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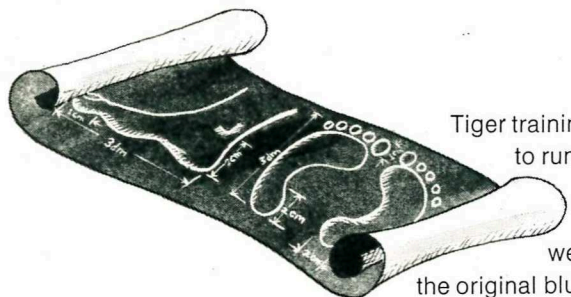
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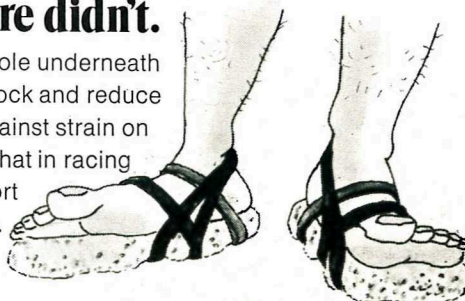
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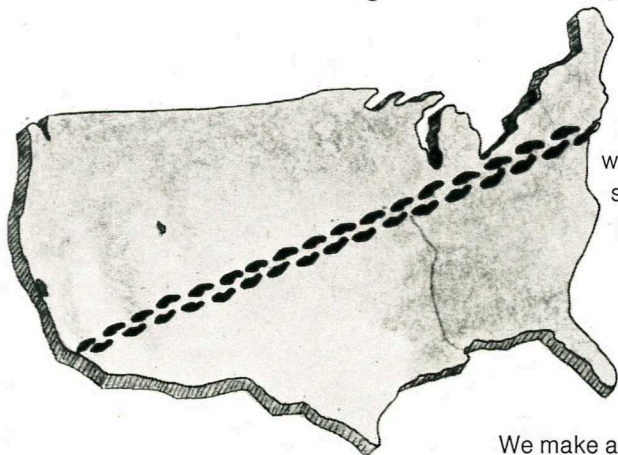
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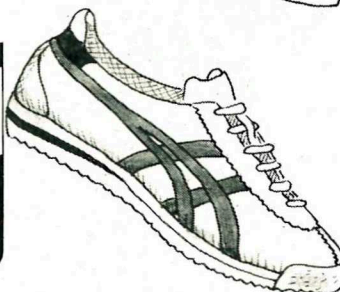
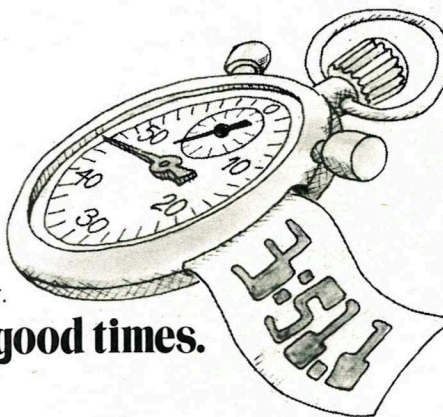
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UP FRONT

ITA's Brian Oldfield hit the Highland Games circuit this summer. Among the different implements he hefted and heaved was the Scottish hammer. For a revealing interview with this brawny star, see pages 4-5. [Don Chadez]

BRIAN OLDFIELD

Jim Ryun, Randy Matson, Bob Seagren, Lee Evans: ITA started its career on a high note with the signing of four big world record holders. And the addition of super-talent Kip Keino a few months later seemingly filled out the cast of stars. Yet, through a tumultuous first season, the No. 1 performer was one of the "lesser-lights," Olympic shot putter Brian Oldfield.

Captivating crowds with his flashy garb (a variety of tight swimming trunks and flowered tops), eye-catching warmup tosses (underhand, overhand, two-hands, backwards, etc.) and surprising speed in trouncing female sprinters, the Brobdingnagian Oldfield was a clear stand-out. And he forged a competitive record to back up his ostentatious presence, becoming the first man to reach 70 feet indoors, raising the undercover standard three times, finally to 70-10½. Only once in 16 meets did he lose.

Those familiar with the Oldfield legend will recall that he was a so-so putter for Middle Tennessee State in the mid '60's. His 6-5 presence was first really felt on the scene when he was ranked 10th in the world for '69. He just as quickly disappeared before wowing the crowds with his now-familiar antics at the Olympic Trials in Eugene. He grabbed third spot on the team, eliminating world record holder Randy Matson and went on to capture sixth at Munich.

Now 28, Oldfield is recovering from an interesting summer which included such earthy pursuits as taking a fling in the Highland Games in Scotland. When interviewed in mid-December, he had just returned to his Chicago-area home after training at Western Kentucky for several weeks. Oldfield is an interviewer's dream—just turn him on and away he goes:

T&FN: You're well-known as a buffoon and a wildman, at least this is the impression left with most people. How close to the real you is this extroverted self?

Oldfield: Well, you see, I've got this party hat. I've got a party hat, and when I'm traveling—and I really love track—I put it on. You know, we're going here and there, bunch of guys saying, "hey-hey-hey," and it carries over, even into the competition. My training and stuff is pretty serious, and people who really know me know my serious side.

I tried to be serious but I never really got any press. People just used to report what I did. Then at Eugene, wow! People

by GARRY HILL

started asking questions, like, "What kind of person are you?" I answered the questions and I tried to be really sincere, but they just twisted everything. So I quit telling the press what I think, unless it is a group of people I trust. They'll print your bull, or they'll take something that is close to you or means something to you and turn that into bull. So I just don't tell them anything that means anything close to serious because they'll distort it.

You don't go around telling people how your wife makes love to you. Shot putting to me is that serious and I have many theories about it. But somewhere along the line that cigarette made everything I say not credible. So I just play it up the other way. I figure if they write bad press about me it's because I gave them some gooky stuff to write about it. But at least they're going to write about it, so it doesn't make any difference.

T&FN: What about the famous cigarettes? At one time you said that they had a good therapeutic effect, sort of a tranquilizer, or was it just a gimmick?

Oldfield: Yeah, it has a bit of a therapeutic effect all right. I quit smoking for two months this summer. I quit right after the Scottish Games in Santa Monica and continued until I got to Europe. I just couldn't hack it. I was a bundle of energy all the time. I found myself out at bars longer and later. I don't know if I was getting nose hits off other people's cigarettes or what. I just couldn't relax or settle down.

T&FN: I've never seen you smoking since you joined ITA. Did they tell you this would have a detrimental effect on the audience?

Oldfield: No, I just don't have the time. The way ITA is set up, you got to be there to take your throws. I don't really smoke in the middle of competition anyway.

I never blantly smoked out in the middle of things. At Eugene, I was finished with my qualifying and was watching the next flight. I went over with a bunch of the other guys and we were just sitting around. Richard Marks, a bunch of them. Hell, Jesse Stuart had a cigarette with me—we all smoked. But they got the picture of Oldfield. Some little wise-ass cameraman came around and thought that was really neat.

Click-click-click-click. It got on AP and they went crazy with it.

T&FN: Well, you have to admit it was sort of beneficial to your whole career.

Oldfield: Well, it made a personality out of me—which is good or bad.

T&FN: Do you have any regrets about leaving the amateur scene, other than previously voiced ones about not being able to go head-to-head with guys like Al Feuerbach?

Oldfield: The amateur scene I saw I never got much of. I never got any attention. That's what hurt me before the Olympics. The AAU had all this stuff going in Europe but we didn't get to go to any of the meets they promised. I threw the discus more than the shot and didn't get the experience I needed.

Last year, during the indoor season, I'd write to the promoters—maybe I didn't have enough experience, didn't get hold of them early enough—but I ended up spending money to go to these meets everybody else was ripping money off for. Everybody else was getting so much money under the table that there wasn't enough left to even bring me to the meet. So I pulled out.

T&FN: After you started throwing so well last spring, the rumors began to fly about the light shot.

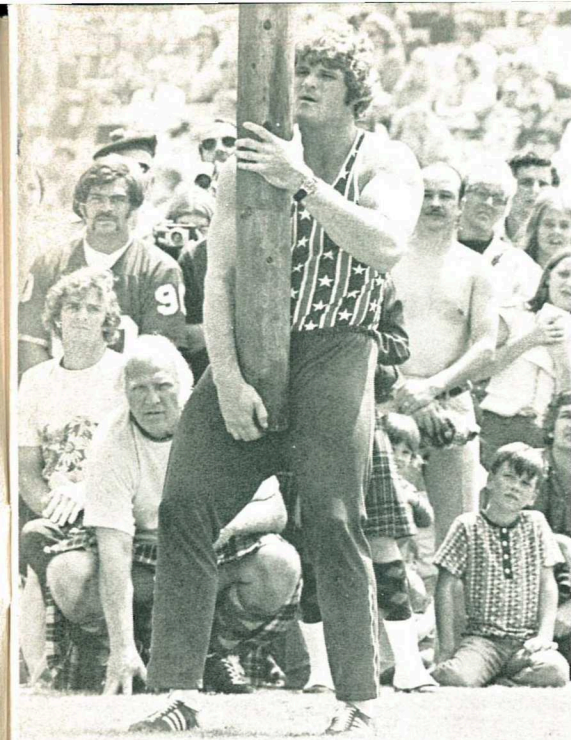
Oldfield: I think that everybody that really knows me is making a big joke out of this. I'd never use a light shot. What brought this around was the LA meet. Some guy came up to me and gave me a 14- and a 15-pounder. I think he wanted me to endorse them. After that, I went throwing with Feuerbach. I threw about 74 with the 15 and about 78 with the 15. So Al told everybody how well I could throw with light shots.

Then, all of a sudden I start throwing well in competition. So everyone started joking around—but when things reach the press a lot of people just don't understand the joking. But anybody who knows would realize that I wouldn't use a light shot.

We had the shots weighed carefully. In fact, at one meet they wouldn't let DeBo [Fred DeBernardi] use his shot because it was exactly 16 lb. They wanted them all to be at least a fraction heavy to stop any rumors.

T&FN: It seems as if a lot of people are eager to chop ITA and discredit what they do.

Oldfield: They just like to print anything controversial. You know, if ITA wanted, they could make all the events look really good. Chop a couple of inches



Don Chadez

off the track, announce that the bar was higher than it actually was. . .

When ITA started, they said we could throw the shot any way we wanted. They wanted to fit into the athletes so badly. You know I can throw the shot anyway I want, discus—style, whatever. But I said no, we all said no, let's do it in the same style as the amateurs for credibility's sake, so we could establish ourselves. If we got a world record it would be the same thing.

T&FN: *You created quite a stir with your sprint sequences against the women. How did that come about?*

Oldfield: I've always known that I could do something as well as any woman in the world. As I got to know the women I started to humbug them a bit and say, "I can beat you." So they started out with a relay. That didn't work so well. DeBernardi and I don't hand off so well and we almost killed a couple of pole vaulters. So we nipped that in the bud. After DeBo pulled up at LA we quit.

Actually, I was talking about racing Bob Hayes. That's what I wanted to do. If he's only going to run a 4.5 or 4.6 there might be a chance for the kid to get in there for a little money. But they wouldn't let me do that. I can stay with him on the start, but he gets a little strong out there by the 40. I know I can run a consistent 4.6 or so out of the blocks. And I could run faster if I had a purpose, like I was behind or if I'm really scared. Like, with the girls I never had to run fast.

T&FN: *After a while last year, it seemed like you were winning a lot of your meets on the sixth throw, having to come from behind.*

Oldfield: That was because my strength was getting down. To compete two days in a row you have to have those workouts. Basically, on the second day I would get really paranoid towards the last throw: "I'm gonna' lose, I'm gonna' lose." Then the money would start ringing bells.

I'd have to get a superhuman effort on my last try and pray that I stayed in. One time I didn't—Baltimore I guess, and I lost.

But I was always strong on that first day. Nobody could touch me on the first day. On the second day I was everybody's game. All three of them [fellow ITA heavers Matson, DeBernardi and Karl Salb] were punching away at me and you never knew who was going to hit around 69.

T&FN: *You did voice some dissatisfaction about your PR work last spring and how it was hampering your workouts.*

Oldfield: It was interfering with my training. In mid-March I was stronger than I ever had been. I had to quit lifting then, so I just sort of finished off the season on the strength and vitality that I had gotten together.

T&FN: *After the season was over you competed in some Scottish Games.*

Oldfield: I competed in three Games over there. A lot of people come out to watch, just scads. The caber is the event that creates the most controversy, because most of the time people can't even turn it over. If you can turn it you're a real man. At Santa Monica I was second the first time and I won a big trophy in the championship round.

In Scotland the cabers weren't any bigger but I don't know what it was—but the highest I placed was second. I just couldn't do it. It's not that hard to do except for the balance. I really began to doubt myself in Scotland.

I'd just gone through the Superstars and by training for swimming and bicycling and all that stuff my strength just dissipated. I went from about 400 to 300 in the bench. I think this is what hurt me in the Superstars also. I just should have stayed with my weight training and I would have been stronger for all the events. All I ended up doing was breaking down muscle fiber.

T&FN: *What about rumors that you dropped down to 220lb.?*

Oldfield: No, after Scotland I visited [Olympic champ Wladyslaw] Komar in Poland for three weeks. When I got back I weighed 240 and was quite weak—very, very weak. At the ITA championships I was 270. And it was all strength I lost. First the Superstars, then running all over Europe.

T&FN: *What else did you try over there?*

Oldfield: The tug-of-war is a biggie, but it's mostly for the working class. You know, work together, pull together sort of thing. And I threw the stone 63-something. It only weighs 16 lb., but it's about like a volleyball in size. And it isn't round. You just kind of punch it.

In Scotland I wore a kilt while I was throwing—I don't like kilts. They got a lot of bees around there that time of year and a bumblebee went up under my kilt. God! It panicked me.

T&FN: *How do you feel about the upcoming season?*

Oldfield: Right now I'm a strong 260. Stronger than I was before at 270, and I'm going to be stronger yet. I haven't been doing very well on my throwing though. I

go out and have one day's good throwing then I have to lay off for three weeks. I hurt my hand in Poland—same injury I had in '71. It's kind of a hyperextension of my index and middle fingers.

T&FN: *Do you think lack of throwing is going to hurt your technique?*

Oldfield: Well, the problem isn't that. Its primarily that I can't use my strength in throwing because my hand can't take the pain. I've had a few practices around 67 but it always takes me a long time for my hand to get better.

It's hard for me to throw without tape. They've got a rule about tape [no fingers may be taped together], but I'm going to get them to change it. Every sport can tape except track and field's shot putters. I don't understand it. It restricts your motion. It doesn't give you strength or anything like that. It's basically a safety measure.

T&FN: *You were one of the bigger ITA critics among the athletes last year, mentioning that you thought prize money should be increased to make it more worthwhile.*

Oldfield: Not just the winner's while, but the guy who is placing fourth and fifth. He's not getting enough. Of course, the management has to look at it from more of a business standpoint.

T&FN: *What changes would you like to see in ITA?*

Oldfield: I'd like to see a lot of changes. Of course a lot of the changes might be happening, like getting better athletes in there. We've got Steve Smith now. Seagren's got to get up off his can and leave his Superstars alone. Just getting a few more athletes is going to be a big aid to the longevity of the program. You've got to get these new athletes every year. I think there's a lot of rookies out there who can really help. We've just got to get hold of them. □



Don Chadez

Pre Gets Three, Leads Victorious Oregon

by Jon Hendershott

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 19—Pre went for three and despite a tough battle from a thorny Rose collected that coveted third triumph.

Steve Prefontaine made his last race for Oregon doubly memorable as he outdueled gritty Nick Rose of Western Kentucky to win his third NCAA cross country title and lead his teammates to the team crown. Pre's 28:14.8 over the rolling, hilly six mile route edged Rose by 5.2 seconds; Oregon's 89 points, to secure its second title in three years, provided a more comfortable margin over UTEP's 157 and the 166 of host Washington State. Pre's victory, combined with wins in '70 and '71, makes him only the second collegian ever to win a trio of titles. Gerry Lindgren of Washington State won in '66, '67 and '69.

There really was little doubt Pre was the favorite before the 219 starters in the 35th NCAA title race got away on the route over the Hangman Valley Golf Club course, running in mid-30's temperatures, under blue sky and sometimes into a pesky, chilly wind. True, runners like Villanova's John Hartnett, Penn's Dave Merrick, Manhattan's Mike Keogh and Duke's Bob Wheeler and Robbie Perkins weren't at the starting line. But the competition was there in defender Neil Cusack, '72 runnerup Doug Brown, plus the likes of Gordon Minty, Craig Virgin, Pat Mander, Ed Leddy and John Ngeno, all assertive forces during this overland season. Then, of course, there was Rose.

