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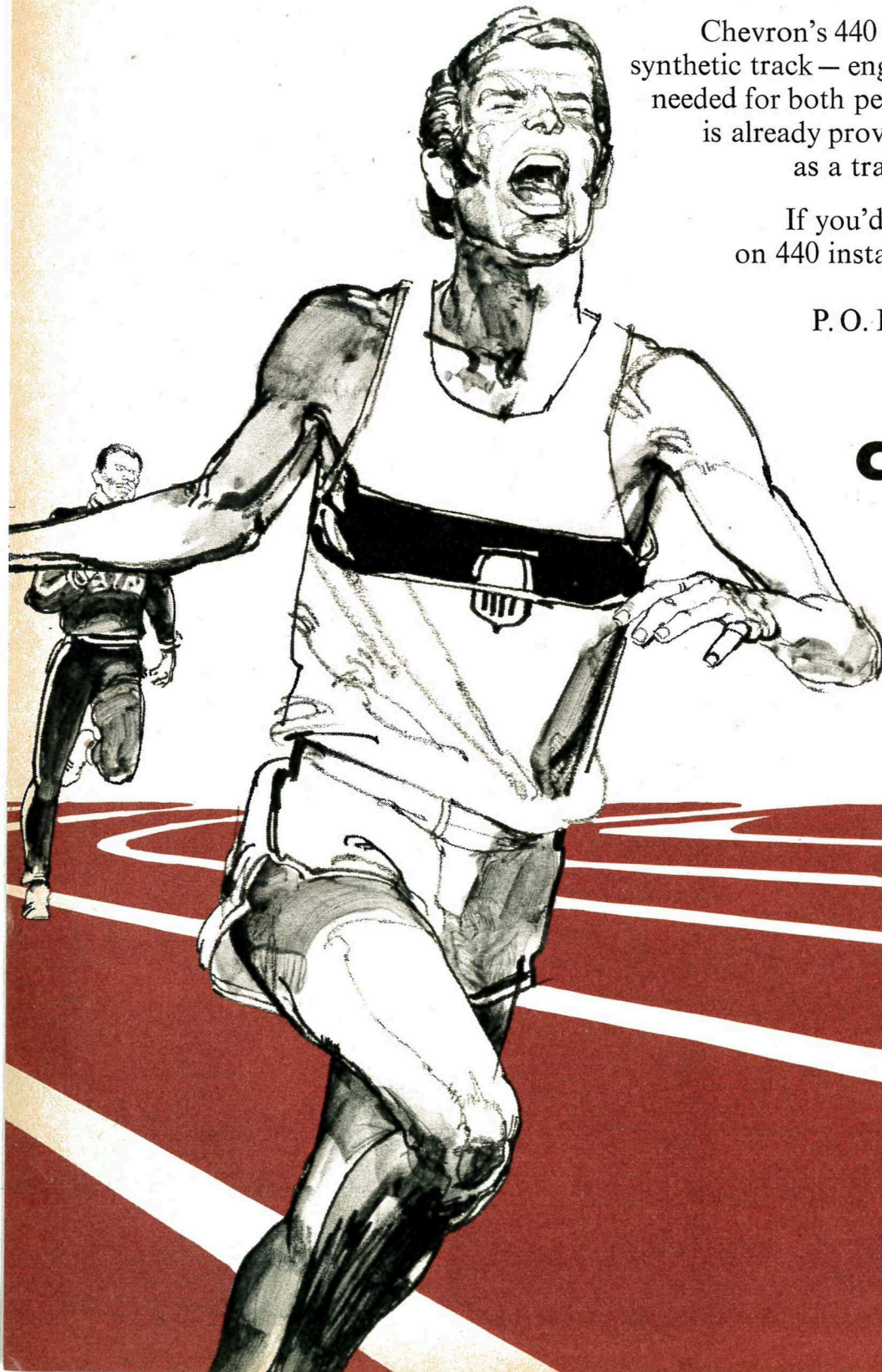
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UP FRONT

US javelin fortunes seem to be taking off and flying, first following the best American Olympic showing in 20yr at Munich (see pages 34-35) and then with the blitzing emergence of collegian Sam Colson, who has rocketed the spear 290-10 and 288-8 in consecutive meets—his first two competitions of 1973. /Rich Clarkson, Topeka Capital-Journal/

NEWS

TO APRIL 9, 1973

Colson, Oldfield, Feuerbach Heavy

Although runners and jumpers have been turning in their share of high-quality early-season performances, it has been the throwers who have dominated the scene so far. Kansas' big Sam Colson suddenly emerged as the new US javelin threat with consecutive meets of 290-10 and 288-8. And all of a sudden Brian Oldfield is a legitimate contender for Randy Matson's world shot record, Barney twice raising the undercover best with 69-11½ and 70-9½ tosses. Only Matson has thrown farther than the latter. Amateur Al Feuerbach won't let the mark go to Oldfield without a struggle, Al reaching 70-2 already.

Among runners, indomitable Steve Prefontaine is once more forging the way, now burning to an American record 6M of 27:09.4. The jumpers too are soaring, particularly in the high jump, where John Radetich backed up his world record performance of last month with a 7-4 clearance and young Tom Woods bounded over 7-4½. Steve Smith is back up to 17-9 in the vault.

The world scene has been relatively quiet other than the International Cross Country race, which found Finn Pekka Paivarinta outdriving Spaniard Mariano Haro. A new prep sensation appeared in the person of triple jumper Don Duvall, who obliterated the old indoor standard with his 51-8¼. Matching an old mark was vaulter Kim Scott with his 16-¾.

FOR THE RECORD

The following record alterations have been reported since the 11 March issue: WB=world best; WA=world amateur record; WP=world professional record; E=European; A=American; C=collegiate; HS=high school; e=180y-220y banked track.

INDOOR					
DisMedR	9:49.6	e	Colorado	Pocatello, Idaho	Feb 17
TJ	51-8¼	HS	Don Duvall (Colo HS)	Air Academy, Colo	Mar 24
PV	16-¾	=HS	Kim Scott (Wisc HS)	Madison, Wisc	Mar 31
110mHH	13.6	=WB-WA-E	Yevgeniy Mazepa (SU)	Donyetsk, USSR	Mar
SP	69-11½	WB,WP	Brian Oldfield (ITA)	Daly City, Calif	Apr 1
SP	70-9½	WB,WP	Brian Oldfield (ITA)	Albuquerque, NM	Apr 6
OUTDOOR					
6M	27:09.4	A, C	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)	Bakersfield, Calif	Mar 24
HHR	55.9	C	Florida	Gainesville, Fla	Mar 31
DisMedR	10:03.0	HS	Lompoc, Calif	Ventura, Calif	Mar 31

ON THE SCHEDULE

OUTDOOR		
April		27-29 Mt SAC Relays, Walnut, Calif
13-14	Boston C Relays, Chestnut Hill	27 Twilight, Eugene, Ore
13-14	San Diego Relays, San Diego, Calif	27-28 Atlantic Coast Conf, Raleigh, NC
13-14	Texas Relays, Austin, Tex	27-28 Lone Star Conf, Brownwood, Tex
14	Dogwood Relays, Knoxville, Tenn	27-28 Southland Conf, Ruston, La
14	Eastern Michigan Relays, Ypsilanti	May
14	Trojan Invitational, Los Angeles	4-5 Marine Corps Relays, Quantico, Va
15	20km Walk Champs, Santa Barbara	4-5 Southern Conf, Williamsburg, Va
16	Boston Marathon, Boston, Mass	5 Beehive Invitational, Logan, Utah
18-21	Kansas Relays, Lawrence, Kans	5 San Jose Invitational, San Jose, Calif
20-21	Ohio State Relays, Columbus, Ohio	INDOOR
20-21	Pelican Relays, Baton Rouge, La	April
21	Queens-Iona Relays, Jamaica, NY	13 ITA Tour, Detroit, Mich
21	Norfolk Relays, Norfolk, Va	14 ITA Tour, College Park, Md
25-28	Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa	May
25-28	Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa	11 ITA Tour, Toronto, Ont
		12 ITA Tour, Philadelphia, Penn

IN THE FUTURE

After the usual late-March/early-April lull, the track season will bloom into full flower beginning in mid-April. The last three weeks of the month will feature the staging of the traditional big relay meets (Texas, Kansas, Penn, Drake and Mt SAC) and the beginning of serious dual meet competition. Additionally, the ITA performers are beginning to get into the groove and their quality should improve measurably. Individually, pro Brian Oldfield and amateur Al Feuerbach are chasing Randy Matson's world shot best, and both think they will get it, although they won't meet head-to-head.

UNITED STATES

SPRING BREAK

Prefontaine Clips US 6 Mile Mark With 27:09.4

Bakersfield, Calif., March 24 /from Chuck Skow/—Steve Prefontaine likes Bakersfield in late March. At least, that would seem to be the case, as Pre has chosen a regular spring all-comers affair here to burn off hot record 6M races the past two seasons.

In 72, Pre blazed a 27:22.4 collegiate standard. This time around it was a national record 27:09.4. "I did it again," he said, "but don't ask me how." How was by stringing together miles of 4:36.8, 4:35.0, 4:33.2, 4:31.4, 4:30.6 and 4:22.4 with a 60.4 last quarter. "I think I could have run close to 27:00 if I'd had any competition," he said later. As it was, Paul Geis of the Oregon TC gave him good help for the first half of the race, taking the concurrently run 3M in a PR 13:24.2. That factor would negate Pre's time as a world record, as IAAF rules only allow one race at a time. AAU rules contain no such ruling, although there is the possibility of the "unfair pacing" clause being invoked.

Oregon teammate Mac Wilkins came up with a superb weight triple winning the shot at 59-10½ and the discus and hammer with PRs of 202-3 and 176-10.

Steve Gough showed good early decathlon form with his 7619 total, while prep record holder Craig Brigham ended up with 6763 after running around one of the hurdles for no points. A 16.0 would have given him 7492.

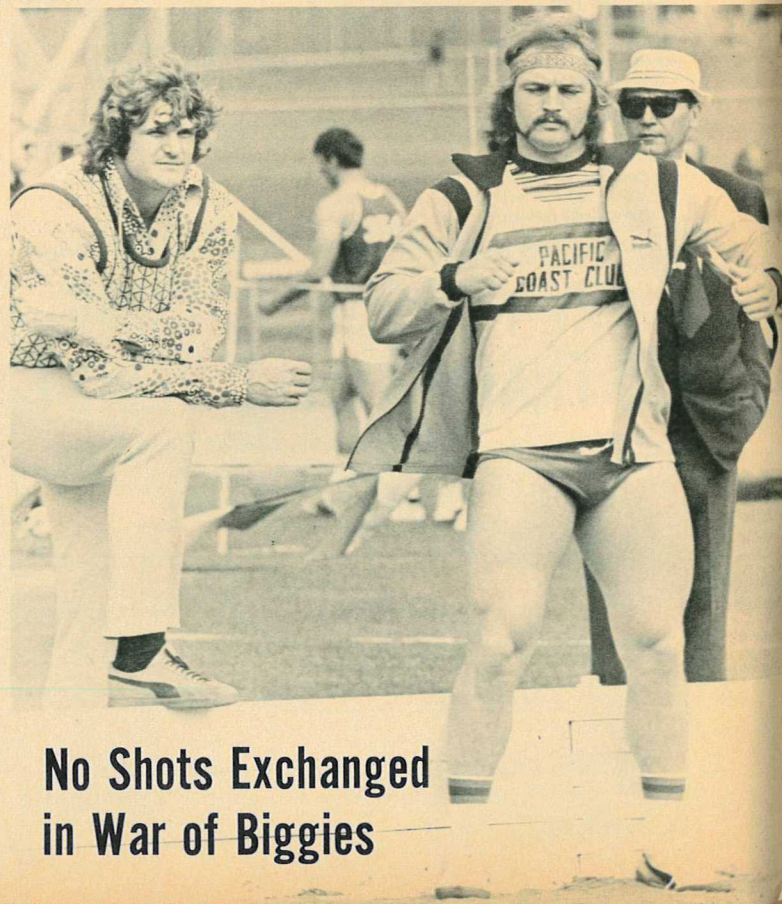
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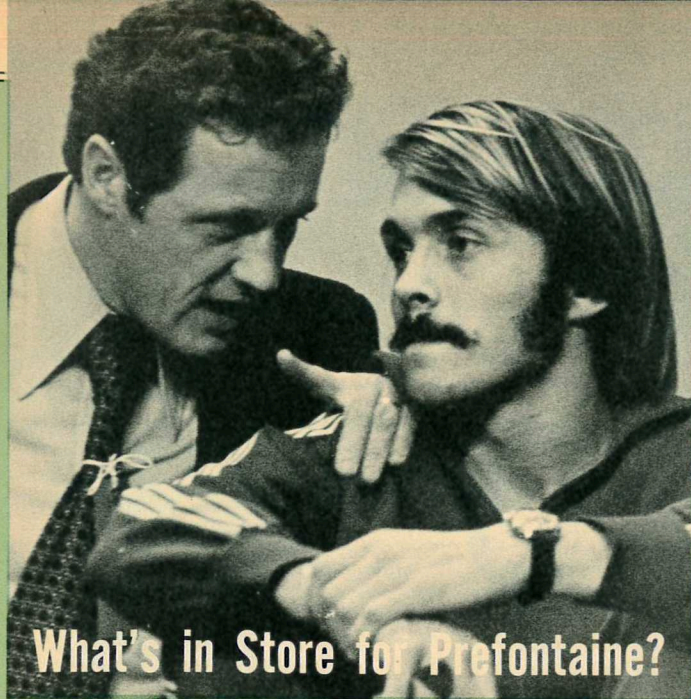
Feuerbach Plops 69-2, Smith Hits 17-5¼ in Cold

Westwood, Calif., March 25 /by John Wenos/—The 2nd edition of UCLA's Meet of Champions followed 1972's inaugural with another set of all-around good marks. Chief among these were Al Feuerbach's 69-2 shot put, Steve Smith's 17-5¼ pole vault, John Powell's 201-5 discus throw, and UCLA's 40.0 440 relay. The shot and relay marks were bests of the still-

Pros and amateurs can't meet competitively, so Brian Oldfield (l) and Al Feuerbach haven't clashed—but they have popped the shot sensationally anyway. Oldfield's 70-9½ is a pro best and Feuerbach's 70-2 paces amateurs. /Chadez/



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What's in Store for Prefontaine?

Steve Prefontaine gets some advice from coach Bill Dellinger. /Jeff Johnson/

And how's Steve Prefontaine these days, some six months after his 4th place finish in the Munich 5000 final?

Following his first six testings of 1973 after a non-season of cross country running, it would appear that little has significantly changed about the Oregon phenom who repeatedly churned out superlative times last year.

He says the sting of not winning a medal at Munich has worn off. But just how much and what type of affects the entire experience—from his initial cockiness stimulated by his fast early 1972 times, the aftermath of the Israeli incident in the Village before the 5000 final, the slowish pace that played into the hands of the kickers in the race that counted, and Steve's own sourness over the elbow jostling during that Munich event—will bear on his future is still a bit cloudy.

His recent racings—including an 8:27.4 indoor opener, a home-state 8:24.6 American record to become the then-3rd fastest undercover, a 3:59.2 speed test around yet another 11-lap board track, and an unpushed US outdoor 6M standard-snipper of 27:09.4—suggest all the physical potential capability for unheralded performances is there. But what he intends to do with it all is another matter.

Take the 6M race, for example. After complaining about an autumn of "all kinds of problems—I've had tendinitis in my knee and ankle and now a muscle pull in my calf", he came to Bakersfield wanting to run a mile during the traditional Spring Break meet. But newly appointed head coach Bill Dellinger wanted him to run a 6M—"to cruise around in 28:00 for kind of a workout", as Pre puts it. "I was supposed to follow a 70sec pace, and pick it up to 13:48 for 3M. Well, I was on pace, but I felt so good I picked it up. Bill told me if it got too hot to ease off and with 2M, I started getting blisters on both feet. But I still felt fine." In a race basically scheduled as a 3M, he continued on in a virtual solo effort and blasted the final mile in 4:22.4 and the last quarter in 60.4—some 2min ahead of 2nd place for the record.

"Really, I had no intention of running for a record," confirms the barrel-chested 5-9, 150lb senior. Perhaps it was partly the result of a memory

of a similar experience here last year, when he ran his first-ever 6M in a surprising and encouraging 27:22.4. Then, too, he confirms that he gets turned on to people imploring him onward. "I just don't go out there and run. I like to give the people watching something exciting." And therein may lie the key.

It becomes obvious to anyone who has observed Steve in the past two years that he responds most favorably to the "Go-Pre" mania and has performed his best feats in Eugene proper or in other friendly stadiums where his supporters will go bananas even as he jogs his warmup.

"This is my last year at Oregon, and it means a lot to me. The people have been great to me there, so if I have to run three races to win the Pac-8 team title I'll do it. Oh, sure, I'll probably be tired but the people shouting will carry me across the finish line." The Pac-8 championship meet just happens to be in Eugene, Oregon in 1973.

So talk of goals at other races is of secondary importance. "I still feel I can run something close to 26:40 [which would be a world record for 6M] but that kind of race puts you in bed for a week so I'll be concentrating on the mile and 2M this year."

So, how fast can he run a mile, one might wonder. And that brings another non-specific reply but reveals another aspect of his attitude toward running and perhaps his need for "his people". "I know I'll run faster than 3:56.7, but it's hard to run the kind of race that 3:52 requires. Especially when I have to run out in front. I'd like to get in a race where somebody else does some of the work at the start. Then we'll see what I can do.

"I'm basically tired of doing all the work. I set the pace in almost every race I ran last year. That means I never get a chance to use my speed. I'd like a chance to sit back in the pack. I know I have more speed than people realize but I've never had a chance to show it." Give Steve his near-perfect setting—a hotly-paced race set up by others and a raft of *Premania* to support him—and the cap is liable to come off the volatile, emotion-charged Pre.

It may take the kind of incentive to really excite Steve in the future.

"I'm living on \$105 a month. To continue running after I graduate, I'm going to have to get a job that isn't the regular 8hr-a-day type. I don't want everything given to me but I can't do hard work and training together.

And he's not only found that Munich didn't bring him everything he expected, but he's also discouraged by the NCAA and AAU and television interruptions.

With regard to the NCAA championships this June: "I understand that preliminaries will be held in the evenings but the finals are scheduled at 3:00 in the afternoon to accommodate TV. I will only run one race there, because the meet is being held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It appears to me the members of the selecting committee pick these sites because they are thinking about a vacation rather than track. It's too hot there to run two races."

But he's equally disenchanted with the AAU. He said he plans to spend most of the coming summer in Europe. "But it won't be as one of the AAU tours. The AAU just uses athletes. I've had enough of that. I want to have some fun as well as good competition."

And Montreal? "That's three years away. The Munich Olympics were not a high class event. The conditions were bad."

Well, then, what about ITA pro circuit as a viable alternative? He admitted to a casual interest in the venture, expressed hope that it will succeed, and that he could possibly see a future for himself as a pro in two or three years. "I would be interested in it for the right offer, but so far there doesn't seem to be enough money. It will take more than \$25,000 to buy my amateurism. I know I have to get more than what they're giving [Kip] Keino."

If, when, and/or as "Premania" spreads, the maniacal achievements of Steve Prefontaine may be fully realized—and against the best fields of invitational races or the championships of the NCAA, AAU and Olympic Games, wherever they may be staged. □

young season.

Feuerbach came back after a relatively "weak" opener (66-4%) to throw 69-1¼, 69-2, 68-7, foul and 68-2¼, a respectable series averaging a shade under 68-3½ for five legal puts. For an encore, Feuerbach utilized a discus turn "a la Oldfield" to heave the shot out to the 65ft marker. The real competition was for 2nd, where Bruce Wilhelm edged Kent Pagel, 61-8 to 61-½. UCLA's Dave Schiller joined teammate Pagel over the 60ft mark with 60-3½ for 4th.

Steve Smith failed to clear the "still-magic" 18ft barrier, but fulfilled his promise to beat the pros. He noted later, "[Bob] Seagren would have finished 3rd here" (comparing his 17-5¼ best and Hans Lagerqvist's 17-1 to Seagren's 17-0 the night before). Smith told reporters he had entertained thoughts of turning pro but, "They won't last if all their meets are like last night!"

UCLA substituted Gordon Peppers for Ron Gaddis in their usual sprint relay lineup and responded with an 0.4 improvement. The Bruins needed every one of their sharp handoffs to hold off Chuck Smith's closing rush for Cal International (40.3).

John Powell got his first 200ft whip of the year with his 201-5 winning toss. Last season's longest throwing collegian, Steve Gunzel, could only

manage 174-8 for 9th, more than 20ft under his best at Santa Barbara the day before.

In other highlights, Mark Winzenried led from the start to win the 880 in an excellent early-season time, 1:48.7. Best of the windy marks was Tommy Lee White's easy 13.5 hurdle victory. UCLA's Clim Jackson came on strong over the last three barriers to edge teammate Charles Rich, 13.8 to 13.9, for runnerup. Steve Williams doubled with 9.4 and 21.1 wins in the sprint sections. The 220 was especially impressive as he slowed to a virtual walk the final 15y.

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HJ, Stones 7-1; 2. Matzdorf 7-0; 3. Shepard 7-0; . . . nh—Joseph. PV, Smith 17-5¼; 2. Lagerqvist" 17-1. . . nh—Isaksson". LJ, McAlister 25-8¼w (25-2¼ok). TJ(w), Tiff 51-2. SP, Feuerbach 69-2 (66-4¼, 69-1¼, 69-2, 68-7, f, 68-2¼; 2. B. Wilhelm 61-8; 3. Pagel 61-½; 4. Schiller 60-3¼. DT, Powell 201-5. JT, Strickland 239-8. 440R, UCLA 40.0 (Welch, Brown, Parks, Peppers); 2. Cal International 40.3.



Len Hilton (c) trails Juris Luzins here in the Florida Relays mile, but Hilton romped home victorious in a fine early-season 3:58.5 clocking ahead of Luzins (4:00.2) and Byron Dyce (l) at 4:01.2. /Bob Kasper/

FLORIDA Hilton Whips 3:58.3 Mile; Hurdles Thrice Hit in 13.6

Gainesville, Fla., March 28-31 /by Bill Buchalter/—Leonard Hilton's 3:58.5 mile took the breath away from a capacity 6600 Florida Relays crowd Saturday but Hilton's highlight simply symbolized a two-day carnival in which 30 records were broken and three equaled in high school, age-group, university and open divisions.

Hilton gave credit to Juris Luzins of the US Marine Corps for his 1973 world leading mile leading time. "If Juris hadn't gone out so fast, I never could have run the time." Luzins, outkicked off the final turn, finished 2nd in 4:00.2. Byron Dyce, the former NYU and Jamaica Olympic runner, was a close 3rd at 4:01.2.

It was the fastest mile ever run in the state of Florida, and the first time ever a sub-4:00 mile was recorded at the newly named Percy Beard Track.

Hilton's 3:58.5 was the cream of an entire sparkling crop of spring-entering performances which included these goodies:

A 13.6 victory in the high hurdles by Jeff Howser of the Florida Track Club over Larry Shipp in the open division, the same time Charles Foster of North Carolina Central used to nip Florida State's Danny Smith with a final burst in the university division.

A 27:54.0 6M victory for Frank Shorter, who had just gotten off the plane from Italy in time to run. "I warmed up by jogging through the airport while waiting for my flights," he said. That same race produced a world age-group mark for 17-year-old Robbie Perkins of Collegiate Prep School in Richmond, Va., who turned in a 28:54.4 for 4th place behind Shorter, Olympian Jeff Galloway and Ken Misner.

A collegiate record in the hurdles relay by Florida, the Gators' four-some of Hesley Bostic (13.9), Harold Smith (14.1), John Power (13.8) and Roger Peterson (14.1) turning in a 55.9 to better the mark of 56.7 held by Kansas and Michigan State. Only a 55.4 by the Striders is faster all-time.

A 7899 decathlon victory for Jeff Bennett, with the aid of a 47.5 400 and 16-5 vault. Two newcomers to the event came up with impressive first-ever scores, as former Richmond intermediate hurdler Carl Wood used his barrier busting skills to clock 14.4 in the highs en route to a 7606 2nd place and Southern Illinois high jumper Bill Hancock used his best event (6-10) to tally 7330 in 3rd.

A brilliant mile relay race in which Alabama's Randy Faust withstood savage legs by North Carolina Central's Julius Sang (45.3) and Florida's Beaufort Brown (45.1) to record a 45.8 of his own and bring Alabama to the tape 1st in 3:08.2.

A triple sprint performance by Memphis State's Ed Hammonds, who won the 100 (9.5) and anchored a pair of victorious relay teams (40.4 and 1:25.0) to win the outstanding performer award.



Florida State's Tyrone Frederick (l) clocked 1:48.7 for his 880 anchor in the Florida Relays sprint medley but Robert Ouko gave North Carolina Central a narrow win as both teams timed 3:19.4. Ouko's split was 1:48.9. /Kasper/

/March 30(1)-31(b), decathlon March 28-29; attendance 3500(a), 6600(b)/ 100(b, ok), Hammonds 9.5. 880(a), Ouko' 1:49.5. Mile(b), Hilton 3:58.5; 2. Luzins 4:00.2; 3. Dyce' 4:01.2. St(b), B. Brown 8:53.0. 3M(b), Galloway 13:38.6. 6M(a), Shorter 27:54.0; 2. Galloway 28:02.8; 3. Misner 28:08.8. 120HH(a, ok), Howser 13.6; 2. Shipp 13.7. Univ 120HH(b, ok), Foster 13.6; 2. Smith' 13.6. Heats(b): 1(ok)-1. Smith' 13.7. 440H(b), Sullivan 52.0. Mar(b), Spencer 2:30:53.8. HJ(b), Hancock 6-10. PV(b), Cotton 16-7½. LJ(a, ok), Haynes 24-3¼. TJ(b, ok), McClure 52-1¼; 2. Porbeini' 51-0. SP, Griffin 56-3½. HT(a), Dinneen' 197-11. JT(b), Schmidt 245-4. Dec, Bennett 7899 (10.9, 23-5¼, 41-11½, 6-4, 47.5, 15.2, 120-5½, 16-5, 181-10½, 4:21.1); 2. Wood 7606 (unverified total—11.2, 21-9¼, 42-9, 6-1¼, 49.0, 14.4, 145-6, 12-6, 194-5½, 4:21.3); 3. Hancock 7330.

