated the question, "faster than George Young would want to run, I hope.

"We'll find out if what the P.A. announcer said about him is true."

BOB STEINER, the Hayward Field public address announcer, introduced Young Thursday as America's most versatile distance runner ever on the basis of his bronze medal in the steeplechase, 16th finish in the Olympic marathon at altitude and former American records at 5,000 meters and in the steeplechase.

Pre will contest that point at 5,000 meters.

In what must be the most eagerly-anticipated race in Oregon track history — Sunday's Olympic Trials 5,000 meter final at 7:30 p.m. — the kid from Coos Bay will challenge the 34-year-old Young, a three-time Olympian, plus a talented and experienced field which includes Gerry Lindgren, Tracy Smith, Leonard Hilton and Greg Fredericks.

Young, of course, is as mysterious on the eve of this confrontation as Prefontaine is popular. There were those that thought Young would not be here.

Less than a month ago, the Arizona school teacher ran perhaps the worst race of his career, a wobbly 8:47.6 two-mile which earned him fifth in the Vons Classic in Los Angeles.

At that time, Young made a commitment to work. He's kept his word.

RETURNING TO the 7,200-foot altitude at Flagstaff, Ariz., Young said, "I worked extremely hard. I lost 10 pounds when I didn't think I had 10 pounds to lose."

Although training in near isolation, Young keeps contact with his "coach," J. B. Fox of Silver City, New Mexico, who was a teacher at the high school Young attended there.

"He's kept records of my workouts the last five or six years," explained George, "and the other day I asked him how hard I've been working. He told me I've never worked harder."

The response among veteran trackmen at the trials is that Young would not be there unless he thought himself capable of

"I'M OPTIMISTIC, you have to be when you hit the three-mile mark in 13:19 and you're not even breathing hard. If I can feel this way Sunday I don't know how fast it might go. I think that's the easiest 13:51 I've ever run.

"I suppose I could have gone out and run the second heat (10 minutes later) faster than they did."

Pre alternated the lead in his heat with Smith and Sid Sink but started running away from the pack on the 10th lap. He reeled off laps of 65.4, 64.5 and 61.4 to the three-mile mark.

"Running 65-second laps felt more natural to me than those 68s we were running earlier," Pre continued. "I could



have blown the last mile ... I was feeling that good."

"I've run workouts twice as hard as this. But that's what you've got to do to make it enjoyable in a race. I've had to psych myself up for workouts, but once you get through them you have the confidence for a race."

WHILE YOUNG and Pre were reluctant to predict how fast Sunday's race might go, others were not.

"I think it will take 13:20 to make the team," said Smith, the former Oregon State runner who is now a member of the Los Angeles Police Dept.

For a point of reference, Ron Clarke's world record is 13:16.6 and Prefontaine's American record is 13:29.8.

"I'm not ready for a world record," said Smith, "but I think I am ready for 13:20. I want the pace to be hard, because my main asset is strength. I think I want to be in the 8:40s or high 8:30s (at two miles) to burn off the kickers."

And that bit of news will please Pre, who was concerned that he might be forced to take the early lead.

"I imagine I'll end up taking the lead," said Pre earlier. "Young is another of those guys who lets everybody else do the work."

Lindgren, who ran behind Smith (13:52.8) for third in Pre's heat at 13:53.6, could also foresee a fast final.

"IT WILL BE a darn tough race in the final," said the little guy who dropped out of the 10,000 last Sunday. "The winning

year because of an Achilles tendon problem, began training again in January, 1971. His progress has been slow but consistent.

"I made a resolution with myself that if I could not do it training once a day, and less than 60 miles of work a week, then I didn't want to run any more. Mentally, I feel a lot better. I think I will last longer as a runner this way."

If he wants advice, Tracy should seek out Young.

"I'm as excited about these trials as I've been about any of the other three I've been in," said Young. "I'm trying not to get overly excited now."

Young was a little concerned about the advance billing surrounding his showdown with Prefontaine. The two have never raced before.

"THIS IS NO grudge match for me," he said. "I'm looking forward to running against him. I've said all along that he has just as good a chance as anyone to win a medal in Munich, even a gold medal."

Young, too, was a little upset over his introduction.

"I found the announcement quite embarrassing," he said. "It's not a good thing to hear when you're trying to get ready for a race. But if that's what the people like to hear then that's all right too."

Back in the pack was one Sid Sink, the American steeplechase record holder who just might be up where the action is Sunday.

"I think there are four or five of us who have a real good shot," he said. "I'm mentally much more prepared for this race than I was in the steeplechase. I'm looking forward to this race."

Last Sunday's steeplechase was a disaster, Sink running next-to-last in 9:07.6. A year earlier he had set the American record of 8:26.4 at Hayward Field.

"AFTER LAST YEAR when I ran five steeplechases in a row, I just haven't been able to get psyched up for the race. I'm not going to run a steeplechase for the next three years. Suddenly I'm looking forward to next year."

Like anyone else in the field, Sink would like to hang a defeat on Pre.

"Sure, I'd like to beat Pre. Everybody would. He's kinda cocky ... which is great for him, but it also makes all the rest of us want to beat him."