The fine-featured Englishman from Bristol said afterward, "From what I'd read, I thought he would go at three miles, so I decided to go before that to surprise him, make him uneasy. Also, I wanted to show I hadn't just blown up last year." Running second midway in the '72 race, Rose fell and pulled a calf muscle which restricted his ability to lift and he dropped back to ninth.

Rose didn't hesitate this time, hurrying to the front immediately while Pre stayed back in the sea of humanity that charged after the long-haired, stoop-shouldered Englishman. Minty, on the other hand, was tripped at the start, went down on all fours and got away well behind.

By the first short but steep hill, about a half-mile out, the leading group of Rose pacing Brown, Mander, Ngeno, Pre and Cusack had already established itself. By the mile mark, passed in around 4:20, this group was well separated from the pack. After another mile (passed unofficially in a clicking 8:58), Rose, Pre and Ngeno waged a three-way duel with Cusack, Brown and Mander some 20 yards back. It took Minty just over two miles to catch up.

By the half-way point, as the runners passed the starting line and started around again, Rose had between 40 and 50 yards on Pre. Rose appeared to gain ground on the downhill stretches; Pre looked to be running strongly but was Rose too far ahead? It was a two-man race by then. Ngeno had fallen back (later explaining the cold tightened his chest and arms, making pumping his arms difficult) to be overtaken by Cusack, Minty and NCAA II champ Garry Bentley. Starting to move strongly up on Mander, Brown and Virgin was UTEP's Kenyan junior Wilson Waigwa.

Along a series of rolling hills late in the third mile, Pre began to move. Rose led past four miles, but a half-mile later Pre was on his heels. Rose had paid for his bold, brave pacesetting. The two traded strides, while Cusack and Minty formed another duo some 50 yards back. The surprising Waigwa was alone in fifth.

As close as 1000 yards from the finish, Pre held a precarious lead over Rose. But, as the Englishman later said, "On that last fairway, I felt my chest get tight. The crowd (estimated at 4000) really cheered for Pre and I had to let him go." Pre's margin at the finish appeared to be around 15 yards, the closest of his three wins. Rose ended up besting Minty by just two seconds (28:20.0-28:22.0), Cusack was a solitary fourth in 28:28.0 with Waigwa a commendable fifth at 28:32.6. An eyebrow-raiser was Oregon State's Hailu Ebba who finished ahead of Waigwa—until it was learned he had dropped out with a stitch in the third mile and then jumped back in during the fifth mile just to help Waigwa along (or so Ebba said).

Later, encircled by many youthful admirers, some wearing "Go Pre" tee-shirts, Steve said, "Of my three wins, I'd call this the toughest, due to the competition, weather and everything put together. It was a tough course competitively, but not too bad to run. I've never seen a guy that far ahead of me in a cross country race. But with a half-mile left, I knew he couldn't stay with me."

First 50 of 210 finishers (*=not in team scoring; †=non-US citizen):

1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) Sr 28:14.8
2. Nick Rose (Wn Ky) So 28:20.0
3. Gordon Minty (En Mich) Sr 28:22.0
4. Neil Cusack (E Tenn St) Sr 28:28.0
5. Wilson Waigwa (UTEP) Jr 28:32.6
6. Pat Mander (Ind) Sr 28:38.8
7. Doug Brown (Tenn) Sr 28:40.4
8. *Garry Bentley (S Dak St) Jr 28:44.0
9. John Ngeno (Wash St) So 28:45.6
10. *Craig Virgin (Ill) Fr 28:47.8
11. Ted Castaneda (Colo) Sr 28:55.0
12. Chris Ridler (Wn Ky) Fr 28:56.8
13. Larry Brown (UTEP) Jr 28:58.2
14. Ed Leddy (E Tenn St) Sr 28:59.4
15. *Ed Mendoza (Ariz) Jr 28:59.6
16. Dan Murphy (Wash St) Jr 28:59.8
17. *Scott Eden (Duke) Jr 29:05.4
18. *Mike Durkin (Ill) Jr 29:06.2
19. Bill Louv (Wm&Mary) St 29:07.2
20. Mike Peterson (Colo) Sr 29:08.2
21. *Paul Bannon (Mem St) So 29:10.0
22. Terry Williams (Ore) Fr 29:12.4
23. Charlie Maguire (Penn St) Sr 29:13.6
24. *Sam Torres (Murray St) Sr 29:15.2
25. Dan Hayes (Ind) Sr 29:16.2
26. *Jim Koster (Air Force) Sr 29:17.6
27. John Halberstadt (Ok St) Sr 29:17.8
28. Ron Addison (Tenn) So 29:20.0
29. *Matt Centrowitz (Manh) Fr 29:23.4
30. Dave Taylor (Ore) Fr 29:24.0
31. *Ron Speirs (Rutgers) Jr 29:24.6
32. *Craig Macdonald (B Grn) Sr 29:25.6
33. Randy James (Ore) Sr 29:26.4
34. *Tony Waldrop (N Car) Sr 29:32.2
35. J.J. Griffin (Colo) Fr 29:34.6
36. Paul Pearson (UTEP) Sr 29:35.4
37. *Joe Rukanshagiza (Siena) 29:36.0
38. *Mike Buckley (NEn) So 29:37.2
39. Mac Collins (Wm&Mary) So 29:37.6
40. *Tony Sandoval (Stan) So 29:38.4
41. *Pete Squires (Manh) Jr 29:39.6
42. *Louis Groarke (Colo St) Sr 29:40.4
43. Tom Schumacher (Wisc) Jr 29:41.0
44. *Ken Flanders (NEn) Jr 29:42.0
45. Dan Kowal (Wisc) Sr 29:42.4
46. *Jerald Jones (Id St) Jr 29:43.2
47. *Steve Stintzi (Wn Mich) Sr 29:43.2
48. *Jeff Wells (Rice) So 29:43.4
49. Jose Amaya (Ore St) So 29:43.6
50. Gary Barger (Ore) So 29:44.8

Team	Adjusted Places	Total
1. Oregon	1-16-21-22-29 (45-57)	89
2. UTEP	5-11-24-46-71(138)	157
3. Washington State	8-13-38-41-66(69-126)	166
4. William & Mary	14-25-40-42-53	174
5. Oklahoma State	19-30-31-33-81(91-132)	194

Other teams: 6. Colorado 217; 7. Western Kentucky 217; 8. East Tennessee State 246; 9. Wisconsin 250; 10. Penn State 252; 11. Indiana 255; 12. Eastern Michigan 277; 13. Tennessee 286; 14. Oregon State 305; 15. Massachusetts 326.



Jeff Johnson

Pre and Rose battle with less than a mile left in the NCAA.

The End of the Line

Robert Boxie stood at the end of a line of sweating, panting runners. Steve Prefontaine had finished the NCAA cross country race long ago. Nick Rose, Gordon Minty, Neil Cusack and many others were already bundled up in their sweats, were warmed down and were discussing and digesting the total race and their own private efforts.

Boxie, a senior miler/steepler at McNeese State, had finished last in the race, 210th out of 210 finishers. He stood grasping a rope of the finish chute; no runners were behind him, perhaps jostling into him in their fatigue. The only thing behind Boxie was the green grass of the long finish straight. The winner finished nearly five minutes ahead of his 33:09.4.

Prefontaine, Rose and the other top finishers would be questioned by reporters, asked for autographs by young fans and generally enjoy some measure of recognition as athletes and individuals. The men of the "field," like Robert Boxie and many more, would not.

While the public accolades went to the achievements of Prefontaine, Rose, et al, the achievements of runners like Boxie would be known only to themselves. But that still couldn't diminish each man's private triumphs.

Robert Boxie is no exception. "When the season began, I had no idea, and the team had no idea, we would come this far," said the slight native of Beaumont, Tex. as he rested an elbow on his bed in a Spokane hotel. "We really had three main objectives for the year—to win our own invitational, to qualify for the NCAA regionals and to win our conference [Southland]. We did all three. Everything after that was a bonus and here we are. We qualified second in the regionals, we deserved to come and it was an experience for us all. Cross country isn't that big in the south but it was important for us to come here."

Boxie had realistic expectations heading into his first-ever NCAA title race. "I just wanted to finish," he smiled. "After the three mile mark, there were maybe a dozen runners behind me. I hoped there were a hundred. I didn't look back again until past four miles and there were only a handful; at five miles, there were only two. When I finished, there wasn't anyone."

"At first finishing last kinda hacked me off. I didn't go into the race to finish last. I didn't think I would finish last. But after I thought about it, it didn't bother me. I achieved my goal and finished the race. A lot of guys came here and didn't finish. They can't say they finished like I can. I could have easily dropped out but it wouldn't have made any sense; we came thousands of miles for the race and it would have made no sense to get here and then drop out. People at home will ask, 'Hey, whatcha do up in Washington?' I would rather say I finished last than say I dropped out."

"A lot of people didn't qualify; it's only a select few who can run in this race. So those who do have something over all the others who didn't make it."

"It was a tough race to run. When we left home in Lake Charles, La., it was about 80 degrees. I found it hard to breathe because of the cold and I couldn't get a relaxed, loose arm action going. I twisted my left ankle in the conference meet and ran with it taped here. Then I got spiked and it pained me in the race. I also had to jump over a guy who fell so I told myself, 'Well, there are some in worse shape than you.'

"It was just good to be here, to run and to finish. It definitely was an experience being in my first NCAA championship." [Jon Hendershott]



Jeff Johnson

Pre gets NCAA post-race congratulations from coach Bill Dellinger.



Jeff Johnson

Robert Boxie in the chute.

Pre: 'A Great Way to End'

Steve Prefontaine tugged a green stocking cap, with "Pre" in yellow script, down around his ears. He was sweaty and hot and a chilly wind blew over the rolling hills and long flats Pre had cruised to score his third college harrier title. But Pre was smiling warmly, in the flush of victory.

His victory in Spokane was his last while wearing the lemon and green of Oregon, but he approached the race with a relaxed frame of mind. "Matter of fact, I had very little psych at all," he revealed. "I was just very mellow, trying to be loose. Of course, I had some adrenalin flowing, but I was more relaxed than anything else. I think being able to relax comes with maturity. It doesn't seem to take me as long to get myself ready to compete as it used to. In high school, it took me sometimes five days to get ready for a race. Hell, before my first NCAA championship [the '69 harrier race, coincidentally Gerry Lindgren's third overland win], I was on the toilet for three days before. But this one I just took in stride and figured if I ran like I did in the Pac-8 last week and in previous weeks, I could hold my own."

Still was he worried when Nick Rose opened a gap of some 40 yards and kept charging? "When someone gets that far ahead of you, you get concerned," he smiled. "After the first two miles, I was very tired and laboring. I mean you go through the first two miles in 8:58 or so and you're going to be laboring. Actually, my race is in the last two miles. Up to that point, I felt lousy, but when the fourth mile came around, I was feeling good. But even though I'm a 5-6 mile racer, and not a 1-2 mile racer, when someone gets that far ahead of you, you start to wonder if you can close the gap. But you also realize that he has to come back to you sooner or later. I was confident I could pull him back. And after the fourth mile, I started feeling very relaxed. I wasn't laboring anymore."

And now his career at Oregon is over, an illustrious career full of triumph, defeat, success, records, adulation and controversy. "Actually, it's a funny feeling now to hear about me getting kicked out of the dressing room since I'm graduating and won't be part of the team anymore," Pre mused, rubbing his mustache. "But winning like this, my third and the team too, is a great way to end it all." [Jon Hendershott]

Shorter Returns to Form--Gets No. 4

Gainesville, Fla., Nov. 24 /from Skip Stolley/—A recuperating Frank Shorter reestablished himself as a leading US distance runner here with his fourth consecutive AAU cross country victory. Injured during most of the 1973 outdoor season, Shorter

"I still consider myself a 10,000-meter runner who runs an occasional marathon," explained the victor. "I don't really train for marathons. I was getting ready for today." Shorter has been training mostly by himself this fall, running in only an occasional local meet to assure proper condition following the leg injury.

Participants seemed pleased with the meet conditions, especially from an administrative angle. The warm (sunny, mid-80s) temperature may have caused the collapse of Illinois freshman Craig Virgin who fell three times in the final 300 yards

*Doug Brown (219),
Barry Brown (178)
and Neil Cusack (13)
were among
the early leaders,
but Frank Shorter (177)
wasn't to be denied
in his quest for
a fourth consecutive
AAU crown.*



Bob Kasper

wasn't given much hope of defending his title. Regardless, he came back from Doug Brown's temporary 30 yard margin around the five mile post to whip the Tennessee senior, 29:52.6 to 29:55.0.

The team battle was hardly competitive as the Florida Track Club racked up a near perfect 20 with the NYAC 24 points in arrears. Even though the field may have been lackluster, nothing should be taken away from the Floridians. The Florida Track Club assembled three Olympians (Shorter first, Jeff Galloway third, Jack Bachelor seventh), internationalist Barry Brown (sixth) and Ken Misner (eleventh), for what must be one of the US's most potent cross country squads ever.

Doug Brown gave Shorter an honest chase for the title over the 10,000m route as they stuck together to pace the pack at the first two mile posts in 4:27 and 9:21. Then Shorter made a move to shake the front-running pack which included Neil Cusack, who had this title stripped from him last year after running off the course in Chicago after apparently winning.

But Doug doggedly stuck with the Olympic marathon champion who had to take a layoff with fatigue fractures last summer. Shorter clipped past the next mile posts in 14:10, 19:05 and 24:03. But at the five mile marker Shorter had to stop to pull a stick off his spikes—Brown shot 30 yards ahead.

The well-seasoned Shorter smoothly regained the lead and finished off Brown with a solid kick over the final 300 yards.

before collapsing 200 yards from the finish. He had been in sixth.

Even as the Florida TC runners were congratulating each other in the chute, there was some question about their collective future. Shorter will graduate from law school next summer. Bachelor's research contract at North Carolina State terminates this year. Galloway may train for a year in Europe. Misner, an Air Force enlisted man, has requested a transfer. The club's central figure, Barry Brown, turns 30 soon.

"We'll be back," they claim. "We want to keep going and be the first over-40 team to win the national title!"

First 50 of 182 finishers (*=not in team scoring; †=non-US citizen):

1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	29:52.5	18. Tom Childers (USMC)	31:16	35.*Carl Hatfield (W Va TC)	32:02	43.*Rich Kimball (AlamedaTC)	32:15
2. *Doug Brown (Tenn)	29:55	19.*Bruce Carpenter (Fla TC)	31:18	36.*Rick Braggas (unat)	32:03	44.*Gareth Hayes (N Car TC)	32:17
3. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC)	30:03	20.*Terry Furst (G Tri TC)	31:23	37. Juris Luzins (USMC)	32:05	45.*Charlie Maguire (Penn St)	32:18
4. *Tony Brien' (Marymount)	30:09	21.*Matt Centrowitz (NYAC)	31:28	38. George Stewart (WVTC)	32:06	46.*Leroy Hobbs (La Tech)	32:19
5. Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	30:13	22. Lee Fidler (Club South)	31:33	39.*Tom Louv (SDTC)	32:07	47.*Gordon Oliver (GeotwnAA)	32:20
6. Barry Brown (Fla TC)	30:23	23. Tracy Smith (AIA)	31:36	40.*Jerry Crane (unat)	32:09	48. Charles Boatright (AIA)	32:22
7. Jack Bachelor (Fla TC)	30:31	24.*Bill Louv (Wm&Mary)	31:38	41.*Mike Wagenbach (ELATC)	32:12	49. Mike Pinocci (WVTC)	32:24
8. Marty Liquori (NYAC)	30:33	25. Paul Talkington (Sum AC)	31:39	42. Tom Hoffman (UCTC)	32:15	50.*Mike Haywood (Wildcat TC)	32:24
9. *Ed Leddy' (E Tenn St)	30:47	26. Mark Gibbens (UCTC)	31:44				
10. Howell Michael (USMC)	30:52	27. Tarry Harrison (Colo TC)	31:44	Team	Adjusted Places	Total	
11. Ken Misner (Fla TC)	30:59	28.*Tom Donahue (NJ Strid)	31:46	1. Florida Track Club	1- 2- 4- 5- 8	20	
12. Domingo Tibaduiza'(WVTC)	31:03	29. Bill Blewett (Atlanta TC)	31:47	2. New York AC	3- 6-10-12-13	44	
13. Tom Fleming (NYAC)	31:05	30.*Peter Fredriksson' (SDTC)	31:49	3. US Marines	7-14-21-39-47	128	
14.*Byron Dyce' (Fla TC)	31:08	31. John Lesch (UCTC)	31:51	4. Athletes In Action	11-16-26-36-42	131	
15. Don Timm (AIA)	31:10	32.*Scott Eden (Duke)	31:53	5. Colorado Track Club	18-28-30-32-38	146	
16. Sid Sink (NYAC)	31:14	33. Frank Ybarbo (USMC)	31:57				
17. Pete Squires (NYAC)	31:14	34. Steve Foster (Summit AC)	31:59	Other teams:	6. West Valley TC 161; 7. Summit AC 162; 8. Florida TC B 172;		
					9. UCTC 174; 10. Atlanta TC 257; 11. Club South 270; 12. Florida JC Red 281; 13.		
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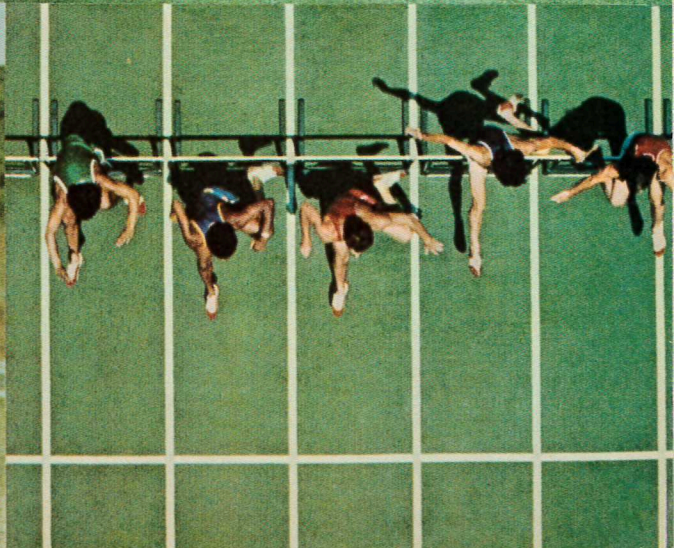