440R, (b), Memphis State 40.5 (Knight, Fox, Taylor, Hammonds); 2. Florida A&M 40.5. Heats(a): 1-1. Memphis State 40.5. 880R(a), Memphis State 1:25.0. MileR(b), Alabama 3:08.2 (Harris 47.6, Sullivan 47.9, Russell 46.9, Faust 45.8); 2. North Carolina Central 3:09.3; 3. Florida 3:09.7; 4. Troy State 3:09.9. 2MR(a), Florida State 7:28.8. 4MR(a), Duke 16:37.8 (Eden, S. Wheeler, Beardmore, B. Wheeler). SpMedR(b), North Carolina Central 3:19.4 (Foster 20.8, Sang' 20.9, Thompkins 48.8, Ouko' 1:48.9). DisMedR(b), Duke 9:55.4. HHR(b), Florida 55.9 CR (Bostic 13.9, Smith 14.1, Power 13.8, Peterson 14.1); 2. Penn 56.1; 3. North Carolina Central 57.8; 4. Baptist 58.5.

Five happy hurdlers celebrate Florida's college best 55.9 high hurdle relay at Florida (l-r): Roger Peterson (14.1), John Power (13.8), coach Jeff Howser, Harold Smith (14.1) and Hesley Bostic (13.9). The time is 2nd-fastest ever. Howser won the open highs with 13.6. /Phil Bannister/



Lefty Sam Colson Seeking Consistency With 290

A concerned frown wrinkled Kansas coach Bob Timmons' face as he neared the Alabama practice football field that was to be used for the javelin competition during the March 24 Kansas-Alabama dual. Resting in the half-brown, half-green grass about 240ft out on the left side of the field was a blocking sled used in football drills.

"Heck, I was just afraid Sam (Colson) would throw the javelin right into that thing," Timmons related a couple days later. "He's a lefty, and his throws sometimes go to the left side of the field, so I was afraid he might ruin a javelin." No mention was made about possible retaliations from 'Bama football coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant. Timmons' fears were laid aside as Colson zinged his first throw a couple of chalk-lines beyond the sled.

"Our hurdler Bob Bornkessel jogged over to me and said, 'Coach, Sam threw that one 95y [285ft] and I kind of laughed and told him, 'Now Bob, you know you were never good at reading yard markers'."

But Bornkessel was correct and Timmons was happily relieved. Colson simply retrieved the spear and tossed his second throw 2ft farther (about 287ft). Then he closed his 1973 opener with a 290-10 lob that moved him to 3rd on the all-time US list and gave him more than an 18ft improvement over any other season. This 6-6, 265lb one-time prep all-state basketball player from Mankato, Kans., is now 10th on the all-time world list, and owns history's longest-ever season-opening performance.

Yielding to Tuscaloosa's unfavorable weather conditions and a fear of injury that haunts all javelin throwers, Colson and Timmons decided to call it a day after those three tosses. Timmons pointed out that Colson sometimes reverts to a side-arm delivery which could prove disastrous. Sam didn't throw through the point of the javelin on either of his first two throws which, coupled with the brisk, coolish breeze drifting across the field, caused the tail-end to wag. So Colson retired with his victory, the 4th farthest throw ever by a collegian (best-ever by a lefty), and remained rather nonplussed.

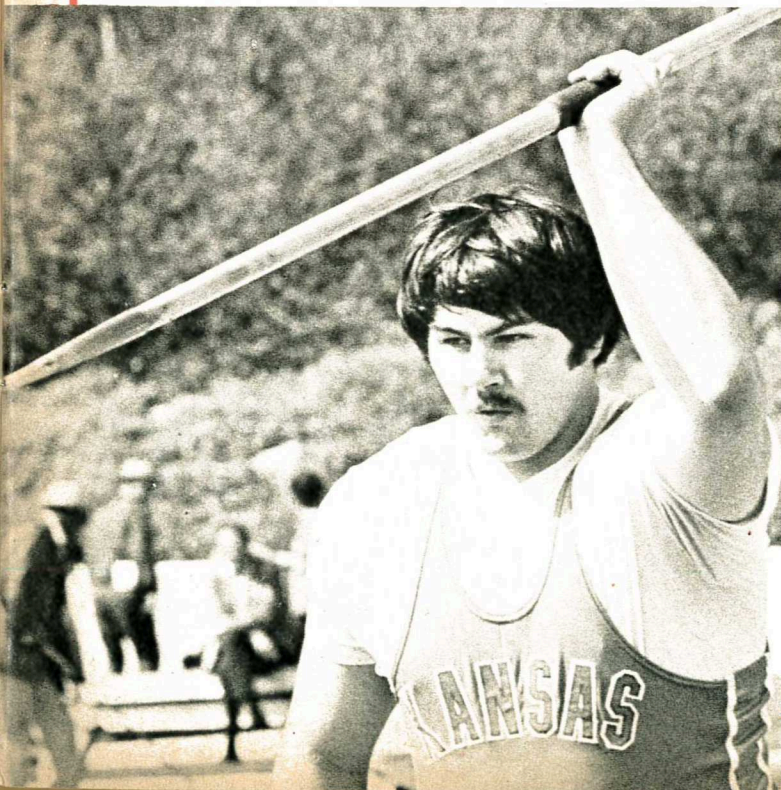
"In practice, I had thrown a couple over 270 and one near 280," Colson relates, "so I thought maybe I was 'there', since I usually don't throw very well in practice. I was warming up over 260, and I wasn't putting a lot in it, so I wasn't too surprised with the first throw."

A big question is why this sudden improvement, especially after what was a seemingly inconsistent 1972 season ending with a lowly 10th at the FOT? Among his 8 meets over 237, he won only 3.

"Well, I thought I was consistent," Colson points out. "I didn't want to throw well until late, the last three or four meets. And that's when I threw over 260 (1st at Big 8 at 264-0) and then 270 (272-5 for his previous best-ever at the USTFF to win), and then 255-5 at the NCAA (3rd). But at the FOT I had a pulled muscle in my leg." Colson strained a hamstring in a sprint race with Karl Salb less than two weeks prior to the meet. It was a season-wrecker on an injury since Colson normally relies on a powerful plant as a primary ingredient for success. In conjunction with a strong plant, Colson has good speed, which he's trying to improve on.

"My major interest is to increase my speed into the throw but be in

Sam Colson has hit 290-10 and 288-8 in his first two 73 meets. /Chip Gane/



control," Colson explains. "Anyone can increase speed simply by running faster. But you have to maintain control."

He is apparently trying to shake any 1973 inconsistency tags. In fact, the mustachioed Kansan thought he had an even better throw the following Saturday off UCLA's sandy runway. Officials had marked the chalk lines 5ft too long and what at first appeared to be a 293ft toss measured 288-8, still among history's top 55 performances. Though Kansas entered the Wichita State Relays one week later, Colson opted not to throw.

Colson coincidentally pumped the 290-10 throw on his 22nd birthday. In a record sense, it was an odd quirk of fate. The age-21 mark is held by Norway's former world recordman Terje Pedersen (300-11), and if Sam had thrown one day earlier he would only have broken Cary Feldmann's US mark (275-6). But since he was 22, Sam clipped Finn Hannu Siitonen's 290-1 for the world standard. The old US best was 284-0 by Arizona's John Tushaus.

Sam hasn't changed his training schedule drastically compared with a year ago, though there are a couple of significant differences. "I'm not lifting heavy weights this year. Last year I was lifting 'all-out' at this time because I didn't want to peak early. I have cut down the poundage because I want to be consistent the whole year," Colson explains. "The important thing is to maintain my arm speed and still work weights. And I am stronger this year.

"A lot of javelin throwers will do a lot of weights during the winter but will do no throwing whatsoever and will come outside and do one of two things—either have a slow arm or pull a muscle."

Colson picked up a throwing drill last year that he has found to be an excellent drill for keeping his arm speed at a proper level. He throws a steel ball (either 3½lb or 6lb depending on time of year,) into a nylon net. It may be repeated as many as several hundred times during a single practice session.

"This drill helps Sam retain the great arm speed that is one of his major assets," Timmons says. "But the most important thing he has to work on is flexibility. He really worked weights hard his first two years at Kansas and as a result lost a lot of the flexibility that is necessary for a javelin thrower.

"He needed the strength he derived from the weights, but it has to be balanced with flexibility exercises too. I tried to point out to him early that a lot of the great throwers aren't big people, but they're highly flexible. He's a great big guy and if some way we can gain on the flexibility, then he'd have a lot more physical attributes going for him than some of the greatest throwers."

World's 290-plus throwers (with number of 290-plus meets in parentheses):

Janis Lusia (SU)	(21)	307-9	Klaus Wolfermann (WG)	(2)	296-10
Jorma Kinnunen (Fin)	(7)	304-1½	Janis Donins (SU)	(1)	293-1
Pauli Nevala (Fin)	(10)	303-11	Bill Skinner (US)	(1)	291-9½
Terje Pedersen (Nor)	(1)	300-11	Sam Colson (US)	(1)	290-10
Mark Murro (US)	(2)	300-0	Hannu Siitonen (Fin)	(2)	290-7½
Manfred Stolle (EG)	(1)	297-6			

Of the throwers who have longer marks than Sam, only fellow American Bill Skinner has a similar (6-7, 240lb) physical make-up. Most fall into the pattern of world record holder Janis Lusia (5-11, 198).

"I've borrowed a lot of things from Lusia, although I don't look like him. I have a style all my own, but I've picked up things like his hip drive," Colson says. "I've had to learn from right-handed people about everything, so it's pretty easy for me to interpolate now. All you have to do is change your feet around each time." /Don Steffens/ □

Is US Vast Javelin Wasteland?

Is the US really the javelin wasteland some long-time track followers contend when compared to Europe's fertile spear haven? Yes and no. Comparing the US statistically with perennial jav power the USSR in 13yr between 1960-72 might lead to the "no": in 7 of those 13yr, more US throwers ranked in the world top 50 than Soviet and the US has kept fairly close-pace depthwise, leading in performers on the 100-deep world list in 5yr, while the USSR led 7yr with 1 tied. The US's finest Olympic javelin showing in 20yr came at Munich (see pages 34-35).

A general "yes" comes from Phil Conley, long-time jav thrower (a 56 US Olympian) and a keen observer of the event: "Certainly the US's Munich showing and the blossoming of a thrower like Sam Colson are promising for the future. But there are still the same problems as when I threw—poor runways to alter timing and technique, few if any knowledgeable coaches, baseball and football instilling bad throwing habits in youths, few states throwing the jav regularly in school. Also, while the process of finding good athletes has improved, there is very little to keep athletes in the sport but their own goals and enthusiasm. The question of what an athlete gives up from his career to reach a zenith in track is a difficult one. European throwers stay around a long time and they prime for international competition, not mainly for the nationals like Americans. But it is promising a collegian like Colson has emerged and all our Olympians made it after college."



(L) Vince Breddell zipped a 20.6w. /Drennan/
(R) Carl Wood, 7606 decathlon debut. /Kasper/

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS Colson First Shocks at 290-10, Returns to 288-8

New Orleans, La.(o), Feb. 3-Mar, Burfoot 2:20:24.
 Newark, Dela.(i), Feb. 25 /d/-440, M.Black 48.2.
 Columbia, Mo.(i), March 9-TJ, Taylor 52-3%.
 Baton Rouge, La.(o), March 10-TJ(nwi), Johnson 51-4%.
 Crete, Nebr.(i), March 10-HJ, Nielsen 7-0.
 Alpine, Tex.(o), March 17-TJ(w), Pomanyer' 52-1/2.
 Boulder, Colo(i), March 17-60, Heats, KariKari' 5.9. 60HH, Lockwood 6.9.
 Eugene, Ore.(o), March 17-2000m, Prefontaine 5:06.2 (2nd performer, performance all-time US).
 Clarksville, Tenn.(o), March 22-LJ(ok), Carter 25-7%.
 Princeton, N.J.(i), March 24 /d/-HJ, Halton 7-0. MileR, Essex CC 3:14.3.
 Greenville, S.C.(o), March 24-TJ(nwi), Gaines 51-4%. 440R, Norfolk State 40.5.
 HRR, North Carolina Central 58.5.
 Tuscaloosa, Ala.(o), March 24-Kansas' Sam Colson moved to 3rd all-time US performer with a toss of 290-10 in a dual vs. Alabama. His previous best was in 1972, at 272-5. 120HH(ok), Vandaveer 13.8. PV, Porter 17-0. JT, Colson 290-10.
 Baton Rouge, La.(o), March 24-Strong aiding winds helped produce a raft of topflight performances at the LSU Invitational. 100(7.6), Porter 9.3. 220(w), Misher 20.7. 120HH(10.4), Stubbs 13.4. LJ(8.9), Smith 25-11%. DT, Stadel 194-6. 440R, Southwestern Louisiana 40.5.
 Detroit, Mich.(i), March 24 /c/-600, Vinson 1:10.2.
 West Lafayette, Ind.(i), March 24-60, Adu' 6.0. LJ, Bolin 25-2%.
 Chicago, Ill.(i), March 24-60, Edwards 6.0.
 Houston, Tex.(o), March 24-120HH(w), Milburn 13.6. SP, LeDuc 61-9. 440R, Alcorn A&M 40.5; 2. Texas Southern 40.5.
 Austin, Tex.(o), March 24-SP, Brosius 62-5%.
 College Station, Tex.(o), March 24-LJ(w), Brabham 26-9% (24-3, 26-0, 26-4%, 26-7%, 26-9%, 26-9%); 2. Thompson 25-6%. SP, Walker 61-10%.
 El Paso, Tex.(o), March 24-SP, Hoglund' 63-4%. HT, Farmer' 213-10.
 Santa Barbara, Calif.(o), March 24-HJ, Joseph 7-2; 2. Owens 7-0. DT, Gunzel 195-3.



Gary Quitslund hurled the jav a PR 264-7. /S. Sutton/

Pullman, Wash.(o), March 24-2M, Riley 8:49.0.
 New Brunswick, N.J.(o), March 25-HT, Djerassi 200-6.
 Albuquerque, N.M.(o), March 25-PV, Speer 17-1.
 El Paso, Tex.(o), March 27-SP, Hoglund' 63-8. HT, Farmer' 221-2. 440R, UTEP 40.5.
 Santa Barbara, Calif.(o), March 27-28-The Santa Barbara decathlon was captured by John Warkentin with 7612 points, with Roger George of Fresno State and Rory Kenward of UCSB moving to the front of the collegiate list for the year as George added 40 points to his PR and Kenward matched his. Dec, Warkentin 7612 (11.3, 22-9, 44-3%, 6-4, 48.8, 14.8, 143-8, 12-9%, 193-1, 4:22.1); 2. George 7557 (11.4, 23-2, 41-8%, 6-3, 49.9, 15.3, 130-11, 15-0, 174-8, 4:19.5); 3. Kenward 7453.
 Raleigh, N.C.(o), March 31-TJ(w), Davenport 51-3%.
 Chapel Hill, N.C.(o), March 31-2M, McAfee 8:41.6.
 Bowling Green, Ky.(o), March 31-220(w), Rowe' 20.8. SP, Stuart 61-2.
 Baton Rouge, La.(o), March 31-HJ, Oates 7-0. 440R, Kansas State 40.2 (Washington, Merrill, Fields, Williams); 2. Texas 40.4.
 Ruston, La.(o), March 31-120HH(-5.0), Stubbs 13.7.

Oklahoma City, Okla.(o), March 31-100(w), Stinson 9.2; 2. Gulley 9.3.
 Stillwater, Okla.(o), March 31-100(w), Schultz 9.1; 2. Pettes 9.2. 220(w), Schultz 20.6.
 Prairie View, Tex.(o), March 31-LJ(w), Allen 25-6%.
 Houston, Tex.(o), March 31-PV, Roberts 17-0.
 Dallas, Tex.(o), March 31-SP, Walker 65-5.
 Denton, Tex.(o), March 31-100(w), Taylor 9.3.
 El Paso, Tex.(o), March 31-SP, Hoglund' 63-10%. HT, Farmer' 216-3.
 Provo, Utah(o), March 31-TJ(ok), Langeland' 51-8%.
 Tempe, Ariz.(o), March 31-HJ, Shepard 7-0. SP, Semkiw 61-4%. 440R, Arizona State 40.1 (Wells, McCullough, Chewing, Peoples).
 Tucson, Ariz.(o), March 31-HJ, Joseph 7-0. DT, Gunzel 193-4.
 Westwood, Calif.(o), March 31-The UCLA (108)-Tennessee (44)-Kansas (40) triangular was the occasion for a significant number of high-quality performances as the three collegiate powers met. 120HH(3.0), Rich 13.7. HJ, Stones 7-0. PV, Tracanelli' 17-5; 2. Porter 17-4. LJ, McAlister 25-6%w (25-6%ok). TJ, Freeman 53-1ok; 2. Tiff 51-4%w. SP, Schiller 60-10%. JT, Colson 288-8. 440R, UCLA 40.1 (Wilson, Brown, Parks, Peppers).
 Claremont, Calif.(o), March 31-HJ, Owens 7-1.
 Quartz Hill, Calif.(o), March 31-In two competitions, Gary Ordway and Miles Lister used the wind to good advantage, whistling the disc 207-5 and then 201-7. DT: I-1. Ordway 207-5. II-1. Lister 201-7; 2. Weber 197-4; 3. Ordway 196-0.
 San Jose, Calif.(o), March 31-220(10.2), Breddell 20.6; 2. Rodgers 20.7. 120HH(7.6), Carty 13.7. SP, Marks 62-8%.
 Eugene, Ore.(o), March 31-2M, Prefontaine 8:31.8; 2. Geis 8:37.2.
 Seattle, Wash.(o), March 31-LJ(w), Bolin 25-9%. JT, Luke 259-7; 2. Feldmann 252-3.
 Los Angeles, Calif.(o), April 6-HT, Connolly 199-5.
 Torrance, Calif.(o), April 6-PV, Smith 17-9.
 Lexington, Ky.(o), April 6(a)-7(b)-660(b), Vinson 1:17.2. 6M(a), Minty' 28:08.6.
 TJ(b, ok), Craft 52-4%. HT(a), Dinneen' 200-10.
 Annapolis, Md.(o), April 7-2M, Keogh' 8:42.8. HT, Bregar 207-9.
 Lafayette, La(o), April 7-SP, Stadel 60-11.
 Wichita, Kans.(o), April 7-120HH(w), Vandaveer 13.7.
 Stillwater, Okla.(o), April 7-220(nwi), Schultz 20.7.
 Austin, Tex.(o), April 7-SP, Walker 61-4%.
 El Paso, Tex.(o), April 7-100(w), Stewart' 9.2; 2. Brisco 9.2; 3. Perkins 9.3. 220(w), Perkins 20.7. TJ(w), Tubb 51-7%. SP, Hoglund' 65-1/2. HT, Farmer' 219-10.
 Los Angeles, Calif.(o), April 7-HJ, Fletcher 7-0. LJ(ok), McAlister 25-8%. TJ(ok), Tiff 52-3. SP, Schiller 60-7%. 440R, UCLA 40.2.
 Los Angeles, Calif.(o), April 7-120HH(-6.6), Wilson 13.7. HJ, Owens 7-2%. JT, Kennedy' 250-3. 440R, Southern Cal 39.9 (Richardson, Wilson, Randle, Quarrie); 2. California 40.3.
 Sacramento, Calif.(o), April 7-Al Feuerbach highlighted the Sacramento State Relays by producing the 4th 70-footer of his career. SP, Feuerbach 70-2 (69-2%, 69-9%, 70-2, 67-2, f, 68-7). DT, Powell 198-7.
 Eugene, Ore.(o), April 7-St, Lathers 8:49.2. DT, Wilkins 191-1. JT, Quitslund 264-7.
 Corvallis, Ore.(o), April 7-Tom Woods celebrated his 20th birthday by soaring over a PR 7-4%, a height bettered by only 5 other jumpers ever. St, Hill 8:46.2. HJ, Woods 7-4%; 2. Fleer 7-0; 3. Niehl 7-0. LJ(nwi), Delamere' 25-9%. □

Pro Seagren Spars Verbally With Amateur Smith

There is no love lost between Steve Smith and Bob Seagren, leading vaulters on the amateur and pro circuits. The Los Angeles-based pair have been taking an increasing number of shots at each other recently. As reported in I March, it all began after Seagren beat his younger rival at the FOT. Smith told him, "Kjell Isaksson will beat you. He is the best in the world." Smith admits that his fierce competitiveness causes him to instantly dislike other vaulters, but he apparently has a special edge for Seagren.

The *LA Times* column of Harley Tinkham revealed some pre-meet bantering before the Los Angeles ITA/UCLA Meet of Champions weekend. "He [Seagren] is a weird kind of monkey," says Smith. "He can't break any record. First, he's a pro and their records don't count. Second, if he does break my record, I'm sure I'll jump higher Sunday." Seagren's response was, "I'm pretty confident of breaking the record. It's also a chance to make someone eat his words." He says "someone" because he does not refer to Smith by name. "I guess he thinks he's taken over the event, but he's going to have to wait a few years. Actually, I'm glad to hear him spouting off. I'm more charged up than ever." (73 bests: Smith 18-1/4, Seagren 17-6)

Seagren reached only 17-0, but had a few more goodies to produce about his former Olympic teammate: "As for him, he does a lot of talking. As long as I vault high it doesn't matter what he says. I wish he would turn pro so we could go head-to-head every night and we could see who is really better. As long as I vault higher I don't see where he has room to talk."

Prior to the meet, Smith had said of turning pro, "I'm still waiting for an offer from Mr. O'Hara." But the next day he had a slightly different tune. "They won't last if all their meets are like last night," he said. Pacific Coast Club coach Tom Jennings concurred, adding, "I think Steve should sign—if they offer him \$100,000 so he can have some security." Smith won the weekend height contest, bettering Seagren's 17-0 with his 17-5 1/4. He rubbed a little salt in the wound by noting "he would have finished only 3rd here."

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LOS ANGELES ITA

Oldfield Decisive; Edmonson, Pender, Rav Deadheat

Los Angeles, Calif., March 24 /by Garry Hill/—Flying under the guise of the Western Airlines International Track Association Pro Track Classic (sorry, an acronym of WAITAPTC isn't much help), professional track made its maiden voyage into the bigtime circuit with a visit to the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Every flight has its ups and downs, as did the meet, with the biggest highs coming from massive Brian Oldfield and the sprint troika of Warren Edmonson, Mel Pender and Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa.

Looking more muscly than ever, strongman Oldfield out-everythinged the competition. Still the most wildly dressed, Oldfield also grunted the loudest and most importantly, threw the farthest, becoming the 4th putter ever to best 68ft indoors. Getting prodigious height on most throws, Barney eclipsed his old indoor topper of 67-7 on 4 of 6 efforts, opening with 68-1 and 68-¾ punches. He finished with a PR 68-4¼ after 67-6, 67-11¼ and 66-11 tries. As ebullient as ever, after the competition Oldfield reiterated his thoughts that the world record is just around the corner for him. "I'm still good for the record," he said. "But I want to break it a little bit at a time. I can make more money that way. Hell, I think if I popped a 73-footer I'd probably step out of the front of the ring on purpose. I can't do it all at once." The rest of the ITA weight coterie appeared unready to offer Oldfield a challenge yet, Randy Matson (65-9), coming closest.

The winning time in the 60, 6.2, wasn't impressive at face-value, but takes on significance in light of the fully-automatic electrical timing, which cost the dashers 0.3-0.2, in this instance though 0.05-0.15 is more common. Dependable hand-timing had the winner(s) in 5.9 and 6.0. Just who won turned out to be something of a conundrum. The finish judges said Ravelo, Edmonson, Pender. Using the ITA rules on the finish picture (measuring the head, not the torso) produced an incredibly tight finish of Edmonson, Pender ¼" back, Ravelo another ½" back. Head referee Bert Nelson commented that the finish was, "the tightest I have ever seen". But since the athletes had not been informed that the pro rules would be in effect, the amateur standards were applied, with the result that no differentiation could be made. It was impossible to determine where necks ended and bodies began.

Each of the three winners dominated a segment of the race. Surprisingly, it was Edmonson who led out of the blocks on a ragged start. Pender came on strongly with one of the best mid-race accelerations he has ever produced, and Ravelo came up quickly at the tape. Although Edmonson apparently looked strong early, he commented, "I didn't feel my start was that good, but I had good acceleration and finish."

The featured Kip Keino-Jim Ryun mile duel didn't pan out, as Ryun couldn't match Keino's slowish 60.7, 2:01.1, 3:02.4 pace. The gun fired a lap early in this race, though the side board erroneously read "1 lap" as well and with Keino slowing to a 63.6 last quarter, after a too-early acceleration, Ryun made a try with a 57.7, but the margin was too much. The Kenyan was the winner, 4:06.0 to 4:07.1.

/160y banked board=c; attendance 12,280; fully-automatic electrical timing/ 60, tie, Edmonson, Pender & Ravelomanantsoa' 6.2. 500m, Evans 1:03.9. 1000, Von Ruden 2:10.3; 2. Ellison 2:10.3. Mile, Keino' 4:06.0; 2. Ryun 4:07.1. 2M, Howe 8:52.0. 60HH, Coleman 7.2; 2. Babb 7.2. HJ, tie, Caruthers & Radetich 7-0. PV, Seagren 17-0; 2. Phillips 16-9. LJ, Beamon 26-5½ (26-5½, 26-0, f, 26-4¼, f); 2. Hines 25-4¼. SP, Oldfield 68-4¼ (68-1, 68-¾, 67-6, 67-11¼, 67-11, 68-4¼); 2. Matson 65-9; 3. DeBernardi 64-5¼; 4. Salb 63-10¼.

PORTLAND ITA

Oldfield Ups PR to 68-8½, Hines Avenges Beamon

Portland, Ore., March 30 /by Bob Hersh/—Very little of significance happened at the second official meet of the pro tour. For ITA, after the confusion at Los Angeles, that was progress. There was no evidence of the administrative problems that marred the official debut last week. The program went smoothly and on time.

But performances were relatively routine, in spite of some fine field event competition. The meet, like so many of this season's major amateur indoor meets, was generally lacking in excitement.

The top events were the long jump and the shot put. Bob Beamon jumped over 26ft again, 26-½ to be exact, but Henry Hines popped out to 26-6¾ to avenge his losses at Pocatello and LA. In the shot, Barney Oldfield raised his pro indoor record to 68-8½, while Karl Salb got off his best effort since 1971 with a 67-2½ toss which relegated Randy Matson to 3rd at 65-7.

