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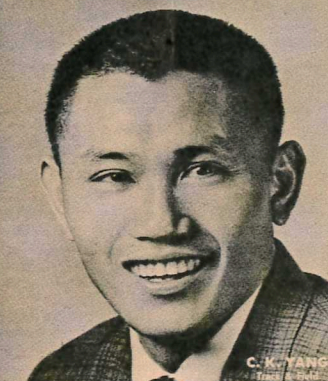
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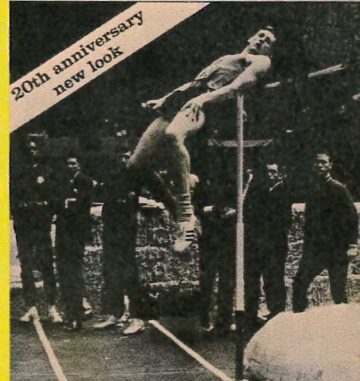
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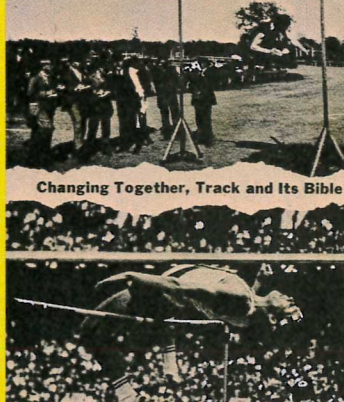
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Covers from 25 years of T&FN adorn this anniversary cover: (Top, l-r) February 48 (1st issue), May 54 (Bannister's 3:59.4), August 58 (8 world records in one month); (Center) September 61 (AAU-NCAA war), January 64 (1st full cover on athlete of year), 1 February 68 (1st 2-a-month issue); (Bottom) December 69 (Athlete of 60s), October 70 (1st slick-stock issue), September 72 (Olympic issue with full-color cover).

NEWS

TO JANUARY 29, 1973

Jipcho, Smith, Feuerbach Parade

By at least one source, the calendar, Ben Jipcho's world record equaling steeplechase run of 8:20.8 at the African Games is one of the unique feats ever. The all-time list of IAAF approved records indicates that only three athletes (Dave Stephens and all-time greats Peter Snell and Ron Clarke) have been able to produce world record marks in the month of January. And Jipcho's Jan. 15 burner edges Clarke's 13:34.8 of Jan. 16, 1965 as the earliest of all. With those African Games highlighting outdoor activity, the other major revelation of the meet was newcomer Filbert Bayi of Tanzania, who blazed to 3:37.2 to ace Kip Keino in the 1500.

Indoors, it has been Al Feuerbach who has hogged the center stage for the past two early undercover campaigns. And this year again he has been superb, bopping two world record tosses. But he has been pushed into the footlights by the spectacular vaulting of Pacific Coast Club teammate Steve Smith, who has now followed up his earlier American record clearance of 17-8½ with world standards of 17-11 and 18-¼. Although Feuerbach has the shot records, he is just even with rival George Woods on the season as the pair have staged some fine two-man duels. On the other hand, Smith has been nonpareil, and has more than a foot on the next man in the world list.

On the track, Steve Prefontaine has been no slouch either, raising the curtain on his season with an impressive 8:27.4 at the Sunkist and following that up with a national record 8:24.8 at Portland to move to 3rd on the all-time indoor list.

FOR THE RECORD

The following record alterations have been reported during the 1973 season: W=world; A=American; C=collegiate; "d"=180 to 220y unbanked track.

OUTDOOR

St 8:20.8 =W Ben Jipcho (Kenya) Lagos, Nigeria Jan 15

INDOOR

PV	17-8½	A	Steve Smith (P Coast)	College Park, Md	Jan 12
500	56.4	d	Fred Newhouse (Phil PC)	Seattle, Wash	Jan 14
PV	17-11	W, A	Steve Smith (P Coast)	Los Angeles, Calif	Jan 20
SP	69-4½	W, A	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)	Los Angeles, Calif	Jan 20
PV	18-¼	W, A	Steve Smith (P Coast)	New York, NY	Jan 26
2M	8:24.8	A, C	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)	Portland, Ore	Jan 27
HJ	7-3¾	C	Tom Woods (Ore St)	Portland, Ore	Jan 27
SP	69-5¾	W, A	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)	Portland, Ore	Jan 27

ON THE SCHEDULE

February		10	USTFF Ch, Houston, Tex
2	Star-Maple Leaf Gms, Toronto	16	Coaches' Gms, Ft Worth, Tex
3	Seattle Inv, Seattle, Wash	16	US Olympic Inv, NYC, NY
3	Cleveland KC, Cleveland, Ohio	23	AAU Ch, NYC, NY
9	LA Times, Inglewood, Calif	March	
10	Oakland Inv, Oakland, Calif	9-10	NCAA Ch, Detroit, Mich
10	Mason-Dixon Gms, Louisville, Ky	17	US-USSR, Richmond, Va

IN THE FUTURE

With the 18ft barrier falling to Steve Smith, the next mystical marker likely to fall is the undercover 70-footer in the shot, with George Woods and Al Feuerbach battling it out. But 70ft or not, the two will tangle in some exciting duels, their seasonal tally currently standing at 3-3. As for Smith, he promises more records, even 19ft by the outdoor season.

The indoor circuit will soon be brightened by the appearance of Soviet speedster Valeriy Borzov for four meets (Toronto, LA Times, San Diego and AAU). In at least the LA Times affair, Olympic champ Borzov will contend with all-time indoor great Herb Washington for the first time, over 60y. An Olympic rematch in the high jump will find Soviet gold medalist Juri Tarmak vying with bronze winner Dwight Stones.

The AAU is shaping up as a good affair, as in addition to the Soviets (including Yevgeniy Arzhanov), 10 of last year's 13 individual winners have confirmed they will enter this year's affair, although there is the strong possibility that the mighty Pacific Coast Club will not enter any competitors because of a dispute with the AAU.

UNITED STATES

TO JANUARY 15, 1973

Quality results previously unreported:

Hanover, NH—HJ, Dunn 7-0.

Annapolis, Md—Wt, Bregar 63-1.

Murfreesboro, Tenn—50, Heats: Copeland 5.2. 60HH, Porter 6.9.

Princeton, NJ—Wt, Greenwood 61-8¾.

JANUARY 16 TO 22, 1973

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIC

Liquori Returns to Competitive Miling: 4:03.8

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 19 /by Bob Hersh/ —Marty Liquori, the world's No. 1 ranked miler in 1969 and 1971, ran his first competitive mile in nearly a year and showed that he was well along the way to regaining supremacy. The ex-Villanova star easily handled a good field and romped home in 4:03.8 and for his efforts he was named outstanding athlete at the Philly Track Classic.

Liquori stayed behind the pace most of the race, even allowing Howell Michael to open up a 10y lead midway through. But he never seemed concerned. After splits of 63.2 and 2:06 the Florida journalism student ran smoothly and comfortably all the way, closing ground during the third quarter (3:05.2), moving into the lead with a lap-and-a-half to go, and spending much of the last lap looking back to make sure of his lead over early leaders Byron Dyce and Michael. Oddly enough, this is the first time Liquori had ever won the mile at a major Philadelphia indoor meet.

Steve Smith made it three for three for the year with a 17-4 clearance. Smith attempted no further height after winning from fellow Pacific Coast Clubber Tom Blair (17-0), preferring to save his energy for his trip for tomorrow to Los Angeles and his anticipated record vault attempt there. In the high jump, Chris Dunn, minus the shoulder length hair he sported as an Olympian last year, went 7-½. On the track, Dennis Walker repeated his Nassau K of C win in the 600, nipping Tommie Turner at the tape in 1:11.6. Other major race winners were Brian McElroy's 2:09.5 1000, Ken Sparks' 1:52.9 880 and Jim Crawford's 8:36.6 2M.

The straightaway races were marked by confusion. The last flight of the high hurdles was apparently placed on the wrong line, at least in the final and possibly in the trials as well. Tom Hill, in no worse than 2nd place at the time, couldn't manage the premature hurdle in the final, while Larry Shipp went sprawling in a similar incident in the trials. The winner in a slow 7.3 was Willie Davenport. Hasely Crawford's sprint streak was stopped by 35-year-old Mel Pender, who got a perfect start or flyer, depending on who you ask. What was clear that Captain Pender got one heck of a lead on the field before anyone else was out of the blocks.

In a one mile masters race sanctioned by the AAU as the national indoor masters championship, 40-year-old Frank Pflaging of Baltimore won

Marty Liquori (l) goes around Howell Michael (r) and takes command on the way to a 4:03.8 mile victory at Philadelphia. Michael ran 3rd in 4:05.5 behind the 4:04.8 of Byron Dyce. /Steve Sutton/





(L) Rick Wohlhuter (l) leads the 1000 after this 2:08.7 Sunkist win over Juris Luzins. /Donald Duke/ (C) Dave Wottle's (l) mad sprint finish scored a

narrow Sunkist win over Kip Keino in 4:06.1. /Don Chadez/ (R) Steve Prefontaine's 8:27.4 2M topped Marty Liquori (l) and Tracy Smith. /Chadez/

by more than a half-lap in 4:28.5 as track writer Hal Higdon took 2nd.

60, Pender 6.0; 2. Crawford' 6.1. 600, Walker 1:11.6. 880, Sparks 1:52.9. 1000, McElroy 2:09.5. Mile, Liquori 4:03.8. 2M, Crawford 8:36.6; 2. B. Brown 8:37.6. 60HH, Davenport 7.3. HJ, Dunn 7-½. PV, Smith 17-4; 2. Blair 17-0. MileR, Philadelphia PC 3:16.1. 2MR, Georgetown 7:34.4. MisMedR. Villanova 9:49.6; 2. Manhattan 9:53.8.

LOS ANGELES SUNKIST Feuerbach, Smith: First Undercover Marks of 73

Los Angeles, Calif, Jan. 20 /by Bert Nelson and John Wenos/—Inches, trackdom's most precious commodity, paid off big in the Sunkist Invitational, especially for world record breakers Steve Smith and Al Feuerbach, who wowed the 12,106 fans.

Husky, hairy Smith added a half-inch to the inside vault record by nuzzling over 17-11 while huskier, equally hairy Feuerbach projected the shot 4¼" beyond the recognized best.

Last year's vault find until stopped by injuries, Smith is healthy once again and stronger than ever. Tonight, the 21-year-old planted powerfully on his second effort, jiggled the bar, watched gleefully as it stayed on and celebrated with a joyous back flip. It was an especially fine effort considering Steve vaulted in Philadelphia last night, had only three hours sleep and arrived for this afternoon affair too late to warmup. He missed badly at his opening height of 17-0. "I was a little worried then," he said later, "but after my second vault I felt fantastic."

He took the record away from Kjell Isaksson, who has recovered from his pre-Munich injury but is "so out of shape that I get tired warming up". The Swede seemed happy to squirm over 16-6 for third. "I don't know what kind of shape Bob Seagren is in," said the former recordholder, "but right now Steve's the best."

Feuerbach's record is a complicated one statistically, but that didn't bother big Al, who accepted it happily and promptly predicted he would be over 70ft soon. Claiming the best form since early last season, Al said he would have gone further had "I gotten some height on my first put".

That first explosion was good for 69-4½. Last year, he did a quarter-inch better but the mark was disallowed because of the silly rule prohibiting taping of the hand. Thus, the 69-¼ Al achieved last year is the accepted record even though it was not up to the 69-2 Randy Matson tossed in 1967. That mark was disallowed by another silly AAU rule discriminating against the use of an all-metal shot indoors.

Establishing a series of 69-4½, 67-9½, 66-3¼, 68-8½, f, 68-¾, Feuerbach had no real competition from a potentially dangerous field. George Woods reached a creditable 67-3 but Brian Oldfield did only 64-3¼ and Olympic champ Wladyslaw Komar managed but 61-5½ before stopping after an injury on his second put.

Inches also paid off for Dave Wottle. Continuing to rely on spectacular finishing bursts, the Olympic 800 champ hung back through the early stages of the mile. He went with Kip Keino as the latter shot back into the lead on the final backstretch, then gathered off the final curve and just did catch the Kenyan at the tape. It was a slow 4:06.1 off splits of 60.6, 2:03.2 and

3:05.2 but it was exciting competition between two great runners.

The 2M, the most talent-laden event of the meet, saw Steve Prefontaine run away and hide from the likes of Lasse Viren, Frank Shorter and Marty Liquori, to enjoy the greatest applause of the meet. Far from sharp, but stronger than ever, Pre led all the way, establishing open space by the 880 and enjoying a growing 20y margin at the mile. The gap was a full half-lap at the end, reached in a speedy early season 8:27.4, just 1.2 off Shorter's American record.

Pre's quarters were reached in 63.4, 2:07.1, 3:10.6, 4:13.8, 5:16.0, 6:19.3, and 7:24.8. His victory lap was a swift 28 seconds.

Pre later said, "I was sorry Viren wasn't ready. If someone had pushed me, we could have had a record. My strategy was to make sure the pace didn't go too slow. I was a little surprised at my performance, considering my injury. This was a very satisfying win—a good way to start the New Year."

The battles were for the places. Tracy Smith, the 1968 Olympian who continues well on the comeback trail, came close to collaring Liquori, another comebacker, at the finish as both clocked 8:38.8. Peter Kaal barely edged Shorter for 4th even though the 8:40.2 and 8:40.6 times don't agree. Viren, the victim of dysentery in Brazil, hadn't the strength to be a contender and wound up sixth in 8:49.0.

Both the long jump and high jump seasons got off to good starts. Randy Williams won the former at 26-¾ even though he had not been off the board since Munich. He was pressed by Bob Beamon, intent on a comeback, with 25-8½ as two others bettered 25ft.

Rey Brown cleared 7-2, winning by an inch from Pat Matzdorf. Expected to be strong Olympic gold medal contenders last year, both missed the team and both expressed pleasure with the initial outcome of a new season.

Rick Wohlhuter overtook Juris Luzins in the 1000 with a good early time of 2:08.7 while frosh Carl McCullough of Arizona State surprised in the 60 with 6.1. John Smith's indoor debut was less than auspicious as he led most of the way in the 500, then tied up noticeably in the last 20y in fading to 60.1 as Wes Williams recovered from an early near-fall to win with 58.7.

60, McCullough 6.1; 2. C. Smith 6.2; 3. Crockett 6.2; 4. Quarrie' 6.4; 5. Deckard 6.4. 500, Williams 58.7. 600, Newhouse 1:11.1. 1000, Wohlhuter 2:08.7; 2. Luzins 2:09.1. Mile, Wottle 4:06.1; 2. Keino' 4:06.1. 2M, Prefontaine 8:27.4; 2. Liquori 8:38.8; 3. T. Smith 8:38.8. 60HH, Babb 7.2; 2. White 7.3; 3. Wilson 7.4; 4. Rich 7.5. HJ, Brown 7-2; 2. Matzdorf 7-1; 3. tie, Joseph & Stones 7-0. PV, Smith 17-11 WR. LJ, Williams 26-¼; 2. Beamon 25-8½; 3. Whitley 25-2¼; 4. Robinson 25-1¼. SP, Feuerbach 69-4½ (69-4½, 67-9½, 66-3¼, 68-8½, f, 68-¾); 2. Woods 67-3 (66-6¾, 66-5¾, f, f, 67-3, 66-5½); 3. Oldfield 64-3¼; 4. Komar' 61-5½.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS McGee, Whatley, Goodrich, Amerison All Get 6.0s

Ypsilanti, Mich/d/—440, Vinson 48.1. DisMedR, Bowling Green State 9:54.4.

Kansas City, Mo—60, McGee 6.0; 2. Sims 6.0. 60HH, Milburn 7.0.

Jackson, Miss—60, Semis: Whatley 6.0. 60HH, Misher 7.0; 2. Bostic 7.1; 3. Stubbs

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER
Woods Evens Series With Feuerbach on 68-6¹/₄ Flip

Daly City, Calif., Jan. 26 /by Jon Hendershott/—George Woods evens his season's shot record with Al Feuerbach at 33, while Randy Williams extended the indoor campaign's longest long leap and Pat Matzdorf matched the highest high jump in the 10th San Francisco Examiner Games, notable for shining field event efforts and exciting though slow track performances.

Some 13,955 standing room fans, the largest crowd ever to see an indoor meet in northern California, saw Woods pump two throws beyond Feuerbach's best, George's longest taping 68-6¹/₄ while Al hit 68-4¹/₄, 1-¹/₄ short of the world indoor best he set a week ago in Los Angeles. Feuerbach armed his biggie on his initial effort, while Woods fouled. But George bounced back with 68-5¹/₄ on round 2 and then got his winner in the 3rd frame. Feuerbach couldn't answer, his next-best being 67-6¹/₄. Maroon swim trunk attired Brian Oldfield popped 64-10¹/₄ for 3rd, while Olympic champ Wladyslaw Komar, showing little power in his back kick, managed only 62-2¹/₄ for 4th in the four man field. Said Woods later, "I felt extra strong, but just missed on my first three throws. The ability for a really big one is there; all I have to do is put it together." Feuerbach won two Saskatoon competitions and the Sunkist meet, while Woods triumphed at CYO and Winnipeg before evening his count with Feuerbach tonight.

Like Woods trailing Feuerbach in the shot, Williams trailed comebacking Bob Beamon in the long jump after the outdoor recordman stretched his long legs to 26-¹/₄ on his first effort, matching Williams' seasonal leader hit in the Sunkist meet last week. Two rounds later, though, the compact little Olympic champion pumped down the runway with a vigorous arm action, hit the board squarely and landed 26-2¹/₄ into the sand. The last two Olympic winners outdistanced the field as Arnie Robinson was 3rd, exactly 2ft behind Beamon. In the high jump, Matzdorf popped over 7-2 in a jumpoff with Dwight Stones for the win and equal leadership of the season with Rey Brown. Stones topped 7-1, also as part of the jumpoff.

Closest event on the oval was the mile in which Kip Keino surged to the front after two laps—curiously after it was announced a special award was offered for the first sub 4:00 mile on the Cow Palace 160y track. Kip set the pace until the 1320 when surprising Duncan Macdonald spurred to the front to lead by some 5y at the gun. Kip sprinted furiously the last lap and just caught Macdonald at the wire, Keino winning by a margin about as wide as the gap in his teeth and both clocked 4:03.8. Dave Wottle's patented kick couldn't make up Mark Winzenried's big lead in the 880. Starting the last lap some 1.8 behind Winzenried, Wottle finished 2.2 behind Mark's 1:51.3 winner.

60, C. Smith 6:1; . . . 4. Quarrie' 6:2. 440, McGrady 49:1; . . . 4. J. Smith 50:7. 880, Winzenried 1:51.3; 2. Wottle 1:53.1. Mile, Keino' 4:03.8; 2. D. Macdonald 4:03.8. 2M, Liquori 8:42.0. 60HH, Babb 7:1. 2MWalk, Klogfer 14:12.4. HJ, Matzdorf 7-2; 2. Stones 7-1. PV, tie, Dias & Stover 16-6; 3. Isaksson' 16-6; . . . nh—Lagerqvist'. LJ, Williams 26-2¹/₄; 2. Beamon 26-¹/₄; 3. Robinson 24-¹/₄. SP, Woods 68-6¹/₄ (f, 68-5¹/₄, 68-6¹/₄, 67-6¹/₄, 67-¹/₄, f); 2. Feuerbach 68-4¹/₄ (68-4¹/₄, f, 67-4¹/₄, 67-6¹/₄, f, 64-3¹/₄); 3. Oldfield 64-10¹/₄; 4. Komar' 62-2¹/₄.

MILLROSE
Smith Gets Indoor History: 18-¹/₄ Vault Record

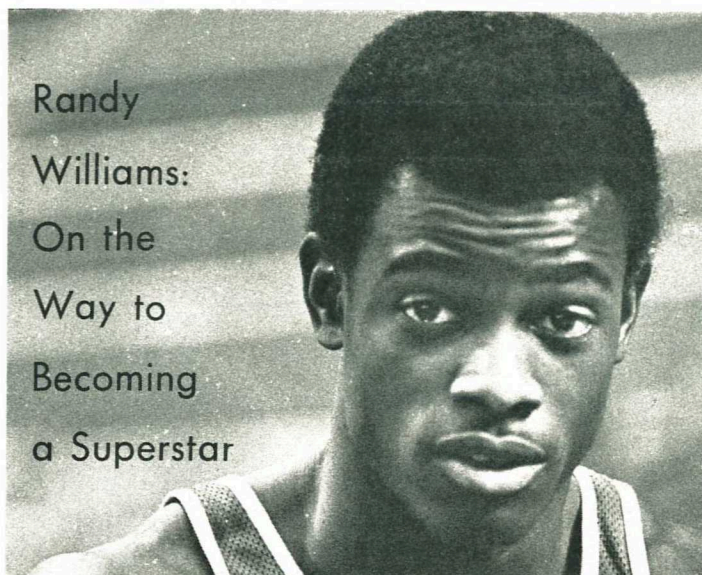
New York, N.Y., Jan. 27 /from Jim Dunaway/—Steve Smith flew to a double dose of vaulting history tonight at the Millrose Games as he scaled an indoor record 18-¹/₄, following by six days his 17-11 record raiser set in the Sunkist meet. Already the site of the first-ever 16ft vault in history, as well as the first indoor 13 and 15ft clearances, Smith gave the Millrose history's first undercover 18ft leap.

The muscular Pacific Coast Club vaulter started vaulting at 17 0 after everyone else had been eliminated, including Dave Roberts, who didn't clear a height because both poles he brought with him were too soft, and Vince Struble and Buddy Williamson, who eventually tied for 2nd at 16 6. Smith topped 17 0 on his 1st attempt and 17 5 on his 2nd.

Then, while knowledgeable observers held their breath waiting to see how thin Smith would slice the bologna this time, the bar was raised to 18-¹/₄—a height reportedly agreed upon during a telephone conference with another meet director a few hours before the Millrose meet began. (The other meet director apparently decided the promotional—and ticket-selling—value of having the world's first indoor 18ft vaulter was greater than having the first indoor 18ft vault take place during his meet.)

Using a short runup, Smith was over easily on his first attempt, missing by ¹/₄" his lifetime best set last summer in making the US Olympic team. He bounced up and down in the pit five times, took a leaping, jogging victory lap waving his arms and then declined any further attempts for the evening.

Arriving at the meet after the competition started, Smith said, "I felt like a basket case out there. Tom [Jennings] said, 'They really want 18ft tonight'. I replied, 'If I can get down the runway I'll make it.' As I started



Randy Williams:
 On the Way to
 Becoming
 a Superstar

Olympic champ Randy Williams leads the year's long jumpers at 26-2¹/₄. [Gane]

X In the excitement of two world records and some good races, few among the 12,106 at the Sunkist Invitational were paying much attention to the young man who already is on his way to becoming one of the sport's superstars.

And to hear Randy Williams tell it, he hadn't done much to rate attention. "I jumped poorly," he claimed while stuffing dozens of the sponsor's oranges into his gear bag. "Perhaps," I countered, "but when is the last time you started a season with a 26ft jump". That brought a smile to his friendly, 19-year-old face and the realization that it wasn't a bad evening's work.

And indeed it wasn't. Only 15 have ever surpassed his 26-¹/₄ indoors. And I wonder how many did it in the first meet of the season after not even taking a single practice jump for over four months?

A year ago in this meet, the Southern California sophomore did only 24-11¹/₄. Then he was a promising yearling with a high school best of 25-4¹/₄ and better known as the second longest prep triple jumper ever (52-3¹/₄).

Now he is Randy Williams, Olympic champion, and the only jumper fit to be mentioned in the same breath with Bob Beamon's immortal 29-2¹/₄. You're shocked by the connection? Vern Wolfe, the Southern Cal coach, isn't. Nor is Ken Matsuda, the assistant coach who works with Randy. And now that I think it over, neither am I.

"Randy will go 28ft this year," states Wolfe without hesitation. "After that, he's got a good shot at Beamon's record".