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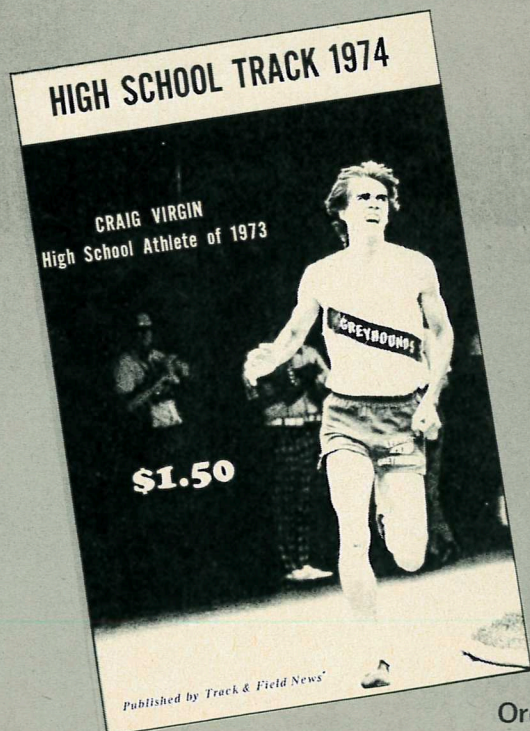
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JUCO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Roscoe Takes Individual, Almost Team

Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 10—Southwestern Michigan frosh John Roscoe swept to the individual title, but Allegheny CC (Pittsburgh) came up with five All-Americans to garner few enough points to tie with the Michigan squad in the team battle at the national JC Championships.

Roscoe turned in a blazing 18:41.6 over what was thought to be a four-mile course, but it was later revealed that the route was 100-150 yards short. Chasing Roscoe across the line was South African Bernard Rose of Odessa JC in 18:46.

The tie was the first in the history of the meet. Defending champion Lane (Eugene, Ore) dropped to fifth, and will host the '74 meet.

Individuals: Roscoe (SWn Mich) 18:41.6; 2. Rose' (Odessa) 18:46; 3. Jirele (G Valley Luth) 18:49; 4. Stemmer (Allegheny) 18:53; 5. Wilburn (Lincolnlnd) 18:57; 6. Smith (H Ford) 19:01; 7. Loukas (Essex) 19:02; 8. Waugh (Phoenix) 19:03; 9. Pinocci (Odessa) 19:05; 10. Viljoen' (Odessa) 19:07.

Teams: tie, Allegheny & Southwestern Michigan 72; 3. Gold Valley Lutheran 129; 4. Phoenix 164; 5. Lane 170.

NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Formful Eastern New Mexico In a Breeze

Salina, Kans., Nov. 17 /from Carol R. Swenson/—Pre-meet favorite Eastern New Mexico lived up to its advanced billing and claimed the NAIA cross country title, while host-school Marymount claimed the individual champ in 23-year-old Irish sophomore Tony Brien.

Brien covered the five-mile route in 23:42.5 to best the 23:48 of Eastern New Mexico's Dennis Williams ("An American, please note," emphasized teammates Philip Ndoo and Rex Maddaford. "See, we don't have just foreign runners.") Eastern packed five men in the top 16 to tally 35 points to outdistance defending champ Malone (99).

Brien's race over the mostly hilly course (save for a nearly mile-long final straight), went just the way he wanted: "Run with the leaders until the last mile and then go out hard." Brien let Williams, Mike Boit and Occidental's Joel Jameson do the lead work until he jumped to a quick 20 yard lead up a short hill leading to the long final stretch. His lead grew as the 28-33 mph winds pushed him along the last straight.

The leaders established themselves by 1½ miles, but Boit dropped from the lead shortly after two miles when he fell hard after having his heel stepped on. He was never in contention afterward. Teammate and fellow Kenyan Ndoo lost his stocking cap during the race, went back to retrieve it and still finished fifth. Williams felt the lack of training the past five weeks due to knee tendinitis may have made a difference over the final mile, but added, "You can't take anything away from Tony. He ran a great race."

Individuals: Brien' (Marymount) 23:42.5; 2. Williams (En NM) 23:48; 3. Jameson (Oxy) 23:59; 4. Skelley (Malone) 24:05; 5. Ndoo' (En NM) 24:14; 6. Maddaford' (En NM) 24:17; 7. Cloeter (Concordia) 24:20; 8. Rosa' (Wisc/Park) 24:24; 9. Elk (Pembroke St) 24:25; 10. Bradley (Millersville St) 24:28; 11. Boit' (En NM) 24:33; 12. McLeod (Pittsburg St) 24:34; 13. Drews (LaCrosse) 24:38; 14. Brame (John Brown) 24:47; 15. McGhee (Carthage) 24:50.

Teams: Eastern New Mexico 35; 2. Malone 99; 3. Edinboro State 186; 4. Carthage 208; 5. Westmar 243.

USTFF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mendoza (or Menet?) in Strange Win

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 24 /by Wally Donovan/—Although he finished second, Arizona's Ed Mendoza went home with the USTFF cross country title. He was awarded the gold medal when Nevada's Hans Menet was ruled to have fouled Mendoza during the 12th annual USTFF championships held at Balboa Park.

Mendoza and Menet waged a ding-dong battle over the last three miles and finished with identical times, 29:39.6, at the end of six miles. In a gesture of victory Menet threw his arms wide at the finish. Mendoza thought he could have won if Menet's outstretched arms had not been in his way. This, however, was not the reason the finishing order was reversed. Menet, who is the

Swiss steeplechase champion, had elbowed Mendoza during the race and would not let him pass. "This is the way we run in Europe," said Menet who ran in the last two Olympics. "This is not Europe," said one of the officials.

The Santa Monica Track Club won the team title with 65 points followed by Menet's Reno-based school/club with 113 points. The third place finish of former national junior college three mile recordman Dave Babiracki could have given the Beverly Hills Striders second place in the team scoring, but he was ruled a non-scorer by the officials. Seems he had entered as an unattached athlete and at the last minute switched his affiliation to the Club but officials were not notified. The Striders finished fifth but Babiracki still got the bronze medal.

Individuals: Mendoza (Ariz) 29:39.6; 2. Menet' (Nev TC) 29:39.6; 3. Babiracki (Strid) 30:18; 4. Waldrop (N Car) 30:25; 5. Kluvers (S Monica TC) 30:30; 6. Innes (S Monica TC) 30:31; 7. Griffin (Colo) 30:36; 8. Span (Sun Devil TC) 30:37; 9. Harms (Aggie TC) 30:42; 10. Matthews' (SDTC A) 30:51; ... 22. Scobey (Strid) 31:23; ... 53. Schmenk (ELATC) 33:23.

Teams: Santa Monica TC 65; 2. Nevada TC 113; 3. tie, Colorado & San Diego TC A 127; 5. Striders 132.

FUKUOKA MARATHON

Shorter Back on top of Marathon World

Fukuoka, Japan, Dec. 2—Frank Shorter gave every indication he is still the Frank Shorter of 1972 as he padded to his third consecutive victory in the prestigious Fukuoka Marathon. His time of 2:11:45.0 is the Olympic champion's second-fastest effort ever, behind only his 2:10:30 US record set in winning the '72 race, and is fourth-quickest ever by an American.

The only other American in the race, '73 Boston winner Jon Anderson, nabbed fourth place with a PR 2:15:52.8. Sandwiched between were the only other non-Japanese runners to finish, Canada's Brian Armstrong in second (2:13:43.4, his third effort within a 13-second spread this year) and East German Eckhard Lesse in third (2:13:53.8). Kinichi Otsuki was the first native son to finish, placing fifth in 2:16:17.8.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA INVITATIONAL

Milburn Grabs Share of 60 Highs Record

Monroe, La., Dec. 8—It had to happen sooner or later. The list of world record claimants for the 60 yard highs was a great one, but it was missing Rod Milburn. No more.

Opening the indoor season at the Northeast Louisiana Invitational, Hot Rod clipped a 10th off his old PR by burning over the barriers in a record equaling 6.8 to share the record held by Hayes Jones, Earl McCullouch and Willie Davenport (3 times). As in so many of his races, Milburn was unpushed, winning by 0.5. Milburn said later, "I got out of the blocks fast tonight. I've been having trouble with that and spent several hours this afternoon working on it. I'm glad I got off good tonight." There was good hurdling in the University section also, LSU's Allen Misher dropping Tennessee frosh John Johnson 7.0 to 7.1. Len Hilton won the two-mile in 8:42.4.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- New Britain, Conn., July 8—HJ, Braswell (CCAA) 7-1¾.
- Walnut, Calif., Aug. 30—PV, Smith (P Coast) 17-10.
- Boulder, Colo., Oct. 5-6—Dec, Wanamaker (unat) 7556; 2. Hill (Colo) 7325.
- Vilnius, USSR—HJ, Sapka 7-1 7/8.
- Nairobi, Ken., Nov. 9-10—800, Kipkurgat 1:46.8. 400IH, Koskei 49.5.
- Bellville, S. Afr., Nov. 14—DT, Van Reenen 206-4½.
- Kisumu, Ken., Nov. 16-17—1500, Jipcho 3:43.5. 110HH, Kimaiyo 13.6=AfrR.
- Marikina, Phil., Nov. 18-23—Diminutive Thai sprinter Anat Ratanapol (5-2½/108) stood out at the Asian Championships, zipping 100 meters in 10.0 in both his heat and semi before winning the final in 10.4. The heat was aided by a legal 3.36 mph wind while a stronger 8.72 gust pushed Ratanapol in the semi. He earlier won the 200 in 20.8.
- Mohinder Gill of India and the El Paso TC triple leaped 52-4¼ for victory.
- Budapest, Hun.—DT, Muranyi 207-4.
- Christchurch, N.Z., Nov. 30(a)-Dec. 1(b)—1500(b), Walker 3:43.6; 2. Dixon 3:46.3. 10,000(a), Tayler 28:29.0. Mar(b), Robinson 2:15:03; 2. Foster 2:16:46.
- Culver City, Calif., Dec. 2—Mar, Paukkonen' (Fin) 2:16:31.6; 2. Harter (SMTC) 2:20:06; 3. Pate (Ore TC) 2:21:31.
- Cosford, Eng., Dec. 8 /220 banked board/-60m, Green 6.9. 600m, Jenkins 1:18.0. SP, Capes 67-1¼ BCR.

WORLD INDOOR RECORDS

50y	5.0	Kirk Clayton (S Jose St) 70
	5.0	Herb Washington (Mich St) 72
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	5.0	Mel Pender (US Army) 72
	5.0	Herb Washington (unat) 73
	5.0	Herb Washington (unat) 73
50m	5.4	Bill Gaines (Cal HS) 68
	5.4	Manfred Kokot (EG) 71
60y	5.8	Herb Washington (Mich St) 72
	5.8	<i>pMel Pender (ITA) 73</i>
60m	6.4	Fyodr Pankratov (SU) 67
	6.4	Valeriy Borzov (SU) 68
	6.4	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU) 72
	6.4	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU) 72
	6.4	Erik Gustafsson (Fin) 72
	6.4	Zenon Nowosz (Pol) 72
	6.4	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU) 73
	6.4	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU) 73
70y	6.8	Mel Pender (Ft Bragg) 65
	6.8	Mel Pender (Ft Bragg) 69
	6.8	Larry Highbaugh (Ind) 70
	6.8	Jim Green (Ky) 70
	6.8	Mel Pender (US Army) 71
	6.8	<i>pJ-L Ravelomanantsoa (ITA) 73</i>
	6.8	<i>pWarren Edmonson (ITA) 73</i>
	6.8	<i>pHarrington Jackson (ITA) 73</i>
75y	7.2	Wayne Long (Okla) 69
	7.2	Earl Harris (Okla St) 69
70m	7.5	Helmut Kornig (Ger) 32
	7.5	Erich Borchmeyer (Ger) 36
	7.5	Wilhelm Leichum (Ger) 36
	7.5	Ira Murchison (US Army) 56
	7.5	Armin Hary (WG) 59
80y	7.8	Dave Sime (Duke) 56
80m	8.5	Jurgen Schuttler (WG) 64
	8.5	Leo DeWinter (Hol) 67
100y	9.3	Don Quarrie (Jam) 71
	9.3	Carl Lawson (Jam) 71
	9.3	Don Quarrie (Jam) 72
	9.3	Cliff Branch (Colo) 72
100m	10.2	<i>pWarren Edmonson (ITA) 73</i>
	10.3	Vitaliy Kunaryev (SU) 65
	10.3	Yuriy Zyezvetko (SU) 70
	10.3	Valeriy Borzov (SU) 71
	10.3	Vladislav Sapeya (SU) 71
	10.3	Aleksandr Lebedyev (SU) 71
200m	21.2	John Carlos (Seamans) 70
220y	21.2	John Carlos (Seamans) 70
300y	29.5	Marshall Dill (Mich St) 72
300m	34.4	Boris Savchuk (SU) 66
400m	46.1	Marcello Fiasconaro (Italy) 72
440y	46.2	Tommie Smith (S Jose St) 67
500y	53.9	<i>pLarry James (ITA) 73</i>
	54.4	Lee Evans (unat) 71
	54.4	Lee Evans (unat) 71
500m	1:02.0	<i>pLee Evans (ITA) 73</i>
	1:02.9	Mal Whitfield (GSB) 53
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	1:02.9	Martin McGrady (Spts Int) 70
600y	1:07.6	Martin McGrady (Spts Int) 70
600m	1:16.7	<i>pLee Evans (ITA) 73</i>
	1:17.7	Martin Bilham (GB) 69
	1:17.7	Andras Zsinka (Hun) 73
800m	1:46.6	Dieter Fromm (EG) 69
880y	1:47.9	Ralph Doubell (Aus) 69
1000y	2:05.1	Mark Winzenried (CW) 72
1000m	2:19.7	<i>pChris Fisher (ITA) 73</i>
	2:20.4	Tom Von Ruden (P Coast) 71
1500m	3:37.8	Harald Norpoth (WG) 71
Mile	3:56.4	Tom O'Hara (Loyola) 64
	3:56.4	Jim Ryun (unat) 71
2000m	5:00.0	Emiel Puttemans (Bel) 73