Jim Ryun and Kip Keino ran separate races, and neither had close competition. Ryun zipped away from Jerome Howe with a 55.4 last quarter, but the time of 4:06.5 was nothing for the headline writers. Neither was Keino's 8:46.0 2M, a virtual solo show.

Warren Edmonson remained undefeated as a pro with a close decision over Mel Pender in 6.1. But the real sprint news was the King of the Hill 40 which saw Cliff Branch decisively outrun Bob Hayes, who many experts consider the fastest man who ever lived. But that was in 1964, 9yr ago, and

nobody really believed that he was still the indomitable sprinter that he once was. Still, the sight of Robert Hayes losing a footrace was a stunning one to anyone who remembered what speed resided in his legs.

Lee Evans remained the master of 500y, leading the whole way for a 57.5 win over Larry James and Vince Matthews. Chris Fisher took the 1000 in 2:10.6 with Kerry Ellison nipping Tom Von Ruden at the tape for 2nd.

The vertical jumps were marred by the facilities as the vaulters had trouble with what they said was a poor box, while the take-off area in the high jump area had the tendency to slip a bit on impact. Dick Fosbury's debut in the latter event was a flop. The 1968 OG champion cleared no height.

/160y banked board=c; attendance 7435/ 60, Edmonson 6.1. 500, Evans 57.5. 1000, Fisher' 2:10.6. Mile, Ryun 4:06.4. 2M, Keino' 8:46.0. 60HH, Coleman 7.1. HJ, Jourdan 7-0; 2. Radetich 7-0. PV, Phillips 16-3. LJ, Hines 26-6¾ (25-11¼, 25-9¾, 26-6¾, f, p, p); 2. Beamon 26-¾. SP, Oldfield 68-8½ (68-7, 68-8½, f, 67-2, f, 68-2¼); 2. Salb 67-2½; 3. Matson 65-7; 4. DeBernardi 64-6.

SAN FRANCISCO ITA

Oldfield Bags 69-11½ Pro Best; Radetich Tops 7-4

Daly City, Calif., April 1 /by Garry Hill/—Currently the hottest piece of property on the ITA circuit, burly Brian Oldfield did nothing to diminish his value during the San Francisco stopover of pro track's roadshow. The unquestioned star of the meet, Oldfield not only received the loudest cheers of the meet for his new world shot record, but also received the biggest acclamation of any performer on the track.

Throwing the shot with a bandaged right elbow ("I got a catch in it while I was warming up."), Oldfield's mediocre foul, 66-¾, 66-10¾, 66-6 series laid his undefeated pro status on the line going into the final round. The leader going into the last set of throws was a rejuvenated Karl Salb, with an anytime PR 67-8¼ in the 3rd round. Early in the competition Salb had commented, "I wish they'd get these races out of the way and let us throw, I can feel a good one in me." Salb, whose old PR came in 1970, gave credit to Al Feuerbach for a few suggestions which have led to his improvement.

Stepping into the ring for his last put, Oldfield gave with his mighty grunt and the ball plopped down right on the 70ft line. His 69-11½ toss is the best ever indoors (or outdoors), and has been topped anywhere by only four other performers (Randy Matson, George Woods, Hartmut Briesenick and Feuerbach). "I felt a responsibility to keep the meet going," said Oldfield. "I felt a great one coming before that catch in my elbow. It didn't leave me until the throw prior to the record." It gave him a perfect four meet win streak, in an event including all-time great Matson. One of his first activities as new record holder was to wander into the stands and shake hands with one-time record holder Feuerbach. And later, Oldfield too credited Al with helping his putting. "He told me I was opening up way too much," Barney related. And with his usual bombast he added, "What I've done is nothing to what I'm going to do. I've quit my job and I'm after money. I'll soon be throwing well up in the 70s."

The comment about Oldfield getting big cheers on the track is no April Fool. In a special match-race over 30y against Lacey O'Neal, Oldfield struck a blow against Women's Lib by exploding over the distance in 3.8 for an easy win, running the last 5y a la Borzov, both hands overhead. His quickness afoot stunned the reported 6365 spectators, who had sensed his defeat. The din was almost comparable to that he received for his big shot toss. "Who's next?" asked emcee Marty Liquori. "Bring on Mel Pender," growled Oldfield, probably hoping for a repeat of the open 60, where the mercurial Pender was ejected for two false starts.

Intermingled with Pender's two blunders were miscues by Cliff Branch and Harrington Jackson and a break by the whole field not charged in the open 60. When the gun went off for real, it was Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa breaking early in an outside lane. Warren Edmonson made a strong move late in the race, but Ravelo was never headed, scoring a 6.0 to 6.1 margin over his new rival, for a pro best.

Looking strong, fast, and displaying impeccable timing, John Radetich showed some of his Pocatello magic in the high jump, easily bounding over 6-11, 7-0 and 7-1 before a pair of misses at 7-2. With the bar raised to 7-4 for his "last" attempt, he skinned the crosspiece with his calves on the way down but it stayed on. Three "bonus" attempts at 7-5 weren't close (ITA rules only allow 6 jumps, but the winner can continue until he misses three in a row).

The oval featured a pair of quality races. In the 500m, Lee Evans chased the world record of 1:02.9, starting quickly, but the pacer lights passed him in the last lap. Larry James almost did too, as the pair dived across the line in 1:03.4. Aussie Chris Fisher let Tom Von Ruden do the early pacesetting in the 1000, then used a smoothly powerful acceleration in the last couple of laps to zoom by and record a 2:06.9, moving to equal-9th on the all-time world list in one of his first-ever jaunts on the boards.

/160y banked board=c; attendance 6365/ 60, Ravelomanantsoa 6.0. 500m, Evans 1:03.4; 2. James 1:03.4. 1000, Fisher' 2:06.9. Mile, Keino' 4:04.4. 2M, Howe 8:45.0; 2. Young 8:45.2. 60HH, Coleman 7.1; 2. Babb 7.1. HJ, Radetich 7-4; 2. Caruthers 7-1; 3. Jourdan 7-0. PV, Phillips 16-0. LJ, Hines 26-5¾ (f, 25-9¾, 25-6¾, 25-5¾, 26-5¾, p); 2. Beamon 26-3¾ (f, 26-3¾, f, p, p, f). SP, Oldfield 69-11½ WB, WPR (f, f, 66-¾,



by Garry Hill

(L) ITA banner (with T&FN head) /Johnson/; (R) ITA MC Liquori. /Chadez/

To paraphrase Winston Churchill's description of Mother Russia: ITA is a riddle wrapped in a mystery surrounded by an enigma.

The situation isn't really that complicated, but at this juncture many people must be scratching their heads and asking, "Just what is ITA?" After several weekends of "formal" competition, the jury is still out.

Although the Pocatello opener (II March) was a smash success under "informal" conditions, the followup affairs were somewhat less successful, with the press panning some aspects of the pro circuit. Most fans have had the opportunity to read much about ITA, but few have (or have had the chance to have) seen the ITA offering. So rather than make any rash judgments, let's attempt a description of just what ITA has to offer.

Basically, ITA is just good old track and field. The events have the same names, and even some of the faces are familiar. The rules might be slightly different in some cases, but you know what they are up to without thinking too hard. It is in the presentation that the big difference comes between the pro and old-line amateur meets.

Patrons of eastern indoor affairs would not be surprised to see emcee Marty Liquori announcing from the infield, but west coast fans who are used to a faceless, body-less Dwain Esper or Bob Steiner droning from the rafters might tend to find the fancily-dressed Liquori (tuxedo, ruffled shirt, butterfly tie) more at home as a barker on San Francisco's North Beach. But Marty does a creditable job. He has a pleasant voice, he knows the sport fairly well and he seems to have a good feeling for the crowd. Often conspicuously referring to his cue cards, he comes on with a bombast familiar to fight fans. After intoning the impressive credentials of performer X, he gives us a "Letttttt's hearrrr it for—BOBBBBB SEAGREN!" The spotlight gives a big flash, the athlete responds with a big smile and wave (as designated in the ITA handbook of protocol) and the crowd whoops and hollers. It makes for good rapport between athlete and fan. At LA, Liquori had a different spiel for each field event competitor for each of 6 attempts. That meant some pretty picayune details on some of the lesser-lights. This portion of the

program has now been streamlined and cut to one major intro per athlete. A major improvement. Timing of announcement problems cropped up at Portland and San Francisco, where John Dobroth and Bob Seagren additionally did the talking for the high jump and vault. Often two would begin talking at once and have to cut each other off in mid-announcement. One unique touch is to have Liquori bound over and confront the winner of an event with the mike to get his immediate on-the-spot reactions. The athletes are much more real in a situation such as this.

The original format called for only one event to be going on at a time, but after LA this was discontinued as the program dragged out and there were dead spots with nothing happening. Still, competitors take their turns, so only one piece of action is ever going on at once. Says operations director Jim Terrill, also headman of the San Francisco Examiner meet, "Amateur meets do resemble a three-ring circus. Some people, tracknuts, can follow almost everything and not be disappointed. The new, or casual fan, however, is turned off, baffled by it all." Anyone who has missed something at a meet because they were looking elsewhere would agree. Many people missed Pat Matzdorf's 7-4½ American record prior to his world record 7-6¼ at Berkeley in 71 when Esper said, "And if I might draw to your attention to the start of the women's 800." And as people turned to the start of the 800, the quick-jumping Matzdorf popped over the bar. This won't happen at ITA meets. And there are safeguards for you. Each competitor is announced by name before he begins down the runway, and he is followed by the spot all the way. Conversely, all other action ceases while a track race is underway, and Liquori keeps one well informed of what is happening. But then field eventers complain of the necessary delays while in competition caused by the races.

So how are the events themselves different? Well, timing is done by the head, not the torso. So that picks up a few 100ths of a second for the sprinters, an important consideration in the record department. Oval races are

66-10%, 66-6, 69-11½); 2. Salb 67-8¼ (65-2¼, 65-5, f, 65-1½, 65-0, 66-2); 3. Matson 66-2; 4. DeBernardi 64-1¼.

ALBUQUERQUE ITA Oldfield First to Bust 70ft Undercover: 70-9½

Albuquerque, April 6 /by Bert Nelson/—Brian Oldfield did it again. Termed explosive and uninhibited by announcer Marty Liquori, the new world indoor record holder was just that. He exploded his 270lb across the ring, uninhibitedly punctuating the effort with a prodigious grunt that was more a roar of determination. The plastic covered ball bounced at 70-9½. It was 10" beyond last week's new indoor best and put Oldfield second on the all-time list, behind only Randy Matson's 71-5½ outdoors in 1967. Despite two puts over 67ft, Matson was only 3rd (67-3) to the PR 67-10¼ of steadily improving Karl Salb.

Three other professional records were established as the ITA troupe came to town. The best was Bob Beamon's lone long jump effort. It measured 26-7½ but Beamon cramped up on the leap and scratched.

Kip Keino lowered the fledgling group's mile best to 4:03.7. He was just a second off his own arena record in an unpressed effort at 5000ft altitude. Chris Fisher, who looked so good running 2:06.9 for the 1000 last week, and Jerome Howe both showed nothing.

The final record went to Jim Ryun, who dropped down to the 880. He showed flashes of top form and confidence as he moved into the lead of a

tightly packed field with 220 to go and drove to a 1:51.3.

Mel Pender equaled the pro 60 record of 6.0 as did J.J. Jackson. Warren Edmonson, the big sprint winner until now, was pushed back to 4th. Still unbeaten, Leon Coleman once again ran 7.1 in the highs while Bob Hayes lowered his 40y best to 4.4, holding off Greg Pruitt.

/176y banked board=c/ 40, Hayes 4.4; 2. Pruitt 4.4. 60, Pender 6.0; 2. Jackson 6.0. 440, Evans 49.0. 880, Ryun 1:51.3; 2. Ellison 1:51.8; 3. Von Ruden 1:51.8. Mile, Keino' 4:03.7. 2M, Lindgren 9:09.6. 60HH, Coleman 7.1. HJ, Caruthers 7-0; 2. Jourdan 7-0; 3. Radetich 7-0. PV, Wedman 17-0. LJ, Beamon 26-7½; 2. Hines 25-10; 3. Carrington 25-6¾. SP, Oldfield 70-9½ WB (67-10, 68-3¼, 68-10¼, 69-4¼, 70-9½, f); 2. Salb 67-10¼; 3. Matson 67-3; 4. DeBernardi 66-2¼.

OKLAHOMA CITY ITA Oldfield 69-2½; Howe's 4:00.0 Gets Keino, Ryun

Oklahoma City, April 7 /by Bert Nelson/—Two of the biggest names on the pro circuit were featured in the climactic mile but neither Kip Keino nor Jim Ryun won. The well earned victory in a pro record 4:00.0 went to Jerome Howe who could be on his way to super-stardom.

Equal 7th on the world 1500 list last year, the former Kansas Stater was pretty much unrecognized. Too few can convert the 3:38.2 metric time to better than 3:56 for the mile and he missed becoming an Olympian by one spot. Until tonight he hadn't done much with the ITA and last night bombed a 4:13.1. But this time he came to run, unawed by his famous rivals.

guided along by a set of pacing lights which burn along at a predetermined rate. Vertical jumpers are given 6 attempts, period. They may take them at any height, but never put the bar lower than on a previous attempt. Three consecutive misses and you're out (this is an alteration of the original rules). The winner of the event is allowed to keep jumping until he has 3 consecutive misses (inclusive of any heights missed during the regular portion of the competition). The tie-breaking rules are unique. Unique in that the high jump and vault are treated like ordinary field events with six attempts. Best mark wins, and if there is a tie, then the second best is the determinant, and so on. Order of clearance is no factor. This rule is designated to give more clearances, as it is advantageous for a competitor to get in as many clearances as he can. Theoretically, the crowd will be treated to more makes than misses. But in LA, there were four makes in 30 high jump attempts and 5 of 32 pole vault tries. In the long jump, a marker which would be illegal under IAAF rules is permitted. A line is drawn across the long jump pit at the world record. In the shot, each competitor has his own balloon of a distinctive color which is set on the floor at his best put of the night.

So far, the ITA meets have produced world bests in four events (100m, 600m, high jump and shot put). They have what appears to be a very workable format. Their advisory staff reads like a Who's Who of track. Any regular reader of *T&FN* will have no trouble recognizing names such as Rafer Johnson, Rink Babka, Dick Bank, Jim Dunaway, Payton Jordan, George Moore, Ted Brock, Bert Nelson, Vince Reel, Wilbur Ross, Sam Skinner, Wayne Vandenburg, Verne Wolfe or Alex Woodley. And there is plenty of pro sports business mind and muscle behind it all in the person of Mike O'Hara. The promotion director is none less than Al Franken, widely-renowned as the top track impresario in the nation. The cast of athletes contains numerous world record holders and Olympians, plus "giants" such as Keino and Ryun. So why hasn't ITA caught on like it should have? Why did the Los Angeles, Portland and San Francisco meets get murdered by local papers and the national press?

Perhaps Jack Morris, the starter at the Portland meet, said it best: "This crowd is too knowledgeable to be fooled. It isn't interested in what a man was, only what he does." Apparently they haven't done enough so far. Says Bill Mulflur of the *Oregon Journal*, "What pro track needs most is more spring training." Indeed, many of the athletes just aren't in shape yet. They are starting anew where the rest of the track world is already getting into fair shape. And the supporting cast behind the superstars is weak, many of those secondary athletes not being of sufficient quality to be invited to regular indoor affairs. The fan doesn't want to pay good money for mediocre performances. Some eligible athletes are reportedly holding out for more money while top senior collegians aren't available until mid-June.

And the slick presentation hasn't been all that slick. The LA affair had two races in which the laps were miscounted. The athletes didn't understand the new rules in the vertical jumps until San Francisco and most tried for heights beyond their present abilities, with the result that clearances were few and far between. Apparently this has been straightened out and John Radetich started low and clear four heights. "Tonight was the first time I used the rules right," he said. "I've been having trouble getting used to them." The "torso vs. head" finish rule had not been fully explained to athletes or officials at LA, and the mix-up resulted in some harsh words. The pacer lights have not worked as planned. Too often the athletes have fallen behind too soon as unrealistic paces were chosen, setting the crowd to tittering. Headliner Bob Seagren sat out two meets because of a muscle pull. Jim Ryun was injured warming-up in San Francisco and didn't run against Keino, distressing the crowd greatly. This coupled with his "non-race" against the

Kenyan in LA again has the multitude asking "What's wrong with Ryun?"

A healthy LA crowd (12,280) was followed by less than hoped-for "announced" audiences of 7435 at Portland and 6365 at San Francisco. Bad reviews from the LA meet may have contributed. Few nice things were said about that meet in the press, Ron Reid of *Sports Illustrated* concluding that what the meet needed was "a little more professionalism".

Professionalism is hard to maintain when barnstorming around the country, especially on back-to-back dates. While the ITA cast went from Albuquerque to Oklahoma City, the majority of the equipment went to Denver by mistake. Fortunately, the Oklahoma City arena had signboards, batons, and most of the other paraphernalia required to put on the meet. But the electric lap indicator and the pacer lights didn't make it, the latter thought to be an important piece of the whole presentation. It is interesting that they ran the best mile so far without it. The organization got burned by the people hired to do the publicity in Albuquerque, where early in the week of the meet the editor of the local paper printed in his column that the meet was coming to town but he didn't know where tickets could be purchased. The same publicity group failed to provide any facilities for the press at the arena (tables, duplicating equipment, etc). And with the ITA managerial staff dashing from the site of one meet to the next two cities to try and set up the next meet, the first year is likely to be a trying one.

The Pocatello opening may have been a mistake. Three world records might have gotten people record-oriented for the ITA. Radetich's surprise 7-4½ could have come anywhere, but not so the other marks. Warren Edmonson's 100m record came as he was probably the first quality American sprinter ever to try the distance. Likewise Lee Evans in the 600m, and he had the benefit of what is probably the fastest regulation-sized indoor track in the country. Most indoor world records are of good quality and will not come easily. ITA is now paying "secondary record money". These are cash awards for things such as professional records, the theory being that fans like to see records, no matter how obscure.

Another source of moola for the athletes (at least some of them) are the three *grands prix* being sponsored by Post Cereals. The company has put up \$10,000 prize money for each of three events (mile, 880/1000 and 440/500/600), the winner to get \$6000 and the runner-up \$2500, \$1000 and \$500 at the end of the season for a \$30,000 total. The places are to be decided on a 5-2-1 scoring system. Although the runners are the ones in line for this big money, it is brawny Brian Oldfield who currently heads the money winnings list at \$4300 as of April 9. Next are Lee Evans (\$3725), Leon Coleman (\$3275) and Warren Edmonson (\$2933). Although it now looks like a prank, Edmonson had a chance to make himself \$5000 richer by accepting a bribe before the LA meet, when he got a phone call offering him the sum if he "put out less than full effort". Edmonson notified O'Hara, who called in the FBI, although nothing more came of the affair.

And what have the fans in general been thinking of the meets? No concrete data is presently available, but on reaction alone, it has been good. Although the meets don't seem to fit the tastes of the aficionado, the general run-of-the-mill fan seems to be enjoying himself. Applause has been loud and hearty (indeed, the large LA crowd was unrestrained in its praise for most things). The press reaction hasn't yet been favorable, yet these meanderings represent the thoughts of only one man, who most likely has already seen his fill of all types of sporting events most with disdain. Headman Mike O'Hara has said, "I think we've got something here—once we get the bugs worked out (to which a cynic was heard to remark, "They're going to need a can of Black Flag to get all the bugs out of this.")". The improvement was marked in the first couple of times out. It's certainly worth seeing for yourself. □

Jerome led through a slow 62.3, gave way to Keino's accelerating 2:02.9 and was 5y back at the 1320 as Kip touched 3:01.1. He went by Kip at the gun, built the lead to 4y on the backstretch and held it all the way, winning by 0.6. Never in contention, Ryun struggled home in 4:06.0 for 4th.

Except for two races featuring the sprinting of Greg Pruitt, the University of Oklahoma's celebrated footballer, the other big excitement was, once again, the shot put. Only this time it was a different script.

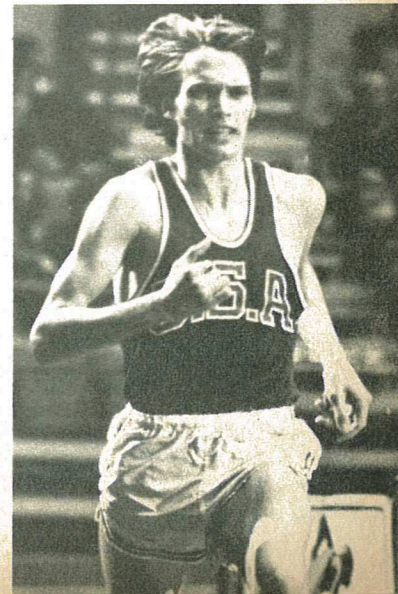
Karl Salb moved into an early lead and built it to a big PR 68-9% on his third try. That knocked Randy Matson's 67-3% into second place and a round later Randy was third and Fred DeBernardi was second with 67-10%. Oldfield, meanwhile, was having his troubles. He came into the last put of the competition in last place, his 66-2% best over a foot out of third. But he responded to the pressure for 69-2½, leaving Salb muttering to himself along the line of "what do you have to do to win this thing?"

Chris Fisher, who was afraid of the altitude in his first pro mile last night, turned back Kerry Ellison for an ITA record 1:50.0 win in the 880. The third pro mark of the meet went to Lee Evans who came from behind to beat Larry James in a 55.9 for 500y over the 176y track.

/176y banked board=c; attendance 6665/ 60, Pender 6.1; 2. Edmonson 6.2. 500, Evans 55.9; 2. James 56.3; 3. Edmonson 56.4; 4. Matthews 58.0. 880, Fisher' 1:50.0; 2. Ellison 1:51.2. Mile, Howe 4:00.0; 2. Keino' 4:00.6; 3. Von Ruden 4:02.8; 4. Ryun 4:06.0. 2M, Young 8:48.2. 60HH, Coleman 7.3. HJ, Radetich 7-1. PV, Phillips 16-6. LJ, Hines 24-10%. SP, Oldfield 69-2½ (65-11, 65-7½, 66-3¼, f, 66-2¼, 69-2½); 2. Salb 68-9%; (66-10½, f, 68-9¼, f, 66-4¼, 65-1½); 3. DeBernardi 67-10¾; 4. Matson 67-3¼. □

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A pair of pro record setters at middle distances: (l) Chris Fisher with a 2:06.9 1000y /Tony Duffy/; (r) Jerome Howe with a 4:00.0 mile. /Chip Gane/



HIGH SCHOOL

Duval Uncorks World Age-16 Prep Mark of 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$

Lawrenceville, N.J.(i), Feb. 10-60, Jackson (Trenton) 6.2; 2. Lackey (St Anthony's, Jersey City) 6.2.

Seaside, Ore.(o), Feb. 24-Mar. 18, Martin (Edmonds, Wash) 2:33.36.

Providence, R.I.(i), Feb. 28-45HH(42"), Price (Central, Providence) 5.7 HSR.

Ypsilanti, Mich.(i), March 2/d/-DisMedR, Huron, Ann Arbor 10:28.0.

Laredo, Tex.(o), March 2-100(ok), Edmond (Ball, Galveston) 9.5.

Tallahassee, Fla.(o), March 5-100(ok), Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee) 9.5.

River Forest, Ill.(i), March 9-PV, Johnson (Bloom Twp, Chicago Hts) 14-11.

La Crosse, Wisc.(i), March 10-70HH, Mahnke (Hudson) 8.5.

Bloomington, Ind.(i), March 13(a)-14(b)-15(c)-16(d) /d/-60(b) Wilson (Washington, Indianapolis) 6.2; (d), Vester (Logansport) 6.2. PV(a), Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville) 15-0. 880R(c), North Central, Nora 1:31.4; 2. South, Bloomington 1:32.3.

Madison, Wisc.(i), March 14-PV, Scott (West, Madison) 15-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Golden, Colo.(i), March 16-TJ, McClendon (Washington, Denver) 46-3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Chicago Heights, Ill.(i), March 17-PV, Johnson (Bloom Twp, Chicago Hts) 15-0.

Lamoni, Iowa(i), March 17-50LH, Morgan (Burlington) 6.1.

Rosenberg, Tex.(o), March 17-440R, Ball, Galveston 41.5. 880R, Ball 1:27.3.

Crowley, Tex.(o), March 17-HH(w), Webb (Lake Worth, Ft Worth) 13.8.

DeLand, Fla.(o), March 20-100(w), Merrick (DeLand) 9.4.

Staten Island, N.Y.(i), March 23-HJ(exhib), Jankunis (New Dorp, Staten Is) 6-11.

Madison, Wisc.(i), March 23-PV, Scott (West, Madison) 15-7.

Little Rock, Ark.(o), March 23-HH(ok), Robinson (Hall, Little Rock) 13.9 (13.9h).

Torrance, Calif.(o), March 23-880, Beck (Santa Monica) 1:51.8.

Inglewood, Calif.(o), March 23-SP, Doupe (Inglewood) 66-10.

Seattle, Wash.(o), March 23-SP, Vincent (Ballard, Seattle) 63-0.

Bloomington, Ind.(i), March 24 /d/-60, Barnett (Jeffersonville) 6.2. PV, Hunter (Northrop, Ft Wayne) 15-0; 2. Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville) 15-0. 880R, North Central, Nora 1:32.1; 2. South, Bloomington 1:32.5. MileR, Jeffersonville 3:24.2; 2. North Central 3:24.6. DisMedR, Warren Central, Warren Park 10:27.6; 2. Hammond 10:29.8. Charleston, Ill.(i), March 24-60LH, Tolliver (E St Louis) 7.0; 2. Jensen (Elk Grove) 7.0.

Chicago Heights, Ill.(i), March 24 /b/-440, Tolen (Thornton, Harvey) 49.8. 880, White (Thornton) 1:54.2. 880R, Bloom Twp, Chicago Heights 1:32.5 (Collins 22.1). MileR, Thornton 3:23.0 (Tolen 48.9).

Pittsburg, Kans.(i), March 24-PV, Scales (Lawrence) 15-1.

Air Academy, Colo.(i), March 24 /f/-Junior Don Duval added a stunning 20" to Randy Williams' national triple jump record with his come-from-nowhere 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ effort. Another impressive junior was Terry Miller with his sprint wins. 60, Heats: Miller (Mitchell, Colo Sprgs) 6.1. 100, Miller 9.7. 440, Washington (Deaf, Colo Sprgs) 48.9; 2. G. Burl (Manual, Denver) 49.1. LJ, Meyers (Harrison, Colo Sprgs) 23-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Duval (North, Denver) 23-1 $\frac{1}{4}$. TJ, Duval 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ HSR; 2. White (Harrison) 49-7 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3. McClendon (Washington, Denver) 48-2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Des Moines, Wash.(i), March 26-HJ, Braach (Mt Rainier, Des Moines) 6-10.