(Top six advance to final, Sunday 7:50 p.m.)

HEAT ONE — 1, Steve Prefontaine, Oregon, 13:51.2; 2, Tracy Smith, L. A. Police Dept., 13:52.8; 3, Gerry Lindgren, Cougar TC, 13:53.6; 4, Dick Buerkle,



Prefontaine turns around to view the competition

Following Duck star is Tracy Smith (No. 398), and trailing (over Smith's left shoulder) is Gerry Lindgren

Smith, Evans, Collett lead assault on world 400 mark

By JOHN CONRAD
Of the Register-Guard

Lee Evans set the world record for 400 meters at the 1968 Olympic Games and to this day he is asked how much the high altitude at Mexico City had to do with it.

It is a question which Evans thinks he will have heard the last of following the 400-meter final at the 1972 U.S. Olympic Trials at Hayward Field Sunday.

"I DON'T THINK the altitude had a thing to do with my time," he says of his world record 43.8. "I think I can run the same way at sea level and I think that will be borne out in the finals here."

The statement took a slightly different approach to a very popular theme as all the favorites successfully negotiated opening qualifying Thursday. Of all the world records which were said vulnerable prior to the start of the trials, Evans' standard in the 400 was said the most likely to fall.

"I think anybody who wants to make the team better be thinking in terms of a personal best," said former UCLA star Wayne Collett, along with Evans and John Smith of UCLA the top picks to make the trip to Munich. "And everybody knows what a personal best would mean for Lee Evans."

A MAN MOST interested in the progress of the 400 is UCLA track Coach Jim Bush, for whom both Smith and Collett competed. Bush does not hedge when asked his thoughts of the 400.

"I think we'll see the greatest quarter ever run and there have been a few good ones just on this track alone," Bush said, referring to Smith's world record clocking of 44.5 in the 440 at last year's AAU Championships here.

Smith finished second to Maurice Peoples of the DC Striders in the same time of 45.7 in the first heat, while Evans was third in 46.8 in the second heat won by Tommie Turner of Sports International in 45.6. Collett was second in 46.1 in the third heat behind the 45.4 of the Army's Fred Newhouse, while Tom Ulan of the New York Athletic Club won the final heat in 46.2.

"EVERYTHING WENT just as expected," Bush said. "Everyone went as easy as they could and you'll notice the experienced guys weren't winning their heats."

In some cases it was planned that

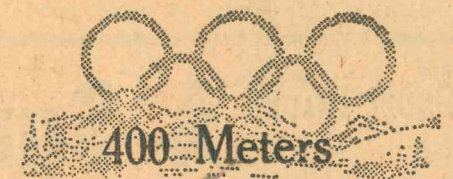
way, in others it wasn't. Evans wanted to win his, Collett didn't want to win his, while Smith didn't care.

"It's not that important but I really wanted to win it," said the 26-year-old Evans, now an instructor at San Jose State. "But I felt like I was getting a cramp at the start of the race so I had to take it easy."

"The cramp started to work out with about 220 left, but I wanted to go a lot earlier than I did."

Evans was in fourth place, trailing qualifier Vincent Buford of Oregon, coming out of the last turn. But then he turned on the speed to finish an easy third in his heat.

COLLETT, LIKE Evans, had to contend with a minor physical problem dur-



ing his race. He was troubled with chest pains which never left him throughout the race.

"It's sort of a restricted feeling," he explained. "I think it's the result of the pollen up here. When I first got to town I was sneezing and coughing all over the place."

"Then I was all right until now."

It had no effect on his race strategy, however.

"I was determined not to win my heat," said Collett, who finished second to Smith in the 440 at last year's AAU with a time of 44.7. "It's an experience factor, you're working too hard if you win. I would have been surprised if any of the top guys had won. There's just no way it can help you."

Smith was both surprised and encouraged by the ease with which he qualified.

"I JUST WANTED to run an easy and comfortable race," he said. "I didn't really know I ran as fast as I did until it was over."

"As easy as it felt, I must be in better shape than I thought."

Almost as intriguing as the possibility of a world record is the three-way rivalry between Smith, Evans and Collett.

"One of the reasons I think we'll see a world record is because neither one of those three want to come in third," Bush said. "I just hope they all make it to the finals, then I think they'll all go under 44.0."

"The guy that wins it will be the one that doesn't make a single mistake."

Although Smith, Evans and Collett are the favorites, and rightly so, there are other names to consider beyond the respective heat winners.

Vince Mathews of the Brooklyn Over-the-Hill Athletic Association, second in this year's AAU meet, qualified second behind Ulan in the final heat; Curtis Mills, the former 440 world record holder, was third behind Mathews; and Larry James, second to Evans in 43.9 in 1968, was third behind Smith and Peoples in the opening heat.

NONE, HOWEVER, brings a more unique background into the quarterfinals than Peoples.

"I have a new coach (Glenda Moody, a shot putter on the women's team in 1964) and a lot of confidence in myself," Peoples said after edging Smith. "I had the physical tools, but she's rebuilt my mental outlook and refined my technique. I'm starting stronger and using my arms a lot more. It was all legs in the NCAA (where he finished fifth)."