3000m	7:39.2	Emiel Puttemans (Bel) 73
2M	8:13.2	Emiel Puttemans (Bel) 73
3M	13:07.2	Tracy Smith (AIA) 73
5000m	13:45.2	Vyacheslav Alanov (SU) 69
10,000m	29:29.0	Yuriy Aleksashin (SU) 71
45yHH	5.3	Willie Davenport (H Strid) 69
	5.3	Willie Davenport (Tex Strid) 70
50yHH	5.8	Willie Davenport (H Strid) 69
	5.8	Marcus Walker (Colo) 70
	5.8	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
	5.8	Danny Smith (Bah) 73
	5.8	Thomas Hill (US Army) 73
	5.8	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
50mHH	6.2	Gunther Nickel (WG) 70
60yHH	6.8	Hayes Jones (Detroit VC) 64
	6.8	Earl McCulloch (Sn Cal) 68
	6.8	Willie Davenport (H Strid) 69
	6.8	Willie Davenport (H Strid) 69
	6.8	Willie Davenport (Tex Strid) 70
55mHH	7.0	Raimund Bethge (EG) 70
	7.0	Frank Siebeck (EG) 70
	7.0	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 72
	7.0	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
	7.0	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
60mHH	7.4	Tommy Lee White (Strid) 72
70yHH	7.8	Willie Davenport (H Strid) 69
70mHH	9.3	Bert Steines (WG) 56
	9.3	Karl-Ernst Schottes (WG) 56
	9.3	Gunther Nickel (WG) 70
80mHH	10.1	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
120yHH	13.3	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 73
110mHH	13.6	Anatoliy Mikhailov (SU) 60
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	13.6	Yevgeniy Mazepa (SU) 73
HJ	7-4 $\frac{3}{8}$	2.255 <i>pJohn Radetich (ITA) 73</i>
	7-4 $\frac{5}{8}$	2.25 Valeriy Brumel (SU) 61
PV	18- $\frac{3}{4}$	5.49 Steve Smith (P Coast) 73
LJ	27-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.30 Bob Beamon (UTEF) 68
TJ	55-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.97 Viktor Saneyev (SU) 72
SP	70-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.59 <i>pBrian Oldfield (ITA) 73</i>
	69-9 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.27 George Woods (P Coast) 73
DT	198-6	60.50 John Van Reenen (S Afr) 69
35lbWt	73-3 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.34 George Frenn (P Coast) 69
800mR	1:26.3	France
880yR	1:27.0	<i>pITA 73</i>
	1:27.4	Stanford 73
1600mR	3:05.9	Soviet Union 70
MR	3:09.4	Pacific Coast 71
3000mR	7:08.5	LG Ratio Munster (WG) 72
3200mR	7:17.8	Soviet Union 71
2MR	7:23.6	UCTC 73
4MR	16:56.4	Purdue 71
SpMedR	3:24.0	Oklahoma State 62
DisMedR	9:39.8	Pitt 71
240HHR	28.4	Notre Dame (US) 71

(*p=professional*)

AMERICAN RECORDS

(where different from world records)

60m	6.5	Charles Greene (US Army) 70
	6.5	Herb Washington (unat) 73
100m	10.7	Bob Rodenkirchen (NYAC) 38
	10.7	Robert Taylor (FI Tig TC) 73
300m	34.9	Larry Scheurer (Wash St) 70
400m	46.2	Tommie Smith (S Jose St) 67
600m	1:19.8	Juris Luzins (Quan) 72
800m	1:47.4	Ted Nelson (Strid) 65
880y	1:48.3	Jim Ryun (Kans) 67
1500m	3:42.8	Dyrol Burleson (EEAA) 65
2000m	5:14.8	Pat McNeal (unat) 64
3000m	7:56.6	Bill Mills (C Pen) 65
2M	8:24.8	Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 73
5000m	14:31.0	Don Lash (unat) 39
50mHH	6.4	Leon Coleman (Strid) 69
	6.4	Leon Coleman (Strid) 69
	6.4	Leon Coleman (Strid) 69
	6.4	Tommy Lee White (Strid) 71
	6.4	Tommy Lee White (Strid) 73
HJ	7-4	2.21 Rey Brown (Cal Int) 72
TJ	55-5	16.89 John Craft (UCTC) 72

1974 INDOOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

28-29 Saskatchewan KC, Saskatoon

JANUARY

11 CYO National Invitational, College Park, Md
12 New York KC, Uniondale, Long Island, NY
16 Senior Bowl, Mobile
18 Idaho State Meet of Champions, Pocatello
18-19 NAIA Championships, Kansas City
19 East Coast Invitational, Richmond, Va
19 Indiana Invitational, Bloomington, Ind
19 Sunkist Invitational, Los Angeles
25 Millrose Games, New York City
25-26 USTFF Championships, Oklahoma City
26 Oregon Invitational, Portland
28 Philadelphia Track Classic, Philadelphia

FEBRUARY

1 Coaches Games, Fort Worth
1 Examiner Games, Daly City, Calif (San Francisco)
2 Albuquerque Invitational, Albuquerque
2 Cleveland KC, Cleveland
2 Seattle Invitational, Seattle
8 LA Times Invitational, Inglewood
8 Olympic Invitational, New York City
8-9 Astrodome-Federation, Houston
8-9 Illinois Intercollegiates, Champaign
9 Bennion Relays, Pocatello
9 Mason-Dixon Games, Louisville
9 Michigan State Invitational, East Lansing
15-16 Central Collegiates, Notre Dame
15 ITA, Uniondale, Long Island, NY
15 Star-Maple Leaf Games, Toronto
16 ITA, Baltimore
16 Oakland Invitational, Oakland,
16 San Diego Invitational, San Diego
22 AAU Championships, New York City
22 ITA, Salt Lake City
22-23 Southeastern Conference, Baton Rouge
23 ACC Championships, College Park, Md
23 ITA, Pocatello
24 Delaware Invitational, Newark

MARCH

1 ITA, Los Angeles
1-2 Big 8 Conference, Kansas City
1-2 Big 10 Conference, East Lansing
1-2 Western Athletic Conference, Albuquerque
2 Intermountain USTFF, Pocatello
2-3 IC4A Championships, Princeton
6 Eastern States Prep, Princeton
8 ITA, Daly City, Calif (San Francisco)
8-9 NCAA Championships, Detroit
9-10 European Championships, Goteborg, Sweden
15 Canada vs France, Montreal
15-16 National JUCO Championships, Columbia, Mo
15-16? US-USSR, Richmond, Va
22 ITA, Oklahoma City
23 ITA, Mobile

APRIL

6-7 ITA, Tokyo
19 ITA, San Diego
20 ITA, Portland
27 ITA, Kansas City

MAY

3 ITA, Cleveland
4 ITA, Detroit
10 ITA, Atlanta
11 ITA, Philadelphia
17 ITA, Louisville
25 ITA, Richmond, Va
29 ITA Championships, New York City
(ITA schedule still tentative at this point)

TRACK GOES UNDERCOVER by GARRY HILL

The nice thing about the end of the cross country season is it means that the indoor track season is just around the corner. And the beginning of the indoor campaign means that the more important outdoor activity isn't far away either. Briefly (and we mean briefly), here is what the major plot line should be on the big-time amateur indoor circuit this winter.

SPRINTS

Herb Washington has been king of the hill for a couple of years now and will be tough to dislodge. The owner of 24 6.0 or better clockings in the 60 (including the 5.8 record), Washington lost only to Hasely Crawford indoors last year. Eastern Michigan's Crawford, too, is a tough indoor runner and will be a big factor on the collegiate scene. San Diego State's Steve Williams is nigh-unbeatable outdoors, but has trouble getting his long legs unwound quickly enough on the boards. NCAA winner Gerald Tinker of Kent State returns, and there are another four 5.9 performers around to trouble him as well.

440-500-600

Fred Newhouse was undefeated in '73 and led the world with his 46.7 440, also clocking 56.4 in the 500 and 1:10.0 in the 600. His compact size aids him on the boards. Florida's Beaufort Brown (1:03.5 500m), Michigan State's Bob Cassleman (1:08.2 600) and Eastern Michigan's Stan Vinson (54.8 500) set collegiate records last year and all return for another shot. Brown was consistently best, winning the NCAA 600 title. NCAA outdoor 880 champ Skip Kent has good 600s to his credit also. Best of them all is Martin McGrady, with 35 wins in 39 lifetime 600 starts, but he is in semi-retirement again. Still, his preparation periods don't take too long.

880-1000

Rick Wohlhuter didn't do much indoors last year, but he was once better known as an undercover man and is coming off a spectacular outdoor campaign. Steady Mark Winzenried, world 1000 record holder (2:05.1), can be depended on as always for a great series of fast races, as can Juris Luzins. Mike Boit of Eastern New Mexico won a pair of NAIA titles and was undefeated. Villanova has a solid pair of 880 men in Brian McElroy (2:06.9 collegiate record) and Ken Schappert. NCAA 1000 champ Tony Waldrop of North Carolina is also a toughie when he runs.

MILE

More Americans broke 4:00 outdoors in '73 than any other year (18), which augers well for a good indoor season. Marty Liquori, one of the cagiest of indoor runners, should be back at full strength. Len Hilton and Dave Wottle will provide more than capable opposition. Steve Prefontaine will be a force to contend with also if he drops down to this distance often. Also not to be overlooked are Boit, last year's leader on the clock, Jim Crawford, or Ken Popejoy. Waldrop could be the dominant force on the collegiate front.

TWO MILES-THREE MILES

No American is likely to beat Pre. Best of the rest might be a rejuvenated Frank Shorter, the former national record holder. Tracy Smith, world record claimant at three miles (13:07.2), can't be overlooked either. Good foreign power often crops up here, with potential visits from Ben Jipcho and Emiel Puttemans this year. No really strong collegiate forces around here either, although East

Tennessee State's Neil Cusack did set a collegiate three mile mark before his back injury last year. NCAA champ Mike Keogh of Manhattan also returns.

HURDLES

The grapevine says not to expect Rod Milburn around much (ITA probably has his number). That opens up about 10 meets for somebody else to win. That somebody is probably Thomas Hill, although hot newcomer Larry Shipp of LSU knocked them all off last year on occasion. Florida State's Danny Smith is also an excellent indoor barrier topper. Willie Davenport is getting older, but he can still run with the best of them.

HIGH JUMP

Dwight Stones is riding a hot streak and Valeriy Brumel's world indoor amateur record (7-4 $\frac{5}{8}$) is long overdue to be broken. Oregon State's Tom Woods and Cal Poly/SLO's Rey Brown won't let Stones rest often though. Neither would a Pat Matzdorf of his '71 world record variety. Barry Schur of Kansas, Arizona's Robert Joseph and Colgate's Chris Dunn are all capable 7-3 performers.

POLE VAULT

Steve Smith won 13 major indoor meets in '73 and his ITA signing points out the relative weakness of this event. Terry Porter of Kansas was coming on strong at season's-end last year. Dave Roberts and Mike Cotton are potential standouts, but their first year out of college will tell the tale. Bob Richards is up and down, and behind that there are no consistent 17-footers.

LONG JUMP

Randy Williams was hot in '73 coming off the Olympics, going undefeated and winning the NCAA and AAU titles. Unhurt he is tough to beat. Al Lanier and Pitt's Bill Rea, and Stan Whitley are the only other consistent 26-footers in another relatively weak event.

TRIPLE JUMP

The three-bouncer isn't contested much indoors, but where it is John Craft will likely win if he is there. But Barry McClure, Milan Tiff and James Butts are close to the 55-foot level also. Ken McBryde of Manhattan could have the collegiate scene all to himself.

SHOT

If the Pacific Coast Club is there, nobody from another group is going to win. If outdoor record holder Al Feuerbach doesn't take the marbles then indoor standard bearer George Woods will. Everyone else is back a yard or so. Double NCAA champ Hans Hoglund of UTEP is still the class of the collegiate field, although Mesa CC's Ron Semkiw is on the way up.

RELAYS

The two-mile affair belonged to the UCTC last year, and all of that record-setting unit should be strong again this year, with the fantastic addition of Wohlhuter. At the mile, the interesting squad should be Seton Hall, which returns all of its NCAA championship squad and adds 45.5m and 45.1m transfers Charley Joseph and Art Cooper, plus 49.4i prep Jim Lewis. □



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HILL TOPICS

by Garry Hill

KNICKKNACKS AND BRIC-A-BRAC from the NCAA cross country championships, one of the best-run affairs I have ever seen: No, the fact that my alma mater (Washington State) hosted the thing has nothing to do with my unrestrained praise (well, maybe a little). Actually even my co-Managing Editor, Jon Hendershott of the despised Husky clan from cross-state, said it was a marvelous affair.

Special credit to Cougar coach John Chaplin, the brains behind the whole affair. One of the great expeditors/promoters around, John probably turned a profit on the meet, even though the NCAA has apparently been content to run it at a small deficit in the past. By using a city with a strong distance running background (Spokane) and utilizing great publicity (more on that later), Chaplin got 4000-4500 people out to see the meet. The kicker is that the site he used was a golf course with only a single access road and he was able to charge a couple of bucks admission.

The publicity generated by the *Spokesman-Review* was first-class. Credit track fan/sports writer Bob Payne for that. The day before and after the meet there was a full-color picture on the front of the paper. And the lineage inside the sports section was great on several counts. Not only was there lots of it, it was also expertly written.

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COACHES are always one of the most enjoyable parts of any meet. Unfortunately, they usually get overshadowed by the athletes they produce and don't get their fair due. It's always nice to chat with these guys, but unfortunately they all seem to have several hours worth of interesting conversation. So even though you end up cutting them short, you don't get to talk to many in a given period of time. Still, I managed to renew old acquaintances and make new friends whilst munching the superb goodies

provided on the Ridpath Roof (the water chestnuts wrapped in bacon were outa' sight).

The course itself was great ("The best I've ever run on," said Pre.). Very few tight spots, and importantly for the spectators you could see most of the race without having to move around much. Unfortunately for Washington State, they may have sown the seeds of their own destruction with the layout. "This course isn't really made for cross country runners, it's for trackmen," was the astute observation of former prep two-mile record holder Rick Riley. He was probably right. The long rolling benches and few slight grades didn't really require much strength. Speed was at a premium. Look at the results: Pre (1) is a 3:54.6 miler. Runnerup Nick Rose has done 3:58.4, Gordon Minty 4:03.6. Surprise fifth-placer Wilson Waigwa (only 3rd in the WAC) has a 3:40.8m.

Washington State was close to Oregon (4 points) in both the Northern Division and Pac-8 and expected to be even tougher in the nationals. A partial reason for their "slump" to third is that their team was basically a cross country one, short on speed credentials. Danny Murphy, fifth and fourth the last two years, dropped to 18th. It even showed on Oregon's winning squad. Two-time all-American Randy James, who has no strong track credentials but is always tough overland, dropped from No. 2 to No. 4, back in 33rd place.

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MY "MOST" AWARDS: Most popular athlete—the irrepressible Pre. The air resounded with "Go Pre" throughout the race; most gung-ho warmup—defending champion Tennessee. The rigamarole featured group calisthenics followed by a long drawn-out chanting session in a huddle; most disappointed athlete—Western Kentucky frosh Tony Staynings on learning that he had been disqualified; most flashy dresser—Staynings' coach Jerry Bean, whose sartorial splendor was highlighted by a flashy crimson sports coat; most gung-ho fans—Oregon, what else? An amazing number of Ducks made the day's drive from Eugene.

One last thought: do you realize how long it takes to drive the 1000 odd miles between Los Altos and Spokane at 50mph?□

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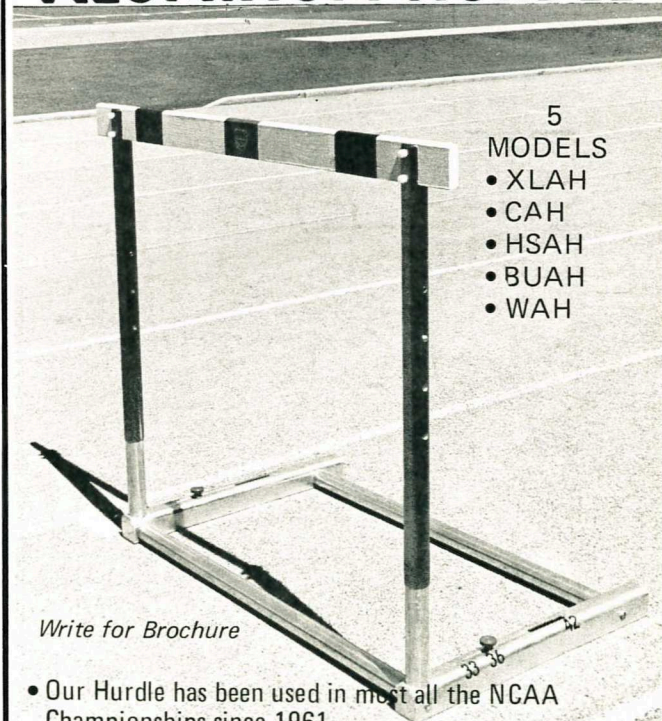
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OF PEOPLE & THINGS

by Bert Nelson

Short thoughts of people and things... Wouldn't Steve Prefontaine be better at 10,000 meters than 5000? His American six-mile record of 27:09.4 last year was so easy and so early in the season (March 24) that I have to wonder if Pre isn't capable of the 26:40 he feels is in him. That's seven seconds under Ron Clarke's world mark and just 1.4 short of Dave Bedford's unofficial mark.

I'd love to see Pre and Frank Shorter, US recordman at 10 kilos (27:51.4), have a go at each other. And undoubtedly Doug Brown, second in the '73 AAU cross country and fourth in the '71 NCAA six mile as a frosh, has fine undeveloped potential...

