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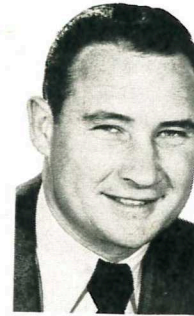
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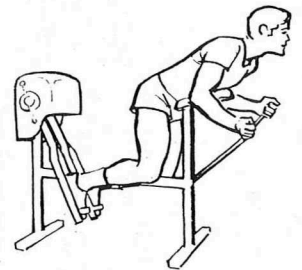
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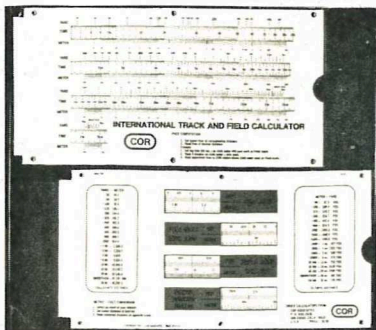
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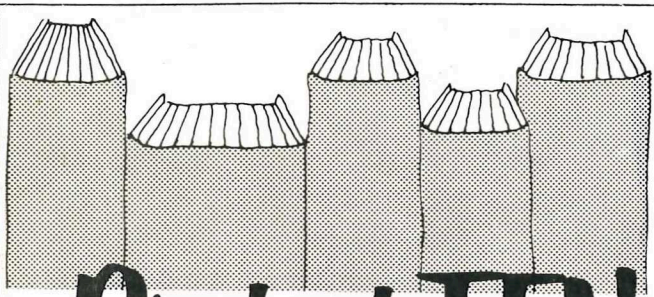


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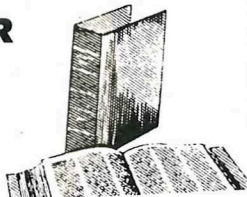
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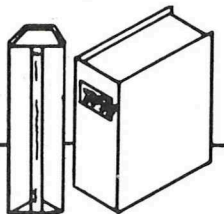
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UP FRONT

Maurice Peoples mowed down his foes at both the NCAA and AAU, scoring 45.0 and 45.2 440 wins plus a stunning 43.4 relay leg. /Don Chadez/

TO JUNE 25, 1973

Nationals GREAT; 2 WRs in Europe

June has really been championship month in the US, with national championships being decided at all levels of competition in 3 great weeks of super meets. People in the rest of the world haven't been exactly goofing off either, with a pair of world records already being produced by the young European season.

The championship trail started in early June, when the first ITA season had a successful finale before a large crowd in New York City. From there, the scene shifted to Baton Rouge, as the collegiate crowd did its thing, with Maurice Peoples, Rod Milburn and Dave Wottle shining as the brightest stars. At the same time, the prepsters warmed for the No. 1 jewel at the high school level—the Golden West—with a pair of "championship" affairs in Des Moines and Mount Prospect, Craig Virgin highlighting the latter with a new 2M standard.

The next week, the scene shifted to Bakersfield, with hot performances aplenty in the AAU coming from a myriad of performers. The long distance runners got their shot in that weekend too, with Doug Schmenk capturing the marathon crown. And the Golden West was once more a fitting conclusion to the prep season.

Topping it all off, the 10-eventers and the Juniors had their chance. Jeff Bennett was the best of the decathletes, while the best of the under-20 crowd earned for themselves a trip to Europe on the international tour. In between, Eugene was once again the site of some hot track, with Rod Milburn matching his own highs standard and Dave Wottle topping Steve Prefontaine in the mile matchup of the year.

The biggies in Europe came from a pair of Africans, as Kenyan Ben Jipcho lowered the steeple record to 8:19.8 and South African Danie Malan zipped through 1000m in 2:16.0. Close to a record was Finnish javelinist Hannu Siitonen, with his 308-1 heave.

FOR THE RECORD

The following record alterations have been reported since the 1 June issue: WB=world best; WAR=world amateur record; AR=American record; CR=collegiate record; HSR=high school record.

2M	8:41.0	HSR	Craig Virgin (Lebanon, Ill)	Mt. Prospect, Ill	June 9
St	8:19.8	WB, WAR	Ben Jipcho (Kenya)	Helsinki, Fin	June 18
HH	13.0	=WB,=WAR	Rod Milburn (Southern U)	Eugene, Ore	June 20
		=AR,=CR			
1000m	2:16.0	WB, WAR	Danie Malan (South Africa)	Munich, WG	June 24

ON THE SCHEDULE

June	26	Paavo Nurmi Games, Turku
27-28	27-28	US-USSR Junior, Odessa
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June	26	Paavo Nurmi Games, Turku
27-28	27-28	US-USSR Junior, Odessa
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July	August	
7-8	3-5	Znamenskiy Memorial, Leningrad
7-8	4-5	US Student Games, Trials, Amherst
11-12	4-5	European Cup Semifinal, Oslo
10-14	4-5	European Cup Semifinal, Ljubljana
13-14	4-5	European Cup Semifinal, Nice
14	10-12	Polish Championships, Warsaw
17-18	10-12	Finnish Championships, Hyvinkaa
20-21	16-21	World Student Games, Moscow
20-22	24-26	European Junior Ch, Duisburg
20-22	24-26	Balkan Games, Athens
23-24	25-26	Czechoslovakia-France, Prague
24-25	25-27	GB-Hungary, London
	September	
	9	European Cup, Edinburgh

IN THE FUTURE

Track has virtually left America for the year. The closest thing of note remaining is the Pan-Pacific Games in Toronto in late June. From there, the scene shifts to Europe, where the US will have 3 big dual meets with the USSR, West Germany, and Italy. The Juniors will have meets with the best Juniors of West Germany, Poland and the USSR.

UNITED STATES

AAU MARATHON

Schmenk Uses Fast Course to Post Swift 2:15:48

San Mateo, Calif., June 17 /from Jack Leydig/—His manner was almost casual, his style smooth and his confidence hardly wanting. New AAU marathon champ Doug Schmenk was all of those things as he won the title in an unpressed 2:15:48. Schmenk is a 22-year-old graduate student at Fullerton State who says, "The only American I know I can't beat is [Frank] Shorter." If Schmenk's self-prognosis is correct, then he's presently the US's best since Olympic champ Shorter is currently too injured to run.

The AAU marathon course, laid out on a 5M loop through the residential section of this San Francisco suburb, was flat and finished with a 1M, 365y loop, ending on San Mateo high school's track. Schmenk registered 5M splits of 25:45, 25:40, 26:10, 25:51 and 25:56. Tactically, this race was nothing unusual as a pack of 12-15 runners stayed together through the 2nd loop. Then Schmenk, who went on to post the US's 7th quickest time ever, surprising Don Kennedy and John Vitale moved to the fore. By 18M, Schmenk was alone, running smoothly and unruffled. Kennedy, whose previous PR was a hilly 2:26:59, succumbed to Vitale's finish, 2:19:52 to 2:19:58. Vitale had run 2:16:15 PR earlier in 1973 in equally warm (70°) weather. The Beverly Hills Striders scored a 1-2-3 in the team score off Phil Camp's 4th (2:20:27), Dave White's 5th (2:21:52) and Ron Kurrle's 9th (2:25:59). Of the 520 entrants, about 430 started and 311 finished. Local residents cooled the runners with hoses.

/mid 70s, fast, flat 5M loop/ Schmenk 2:15:48; 2. Vitale 2:19:52; 3. Kennedy 2:19:58; 4. Camp 2:20:27; 5. White 2:21:52; 6. Ziegler 2:22:27; 7. Wayne 2:23:49; 8. Allen 2:24:43; 9. Kurrle 2:25:59; 10. Pate 2:26:16.



Doug Schmenk cruised to a PR 2:15:48 while annexing the AAU marathon title. /Mitch McPeak/

HAYWARD FIELD RESTORATION Super Mile Overshadows Milburn's Hurdle Record

Eugene, Ore., June 20—It isn't often that a world record takes a back seat to competition in another event, but that's what happened at the Hayward Field Restoration Meet.

Returning to the track he calls "the fastest in the world," Rod Milburn assuaged his surprise AAU high hurdle defeat by matching his own world record with a 13.0 clocking, aided by a legal 2.24 breeze. "I can't put my finger on a reason for what happened down there," he said, "But this week I just worked on getting the feeling back and seeing what would happen." With 2nd place going at 13.9, Milburn's 0.9 margin of victory must be one of the largest ever in a world record race. "Good races come when you are relaxed," he continued. "I think with someone pushing me I would have gone under 13."

However, great as Milburn's race was, the meet-concluding mile—as intended—was the showpiece. Billed as a Dave Wottle-Steve Prefontaine battle, with the possibility of a world record, the race was just that. Club Northwest's Gary Atchison was inserted in the field as a rabbit, and he obliged by towing the field through laps of 58 and 1:57. Then Pre took over, leading through the 1320 in 2:56.0, with Wottle a yard behind, and Villanova's surprising John Hartnett a yard behind him. Wottle hung on Pre's shoulder until 230 left, then quickly opened an 8-10y bulge. For Wottle, who once said that he thought his ultimate was somewhere around 3:55, the final time was 3:53.3, a time only Jim Ryun (4 times) and Kip Keino have bettered. "I

Milburn Dominates All-Time List

Rod Milburn may have had an off-day at the AAU, but he was superb both before and after. The week before, he clocked a 13.1 at the NCAA, a legal time only he himself among the world's hurdlers has ever matched. And several days later, in Eugene, he equaled his own world standard of 13.0. That clocking brought the average of his 10 best legal races down to a nonpareil 13.20—equaling the best anyone else has ever run in a single race. Milburn now owns 10 of the 20 13.2 or faster clockings ever made.

13.0y	Rod Milburn (Sn U) 71	13.2y	Milburn 73
13.0y	Milburn 73	13.2y	Hill (Ft Mac) 73
13.1y	Milburn 73	Wind-aided:	
13.2m	Martin Lauer (WG) 59	13.0y	Milburn 71
13.2m	Lee Calhoun (unat) 60	13.0y	Milburn 72
13.2m	Earl McCullouch (Sn Cal) 67	13.0y	Milburn 72
13.2m	Willie Davenport (Tex Strid) 69	13.1y	Hill 70
13.2m	Milburn 72	13.1y	Milburn 71
13.2y	Davenport 68	13.2y	Milburn 71
13.2y	Erv Hall (Vill) 69	13.2m	Hill 72
13.2y	Thomas Hill (Ark St U) 70		

didn't even start breathing hard until the last 500y," commented Wottle. "Even when I broke away the last 220 I didn't go as fast as I could. I just wanted to get 5 quick yards on Pre and then hold him off. I was never worried that he could catch me."

Behind Wottle, the amazing Hartnett was sticking with Pre, and up the stretch even looked as if he might catch him at one point. Pre moves into 9th on the all-time world list with his 3:54.6, while Hartnett is suddenly 11th with his 3:54.7. "My legs just didn't respond," said Pre. "With a quarter to go I wanted to explode, but I just had no acceleration." Seven of the 8 in the race broke 4:00, all of those getting PRs. For Paul Geis (3:58.0), Canadian Ken Elmer (3:58.5), Jim Johnson (3:58.8) and Scott Daggatt (3:59.8), it was the first sub-4:00 of their careers.

Other top performances in the select fields of stars came from Skip Kent, with an 880 PR of 1:46.4, Rey Brown with a 7-2 high jump, and James McAlister's long jump win over Randy Williams, 26-7/8w to 26-1/8w.

The meet, intended to raise funds for the restoration of the soon-to-be-demolished west grandstand, was a rip-roaring success in that department. Although the whole affair was almost a spur of the moment thing, a good field was lined up, primarily a few days before at the AAU. And the fanatic Eugene fans responded mightily, turning out some 12,000 strong (at \$10.00 a family, or for 3 people) to lustily cheer things on.

/warm, calm; attendance 12,000/-100, Hearvey 9.4. 440, B. Brown 45.7. 880, Kent 1:46.4; 2. R. Brown 1:46.7; 3. Dyce' 1:46.8; 4. Schappert 1:47.5. Mile, Wottle 3:53.3; 2. Prefontaine 3:54.6; 3. Hartnett' 3:54.7; 4. Geis 3:58.0; 5. Elmer' 3:58.5; 6. Johnson 3:58.8; 7. Daggatt 3:59.8; 8. Feig. 3M, Keogh' 13:27.6; 2. Riley 13:29.6. HH(2.24), Milburn 13.0 =WB, =WAR, =AR, =CR; 2. Rich 13.9. HJ, Brown 7-2; 2. tie, Joseph & Woods 7-0. LJ(w), McAlister 26-7/8; 2. Williams 26-1/8. SP, LeDuc 63-6; 2. Silvester 62-9. DT, Silvester 202-9; 2. Vollmer 202-3; HT, DeAutremont 212-10.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Francis Takes Tough 880; Semkiw Big With Shot

Gainesville, Fla., June 22-23 /from Bob Hersh/—The US's middle- and long-distance running corps proved the strongest segments of the nation's junior squad chosen to face West Germany, Poland and the USSR in July. The team's shot put possibilities look strong too, after Ron Semkiw powered his 3rd PR in as many weekends to plaster fellow frosh Terry Albritton, 64-1/4 to 58-9/8. But other events might be lacking.

The best competitive race was the 2-lapper with Boston College's Keith Francis just holding off Washington State's Dale Scott, both running 1:48.5. This was expected to be one of the best races of this 2-day meet, and it was. After following a 53.5 opening lap, frosh Francis made his big move on the backstretch. Never far from the lead during the 1st 660, Francis moved snappily to the front and established a commanding lead around the final curve. Scott came back at him down the final straight but couldn't quite catch the long-striding Francis.

Ironically, a judge disqualified Francis for cutting too sharply at the pole, a decision which was protested and ultimately reversed by referee Leroy Walker 2 hours later. The consensus of his opponents was that Francis had done no harm and gained no advantage.

Prepster Mark Belger lowered his age-16 record to 1:50.3 to equal Jim Ryun's junior class mark though he lost the 73 prep lead to Don Sellers' 1:50.0. The 880 qualifying rounds were rough—Bill Dabney ran 1:50.8, faster than the other 2 heat winners, but placed a non-qualifying 4th.

Miler Mark Schilling, NCAA 6th placer for San Jose State in a PR 3:58.6 2 weeks ago, employed tactics similar to Francis' in winning smoothly in 3:59.2. Staying near the lead set by preps Matt Centrowitz and Curtis Beck (59.3, 2:02.0, 3:02.1), Schilling was content to watch the race develop.

He took charge after the gun, zipping an impressive 56.0 final lap for 3:59.2. Centrowitz held his strong form and took 2nd in 4:02.7, the fastest

prep mile since Marty Liquori did 3:59.8 6 years ago. Beck, 1972 prep leader at 4:04.2, faded to 5th behind Texas' Reed Fischer (4:04.5) and Washington's Greg Gibson (4:04.5) in 4:07.1.

The 2 long races were dominated by the favorites. Undeniable Craig Virgin moved up to the 3M, after nipping the prep 2M mark 2 weeks ago, and established himself as history's 3rd-quickest at 13:36.8. Perhaps a bit surprised was Oregon frosh Bob Grubbs who ran 7.8 off his PR for 2nd at 13:47.8. Virgin also lowered his best by 7.8. Season prep leader prior to this meet was Robbie Perkins, who dipped to 13:57.2 for 3rd.

Terry Williams hadn't contested the 6M distance before, though he posted the 11th fastest-ever in 1972 during a 1-hour run. But here he was confronted by Perkins, another high schooler who is full of run. Their face-off was a dandy, the 2 staying nip-and-tuck close before Williams started moving away in the final 2 laps. Both posted PRs as Terry ran 28:45.2 to win and Perkins couldn't quite stay with him, finishing in 28:47.8. Matched with Saturday's 3M, Perkins improved his position as quickest-ever 2 day 3M-6M doubler. Danny Schlesinger ran a PR 29:11.8 for 3rd, while Tony Sandoval PRed in 4th (29:25.0).

Any doubting Thomases were apparently appeased to see that sprinter Carter Suggs is for real. Following a fair start, Suggs ran powerfully but smoothly to a 100 victory in 9.5. He caught fast-starter Jesse Forbes midway through the race and continued his lead through the tape. The furlong runners ran a curve-plus, finishing at midfield, with Wardell Gilbreath coasting to 20.8, 0.4 ahead of prepster Mike McFarland. LSU teammates Larry Shipp (13.6) and Allen Misher (13.8) swept the high hurdles.

The vertical jumps were only fair as 8 7-plus and 7 16ft-plus jumpers were eligible. Long Beach CC's Carl Miles did 7-0 to win the HJ. Only 5 vaulters made a height with Will Freeman winning at an unimpressive 16-0. Horizontal jumpers and weightmen were probably bothered by the damp facilities more than others. Several field event finals were moved from Friday to Saturday due to the rain and only the shot put final was held the 1st day. The only PR other than Semkiw's among field eventers qualifying for the team was turned in by javelinist Rod Ewaliko who won at 243-11.

/June 22(a) 23(b), a-partly cloudy, 75°, attendance 1000; b-brief showers early, 85°, attendance 2000/-100(b), Carter Suggs (Tarboro, NC) 9.5; 2. Jesse Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee) 9.5; 3. Lavioris Grisby (L City CC) 9.5; 4. Wardell Gilbreath (NMJC) 9.6; 5. Mike Farmer (Wilson, San Francisco, Calif) 9.7; 6. Mike McFarland (Parker, Chicago) 9.7. 220(b), Gilbreath 20.8; 2. McFarland 21.2; 3. Tom Reid (Baptist) 21.3; 4. Clarence Edwards (Santa Ana, Calif) 21.3; 5. Charles Hopkins (SW, Macon, Ga) 21.4; 6. Donald Merrick (Deland) 21.7. 440(a), Karl Farmer (LA SW JC) 46.7; 2. Keith Tinner (Lincoln, Tacoma, Wash) 47.5; 3. Herman Frazier (Denison) 47.7; 4. Vic McKinley (Phil PC) 47.8; 5. Max Tolen (Thornton, Harvey, Ill) 48.0; 6. Clif Wiley (Baltimore, Md) 48.0.

880(b), Keith Francis (Bost C) 1:48.5; 2. Dale Scott (Wash St) 1:48.5; 3. James Robinson (Laney CC) 1:49.8; 4. Thom Garrison (Tenn) 1:50.0; 5. James Taylor (Bost U) 1:50.0; 3. Don Sellers (Harrison, Evansville, Ill) 1:50.0; 7. Mark Belger (Mephram, Bell-

(L) Keith Francis won the AAU Jr. 880 in a PR 1:48.5. (R) Ron Semkiw's PR 64-1/4 took the AAU Jr. shot. /Don Chadez/



more, NY) 1:50.3, Mile, Mark Schilling (S Jose St) 3:59.2; 2. Matt Centrowitz (Power Mem, NYC) 4:02.7; 3. Reed Fischer (Tex) 4:04.5; 4. Greg Gibson (Wash) 4:04.5; 5. Curtis Beck (Santa Ana, Calif) 4:07.1; 6. Alvin Gilmore (Lompoc, Calif) 4:08.2. St(b), Gordon Innes (UCLA) 9:01.6; 2. Mike Irmen (Kent St) 9:04.8; 3. Ron Addison (Tenn) 9:06.2; 4. Scott Boyd (Colo St) 9:12.6; 5. Rick Adams (Eatonville, Wash) 9:19.0; 6. Wayne Hurst (S Jose St) 9:22.2.

3M, Craig Virgin (Lebanon, Ill) 13:36.8; 2. Bob Grubbs (Ore) 13:47.4; 3. Robbie Perkins (Coll, Richmond, Va) 13:57.2; 4. John Olswang (UC Irvine) 14:00.0; 5. J.J. Griffin (Centennial, Pueblo, Colo) 14:02.8; 6. Randy Brown (Ore St) 14:09.2. 6M(a), Terry Williams (Lompoc, Calif) 28:45.2; 2. Perkins 28:47.8; 3. Danny Schlesinger (Sanderson, Raleigh, NC) 29:11.8; 4. Tony Sandoval (Stanford) 29:25.0; 5. Ken Wilson (Penn St) 29:56.8; 6. Richard Kimball (DeLaSalle, Concord, Calif) 29:57.0.

HH(b), Larry Shipp (LSU) 13.6; 2. Allen Misher (LSU) 13.8; 3. Bernie Allen (Harrisburg, Pa) 13.8; 4. Reggie Blackshear (Metuchen, NJ) 14.1; 5. Mike Johnson (Pasadena, Calif) 14.3; 6. Ogie Williams (Harbor JC) 14.3. IH(b), Harold Schwab (Penn) 51.9; 2. George Haley (Lincolndland CC) 52.5; 3. Brian Mondschein (Wash) 52.8; 4. Larry Gnatzig 52.9; 5. Sam Butler (Harv) 53.3; 6. Todd Murphy (AATC) 53.6. 10KWalk(b), Randolph Mimm (Penn AC) 51:45.2; 2. James Patton (WKans TC) 52:16.6; 3. Brian Smazelle (Sierra RW) 52:18; 4. Brad Bentley (Sierra RW) 52:25.0; 5. Jim Murchie (Long Island AC) 54:35.6; 6. Bob Rosenkrantz (Snohomish, Wash) 55:10.

HJ(b), Carl Miles (LBCC) 7-0; 2. Ed Fern (Clemson) 6-11; 3. tie, Rod Raver (Rochester, Minn), Chris Schneider (BA Strid), Keith Guinn (North, Sh Mission, Kans), Mark Branch (Tenn) & John Allen (Casa Grande, Ariz) 6-10. PV(b), Will Freeman (Fla) 16-0; 2. Ken Haagen (Strid) 15-3; 3. tie, Earl Bell (Jonesboro, Ark), Grant Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville, Ind), & Ed Kulka (AATC) 14-9.

LJ(b, ok) Ricky Thompson (Baylor) 24-10½; 2. Gerald Hardeman (Edison, Fresno, Calif) 24-9¾; 3. Ted Hammond (Compton, Calif) 24-3; 4. Alvin Brown (LCity CC) 23-5; 5. William Tate (W Memphis, Ark) 23-5; 6. Ed Lennex (St Joseph's) 23-¼. TJ(b), Lennex 50-11; 2. Ron Livers (Eisenhower, Norristown, Pa) 50-9; 3. Paul Jordan (Overbrook, Phila, Pa) 49-8¾; 4. James Nathaniel (Browne, Flushing, NY) 49-¾; 5. Lewis Tucker (Wash Union, Easton, Calif) 48-8½; 6. Alvin Brown (LCity CC) 48-6.

SP(a), Ron Semkiw (Ariz St) 64-1¼; 2. Terry Albritton (Stan) 58-9½; 3. Jim Neidhart (Newport Harbor, NB, Calif) 55-7; 4. Mike Budincich (Sn Cal) 55-6¾; 5. Lonnie Shelton (Foothill, Bakersfield, Calif) 55-4½; 6. Russ Vincent (Ballard, Seattle, Wash) 54-3½. DT(b), Ben Plucknett (Mo) 171-11; 2. Jim Miller (Ore St) 168-6; 3. Shelton 167-3; 4. Dave Hickson (Leland, San Jose, Calif) 167-1; 5. Brett Dull (Auburn) 166-5; 6. Robin Earl (Kent-Meridian, Kent, Wash) 162-6. HT(b), Alvin Jackson (Penn St) 202-1; 2. Phil Bartlett (Brown) 199-5. JT(b), Rod Ewaliko (Wash) 243-11; 2. Bruce Dow (Sn Cal) 232-1; 3. Bill Wilcox (Holy Cross, N Orleans, La) 231-2; 4. Skip Cummins (Dart) 231-1; 5. Curt Heide (Ore St) 229-4; 6. Jeff Carter (Ore) 216-4.

AAU DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS Balanced PRs Put Bennett, Gough on National Team

Porterville, Calif., June 22-23 /by Bert Nelson/—Lifetime best decathlon performances by hard-competing Jeff Bennett and Steve Gough earned for them spots on the national team and coveted shots at the talented USSR 10-event corps. It was the AAU title meet and Bennett defended his crown with 8121 points while Gough broke the habit of 3 straight AAU 4th places with a 7938 tally.

Ron Evans, whose Penn Relays victory accounted for Bennett's only loss of the year, was 3rd with 7751. Starting and finishing well, Fred Samara turned around a disappointing season to take 4th with 7656. Bruce Jenner came alive on the 2nd day to move from 11th to 5th with 7617 while John Warkentin, now the senior member of US decathletes, was 6th with 7557.

How Warkentin, 1970 AAU champion with 8026, finished as low as 6th constitutes one of the most dramatic finishes ever recorded in a decathlon, an event naturally geared to tight conclusions.

As the 4 leaders lined up just before 1 a.m. for the climactic 1500, Bennett was a certain winner. His lead over Gough was a mere point but he runs the metric mile about 30sec faster than Gough or Evans. The latter was 4th and according to his own analysis was "unable to win 3rd or lose 4th".

Lying 3rd was Warkentin, a full 155 points behind Gough. He would need to beat Gough by 23.3 to overhaul him and his PR was only 18.8 better. But a 5sec combined variation from personal bests isn't hard to achieve and it promised to be a race to the end.

With 1 lap to go, Warkentin had an 18sec lead and on the backstretch it seemed to increase. But as he came off the final bend the 26-year-old veteran of 34 competitions was slowing. With just 50y left he was in trouble. "He's tying badly," observers shouted. "He's not going to make it." Suddenly the trouble was a lot worse than a slowing pace. John ground to a halt, a tantalizing 25y from the finish line. He fell, got up, staggered a step, fell again. His legs completely out of control, Warkentin vainly attempted progress toward the security of the finish, so near but so far. Another fall left him on the ground for many seconds while officials and his wife, Mardi, wrestled with the decision of what to do. Should he be helped off the track and thus disqualified, or left alone? The courageous Warkentin finally answered the questions himself. His competitive instinct overcame a reluctant body and he staggered across the line into waiting arms, 6 falls and about 60sec after he first stopped. His time, in a finish reminiscent of Jim Peters in the 1954 British Empire Games marathon, was 5:31.5.

The problem, according to the meet physician who worked on the



(L) Jeff Bennett totaled a PR 8121 to claim the AAU decathlon. /Chadez/
(R) Steve Gough finished 2nd to Bennett with 7938, his best ever. /Chadez/

stricken athlete for nearly 45min before sending him off the field on his own power, was heat exhaustion. Short on salt and potassium, his leg muscles simply failed to function. Although most of his competitive days were spent in equally hot nearby Fresno, Warkentin had failed to take an adequate supply of salt tablets. He took three in the morning and then, apparently in the confusion and excitement of battle, forgot to take more. A minimum quantity, according to the doctor and meet trainer, would be at least a dozen while some competitors took 20 or more.

Warkentin left the field about 2 a.m. and at 8, after a sleepless night, headed homeward still "feeling a little sick". Disappointed but not discouraged, John was not talkative but did indicate he still hoped for a "big score" this year. "I was on my way to my 2nd-best-ever and felt good", he recalled. "We'll get it yet," added Mardi, who just before the race had said her husband was "ready to run for his life" to make the team which she planned to accompany to Europe.

Craig Brigham scored 7357 to win the national AAU junior championships which was held simultaneously in this little farming community. Porterville hosted the senior event in 1971 and counts as neighbors the communities which gave to the world decathlon immortals Bob Mathias and Rafer Johnson. It seemed most of the town took part in the well-run meet in weather which reached 105° on Friday but cooled to 95° on Saturday with both evenings, when the main competition was held, pleasantly warm.

Bennett moved to 4th on the all-time US list, trailing Bill Toomey (8417), Russ Hodge (8230) who came out of unofficial retirement to mess around with 3 events, and Phil Mulkey (8155). He moved a point ahead of Olympic teammate Jeff Bannister who finished 8th with 7433 in his only competition of a year which saw him succumb to the post-Olympic blues.

Now teaching school after a stint in the Army, Bennett remains the wonder of the decathlon world, achieving more with his 68" and 150lb than all but a handful have done with much more suitable weaponry. Once again he turned in a nearly flawless example of consistency with nary a performance much off his best. He ran 10.6, jumped 23-7, put 41-9, leaped 6-3¼ and dashed 47.2 for a 1st day total of 4128. Then he hurled 14.9, spun the discus 125-7, vaulted 16-1, got a PR in the javelin with 205-10, and concluded with 4:19.8. The 3993 he scored on the 2nd day is his best and very close to Rick Sloan's American record of 4011.

Gough, too, was solid all through. He had a big 25-0 long jump and a fine 164-5 discus in raising his PR from the 7822 he fashioned when finishing 4th in the Olympic Trails. Evans was 21 points up on his 7819 PR at the end of day one and a contender for better things but the chance gradually slipped away and he eased home in the 1500.

Roger George, the Fresno State junior, was on his way to 7800+ until he no-heighted in the vault, after which he withdrew to protect a bad elbow. A surprise 7th was Rick Wanamaker, who won here in 1971, was injured

going into the OT, and was thought to have retired. With no competition all year, and training only on the field events, the 6-9 "big turkey" whipped the discus 161-6 and sailed the spear 212-0 in totaling 7530. "I'm serious about the event and looking for a real big one," said Iowa's money raiser for the muscular dystrophy fund.

Dave Bahr (7357) and Rex Harvey (7228) had PRs as 13 bettered 7000 points.

1. Jeff Bennett (Eagle TC)	10.6	23-7	41-9	6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$	47.2	4128
	14.9	125-7	16-1	205-10	4:19.8	8121
2. Steve Gough (CNW)	11.2	25-0	49-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6-5 $\frac{5}{8}$	51.0	4092
	14.6	164-6	13-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	205-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	4:47.5	7938
3. Ron Evans (Conn)	10.9	22-5	49-4	6-6 $\frac{1}{4}$	50.5	4046
	15.5	143-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14-9 $\frac{1}{4}$	198-2	4:51.6	7751
4. Fred Samara (Penn)	10.5	24-5	39-7 $\frac{1}{4}$	6-0	50.6	3931
	15.1	136-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	15-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	181-10	4:43.3	7656
5. Bruce Jenner (unat)	11.0	21-3 $\frac{1}{4}$	42-7 $\frac{1}{4}$	6-0	49.9	3696
	15.1	144-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14-9 $\frac{1}{4}$	206-6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4:27.8	7617
6. John Warkentin (Strid)	11.0	23-10 $\frac{1}{4}$	44-7	6-4 $\frac{3}{8}$	48.8	4046
	14.7	146-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13-5 $\frac{1}{2}$	199-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5:31.5	7557
7. Rick Wanamaker (unat)	11.2	21-8 $\frac{1}{4}$	46-6 $\frac{1}{4}$	6-9 $\frac{1}{2}$	52.3	3860
	15.0	161-6	13-5 $\frac{1}{2}$	212-0	5:18.2	7530
8. Jeff Bannister (unat)	11.1	21-11 $\frac{1}{4}$	42-11 $\frac{1}{4}$	6-2	48.8	3820
	15.4	138-6 $\frac{1}{2}$	12-1 $\frac{1}{4}$	183-2	4:22.7	7433
9. Dave Bahr (Graceland) 7357; 10. Rex Harvey (USAF) 7228; 11. Eugene Miller (Ohio U) 7157; 12. Rory Kotinek (UCLA) 7040; 13. Mike Riddle (USMC) 7018; 14. Ed Miller (Diablo Valley JC) 6988; . . . dnf—Roger George (Fresno St), Russ Hodge (DC/Amer), Rory Kenward (UCSB), Gary King (Ft Mac), Barry King (CW), Jim Sobieszczyk (CW) & John Whitson (Lamar TC). Juniors—Craig Brigham (Ore) 7357.						

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Hobbs, N.M., April 28—220, Gilbreath 20.8.
 Vincennes, Ind., April 28—100(w), Brown 9.3.
 Quantico, Va., May 28—HT, Diehl 200-7; 2. Shuff 200-4.
 Seattle, Wash., May 30—St, Johnson 8:43.4. JT, Luke 268-4.
 Newark, Dela., June 1—HT, Stein 200-9.
 Compton, Calif., June 2—DT, I-1. Tsiaris' 191-8; 2. Lister 190-3. II-1. Tsiaris' 194-0; 2. Lister 192-6.
 Fairfield, Calif., June 3—DT, Harrington' 196-6.
 Seattle, Wash., June 5—6M, Howard" 28:18.2.
 Randalls Island, N.Y., June 9—HT, Djerassi 202-0. JT, Kouvolu 261-0.
 Seattle, Wash., June 19—HJ, Darneille 7-0; 2. Braggs 7-0.
 San Bruno, Calif., June 23—DT, Wolf 190-10.

HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL

Virgin Burns 8:41.0; Erases Pre's 2M Mark by 0.6

Mt. Prospect, Ill., June 9 /by Mark Maloney/—The next Steve Prefontaine may have arrived. His name is Craig Virgin, a 17-year-old star from Lebanon, Ill. After a stunning 8:42.6 in his state meet, Virgin vowed to crack Pre's national record of 8:41.6, and 2 weeks later at the International Prep Invitational he fulfilled his promise by breaking the tape in 8:41.0.

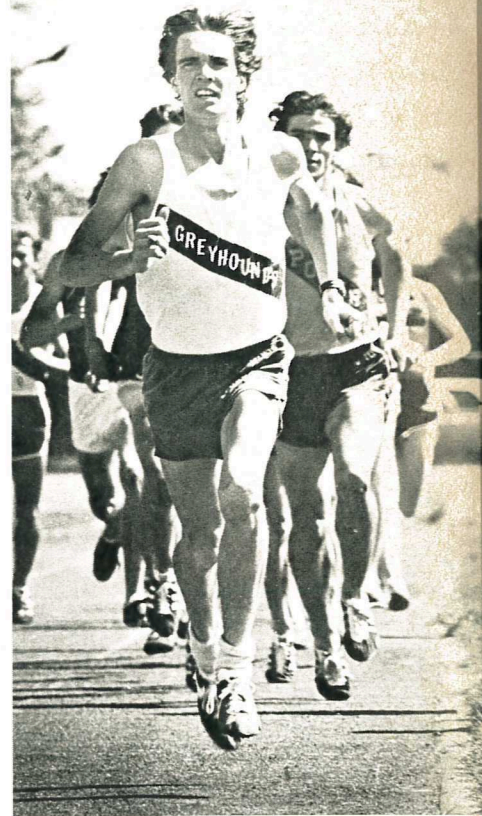
With 8000 screaming fans standing and cheering every step of the race with "Go, Craig, Go!", something that usually happens only in places like Eugene, Ore., Virgin cruised through the first mile in 4:19.7, just off his announced goal of 4:19.0. Finishing with a creditable 63.0 last 440 in the 87° heat, Virgin clipped 0.6 off Pre's mark. "It's over, it's over," he gasped. "The heat really bothered me. I knew what I wanted to do, but was afraid of what would happen out there. Now that I've got the mark, I think some of the pressure will leave." Matt Centrowitz was a noteworthy, but distant, 2nd in 8:56.8.

Another national standard came close to being broken as Gerald Harde-man made up for his disappointing 4th in the California state meet with prepdom's 3rd-best leap ever, 26- $\frac{1}{4}$, 2" shy of the standard. He also had a 25-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ effort. Warner Brown and John Allen both made 7-0 on their 1st try at the height, Brown winning on fewer misses at lower heights as the old tie-breaking rules were enforced.

The meet's only double winner was Mike McFarland, with 9.6/21.2 sprint wins. After Virgin's record effort, most of the crowd left, with only the shot and discus to be completed. They missed some hot action, as 3 putters topped 64 and two discusmen hit 190. Russ Vincent won the shot with a PR 65-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, while Dave Hickson captured discus honors with 192-0.

Sunny, 87°, nil wind; attendance 8000/—100, McFarland (Parker, Chicago) 9.6; 2. Hoagland (Somerville, NJ) 9.6. 220, McFarland 21.2; 2. Hoagland 21.3. 440, Gray" (Jam) 47.9. 880, Sellers (Harrison, Evansville, Ind) 1:53.8; 2. Dabney (Boys, Brooklyn, NY) 1:53.8. Mile, Reinhart (Lincoln, Sioux Falls, S Dak) 4:09.2; 2. Sandridge (Parkdale, Riverdale, Md) 4:11.1; 3. Crowley (Gunn, Palo Alto, Calif) 4:11.3; 4. Bolt (Grissom, Huntsville, Ala) 4:11.5. 2M, Virgin (Lebanon) 8:41.0 HSR; 2. Centrowitz (Power Memorial, NYC, NY) 8:56.8; 3. Perkins (Collegiate, Richmond, Va) 9:01.2; 4. McGarry (Archbishop Wood, Warminster, Pa) 9:05.8; 5. Taylor (Merced, Calif) 9:10.6. HH, Black-

Craig Virgin is at the front right away in the International Prep 2M, which he won in a prep record 8:41.0. He won the AAU Junior 3M at 13:36.8. Matt Centrowitz (r) ran 2nd here in 8:56.8 and ran 4:02.7 for 2nd in the Junior mile, fastest prep mile since 1967. /AI Messerschmidt/



shear (Metuchen, NJ) 13.9. 330IH, Dunston (Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Fla) 38.2.

HJ, Brown (Campbell, Smyrna, Ga) 7-0; 2. Allen (Casa Grande, Ariz) 7-0. PV, Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville, Ind) 15-6 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Bell (Jonesboro, Ark) 15-3 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3. Gonzales (Chandler, Ariz) 15-0. LJ, Hardeman (Edison, Fresno, Calif) 26- $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Tate (West Memphis, Ark) 24-11; 3. Ray (Ball, Galveston, Tex) 24-7 $\frac{1}{4}$. TJ, Buchanan" (Can) 48-11 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2. Gaines (Male, Louisville, Ky) 47-6. SP, Vincent (Ballard, Seattle, Wash) 65-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Humphries (Dollarway, Pine Bluff, Ark) 64-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Doupe (Inglewood, Calif) 64- $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Shelton (Foothill, Bakersfield, Calif) 63-10; 5. Treick (Stevens, Rapid City, S Dak) 61-1 $\frac{1}{4}$. DT, Hickson (Leland, San Jose, Calif) 192-0; 2. Shelton 190-0; 3. Earl (Kent-Meridian, Kent, Wash) 183-2. HT, Carey (New Britain, Conn) 165-4. JT, Atwood (Lake-side, Seattle, Wash) 226-2.

ALL-AMERICAN

Upperclassmen Upstaged by Trio of Hot Juniors

Des Moines, Iowa, June 9 /from Mike Sullivan/—The All-American Championships added a new wrinkle to the post-season prep meet scene by allowing underclassmen to compete. That turned out to be the smartest thing the meet organizers could have done, as juniors Don Duvall, Carter Suggs and Terry Burris were clear standouts.

Duvall, the indoor triple jump record holder at 51-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, was consistently over 50ft and came up with an outdoor PR 51-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to move into 6th on the all-time prep list. As expected, 9.3 performer Suggs simply chewed up the track and his opposition in both the 100 and 220. He was 0.2 off his PRs in both events, coming from behind at 80y to take the 100 in 9.5 and leading from gun to tape in a 21.3 furlong. Burris utilized an extremely swift run-up as he raised his high jump PR to 7-0, topping national leader (7- $\frac{1}{2}$) Bill Jankunis in the process. He had two poor attempts and one near-miss at a national record 7-3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Max Tolen grabbed a share of the No. 2 prep 440 clocking on the year with his 47.4 clocking, topping Alfred McCullough by 0.2. McCullough returned with a 46.8 mile relay anchor on a pickup team. Other top performances came from long jumper Jerry Herndon (25-4w/25- $\frac{1}{4}$) and shot putter Jim Neidhart (64-1 $\frac{1}{2}$).

/92° and clear, light winds; attendance 3096/—100, Suggs (Tarboro, N Car) 9.5; 2. Tyson (Charleston, W Va) 9.5; 3. Johnson (South Terrebonne, Bourg, La) 9.6. 220, Suggs 21.3; 2. Tyson 21.5. 440, Tolen (Thornton, Harvey, Ill) 47.4; 2. McCullough (Jackson, Miami, Fla) 47.6. 880, Hill (Boys Town, Nebr) 1:52.3; 2. Prince (East, Sioux City, Iowa) 1:52.3. Mile, Horton (McQuaid, Rochester, NY) 4:13.8. 2M, Griffin (Centennial, Pueblo, Colo) 9:10.2. HH, Johnson (Pasadena, Calif) 14.0. 330IH, Baker (Elgin, Tex) 37.6; 2. Gainey (Monahans, Tex) 37.7; 3. Becker (Menchville, Newport News, Va) 37.9.

HJ, Burris (Whitehall, Columbus, Ohio) 7-0; 2. Jankunis (New Dorp, Staten Island,

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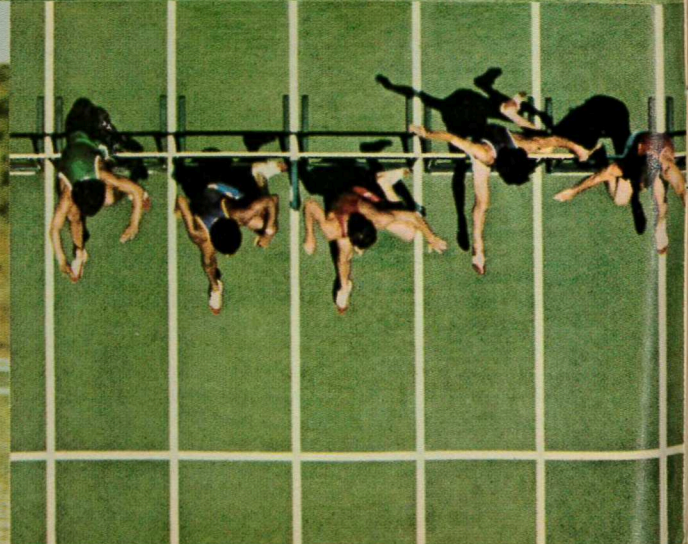
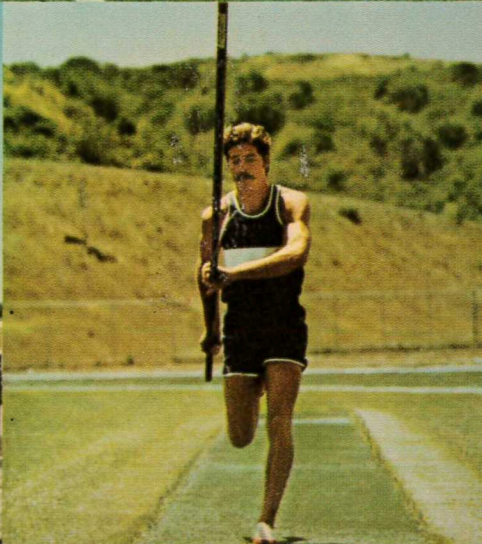


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NY) 6-10; 3. Craig (Smithville, Mo) 6-10. PV, Scott (West, Madison, Wisc) 15-0; 2. Smart (Liberty, Tex) 15-0. LJ, Herndon (Cajon, San Bernardino, Calif) 25-4w (25-¼); 2. Tyson 25-¾w (24-7¼). TJ, Duvall (North, Denver, Colo) 51-2½; 2. McClendon (Washington, Denver, Colo) 49-1. SP, Neidhart (Newport Harbor, Newport Beach, Calif) 64-1½; 2. Marksbury (Norwood, Cincinnati, Ohio) 61-9%. DT, Genter (Brecksville, Ohio) 179-8 178-8. JT, Stewart (Clovis, NM) 203-3.

GOLDEN WEST Neidhart, Voorhees Muscle Big Shot, Discus Leads

Sacramento, Calif., June 16 /by Rog Allaway/—Outstanding weight throwing performances by 2 athletes from opposite ends of California and a highly competitive 2M highlighted the 19th Golden West Invitational.

Shot putter Jim Neidhart continued his recent domination of rival Dave Doupe, winning the event with a PR 69-3¾ on his final throw. Doupe hit 66-2¼ for 2nd. Discus thrower Dave Voorhees who didn't even make the California state meet finals, got a meet record of 198-6 on his 2nd throw of the night. That mark held up to defeat Robin Earl who was 2nd at 192-7 and had a 6 throw average of 187-4. Voorhees' big toss, aided by a perfect quartering wind of about 12mph, moved him into the national lead for the year and 6th place on the all-time prep list. Neidhart also moved into 6th all-time.

The 2M produced the evening's only other meet record as Gordy Braun narrowly held off Tom McChesney with both timed in 8:53.2, they too moving to 6th all-time. Braun led most of the way in a tightly-bunched group of 7 runners, all within 10y of each other with 1½ laps remaining. Among the other 3 runners to dip under 9:00 was Matt Centrowitz, who had won the mile in 4:08.2 (off a fast 57.2, 2:00.7 pace) 2 hours earlier.



Georgia prep Warner Brown won the International Prep meet here at 7-0 and took the Golden West at 6-10. /Stan Jarocki/

The major disappointment of the meet was the high jump, won at 6-10 by Warner Brown, despite the fact that 7 jumpers, including 6 seniors, have cleared 7-0 or better this year. The main absentee was New Yorker Bill Jankunis who tore tendons in his knee during a pick-up basketball game at school 4 days earlier. The only athlete who came close to scoring a double win was Clarence Edwards, who won the 220 in a windy 20.8 and placed 2nd in the 100, which was won by Jesse Forbes in a windy 9.5. The meet's major upset occurred in the long jump, where Alex Ray hit a windy 24-11¼ on the final jump of competition to beat 26-footer Gerald Hardeman. Ray had trailed by ¼" before that jump. The strangest race of the night came in the 880, where Craig Masback won in 1:54.1 after a ridiculously slow 1st 440 of 57.8. That event was hurt by the fact that the 3 fastest half-milers in the country this year are juniors.

Notable absentees included quarter-miler Ronald Whitaker, distance-men Craig Virgin and Curtis Beck, intermediate hurdler Craig McPhail, vaulter Tim Curran, long jumper Ted Hammond and discus thrower Lonnie Shelton.

/twilight meet, 70s, light winds/ 100(6.6), Forbes (Leon, Tallahassee, Fla) 9.5; 2. Edwards (Santa Ana) 9.6; 3. McFarland (Parker, Chicago) 9.6. 220(7.3), Edwards 20.8; 2. Franco (Public, Hartford, Conn) 21.0; 3. McFarland 21.1. 440, Tolen (Thornton, Harvey, Ill) 48.6; 2. Clayborn (Trimble Tech, Ft Worth, Tex) 48.8; 3. Lake (Boys, Brooklyn, NY) 49.1. 880, Masback (White Plains, NY) 1:54.1; 2. Dabney (Boys, Brooklyn, NY) 1:54.5; 3. Kane (Rogers, Newport, RI) 1:54.6. Mile, Centrowitz (Power Mem, NYC, NY) 4:08.2; 2. Horton (McQuaid, Rochester, NY) 4:09.0; 3. Sandridge (Parkdale, Riverdale, Md) 4:09.0; 2M, Braun (Shoreline, Seattle, Wash) 8:53.2; 2. McChesney (So, Eugene, Ore) 8:53.2; 3. Alitz (Highland Falls, NY) 8:55.0; 4. Centrowitz 8:56.2; 5. Griffin (Centennial, Pueblo, Colo) 8:57.6. 120HH(8.7), Florant (Palo Alto) 13.6; 2. Johnson (Pasadena) 13.6;

3. Myatt (Plainfield, NJ) 13.7; 4. Adler (Uniondale, NY) 13.7. 180LHst(8.2), Parmer (Lemoore) 18.6; 2. Baptiste (Pasadena) 18.8; 3. Blackshear (Metuchen, NJ) 18.9. 330IH, Baker (Elgin, Tex) 37.4; 2. Gainey (Monahans, Tex) 37.6; 3. Becker (Menchville, Newport News, Va) 37.6; 4. Johnson 37.7.

HJ, Brown (Smyrna, Ga) 6-10; 2. Allen (Casa Grande, Ariz) 6-10; 3. Braach (Mt Rainer, Des Moines, Wash) 6-8; . . . 6. tie, Meisler (Farmingdale, NY) & Shaw (Pittsburg) 6-6. PV, Scott (West, Madison, Wisc) 15-3; 2. Gonzales (Chandler, Ariz) 15-0; 3. Bell (Jonesboro, Ark) 15-0. LJ(w), Ray (Ball, Galveston, Tex) 24-11¼; 2. Hardeman (Edison, Fresno) 24-3¾; 3. Stebbins (Oley Valley, Oley, Pa) 23-6¼. TJ(w), Livers (Eisenhower, Norristown, Pa) 50-6¼; 2. Nathaniel (Bowne, Flushing, NY) 49-6¼; 3. LeGrande (Westmont, Campbell) 49-1¼. SP, Neidhart (Newport Harbor, Newport Beach) 69-3¾; 2. Doupe (Inglewood) 66-2¼; 3. Ringwall (Carteret, NJ) 63-5¼. SP(16lb), Doupe 56-2; 2. Neidhart 55-3¼. DT, Voorhees (Tulelake) 198-6; 2. Earl (Kent-Meridian, Kent, Wash) 192-7; 3. White (South Windsor, Conn) 187-9; 4. Fruguglietti (Aibany) 187-7; 5. Herman (Arcadia, Scottsdale, Ariz) 183-3; 6. Hickson (Leland, San Jose) 181-2. JT, Wilcox (Holy Cross, New Orleans, La) 223-0; 2. Ford (Bishop Kendrick, York, Pa) 217-5; 3. Atwood (Lakeside, Seattle, Wash) 210-0.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS Livers, Nathaniel Now 4th, 5th Longest-Ever in TJ

Ft. Wayne, Ind., May 24—HH(nwi), Mitchell (Wayne, Ft Wayne) 13.9.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 25—3M, Bromberg (Birmingham University, Mountain Brook, Ala) 14:09.0.

Columbus, Ohio, May 26—180LHt(nwi), Gates (Middletown) 19.1. 880R, Glenville, Cleveland 1:27.6.

Dolton, Ill., June 1—100, McFarland (Parker, Chicago) 9.5. 220, McFarland 21.1. 440, Tolen (Thornton, Harvey) 47.8. Mile, Virgin (Lebanon) 4:05.5.

Randalls Island, N.Y., June 6—The Eastern States affair was highlighted by some great triple jumping, with Ron Livers and James Nathaniel moving to 4th and 5th on the all-time prep lists with their leaps. 880, Masback (White Plains) 1:51.7. 2M, Alitz (Highland Falls) 9:07.6. HH, Blackshear (Metuchen, NJ) 13.9. HJ, Jankunis (New Dorp, Staten Island) 6-10. TJ, Livers (Eisenhower, Norristown, Pa) 51-7¼ (49-6¼, 49-1½, 51-7¼, 51-1½, f, f); 2. Nathaniel (Bowne, Flushing) 51-3¼ (f, 50-3, 51-3¼, 49-¾, 46-3¼, 51-1¼). 2MR, Catholic, Paramus, NJ 7:48.0; 2. Archbishop Molloy, Jamaica 7:48.2; 3. Colonie 7:48.4.

Watchung Hills, N.J., May 21—SpMedR, Somerville 3:29.0.

Warwick, R.I., May 26—HT, Ajoatian (Classical, Providence) 200-1; 2. Barry (Hope, Providence) 192-6; 3. Johnson (East Greenwich) 182-7.

Monona, Wisc., May 25—PV, Scott (East, Madison) 15-7.

Hayward, Calif., May 26—DT, Fruguglietti (Albany) 193-10.

Creve Couer, Mo., May 27—6M, Swift (Alton, Ill) 30:39.0.

AC, Seattle, Wash., May 30—St, 3. Braun (Shoreline, Seattle) 9:22.2.

Atlanta, Ga., June 2—220, Hopkins (Southwest, Macon) 21.2. HH, Bonham (Eastern, Washington, DC) 13.9; 2. Stapp (Stuart, Valley Station, Ky) 13.9; 3. Cain (Ft Lauderdale, Fla) 13.9. HJ, Brown (Campbell, Smyrna) 6-10.

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 2—PV, Glackman (Tecumseh, Lynnville) 15-7¼.

North Hollywood, Calif., June 8—Mile, 2. Beck (Santa Monica) 4:05.6. 6M, 2. Arbogast (Crespi Carmelite, Encino) 30:17.0.

Kenmore, N.Y., June 9—Junior Mark Belger (Mephram) equaled the world age-16 880 record with his 1:50.4 clocking.

Hayward, Calif., June 9—6M, McCandless (Westmont, Campbell) 30:07.2; 2. Ruffato (Washington, Fremont) 30:23.8; . . . 4. Kissin (San Ramon, Danville) 30:25.6.

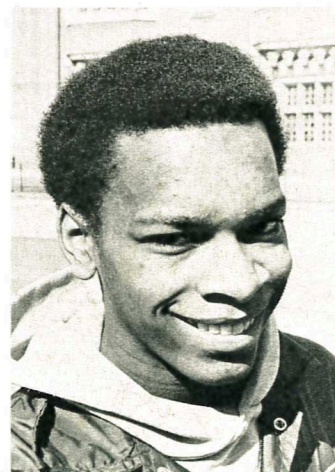
Portland, Ore., June 9—2M, Braun (Shoreline, Seattle, Wash) 8:54.6; 2. Mayer (Snohomish, Wash) 8:58.0. DT, Voorhees (Tulelake, Calif) 185-1.

Piscataway Township, N.J., June 9—HH, Myatt (Plainfield) 13.9.

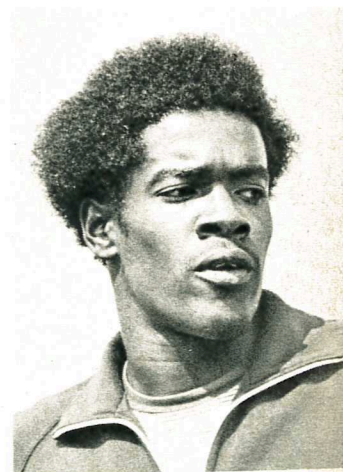
Lacey, Wash., June 1—Dec, Dahl (North Central, Spokane) 6009.

Vallejo, Calif., June 9—DT, Burton (Vacaville) 195-1.

Kokomo, Ind., June 12—PV, Hunter (Northrup, Ft Wayne) 15-8¼.



Ron Livers TJed 51-7¼ at the Easterns and 50-6¼ at GWI. /Ed Foster/



Jim Nathaniel leaped 51-3¼ & 49-6¼ for 2nd at both meets. /Holdridge/

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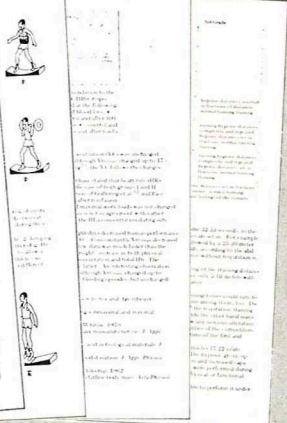
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INTERNATIONAL

HELSINKI GAMES

Siitonen Passes Lusia, Chasing Wolfermann—308-1

Helsinki, Fin., June 6—Hannu Siitonen, known to be a javelinist who goes all out for the "big throw" on every heave, produced the 2nd-longest effort in history with 308-1, a mere 7" behind Klaus Wolfermann's new world mark. Siitonen's big blast came on his 2nd throw at the Helsinki Games after a 270-5 opener. He fouled his next 3 before closing at 268-½. Another surprising effort came from young West German Michael Karst who steeped 8:28.0—lowering the 21-year-old's 8:36.4 PR of 72—2nd-fastest ever by a West German. Veteran Willi Maier ran 2nd (8:28.8) with Olympic bronze medalist Tapio Kantanen back in 4th (8:33.6).

400, Faager (Swe) 45.9 NR; 2. Kukkoaho 45.9. St. Karst (WG) 8:28.0; 2. Maier (WG) 8:28.8; . . . 4. Kantanen 8:33.6. JT, Siitonen 308-1 (270-5, 308-1, f, f, f, 268-½).

4-WAY

Jipcho's WR First Below 8:20 in Steeplechase

Helsinki, Fin., June 18-19—Ben Jipcho finally lowered the world steeplechase record under 8:20, while it looked for a time as though Kenya teammate Daniel Omwanza had clipped the 800 mark by a 10th. In the end, though, only Jipcho's mark remained valid, the top mark in a novel meeting pitting runners from Finland-Italy-Kenya and field eventers from Finland and West Germany.

Jipcho's 8:19.8 was his 2nd world steeple mark of 73 after his early-January 8:20.8 at the African Games to match the 72 effort of Anders Garderud. Olympic bronze medalist Tapio Kantanen covered the 1st lap in 66.6, but Jipcho and teammate Evans Mogaka led past a 2:46.8 1000m, much faster than Jipcho's earlier record pace (2:51.0) but still behind Garderud's 2:46.0 clip. The Kenyans ran stride-for-stride past a 4:11.5 1500 with Kantanen obviously only hanging on. He dropped off for good around 2200m, leaving the Kenyans to duel. Jipcho waited until some 300m remained before leveling a withering attack at Mogaka. Jipcho gained some 5sec in the next 300m to come home victorious. "I hope to lower this record to about 8:14 this year," said Jipcho later. Mogaka lowered his best by 2sec to 8:24.2; Kantanen finished a full 5sec behind Mogaka.

Omwanza finished the 2-lapper in a shocking 1:44.2—a 10th faster than the global best—until it was learned he had cut for the pole after 100m when the race was run in the new international 300m stagger. He thus saved himself between 15-20m or 2-2½sec. Omwanza blazed past a 49.1 1st lap with Marcello Fiasconaro and Robert Ouko far off the pace at 52.5; Fiasconaro was declared 1st in 1:46.3, 1.9sec up on Ouko. It was Omwanza's 1st race ever using 300m staggers and officials explained the cutting-in procedure with only hand signals before the race.

Other leading performances on the meet's 2nd day included Gianni Del Buono's 13:30.8 5000 to edge the 13:31.0 of Paul Mose and Olympic champ Lasse Viren (13:32.8), while Hans Baumgartner long leaped a legal 26-4½. First-day efforts included Richard Juma's world-pacing 28:10.0 10,000 and Hannu Siitonen's 285-9 javelin toss as Klaus Wolfermann did not compete.

/June 18(a)-19(b); evening meet, a—attendance 14,345, b—attendance 12,868/—800(b), Fiasconaro (It) 1:46.3; 2. Ouko (Ken) 1:48.2; . . . disq—Omwanza (Ken)

Ben Jipcho became the 1st steeplechaser ever to dip under 8:20 with his world record 8:19.8 effort. /Miroir de l'athletisme/



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Jipcho Takes Sole Possession of Steeple Standard

Since the IAAF first recognized the steeplechase as an acceptable event for record-setting in 1954, there have been 20 lowerings of the originally-accepted 8:49.6 of Sandor Rozsnyoi. Seven different nations have now produced the 13 different runners who have officially held the record. The progression of the world record since 1954:

8:49.6	Sandor Rozsnyoi (Hun) 54	8:31.2	Grigoriy Taran (SU) 61
8:47.8	Pentti Karvonen (Fin) 55	8:30.4	Krzyszowskiak 61
8:45.4	Karvonen 55	8:29.6	Gaston Roelants (Belg) 63
8:45.4	Vasily Vlasenko (SU) 55	8:26.4	Roelants 65
8:41.2	Jerzy Chromik (Pol) 55	8:24.2	Jouko Kuha (Fin) 68
8:40.2	Chromik 55	8:22.2	Vladimir Dudin (SU) 69
8:39.8	Semyon Rzhishchin (SU) 56	8:22.0	Kerry O'Brien (Aus) 70
8:35.6	Rozsnyoi 56	8:20.8	Anders Garderud (Swe) 72
8:35.6	Rzhishchin 58	8:20.8	Ben Jipcho (Ken) 73
8:32.0	Chromik 58	8:19.8p	Jipcho 73
8:31.4	Zdzislaw Krzyszkowskiak (Pol) 60		

1:44.2. 1500(a), Paivarinta 3:46.8; 2. Aresé (It) 3:47.2; 3. Boit (Ken) 3:47.4. 5000(b), Del Buono (It) 13:30.8; 2. Mose (Ken) 13:31.0; 3. Viren 13:32.8. 10,000 (a), Juma (Ken) 28:10.0. PV(a), Kuretzky (WG) 17-2%. LJ(b), Baumgartner (WG) 26-4%. DT(a), Kahma 208-3. JT(a), Siitonen 285-9; 2. Hovinen 274-7.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Malan Gets 1000 WR—2:16.0 Removes May, Kemper

Malmö, Swe., May 19—DT, Bruch 215-6½; 2. Gardenkrans 190-8 (world age-17 best).

Malmö, Swe., May 25—DT, Bruch 210-1.

St. Augustine, Trin., May 26-27—200m(ok), Reid (UTEP-Trin) 20.6.

Moscow, USSR, June 1-5—Throwers highlighted the Pravda Cup meet, as Al Feuerbach (68-7%), Anatoliy Bondarchuk (239-11%) and Janis Lusis (279-7) all posted easy wins. Mikhail Bariban popped a 55-5½ PR in the TJ. /June 4(a)-5(b) 200(b), Borzov 20.7. St(b), Skripka 8:29.0. 5000(a) Zhelobovskiy 13:33.6; . . . 11. Viren (Fin) 13:43.2. HJ(e), Zhuravlyev 7-2½; 2. Abramov 7-2½. TJ(b), Bariban 55-5½; SP(b), Feuerbach (P Coast) 68-7%; 2. Voikin 66-2½. HT(b), Bondarchuk 239-11%; 2. Dmitriyenko 235-6. JT(b), Lusis 279-7.

Sodertälje, Swe., June 2—DT, Bruch 206-8.

Pardubice, Czech., June 2—LJ, Broz 26-1.

Weinheim, W. Ger., June 2-3—Two Olympic medalists finished down the line in the USSR-West Germany-Poland decathlon match as Soviet Aleksandr Blinyayev totaled a year-leading 8100 to best Pole Ryszard Skowronek (8061) and the USSR's Toomas Berendsen (8016). Bronze medalist Ryszard Katus totaled 7889 in 4th while silver winner Leonid Litvinenko tallied 7512 in 16th. Dec, Blinyayev (SU) 8100 (10.7, 23-5¼, 49-¾, 6-4¾, 50-9, 15.4, 168-10, 14-5¼, 212-11, 4:30.7); 2. Skowronek (Pol) 8061 (10.6, 24-5¼, 45-¾, 6-5⅞, 49.3, 14.7, 142-¾, 14-5¼, 201-7, 4:37.8); 3. Berendsen (SU) 8016 (11.0, 23-5¼, 49-6¼, 6-5⅞, 49.7, 15.1, 139-10½, 14-1¼, 195-2½, 4:22.4); 4. Katus (Pol) 7889 (10.7, 23-3½, 47-10½, 6-2, 50.0, 14.2, 133-8, 15-5, 194-8, 4:47.7); . . . 16. Litvinenko (SU) 7512 (11.1, 20-2½, 46-6¼, 6-2, 49.6, 14.7, 145-1½, 13-9½, 176-1½, 4:30.0).

Manchester, Eng., June 3—Despite windy, drizzly, 50° conditions, Eckhard Lesse cruised an East German record 2:12:24 to win the Maxol Marathon. Paul Talkington was the lone US entrant, finishing 17th in a PR 2:20:12. Mar, Lesse (EG) 2:12:24 NR; 2. Kitiyama (Japan) 2:13:29; 3. Armstrong (Can) 2:13:30; 4. Le Grange (S Afr) 2:13:58 NR; 5. Morita (Japan) 2:14:06; 6. Philipp (WG) 2:16:07; . . . 17. Talkington (unat) 2:20:12.

Moscow, USSR—HJ, Abramov 7-2½. DT, Kuusemae 208-10.

Warsaw, Pol.—Michal Joachimowski sailed 55-11¼ in the triple jump to become history's 8th-longest leaper and break Jozef Schmidt's Polish record and one-time world record 55-10¾. Pawel Iwinski vaulted an NR 17-5¾ but couldn't try for higher heights as it was too dark.

Recklinghausen, W. Ger.—JT, Wolfermann 278-1¼.

Oslo, Nor.—JT, Grimnes 278-6¾.

Paris, Fr., June 6—110HH(w), Drut 13.3.

Kuusankoski, Fin., June 7—JT, Siitonen 279-10.

Malmö, Swe., June 7—SP, Bruch 65-10½ NR. DT, Bruch 209-10.

Ostrava, Czech., June 7—200, Matamoros (Cuba) 20.6. 400IH, Akii-Bua (Uga) 50.2.

Florence, It., June 7-8-9—Hurdler Tom Hill and decathlete Rex Harvey scored individual wins in the International Military (CISM) Championships, while the US 400 relay team combined for a 40.0 win. Hill high hurdled a 13.6 win after a 13.7 heat while Harvey totaled 7200 decathlon points. 200, Mennea (It) 20.6; 2. Honz (WG) 21.1. 110HH, Hill (Fr Mac) 13.6 (13.7h). 400IH, Corval (Fr) 50.4. Dec, Harvey (USAF) 7200 (10.8, 21-4¼, 38-1½, 6-2, 48.6, 16.2, 124-2½, 15-1¼, 141-5, 4:33.4). 400R, US 40.0.