There is little reason to doubt that the Fresno, Calif., product is on his way to surpassing everything in long jumping history except perhaps that one incredible explosion of Beamon. Williams' 27-4¹/₄ Olympic qualifying jump put him within a mere ¹/₄" of the second best non-windy jump ever made. And he did it less than a month after his 19th birthday. Only Beamon managed 27ft before the age of 24 and Beamon was almost 22 when he did it. A fine high schooler, Randy improved almost two feet in his first year in college.

Aside from such a good early start, Randy has a lot going for him. He's fast and is expected to become faster as he benefits from sprint and relay assignments this spring. He's strong and working hard on becoming stronger. His technique is good and improving.

He is, as Wolfe says, "mentally tough with unbeatable faith in himself". That, plus an outstanding competitive record in clutch situations and the confirmation of his faith with the Olympic win add to big points in the all-important attitude column.

But was Randy talking about 29ft, or even 28ft? Only indirectly. Informed that former high school teammate Gerald Hardeman (25-9¹/₄ last year as a junior, 5 inches better than Williams' prep best) had done well in the Sunkist prep jump (24-10¹/₄), Randy grinned. "I've got to watch out for him. By the time we get him into school, and he benefits from the same program I've had, he'll be way out past me. I've got to get going." /Bert Nelson/

7.1. HJ, Hobson 7 0. LJ, Carter 25-3¹/₄.

Bloomington, Ind /'d'/'-60, Goodrich 6 0; 2. Amerison 6 0. Heats: Goodrich 6 0. 300, Wallace, 30.5. 440, tie, Erickson & Wallace 48 0. 600, Musika 1-09 3; 2. Valle 1-10 0. Mile, Hill' 4-02 0. TJ, McClure 52 9¹/₄.

Madison, Wis /'d'/'-600, Kent 1-10 3.

Des Moines, Iowa /'c'/'-880, Cape 1-50 0.

Pocatello, Idaho /'e'/'-300, Webster 30 6 PV, Roberts 17 0. TJ, Nyumutei' 52 9¹/₄.

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down the runway the crowd began responding, and as they grew louder and louder my adrenalin got going more and more. I've never been more nervous."

Smith's vault continues the tradition of vaulting "firsts" in the Millrose, which began with the first-ever indoor 13ft vault in 1926 (Charles Hoff, 13-1), continued with the first indoor 15ft (Dutch Warmerdam, 15- $\frac{3}{8}$, 1942) and 16ft (John Uelses, 16- $\frac{1}{4}$, 1962) clearances and topped by Smith's first-ever indoor 18ft jump.

Top efforts on the track were recorded by Herb Washington and Rod Milburn. Washington got off almost even with Mel Pender in the 60 and then sped to an easy 6.0 win over a good field. Milburn looked to be back in form after several early season defeats and led from the gun to beat Willie Davenport and Larry Shipp by 0.1 with 7.0. Leading oval race was the 2M in which Grant McLaren covered the last mile in 4:12 and the last 880 in 2:00, after a 4:24.5 first mile, to win at 8:36.8.

60, Washington 6.0; 2. Pender 6.2; 3. Meriwether 6.3; 4. Taylor 6.3. 500, Daley 58.6. 600, Brown 1:12.1. 880, Philippe 1:52.4; 2. Wohlhuter 1:52.5; 3. Plachy 1:52.7. 1000, Kupczyk 2:09.1; 2. McElroy 2:09.7; 3. Luzins 2:09.7. Mile, Szordykowski 4:04.4. 2M, McLaren 8:36.8; 2. Crawford 8:39.8. HJ, Ferragne 7-0. PV, Smith 18- $\frac{1}{4}$ WR. 2MR, Villanova 7:33.6.

ALBUQUERQUE JAYCEE

Keino, Shorter Scramble 4:02.7, 8:47.4 in Thin Air

Albuquerque, NM, Jan. 27 /from Ken Hansen/—Peerless Kip Keino ran the only way he knows how—wholeheartedly—in romping to the fastest mile ever run in the state of New Mexico as he successfully defended his Albuquerque Jaycee title before 7500 fans.

With no competition to speak of and undaunted by the mile-high altitude, the Kenyan wonder let Paul Cummings tow the field through a 60sec first quarter before pulling way at a 2:01 half en route to a sparkling 4:02.7 time on the 176y oval. Frank Shorter, also accustomed to elevated altitudes, waltzed to a meet record in the 2M, easing to an 8:47.4 win.

A potentially hot 1000 tussle was obviated by a lap-counting error. Kenyan Mike Boit won the 824y event when the gun was fired a lap early. Fifth-placer Marty Liquori said, "I knew we didn't have just one lap to go because I wasn't where I wanted to be when the gun went off and we never heard the half-mile split." The five competitors decided against rerunning the race again later in the evening, Liquori giving a dissenting vote.

The best of the field events were the shot, where George Woods was an easy 66-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ winner, and the vault, where Roland Carter edged Dave Roberts as both cleared 17-0.

Ex-El Paso runners dominated the sprints, as Cal International's Harrington Jackson nipped Steve Williams (now of the DC Striders), 6.0 to 6.1, with Del Meriwether also at 6.1. The other dashing Williams, Harold (also DC Striders), edged Meriwether in a special match race over 220y, 22.0 to 22.1.

60, Jackson 6.0; 2. S. Williams 6.1; 3. Meriwether 6.1. 220, H. Williams 22.0; 2. Meriwether 22.1. 600, Cason 1:12.5. 1000(824y), Boit 4:02.7. 2M, Shorter 8:47.4. 60HH, White 7.1; 2. Babb 7.1. MileWalk, Brown 6:56.8. HJ, Abugattas 6-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. PV, R. Carter 17-0; 2. Roberts 17-0. SP, Woods 66-6 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. Oldfield 63-7 $\frac{1}{4}$.

OREGON

Variety of Records for Feuerbach, Pre, Woods

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27 /from Don Jacobs/—Munich Olympians Al Feuerbach and Steve Prefontaine returned to their record-breaking ways with new standards as high jumper Tom Woods racked up a collegiate mark as well, to keep the Oregon Invitational's 9756 spectators excited.

Feuerbach upped his own world indoor best 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 69-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ on his next to last effort, and seemed somewhat surprised at his good showing, despite the absence of adversary George Woods who was winning in Albuquerque after whipping Big Al the night before in San Francisco. "It was really weird," said the long-haired putter, "Last night, I felt really ready. I guess the first night takes the pressure off because I came in here loose."

The Munich 5th-placer had a good series of 68-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 65-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, 66-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, 69- $\frac{1}{4}$, 69-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 62-0, to leave OG champ Wladyslaw Komar far in arrears for 2nd (62-7). Lefty Bruce Wilhelm is back again, at 62-4.

After spending a fall of "taking it easy", Oregon senior Prefontaine continued his undercover winning ways with a nifty US record over 2M. His 8:24.6 was what many of the partisan fans wanted to see, and they voiced their roof-raising approval when he took back the lead for good from Don Kardong with 10 of the 22 laps remaining. Though Pre had led the quarters at 61.5 and 2:06, the former Stanford runner edged ahead for 3:05 and 4:14 splits. Loss of the lead, and the daring to find just what he could do, spurred Pre back to the front to the delight of the crowd. "I decided I better go, after the half-way point," the gritty distanceman reasoned. "If I fall apart at the end, then I fall apart."

The only thing that fell was Frank Shorter's old US mark of 8:26.2, set two years ago at San Diego. Though he was well off Kerry O'Brien's world mark of 8:19.2 and his outdoor PR of 8:19.4, only O'Brien and another Australian, Kerry Pearce (8:20.6), are quicker indoors than Pre, who now has 3 of the top 6 indoor marks ever. All six have come on 160y tracks.

Bible of the Sport



Tom Woods' 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ at Portland set a college indoor high jump best. /Chadez/

Woods became one of several springers to equal or better his outdoor PR indoors when he topped 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ on his first try. The slender 6-5, 160lb 1972 NCAA winner was nearly eliminated when he needed three jumps at 7- $\frac{1}{4}$, but then he flopped easily over 7-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ on first efforts before bringing the crowd to its feet with three near misses at a WR 7-5. One of the former collegiate record holders (7-3), Pat Matzdorf, was relegated to 4th due to more misses behind Staters' John Radetich and UCLA's Rick Fletcher.

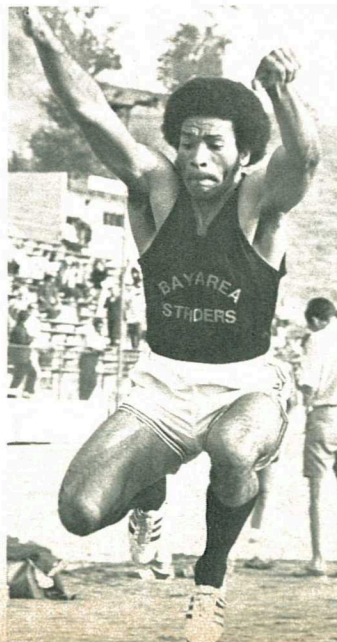
The field events gathered most of the attention as bouncy Randy Williams disappointedly wrapped up the long jump with a 24-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ leap, one of only two legal leaps. Apparently adjusting his step after taking off too far behind the board the night before in San Francisco where he reportedly injured a heel, Williams said, "The heel had nothing to do with it. I had some good jumps but I fouled. I was inconsistent."

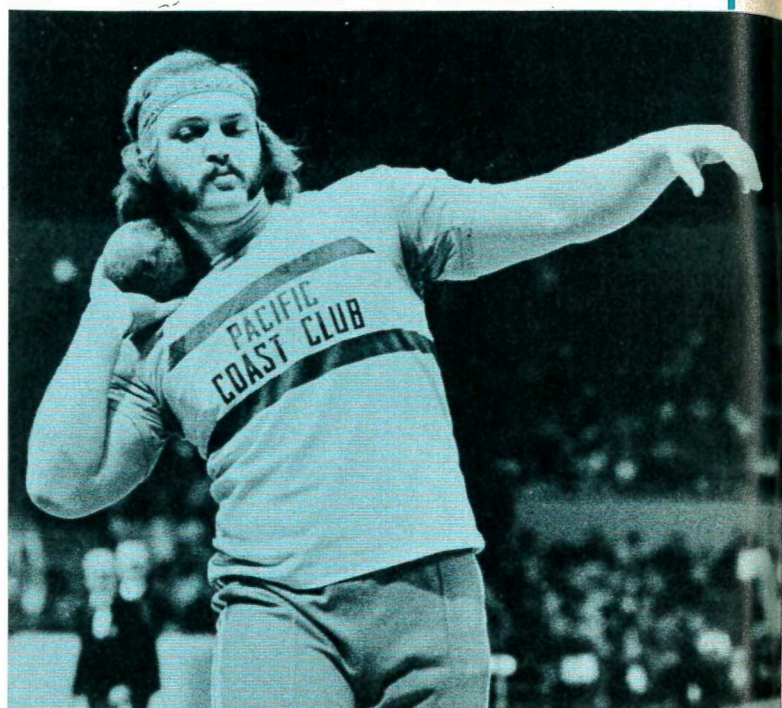
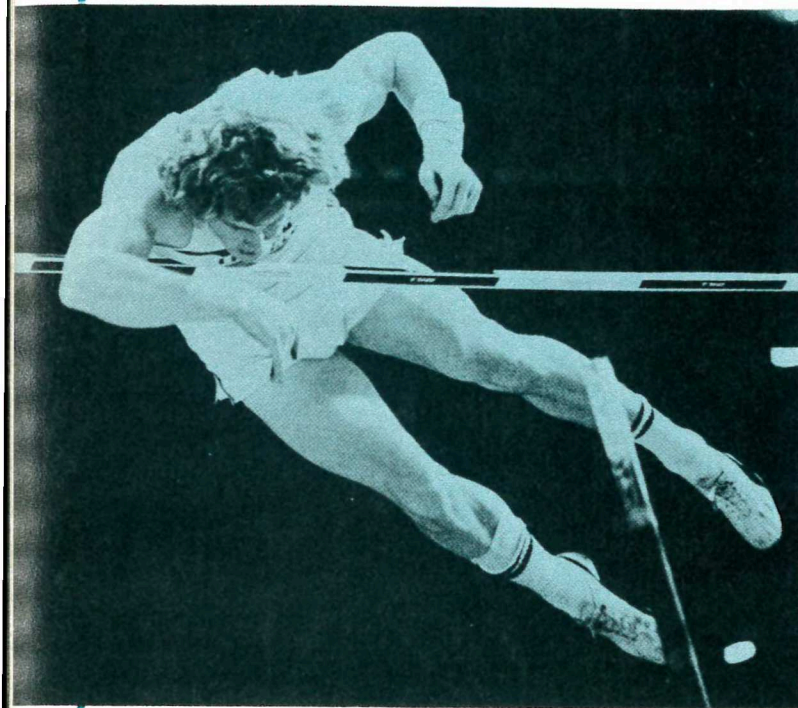
Vaulter Steve Smith, not too fresh after only three hours sleep and a cross country flight following his undercover WR 18- $\frac{1}{4}$, scaled 17-0 to win, made one attempt at 17-3 and then quit. France's Francois Tracanelli passed to 17-0 only to miss all three attempts. Robert Reader upped his indoor triple jump PR to 52-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to top Norway's Sigurd Langeland of BYU (52-4 $\frac{1}{2}$). Fred Newhouse took the 500 in 57.7 and Club Northwest's Jim Johnson led the second half of the mile to win in 4:02.4.

60, Mays 6.1. 500, Newhouse 57.7. 1000, Gibson 2:10.6. Mile, Johnson 4:02.4. 2M, Prefontaine 8:24.6 AR; 2. Kardong 8:38.0. 60HH, Wilson 7.2. HJ, Woods 7-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ CR; 2. Radetich 7- $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Fletcher 7- $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Matzdorf 7- $\frac{1}{2}$. PV, S. Smith 17-0; 2. Taylor 16-8. LJ, Williams 24-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. TJ, Reader 52-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Langeland 52-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. SP, Feuerbach 69-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ WR; 2. Komar 62-7; 3. B. Wilhelm 62-4.

Robert Reader's 52-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Portland paces indoors TJers. /Don Chadez/

Norway's and BYU's Sigurd Langeland hit 52-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Portland. /Chadez/





Steve Smith's two vault records have measured this 17-11 plus 18- $\frac{1}{4}$. [Gane]

Indoor shot king Al Feuerbach armed 69-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ here at Sunkist. [Stan Pantovic]

Smith, Feuerbach Get Year's Records, Back to Back

In an indoor season which so far has been loath to yield world record marks, Steve Smith and Al Feuerbach, teammates on the elite Pacific Coast Club, have stood out from the crowd, each notching a pair of standard-busters—the only record alterations of the season.

"This is a great feeling," said the tousle-headed Smith (a 21-year-old "rookie") after his 17-11 clearance at Sunkist. "I've never held a world record before." Indoor king Feuerbach (a 24-year-old "veteran") notched his name on the record books for the fourth time with his 69-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ heave at Sunkist. That followed his 68-11 of 1971, a disallowed (because of illegal taping) 69-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ and a quasi-official 69- $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1971. "They took the record away from me last year because I had taped my hand," relates Feuerbach. "That's OK, it gave me a chance to set the record all over again."

Neither performer was particularly impressed with his first record performance. "That was my best push ever over my hand grip," reveals Smith, "but my 18- $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Trials last year was much better technically. If I can get on a stiffer pole and move my grip up to where everybody else is holding, I could fly. I'm only holding about 14-10 [in contrast, Jan Johnson held at 15-9 in his indoor mark of 17-7 and Kjell Isaksson was gripping at 15-6 on his 17-10 $\frac{1}{2}$]." And Feuerbach felt that his throw should have gone much farther. "I didn't get any height on it at all," he says. "I didn't get under it. But the important thing was winning. I just wanted to beat George [Woods]. I would have hated to have hit 70ft and lost. I'm looking forward to next week [San Francisco Examiner], the Cow Palace is a good place to put the shot—the crowd really gets behind you up there."

Likewise, Smith was also looking forward to the evening of Jan. 26. "The Garden [Madison Square Garden, site of the Millrose Games] is the best place in the world for an athlete to compete. I like the crowd reaction." And while Feuerbach was warming up for his shot duel, word came over the PA in the Cow Palace that Smith had hit 18- $\frac{1}{4}$ in New York. That put him up 2-1 over Al, with whom he has a standing bet of a case of beer for setting records. Al wasn't so fortunate this time out, losing to friendly rival Woods. "I didn't want to carry that heavy TV-set home," he cracks, referring to the first-place award. "But seriously, I was just plain and simple off. I just couldn't do it—no coordination, no matter how hard I tried. Each throw I would try to adjust, but it just never got going."

Meanwhile, back on the east coast, Smith was performing the greatest victory dance since Elmo Wright of the Kansas City Chiefs, bounding up and down in the pit (but no somersault, like at the Sunkist), leaping into the arms of Pacific Coast majordomo Tom Jennings and finally taking a victory lap. "It wasn't a very good jump," he said afterwards. "I'm using a light pole. If I can do what I did with a stiffer one, I can do 18-8. I still think I'm the best vaulter in the world and I'm out to prove it. Outdoors I'll get 19ft easily."

So while Smith won the indoor race to 18ft, compatriot Feuerbach is leading the pack to 70ft. And the next night at Portland, he took another step in that direction, thankfully (and hopefully) erasing all question about

the indoor standard with his tapeless 69-5 $\frac{3}{4}$. A mark he has exceeded in only five outdoor competitions, the new record was described by Feuerbach thusly: "It was easy, just like a warmup toss. I didn't feel a thing. [Wladyslaw] Komar [who is currently training with Al] told me I was jumping up in my other meets. I wasn't staying low. So I stayed down and out it went. And my shot weighed in 72g (about 2.5oz) heavy—that's worth a couple of inches."

Smith is currently sporting an unbeaten-in-73 record, although he did lose his first meet of the campaign (late December in Saskatoon). Feuerbach currently rates at 4-3 on the season, all the losses to Woods.

While Feuerbach has been one of the big names on the indoor circuit for three seasons now, this is the first really notable campaign for Smith. Like Feuerbach, who has a known proclivity for undercover campaigning, Smith reveals, "I like indoors. I can go to a meet and not even warmup. I know that my step won't vary more than about a foot. But when you go outdoors there can be a headwind, a tailwind. You have to get there and prepare. It's a pain." Speaking of pains, Smith has been hampered on and off during the current season by a bad muscle in his left thigh. "It was OK in College Park", he recalls of the site of his 73 season-opening American record 17-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, "but it's been worse since then. That's one of the reasons I'm not using a stiffer pole."

A sometimes controversial figure who began his collegiate career at Southern Cal, went to Long Beach State, was soundly booed at Munich for throwing the crossbar and left Long Beach State ("They took my scholarship away because I'm working under another coach, Dick Tomlinson."), Smith has been the object of criticism in some quarters for his "selective vaulting" this season. At the Philadelphia Classic, the night before Sunkist, he quit after winning at 17-4, choosing to save himself for the next night, where "I had planned to set the record, because of what meet promoter Al Franken has done for me. He's let me compete in meets when I really didn't have the marks of the other people. I really appreciate that." And to further show his appreciation to meet directors who have been good to him, Smith had announced plans for getting his 18 at Toronto for Ken Twigg. "I owe him. He took me up there when I was a freshman, and I wasn't that good and most of the other meets wouldn't take me." They'll all take him now.

As well as being teammates, Feuerbach and Smith are roommates on the road. "I put them together in 71," says Jennings, "to give Steve some confidence." Says Smith, "It has really helped me to be with Al. When I first roomed with him, I was jumping about 16ft and he had thrown 68-11 [the world record] the week before and it was pretty exciting to be with him. It really has helped. Of course, he's only improved 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " now indoors and I've improved a little more than he has (from 16-0 to 18- $\frac{1}{4}$ equals 2- $\frac{1}{4}$). I like to rib him about that" "Yeah, he's been on me all week about that," retorts Al. "What he doesn't remember is that I was already at a world record level at the time, and he was just a peon. Why, I took him under my wing and developed him." Good thing they're friends. [Garry Hill]/□



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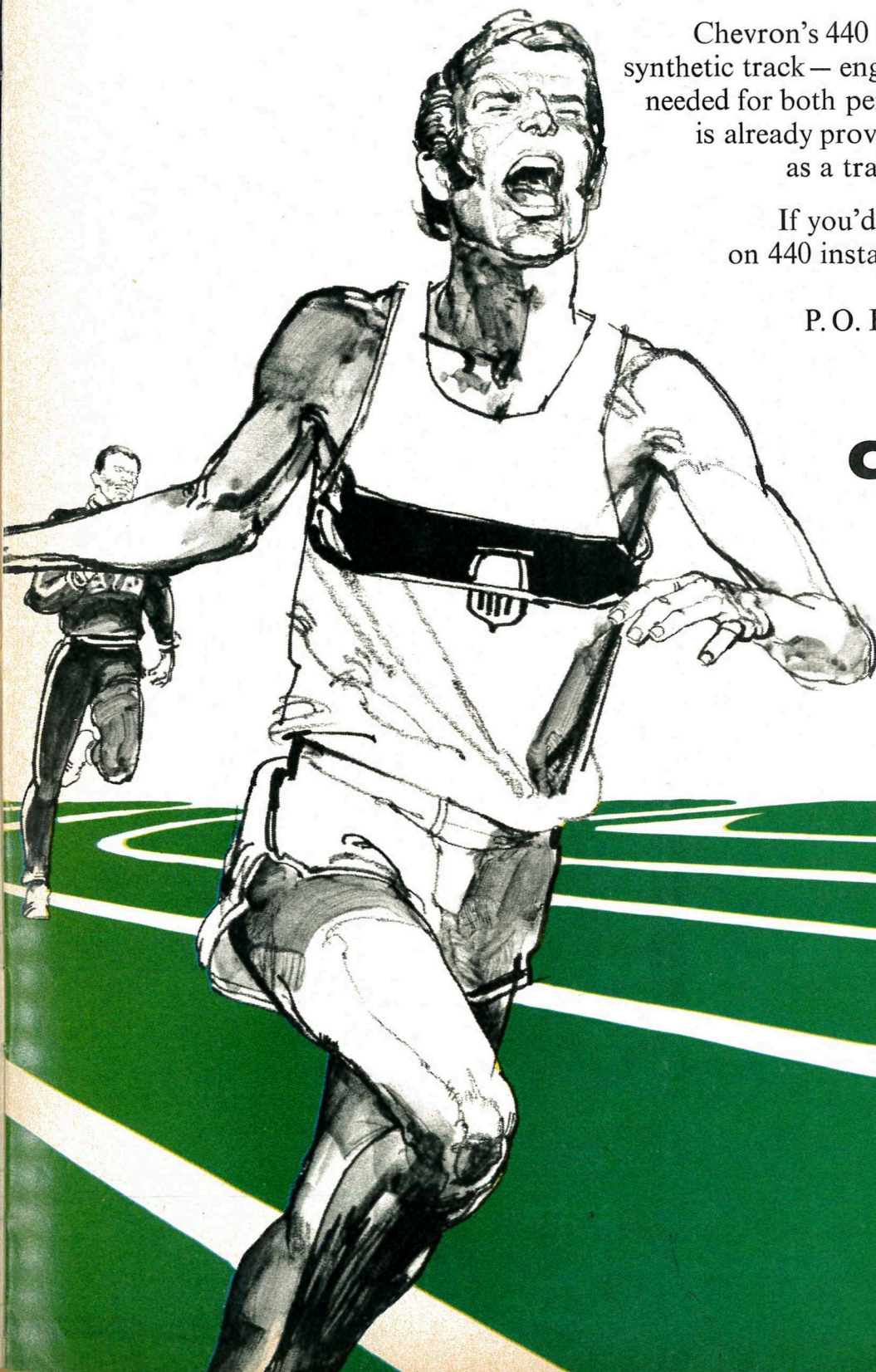
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Whatley Improves to 5.9, Mango Clips Off 1:49.3

Knoxville, Tenn—HJ, Wilson 7-½.