"I'm just now getting where I want to be."

The question remains, for him and others, whether it is in time to meet the awesome challenge of Smith, Evans and Collett.

(Top four advance to second round, 1:20 p.m. Friday)

HEAT ONE — 1, John Smith, Southern Cal Striders, 49.7. 2, Maurice Peoples, District of Columbia Striders, 45.7. 3, Larry James, Brooklyn Over-the-Hill Athletic Association, 47.1. 4, Hugh Brown, Southern Cal Striders, 48.0. 5, Tom Cantrell, Oklahoma, 49.6.

HEAT TWO — 1, Tommie Turner, Sports International, 45.6. 2, James Redd, Southern University, 46.4. 3, Lee Evans, Bay Area Striders, 46.8. 4, Vince Buford, Oregon, 47.0. 5, Benjamin Gibson, Mississippi State, 47.4.

HEAT THREE — 1, Fred Newhouse, Army, 45.4. 2, Wayne Collett, Southern Cal Striders, 46.1. 3, Stephen Jordan, Kentucky State, 46.6. 4, Kermit Bayless, Bay Area Striders, 46.7. 5, Greg Daughtry, Brooklyn Over-the-Hill Athletic Association, 47.5.

HEAT FOUR — 1, Tom Ulan, New York Athletic Club, 46.2. 2, Vince Mathews, Brooklyn Over-the-Hill Athletic Association, 46.4. 3, Curtis Mills, Philadelphia Pioneer Club, 46.9. 4, Larance Jones, Bay Area Striders, 47.4. 5, Clyde McPherson, Union of Amateur Athletes, 47.7.

in Munich."

In Thursday's preliminaries, Pre ran away in the last mile to win his heat in 13:51.2.

Pre was pleased.

top three.

"I want to get back into top form. If I make it to Munich, that would give me the time. Doggone it, I'm optimistic."

Smith, who quit running for over a

14:06.2. 2, Leonard Hilton, Houston Track Club, 14:07.0. 3, Jim Johnson, Husky Spike Club, 14:08.0. 4, Glen Herold, unaf., 14:10.2. 5, George Young, unaf., 14:11.6. 6, Greg Fredericks, Penn State, 14:19.2. 7, Rick Hitchcock, Kansas State, 14:32.4. 8, James Mason, Club West, 14:55.0. Did not finish: Howie Ryan, New York AC.



(Register-Guard photo by Wayne Eastburn)

John Smith, left, Maurice Peoples seem to be even

But first place went to Peoples in first heat as both were timed in 45.7



(AP, Register-Guard photos)

Some intense, some at ease

Some scenes at the Olympic Trials at Hayward Field present pictures of intensity — like Rod Milburn careening over hurdles at top and Jim Ryun (middle) starting his heat of the 1,500-meter run. A more relaxed sight is Steve Prefontaine jogging around Stevenson Track after winning his heat of the 5,000-meter run.

Trials schedule

200 Meters
Hammer Throw
400 Meters
Shot Put
Long Jump
200 Meters
110 Hurdles
400 Meters
1,500 Meters

Friday, July 7

First Round	12:35 p.m.
Qualifying	12:45 p.m.
Second Round	1:20 p.m.
Qualifying	2 p.m.
Second Round	2:10 p.m.
Semifinals	5:15 p.m.
Semifinals	6:30 p.m.
Semifinals	7:30 p.m.
Semifinals	8:05 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

High Jump
200 Meters
Shot Put
Long Jump
1,500 Meters
200 Meters

Qualifying	1:45 p.m.
Semifinals	5 p.m.
Final	6:30 p.m.
Final	7 p.m.
Final	7 p.m.
Final	7:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 9

Hammer Throw
Marathon
High Jump
110 Hurdles
400 Meters
5,000 Meters

Final	4:15 p.m.
Final	5:50 p.m.
Final	6:15 p.m.
Final	6:30 p.m.
Final	7:15 p.m.
Final	7:40 p.m.

'I don't know what's wrong'

Milburn qualifies, but world hurdle record safe

By **BUD WITHERS**
Of the Register-Guard

The world record Rod Milburn promised for Hayward Field may have to wait until another year.

Milburn, the 21-year-old speed-burner from Southern (La.) University, blasted to a world record of 13.0 here last year in the 120 hurdles. Following the national AAU meet three weeks ago in Seattle, he flatly predicted he would go his own record one better at the Olympic Trials.

THURSDAY IN THE opening two rounds of the 110-meter hurdles, he recorded times of 13.6 and 13.5 to win his heats with ease. But, he says, something is missing.

"It was nice," he said after the second round, "but not as zesty as last year."

Zesty?
"Yeah, last year, when I first hit the track, it was a breeze. This year it's altogether different.

"It's just the same as if I were on a cinder track or tartan. I don't know what's the matter.

"**I REALLY DON'T** know what I'm doing wrong, 'cause 13.5 is usually just a breeze."

Milburn hints that his mind hasn't been completely occupied by flitting over hurdles the past few weeks.

At the Seattle meet, somebody stole \$357 from his dormitory room, money he had earmarked for a plane trip back to Louisiana.

Milburn scraped up enough money for the ride, then returned home to find his dormitory apartment burned down.