Bratislava, Czech., June 9—100m, Matamoros (Cuba) 10.1; 2. Leonard (Cuba) 10.1; 3. Montes (Cuba) 10.1. 110HH, M. Wodzynski (Pol) 13.6.

Erfurt, E. Ger., June 9—110HH, Siebeck 13.6.

Munich, W. Ger., June 9—1000m, Malan (S Afr) 2:18.0 NR.

Nivala, Fin., June 10—DT, Kahma 215-4 NR.

Orimattila, Fin., June 10—3000, Viren 8:00.0. JT, Siitonen 282-1¼.

Karl-Marx-Stadt, E. Ger., June 9-10—20kWalk, Stadtmueller 1:27:38. 50kWalk, Selzer 4:02:35; 2. Skotnicki 4:08:20; 3. Kroel 4:08:36.

Warsaw, Pol.—400, Podobas 45.8. 110HH, M. Wodzynski 13.6.

Karlskrona, Swe., June 11—Pent, Hedmark 3765.

Rehlingen, W. Ger., June 11—800, Winzenried (CW) 1:47.4.

Paris, Fr., June 11—800, Philippe (Fordham-Fr) 1:48.1.

Hameenlinna, Fin., June 12—DT, Rinne 208-4.

Trier, W. Ger.—400, Newhouse (Phil PC) 45.7. 800, Winzenried (CW) 1:47.1.

Stockholm, Swe., June 12—Filbert Bayi covered 1500m in 3:37.9 and Emiel

Puttemans chugged 5000 in 13:26.8, despite nearly being hit by a javelin, at the June Games. Americans Fred Newhouse (45.5) and Mark Winzenried (1:47.8) posted wins as did home-sons Kjell Isaksson (17-2¼) and Ricky Bruch (216-2½ over Finn Markku Toukko 207-8 with Ludvik Danek 5th at 193-8½).

Berlin, E. Ger., June 13—LJ(w), Klaus 26-1; 2. Wartenberg 26-½. SP, Briesenick 68-3¼.

Tampere, Fin., June 14—JT, Siitonen 282-10½.

Athens, Gr.—1500, Colon (Manh-PR) 3:41.2. 110HH, M. Wodzynski 13.6; 2. Holtzhausen (S Afr) 13.6 NR. LJ(w), Rousseau (Fr) 26-3¼.

Potsdam, E. Ger., June 14—100m(ok), Montes (Cuba) 10.1. 800, Fromm 1:46.7; 2. Bayi (Tanz) 1:46.9. 110HH(ok), Siebeck 13.6; 2. Munkelt 13.6.

Paris, Fr., June 14—800, I-1. Philippe (Ford-Fr) 1:46.5 NR; 2. Plachy (Czech) 1:46.7. 110HH(ok), Drut 13.5.

Stockholm, Swe.—Dec(unverified total), Hedmark 8188 NR.

Edinburgh, Scot., June 16—800, Malan (S Afr) 1:46.8; . . . 3. Winzenried (CW) 1:47.4.

Erfurt, E. Ger., June 16-17—Dec, Ghesquiere (Bel) 7905 (11.2, 22-11½, 48-4¼, 6-4¼, 49.1, 15.2, 152-3¼, 13-1½, 209-3, 4:21.8).

USSR 124-West Germany 96, Leningrad, USSR, June 16(a)-17(b)—100m(a), Kornelyuk 10.2. 1500m(a), Arzhanov 3:49.8. 20kWalk(a), Kannenberg (WG) 1:27:18.8. LJ(b), Baumgartner (WG) 25-8; 2. Podluzhniy 24-11¼. HT(b), Bondarchuk 243-3; 2. Riehm (WG) 240-1; 3. Klein (WG) 232-10½; 4. Khmylevskiy 228-5½. JT(a), Lusis 299-7 (296-11, 283-4, 299-7, 295-1, 293-3, 273-1); 2. Wolfermann (WG) 278-5 (278-5, f, 273-11¼, 256-6¾, 261-10½, f). 400R(a), USSR 39.3 (Kornelyuk, Izmyestyev, Silovs, Zhidkikh); 2. West Germany 39.4.

Prague, Czech., June 19—1500, Hilton (P Coast) 3:41.4. 400IH, Bolding (P Coast) 49.9. PV, Smith (P Coast) 17-¾. SP, Feuerbach (P Coast) 66-11. DT, Powell (P Coast) 198-4.

Warsaw, Pol., June 20(a)-21(b)—Ryszard Skowronek became the 6th-highest scoring decathlete ever with his 8201 at the Kusocinski Memorial. 1500(b), Bayi (Tanz) 3:37.9. 110HH(b), M. Wodzynski 13.5; 2. Morales (Cuba) 13.5. LJ(b), Miedzialek 26-4¼. Dec(a-b), Skowronek 8201 NR.

Munich, W. Ger., June 24—South Africa's Danie Malan ran his 1st-ever world record, a 2:16.0 1000m to lower by 0.2 the mark first set by East German Jurgen May in 65 and tied by West German Franz-Josef Kemper in 66. Complete details next issue.

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Pros Close on High Note: Large Crowd, Good Marks

New York, N.Y., June 6 /by Bob Hersh/—ITA ended its first pro season with its most successful meet thus far, as 15,501 people turned out to see the final, billed as the 1st Annual Indoor Pro Championships. After giving out quite a few inflated attendance figures, ITA officials seemed delighted to announce a crowd count which was both respectable and honest.

The crowd was also enthusiastic, almost to the point of hysteria. In fact, at one point, a brawl broke out in the stands, reportedly over the outcome of the 40y dash between Bob Hayes and 3 local pro football players—a matter which was the subject of a wager. For the record, the New York Giants' Rocky Thompson seemed to get a flyer, but the judges' decision for Hayes was completely correct.

The meet's top mark was recorded by Henry Hines who moved into 2nd on the all-time indoor long jump list behind Bob Beamon with a leap of 27-1. Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa sprinted 60y in 5.9, which, surprisingly, no other dashman had ever done before in Madison Square Garden.

The best race on the oval was the 440, which saw Vince Matthews go out in 22.8 and open up a lead on ITA's best field. But he inevitably tired and Lee Evans took over on the last lap and clinched the \$6000 Grand Prix which Post Cereals had put up in 3 events.

Jim Ryon needed only to finish to assure his \$6000 Grand Prix and that's all he did. After 7 straight wins on the tour, Ryon ran dead last in 4:11.9 to a fair smattering of boos. Kip Keino took the mile in 4:03.0. Brian Oldfield won the shot as usual and ended the season as ITA's leading money winner (Grand Prix money excluded) with \$10,375.

/160y banked board=c; attendance 15,501/—40, Hayes 4.5; 2. Flowers 4.6. 60, Ravelomanantsoa' 5.9; 2. Pender 6.0; 3. Jackson 6.1; 4. Edmonson 6.2. 440, Evans 48.8; 2. James 49.5; 3. Edmonson 49.5; 4. Matthews 52.8. 1000, Fisher' 2:09.2; 2. Von Ruden 2:09.4. Mile, Keino' 4:03.0; 2. Howe 4:08.0; 3. Munson 4:08.7; 4. Ryon 4:11.9. 2M, Young 8:48.4; 2. Lindgren 9:07.0. 60HH, Coleman 7.1; 2. Babb 7.2; 3. Gibson 7.2. HJ, Jourdan 7-0; 2. Radetich 7-0. PV, Williamson 17-3; 2. Seagren 17-3. LJ, Hines 27-1; 2. Tate 25-9; 3. Jackson 24-8; 4. Carrington 24-¾. SP, Oldfield 68-7; 2. DeBernardi 67-10¼; 3. Matson 66-2; 4. Salb 64-¾.



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Heat, Humidity Fail to Stop Classy Performances

Baton Rouge, La., June 5-9—For the first time since 1968, the NCAA Championships failed to produce a record of the world, American, or collegiate variety. However, that is not to say that the 52nd edition of the meet was without stars or stellar performances. In fact, the general level of competition was the highest ever, with meet records eclipsed in 10 of 20 events.

Rod Milburn and Dave Wottle can lay legitimate claim to being the stars of the meet. But if they are awarded that tag-line, then Maurice Peoples was nothing short of a supernova. On Friday he won his 440 heat in 46.3 and anchored his Arizona State relay squads to 39.7 and 3:08.3 prelim victories, the latter with a 45.1 split, 4th fastest of the meet. But Saturday was really his day to shine: 3:45—anchored 39.7 team to 2nd; 4:25—coolly smashed favored Benny Brown in the open quarter with a PR 45.0; 5:20—was only able to bring Arizona State from 6th to 3rd (near 2nd) in the mile relay, but unleashed the fastest tour of 1-lap ever seen, a near-miraculous 43.4. That's all within 1:35.

As for Milburn, he was his usual timber-topping self, blazing to the No. 2 clocking in history, 13.1. The not-to-be-denied Wottle once again used his searing kick to stretch by in one of the great miles ever, as 8 dipped under 4:00. And let's not forget Doug Brown, with a superb 8:28.2 steeple under less-than-conducive conditions.

Elsewhere in that constellation of shining lights, how about Sam Colson's "wrist-flick" 279.9 win in the javelin? Or relentless Steve Prefontaine literally "steaming" through a 13:05.4 3M? Or surprising Finn Bendixen overcoming the toughest 1-2 punch in the meet to capture the long jump? Or Robert Primeaux looking like another Ralph Mann over the intermediates? Or high-point man Mac Wilkins adding a shot PR to his discus win? Or...? Great meet. So competitive, in fact, that only 3 of 10 returning individual winners successfully defended their titles.

Much of the credit for the high standard of performance must go to the Bernie Moore Stadium facilities, worth about \$2.5 million. Located in the center of one of the most complete (and incredible) athletic plants in the country, the stadium featured a hyperfast 9-lane Tartan track (Rod Milburn says the 2nd fastest he has ever been on). With concrete stands on the finish-line side (plus bleachers which bring seating capability to about 10,000) and such fillips as an electric scoreboard (purchased just for the track), the whole edifice is indicative of the importance placed on athletics (and the money spent) in this portion of the country. Unfortunately, the infield was devoted

to a synthetic football field, necessitating the throwing of the discus, hammer and javelin on an adjacent field (which could fortunately be viewed from much of the stands).

The weather was also a major factor. Although the elevated temperatures (90° on the final afternoon and still in the 80s in the evenings) and humidity (as much as 74%) were uncomfortable to many from areas further north and west, it should be remembered that to many competitors it was just like always, or the most pleasant weather they had seen all year. In order to escape the midday heat, the first 2 days of regular competition were held in the late afternoon and evening, although the final session was held during the heat of the day to meet television commitments. Fortunately, scattered cloud cover kept things from becoming unbearable. For the first time, the decathlon was split off from the rest of the meet and held on the Tuesday/Wednesday so it could be in the evening also. Other than the general dampness in the air (and on all the bodies), the only water seen during the meet came during an incredible 2½ hour period during the Thursday afternoon qualifying, when 3.83" of rain (hereafter known as "The Deluge"), brought in by swirling 30-40mph winds accompanied by ¼" hailstones, drowned the area.

It is to the NCAA's credit that they seemed fully cognizant of the heat/humidity problem and formed a special "heat committee". This group compiled a set of standards (some sort of heat/humidity index) which became the determinant on the final day on whether or not the steeple and 3M would be held as scheduled or postponed until the evening. When the day began as a scorcher, there was some talk that Oregon's distancemen (and perhaps Washington State's) would not run either race unless they were moved. However, both races passed without incident, and the only major victim of the heat was Southern Cal sprinter Don Quarrie—from Jamaica.

Southern hospitality was much in evidence throughout the meet, although the degree appeared to have a definite correlation with skin color. The good crowds (estimated at 1000 for the decathlon's 1st day, then successively larger groups of 2676, 4500, 5577 and 8082) responded well and seemed reasonably knowledgeable for a football-oriented area. They were aided immeasurably by some of the best announcing ever heard.

Decafreak Frank Zarnowski went almost nonstop throughout the 11½ hours of the 10-eventer, with Bob Steiner and J. Fred Duckett complementing each other well during the rest of the competition. /Garry Hill/

100 YARDS

The 100 is becoming a race of survival: Carl Lawson ran 3rd in the 1st round to get the final qualifying spot in his heat, then 4th in the semifinal to nip Vince Breddell for the last spot in the final; Steve Riddick ran 3rd in the 1st round to get the qualifying spot in his heat, then 4th in the semifinal to nip Marshall Dill for the last spot in the final; Don Quarrie won his heat in the 1st round and the semifinals.

The results? Riddick was 2nd in the final, Lawson was 3rd, Quarrie was 7th. Not that the final race was so decisive: the Accutrack phototimer showed the differential between 1st and 8th to be 0.11. From 3rd to 8th it was 0.05.

The winner? Ed Hammonds, Memphis State, 9.4. He was just one of many runners in the field with hot credentials in little races, but here he won both his heats, and then the final by a 100th (showed Accutrack) over Riddick. Hammonds credited improved starts and more relaxation for his victory. "I just ran a nice, easy, steady pace."

If the contest had been just one race, fresh, there didn't appear to be much doubt Quarrie would be the winner. He looked awesome Thursday when he coasted a 9.3 to win his heat that day. "I just gotta make it to the finals," he said that day. In his semi, now his 4th race after heats in the 100, 220, and 440 relay, he started very slowly and won the race only by going from last to 1st in the final 25y.

In the final, he was out badly and there was no acceleration left in him. The final had 4 Olympians, and none finished better than 3rd: Lawson 3, Gerald Tinker 4, Larry Burton 6, Quarrie 7. Burton, 220 winner in this meet a year ago, was a surprise dropout on the 220 here in favor of the 100, but he seemed at best a hanger-on in every round. Thomas Whatley was a good-running 5th.

The Accutrack times for the final: Riddick 0.01 behind Hammonds' 9.48, Lawson 0.06, Tinker 0.07, Whatley 0.08, Burton 0.08, Quarrie 0.10, Harold Porter 0.11. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/8, 0.0): 1. Ed Hammonds (Mem St) 9.4; 2. Steve Riddick (Norf St) 9.4; 3. Carl Lawson (Idaho St) 9.4; 4. Gerald Tinker (Kent St) 9.4; 5. Thomas Whatley (Ala) 9.4; 6. Larry Burton (Purdue) 9.4; 7. Donald Quarrie (Sn Cal) 9.5; 8. Harold Porter (SWn La) 9.5.

HEATS(6/7, 3 qualify): I(2.24)-1. Quarrie' 9.4; 2. James Amerison (Linc) 9.4; 3. Lynn Fox (Mem St) 9.5. II(1.79)-1. Porter 9.5; 2. Gus Brisco (Ariz) 9.5; 3. Lawson' 9.6. III(0.3)-1. Whatley 9.4; 2. Tinker 9.4; 3. Burton 9.4. IV(0.22)-1. Vince Breddell (S Jose

St) 9.5; 2. Kent Merritt (Va) 9.5; 3. Riddick 9.5; 4. Robert Ware (Wn Ky) 9.5. V(0.0)-1. Hammonds 9.3; 2. Marshall Dill (Mich St) 9.4; 3. Dean Williams (Kans St) 9.5; 4. Mark Lutz (Kans) 9.6.

SEMIS(6/8, 4 qualify): I(0.0)-1. Hammonds 9.4; 2. Burton 9.4; 3. Porter 9.5; 4. Lawson' 9.5; 5. Breddell 9.6; 6. Amerison 9.6; 7. Brisco 9.8. II(0.0)-1. Quarrie' 9.4; 2. Tinker 9.4; 3. Whatley 9.4; 4. Riddick 9.4; 5. Dill 9.4; 6. Williams 9.5; 7. Merritt 9.5.

220 YARDS

When the 880 scratched down to 2 rounds, the 100 and 220 dash trials turned out to be back-to-back on the schedule. Because everything was running late after Thursday's storm, the 2 events were held with only the decathlon's award ceremony between them. Marshall Dill proved that even the toughest draw could be handled, qualifying from the last heat of the 100 and 1st heat of the 220.

But even without the schedule compression, the 100-220 double at the NCAA is a challenge, particularly for those who run 4x110 relay legs. Larry Burton, the defending 200 champion, thought it would be too much for him and chose the shorter sprint. Don Quarrie, the 220 favorite, thought he could manage it, and proved to be quite wrong.

In spite of the timing, the trials were relatively uneventful. Mark Lutz, last year's co-runner-up, was disqualified for running out of his lane. Glen Love, a 20.7 man, was also eliminated in the 1st round.

In the 1st semi, the powerful Dill gave a preview of the final with a decisive win over Quarrie. Rudy Reid, the WAC winner, edged Olympian Gerald Tinker and College Division champ Steve Riddick in semi 2. Both winners were timed in 20.6. The only mild surprises were Jamaicans Richard Hardware and Carl Lawson, who were among the more impressive 1st rounders, yet failed to advance.

At the starting line for the final, Quarrie stripped down but then decided to scratch after passing out on the track. He had looked increasingly tired through the meet and heat prostration was suspected. Dill, now clearly the favorite, broke dead last from the blocks. But he soon made up the lost ground with terrific acceleration on the curve. By the time the field entered the straightaway, Dill had assumed a commanding lead. Reid, who had the best start, pulled up lame at that point. Tinker ran the best straightaway but was still a yard short at the tape. Dill's time was 20.9 (into a 4.9mph wind), 0.1 better than Tinker and Riddick. Vince Breddell edged Joe Pouncy for 4th. Only 5 placed. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/9, -4.9): 1. Marshall Dill (Mich St) 20.9; 2. Gerald Tinker (Kent St) 21.0; 3. Steve Riddick (Norf St) 21.0; 4. Vince Breddell (S Jose St) 21.4; 5. Joe Pouncy (SMU) 21.4; . . . disq—Charles Wells (Ariz St); . . . dnf—Rudy Reid' (UTEP); . . . dns—Don Quarrie' (Sn Cal).

HEATS(6/7, 3 qualify): I(0.0)-1. Breddell 21.0; 2. Dill 21.0; 3. James Amerison (Linc) 21.3. II(0.0)-1. Riddick 21.2; 2. Wayne Johnson (Hous) 21.3; 3. Gayle Murphy (Drake) 21.4; 4. Joe Shearhouse (Ga) 21.4; 5. Allen Misher (LSU) 21.5. III(0.0)-1. Quarrie' 20.8; 2. Wells 20.8; 3. Reid' 21.0; 4. Mike Sands' (Penn St) 21.2. IV(0.0)-1. Tinker 20.8; 2. Carl Lawson' (Idaho St) 21.0; 3. Pouncy 21.1; . . . 6. Glen Love (Ind) 21.4. V(0.0)-1. Richard Hardware' (Adelphi) 21.0; 2. Fred Merrill (Kans St) 21.3; 3. Len Turner (Kent St) 21.3; . . . 6. Carl McCullough (Ariz St) 22.0.

SEMIS(6/9, 4 qualify): I(0.9)-1. Dill 20.6; 2. Quarrie' 20.6; 3. Wells 20.8; 4. Pouncy 20.9; 5. Hardware' 21.1; 6. Johnson 21.4. II(0.0)-1. Reid' 20.6; 2. Tinker 20.7; 3. Riddick 20.7; 4. Breddell 20.8; 5. Merrill 21.0; 6. Lawson' 21.0; 7. Amerison 21.3.

440 YARDS

Going into the meet, Benny Brown in the 1-lapper was one of the most solid favorites. The super soph had the season's fastest clocking and an 0.8 bulge on his nearest competitor. But Maurice Peoples stunned Brown with a surprising stretch run, equaling Brown's world-leading time of 45.0.

Peoples ran a well-paced lap out of lane 3, staying close to early leaders Fred Sowerby and Willie Lyles around the 1st turn. "I went out a little slow and stumbled off the 1st turn," he commented. "I guess I was 3 or 4 steps behind Benny around the turn. Then I got my concentration back and felt really good in the backstretch." As Brown made a move down the straight in lane 4, Peoples went with him. The pair ran stride for stride into the turn.

Brown tried to come back at this point, but Peoples gave him a quick glance, then pulled away to a convincing 0.6 final margin. Peoples later said that he felt he could beat Brown, although the Bruin star had been a near-unanimous pick for the crown. "After I caught him, I was just praying to God I could hold on to it in the final straight," Peoples said. "Right now, I have confidence and it doesn't matter what lane I start in."

Well back coming off the final turn, Dennis Schultz showed his sprinter's speed in closing well to record a 45.9 in 3rd. It was only his 2nd meet of the season at the 1-lap distance after earlier concentrating on the 2 shorter dashes. SEC champ Darwin Bond highlighted a good comeback year with 46.2 in 4th. Maxie Parks took 5th with 46.6, apparently hampered in both the prelims and final by a heavily bandaged leg.

The major loss in the qualifying was Big 10 titlist Kim Rowe. Indoor sensation Beaufort Brown has been injury-racked since early April and showed little. The field lost 2 possible contenders for top placings when SWC champ Don Sturgal of Texas opted for the mile relay only and College Division champ Larence Jones of Northeast Missouri State didn't show. /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/9): Maurice Peoples 45.0; 2. Benny Brown (UCLA) 45.6; 3. Dennis Schultz (Okla St) 45.9; 4. Darwin Bond (Tenn) 46.2; 5. Maxie Parks (UCLA) 46.3; 6. Fred Sowerby' (Murray St) 46.6; 7. Willie Lyles (Linc) 46.7; 8. Terry Erickson (Sn III) 47.0; 9. Ken Randle (Sn Cal) 47.4.

HEATS(6/8, 3 qualify): I-1. Peoples 46.3; 2. Parks 46.8; 3. Randle 46.8; 4. Kim



(L) The way to the top of the 1-lap heap for Maurice Peoples began with this upset victory over favored Benny Brown (r). /Morvant/

(R) Skip Kent (c) took over the 2-lapper at the 220 post and held off the strong finishes of Rob Mango (l) and Ken Schappert for a 1:47.2 win. /Morvant/

Rowe' (Mich) 47.2; 5. Mike Murphy (Duke) 47.2; 6. Dick Eisenlauer (Iowa) 47.7. II-1. Schultz 46.1; 2. Lyles 46.3; 3. Erickson 46.9; 4. Lloyd Wills (LSU) 47.1; 5. Denny Dicke (Rice) 47.1; 6. Anthony Stroman (Ark St U) 47.5. III-1. Brown 45.9; 2. Bond 46.5; 3. Sowerby' 46.8; 4. Mark Enyeart (Utah St) 46.8; 5. Beaufort Brown (Fla) 47.3; 6. Trevor Campbell' (Sn Cal) 47.6; 7. Harry Blake (W Va) 47.7.

880 YARDS

The entry standard of 1:49.5 kept a number of good half-milers out of the NCAA, including last year's 800 winner, Willie Thomas. Only 19 2-lappers showed up, so the event was reduced to 2 rounds for the 1st time since 1960.

In the 1st heat, Rudolph Griffith led the field through a quick 52.8 quarter. He and Rob Cool led until the final straightaway when the kickers attacked and both of the early pace-setters faltered. Skip Kent turned in a 1:47.8, 0.1 better than freshman Dale Scott, whose time was a PR. Rob Mango took the 2nd heat in 1:48.7 off a slower pace. In heat 3, James Baxter went out in 53.2 and opened up a 10y lead on the field. He nearly got away with it, too, as he lost the 3rd qualifying spot only in the last few yards. Rick Brown, the favorite, took the heat in 1:47.8.

As most knowledgeable fans expected, Kent took the early lead in the final. By the 220 mark, he was in the lead and after a 25.5 split there, settled down the pace, going through the next 220 in 28.3 for a lap mark of 53.8. Ken Schappert and Rob Mango led the rest of the closely bunched field as Brown and Scott stayed at the rear. Kent led the rest of the way, quickening when the field expected him to fall back. His 3rd 220 was 27.1, and he closed in 26.3 for a 1:47.2.

"I think," observed Kent, the Big 10 champ, "getting married 3 months ago helped me more than anything." He added, "You have to remain flexible, and let your mind relax."

Mango dropped off the pace briefly around the 3rd curve. He returned to contention on the backstretch and closed well but couldn't approach the leader. Schappert held 2nd for most of the 2nd lap but was boxed out by Mango's stretch rush. By the time he saw he couldn't get out to go for Kent, he had lost tempo and couldn't come back at Mango either.

Meanwhile, Brown had made his usual move with a 220 to go and got as far as 3rd behind Kent and Schappert going around the last curve. But then Mango rushed by, and it became apparent that Brown couldn't muster his devastating kick. He eventually lost 4th to Tennessee frosh Thom Garrison. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Skip Kent (Wisc) 1:47.2 (54.2, 1:21.0); 2. Rob Mango (III) 1:47.4 (54.0, 1:21.1); 3. Ken Schappert (Vill) 1:47.4 (54.0, 1:21.0); 4. Thom Garrison (Tenn) 1:48.2; 5. Rick Brown (Cal) 1:48.3; 6. Steve Bence (Ore) 1:48.5; 7. Reggie Clark (Wm&M) 1:48.9; 8. Dale Scott (Wash St) 1:49.4; 9. Brian McElroy (Vill) 1:50.8.

HEATS(6/8, 3 qualify): I-1. Kent 1:47.8; 2. Scott 1:47.9; 3. Bence 1:48.1; 4. Rob Cool (Mich St) 1:48.3; 5. Rudolph Griffith' (Tex) 1:48.7; 6. Bob Smith (LSU) 1:56.5. II-1. Mango 1:48.7; 2. Garrison 1:49.2; 3. McElroy 1:49.2; 4. Tyrone Frederick' (Fla St) 1:48.7; 5. Clay Lowrey (Ore St) 1:49.2; 6. Greg Gibson (Wash) 1:50.5. III-1. Brown 1:47.8; 2. Schappert 1:48.1; 3. Clark 1:48.6; 4. James Baxter (Sn Cal) 1:48.6; 5. Anthony Veney (UCLA) 1:49.9.





Last-lap speed was essential in the mile. Dave Wottle used a 53.3 to cement his 3:57.1 PR victory over North Carolinians Tony Waldrop (2nd) and Reggie McAfee (3rd), who finished with 52.8 and 54.4. /Michael Carberry/

ONE MILE

The NCAA mile run, as the press box pun went, showed Dave Wottle at full throttle.

Wottle unleashed a devastating 53.3 finishing lap to lead 7 others in a super mile field under the 4:00 mark, the 2nd time in history that 8 milers have done so. His time was 3:57.1.

Wottle, as is often the case, bided his time through the early going, and hung back as Paul Cummings and Charlie McMullen led through a 61.2 opening lap and a slow 2:04.4 half that had the crowd moaning. McMullen, who broke 4:00 for the 1st time only 2 weeks ago and was 1 of 8 such runners in the final, moved out on the backstretch and led Hailu Ebba and a charging Ken Popejoy around into the 1320 at 3:02.6, with Wottle, Reggie McAfee, Tony Waldrop and Mark Schilling behind in a pack.

Wottle began his move with 160 left, and did so convincingly. Ebba and Popejoy began to fade heading around the curve, while Waldrop and McAfee moved concurrently with Wottle. Schilling, coming from far back, closed quickly and nearly nipped Popejoy for 5th. The 2 North Carolinians, Waldrop (with a 52.8 kick) and McAfee, claimed 2-3 in 3:57.3 and 3:57.8, a PR for Waldrop and equal for McAfee. Wottle's finishing kick brought him a PR and marked the fastest 4 lapper ever in Louisiana and an NCAA meet mark. Knut Kvalheim and McMullen recorded 3:58.9 and 3:59.6 respectively, the latter a PR for McMullen.

Commented Wottle, "I didn't know how fast a race we were running because everyone sat back and relied on his kick. I had been worrying about my back, which I hurt in the preliminaries, but it didn't affect me today. The heat held us back in the sense that all of us ran a slow pace for the 1st 1320." Popejoy's 3:58.5 was his 5th sub-4:00 effort in as many meets.

Thursday's heats, delayed till 8:00 p.m. after The Deluge, furnished no real surprises. Cummings, Wottle, Mark Feig and Popejoy snailed through a 3:04.9 1320 in heat 1 and claimed the 1st 4 qualifying spots easily, with all looking back. The heats had also been redrawn after Olympian Bob Wheeler, bothered by injury since his Vons race, withdrew.

Heat 2 was marked by controversy as Jim Wilkins failed to finish after tripping 50y into the bell lap and falling to the infield. Kvalheim won in 4:01.6, followed by McAfee (4:02.0), McMullen (4:02.5) and Schilling (4:03.1).

The 3rd heat was the most competitive as Hailu, Waldrop, Willie Eashman and Brian Mittelstaedt clocked 4:04.0, 4:04.3, 4:04.4, 4:04.4. Bruce Vermilyea led early through a slow 64.2 and a slower 2:09.4. Hailu clocked 1:54.3 on his last half while Waldrop sped a 55.9 final lap.

For Wottle it was a most satisfying end to his collegiate career and showed promise of still better things to come. /Don Kopriva/

RESULTS(6/9), Dave Wottle (B Green St) 3:57.1 (61.5, 2:04.9, 3:03.8); 2. Tony Waldrop (N Car) 3:57.3 (62.6, 2:05.1, 3:04.5); 3. Reggie McAfee (N Car) 3:57.8 (61.6, 2:04.6, 3:03.4); 4. Hailu Ebba' (Ore St) 3:57.8; 5. Ken Popejoy (Mich St) 3:58.5; 6. Mark Schilling (S Jose St) 3:58.6; 7. Knut Kvalheim' (Ore) 3:58.9; 8. Charlie McMullen (Mo) 3:59.6; 9. Paul Cummings (BYU) 4:01.3; 10. Mark Feig (Ore) 4:03.0; 11. Brian Mittelstaedt (Stan); . . . dnf—Willie Eashman (Hay St).

HEATS(6/7, 4 qualify): I-1. Cummings 4:00.9; 2. Wottle 4:02.0; 3. Feig 4:02.4; 4. Popejoy 4:04.0. II-1. Kvalheim' 4:01.6; 2. McAfee 4:02.0; 3. McMullen 4:02.5; 4. Schilling 4:03.1; 5. John Clark (Iowa) 4:03.9; 6. Mike Durkin (Ill); . . . dnf—Wilkins (N Car St). III-1. Ebba' 4:04.0; 2. Waldrop 4:04.3; 3. Eashman 4:04.4; 4. Mittelstaedt 4:04.4; 5. Scott Daggatt (Ore) 4:04.5; . . . 7. Steve Foster (Ashland) 4:06.3.

STEEPLECHASE

Doug Brown had made it perfectly clear that he was in good condition—a high place in the NCAA cross country, fast times at all distances on the track, and a remarkable steeple-3M-6M triple win in the Southeastern Conference.

Here, he chose to run the steeplechase, the event he had run at Munich, and he ran away to an expected victory. What was unexpected was that this Tennessee junior would run 8:28.2, 3rd fastest ever by an American, in a noncompetitive situation, on a very hot afternoon.

"My original plan was to run 2nd until the mile," he said. "But the pace was so slow I decided to open it up in the 3rd lap. I was surprised that nobody went with me."

After 2:15 for the first two laps, Doug barreled his way through laps of 67, 68, 68.5, 69, 67.5. His last 440 was 65.3. No one stayed with him. Roger Beardmore and surprising Dean Clark battled the middle 6 laps for 2nd, but on the last lap both were passed by Gary Cramer. Clark fell at the penultimate water jump and had trouble on the final barrier, but he outfoight Beardmore for 3rd.

Clark was the only one of a supposedly strong 4-man Pacific-8 contingent to place: Leonard Hill dropped off the pace on the 5th lap, teammate Rick Goldner ran far back all the way, unpredictable Todd Lathers ran farther back all the way. Lathers calmly watched over his shoulder as Brown sprinted home just behind him, then he loped around the track his one more lap to finish with 9:50.2, last.

The heat—90° at race time—probably bothered most of the runners, but Brown, almost a local boy, said the heat didn't bother him until the final 2 laps. "I prepared myself for the heat by staying in the shade all day and drinking liquids," he said. In the race, he wore a cap, orange-and-white to match his uniform.

The race was held at 3:30 p.m. to fit into the televising game plan, but that almost did not occur. "The race very nearly was postponed until the evening," said Berny Wagner, the Oregon State coach and a member of the meet's rules committee. "The temperature was 90°, and the humidity was about 50%, but they predicted a cloud cover that would cool things off a bit, so we went ahead with the race as scheduled." It was the first steeplechase ever held on the LSU track. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/9): Doug Brown (Tenn) 8:28.2; 2. Gary Cramer (BYU) 8:45.2; 3. Dean Clark (Wash St) 8:46.0; 4. Roger Beardmore (Duke) 8:46.4; 5. Ed Leddy' (E Tenn St) 8:52.4; 6. Les Steele (Tenn) 8:56.8; 7. Tom Wesseling (Miami/O) 9:06.2; 8. Wayne Saunders' (Ill/Chic) 9:15.0; 9. Kent McDonald (Kans) 9:18.0; 10. Leonard Hill (Ore St) 9:19.6; 11. David Reinhart (American U) 9:21.0; 12. Hal Hays (Wich St) 9:27.4; 13. Rick Goldner (Ore St) 9:35.4; 14. Todd Lathers (Ore) 9:50.2.