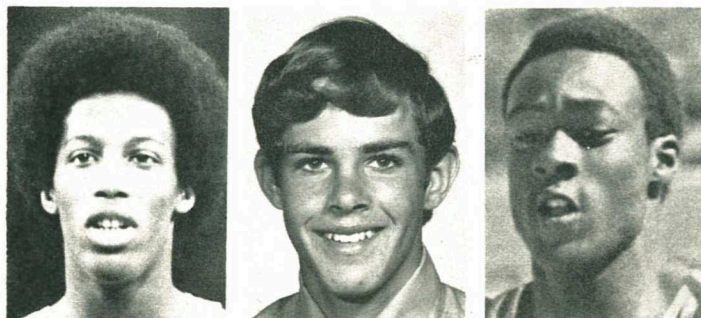
Ann Arbor, Mich—"d"/—600, Cassleman 1:10.6. 2 MileR, UCTC 7:28.0. 240HRR, Eastern Michigan 29.4.

Champaign, Ill /"t"/—600, Kaemerer 1:09.7; 2. 880, Mango 1:49.3.

Oklahoma City, Okla /from George Grenier, "c"/—Alabama soph Tom Whatley was the outstanding performer at the Oklahoma City Invitational, matching his height in blazing to a 5.9 clocking in the semis of the 60. Whatley took the final with 6.0, the same clocking he produced in the heats. In a good hurdle competition, Rod Milburn was an easy winner 7.0 to 7.1 over Ricky Stubbs of Louisiana Tech, who turned back the rest of the US Olympic contingent Willie Davenport and Thomas Hill. 60, Whatley 6.0. Heats: II-1. Whatley 6.0. Semis: I-1. Whatley 5.9. 300, Schultz 30.6. 60HH, Milburn 7.0; 2. Stubbs 7.1; 3. Davenport 7.2; 4. Hill. HJ, Schur 7-0. LJ, Adams' 25-2. SP, Brosius 62-5½. DisMedR, Oklahoma State 9:52.6 (Manke 2:57.7).

Columbia, Mo—TJ, Gray 52-2¾.

HIGH SCHOOL



(L) Gerald Hardeman paces prep long jumpers at 24-10½. /Chip Gane/
 (C) Clayton Craig's 2:28:22 marathon chalked up a world age-17 record.
 (R) Mike Shavers leads prep sprinters with a 6.2 60y dash. /Don Chadez/

TO JANUARY 8, 1973

Melbourne, Fla—Clayton Craig moved to second on the all-time prep marathon list and claimed a world age-17 best with his 2:28:22 win at the Melbourne Marathon. He won by over 2min from Florida TC's Ken Misner and took ¾min off Craig Streichman's 1969 age best. Mar, Craig (Eau Gallie) 2:28:22.

Lawrenceville, NJ—Villanova frosh Kevin McCarey just edged Chris Inman, 9:06.6 to 9:06.8 in an invitational 2M, with Merrill Noden of host Lawrenceville, third in 9:07.6. Inman moved to 12th and Noden to 15th on the all-time indoor prep list. 2M, 2. Inman (Essex Catholic, Newark) 9:06.8; 3. Noden (Lawrenceville) 9:07.6.

JANUARY 9 TO 15, 1973

Lexington, Va—TJ, Robinson (Fleming, Roanoke) 46-1.

Bloomington, Ind—60, Wilson (Washington, Indianapolis) 6.2. PV, Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynville) 15-0.

JANUARY 16 TO 22, 1973

Los Angeles, Calif /"c"/—Highlight of the prep portion of the Sunkist Invitational was a big 24-10½ long jump for Gerald Hardeman. Hardeman, who long jumped 25-9½ outdoors as a junior last season, moves to 2nd on the all-time indoor list behind Jerry Proctor's 26-2. 60, Bailey (El Rancho, Pico Rivera) 6.3. 1000, Gilmore (Lompoc) 2:17.4. Mile, B. Williams' (North, Torrance) 4:19.5. 2M, T. Williams (Lompoc) 9:02.8. HJ, Donahue (Palos Verdes, PV Estates) 6-6. PV, Baker (Katella, Anaheim) 14-6. LJ, Harde- man (Edison, Fresno) 24-10½. SP, Neidhart (Newport Harbor, Newport Beach) 62-3.

Uniondale, NY—SP, Kessell (Memorial, Levittown) 61-1.

Uniondale, NY /"c"/—2MR, Archbishop Molloy, Jamaica 7:55.2. SpMedR, Maria Regina, Uniondale 3:37.3; 2. Chaminade, Minneola 3:39.3.

Philadelphia, Pa—60, Heats: Stephans (Upper Marion, King of Prussia) 6.2. HJ, Livers (Eisenhower, Norristown) 6-8.

West Point, NY /"t"/—880R, New Rochelle 1:31.0.

New York, NY /"d"/—Mile, Gauthn 4:14.7.

JANUARY 23 TO 29, 1973

Daly City, Calif /"c"/—60, Shavers (Albany) 6.2. 2M, Taylor (Merced) 9:10.2; 2. Kimball (De La Salle) 9:14.2. TJ, Wells (Balboa, San Francisco) 47-3¾; 2. Thorpe (Cupertino) 46-2¾; 3. Harris (Milpitas) 46-0.

INTERNATIONAL

TO JANUARY 29, 1973

AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jipcho 8:20.8 Barrier Equaller

Lagos, Nigeria, Jan. 9-11-13-14-15-17 /from Yves Pinaud/—Two of Africa's most established stars, Ben Jipcho and John Akii-Bua, had to share the spotlight with young sensation Filbert Bayi at the second African Games, held amid chaotic organization, oppressive temperatures and small crowds.

It was left for Jipcho to produce the first world record on African soil since Paul Nash's 10.0 100m of 68; actually he was only given credit for matching Anders Garderud's steeplechase mark of 8:20.8 even though he ran 8:20.69. Akii-Bua blazed over the 400 hurdles in 48.49, missing his own world record of 47.8 but still setting the fastest time ever on the continent. The 20-year-old Bayi provided the super shocker, however, thumping Kip Keino in the 1500 with a fine 3:37.19, with Kip more than 2sec back.

The record-matching steeple was set-up by Kenyan Evans Mogaka, who did not run the event in Munich, opting for the 5000. Mogaka led a pack of Jipcho and Ethiopians Yohanis Mohammed and Michel Ejersa through 1000m in 2:51.0 and 2000m in 5:38.0 during the Jan. 15 contest. Ejersa then fell back and at the gun, Mohammed dropped off to leave the two Kenyans in the fight for first. Jipcho kicked powerfully with 300m remaining, sped quickly past Mogaka and went home the victor by a wide margin. His electric time of 8:20.69 would be rounded to 8:20.8 in accordance with international rules, which stipulate even-fifth timing in distances longer than a mile. Thus, Jipcho tied the record despite running faster. Appearing re-

All-Africa Continent Records

100y	9.2	Paul Nash (S Afr) 67	HH	13.7	Ad Aboyade-Cole (Nig) 71
	9.2	George Daniels (Gha) 71 (2)	400IH	47.8	John Akii-Bua (Uga) 72
100m	10.0	Paul Nash (S Afr) 68 (4)	Mar	2:12:11.2	Abebe Bikila (Eth) 64
	10.0	J-L Ravelomanantsoa (Mal) 71	HJ	7-2	Emiel Rossouw (S Afr) 71
200m	20.1	Paul Nash (S Afr) 68	PV	16-0	H van der Walt (S Afr) 72
400	44.9	Julius Sang (Ken) 72	LJ	26-5¼	Josh Owusu (Gha) 72
800	1:44.5	Wilson Kiprugut (Ken) 68	TJ	55-¾	Mansour Dia (Sen) 72
1500	3:34.9	Kip Keino (Ken) 68	SP	67-11½	Nagui Asaad (Egypt) 72
Mile	3:53.1	Kip Keino (Ken) 67	DT	215-10	John Van Reenen (S Afr) 72
St	8:20.8	Ben Jipcho (Ken) 73	HT	214-7	Adam Barnard (S Afr) 72
3M	12:57.4	Kip Keino (Ken) 66	JT	260-4½	Bertie Binneman (S Afr) 70
5000	13:24.2	Kip Keino (Ken) 65	Dec	7012	Peter de Villiers (S Afr) 69
6M	27:14.6	Naftali Temu (Ken) 66	400R	39.4	Nigeria 68
10,000	27:41.0	Miruts Yifter (Eth) 72	1600R	2:59.6	Kenya 68

laxed and fresh minutes after, Jipcho said, "I don't believe this record will last long. It should be bettered this summer. Perhaps it will be me who betters it, perhaps not."

Olympic medium hurdles champion Akii-Bua made a game try at toppling his mighty world mark, but a combination of a strong headwind in



Ben Jipcho ran away with two victories in the African Games, first matching the world steeple record at 8:20.8 and returning to take the 5000 at 14:07.2. /Miroir Sprint/

by Alan Bashian

On Sept. 4 of last year, I turned on my TV to Uganda's single channel expecting to see John Akii-Bua's spectacular 400 hurdles victory on the 48hr delayed nightly film report. Instead, I was treated to the sixth agonizing showing of the State Visit to Uganda of Jean-Bedel Bokassa, Life President of The Central African Republic, who last year had his soldiers beat convicted thieves to death in public as a deterrent to crime. After learning of what is going on in Uganda, readers may understand why one of the world's greatest athletes was preempted by a little thug.

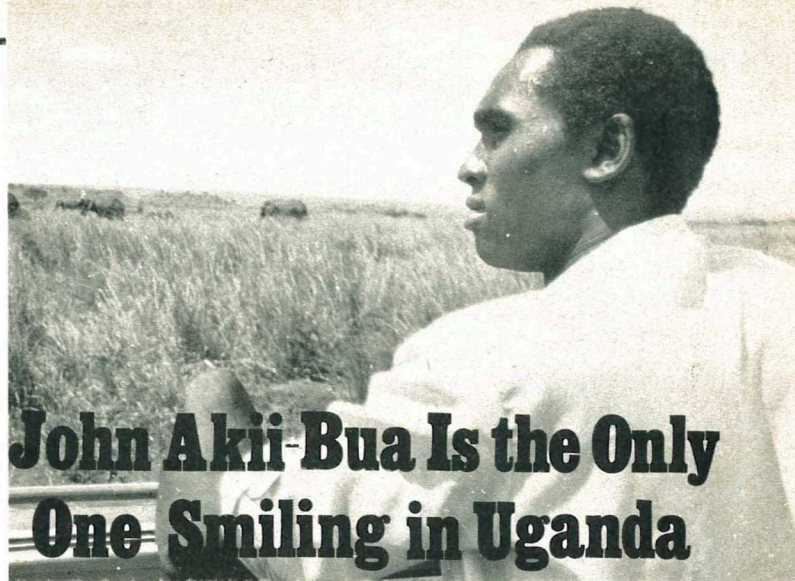
I arrived in Uganda late in June to take over as national coach from Malcolm Arnold, who had been there since the Mexico Games. In the first week, I was alternately denounced by the sports editor of *The People* (who hadn't even met me) as "the white racist, imperialist coach from America" and graciously welcomed in the *Uganda Argus* by its sports reporter, Fred Sekitto. *The People* notwithstanding, Ugandans are a genuinely friendly people to whom racial enmity without provocation is unknown. They generally like and admire Americans.

Part of Uganda's British legacy is a system of residential secondary schools each with its own Games Master. The Games Master is responsible for the school's entire sports program, but since most of these men are ex-footballers there is virtually no coaching of track at the secondary level. The result is a lot of extremely talented kids who spend 5-10 years developing bad habits and using outmoded techniques. The first meet I saw was the National Schools championships in July. In that meet, the javelin was won by an 18-year-old boy who ran up to the line, stopped, and unloaded a throw of 202-3. Of all the high jumpers, only two used the straddle, the others using some form of the western roll. In the 400 hurdles, all runners but one jumped over the hurdles. Several dash winners flew through the tape a la Charlie Paddock. Almost every relay runner waited until the incoming man was on top of him before moving.

During July I stayed at the National Teachers College in Kampala and along with coach George Odeke conducted a one month residential training period for prospective Olympic team members. However, any pretense of objective team selection based on qualifying standards was an hypocrisy in light of the arrangement made between the West Germany government and General Amin. The Germans have been assiduously courting His Excellency for some time and last summer offered to bring several Ugandan athletes to Germany prior to the Games for "expert coaching". Two of those were, of course, Akii-Bua and Judith Ayaa. But the other two who were sent justifiably caused great resentment among the other athletes who were vying for the limited number of team spots. One was Uganda Army sprinter William Dralu, who although having twice run 10.1 in Kampala against no competition, had a history of going underground in a close race. He came through as usual in Munich, finishing last in his heats with 10.9 and 21.9. The other was quarter-miler Silver Ayoo, who is also a promising hurdler. Nevertheless, he had not met the Ugandan standard for 400 prior to leaving for Germany.

The spectacle of the National Senior championships in late July was unforgettable. The guest of honor was to be the world's greatest sportsman, His Excellency, President General Idi Amin Dada, parachutist, swimmer, boxer, and husband to four wives. On the morning of the finals, he had decided that the proceedings should be televised live. Accordingly, Uganda TV was there with its mobile unit crew in utter confusion. Since they had no one capable of doing the commentary, one of the meet officials was recruited. I had conveniently declined the job in order to take video tape of several of the athletes. At 1:45 p.m., all 250 athletes and coaches including Malcolm, George, and myself were lined up along the straightaway in front of the stands nervously awaiting His arrival. Standing in the midday African sun waiting to meet Idi Amin will definitely make your deodorant quit on you. At 2:15, the army staff cars came careening into Mutesa II stadium fishtailing across the grass track and cutting a swath through markers and electrical wires. There followed the General driving his own Mercedes (he likes to drive himself around town to show that he's a regular guy). He was escorted along the reception line by Uganda AAA Pres. Peter Oketa. Peter was one of the few men who really understood the necessity of identifying young talent in track and field. He had recruited many of the promising young men and women athletes for the Prisons Staff College, which among the three national forces—Police, Prisons, and Army—has the strongest team. Peter did a brilliant job of announcing at all the meets. At the end of the competition, the remaining four team members were chosen by discussion among the coaches and the two men who, in fact, constitute Uganda's National Council of Sports, Chairman (Colonel) Francis Nyangweso and General Secretary Polly Kakoza. Colonel Nyangweso is acting commander of the army while General Amin is running the country; Kakoza is a real gentleman and the organizer who makes sports happen in Uganda.

The team selections were announced that evening at a reception given for the athletes by General Amin at State House Entebbe. His Excellency was merciful in subjecting his guests to a speech of only 30min rather than his customary 3hr. He revealed how "my Government of Action" would be reorganizing the entire country into districts, which would affect the quality of sports. Later under the influence of too many Bells (Uganda's beer), the disappointed athletes descended on their naive American coach. In Uganda, every athlete has a story. Akii's brother, Ageta-Bua, who has jumps of 24ft,



John Akii-Bua surveys his homeland. /Bernard Appay, L'Equipe Athletisme/

50ft and 6-4, told me in no uncertain terms that athletes "up country" were disgusted with the lack of coaching outside of Kampala and the failure of the regional Sports Officers to organize regular competitions. This was a legitimate complaint. Malcolm had necessarily concentrated on Akii and a few others during his last year and as a result had lost faith with many of the other athletes. An uncountable number came to me requesting hospital treatment for ailments real and imagined. Virtually everyone wanted me to get him a no-show job that would allow him maximum time for training. In other words, I learned that night that Ugandan athletes are remarkably like Americans.

It was the middle of August before I could get the athletes to resume training in preparation for the East African Championships and the All-Africa Games. George and Malcolm had accompanied the team to Munich, when Malcolm would be returning to England. There had been a tremendous letdown after the Olympic selection fiasco, but gradually the athletes started to show up for the daily practices. First, the Prisons and Police, and after news of Akii's victory even the Army. Although the *Argus* had carried the news about Akii immediately, the failure to show his performance on television was, I suspect, an attempt to blunt its impact. News is managed very carefully in Uganda so as to conform to and center on the activities of General Amin. The attack of the Israelis was never mentioned on TV, since His Excellency is no longer enamored of those "Zionist imperialists". Hoping to capitalize on Akii's fame, I went to see my friend Fred Sekitto at the *Argus* with a notice for open practices on Saturday mornings at Akii's home field, the Police School. Fred was amazed that I would undertake such a thing, because he was sure that "250 or 300" people would show up. I managed to handle quite easily the seven who did. The number eventually grew to around 20, but the point is that in Uganda, as almost everywhere else, track takes an extreme back seat to football (soccer).

The situation in Uganda after the team's return in September went precipitously downhill. The Asian expulsion was in full swing. Amin had declared open season on all Britons in Uganda over an alleged invasion plot. On top of all this, a guerilla force of Ugandan exiles attacked from Tanzania. Army roadblocks went up all over the country, and two Americans were shot, one fatally, at one of the roadblocks near the war zone. Travel for myself or the athletes was impossible, so practice was suspended. George had returned to Uganda carrying in one handbag the sum total of all the \$12,000 worth of equipment supposed to have been purchased in Munich: 3 measuring tapes and a few packages of long spikes. After the morning of the funeral service, I went to the office to see if George and I could accomplish any paper work. I found him sitting at his desk and looking (if the expression can be applied to a black Ugandan) white as a sheet. In a voice betraying fear for his own safety, he told me that Peter Oketa had been "taken away" by the military the previous night. At that point, I decided to leave Uganda.

What is the future of track and field in Uganda? It's only safe to say that a lot depends on how Akii-Bua conducts himself. Obviously, the key to survival in the Government of Action is not to allow one's star to shine more brightly than that of His Excellency. On the other hand, Akii must use his leverage with foreign promoters to get for his fellow athletes the needed experience of international competition. Bear in mind that the government of Uganda has never spent a shilling to send any of its athletes outside of Africa. (Travel to Munich was courtesy of KLM.) Furthermore, with the current nationalization of all British property, it is likely that Britain will retaliate by moving to expel Uganda from the Commonwealth of Nations. That will write off the 1974 Commonwealth Games, for which many of these athletes are aiming. I hope I am proved wrong and that they all get their chance. I hope they all do. □

White Rhodesian Kennedy in Munich

by Jon Hendershott

Before terrorist bullets spattered Munich's Olympics with blood, the major controversy outside the athletic arena challenged the participation of the 44-member Rhodesian contingent. Like South Africa, Rhodesia has been severely censured in international athletic circles because of the official government policy of apartheid, or separation of black and white races. Invited to the 72 Games after being banned in 68, Rhodesia planned to participate and drew threats of withdrawal from more than a dozen black African nations, including Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia.



Bruce Kennedy
/Dave Kayfes/

In the end, the International Olympic Committee voted to withdraw Rhodesia's invitation despite the strong efforts of then-president Avery Brundage to maintain the team's participation. So the team ended up as spectators, not competitors. One of those athletes affected by the decision, University of California javelinist Bruce Kennedy (249-10), feels that the only people hurt by the incident—as so often happens in such cases of political interference with sport—were the athletes themselves.

"The unfortunate thing," says the British-accented Caucasian Kennedy, "is that kicking 44 of us out of the Olympics didn't change a thing. Banning our 10 trackmen didn't change the government policies in Rhodesia. It just ended up hurting the individuals, which is the saddest part. Sport is really the last medium of international communication, but expelling someone from international competition closes that person's ability to communicate and interact with the rest of the world. Besides, the Rhodesian government has absolutely no voice in any sporting policies. Our team went to Munich free of any political influence; we went as sportsmen. That's how we wanted to be accepted and then we were penalized because of the government."

Kennedy feels most of the Rhodesian team felt they would be able to compete with no trouble—especially after a compromise was worked out in 1971 by which the team would compete as Southern Rhodesia (its name prior to 1965 when the Ian Smith regime declared its independence from British rule), march under the old colonial flag and have "God Save the Queen" played as the national anthem. But the boycott threats by black Africa, supported by a good number of US black athletes, probably caused the IOC vote on Aug. 22 to ban the Rhodesians from competing at Munich.

"Most of the team thought we would compete so the announcement that we were out came as a great shock to many of the athletes," Kennedy says. "I personally didn't believe we would compete until I found myself on that runway ready to throw. I was relieved the Games went on because a boycott would have taken a huge chunk of the nations and a lot of superb athletes out. Of course, the Israeli tragedy was far worse, so the two incidents can't be compared. But, like Eddie Hart [black teammate at California] said after he missed his 100m race, 'I just missed a chance for a medal. Those guys lost their lives.' That was a good way for us to look at it, too. We lost a chance to compete but we were alive. And once the shock passed, we enjoyed ourselves watching the Games. I was glad the Games went on without us causing an interruption because the Olympics are the last great gathering of people from all over the world on a common ground, the last case of the best human being winning and not the most powerful nation."

People approached the Rhodesian athletes on the street to offer sympathy after their expulsion, Kennedy reveals. "We went to the Hofbrauhaus [a huge Munich beer hall] one night and the people gave us a spontaneous ovation," he says. "Athletes told us it was nothing personal and they were sorry it happened, that it was only against the country. I think those who threatened to boycott genuinely felt very strongly about what they were doing. I can understand it after having black friends and knowing about black pride, so I don't hold it against them. I was just disappointed I was in a position that I couldn't do anything about the policies which were having such a big effect on me. Actually we had probably the highest percentage of blacks for a mixed team. Of the 10 athletes on our track team, seven were black—and they were all selected on merit and not as window dressing. Kenya didn't even have a mixed team. [Kenya's 18-man track team was all black.] Uganda was kicking out all its Asian citizens and then they called us racists. They weren't penalized because it didn't have anything to do with their Olympic team, so why were we penalized? We didn't do anything to our Olympic team or discriminate against our athletes. They were all selected on merit, black or white. We went as sportsmen, and ended up as spectators. It was hard to watch because we identified with it so much. It was all fantastic to see but it would have been far greater to compete. That moment of competing means everything." □



(L) Josh Owusu long jumped to the African Games title with a windy 26-3. /Brian Lanker, Topeka Capital-Journal/ (R) Young Filbert Bayi shocked Kip Keino with a 3:37.2 1500 victory to claim the African title. /Chadez/

the stretch and insufficient endurance work kept him from bettering his Munich time. He strode very fast 13s over the first six barriers, before switching to 14s as the wind and his own lack of sharpness caught up with him. Where he had finished past races in magnificent, powerful style, he appeared very tense, tight and almost to be putting on the brakes. Still, his 48.49 (rounded to 48.5) left 49.0 performer William Koskei at 50.17 in 2nd and young countryman Silver Ayoo in 3rd with 50.20. Ayoo has been hurdling only since 71.

Then there was Filbert Bayi. He had competed at Munich, running an 8:41.4 steeple and 3:45.4 1500 at age 19, neither of which sufficed to advance him past the heats. He returned home and decided to concentrate on the 1500. That concentration paid off at last December's East African title meet as Bayi topped Keino with a personal best 3:38.9 (not 3:39.2 as previously listed on official summaries). Still, Keino couldn't take him seriously and announced he would retire after Lagos and his final gold medal.

But Bayi wasn't listening. In the final, he took off right from the gun and never relinquished the lead. Unofficial splits for him read 43.1 (300), 1:40 (700), 2:23.5 (1000) and 2:38.7 (1100). Ethiopian Shibu Regessa tried to take command at the gun but Bayi repulsed him. Then Keino attacked with 200m left and for 40m it looked like Kip was on his way. But he never drew more than even with Bayi's shoulder and the now-20-year-old lengthened his stride to move away to victory. Keino looked back in the stretch and had to speed up to save 2nd from a charging Regassa. "I cannot retire now," Kip said later. "We will see who is the best middle distance runner in Africa." Retorted Bayi, "Keino is old now. I don't know how or why I'm improving so rapidly but why ask? Success is what counts, isn't it?"

Other leading performances were a solo 1:45.3 800 by Kenyan Cosmas Silei and Josh Owusu's windy 26-3 long jump. Events often fell several hours behind schedule, temperatures consistently hovered over 100° and turned the synthetic track spongy.