"The whole thing burnt up," he said. "My clothes, watches, everything. All my track equipment. Stuff I really couldn't get back.

"So I really couldn't think about training, going through changes like that."

MILBURN SAYS SOUTHERN University isn't going to reimburse him for the property he lost, so he's hired a lawyer and plans to bring suit.



"I think I got more than a 50-50 chance of coming up with something."

Milburn's opponents in the hurdles probably wish their chances of beating him were as good.

"Milburn can be beaten," allowed Willie Davenport, who won gold in the 1968 Olympics and ran 13.7 and 13.6 Thursday. "The question is, by who? Can you?"

Tommie Lee White of the Striders Track Club, another of the favorites to make the U.S. team, took heart in Milburn's times Thursday, while clocking 13.6 and 13.7.

"As you probably note by the times," White said, "Everybody is lumped in between the (13) 5s and 8s. There's a little group, and he hasn't run anything but in that little bracket."

"In my opinion, it might be up for grabs."

DAVENPORT, FOR ALL HIS respect for Milburn, is wary of what can happen in a short race.

"Rodney could hit a hurdle, I could hit a hurdle," he pointed out. "I wouldn't say anything is wrapped up. I feel it's still wide open."

Davenport, who shared the world mark of 13.2 before Milburn came along, said he feels he's about .3 seconds slower than he was four years ago.

"I'm fighting age," he explained. He's 29.

CASUALTIES WERE FEW on the first day of qualifying, with the field narrowed to a still-bulky 16 for Friday's semifinals at 6:30 p.m.

The only luminary to drop out was Paul Gibson, formerly of Texas-El Paso. A 13.5 man this year, he pulled a muscle in practice Wednesday, then had to scratch from competition Thursday.



(Register-Guard photo by Joe Matheson)

Rod Milburn hits tape in 110-meter high hurdle heat in a clocking of 13.6

Following the Southern University star is Stan Druckrey (332) and Leon Coleman (303)

round despite running 14.3, then placed a non-qualifying fifth in the second round at 14.2.

FIRST ROUND

(Top four advanced to second round, 6 p.m. Thursday)

HEAT ONE — 1, Tom Hill, Army, 13.6. 2, Jeff Howser, Florida TC, 13.9. 3, John Brasell, McNeese State, 14.0. 4, George Carty, unattached, 14.2. 5, Charles Peters, Kentucky, 23.0.

HEAT TWO — 1, Rod Milburn, Southern Univ., 13.6. 2, Stan Druckrey, Kegonsa TC, 13.9. 3, Leon Coleman, Philadelphia Pioneer Club, 14.0. 4, Corey Bouyer, Motor City TC, 14.1. 5, Larry Shipp, Sports International, 14.1.

HEAT THREE — 1, Tommie Lee White, Striders, 13.6. 2, Willie Davenport, Texas Striders, 13.7. 3, Wayne Kennard, Naval Academy, 14.2. 4, Gordon Hodges, unattached, 14.3. 5, Ralph Fisher, North Platte College, 14.3. 6, Dan Jaques, Northern Illinois, 14.4.

HEAT FOUR — 1, Jerry Wilson, Striders, 13.9. 2, Delario Robinson, Striders, 14.1. 3, Ron Draper, unattached, 14.1. 4, Rickey Stubbs, Louisiana Tech, 14.4. 5, Bill High, Tennessee, 14.6. 6, Dan Redfean, Bay Area Striders, 14.6.

HEAT FIVE — 1, Charles Rich, California International TC, 13.9. 2, Greg Magee, Bay Area Striders, 14.2. 3, Ivory Harris, Oregon, 14.3. 4, Pete Mattina, Tennessee, 14.6. 5, John Power, Florida, 14.6. Paul Gibson, unattached, did not run.

SECOND ROUND

(Top four advance to semifinals, 6:30 p.m. Friday)

HEAT ONE — 1, Willie Davenport, Texas Striders, 13.6. 2, Charles Rich, Kentucky, 14.0. 3, Stan Druckrey, Kegonsa TC, 14.3. 4, Leon Coleman, Philadelphia Pioneer Club, 14.3.