Steeple winner Doug Brown (I) had company early, but soon left the pack far behind. Wayne Saunders fell from 2nd to 8th, but Washington State's Dean Clark and Duke's Roger Beardmore held on for 3rd and 4th. /Davis/





Steve Prefontaine was an expectedly easy winner in the 3M, but the runnerup slots went to the surprising Colorado duo of Ted Castaneda (r) and John Gregorio. Castaneda is here unleashing the potent kick which gave him 2nd in the AAU 6M as well as this race. /John Morvant/

THREE MILES

Everybody seems to be fascinated with Steve Prefontaine. His irrepressible personality enchants the spectators, sportswriters and, it seems, even his opponents. Why else would John Hartnett or John Ngeno have chosen the 3M when either would have been favored in the 6M had they entered it? "I really want to run against Pre," said Hartnett. So did Ngeno. So did the rest of them. And they all had about as much chance of winning as they would have had trying to beat Secretariat in the Belmont Stakes, which went off at about the same time.

Pre was simply unstoppable. He lowered his meet record from 13:20.2 to 13:19.0 in a trial heat. He didn't have to run that fast to qualify, but obviously enjoyed putting on a show by sprinting away to a record followed by a waving victory lap to warm applause.

In the final, he took over the lead near the mile and then started to apply pressure. His 1st mile was run in 4:28.8 and his 2nd in 4:21.4. When that failed to shake everyone loose, he poured it on even more with quarters of 64.3, 63.0, 64.3 and 62.6 for a 4:15.2 last mile and a 13:05.4 performance, quite respectable considering the heat and humidity. By the middle of the last mile, he was running alone. Ngeno, who was the last to break pace, found himself overtaken with a little over a lap to go by 2 Coloradans, Big 8 champ Ted Castaneda and surprising John Gregorio. Both were timed in 13:10.6, PRs by substantial margins. The 4th through 8th spots went to foreigners: Ngeno, Mike Keogh, Nick Rose, Ron Martin and Hartnett, all highly respected distance runners. They all paid the price for trying to stay with Prefontaine's punishing pace.

It was Prefontaine's final collegiate track race, and he made sure it was a historic one. He became the only athlete ever to win 4 consecutive outdoor titles. He was also one of only 2 runners to defend his 1972 individual crown successfully. Needless to say, he was pleased with himself. "It's great to go out like this," he said, "to know that I've done something that nobody else has ever done gives me a warm feeling. Now I intend to spend the summer in Europe and show I'm better than the 4th fastest [his place in the Munich Olympics] in the world." But it wasn't an easy race in Baton Rouge; 3 days later, relaxing in northern California while preparing for the AAU, Pre said, "I'm still tired from the heat." /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 13:05.4 (4:28.8, 8:50.2); 2. Ted Castaneda (Colo) 13:10.6; 3. John Gregorio (Colo) 13:10.6; 4. John Ngeno' (Wash St) 13:13.0; 5. Mike Keogh' (Manh) 13:14.8; 6. Nick Rose' (Wn Ky) 13:23.4; 7. Ron Martin' (Wm&M) 13:31.6; 8. John Hartnett' (Vill) 13:37.4; 9. Gary Gittings (Penn St) 13:46.4; 10. Peter Duffy' (Nev) 13:48.6; 11. Glenn Herold (Wisc) 13:50.8; 12. Richard Mull (Geotwn) 13:59.8; 13. Steve Danforth (B Green St) 14:07.6; 14. Bill Louv (Wm&M) 14:07.6; ... dnf—Gary Cohen (American U).

HEATS(6/7, 5' qualify): I-1. Castaneda 13:21.2; 2. Ngeno' 13:32.8; 3. Gittings 13:30.8; 4. Martin' 13:30.8; 5. Mull 13:31.4; 6. Dean Reinke (Miami/O) 13:38.8; 7. Sam Torres (Murray St) 13:42.8; 8. Michael Buckley (NEn) 13:55.6; ... 12. Steve Wheeler (Duke) 14:16.6. II-1. Prefontaine 13:19.0; 2. Keogh 13:27.8; 3. Herold 13:29.0; 4. Gregorio 13:29.0; 5. Cohen 13:32.6; 6. Garry Bentley' (S Dak St) 13:34.8; 7. Paul Bannon (Mem St) 13:46.4. III-1. Hartnett' 13:43.0; 2. Louv 13:43.0; 3. Danforth 13:43.6; 4. Rose' 13:43.8; 5. Duffy' 13:44.0; 6. Bob Grubbs (Ore) 13:44.4.

SIX MILES

Charlie Maguire outkicked Pat Mandera and Mitch Wiley to win a wide-open 6M on a hot night, though Charlie himself said he thought the weather

affected the times but not the placings.

Maguire admitted the kick was his intended strategy. "I wanted to run 2nd in the whole race. I didn't want to lead." He led for a few moments early, but Irishman Dan Murphy did most of the pacesetting through a 4:33 1st mile. At 2M, Irishman Ed Leddy took the lead at 9:18 and held it through a 4:49 3rd mile; halfway in 14:07 were Leddy, Maguire, James Stanley, Murphy, Mandera, John Halberstadt and Wiley. Everyone else was strung out behind.

The pace did not quicken, but soon runners began to drop off in almost classic long-distance fashion. On the 15th lap it was Halberstadt letting go; the defending champion, who had not had a distinguished spring, eventually finished 10th in 29:23.8. On the 16th lap, Murphy let go. On the 21st lap, Leddy let go.

Now the leading group was just Maguire, Wiley, Mandera and Stanley. With 500y left, Wiley jumped to the lead, but not with enough conviction as Maguire went right past him and was in full sprint at the bell. Charlie ran 59.0 for his last lap. "I wanted to win it with a kick," he said. "I looked at the field and saw there was nobody there that I couldn't outkick." Wiley was passed by Mandera just before the end in the fight for 2nd.

Two big surprises took place farther back: freshman Dennis Fee, off the early pace, ran a strong 2nd half and came all the way up to 6th; unheralded William Sieben was just as surprising in 7th.

Several names of some distinction—Ron Pryor, Tom Keefer, Roberto Lenarduzzi, Mark Covert—started, but were not among the finishing 13. Doug Brown, originally entered and declared for this race, withdrew, as did IC4A champ John Hartnett. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/8): 1. Charlie Maguire (Penn St) 28:19.4; 2. Pat Mandera (Ind) 28:20.0; 3. Mitch Wiley (BYU) 28:21.2; 4. Jim Stanley (Cinc) 28:27.8; 5. Ed Leddy' (E Tenn St) 28:34.8; 6. Dennis Fee (Minn) 28:53.8; 7. Bill Sieben (Rutgers) 29:11.8; 8. Dan Murphy' (Wash St) 29:14.8; 9. Ken Flanders (NEn) 29:20.8; 10. John Halberstadt' (Okla St) 29:23.8; 11. Bill Good (Prin) 29:56.4; 12. Ben Martinez (L Beach St) 29:57.6; 13. Scott Eden (Duke) 29:58.8; ... dnf—Robert Lenarduzzi' (Tenn), Tom Keefer (Ind), Mark Covert (Full St), Kevin Breen' (E Tenn St), Kim Nutter (W Va); ... lapped (must stop)—Bill Gavaghan (Ball St), Jon Cross (Mich), Ron Pryor (L Beach St), Tracy Elliott (B Green St), Jack St. John (Sn III).

120 YARD HURDLES

Ne plus ultra—look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls. The definition will run along the lines of "the highest point achievable, the acme". And if there is a ne plus ultra in the track world today it is Rodney Milburn Jr. In fact, Rod is so far ahead of most of the competition that the NCAA final degenerated into 2 separate races—Rod against the clock and the rest of the field for 2nd.

After false starts by Clim Jackson and Larry Shipp ["Even the false starts worked to my advantage," said Milburn. "They helped me concentrate getting off the blocks"], the field got away quickly and evenly, Milburn in the middle of the track in lane 5 flanked by Ricky Stubbs (4) and Charles Foster (6). But the unlocked raw speed which he combines so well with his swift technique over the barriers saw Milburn reaching that 1st obstacle already having a slightly noticeable lead. By No. 3 it was all over, the gap widening steadily between "Hot Rod" and his pursuers.

Although he clipped sticks 7 and 8, Milburn was his usual powerful self as he crashed through the tape with his usual hand-slapping style—13.1 (with a 0.0 wind reading). An incredible clocking. The only one faster is his own 13.0 at the 71 AAU in Eugene ["next to the one at Oregon, this is the best

and fastest track I've ever run on," he offered]. Milburn has a few windy 13.0s, and Thomas Hill has a windy 13.1, but the best any mortal has done with legal wind is still 13.2. Those who did not manage to see the 13.0, still saw something better than ever went before (although Milburn's electric 13.24 at Munich is probably equal to 13.1).

"I was mentally and psychologically ready to run a good race," said Milburn. "I knew I was in good shape and that if I could get over those hurdles without incident I could win. I was relaxed winning the finals because I had won easily in the semis without running a really good race [a legal 13.3 isn't a good race?]. I think it also helped me that I was performing before the people of Baton Rouge. Most of them had never seen me run except on television." This was Milburn's 1st set of competition on the LSU track, even though he goes to school across the river at Southern U.

Meanwhile, a few hurdles back, a strong Stubbs and the shave-headed Foster were waging war. Two hurdles out it looked like Stubbs would give the state of Louisiana a 1-2, but Foster came on exceptionally strong over the last barrier to cop 2nd as both did 13.4. Evidencing one of the strongest fields in the meet were the rest of the placers, with the top 7 at 13.6 or better. Local favorite Larry Shipp became the only LSU scorer of the meet with his 13.6 in 5th. Soph Randy Lightfoot also did 13.6, 0.2 faster than he ran in this meet last year, but only duplicated his 6th place finish, indicative of the field's high quality.

Two "names" disappeared during the prelims: defending champ Jerry Wilson of Southern Cal looked good in his heat, holding a solid lead over the 8th barrier, but slowed drastically over the last 2 and was leaned out of a spot in the semis; Bahamanian Danny Smith impressed with a 13.5 heat win but smacked several barriers badly in the semi and stumbled home in 15.6. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS(6/8, 0.0): 1. Rod Milburn (Sn U) 13.1; 2. Charles Foster (N Car Cent) 13.4; 3. Ricky Stubbs (La Tech) 13.4; 4. Charles Rich (UCLA) 13.5; 5. Larry Shipp (LSU) 13.6; 6. Randy Lightfoot (Tex) 13.6; 7. Clim Jackson (UCLA) 13.6; 8. Delario Robinson (Kans) 14.0.

HEATS(6/7, 3 qualify): I(3.7)-1. Rich 13.6; 2. Larry Lewis (Penn) 14.0; 3. Korise Jubert (N Tex St) 14.0; 4. Gregg Vandaveer (Kans) 14.1. II(2.24)-1. Lightfoot 13.8; 2. Robinson 13.8; 3. Kip Ngenou' (Wash St) 13.8; 4. Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal) 13.9; 5. Paul Graham (N Tex St) 14.0. III(1.79)-1. Danny Smith' (Fla St) 13.5; 2. Stubbs 13.6; 3. Greg Tinnin (S Jose St) 13.7; 4. Efen Gipson (Lamar) 13.7. IV(0.45)-1. Foster 13.7; 2. Charles Dobson (Wm&M) 13.9; 3. Rodney Jackson (En Ill) 13.9; 4. Mike Grant (Ala) 14.0; 5. Charles Jackson (Ind) 14.1; 6. Tom McMannon (N Dame) 14.1. V(2.24)-1. Milburn 13.4; 2. Shipp 13.7; 3. Jackson 13.8; 4. Fred Singleton (Penn St) 14.0.

SEMIS(6/8, 4 qualify): I(0.0)-1. Foster 13.6; 2. Shipp 13.8; 3. Clim Jackson 13.8; 4. Lightfoot 13.9; 5. Lewis 13.9; 6. Ngenou' 14.2; 7. Smith' 15.6. II(0.0)-1. Milburn 13.3; 2. Stubbs 13.4; 3. Rich 13.5; 4. Robinson 13.7; 5. Tinnin 13.7; 6. Jubert 14.1; 7. Dobson 14.2; 8. Rodney Jackson 14.6.

Louisiana collegians Rod Milburn (r) and Ricky Stubbs share congratulations after Rod's 13.1 NCAA highs win. Ricky ran 13.4 in 3rd. /Buddy Davis/



Texas soph Robert Primeaux gave the Southwest Conference its first-ever intermediate hurdles champ, moving strongly over the last barrier to defeat defending champ Bruce Collins (I) and Bob Cassleman. /John Morvant/

440 YARD HURDLES

Winner Robert Primeaux, only a sophomore, showed he probably has quite a future ahead of him, charging hard off the last intermediate hurdle to top a trio of underclassmen.

And he should be tough again in 74, running on his home track. Joining the lanky (6-4/170) Texan will be Bruce Collins, Bob Cassleman and Efen Gipson, the 2-3-4 placers here. No. 8 finisher Jim Fasules also returns.

Chris Adsit got the best start, leading through the 7th hurdle, when the Primeaux-Collins-Cassleman triumvirate began to assert itself. The threesome came to the 10th barrier almost even, Primeaux holding a slight edge. But Collins crashed the barrier and Cassleman had a poor clearance, Primeaux shooting away to record a PR 49.5 victory. Only 4 others have ever covered the 440 barriers faster. Defending champ Collins did 49.8 in 2nd, while Cassleman virtually walked across in 50.3, although he appeared to be closer than the time given.

Gipson, who never really challenged for the lead, closed quickly for 4th, also in 50.3, while the quick-starting Adsit faded to 50.5. Mike Cronholm, surprisingly not in real contention, also did 50.5. College Division champ Rod Jackson was well back, nabbing Fasules at the line. SEC champ Mike Sullivan qualified for the final, but had an emergency appendectomy the night before.

For the first time since 62, only one round of preliminaries was necessary. Primeaux was fastest, at 50.4, starting slowly, but closing quickly to come home strongly, with Collins a 10th back and the ill-fated Sullivan 3rd in 50.9 in the 2nd heat.

Cassleman and Adsit were out quickly in heat 3, Cassleman pulling away to a 50.5 win with Cronholm closing quickly to finish a 10th back. Gipson took the slowest heat, No. 1, in 51.1, moving strongly on the last curve with Jackson as early leader Lynnsey Guerrero faded to 4th. Chief problem in the heats was the 10th hurdle, which may have been set up incorrectly. "I think it was set too long," commented Cassleman. "A couple of the other runners mentioned the same problem to me." Chief casualties of the prelims were 50.7 performer Mike Yates, Big 8 champ Bob Bornkessel and runnerup Mike Lee, a finalist last year, and Pac-8 titlist Jeff Oveson. /Don Kopriva/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Robert Primeaux (Tex) 49.5; 2. Bruce Collins (Penn) 49.8; 3. Bob Cassleman (Mich St) 50.3; 4. Efen Gipson (Lamar) 50.3; 5. Chris Adsit (Colo St) 50.5; 6. Mike Cronholm (Rice) 50.5; 7. Rodney Jackson (En Ill) 51.5; 8. Jim Fasules (Ill) 51.5; . . . dns—Mike Sullivan (Ala).

HEATS(6/8, 3 qualify): 1-1. Gipson 51.1; 2. Jackson 51.4; 3. Fasules 51.7; 4. Lynnsey Guerrero (UCLA) 51.8; 5. Steve Hinton (ACC) 52.0; 6. Mike Yates (Wn Ky) 52.5; . . . dnf—Harold Schwab (Penn). II-1. Primeaux 50.4; 2. Collins 50.5; 3. Sullivan 50.9; 4. Bob Bornkessel (Kans) 51.1; 5. Mike Lee (Kans St) 51.2; 6. Brian Mondschein (Wash) 52.3. III-1. Cassleman 50.5; 2. Cronholm 50.6; 3. Adsit 50.9; 4. Jimmy Gailey (Baylor) 51.7; 5. Carl Stevenson (Sn U) 51.8; 6. Jeff Oveson (Ore St) 52.4.

HIGH JUMP

To say the least, the high jump was a toughie. "\$%*(!)," mumbled Tom Woods when asked how it felt to be the first man in history to jump 7-4 and lose. Undoubtedly, 3rd-placer Robert Joseph had similar feelings about his 7-3 effort. After all, that height would have won every NCAA meet in history save this and the 72 edition.

But one guy on the field was smiling. That was usually-straight-faced Rey Brown, who had also cleared 7-4, equaling his best-ever. However, Brown had smoothly rolled over that height on his 1st attempt, while it took Woods 3 flops before he had a clearance. It was a particularly galling defeat for defending champion Woods, who seemed to have things well in hand after soaring over 7-2 and 7-3 on single attempts while 71 champ Brown needed a pair each time.

Brown, in fact, was only in 3rd after 7-3, as the equally smooth-rolling Joseph had matched his PR in scaling that level on his initial try. Joseph had 3 fair-to-middlin' shots at 7-4 before the bar moved to 7-5. That height featured probably the 6 best consecutive misses ever recorded there, as both Brown and Woods had the crowd gasping on each attempt.

The top trio had showed supreme confidence in passing 7-1 after all cleared 7-0 without a miss. The leader at this stage was surprising Rory Kotinek of UCLA. With only one previous 7-footer in his career, Kotinek managed both 7-0 and a PR 7-1 on his 2nd try, with another good shot at 7-2. Just as in Munich, several jumpers complained of being hindered by outside interruptions, in this instance, the public address cutting in during the middle of run-ups.

All-in-all, the crowd was treated to a display of consistently good jumping in the final, the 16 jumpers making 33.6% of their attempts (34 of 101), and the top 6 hitting 7-0 or better. The same could not be said of the qualifying round, where only 6-8 was needed to reach the final and 7 no-heighted. It has taken 6-11 the past 2 years, and not since 1967 has 6-8 been good enough. The synthetic takeoff was wet from the The Deluge for most of the preliminary round, and the slippery surface reportedly hurt some jumpers. The most significant casualty was Olympian Chris Dunn, a 7-3 performer who could manage only 6-6. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Rey Brown (Cal Poly/SLO) 7-4; 2. Tom Woods (Ore St) 7-4; 3. Robert Joseph (Ariz) 7-3; 4. Rory Kotinek (UCLA) 7-1; 5. Rick Slifer (Kans St) 7-0; 6. Randy Smith (Kans) 7-0; 7. Dean Owens (Sn Cal) 6-10; 8. tie, Aaro Alarotu' (BYU), Gene Hansbrough (Mo) & Bob Niehl (Wash St) 6-10; 11. Dennis Adama (Ind) 6-10; 12. tie, Jim Arnold (UCLA) & Barry Schur (Kans) 6-8; 14. tie, Chuck Durrant (Wn Ky) & Bill Hancock (Sn Ill) 6-8; . . . nh—Laurio Diaz (BYU).

QUALIFYING(6/7, all finalists qualified at 6-8): Leading non-qualifiers—6-6: Mike Bernard (Sn Ill), Chris Dunn (Colgate), Steve Harkins (Navy), Darryl LaVerdure (Wash); nh—Mike Fleer (Ore St), Donald Hobson (Ala), William Oates (Tex).



Defending champ Tom Woods soars over 7-0 prior to his 7-4 clearance. Alas, that elevated height was good for only 2nd. /John Morvant/

POLE VAULT

The qualifying was postponed from 4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday because of the rain. Of the 7 17-footers in the field, only UCLA's Francois Tracanelli failed to survive the 1st day. Just 9 of the 23 vaulters were able to clear at least 16-0 to make the final. This was quite disappointing, especially when compared with last year's competition. In 1972, it took 16-6 to qualify and 14 vaulters did it, while 10 others did 16-0 or 16-3. The conditions may have been partially responsible. Some of the vaulters reportedly had trouble with the runway. But the overall quality of vaulting does seem to have declined in the past year.

The final was quick but dramatic. Jim Speer no-heighted while attempting 16-0. And Brad Winter did likewise at 16-6. Bob Pullard and Terry Porter cleared 16-6 on their 1st attempts. They were joined at 17-0 by Mike Cotton and Dave Roberts, who both passed to that height. Cotton took the lead on his 1st jump of the competition. Porter cleared on his 3rd try as did Roberts, on the 1st of 2 clutch vaults. The 2nd came on his 3rd attempt at 17-4, which Cotton and Porter had already missed. Roberts cleared it to take the lead for the 1st time and win the event. When he declined to go further, the event ended after just 40 vaults.

For the Rice senior, the victory was significant. It was his 3rd straight NCAA title, something which no other vaulter has achieved outright (there were 2 who, in different years in the 30s, won once and shared 2 titles each). The win came under adverse circumstances. Roberts had a fallen arch in his left foot, and twisted his left knee in the qualifying and had it heavily taped during the final. "When things are going great, it's funny but it's hard for me to do well. So maybe I was better off because of my injuries," he commented. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Dave Roberts (Rice) 17-4; 2. Mike Cotton (Fla) 17-0; 3. Terry Porter (Kans) 17-0; 4. Robert Pullard (Sn Cal) 16-6; 5. tie, Jim Kleiger (Harv) & Frank Rock (S Jose St) 16-0; 7. Gary Dankworth (Wash) 15-6; . . . nh—Jim Speer (Colo) & Brad Winter (Okla).

QUALIFYING(6/7): 16-3—Cotton, Dankworth & Roberts; 16-0—Kleiger, Porter, Pullard, Rock, Speer & Winter. Leading non-qualifiers—Francois Tracanelli' (UCLA).

LONG JUMP

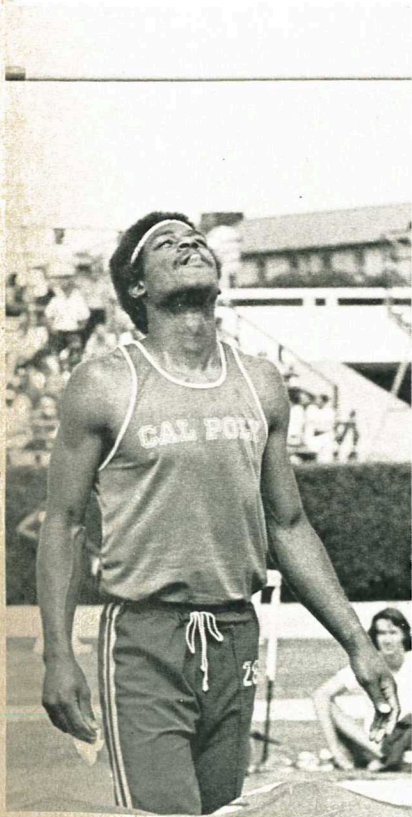
UCLA's Finn Bendixen provided one of the major surprises of the meet with his 25-10½ long jump win. Aside from a few dual meets, it was Bendixen's 1st win in collegiate competition—and he got it on his last jump in his last meet for the Bruins.

Actually, the slender Norwegian has good credentials, finishing third in the 71 NCAA and 4th last year, but with teammate James McAlister and Olympic champ Randy Williams hogging the LA headlines it's easy to get overlooked. Add 26-footers the likes of Al Lanier, Bill Rea, and Danny Brabham and just trying to place was a major feat.

The competition seemed to drag after the first couple of rounds as mild headwinds hindered the jumpers. Lanier led at 25-7¼ after two jumps, with McAlister second at 25-3½, Bendixen at 25-3, and title defender Williams fourth at 24-11½.

Lanier's mark held up during the next 3 rounds as the 3 challengers fouled every jump (with the lone exception of McAlister's 24-¼ 5th-round). Suddenly everyone seemed to wake up and realize this was the 6th and final round. . . and the fun began!

Williams took advantage of a lull in the breeze to stretch out a good one, but at 25-6¼ he was an inch short. Bendixen was next, and with little more wind coming at him than a herd of passing ants might stir up, popped



(L) High jump winner Rey Brown assays his chances for 7-4. /Morvant/
(R) Dave Roberts needed just 6 vaults to garner his 3rd vault title. /Morvant/



UCLA got a big boost in its successful quest for the team title by providing the winners in both horizontal jumps: (L) Finn Bendixen was an upset victor in the long /Morvant/; (R) Milan Tiff sailed a PR to take the triple. /Buddy Davis/



for 25-10½, his best legal jump of the year. He was now in 1st, pushing Williams to 3rd, McAlister to 4th and snatching the trophy from Lanier's grasp.

The powers-that-be must have been smiling as the breeze gusted up to 5½mph+ for McAlister and Lanier. Nevertheless, "Big Mac" equaled Lanier's 25-7¼ although his 2nd best put him still behind the Cincinnati star. Lanier was unable to respond to the abrupt turn of events, hitting 25-6½ on the final jump of the competition.

Bendixen was ecstatic afterwards, saying, "I can't believe it. This is the greatest thing that ever happened to me." He added, "There was a lot of pressure on Randy. I guess this shows he's only human."

Williams was obviously disappointed in his performance. "You can't say anybody jumped very well, can you? I had trouble with my step. I don't think I ever touched the board," he said. /John Wenas/

RESULTS(6/8): 1. Finn Bendixen' (UCLA) 25-10½ (24-8¼, 25-3, f, f, f, 25-10½); 2. Al Lanier (Cinc) 25-7¼ (25-6¼, 25-7¼, 21-9¾, 24-7, 24-0, 25-6¼); 3. James McAlister (UCLA) 25-7¼ (25-3½, f, f, f, 24-½, 25-7¼); 4. Randy Williams (Sn Cal) 25-6¼ (f, 24-11½, f, f, f, 25-6¼); 5. Bill Rea (Pitt) 24-9; 6. Danny Brabham (Baylor) 24-8½; 7. Anthony Carter (Austin-Peay St) 24-8¼; 8. David Boyd (Fisk) 24-5½; 9. Del Gregory (Mich St) 24-2¼; 10. Henry Orum (Ala) 24-½; 11. Kingsley Adams' (Colo) 23-10½; 12. Charles Geter (Tenn) 23-3½.

QUALIFYING(6/7): Leading qualifiers—Williams 26-2, Rea 25-8¼, McAlister 25-7¼, Bendixen' 25-4¼, Orum 25-4, Lanier 25-1¼, Gregory 24-10. Notable non-qualifiers—Ron Childs (Nebr) 24-6, Jeff Bolin (Purdue) 24-4.

TRIPLE JUMP

Although he has apparently now changed his philosophy of competition ["My last 3 jumps are usually my strongest," he said], Milan Tiff reverted to his old ways of the big 1st jump and came up a winner in the 3 bounce event with a meet record 54-2¼. Previously well-known as one to be watched in his initial effort, Tiff used that same method which gained him his 1st national titles, the 70 NCAA indoor and AAU outdoor.

Tiff figured that his desired strong finish was mitigated against by the 90° heat. "The heat really slowed me down," he commented. "It just took too much out of me." And that 54-2¼ might have been better: "I wanted to go out hard on my 1st jump, but there was a rake in the pit and I didn't notice it until I was in the air." That jump, which ranks as the top US outdoor effort for the year, solidifies Tiff's hold on 6th place on the all-time US list.

Moving into 7th on that list was indoor champ and record holder Barry McClure, the favorite. The incredibly high-split McClure (he sports a 36" inseam at 5-10) had looked tough as he PRed a 54-1¼ to lead all qualifiers in the previous day's eliminations. The major victim of the 33 who entered that battle was 52-10¼ performer Sigurd Langeland, the WAC champ. McClure looked no less like a winner when he began his day in the finals with a 54-¾ goodie. But he deteriorated from there with 52-9¾, a foul, 52-4¼ and another pair of miscues. Tiff, however, produced a masterful series, adding 52-9¾, a pass, 52-8¼, 53-10¼ and 52-5 efforts to his winner.

The status quo of the 1st 3 rounds was maintained in the final, as the 9 advancees stayed in the same order through the final 3 attempts. The oppressive weather probably contributed strongly, as only 1 (and he by ¼") of those 9 improved. Soph Ken McBryde showed some high bounding leaps as

he popped to a windy 53-7¼ (his longest ever) to cop 3rd.

Two other likely candidates for high places, early-year leader Harry Freeman and prep record holder Dave Tucker, were felled by injury. Tucker didn't even show up the 2nd day, while Freeman picked up a pair of fouls and injured his right leg on the 2nd and had to be helped from the track. Long Beach State scored well in Tucker's absence as surprising Rayfield Dupree suddenly improved from 50-9¼ to 52-3¼ to nab 4th. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Milan Tiff (UCLA) 54-2¼[1.79] (54-2¼, 52-9¼, p, 52-8¼, 53-10¼, 52-5); 2. Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St) 54-¾[1.12] (54-¾, 52-9¼, f, 52-1¼, f, f); 3. Ken McBryde (Manh) 53-7¼[w[10.55] (52-¾, f, 53-7¼w, f, 51-10¼, 52-7¼w); 4. Rayfield Dupree (L Beach St) 52-3¼; 5. Emmett Briggs (Wn Ky) 51-11¼; 6. Al Lanier (Cinc) 51-3; 7. Walter Davenport (E Car) 50-10¼; 8. Seigha Porbeni' (Miss St) 50-8¼; 9. Tommy Haynes (Mid Tenn St) 49-10½; ... nm—Darryl Kelly (N Car) & Harry Freeman (UCLA); ... dnc—Dave Tucker (L Beach St).

QUALIFYING(6/8): Leading qualifiers—McClure 54-1¼[2.01], Freeman 52-9¼, Tiff 52-2, McBryde 51-11¼, Tucker 51-10, Porbeni' 51-7½, Lanier 50-10¼. Notable non-qualifiers—Anthony Terry (UC Davis) 50-6¼, Sigurd Langeland' (BYU) 50-4¼, Ed Washington (Sn Cal) 49-7½.

SHOT PUT

In a meet which often found form falling by the wayside, the shot stood out as a refreshing oasis of conformity. A ding-dong battle which went down to the final put of the competition, the event featured the 6 top collegiate throwers of the year filling the top 6 spots, with 5 of them leading at one time or another. Making a great comethrough to win with a last ditch 64-6¼ effort was Swede Hans Hoglund, one of only 2 NCAA indoor champs able to win here.

"The humidity really got to me," he revealed later. "I really couldn't get going. My first series [62-10, 63-8½, 64-½ in the trials, which also served as a qualifying round because of the Thursday rain] was progressing well, but I'm not satisfied with my final results."

Sam Walker had opened the competition (4 flights for the trial rounds) with a 62-6 punch, frosh Ron Semkiw responding with a 63-3 effort 4 putters later to take the lead. In the 2nd flight, Mac Wilkins also got his all-time best, moving to the lead with a 2nd round 63-8. Then Hoglund took over, leading qualifiers to the final with his 64-¾ mark. The greatest depth in collegiate shot history necessitated a 60-3¾ mark to reach the final rounds with 10th-placer Tom Brosius being shut out although reaching 60-2¼.

Wilkins and Semkiw held onto their 2-3 positions until the middle of the 5th stanza, when Walker came alive with a 63-3½ heave to edge ½" ahead of the bearded yearling. Walker was one of only 3 to improve in the final 3 rounds, Stuart suddenly popping into the lead with a 64-3 peg in the 6th round, a heave accompanied by his usual piercing scream/grunt. "I was disappointed because I don't feel that I had a good throw all day," he said afterwards. "Between throws I went over to the practice area and worked on my form but I never did get it correct."

Semkiw then came close to his best with a 62-9 heave, Wilkins fouled, and Hoglund stepped into the ring for the last put of the meet. "Stuart's throw didn't excite me," he said. "I just concentrated on my technique. I knew if I got my technique down on this last throw I could better him." And he did.