Indio, Calif.(o), March 29-180LHst (ok), Harris (Indio) 18.7.

Dallas, Tex.(o), March 30-440, Greshaw (Dallas, Roosevelt) 47.5.

Bakersfield, Calif.(o), March 30-DT, Shelton (Foothill, Bakersfield) 186-9.

Inglewood, Calif.(o), March 30-SP, Doupe (Inglewood) 65-6.

Gainesville, Fla.(o), March 30(a)-31(b)-Running against top-flight open competition, young Robbie Perkins made big inroads into the all-time prep distance lists with a sterling two-day double at the Florida Relays. First, he churned to a 28:54.4 6M, a time surpassed only by two Gerry Lindgren clockings. The next day he pounded to a 14:01.8 3M, moving to -11th all-time. Mile(b), Bolt (Grissom, Huntsville, Ala) 4:07.4. 3M(b), 4. Perkins (Collegiate, Richmond, Va) 14:01.8. 6M(a), 4. Perkins 28:54.4. 2MR, Brandon 7:46.4. River Forest, Ill.(i), March 31-/d/-Mile, Fritz (Glenbard West, Glen Ellyn) 4:13.4; 2. Virgin (Lebanon) 4:15.5.

Pasadena, Tex.(o), March 31-440, Kinney (Jones, Houston) 47.4 (46.3 relay). MileR, Moody, Corpus Christi 3:17.6.

Houston, Tex.(o), March 31-440R, Charlton-Pollard, Beaumont 41.7. 880R, Charlton-Pollard 1:26.8. MileR, Charlton-Pollard 3:17.8.

Madison, Wisc.(i), March 31-Kim Scott (West, Madison) equaled Paul Wilson's prep indoor record at 16- $\frac{3}{4}$ at the Madison West Relays. HJ, Sather (Ripon) 6-10. PV, Scott (West, Madison) 16- $\frac{3}{4}$ =HSR.

Manhattan, Kans.(i), March 31-70LH, Green (South, Wichita) 7.9. Semis: 1-1. Green 7.8; 2. Fitch (Southeast, Wichita) 7.8. HJ, 5-A: Guinn (Shawnee Mission North) 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 4-A: Moore (Junction City) 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Ventura, Calif.(o), March 31-Lompoc, with big legs from Alvin Gilmore and Terry Williams, obliterated the national distance medley record with its 10:03.0. The Marty Liguori-led Essex Catholic squad had set the old record of 10:05.6 back in 1967. Lompoc won the race by 53sec and 40min later Williams and Gilmore clocked 4:14.6 and 4:16.7 for top spots in the mile race. DisMedR, Lompoc 10:03.0 HSR (Jackson 52.1, Costa 2:00.1, Gilmore 3:02.2, Williams 4:08.6).

Lompoc, Calif.(o), April 5-2M, T. Williams (Lompoc) 8:59.2.

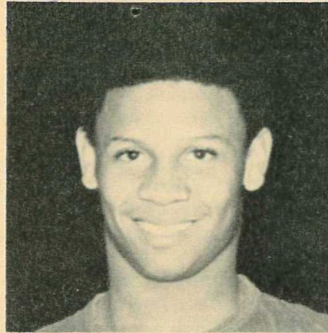
Encino, Calif.(o), March 6-PV, Curran (Crespi Carmelite, Encino) 15-7.

Carson, Calif.(o), April 6-100(ok), Walker (Carson) 9.5.

Rosenberg, Tex.(o), April 7-220(ok), Turk (Bay City) 21.1.

Dallas, Tex.(o), April 7-330IH, Ray (Ball, Galveston) 37.4. 440R, Ball, Galveston 41.3.

Imperial, Calif.(o), April 7-100(w), Foster (Palos Verdes) 9.5.□



(L-top) Robbie Perkins timed 14:01.8/28:54.4 at Florida. /Kasper/ (L-below) Don Duval TJed record 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$. (R) Steve Bolt wins Florida mile. /Kasper/

Don Duval: Triple Soaring Threat

"Don Duval is a tough competitor," says Walt Bastrom, coach at Denver's North High School. "The stiffer the competition, the better he performs."

So when the 16-year-old Duval tangled at the Easter Races indoor meet in late March with Victor White (Harrison, Colorado Springs), who posted the longest triple jump by a prep junior in 72, Duval's competitive fire was more than just lit up—it erupted in a searing blaze to scorch prep indoor triple jumping as never before.

All the 6-2/160lb Duval did was bound 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ —a world age-16 best, and a prep indoor record (bettering the marks of 50-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 50- $\frac{1}{4}$ set by Olympic long jump champ Randy Williams), a mark longer than the best prep outdoor effort of 72 (Steve Rim's 50-10) and a healthy extension of Duval's previous 47-4 PR, set earlier this year. He previewed his fireworks with a foul over 50ft on his first leap of the competition before exploding to the record on his next effort. And he proved it was no fluke as he completed a fine series of 50-3 $\frac{1}{4}$, 48-7, foul (again over 50ft) and 50- $\frac{1}{4}$. White, 49-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ outdoors in 72 and Colorado prep champ, extended his best to 49-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in 2nd.

"I was surprised when I heard the distance," says the young record-setter, whose best prior to this year was 46-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ while placing 3rd in the 72 state meet. That mark, incidentally, was just $\frac{1}{2}$ " off Williams' US age-15 best. "I was surprised only because I really didn't have any idea how far I could jump. Our pit at school only goes to 47ft and I never really let go in practice. I thought maybe I could get 49ft, but that's all."

"Don is a great all-round athlete," says Bastrom. "He works hard—he constantly works on his triple jump form, runs 440s with the distancemen, hurdles, high jumps and vaults on alternate days and does leg work with weights twice a week. He has excellent coordination and near-perfect timing in the triple; he just needs to work on his speed." Duval's best 100y is only 10.8. But he is no slouch in the long jump either: after his stunning triple leaping, he sailed 23-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ for 2nd in the long jump.

Besides the hard training work, Bastrom reveals, coach and athlete have worked on each section of the triple jump to increase distance: "His hop has increased some 2ft and the same for his step. At the same time, Don has worked to cut down his height on the hop. He is now working on the jump phase, which should increase his total distance even more."

Understandably, it might be expected that Duval's next target would be Dave Tucker's 52-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ national prep outdoor record. Perhaps yes and perhaps no. "I would like to jump 53ft this year," he says, "but I also would like just to win all my triple jump competitions. I would also like to become more proficient and be able to compete against top-notch athletes in other events."

Adds Bastrom, "Don has an excellent attitude and personality. He wants to improve in every way. Now we'll have to stretch out our jumping pit several more feet."

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Warsaw, Pol.(i), Feb. 4—60mHH, Galant 7.6.

Jablonec, Czech.(i), Feb. 11—HJ, Maly 7-2½.

Warsaw, Pol.(i), Feb. 11—60mHH, Galant 7.6.

Sofia, Bul.(i), Feb. 24-25—SP, Brabec (Czech) 65-8¼; 2. Vlk (Czech) 65-6¾.

Madrid, Sp.(i), March 3—SP, Capes (GB) 65-9.

Warsaw, Pol.(i), March 3-4—Adam Galant, just turned 21, zipped over the 50m highs in 6.3, making him the 2nd-quickest performer ever in the event with the 2nd-fastest performance. Only Gunther Nickel's world and European best 6.2 in 70-is faster. 50mHH, Galant 6.3; 2. M. Wodzynski 6.4; 3. Majchrzak 6.5.

Paris, Fr.(i), March 10—15kg(33lb)Wt, Prikhodko 69-11½.

Waregem, Bel.(o), March 17—Skinny Finnish steepler Pekka Paivarinta used his hurdling ability, distance strength and, surprisingly, his sprinting speed to nip Spain's Mariano Haro in a mad-dash finish for victory in the first IAAF-organized International Cross Country Championships. Paivarinta covered the 11,980m/7.4M route in 35:46.4 to edge Haro by 0.2. Host Belgium tallied 109 points for the team title, 10 less than the USSR. The US did not compete, no thanks to lack of funds from the AAU. Paivarinta and Haro were always at or near the front of the pack, which was led early by England's Roger Clark in the absence of present-but-non-competing Dave Bedford. Early in the 2nd of 5 laps in the race, a group of Irish demonstrators charged into the field and ran for a time; several runners were roughed up, Haro being pushed into a ditch, before the intruders were pulled out. The lead changed hands among Haro, Belgian Willy Polleunis, New Zealander Rod Dixon, Paivarinta and Gaston Roelants. With 4 laps gone, Haro and Paivarinta led and gradually padded their lead over Dixon. Haro tried to break away on the final lap but the smooth-hurdling Finn wouldn't shake and they waged a stirring stretch duel before Paivarinta pulled ahead marginally. 1. Paivarinta (Fin) 35:46.4; 2. Haro (Sp) 35:46.6; 3. Dixon (NZ) 36:00; 4. Kantanen (Fin) 36:05; 5. Polleunis (Bel) 36:05; 6. Clark (Eng) 36:08. Teams: 1. Belgium 109; 2. USSR 119; 3. New Zealand 136.

Stellenbosch, S. Afr.(o), March 19—Danie Malan continued his stellar 800 running, clocking 1:46.8 a short time after a 3:44.4 1500 in the same meet.

Montreal, Que.(i), March 23—Claude Ferragne jumped the highest of any Canadian in history, and beat Vladimir Abramov and Juri Tarmak in doing so, while Soviet Valeriy Voikin became the 2nd-longest European shot heaver indoors during the inaugural Canada-USSR meet, won by the visitors 93-65. Ferragne topped 7-3, his and Canada's highest mark ever indoors or out, to best Abramov on the countback while Tarmak cleared but 6-11. Voikin hefted the shot 67-5½, his PR, a Soviet indoor best and 2nd all-time behind Hartmut Briesenick's 67-9¾ continental mark. 50y, Kornelyuk (SU) 5.2. 50yHH, Moshishvili (SU) 6.0. HJ, Ferragne 7-3 NR; 2. Abramov (SU) 7-3. TJ, Saneyev (SU) 53-1¼. SP, Voikin (SU) 67-5½ NR; 2. Barishnikov (SU) 66-¾. 35lbWt, Bondarchuk (SU) 65-6¾; 2. Dmitriyenko (SU) 65-1¼.

Sydney, Aus.(o), March 23-24-25—Young Chris Commons, 19, produced a 26-3¼ long jump to highlight an otherwise lackluster Australian Championships. Wind readings were unavailable but the jump could be wind-aided. Phil May's comeback continued well as he took 2nd at 25-5¼, wrapped his once-broken ankle in ice all night and then won his 6th triple jump title the next day at 53-1¼.

Donyetsk, USSR(i)—1500, B. Kuznyetsov 3:42.6.

Stellenbosch, S. Afr.(o), March 26—Danie Malan sped to another fine 800 clocking and pulled Marcello Fiasconaro to the finest 400-800 one-day double ever. Some 30min after zipping a 46.2 one-lapper, Fiasconaro lined up for the 800, admittedly to help Malan's quest for a world record. Fiasconaro sped past one lap in 49.9, with Malan back at 51.0 before moving over down the backstraight. But Malan took over with only 150m left to win in 1:45.7, while a visibly-tired Fiasconaro still finished in a PR 1:46.4.

Donyetsk, USSR(i)—110mHH, Mazepa 13.6 =WB =WAR =ER.

Leverkusen, WG(i), March 31—110mHH, Schumann 13.7.□

Pekka Paivaranta (r) edged Mariano Haro for global barrier win. /Shearman/



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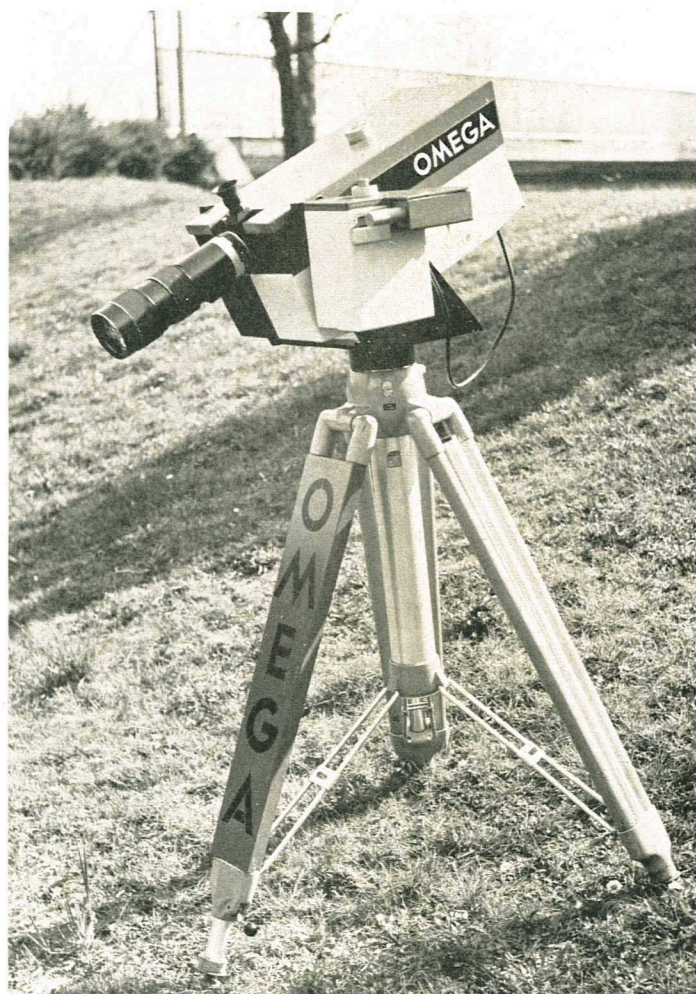
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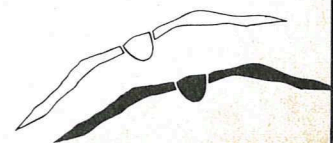
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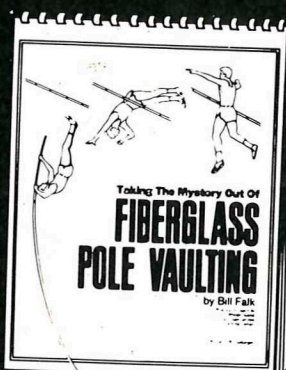
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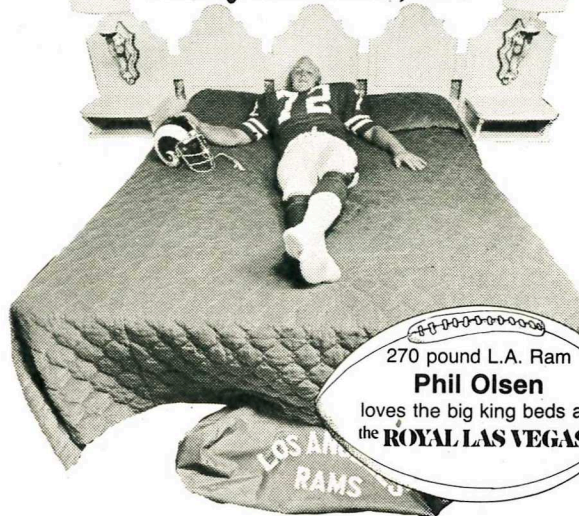
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The pay possibly isn't as good as with ITA, but an "amateur" can still scabble out a living on the indoor circuit. It is reported that one performer managed to net \$4374 during the just-over US campaign.

Hancock JC coach Ray Kring points out that section 6350 of the California Penal Code prohibits the importation of kangaroo hide into the state for any commercial purposes. This is because the 'roo has been designated an endangered species. As some track shoes are constructed entirely or in part of kangaroo, environmentally-oriented types might want to avoid these shoes and stick to cowhide or nylon.

Sports International coach Brooks Johnson, who took over as head of the US team against the Soviets after the NCAA-AAU hassle forced the withdrawal of Pitt's Jim Banner, refuses to place any blame for the team loss on the fighting. "Did you see the way those kids linked hands after it was over?" he asked. "That's what it's all about. That's the important thing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it could be that way among the peoples of all nations? The score doesn't matter that much. It's secondary."

Speaking further of the US-Soviet meet, times do change. Of the 26 individuals who represented the US in the 72 meet, only 3 (Juris Luzins, John Craft and George Frenn) were on the 73 squad. The USSR had 10 back.

Some big dual meets will be locally televised in Los Angeles this spring. Station KTLA will be covering the Southern Cal-Cal/UCLA-Stanford double dual on April 7 and the UCLA-Southern Cal dual on May 5, both live.

All-time decathlon great Rafer Johnson, the 60 OG champ, had a few relevant comments on being a black Olympian in a recent interview with Dwight Chapin of the *LA Times*. The first black to carry the American flag at the Games, Johnson relates, "I didn't plan on getting to do it, but it should have happened years before. All I had on my mind at the time was being in condition and ready for the competition." He continued, "It was different when I was at the Olympics. I had no compulsion to demonstrate. I wanted to prove that I was as good as any man competing. But timing has a lot to do with it. There was a time minorities just couldn't say certain things. That's changed. The black man believes he has the right now to say what he feels, even if he's wrong." And in relation to the black protests at the last two Games, he adds, "It's not the flag that causes the problems. It's the people looking at it. When Lester Maddox can say 'God Bless America' and then threaten black men with ax handles, well it doesn't mean very much does it? There has been substantial change in our society, but far from what there should be. We have a long way to go. Until we get there, we should all be concerned."

1936 OG hero Jesse Owens is still much in demand as a guest speaker. Although he can get top fees for his personal appearances, he appears for free when he appears for any civic organization or service club.

Ah, the irony of it all. Bad weather had delayed the installation of at least two new all-weather tracks this spring, as Oklahoma and Delta State have had to cancel early meets because the facilities weren't ready yet.

What's new in the world of affiliations, etc.? Olympic sprinter Chuck Smith (9.3/20.5) has moved from the Striders to Cal International. Javelinist Bill Schmidt (280-7) will henceforth represent Pacific Coast. Although in Seattle, spearman Jack Bacon (261-4) still represents the NYAC, not Club Northwest. Decathlete Rory Kenward (7453) is now at UCSB and has two years of collegiate eligibility remaining. In the hammer world, Dov Djerassi (192-5) has transferred from NYU to Northeastern and Pryor Nunn (195-1) is not competing for UTEP. International U has a new pair of sprinting Swedes in Thorsten Johnsson (10.3m/20.7m) and Eric Carlgren (45.7m relay leadoff). Both are currently ineligible and will compete for Club West this year. Olympic sprinter Rey Robinson of Florida A&M is going to miss some more meets. Although his grades are fine, he is ineligible for the rest of the season because he has not passed enough hours. Among coaches, Bob Milner will step down as head coach



Exemplifying Washington State's widely-international squad, American Dean Clark (l), Kenyan John Ngeno (c) and Irishman Danny Murphy celebrate the 72 Pac-8 cross country team win. /Roger Horning/

at Colgate to devote full time to being director of recreation. His replacement is Jan Hunsinger of Rochester. Washington State assistant John Chaplin has been named as the successor for retiring Jack Mooberry. MIT's Arthur Farnham will be retiring at the end of the season. His replacements are Gordon Kelly in track and Peter Close in cross country. Also stepping down is Fordham's Arthur O'Connor.

Senator Marlow W. Cook (Rep.-Ky) accused the NCAA of limiting its player eligibility investigations to blacks only. He said that he was not accusing the NCAA of racism but was curious as to how schools to be investigated were selected. "I would like to know why every investigation that I have heard about over the past few years has involved black athletes." Speaking in front of a subcommittee holding hearings on the NCAA-AAU mess, Cook continued by saying that the NCAA is intent "on making sure that collegiate sport gets its share of the sports business pie. Its power comes from money and its power is wielded in economic terms." He had a few kind words for the AAU also, saying that the group was "incapable of controlling amateur sports in this country."

In a response to Roland Carter's angry letter (II March) concerning a proposed trip to Japan that never came off, AAU executive director Ollan Cassell commented: "I know for a fact that you [Carter] were not at your phone for five days (as stated in Carter's letter). On Monday, March 12 I personally began phoning you and placed the call every hour and then on Tuesday began making a record of the calls." Cassell's records show that he called six times on the Tuesday and once more on Wednesday. The records do not indicate if the calls were to Carter's home or business phone. "I firmly believe that we made every attempt to have you compete in Japan, but were thwarted in our efforts since you could not be contacted."

Manhattan coach Fred Dwyer says that his recruiting concept is "Go after the superstars—aim for the top." He credits this philosophy with bringing him the team which captured the NCAA indoor crown this year. "I don't know that there's any secret to recruiting," he says. "Academically, Manhattan is a good school and there's as much talent as we need just in the four state area of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut." And he adds, "Having been a national class athlete myself [a 4:00.8 miler] and producing the likes of [Marty] Liquori or [Mike] Keogh might help a little too." Dwyer is currently involved in an imbroglio with an athlete who was once on scholarship at the school but was removed. Sprinter Bill Kirwan decided to go by his own program rather than train with the team last fall, so his aid was cut off. And now he is not allowed to train with the team on his own. He has filed for a hearing with the governing Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. "This is much bigger than Bill Kirwan versus Fred Dwyer," says Dwyer.

"This case involves values. Billy defied his contract."

The California Relays in Modesto have undergone a major facelift. The State JC champs will not be a part of the meet anymore and the whole meet has been streamlined, with 1½ hr cut off the time schedule. But the open class is to be run on the same high plane as in the past.

The IC4A has added the decathlon to its championship meet schedule. Rather than being held with the rest of the meet in New Brunswick, N.J., the 10-eventer will be held two days earlier (May 23-24) at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland, as the latter school has had extensive experience in hosting decathlons.

Potential bad news for athletes (and others) attending indoor meets. An LA Superior Court judge ruled that spectators attending public events in Pauley Pavilion (UCLA's basketball facility) may smoke whenever they wished, with no building restrictions. This could strike down anti-smoking ordinances all over the state. Of course, thoughtful announcers might announce at all such meets that spectators might be treated to a better show if there is no smoking, as athletes generally dislike it.

Correspondent Fred Duckett reports that the Texas Southern Relays in Houston in late March were the "world's biggest floating track meet". He reports: "The monsoon hit us around 1:00 p.m. on Friday, drowning out Friday prelims. We moved from Jeppesen Stadium (cinders) to Butler Stadium (synthetic) for the evening, but the monsoon continued. We ran the distance medley and called off the rest of the events. Saturday morning we met at Dyer Stadium (synthetic) for some prelims and finals. The monsoon arrived at 9:50 a.m., but by 10:20 a.m. we were running in the clear with light winds. A call to Jeppesen revealed that the track was drying rapidly, so for Saturday evening we returned there with a full schedule of events plus the events cancelled earlier."

The Oregon Track Club and University of Oregon Development Fund have launched a \$600,000 fund-raising campaign to replace one of the grandstands at Hayward field, site of the FOT. Heading up the project is former Oregon coach Bill Bowerman. The structure will be replaced with a combination grandstand/fieldhouse. The current stands will be torn down after the 73 Pac-8 meet, and the new one will be ready for the 74 season. A dirt floor fieldhouse will be under the stands.

Speaking of cosmopolitan track squads, Washington State certainly has one, with squad members from Ghana, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Eire, Kenya and Trinidad, as well as six states other than Washington.

Washington State has added a heating system to its fieldhouse, negating use of the structure for indoor discus and javelin throwing because of fear of damage to ducts. John Van Reenen's all-time indoor world discus best of 198-6 may now stand forever, as this was a unique site.

Neighboring Oregon State is getting a new track facility

also, with groundbreaking ceremonies in May. Already, \$300,000 has been pledged towards the project.

UCLA has named its track plant, one of the best pure track facility's in the nation, Drake Track and Field Stadium after former coach Elvin "Ducky" Drake, who now serves as trainer.

Officials of the Drake Relays are hopeful of a record attendance at this year's meet, as early sales are running ahead of last year's, when a record 34,000 attended the Friday and Saturday sessions. A seventh consecutive Saturday sellout (18,000) is expected, and the first-ever Friday capacity crowd is hoped for.

A new meet on the schedule this year is the Trojan Invitational, slated for April 14 in the LA Coliseum. Assistant coach Ken Matsuda of Southern Cal is the meet director, and is confident that the meet will rival the big mid-western affairs in coming years. This and UCLA's Meet of Champions have apparently replaced the void of invitational meets created by the demise of the Coliseum and Compton meets.

You might have noticed that the quality of performances at this year's UCLA Meet of Champions wasn't quite up to that of '72's slam-bang affair. But in all fairness, it should be noted that this year's function was held three weeks earlier, meaning that most athletes were in just that much poorer shape and the weather was that much colder. It makes a difference.

Puma and adidas might claim the sprinters and jumpers, but distance runners apparently tend to look elsewhere. A *Runner's World* survey indicated that a fat 69% of their readership wore Tigers.

A couple of useful regional newsletters are now available for the nuts among you. John Wenos is churning out a bi-weekly *West Coast Track Stats*, which covers in depth results of the Pac-8, PCAA and southern California in general. Interested readers may obtain a sample copy from John at Box 11605, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711. Don Kopriwa's *Midwest Newsletter* covers the Big 10, Big 8 and Mid-American loops. For 8 issues, the cost is \$2.00 from Don at 614-C 15th Place, Kenosha, Wisc. 53140.

Neil Kerr and Mike Holdridge of the *Syracuse Post-Standard* are the editors of the New York State Sports Writers Association publication. The publication, which will have close to 50 issues this year, covers all sports, with track headed by *T&FN* correspondent Marc Bloom. Those interested in subscribing should send \$10.00 to the Association, care of Holdridge at the *Syracuse Post-Standard*, Clinton Square, Syracuse, N.Y. 13201.

The USTFF has announced the planned publication of "Who's Who in Track and Field". The book is to contain names, addresses and historical background on important

Meriwether: anxious for competition. /Johnson/



figures in the sport.

Former AAU president Jack Kelly, a realist, has a few relevant comments on the rules governing amateur sport: "If every illegal sex act were policed properly, 75% of the population would have been in jail. The same goes for amateur athletes. There are few world class amateurs left in any sport."