They're on
their way
to Munich

100 Meters	
Eddie Hart	9.9
Reynaud Robinson	9.9
Robert Taylor	10.0
800 Meters	
Dave Wottle	1:44.3
Richard Wohlhuter	1:45.0
Ken Swenson	1:45.1
20-Kilometer Walk	
Larry Young	1:35:56.4
Goetz Klopfer	1:38:03
Tom Dooley	1:39:10
Triple Jump	
John Craft	56.2w
Dave Smith	56-0
Art Walker	55-1w
Discus	
Jay Silvester	211-2
John Powell	205-10
Tim Vollmer	198-10
400-Meter Hurdles	
Ralph Mann	48.4
Dick Bruggeman	48.6
Jim Seymour	49.3
3,000-Meter Steeplechase	
Mike Manley	8:29.7
Doug Brown	8:31.7
Steve Savage	8:31.9
10,000 Meters	
Frank Shorter	28:35.6
Jeff Galloway	28:48.8
Jon Anderson	29:08.2
Javelin	
Bill Schmidt	270-6
Milt Sonsky	267-11
Fred Luke	267-9
Pole Vault	
Bob Seagren	18-5¼
Steve Smith	18-½
Jan Johnson	18-½
50 Kilometer Walk	
Larry Young	4:13:04.4
Bill Weigle	4:20:09.4
Steve Hayden	4:23:22.6
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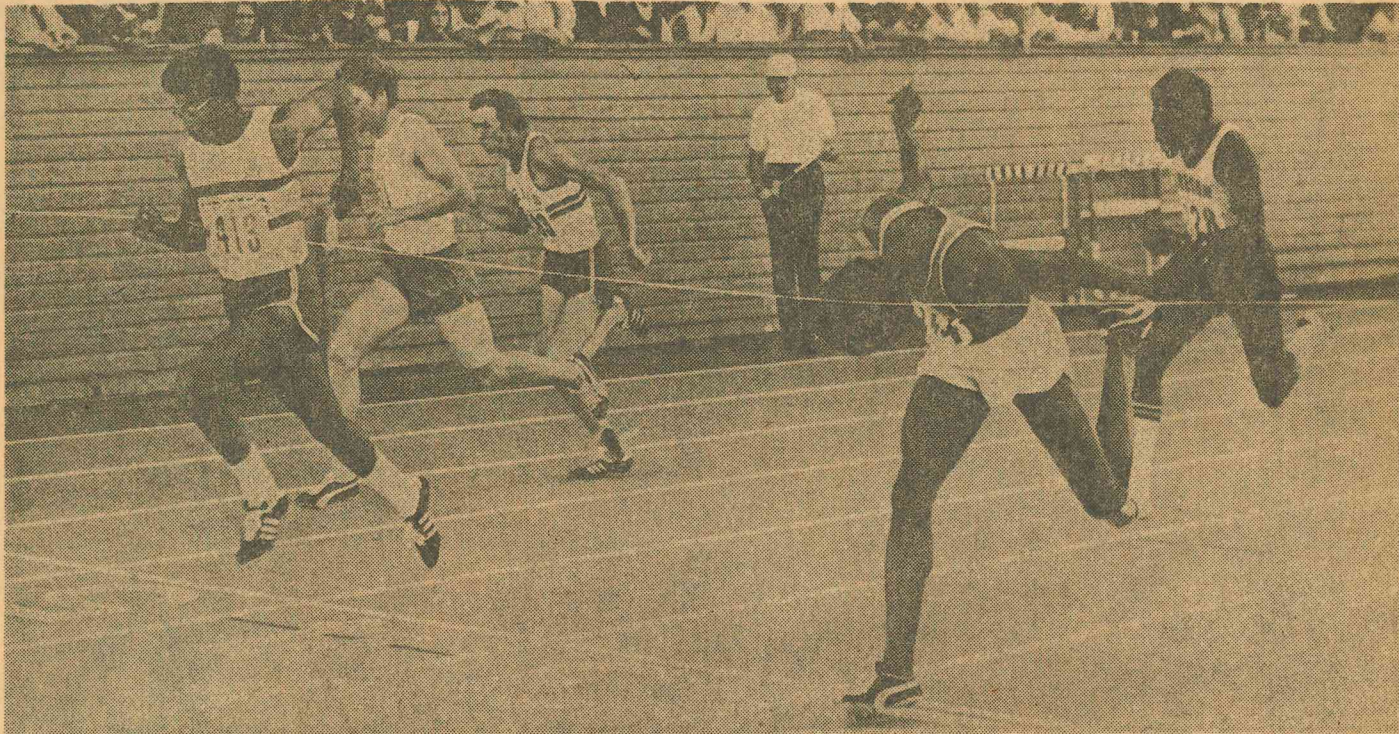


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Notables to swing into the semis included Tom Hill of the Army, who like Milburn, ran 13.6 and 13.5; Ron Draper, a law student who did 14.1 and 13.8; Jerry Wilson of USC, a 13.4 hurdler this year, who clocked 13.9 and 13.6; and Charles Rich of UCLA, who timed 13.9 twice.