Only 5 of the collegiate 60-footers didn't make the scene. UCLA left Dave Schiller and Kent Pagel home and Roger Freberg threw the disc only, as did plate runnerup Ken Stadel. Also absent was College Division champ Doug Arendell of Western Illinois. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS(6/8, qualifying round cancelled due to rain): 1. Hans Hoglund' (UTEP) 64-6½ (62-10, 63-8½, 64-½, f, 61-10½, 64-6¾); 2. Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky) 64-3 (62-11½, 61-2½, 61-4½, 60-8½, 61-4¾, 64-3); 3. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 63-8 (62-4, 63-8, 62-8¾, f, 61-11, f); 4. Sam Walker (SMU) 63-3½ (62-6, 62-7½, 62-1¼, 62-5½, 63-3½, 63-3½); 5. Ron Semkiw (Ariz St) 63-3 (63-3, 61-1½, 62-½, 61-7, 63-1½, 62-9); 6. Bishop Dolegiewicz' (Tex) 62-1½; 7. Rich Bilder (Nn Ill) 61-8; 8. Colin Anderson (Minn) 60-10½; 9. Scott Haney (Navy) 60-3¾; 10. Tom Brosius (Kans St) 60-2¾; 11. Butch Schmidt (Ore St) 58-10½; 12. Chuck Eneix (Wn Ky) 58-9; 13. Dave Turri (Full St) 57-7¾; 14. Terry Albritton (Stan) 57-7; 15. Ed Burgess (Rutgers) 56-9; 16. Mike Marks (Okla St) 56-5; 17. Glynn Griffin (Ga) 56-3½; 18. John Stuart (Wn Ky) 56-2½; 19. Steve Martin (ACC) 55-9¼.

DISCUS THROW

Overpowering, dominating—what else can you call a 14ft win in the national collegiate discus championships? Oregon's new "Super Duck", Mac Wilkins, followed his 3rd place shot put finish with a totally convincing platter encore, maintaining his unbeaten seasonal record against collegians.

Wilkins, history's 2nd longest collegian, twice bettered the meet record, with 204-6 in the qualifying round and 203-11 in the finals. In his wake were the likes of Ken Stadel (3rd longest collegian ever) who managed "only" 189-10 for 2nd and 200-footer Steve Gunzel. Add a host of 190+ throwers and it was no Mickey Mouse field Wilkins destroyed, as he became Oregon's 1st-ever NCAA discus winner.

The 6-4/240lb senior put the pressure on with his 193-2 opener and no one responded the rest of the way. The field was apparently unnerved (and got no help from the wind) as only 5 of the 12 finalists were able to better their qualifying marks. With Stadel firmly entrenched in 2nd, the real battle was for the bottom steps on the victory stand.

College Division champ Knut Hjeltnes opened the competition with a 182-2 chuck and went downhill from there with a 176-5 and 4 fouls. But with the exception of Wilkins and 3 tosses by Stadel that was the best mark of the day, giving the Norwegian freshman 3rd spot.

Wilkins later said, "I was a little tight on the first three throws and concerned about Ken catching up. After the 5th throw (203-11) everything was okay." He continued, "My good throw was a little low, but I'm generally pleased because I got just about everything I was after." /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/9, nil wind): 1. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 203-11 (193-2, 183-6, 192-9, f, 203-11, 183-4); 2. Ken Stadel (Rice) 189-10 (175-5, 187-0, f, 189-10, f, 184-5); 3. Knut Hjeltnes' (Wn Md) 182-2 (182-2, 176-5, f, f, f); 4. Chuck Eneix (Wn Ky) 181-9; 5. Dale Gordon (UCLA) 181-6; 6. Steve Gunzel (Ariz) 180-6; 7. Roger Freberg (UCLA) 178-9; 8. Zdravko Pecar' (BYU) 177-8; 9. Marshall Smith (Colo St) 174-10; 10. Alan Thomas (Tex) 167-9; 11. Bishop Dolegiewicz' (Tex) 165-4; 12. Jed Miller (Wash St) 165-3.

QUALIFYING(6/8, nil wind): Leading qualifiers—Wilkins 204-6, Smith 185-8, Stadel 184-6, Dolegiewicz' 183-7, Gordon 182-1, Miller 182-1, Freberg 180-5, Gunzel

180-2. Notable non-qualifiers—Tom Brosius (Kans St) 172-10, Thomas Andersson' (BYU) 171-2, Ben Plucknett (Mo) 161-7, Brett Dull (Auburn) 159-10.

HAMMER THROW

The qualifying round was rained out on Thursday, and all 19 throwers competed in the trials proper on Friday. Australia's Peter Farmer, a soph, had the 6 best performances going into the meet and his best of 228-8 was 10ft ahead of 1973's 2nd best collegian Ted Bregar. Therefore, it was quite an upset when Farmer found a way to lose.

He started out in foul trouble, stepping over the circle on his 1st 2 throws. On his 3rd, Farmer took the full 3 turns, but very cautiously, and qualified for the finals with a mere 195-11. He improved on each of his last 3 efforts, closing with a respectable 220-5 which wasn't quite good enough.

Frenchman Jacques Accambray, the 1971 winner, took the lead on his 1st throw and never relinquished it. His best throw of 221-6 came in the 4th round. Bregar took 3rd at 217-4, ahead of southpaw sophomore Andy Bessette (201-9) and freshman Al Jackson's PR 196-0. Frosh Phil Bartlett, the only other 200-footer in the field, and the national junior record holder, fouled his 3 attempts, 2 of them reportedly over 210.

Accambray was depressed by the weather but excited by the competition. "I felt like a candle out there—about to melt. I'm from northern France and not used to that humidity. But it's good to be back at the top. I've had trouble getting into form this spring. With Al Schoterman gone, I've had little competition in most meets. It's tough for me to throw my best without someone pushing me."

Farmer threw creditably and didn't really have anything to apologize for, but explained later that he had had gland troubles recently and that he felt he was not in top condition. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/8, qualifying round cancelled due to rain): 1. Jacques Accambray' (Kent St) 221-6 (212-11, 216-4, 215-9, 221-6, f, f); 2. Peter Farmer' (UTEP) 220-5 (f, f, 195-11, 213-10, 216-8, 220-5); 3. Ted Bregar (Navy) 217-4 (197-6, 210-3, f, f, 217-4, 190-7); 4. Andy Bessette (Conn) 201-9 (200-3, f, 191-2, 201-9, f, f); 5. Alvin Jackson (Penn St) 196-0; 6. Brian Moore (MIT) 194-3; 7. Tony Tenisci' (Wash St) 190-10; 8. Kent Butts (Army) 188-7; 9. Dave Morrison (H Cross) 186-0; 10. Art McCollum (Hay St)

181-7; 11. Harold Cramer (Springfield) 178-3; 12. John McCree (St John's) 177-9; 13. Dan Powers (St John's) 176-7; 14. Mike Bolliger (Ore) 176-0; 15. Chuck Ostrand (Army) 173-6; 16. Phil Lockwood (L Beach St) 170-0; 17. Carl Shields (Cornell) 169-1; 18. Craig Johnson (Md) 167-10; . . . nm—Phil Bartlett (Brown).

JAVELIN THROW

Large Sam Colson had no difficulty winning a javelin competition that had its qualifying round rained into nonexistence on Thursday by The Deluge.

Colson had the only throws past 270ft—3 of those, the best 279-9. Bruce Kennedy showed signs of fight with 266-5, his best opening ever, but his longest after that was a 260ft foul on his 5th throw. Bruce did have some towering throws that seemed to come almost straight down.

Colson showed that lack of run doth not mean lack of javelin distance. "Now I know why he doesn't go fast," said a layman onlooker as Sam lolled toward the end of the runway. "It's because he can't stop."

Not much speed, not much shoulder, but tremendous wrist whip and body "bulk". Sam says he weighs 270lb right now, though some say that it's more. "I used to weigh about 300lb," he volunteered, "but don't let my mother hear that, because she worries about me a lot."

The heat on Saturday—85°, 64% humidity in the morning during the javelin—may have bothered some throwers. Sixteen of the 27 were under 230. If Sam had any reaction to the heat, it was pleasure. "I really like these conditions," he said. "I warmed up by walking to the stadium."

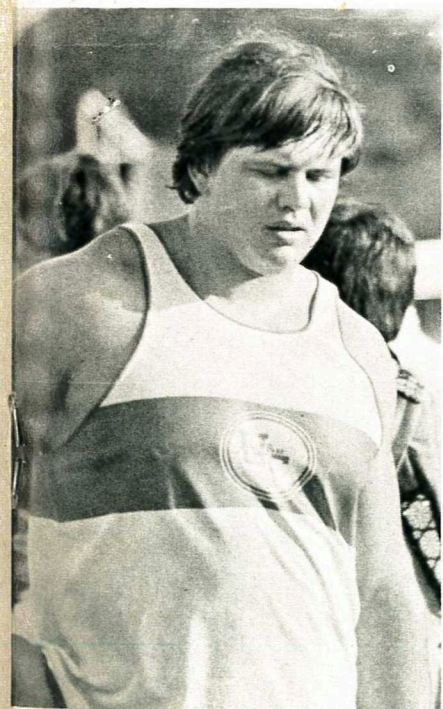
Sam's javelin "flips" exhibited more form than those of the 3rd place finisher, Anthony Hall, whose run seemed just to get in his way. He had practically a standing heave of 257-4. Jim Judd had a good-looking 1st toss 258-0 in that shortened qualifying round 2 days earlier but managed just 245-10 Saturday. Dan Martin, who grew up in nearby Houma, La., did some spirited throwing with a PR 245-9 in the trials, then 246-10 on his final throw to take 6th back away from Judd.

There were strange goings-on in the measuring: the runway was in the track infield, the landing area outside the infield. The tape was stretched over the track curbing and over a Tartan practice area. That added as much as half of a foot to the marks. Then when Colson broke the meet record with 277-3, it was remeasured for "certification"—as 277-5. When he broke it again with 279-8, it was certified at 279-10, then that changed to 279-9.

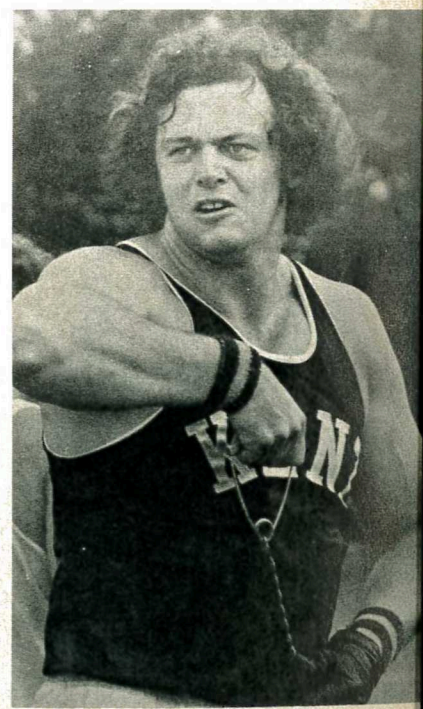
Sam did say that his technique is suffering some from the fear of re-injury. "I'm afraid to drive my hips even though I don't hurt when I throw." The injury was a muscle pull in the elbow.

Gary Quitslund, runnerup a year earlier and 264-7 this year, got to 243-4 in Thursday's nullified qualifying, but he got just 213-2 Saturday. Sigi Busha had just 214-10 compared with a season best 50ft longer. He reportedly will have an elbow operation soon. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Sam Colson (Kans) 279-9 (277-5, f, 264-9, 279-9, 272-11, f); 2. Bruce Kennedy' (Cal) 266-5 (266-5, 240-10, 256-6, 228-6, f, 256-8); 3. Anthony Hall (Norf St) 257-4 (247-3, 257-4, 218-5, 209-11, 209-5, 234-7); 4. Rick Dowsnell' (Ohio U)



UTEP soph Hans Hoglund got off a 64-6½ put, giving his school the shot winner 2 years in a row. /Buddy Davis/



Runnerup to teammate Al Schoterman last year, Jacques Accambray regained his hammer title of 71. /Buddy Davis/

254-10 (247-6, 243-7, 254-10, 217-10, 245-1, 240-9); 5. Juhani Nummela' (BYU) 247-1; 6. Danny Martin (Tenn) 246-9; 7. Jim Judd (Ore St) 245-10; 8. Ronnie Bamburg (La Tech) 241-1; 9. Bengt Gustafsson' (BYU) 239-2; 10. Rod Ewaliko (Wash) 238-0; 11. Ken Johnson (Puget Sound) 232-7; 12. George Stevens (Okla St) 229-11; 13. Bruce Hawkinston (Ariz) 228-9; 14. Jim Pearce (Rice) 228-7; 15. Van Hollaway (Iowa St) 228-6; 16. Randy Hutchinson (Fla St) 220-5; 17. Bruce Dow (Sn Cal) 220-3; 18. Skip Cummins (Dart) 220-2; 19. Ken Andrews (Penn St) 216-6. 20. John Allen (La Tech) 216-6; 21. Randy Charlsen (Navy) 216-1; 22. Siggie Busha (Tex) 214-10; 23. Gary Quitslund (Wash) 213-2; 24. Rory Kotinek (UCLA) 208-4; 25. Tommy Lewis (Miss St) 204-7; 26. Glen Derwin (SMU) 202-7; 27. Glen Pere (Lamar) 194-9.

QUALIFYING(6/7, cancelled midway due to rain, marks did not carry over. Qualifying held as part of finals on 6/9): Leading performers—Judd 258-0, Hall 253-11, Dowswell' 243-7, Quitslund 243-4, Hawkinston 241-10.

DECATHLON

With Ron Evans valiantly struggling to compete with a pulled hamstring muscle, Roger George and Sweden's Raimo Pihl had a terrific duel in the decathlon. Pihl had very even performances and defeated George by 5 points, 7782 to 7777.

It's misleading to say a decathlon comes down to the 1500, because every performance contributes. But it must be said that in this 1500, George and Pihl both ran lifetime bests; George was the winner and ran 4:15.0, Pihl ran 4:37.0; the 5 point margin represented less than a second in that race.

George and Pihl seemed almost overshadowed by Evans, who had won this event a year earlier and came into this year's with the best mark, 7871. But Ron, who often has leg troubles, pulled his left hamstring on his 2nd long jump. He hobbled through the rest of the 1st day and collapsed at the finish of the 400. It was 10min before he was able to get off his back. When he was coherent, he said, "I definitely plan on showing up tomorrow."

He was miraculous the 2nd day, running stiff-legged in the hurdles, limping down the runway in the vault, throwing the javelin from an awkward jog. Yet somehow he threw the javelin 209-10, ran the hurdles in 16.2 and cleared 9 different heights in the vault, finishing with 15-1½. How could he vault under such conditions? "I just pulled it out; I can't explain it."

Evans could not keep up with Pihl and George, who finished the 1st day 1-2, were tied after the vault, and finally ran furiously against each other and the clock in the 1500. Both scored total PRs. George had decathlon PRs as well in the long jump, shot put, 400, javelin and 1500.

Pihl, one of three Brigham Young athletes in the 10-man field, had a very even performance: all scores were between 735 and 861 (except the 1500). The 1st day, he won no events yet led the field by 77 points.

Freshman Craig Brigham, expected to be a contender, had only 2 good events—the vault and 1500—and was a distant 4th. He eventually vaulted 16-3, only after a narrow 3rd try clearance at 14-5¼, his opening height. Runald Backman, another BYU Swede and a frosh, had a strong 1st day but had no mark in the discus so withdrew. Rory Kenward placed 6th.

The meet's rules committee went back on a previous statement that a tiny field would be enlarged to accommodate athletes just short of the very tough qualifying standard—7100 as compared with the national AAU's 7000. But the 10 qualifiers were declared to be the full field in spite of formal requests for consideration by those just short of the standard. One of those was 71 runnerup Fred Samara. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/5-6):

1. Raimo Pihl' (BYU)	10.99	22-6½	47-5¾	6-4	48.8	4015
	16.15	148-9½	13-1½	224-5	4:37.0	7782
2. Roger George (Fres St)	11.10	23-8¾	42-1¼	6-27/8	48.7	3936
	14.98	121-5½	14-9¾	190-2	4:15.0	7777
3. Ron Evans (Conn)	10.98	21-9¾	47-7	6-8¾	53.2	3885
	16.20	136-11	15-1¼	209-10	4:48.4	7574
4. Craig Brigham (Ore)	11.01	21-9	47-1	6-4	52.9	3772
	16.16	140-9½	16-3	182-1½	4:38.5	7527
5. Eugene Miller (Ohio U)	10.94	23-2¾	37-2½	6-7/8	49.2	3777
	14.58	116-8	14-1¼	180-1½	4:27.7	7453
6. Rory Kenward (UCSB)	10.98	22-11½	47-5¾	5-87/8	49.0	3872
	15.34	153-1½	13-1½	153-4	4:47.1	7373
7. Christer Lythell' (BYU)	7198;					
8. Bill Hancock (Sn III)	7187;					
9. Kenny Kring (Stan)	7129;					
	dnf—Backman' (BYU).					

440 YARD RELAY

The 1973 NCAA 440 relay doped out as one of the more evenly matched competitions of the meet. After Friday's qualifying nothing changed that prognostication as all 9 finalists stopped the clock in the 39.6-40.0 range.

In the end, however, it was the "Chattanooga Choo-Choo plus the Memphis Queen" (the self-titled Memphis State foursome) that rolled home the winner in 39.6, equaling their heat time. Southern Cal, attempting a 3rd straight win in the event, dropped its 1st exchange and finished well behind the field, eventually losing out altogether to disqualification.

The Memphis quartet had to come from behind to do the job, but do it they did. Southwestern Louisiana's Harold Porter ran a great opening leg ["I'm looking forward to making up all the stagers on those running the 1st leg," he said earlier] to give the Cajuns a formidable lead, but the Memphis

foursome whittled away a bit at a time to put 100 winner Ed Hammonds within striking distance at the end.

Memphis leadoff man Maurice Knight talked about Porter's leg: "That dude got out there, man. I looked up and he was gone. I knew if we could stay close we could win it when Ed got the baton for the anchor." Hammonds was obviously happy with the win, too. "It was a great way to end my career at Memphis State. All we needed to do this year was to find a good 4th and we knew we could win it," he said.

Southwestern Louisiana finished third in 39.9, but they weren't exactly fading on the final leg. In addition to Hammonds' follow-up to the steady sprinting of Knight, Lynn Fox, and Ed Taylor, Arizona State's Maurice Peoples was tacking on a great anchor leg for the Sun Devils to grab 2nd at 39.8.

With all the season's fastest squads competing, you couldn't pick out much in the way of upsets in the heats, except Penn State's beating out Kansas State for the third qualifying spot in heat 3. UCLA failed to finish the final for the 5th straight year, but it wasn't really their fault. This time the Bruins were simply outrun as they finished fourth at 40.1 in their heat. /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/9): 1. Memphis State 39.6 (Maurice Knight, Lynn Fox, Ed Taylor, Ed Hammonds); 2. Arizona State 39.8 (Charles Wells, Carl McCullough, Phil Chewning, Maurice Peoples); 3. Southwestern Louisiana 39.9 (Harold Porter, Pat Gullette, Don Credeur, Steve Gullick); 4. UTEP 40.0 (Jesse Kemp, Chris Garpenborg, Rudy Reid, Darryl Marbury); 5. SMU 40.0 (Mike Rideau, Joe Pouncy, Rufus Shaw, Gene Pouncy); 6. Penn State 40.2 (Doug Finkel, Fred Singleton, Mike Sands, Jim Scott); 7. Norfolk State 40.2 (Victor Jackson, Steve Riddick, Robert Colbert, Bill Cuffee); 8. Texas 40.2 (John Lee, Billy Jackson, David McKee, Don Sturgal); . . . disq—Southern Cal (Randy Williams, Greg Jones, Ken Randle, Don Quarrie).

HEATS(6/8, 3 qualify): 1. Arizona State 39.7; 2. Texas 39.9; 3. Norfolk State 39.9; 4. UCLA 40.1 (Dotson Wilson, Benny Brown, Ron Gaddis, Gordon Peppers); 5. Lincoln 40.5; 6. California 40.5; 7. Michigan State 40.5. II-1. Memphis State 39.6; 2. UTEP 39.9; 3. SMU 40.0; 4. Purdue 40.3; 5. Indiana 40.4; 6. Kent State 40.8. III-1. Southern Cal 39.6; 2. Southwestern Louisiana 39.7; 3. Penn State 40.0; 4. Kansas State 40.2; 5. Southern Illinois 40.6.

MILE RELAY

UCLA won an unprecedented 5th straight mile relay title and the end is not in sight. Benny Brown, Maxie Parks and Gordon Peppers all return next year, with only Ron Gaddis graduating from the Bruin stable of 440 talent. Coach Jim Bush could probably run with that threesome and make it 6 in a row in 74.

The Bruins wrapped it up early as Gaddis led off with a sterling 46.7

Maxie Parks waits with open arms for anchorman Benny Brown as UCLA wins an unprecedented 5th consecutive mile relay title. /Buddy Davis/



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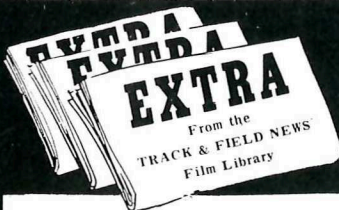
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'I Came Here to Prove Something'



[Chip Gane]

He just had run the fastest lap in history. Maurice Peoples stood in the hallway of an emptying dormitory at Louisiana State University and chatted with some old friends. He bubbled over with remembrances from a day of running on this hot Saturday afternoon when he made track history. Maurice himself almost couldn't believe what he had accomplished.

"I came here to prove something, and I guess I did that." He spoke with aplomb; not hard words, just the truth, easy. "Everybody hears all the time about these other guys; you don't hear about me. That's all right. But I did want to prove myself."

One of his friends volunteered: "We read about Benny Brown-the-great-

est, and all. No one ever paid any notice to Maurice."

He just had run the fastest 440 of his life, 45.0. Brown was 2nd, 0.7 back and not in it at all the last straightaway.

"I must have run that race over and over in my head 100 times last night," said Maurice. "I didn't get to sleep till 5:30.

"I kept telling myself, 'You've got to go out hard, you've got to go out hard', because usually I just go out slow and try to pass people on the last turn.

"This was the first time I've ever run the backstretch the way I should." Brown seemed to be leading, even so, halfway. "I was in lane 3 and Benny was in 4. Benny got ahead of me right away and I started leaning forward, and I got off balance, trying to get back up with him. Then I went off to my left, and I was worried they'd disqualify me for running on the line, so I straightened up again."

Maurice was a clear leader by 350. "I hit the last straight, and I knew Benny would be going then. I looked back, and I listened for him, but he wasn't there. I just kept running.

"With 50y left I could see I was going to win. I couldn't believe how far ahead I was. I said to myself, 'Wow, I'm winning by all this', and then my form got really bad. My arms went all over. I had to try to get myself to get my mind back on the race. I was really excited to win."

He already had run the last leg of the 440 relay, and yet to come was the last leg of the mile relay. "Running that much in a day is no bother to me. I used to run 6 events in junior college—triple jump, sprints, relays. I'm a strength runner."

He casually had qualified his mile relay team the night before by running behind 3 runners till the final straightaway, then moving outside and running away from them—all excellent sprinters. In the mile relay finals Saturday, Arizona State was 6th when he got the stick and Benny Brown had UCLA far ahead.

"My coach," said Maurice, "he always tries to psych me up, telling me I can run 43.8 or 44 or something. I thought, well, maybe I could run 44. 43? No. No way."

He went by quality quartermilers on the backstretch of that anchor like he was running the 220 and they were running the 880. Darwin Bond, who was to run 44.9 for his last leg, was swallowed up by Peoples' furious pace.

Brown and Don Sturgal of Texas were fighting it out the 1st 330, but suddenly all eyes were on not Texas but Maurice, as Sturgal gave way a little to Brown. And now, even Brown was coming back to Peoples, who was not wilting.

Maurice moved outside, still charging. Brown, saving, ran to 1st; Sturgal held on desperately to save 2nd against Peoples. Sturgal ran a terrific 45.7 lap yet lost 2.3 to Peoples, who ran an unbelievable 43.4.

"Forty-three?" Maurice said. It had been 5 hours ago. "That's still a little hard to believe, isn't it? I can't quite believe it myself. Now every time I run people are gonna expect 43, or at least 44, from me. I hope they don't.

"Actually, the quarter-mile is all right, but what I really like is the triple jump." [Jack Pfeifer]

and UCLA held a 5-8y advantage at the end of each lap thereafter to finish in 3:04.3. Several teams made moves at the Bruins on the backstretch, but each time the blue-and-gold clad runners would hold off the challengers and move away down the final 100y straight.

Actually, the big story of the race started far back at the start of the anchor lap. Open 440 champ Maurice Peoples took the baton a well-behind 7th and proceeded to eat up the track (and fellow anchormen) like his life depended on it. He moved Arizona State up to just barely lose a photo decision to Texas at 3:05.0 with an unbelievable 43.4 leg, smashing the old 440 carry record by 0.4. Converting Ron Freeman's 43.2m Mexico City leg to yards (43.5), Peoples ran the fastest lap in history. And that came after 2 tough races earlier in the sweltering heat.

Virtually unnoticed were super anchor legs by Benny Brown (44.8) and Darwin Bond (44.9, moving Tennessee from 6th to 4th). Runnerup Texas advanced steadily after 6th at the first exchange on the strength of swift (though not super) legs by Billy Jackson, John Lee, and anchor Don Sturgal.

Major casualties of the heats were Michigan, Oregon and Wisconsin. Michigan finished with a safe 3:07.2 2nd place behind Texas (3:06.2) in the 1st heat but officials caught anchorman Kim Rowe bumping Texas' Don Sturgal on the backstretch and disqualified the Wolverines from further competition. Oregon finished 3rd in the same heat, but apparently ran out of their lane before the break for the pole. Wisconsin simply couldn't overcome a 48.7 leadoff leg and fell a tenth short of edging Southern Cal for 3rd in the competitive 2nd heat. [John Wenos]

RESULTS(6/9): 1. UCLA 3:04.3 (Ron Gaddis 46.7, Gordon Peppers 46.9, Maxie Parks 45.9, Benny Brown 44.8); 2. Texas 3:05.0 (Ed Wright 46.8, Billy Jackson 46.3, John Lee 46.2, Don Sturgal 45.7); 3. Arizona State 3:05.0 (Ray Manning 47.2, Carl McCullough 47.2, Gary Lewis 47.2, Maurice Peoples 43.4 [21.5, 21.9]); 4. Tennessee 3:07.3 (Wilbur Hawkins 48.2, Rick Bowers 47.6, Trevor James' 46.6, Darwin Bond 44.9); 5. TCU 3:07.4 (David Hardin 47.7, Gary Peacock 47.2, Sam McKinney 46.2, Lee Williams 46.3); 6. Southern Cal 3:08.0 (Trevor Campbell' 47.0, James Baxter 47.1, Claude Brown 47.3, Earl Richardson 46.6); 7. Texas A&M 3:08.4 (Harold Davis 47.6, Doug

Brodhead 46.4, Sammy Dierschke 46.8, Willie Blackmon 47.6); 8. Norfolk State 3:10.9; 9. Alabama 3:11.4.

HEATS(6/8), 3 qualify: I-1. Texas 3:06.2 (Wright 47.7, Jackson 46.6, Lee 46.4, Sturgal 45.5); 2. Alabama 3:10.0; 3. Texas A&M 3:10.7; . . . disq—Michigan 3:07.2 (Greg Syphax' 46.7, Al Cornwell 47.7, Doug Chapman' 46.6, Kim Rowe' 46.2); Oregon 3:09.9 (Vince Buford 47.7, Doug Chapman 46.4, James Holloway 47.9, Dave Hagmeier 46.9). II-1. Arizona State 3:08.3 (Manning 48.4, Lewis 47.2, McCullough 47.6, Peoples 45.1); 2. Norfolk State 3:08.3 (Victor Jackson 48.4, Lawrence Davis 47.0, Bill Neely 46.5, Robert Colbert 46.4); 3. Southern Cal 3:08.5 (Campbell' 47.5, Richardson 46.8, Brown 46.7, Ken Randle 47.5); 4. Wisconsin 3:08.6 (Ed Lauzon 48.7, Chuck Bolton 47.1, Chuck Curtis 46.5, Skip Kent 46.3); 5. Southern Illinois 3:10.2 (Sutton 46.0, Erickson 46.1); 6. Indiana 3:11.6 (Wallace 46.2). III-1. UCLA 3:05.9 (Gaddis 46.9, Peppers 47.3, Parks 45.9, Brown 45.8); 2. Tennessee 3:06.3 (Hawkins 47.6, Bowers 47.5, James' 46.0, Bond 45.2); 3. TCU 3:07.6 (Hardin 47.5, Peacock 46.7, McKinney 47.0, Williams 46.4); 4. Florida 3:08.8; 5. Seton Hall 3:09.0.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

"This is a meet where the toughest team and luckiest team wins—and you have to have some talent too. And we have." So said UCLA coach Jim Bush after his squad had picked up their 3rd consecutive NCAA team title, a feat previously done only by Southern Cal (which once took 9 in a row).

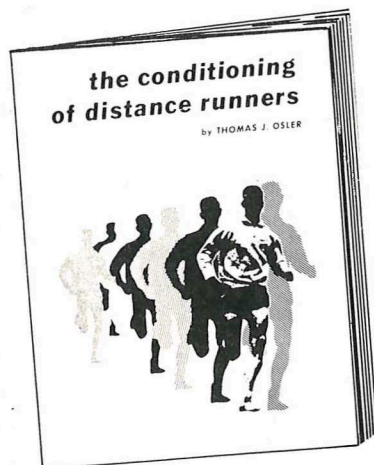
Talent is one thing UCLA had a plethora of. Twenty athletes came to the meet and half of them scored. They won 3 events, more than any other school. And the athletes who competed didn't include 7-plus high jumper Rick Fletcher and 60-plus shot putters Kent Pagel, Roger Freberg and Dave Schiller. UCLA is now tied with Illinois for 2nd on the all-time NCAA track titles list with 5, Southern Cal owning 25.

1. UCLA 52; 2. Oregon 31; 3. tie, Arizona State & BYU 26; 5. Tennessee 24; 6. tie, Kent State & UTEP 22; 8. tie, Memphis State & Texas 20; 10. Rice 19; 11. Michigan State 18; 12. Kansas 17½; 13. tie, Colorado, North Carolina & Western Kentucky 14; 16. tie, Cincinnati & Penn State 13; 18. Oregon State 12; 19. tie, California, Connecticut, Bowling Green State, Washington State & Wisconsin 10; 24. Southern Cal 9.

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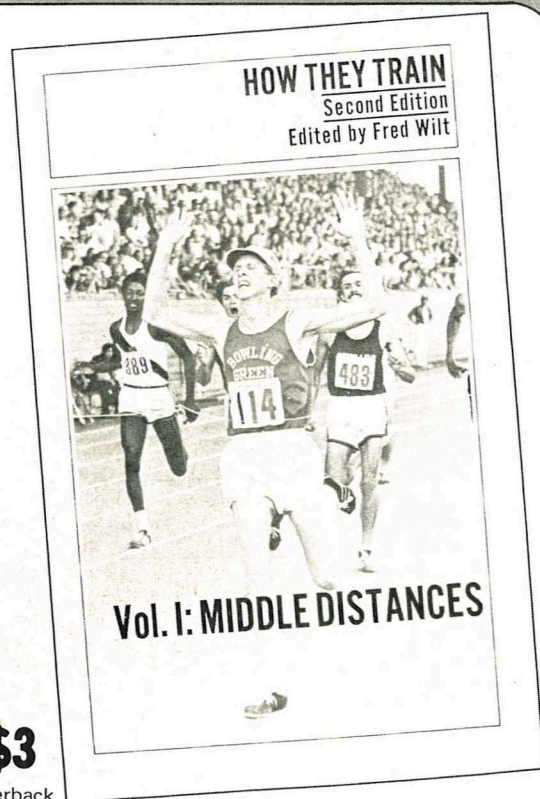
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Super Climax Not Hindered by Slow Start

Bakersfield, Calif., June 14-16—The 1973 edition of the AAU Championships was sort of like the proverbial little girl with the little curl right in the middle of her forehead: when it was good it was very, very good, but when it was bad it was horrid. Fortunately, the good far outweighed the bad.

Although the meet got off on the wrong foot, it slowly gathered steam, and exploded in an orgy of fine performances which should have served as a satisfying culmination of the US season to all but a few of the most hardened viewers.

It was a thrill a minute that last night, and picking a star out of the bunch is an impossibility, although Steve Williams was accorded the Dieges Award by the press as the outstanding performer of the meet. Yet his 9.4/20.4 double sprint victory didn't stand out among the other great marks.

The track was particularly alive on Saturday evening, as 9200 looked on in warm, still conditions. 7:30: In a battle of the Browns, Doug just misses the national record, his 8:26.8 pipping Barry's 8:27.2 in the fastest 2-man finish in US steeple history; 8:10: Jim Bolding moves to 3rd on the all-time world 440 hurdles list, blazing a 49.2; 8:25: Maurice Peoples again tops Benny Brown, this time with a 45.2 as Karl Farmer stuns Brown also to take 2nd; 8:40: the Rick Wohlhuter-Dave Wottle 2-lap clash is all that could have been expected, with Wottle's famous kick falling short as Wohlhuter again metrically dips under 1:45; 8:55: Williams shows why he is one of the fastest men who ever lived when at top speed, coming from far back to cop the 220, with Mark Lutz being no less speedy; 9:10: a great mile sees gutsy Tommy Fulton forge the pace, Marty Liquori pick it up as he furthers his comeback, and Len Hilton unleash a wicked kick to take it all; 9:25: Steve Prefontaine misses the national 3M standard by only 0.4, with tough Dick Buerkle also dipping under 13:00 in 2nd.