A cruel fate befell competitors from Holy Cross at the NCAA indoor. Although athletes from that school went to Detroit, they were told the day before the meet that they could not compete. It seems that the school was lax in not sending a letter to the NCAA saying that the institution would abide by the new 2.0 academic rule. Although the school sets very high standards, the NCAA still wanted a letter of compliance. And the athletes didn't get to compete.

V.L. Nicholson, information director for the President's Council on Physical Fitness, reports that American children are in much better condition than they were a few years back, with the fittest living in Miami and San Diego. However, the older generation isn't faring so well, as the US life-expectancy now ranks 18th in the world. At one time, the nation was 5th.

The Bowie State coaching staff was good athletically (1 March), but Navy high jumper Steve Harkins points out that the Academy isn't too badly off either, with head coach Jim Gehrdes, the 4th-ranked high hurdler in the world in 1950 and assistant Al Cantello, one-time world record setter in the javelin (282-3 in 59).

The Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey has established a new world record for the 100M relay, as 100 different milers averaged 4:53.82 in covering the distance in 8:09:42. The group lowered its own record of 8:18:46.8 of '72.

The Southwest Conference is big in the homozygosity department—member schools feature four sets of identical twins. SMU has the Pouncys, Gene (9.4) and Joe (21.0), while Texas comes through with the Yarbroughs, Randy (4:08.3) and Ricky (4:06.2), the Meyers, Karl (15-1) and Kirk (14-6) and the Craigs, John (1:51.8) and Paul (1:51.0).

According to Kansas State coach DeLoss Dodds, as reported by Dan Lauck in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*, most NCAA schools would just as soon have a ruling that prohibited the US use of foreign athletes. "If they voted today," he said, "it'd be 95% against." Other Big 8 coaches who have had good success with non-US athletes, naturally oppose this view. "I think there's a little bit of resentment," says Colorado's Don Meyers. Frank Sevegne of Nebraska comments, "There's no reason foreign athletes should be discriminated against; they're just people like you and I." Ralph Tate of Oklahoma State said, "I recruit foreigners because they're top-grade athletes who've already made it." Bob Timmons of Kansas, who said, "If everyone was perfectly honest, what really bothers them [the other coaches] is losing to them [the teams with foreigners]."

Australian women's Olympic coach Ken Steward has come out in the open to blast a previously only hinted at area of drug use. He says that he believes that certain eastern bloc countries' female sprinters have been taking steroids (male hormones). "It may be a coincidence," he said, "but among certain European countries there were no lean women sprinters, hurdlers or long jumpers. Whether tall or short, they all had heavy buttocks." Steroid use is usually attributed only to weight men.

The recent San Jose State-Oregon State dual meet brought together the schools who have during the past five years, produced more Olympians (San Jose, six) and more NCAA titlists (Oregon State, seven) than any other.

SPRINTS

There is something special about the Olympics, thinks Larry Black. "If Borzov and I race again, I don't think we will ever duplicate the Munich race. I think people would expect that—a great race in a fast time. I can't speak for Borzov, but for me there will never be another time like the Munich OG. There will always be a lack of something, the urge."

Ghananian speedster George Daniels has had difficulty in getting into good shape since transferring from Colorado to Illinois State. "It's difficult to train when you

can't run against good competition," he says. In his only two indoor appearances, he ran 9.4 and 6.0.

Eddie Hart isn't 100% convinced that Valeriy Borzov is unbeatable. "He ran well, very consistently, throughout the Games," he recalls. "I don't think he has ever been really pushed, though. I think he is used to running very controlled, but when he gets pushed hard and is really under the gun, it could be really unnerving for him." He didn't say that either he or Rey Robinson would have taken the Soviet speedster at Munich, but added, "I didn't expect it to be a fast race because I didn't think the track was especially that fast. But I think it might have been a little quicker if Rey and I had been in there. And I think that Robert Taylor, under different circumstances, would have run better."

Bill Hurd, twice an NCAA finalist in both the 100 and 220 while at Notre Dame, is now teaching at Tennessee State in Nashville.

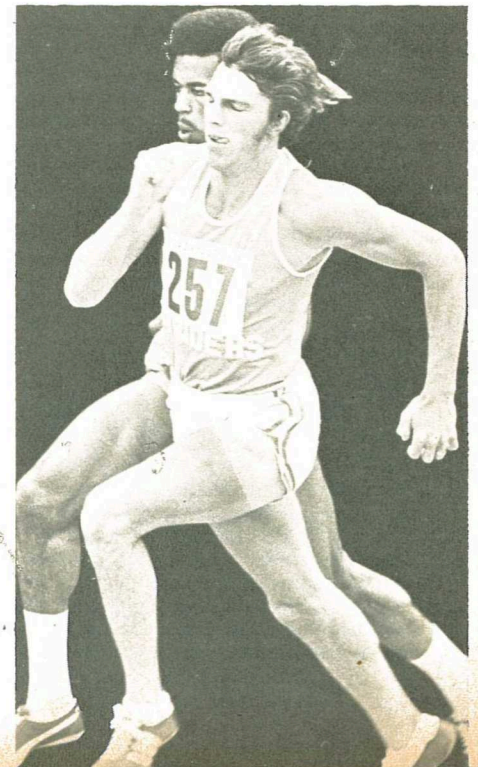
Dashing Doctor Del Meriwether says, "I am in training again and anxious to find out where I am competitively." In fact, he called *T&FN* to ask for a schedule of major outdoor invitationals during the coming season. On the prospect of turning professional, the Boston hematologist said, "I have considered it. I certainly feel the program is a workable one, and I support it in concept. However, it is suitable only for some athletes. My schedule is not as flexible as many. One night I might run 1st and the next night 4th. I feel that as a professional, an athlete has an obligation to perform consistently well for audiences, but I just do not have time enough to train to achieve the high level of consistency at which I would feel obligated to perform. Perhaps things will change in the future, but for now I cannot see becoming a professional."

Oklahoma State's Dennis Schultz was disappointed with his recent windy (15-20 mph) 9.1. "With that wind, I thought I was going to run under 9.0," he said.

After the Games, 400 relay medalist Gerald Tinker said that the team stood quietly on the victory stand because the members knew what the ceremony stood for. He elaborates: "I looked at the ceremony in the context of past Olympics. The ceremony commemorates the win, both for the athletes and the country they represent. That's what I went up on the stand and did—I stood there and recognized the flag and what it stood for. I thought the reason Collett and Matthews were banned was wrong, because I felt the matter should have been handed over to the USOC. But I don't think it had any effect on our relay team. We knew what we wanted, and the only way to get it was to win."

The announcement of the surprising 1-2 by Herb Washington and Ivory Crockett over Soviet dash rivals Valeriy

Schultz: zipped windy 9.1, 9.2, 20.6. /Chadze/



Borzov and Aleksandr Kornelyuk in the US-USSR meet was delayed. While the American duo was waiting for the results, Washington quipped, "I don't know what's taking so long. Ivory Crockett and Herb Washington aren't that hard to pronounce."

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Former Oregon standout **Roscoe Divine** (3:56.3 in 70) has spent the winter in Norway and is reported to be in good shape. He will probably spend the European season in Norway and is said to be optimistic about the competitive future, reports Ole Petter Sandvig of Oslo.

"I want to congratulate you on a fine article on Keith Francis in *II March*," writes Washington frosh **Greg Gibson**. "I would like to make one correction. I don't know if there is a Greg Bigson or not, but I think it is a misspelling of my name." Right on! Bigson and Gibson are the same guy.

Leading frosh milers indoors this year on regulation-sized tracks was **Gordon Oliver** of Mt. St. Mary's, at 4:05.7. A native of Great Britain who went to high school in Maryland, Oliver is in the process of gaining American citizenship.

Lowell Paul reveals that his Olympic hopes in 72 were dashed by bursitis in the right hip and groin which began to bother him in the summer of 71. The No. 6 two-lapper in the US for 71, Paul relates, "It made it very difficult and painful for me to do any speedwork and effectively dampened any hopes I had of running well in 72. It got progressively worse up to the Trials, after which I stopped running." Paul began running again in early 73, and is hopeful of running good miles this year.

Remember those generally disliked American Olympic uniforms? **Dave Wottle** reveals that he wore Frank Shorter's Florida TC shorts at the Games. "They were the same color as our official shorts," he says, "and mine were too big."

STEEPLECHASE

FOT 5th placer **Cliff Clark** is now on duty with the Air Force in northern Thailand. He reports: "Running is perfectly safe, except for 15ft king cobras and 5ft Laotian snipers—roughly the same degree of danger as running the roads in the US. The humidity is in the 90s, as is the temperature—but the hot season doesn't begin until May. The Air Force has offered me the chance to come back during the outdoor season to compete, but I don't think I will take them up on it. My training is going well, and I want to watch the track scene develop toward 76 to see who returns and who starts emerging. I also need a good year of foundation building. I am using this year to gradually build—uninterrupted by competition—to a level of mileage which I have never before accomplished."

NCAA steeple 4th placer **Mark Larson** of Wisconsin, the No. 13 performer on the all-time US list (8:35.0), is currently in OCS with the Marines in Quantico, Va. A lack of time for training has imposed retirement on him for now. It is not known whether he will return to the track wars at a later date.

Former collegiate record holder (8:32.2) **Jeromee Liebenberg** has gone into "self-imposed exile. After a very disappointing season last year, I felt I needed a break." An internationalist in 70 and collegiate record setter in 71, Liebenberg slipped to 8:41.4 in 72 and didn't make it out of the heats at the FOT. "I hate to lose," he explains, "but I can accept it if I know I have run well. Well, I know I didn't run anything close to what I should have. I started last year with good performances, lowering my PRs at 2M and 3M, but some time in April the bottom dropped out. My legs just wouldn't go. Then I lost confidence in Pete Petersons as a coach and in myself. This had a snowballing effect and I just went downhill." Jeromee is getting married in April, and plans on selling his leather goods at fairs in the midwest during the spring and summer. "I'd like to start training again," he continues. "Maybe if things permit I'll start by running cross country next fall. I'd like to run in the Boston Marathon and try the 10,000. I thought at one time that I could run a marathon under 2:20 and I'd like to find out if I can." As a final note, he adds, "P.S.—The Ace is still with me."

NCAA champ **Joe Lucas** (8:30.2 after rapid improvement in 72) is now training under former internationalist Steve Stageberg in Washington, D.C. Lucas sustained an



Speer: new pole upped PR to 17-1. / Jacobsen/ Braham: 5 of 6 LJs over 26ft with 26-9½w top.

Achilles tendon injury last summer and wasn't able to renew serious workouts until just recently. Stageberg reports that his progress has been amazingly rapid.

DISTANCES

Olympian **Len Hilton** maintained a low profile in early 73, brought on by a combination of a stress fracture in his right foot in December and the London flu in January. "It slowed my mileage to around 60M/week with no quality," he says, although he feels that he is about where he should be for the time of year. "But races are hard to get in Texas for open athletes." His once tender feet appear to have toughened somewhat, as he is running more long stuff than in the past, and has had no problems. He is also lifting weights, but as he says, "I have been for years, but there is no change—I'm still a weakling." After his 3:58.5 at the Florida Relays he commented, "I'm concentrating on the mile right now, but I'm still thinking about the 5 and 10 for the future. Right now I prefer the mile because I ran so many 3M races and am tired. But for Montreal, I think my thinking and my races will be changed."

World indoor 3M record holder **Tracy Smith** fell easy victim to Soviet Rashid Sharafytdinov's blistering kick in the US-USSR dual, as many have before him. It should be noted, however, that Smith was weakened by a case of the flu at the time.

The Grand Old Man of the Boston Marathon is **Johnny Kelley**, a two-time winner who will contest the event for the 42nd time this year. The 65-year-old Kelley still runs 70M per week, the same mileage he was putting in when he won the race in 1935.

Frank Shorter relates that those who train on the roads are often subject to abuse. "Jack Bachelor is one of the mildest men I know, but I've seen him go berserk when people bother him. Me too," he says. "Once a couple of guys stopped at a red light after bugging us, and we ran right over their car—over the top and across the hood and kept on going."

The AAU marathon championship will be hosted by the West Valley Track Club this year, and run on the super-fast (flat) Burlingame, Calif. course in northern California near San Francisco. The race is set for June 17 (Sunday), the day after the AAU track championships. The Club says it is putting on a race "that everyone can participate in" and will put no qualifying time restrictions on entries which may be obtained by writing P.O. Box 1551, San Mateo, Calif. 94401.

The Penn Relays have added a marathon to their schedule this year, the race to be held on Tuesday, April 24. Other invitational meets, as related previously, have been adding the events to their schedule.

WALKS

Greg Diebold is currently out of action, concentrating instead on his law studies at Seton Hall. He's staying in the sport, however, as publisher of the hotly debated underground race walking publication, Guano Press (available from him at 14 Grover Lane, Caldwell, NJ).

Olympian **Tom Dooley**, debilitated by anemia at Munich, still has not been able to resume training, this time due to nerve trouble in his back. "The doctors have finally determined that it is sciatic trouble," he reports. "I will have to have an operation and doctors will have to trace along the affected nerve to find the exact source of

the trouble. If I can lick it, I will definitely try for 76."

Mike Sullivan reports that the date of the national 50km championship race (Des Moines, Iowa) has been changed from May 13 to May 20, due to a resurfacing project on the roads at the race site.

HIGH JUMP—POLE VAULT

Florida's **Mike Cotton** pulled his right hamstring at the CYO meet in January and limited further indoor vault appearances to 16-1 and 16-0 clearances at the SEC and NCAA. But in his first outdoor meet of the year he soared 17-6, a mark only 7 other US vaulters have ever bettered. "I had only four weeks of running before that vault," he reveals. "And since the right healed, I sustained a slight pull in my left hamstring."

Early-season world high jump leader **Robert Joseph** of Arizona (7-3) has a unique training method. "I haven't had any time to run and get in good shape yet," he said after his clearance. "What I do is work out on the trampoline two or three times a week, and actually jump at the bar once a week. Those trampoline workouts help you to learn to relax in the air and aid in giving you body control." Joseph notes that he got his trampoline exercise from vaulter Steve Smith. "If I do practice at the high jump pit, I concentrate on my approach and form going over the bar. I also never jump below 6-10, either in competition or in practice. It wouldn't do me any good to practice any lower." A football player who turned to track to keep busy in the spring, the 6-1/150 Joseph, a defensive back, plans on returning to the gridiron after 76.

Dave Roberts missed the NCAA indoor because of an extensive ecology project he was working on. According to Rice fan Fred Duckett, Roberts says that he will beat Steve Smith the next time they meet.

Those fancy suspenders that **Steve Smith** was sporting during the indoor season were made by Francie Larrieu, women's record holder for the indoor mile. She made a set for Al Feuerbach too, but the shot star says, "Steve told me I couldn't wear them until I hit 70ft."

The pole does make a difference. Colorado senior **Jim Speer** was using a new green Catapole when he recently upped his PR from 16-5 to 17-1, a height he has now managed outdoors as well as indoors.

NCAA and High School Federation rules now permit the use of air pits.

LONG JUMP—TRIPLE JUMP

Baylor long jumper **Danny Braham**, a 26-footer in 71, was injured for much of 72 and had a foot operation. He severely hurt his heel in the indoor season and planned to take it easy at the College Station Relays. Falling behind with a 24-3 first effort, he did 26-0 and got fired up, burning off another four pops over the 26 barrier, hitting a top of 26-9½, although all the jumps were windy.

Early-season triple hop sensation **James Nyumutei** of Colorado has been hampered by a bruised heel since his 52-9½ effort. That mark significantly raised his old PR of 48-9½. The Ghananian soph credits his big improvement to weight lifting during the summer and fall. Coach Don Meyers notes that Nyumutei "needs to improve the third phase of his jump—he doesn't carry his momentum through this final phase. He needs to develop more speed, which he will do."

Southern Cal assistant **Ken Matsuda** leveled his guns at the AAU's Ollan Cassell for an incident involving Olympic champ **Randy Williams**. "Cassell finally overstepped his bounds. This thing has gone far enough," Matsuda said. "They [the AAU] started spreading rumors that Randy had dropped out of school. They figured they could keep their attendance up [at the US-USSR meet] if everybody thought the US's best team would be there." Wishing to set the record straight, Matsuda said, "Randy Williams has not quit school. He's still a member of the Trojan track and field team."

SHOT PUT

Kansas State's **Tom Brosius**, the leading collegiate shot putter during the indoor campaign off his 64-3½ heave, missed the NCAA title meet because of a strained abductor magnus in his right leg. Brosius reports that he has altered his training slightly this year, throwing less in practice and doing more repetitions in his weight training.

PRO NOTES

SPRINTS

A one-time ITA appearance was put in at LA by John Carlos. "It's a one-meet deal," he said. "I still haven't come to terms with ITA." Slow out of the blocks, he finished 5th in an electrical 6.3. But his mouth is still as fast as ever. Before the meet he took a shot at Valeriy Borzov, saying, "Let's get ITA to sign Borzov to a contract. Then we'll see if he's looking back."

All-time dash great **Bob Hayes** has mixed fortunes on the ITA circuit, winning 2 of his first 3 races. The one he lost was a severe trouncing by Cliff Branch. Although Hayes has lost 15lb since he began, he still looks massive. Asked how he felt after his initial start, at LA, he told Marty Liquori, "Old, man, old."

440 YARDS

Two-time Olympian **Vince Matthews** reveals that the non-competitive aspects of the sport are among the most enjoyable experiences of going to the Games. He is currently working with Neil Amdur of *The New York Times* on a book concerning his athletic experiences with an emphasis on the many problems, encounters and insights he has gained as a trackman and especially as a black individual. "I think the two Olympics I competed in broadened my viewpoint of people in general, not just on a black and white scale. If you stay in just one place, like your hometown and never get out, you might tend to break something down into just black and white. But when you get out, you can see and meet other people and learn there is a whole other world outside your immediate area. At Munich, I played chess with a Russian and that was really cool. I didn't know he was a Russian. I just walked up to him and through sign language asked if he wanted to play. We played and had a great time and it was cool. But if I went just on things I read in the papers, I might think Russians had horns or something and they would say, 'Stay away from me, you dirty capitalist so-and-so.' But they weren't like that at all. So I appreciate the Olympics from the standpoint they gave me the chance to meet people from all over the world and find out that they were really much like all people and just wanted the things all people want. Meeting an athlete on a one-to-one basis is really valuable."

MILE

Kip Keino says that other Kenyan distance runners are interested in ITA. "Many of them have talked to me and they want me to let them know how it goes. If all goes well, I think many of them will be ready to join up." He also recently commented that perhaps the absence of Jim Ryun from the Munich 1500 final contributed to his loss to Pekka Vasala. "When he was eliminated I got a bit too relaxed."

As for **Jim Ryun**, he reveals that he almost became another Rick DeMont (the swimmer disqualified for taking an asthma medication). Another allergy sufferer, Ryun says that he first got a no, then a yes on his medication. But in the last minute at Munich it again switched to no when DeMont was disqualified. He had another exasperating affair with USOC officials when he wanted help in preparing a petition for advancement after his fall. "None of them came by my room to offer any assistance. I guess they were out partying somewhere."

POLE VAULT

Bob Seagren reveals that he turned pro not only for the money but also to get away from all the restrictions of amateur track. "I just couldn't go on as an amateur after Munich. I couldn't justify not making money at what I did. I knew I had to grow up, stop being choked by all those restrictions put on amateurs. Pro track might lead to an open Olympics, that's where it should be. No nationalism, no politics, no hypocrisy—just the best athletes from every nation. The Olympics are in trouble. Every country has outdone the previous one to the point where Munich cost more than \$600 million. How can that go on? What's Montreal going to do? They had to come away depressed." □



(L) James Nyumutei raised his TJ best to 52-9½ from 48-9½ but bruised his heel on that big leap. (2nd from left) Frosh Whitney Paul, a 54-8/170-7 thrower, has also high jumped 6-8. /Don Chadez/ (2nd from right) 209-9 hammerer Steve DeAutremont now trains in southern California. /Chadez/ (R) Don Allbritton's 7326 decathlon PR came despite few training or competitive chances. /Bodnar/

He has improved his incline press from 370 to 410.

ICAA shot champ **Scott Haney** has come a long way to his 61-3 top. Now a 253lb ball-puncher as a Navy senior, he was a 165lb sprinter when he entered the Academy.

Doug Lane is maybe following in the steps of another Southern Cal shot great—Dallas Long. Lane is currently in grad school at Humboldt State working on qualifying for dental school. Long, the 64 OG champ, also went into dentistry. Lane has given up putting for the time being.

Colorado frosh **Whitney Paul**, the leading prep discus thrower with the international implement last year (170-7), has improved his best with the big shot to 54-8 already. And, at 6-4/230, he has cleared an amazing 6-8 in the high jump.

Former Kansas standout **Steve Wilhelm** is shifting his concentration from the shot (66-3) to the disc (187-7) and has dropped about 40lb in the past 6mo (to 230-240). "I've decided to give it a whirl and move my PR up about 20-30ft," he says. But for now he is really concentrating on learning the law profession. "It's hard to be a champion in both concurrently," he says. "I'm just training back into shape slowly. It's hard to tell a specific date but I will be back for certain—this is for sure."

DISCUS THROW

Olympian **John Powell** says that he will probably continue to throw through 76: "I'll compete as long as I'm throwing well," he says. "It gets me out of the house and I like to compete. I'd compete every weekend if I could, and this is why I don't think I'd turn pro for the few meets they might have outdoors."

HAMMER THROW

Four-time Olympian **Harold Connolly** has dropped in weight from 265 to 198, the least he has weighed since he was a junior in high school. Now 41, Connolly plans on concentrating on speed in his training this year and implementing 4 turns.

Ex-Oregon Stater **Steve DeAutremont**, a 209-9 thrower in 1972, has moved to the San Fernando Valley in southern California and is now training with discus thrower Miles Lister.

Voluble **George Frenn** says that one of the reasons he didn't approach his own world mark in the weight against the Soviets was his yell. "I wasn't yelling like I normally yell," he revealed. "When I don't yell like I should, I don't throw like I should. I won it more or less on past experience and luck."

Collegiate hammer record holder (231-3) **Al Schoterman** has signed as a free agent with pro football's Cleveland Browns. "I didn't want to stay an amateur all my life," he said. "Not with all the money there is in professional athletics. I knew I wanted pro football. I was doing a lot of sprints at Munich—running I wasn't supposed to do." Schoterman will reportedly be tried at running back although he was a backup defensive tackle at Kent State.

JAVELIN THROW

Prep record holder **Russ Francis** (259-11) spent the winter throwing the football instead of the javelin in hopes of becoming Oregon's quarterback during spring football. He is currently ineligible, having an incomplete course to make up.

Oregon has another spear thrower whose thoughts are turning elsewhere. That would be frosh **Ron Lee**, No. 3 on the prep list last year at 234-10 for Lexington, Mass. The first frosh ever to make all Pac-8 in basketball, Lee plans to devote his full time to the cage sport and has no track plans. A super all-around performer, Lee was an all-league goalie in soccer as a prep and is an outstanding baseball player as well.

National record holder **Mark Murro**, one of only 5 performers ever to top 300ft (at 300-0) is likely out of action for the 73 campaign. "I suffered a slipped disc while lifting. I was doing heavy deadlifts," he writes. "It has cancelled my training completely." He currently lists his all-time goal as just "getting back into good throwing condition."

DECATHLON

You have to admire **Don Allbritton**, NCAA 10-event 3rd placer with a PR 7328 last year. A super-talent who can claim vertical jump bests of 6-10¼ and 16-4¼, Allbritton is now suffering the "out-of-college blues". "Being in the midwest," he says, "there are no track clubs of interest and no concern from my former school or coach." But he is eager to crack 8000 and be one of the best. "All I need are a few chances to get it altogether," he says. Listen to a part of his training regimen: "I don't train with weights because I don't know when, why or how much to lift. . . I haven't practiced vaulting for the last three years for lack of facilities. I just took my pole to the meet. Any change will be an improvement." He has a few alternatives: "I am considering a move to the Los Angeles area so I could join the Striders, but this is still a question mark. I hope ITA adds the decathlon to their schedule. The Dallas Cowboys are interested in me as a free agent and it would be nice to work the two in together. I think that pro track is a great advancement for the sport. Due to lack of financial support my number of competitions will be limited this spring."

A few random thoughts from leading competitor **Steve Gough**: "I am against steroids and other drugs. . . I think the amateur rule is a farce and athletes should be able to hold a job as a track coach and still remain 'amateurs'. . . The strongest motivating force behind my efforts is my belief in Jesus Christ and His plan for my life."

Decafreak **Frank Zarnowski** (whose voice is familiar to all witnesses of the NCAA decathlon) has a few relevant comments about his favorite event: "The decathlon has come a long way in the US since 67, when there were but 16 meets in the entire US and very few 7000 pointers. There were more than 60 meets in 72, and we had 40 over the once-magic 7000. At the FOT, 21 of the highest 34 scorers in US history competed. No doubt the colleges have played their part. The event is now part of the championship programs at the NAIA and NCAA. In 73, it will be a part of the ICAA and Pac-8. The USTFF has sponsored many meets, and no small thanks to people like Bill Toomey, who helped make the event popular and frequent competition acceptable. There is no doubt that we can produce more fine decathletes. The grass roots area now seems very solid. High school pentathlons are common, junior decathlon competition has begun, and the event is being promoted on the JC level. It seems that our next step would be to improve the international competition. Our decathletes have had very little of it." □

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U S OUTDOOR LIST

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The following list contains the top performers for the 1973 US outdoor season: m=converted metric mark; *non-US citizen regularly competing in US.