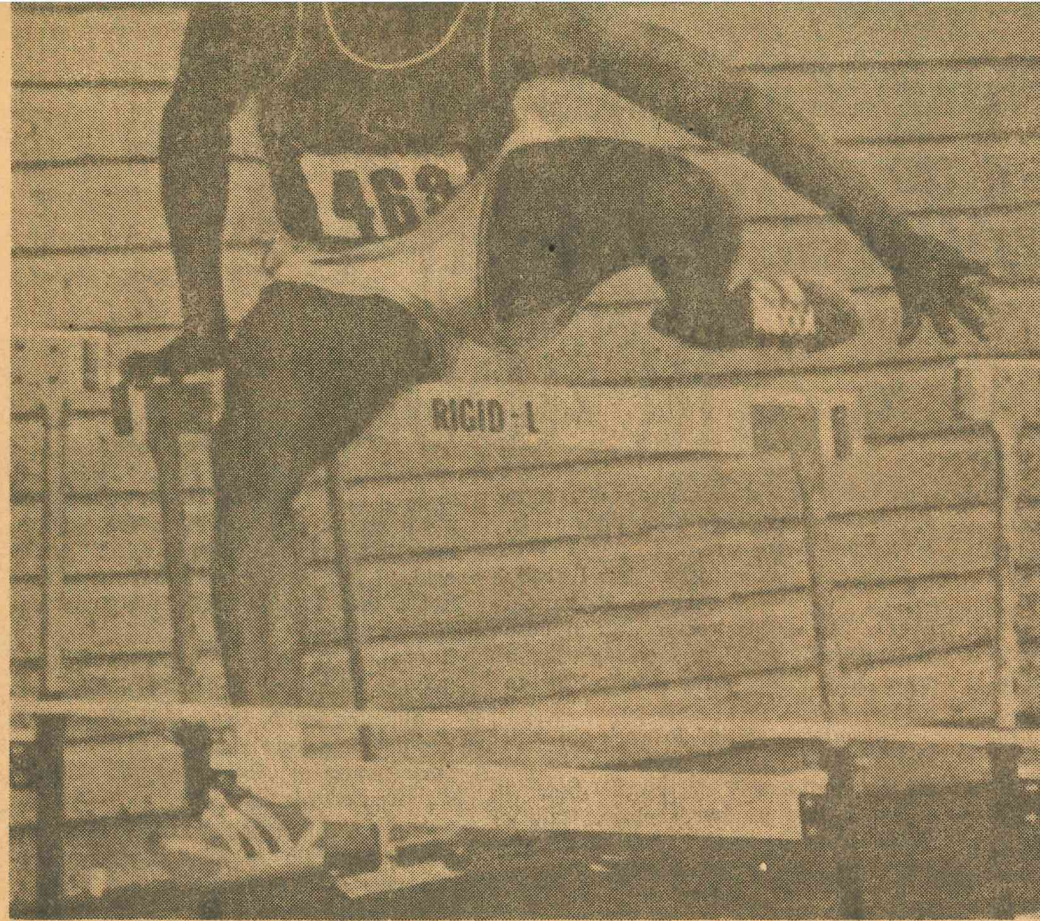
Among those to fall out in the formidable field was Ivory Harris of the University of Oregon. He qualified for the second



(Register-Guard photo by Wayne Eastburn)

Ron Draper uses his head in trying to win second-round heat

But Tommie Lee White (far left) was declared victor in 13.7 with Draper given a 13.8



(Register-Guard photo by Joe Matheson)

Willie Davenport all alone over last hurdle

Davenport won second-round heat in 13.6 to move into tonight's semifinals

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Shot Put Qualifying Round
FLIGHT ONE — Douglas Lane, Southern Cal Striders. Al Feuerbach, Pacific Coast Club. Richard Marks, Pacific Coast Club. Bruce Wilhelm, New York AC.

FLIGHT TWO — Fred DeBernardi, Texas-El Paso. Sam Walker, Southern Methodist. Gregory Born, unattached. Colin Anderson, Minnesota.

FLIGHT THREE — Richard Bilder, University of Chicago TC. Brian Oldfield, University of Chicago TC.

FLIGHT FOUR — George Tyms, U. Chicago TC. Dave Davis, U. Chicago TC. George Woods, Pacific Coast Club. Peter Shmook, Oregon.

FLIGHT FIVE — Randy Matson, Tex-

as Striders. Karl Salb, Mid American TC. Steve Adams, Michigan.

Long Jump Qualifying Round

(Top 12 or all jumpers equaling 25.7 qualify for finals, Sunday, 7 p.m.)

FLIGHT ONE — Gary Rainwater, Air Force. Norman Tate, NY Pioneer Club. James McAllister, unattached. Henry Hines, Southern California.

FLIGHT TWO — Stanley Royster, Bay Area Striders. Ronald Coleman, Army. Charles Geier, Tennessee. Bouncy Moore, Oregon.

FLIGHT THREE — Ken Duncan, unattached. Ralph Boston, unattached. Archie Robinson, Army. Henry Jackson, Army.

FLIGHT FOUR — Stan Whitley, Cal International TC. Al Lanier, Cincinnati. Randy Williams, SC Striders. Tom Smith, Oregon TC.

FLIGHT FIVE — Thomas Chilton, Knoxville TC. Preston Carrington, unattached. Jefferey Bolin, Purdue. Phil Shinnick, Bay Area Striders.

FLIGHT SIX — William Rea, Pittsburgh. Jerry Proctor, SC Striders. Ran Humphrey, Tennessee Tech.

Lane Assignments

110-Meter Hurdle Semifinals

(Top four qualify from each heat to finals, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.)

HEAT ONE — 1, Gêorge Carty, unattached. 2, Willie Davenport, Texas Striders. 3, Stan Druckrey, Kegonsa TC. 4, Jerry Wilson, SC Striders. 5, Tom Hill, Army. 6, Charles Rich, Cal International TC. 7, Leon Coleman, Philadelphia Pioneers. 8, Rickey Stubbs, Louisiana Tech.