Interspersed with those were some great moments on the field, most

notably Dwight Stones becoming the 4th man to achieve 7-5 or better in the high jump, the Olympic bronze medalist flopping over just that height. Additionally, John Craft got the No. 2 triple jump in US history, and Mac Wilkins destroyed the 72 US Olympic discus team to confirm his emergence as a plate great.

Friday wasn't quite as exciting, but there were only 7 finals, compared to 13 on Saturday. But the ideal weather was there to aid both the competitors and 6600 spectators. Significant moments included the first half of Williams' double sprint victory, the rare sight of Rod Milburn losing a high race as Thomas Hill duplicated his 1970 triumph on this track, and one of the swiftest mass finish ever seen over 6M, with 9 going sub-27:50.

Thursday would be better forgotten. For humanitarian reasons, let us say that it was fortunate that only 1000 showed up to watch the proceedings. It wasn't really as cold as many thought, but most were dressed for sunny Southern California and were greeted by cold gusting breezes which felt, comparatively, like breaths from the Arctic. Unfortunately, there was little to do but sit and shiver. There was a time a few years back when fields in this meet were crowded and athletes had to endure too many rounds in too little time.

But this time around (worse than Seattle last year), the fields were skimpy. As a result, the vault, shot, long jump, javelin and high jump qualifying rounds were cancelled. So were preliminaries in the steeple, highs, 880, and intermediates. That left only the hammer qualifying, 100 and 220 1st round and heats in the mile and 3M spread over a 4hr program. And one heat of the 100 only had 4 competitors, all of whom qualified. In fact, the javelin field was so sparse that only 8 throwers showed up at the meet. Stupefying. Still, a marginally better situation than having the sprinters running 6 races in 2 days. /Garry Hill/

100 YARDS

World record holder Steve Williams ran one of his poorer 100's in the AAU final, but still managed to add the title to his fast-growing string of accomplishments.

The 9.4 winning time seemed disappointing to the crowd which had earlier watched Williams sprint an easy-looking 9.2 in his semi. Williams said, however, "I'm not too time conscious; I'd rather win than run fast and lose." The lanky sprinter admitted, "My mechanics were terrible, but I'm happy to win." Williams felt the four false starts (including one on him) hindered his notoriously "mediocre" start.

Williams was last out of the blocks, along with Willie Deckard, as the rest of the field zipped to a 2y advantage after the first 2 strides. Both managed to close ground, although Williams did it better. Williams caught Herb Washington and Hasely Crawford by the 70 mark and gradually inched ahead in the final yards. Washington held on for 2nd over Ivory Crockett as Crawford pulled 20y from the tape. Crawford had looked impressive in winning the other semi.

NCAA champ Ed Hammonds finished 4th, giving the club sprinters their only serious challenge from the collegiate ranks. Larry Brown of Essex CC's "Speed City East" was a mild surprise with his 5th-place finish. Otherwise, form prevailed throughout the qualifying rounds and the final.

Although he hasn't lost any races because of his start, Williams would like to improve it. He said, "I just haven't been able to concentrate on it this year, but I want to work on it. With proper coaching next year [from San Diego State's Dick Hill], I know I can 'clean up' my start." Williams also stated, "I'm not overly excited about meeting Valeriy Borzov. He's on top right now; I just want to meet the best." /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/15, 0.0): 1. Steve Williams (SDTC) 9.4; 2. Herb Washington (Cal Int) 9.4; 3. Ivory Crockett (Phil PC) 9.4; 4. Ed Hammonds (Mem St) 9.6; 5. Larry Brown (Essex CC) 9.6; 6. Willie Deckard (Cal Int) 9.6; 7. Robert Taylor (Flying Tiger TC); 8. Hasely Crawford (Phil PC).

HEATS(6/14, 4 qualify): I(-4.0)-1. S.Williams 9.4; 2. Ronnie Williams (BA Strid) 9.5; 3. Dave Gilliard (Cal Int) 9.6; 4. Bill Hurd (Phil PC) 9.7; 5. Mark Lutz (Kans) 9.7. II(-4.4)-1. Washington 9.6; 2. Larry Brown 9.7; 3. Norbert Payton (BA Strid) 9.9; 4. Leon Brown (Cal Int) 9.9. III(-1.2)-1. Crockett 9.6; 2. Earl Harris (Ft Mac) 9.8; 3. Gus Brisco (Ariz) 9.9; 4. Taylor 10.0. IV(-5.4)-1. Deckard 9.6; 2. Hammonds 9.6; 3. Crawford 9.7; 4. Herb Kline (USAF) 9.8.

SEMIS(6/15, 4 qualify): I(0.0)-1. S.Williams 9.2; 2. Hammonds 9.3; 3. Taylor 9.4; 4. Deckard 9.4. II(-2.38)-1. Washington 9.3; 2. Crawford 9.5; 3. Crockett 9.5; 4. Larry Brown 9.7.

220 YARDS

An inauspicious field produced one of the most exciting 220s in this country in recent years. Missing were all of the 72 Olympic team: Larry Burton, who didn't run in the meet; Larry Black, who isn't running; and Chuck Smith, who was disqualified for false-starting in the final. Also world record holder Don Quarrie, who withdrew from his semi after struggling to

qualify 2 days earlier.

That meant the race belonged to Steve Williams, whose bad start supposedly hampers him less over the longer distance. But the final running didn't look like it belonged to anyone.

The semis had been interesting: in the first one, pared to 6 runners with the withdrawals of Quarrie and Leon Brown, Mark Lutz, the one white in the final 16, blasted the turn and just kept going. Williams came from well back, but there was no catching Lutz, who was disqualified in the NCAA prelims. The other semi was won by Marshall Dill, the NCAA champion, but

A big closing rush by white-clad Mark Lutz couldn't collar Steve Williams (r) in the AAU 220. Williams' 20.4 edged Lutz by 0.1. /Don Chadez/



the eye-catcher was Wardell Gilbreath, a freshman junior collegian from New Mexico who smoked the final 40y and coasted in ahead of Olympian Smith.

The final had trouble getting started. On the 3rd bad break, it looked for a moment that Williams had been disqualified as he lay on the track. It turned out that his blocks had slipped. In the next break, Smith was put out. Finally, in the legal go, the turn showed that some people wanted this race. Because everyone could see Crockett—once known as a runner who couldn't even handle 100m because it was too long—running the bend the way it should be run. By the head of the straight, he had 5y on the field. Crockett was in lane 5, and even he must have felt the rush of air that now came along both his sides: on his left came Williams, beginning to move now from last with 100y left; to his right were Lutz and Dill. Dill seemed to be the first to catch Crockett; just 50y to go now.

But here came Williams, biting into the margin with every effortless stride. There seemed no way Dill or Crockett could win the way Steve was eating into their advantage. But on Crockett's other side was the most exciting action: it was Lutz, matching every one of Williams' great strides, pulling on great sprinters, gaining inches now on the leaders every time he took a step. Ten yards from the end, Williams was to the lead, but Lutz, incessant, had come right with him. Steve leaned, and that was enough. Crockett, despite his great turn run, now had slipped to 4th; Dill, tightening the last 40, was 3rd. Gilbreath was 5th, a 10th back of those two. "I usually get up there a lot sooner," said Williams, "but my knee buckled on the turn, and when I recovered I was trailing again." /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/16, 0.0): 1. Steve Williams (SDTC) 20.4; 2. Mark Lutz (Kans) 20.5; 3. Marshall Dill (Mich St) 20.5; 4. Ivory Crockett (Phil PC) 20.6; 5. Wardell Gilbreath (NMJC) 20.6; 6. Willie Deckard (Cal Int) 20.8; 7. John Pettus (BA Strid) 21.1; . . . disq—Chuck Smith (Cal Int).

HEATS(6/14, 4 qualify): I(-4.02)-1. Lutz 21.0; 2. Dave Gilliard (Cal Int) 21.3; 3. Don Quarrie' (Sn Cal) 21.3; 4. Earl Harris (Ft Mac) 21.4. II(-4.65)-1. S.Williams 21.2; 2. Bill Hurd (Phil PC) 21.4; 3. Gilbreath 21.6; 4. Pettus 21.6. III(-4.69)-1. Smith 21.3; 2. Crockett 21.4; 3. Larry Brown (Essex CC) 21.5; 4. Adrian Rodgers (BA Strid) 21.6; 5. Joe Pouncy (SMU) 21.7. IV(-4.96)-1. Deckard 21.0; 2. Dill 21.3; 3. Richard Hardware' (Adelphi) 21.3; 4. Harold Williams (SDTC) 21.5.

SEMI(6/16, 4 qualify): I(-8.0)-1. Lutz 20.8; 2. Williams 21.2; 3. Crockett 21.2; 4. Pettus 21.4; . . . dns—Quarrie'. II(0.0)-1. Dill 21.0; 2. Gilbreath 21.0; 3. Smith 21.1; 4. Deckard 21.2; 5. Hardware' 21.2.

440 YARDS

Maurice Peoples took a giant stride towards a No. 1 World Ranking with a convincing two-in-a-row performance over Benny Brown. Taking nothing away from Peoples' 45.2 victory, the real story was freshman Karl Farmer's upset of Brown for 2nd. Farmer, the California JC champ with a previous best of 46.8, closed with a rush to nip the struggling Brown and tie Lee Evans' 45.8 JC record as well.

The final did not have the depth of previous years' competitions, but the Peoples—Brown rematch promised a good race nevertheless. Notable absentees included 45.9 performers Mike Singletary and Don Sturgal, who finished 5th in their heats. Fred Newhouse was competing in Europe and did not show for the meet, nor did fast collegians Larence Jones and Dennis Schultz.

Brown charged out fast in the final, but even in the early stages appeared to be pressing too hard. Peoples in the next lane out was running relaxed and looked to be a winner all the way. Maxie Parks in the outside lane also ran a well-paced lap, staying with the leaders throughout the race. Coming out of the final turn, Brown still had a slim margin over Peoples, but in a repeat of their NCAA meeting, Peoples just shifted gears and moved away effortlessly for the win. Meanwhile, Farmer was also turning it on, coming out of the pack to nail James Redd, Parks, and finally Brown in the final 10y.

Brown offered no excuse for the loss, although Bush revealed he had "overdone it with the salt pills" at Baton Rouge and was not fully recovered. Illness or not, Brown was obviously not the same runner who had thoroughly dominated the quarter earlier this year. He clearly showed the effects of a long, hard season, usually running 4 races in UCLA's dual meets throughout the year. "I've had a hard season. I've run too much, too hard," he said. "I'm just going to rest for the next week and a half." Bush also said, "We didn't see the real Benny Brown tonight. Don't worry, he'll be back." /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Maurice Peoples (Ariz St) 45.2 (44.9m); 2. Karl Farmer (LA SW JC) 45.8 (45.5m); 3. Benny Brown (UCLA) 45.9 (45.5m); 4. Maxie Parks (UCLA) 45.9 (45.5m); 5. James Redd (SDTC) 46.0 (45.6m); 6. Darwin Bond (Tenn) 46.2 (45.8m); 7. Greg Syphax (Mich) 46.5 (46.2m); 8. Dennis Dicke (Rice) 46.8 (46.5m).

HEATS(6/15, 4 qualify): I-1. Redd 46.2; 2. Peoples 46.4; 3. Bond 46.4; 4. Syphax 46.8; 5. Mike Singletary (Strid) 47.1. II-1. Brown 46.7; 2. Parks 46.7; 3. Farmer 46.9; 4. Dicke 46.9; 5. Don Sturgal (Tex) 47.3; 6. Alf Daley' (Essex CC) 48.9.

880 YARDS

The 880 was billed as a "long-awaited showdown" between Rick Wohlhuter and Dave Wottle, meeting for the first time this season. This publicity was a bit unfair for Wottle, who had the deck stacked against him. He was competing for the 6th straight weekend, and had reported for active duty with the Air Force earlier in the week. The wonder was not that Wottle



Rick Wohlhuter hits the tape with arms up to win the AAU 880 in a fleet 1:45.6 from Dave Wottle (I) 2nd and Skip Kent 3rd. /Chip Gane/

could not beat Wohlhuter, but that he did manage to defeat the rest of a fine field.

The only mild surprise in the heats occurred when Clay Lowrey edged Steve Bence and Ken Sparks in heat 2. Thom Garrison passed this one up for the Junior meet, but the others in the top 5 at Baton Rouge joined Wohlhuter, Wottle and veterans Juris Luzins and Byron Dyce in the final.

Luzins took the early lead from NCAA champ Skip Kent and pulled the field through a 52.7 quarter. Then Kent took over and paced the next 220. Wohlhuter got caught in heavy traffic early in the 1st lap and nearly repeated his failure at Munich, where he fell in the trials. But he kept his balance and ran a nearly perfect race. He stayed close to the pace throughout, moved from 4th to 2nd on the backstretch of lap 2, passed Kent on the turn and kept pouring it on to the tape to withstand the anticipated closing charge of Wottle.

Wottle may have lost the race in the 1st 100y. He seemed to suffer a lapse of concentration as he broke from the 1-turn stagger dead last, several yards out of contact with the pack. He then had to spend some of his energy prematurely to catch up with the field before settling in at the rear, as is his custom. Entering the final turn, he was still 7th. Wottle then opened up the throttle and passed everyone but Wohlhuter with a final 220 of 25.9 (compare that with his Munich split of 26.2m). But that was only 0.1 better than Wohlhuter's last furlong, and he never could close the gap.

Those who were expecting another world record were disappointed, but the times were nonetheless impressive. Wohlhuter's 1:45.6 is the 5th-best 880 performance ever and =10th on the combined 2-lap list. Wottle has done better than his 1:46.2 only at the FOT, where he matched the 800m standard. Kent ran another steady, creditable race. His 3rd place mark of 1:46.5 clipped 0.1 off his PR and is =8th on the US list of 880 performers. Rob Mango (1:46.9 in 5th) and Ken Schappert (1:47.0 in 6th) also recorded PRs.

The qualification of Wohlhuter and Wottle for the US international squad sets up a truly great match in the US-USSR meet among the Olympic gold and silver medalists, and the new 880 record holder. Yevgeniy Arzhanov will be ready for Wottle this time, and Wottle should be more ready for Wohlhuter. No matter what the outcome, that race should be fan-tastic. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC) 1:45.6 (1:44.9m) (25.7, 52.7, 1:19.6); 2. Dave Wottle (B Green St) 1:46.2 (1:45.4m) (26.6, 53.5, 1:20.3); 3. Skip Kent (Wisc) 1:46.5 (1:45.6m) (25.7, 52.7, 1:19.6); 4. Rick Brown (Cal) 1:46.8 (1:46.1m); 5. Ken Schappert (Vill) 1:46.9 (1:46.1m); 6. Rob Mango (Ill) 1:47.0 (1:46.2m); 7. Byron Dyce' (United AA) 1:47.6 (1:46.5m); 8. Juris Luzins (Quant) 1:47.7 (1:47.0m); 9. Clay Lowrey (Ore St) 1:53.9.

HEATS(6/15, 3 qualify): I-1. Wohlhuter 1:48.0; 2. Dyce' 1:48.7; 3. Schappert 1:48.7; 4. Lowell Paul (UCTC) 1:49.0. II-1. Wottle 1:48.9; 2. Kent 1:48.9; 3. Lowrey 1:49.3; 4. Steve Bence (Ore) 1:49.5; 5. Ken Sparks (UCTC) 1:49.6; 6. Chuck LaBenz (P Coast) 1:51.4. III-1. Mango 1:48.2; 2. Brown 1:48.3; 3. Luzins 1:48.3; 4. James Baxter (Sn Cal) 1:48.6.



Len Hilton turned back the AAU mile field with a PR 3:55.9, 0.9 ahead of runnerup Marty Liquori (rear). /Dave Drennan/

ONE MILE

In the long and honorable history of the mile, few races have so far exceeded expectations as this one. Even after the heats were run, the entrants seemed decidedly unimposing, but the final was a classic race, worthy of its page in history. Missing were the pros and all the sub-4:00 milers from last week's NCAA except Reggie McAfee. The only big-name miler was Marty Liquori, still hampered by the injury which kept him out of the Olympics.

The runners might have dawdled, waiting for the final drive, as in the 1970 AAU in this same stadium when Howell Michael upset Liquori in 4:01.8. But Michael's hopes for such a pace were shattered immediately by ambitious Tommy Fulton. The tall Fulton had appeared sluggish in his heat on Thursday, apparently worn down from a season of far too many races. But in the final, minus the colorful headband and wristbands, he scurried from the unusual 3-to-a-lane start and broke to the front around the curve. He set a fast pace of 57.4 and 1:59.9, and on the backstretch he fought off Liquori's bid to take the lead.

Liquori, who likes to win with a blistering final 220, knew that tactic would not work tonight. Unable to train for speed, he made the decision to spread his considerable strength over a longer distance. His only hope was to win it before the homestretch. When Fulton fought him off on the backstretch, he waited around the curve, then took the lead past the 1320 in 3:01.0. As Liquori spread-eagled the field down the final backstretch, his closest pursuer was little Reggie McAfee, a gutty runner attempting a pace slightly beyond his present ability. Behind McAfee, Fulton was struggling to keep up, his stride too long and lunging. And Len Hilton was behind Fulton.

Hilton, a lean 6-2 Texan who ran a 13:04.4 3M in 1971 and made the Olympic team at 5000m, still considered the 3M as his best distance, but he had interesting credentials in the mile. He ran 3:57.6 in 1972 and 3:58.5 in March of this year. At the Kansas Relays his 53.4 last lap beat Dave Wottle in 4:01.9. In his qualifying heat here, Hilton's great leg speed was impressive and he had been expected to drive for the lead on the backstretch. Liquori's gallant effort, however, opened a 5y gap in front of McAfee into the last curve and Hilton was still 4th. McAfee had to give up and he faded far behind. Liquori flashed past 1500m in 3:41.2 and Hilton edged past Fulton on the outside, 5y behind Liquori.

Down the pink Tartan homestretch, Liquori finished the last 120y in 15.6, a full second faster than Roger Bannister's winning "kick" in the Miracle Mile of 1954. But Hilton's 13.9 is in a class with Peter Snell at his best and he charged past Liquori to win by 6y in 3:55.9.

Fulton fought his way to the tape in 3:58.0 but there is one more story of unrecognized ability to be told. Chuck LaBenz, one of the world's best in 1970 with his 3:56.9, had all but retired while he did his army service. His few efforts had failed until, in his qualifying heat here, his once-potent kick won in 4:04.0. Still, his big kick in the final surprised everyone and he caught Fulton at the line. He had been a dozen yards behind Fulton at the gun and 5 behind him into the stretch. His last 120 was in 15.2.

Mark Feig, promising Oregon sophomore, ran his 2nd mile under 4:00,

placing 5th in 3:59.4, while the tall Welshman, Bob Maplestone, placed in the AAU for the 2nd year in a row, this time at 3:59.9. Hilton's splits were 59.0, 2:02.5, 3:01.4, and 3:42.0. His 3:55.9 leaves him 7th on the all-time US list, but few others ever finished so fast, anywhere. In the last 13.9 seconds, Texas finally produced a mile champion and the US may have lost a fine 3-miler. /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Len Hilton (P Coast) 3:55.9 (59.0, 2:06.5, 3:01.4, 3:42.0m); 2. Marty Liquori (NYAC) 3:56.8 (58.5, 2:00.8, 3:01.0, 3:41.2m); 3. Chuck LaBenz (P Coast) 3:58.0 (59.5, 2:01.6, 3:02.9, 3:42.8m); 4. Tommy Fulton (Tex Sn) 3:58.0 (57.4, 1:59.9, 3:01.1); 5. Mark Feig (Ore) 3:59.4; 6. Bob Maplestone' (En Wash St) 3:59.9; 7. Scott Daggatt (Ore) 4:00.7; 8. John Clark (Iowa) 4:01.1; 9. Reggie McAfee (N Car) 4:02.0; 10. Larry Rose (P Coast) 4:02.6; 11. Steve Wheeler (Duke) 4:03.0; 12. Steve Crane (Ft Mac); . . . dnf—Howell Michael (Quant).

HEATS(6/14, 6 qualify): 1-1. LaBenz 4:04.0; 2. Feig 4:04.3; 3. McAfee 4:04.4; 5. Crane 4:04.6; 6. tie, Rose & Wheeler 4:04.8. 11-1. Hilton 4:00.5; 2. Michael 4:01.5; 3. Liquori 4:02.0; 4. Daggatt 4:02.1; 5. Clark 4:02.1; 6. Fulton 4:02.7; 7. Rick Albright (Wash) 4:02.7; 8. Ted Castaneda (Colo) 4:02.7; 9. Lucas Oloo' (Spok Falls CC) 4:03.4.

STEEPLECHASE

The steeplechase had about everything: the head-to-head clash of the US' 2 fastest steeplers in NCAA champ and national leader Doug Brown and Barry Brown who paced the US until Doug's victory the previous weekend; warm, windless, virtually perfect conditions; a strong early tempo; and, a stirring sprint which didn't settle the winner until less than 50y remained. All that was missing was an American record—but not by much as Doug Brown sprinted to a fine 8:26.8 victory to miss Sid Sink's mark by 0.4 while Barry Brown came home at 8:27.2, 3rd-fastest ever by an American.

Thursday's heats were among the many cancelled as 14 steeplers showed up. Standing at a concession stand later, Doug Brown said, "I kinda wish we could have run heats. They warm me up." But the 21-year-old Olympian expressed confidence as did lawyer Barry; one of them would lose his undefeated 73 record if their confidence was borne out. Barry didn't waste time when it came to running, charging to the front after a furlong with Don Timm, Jim Johnson, Dennis Bayham and Doug closest of a tight field. The deeply-tanned Barry led past 2 laps in 2:12.4 with Doug and the orange-clad Johnson right behind. The leaders passed 3 circuits in 3:20.5.

Doug took the lead over the hurdle after the 3rd water jump and pulled the leaders by 4 laps in 4:28.0. Johnson displayed the same tactic as in his Kennedy Games tussle with Barry, latching onto the leaders and riding along. Doug paced the field through 5 (5:35.5) and 6 laps (6:42.3) with Bayham and defender Jim Dare more than 5y back. Dare moved into 4th with 2 laps left; he hadn't even made the qualifying standard during the season but was persuaded to come since defending champions automatically qualify for the next year's meet. Over the 7th water barrier, Johnson took command but kept it only until Barry stormed to the front as the leaders crossed the start the final time. Johnson never did respond, but Doug went after Barry. It wasn't until after the final hurdle that Doug finally collared Barry with his final sprint. Past the finish, Doug doffed his yellow cap to the appreciative crowd. Johnson closed well for 8:33.6 while Mexico's Antonio Villanueva edged past Dare, 8:37.0 to 8:39.4 (a 32.6 lowering of Dare's seasonal best). Bayham sliced his PR by 5.4 to 8:42.6 in 6th.

Just 1 hurdle remains in the AAU steeple with Barry Brown (r) leading but Doug Brown sprinted to a tight 8:26.8-8:27.2 triumph. /Chip Gane/



Confident with a Capital 'C'

by Jon Hendershott

Doug Brown's middle initial is "C" for Charles. The initial could just as well stand for "Confident"—and not "cocky" but just "certain".

The Tennessee junior has every right to be confident: in a 7-day span the 6-2/152lb Olympian first took the measure of the best collegiate steeplechasers as he won the NCAA in 8:28.2 and then handled the top open runners in the US at the AAU, outkicking Barry Brown in the stretch for an 8:26.8 victory, just 0.4 off Sid Sink's American record. And Brown confidently feels his best is definitely yet to come.

Pulling on his blue USA Olympic sweats after his AAU triumph, Doug talked about that race and the future: "I didn't feel as good as last week in the NCAA. When you hear other runners breathing down your back the whole way, like Barry and Jim Johnson were, you tend to tighten a little. I know I can get the American record. If I didn't feel good and ran 8:26.8, I know I can definitely get under 8:26.4."

Brown admits he was certain of victory in the NCAA, but that he felt the pressure to win at the same time. "I felt the pressure because I knew people considered me—and I considered myself—the favorite. I was expected to win. I've been near the top in national races before, but this was the first time I was under pressure to win. I felt it from a lot of people: my coach and I expected me to win, my parents did, the press did. Of course, I told the press I expected to win so I put the pressure on myself. The best way to get rid of it is by winning." Which is what Brown did, forging ahead after 2 laps and ultimately cutting his old best by 3.6.

"I ran a little faster than I thought I would in that heat," Brown admits, referring to the muggy conditions in Baton Rouge. "I felt much smoother than I expected I would. If it had been cooler, or a night race, I would have gone for the American record." In the near-ideal early evening of Bakersfield a week later, Doug just missed the US mark.

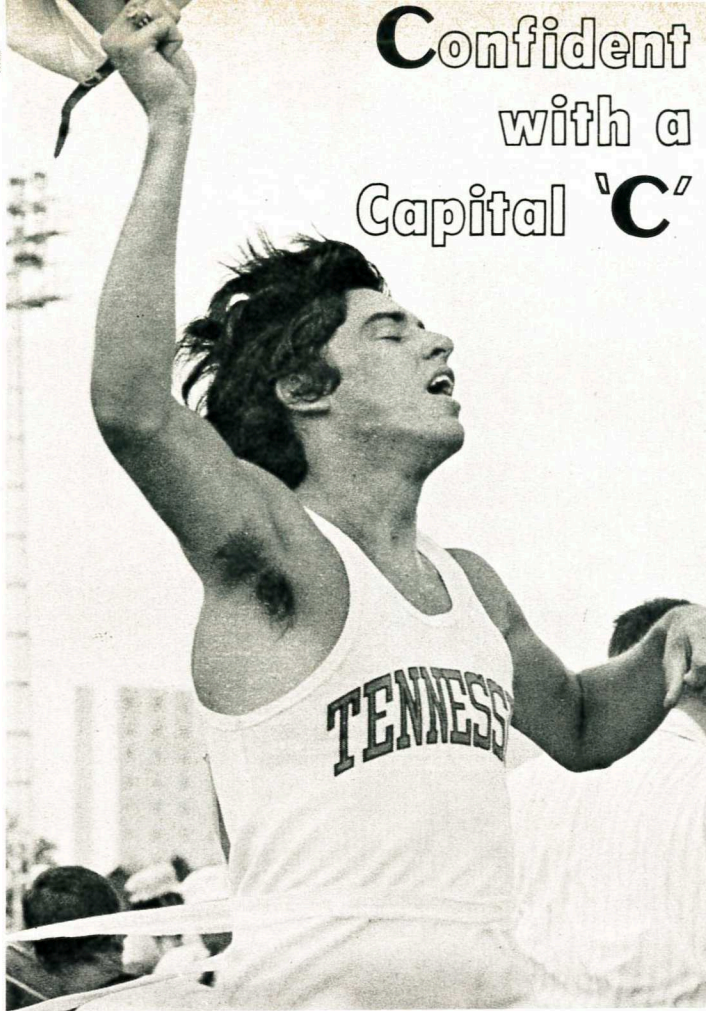
Brown's confidence isn't the swell-headed type, says his coach Stan Huntsman. "I believe Doug's strongest asset as a runner is what can best be called his faith in himself," Huntsman explains. "He just feels nobody can beat him, whether it's in ping-pong or a 100y dash or a steeplechase. He believes nobody will beat him—and they rarely do." After running a nation-pacing 8:34.8 steeple earlier this spring, Brown said, "I might have done better if I hadn't played tennis this afternoon—but I won that too." Adds Huntsman, "He has a real winning instinct."

Brown was one of 1970's leading prep distancemen, recording an 8:57.8 2M for Notre Dame High of Harper Woods, Mich. His next major breakthrough came the next year as a Tennessee freshman when he ran 27:51.6 for 3rd in the NCAA 6M in only the 2nd 24-lapper of his life.

Then in '72 he made the switch to the steeple. "We didn't feel he would be ready for the 6M-10,000 in '72," explains Huntsman, "so he decided to try the steeple more or less as a relaxation event early in the year. He looked so good at it that we thought he should explore it a little more."

In his 6th race ever he took 3rd in the NCAA despite belly-flopping in the water and 2 races later his then-PR 8:31.8 put him on the Olympic team. He fell after a hurdle on the last backstretch but showed his fire by scrambling up and collaring AAU champ Jim Dare and veteran Steve Savage for the team's 2nd spot. He then ran 8:41.2 for 9th in his heat at Munich in the first major international appearance of his life.

"The thing that attracted me most to the steeple was that I can be the



Doug Brown doffs his hat after winning the NCAA steeple. /John Morvant/

best in the steeple," Doug reveals. "Not every distance runner can run the steeple; it takes a different type of runner, a cross country type because it demands a lot of strength and not necessarily a lot of speed. And I think my biggest asset is strength." A 2-day 6M-steeple double of 28:15.2-8:35.0 at the Tom Black Classic and a strenuous Southeastern Conference distance triple (29:14.4, 9:00.6, 13:58.8) attest to Brown's strength.

"I think Doug is a perfect physical specimen for the steeple," says Huntsman. "He has tremendous body balance; he very seldom loses his posture in a race—especially this year. Last year he had a few problems but hasn't been off balance at all this year. Also he just might be the 2M type, an in-between range. This just might be his best distance. Where he once could have run the 2M, now it's the steeple."

Huntsman feels Brown may also possess what might be called an "instinct for winning". "Actually the falls he once took in the NCAA and Olympic Trials probably were good for him, to give him the experience of falling in big races," the coach comments. "Both times he scrambled right back up. I believe this is an instinct a great athlete possesses. Some athletes fall in a race and they figure it's over, but some take it as a matter of fact, bounce up and get back in the race. There has to be something innate in their character, their makeup, which makes it a reflex action—and Doug is such a runner."

Brown admits, "Both the times I fell I lost my concentration. In the Trials, it was also a matter of haste. I was tired, it was hot, it was the last lap and I wanted a spot on the team. I just hurried my trail leg over a hurdle, caught it and fell." "In the steeple, you have to concentrate and know what's happening all the time. In the 3M or 6M, you can kinda fall asleep and lollygag along if you get into a good pace, but you can't do that in the steeple. You can get into a rhythm of sorts in the steeple, but you still have to concentrate all the time. You have to continually think about what you are doing."

But the falls haven't bothered the positive-thinking Brown. "I'm not 'barrier-shy' at all and I thought I might be," he says. "I don't even think about it. If I fall, I fall. It took me a while to get my hurdling form to where I was going over the barriers smoothly last year and that's why I fell. Just inexperience. But this year I've had no trouble at all. Actually I think the main thing I learned about the running of the race at Munich was that I have to improve my hurdling form. The Europeans cover the barriers very well, very smoothly. Technique-wise, that's the main thing I've worked on and I think it's coming around."

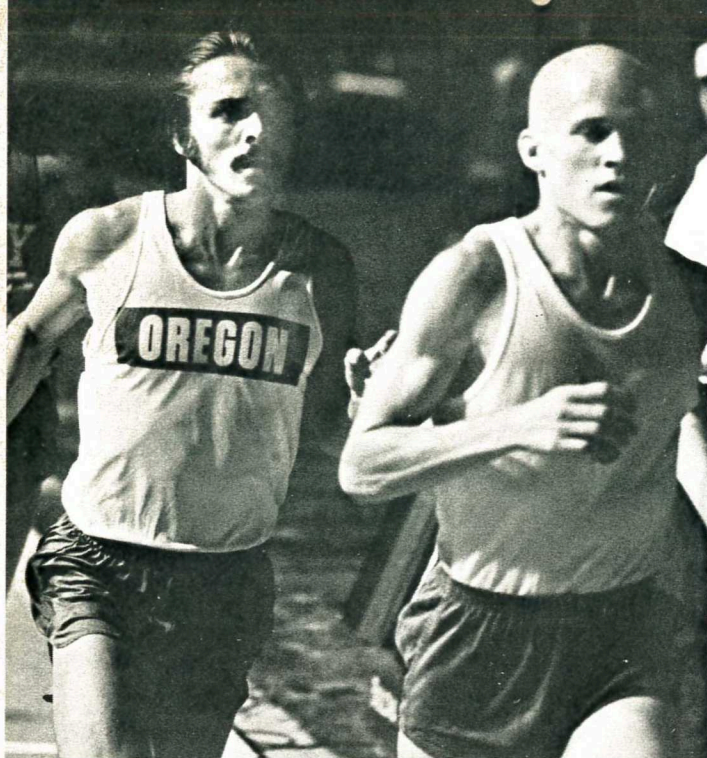
His strength, both in the steeple and overall, have stood him in good stead during his undefeated 73 season. Of his SEC triple he says, "It just took a couple of days to recuperate. I got in a good workout and the races told me I was strong and ready. And what you need in the steeple is strength." Adds Huntsman, "A lot of coaches might disagree with such a triple but some runners can take such things as a conditioning workout. It doesn't drain them as much as build them up. Some runners improve with competition and Doug is one of those runners."