100 YARDS

9.4	Vince Breddell (S Jose St)
9.4	Gus Brisco (Ariz)
9.4	Willie Deckard (Cal Int)
9.4	Ohene KariKari' (Colo)
9.4	Willie McGee (Alc A&M)
9.4	Dave Perkins (Ariz)
9.4	Dennis Schultz (Okla St)

Wind-aided:

9.1	Dennis Schultz (Okla St)
9.2	Gus Brisco (Ariz)
9.2	Dave Gilliard (Cal Int)
9.2	Steve Pettes (Okla St)
9.2	Errol Stewart' (UTEP)
9.2	Larry Stinson (SWn Okla St)

Incomplete wind info:

9.4	Harold Porter (SWn La)
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220 YARDS

20.7	Dennis Schultz (Okla St)
20.8	Don Quarrie' (Sn Cal)
21.0	Vince Breddell (S Jose St)
21.0	Ohene KariKari' (Colo)
21.0	Allen Misher (LSU)

Wind-aided:

20.6	Vince Breddell (S Jose St)
20.6	Dennis Schultz (Okla St)
20.7	Allen Misher (LSU)
20.7	Dave Perkins (Ariz)
20.7	Adrian Rodgers (BA Strid)

440 YARDS

46.3	Benny Brown (UCLA)
46.3	Maxie Parks (UCLA)
46.7	Don Sturgal (Tex)
46.9	Beaufort Brown (Fla)
46.9	Ken Randle (Sn Cal)

Leading relay splits:

45.1	Beaufort Brown (Fla)
45.3	Julius Sang' (N Car Cent)
45.7	Benny Brown (UCLA)
45.8	Randy Faust (Ala)

880 YARDS

1:48.5	Mike Boit' (En NM)
1:48.7	Mark Winzenried (CW)
1:49.5	Robert Ouko' (N Car Cent)
1:49.5m	Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)

Leading relay splits:

1:48.7	Tyrone Frederick' (Fla St)
1:48.9	Robert Ouko' (N Car Cent)

MILE

3:58.5	Len Hilton (Hous TC)
4:00.2	Juris Luzins (Quant)
4:01.2	Byron Dyce' (United AA)
4:02.3	Paul Cummings (BYU)
4:03.0	Mike Boit' (En NM)
4:03.2	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)

STEEPLECHASE

8:46.2	Leonard Hill (Ore St)
8:49.2	Todd Lathers (Ore)
8:51.4	Doug Brown (Tenn)
8:53.0	Barry Brown (Fla TC)
8:55.6	Gary Kramer (BYU)

TWO MILES

8:31.8	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)
8:37.2	Paul Geis (Ore TC)
8:41.6	Reggie McAfee (N Car)
8:42.8	Mike Keogh' (Manh)
8:43.0	Rick Riley (CNW)

THREE MILES

13:24.2	Paul Geis (Ore TC)
13:30.6	Tom Wheeler (S Diego St)
13:30.8	Dave Tocheri' (Nn Ariz)
13:31.6	Scott Bringham (Utah)
13:32.2	John Hartnett' (Vill)

5000 METERS

13:49.0	Frank Shorter (Fla TC)
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SIX MILES

27:09.4	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)
27:54.0	Jim Johnson (CNW)
27:54.0	Frank Shorter (Fla TC)
28:02.8	Jeff Galloway (Fla TC)
28:08.6	Gordon Minty' (En Mich)
28:08.8	Ken Misner (Fla TC)
28:10.4	Mike Wagenbach (ELATC)

120 YARD HURDLES

13.6	Charles Foster (N Car Cent)
13.6	Jeff Howser (Fla TC)
13.6	Danny Smith' (Fla St)
13.6	Tommy Lee White (Strid)
13.7	Charles Rich (UCLA)
13.7	Larry Shipp (Spts Int)
13.7	Ricky Stubbs (La Tech)
13.7	Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal)

Wind-aided:

13.4	Ricky Stubbs (La Tech)
13.5	Fommy Lee White (Strid)
13.6	Rod Milburn (Sn U)
13.7	George Carty (BA Strid)
13.7	Gregg Vandaveer (Kans)

440 YARD HURDLES

51.4	Jim Bolding (P Coast)
51.4	Mike Cronholm (Rice)
51.4	Robert Primeaux (Tex)
51.4	Wes Williams (SDTC)
51.5	Carl Stevenson (Sn U)

MARATHON

2:12:03	Frank Shorter (Fla TC)
2:16:15	John Vitale (NHTC)
2:18:06	Doug Schmenk (ELATC)
2:19:16	Tom Fleming (Paterson St)
2:20:16.4	Jerry Tighe' (Ore TC)
2:20:24	Amby Burfoot (C Conn AA)
2:20:41	Carl Hatfield (W Va TC)
2:20:43.8	Tom Hess (N Tex TC)
2:21:55	Terry Ziegler (Tulsa RC)
2:22:32	Ed Hereford (NCTC)

HIGH JUMP

7-4½	Tom Woods (Ore St)
7-3	Robert Joseph (Ariz)
7-2½	Dean Owens (Sn Cal)
7-2½	Dwight Stones (P Coast)
7-0	Mike Fleer (Ore St)
7-0	Rick Fletcher (UCLA)
7-0	Pat Matzdorf (CW)
7-0	Bob Niehl (Wash St)
7-0	William Oates (Tex)
7-0	Barry Shepard (P Coast)

POLE VAULT

17-9	Steve Smith (P Coast)
17-6	Mike Cotton (Fla)
17-6	Dave Roberts (Rice)
17-5	Francois Tracanelli' (UCLA)
17-4	Larry Jessee (Strid)
17-1	Jim Speer (Colo)



Mike Cotton has topped 17-6 and won Florida here at 16-7¼. /Bannister/

17-¼ Terry Porter (Kans)

17-0 Roland Carter (unat)

Visiting competitors:

17-1 Hans Lagerqvist'' (Swe)

LONG JUMP

25-8½	James McAlister (UCLA)
25-7½	Anthony Carter (A-Peay St)
25-4	Josh Owusu' (Angelo St)
25-1½	Louis Wright (S Jose St)
25-1¼	Finn Bendixen' (UCLA)

Wind-aided:

26-9½	Danny Brabham (Baylor)
26-3	Josh Owusu' (Angelo St)
25-11½	Wesly Smith (La Tech)
25-9¾	Jeff Bolin (Purdue)
25-8¾	James McAlister (UCLA)
25-6½	Lars Allen (Ark AM&N)
25-6½	Ricky Thompson (Baylor)

Incomplete wind info:

25-9½ John Delamere' (Wash St)

TRIPLE JUMP

53-1	Harry Freeman (UCLA)
52-4½	John Craft (UCTC)
52-3	Milan Tiff (UCLA)
52-1¾	Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St)
52-1½	Robert Reader (Staters)
51-8¾	Sigurd Langeland' (BYU)
51-2½	Henry Jackson' (Strid)
51-1¾	Dave Tucker (L Beach St)
51-½	Walter Robinson' (Ariz)
51-0	Seigha Porbeini' (Miss St)

Wind-aided:

52-½	Moise Pomaney' (H Payne)
51-7¾	Brian Tubb (Ariz)
51-3¾	James Butts (Strid)
51-3¾	Walter Davenport (E Car)

Incomplete wind info:

51-4¾	Jerry Gaines (Wn Car)
51-4½	Jesse Johnson (Sn U)

SHOT PUT

70-2	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)
65-5	Sam Walker (SMU)
65-½	Hans Hoglund' (UTEP)
62-8¾	Richard Marks (unat)
62-8¾	Bruce Wilhelm (NYAC)
62-5½	Tom Brosius (Kans St)
61-9	Dana LeDuc (unat)
61-5¾	Kent Pagel (UCLA)
61-5½	Terry Albritton (Stan)
61-4¾	Ron Semkiw (Ariz St)

DISCUS THROW

210-3	Tim Vollmer (Staters)
207-5	Gary Ordway (P Coast)
202-3	Mac Wilkins (Ore)
201-7	Miles Lister (P Coast)

201-5 John Powell (P Coast)

197-4 Dave Weber (P Coast)

197-3 Jim Penrose (BA Strid)

196-10 Steve Gunzel (Ariz)

194-10 Roger Freberg (UCLA)

194-6 Ken Stadel (Rice)

HAMMER THROW

221-2	Peter Farmer' (UTEP)
207-9	Ted Bregar (Navy)
200-10	Bill Dinneen' (DC Strid)
200-6	Dov Djerassi (NEn TC)
199-5	Hal Connolly (Strid)

JAVELIN THROW

290-10	Sam Colson (Kans)
267-2	Fred Luke (CNW)
264-7	Gary Quitslund (Wash)
263-0	Milt Sonsky (NYAC)
253-9	Sam Strickland (Ariz)
252-3	Cary Feldmann (CNW)
250-3	Bruce Kennedy' (Cal)

DECATHLON

7889	Jeff Bennett (unat)
7619	Steve Gough (CNW)
7612	John Warkentin (Strid)
7557	Roger George (Fres St)
7453	Rory Kenward (UCSB)

Unverified totals:

7606	Carl Wood (Fla TC)
7330	Bill Hancock (Sn III)

440 YARD RELAY

39.9	Southern Cal
40.0	UCLA
40.1	Arizona State
40.2	Kansas State
40.3	Cal International
40.3	California
40.4	Memphis State
40.4	Texas

MILE RELAY

3:08.2	Alabama
3:09.3	North Carolina Central
3:09.7	Florida
3:09.9	Troy State
3:10.4	Texas

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY

3:19.4	North Carolina Central
3:19.4	Florida State
3:19.7	Essex CC

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55.9	Florida
56.1	Penn
57.8	North Carolina Central

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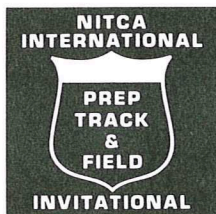
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LONG JUMP: Beamon, Boston, Baumgartner, Davies, Henry Hines, Hopkins, Arnie Robinson, Tate, Ter-Ovanesyan, **Randy Williams**.

TRIPLE JUMP: John Craft, Jorg Drehmel, **Viktor Saneyev**, Dave Smith, Gentile, Kalocsai, Kreyer, Prudencio, Ruckborn, Josef Schmidt, Stoikovskiy, Art Walker, Phil May.

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WORLD NOTES ON YOUR MARKS

An Africa-Europe all-star meet may be in the offing. West Germany's track federation plans to ask the IAAF for permission to arrange a meet between all-star squads from the two continents in 1974. The West Germans are also reportedly interested in hosting a meeting between Europe and a world all-star team.

For the US-Africa match, scheduled this Aug. 4-5 on a new synthetic track in Dakar, Senegal, the first three finishers in each event from the All-Africa Games have already been nominated. Other athletes will be given a chance for a team position at a mid-June meet.

Britain's Lynn Davies, 64 Olympic long jump champ and a three-time Olympian, has been named Canadian National Technical Director for track. Davies will assume the 4yr position, designed to prepare Canada's team for the Montreal Olympics, in July of 1976.

Boycotting, threatening or otherwise disrupting major athletic events seems to be a growing thing. Latest to come under fire are the 74 Commonwealth Games scheduled for Christchurch, New Zealand. Reports Peter Heidenstrom: "Certain African and Caribbean countries have threatened to boycott the Commonwealth Games if the South African rugby team tours New Zealand this (NZ) winter. Two things look certain: the tour will go on and the Games will go on. The Games organizers have refused to pressure the New Zealand Rugby Union to cancel the tour. The organizers don't want to pressure the union and couldn't even if they wanted to—as the other Commonwealth nations clearly understood in Edinburgh in 70 before the Games were voted to New Zealand. Then, the rugby union has set itself firmly against overt pressure from protest groups and covert government pressure. A majority of New Zealanders seem to back the union, preferring the tour to the Games. Only government intervention can stop the tour, but in last November's elections, the government pledged it would not intervene. Moreover, New Zealand sport has always been free of political direction and any government trying to dictate to sports bodies would find itself out of office in short order. So, the Games organizers and the British Commonwealth Games Federation are both adamant the Games will take place—boycott or no. Plans are progressing as scheduled."

Members of Montreal's Olympic organizing committee report a new, more positive atmosphere has developed recently regarding the Games. Some feel the approval of the Games budget may have opened a happier chapter on the Montreal Games, while others speculate that China's consideration of sending athletes to Montreal may be symbolic of hopes the Games will mark a milestone in Olympic history. One spokesman said, however, he sees little or no chance any major Olympic events will be shifted to other Canadian cities as has been urged of late.

The new IOC President, Ireland's Lord Killanin, feels several incidents at Munich involving Americans have damaged the Olympic image. "Such events as athletes demonstrating on the victory rostrum [400m champion Vince Matthews and runnerup Wayne Collett] with the whole world watching and then being disciplined did considerable damage to the Olympic image. In a way, I am even more concerned about the damage done to the American image. Its overall showing was disappointing, and it was a very bad thing for American prestige when its athletes failed to arrive at the starting line on time"—referring to the Eddie Hart-Rey Robinson incident. "The American image was further damaged when Denver gave up the 76 Winter Olympics. The Olympic movement in the US is at a low ebb at the moment. I hope it survives."

400 METERS

Italian **Marcello Fiasconaro's** injured foot, which kept him out of the Olympics, is reportedly sound—as evidenced by his 45.6/1:46.4 metric times.

European 400 recordman **Karl Honz** joined the West German army after the Olympics and gained some weight but not much training. Not in the best of shape at either the West German or European indoor meets, he ran only the relays. "I don't like running indoors," Honz says. "I'm too heavy for those narrow tracks. I'm waiting for sum-



LJ greets Lynn Davies (l) and Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, both OG medallists, are now both national coaches. /Fionnbar Callanan, Penny Crowell/

mer." Adds correspondent Michael Gerhardt: "Since the relay incident in Munich [Honz blazed the first 200 of the 1600 relay anchor in 20.1 but died in the stretch and faded from 1st to 4th], Honz has been afraid to run anchor. He is probably a good man for one of the middle legs of the relay; he has run only 12 open 400s in his life and doesn't have the self-confidence necessary for the starting or finishing position."

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Danie Malan is leading South Africa's middle distance corps and appears totally recovered from the leg injury which kept him out of action from June of 71 until last October. His 1:45.3 800 leads the world.

Fanie Van Zijl, 72's star, returned in mid-March from an appendectomy and tonsillitis with a 3:46.5 1500. However, **Dicky Broberg**, who ran 1:44.7 in early 71, has yet to come out of his retirement.

Olympic 1500 champ **Pekka Vasala** may not see much action in 1973. He had surgery for a heel injury in November and is not yet completely recovered. His limited training doesn't give him strong chances for an outstanding season in the 800-1500, according to coach **Kari Sinkonnen**. But both coach and athlete are hopeful of a return to form for the 74 European title meet.

DISTANCES

Probably the hottest world performer on indoor tracks, Belgium's **Emiel Puttemans** has blazed to the three fastest 3000m ever undercover—7:39.2, 7:44.6 and 7:45.2—as well as the quickest 2M ever—8:13.2, plus a 5:00.0 2000m record. Following his amazing run in West Berlin which produced the metric records en route to the 2M mark, the little gardener was asked his 1973 seasonal goals: "I hope to run a good 10,000 this year and also make a good try at the steeple." How good? "Oh, about 8:15." The head coach of Puttemans' club (Louvain Daring), **Marcel Mouton**, feels "this should be the best season ever for Emiel. Usually we run a 2000m time trial each December. In both 1970 and 71, Emiel ran 5:16; at the end of last year, though, he ran 5:08—all alone and on a muddy, rain-soaked track." Asked what caused Puttemans' 5th in the OG 5000 after a superb 27:39.6 10,000 2nd, the coach explained: "Emiel was injured early in the summer and we had to plan very intensive training so he would reach his top form at Munich. After a fast 10,000 heat, that marvelous final and a fast 5000 heat, no more could have been asked from him. He used all he had to stay with **Steve Prefontaine** and come in 5th ahead of **Harald Norpoth**." After his Berlin record spree, Puttemans made some predictions about future world distance records: "In about 2yr, you can expect times for the metric races like 7:32, 13:08 and 27:30." By whom, he refused to say.

Naftali Temu, recently reported retired [1 Feb.], is apparently still competing locally in Kenya. He recently won the Kenya army cross country title (at an unspecified distance and time); the report of his victory noted he has retired "from big-time international athletics".

MARATHON—WALKS

Said **Jack Foster**, New Zealand's grand old man of marathoning at age 39, when asked when he might retire: "I have received such a mountain of shoes as presents, I

have to wear them out first before I think of retiring. And that will take at least until 1976."

Two East German walk greats have retired, 72 OG 20km winner **Peter Frenkel** (to devote his full energies to his architecture studies) and 68 50km gold medalist **Christoph Hohne**.

Paul Nihill, 20km world record holder from Britain, has announced his retirement. "After much serious thought, I have decided to call it a day officially," the three-time Olympian and 64 50km silver medalist was quoted in *Athletics Weekly*. "Since Munich there has been no enthusiasm and I am no longer mentally capable of achieving the high mileage necessary to keep at the top."

JUMPS

West Germany's OG long jump silver medalist **Hans Baumgartner** won his 2nd consecutive European indoor long jump title in Rotterdam despite fouling 4 of 6 jumps. "Two of the 'fouls' were okay," he says, advising "the officials were sleeping. They forgot to clean the plasticine strip in front of the board before I jumped. Then they found spike marks but they were made by the jumper before me." Baumgartner estimated those efforts at 26-7/26-9; he won with 25-9.

Vaulter **Renato Dionisi** of Italy, one of track's most frequently injured stars, had little time to rejoice over his excellent indoor season (in which he cleared 17-8½ twice in consecutive meets, the latter winning him his first European title). Late in March, reports R.L. Quercetani, he fell while driving his motorcycle; in an accident reminiscent of **Valeriy Brumel's** in the fall of 1965, Renato's right leg was pinned under the machine. He sustained severe bruises and flesh was torn off his ankle, but fortunately there was no fracture. Recently, Dionisi made his debut as a competitive motorcycle racer and was close witness to a fatal accident involving another competitor.

The retirement of **Wolfgang Nordwig** seems to have left a vacuum in East German vaulting circles. The nation's indoor title was recently won at 15-5.

Soviet high jumper **Kestutis Sapka**, 3rd-ranked in 71 and European champ but hobbled by a knee injury at Munich, is back in competition. He clocked 6.3 over the 45m highs and triple jumped 49-1¼ in a recent indoor meet. But at the USSR indoor title meet, he high leaped only 6-9/8 and didn't qualify for the finals.

One of long jumping's all-time greats, Soviet **Igor Ter-Ovanesyan**, has retired from competition. But he will remain active as a coach and, in fact, was head coach of the victorious USSR team at the recent indoor match with the US. The career of "Prince Igor" was rich indeed: he made the 56 OG team at age 17 and competed in the next four Games, winning bronzes in 60 and 64 and placing 4th in 68. European champ in 58, 62 and 69 and runnerup in 66 and 71, Ter set the still-standing European record of 27-4¼ in 67 to match the then-world mark of **Ralph Boston**, and their efforts (matched by **Josef Schwarz** in 70) still stand 2nd all-time only behind **Bob Beamon's** 29-2½ record. One of his unachieved goals, however, was to jump 8.50m/27-10¾. Asked recently if he considered retiring before now, Igor replied, "Yes, I wanted to quit in Mexico. Until then I had only one goal, the long jump world record. But in Mexico, Beamon took that toy out of my hands forever."

THROWS

East Germany looks to have another shot putter of great potential. Young **Udo Beyer**—age 17, 6-4¾, 249lb—hit a PR 60-5¼ for 4th in the Great Britain indoor dual, compared to a 72 best of 56-¾. Last year, with junior implements, he whipped the discus 182-10¾ and the hammer 221-6.

East Germany's veteran shot heaver **Dieter Hoffmann** has retired. Europe's first 20m/65-7½ thrower with his 65-10½ in 68, Hoffmann eventually hit an all-time best of 67-7 in 69, placed 4th in the 68 OG and won the 69 European title. He will continue working in track.

West German **Walter Schmidt**, world hammer record holder who missed much of the 72 season due to injury, expects to resume competition as soon as weather conditions allow. He was recently quoted, "Not the best technician will prove best in hammer circles, but the rather the thrower who can take the most in training effort." □

PREPLIST

TO APRIL 9, 1973

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100 YARDS

- 9.5 *Greg Edmond (Ball, Galveston, Tex)
9.5 Jesse Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee, Fla)
9.5 Philip Pipersburg (Santa Barbara, Calif)

Wind-aided:

- 9.4 Donald Merrick (DeLand, Fla)

Incomplete wind info:

- 9.4 Hudson (South Sumter, Bushnell, Fla)

440 YARDS

- 47.4 Herb Kinney (Jones, Houston, Tex)

Leading relay splits:

- 46.3 Herb Kinney (Jones, Houston, Tex)
46.9 Raymond Clayborn (Tr Tech, Ft Worth, Tex)

880 YARDS

- 1:51.8 Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif)

ONE MILE

- 4:07.4 Steve Bolt (Grissom, Huntsville, Ala)

- 4:09.1 Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif)

Leading relay splits:

- 4:08.6 Terry Williams (Lompoc, Calif)

THREE MILES

- 14:01.8 Robbie Perkins (Collegiate, Richmond, Va)

SIX MILES

- 28:54.4 Robbie Perkins (Collegiate, Richmond, Va)

- 30:17.0 Gordy Braun (Shoreline, Seattle, Wash)

- 30:31.6 Gordon Bowman (Washington, Parkland, Wash)

PREP NOTES

ON YOUR MARKS

Illinois will replace the 180 low hurdles with the 330 lows in 1974 and go to the 330 intermediates in 1976. The triple jump and 440 relay will also be added to the program next year.

Eisenhower of Norristown, Pa. has a string of 80 straight dual-triangular wins both indoors and outdoors since December 1969 and since 1968 is 102-1.

The top two finishers in each event at the Oregon, Washington and Idaho state meets will be invited to compete in the 1973 Rose Festival Invitational June 9 at Mt. Hood CC in Gresham, Ore.

SPRINTS

Fred Dugard (Edison, Jamaica, NY) took 0.1 off the year-old frosh 300 best of 33.3 and has a 22.5 relay leg on Edison's 1:33.1 team.

That 9.7 for junior Terry Miller (Mitchell, Colorado Springs, Colo) is the fastest ever run indoors by a prep outside the Houston Astrodome.

George Walker (Yates, Houston, Tex), a 9.6 soph performer last season, scored 42 points in Yates' basketball game against the state's No. 1 team, Wheatley of Houston. Lester Hayes (9.5w, 21.5 to date) played on that state champion team.

Max Tolen (Thornton, Harvey, Ill) and Bill Collins (Bloom Township, Chicago Heights) have exchanged the state record in the 330, a popular Illinois event. Collins went 35.8, Tolen, the fine 49.8 performer, ran 35.7 before Collins clocked 35.6, but in a losing effort to the 34.9 for junior Joe Stewart (Evanston).

MIDDLE DISTANCES

Curtis Beck (Santa Monica, Calif) doesn't subscribe to the current trend of excessive training mileage. His program runs to just 40M per week of quality work and has paid off with bests of 4:04.2 and 8:48.8 last season and



Shot pacer Dave Doupe (66-10). /Randy Moss/

- 30:55.2 *Jeff Keeton (Mt Vernon, Wash)
30:57.2 Bryan Geissler (Hazen, Renton, Wash)

10,000 METERS

- 31:52.2 *Jeff Keeton (Mt Vernon, Wash)



(L) Curtis Beck leads the 880 at 1:51.8. /Gane/
(R) Jesse Forbes, 100 co-leader at 9.5. /Kasper/

1:51.8 this year.

With his indoor state titles (1:59.5, 4:11.4), Steve Bolt (Grissom, Huntsville, Ala) has won 10 titles in four years—2 in cross country and 4 each in the 880 and mile.

Merrill Noden (Lawrenceville, NJ) took a huge 1.4 off the state indoor 880 record with his 1:54.0. Noden plans to live with his uncle in England for a year before entering a US college.

HURDLES

Just three days after he set the national 45HH (42") record of 5.7, Stuart Price (Central, Providence, RI) was killed in an automobile accident.

JUMPS

Lee Braach (Mt Rainier, Des Moines, Wash) has cleared at least 6-8 in 15 consecutive meets and was coming off a knee injury when he cleared his seasonal best of 6-10.

Karl McCoy (Port Richmond, NY) has equaled Del Benjamin's 1961 frosh indoor best of 6-2.

Interesting height vs. clearance differentials have developed this year. The national leader, Kelly Donahue (Palos Verdes, PV Estates, Calif) at 6-10½ is just 5-9¾ and junior Victor Churchill (Alemany, Mission Hills, Calif) at 6-8 is just 5-8. On the other hand, 6-8¾ leaper Frank LeFerve (Clearwater, Fla) is reportedly 6-10½.

Tim Johnson (Bloom Township, Chicago Heights, Ill), the younger brother of Olympian Jan Johnson, is a record

MARATHON

- 2:23:47 **Mitch Kingery (San Carlos, Calif)
2:28:22 Clayton Craig (Eau Gallie, Fla)
2:31:57 John Foran (New Canaan, Conn)
2:33:29 Bryan Geissler (Hazen, Renton, Wash)
2:33:36 *Craig Martin (Edmonds, Wash)
2:33:54 Alex Aguilar (Calif)

120 YARD HURDLES

- 13.9 Will Robinson (Hall, Little Rock, Ark)

Wind-aided:

- 13.8 Danny Webb (Lake Worth, Ft Worth, Tex)

180 YARD HURDLES (Straight)

- 18.7 *Mike Harris (Indio, Calif)

HIGH JUMP

- 6-10½ Kelly Donahue (Palos Verdes, PV Est, Calif)
6-10 Lee Braach (Mt Rainier, Des Moines, Wash)

POLE VAULT

- 15-6 Tim Curran (Crespi Carmelite, Encino, Calif)

SHOT PUT

- 66-10 Dave Doupe (Inglewood, Calif)
54-2 Lonnie Shelton (Foothill, Bakersfield, Calif)
63-0 Russ Vincent (Ballard, Seattle, Wash)

440 YARD RELAY

- 41.5 Ball, Galveston, Tex

880 YARD RELAY

- 1:26.8 Charlton-Pollard, Beaumont, Tex

TWO MILE RELAY

- 7:46.4 Brandon, Fla

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

- 10:03.0 Lompoc, Calif

breaker in his own right. Besides his frosh outdoor record (14-10), Tim has the frosh (13-8), soph (14-8½) and junior (15-1) class indoor bests.

Russ Rogers (Paschal, Ft Worth), the 15-9¾ (15-4¼ outdoors) vaulter was a 15-footer his soph and junior years and state 3A champion as a soph at Azle, Texas. He transferred to Paschal last fall to remain with his Azle coach, Phil Hall.

Kim Scott (West, Madison, Wisc) previewed his tying the indoor record at 16-¾ with 15-6¾ and 15-7 efforts the preceding two weekends.

Randy Williams, the Olympic champion, states one athlete he is scared of is Gerald Hardeman, his ex-teammate at Edison of Fresno, Calif. Randy said, "He's good and will get better". Hardeman, along with the rest of Northern California, hasn't gotten started outdoors due to nearly continuous rains during March.

THROWS

Dave Doupe (Inglewood, Calif) was unknown nationally last season with a 58-4½ best. This outdoor season Dave has 66-10, 65-6 (twice) and 64-5¾ efforts.