100m, Karikari (Gha) 10.55; 2. Sy (Sen) 10.62; 3. Mwebi (Ken) 10.71. 200m, Karikari 21.08; 2. Daniels (Gha) 21.27; 3. Mwebi 21.48. 400m, Asati (Ken) 46.26; 2. Bezabeh (Eth) 46.75; 3. Tadesse (Eth) 47.12. 800m, Silei (Ken) 1:45.3; 2. Kipkurgat (Ken) 1:47.2. 1500m, Bayi (Tanz) 3:37.18; 2. Keino (Ken) 3:39.58; 3. Regassa (Eth) 3:39.99. 3000mSt, Jipcho (Ken) 8:20.69=WR; 2. Mogaka (Eth) 8:26.06; 3. Mohammed (Eth) 8:32.81. 5000m, Jipcho 14:07.2; 2. Yifter (Eth) 14:07.6; 3. Mose (Ken) 14:08.38. 10,000m, Yifter 29:04.8; 2. Mose 29:05.8; 3. Juma (Ken) 29:24.2. 110mHH, Kimaiyo (Ken) 14.14; 2. Cole (Nig) 14.49; 3. Sarr (Sen) 14.51. 400mIH, Akii-Bua (Uga) 48.49; 2. Koskei (Ken) 50.17; 3. Ayoo (Uga) 50.20. Mar, Wolde (Eth) 2:27:52.02; 2. Lenjissa (Eth) 2:28:16.0; 3. Maboza (Swaz) 2:34:17.0.

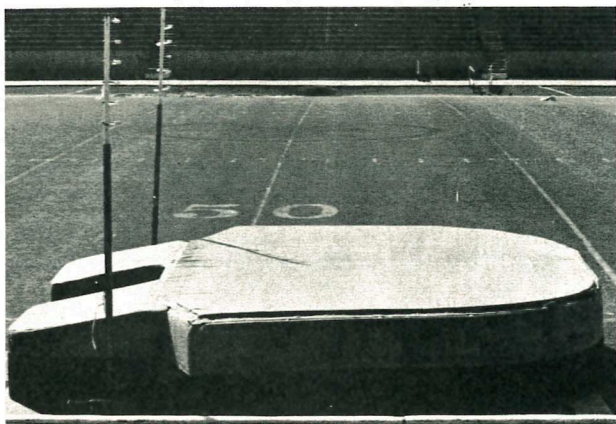
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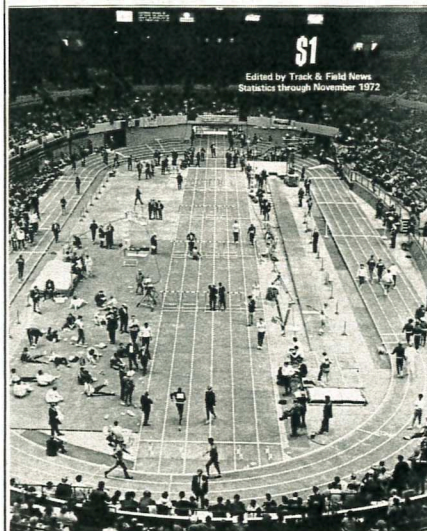
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Meet Promoter Al Franken, long under fire from the AAU for his unconventional methods (which have produced meets like the Sunkist Indoor), has at least one ally in that organization. Outgoing president Jack Kelly told Al, "I do hope that we can keep you actively promoting AAU meets, because you certainly have a flair for it and run the best meets in the country." Many athletes would agree. Franken also agrees. "I hope the Los Angeles fan realizes how lucky he is. Our invitational [Sunkist] and the LA Times Games are always the two best indoor meets of the year in the US. It's not magic. I started lining up our entries at Munich. It's the same with Will Kern [LA Times meet director]. Most of the other track promoters are about 100-years-old. They're senile. They don't know what they're doing."

Is it true that certain harried indoor meet promoters are pushing for the head of the AAU to change his name to Ollan Hassle?

Along the financial lines of big-time indoor track, *T&FN* has learned that a certain field eventer (not the top one in his event) is attempting to beat the reputed US national "under-the-table" payment record of \$3400 set in 72 by a trackman (who also was not No. 1 in his event).

NYKC Anthem Repercussions

That NYKC anthem (Jan.) incident didn't end with that meet although Eastern Michigan athletic director Frosty Ferzacca reviewed the case and said that no disciplinary action would be taken against members of the school's relay team, the center of the controversy. As an aftermath, meet director Jesse Abramson said that the anthem would not be played at the US Olympic Invitational in New York on Feb. 16, because, "it has become a source of controversy and nobody has to prove his patriotism at sports events. While there is no particular relevance to our decision, the anthem has become a source of controversy and the mood right now in this country has perhaps been the reason. I don't know. But what do we need this for now?" But public protest and private pressure forced a change in tune. Management of Madison Square Garden announced the next day that the Star Spangled Banner would be played at all future sporting events. The USOC also said that it was deluged by irate calls from all over the country following the original announcement. AAU director Ollan Cassell announced that the anthem would definitely be played at the AAU Championships, saying, "We cannot dictate etiquette. Nevertheless, we find the playing of the anthem appropriate." The increasing paranoia felt on this subject was clearly illustrated at the NAIA, when Rod Milburn inadvertently turned and faced a flag at the other end of the arena during the victory ceremony. NAIA executive di-

Some crowd reactions after NYKC anthem incident. /Paul Sutton/



rector A.O. Duer challenged Milburn on the issue. "It's getting so that I'm afraid to move a foot anymore," said Milburn. "Everyone is watching you. It's almost not worth it all."

Relays are big in eastern indoor meets, and currently there is a brouhaha in the works regarding the placement of JC teams. Russ Rogers, coach of the JC record holding Essex CC team (3:17.0), is bitter about his squad being placed in the open section, rather than with the collegians. "What they are doing in meet after meet," said the former international hurdler, "is asking a bunch of 17- 18- and 19-year-old kids to compete against seasoned veterans like Ed Roberts and Curtis Mills. I have yet to get a satisfactory answer as to why JCs must be separated from four-year schools in these meets and put so far over their heads. I have no other course but to assume that it's because the four-year schools are afraid to race against us. I've been told that in so many words by Mr. Schmertz [Millrose meet director]." Schmertz commented, "It's true there have been some coaches who have expressed displeasure about competing against JCs—whether it be because of eligibility differences or what, I don't know. But in the efforts of everyone, we thought it would be acceptable for Essex to compete against the club teams."

Although it might appear so on the surface, Occidental College alumni aren't—really—conspiring to monopolize the field of US track publications. But check this list of graduates in high positions: Dick Drake, managing editor of *T&FN*; Vince Reel, editor and publisher of *Women's Track & Field World*; Bill Peck, editor of *Starting Line* (the world's only publication devoted exclusively to young athletes); John Pagliano, editor of the *Golden West Athletic Association Reporter*, the biggest of the US senior's magazines; Jack Shepard, *T&FN's* High School and 1-18 Age Records editor; as well as frequent feature contributors Bob Lord, Ted Brock and Fraser Cocks. Well, so it wasn't so interesting, but at least it's in the open.

The NCAA placed the Kansas track team on probation for one year just prior to the Olympics. Coach Bob Timmons, said, "I know I'm right, it's as simple as that. I'm willing to take this thing as far as is necessary." And he was right, as an appeal at the December meeting of the NCAA council removed the sanctions, which would have kept the team from the NCAA championship meets, indoors and out.

At its important January meeting in Chicago, the NCAA decided, among other things, to scrap the controversial 1.6 rule. This sometimes difficult to control rule stated that a freshman athlete must have predicted at least 1.6 on standard college entrance examination. This rule, begun in 66, was replaced by a new rule which specifies that an athlete must have had a 2.0 in high school to be eligible. The Ivy League, long a foe of the 1.6, is also against the 2.0 on the principle "the Ivy League will always be against any attempt by the NCAA to legislate rules governing the academic requirements of a student at our institutions." We do not yet know how this new ruling will affect currently ineligible performers, who might become eligible if the new rule takes effect immediately. Among the standouts in this category are Larry Shipp, Brian Guaschino, J.T. Hollins and Whitney Paul.

AAU Masters Chairman Ken Bernard has appointed Bob Gilmore as Records Chairman for Masters Records, which will now be recognized by the AAU. Gilmore may be contacted at 2526 Division St., National City, Calif. 92050.

The basic mechanics of javelin flight may soon be laid bare. For the past two years, aerodynamic and ballistic tests on javelins have been conducted at the Ballistic Research Center of the University of Maryland. Not counting man-hours, the project was conducted at a cost of \$21,500 and is believed to be the most comprehensive study ever conducted on the javelin.

Talk about the rising costs of the Olympics! ABC-TV recently announced that it had purchased US rights to televise the 76 Games from Montreal. For this singular honor, the network has contracted to lay out a staggering \$25 million to the Montreal Organizing Committee. ABC paid \$13.5 million for US rights at Munich, while the total paid for all the rights at Munich was only \$23 million. No

contracts for outside the US rights have been sold yet, but the committee is shooting for "more than \$40 million" total. ABC has said that it will cost the network about \$40 million to produce their coverage in 76, including the price of the contract.

Dave Maggard was recently fired as track coach at Cal by athletic director Dave Maggard, saying, "I thought at the beginning I could do both jobs, but it would be fair neither to our trackmen nor to all our athletes and the whole program for me to continue in both positions." He continued, "Coaching cannot be less than a fulltime job. I never wanted to be just a track coach who came down to the field at 3:00 every day." Maggard's assistant, Ery Hunt, was promoted to the head job, becoming the first black head coach in the school's history.

The consecutive cross country win title now passes to Roberts Wesleyan College of North Chili, N.Y., with 55 consecutive dual meet triumphs from 1962 to 1968.

Southern correspondent Jim Gaines reports that Tennessee's NCAA cross country championship team received a 5min standing ovation at halftime of the Tennessee South Carolina basketball game.

Is it true that since Avery Brundage stepped down as head of the IOC he can be reached in care of Mount Olympus?

Although we listed the new Seattle-based Club Northwest as "distance-oriented" in the December issue, the club can now claim one of the most well-rounded rosters in the nation. In addition to its established distance standouts, the organization is a javelin stronghold (see Javelin Notes), and also claims such members as Mike Norman (46.0), former world record holder Geoff Vanderstock (48.8m 1H), Ivory Harris (13.8, 25-6) and Jack Ernst (17-0).

Florida TC coach Jimmy Carnes defines the purpose of his club, "to give east coast trackmen a place to train together and find competition."

Bill Bowerman has again had a change of heart, and will actively coach at Oregon this spring, rather than take his planned sabbatical.

Southern Cal's Vern Wolfe was going to take a leave this year, "write two books and go to Brazil on a coaching assignment." But it was called off at the last minute.

John Barnes, prep coach of Olympic bronze medalist Dwight Stones, says he has far more kids out for the high jump than for any other event. Only one is not a flopper.

Heartfelt sympathies to veteran correspondent Paul Adams, who just lost his wife in a recent auto mishap the day after Christmas. Paul himself suffered six broken ribs and spent 10 days in the hospital. "With the exception of the discomfort of the bruises and ribs, everything is A-OK," he reports. "Thank God for my friends, such as you guys. I really believe my background in track had a lot to do with my attitude in coming back, sticking it out—I'm going to finish the race."

Mid-Year Quo Vadis

The biggest name among mid-year entrants to US colleges is none other than OG 800 bronze medalist Mike Boit of Kenya, who entered Eastern New Mexico in January. A 1:45.9/3:37.4 performer, Boit is joined at Eastern New Mexico by countryman Philip Ndo (28:42.8m/70).

Other additions to October's Quo Vadis?: Freshmen—Ronald Backman 7158 (Swe—BYU); Anthony Carter 24-11½ (Toulminville, Mobile, Ala); Terry Cotton 4:05.5/8:54.8 (El Cajon, Calif—Grossmont JC); Dave Gerasimchuk 65-7¾ (Narbonne, Harbor City, Calif—Ala); Bengt Gustafsson 240-9 (Swe—BYU); Bob Hunt 30:11.0/2:32:27 (Bay City, Mich—En Mich); Gordon Oliver 4:08.7 (Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Md—Mt St Mary's); James Royal 13.8/18.9st (Poly, L Beach, Calif—LBBC); Jackie Smith 24-10 (Menchville, Newport News, Va—Norfolk St). Eligible again—Larry Blancett 29:51.6m/71 (Miss St); Chuck Duff 7-0 (Fla). Not in school—Ingemar Nyman 7-1 (Swe—NM) military service. Distance standout Dave Merrick, who transferred from Penn to Alabama in the fall, has now transferred back to Penn. It is not known how this affects his eligibility.

Kent State was probably the only school in the country with two Olympians on its football roster this fall, and just missed having three. Sprinter Gerald Tinker was a standout flanker, while hammer thrower Al Schoterman was a 2nd team defensive tackle. French hammer thrower Jacques Accambay also took a shot on the gridiron, perhaps the first-ever of his nationality to do so, and ended up as defensive tackle on the JV squad.

Undoubtedly the oldest competing collegiate cross country performer this fall was 43-year-old Owen Gorman of Orange Coast JC in southern California. Gorman, a plumber, was taking enough night school units to qualify for the squad, and ranked as the team's top runner in several races.

Dr. Craig Sharp, the medical advisor to the British Olympic team, has stated that sex is not detrimental to athletic performance, "provided this activity doesn't encroach on normal sleeping time." He dismisses the oft-held view that sportsmen should abstain from sexual activities between 7-14 days before championships. In fact, he suggests that those who have difficulty sleeping the night before should exercise fairly hard before bedtime, followed by a hot drink a half hour before retiring, then half an hour of sexual activity after doing so.

Wisconsin coach Bill Perrin says that the ITA is going to be a big boon to collegiate recruiting. "It will make the recruiting job easier for college coaches," he says. "I've watched numerous guys' eyes light up when they think of their own potential in pro track. The monetary reward is a tremendous motivating factor to every young athlete." Perrin continues, "Until now, the truly talented athletes wound up in football or basketball. And their motivation in college has been 80% the opportunity to make a pro team. They haven't been motivated to move toward track and field." Perrin indicates that he broached the pro track question to Big 10 coaches at a recent league meeting and the informal vote was 8-2 in favor of pro track.

The 72 USOC Olympic Book is now available. This 8½ x 12 glossy stock hardback is 448pp of information about the 71 PAG and both the Winter and Summer Games of 72. The publication is almost half photos, many of them full-page color shots, of both US and foreign stars. The book covers all sports, but in the track section there are pictures of each team member and complete results. Additionally, there are many newspaper-type articles on a variety of subjects. The publication is available from the USOC for a \$50 contribution (tax deductible) at 57 Park Ave., NYC, NY 10016. Advance orders for the 76 book are also available with a \$50 contribution.

SPRINTS

Michigan State's **Marshall Dill** will not transfer away from the East Lansing institution as previously reported (Dec. *T&FN*). "The eligibility question posed a big problem for me," said Dill, "and I decided against sitting out a year." Citing an inferior caliber of competition in the Big 10 as one of his main reasons for wanting to transfer, Dill originally felt that exposure on the west coast might be beneficial to his career. But he now says, "I just may have as good an opportunity at Michigan State as anywhere else."

World 200 co-world record holder **Don Quarrie** is working harder than ever before, and is improving his start, which has always been his weak point, according to Southern Cal coach Vern Wolfe.

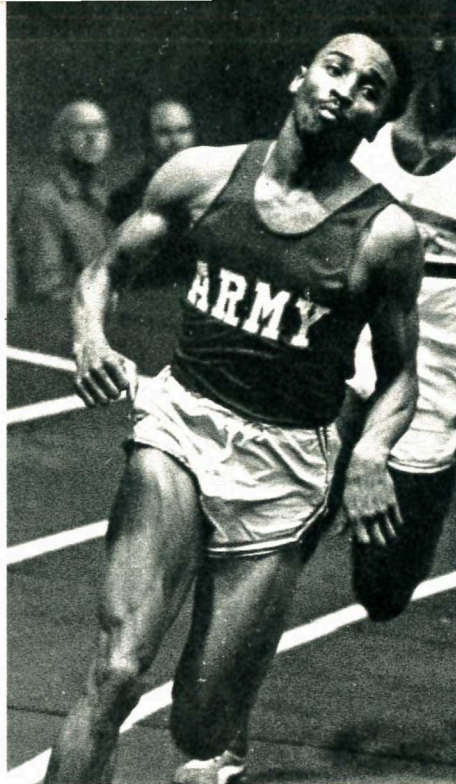
Olympian **Chuck Smith** is reportedly already in high form. Fifth in the Munich 200, Smith is planning on also trying the 440 during the indoor campaign.

Hasley Crawford's 5.9 at the CYO was the 31st performance at that level.

In terms of pure sustained speed, **Tommie Smith's** 19.5 straightaway race of 66 is still the fastest world record around. Smith burned the cinders to the tune of 23.077 mph that day. The 100m and 200 turn records (9.9/19.8) are the next fastest at 22.595 each.

Alphonse Juilland, who brought up Valeriy Borzov's unorthodox starting method (November Olympic Notes), requests no coaches or athletes write to him on the subject. His comments were made on photographic observations and he has no material, either in the original or translated, pertaining to Borzov's training. Neither he nor *T&FN* have any such material or know of any source.

Bible of the Sport



Now in law school, Fred Newhouse has sped a "d" track 500y best of 56.4. /Don Chadez/

440 YARDS

Trinidad's and Tennessee's **Trevor James** has been banned from all further international competition by the Trinidad-Tobago Olympic Association for his conduct at Munich [OG Notes, Dec. *T&FN*], according to correspondent Rey O'Neal. As well, UTEP's **Charlie Joseph** apparently has not yet shown cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against him for refusing, until forced to do so, to run on the Trinidad 1600 relay team. He apparently felt he should not expend his energy running on a team with no medal chances—yet produced a 44.5 split, fastest of the race's third stage, despite his team being far behind in 8th place when he finally received the baton.

Quarter-miler **Fred Newhouse** is now out of the army and has entered law school at Washington. Although he says, "My training techniques are hindered by the strains of grad school," he has already produced a 56.4 500, the fastest ever run on a "d" category track. The 7th-placer in the FOT 400, Newhouse says that his failure to make the

Ken Popejoy, Michigan State's 3:59.7 miler in 72, takes a breather. /Jay McNally/



Olympic squad is now the strongest motivating force behind him. He does not anticipate turning professional this season, but says that he is not against pro track. "Professional track will give college students more incentive to develop their talent," he explains. "As a result, I expect collegiate athletes to get better at an earlier stage and continue to progress if pro track becomes a reality."

Severely debilitated by hepatitis for the early season, **John Smith** made a remarkable comeback for 2nd in the FOT 400, but was felled at the Games with a leg pull. He anticipates being back at full strength when the outdoor season begins, and is now embarking on his first-ever indoor competition. Smith has been actively training with the weights and reports a significant gain in leg strength.

After a successful 72 campaign at the half-lap distance (6th NCAA, 4th AAU), Adelphi's **Dennis Walker** is stepping up to longer distances, concentrating on the 600 indoors. "The sprints didn't give me events where I could run at my peak," explains Walker. The 6-1, 180lb senior already has good credentials in the 440 with a 45.5 relay leg to his credit. He began his season on a promising note, copping the NYKC 600 event in 1:11.1.

Lee Evans' five sub-45.0 races in 72 give a lifetime total of 13 at that level, a leading figure. Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett, ranked 1-2 in 72, are next with nine each.

880 YARDS

Former internationalist **Art Sandison** had a disappointing 72 campaign, largely because of inadequate training opportunities. Now competing for Club Northwest, the 1:46.1 performer has been training hard over the winter and is optimistic.

Two-time NCAA two-lap champ (68-69) **Byron Dyce** has been running more miles in recent years. "At one time, I preferred the 880 and the 1000," he says, "but now I like to run the mile too." Jamaican Dyce realizes the glamor effect of the mile. "It's a funny thing," he says, "but my mile wins give me more publicity than I ever received before, even after I won the NCAA 880. There's no doubt that the mile is the glamor race for the fans."

MILE

Prep indoor mile record holder **Vince Cartier** incurred tendinitis in his Achilles in July from training too hard and has had only sporadic workouts since then. Now at Florida, Cartier has been working on a weight lifting-swimming program with Marty Liquori, who had basically similar problems.

Leading miler **Jim Crawford** said in mid-December that he was aiming for the national indoor 2M record of 8:26.2. And he made a good run at it in his first meet, his 8:29.0 moving him to 4th on the all-time US list.

Syracuse's **Bruce Fischer** was a surprise 4th (3rd American) in the AAU 1500 with his sparkling 3:40.0. Eighth in the FOT, it develops that he was probably hampered at the time by mononucleosis. Unable to run from Aug. through Oct., Fischer is training again, but says, "I want to work into things very gradually and build a firm base. I hope to get up to 100M a week soon, but I haven't much choice in Syracuse. The yearly average is 11ft of snow, but I feel it really makes you tough."

Marty Liquori made a successful return to competition with his 8:35.2 2M PR at CYO. "I don't know how the foot will hold up," said Liquori of the injured appendage which kept him from competition in 72. "I'm being extra careful. I think I can make it through the indoor season if I stick to the 2M." Apparently, the bone growth in his right foot still becomes irritated if he sprints too much.

Duncan Macdonald, 3:40.9m/3:58.4y in 72, has returned to his Hawaii home and still plans to compete, for the Outrigger Canoe Club of Hawaii.

Once a trackman always a trackman. Midwest reporter Don Kopriva saw an interesting sight at the wedding of Michigan State miler **Ken Popejoy**. The 3:59.7 performer was wearing a pair of blue training shoes. Popejoy was highly disappointed after a mediocre cross country season in which he was hampered by shin splints.

STEEPLECHASE

Olympian **Mike Manley** was sidelined after the Games with a groin pull and had his mileage severely cut. Al-



by Jon Hendershott

Dave Wottle's Olympic year education in world-class running over 800 and 1500 included many lessons by many teachers in widely-scattered arenas of instruction on two continents. The curriculum was strictly learn-by-doing. The teachers were cagey, crafty veterans of numerous encounters with similar young upstarts, freshmen

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in the global running class who still had to serve their pledgship—and what better way to be initiated than by being dazzled in the stretch and laid back cold in the slipstream of a kick so perfectly timed it almost seemed devised by the computer programming department? Sometimes a fellow youngster administered the headmaster's whip, proving to the blond-haired, buck-toothed yearling named Wottle that anyone could try his hand at teaching—maybe even him as soon as he

There's No Rabbit Under This Hat

Dave Wottle's running—finishing like a gazelle in full flight rather than starting like a pace-setting rabbit—won him the Olympic 800, but his golf hat nearly made as many headlines. Of course, Wottle forgot to remove the battered, billed chapecau during the US anthem—while standing solemnly with his right hand over his heart. “Before the ceremony, I thought about my hat,” he recalls. “I thought about putting it in my sweats so I wouldn't have to worry about it, but decided to leave it on because people know me by my hat. I hadn't seen a victory ceremony yet and I didn't know where the flags were, so I faced straight forward. In ROTC, you are taught to face the music when the anthem plays, but the speakers in the stadium made the music come from every direction. A photographer finally pointed to our right. I was flustered anyway so I just whipped my hand to my heart and forgot completely about my hat. Wearing a hat is like carrying a wallet or wearing a ring: after some time, it becomes so natural

learned a little more.

But freshman Dave Wottle attended every class, noted his lessons and in his own hair-raising style ploughed through the big final with a perfect score. And he graduated at the head of his class, the teacher's teacher, his diploma carrying the *magna cum laude* notations: “Equal World Record 800m, 1:44.3; Olympic Champion 800m, 1:45.9; No. 1 World Ranking, 800m”—the supreme season a two-lapper could ever pull out of his hat. Dave Wottle's own special brand of half-mile hat trick.

“I approached the 72 season very eagerly,” Wottle recalls. After first emerging in 70 with a 3:59.0 mile and NCAA 2nd place, the thin Bowling Green State runner had the 71 season derailed first by a stress fracture in his right leg and then by bursitis and another stress fracture by favoring his right leg.