HEAT TWO — 1, Jeff Howser, Florida TC. 2, Corey Bouyer, Motor City TC. 3, Rod Milburn, Southern Louisiana. 4, Del Robinson, SC Striders. 5, Ronald Draper, unattached. 6, Gordon Hodges, unattached. 7, Tommie Lee White, SC Striders. 8, John Brasell, McNeese.

1,500-Meter Semifinals

(Top three qualify for finals, Saturday, 7 p.m.)

HEAT ONE — 1, Larry Rose, Pacific Coast Club. 2, Jim Gorman, Oregon TC. 3, Duncan Macdonald, West Valley TC. 4, Joe Savage, New York AC. 5, Willie Eashman, Bay Area Striders. 6, Dave Roberts, unattached. 7, Bruce Fischer, Syracuse Chargers.

HEAT TWO — 1, Lowell Paul, U Chicago TC. 2, Robert Wheeler, Duke. 3, Jim Crawford, Army. 4, Alan Walker, Wichita St. 5, Ken Popejoy, Michigan St. 6, Jim Ryun, Club West. 7, Tom Bach, U Chicago TC.

Diving meet set for Amazon

More than 50 youngsters will be trying for individual and team titles in the Oregon State Outdoor Diving Championships Saturday at Amazon Pool.

Defending champion Eugene City Swim Club and the Mid-Willamette Diving Club are rated top contenders in the annual team trophy race. First event will be at 11 a.m.

Tides

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11:12 p.m., 9.2 ft.	4:57 p.m., 3.1 ft.	
Saturday		
12:56 p.m., 6.4 ft.	6:27 a.m., -1.2 ft.	
	6:07 p.m., 3.1 ft.	
Sunday		
12:11 a.m., 9.3 ft.	7:22 a.m., -1.6 ft.	
1:49 p.m., 6.7 ft.	7:11 p.m., 3.0 ft.	

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In Retrospect



Under that hat

By **BLAINE NEWNAM**
Register-Guard Sports Editor

DAVE WOTTLE is running the wrong way for the quiet life he wants.

The pressures of a world seeking information about a world record holder are beginning to eat away at this quiet, 21-year-old senior from Bowling Green State University.

"The reporters seem to find me wherever I am," he said Thursday. "They all want to know my life history. I feel like mimeographing off a copy of what I've done in the last eight years."

Wottle said that without rancor. The quiet — almost shy — man under the cap is too courteous, too gentle, to be openly angry at the press. He is concerned about all the fuss, however.

Unfortunately for his sanity, Wottle's world record equalling 800 meters Saturday may just be the beginning.

"This is Peter Snell in Rome," said Derek Ibbotson, "nobody knew about him either, but he won the gold medal."

Ibbotson, the great British distance runner who was a medalist in the 5,000 meters at Melbourne in 1956, is in Eugene working for Puma, one of the two big European shoe manufacturers.

"I had dinner with Dave the other night," continued Ibbotson, "and he strikes me as a man who is not cocky, but rather has inner confidence in himself. And that's the best kind."

What kind of talent has this runner who obliterated a class 800 meters field with a world record equalling time of 1:44.3 and then said his best race is the 1,500 meters.

"**OBVIOUSLY, AT 1,500 meters he must be unbeatable,**" said Ibbotson, who has run against and known the great ones at that distance.

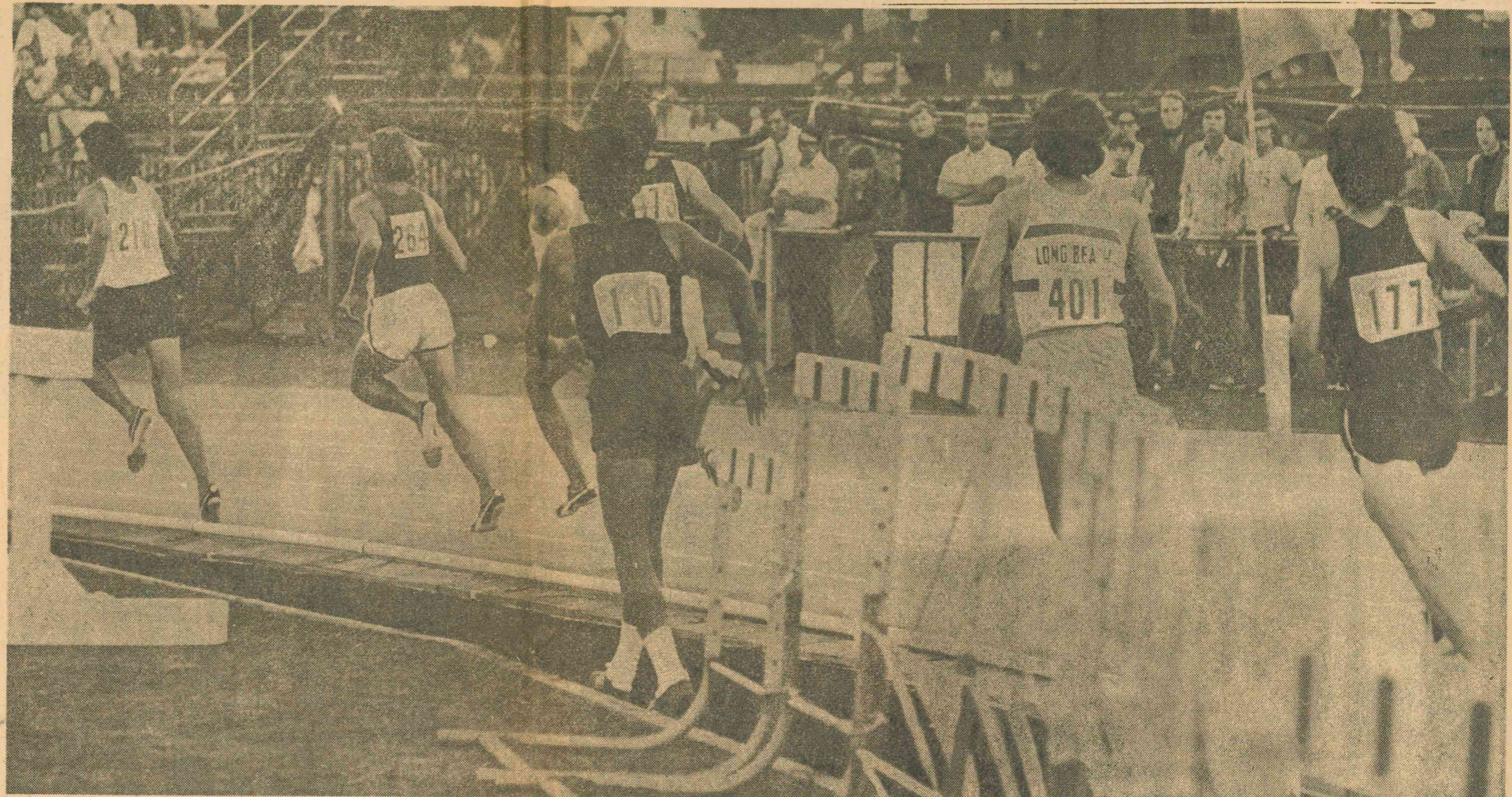
Why?