Lonnie Shelton (Foothill, Bakersfield, Calif) is an all-around athlete. Besides being all-Central section in football and basketball, the 6-8, 245-pounder has a 64-2 shot best and a 179-9 discus effort. Last year Shelton hit 182-5 and as a soph triple jumped 46-10¾.

RELAYS

The all-time indoor 880-relay list has taken a beating this year. Five teams have dipped below 1:31.5 to equal the number who did it in all the previous years.

The Mt SAC Relays could see some distance relay clockings to equal those perennially performed at the Penn Relays. Taft of Woodland Hills, Calif., has four half-milers whose 1973 bests add to 7:43.8 and Lompoc, the new distance medley record holder, hopes to get the 4M record as well. Lompoc currently has at least six milers capable of sub-4:30 efforts with Alvin Gilmore (4:12.4 72) and Terry Williams (4:08.6 relay) leading the way. □



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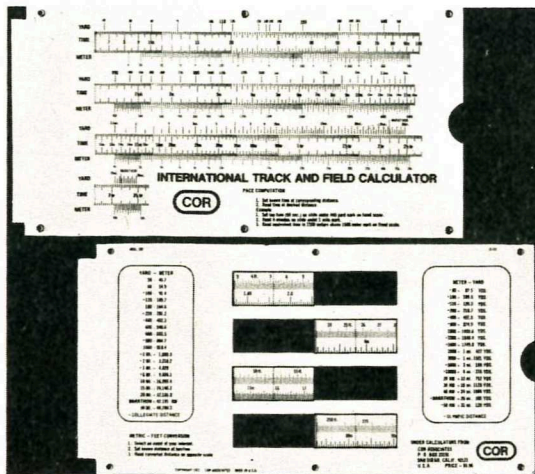
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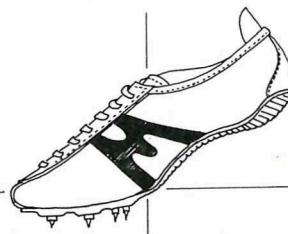
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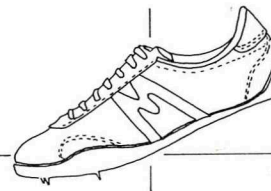


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From Nature to Nurture

Ron Pickering has seen Europe's approach to track as a British Olympic coach and the US's on numerous visits. His conclusion: the US must nurture its plentiful talent, not rely so much on natural ability.

by Ron Pickering

It comes as no surprise to me to find that having enjoyed your splendid hospitality at another *T&FN* Olympic Celebrity Banquet [for its tour members and guests], I am now asked not just to sing for my supper as I did in Munich, but to put my pen where my mouth was. I had hoped that I could get away with just a chat long before my criticisms of the American track and field team performances had sunk in. In this way I might continue to enjoy my occasional visits to your country in order to regenerate my own batteries in what still is undoubtedly the world's great nerve center of track and field vitality. To commit to paper what I said then may well jeopardize any future visit!



Ron Pickering
/Fionnbar Callanan/

Despite the liberal helpings of traditional fare in that Schwabingerbrau Festival Hall [site of *T&FN*'s get-together], most of us present were acutely conscious that the mighty US had little to be festive about. Many also realized that the results in Munich were symptomatic of problems that

were already evident in Mexico, and that no heed had been paid to the many warning signs in the interim. In my remarks, I deliberately emphasized the obvious problems rather than attempting to pour oil on troubled waters, relying heavily on the fact that my experience of Americans is that they are never better at accepting criticism (particularly from outsiders) than when faced with adversity. I particularly gambled on this when I suggested in their presence that the mighty Messrs. George Woods, Al Feuerbach and Brian Oldfield should have had their backsides kicked for leaving their 70ft-plus puts behind in the training areas. In my view, Wladyslaw Komar gave a splendid demonstration of disciplined competitiveness, getting out a lifetime best just when it mattered most. This surely is what the Olympic Games are all about. Komar had studied the temperament of every other competitor and knew exactly the importance of a great first put and the sort of impact this might make on the others. This epitomized for me the value of an athlete building his own performance and confidence from the experience of not only his past victories but equally on his past defeats.

Since my talk at Munich, I have at least had time to consider not just the superficial evidence of the problems but also the underlying possible causes. One cause, if not many, reflects an American attitude to life rather than just track for, although it is a broad generalization, Americans seem to learn little from defeat and see virtue only in victory.

Everyone faces what C.H. Mower describes as "the Competitive Paradox," i.e., the paradox of behavior which is at one and the same time self-perpetuating and self-defeating. Athletic competition provides both the opportunity to excel and the opportunity to be beaten. What is so often forgotten by US coaches and athletes is that being beaten provides an incentive to improvement as long as some prospect of winning remains—however long term. For those of us much lower down the track and field ladder, this becomes second nature, but for those who have dominated the scene for so long it can be unpalatable medicine to take even if it is only a palliative rather than a cure.

Where are your guides, counselors, coaches and national organizations that allow such magnificently raw and untutored talent like Fred DeBernardi, Karl Salb, Oldfield and John Radetich to sell their souls for a pittance in pro track rather than be nurtured for Montreal? In many countries, they would have been "paid" to stay amateurs! Was your tally of medals sufficient at Munich for you not to be prepared to pay your insurance premiums for the next Games, and should not some system exist where these potential Olympic champions can be tutored in readiness? Or is the answer an immediate disenchantment with the Olympic movement?

In America, as in Britain, one always hopes for a rich harvest of objective thinking and planning initiatives in post-Olympic meditations, but sad to say there is little evidence of them in either country. After careful reading of your otherwise excellent magazine, it appears full of recriminations, palliatives and alternatives—surely a philosophy of despair.

The most serious of the alternatives, apart from the return to the all-important college based system, is the latest professional circuit—ITA. Serious, not because of the number of top athletes who have joined (for

these are ephemeral creatures), but for the support that it has received from those long standing and much respected guardians of the sport. Let me immediately qualify this by saying that I do not refer to the traditionalists who would keep the sport in the dark ages, blindly following the Victorian attitudes of the IOC. But—can the "Bible of the Sport" honestly argue the case [as Bert Nelson has done] for ITA simply because it alone at the moment can guarantee a success-hungry public lots of American winners for home consumption? Of course, the immediate response will be that foreign stars will be invited to join, but far from alleviating the situation this could under certain circumstances become socially indefensible.

While there can be few objections to home-based retired US athletes like Jim Ryun, Randy Matson, Bob Seagren and Lee Evans picking up their pin money in addition to their chosen careers, who pays Chief Inspector Kip Keino's police pension? If someone has finally convinced him that the American public cannot wait to see the result of yet another Herculean clash with Jim Ryun, then his 2000 pieces of silver is inappropriate reward. An ill fitting demise for the man who is totally identified with the emergence of a whole new continent of athletes. He surely is needed back in Kenya as the great example to all who might follow his earlier path.

I am not suggesting for one moment that the latest pro track venture will bring with it any improper practice such as fixed races or lashes of the whip for false starts, and it may well be that the amateurs have much to learn from professional promotion. I am convinced, however, that the venture is eventually doomed to failure, relying inevitably on a policy of entertaining dwindling audiences with a drastically reduced number of simple contests between yesterday's super stars and tomorrow's potential Olympic champions. To avoid repetition and its inevitable predictability it must constantly draw from the rich resources of amateur track, matching financially the rewards and satisfaction that might be gained from an Olympic medal. At the moment, like the US dollar, it might be suffering from a poor exchange rate but this they cannot continually afford to do. What happens when one clear favorite emerges from the amateur pack yet prefers to be a professional and vocational hematologist? How do you answer the public's clamor for the big match?

What incurred the contempt of Aristotle, Aristophanes, Xenophon and Euripides was not reward but the concept of the full time professional athlete. What was unforeseen by Pierre de Coubertin and never acknowledged by Avery Brundage was the complex and dramatic social changes over the past two or three decades. It is no longer possible for the champion to emerge, train, establish himself and give full measure of his potentialities, yet remain indifferent to economic contingencies or even necessities. I think that all philosophers would agree that it is not money or material gain which dishonors, but only the falsehood and hypocrisy that surrounds our outdated legislation.

So let us make way for the part-time professional who is paid as an entertainer and who would be allowed to compete in the Olympic Games under their amateur code. But let us also safeguard the vocational needs of the athletes, for to force them into full-time professional ranks just to find out if they are the best is socially, philosophically and educationally indefensible. Sport for the vast majority should still be a divergence from work and an opportunity to recreate in one's leisure time. Just when lack of exercise is as big a killer as cancer, our sport should concern itself with massive participation not vicarious pleasure as a spectator.

To return to symptoms, I remember back in the beer hall I suggested that the US team had traveled badly in Europe prior to the Games, and that many of the younger athletes were frankly homesick. But then US teams always travel badly in Europe, frantically concerned not only whether their water will be drinkable but also iced, rather than concerned with their vital competitive build-up. If these domestic problems are as serious as you make them, then why does not an advance party sort them out long before the team even arrives? It will doubtless surprise many Americans that the recent touring party of Soviet female gymnasts without the prospect of daunting opposition still made their priority of needs a gymnasium, a sauna and, if there was time, a quick look at Niagra Falls which was just up the road from their base in Buffalo.

The general feeling that Europe is a slum and that everyone is planning total demoralization is an impression given after every team tour, but I wonder if it is something that is dished out with the uniforms? When American teams have been touring England and I have felt the need to rescue half-a-dozen or so athletes from their barely acceptable London hotel for the odd weekend, they very quickly settled into a typically English way of life without any complaints. It may well be a team problem rather than an individual one but it is a recurring one and may well relate to US teams generally doing badly in Europe.

On tour, the problem of providing the right sort of competition at the right time for every individual on a team is never easy for any coach, especially in an Olympic season, but how do you start when there is no national structure in the US but merely a fragmented and college-oriented one?

Where are your national event coaches who not only develop their craft with the best in the land but, equally important, establish at the same time that vital rapport long before they are selected for national representation. Four years of total involvement with the whole reservoir of talent from which the team must be chosen is the very least apprenticeship that should be served, not an introduction in the plane on the way to the Games!

Next problem. How do you mold a team which has drained its competitive resources in a plethora of trivial college track meets as slaves to a scholarship system long before the real season begins? How does one college coach motivate an athlete from a rival college suddenly to get it all together for him and Uncle Sam? The cynics would say that while everyone in the Olympic movement is crying out for less chauvinism, it is only the American track team which demonstrates its very lack of it. Those of us with experience of professional coaching at international team level not only know how tough a job it is but never cease to be amazed at just how well the US team coaches succeed in spite of, rather than because of, any organization.

On general attitudes to coaching, however, the national image projected is even more gloomy. With as always those notable exceptions, it is now generally agreed in Europe that the American coaches are falling behind their European counterparts, particularly in the coaching of the technical events and in the all around physical conditioning of athletes. There will be those who say it is easier to recruit than to nurture and so spend their energies raising funds rather than athletes. Some may succeed on this sort of philosophy but does no one worry about the appalling wastage?

It is now apparent that the wide chasm that once existed between the reservoir of US talent based on an armory of sunshine, scholarships, status, facilities and great year-round competition can now be matched by organization, technical efficiency, improved physical and mental conditioning, plus a little patience. Back may well come the heart cries that *their* successes are based on a political ideology or that they are full time professionals, or live at altitude, or have better pharmacists, and that Messrs. Ryun, Woods, Larry Black, Eddie Hart and Seagren were all 'robbed' in Munich otherwise the picture would be different! Whether you want to continue to sound as though you are still sucking on your sour grapes from Mexico City is not important. Whether constructive thinking and the right leadership and organization is appropriate and available I would have thought was infinitely more important and relevant.

To return to the underlying causes, what really worries me is the evidence of attitudes that lead to counter-productivity. Does *T&FN's* Garry Hill seriously think that Munich was just another track meet? Does my good friend Bert Nelson of your publication really believe that the future for our sport lies in an up-dated Roman Circus [ITA]? These are people whose opinions I generally respect and on whom I lean for advice and information. How much more so your own athletes and coaches. Perhaps I choose to exercise license in over-dramatizing your problems by failing to see the possible long term advantages for your own athletes within a society I do not fully comprehend. That is for you to decide, but if my criticisms merely provoke further comment it will have been of use.

Why should I lay these criticisms at the door of US track and field when my own country has just as many serious problems? We all live in a looking glass world where words like "amateur" and "professional" mean exactly what we want them to mean. It is simply that we have grown used to initiatives and innovation from America over the past century which has provided the greatest abundance of riches in the development of our sport. Now we see some of the great names of US track and field involved in seeking alternatives which erode the very life blood of the sport rather than cure its present problems.

More important, perhaps, is the widening belief in America of the Frank Merriwell myth created by author Horatio Alger which started a national tradition that now seems to have become an obsession. Even your most respected and world renowned politicians have expressed the view that the United States cannot afford to be second. Have they not discovered that too much winning may turn respect into revulsion since other nations also enjoy winning? While winning is the aim of competition, it is not its only benefit. If the choice is just between winning or losing, only one can benefit; but if the choice is between running or not running, anyone can benefit.

The danger is that the Merriwell myth is inhibiting the very urge to run, assuming that only winners are important rather than providing an excellent shop window for others to follow. Even if winners are more important in your society you still have the problem that too few people are nurturing yesterday's losers who could so easily be tomorrow's winners. □

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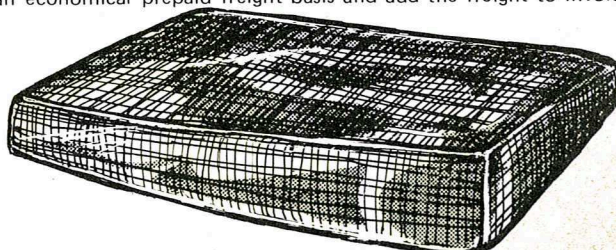
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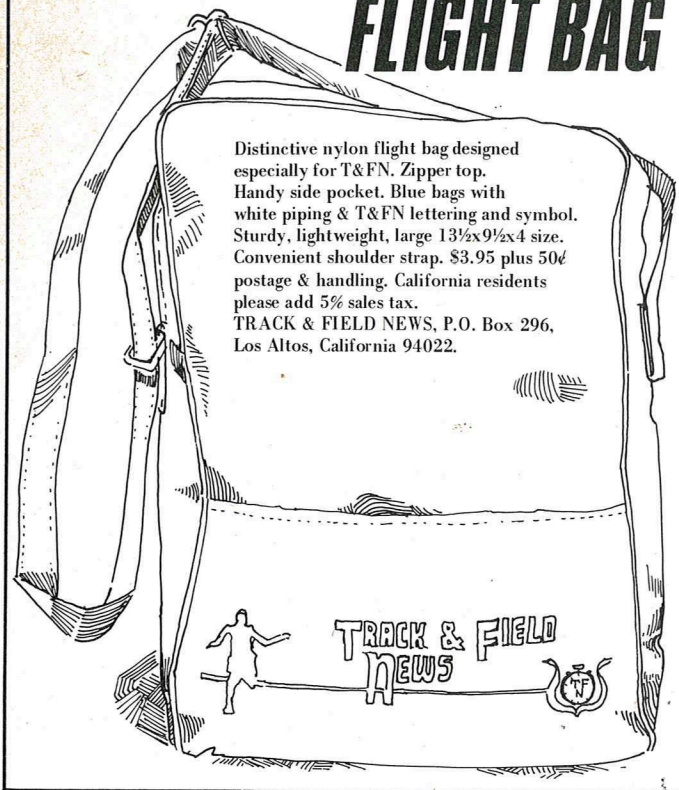
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Of People & Things

by
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There's Little Hope for the AAU

Apparently there is little hope for the AAU. It just does not seem to learn. The ancient governing body has been severely criticized for the past dozen years, by athletes, coaches, press and public. Its role in the US Olympic movement is under scrutiny by Congress. The NCAA is attacking harder than ever. There is a challenge from professional track. Athletes are speaking up as never before.

So does the AAU take heed? Not that anyone can see. Not only is it up to its old tricks, it has also added some new ones. I don't want to get into the whole sorry mess, for it's a tiresome subject. But I can't ignore two recent actions which as much as anything point up the AAU's arrogant, brazen disregard for the rights of others.

For years, the AAU has decided which athletes should be allowed to compete overseas and which should not. No matter that the athlete is registered with the AAU, is in good standing, and is an amateur, competing for himself. The AAU has received invitations for specific athletes to compete abroad but failed to tell the athletes. It has rejected invitations on the basis that the athletes were needed to compete in US meets, making the choice the AAU's and not the athletes'. It has attempted to coerce athletes by delaying and threatening to withhold international travel permits.

And just recently the AAU has turned down an invitation for a small group of American trackmen to compete in the Union of South Africa. It's a political move, of course, and that's the first thing wrong with it. Both practically and as a matter of principle, the AAU should stay out of international politics. On what basis did the track and field committee of the AAU decide that South Africa is any less decent than, for instance, the USSR, against which we regularly compete? I certainly wouldn't want to have to rate all the countries of the world on the basis of the degree of racism, restrictions on personal freedom, or control over other peoples and other countries. Nor would I want to justify allowing South Africans to compete in the US while not allowing Americans to compete in South Africa, or to explain why it is all right for other US citizens to participate in South African affairs while trackmen can't. The whole business of a track committee setting itself up as a judge of a foreign government's morality is ridiculous.

The decision should be left to the individual trackman. If his conscience tells him he should not compete in South Africa, he can reject the invitation. But if he wants to go, that's his business. The AAU has no legal or moral right to dictate the athlete's decision.

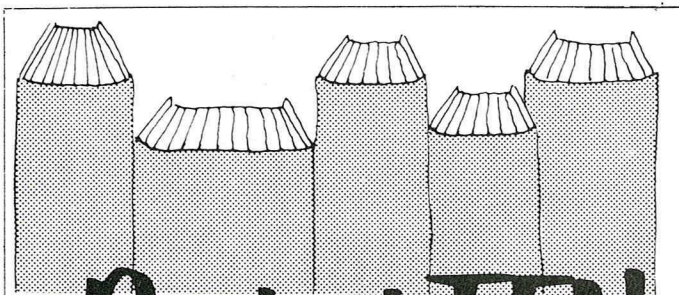
The AAU's position also is illogical. It says Americans can't compete in South Africa "due to the nation's governmentally enforced apartheid racial policy." It adds that "competition in South Africa must have athletes from black African nations competing before US representatives would be sent." That seems to mean that it is not racism that is keeping the US out of South Africa, but the actions of black African nations. Either the South African racial policy is such as to keep us out, or it isn't. If it must judge at all, the AAU should judge on the basis of the South African government's policy, not on whether or not other nations agree or disagree with that policy.

It makes as much sense to keep Americans out of Israel, including the all-Jewish Maccabiah Games. I'm told Israel is surrounded by neighbors who feel the Jews oppress the Arabs in Israel, and who maintain an absolute boycott of all things Jewish.

The newest AAU "idea" is that AAU track officials should not officiate professional track meets. "Our amateur officials should not work the professional events," writes Ollan Cassell, the AAU's executive director. "Certainly in principle we could not support anyone for a national or international assignment that did not follow the same rules as the athletes. ITA probably has requested that you work for free while everyone else is getting paid good salaries which certainly should not sit well."

If I can interpret the "logic", this means that whenever management of a track meet gets paid then the officials should be paid. Does this then apply to the AAU national championships? After all, Cassell and his staff are paid for their labors on behalf of the meet. So, too, are many of the meet directors who, while not being paid specifically to stage the AAU meet, are paid by their schools or other employers for running a track program, of which the AAU meet is a part. Then, of course, these officials should not be allowed to work collegiate meets, because the coaching staff, athletic director, sports information director, groundsmen and all others involved are getting paid.

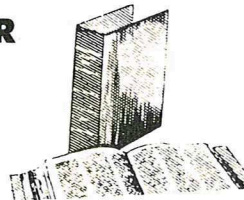
It would be funny if it weren't so pitiful. And so hard to understand the "reasoning" behind the policy. But wait, perhaps I do understand it. Perhaps the AAU thinks it owns the officials, as it obviously thinks it owns the athletes. Why else would Cassell have the gall to even hint that track officials, who donate their time equally to high school, college and AAU meets, should be penalized for working professional meets? □



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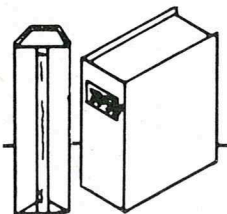
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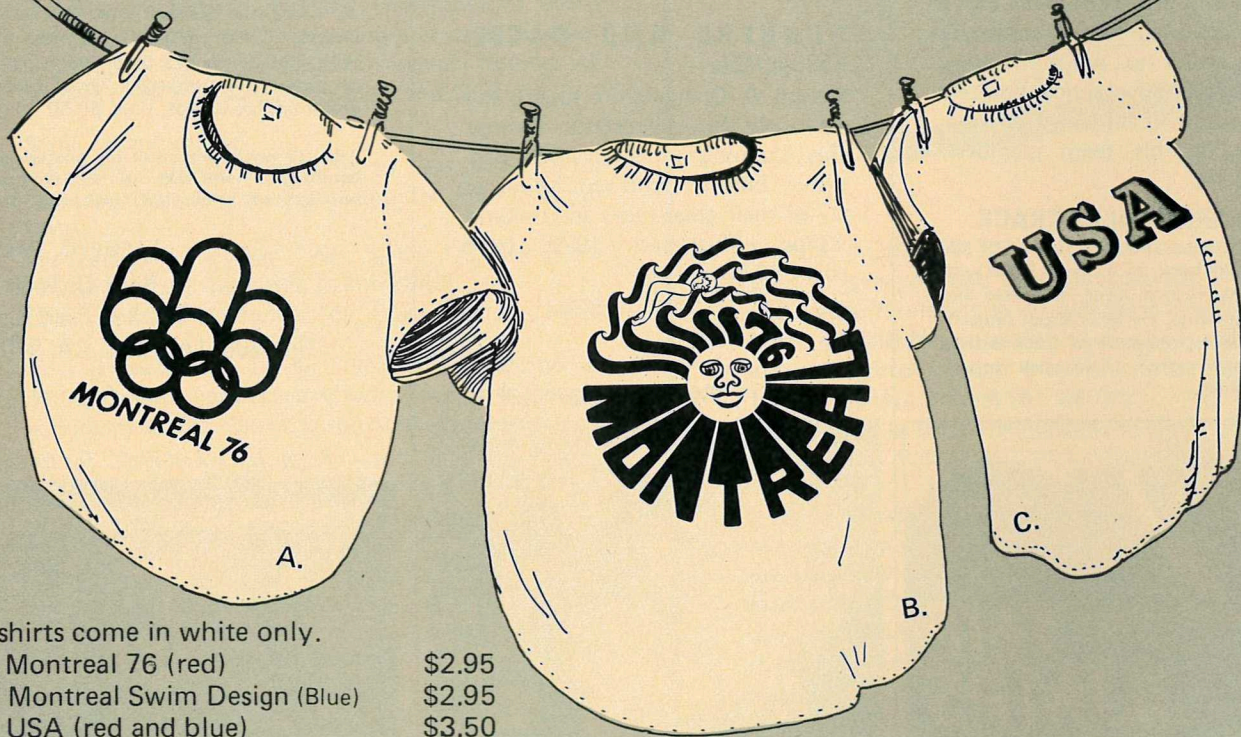
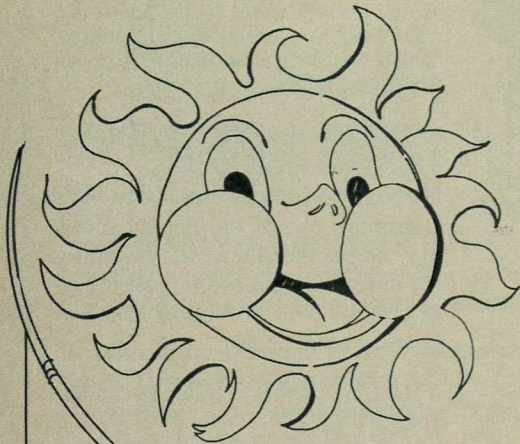


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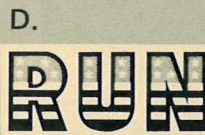
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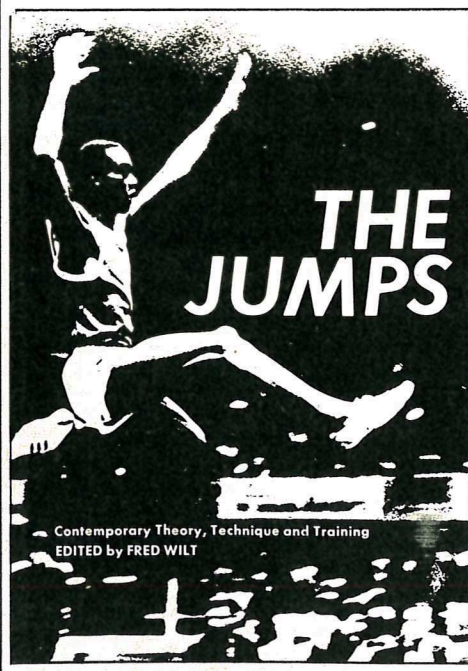
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'Team Effort' Lofts US Javelin Fortunes

by Jon Hendershott

"So much emphasis had been repeatedly placed on the fact US javelin throwers weren't the caliber of the Europeans and that it had been 20yr since an American had made the top eight in the javelin, we made up our minds all of us would break that jinx. We all thought at least one of us could win a medal, too. It really didn't matter to us who did it as long as we did well as a team."

MUNICH RETROSPECT:



US JAVELIN UNIT

fell somewhat short of past achievements, the javelin contingent provided a bright spot as not only did Schmidt claim the bronze medalion, but Luke also made the top 8, placing 8th, while Sonsky placed 10th.

By comparison, Munich was the first Olympics in modern times in which the US failed to put at least one thrower on the victory stand's top rung, as Pole Wladyslaw Komar (shot), Czech Ludvik Danek (discus), Soviet Anatoliy Bondarchuk (hammer) and West German Klaus Wolfermann (jav) tallied victories. Komar became the first non-American to take the shot since 1936 and only the 3rd non-American ever. Likewise, Danek became the first non-US discuser in 24yr to win and only 5th non-American all-time.