“I hit cross country hard and I think that background carried me through the 72 track season after I was injured again. I was really fiery when I hit the track seasons; my attitude was good all year and I always wanted to win. I was fiery at the college level, though, and didn't think about the Olympics at all until late May. After I won the NCAA 1500, I thought I might have a chance for the team, so I decided to really train hard and go for it.”

Wottle first showed his stuff over the two-lap distance in the AAU with a 1:47.3 victory over future Olympic teammate Rick Wohlhuter and other experienced two-lappers like Rick Brown, Tom Fulton, Ken Sparks and Ken Swenson. Wottle surpassed the Olympic 800 qualifying standard but, as he says, “more important I wanted to get in speed work for the 1500. Both coach [Mel] Brodt and I had thought about a possible double earlier but the AAU firmed up the idea since I had met the standard and also ran against a good field. I was able to kick home well and the race confirmed what I already felt: that I hadn't yet reached my limit in the 800.”

Then came the biggest test of Wottle's career up to that time, the Final Olympic Trial 800. And 1:44.3 after the start, he had matched the world record in the fastest mass finish ever.

“I got out pretty well in the race and the others didn't go out all that fast so I caught them by about 300m out. I made up a lot of ground on the inside between 400m and 500m and then ran right into a box behind Jim Ryun. Being in a box in the final, my adrenalin was really ready to go; as soon as Ryun made his move, I shot right behind and out of the box. I latched onto his shoulder—which I really love to do because it seems like I'm not doing any work that way. I just stuck with him until about 100m and I planned to start my kick there, which I did. I didn't hear the 600m time so I didn't know how fast the race was; I thought it might be in the low 1:45s. Down the straight, I was just running to keep running. After I crossed the line, I put my arms up because I was happy to win. That was most important. Then I saw my time and that put me on a cloud.”

But Wottle isn't the type to rest on his laurels once he gets to the top of the class. Things

you don't notice it on. I didn't know I left it on until I went for the winners' interview. The first question I was asked was why I had left my hat on. I was really saddened I had left it on. I wanted the ceremony to be something good to remember and not dirtied up by something like that. I wasn't sure anyone would believe I simply forgot. I had forgotten, I knew I had forgotten, but would the press particularly treat it that way or would they treat it, ‘He disgraced the country’, which the press has the power to do.”

Half-Mile Dave Wottle

change and he might not be at the top for long. “I am happy to win a race but there is a limit to how happy I get,” he says. “Sure I was happy to win the Trials and tie the world record, but I don't go nuts after a win, even like that one, and go out and live it up. After the 800, I went to McDonald's and had a shake and hamburger. I just don't get all wrapped up in it. I run a race, I'm happy I won it, I'm glad I achieved what I achieved, but then I go home and things are pretty much the same as they were before. It isn't good to dwell on things too long.” After his biggest win at Munich, Brodt reveals, Wottle talked to the coach about his student teaching at a Bowling Green high school and didn't mention his victory.

Confident, “but a little less mentally prepared” for the Trials 1500, Wottle ran 2nd behind a happy Ryun to gain his place in a second event, one of three US athletes to qualify in two events. He made up his mind to double at Munich several days after the Trials ended—but he wasn't positive he would run even one until late August.

Wottle took some time off after the Trials and married wife Jan, July 15. Six days later, he joined the US team training at Bowdoin College. He was scheduled to jog 5M the night he arrived and 5M the following morning before his first afternoon track session. But he arrived late and didn't have gear to wear. So he let the jogging go. “That jogging would get me going again and would be a good warmup,” he recalls.

“But I didn't run and then did about a 2M warmup before the afternoon workout, rather than my usual 3M or more. Then I wanted to do real well in the workout”—which called for four 440s at 60.0 with a 1min rest between followed by three 660s. “I wanted to snap back real fast and hit the workout real hard: 56.7 on the first quarter, then 59, 59 and 60. That's not a bad workout if you're in your best form. But I was trying to come back. When I was warming down my leg started to hurt. It was an outside tendon on my left knee. I know I'm stupid sometimes in the way I do things, jumping right in where I was before I eased off, not warming up properly and so I get injured. Also I run very heavily on my heels. But I now used pads in my shoes to help that. And I have learned when you come back, you don't jump right in where you were before an injury. I get tendinitis when I try to do something too hard for too long which takes too much strength when I'm not ready for it.” Adds Brodt, “The way he runs causes many of his injuries, too. There is a lot of outward movement because his hips are locked. He isn't very loose.”

So began a month-long period of worry.

Dave Wottle, who gained nearly as much fame in 1972 by wearing his golf hat (center photo by Tony Duffy, upper right as seen by artist Dero in Paris' sportspaper L'Equipe) as by his running, first matched the world 800 record with his 1:44.3 at



The Hat Trick Wottle Style

frustration, lost training and upset mental sharpness. Wottle ran two races in Sweden, losing both, and one in Bergen, Norway, a struggling "1:52 or something terrible like that when I tightened up and felt horrible". He dropped from 15M a day to 3, and that if he felt super good. He ran a 5000 in Kempton, West Germany, to try to recapture some of his lost strength. "I'm a strength runner," he says. He ran last in 14:51, "blazing". When Brodt saw him in the Olympic Village as the Games neared, "Dave really looked downtrodden". But he kept plugging at training and Jan kept up her encouragement.

Then came the final exams in Olympic Stadium. "I didn't go into the races with the attitude I had in Eugene, that I was ready for a peak performance. I had been off for a long time, but guys like Yevgeniy Arzhanov, Dieter Fromm, Franz-Josef Kemper and the others had been training all the way through. To me, I had lost strength; I run an even pace and use my strength to kick at the end. I wasn't as mentally tough as at Eugene. I was just hoping for the best. In the prelims, I felt sharp only when I kicked; the pace I had to set before I could kick really felt horrible. I was just hanging on. I felt a little better before the final, but I thought about the strength I had lost."

Wottle showed his international inexperience in the semis, by running into a box early down the final backstretch, staying in it until the head of the stretch, waiting for an opening but then charging through on the inside when the opening came to whip the likes of Kemper and Jozef Plachy.

"I think I learned how not to get boxed," Wottle says, "despite the way I ran the 800 and 1500 semis. Like in the past I would cut to the pole after I passed someone, but I learned to stay out in lane two so someone couldn't pass me and someone else following couldn't come up on my shoulder and box me in. Still, it will take time to learn how to run in top-class competition because you have to learn by having things happen to you in races. Like with my kick, I've run that way ever since I was a high school freshman. I just found it very easy to latch onto someone's shoulder and then kick the last 220; it has just become ingrained in the way I run."

Before the final, Wottle's thoughts were "just of sticking with the race, trying to kick and trying to do the best I could. I can't honestly say I was thinking about winning. I felt very sluggish at the start, I felt I didn't have any speed and couldn't even imagine myself running a fast 800. I strained all the way through the first lap. I was very concerned about being so far back early—I

thought I was out of it. I thought my loss of strength finally had caught up to me. You just don't give that caliber of runners that much room, especially in the Olympics.

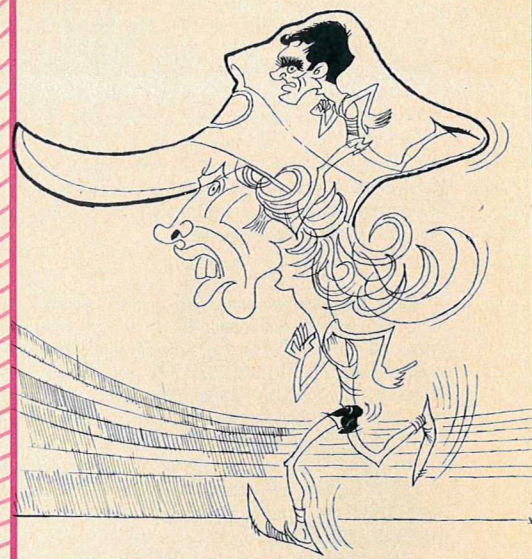
"Then the pace dropped off and I was able to catch up to the back of the pack. That boosted my confidence some and I finally relaxed and moved up between 400m and 500m. I was able to relax, get my senses together, where I was in the race, what I had to do. Just after we started down the final backstretch, Arzhanov made his move and I took off too. He still had about 8y on me.

"When I hit the 200m mark, I thought, 'This is it, you may as well go for all you can get'. I wasn't looking to place first, just to place. I told myself, 'Now just kick like hell and maybe you can get up there for a medal'. That was with about 180m left. I started my all-out kick then and I was trying to pick up places. When I was kicking I finally felt good, the best I had in the race. Down the homestretch I picked them off one by one. Arzhanov faltered at the end so I just tried a little more and then leaned.

"I thought I had won because I can sense when a runner is beside me and where he is and if I'm ahead of him. Arzhanov fell and I sensed all the more nobody was there. That's why I was so sure I had won because he had fallen and I couldn't sense him being close."

Wottle had indeed won by a bare 0.03, 1:45.86 to 1:45.89 the first American victor since Tom Courtney in '56 and continuing the tradition of an English-speaking winner. "I was happy, but I can't say I was more happy than after the Eugene race," Wottle admits. Besides he had races in the 1500 to ready for. "I approached the 1500 like I did at Eugene: I had won the 800. I wanted to do well in the 1500, but if I didn't, well, what the heck. I still wanted to win, but there wasn't the pressure that if I didn't I was a total flop because I had already done well in the 800."

So Wottle's characteristic stretch charge in the semis just missing collaring Dane Tom B. Hansen and thus putting him in the stands to watch the final wasn't a tragedy to Wottle. "I was upset at myself because it was my own fault I missed," he feels. "I felt the best in the semi of any Munich race. I was well up down the last backstretch but then I guess I got overconfident in my kick because I let the others get too far away. When I finished I thought I was right in there for the qualifying place" he and Hansen both ran 3:41.6 but the Dane got the nod—"but then I ran a stupid race at the end so maybe I didn't deserve

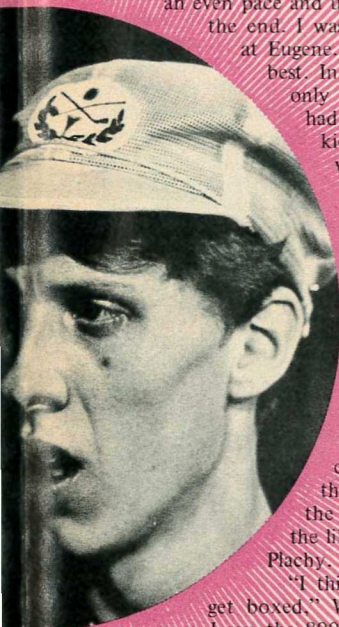


to make it."

When he kicks, Wottle's mind is whirring like a computer. "I keep judging the distance, how much I'm gaining and how much I have to go. Most of my big races are very close because I judge I will pass the leader just before the finish line. I don't try to close real fast, pass them with 70y or 80y to go and then hang on. I take most of my races right to the line."

And what of the future? "Well, I can only talk about the '73 season because I'm kinda shaky on future years," he says. "This is my final year at Bowling Green and after I get in shape, I would like to go undefeated. That's more important to me than running a certain time. I can say the times I would like to run, but if no one paces me through the race, I honestly don't think I could achieve them. But I would like to run 1:45-plus in the 880 and 3:54 in the mile. Still it's more important to me to go undefeated after I'm in shape.

"I can't say how seriously I intend to run after I leave school. I have to go into the Air Force. It's a long haul to Montreal and I honestly hate workouts. Right now, I can't picture myself training alone, and not with a team like in college, for two years before Montreal. But I have things to achieve this year, so I'll work on them and tackle anything else as it comes up." □



the FOT to best Ken Swenson, Rick Wohlhuter and Jim Ryun (upper left by Don Chadez) and then overcame injuries and missed training for a 1:45.9 Olympic triumph from Yevgeniy Arzhanov (r) in 2nd and Mike Bolt (c) in 3rd.

though he had said at one time he would probably retire after Munich, Manley currently plans on staying in competition, and would be upset if he was unable to run the steeple.

National steeplechase record holder Sid Sink says he will run no steeple races in 73. "I want to make up for my failure of last year and show my ability in flat races," he says. Sink suffered a minor strain in his right thigh in December which has been hampering his speed work, but he anticipates being back at full strength in early February. He wants a strong indoor season.

DISTANCES

Gerry Lindgren was one of the "names" signed by the ITA, and the US 6M record holder is eager to try pro track. "Right now I'm looking for investors to establish a motivational consultant's firm. I've already set about doing this. My name can be used. Before, I couldn't have done that. Of course, other guys want to make endorsements, something else they couldn't do before. Maybe I'll endorse milk." Lindgren sees pro track as a new challenge. "I think if it fails," he says, "we athletes are the ones to blame. If we can't keep it interesting and exciting, and the fans don't respond, it's our fault."

"All of a sudden I've become injury-prone," says Steve Prefontaine. Pre began training again in early November (his "layoff" after the Games consisted of 70-90M per week, not hard), and since then has come up with tendinitis of the left knee, a foot bruise, a pulled groin and a stretched calf. . . In the Munich 5000 Pre learned something about tactics. "If the Olympics had been held in Los Angeles," he relates, "I would have been the only runner who wasn't disqualified in the 5000. In Europe, you can jostle, push, shove, cut in—we don't allow any of that, so when we race against them we just don't know" . . . Pre recently commented that if he can overcome all his little injuries he may try the steeple in 73.

Frank Shorter has offered his views on the unfortunate fall in the Munich 10,000 (see OG story in Sept.) which eliminated Mohamed Gamoudi and found Lasse Viren getting back up to win: "It was Viren's fault. He was trying to accelerate since I was giving him enough room to move out. He saw it, and I knew he wanted to move. I'm not a European type of runner; I wasn't going to box him in. So I moved out more than usual. Then he came out and tripped, I think on Puttemans's feet. He never touched me [videotape replays seen by the T&FN staff seem to show Shorter reaching out and steadying himself by touching Viren's back, but it may have been the camera angle]. I'm a skier and I have good balance. I thought something would happen because I saw the space closing on him. I immediately put my hand down because I knew he was going to falter and I wanted to be able to push off him in case he came towards me. But it was his fault. So the only person you can feel sorry for is [Mohamed] Gamoudi. In other words, I don't think you can say, 'Gee, Viren could have run 27:35 if he hadn't fallen'. It was his fault he fell. He deprived himself of running faster so you can't feel sorry for him." Shorter got a big assist in his season when he ran 28:12.0 for 2nd in the AAU 10,000, breaking the NR although finishing behind Greg Fredericks. Training in Colorado at the time, Shorter says, "I was running 180M a week at 8000ft, which was probably 210-220 at sea-level. Sure, I wasn't ready for the race. I hadn't done any speed work; the week before the race I couldn't run a 220 under 30sec. The race just wasn't that important though. You can always use a race like that to your benefit. Running 28:12 when I wasn't sharp was a boost."

Tracy Smith, 68 Olympian at 10,000 is currently putting in about 70M a week, but he feels that if he can't do it on one-a-day running, he will not enjoy running and would probably retire. "Competing for Athletes in Action has really given me an extra incentive to run well," reveals Smith to correspondent Scott Chisam. "Now I am not only running for myself but also to glorify the person of Jesus Christ. I really feel that some athletes are unhappy in their sport because they are only looking for what it can give them, instead of being thankful for all the wonderful experiences they have received. Through being associated with AIA, my entire perspective on running has been changed so that now I enjoy training and competing—win or lose."

MARATHON

Sometimes running is enough to drive a man buggy. Jack Bacheler is currently studying boll weevils at North Carolina State as part of his post-doctoral research in entomology. "I don't anticipate changing anything," says Bacheler, "except perhaps to run more marathons. A pro career in my case is probably out of the question. . . there isn't much of a market for a 10,000/marathoner." The lithe Bacheler brought back one strongly unfavorable memory from Munich: "The US track and field team's (of which I was a part) hypocritical statement denouncing Rhodesia's apartheid policies while at the same time overlooking Uganda's racist government."

Olympic 4th-placer Kenny Moore made plans for hitching his way through the Pacific after Fukuoka. "I doubt that I will race until the US spring season is past," he said. The Oregon grad no longer finds much pleasure in running on the track. "The only place it seems much fun to race on the track is Eugene," he reveals. "Too many times I've been standing on the starting line of the Mt SAC 10,000 and heard the PA system boom out the name of the meet's outstanding track athlete." For Moore, the most attractive challenge left is a rather off-beat one. "The London-to-Brighton 52-miler," he reveals. "It seems possible to show the limits of human performance in the longer races (past the marathon) haven't been approached."

In terms of races run, Frank Shorter is still a relative novice at the 26-plus distance, not even trying the event before 71. "I decided to run it in the spring of 71," he reveals. "Ken Moore talked me into running the AAU, which was also the PAG trials race. It was a good thing that was trial race. I was as good as he was for 24M and then he beat me by a minute in the last 2M. I really folded. At least I knew what it felt like—and I felt terrible after that one. I found out there was more to the marathon than just the weirdos who can't run shorter distances. I found something else: that was the race I ran well. Hell, I felt terrible after it. I got sick, I couldn't eat dinner, I went to my room feeling wretched and I really didn't think I wanted the race as the one I concentrated on. But I was kind of stuck for the PAG because I qualified and one of the things that made me finish was the fact I had qualified and I was darn sure going to run and not let the person whose place I had taken say, 'Well, I could have been there.' So I ran it."

WALKS

Tom Dooley, 68 and 72 Olympian in the 20km walk, has learned he was suffering from anemia for several months prior to Munich. He is taking a complete rest from walking with only slight exercise and jogging. But he reportedly hopes to return to the sport.

Surprise Olympian Steve Hayden is not seriously training presently, but expects to reach his 72 form by the time the outdoor season rolls around. He is working on building endurance, putting less emphasis on speedwork.

Another two-time Olympian, Goetz Klopfer, is finishing school but continuing his training, and has added interval work to his regimen. Goetz has negative feelings about the pros. "I definitely do not believe in professionalism in any kind of sports or athletics. The only professional in sports should be the coach."

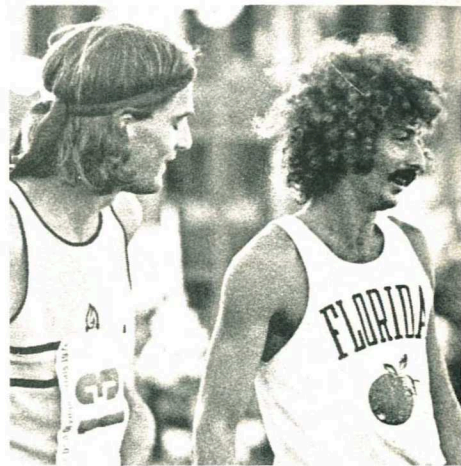
HIGH JUMP

Leading JC high jumper Robert Joseph (LA Southwest) has other fine talents to go with his 7-1½ vertical ability, claiming sprint times of 9.7/21.8/48.7, 14.6 and 54.3 in the hurdles and 23-8/48-3 horizontal jumps.

Olympian Ron Jourdan is reportedly still being hampered by the knee problems that hurt his performance in Munich.

Dunn Blasts USOC Organization

There has been criticism of the handling of the US team in Munich by many people. High jumper Chris Dunn is very outspoken on this subject, and has some interesting anecdotes. "I'm opposed to taking drugs to improve athletic performances," he relates. "Thank God I'm a high jumper and don't need steroids. But if I was a shot putter



Chris Dunn (l) and Ron Jourdan both high jumped 7-3 to make the US Olympic team. /Kasper/

I would take them, reluctantly, just to keep up with the others I guess." He continues, "Get this! Our 'team physician', Doc Hanley, told us at a meeting in Maine that steroids have only a placebo effect. Who is he kidding? How are athletes supposed to take the drug problem seriously when alleged 'experts' like Dr. Hanley tell all the Olympic weight men to their faces that steroids only help psychologically—when every weightman on the US team took them? Steroids are wrong, but you can't curb an athlete from taking them by lying to his face. I think the best athletes—at least some of them—use sport itself as a drug. They are addicted to it. This fascinates me." The drug issue isn't the only one to upset Chris. He relates that he has been curious to see pictures of his poor jumping at Munich (he did not qualify for finals), but 4½ months after the Games still hasn't. One of the coaches told him that he was busy showing the films to civic clubs in his area. Dunn queries, "Are civic clubs more important to a high jump coach than his athletes are? Yes, but *only* in the US. Part of my problem at Munich was my hatred for the way the whole thing was run. I couldn't put that out of my mind. As I get more experience, maybe I'll learn to ignore the obnoxious aspects of track and just concentrate on jumping" . . . On the competitive side of the ledger, Dunn has an all-time goal of 8ft, an objective he will reach in 1975 if he continues his four year trend of 3" PR improvements. Chris is currently working on his technique, with less emphasis on strength. "My weakness is in my technique," he says. "I need more finesse."

World record holder Pat Matzdorf is very happy with his training in the Santa Barbara area, especially with the weather, which is slightly better than Wisconsin's was. His job with Raytheon in computer programming allows him a good opportunity to compete.

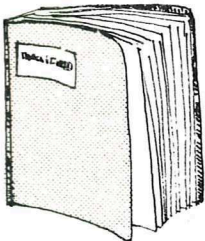
Holy Cross frosh Fred Rom has made a big improvement early in his yearling campaign, coming from a prep best of 6-8½ to 7-0 in his 3rd meet as a collegian. The 6-2/175lb Rom only turned to track when a concussion as a prep soph prevented him from playing football. "A friend asked me to go out for the track team," he recalls. "They didn't have any decent high jumpers, so I said, 'Why not?'"

POLE VAULT

Tom Blair is now competing for the Pacific Coast Club. He has started off slowly indoors "because I got a late start in training this year. I'm hoping that pro track makes it, or at least opens some minds about the painfully strained doctrine of amateurism in the country," he says. "There isn't a lot of money in track, but I feel that what little there is should go to the athletes and not the AAU."

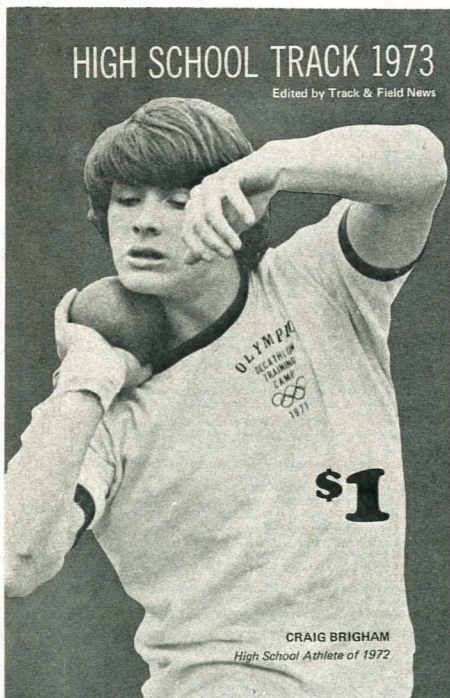
Munich bronze winner Jan Johnson generally enjoyed the whole Olympic scene other than the pole hassle. "The facilities were good, the city was nice, the beer was great and the girls exceptional," he recalls, "but the IOC and the USOC were dreadful."

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World record holder **Bob Seagren**, a signee with the IATA, was slated to vault against Johnson in the Northeast Louisiana Invitational in early December, but was forced to withdraw. A meet spokesman stated that AAU track director Ollan Cassell informed meet officials that the AAU might revoke the amateur status of all participating in the meet if Seagren appeared. It was even construed that this was a possibility if Seagren just put on an exhibition by himself. The NCAA and USTFF had previously ok'd Seagren's participation.

Vaulter **Dave Roberts** reports that he pinched a nerve in his right shoulder when he missed the pit during a vault at the Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway in August. Although that ailment is nearly cleared up, the Rice senior is sporadically troubled by tendinitis in his right knee, which he has had for 3yr. "When it is bad, my training suffers," he says, "but it hasn't been really bad since last indoor season." He adds that his 72-73 training has been progressing well. "The quality of my workouts has improved since last spring fall, when I was doing too much quantity," he says. He also comments that he gets much better results from gymnastic training than working with the weights.