Brown now has probably his stiffest competition in front of him, starting in the US-West Germany-Switzerland international meet in Munich in mid-July and continuing in such cities as Turin, Italy and Minsk, USSR. As he heard the announcement at Bakersfield of his winning time, Doug said, "Oh, damn, just 4-10ths." Barry Brown urged, "Get it in Munich." Doug answered energetically, "Don't worry, I won't stop there."

Talking together after the race, Doug said to Barry, "I almost gave you the race until you went over the water jump when you lost it. Then I thought 'Maybe I can get him' so I put on a last-minute surge. I was lucky, but I expected a tight race. The pace was right on target, 4:28 at 4 laps and I maintained 68s after that." Barry said, "I wanted to hit about 4:30 hoping Doug would be strong and take the next 2 laps so I could coast a little and gather for the last 2 laps. But Jim Johnson went by me and made me

work." /Jon Hendershott/

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Steve Prefontaine (l) just missed the US 3M mark with a 12:53.4 AAU win. Dick Buerkle (r) gave him plenty of run, placing 2nd in 12:59.8. /Drennan/

THREE MILES

The 3-milers, from winner Steve Prefontaine down, came to run. And run they did, Pre just missing the national record as 8 of the first 9 finishers tallied lifetime bests.

Pre, such an overwhelming favorite that his only competition was considered to be the clock, was forced to declare himself early. The first 160y were covered at a dogtrot with Pre in the middle of the bunch. But the Oregonian would have none of that nonsense, quickly broke to the front and remained there with a few insignificant exceptions. He covered the 1st mile in 4:23.1 and picked up the 2nd one to 4:21.0. A lap later, the real running began as Pre went after Gerry Lindgren's 8-year-old US record of 12:53.0—and perhaps even Emiel Putteman's world mark of 12:47.8. Working hard, Steve covered the 10th go-round in 62.8, almost 3sec faster than his average lap. The 11th was even faster at 61.4 and he took the gun in 11:53.7. A 59 final circuit would give him the American mark but he managed only 59.7 in a remarkably even paced lap (220s in 30.0 and 29.7, last 100 in 13.5). The clocking of 12:53.4 was 0.6 faster than Pre had run (enroute to his 13:22.0 Olympic Trials win last year) and puts him 6th on the all-time world list. Pre said he overcame "a very slow 1st mile. I couldn't get psyched up for this race. But I wasn't going to let the same thing happen as in Munich."

Obviously Pre, whose performance was the classiest of the meet, is ready to take on the sterner competition of Europe. But he did not lack for a challenge here as a surprising Dick Buerkle stayed with him until there was a little more than half-a-mile to go. A Villanova senior 3 years ago, Buerkle was perhaps more notable for his bare head than for his running exploits. Certainly he was a solid performer, placing 3rd in the 70 NCAA, but his best going into this race was 13:11.0 and that was made earlier this year. Dick knew something the rest of us didn't, however, and confessed afterwards he had ambitions as low as 12:50.

From the beginning Buerkle dogged Pre's fast moving heels. He had run confidently in the trials and was the picture of determination as he pursued his famous opponent. Whenever Pre picked it up, Buerkle picked it up. As the others dropped back it was only Dick who could hang on. Eventually he, too, had to succumb to Prefontaine, losing ground throughout the last 2 laps. But Dick finished well, ducking under 13:00 by 0.2 to tie George Young as the 3rd-fastest American ever.

John Hartnett, the Villanova junior, also made a game run. A dozen yards back at 2M, Hartnett made a big run at the leaders on the 9th lap. He closed to within 5y with 3 left but at that point Pre looked around, saw Hartnett, and picked up the pace. The 22-year-old finished in 13:06.4, knocking 11.2 off his PR for an Irish record. All alone in 4th was young Paul Geis, who will be eligible at Oregon next year. His 13:09.2 was a 9.6 improvement.

There was a close finish for the next 3 spots, Glenn Herold of Wisconsin catching the nod in 13:16.2. John Gregorio's closing rush collared Dick Selby at the tape, 13:16.4 to 13:16.6. It was PR time for all but Gregorio who had run 13:10.6 in the NCAA. Life bests also were achieved by Gary Tuttle, 13:21.0, and Mario Perez of Mexico, who was only 12y back at 2M before fading to 13:24.6. /Bert Nelson/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Steve Prefontaine (Ore) 12:53.4 (66.7, 2:12.3, 3:18.1, 4:23.4, 5:30.6, 6:34.9, 7:39.8, 8:44.4, 9:49.9, 10:52.6, 11:54.0); 2. Dick Buerkle (NYAC) 12:59.8; 3. John Hartnett' (Vill) 13:06.4; 4. Paul Geis (Ore TC) 13:09.2; 5. Glenn Herold (Wisc) 13:16.2; 6. John Gregorio (Colo) 13:16.4; 7. Richard Selby' (Nn Ariz) 13:16.4; 8. Gary Tuttle (Lack AFB) 13:21.0; 9. Mario Perez' (Mex) 13:24.6; 10. Tom Childers (USMC) 13:35.4; 11. Jim Crawford (Ft Mac) 13:39.8; . . . dnf—Gordon Minty' (En Mich).

HEATS (6/14, 6 qualify): I-1. Perez' 13:24.2; 2. Hartnett' 13:28.6; 3. Selby' 13:29.4; 4. Gregorio 13:29.8; 5. Childers 13:32.8; 6. Herold 13:32.8; 7. Herman Atkins (CNW) 13:38.2; 8. Peter Duffy' (Nev) 13:38.2; 9. Ed Mendoza (Grossmont JC) 13:39.2; 10. Gary Gittings (Penn St) 13:57.8. II-1. Prefontaine 13:17.8; 2. Buerkle 13:19.0; 3. Crawford 13:23.4; 4. Geis 13:26.0; 5. Minty' 13:26.2; 6. Tuttle 13:26.2; 7. Rick Riley (CNW) 13:26.4; 8. Dan Murphy' (Wash St) 13:52.0.

SIX MILES

At first glance, the 6M seemed more of a proving ground for recently emerged eye-catchers than an opportunity for a dominant runner to exert his superiority. There just haven't been many active, much less dominant, 6-milers in 73. The one likely favorite, Olympic 10km 5th-placer Frank Shorter, backed out because of a still undiagnosed foot injury that might be a stress fracture complicated by tendon strains.

When the neophyte field started chasing after the title, few observers were surprised to see a clump of 11 runners quickly leave the remaining 8 behind. Double WAC champ Scott Bringhurst, who showed he wasn't afraid to lead at the Kennedy Games, accepted that chore here.

By the half-way point indoor 3M champ Tracy Smith had lost contact with the lead group, proving that performing coaching duties at Long Beach State and running only 30M a week are just too big of a handicap to be competitive on this level. NCAA champ Charles Maguire dropped back with Smith, 30y behind the Utah's 13:44.0 lead after well-paced splits of 4:33.5, 4:34.1 and 4:36.4.

Jon Anderson spurred to the lead 2 laps later but lost touch with the leaders after 4 more rounds. So did NCAA 2nd placer Pat Mander. So at 5M, Olympian Jeff Galloway led with 22:57.6 (after Anderson led at 4M in 18:21.0). The tempo was still steady with splits of 4:37.0 and 4:36.6.

A quartet of nations was represented as the final move was initiated with 300y left: Briton Gordon Minty, stepped out suddenly to the lead; Mexicans Luis Flores and Pedro Miranda, always near the lead throughout the race, had no answer to the surge; Irishman Mike Keogh faded slightly at the gun and couldn't challenge; and Americans Galloway and Bringhurst seemed to be pulling away from Ted Castaneda.

The slender, almost skinny, Minty sustained his kick down the straight even though he has done no track work since his CCC double wins. The battle was for 2nd as Galloway seemed capable of holding off Bringhurst's not-too-powerful drive for the tape when Castaneda came screaming down the straight. Virtually unheard-of before nabbing 2nd in the NCAA 3M, the Coloradan tacked on an honest sprint after 5M, 1660y of running to slip into 2nd behind Minty's PR 27:20.8. Castaneda's 27:22.4 put him less than a stride ahead of Galloway (27:22.6) as Bringhurst was another 0.4 back.

Times down the line were notably fast, as the first 11 finishers recorded PRs. Minty moves into 10th on the all-time world list, with Castaneda, Galloway and Bringhurst taking over 8-9-10 on the US list. /Don Steffens/

RESULTS(6/15): 1. Gordon Minty' (En Mich) 27:20.8; 2. Ted Castaneda (Colo) 27:22.4; 3. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC) 27:22.6; 4. Scott Bringhurst (Utah) 27:23.0; 5. Luis Flores' (Mex) 27:30.8; 6. Pedro Miranda' (Mex) 27:33.2; 7. Mike Keogh' (Manh) 27:34.2; 8. Jon Anderson (Ore TC) 27:40.2; 9. Pat Mander (Ind) 27:49.8; 10. Dick Bowerman (UCTC) 28:12.0; 11. Peter Fredriksson' (Int U) 28:13.8; 12. Charlie Maguire (Penn St) 28:19.0; 13. Tracy Smith (AIA) 28:22.0; 14. Ken Misner (USAF) 28:42.0; 15. Scott Eden (Duke) 28:46.4; 16. Mike Wagenbach (US Navy) 28:59.2; . . . 1-lap short—Garrett Tomczak (TCTC); . . . dnf—Mark Covert (Full St) & Domingo Tibaduiza' (Nev).

THREE MILE WALK

With defending champion Larry Young sitting out this year's major competitions and several other potential winners not competing for various reasons, ex-Britisher John Knifton passed US record holder Ron Laird with 3 laps remaining to win his first national sprint walking title. Ironically, it was teammate Laird who had encouraged the NYAC to bring Knifton west for the race, feeling he could win it. John also felt he had a good shot as he has been in fine form all year, posting impressive 2nds in both the 1 hour and 50km title races.

From the start in this 3M contest, a tight battle developed between Laird, Knifton, Bill Ranney and US Olympian Bill Weigle. Ranney led at the mile in 7:05, while Laird reached 2M ahead in 14:21.4 with Knifton and Ranney close at hand. Weigle was dropping back. In the last 1320y, Knifton pulled away from Laird and Ranney to a 50y margin at the tape for a 21:36.4 victory as Laird outlasted Ranney, 21:45.4-21:49.0. Bob Henderson moved up nicely to pass Larry Walker and Weigle for 4th, all finishing less than 3sec apart. /Bob Bowman/

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Tom Hill already has a knee up to the 10th high hurdle at the AAU en route to his 13.2 win over (l-r) Ricky Stubbs (4th), Charles Foster (3rd), Larry

Shipp (7th), world recordman Rod Milburn (5th), Tom White (2nd) and Willie Davenport (6th). /Chip Gane/

120 YARD HURDLES

In the days before the high hurdles at Bakersfield, Tom Hill had been jokingly asked when he was going to break up the finishes of the 72 US Olympic trio of Rod Milburn, Willie Davenport and himself. Just for laughs, you know, to give a little variety to the event Milburn has dominated since winning Munich gold.

Hill chose the perfect race to upset that order as he scissored over the barriers with smooth, yet forceful, power for a 13.2 triumph, matching his best-ever legal mark, as Milburn faltered all the way back to 5th, his lowest finish ever as a collegian. "This must be my place," said Hill with a wide smile after the race; he won the 70 AAU title on this track.

This time around, Milburn and Hill were side-by-side in lanes 4 and 5, respectively. They both had won their earlier heats with no sweat, Milburn in an easy-appearing 13.5, Hill clocking 13.6 as did Tommy White. The major casualties were the UCLA duo of Charles Rich-Clim Jackson, respective 5ths in heats 1 and 2.

For the final, Louisianans Ricky Stubbs and Milburn were off well with Hill a spot back ("I was off a little behind, which is well for me"). Milburn powered along with Hill, White, shave-headed Charles Foster and Stubbs all no more than 2y back. White was running a super race considering he starts without blocks. Then between hurdles 5 and 6, Hill suddenly hit the gas, drawing even with Milburn and then accelerating between hurdles. Rod seemed shocked someone was actually passing him and he seemed to press, but all he did was hit barriers 8 and 9, as did Hill, the latter so hard it ended up sideways in Milburn's lane. But Hill hardly flinched. He was rolling now; he brushed hurdle 10 slightly but he had the race and he finished the run-in with arms up and an ecstatic grin on his face. Milburn, meanwhile, cleared 10 high ("I tried to charge the last hurdle but I went way high over it") and had little fight on the run-in, as White, Foster and Stubbs steamed past.

"It sure feels good to be back on top," Hill said later. "Nothing beats that gold, whatever the meet. I always think about winning but sometimes you just can't do it. I knew I hit some hurdles but I really didn't notice it because I was charging them all. I've been sprinting with the Army 440 relay team this year which has helped my speed." Milburn didn't seem overly upset by his first loss since the Olympic Trials: "I haven't lost since Eugene and I think a lot of people have been taking my winning for granted—including me. I knew where Thomas was all the time, but I did start to press after he moved on me. But I wasn't as sharp as last week at the NCAA; in fact, I haven't worked out since then. I also wore a new pair of shoes tonight and when I came off the hurdle they seemed to twist a little instead of landing firm so I could drive on. But Thomas ran a good race. It's about time he won." /Jon Hendershott/

RESULTS(6/15, 0.0): 1. Thomas Hill (Ft Mac) 13.2; 2. Tommy Lee White (Strid) 13.4; 3. Charles Foster (N Car Cent) 13.4; 4. Ricky Stubbs (La Tech) 13.4; 5. Rod

At the final hurdle in the AAU intermediates the battle is only for other places as Jim Bolding is already over the barrier. His 49.2 PR downed (l-r)

Milburn (Sn U) 13.5; 6. Willie Davenport (B Rouge TC) 13.6; 7. Larry Shipp (LSU) 13.7; . . dnf—Jerry Wilson (Sn Cal).

HEATS(6/15, 4 qualify): I(-1.70)-1. Milburn 13.5; 2. Shipp 13.7; 3. Wilson 13.8; 4. Stubbs 13.8; 5. Charles Rich (UCLA) 13.9; 6. tie, George Carty (BA Strid) & Efen Gipson (Lamar) 13.9. II(-2.28)-1. Hill 13.6; 2. White 13.6; 3. Davenport 13.7; 4. Foster 13.8; 5. Clim Jackson (UCLA) 13.8; 6. Delario Robinson (Kans) 14.1.

440 YARD HURDLES

Jim Bolding employed the bold tactic of a blazing start and fast backstretch and was triply rewarded with a 48.8m clocking, a 49.2y time and the 73 intermediates championship. Bolding, often close to the top but rarely a winner in national-class races, ran away from a top-notch field of 1-lap hurdlers as he became the 3rd-fastest ever over the 440 barriers.

Just as in his Friday heat, which he won in 49.8 "not pushing from the 10th hurdle in", the Oklahoma State graduate assistant was off fast in lane 6 in the final. Nine of the 11 quickest Americans of 73 journeyed to Bakersfield, only Efen Gipson failing in the heats while Chris Adsit and Mike Sullivan didn't run. Surging off the blocks from the inside lane were Bob Steele, NCAA runner-up Bruce Collins, collegiate champ and national leader Robert Primeaux, former national pacer Wes Williams, NCAA 3rd-placer Bob Casseleman, with world recordman Ralph Mann plus Mike Cronholm on Bolding's outside. Mann, Bolding, Primeaux and Steele all spurred early, but Collins encountered step troubles early which he never did overcome fully.

Zippering past 5 hurdles in an unofficial 22.9, Bolding led into the last turn and came into the stretch with an ever-wider margin. He simply ran away from Mann, Primeaux and the fast-closing Casseleman-Collins duo to take the tape hands up. Only Mann and Wayne Collett are faster among US and world 440 hurdlers while Bolding moves to =7th all-time for meters. Texas soph Primeaux moved well between hurdles 8-9 to press Mann but the veteran recordman finished strongly for a 49.6 2nd—in only his 4th final and 5th race of the year. Primeaux clocked 50.2, Casseleman and Collins 50.4.

Asked if his fast early push has become a conscious tactic, the happy Bolding replied, "It has. The last 2 years or so, with my size [6-1/165], I've had to push it pretty tough to get 13 strides the first half of the race. Tonight my change-down to 15 steps between hurdles 5-6 was a little sloppy, but I kept moving. Off the 10th, I didn't have a whole lot left. It's a good thing my momentum was there because if someone had been there it might have been tight." /Jon Hendershott/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Jim Bolding (P Coast) 49.2 (48.8m); 2. Ralph Mann (Strid) 49.6; 3. Robert Primeaux (Tex) 50.2; 4. Bob Casseleman (Mich St) 50.4; 5. Bruce Collins (Penn) 50.4; 6. Bob Steele (UCTC) 50.8; 7. Wes Williams (SDTC) 51.1; 8. Mike Cronholm (Rice) 51.3.

HEATS(6/15, 4 qualify): I-1. Bolding 49.8; 2. Primeaux 50.3; 3. Steele 50.5; 4. Mann 50.8; 5. James King (SDTC) 52.1. II-1. Williams 50.7; 2. Casseleman 50.8; 3. Collins 50.9; 4. Cronholm 51.0; 5. Efen Gipson (Lamar) 51.5.

Ralph Mann (2nd in only his 4th final of the year), Wes Williams (7th), Robert Primeaux (3rd) and Bob Steele (6th). /Gane/





(L) Dwight Stones' 7-5 clearance to win the AAU high jump makes him 4th-highest leaper in history. /Gane/

(R) Mike Cotton moved up a notch from his NCAA 2nd as he vaulted 17-4 for the AAU title. /Phil Banister/



HIGH JUMP

The two best young high jumpers in the world tangled in one of the greatest duels in the history of the high jump. Both Dwight Stones and Tom Woods are in their 2nd season after high school, blond, especially tall, use the Fosbury Flop, and both are excellent competitors. Stones won the bronze medal at Munich and had cleared 7-4 this year. Woods won the NCAA as a freshman at Oregon State last year and cleared 7-4½ this year.

The qualifying round was cancelled because only 14 jumpers reported. The final began at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 jumpers cleared 7-0 or higher. Robert Joseph passed 7-0 and then missed 7-1. Reynaldo Brown, new NCAA champion, cleared 7-2 on his 1st attempt. Chris Dunn, his purple ribbon flying in the breeze, went over. Woods missed and Stones cleared with a tremendous jump.

Woods, who had missed twice at 6-11 and hit the bar on his clearance, then missed once at 7-1, snapped his hips and legs up with great power to clear 7-2 on his 2nd trial and the bar was raised to a new meet record height of 7-3½. Both Woods and Stones cleared on their 1st jumps, while Brown and Dunn were eliminated.

The bar was raised to 7-5 and a jumpoff seemed likely, for only 3 men had ever cleared that height. Stones pulled the bar off with his heels on his first jump, his first miss of the competition. Woods cleared with all but his calves on his 3rd jump.

Then Stones sailed over cleanly to become the 2nd highest US jumper of all time (and No. 4 in the world). He bounded to his feet and stood on the foam pit, alternately raising his arms in the victory V and clenching his fists in front of his chest. He was one happy teen-ager.

He raced across the pink takeoff area, waving and smiling, to receive congratulations from Woods, who, for the second consecutive week, had jumped higher than any other losing jumper in history. Stones then had 3 unsuccessful leaps at 7-6¾.

Later, and calmer, Stones said, "I didn't push it hard enough on my plant and I leaned too soon. If I can make 7-5 on a bad one then I have to think I could have the WR with a good jump. My 1st attempt at 7-5 was really super, but it didn't do any good. It doesn't figure." /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Dwight Stones (P Coast) 7-5; 2. Tom Woods (Ore/St) 7-3½; 3. tie, Rey Brown (CP/SLO) & Chris Dunn (Colgate) 7-2; 5. tie, Dennis Adama, Jackie Causey (Sn Cal Coll), Robert Joseph (Ariz), Barry Shepard (P Coast) & Paul Underwood (Mesa/Ariz CC) 7-0; 10. tie, Mike Bernard (Sn Ill), Gene Halton (Shore AC) & Chris Schneider (Hay St) 6-9; . . . nh—Barry Schur (Kans) & Rick Slifer (Kans St).

POLE VAULT

When Dave Roberts succumbed to a bad knee and no-heighted at 17-0 the pole vault's status as a lackluster event was confirmed. Of the country's 4 18-footers, Bob Seagren is a pro, Jan Johnson has been injured all year, and Steve Smith is recently injured. And when only 6 of the dozen who have made 17 this year showed up for the meet it wasn't reasonable to expect high things.

Mike Cotton's win at 17-4 was a creditable, if unexciting, performance. And Vic Dias, like Cotton a newcomer to advanced placing in the AAU, made 17-0. But beyond that there was a 7-way tie for 3rd (at 16-6) now that the AAU has ruled against breaking ties for any except 1st place.

Thursday's qualifying attracted 19 polemen but after considerable confusion and some vaulting the event was called off and all 19 advanced to the Saturday final. Robert Pullard and Cotton, the only 2 to clear 16-0, were given credit for the height. But Cotton compounded the confusion by electing not to take credit, preferring to have a meaningless "pass" entered in his record.

Nine made 16-6, including 4 of the 6 competing 17-footers—Cotton, Dias, Pullard and Terry Porter. Jim Speer failed and Roberts passed. NCAA champ Roberts, obviously hurting, wasn't close at 17. Cotton, a Florida senior and NCAA runner-up, got over on his second effort. When Dias, a former San Jose Stater now wearing a "California USA" uniform joyously came within a ½" of his PR, also on his 2nd try, the two vaulters were tied. The way the event was going a jump-off appeared imminent but Cotton erased the possibility by topping 17-4 on his final opportunity. The new champion's attacks on 17-9½ were far from close. It was Cotton's first appearance ever in this meet. Dias' previous high in this meet was a 4th in 70, also in Bakersfield.

The 7 who earned 3rd place medals were Porter and Pullard, 3rd and 4th in the collegiates, veterans Jon Vaughn and Vince Struble, and Dave Hamer, Ron Mooers and Frank Rock. Applying the old tie-breaking rules, Porter would be 3rd, Hamer 4th, Vaughn 5th, and Pullard, Rock and Struble knotted for 6th. /Bert Nelson/

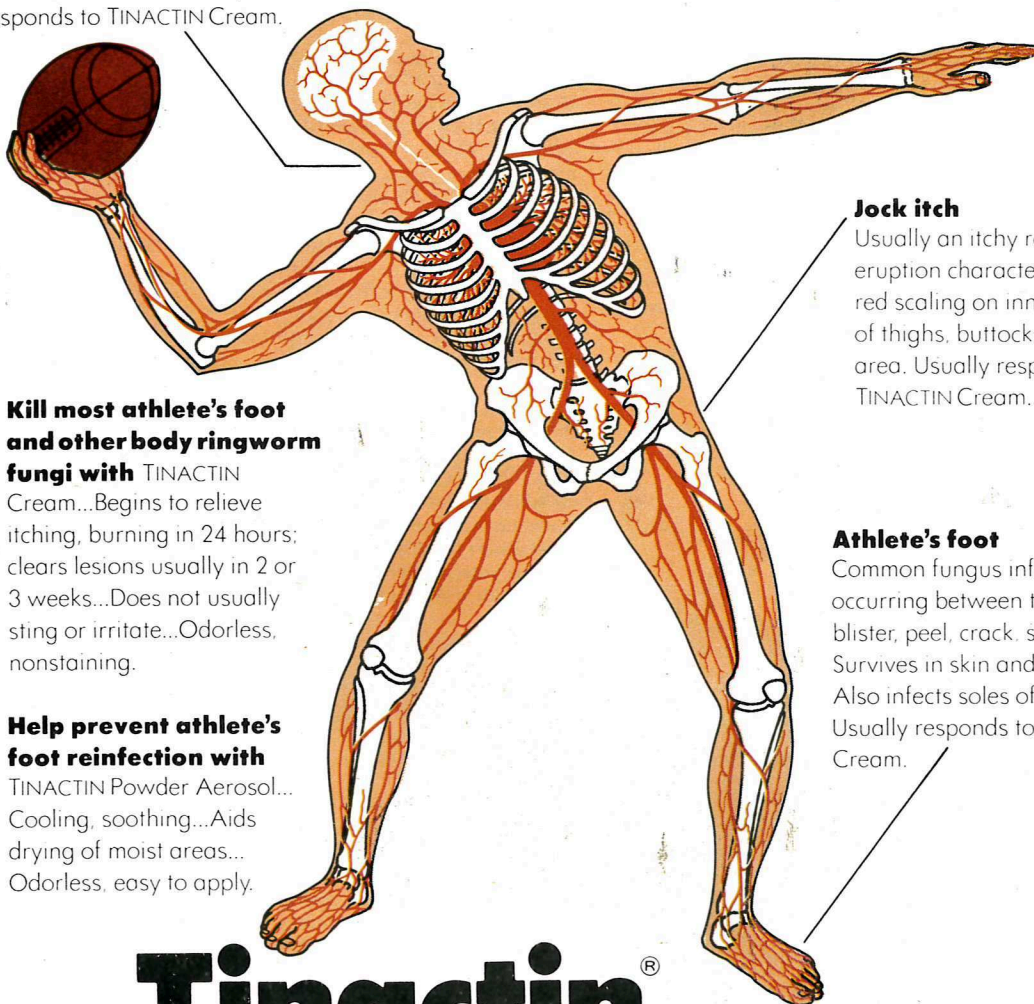
RESULTS(6/16): 1. Mike Cotton (Fla) 17-4; 2. Vic Dias (BA Strid) 17-0; 3. tie, Dave Hamer (CP/SLO), Ron Mooers (UCLA), Terry Porter (Kans), Robert Pullard (Sn Cal), Frank Rock (S Jose St), Vince Struble (Spts Int), & Jon Vaughn (Strid) 16-6; 10. tie, Don Marrs (Kans), Dave Oliver (Ft Mac), Jim Speer (Colo) & Jeff Taylor (Wash) 16-0; . . . nh—Roberts (Rice) [17-0]; Lipscomb (Ore St) [16-6]; Bill Eaton (Ariz St), Steve Hardison (Fres Pac), Greg Miguel (BA Strid) & Fritz Selzer (Glendale CC) [16-0].

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LONG JUMP

Randy Williams gained a measure of revenge for his NCAA defeat, adding the AAU crown to his string of major titles over the past 2 years.

Williams appeared to have the victory well in hand through the 3 trial rounds as his 26-1 3rd round best easily led Stan Whitley's 25-2½ in 2nd place. Only Al Lanier (at 25-1) among other contenders was within a foot of the Southern Cal star. Lanier improved 1½" in the 4th round, but Williams still appeared to be unthreatened. On the 5th round, however, the Olympic champ must have suffered through a few uneasy moments.

Archrival James McAlister had barely made it to the finals with 24-1½ in 8th, but suddenly found the range with a 25-9 effort. Defending champ Arnie Robinson also moved into contention, following "Big Mac" with a 25-4 leap. Lanier responded with a threatening 25-11 jump, giving a hint of fireworks in the final round. As it turned out, none of the finalists improved on their last jumps, Lanier and McAlister duplicating their placings in the NCAA.

The marks may have been shorter than might be expected in a championship meet, but the Bakersfield pit has never been noted for "super" long jumping. Williams said later, "The runway's fine, but there's something wrong with the board. Nothing happens when you hit it." /John Wenos/

RESULTS(6/15): 1. Randy Williams (Sn Cal) 26-1 (26-0, 25-10½, 26-1, 25-1¾, f, 25-3¾); 2. Al Lanier (Cinc) 25-11 (25-¼, 25-½, 25-1, 25-2½, 25-11, 25-9½); 3. James McAlister (UCLA) 25-9 (23-2¾, 24-1½, 23-1½, 24-8¾, 25-9, 25-6¾); 4. Arnie Robinson (Ft Mac) 25-4; 5. Stan Whitley (Cal Int) 25-2½; 6. David Boyd (Fisk) 24-11½; 7. Bill Rea (Pitt) 24-10½; 8. Gary Rainwater (USAF) 24-5; 9. John Phillips (S Diego St) 24-3¾; 10. Steve Cobb (Ind) 23-10; 11. John Delamere (Wash St) 23-6½; 12. Steve Baxter (BYU) 23-1¾; 13. Marion Anderson (BA Strid) 22-11.

TRIPLE JUMP

All the explosions in the triple jump took place during a few minutes. The event began at 6:05 p.m. with only the pit shadowed from the sinking sun. While the runway became shadowed, the first flight of 6 labored through their jumps, and only Clarence Taylor excited the crowd with his junior college record 52-4½. Robert Reader withdrew, Mohinder Gill fouled out, and Dave Tucker's injured back held him to 50-1¾.

The fireworks began with the first jump after the second 6 warmed up. Barry McClure, in the all-blue of Middle Tennessee, went through his preliminary gyrations at the end of the runway, then sped down the Tartan strip. His step landed 2ft beyond the long jump board and he cut into the sand at 54-4½.

Next jumper was John Craft, AAU champion in 1971 and 1972 and 5th in the Olympic Games. He said, "I'm not as strong this year as I was last year

John Craft heads for touch-down before the final leap of his 55-8¾ triple jump at the AAU, 2nd-longest legal mark over by an American. /Don Chadez/



in preparing for the Olympics. I'm teaching at Eastern Illinois and haven't had time to work on my strength. I don't practice. Jumping is too demanding physically, so I prepare with drills, running, and lifting weights." His step fell a foot short of the long jump board and yet he leaped 53-10½. The king was far from dead. After Milan Tiff jumped 53-11¾, James Butts 52-6, Ken McBryde 52-5, and McClure 53-3¾, Craft lost his balance and stopped at 48-10¾. Tiff leaped 53-4, Butts improved to 53-9¾, and Craft was ready for his 3rd jump.

He brought a roar from the crowd near the pit when his step landed 2ft beyond the long jump board and he sailed well on his jump. Craft knew it was a good one, clapping and slapping hands with a UCTC teammate before scurrying to the takeoff board in anticipation. The measurement was a new AAU meet record of 55-8¾, his best ever without wind. (The wind was only 2½mph here.) He is now 12th-best of all time. He said, "I can always get up for a meet like this."

There were supposed to be 31 more jumps after Craft's but the explosion was over. Craft and Tucker passed their last 3 while Butts and McClure each passed one. Of the 23 actual jumps, 7 were fouls. Nobody came close to improving. /Cordner Nelson/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. John Craft (UCTC) 55-8¾ (53-10½, 48-10¾, 55-8¾, p, p, p); 2. Barry McClure (Mid Tenn St) 54-4½ (54-4½, 53-3¾, f, p, 52-5¾, 53-7¼); 3. Milan Tiff (UCLA) 53-11¾ (53-11¾, 53-4, f, f, f, f); 4. James Butts (Strid) 53-9¾ (52-6, 53-9¾, f, p, f, 52-5); 5. Ken McBryde (Manh) 53-1; 6. Clarence Taylor (Forest Park CC) 52-4½; 7. Keith Witherspoon (Va TC) 51-3¾; 8. John Delamere (Wash St) 50-11¾; 9. Dave Tucker (L Beach St) 50-1¾; 10. Bill McClellon (USAF) 49-3; . nm—Mohinder Gill (EPTC); . . dnc—Robert Reader (Cal Int).

QUALIFYING(6/15): Leading qualifiers: Craft 53-5¾, McBryde 51-10, Butts 51-9¾, Witherspoon 51-7, Tiff 51-6½, McClure 51-6½, Gill 50-8¾. Notable non-qualifiers—Jim Fraser (BA Strid) 49-9, Rayfield Dupree (L Beach St) 48-6¾.

SHOT PUT

Believe it or not, prior to this meet, world record holder Al Feuerbach had never won an AAU outdoor title. But he achieved that honor with consummate ease here, scoring the biggest runaway of the meet with an unpressed 68-1 heave, a distance he has failed to exceed in only his first 2 meets of the season. Competing in the shortest of the throwing events, his 4-5½ margin of victory was greater than those of the discus, hammer and javelin winners.

"I just can't get psyched up for this one," he said just before the competition. "Without George [Woods] here, I just don't feel pressed at all." Of course, George has only managed to beat Al once all year, but nobody else has, so the Olympic silver medalist is the closest thing to competition that Al currently knows. "You know," he continued, "this is the first meet all season where I haven't felt the least bit of nervousness beforehand. There's just nothing there."