In the javelin, since the Helsinki 1-2 of Young and Bill Miller, only Mark Murro's 9th at Mexico in 68 is higher than Sonsky's Munich position, and only Young and Miller out-place Schmidt and Luke. As well, the US was the only country to get three spear-men into the finals—true, only Hungary and Finland entered 3 men besides the US, but the javelin tradition in those two countries fills volumes compared to the meager American approach to the event. And javelin powerhouse the USSR saw fit to enter but one man—Janis Lusic, probably the best-ever in the event. Finally, considering the lack of regard for the javelin in US track, the lack of quality American javelin coaches, the great variance of throwing facilities and the lack of throwing opportunities to American youth, the performance of the US javelin trio at Munich may be the most overlooked bright spot of the sometimes-cloudy American Olympic experience in 72.

"Basically, we had the idea it was a team effort," adds Schmidt, now a graduate assistant at Tennessee. Says Luke, a Seattle engineer, "We took the attitude of 'let's pull together'. You felt a lot better out there with people on your side, wanting you to do well. We all bolstered each other because we all wanted the US to do well in the javelin."

Sonsky, a recreation supervisor in Phoenix, added another perspective to the group's togetherness: "We practiced together almost every day. We watched each other and made suggestions to correct things in technique." Continues Luke, "We found some key words we could mention to one another which would take a positive effect and help us to throw better; things like 'keep your left arm up' or 'right leg', mental keys we could trigger on and relate to, know just what we were doing and concentrate on those things while we were throwing."

The trio conferred before the Olympic competition on just how their chances stacked up against the globe's elite javelinists. They checked who was entered, personal bests and seasonal bests, as well as their own knowledge of the competitive consistency of their rivals. They felt they were heading into the Games on an up note—Luke after winning the AAU in 277-5, his PR and ultimately the longest American throw of 72, Schmidt after a 270-6 seasonal best to win the Final Olympic Trials and Sonsky after a 267-11 FOT 2nd, just 1" off his career best set earlier in the year. "We realistically concluded we all could make the finals and at least one of us had a shot at a medal," says Luke.

Like virtually every one of the more than 10,000 other athletes to compete in Munich, each of the javelinists has his own personal story which contributed to the "team effort". Says Schmidt: "The competition was every bit as tough as I thought it would be. I didn't make the qualifying distance of 80.00m/262-5½; only 7 guys did and a dozen were needed for the finals so I was advanced even though I threw only 259-½. I didn't foresee any problems meeting the qualifying standard because I had thrown 260 all year with no problem. But when I got out there, for the first time all year, I was aware of the crowd and all the things happening around me. Also the colored markers I was given to mark my check-points blended in with the runway and I couldn't see them. My last throw was a do-or-die—and I didn't, but I was lucky to be advanced. Between the qualifying and the finals, I told myself just to relax. That's the biggest part of throwing. Regardless of the event, you can go into competition aggressive yet relaxed, your mind straight as far as what you want to achieve, yet unbothered by the other athletes. You worry about yourself and that's it. The day of the finals, I was a different person and like I had been all year long: positive, controlled, with a purpose in mind and everything in hand. Of course I was pleased to win a medal but I thought I could get a better throw. I had never had two 270s in one meet before [he also whipped 275-11½ besides his medal winning 276-11½] and I thought I could hit 280, although that wouldn't have put me any higher in the standings. I really tried to punch the last throw hard, but you can't do that. You just have to stay relaxed."

Luke feels his lack of international experience—he made his major international debut at Munich—hurt him in the Olympic pressure cooker. "Three years ago, I was 19th in the AAU meet," he reflects. "The next year I was 12th, and last year I won. It was just a matter of exposure to that level of competition. You get into those competitions and you try so hard because it means so much to you. You really don't know how to react and take the pressure. It was the same thing with me having to start my international competition in the Olympics. I was trying so hard, I was really defeating my own purpose. I knew all I had to do to qualify was to throw over 262. So I came down on my first throw and threw 266-10½ almost without effort. The next day I told myself it would take 280 or 290 just to place. I didn't go into the finals with the attitude of just doing what I knew how to do and possibly reaching 280. I told myself I had to throw 280; I was putting the cart before the horse. People who saw the competition told me my throws were very low. I didn't sense that, but then you are kind of unconscious out there. I felt powerful, but if they were low, then the power was misguided. I was trying to muscle it out and you can't do that. Even Lusic himself said he tried a little too hard on his last throw. If he had used his technique and let that generate the velocity for his javelin, he might have won. It's a funny thing—when you relax and get a good throw, it's natural to think 'If I throw



Milt Sonsky

to Munich Success

harder, it will go farther'. But it doesn't work that way and you have to learn that. I learned, the hard way."

Sonsky was hampered in both the qualifying and finals by an injury—he fell and nearly broke his wrist just minutes before the qualifying began. "I was checking my steps on the runway," he explains. "My spikes were longer than what I used in practice because my feet slipped on the practice runway and I had seen other throwers fall. I assumed the runways were identical but the one in the stadium wasn't as slippery and I was riding high on my spikes, not sinking in all the way. And I didn't bring shorter spikes with me that day. During one of my fast approaches, without the javelin even, my spikes grabbed near the line, I lost my balance, tripped very awkwardly and fell hard on both hands, especially my left hand. I thought I had broken my wrist. It was sore but I threw, even though I was already cautious about falling again. I didn't want to break my good wrist in another fall. In the finals, I was competing at about 75% of my usual recklessness. I had a mental block every time I threw; every time I swung my left arm around there was pain. So I was very loose during the finals because I had given up ideas of winning the medal. I couldn't be myself and give 100% so I just enjoyed the meet and tried to help Bill and Fred as much as I could. I even talked with some of the other throwers and tried to help them."

All three felt the European dominance of the spear throw is due to numerous factors. "Probably the main thing is the coaching," says Schmidt. "European javelin coaches take the time to study the event and concentrate on it. Miklos Nemeth, the other Hungarian throwers and their coach couldn't comprehend that there is no national javelin coach in the US. The entire European regard for the javelin is as a classic, first-class event." Adds Luke, "Europeans research the javelin much more than we do in the US. They get down to very basic fundamentals and find out what makes a javelin fly 300 ft. Then the basic 'European style' utilizes the whole body, while Americans just try to muscle it with the arm." Says Sonsky, "I didn't even know what a javelin was until I was 21 when I just picked it up and started throwing it. Europeans start throwing as children and they are taught the correct technique from the beginning. Another thing is that throwing surfaces vary tremendously in the US—grass, dirt, clay, Tartan, rubber, pebbles—and this can affect your timing and rhythm tremendously. Europeans consistently throw off packed clay or synthetic. They can practice and compete on the same surfaces and thus smooth their technique."

Luke adds a fascinating internal influence which may combine with the many varied external factors—technique, coaching, weather, runways—to affect the development of consistency with the spear: "I feel a big variable is probably in the biological cycle, the natural valleys and peaks each individual goes through. Also, Pauli Nevala said when he was throwing in his prime he couldn't get up for the little meets. Of course, he was throwing in maybe 50 meets a summer or 2-3 a week. He could get 270 or so most of the time, but only in the biggest meets could he get 290 or 300. Adrenalin really accelerates the whole technique and, of course, helps most in competition."

In the brief time they crossed spears with European throwers, the Americans felt they learned things for their future throwing. Luke has already worked to incorporate the high European cross-over into his delivery. Says Schmidt, "As much as technique, the experience was invaluable. You read so much about some of those throwers, but once you compete with them on the same level, it humanizes them. You find you can compete well with the world's best. Even beat them, too." □

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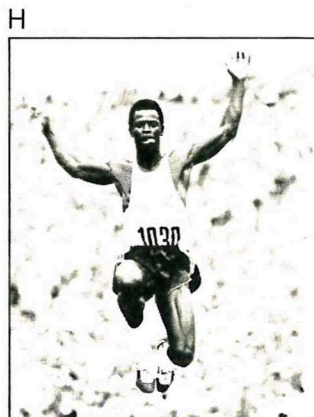
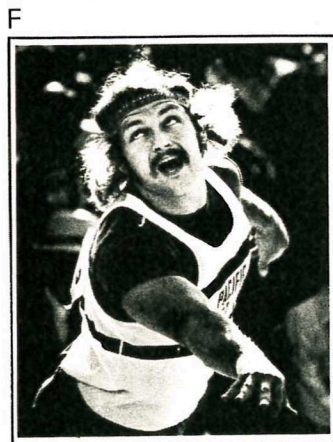
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Oregon's Bowerman Ends Renowned Coaching Era

The end of an era in track and field athletics came on March 23, 1973, when famed Oregon coach Bill Bowerman suddenly announced his retirement. The 1972 US Olympic coach, the 62-year-old Bowerman ranks as one of the all-time great collegiate coaches. During his 24-year tenure in Eugene, Bowerman produced 24 NCAA individual champions, 38 conference champs, 28 Olympians and 51 All-Americans. And Oregon won four national team titles in track, plus one in cross country.

Renowned as a distance coach, with prodigies such as American record setters Wade Bell and Steve Prefontaine, Bowerman also turned out two world sprint record holders (Roscoe Cook and Harry Jerome) and a one-lap standard bearer (Otis Davis). Not just a coach, he has written books on jogging and has been a leader in the development of footgear for tracksters. Many Oregon athletes wear shoes of his design.

Although he has stepped down as track mentor, Bowerman will continue in his role as assistant athletic director and take over the fund-raising campaign currently in progress for the restoration of the west grandstand at Hayward Field, site of the 72 FOT. "My last and best contribution I can give the University of Oregon is to put all my energies into getting a facility for

the athletes, students and community that is a major, first-class facility. Without covered stands, we could no longer host such events as the Olympic Trials, NCAA championships, or even our own conference championships," he said.

But the Bowerman influence will not be gone from Oregon track, as former pupil and five-year assistant Bill Dellinger takes over the reins. And Bowerman adds, "Any free time that I have will be put in as assistant to Bill in any area he feels I can help, and with the athletes he feels that I can be most helpful with."

Ranked Athletes' Dimensions Produce Correlations

If the average height and weight of the ten leading athletes in their respective events turns you on, then the Jan. *T&FN* is the place to look. To save everyone the wasted six hours of compiling all this worthless information, reader Al Reddig did it and herewith offers his findings. Listed in order of pounds per inch, height and weight:

10,000m	1.96	5-8	133
Marathon	1.99	5-9¼	138
5000m	2.01	5-9½	140
800m	2.10	5-11	149
1500m	2.13	5-11½	152
Steeple	2.14	5-11	152
50kmW	2.15	5-9	148½
20kmW	2.22	5-10½	156½
400IH	2.26	6-1	165
LJ	2.28	6-½	165½
100m	2.29	5-10	160
HJ	2.31	6-2½	173
PV	2.31	6-0	166
TJ	2.31	6-½	167¾
400m	2.33	5-11¾	167½
HH	2.34	6-1¼	171½
200m	2.38	6-0	171
Dec	2.51	6-¾	182½
JT	2.77	5-11¾	199
HT	3.30	6-0	237½
DT	3.35	6-3	251
SP	3.51	6-3½	265

One positive fact that can be stated from these averages is, the decathlon athletes are well suited physically for their event, as their characteristics parallel the average for the ten individual events (6-¾; 187). □

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'Times' Exciting; Critical Nut Cynic

by Will Kern

My old friend Dick Bank may or may not be right when he says there are so many indoor meets now that the athletes are travel weary by mid-season (II March 1973) but I must take exception with him when he describes this year's Times Indoor Games as "one of the biggest bores in memory [for which Kern was director]."

I don't know what it takes to get Dick excited these days, but it must be far more than it took to get 16,000 [16,858] fans standing and screaming several times during the meet.

We had five new meet records set and another three equaled, but the clock and tape do not tell all. For the majority of fans (as opposed to experts) a close competition is far more exciting than a runaway.

For my money, the 1973 Times Indoor Games was one of the most exciting meets in our 15yr history. The big crowd pleaser, of course, was the mile with Steve Prefontaine running 3:59.2 and Gianni del Buono (4:00.0), Marty Liquori (4:00.1) and Henryk Szordykowski (4:01.0) chasing him home. The efforts fell short of even the meet record, much less the world record, but the crowd was sent into delirium.

It was only one of several good competitions, though.

The high school two-mile had 'em screaming for most of the race as Terry Williams of Lompoc held off Barrie Williams of North Torrance, 8:55.0 to 8:56.2. Maybe Dick Bank would say it was only a high school event, but the fans said it was terrifically exciting.

Olympian John Smith caught little-known Jim Redd at the tape in the 500 in 57.5 as the house roared. Poor time, Dick would say. Helluva race, the fans would say.

Grant McLaren, Jim Crawford and Tracy Smith ran one of the most competitive 2M we've ever had (and there have been some dandies). McLaren ran 8:30.4 and Crawford and Smith both ran 8:31.2. The fans were standing and hollering. Dick Bank obviously wasn't.

The women's races were really exciting, particularly the 1000 where Mary Decker, a skinny little 14-year-old, held off Judy Graham at the wire. Both had the same time and Decker was given a standing ovation on her victory lap. Dick must have been out for coffee.

The two mile relay had three teams battling right down to the wire and the mile relay was a real thriller with Martin McGrady literally exploding through the pack to pace Cal International past USC on the last lap. The crowd roared while Bank snored.

There were other good events such as the 1000 where we saw Mike Boit's fantastic acceleration here for the first time and the 880 with three runners hitting the tape almost simultaneously. But, again, it was not world record time. The crowd was responsive, but evidently Bank was untouched.

The point is that experts tend to become critics, and critics tend to become cynics. Dick is an acknowledged expert. Unfortunately, he seeks perfection—which is not all bad, but difficult to produce. World records are made to be broken, but they can't be broken every day if they are worth a damn in the first place.

Dick and I have discussed this and I told him that I think that he has become jaded. He has seen so many great performances in track and field that a good one leaves him cold. He has, perhaps, overindulged to the point where it is hard to get his kicks out of track and field anymore. He has, I'm afraid, gone past the point of being a critic and become a cynic. Sometimes he makes Ambrose Bierce sound like Pollyanna.

Dick's theory that "indoor meets weren't much, but they are less now" seems to be disproved by fan reaction. The same issue of *T&FN* carried a story about the steady increase in attendance at indoor meets. The average attendance at indoor meets is far greater than that of outdoor meets, although not as appealing to the "purists".

I really think that Dick and the other professional spectators would enjoy the meets more if they attended without their "show me" attitudes.

I am sorry if it seems that I am overreacting to Dick's statements. He's entitled to his opinion, of course, but it seems hard to believe that he could sit through the meet without feeling the reaction of the fans in the stands who, after all, are really the people for whom the meets are staged.

I think the athletes did very well. If they were travel and meet weary, it wasn't apparent to me or many of the people in attendance.

We're not experts, of course, but it's kind of like the old saying: "I don't know much about art, but I know what I like." □

DAVID COLEMAN, Dyke, Virginia:

After reading your article about Vince Matthews (I March), I felt sick, as a trackman and as an American. Vince Matthews and the rest of the Olympic team represented me and America. The bulk of his expenses had been paid by the American people. They did not have the right to expect a gold medal in any event; only athletes who would conform to an unwritten code of fair play and good behavior deserved this privilege. As any minority group, blacks have had problems. In the past few years, things have finally gone better but there is plenty of room for improvement. What Vince did put a damper on everything done in the past. The millions of Americans who saw him on TV did not recognize him as a great world athlete but as a disgrace to his country and his race. Here was a lifetime's chance to be judged by the world, and Vince Matthews blew it all.

DAN BORSKI, Baraboo, Wisconsin:

It is great that *T&FN* printed a first-hand interview with one of the athletes banned from the Olympics for life. Before reading about Vince Matthews, I hadn't really known the full story behind his actions. Now that *T&FN* has made the reasons behind Matthews' actions perfectly clear, I can understand and sympathize with them. I hope other *T&FN* readers will realize his situation.

NAME WITHHELD, Pennsylvania:

Your cover for the I March *T&FN* with Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett was like looking at one of the parodies in *MAD* magazine. I've been receiving *T&FN* since its first months, and this cover was a shock to me. Was it really necessary? Ever since I was a kid, I was looking forward to seeing the Olympics. And when I do get to a point in my life when I can make the Olympics, these clowns make a travesty of it. After their weird performance in Munich, I don't know how they rate this attention and publicity on your cover and in your magazine. What redeeming social value does this coverage have? ECCH and PHOOEY. (Mgn. Ed.: *T&FN* is sorry that our reader did not like our I March cover, but we trust he will understand that (1) it does not necessarily represent our approval, (2) it was one of the most discussed features of the Games and the full story had not been told before, (3) Matthews is the Olympic champion, and (4) everyone is entitled to his day in court. It will be a sad day when the press only reports the viewpoints of those it agrees with, or those its readers agree with.]

JOHN ZANT, sports writer, Santa Barbara, California:

I'm sure there are mountains of examples of miserable ways the AAU and NCAA sometimes handle things [II March]. Just recently, Mark Winzenried was told by Ollan Cassell to be ready for a trip to Italy the morning after the AAU indoor meet in New York. After Mark ran one of his poorer races but was still the first American to finish that night, he reported to Cassell, who said, "There isn't any 800 in Italy..." No further explanation was given. AAU jokes are getting easier to tell than Polish jokes; and the sad thing is, they are true.

ROBERT DE CELLE, AAU Distance Chairman, Alameda, California:

At the national convention in December, the Long Distance Committee submitted a budget to the national AAU Finance Committee to send a delegation to the international cross country championships in Belgium, March 17. We requested information in January from the national office about our request for \$12,000. Not until Feb. 5 were we finally advised that no funds had been allocated to our committee. As individuals are not permitted to run in this race, we did not think we could raise the entire sum necessary so quickly to send a complete team from the wealthiest nation.

BOB STEELE, 50.1 intermediate hurdler, East Lansing, Michigan:

I just finished reading the article by Roland Carter [II March], and feel a desire to add one more chapter to the incompetence of Col. Liscomb of the AAU. In 1971, I was contacted by the Colonel to make a trip to Trinidad and was very excited about the trip. My final confirmation came in the form of a letter from Col. Liscomb, who said I was to go to New York to a specific hotel and meet the tour director. When I arrived there was no uniform of any kind. I thought it must just be an oversight, so I immediately called the Colonel. I explained the situation, and he said, "I didn't send you a uniform because you were on a tour last summer and received one then." I proceeded to explain that my communication with him was a letter which stated to come get my uniform in New York. I had been on several international teams, true, so it wouldn't have posed a problem if I had been informed to bring one along. Now, for his intelligent response: "Don't listen to what I write—listen to what I say." He then proceeded to get very angry as I tried to reason with him. Finally, he said it was my problem and he would have to hang up—which he did. I went on the tour, and used an old white tee-shirt and gray shorts as an international uniform.

CLIFF CROWLEY, Santa Monica, California:

Hats off to Bob Bowman [I March]. It's high time someone called attention to the "pathetic" CBS-TV track telecasts of the AAU. They continue to get worse. Now that Bill Toomey has become coach at UC Irvine, maybe Ralph Boston can find something, too. Then, hopefully, CBS can hire some ex-

perts. Ex-jocks are more concerned with trying to keep their names in front of the public rather than furthering the sport which put them where they are today.

NORM HIGGINS, New London, Connecticut:

Because of the injustices athletes have accrued over the years at the hands of the AAU, which I have read in your pages and have encountered as a coach, I feel that is necessary: (1) to have a national director who is more just than willing to ride on planes, appear at national meets, organize a few international trips and enjoy expensive paid holidays that are, at least indirectly paid for by our young athletes; and, (2) every amateur athlete over the age of 18 should be given the opportunity to vote for its national chairmen so that we will all be better represented:

ED GRANT, New Providence, New Jersey:

Your two-page spread on the latest episode in the NCAA-AAU feud sheds more heat than light on the situation. Missing is any real analysis of what happened at Richmond, any report on the introduction of a bill in Congress which would effectively end the NCAA habit of interfering in the US international competition. The minute the ACLU seriously steps into this whole school and college athletic picture, the NCAA and its high school affiliated associations will become all but dead issues. Both groups have long ago stepped beyond the bounds of their legitimate concerns—and the monitoring of school athletes (not athletes who attend school)—and left themselves open to court procedures. They have been up against amateurs in the past: in New Jersey, the NCAA has lost two big ones (a hair case and a coed competition) when the ACLU entered into the scene. The entire NCAA case is built on one fact, which is not fact: that when an athlete joins his school or college team, his entire career becomes the subject of NCAA or state association rules. The fallacy is that he has no voice in these rules, therefore the athlete has no obligation, in a free country, to obey them, except when he is operating as a member of his school team. And the athlete, not the school, competes in outside competition. (One of the NCAA's main troubles is that it thinks of everything in terms of football, where the athlete has no career outside of school.) Why can't these school groups wise up and stay in their own backyard? Then maybe we could get down to the serious business of reforming the AAU, chartering each association on a single state basis, forming these into natural regions, and providing a program which just might get amateur athletes in this country out of the classroom and out into the community where they belong.

H.J. WARWAS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

I am disgusted to see a magazine of your caliber wasting so much valuable space to a tripe of yellow journalism such as in the I Think piece by Garry Hill [Dec. 72]: "Munich: Just Another Track Meet", when he refers to the use of the measuring system in the javelin. While the sporting world had nothing but praise for the host nation, you show that Americans are bad losers. I just hope that some of the accused officials will sue Mr. Hill for libel and defamation of character. [Mgn. Ed.: *The material is carried as an "I Think", which sets it aside as the personal opinion of the author much the same way as we permit varying views to be published in our letters section as well as offer two sides to issues in our news articles. The author happens to be a Canadian citizen, who was passing along the feelings of several fans whose nationalities were not mentioned. Further, the particular assessment involved in the javelin officiating could not have affected the US, since third place American Bill Schmidt was nearly 20ft in arrears of the mentioned Janis Lusis. "I Think" pieces are not necessarily the views shared by the magazine. T&FN has never officially criticized the officiating at Munich.]*

JOE DEMPSEY, Richmond Hill, New Jersey:

The substitution of the great Larry Black for the inconsistent Rey Robinson isn't that big a deal. In 1952, the erratic Jim Gathers and Art Bragg were replaced by superstars Andy Stanfield and Harrison Dillard in the 400 relay. In 1956, Tom Courtney relaced Jim Lea on the 1600 relay. In 1960, Bill Nieder bumped Dave Davis in the shot. In 1964, Trenton Jackson was replaced by the more experienced Paul Drayton in the 400 relay and Theron Lewis removed in favor of Henry Carr in the 1600 baton race. I don't think that Stan Wright had any personal vendetta against Rey Robinson but merely felt that the strongest team would be with a superb relay runner: as in Larry Black (II March).

TOM HEINONEN, 1969 AAU marathon victor, Seattle, Washington:

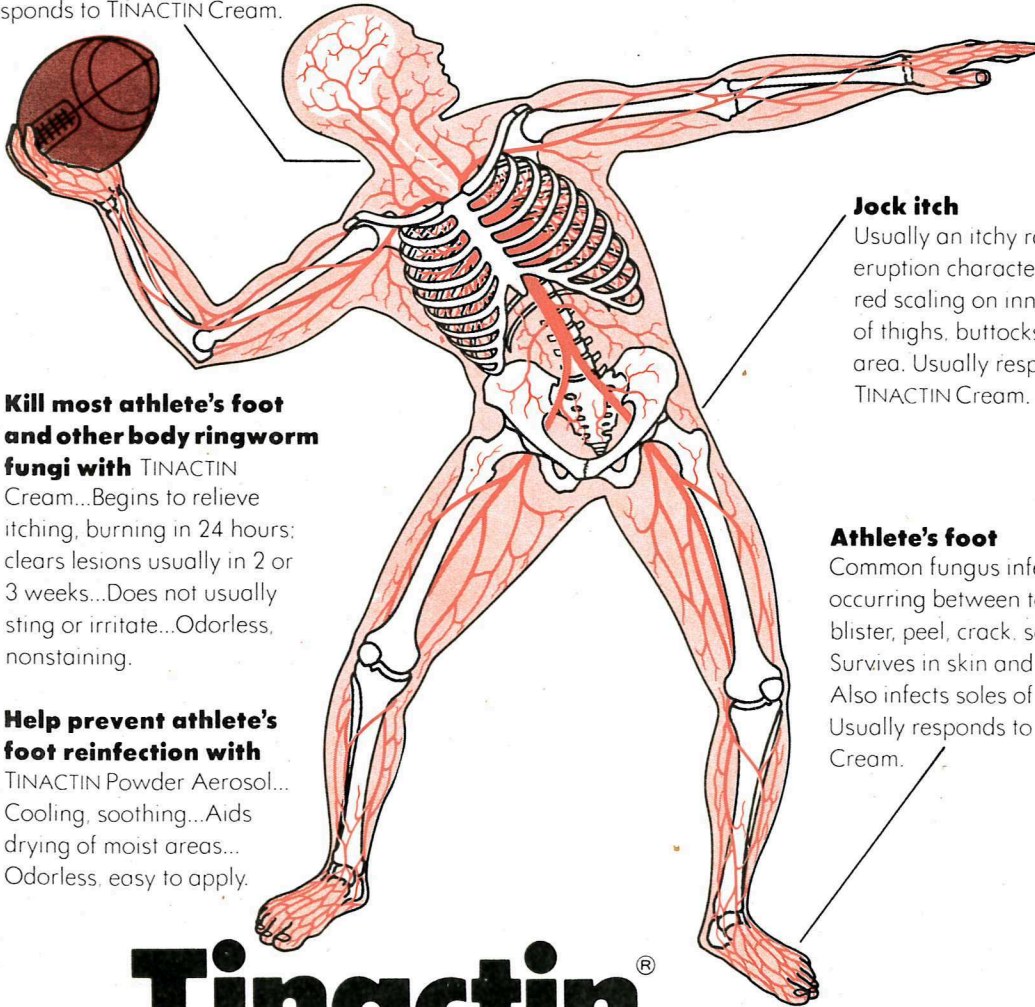
Run for a thousand miles, every summer for honor, for Joe Newton [II March], for York High School, for the team. Win the state cross country championship and never run a step after graduation from high school. Be a man at age 16, and one of the "alumni" at 20. Don Kopriva tells us the story of Joe Newton, molder of men. But he also mentions that these athletes seldom run after high school because they "give so much emotionally to Newton during their time at York". Newton's kids make their greatest efforts as physically immature schoolboys. I question this mentality. Isn't the goal of the high school coach to introduce a boy to athletics in hopes he'll continue with them later? Wouldn't it be better if he runs, jumps or throws all through life because he enjoys it? Wouldn't it also be better if he progresses to his most intense efforts during years of physical and emotional maturity when he is most capable of great performances? Perhaps these are the proper goals of high school athletics, not winning another one for Joe Newton and York High. □

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