LONG JUMP

Middle Tennessee State's **Tommy Haynes** underwent knee surgery in mid-November and will possibly miss the 1973 season. A junior, he claims PRs of 25-11 and 51-4.

Olympic bronze medalist **Arnie Robinson** thinks he had an off-day at Munich. In fact, he says, "Nothing went right for me. I had one of the worst days of my career. I still received 3rd, but I should have won."

TRIPLE JUMP

Little St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia has come up with a hot triple jump prospect in frosh **Ed Lennex**. A 48-6 performer as a prep, he improved more than 2ft in his first collegiate meet with a 50-7½ performance. Lennex also has 23-9½ and 6-5¼ jump bests and was Pennsylvania Catholic champ in all three events.

DISCUS THROW

The hard-to-determine aid given to discus throwing by the wind makes a comparison of marks in the event sometimes difficult. So surprise FOT 7th-placer **Bob Stoltman's** placing might not have been so surprising, as he says, "I have never thrown in a preferable wind." So his 195-11 PR may stack up well against many 200-footers. "As far as competition, I have left the hills of Kentucky only rarely," he writes, "but I went to the FOT and got 7th. I beat enough name throwers that I feel I need to come out and live on the west coast to improve my throwing. After my first time in major competition, I feel I can throw with anybody if I can train with great competition and good weather."

JAVELIN THROW

Jack Bacon spent the 72 season training in Seattle, and enjoyed his most consistent year ever, ranking 4th in the nation. He has now returned to Washington to train for the 73 campaign.

Another Seattle trainee, **Cary Feldmann**, had an off-year in 72, promulgated in part by a groin strain incurred in his first meet of the season. "But the injury has only served to increase my motivation to compete well," reports the 71 PAG champ.

OG bronze winner **Bill Schmidt** expects to continue competition at least until the 76 Games. He is working on improving his form and technique and adding speed to his runup. "On my last throw [at Munich], I tried to throw it out of the stadium, and it didn't go over 250ft," he says. "But I still feel I'm capable of the big throw and will continue until I get it."

Olympian **Milt Sonsky** has moved from New York City to Phoenix, Ariz., where he is in serious training. He plans on more competitive appearances in 73.

Seattle can now lay claim to being the javelin center of the country. Club Northwest lists not only Bacon (261-4) and Feldmann (275-6) on its roster, but can also claim Olympian **Fred Luke** (277-5) and **Foss Miller** (258-2). And the University of Washington has 72 NCAA runnerup **Gary Quitslund** (261-4). □

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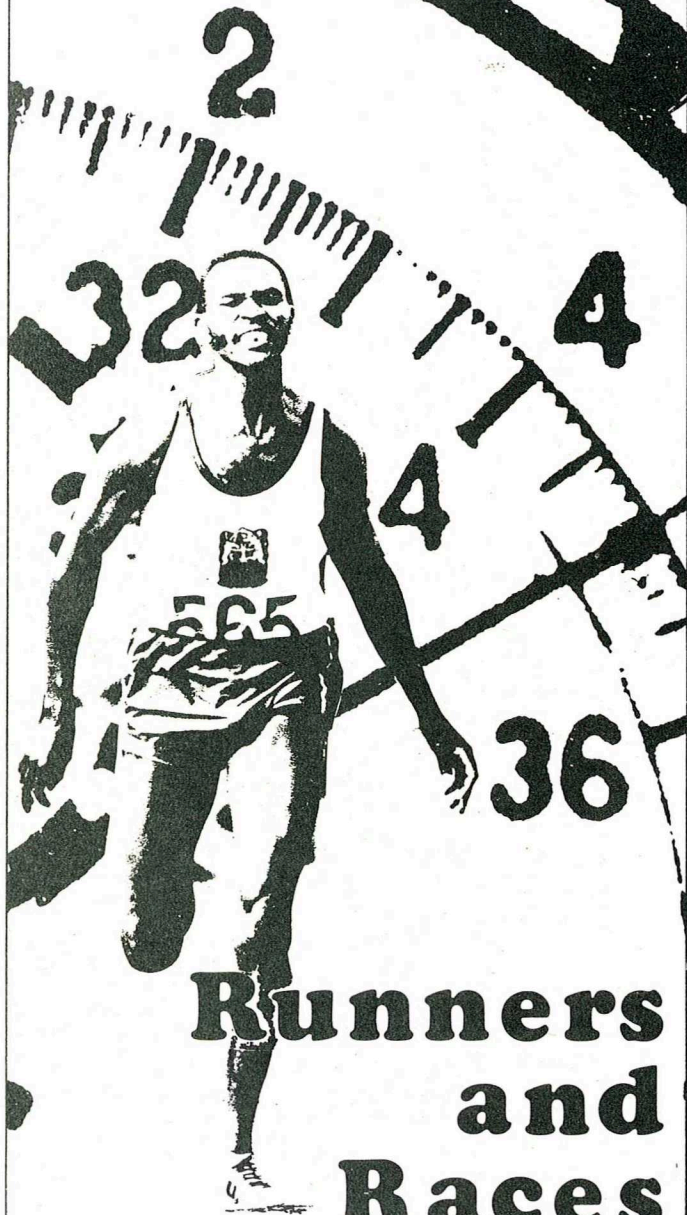
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Track category symbols: a—all tracks less than 150y, banked or unbanked; b—all unbanked tracks from 150 to 180y; c—all banked tracks from 150 to 180y; d—all unbanked tracks from 180 to 220y; e—all banked tracks from 180 to 220y; f(oversized)—all tracks more than 220y, banked or unbanked.

60 YARDS		60 YARD HURDLES	
5.9	Hasely Crawford' (G Tri TC)	6.9	Nate Porter (Mid Tenn St)
5.9	Thomas Whatley (Ala)	7.0	Willie Davenport (B Rouge TC)
6.0	James Amerison (Lincoln)	7.0	Thomas Hill (US Army)
6.0	Mike Goodrich (UCTC)	7.0	Rod Milburn (Sn U)
6.0	Harrington Jackson (Cal Int)	7.0	Allen Misher (LSU)
6.0	Willie McGee (Alc A&M)	7.0	Larry Shipp (Spts Intl)
6.0	Mel Pender (US Army)	7.1	Lance Babb (Cal Int)
6.0	Jerry Sims (Alc A&M)	7.1	Isaac Bostic (Fla)
6.0	Herb Washington (unat)	7.1	Ricky Stubbs (La Tech)
6.0	Jon Young (USAF)	7.1	Tommy Lee White (Strid)

300 YARDS		HIGH JUMP	
30.5d	William Wallace (Ind)	7-3/4	Tom Woods (Ore St)
30.6c	Dennis Schultz (Okla St)	7-2	Rey Brown (Cal Poly/SL0)
30.6e	Brent Webster (BYU)	7-2	Pat Matzdorf (CW)
		7-1	Dwight Stones (P Coast)
		7-1/2	Chris Dunn (Colgate)
48.0d	Terry Erickson (Sn Ill)	7-1/2	Rick Fletcher (UCLA)
48.0d	William Wallace (Ind)	7-1/2	John Radetich (Staters)
48.1d	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	7-0	Don Hobson (Ala)
		7-0	Robert Joseph (LA SW JC)
		7-0	Fred Rom (Holy Cross)
		7-0	Barry Schur (Kans)

440 YARDS		500 YARDS	
56.4c	Beaufort Brown (Fla)	56.4c	Beaufort Brown (Fla)
56.4d	Fred Newhouse (Phil PC)	56.4d	Fred Newhouse (Phil PC)
57.1c	Terry Musika (P Coast)	57.1c	Terry Musika (P Coast)
57.3c	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	57.3c	Stan Vinson (En Mich)

600 YARDS		POLE VAULT	
1:09.1c	Beaufort Brown (Fla)	18-1/4	Steve Smith (P Coast)
1:09.3d	Terry Musika (P Coast)	17-0	Tom Blair (P Coast)
1:10.0d	Mike Valle (Ind)	17-0	Roland Carter (NYAC)
1:10.3d	Skip Kent (Wisc)	17-0	Dave Roberts (Rice)
1:10.6d	Bob Cassleman (Mich St)	16-9	Bob Richards (P Coast)
1:10.7d	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	16-8	Jeff Taylor (Wash)
Oversized track:		Non-resident foreigners:	
1:09.7	Dave Kaemerer (Ill)	7-1 1/2	Claude Ferragne" (Can)

880 YARDS		LONG JUMP	
1:49.4d	Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	26-2 1/4	Randy Williams (Sn Cal)
1:50.0c	Jim Cape (Drake)	26-1/4	Bob Beamon (SDTC)
1:51.3c	Mark Winzenried (CW)	25-6	Anthony Carter (A-Peay St)
Oversized track:		25-3 1/4	Norm Tate (NYPC)
1:49.3	Rob Mango (Ill)	25-2 1/4	Stan Whitley (Cal Int)
		25-2	Kingsley Adams' (Colo)
		25-2	Mike Grant (Ala)
		25-2	Charles Geter (Tenn)

1000 YARDS		TRIPLE JUMP	
2:08.7c	Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	52-11 3/4	Robert Reader (Staters)
2:09.1c	Juris Luzins (Quantico)	52-9 3/4	James Nyumutei' (Colo)
2:09.3c	Brian McElroy (Vill)	52-4 1/2	Sigurd Langeland' (BYU)
Non-resident foreigners:		52-3 3/4	Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St)
2:09.1c	Andrzej Kupczyk" (Pol)	52-2 1/2	Keith Witherspoon (Va)
		51-10 1/2	Ken McBryde (Manh)

MILE		SHOT PUT	
4:00.5c	Bob Wheeler (Duke)	69-5 3/4	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)
4:01.7c	Juris Luzins (Quantico)	68-11	George Woods (P Coast)
4:02.0d	Dave Hill' (Sn Ill)	64-10 1/2	Brian Oldfield (UCTC)
4:02.4c	Jim Johnson (CNW)	62-5 1/2	Tom Brosius (Kans St)
Non-resident foreigners:		62-4	Bruce Wilhelm (NYAC)
4:01.9c	Brendan Foster" (GB)	Non-resident foreigners:	
		62-9	Wladyslaw Komar" (Pol)

TWO MILES		WEIGHT THROW (35 lb)	
8:24.8c	Steve Prefontaine (Ore)	65-5 1/2	Frank Bredice (NYAC)
8:29.0c	Jim Crawford (US Army)	64-6 1/4	Ted Bregar (Navy)
8:35.2c	Marty Liquori (NYAC)	61-8 3/4	Doug Greenwood (Princeton)
8:37.6c	Barry Brown (Fla TC)		
8:38.0c	Don Kardong (CNW)		
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8:28.4c	Ian Stewart" (GB)		

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WORLD NOTES

SPRINTS

Kenya's 10.3 100m sprinter John Mwebi, 3rd in both dashes in the recent African Games, is expected to try the 400 in '73, reports Africa watcher Yves Pinaud.

Veteran 200 dashman Ed Roberts, a three-time Olympian for Trinidad, has been offered the post of National Athletics Coach for the island nation.

The 100 Rankings this year do not contain any Cuban sprinters, the first time since '62 this has occurred.

Sixth-ranked Pietro Mennea is the first Italian to rate in the 100 since Livio Berruti did in '61.

400 METERS

Finn Markku Kukkoaho, 6th in the OG 400 in a PR 45.5, is contemplating trying his skills at the 800 in '73.

Also looking at the 800 is West German Horst-Rudiger Schloske, 5th in the OG one-lapper in a PR 45.3. The 27-year-old Schloske ran his first attempt at the distance in '71, and clocked 1:50.6. Last September, he ran a 1000m race in 2:31.6. Schloske was recently involved in an auto accident on the Canary Island of Tenerife; his car was demolished but he escaped with only minor injuries.

800 METERS

West German Walter Adams, former co-holder of the European record, had both Achilles tendons operated on following the OG. He failed to finish his OG heat due to pain from the injured tendons.

South African Dicky Broberg is reportedly training heavily and the talk is that he is going all out for the world 800 record in March. At that time, he will fly to Stellenbosch, his former home (he is now living and training in the national capital of Pretoria), to meet old comrade Danie Malan, 2nd in 1:45.1 in their historic duel in March of '71 when Broberg clocked 1:44.7. "One must have a purpose in training, a goal," Broberg says. "Being barred from international competition, the only goal left is the world mark."

West German Franz-Josef Kemper, 4th in the OG 800, had one kidney removed late in '72. Now living with just one kidney, his career may be finished.

John Kipkurgat, 1:47.5 800 man in '72 from Kenya, will reportedly try the 1500 in '73.

Fanie Van Zijl, who had his appendix removed at the

South Africans Danie Malan (l) and Dicky Broberg after a 71 race in Paris. /Philippe Delmas/



end of the year, had his tonsils removed three weeks later. The South African hopes to be fit by late spring and to compete in the US.

1500 METERS

British miler Brendan Foster feels Dave Wottle has "fantastic capabilities... I think he will be the next great American miler". Other Foster impressions: "There may never be another miler as great as Jim Ryun, but even if he hadn't fallen at Munich, he wasn't good enough to make the finals anyway. Look at the races he ran—4:07, 4:09, 4:19. I couldn't run that slow in practice... Bob Wheeler was in my Olympic semi and I rated him highly... I considered Marty Liquori the Olympic favorite at the start of the year. There was no way he couldn't have been the favorite, but that doesn't mean he would have won it." An infected foot forced Foster out of the Philadelphia Classic, while countryman Ian Stewart withdrew with a sore back suffered in training.

Kip Keino quashed rumors he would retire after the African Games by saying, "I don't feel there is any point in calling it a day. I still have a lot to do in sports."

OG 1500 champ Pekka Vasala will stick to the 800 and 1500 in '73 according to reports from Finland, but some Scandinavian track observers feel the 5000 may eventually be his best distance. Vasala is due to spend part of the winter in New Zealand.

STEEPLECHASE

Finland's formidable OG steepling trio of Tapio Kantanen (bronze medalist), Pekka Paivarinta (8th) and Mikko Ala-Leppilampi (10th) will continue in the event, according to Hakan Nordqvist. Kantanen's immediate goals are to win a big victory as well as claim the world record he lost to Swede Anders Garderud in '72. Nordqvist feels Paivarinta, with more strength training, is a potential '74 European champ. Ala-Leppilampi, veteran of the three, is a reliable national meet runner but might have trouble making the Finnish team in coming years, assesses Nordqvist.

Since '66, seven different steeplers have ranked 1st globally: Viktor Kudinskiy (SU) '66, Gaston Roelants (Bel) '67, Amos Biwott (Ken) '68, Mikhail Zhelev (Bul) '69, Kerry O'Brien (Aus) '70, Jean-Paul Villain (Fr) '71 and Kip Keino (Ken) '72.

5000 METERS

Australian Olympians Tony Benson and Chris Fisher have both joined the professional ranks at home, reports Peter Rule. "Both have become fed up with the strictly amateur approach in Australian athletics," Rule writes, "but it is doubtful they will be able to do much more than cover expenses as pros. They will be paid to appear, but prize money for races rarely exceeds \$200." Benson had his first pro race New Year's Day and won a 1600m from scratch in 4:03.3 (Australia is converting to meters and the 1600m distance is being used by pros as a substitute for the mile.) "It remains to be seen whether these two can give pro running the boost necessary to make it a force in Australian athletics," Rule concludes. "At the moment, it is distinguished only by its mediocrity, with reasonably good runners by amateur standards being few and far between at pro meetings."

10,000 METERS

Naftali Temu, 68 OG 10,000 champ and 66 Commonwealth 6M winner, has retired at age 28.

Lasse Viren's indoor debut (6th in 8:49.0 at Sunkist) was less than spectacular, although he was admittedly troubled by a stomach cramp. "This is my first—and last, too," he said referring to his LA indoor race before heading to Puerto Rico for some warm-weather training. "My ankles are not used to the bends—too sharp."

Juha Vaatainen started the real upswing in Finnish distance running. The holder of that opinion? None other than double OG champ and '72's top athlete Lasse Viren. "His success was decisive," said Viren. "He set loose a real wave of enthusiasm." About Vaatainen's performances at Munich—he was favored by many to win both distance runs but ran 13th and last in only the 5000—Viren feels, "I think he was too nervous. He couldn't bear the burden of being favorite. He wasn't worse than in '71."



Dave Bedford is back running after a post-Olympic lay-off. /Ed Lacey/

Bedford Picking Up the Pieces

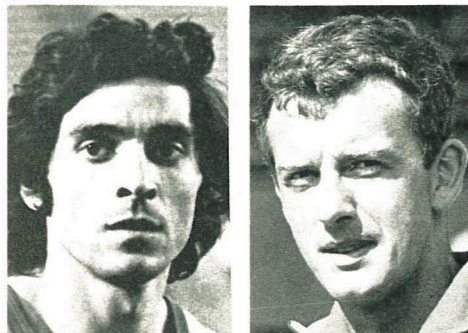
"British distance star Dave Bedford is slowly picking up the pieces of his Olympic eclipse," reports Cliff Temple. "He has enlisted the aid of a new coach, Edinburgh's John Anderson (coach of European 400 champ Dave Jenkins), in an effort to get some much-needed finishing speed into his stamina-packed legs. Reportedly, he is cutting his training mileage from around 200M per week to a mere 150. Bedford's former coach Bob Parker, who brought the 23-year-old Bedford along from the school-boy stage, will still advise on distance work."

"Bedford practically stopped running altogether after Munich. He indulged in some cycling and a few cross country races for his college, but did no running training. He finished 63rd out of 113 runners in an international overland race in London in November—a race he won easily last year. Slowly, his enthusiasm returned and around year's end he won several minor harrier events."

"In Munich, Bedford was the victim of physical, mental and emotional upsets, and his chances in his strongest event, the 10,000, were not helped by an interview he gave one of Britain's top tabloid newspapers the day before the final. The grateful paper splashed it front page and back. "Please do me a big favor and pass this message to the British public," Bedford was quoted. "Don't go out Sunday afternoon. Stop whatever you are doing at 5:15 p.m., gather the family around the TV set and watch me win the 10,000 gold medal for Britain. The way I feel now, I know I am going to do it. There is nobody who can stop me, and it will give me an extra lift if I could be sure millions of people are giving me a shout."

"Bedford finished 6th and gave a less-impressive performance than in the '71 European meet, when he was also 6th but was at least leading at the bell. In Munich, he dropped off way before that. Everywhere he goes, he is haunted by the fear he will be another runner like Gordon Pirie or Ron Clarke: able to run fast times often, break records, even win races, but never a gold medal in a major championship."

Bedford reportedly has the largest oxygen capacity of any trackman in the world. According to tests performed by the Swedish Institute of Physiology in Stockholm, Bedford's lung capacity is 85.3 liters (about 90 quarts); the next highest among runners tested by the institute are Kip Keino (83.3l or 88q) and Ron Clarke (82.0l or 87q).



(L) French LJer Jacques Pani has retired. /Gane/
 (R) Lennart Hedmark, injured in 72. /Callanan/

HURDLES

"Nobody knew this, but after the semi-finals, a wound under my foot reopened. Then, the morning of the final, I had a tooth extracted." So relates John Akii-Bua to *L'Equipe* on his difficulties in Munich.

Kenyan 400 hurdler Fatwell Kimaiyo, 50.5 in 72 and an Olympian, has turned his attentions to the highs; in the East African meet in December, he clocked a windy 13.7 to best the 13.8 of John Akii-Bua.

OG equal 6th-placer Stavros Tziortzis of Greece is studying at Carnegie College in Leeds, England, and has competed indoors several times. Also at Carnegie is Sam Agetta, a sprinter-jumper reported by *Athletics Weekly* to be one of John Akii-Bua's many brothers.

Since 1966, seven different one-lap hurdlers have ranked No. 1: Roberto Frinolli (It) 66, Ron Whitney (US) 67, Dave Hemery (GB) 68, Vyacheslav Skomorokhov (SU) 69, Jean-Claude Nallet (Fr) 70, Ralph Mann (US) 71 and John Akii-Bua (Uga) 72.

MARATHON

Aussie Derek Clayton, history's fastest marathoner ever, has retired from the event, writes Peter Rule, but has returned to track running. He has cut down the enormous mileage he used to do each week, but which played havoc with his health, and is looking forward to enjoying the sport more. In his first race since the Munich marathon (in which he placed 13th), he won a 29:43.6 10,000m race—over 1min slower than his PR but notable considering the 102° temperature at the time of the evening race (down from a daytime 108°) and that the rubber bitumen track was burning through the soles of his running shoes.

Australian John Farrington, who set a 2:12:00.4 PR in finishing 2nd at Fukuoka in 72, trains only on golf courses, fire trails and bush paths. "I cannot stand training on roads," he says. "I like to get away from it all and commune with nature so that I may enjoy my training."



Australian horizontal jumper Phil May, who broke a foot in 71, is back jumping. /Ed Lacey/

WALKS

Status report on some leading world walkers: veteran of veterans Vladimir Golubnichiy of the USSR says he plans to keep competing as long as he holds a place on his team. The two-time 20km gold medalist has won a medal in the last four Games. . . Countryman Nikolay Smaga also plans to continue. . . Two West German walk veterans, Horst-Rudiger Magnor and Wilfried Wesch, have retired, as has East German Gerhard Sperling (4th in Munich 20km). . . Two other leading East Germans will continue, Hans-Georg Reimann (3rd in 72 OG 20km) at least through the 74 European meet, and Peter Selzer through 76, after which he believes he will retire.

JUMPS

Canadian record holder Kirk Bryde (17-6½) may have to forego vaulting altogether in 73 because of a serious ankle injury.

West German high jumper Hermann Magerl, who topped 7-4½ for 72's equal 2nd-highest mark after placing 4th at Munich, won't compete indoors this season and may give up competition altogether. Studying to become a doctor, he is preparing for his final exams in April. After that, Magerl will make his decision about continuing in jumping.

Australian triple jumper Phil May, who suffered a broken bone in his left foot in the 71 US-USSR-World All-Stars meet which kept him out of action for more than a year, returned to competition Dec. 9 with a 50-1¼ leap. The foot has mended, though May is still apprehensive at the take-off board, reports Aussie correspondent Bernie Cecins.

French long jumper Jack Pani, with a PR of 26-9¼ in 70, has apparently retired, at least from international competition. No specific reasons were given in the *L'Equipe* announcement, but apparently an injured knee which prevented him from competing at Munich and also hampered him in 71, was *not* a prime reason.

Former vault world recordman Chris Papanicolaou of Greece, the first man over 18ft with his record 18-¼ in 71, was only the second left-handed vaulter to hold the global mark since the IAAF began ratifying records in 1912. The other was the first record-setter to be recognized by the IAAF, American Marc Wright, who leaped 13-2¼.

Some Scandinavian observers have been impressed with a pair of young horizontal jumpers from the region, Finnish long jumper Ari Vaananen (25-11 PR in 72 and an OG 11th) and Norwegian triple leaper Kristen Flogstad (PR 53-11¼ for 8th in Munich). "Vaananen had his big breakthrough in 72 and is an excellent prospect to go well beyond 8.00m/26-3," feels one. "Good marks in hard competitions speak well of Flogstad's competitive ability."

DISCUS THROW

John Van Reenen has returned to his native South Africa and has settled in the university town of Stellenbosch, one of the major athletic centers of the country. He will continue his fine arts studies and is training hard in his quest of the world record. After throwing 200-1 and 200-7 in late-December meets, he said, "These distances are poor. When fit, I should be able to achieve them standing still. I feel 70% fit now and hope to be 100% in March and April." He hopes such throwers as OG champ Ludvik Danek and co-recordman Ricky Bruch will accept invitations to compete in an international meet in early April.

One Scandinavian correspondent estimates the three top Scandinavian platter heavers will all stay well in the spin of things: "Ricky Bruch has definite 70m/229-8 potential and could also do some good shot putting. . . Pentti Kahma and Jorma Rinne will never throw 70m, but both compete well and should race for the Finnish record."