Perhaps the greatest record book of all time is *Die Entwicklung der Leichtathletik-Weltrekorde von den Anfängen bis heute*. You don't have to be able to read German to get great value from *The Development of Track and Field World Records From the Start Until Today*. It gives the evolution of records for men and women, yards and meters, adopted by the IAAF or not. In addition to the usual place and date, it often includes such data as other competitors, wind readings, times on all watches, splits, series of throws, and number of attempts at each height in the high jump and vault. Ekkehard zur Megede, the veteran German expert, deserves full credit and the book is available for \$8.00 from Verlag Bartels & Wernitz, 1 Berlin 65, Reinickendorferstrasse 113, West Germany...

The *Sports and Fitness Instructor* says many experts believe the pole vault demands a higher level of skill than any other athletic activity. There are more than 20 separate movements that must be performed with perfect timing and precision in little more than a second... Some planners are worried about the length of new tracks. Should they put in a 440 yarder or jump the gun on the ultimate conversion to meters and install a 400 meter job? Why not simply put in the 440 to serve today's needs but do it in

such a way that conversion to 400 meters would be simple? Better yet, make it possible now to switch back and forth... Pity the poor walkers. When *Time* reported the elimination of walks from the Olympic program it ran a photo of great two-time bronze medalist Larry Young—but identified him only as "walker at the Olympics"...

A gold medal to the AAU for taking steps to utilize its legal resources in combating repeated violations of athletes' rights to participate in summer months and after the completion of school seasons. I have long felt that legal action, or the well publicized threat of such action, would shape up the groups who conspire to deny the rights of the athletes they supposedly serve...

If you don't understand what's happening in Washington on the various proposals on amateur athletes, don't be embarrassed. I doubt if anyone really is up on the confused, changing picture, including the Senators and Representatives... Criticize if you will the IAAF decision to eliminate the 50,000m walk from the Olympics, but realize that the IAAF was compelled, along with other sports federations, to help in reducing the size of the Games, and then decide which event you would eliminate... Meanwhile there are those who would like to see more events on the track schedule, such as a 3000m run and 3200 and 6000 relays...

If you could raise your son to throw the discus either left-handed or right-handed, which would you choose? Seems to me the leftie would have a big advantage simply because there are so few of them. One southpaw among 10 throwers of equal ability would have a 10% chance of winning when there is no wind, as would everyone else. He would have no chance of winning when the wind favored the right-arm throwers, each of whom should win once every nine times. But he should win every time the wind helped lefties. True, some discus areas are arranged to take advantage of prevailing right-handed winds. But I would guess the percentage of meets favoring a left-arm thrower is considerably higher than the percentage of southpaws, thus providing a distinct percentage advantage to the latter. □

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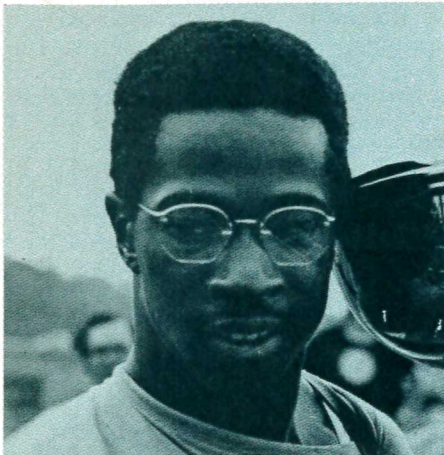
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New Faces Bolster US Forces

ED HAMMONDS



Phil Bannister

In looking back over his 1973 season, Ed Hammonds says, "My goal was to dedicate myself to see just how much I could achieve."

And that dedication paid off for the 5-11/165 Memphis State speedster as he capped victories at the Florida and Penn Relays and Missouri Valley Conference and hit the top as he sped a PR-matching 9.3 to win the NCAA 100 title. And the 20-year-old (2/22/53) champion made it two titles, finishing Memphis State's 39.7 440 relay victors. "Those wins are easily the biggest thrills so far in my career," he admits.

That was the beginning of some stellar stick running during the summer by Hammonds. Following a fourth in the AAU 100, Hammonds competed on the US relay team which won all five major internationals (Pan-Pacific, West Germany, Italy, USSR, Africa), anchoring the squad to the season's equal second-quickest effort of 38.9.

Hammonds feels his competitive instinct has gone hand-in-hand with his dedication to produce the success he enjoyed in '73. "If I lose a race, my competitive instinct makes me train harder for the next one," he explains. "Everyone loves to win and record top marks, but I don't expect to win every race or perform at my best every time. It's just not possible. You must lose some if you are to enjoy winning, or record a bad time to feel good about a good time. Also they help each other; a good mark is good even if you lose and sometimes a win makes a bad time seem not so bad."

Another influence on the Hammonds dedication stems from his background. "The athletes who have influenced me the most are those I have seen in my hometown [Chattanooga, Tenn.] who could have been good but never made it because they didn't have the same opportunities I have had," says Ed, who began running as a youth in neighborhood park programs.

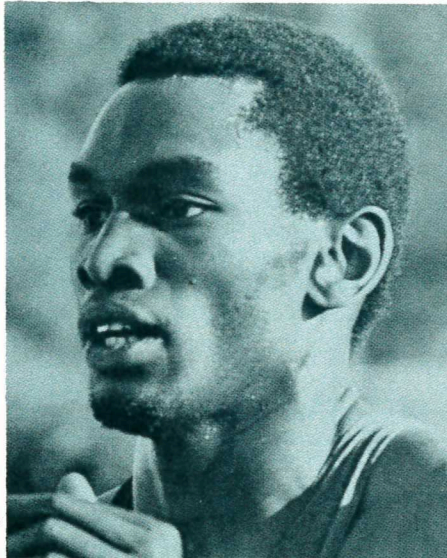
How long does he intend to compete?

"As long as I feel I am putting forward my best effort and doing my utmost to meet the competitive instinct in myself."

AL LANIER

A look at Al Lanier's win-loss record for 1973 is deceiving. It shows only seven wins in 14 meets—but it's not that cut-and-dried. Closer inspection shows some fascinating statistics for this 6-1½/165 long jumper.

Lanier was close to victory in most of those losses. During the 1973 season, he was topped by seven other Americans by a total of only 14½". Four of those were administered by Olympic champ Randy Williams. It's been frustrating for a guy to come so close, and yet so far—but Lanier hasn't remotely considered giving in.



Chip Gane

"I don't want to understand the word lose," says the 23-year-old Cincinnati graduate. "I hate to lose. Competition is never over until I have finished."

Despite the near misses, Lanier can point to several satisfying victories this year. The springy Cincy native grabbed titles at the Central Collegiate, USTFF and Pan Pacific meets before heading to Europe and Africa.

"The Dakar, Senegal, facility is the best I've seen," claims the lanky Lanier. It's hardly any wonder he likes that pit—he won the meet for the US there with a personal best of 26-4¼. The victory was long-awaited and well-deserved after a series of "so-close" losses to some of the world's elite.

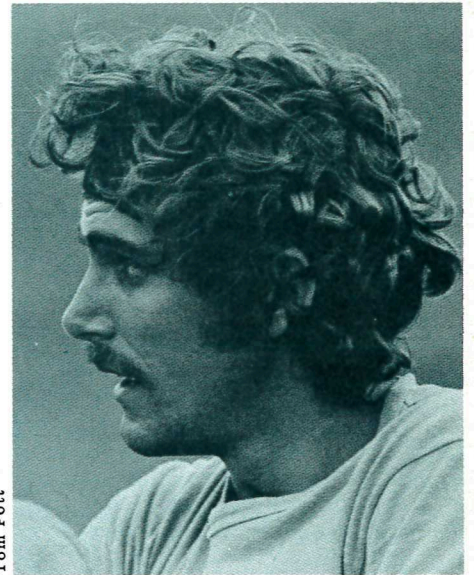
The speedy Lanier (who is also a 52-9 triple jumper) ran into his worst defeat in Munich when Olympic silver medalist Hans Baumgartner topped him, 26-8½ to 25-7½. He was only 2¼" behind world leader James McAlister.

In the US-Italy meet, Williams topped him by only 1". And in the US-Soviet meet, the world's number three leaper in 1973, Valeriy Podluzhnyi, outdistanced

Lanier by 9¾".

Lanier wants to stick around five more years and recognizes one trait which might boost him to more of those first places: "The key is relaxation. I want to be the best in the world."

MARK LUTZ



Tom Pott

There haven't been many world-class white sprinters produced during the last decade in the US. In fact, there have been but a handful.

"In the world, outside Africa, the sprinters are always white," says Mark Lutz, "But not in the US."

The Kansas senior found himself somewhat of a rarity when he started sprinting for KU three years ago after a sparkling prep career at Mayo of Minneapolis, Minn.

"There weren't many black sprinters," says the 5-10/150 physical education major about his home state. He won the 100, 220 and 440 at the state championships.

"The Munich facility was unbelievably great," says the sand-haired Jayhawk. He responded against West Germany and Switzerland on the Olympic track with his first international victory.

Lutz continued to sprint in a world-class manner. Though he placed second against Africa and the Soviet Union and third with Italy, his conquerors were US leader Steve Williams and Olympic bronze medalist Pietro Mennea. He led off the US's winning 1600 relay entry at the University Games after placing fifth in the 200, his specialty.

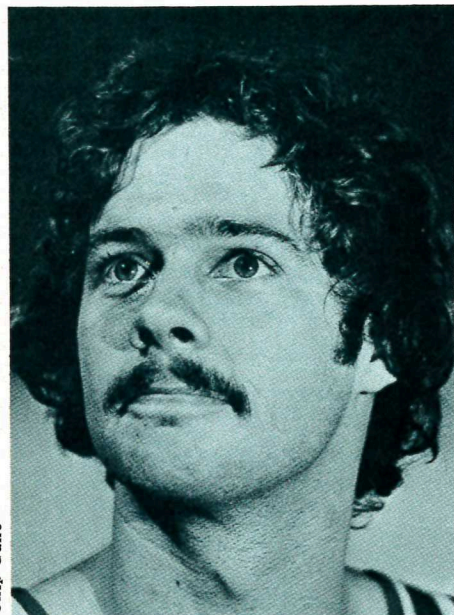
His late-race acceleration is feared, especially when he gets a running start. His block-start is slow.

"As soon as I come out of the blocks, I pop my head up and start looking down the track," he explains. Once he gets going, though, watch out. His afterburners carried him to a Big 8 sprint double and USTFF furlong title in 1973.

MIKE COTTON

While Mike Cotton's name might not be a household word in the track world right now, his super '73 campaign should help establish the Florida high-flyer as one of the top US vaulters, if not the top.

During the season just past, this 22-year-old (4/9/51) lost but once in 11 meets, that a tie for second in the NCAA. Otherwise it was all firsts, including wins at the Florida and Penn Relays, Southeastern



Chip Gane

Conference, AAU and West German, Italian and African internationals. All this despite battling a nagging hamstring injury which he aggravated in Italy and which sidelined him from the Soviet dual.

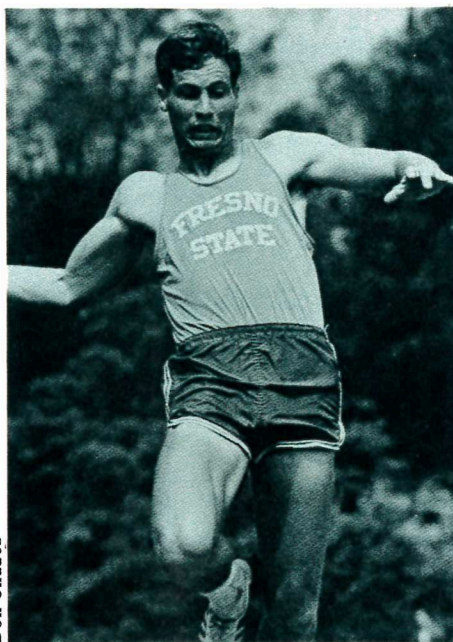
When he did compete, though, it was for no place but first. "Winning most affects my personal enjoyment of vaulting," says the 5-11/163 insurance agent, now competing for the Florida TC. "I'm turned on by both the competitive aspect of track and the self-fulfillment it offers through winning."

But winning has done something else for Cotton (born Richard Mikel, but who favors "Mike"). "My competitive drive is the best it has ever been," he reveals, "and so is my confidence. When my confidence increases, so does my competitive instinct." Affirms Florida coach Jimmy Carnes, "Experience and success in top competition have given Mike strong confidence which should definitely help him in the future." Cotton adds, "I now have more confidence in whatever I undertake, a feeling of accomplishment—besides an even greater love for pole vaulting."

Cotton, who started out '73 on a high note by clearing a PR 17-6 in mid-March in his initial outdoor meet of the year, began vaulting as a 10th-grader in 1967, clearing 11-6. He has improved every year since.

And he makes it clear he intends to keep improving. He says, confidently, "My goals are to first jump 18 feet, then the world record and later compete in the Olympic Games."

ROGER GEORGE



Don Chadez

"Attitude" is an important word to Roger George. That's because the Fresno State senior feels the decathlon is as much attitude as anything else. And to achieve positive results in the decathlon, an athlete must have a positive attitude toward what he wants to achieve in the 10-event grind.

If his geometric progression of NCAA places is any indication—eighth '71, fourth '72, second '73 in a PR 7777—then George's attitude seems strictly positive.

"The single most important factor for any decathlete to consider," feels the 21-year-old (2/26/52) 10-eventer, "is to decide what he wants to accomplish and then pursue it—remembering all the while he will encounter problems and the only way to overcome them is to have the positive attitude that he will do something to better the situation. And if he can't deal with the problem, then he must make the best of the situation and not let it affect the rest of his performance."

"Another vital thing is that a decathlete should never try for mediocrity in any one event and stop practicing it because he feels that is good enough. If he feels this way, he can usually count on little progress and the loss of a positive attitude toward the event."

The 6-1/180 George, who sometimes competes in up to seven dual meet events, reflects his positiveness in commenting on winning and losing: "Of course winning and good marks are important, but many times the important thing to me is to know I'm learning something. Losing doesn't really bother me unless I know I did a bad job." During competition, George will "take each event one at a time and think of relaxation and technique on each one. I also tell myself not to let anything bother me."

George hopes to one day reach 8000 points but adds, "I have individual event goals of a 25-foot long jump, 16-foot vault and 4:10 1500." □

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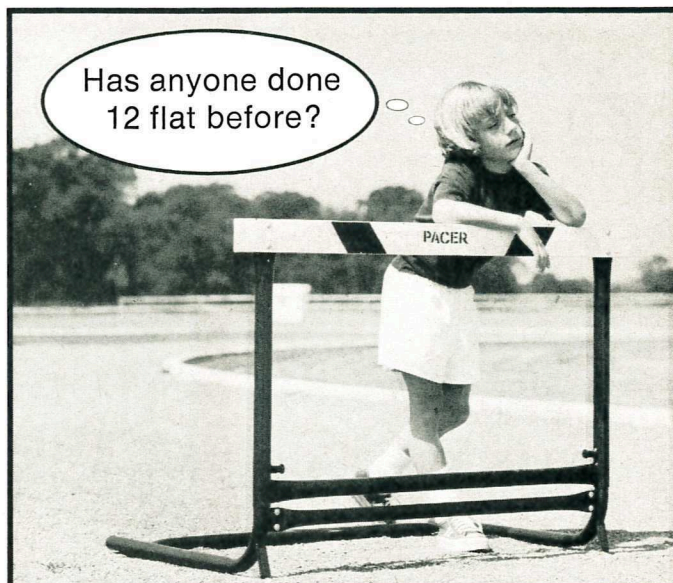
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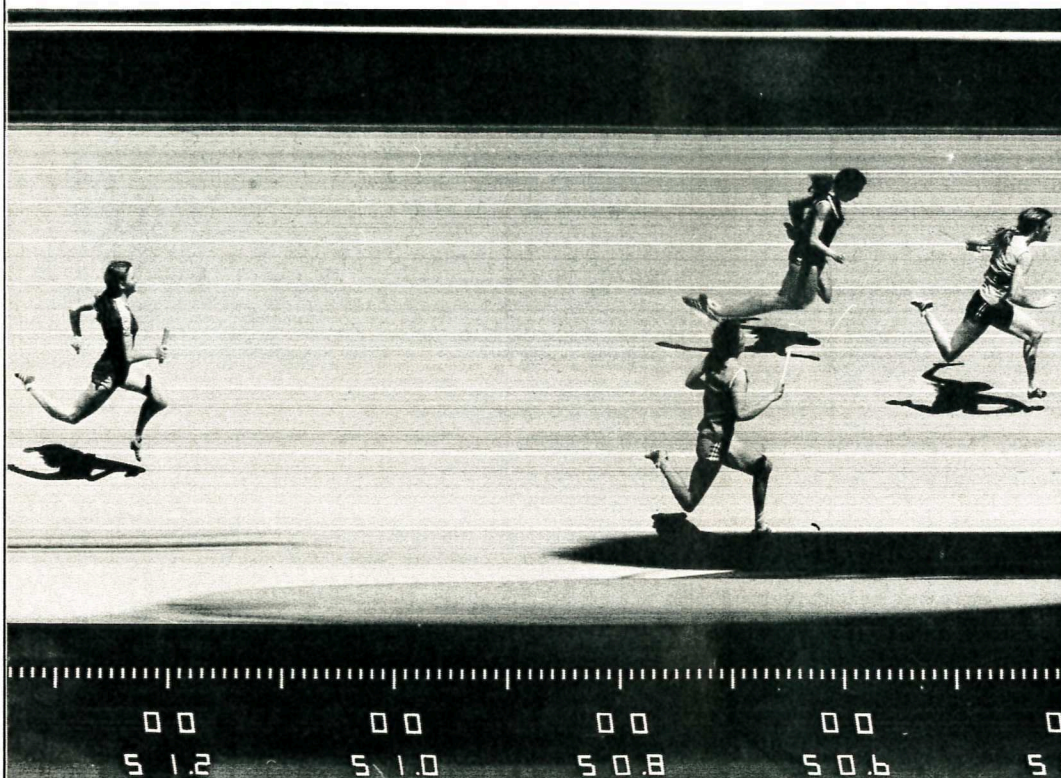
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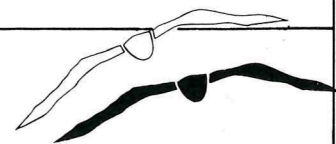
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Track 'Back When': Some Changes, No Changes

Fifty years is a long time. Many, many things change in a half-century. But, at least according to Dr. Harold Osborn, athletes of today haven't changed all that much from those of the mid-1920's.