"It's a simple matter of mathematics," he continued. "He must be unbeatable. He has run 800 meters as fast as anybody in the world and yet he says 1,500 meters is his best race. I would say he should run 3:34 in the Olympics."

Jim Ryun's world 1,500 meter record is 3:33.1 (the equivalent of a 3:50.1 mile) and is considered to be one



DAVE WOTTLE



(Register-Guard photo by Wayne Eastburn)

Clifton West (190) regains balance on infield after confrontation with Jere Van Dyk

Van Dyke, in white shirt partly hidden by West, finished second in 1,500 heat but was disqualified; West, who didn't finish, was seeded into semifinals

Ryun, Wottle win heats

Predictably, times lag in 1,500 qualifying

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The 1,500-meter quarter-finals may have been more aptly named if they had called it the "Devil Takes the Hindmost Metric Mile."

It was a rather exhausting way to rid the 1,500-meter field of four runners, as it turned out.

But because the U.S. Olympic Committee wants to approximate as closely as possible the conditions in Munich, the 1,500 contestants will run through a series of three races in the Olympic Trials at Hayward Field, climaxing with the finals Saturday night.

AS A RESULT only one runner

Wottle and Club West's Jim Ryun — also were preoccupied with keeping energy output to a minimum in anticipation of tonight's semifinal and Saturday's final.

"I felt I had everything under control," said Ryun. "There wasn't any reason to press the pace early."

Ryun ran a 55.2 final lap to escape the proximity of last place, passing Jim Gorman of the Oregon Track Club at the finish with a little spurt.

Considering the intensity of the race, Ryun's stay in the medical tent was longer than anticipated.

"I just got a little spike, that's all. No big deal."

Wottle who was timed in 3:43.7, "I'm having trouble getting psyched up for this race, I keep thinking I'm already qualified in the 800.

"That 800 took a little out of me, it seemed to knock me off my pace.

"I didn't bounce back very well, but I usually have a bad day and then feel good in the other two."

While Wottle and Ryun have to be considered the men to beat in the 1,500, the third berth on the Olympic

were the top two representatives in 1956.

Although both have broken 3:43 in the 1,500, neither has dipped below four minutes in the mile.

"That's a big thing," said Mal Andrews, Eashman's coach at Cal State-Hayward. "When Wes Santee was running, all America was all over him to break four minutes like Bannister and Landy had done.

"It was a cultural thing and that's what it is with Willie.

"**THERE'S A LOT of pressure on him to become the first black American under four minutes.**

"When he was in high school every-

runner now competing for Club West, surged from next-to-last into third, but on the curve was called for cutting in too soon on Clifton West, knocking the Bay Area Strider runner off the track.

West didn't continue, but Van Dyk eventually finished second.

That finish was nullified, however, when Van Dyk was disqualified for bumping West. West was given a reprieve and seeded into tonight's semifinals which will begin at 8:05.

(Top five advance to semifinals, Friday, 8:05 p.m.)

HEAT ONE — 1, Duncan Macdonald, West Valley TC, 3:43.6. 2, Lowell Paul, U. Chicago TC, 3:45.9. 3, Jerome Howe, Kansas State, 3:47.1. 4, Larry Rose, Pacific Coast Club, 3:48.6.