DECATHLON

Correspondent Hakan Nordqvist also feels Swedish decathlete Lennart Hedmark, one of the strong contenders for Munich laurels but who fell to injury, will still make his presence felt. "With his unused potential, it's hard to see why he shouldn't try again. He is a clear 8000-plus man when fit," Nordqvist feels. □

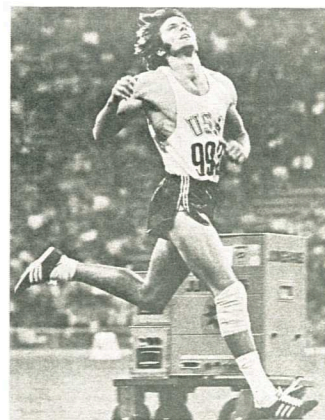
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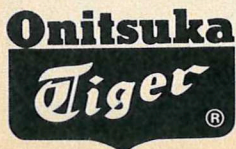
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by Bert Nelson

Chuck Fonville twice broke the world indoor shot mark with a best of 56-10⁵/₈. It was February 1948, and off the ancient press of a small town newspaper office in San Bruno, Calif., came the first issue of *Track & Field News*. Priced at \$2 per year, the 8-paged, tabloid-sized, newspaper style publication was the new hobby for brother Cordner and me. Long time track fans, dating mostly from the 1932 Olympics which we attended for a day or two as wide eyed 10- and 13-year-olds, we now had provided an answer to a question we long had asked: "Why isn't there a track publication?"

Twenty-five years later, Al Feuerbach and company are aiming at 70ft indoors and *T&FN* has come a much longer way. Physically, there is little resemblance. The 88 pages published the first year have become more than 700 per year. Circulation has gone from 600 to 20,000. The two-man, part-time staff has become 24 employees, half full-time. They produce 18 issues of *T&FN* a year, *Track Technique* and *TrackNewsletter/TrackStats*, publish books, sell films, posters and electronic stop watches, and operate Olympic tours.

Not everything has changed, of course. The mile is still the glamor event, Kip Keino and Jim Ryun leading the way, just as did Gil Dodds who lowered the world indoor best to 4:05.3 as our first issue was distributed to a handful of eager fans. On Your Marks still is one of the more popular features, as it was in Vol. 1, No. 1 of *T&FN*. Roberto Quercetani's byline appears as it did in our second issue. And I'm still plugging away, starting my 26th year as publisher and now editor—after Cordner greatly reduced his participation some years ago.

Fonville and Dodds both missed making the US Olympic team in July 1948. *T&FN*, its meager income barely paying the printer, switched to its present 8¹/₂x11 page size and offset printing. It was a crude product, but the news was still there. And it was survival.

Emil Zatopek won three Olympic distance titles in 1952 and we reported it in our biggest issue to date, 24 pages. Circulation had climbed to all of 1335, our first book was the not-very-exciting *Guide to Track & Field Literature*, and advertising for the year totaled less than three pages. It still was very much a hobby. But 46 people were on our first Olympic tour, including my recent bride, Jeannette.

Fifteen gold medals were won by Americans in the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne. *T&FN* celebrated with a 32-page Olympic issue, featuring type from new IBM Executive typewriters. Circulation was up to 3218 at \$3 per year, *TrackNewsletter* was in its third year and had 140 subscribers, the second edition of the *High School Annual* was well received and we were beginning to think of *T&FN* as a business. But it still was a limited effort, Cordner handling the editorial from his home in Stockton, Jeannette and I doing everything else from the den of our home in Los Altos, where *T&FN* was relocated in 1953. And we had some part-time help as the neighborhood kids would lend a hand with putting issues into envelopes at mailing time.

Martin Lauer set the 110m hurdle mark at 13.2 in 1959 and *T&FN* now was moving just as fast. We had our first office, our first full time employee in managing editor Hal Bateman, 5417 subscribers, and a minimum of 20 pages per issue.

Bob Schul and Billy Mills won the Olympic five and ten for the US in 1964. *T&FN* completed its first year under new managing editor Dick Drake, circulation was up to 9098 at \$4 per year, every issue was at least 24 pages, the first Annual Edition (48 pages) was a big success, *Track Technique* was in its fourth year, and we carried 53 pages of paid advertising for the year.

Keino and his continental mates were stars of the 1968 Olympics. Both our Annual Editions and Olympic issues were 68 pages, circulation was 12,269, every cover was a full page photo, and we were publishing 18 issues a year for \$5. Assistant publisher Ed Fox, now in his fourth season, led 800 Olympic tour members to Mexico.

As Lasse Viren and Valeriy Borzov turned in double Olympic wins in 1972 *T&FN* was sprinting ever faster. Paid circulation averaged 17,758 with a year end high of 19,653 at the new rate of \$7 per year. Advertising had become a major contributor, totaling 146 pages in *T&FN*, and over 40 pages in the now twice-a-year *Market Place* catalog. We awaited delivery on the 65th book we published, *Runners and Races*. Jim Renshaw, now business manager after a 1964 start as an envelope-stuffer, managed a growing staff. Numerous appearance and content improvements were headed by a larger, better looking type face, even margins, right as well as left, and the introduction of color.

Too busy to cut a birthday cake, we look forward to the next year—and the years to come—with as much enthusiasm as ever. Evidence of continuing improvements is in this issue and more is on the way, including color on every cover. And side by side with the magazine we will keep on serving our world of track as well as we can with our other periodicals, books and other merchandise, tours to the Olympics and elsewhere, and in still more areas as additional needs are recognized.

Interest in track is on the rise, and *Track & Field News* will more than just keep pace. □

by Dick Drake

To help commemorate a quarter-century of publication of *Track & Field News*, we are inaugurating our 26th year with yet—yes—another new look. And it may be our most dramatic and sweeping change in history, involving both *Track & Field News* and *TrackNewsletter/TrackStats*. And both content and style. And they're mostly on review in this current issue.

Actually, even we in editorial are amused by our frequent changes in appearance, content and philosophy (there have been some 15 major changes, by count, since the magazine began). This latest new look has been in the making for more than six months, and has the editorial staff perhaps as excited as for any in the past decade.

This alteration involves the nitty gritty of the *News* in our name. There will be significant reorganization in the presentation of (1) results, (2) compilations and (3) tidbits.

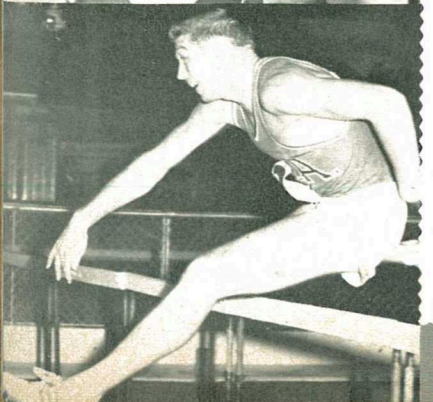
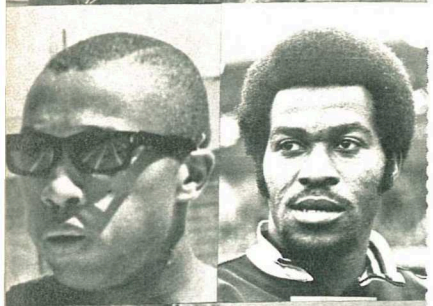
And now *TrackNewsletter/TrackStats* will offer current US lists—as well as prep and world lists—with marks from the previous weekend that most readers will see before the next week's Saturday track meets. No *T&FN* publication has previously been able to offer this—and twice a month, too. The up-to-date US lists will include 20 to 50 performers, plus some performances.

• **News.** This is the name of the game, and for the first time all news will be presented as such, in a section of its own, in separate divisions similarly for US, world, high school and professional—indoors and out. Based on specific reporting standards for each, *T&FN* will provide all results in a summary-style. And of course, we'll retain our written coverage of major meets and other top highlights. No longer will the results of major meets take such precedence over good marks in smaller competitions. This, at least in part, will help account for the elimination of Reports (as we have known them), which were often confusing and varied from the US to world to prep in style, presentation, content and approach. The news will be presented in weekly blocks for easy chronological assessment.

• **Lists.** Current lists of performers will be published more frequently and in easier-to-read tabulated form (no more paragraphs or with complicated indications of performances since the preceding month's issue). For US marks, indoors and out, *T&FN* will be publishing 10 or 20 deep lists for all standard events every issue (instead of every other edition) from 1 February through the US title meets. And these lists will now, for the first time, every-time, include all marks through the final weekend of news. And we have new equipment and methods for handling this involved task. Previously, all lists carried in the difficult to prepare Reports did not include marks from the last weekend before the magazine "went to bed" on Monday. This list through the publishing weekend will now mean that the performer listings will correspond with all the news we report, instead of just the previous weekend's results. And those who subscribe to *T&FN* by first class or airmail in the US will probably have this information by the following weekend in an every-other-issue basis (usually bi-weekly) in *TrackNewsletter*: they'll vary from 20 to 50 deep. (See below for more details.) And for world and high school marks, we have tentatively scheduled six lists each in *T&FN*, to be split between undercover and outdoors, usually 10 deep but perhaps longer later in the world outdoor season. And of course, there will still be the annual edition 50 deep listings for the world and US and 20 deep for preps (50 deep in the *High School Annual*).

• **Notes.** The new, special section entitled Notes could well become the cornerstone to *T&FN's* coverage, increasing interest and liveliness. In a continuing effort to humanize our magazine and the athletes themselves, we want to stress more interesting goodies in this set of columns for the US, world, preps and possibly the pros. It will represent a culling together of material that has formerly appeared in such places as the US Report, On Your Marks, Status Quo, Where They Are Going, Last Lap, etc., and will be enlarged considerably in stature to include many more meaty tidbits of interest. It'll encompass quotes, facts, opinions, statistical observations, direct correlations to the current lists, analyses of the news reports, anecdotes, data on injuries and illnesses, changes in schools or clubs and coaches, etc. Material will come from a wide variety of sources already contacted. But fans, athletes, coaches, sports information directors, meet directors or any other type reader are welcome to submit data. As printed in this issue, the data will often be categorized by events or sets of related events. And each new item will begin with its own paragraph, rather than in cumbersome paragraphs of three-dot collections. For the US, notes will probably appear in all 18 issues a year. A few less issues probably for world and prep athletes. If you're looking for the here-and-now of athletic happenings and the people in the sport, this will be a major source of hot material. We think this will prove one of the more exciting, entertaining and informative blocks of copy and improvements.

• **Style.** We'll be utilizing more color ink in issues to come, introducing more elaborate lay-out designs, greater versatility in the use of art and headline styles, new column widths for sections of copy, greater variety of type-face styles, and longer in-depth features on key athletes. □



by Corder Nelson

Back in the dim dark ages of 1948 when *Track & Field News* tottered into existence, track and field was beginning to recover from the oblivion of World War II and world standards were below present-day high school marks. Let's compress into a short-short history that whole bookful of progress... and the athletes who did it.

100: Slim Mel Patton, 9.3 in 1948. Bobby Morrow, virtually undefeated for four years, three gold medals in 1956, tied 9.3 three times. Frank Budd, an incredible 9.2 in 1961. A burly, awkward football player with more force than any runner before or since: In four years, Bob Hayes lost only in the week he was ill. Jim Hines tied Hayes' 9.1 and ran 9.9 with Olympic gold, but Hayes was the greatest. Such acceleration!

220: Patton (20.2) and Morrow (20.6), records and gold medals. Livio Berutti ignited the stadium at Rome with a WR 20.5. Henry Carr, sensational at 20.2, won at Tokyo. Tommie Smith, with beautiful surging power: a straight 19.5 and a curved 20.0 in 1966, Mexico City gold in 19.8. Don Quarrie, 19.8 in 1971; sprawled in pain at Munich.

440: Record holder Herb McKenley (46.0) lost to fellow Jamaicans Wint (1948) and George Rhoden (1952), and Rhoden took McKenley's 400 record (45.8m in 1950). In 1955, Lou Jones surprised with 45.2m and Jim Lea ran 45.8. Glenn Davis powered to 45.7 (1958). Novice Otis Davis, 44.9m at Rome. Another shocker: Adolf Plummer, 44.9 in 1963. Mike Larrabee's mediocre career exploded into 44.9m and gold (1964). Graceful Tommie Smith, 44.5m (1967). Fighting Lee Evans, 43.8m in Mexico City's favorable altitude. John Smith, 44.5 in 71, crippled at Munich.

880: Marvelous Mal Whitfield's fluid "downhill" style: first at London and Helsinki, record 1:48.6 (1953). Lon Spurrier's planned 1:47.5 (1955). Roger Moens lowered Harbig's 16-year-old record to 1:45.7m (1955). Tom Courtney, courageous homestretch winner at Melbourne, plus 1:46.8 (1957). Peter Snell, unknown in black, won at Rome, set 1:44.3 and 1:45.1 (1962), won at Tokyo... undefeated in important races. Jim Ryun surprised himself with 1:44.9 (1966) but he could not handle the tactics. Ralph Doubell tied Snell's record in Mexico City's altitude. Dave Wottle tied both in 1972 and won a lucky race at Munich.

Mile: The Swedish era ended in 1948 with one-two at London. In 1954, under-trained, over-motivated Roger Bannister... 3:59.4... lost it to John Landy's 3:57.9...

25 YEARS IN ACTION OF HEROES

by Bert Nelson

Looking back isn't something I do much of. Today and tomorrow are too exciting to waste time on yesterday. But with 25 years of *Track & Field News* yesterdays behind me, I have been asked to name the most exciting moment.

I can't single out one thrill from the more than 10,000 races and at least 3000 field events I have witnessed in that time. But I can come up with a Top Ten of happenings which stick in the mind as of today, knowing that at another time other competitions will be better remembered. In chronological order:

Paavo Nurmi, the legendary Finn still considered by many the greatest distance runner of all-time, is the surprise torch bearer for the 1952 Olympics.

Emil Zatopek, another all-time distance great, falls to fourth on the last backstretch of the 1952 Olympic 5000 but struggles back into the lead and tears home a winner in 14:06.6.

Horace Ashenfelter, lightly regarded going into the Games, bursts out of the last water jump to thoroughly demoralize favorite Vladimir Kazantsev and win going away in a world record 8:45.4.

Don Bowden, young Cal sophenom whom I had watched since early high school days, lunges awkwardly toward the finish line in the 1956 Olympic trials 1500, gains five yards on veteran Fred Dwyer in the last 30, and makes the team by an inch with 3:48.6.

outlasted Landy in a classic at Vancouver. Many record holders, but none like Herb Elliott: 3:36.1 and 3:54.5 (1958) plus 3:35.6 at Rome. Snell next: 3:54.4 (1962), gold at Tokyo, 3:54.1 (1964). Ryun a super-star: 3:51.3 at 19 (1966) and 3:51.1 (1967). His 3:33.1 smashed Keino in 1967 but Keino beat him at altitude in Mexico City. Keino lost at Munich to Pekka Vasala's last 800 in 1:49.0!

Steeple: Unfamiliar names: Skinny Nip Ashenfelter, glorious at Helsinki in 8:45.4. Sandor Rozsnyoi, 8:35.6 (1956). Jerzy Chromik 8:32.0 (1958). Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak, 8:31.4, gold at Rome, 8:30.4 (1961). Gaston Roelants, 8:29.6 (1963), victory at Tokyo, 8:26.4 (1965), Jouko Kuha, 8:24.2 (1968). Vladimir Dudin, 8:22.2 (1969). Kerry O'Brien stepped on hurdles while running 8:22.0 (1970). Keino best of all in a tactical 8:23.6 at Munich. Anders Garderud, ill at Munich, 8:20.8 10 days later. Ben Jipcho tied him early in 1973.

5000: Hagg's 1942 record resisted Emil Zatopek until 1954 (13:57.2). Then Vladimir Kuts beat him with 13:56.6 and 13:51.2. In 1955: Sandor Iharos 13:50.8, Kuts 13:46.8, Iharos 13:40.6. 1956: Gordon Pirie beat Kuts in 13:36.8, but Kuts won at Melbourne. In 1957: Kuts 13:35.0. 1965: Ron Clarke 13:34.8, 13:33.6, 13:25.8. Keino 13:24.2. Clarke, never winner of a big race, ran 12:50.4y and 13:16.6 (1966). Lasse Viren, winner at Munich, ran 13:16.4 afterwards. Six days later, Emiel Puttemans ran 12:47.8 and finished in 13:13.0.

10,000: Zatopek taught hard training to the world—undefeated until 1954, golds at London and Helsinki. But Kuts ran 28:30.4 (1956) and Pyotr Bolotnikov 28:18.2 (1962). Billy Mills, sensation of Tokyo, ran 6M in 27:11.6 (1965). Clarke ran more than a minute faster than Zatopek, 27:39.4 (1965). At Munich, Lasse Viren ran faster than Clarke with a last 800 almost as fast as Clarke could run while fresh.

Marathon: Zatopek was supreme in 1952 as a part-time marathoner. His 2:23:03 is slow today. Abebe Bikila, super-human with his barefoot victory at Rome and his fast, easy triumph in Tokyo, ran 2:12:11.2, but progress passed him, too. Derek Clayton ran 2:09:36 (1967) and 2:08:33 (1969). Frank Shorter won at Munich in 2:12:20 with as much aplomb as Bikila.

High Hurdles: Harrison Dillard, best of all-time in 1948 (13.6), finally won his gold in 1952. Dick Attlesey, 13.5 (1950). Jack Davis, 13.4 (1954), won his second silver behind Lee Calhoun at Melbourne. Calhoun reappeared in 1960 with another gold and he equaled Martin

Bruce Kidd, the 17-year-old Canadian wonder kid, duels Olympic veteran Max Truex in the 1961 Compton 5000, breaking the American 3M record with 13:26.6 enroute to a 13:56.4, a time never bettered by anyone within four years of Kidd's tender years.

Jim Ryun, everybody's favorite 17-year-old, turns on a 53.6 last lap in the 1964 Olympic trials 1500, agonizingly overhauls Jim Grelle to grab third by a foot in 3:41.9.

Billy Mills, completely overlooked going into the race, amazes by being in contention on the final lap of the 1964 OG 10,000, amazes even more as he bursts through and around the leaders and lapped runners to win in 28:24.4.

Mills and Gerry Lindgren, two of the most popular runners this country has known, battle evenly for the entire 6M of the 1965 AAU, enter the stretch dead even and finish almost even (Mills a bare foot ahead) in a world record 27:11.6, the first ever world mark by an American at longer than 2M.

Ryun, a veteran campaigner as a Kansas freshman, brings the mile record back to the US in 1966 after a 29-year absence, running 3:51.3.

Bob Beamon, performing right in front of us at the 1968 Olympics, seems to jump almost out of the long pit as he pulls off the greatest single performance in the history of track, that immortal 29-2½ long jump.

Thinking about the above has been fun and here are a few more superlatives:

Lauer's incredible 13.2 (1959). Willie Davenport dominated until his young protégé, Rod Milburn, took over the record (13.0, 1971) and the Olympic title at Munich.

Intermediates: Yuriy Lituyev broke Hardin's 19yr record with 50.3 (1953). Rugged Glenn Davis was undisputed king with world records (49.5 in 1956 and 49.2 in 1958) and Olympic glory in 1956 and 1960. Rex Cawley, 49.1 (1960), won at Tokyo. Dave Hemery shocked the world with 48.1 in the thin air of Mexico City. At Munich, playful John Akii-Bua, stronger than even he knew, ran a fantastic 47.8.

High Jump: In 1948, few Olympic jumpers used even the western roll. Big Buddy Davis won at Helsinki, then 6-11³/₈ (1953). Charlie Dumas squelched Ernie Shelton, then made 7-⁵/₈ and won at Melbourne. John Thomas spread out over 7-3⁴/₈ like a big bird but lost at Rome. Valeriy Brumel stair-stepped the record to 7-5⁵/₈ and won at Tokyo, stopped only by smashed bones from a motorcycle ride. Dick Fosbury invented the Flop and won at Mexico City. Pat Matzdorf surprised with 7-6¹/₄ (1971) but injuries cut him down in 1972.

Pole Vault: Little Bob Richards won in 1952 and 1956, but Warmerdam's 1942 record lasted until Bob Gutowski's 15-8¹/₄ (1957). Don Bragg, 15-9¹/₄ (1960) and Olympic victory, but then came the fiberglass pole. Brian Stenberg, glorious at 16-8, lost it all on a trampoline. Fred Hansen, 17-4, won on his last chance at Tokyo. Bob Seagren and John Pennel alternated, with Paul Wilson slipping in a 17-7³/₄ (1967). Seagren: 17-9 and gold in 1968. Pennel, 17-10¹/₄ (1969). 1970: Wolfgang Nordwig 17-11 Chris Papanicolaou 18-¹/₄. 1972's new poles: Little Kjell Isaksson 18-1, 18-2, 18-4¹/₄. Seagren 18-4¹/₄, 18-5¹/₄. But the poles were banned at Munich, and Nordwig won at 18-¹/₂.

Long Jump: Not until 1960 did Jesse Owens lose his 1935 record, to Ralph Boston's 26-11¹/₄. Boston dominated for eight years, to 27-4³/₄ and gold, silver, and bronze. At Mexico City, super-talent dilettante Bob Beamon put everything together in the thin air with 29-2¹/₂ and disheartened all jumpers. . . including himself.

Triple Jump: Three dominated a quarter of a century. Adhemar Da Silva tied Tajima's 14yr 52-6 in 1950, 52-6¹/₄ (1951), 53-2¹/₂ at Helsinki, 54-4 in 1955 at Mexico City, and a second gold at Melbourne. Three Soviets broke the record, but Jozef Schmidt overpowered them with 55-10¹/₂ (1960) and two Olympic titles. Viktor Saneyev won at Mexico City with 57-³/₄ after two others broke Schmidt's record. Pedro Perez surprised with 57-1 (1971)

(Left from top): Morrow [Sports Illustrated], Hayes [Holm], Smith [Shapiro], Evans [Lacey], Landy-Bannister, Snell, Elliott [Neale], Keino-Clarke [Kroot], Mimoun-Zato-

The greatest meet was the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. There was the incomparable Zatopek, getting ever more thrilling as he went along, winning the 10,000 strongly, capturing the 5000 from behind, and pumping hearts faster as he entered the stadium at the end of his first ever marathon, completing an historic triple. There was Ashenfelter's win and the close 1500 loss of Bob McMillen to Josey Barthel, both lightly regarded. Just seeing Paavo Nurmi and being with an amazingly knowledgeable crowd of European spectators was great. The wait for the photo-finish decision on the 100, won by Lindy Remigino over Herb McKenley, followed by McKenley's loss to teammate George Rhoden in the 400, and climaxed by McKenley's fastest ever relay lap to garner finally an elusive gold medal was a heart-warming serial story.

Naming the greatest athlete is a decision no one should attempt. But for now I'll go with Rafer Johnson. Who else was good enough to make the Olympic team in the long jump and place second in the NCAA highs, yet was also the greatest three event thrower (shot, discus, javelin) in collegiate history? Naturally, he was a natural for the decathlon. He broke the world record as an inexperienced 19-year-old, lost it, won it back at 22, lost it again, and won it back by over 300 points. Retiring at 24, he left me with the feeling that almost anything was possible from this superbly gifted, fiercely competing marvel.

Choosing the greatest competitor from among thousands of toughly competing trackmen is a foolhardy

but Saneyev won at Munich and hit 57-2¹/₄.

Shot Put: Jim Fuch's new style boosted the record to 58-10¹/₄ (1951). Parry O'Brien's new form and weight lifting won two golds and a silver and raised the record gradually to 63-1. Young Dallas Long, 63-7 (1959). Bill Nieder, 65-7 and Roman gold. Long 67-10 and victory at Tokyo. Randy Matson, greatest talent, up to 70-7 (1965) and 71-5¹/₂ (1968). Olympic champion, he lost ground to anabolic steroids and 70ft became common, but Wladyslaw Komar won at Munich with 69-6.