Osborn, a 68-year-old osteopath in Champaign, Ill., won the 1924 Olympic high jump and decathlon titles, the last man ever to win the decathlon and another open event in one Olympics. His 10-event total of 7710.755 points (6668 on the current tables) stood as the world record for two years; his gold medal winning 6-6 high leap was short of his then global best 6-8¼, a record which stood for two weeks shy of 10 years. Osborn still competed regularly at age 41 and cleared six feet easily at age 48.

Despite physical differences in the way the sport is conducted today, Osborn feels that athletes haven't changed greatly between "then and now." "There probably is more intensity now on the part of athletes—in that the sport can become virtually a way of life—but basically the athletes are still the same," he feels. "They are dedicated, determined, well trained and knowledgeable both in terms of what they want to achieve and how to do it."

Osborn was NCAA high jump co-champion in 1922 and, despite setting a global decathlon best of 6424 (current tables) in 1923, always considered himself primarily a high leaper. But the degree of specialization found in track today, he admits, may be part of the reason no athlete after him has won the Olympic decathlon and an open event in the same Games.

"The high jump always was my favorite event," he says. "I liked it and had more success there. Actually, I wasn't gifted by nature for any particular event, or even sport. Most athletes have to try the different events to find the one they are best fitted for. I was no exception. I was only 5-10, not particularly speedy (11.1 100m) and only a fair long jumper (22-5½ in college). But I could do better in the other events than many so I just naturally gravitated to the decathlon. Today there are more athletes competing than back in the '20's and '30's, so naturally there will be more top-notchers in different events. Thus the decathlete is faced with better opponents in the open events so it's much harder to double than in my day."

Osborn, head coach at his alma mater Illinois during World War II and still an active follower of all aspects of the sport, reflects that the two Olympics in which he competed (Paris '24 and Amsterdam '28 where he placed fifth in the high jump) were just as competitive as the Games of today. "The competition was intense, everyone was keyed up and the officials did the same fine job they do today," he remembers. "Of course, there were many excellent athletes in my day, just as today." He adds his '24 Olympic double wasn't a great physical demand because "I baby-sat Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. for my relaxation."

Of course, there were many physical differences in facilities, equipment and generally the way track meets were conducted. "For example, I think my shoes were better than those of today," Dr. Osborn says. "Mine were very light and flexible, made to my specific needs by the biggest sport shoe company of the day and not just a pair of mass-manufactured spikes."



Harold Osborn during the '24 Olympic high jump, which he won along with the decathlon.

The Paris Games provide numerous examples of the physical differences in the conduct of the sport today and "back when." Lanes in the sprints through 400 and hurdles were marked off by ropes as well as by chalk on the ground. The track was only six narrow lanes wide. With no curved starting line, runners started at a straight line and broke for the pole immediately. Vertical jumpers landed in shallow, virtually ground-level sawdust pits. Jump runways and throwing circles and approaches were either grass or dirt. They were easily chewed up so throwers often wore spiked shoes too. Sprinters and hurdlers started from foot holes dug in the track instead of from starting blocks, which still hadn't become legal.

"Then, too," Osborn adds, "many changes were made to make the sport more interesting for the spectator and to make the running of the meet easier—athletes wear numbers, field eventers must take their efforts within a specific time, lap times and names of runners are announced, heights and distances are shown on boards, etc."

Osborn reiterates, "But the athletes of today are very dedicated—just as I like to think I was back in the '20's and '30's."

Coaches Association Supports Tunney Bill

The US Track Coach's Association executive committee met last summer to discuss the controversial Amateur Sports Bill (Senate Bill 2365 with amendment 459), and decided that they strongly supported the basic issues of the bill. In August, the USTCA executive committee recommended highly that two major areas in amateur sports be resolved: investigation and reorganization of the USOC and the determination of proper single franchising or autonomy of each sport.

Mel Brodt, Bowling Green track coach and President of the USTCA, appeared before the Senate subcommittee recently. Some excerpts from his speech:

"Many people and organizations have been running scared in fear of complete Federal legislation of amateur athletics in the US. We need the complete support and understanding of Congress to perpetuate amateur athletic sports programs which will resolve disputes in franchising and reorganization of the USOC.

"The USTCA recommends that a 25-member board for track and field be formed and be comprised of the following: six active coaches (including one woman); five active athletes (two with international experience), at least one woman and at least one athlete representing a minority ethnic group; two administrators with a track and field background; one active USOC member; and

one non-voting attorney-at-large.”

Other recommendations proposed by Brodt on behalf of the USTCA:

- Formulate a philosophy of the sport to include goals, objectives and principles;
- Establish specific goals and objectives to provide the best age-group, school, college and open programs, facilities and coaches aiming toward international and Olympic competition;
- Provide programs that include all Olympic events and all recognized track and field events, cross country, walking and road racing;
- Plan for communications from athletes and member organizations, define role of athletes, coaches, administrators and organizations, eligibility rules and a practical disciplinary code and process.

“Our concluding recommendations, would be to coordinate all programs and member organizations for the best possible

selection and representation for national, international and Olympic participation. Second, we should establish national and regional research and information centers for track and field. Third, we should determine that funding is needed to implement immediate and long range goals and recommend a possible means for raising funds needed for successful programs.”

He added that legislation could be enacted in the form of taxation of all sports events with a percentage tax on amateur and professional admissions.

In working toward a reorganization of the USOC, which the USTCA would strongly support, Brodt said: “We should subsidize the current coaches in the summer months to conduct youth and club programs and utilize the available facilities. Scientific preparation programs for coaches and administrators need to be developed and promoted. The US is far behind the rest of the world in the technical and scientific aspects of sport.”

Another Proposition-- Mathias Enters Fray

On Nov. 1, 1973, Rep. Bob Mathias, R-Calif., two time Olympic decathlon winner, introduced legislation to amend the US Olympic Charter to create a “Bill of Rights” of amateur athletes in the US. It drew the support of the AAU, NHSAA, NCAA, USOC, NAIA and NJCAA. Excerpts from Mathias’ statement:

“The bill authorizes and compels binding arbitration of disputes involving amateur athletes in regard to qualifying for or participating in international competition. Disputes between national sports organizations shall be resolved in the same manner. The American Arbitration Assoc. has agreed to be named as arbiters in disputes subject to arbitration under this legislation.

“My bill is different from the others which are pending in the House and Senate in that there is no new federal bureaucratic agency created.

“My bill will give every amateur athlete who meets the international and national rules of competition in a sport, the right to attempt to qualify and to participate in international competition if qualified. Only an education institution [may]

prevent the individual from competing showing [damage will be done to] the individual, either athletically or academically.

“This legislation also establishes criteria to which a national sports governing body must adhere to become the national governing body in a sport on the Olympic or Pan-American program.

“The bill precludes any organization from discrimination against athletes either in application of national or international rules or based on race, color, religion, creed or gender.

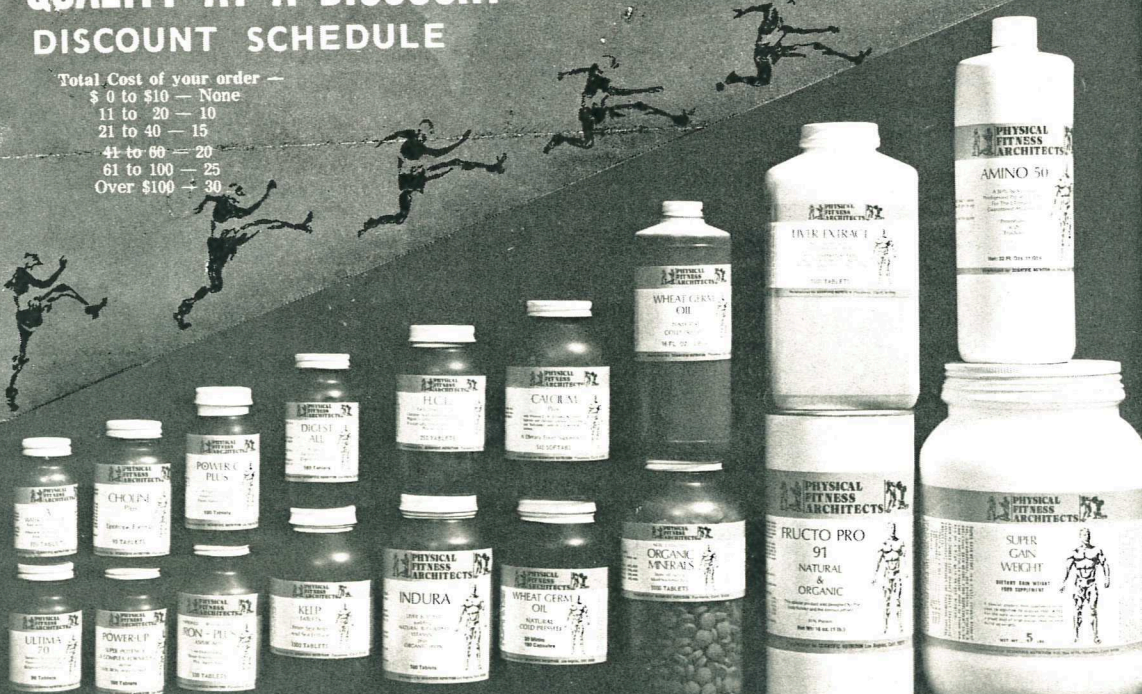
“The national governing body will be required to make annual reports to Congress for oversight of their programs and must more broadly open membership in their organization and on their governing boards.

“I believe that a complete investigation of the USOC and amateur athletics in general is absolutely essential.”

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Floppers (like Montana's Mike Hale) are now common in the HJ.

Are Floppers Taking Over?

by R.L. Quercetani

There are more technical varieties in the field events than "expert" eyes could ever detect. The most easily perceptible for both experts and laymen have long been, and still are, those prevailing among high jumpers, a "family" which could be described as the most independent in the world of track and field.

The history of this event is a hymn to variety: such terms as Scissors, Eastern Cut-off, Western Roll, Straddle, Dive Straddle, seem to bear witness to that effect. The hymn reached its peak with the appearance of the Fosbury Flop (the Brill Bend to Canadians). The new form was served to the world rather brutally at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, where its first and until then only notable exponent, Dick Fosbury, clinched the gold medal with a new, and still-standing, Olympic record of 7-4¼.

LA Coliseum--G'bye Track

Remember when Charlie Dumas rolled over 7-½ in 1956 to become history's first seven foot jumper? Or when Parry O'Brien backed across the ring before firing 60-5¼, the first 60-footer? Or when 60,000 turned out to watch Gerry Lindgren leave the Soviet 10,000 runners in his dust to win the US-USSR dual in 1964? Or how about the 86,443 who gathered on Aug. 3, 1932, during one session of the Olympic Games?

Those days may be lost forever if pro football owner Carroll Rosenbloom has his way. He wants to revamp the interior of the historic Los Angeles Coliseum, the scene of many world-famous track and field happenings, like those listed above. Here is what Rosenbloom wants to do for his LA Rams: lower the field by 14 feet; enclose the peristyle (east) end with 36 rows of seats; and, take out the \$165,000 Tartan track which was installed in 1972.

All this would boost capacity from 79,291 to 88,639, and cost the Coliseum's three tenants (Rams, UCLA, USC) as much as \$7 million. The facelifting would include a series of 75 deluxe boxes nearly encircling the stadium, a stadium club, a new press box and the old press facility converted to VIP suites with wall-to-wall carpeting, closed circuit color television and perhaps kitchen and refrigerator services.

William H. Nicholas, manager of the Coliseum, notes that track is not much of a spectator event anymore. "The Coliseum generates more revenue from one football game than from all the track meets in an entire year."

Los Angeles is preparing an official bid to stage the 1980 Olympics in hopes of displacing the presently favored Moscow.

"It would be a simple matter to unscrew a few seats, take them out and build a track. In fact, it would be easier to get the Coliseum ready for the Olympics this time than the first time. It's a lot easier to get a stadium ready than to get the Olympic

Since then coaches, particularly in Europe, have debated at length on the relative merits and demerits of Old and New, that is Straddle and Flop. At the beginning, the latter had more enemies than supporters, as it happens with most novelties. A particularly staunch group of conservatives developed in the Soviet Union, under the moral leadership of Valeriy Brumel. Among those who took little notice of the debate were some very young jumpers, girls more often than boys, who took to the Flop with great enthusiasm—and surprisingly good results.

Gradually, Floppers began to make their presence felt even in the top ranks of the event, won their good share of international honors, and caused expert opinion to change accordingly, no matter if slowly.

The 1973 season was a momentous year in the history of the Flop as it marked the first time that one of its adepts captured the World Record. Quite appropriately, this remarkable feat was accomplished by a young man not yet 20, Dwight Stones. What's more, Floppers can claim positions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 in the 1973 World List (Straddler Ni Chih-chin is third with 7-4⁵/₈). A very significant trend, no matter if the Straddle still maintains a fair majority in depth. The all-time flop list:

7-6 ⁵ / ₈	Dwight Stones (P Coast) '73	7-2 ¹ / ₄	Gene White (Penn AC) '72
7-4 ¹ / ₂	John Radetich (ITA) '73	7-2	Dean Owens (Sn Cal) '73
7-4 ¹ / ₂	Tom Woods (Ore St) '73	7-1 ⁷ / ₈	Emile Rossouw (SAfr) '71
7-4	Dick Fosbury (Ore St) '68	7-1 ⁷ / ₈	Woj Golebiowski (Pol) '71
7-4 ¹ / ₂	Istvan Major (Hungary) '72	7-1 ¹ / ₂	John Hawkins (Can) '73
7-4 ¹ / ₄	Kestutis Sapka (SU) '72	7-1 ¹ / ₂	Mike Fler (Staters) '71
7-4 ¹ / ₄	John Beers (Canada) '73	7-1 ¹ / ₂	William Oates (Tex) '72
7-3 ³ / ₄	Vladimir Abramov (SU) '72	7-1	Teymour Ghiassi (Iran) '73
7-3 ³ / ₄	Bill Elliott (P Coast) '70	7-1	Gene Halton (Prince) '72
7-3	Chris Dunn (Colgate) '72	7-1	Rod Raver (Minn HS) '73
7-3	Barry Schur (Kans) '72	7-1	Hans Habegger (Swz) '73
7-3	Adam Szepesi (Hun) '72	7-1	Walter Boller (WG) '73

The two men who top this list can also claim the highest aggregate in terms of height cleared with both forms, Straddle and Flop: Stones 14-6⁷/₈ (7-6⁵/₈ Flop and 7-¼ Straddle) and Radetich 14-6³/₄ (7-4³/₄ Flop and 7-2 Straddle).



The Los Angeles Coliseum looks to be out of future track races.

committee to vote for you," says Nicholas.

Despite Nicholas' optimism, area track people aren't happy at all.

"I think Mr. Rosenbloom should help us find and finance another place for our meets," says USC assistant Ken Matsuda. "After all, we're being kicked out so he can put in an extra 10,000 seats."□

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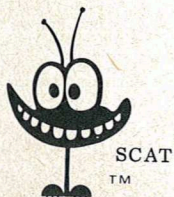
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PRO TRACK DOWN UNDER

by TONY BENSON

Professional track has existed in Australia for nearly 100 years. It is something far removed from the ITA concept which presented its first season in 1973. The Australian version is more a localized event for handicap races versus the confrontations of internationally famous track and field stars in the US.