His throwing reflected his pre-meet comments. Appearing absolutely listless in the ring, early puts of 67-2½, 67-¾, 67-1¼, 66-11, 65-9, and 64-9¾ hardly befit his status as world record holder. Concentrating better on his last toss, he bettered the 68ft barrier for the 17th straight meet this outdoor season.

Unfortunately, Al's "There's just nothing there" summed up the rest of the field too well, at least speaking on an international level. The best bet for future stardom, frosh Ron Semkiw, was one of only 2 to nab a PR, hitting 63-6½ in the 4th stanza and raising that to 63-7¾ in the 5th to take 2nd. But he will pass the international team to compete with the Juniors. The other leading contenders were well off their seasonal bests, as Sam Walker (63-4), Jesse Stuart (62-8¾) and Bruce Wilhelm (62-8), dropped 2-1, 3-8¾ and 3-3¾. For the veteran Wilhelm, it was his 4th finish in 5th place in the last 5 years to go with a 4th. The other PR went to Rich Bilder (62-0) in 6th. /Garry Hill/

RESULTS(6/15): 1. Al Feuerbach (P Coast) 68-1 (67-1¼, 67-1¼, 66-11, 65-9, 64-9¾, 68-1); 2. Ron Semkiw (Ariz St) 63-7¾ (61-0, 60-2, 62-6½, 63-6½, 63-7¾, 62-11½); 3. Sam Walker (SMU) 63-4 (61-7¼, 62-7, 63-4, 62-7, 62-3, f); 4. Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky) 62-8¾; 5. Bruce Wilhelm (NYAC) 62-8; 6. Richard Bilder (Nn Ill) 62-0; 7. Richard Marks (P Coast) 62-0; 8. Dana LeDuc (unat) 60-10¾; 9. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 59-8¾; 10. Greg Born (BA Strid) 59-7; 11. Kent Pangel (UCLA) 55-0.

DISCUS THROW

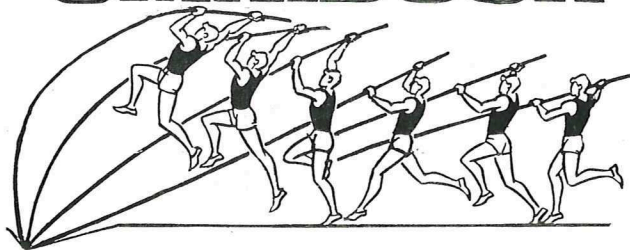
Even Olympic champ Ludvik Danek would have had troubles with the field lined up for the AAU discus throwing event. Looking at the entries statistically, anyone who wanted to win would have an overwhelming challenge. There was world record holder (224-5) Jay Silvester, silver medalist at Munich. There was 1973 world leader (219-0) John Powell, 4th placer at Munich. There was long-armed Tim Vollmer, who nabbed 8th at Munich. For spice, 5 other of the US's 200-plus throwers were in the field. Then along came Mac. Multiple Mac Wilkins. He's the Oregonian who spun into the platter sector like a tornado this May and June, and he kept twisting and turning here like a cool veteran.

In the Friday qualifying rounds, Mac almost tore down a fence that was supposedly protecting the triple jump. A light breeze may have aided his first toss slightly, but after his lung-scorching howl there was little doubt the tape measure would receive a healthy stretch. It measured 212-6 (even though it hit the fence about 6' above ground level), 5-3 better than previous thrower

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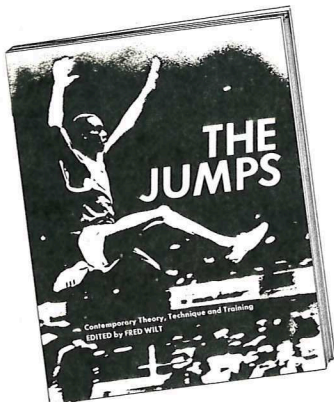
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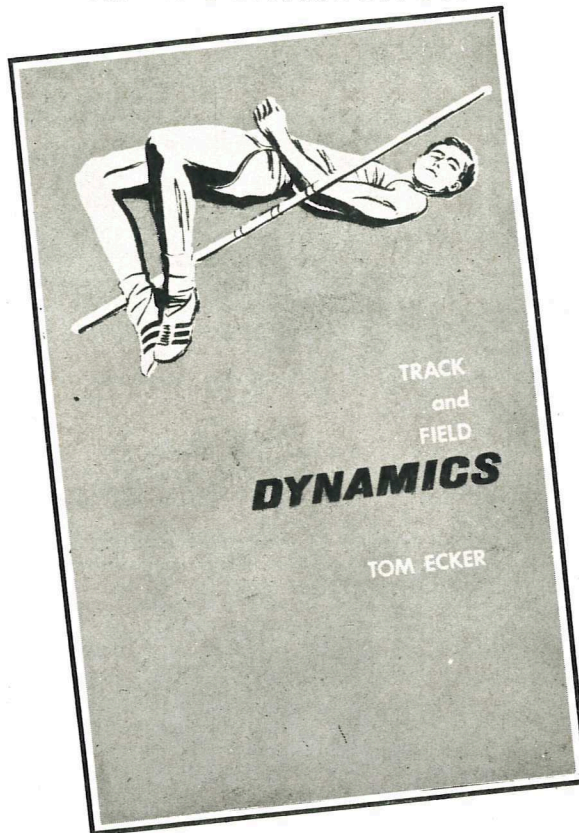
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Multiple Mac Dishes It Out

by Don Steffens

The waitress brushed a straggling lock of hair out of her eyes with a damp forearm. Her hairspray was apparently losing control after several "rush-hours" of midnight business—so were the tempers of several other employees. She unsmilingly stuffed the menus in our hands. A glass or two crashed to the greasy floor of the small eatery in Bakersfield and the busboy muttered an earthy phrase indicating what kind of night it had been.

Someone had forgotten to wipe our table off and hefty Mac Wilkins almost sponged off the formica top with his shirt sleeves. He nearly filled the entire other side of the table as he squirmed around in his chair trying to make himself comfortable. Retaining one's appetite was equally difficult.

"This would have been just the place for Pre a few years ago," the grinning Oregonian said. Over by the door, a partially balding rancher stirred cream into his steaming coffee. He crossed his cowboy-booted legs and stared past his wife, who sported a bleached bouffant hair-style. "This looks like something straight out of Coos Bay."

That's Prefontaine's home, and Mac knows a little about his running teammate. Their careers have coincided at Oregon but the press attention accorded each has hardly been the same. Perhaps rightly so—until a month ago. Wilkins shifted from event to event until 18 months ago when he started treating the discus seriously. Pre has been a glamorous, carefree source for reams of quotes and dozens of records. Even after a 14ft victory in the NCAA platter event, Mac received no attention.

"I got 3rd in the shot and won the discus by a long way, and figured someone would be interested," he said, with a typically boyish grin playing across his face. His hands went up as he shrugged his shoulders. The waitress looked a bit miffed at the king-sized man who ordered a chef's salad and buttermilk. Mac likes good food, but he was a bit dubious of the listed offerings. Home-style cooking is what he prefers—playing chef himself.

Four weeks earlier, he celebrated his first major victories in his cramped 3-man apartment. A personal record 63-7 in the shot and a 199-9 discus spin gave him the Pac-8's first-ever weight double. That was reason enough for him to brew-up a stew. Roomie Craig Brigham set the table. Roomie Mark Feig wished he weren't there. What are the ingredients? Some bolger (a grain) and rice, some cream of mushroom soup is thrown in along with a can or 2 of mackerel and some tidbits of celery, garlic and onions.

"We keep trying to get Mark to eat our food," says Wilkins, who has been nicknamed Multiple Mac because of his versatility. "If he doesn't, we rattle him. The only defense he has is his bones. The food is pretty basic stuff, just good food and economical." Whatever it is, it seems to work.

Pick a weight event, and ask Mac what his best is. A small indication of his talent is his worst event—the hammer at 189-8. Another non-specialty, the shot put, is 63-8. His former, and perhaps favorite, is the javelin. He sailed the spear 257-4 as a freshman, but he tore a ligament loose in his right elbow. He curls up in pain while throwing only 15-ft now. His best is the discus, and Mac raised his PR to 212-6 at the AAU. That prelim toss was followed by his 211-11 final win.

"At first being mentioned as the greatest all-around thrower was kind of neat," Mac said, finishing his buttermilk, "but I'd rather be the best discus thrower. I haven't really given the discus a fair chance yet, so I hope to give it at least 2 years. I'm pleased with my consistency. After you start throwing far, you want to be consistent. And distance will take care of itself. The more I throw, the more competition I'll get and the better I will throw."

Even sitting down for a late-night meal wasn't enough to calm the excitement which bubbled through Multiple Mac. He was ready to get moving. A former Oregon Stater, Norm Hoffman, was throwing a big party and Mac was excited to find out what was happening. He had energy to burn, he was still "high" from his great AAU victory over Jay Silvester, Tim Vollmer and John Powell.

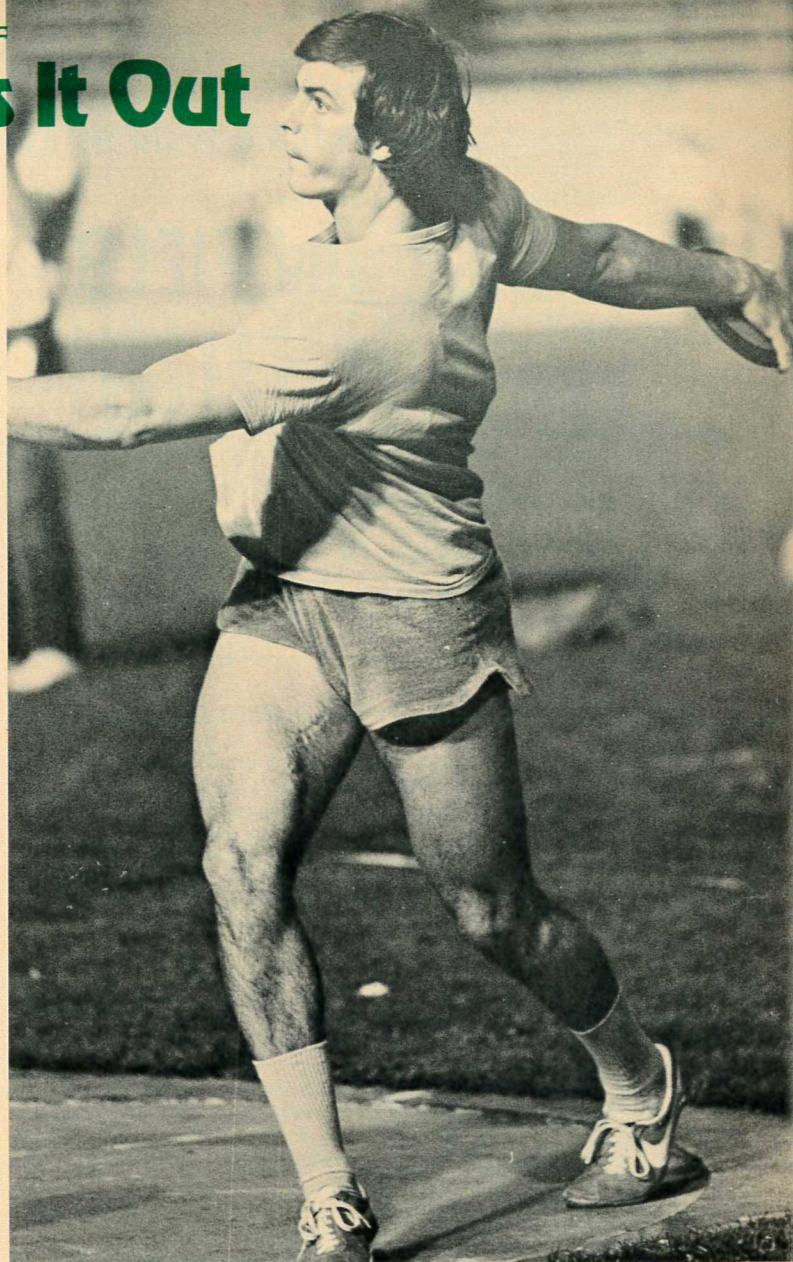
"The 'high' feeling fades away after a day or 2. Even now I look at the pictures from the Pac 8 and almost start to cry. But I've never felt as confident as I did last week at Baton Rouge, and I thought I had kind of lost that this week. But I still knew I could throw over 200."

After paying for the hardly-gourmet meal, Wilkins squeezed his 6-4/240lb frame into the compact Toyota. His head brushed the inside of the roof. Such a moment as this never crossed his mind while at Beaverton High in a Portland suburb.

"When I was in high school, even weighing 220 and throwing the discus 200ft seemed really incredible. I just weighed 190 then. I didn't even throw over 170 until after I got out of high school. That summer I threw 179 with the prep discus and 155 with the college weight."

The streets of Bakersfield were hardly crowded even though it was Saturday night. All the neon signs screaming out their willingness to provide beds weren't their flickering selves since the AAU was in town. Wilkins explained how he was detoured from the discus ring 3 years ago.

"My freshman year, Bill Bowerman worked with me on Sunday mornings on the javelin. That was during the fall and winter. Then in the spring, my discus started going downhill, especially when it came time to see who



/Chip Gane/

was going to make the team. I was throwing in the low 160s. Earlier in the fall I threw 173ft. My javelin was going better, so I made the team as a javelin thrower. I really enjoyed the javelin, it is such an emotional release when you let it go."

Mac placed 10th in the 1970 NCAA. But the following spring, on the opening throw of a cool-weather meet, he allowed his technique to become sloppy. He wasn't concentrating on his arm position and came through low, with all the strain on the elbow. He heard it pop. The javelin traveled 235-0. Two throws later, he was finished with the spear.

"I was kind of upset, and I was trying to imagine a non-track life," Mac mentioned. "I was just then beginning to pick up the technique and that's what bothered me." He busied himself with the shot and discus, ending his sophomore season with a 176-0 discus mark. One day he picked up the hammer "because it was there" and gave it a spin. He catches on quickly to techniques. Like his dad, a favorite target for quarterback Norm Van Brocklin in the 1940s, Mac seems to be a natural.

"In February (1972), I was throwing about 180-182ft. And in the first meet of the year I threw 186 and beat Vollmer and got 2nd to Powell. So that was a fairly encouraging start. But I was still a very immature thrower, my best throws would be in warm-ups and I would get tight. At the Trials, I felt I was ready for a big jump. But I didn't get it, instead I got pretty tight and only threw 180.

"One year has made a lot of difference to me. My technique has improved, my strength has improved and recently my confidence has improved. Tim and John kid me about having to serve my apprenticeship and that I don't have any respect for my elders." From now on, Multiple Mac might have a tough time separating his "elders" from his "equals".

Powell and 9-8 further than upcoming Silvester would throw. It was a shocker, increasing his PR by a hefty 2-11 to move him to 9th on the all-time US list. The throw also lengthened his own claim to the 2nd-longest collegiate mark ever behind Randy Matson's 213-9. Not bad for a "non-windy" toss. The remainder of the qualifying rounds kept spectators interested as throwers seemed almost intent on decapitating triple jump contestants or officials. Several times the disc landed in the pit, once barely missing an official.

When the "final" hour arrived on Saturday evening, the limp flags atop nearby poles indicated windless conditions. Multiple Mac seemed undaunted. He followed fast-spinning John Powell, who opened with a strong 209-5. Wilkins responded with 202-7, which was 2-0 further than Silvester's 1st. Vollmer fouled.

"I'm getting to the point where I feel I can compete with these guys," Mac said after the meet. "Before, I was just fighting myself. Now I feel like if a guy gets ahead of me I can go out after him." Powell, usually a steady performer, fouled on his next try. Wilkins intently surveyed the field and flung the implement 211-11, a great throw considering the lack of wind.

Only Wilkins and 9th placer Gary Ordway would complete the finals with 6 fair tosses. Powell atypically registered 4 illegal efforts and couldn't improve on his 1st try. No one neared Mac's best. Wilkins closed the day with a 208-3, marking a fine series with 5 200-plus efforts. /Don Steffens/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Mac Wilkins (Ore) 211-11 (202-7, 211-11, 208-3, 205-0, 198-1, 208-3); 2. John Powell (P Coast) 209-5 (209-5, f, f, 207-4, f, f); 3. Tim Vollmer (NYAC) 203-8 (f, f, 186-5, 203-8, 196-10, 198-3); 4. Jay Silvester (Intmtn TC) 202-6 (200-7, f, f, 200-7, f, 202-6); 5. Dick Drescher (Spts Int) 199-4 (185-8, 199-4, 198-5, f, 197-10, 191-3); 6. Ken Stadel (Rice) 194-4; 7. Larry Kennedy (BA Strid) 194-6; 8. Jim Penrose (BA Strid) 192-6; 9. Gary Ordway (P Coast) 188-1; 10. Art Swarts (Shore AC) 185-7; 11. Miles Lister (Strid) 184-4; 12. Ed Kohler (Strid) 180-8.

QUALIFYING(6/15): Wilkins 212-6, Powell 207-3, Silvester 202-10, Drescher 197-5, Penrose 194-3, Swarts 191-0, Vollmer 190-6. Notable non-qualifiers—Mike Louisiana (BA Strid) 174-6, Bob Stoltman (Wn Ky TC) 174-5.

HAMMER THROW

American hammer throwing has reached new heights of mediocrity. Unless someone improves this summer, the US will be without a 220ft thrower for the 1st time since 1957. Yet at the lower levels, there has been real progress in the event. This was much in evidence at Bakersfield.

In the qualifying rounds, 10 Americans exceeded 200ft, the 1st time that has ever happened in 1 meet. They included Dale Casey, who added 12-8 to his PR with a heave of 208-10, and Al Jackson, who broke Phil Bartlett's national Junior record by improving his own PR by 6-0 to 202-0. The session's leader was Tom Gage at 212-10 and the cut-off mark for the 12 qualifiers was Larry Hart's 199-6.

On the 2nd throw of the championship competition, Ted Bregar put one out to 215-4, which no one could match thereafter. Al Hall and Steve DeAutremont came closest at 212-11. The latter had 4 throws at 210-0 or better, a remarkable series considering his PR before the day was 209-9. But Hall took the silver with his 2nd best effort of 212-9. And so the 38-year-old veteran who represented the US in 4 Olympic Games beginning in 1956, and was a member of the 1st American team to meet the Soviet Union back in 1958, will again wear the national colors this summer in Minsk.

Former champ George Frenn continued his terrible slump and had only 1 fair throw, a 204-8 which placed him 6th behind Tom Gage and Bill Shuff.

Jackson upped the Junior mark again with his 203-2, good for 8th.

Again in the finals, the top 10 Americans (plus Canadian Murray Keating) bettered 200ft, 2 more PRs were recorded, and the absence of a world class thrower made the event more broadly competitive than it has been in years. This may be taken as an encouraging sign—the beginning of a new generation of top hammer men. But for the moment, any excitement or optimism must be tempered with the realization that the US leader will probably be further down the world hammer list this year than in any other Olympic event. /Bob Hersh/

RESULTS(6/15): 1. Ted Bregar (Navy) 215-4 (215-4, 204-4, f, f, 200-10, 191-11); 2. Al Hall (unat) 212-11 (207-7, 212-11, 211-1, 207-8, 212-9, 199-11); 3. Steve DeAutremont (Strid) 212-11 (211-8, 210-10, 212-11, f, 206-0, 211-4); 4. Tom Gage (NYAC) 212-6 (210-2, f, 212-6, 211-10, 204-5, 207-3); 5. Bill Shuff (Ft Mac) 208-11; 6. George Frenn (Strid) 204-8; 7. Murray Keating (Can) 203-7; 8. Alvin Jackson (Penn St) 203-2; 9. Larry Hart (Ft Mac) 202-3; 10. Peter Galle (USAF) 200-10; 11. Dov Djerassi (NYAC) 200-8; 12. Dale Casey (Ft Mac) 199-0.

QUALIFYING(6/14): Leading qualifiers—Gage 212-10, Casey 208-10, Hall 207-10, Shuff 206-2, DeAutremont 205-7, Frenn 203-7, Djerassi 203-2, Keating 202-9, Jackson 202-0, Galle 201-8, Bregar 200-10, Hart 199-6. Notable non-qualifiers—Phil Bartlett (Brown) 195-10, Ed Arcaro (Ft Mac) 195-4.

JAVELIN THROW

This year's AAU javelin had been discussed as potentially the best American javelin field ever: Bill Schmidt, Sam Colson, Fred Luke, Cary Feldmann plus a raft of others past 250. It wound up with just 8 throwers. Only 4 of those broke 250. Of 48 throws in the competition, only 10 were past 250.

The victory was earned hard by Feldmann, who got 265-3 on his last throw to pass Club Northwest teammate Luke and surprising Bob Kouvolo. This was the site of Cary's 298-4, but since then ankle sprains have slowed him down. He had done almost no throwing for 2 weeks before here; he looked it. Luke had been the leader since his first-round 263-4, but none of his other throws had much zip. "The 1st one was easy," he said. "I over-extended on the 2nd. Then I tried to adjust for that, and it threw me off. After that 1st throw, I kinda stunk."

Feldmann opened with 258-9, but Kouvolo started pushing that with 257-11 in round 2. Then in round 5 he went by into 2nd with 262-3. "He threw very well," said Luke. "I was impressed." Feldmann got to 259-11—not enough—on his 5th throw, but then on the last round he got 265-3 to take the lead for the first time. It left Luke to finish.

Fred offered: "I came down for the last throw. . . and I didn't really care a lot if I won or not." He threw 259-6, and Cary was the winner. Luke's nonchalance was because of the field: top competitors Schmidt, Bruce Kennedy, Colson, Greg Geraci and Anthony Hall all didn't come.

"I couldn't get excited about the competition," Fred said. "Nobody showed up." Luke also will not be making the European trip because of a work conflict. Feldmann and Kouvolo will make the bulk of the tour, but Fred has left open yet the possibility he will compete against the Soviet Union. /Jack Pfeifer/

RESULTS(6/16): 1. Cary Feldmann (CNW) 265-3 (258-9, 234-0, 207-7, 244-1, 249-11, 265-3); 2. Fred Luke (CNW) 263-4 (263-4, 247-8, 259-6, f, 249-3, 259-6); 3. Bob Kouvolo (Bruce TC) 262-3 (236-10, 257-11, f, 251-10, 262-3, 248-4); 4. Bob Wallis (Ft Mac) 255-7; 5. Dan Martin (Tenn) 243-4; 6. Jack Bacon (NYAC) 239-7; 7. Ben Laville (Strid) 232-0; 8. Larry Stuart (Strid) 231-4. □



(L) Ted Bregar outwhirled the US's hammer corps at the AAU with a 215-4 victory. /Dave Drennan/



(R) Cary Feldmann's final javelin throw at the AAU, a 265-3 whip, proved unbeatable. /Gane/

T&FN Appoints New Managing Editors

Track & Field News has two new managing editors after 10 years under the direction of Dick Drake, who has resigned. Staff members Jon Hendershott and Garry Hill have been moved up.

Drake, managing editor for more than 10 years, has elected to take his first real vacation in a decade and to seek a change of positions. As a special opportunity to leave occurred rather abruptly in mid-June he was eager to express his appreciation for "the supreme cooperation received from so many over the years. I wish I could personally thank all who have been instrumental in providing the kind of assistance necessary to make *T&FN* possible. I will be happy to hear from any of my associates—at the *T&FN* address—and wish everyone well."

During Drake's editorship the circulation of *T&FN* climbed from 9000 to 20,000, issues were increased to 18 per year, number of pages increased 180%, and color and many other changes in content and style were introduced.

Hendershott, who has been with *T&FN* 6 years, will continue to handle much of the feature writing while Hill, now in his 3rd year, will remain in charge of the statistics. Together they will assume the management functions. Don Steffens moves up from editorial assistant to staff writer while Cindy Labno and Grace Light continue as editorial assistant and production assistant.

T&FN Timing May Differ From NCAA, AAU

Sharp-eyed readers may notice that some times carried by *T&FN* in the NCAA and AAU (and other meets throughout the year), will differ from those officially offered by the meets, especially in the sprints.

The main cause for this is *T&FN's* long-standing policy of adjusting times by use of fully-automatic photo timing devices. Thus, we used pictures provided by Accutrack at the NCAA and by Bulova at the AAU to correct faulty times. This is done by calculating the exact time differential between the runners as they finish (these finish cameras record each finisher as he crosses the line), and applying this differential to the winner's time. Times from the NCAA were also adjusted in some races because the Data-Time system used records in 100ths but is hand-operated. It is the position of *T&FN* (and the ATFS, the international statistical body) that hand-operated electrical timing should be treated as ordinary 10th-second timing. Thus, all times over x.00 are rounded up, rather than x.00-x.04 down and x.05-x.09 up as was done by the NCAA. It should also be noted that neither the NCAA nor AAU did any timing beyond 8th place. At both meets, *T&FN* provided a crew of 10-12 capable timers who supplied meet management with supplementary timing.

US Will Have Strong Teams For International Duals

The AAU has announced the members of the teams that will compete in the international duals against the USSR, Poland and West Germany in Europe this summer. The exact composition of the team for each meet will be decided by the coaches and athletes prior to each meet. Unlike the last tour, in 1970, this year's team is a highly representative, and strong one, with few significant absentees. Team members and their PRs:

100	Steve Williams 9.2, Herb Washington 9.2, Ivory Crockett 9.2, Ed Hammonds 9.3.
200	Steve Williams 20.3y, Mark Lutz 20.5y, Marshall Dill 20.1.
400	Maurice Peoples 45.0y, Karl Farmer 45.5, Benny Brown 45.0y, Maxie Parks 45.5, James Redd 45.4.
800	Rick Wohlhuter 1:44.6y, Dave Wottle 1:44.3, Skip Kent 1:45.6.
1500	Len Hilton 3:55.9y, Marty Liquori 3:54.6y, Chuck LaBenz 3:56.9, (Tommy Fulton alternate in 1500 [3:57.8y] & 5000 [13:33.4]).
Steeple	Doug Brown 8:26.8, Barry Brown 8:27.2.
5000	Steve Prefontaine 12:53.4y, Dick Buerkle 12:59.8y, Paul Geis 13:09.2y.
10,000	Ted Castaneda 27:22.4y, Jeff Galloway 27:22.4y, Scott Bringham 27:23.0.
HH	Thomas Hill 13.2, Tommy Lee White 13.4, Charles Foster 13.4.
IH	Jim Bolding 48.8, Ralph Mann 48.4, Robert Primeaux 49.5y.
20kmW	Bill Ranney 1:35:00, Jerry Brown 1:36:41.
HJ	Dwight Stones 7-5, Tom Woods 7-4½, Rey Brown 7-4.
PV	Mike Cotton 17-6, Vic Dias 17-½.
LJ	Randy Williams 27-4¼, Al Lanier 26-1½, James McAlister 26-9¼.
TJ	John Craft 55-8¾, Milan Tiff 54-2½, James Butts 54-7½.
SP	Al Feuerbach 71-7, Sam Walker 66-0.
DT	Mac Wilkins 212-6, John Powell 219-0.
HT	Ted Bregar 218-7, Al Hall 220-9.
JT	Cary Feldmann 298-4, Bob Kouvolo 262-3.

LARRY GNAPP, Chicago, Ill.:

Some people may have been surprised by Rick Wohlhuter's 880 world record but I wasn't. I have trained at the University of Chicago, sometimes with Rick, and I have seen how hard he works. I wish all those who were surprised by Rick could see how hard and long he has worked for what he has earned. Believe me, the record books haven't heard the last of Rick Wohlhuter.

ROB JOHNSON, Wabash track coach, Crawfordsville, Ind.:

Congratulations on the good coverage of the NCAA College Division meet [I June]. With all due respect to correspondent Mark Maloney, the reference of reported complaints concerning the Wabash College track ("a track that was said to be lumpy and hard as a highway") was unnecessary and unwarranted. The reference serves only to placate the very few *prima donnas* among a fine group of coaches and athletes. Compared to the elite of tracks (polyurethane and Tartan), our UniRoyal track is firm, but lumpy and hard as a highway? Definitely not. The following efforts run during the 73 meet prove the track suitable: Larence Jones and Willie Lyles both ran meet record 46.1 440s; Chuck Smead ran a meet record 28:28.6 6M; Rod Milburn ran a meet record 13.2 highs; Norfolk State matched its seasonal best with a 39.5 440 relay. Wabash's track is firm, flat and fast and compares favorably with any of the past sites hosting the College Division meet.

GEORGE P. MEADE, New Orleans, La.:

Your article on timing [II May] says "fast times are desired by everyone—athletes, coaches and fans". Apparently just fast times, not *correct* times. So in the not-too-distant future—possibly this summer—some sprinter will be credited with an 8.9 100 although his correct time is 9.2. All that's needed is a rolling start and some "trigger happy" hand timers and the "world's fastest human" will be loudly acclaimed. Hand timing, whether electronically recorded or not, is not accurate to 100ths of a second. Human reaction is just not that good. No record for less than 400m should be accepted unless entirely mechanically timed.

LOUIS MONTGOMERY, Garden Grove, Calif.:

No thanks. Not interested in your magazine any more. When you ignore eastern schools, especially Ivy League track and cross country results, and even fail to list the Heptagonal schedules in your track and cross country meets, I feel it is an insult to eastern track fans. Bear in mind that Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Dartmouth and Penn, not to mention many other Ivy League teams, have thousands of graduates living in the west. I have over 100 Cornell track names alone in California. Wake up.

HENRY W. CLUNE, Scottsville, N.Y.:

My interest is on the wane. I still subscribe because you so far have kept [sic] those women out of your pages.

JOHN LIPSEY, Reserve, N.M.:

I feel George Woods has put it most aptly [II April]: a total wipe-out in the Olympics is the only thing that may make the AAU, NCAA and USOC wake up and make necessary changes. Witness the interest in the US-USSR basketball series. Unfortunately all who are interested in any amateur sports must realize that only during an Olympic year is any interest shown in "Olympic sports" by most "sports fans" and members of the press. The only real weight the athletes can swing is if they organize independently from any existing organization. The changes have to come from within.

CHARLES SILCOCK, New York, N.Y.:

Fair is fair and right is right. I once criticized *T&FN* for the absence of any race walking news or results as if a conspiracy existed to pretend the event didn't exist. *T&FN's* expanded coverage has included walking results from all levels as well as news from walking sources at home and abroad. As the 71-72 Past National Chairman of the AAU Race Walking Committee, I thank you. All we ever wanted was our "fair share" of coverage and I believe we now have it. Part of the credit must go to Bob Bowman who writes much of the factual material. Thanks again on behalf of all race walkers.

G. ED ADAMS, Salinas, Calif.:

The US needs a national coach or coaches. Such a coach should be hired to a permanent position and be able to select his own assistants. In his position, he could keep contact with the outstanding Olympic prospects, encourage them, help them find jobs which would make it possible to continue training and competing, help them get into meets and all the many things a coach does to inspire and encourage young athletes. Further, we need a "think board" or committee which could continually direct training ideas, studies, methods, screen ideas, encourage universities in experimentation, etc. In other words, the US could continue to stay ahead and not slowly fall back. Naturally such a committee could work with our national coach/coaches.

BRUCE MC KENNIG, Hartford, Connecticut:

I just saw Pablo Franco (Public, Hartford, Conn) run 9.4/20.9. In the stands, there were about 50, maybe 75, people tops. Track in this state is at such a low key it's disgusting. Except for a handful of coaches (Lindy Remigino and a few others), nobody appreciates or even understands the quality of Franco's times. The newspapers said nothing more than to note it was a school record. Fortunately [for him], I believe he is leaving Connecticut. □

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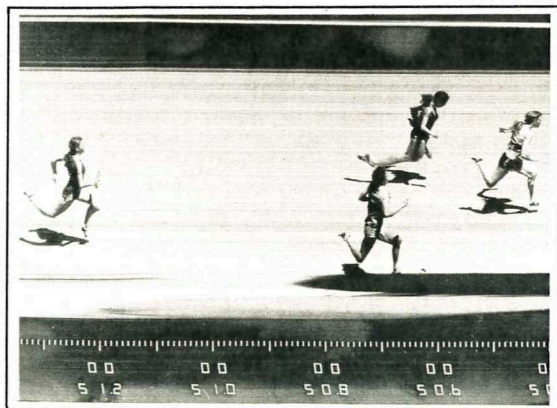
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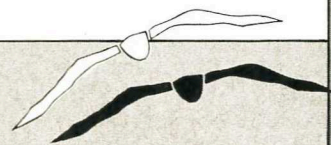
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