Discus: Adolfo Consolini, gold and 181-6¹/₂ (1948). Fortune Gordien, the happy ham, 186-11 (1949), 194-6 (1953). Then came Al Oerter: records up to 206-6. Jay Silvester 199-2¹/₂ (1961), Ludvik Daneš 211-9¹/₂ (1964), Silvester 218-3¹/₂ and a windy 224-5 (1968). . . but Oerter won four gold medals! Ricky Bruch tied Silvester's record (1972), but Daneš won at Munich.

Javelin: Yrjö Nikkanen's 258-2³/₈ lasted 15 years, until Janusz Sidło's 262-11¹/₂ (1953). Bud Held designed a better javelin and threw it 268-2¹/₂ (1955). Egil Danielson, 281-2¹/₂ at Melbourne. Little Al Cantello, 282-3¹/₂ (1959). Carlo Lievore, 284-7 (1961). Terje Pedersen's bombshell. . . 300-11 (1964). Janis Lūsis the greatest: 361-9¹/₄ (1968) then gold. Squat Jorma Kinnunen, 304-1¹/₂ (1969). Lūsis came back with 307-9 (1972) but lost at Munich to Klaus Wolfemann.

Hammer: Imre Nemeth, 193-7¹/₂ (1948) and Olympic gold. Jozsef Csernak, 197-11¹/₂ at Helsinki. Mikhail Krivonozov, 6 WR's to 220-10 (1956), but Hal Connolly won at Melbourne and set 7 WR's to 1965 (233-9¹/₂). Gyula Zsivotsky, 241-11¹/₂ (1965) and 242-0 (1968), won at Mexico City. 1964 champion Romuald Klim, 244-6 (1969). Anatoliy Bondarchuk, 247-7¹/₂ (1969). Walter Schmidt continued the amazing progress with 250-8 (1971), but Bondarchuk won at Munich (247-8¹/₂).

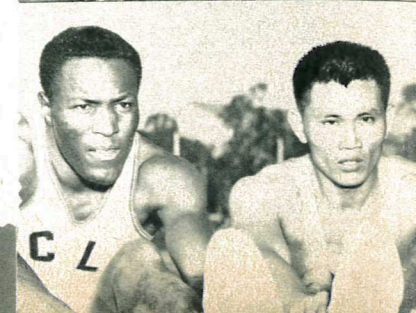
Decathlon: Bob Mathias, only 17, won at London, set a world record in 1950, broke it at Helsinki (7731). Rafer Johnson, almost a neighbor of Mathias, broke his record (1955). Injured at Melbourne, Johnson raised his record in Moscow (1958). In 1960, he raised it again, to 8063, and won at Rome. His teammate, C.K. Yang, scored 8089 (1963) but lost to the rules changes in 1964. Hard training Bill Toomey, 8234 (1966), lost the record to Kurt Bendlin's 8319 (1967), but Toomey won at Mexico City. Then Toomey broadcast on TV at Munich while Nikolay Avilov scored a wondrous 8454.

As someone said ten years ago, "They can't keep on breaking records." □

pek [Life], Davis [Lacey]. (Right from top): Brumel, Beamon's 29-2¹/₂ [Lacey], Da Silva, O'Brien, Oerter [Turk], Matson [Chadez], Sidlo [Holm], Mathias, Johnson-Yang.

action. Yet, I am struck with the feeling that there was no one liking to lose less and able to win more than Glenn Davis. Johnson would be oh-so-close. Al Oerter certainly could win the real big one but he wasn't as geared to winning all the time. Bob Hayes. I've always felt, could give every other sprinter a head start and overhaul him. But Davis was a still different breed. He was tough, mentally, physically, even with his fists. He had to win. He lost only four of 40 intermediate hurdle races, one as a beginner, the other three when out of condition. He won two Olympics, set the world record in the 440 hurdles and twice in the 400 hurdles, and ran six of the nine fastest times to the date of his retirement. He also clocked records on the flat, twice in the 440, once in the 400 and had seven of the 13 fastest 400-440 races ever.

More superlatives: The fastest human in those 25 years, if not ever, was Bob Hayes, all-triumphant and never really pressed. The athletes who seemed most ideal, physically, for their events were Henry Carr, tall, beautifully proportioned, smoothly powerful in the 220, and shot putter Randy Matson, carrying 260lb without excessive bulges on his 6-6¹/₂ frame. Most sensational probably was Tommie Smith when he shifted gears, seemed to get his knees up under his chin, and jetted past or away. The most admired could be Ron Clarke, who was the first to prove distancemen could run often and, well who never ducked an opponent, and who always gave much of himself on and off the track. □



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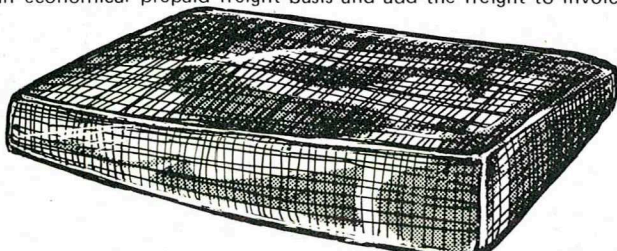
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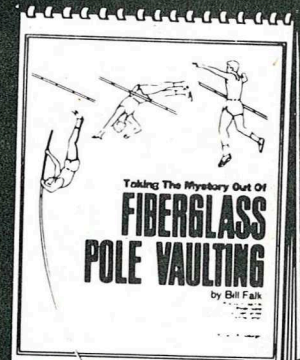
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ITA's pro track scheme cannot and must not succeed. It cannot succeed because the money is just not there to be made. The athletes know it, and they won't buy it. Big-time amateur promoters have been fighting dwindling crowds for years, and it is a struggle to break even. The travel budgets and prize requirements are just too much for track and field to bear.

It must not succeed, because if it does it will divide the sport. It will make competition between and among the best athletes impossible. It will kill whatever fan interest there already is in the sport. And it will ruin the United States in track and field internationally.

ITA made headlines with a New York press conference in November. What a show that must have been—the big name athletes standing in front of a check for \$609,000 which ITA does not have, and which adds up to the announced prizes for the first year (which is what they said it added up to) only when extra money is thrown in for a *grand prix* which is to be sponsored by a corporation which still has not been found two months later.

The first athletes signed by ITA represented a great collection of has-beens. There were Lee Evans, Randy Matson, Richmond Flowers, and Jim Ryun, all past their prime, with only one legitimate super-athlete of today, Bob Seagren. Oh yes, there was also Marty Liquori, the ITA announcer. He apparently has so little faith in the venture he's playing it safe and retaining his amateur standing. Maybe he knows something.

Since the first ITA press conferences not too many athletes joined the band wagon. If ITA is going to have 12 events per meet as announced, they need 50 to 60 athletes just to hold one meet. Actually, to allow for varying the cast from meet to meet and for the inevitable injuries, far more than that must be signed. But as of this writing, ITA seems to be in bad trouble. Only 14 have announced that they are going pro and most of those are athletes who are obviously past their prime. That's not surprising. I spoke to several top athletes about their intentions. "Why should I sign?" one runner asked me. "If the thing gets to be a success and I'm still running well enough to make decent money at it, I'm sure I'll be able to run then. If not, why jeopardize my running career—I've still got a lot of good years left and I enjoy competing. Furthermore, I like the camaraderie of amateur track. I doubt the pros will be nearly as friendly and I can't believe the competing will be nearly as fun."

The athletes are wary of the form of contract ITA is offering. They are reluctant to give up their enjoyable—and in some cases profitable—"amateur" careers for what must be considered a speculative venture.

Perhaps the athletes are reluctant to go pro because they share my belief that it can't succeed. They have seen track attendance declining in recent years. ITA gloated when a Louis Harris poll showed that 23% of those questioned were interested in track. A more significant poll just released by the Gallup organization found that only 6% attended a track meet at least once a year.

ITA thinks it can change this by putting on a slick enough show, with such hokum as flashing lights to direct attention to field events. They are trying to reach the average sports fan with "maximum entertainment" but what they'll probably do instead is lose half the people who really are track fans.

ITA thinks it can get enough corporate support. But corporations prefer to support sports like golf, which their executives play. Madison Avenue thinks golf and tennis audiences buy more expensive products than track fans—they're probably right. And so the corporate support ITA needs just won't be there.

What will happen if ITA somehow does succeed? I'd rather not think about that. For years to come, there will be more unnecessary barriers which will prevent the best athletes of the world from competing with each other. Suppose Randy Matson, professional and Al Feuerbach, amateur, are each throwing the shot 72ft this year. They won't be able to meet on the athletic field. There will be no dream mile between professional Jim Ryun and amateur Dave Wottle. Eat your hearts out track fans, you won't be able to do anything about it.

This situation could last indefinitely. Look at pro tennis. It was a mess and the sport suffered. Track has enough internal squabbling already. I agree the amateur rules should be changed. But until they are, the effect of an operation like ITA will be ruinous. It will divide the sport, damage the amateur and college programs and turn away many of its fans. Being a track fan, I don't want to see that happen.

Being an American, I shudder as well, to contemplate what will happen to the country in international amateur competition when we have to go up against European amateurs with our second best. That will happen too, because if worst comes to worst and ITA becomes viable, many of our best athletes will want to cash in. But countries which ignore the amateur rules will still have their best athletes, and of course will still insist on preserving "amateurism" because it will work to their advantage and against the US. As I said, I'd rather not think about any of this.

ITA cannot and must not succeed. □

ITA Can and Must Succeed

I Think ITA Can and Must Succeed

ITA Cannot and Must Not Succeed

ITA can and must succeed. It can do so because it is run by a professional businessman advised by knowledgeable track people. Enough money has been invested at the outset to keep it going as a break-even proposition for some time. And corporate sponsorship and television will eventually—probably soon—provide enough money to make the venture profitable to the ITA investors and athletes alike.

It must succeed because athletes must be given the opportunity to make an honest living at track and field. The hypocrisy which now prevails places a premium on dishonesty. All athletes are now being used. The big box office draws are not being paid enough. Other first-rate athletes are not being paid at all. The amateur movement can no longer impose its unevenly enforced code upon athletes.

I have read the comments of my skeptical colleague, and I am still convinced that ITA will succeed. Perhaps that is because I believe in track and field as a sport. The Louis Harris figures suggest the true potential audience for track. The Gallup poll reflects only the actual audience which the poorly-organized collegiate and amateur programs have been able to reach. I have been watching amateur meets for some time, and never cease to be amazed at how poorly some things are done. Most of the offenses fall in the area which is most critical to spectator enjoyment—the meet announcing and the staging of the races. This season alone I have seen and heard (a) an announcer introduce a race which had already been run, (b) a meet in which the gun was frequently fired on schedule in spite of the fact that the announcer was in the midst of introducing the field, (c) various athletes misidentified, mispronounced, and misinformation announced as fact, etc. This is why attendance is declining and why professional track can succeed. It can compete with professional sports by being a professional sport, professionally promoted. To be sure, some of ITA's staging plans might turn off the track purists. But there aren't enough of us to justify catering to our narrow tastes. ITA is practicing good business sense in seeking the non-track fans. Would it be bad if more people become interested in our sport? I don't think so.

Can ITA make it if they must fill out their fields with second-raters? Of course they can. The big names—Ryun, Seagren, Evans, Matson—they will draw the crowds. The rest of the cast is unimportant for public support. And believe me, when the 1:50 half-milers see 1:52 half-milers winning money races, they'll climb aboard. And the 1:48 men won't be far behind as it becomes obvious that the money's there.

What about corporate sponsorships? I agree that it is necessary for increased prizes and long-range success. For that, it would appear that some additional sources of revenue such as cooperative sponsorship and TV are necessary. But I believe that such support will come along pretty quickly as public interest has proven. Remember that corporations supported amateur track in the past. Quaker Oats, General Motors, Coca-Cola, Sunkist and Sears Roebuck come to mind as sponsors of meets or broader programs such as Junior Olympics. They and others should be even more interested in track as a professional sport which will have a broader appeal and give more publicity to the companies involved.

Will it ruin track as an international sport and will it jeopardize the US's teams? It may for awhile, but whose fault is that? It is, of course, the fault of the international bodies who will not let professionals represent nations. It is they who must change their ways. Wimbledon and Forest Hills eventually opened up, and so will the Olympics. It is more important to stand up for the right of the athlete to make an honest living at his sport than to continue waving our flag at the expense of the athletes, which is what we are doing. We tell men to train for hours daily so that we can derive national glory from their athletic feats. That is exploitation. As it was in tennis, this idea will be opposed most vociferously by those nations whose hypocrisy is the worst—in our case the East Europeans who support their athletes and the Scandinavians who tolerate the worst abuses of amateurism and then on top of it award stipends to athletes. But should we, because of these hypocritical objections, deny our best athletes if they wish to achieve the same status within the framework of our capitalist system? I think not.

Likewise, it is not the fault of the professionals if the amateurs cannot compete against them. If the amateurs really do want to challenge the pros, they can turn pro. They can use their pressure to compel the governing bodies to permit open competition as you have in golf and tennis. That could and should be the basis of continuing the success of the Olympic movement.

Finally, we should welcome the fact that we may no longer have Americans like Evans and Ryun retiring because they can no longer afford to compete. In no other professional sport would 25-year-old athletes be has-beens. To talk of these men that way only emphasizes the absurdities of our present system. It can only benefit the sport to have talent preserved and used rather than going to waste because of financial pressures on great young men of accomplishment.

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JOHN C. RODNEY, Durham, North Carolina:

Thorsteinn Gislason, Jr., is correct [Nov. Letters] when he comments that having athletes from the smaller countries, who can't compete with the US or USSR, is one reason why the Olympics are great. But since the Olympics are supposed to be able to determine the world's best, should great athletes who for one reason or another cannot make their national team be forbidden to participate? I suggest that the current system of allowing one competitor from each nation or three if all can meet the qualifying standard be amended to allow more than three in exceptional cases; e.g., four or more entrants from one nation if they can meet especially high standards.

FRED SAMARA, decathlete, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Re Bert Nelson's "I Think" pieces of the USOC training camps [Nov. and Dec.]. I feel that the Olympic training camps that were held in 1971 were extremely profitable. The decathlon camp in Colorado helped me 300%. Everyone at the camp, incidentally, qualified for the Trials. It provided the basic foundation and fundamentals that helped Bruce Jenner, Gary Hill, Mike Hill, Roger George, to name a few, to improve greatly.

BOB SPARKS, ATFS, Surrey, England:

I was in a very good position to watch the shot competition (at Munich) and followed the efforts of all the leading competitors through binoculars. In my view, George Woods' throw struck the base of the offending spike (see OG shot coverage, September) simultaneously with landing and probably did not lose any significant distance. Despite this opinion, there still must be a degree of doubt, and I think he was justified in being angry about the whole business, which spoiled the ending of an otherwise enthralling competition. It certainly shows the stupidity of leaving such markers in the landing area.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, Arlington, Virginia:

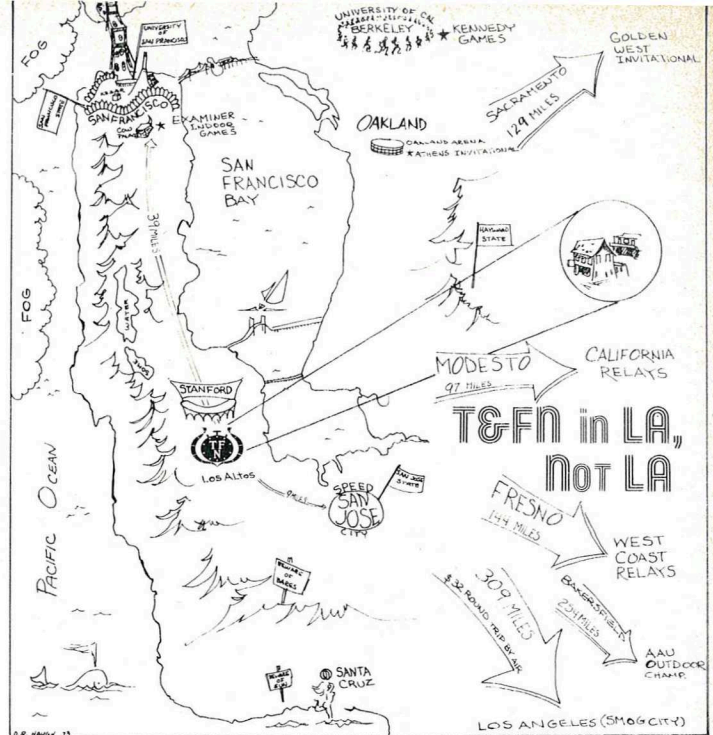
The account of the Olympic 400 relay indicates the final started at 4:19 p.m., on Sept. 10. I have a slide that shows the stadium clock read 4:14 p.m. But your coverage was superb. In every respect it was more than one could have asked for. Your readers expected nothing less, but it is good to have pleasant expectations rewarded.

BOB HERSH, New York City, New York:

For some reason, "flat floor indoor tracks" are a widely misunderstood term. New Yorkers, New Jerseyites and others familiar with flat floors are careful to distinguish such tracks, and performances made thereon, from board tracks. They are quite amused when Californians treat them as identical except for the banking factor. As I recall the thinking, it goes something like this: flat floors are made from boards which are made from cut-down trees. Ditto board tracks. Ergo... A board track is made of long pine or plywood boards like those used in piers or boardwalks. They are placed on wooden or metal framework which is placed on the floors of the arena. They are often surfaces of a synthetic material. A flat floor is like an unvarnished gymnasium floor, or the approach part of a bowling lane. It is a slippery surface to begin with and is made even more so by the wood dust which is inevitably present. For runners, the principal difference is that on a flat floor you cannot wear any kind of spike, while on the board track "indoor" spikes are worn. You simply cannot run as fast as you could with spiked shoes, particularly in changing direction as you must when negotiating turns. Another difference is that you get no resilience at all from the flat floor. You must fight the surface as you would if running on concrete. Add the slippery quality, and you have a difficult running surface. [Editor: T&FN does recognize the distinction between the two types of tracks. However, T&FN has not seen fit to distinguish flat floor surfaces in its already complex and even complicated rating system of tracks as few are used for competitions where marks come close to warranting reporting in our US news or lists.

GIL BISHOP, veteran meet director, Bakersfield, California:

I have to react to your 1 June T&FN issue where you give considerable space to the El Paso meet and its promoter (Wayne Vandenburg). Inasmuch as we were in direct competition in our Bakersfield Track Classic and probably will continue to be in that position, this is an invitation for you to review the Bakersfield track picture some time soon. For instance, no community has ever staged as many AAU championships, and my own experience tells me no community has staged them any better. As far as I know, no community has ever staged both the AAU and USTFF championships. Certainly, no community has ever staged those two meets as well as the women's national championship. The results of the FOT show that 13 ultimate Olympic Trials winners (excluding the hammer and the walks) competed in Bakersfield, two in the Pac-8 and one each at El Paso, the Mid-American meet, and the Wisconsin-UCTC affair. You mention such items as awards and sponsors. Again, I'd invite you to compare the two meets. Our first place awards of double-knit jackets and slacks, picked out individually by the winners, is unmatched, in my opinion. As far as comparing tracks, I'll match Memorial Stadium's nine 48" lane Tartan installation against anything in the world. It's one of the few where the broad sweeping curve has not been such a severe problem for lane one competitors. The wide lanes have been a great asset in such events as the hurdles. □



T&FN may not call the big LA, Los Angeles, home but we still hail from our LA, Los Altos. This map shows nearby environs to "home". [Dave Haugh]

Last Lap

Don Steffens, Vintage 1965, Returns to T&FN Again

In this hectic period that always accompanies the heavy happenings of the US indoor through European outdoor seasons as well as while we are introducing more changes into T&FN, we are happy at the same time to welcome back to our staff Don Steffens, who was a full-time employee dating as far back as September 1965. He has worked for us part-time on a number of occasions since, and was instrumental in assisting T&FN at the Munich Olympics where he was employed by the German Olympic Organizing Committee. Don played a key role in enabling T&FN to gain entrance to many normally inaccessible places, acting as a German to English translator, and taping all the medal winners' interviews. He came back specially to help T&FN through June, after living in Europe since mid-1971. We're delighted to have our wandering reporter back at 343 Second St., here in Los Altos.

Giegegack Gives His Version of FOT, et. al.

It was not a mistake to schedule the US Olympic Trials seven weeks before the Games or to schedule pre-Olympic meets in Europe. So maintains Bob Giegegack, chairman of the US Olympic Committee track and field committee, the group making the decisions which became the subject of criticism after the American team was held to six gold medals at Munich.

Giegegack was quoted in *Track & Field News* (Nov.) and the *International Herald Tribune*, from which T&FN obtained Jesse Abramson's quote, that "we made a mistake". But, says Giegegack, "not only did I never make this statement but I never even thought of it."

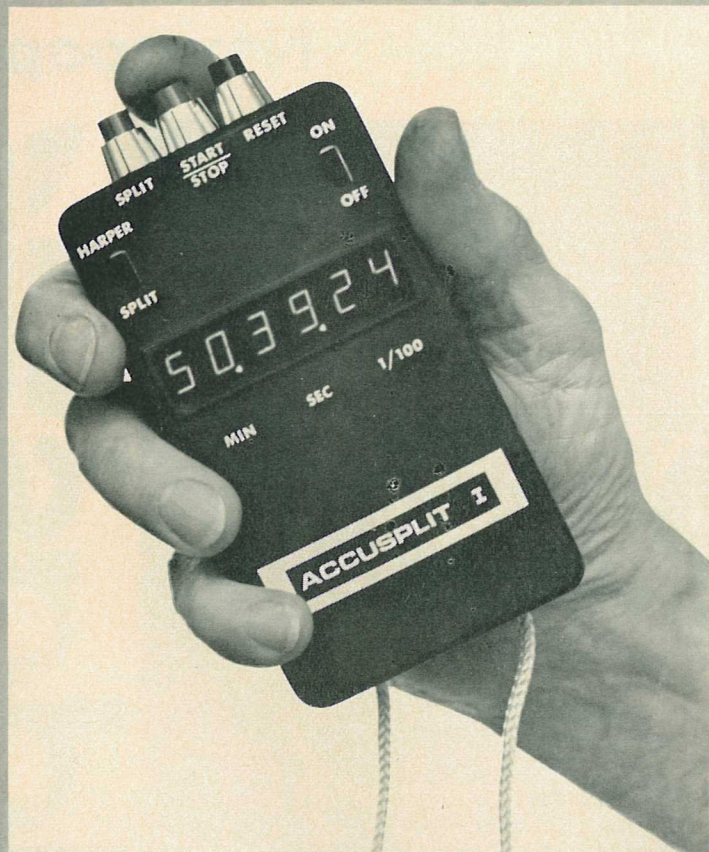
"To set the record straight, both Bill Bowerman and I entered into the question of an European trip with instinctive hostility. Deliberations with the committee, consultations with athletes, and weighing of all possible alternatives persuaded Bill and myself that our fears were unfounded. Nothing has happened to disabuse us of the rectitude of our conclusions."

"Actually the trip was optional and it must be pointed out that those who remained at home did not fare as well in Munich as those who went."

"The dates and place of the trials, the means of qualifying for the trials, and all the details of the foreign trip were unanimously approved by your 45 man dedicated committee and were subsequently approved by a 59-0 vote of the Board of Directors of the USOC."

"Within and without your pages and here or there or elsewhere complaints and criticisms are offered to the tune of (1) we shouldn't have been forced to go to Norway. No one was. It was optional. (2) We should not have been made to compete (in meets to satisfy the AAU's television commitment—No one was! The competition at Bislett, Norway, was also optional and the AAU television program in no way influenced the decision of athletes or coaches. (3) Actually the advice of both Hoover Wright and Stan Wright to individual(s) to retire and not to repeat late in the meet of a cool, dreary evening was ignored and was the occasion of at least one athlete's original and stubborn injury." □

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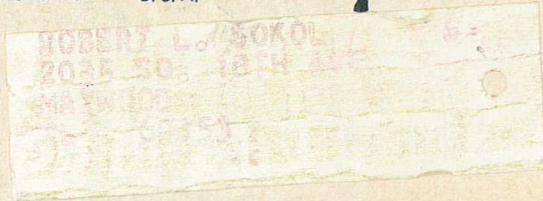
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