Top money earners (usually sprinters) may win \$2000-\$3500 on one race, but will rarely win again. To earn \$2000 steadily would be good for the stars. Most probably don't earn \$300 a year, 10-15% may earn \$500 to \$1000.

Formerly it was a sport designed to allow many participants, but as more took part, keeping a record for handicapping purposes was impossible (mainly because there were no qualifying races). Handicapping is really educated guessing but the way the top athletes have rarely won suggests a bias, e.g., a mile requires a 3:54-3:58 run from scratch around anything up to 40 runners.

Most participants "run for fun" as they live in country areas, which is the stronghold of pro running. They are far from amateur facilities, coaches, etc. Most have never been amateur, and it must be remembered pro running started long before amateur in this country (1870's or earlier), so it has as much or more history. With runners of average caliber largely, the meets themselves carry the prestige, often but not always, in proportion to the prize money. The meeting takes over the town or city for that weekend.

In Victoria there is one meet every weekend from December until mid-April, most of the towns are quite small (2000 to 30,000 people) and prize money varies. It may be as low as \$70, \$20 and \$10 (first, second, third) for a distance event or \$200, \$60, \$40 for a sprint. Placings often go down to sixth.

At present the "Gift" (120m sprint) carries most of the prize money but with good distance runners the prizes have gone up a lot in the 1600m and 3200m. Next season could see more \$1000 distance events, maybe even \$2000 for first at some in Queensland. The other states have fewer meets, but there must be at least 30-40 meets over all. There is also a large-scale cross country program.

The main events would be 70, 120 (the Gift), 400, 1600 and 3200 with 100, 800, 200 at the bigger ones. Tracks are usually grass ovals, rarely with more than one 60m straight, sometimes more or less than 400m. Lap times are never called. The tracks are often rough and uneven.

Usually in a 1600, one can expect to encounter at least 20 and probably 40 athletes. In the 3200, when I ran the 8:39.6 record, I had to go around 83 runners on a circular track plus some of the others that I lapped as well.



Aussie pro sprinters contest the Burnie "Gift," the richest one-day pro race in Australia.

The handicaps are established arbitrarily by one person in each state and the winners invariably come from the middle one-third (middle markers). In fact, the best simply cannot win because the records are always better than the scratch man [fastest] can run. And on the circular track, passing huge fields, what miler on earth could run 3:54-3:56? I estimate the miler passing 40 people covers a minimum of 40 to 50 yards extra and the two miler 100 yards extra in passing 80.

Strangely, the promoters and the crowds want the back-markers (lower third) to get up and at least have a chance, not losing by 20 to 50 yards, but they are bound by the handicapper. As soon as the athletes demand a fairer deal, the promoters will get better performances, attract bigger crowds—and be asked to pay out less appearance money.

The worst aspect of this for the top amateur is the lack of being able to win—which is very important to most competitive athletes. In fact, I would say that money plays no part in this. I would give the prize money I earned this year back or to second place for the honor of winning. Athletic values don't change once you turn pro. Winning is still first; the money comes later just as it does for Europeans as they are now!

At present most winners of distance races come from the middle markers (90-110m handicap) in a 1600m. They can sight the slower front markers and team up against the back marker (50m back to

scratch). In the sprints, it is usually the front markers who win (over 120m, those on 9-12m). A scratch man would have to run 11.6 to 11.9 to win any big money race (on grass).

A graded system would confine the big money to a fairly short handicap and carry the bulk of the prize money (40-50%). This would benefit the better runners. Next would be an "intermediate" group that encourages these athletes to train harder and improve their standard because the prize money would actually be worth continuing with. Thirdly, we need the front markers group who are just running because they like it, maybe have seen their best days, etc., but have given years of service and deserve a chance. At the moment they have no more chance than the back-markers.

Most athletes "run for fun" and the atmosphere is very friendly—there are none of the normal jealousies of amateur individual/club competition. Meets often finish with barbecues, dances, etc. There is no corruption other than "beat the handicapper." In fact, this is more important than beating opponents as everyone waits for the unbeatable mark.

Following a successful amateur career which included a berth on the 1972 Australian Olympic team (and marks like a 3:59.8 mile and 13:36.2 5000), Tony Benson turned to professional track. He first participated for a year on the Australian pro circuit and is now a member of the ITA. □

SOMEONE Used A Double STANDARD

by
BROOKS JOHNSON

Poorly veiled racism was one of the big problems in Europe this summer says a leading black coach

As head coach of the women's team and assistant to Jim Bush on the men's national team this summer, it was with great interest that I read his article (*It's about Time Coaches Told It Like It Really Is*—September).

I was particularly impressed with his avowed intention of "telling it like it is." It has been long overdue that someone comes forth and sticks his neck out and attempts to reveal the truth about big-time "amateur" track. In much of what Jim said I find myself in almost complete accord, but there are areas he covers where I think there is room for a different interpretation.

For example, in his comments about the black club manager whom he feels caused trouble in Innsbruck, Bush makes it known that the athletes involved and the leadership were both black. I feel this leaves little question in those knowledgeable in track circles about who he is referring to. But there is a very important omission here. The fact is that the Pacific Coast Club, literally all white, was the big offender here. By intimating that the principal cause for the conflicts centered around the blacks and their manager, I think Bush is giving an incorrect view of the situation. I will, however, support him in his assertion he has proof and witnesses to the fact that some of the athletes were "on the take."

The negotiations and disputes over how much [the "take" was] took place just outside the dining area where the whole team was eating the post-meet meal.

Secondly, I think that Jim has bent over backwards to try and exonerate the AAU from any responsibility in the confusion that resulted. The principal goal of the AAU was to get the best possible team assembled for the big meets. The amazing amount of juggling that went on to accomplish this was certainly praiseworthy and Ollan Cassell is to be congratulated for his efforts. But part of the problem stems from the fact that the AAU allowed these athletes to phase in and out of competition as they wished, as long as they were present for the "biggies."

Speaking of dual standards, Bush makes the point that at one time during the course of his troubles it appeared that he was using a double standard because the athletes defecting from the team without threat of publicity and/or negative sanctions were mostly white. The fact that the athletes who had AAU permission were

white and mostly representing one club is also rather indicative of something. If Bush was not employing a double standard, then it seems pretty clear to me that *someone* was, and most of the black, and white, athletes knew it. It sounded just a bit hollow when the black athletes were urged to compete in Africa because the meet was set up by a black and the meet was to be in Africa. But doesn't the same argument apply for whites in Italy or Russia?

Bush was correct in saying, "The problems stayed with us right through the last meet in Africa, and to the last day in Africa." He was correct in saying we took our problems to Africa, but being that many of them stemmed from poorly veiled racism, that is permanently ingrained in our American psyche, it was inevitable that we would take them on to Africa.

I do however agree completely with Bush's point that we should forget the emphasis on team scores and try to get the best athletes available. Some of the dualism that existed could be traced to our chauvinistic desire to always win—and win at any cost!

Unlike Bush, I am against any reprimands being handed out because I feel they cannot be awarded impartially and with justice. For example, to punish Dill and Washington and let Prefontaine, Stones, Hilton, Wottle, Wohlhuter, Powell, Woods and others who left the team for different reasons go free would be a farce and another mockery. What I feel has to be done is for the AAU to ask an athlete to make up his mind as to whether he is going to tour Europe as an amateur on the national team or tour Europe as a quasi-amateur, making his own deals as he goes. But something has to be done, and when a coach of Bush's reputation and success says, "People are taking away your top athletes in Europe to enter meets so they can make money for themselves," we can no longer just ignore the accusation.

Unlike Bush, I do see differences between black and white and between different religions. Perhaps it is this color and ethnic blindness that prevented him from seeing the real double standard that was being practiced this summer. But whatever else we do in trying to correct whatever ills are afflicting us, we cannot deny there are substantial differences between peoples, especially here in the US. To understand and admit this is not to in any way condone it, but it does give one a basis for making intelligent decisions concerning the solutions.

Let's give Jim Bush a hearty "right-on" for his courage in speaking out. It's a long overdue beginning. □

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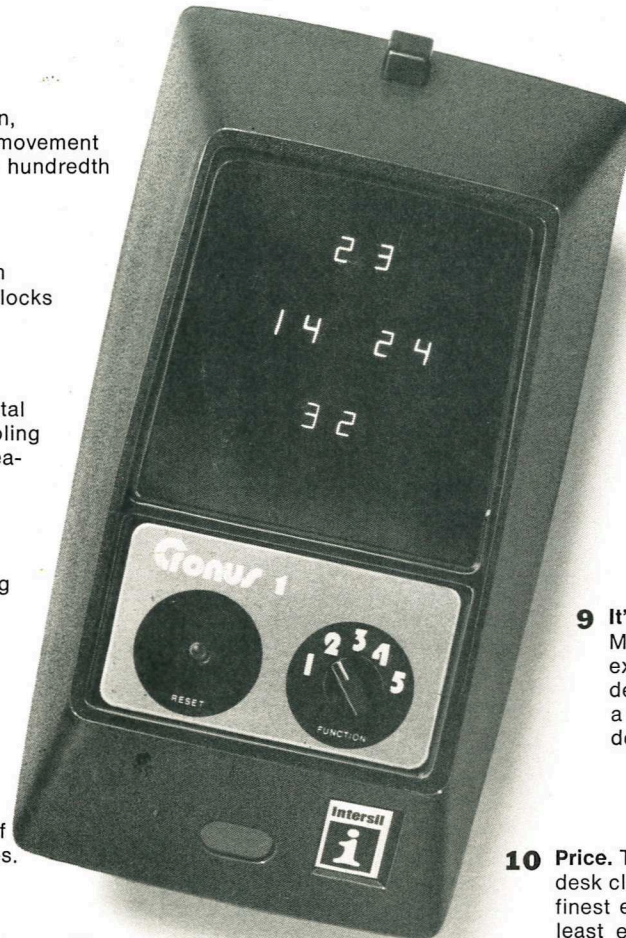
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PROMOTING LA TRACK: LIVING WITH THE ANIMALS

by JERRY SOIFER

The living was pretty easy on a Saturday afternoon in late June for Los Angeles track and field promoter Al Franken. With a tall, cold beer in hand, he was television-side to watch Lee Trevino and company play golf the way he wished he could have been playing just that morning. In an hour or so he would view the world's best middle distance runner, Secretariat, go through his paces.

Things were slow for the 48-year-old Franken at this time of the year. The action in track and field had moved to Europe and there were no more meets to promote in 1973 . . . and no AAU officials to contend with for a while . . . and no more athletes to hustle to sports writers' luncheons . . . and no newspaper sports editors to cajole into running a track story, say, on a Belgian gardener named Emiel Puttemans who was coming to town to star in a Franken production.

With the headaches of pushing track in Los Angeles behind him for a while, Franken relaxed and brought a guest a beer. But if golf and horse racing were the order of the day, track wasn't completely out of mind. He was trying to get through to Sweden on the telephone to arrange the invitation of Secretariat's nearest rivals, Ben Jipcho and Filbert Bayi, to his Sunkist indoor meet in January.

Chicago's Arlington Park came on the color television and showed a record-breaking crowd of 41,000 that had come out to see the wonder horse, now being acclaimed an athlete by TV commentators after his 31-length victory in the Belmont Stakes that completed his Triple Crown feat.

Secretariat and milers, especially those who have been attacking Jim Ryun's world records, were very much on Franken's mind as he spoke with a reporter. "Secretariat is to horse racing as Olga Korbut is to gymnastics. Their fame transcends their sport. Can you imagine a horse making the cover of *Time* and *Newsweek* like that one did? People who don't know how to read the Racing Form, who couldn't find the \$2.00 window from the restroom, are interested in Secretariat.

"The situation with the mile and track is like that. You might think that Bob Beamon's 29-2½ long jump is the best mark ever but I'll bet more people know about Roger Bannister's 3:59.4 than Beamon's leap. I tried to put together a race between Bannister, Wes Santee and John Landy in 1954 and we could have had 80,000 at the [LA] Coliseum. The guy that breaks the 3:50 mile will be the biggest attraction in track and next winter a lot of people are going to want to see Jipcho and Bayi."



Track promoter Al Franken.

Promoting track and field is just part of Franken's public relations business, though the segment he's most well known and controversial for. As a PR man he also lets people know through the media that there are boat shows, car shows and golf tournaments, among other things, in town to be attended.

Franken graduated from UCLA in 1946 and began in newspapers as a sports reporter but his plush home in Westwood lets you know he realized early in the game that bigger money was to be made elsewhere. He shifted his energies to public relations in the late 40's and got started in track in 1950 when it was one of the big sports in the City of Angels.

Now Franken will tell you it seems like it would be easier to sell bourbon to an Alcoholics Anonymous convention than peddling track in the town of the Dodgers, Angels, Rams, Sharks and other assorted animals. "Professional sports just moved into this town and swept everything aside. They get so much publicity that to compete for the spectator's dollar against them is like trying to run against that horse," said Franken as Secretariat appeared on the screen.

Controversy has stalked Franken all along the way as he has tried to sell the sport on a level something above the all-comers meet. He was implicated in the dealings that got Wes Santee suspended from track and field by the AAU. He is still widely accused of paying the top amateur stars under the table. This he neither confirmed nor denied. He said, "I've developed the philosophy that if you want someone to do something for you, you have to reciprocate. They come to your meet and draw the crowd for you and I show the athletes that I appreciate it."

Franken admitted that promoting

track is a financially risky proposition, complicated by the slings and arrows of suspicious AAU officials. Why does he work so hard at it? "A lot of what I get out of track is the relationships with people that I've developed over the years. When you get down to it, the people in the sport are the best part of it. The athletes that is. What keeps me going at times is the loyalty the athletes seem to feel towards me."

Franken has attempted to promote track all over the west, with varied success. He started in Los Angeles and San Francisco and San Diego and Phoenix. The latter was a complete flop. San Diego was a total success but he had his franchise taken away when the arena changed hands.

The easiest meet to sell was the 1961 LA Invitational featuring the first race of Wilma Rudolph after the Rome Olympics. It was sold out weeks in advance and people actually broke windows to get in. The 1971 San Diego indoor meet, featuring comebacking Jim Ryun, was another rather easy sellout. The hardest was the 1965 Phoenix meet, which was also the last.

A visit to Franken's office reveals a wall of souvenirs from many of the great milers that he has attracted to his town and his meets. There's a miniature tribal shield brought from Kenya by Kipchoge Keino. There are photos of Herb Elliott, Peter Snell, Jim Ryun and so forth. The reporter wondered, "Is Al Franken a frustrated miler who gets his kicks by bringing the best to the Coliseum for some fantastic thrills?" The sandy-haired entrepreneur replies, "Not true. I never even ran track when I was young. Sure I enjoy the mile but I like to see good performances in any other event as much as a fast mile."

Franken, like many public relations types, is a positive thinker and talker. But get him on the subject of the Amateur Athletic Union and he'll resemble an Arctic thermometer, completely negative, below zero! "Really, there is very little good you can say about the AAU and the way it runs track in this country. Look at pro track and some of the success it's had in attracting business sponsorship. If the AAU had been on its toes it could have had many companies helping it a long time ago but it moves like a glacier and only reacts. The AAU never initiates.

"Track is the sport where American athletes are most prominently displayed before the world and the AAU does nothing to help post-collegiate athletes stay in the sport, to represent their country when they should be at the height of their physical powers. The AAU wants to have control of the sport but doesn't want the responsibility when things go wrong." □



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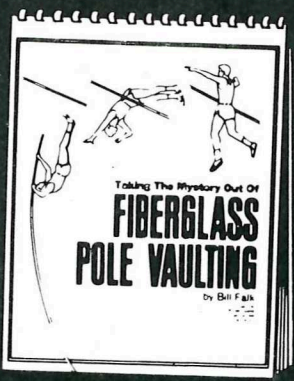

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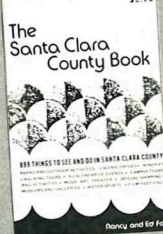


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T&FN's assistant publisher, Ed Fox, and his wife Nancy, have produced a non-track book—a guide to T&FN's local area, called **THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOOK: 888 Things to See and Do in Santa Clara County**. Tafnews Press (T&FN's book division) is the publisher, and it is being sold currently in bookstores and other outlets in San Jose, Palo Alto and other San Francisco peninsula and Santa Clara Valley towns. It describes in detail many of the treasures and pleasures of this beautiful area. Even if you live far from California, you'll find it pretty good reading. It's available directly from Track & Field News, Box 296, Los Altos, California 94022. 160 pages. 26 photographs by Nancy Fox. Illustrations and maps by Dave Haugh. **\$2.95**

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"I have a mental block that keeps me from getting under 4:05." (I just don't have the guts to run that hard.)

"I would have won if the pace had been right." (If the pace had been 10 seconds slower and they hadn't kicked I could have taken it.)

"I work out for two hours every day." (This includes a half hour to change, shower and dress; a half hour sunbathing; and a half hour talking about the latest training methods.)

"Our coach is a bumblehead so I have to coach myself." (I'm such a helpless case the coach gave up on me long ago.)

"A pulled muscle has to be expected when you work this hard." (I cut practice to go bowling one afternoon and stretched too far.)

"I didn't miss until 17-0." (I made 15-6, then passed 16-0 and 16-6.)

NCAA Proposes Easing of Amateur Code

San Francisco will be the site of the 68th NCAA Annual Convention, Jan. 7-9. Several notable legislative amendments are on tap for the gathering.

Most importantly, the Amateurism Committee has made several key recommendations which would liberalize the rules on amateurism. Among them:

- Student-athletes may be a pro in one sport and remain amateurs in another.
- Liberalization of pro try-out regulations.
- Liberalization on the limits placed on awards student-athletes may accept.
- Allowing student athletes to officiate contests at the going rate-of-pay at any level except pro sports.
- Allowing student-athletes to teach techniques or skills except those in his sport or at his own institution.

Some Major Track Clinics Coming Up

A number of clinics relating directly to track and field, featuring well-known international and national experts, will take place later this month and in January.

The University of California at Berkeley will be sponsoring "Innovations in Athletic Conditioning and Sports Medicine." The Dec. 27-28 symposium will have a spotlight on the controversial topic of blood doping [October, 1971]. Swedish researcher P.O. Astrand, noted physiologist from Stockholm, is the keynote speaker.

The US Track Coaches Association will hold its mid-year national clinic and executive meeting in San Francisco, Jan. 4-5. Berkeley and Stanford will be site of technical presentations made by leading US coaches in the hammer, vault, shot put, long and triple jumps, hurdles, mile run, weight training and biomechanics of field events.

The Harry Gill Co. will sponsor clinics in Los Angeles (Jan. 18-20) and Chicago (Jan. 25-27) with an emphasis on top US coaches and athletes, including Bill Dellinger of Oregon, Tom Tellez of UCLA, Bill Toomey of UC Irvine, Mel Brodt of Bowling Green State and vault star Jan Johnson.

Coach Joe Newton of Elmhurst, Ill., will speak at clinics at American River JC in Sacramento, Calif. (Jan. 19-20) and at the Florida High School clinic in Orlando (Jan. 11-12).

The 1974 National Track Coaches Clinic, featuring many prominent coaches, will be held in Stanford, Calif., Feb. 8-9 under the sponsorship of Stanford University. Information may be obtained from Jim Gaughran, Clinic Director, Department of Athletics, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. 94305.



World age-15, and frosh class, high jump recordman Kyle Doudican.

Young Jump Star Felled By Serious Malady

A year ago, Kyle Doudican of Pauls Valley, Okla. was the world age-15 and frosh class record holder in the high jump, having flopped a tall 6-8½. But by late November of this year, he had a meager 155 pounds stretched over his 6-3 frame, down almost 30 pounds in a matter of weeks.

"I feel really puny," he says. Most people with leukemia end up feeling that way. Fortunately for Doudican, his leukemia is of the acute lymphatic type, which is much easier to correct than other forms of the deadly blood disease. He is hopeful of returning to competition in the spring.

Pauls Valley has started a fund to help provide blood replacement (8-10 pints a day) and defray hospital costs. Contributions may be sent to the Kyle Doudican Fund, Pauls Valley National Bank, 73075. Well-wishers may contact Kyle at 410 S. Lowe, Pauls Valley, Okla. 73075.

US-USSR Indoor in US Again in 1974

It looks as if Richmond, Va. is going to host the US-USSR indoor meet for the third straight year. The affair was supposed to go to the Soviet Union this time around, but Soviet plans to have a suitable indoor facility did not materialize. According to AAU director Ollan Cassell, a 20,000-seat arena was supposed to be completed in Leningrad by early '74, but will not now be ready until '76. Since the meet drew near-capacity crowds in its first two editions there, the Soviets asked that it be returned to Richmond. Tentative dates of March 15-16 have been established.

Obituaries

Lauri Lehtinen, another of the fabulous "Flying Finns" of mid-30's distance fame, died Dec. 4 at age 65 of undisclosed causes. Lehtinen won the '32 Olympic 5000 in a celebrated finish with American Ralph Hill; some observers charged that Lehtinen cut off Hill several times in the stretch as the pair dueled for the lead. Lehtinen returned to claim the silver medal four years later in Berlin. His career best of 14:17.0 stood as a world record from 1932 to 1939 . . . Emil Von Elling, former NYU and US Olympic coach, died Nov. 19 at age 90. Von Elling became NYU's coach in 1913 and during his nearly 50 years in coaching directed such athletes as Phil Edwards, Joe Healey, Les MacMitchell, Bill Hulse and Gary Gubner . . . John Flint Hanner, Fresno State coach for 35 years and West Coast Relays meet director for 40, died Sept. 14 at age 75. One of his best-known athletes was vault pioneer Cornelius "Dutch" Warner, who succeeded Hanner both as Fresno State coach and West Coast Relays director. /Wally Donovan/

To Box 296

BOB HERSH, New York City.

It must be very upsetting to Messrs. Geis, et al [November] that there are no Virgins in the entire freshmen class at Oregon.

WALTER BOEHM, Department of State, Washington, D.C. Several press reports alleged the Department of State warned US athletes participating in the World University Games in Moscow not to take Bibles with them. Actually, team officials were told athletes should feel free to take their personal Bibles or any similar articles (for example, rosaries) into the Soviet Union. Our caution extended only to possible importation of Bibles in excess of those required for personal use, or religious tracts in Russian, which could be subject to seizure by Soviet customs officials. As for publications like *Playboy*, the Department strongly advised against their importation by the team members and others as a gesture to Soviet sensitivity.

HARRY W. DANIELL, M.D., Redding, Calif.

The recent article on running injuries [November] was generally excellent, however the authors twice referred to "Morton's Toe" when they should have used the term "Morton's Foot," an error which could be confusing to some readers and/or their physicians. Morton's Toe (first described by Dr. Thomas Morton) is a type of metatarsalgia (forefoot pain) due to a growth on a nerve between two metatarsal bones. Permanent cure results from cutting of the nerve and/or removal of the growth. Morton's foot, or syndrome (first described by Dr. Dudley Morton), consists of symptoms resulting from a short first metatarsal. This structural defect allows excessive foot pronation which can result in pain within the foot, ankle, knee, hip and back. Symptoms often disappear with the use of adequate arch support.

GILBERT ROCHA, Bellwood, Ill.

Who are the runners, and in which race, on your October cover? [Ed: *Mike Carberry's excellent photo, printed in an effect known as "posterization," shows (from left) Jerome Howe, Dave Merrick and Dave Wottle in the '71 NCAA race.*]

BOB STEELE, 400 hurdler, East Lansing, Mich.

The AAU's new rule banning athletes from competition 10 days prior to the AAU championships and five days prior to international duals is a direct action by the AAU to save itself. The AAU finds it quite hard to schedule meets when the top stars are not present. I have traveled and competed extensively in Europe and it is a common practice for European athletes to be denied permission to compete five days before an international meet. The only difference is that European athletes are given substantial cash stipends (\$2000 in Sweden for example) if they make an international team. So naturally these athletes feel obligated to the source of their financial support. The AAU, on the other hand, offers (1) no particular support during the year, (2) then bans all competition for 10 days prior to its team selection meets to try to force athletes to attend, and (3) follows this by the unbelievably self-centered rule which bans all athletes from competing abroad whether on the team or not. I realize the AAU is desperate to hold on to the top athletes, but brute force should not rule.

DON JACOBS, Tigard, Ore.

Hopefully many people saw the great coverage given the NCAA cross country meet by the *Spokane Spokesman-Review*. Many photos, a course map and many excellent articles by Bob Payne and his staff sets up an example for others to try to follow. [Ed: *See page 14 for additional comments.*]

A. LENNART JULIN, Stockholm, Sweden.

I wondered when you would get the info on Ricky Bruch's long winning string that circulated in Swedish newspapers [October—"more than 80 consecutive victories since Munich"]. I enclose a list of his 65 appearances through Sept. 29. Only 54 wins are consecutive, as he fouled six times at Malmo in April to lose. I don't know how the rumor got started. Probably someone asked Ricky when he last lost and he said, "Munich." And when they asked how many competitions he had taken part in he said, "About 70, I think."

GORDON STEWART, decathlete, Vancouver, B.C.

As a decathlete who has had the pleasure of living and training in

Santa Barbara each spring since 1970, I was very happy to read your fine article on Sam Adams [October]. Sam's true love for the sport for its own sake is shown by his willingness to help anyone from anywhere who shares his feeling and is willing to work hard. I only wish more coaches shared Sam's philosophy. If so, there would be many more happy track people pursuing the sport long past their college days.

WAYNE SNYDER, quartermiler, Goleta, Calif.

I was extremely happy to see the article on Sam Adams. I am, of course, a fan of Sam and admire him both as a coach and as a fine human being. And let's not forget John Zant, who is obviously a fine writer; he should be applauded for his excellent, professional work.

ROB MC LEAN, Santa Barbara, Calif.

A number of letters in recent issues have favored weight classifications for throwing events; I favored this approach for the decathlon as well. At 5-9/160, it's hard to keep up with the 6-3/210 decathlete. Then I saw someone who opened my eyes—Jeff Bennett. Enough said.

TOM ALLISON, Pittsburgh, Pa.

I read with pleasure the stories about two recent Western Pennsylvania athletes, Ron Semkiw and Ed Lennex, who have met with success as Junior competitors [November]. I had the good fortune to coach Lennex his senior year at Central Catholic High. While Lennex has improved greatly since then, I resent greatly his recruiter/coach's diminutive remarks concerning his high school triple jumping. Contrary to Kevin Quinn's theories, triple jumping was Ed's first concern in high school; in one year he improved from 46-3 (a one-shot deal) to 48-6 and total domination of the long and triple jumps in Western Pennsylvania. I believe this improvement compares favorably with his improvements as a college frosh, especially considering his prep marks were all achieved before the first of June while his best college efforts were achieved overseas in July.

RICHARD GLASH, Pueblo, Colo.

I was disappointed to read the remark in the Ricky Stubbs story [October] that "he will be bucking a trend if he makes the Olympic hurdling team by being white." Who cares if he's green? The main things in track are athletes and competition, not color or nationality. [Ed: *We don't care what color he is either. But the statistical observation remains that a white hurdler is bucking the odds.*]

MARK DE GANGE, Waterford, Conn.

The International Olympic Committee continues to amaze me with its persistent, close-minded treatment of the Olympic movement. Being sponsor of the Asian Games, the IOC has always backed the participation of Taiwan as the sole representative of China. Now Iran, the host for the '74 Asian Games, has invited mainland China to compete. This means Taiwan would be excluded and all competing nations be subjected to the misguided wrath of the IOC—possible exclusion from the '76 Montreal Olympics if they protest the inclusion of mainland China. The IOC must rescind its traditionally conservative position. China, South Africa and all nations should be eligible for the Olympics. If a nation refuses to compete for political reasons, then that is their prerogative. Not taking this action by the IOC will only prolong the deprivation of the Games.

RODDY LEE, Taiwanese hurdler, Berkeley, Calif.

The recent decision by the Asian Games Federation to expel Taiwan in favor of China is one of atrocity. It is a purge to athletes of Taiwan and to athletes everywhere. In sport, governments do not compete. Athletes compete. No athlete from any country should have to give up his individual rights of competitions because of governmental involvement. The tragedy of politics in athletics has already been seen in the past Olympics. Should this trend continue, athletics will merely be another extension of power politics.

DAVID WITKO, Hyde Park, N.Y.

A historical fact for all those sinister beings who classify the 200/220 as a blah event—according to the Portuguese Tables, 11 of the top 25 all-time best track performances are in the 200/220. These include performances by Valeriy Borzov, John Carlos, Peter Norman, Don Quarrie, and the greatest of all, Tommie Smith. So all you anti-220 critics, just back off. □



OUR FOUNDERS

WINTER 76 CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

"Damn the snowmobiles—full speed ahead," is the motto of the TAFNOT general staff hard at work plotting arrangements for TAFNOT Winter 76. This full-scale flanking movement is directed at Innsbruck, Austria, the Tyrolean wonderland which is hosting the 1976 Winter Olympics.

Innsbruck will be the first cold-weather operation for the TAFNOT tour machine, and some questions have been raised in the press (notably by military analysts Art Buchwald and Joyce Brothers) as to TAFNOT's inexperience in wintry climes.

But TAFNOT's top brass believe this problem has been solved by the nomination of Don Steffens as field commander for the Innsbruck *putsch*. Herr Steffens, formerly an obscure oberleutnant on the T&FN publications staff, owes his meteoric rise to his profound knowledge of the language and of the people and the area. Steffens has lived and worked in Innsbruck and has thrilled many Austrian snowbunnies with his dazzling deeds of derring-do both on and off the Innsbruck ski slopes.

Further, TAFNOT has ample familiarity with the terrain, as Innsbruck is only about 30 miles from Mittenwald, where the main TAFNOT contingent was quartered for the 1972 Olympic Games.

Round-trip air, lodging, tickets to a variety of sports (stress on skiing and figure skating), banquet, and travel options in Europe are part of the enlistment package. Reservation deposit is \$250 per recruit.

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ROME NEWEST OBJECTIVE

Dec. 21 (PU). A third front was opened today by the strategic high command of TAFNOT, 'Track & Field News' undefeated track tour organization. TAFNOT military spokesman Ed Fox, combat leader of successful campaigns from Maine to Mexico, announced the latest of TAFNOT's ambitious undertakings—the 1974 European Championships in Rome.

The dates of the Championships are September 1-8, 1974. A minimum two-week tour of duty is planned (including a week's touring in Italy), with optional extensions available. Round-trip air, housing, and track tickets are part of the tour offering.

Volunteers are now being accepted for this expedition, according to the TAFNOT Bureau of Enlistments. \$100 per person reservation deposit is required. Though many of TAFNOT's much-decorated, battle-tested survivors of its historic Munich campaign are expected to join the Rome strike force, officials hope to welcome a good number of new recruits for this European operation.

Track observers regard the Quadrennial European Championships as the most important track event outside the Olympics, and outstanding per-

formances and competition always prevail.

"Some may think we're stretching our lines a bit thin by embarking on a new effort just now," said Fox, clicking three small metal balls together in his right hand. "But not a bit of it. We're stronger than ever, logistically and intelligently. And we have a young, bright, cocky staff," he added, as the metal balls slipped from his grasp and clattered about on the floor.

"I expect complete cooperation from the Italian authorities," said the wily field commander, recovering quickly and adjusting his eye patch. "We've campaigned in Rome before at the Olympic Games in 1960. We know what to expect. And they know us and respect us. It should be smooth all the way."

Fox left immediately after the press conference to spend the weekend at his summer residence, Camp Queeg.

The official Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano expressed reservations about the TAFNOT operation. "Rome has been sacked and despoiled by Huns, Vandals, Goths, Visigoths, Trojans, Buckeyes, and Fighting Irish, but it has always recovered," wrote Cardinal Pontificatori in a front page editorial. "Munich is

still a shambles from the TAFNOT invasion. Can Rome withstand such an onslaught? If it means losing even one bowl of minestrone, it would not be worth it."

Roman film director,

Federico Fellini, on the other hand, anxiously awaits TAFNOT's arrival. "I have always specialized in filming the bizarre, the unbelievable. I may never again have such an opportunity in my lifetime."

TAFNOT MONTREAL RECONNAISSANCE

Dec. 21 (PU). An advance TAFNOT scouting party returned recently from the 1976 summer Olympic battleground in Montreal, Canada. The reconnaissance team found morale high in Montreal, the natives friendly, and preparations proceeding apace to meet the expected TAFNOT onslaught in July, 1976.

The members of the ad-

vance group were impressed by the city's defenses and the general capability and confidence of the organizing committee. Bert Nelson, head of the group, stated that Montreal will be the best Olympic city yet. He was particularly impressed by intra-city transportation facilities, the large number of good accommodations and dining establishments, and the city's general amenities.

LATE BULLETIN

TAFNOT's forces for Montreal 76 continue to grow. Over 1800 have now enlisted, and Jeannette Nelson, TAFNOT's master planner, would not hazard a guess as to the eventual total of tour members for Montreal. "I can guarantee, however," she said, "that the sooner you sign up, the better will be your chances for action and glory, not to mention good tickets and housing." Officials are discounting rumors that TAFNOT troops will be forced to bivouac on the Plains of Abraham. Confidence was expressed that a good selection of housing would be available for all.

\$200 is the present reservation deposit requirement per person. A tour brochure with complete details is available on request from T&FN.

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