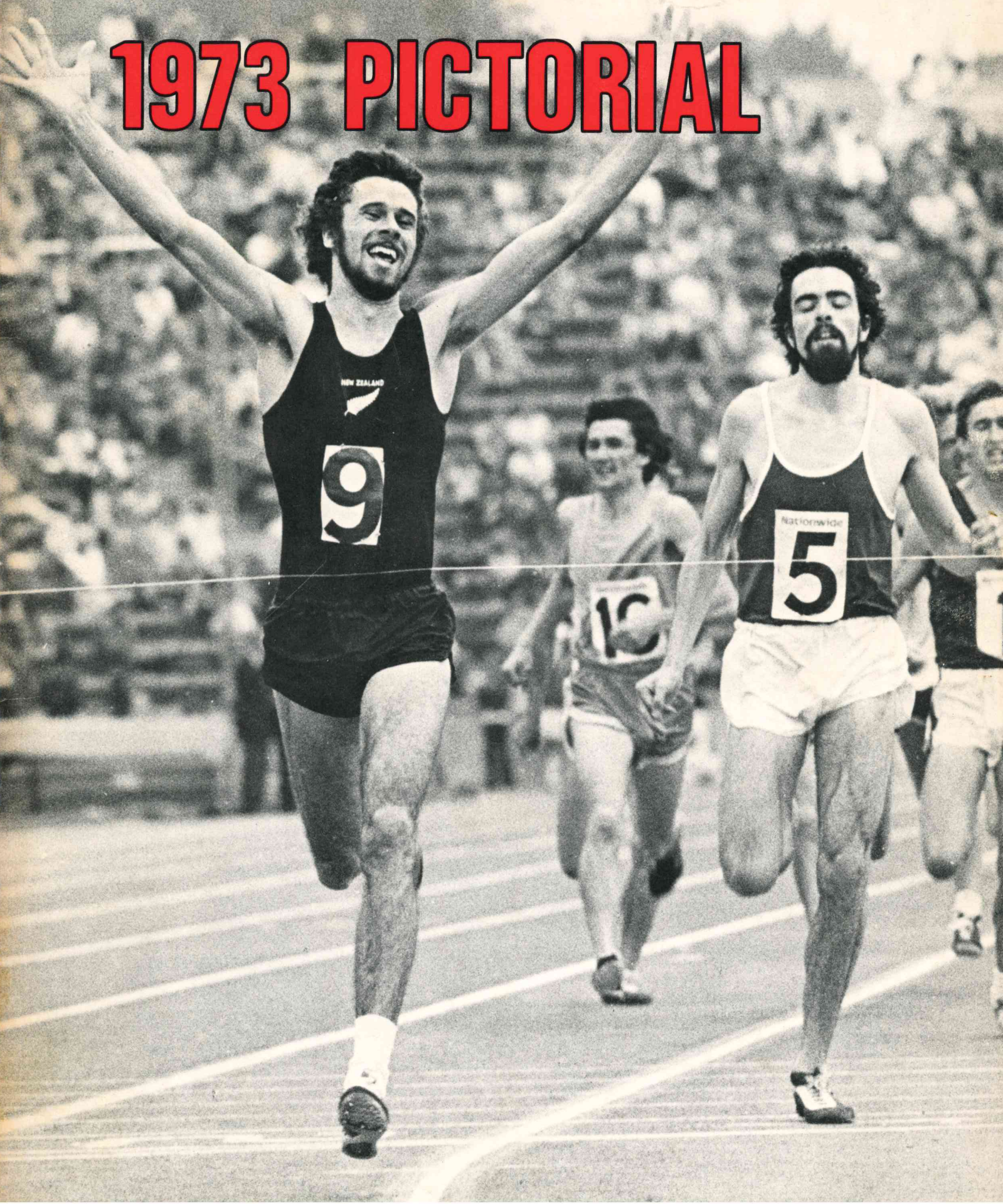


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Olympic 1500-meter bronze medalist Rod Dixon of New Zealand (No.9) ran 3:38.9 in this race. During the year, he helped his countrymen set a world 6000-meter relay record.

BACK COVER:

Frank Shorter leads Jeff Galloway in the Florida Relays six-mile, which Shorter won. But Galloway toured Europe with the US team in the summer while Shorter nursed his injury.

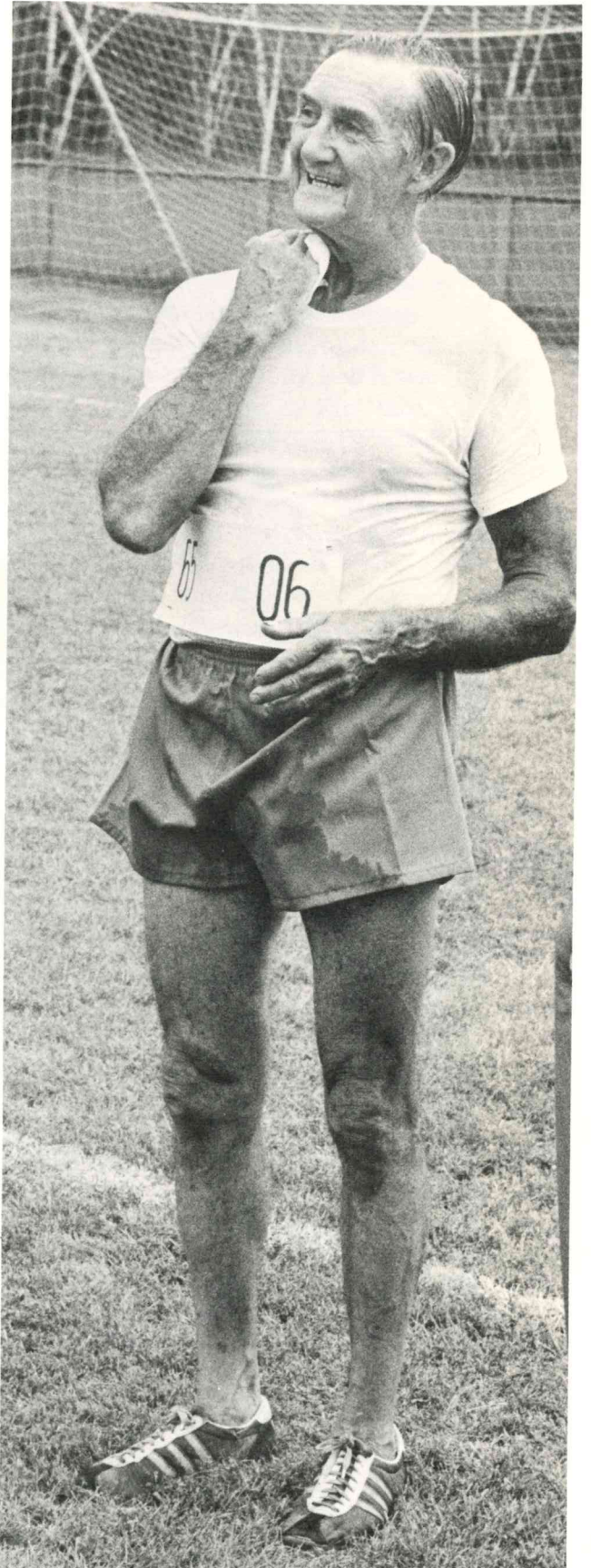
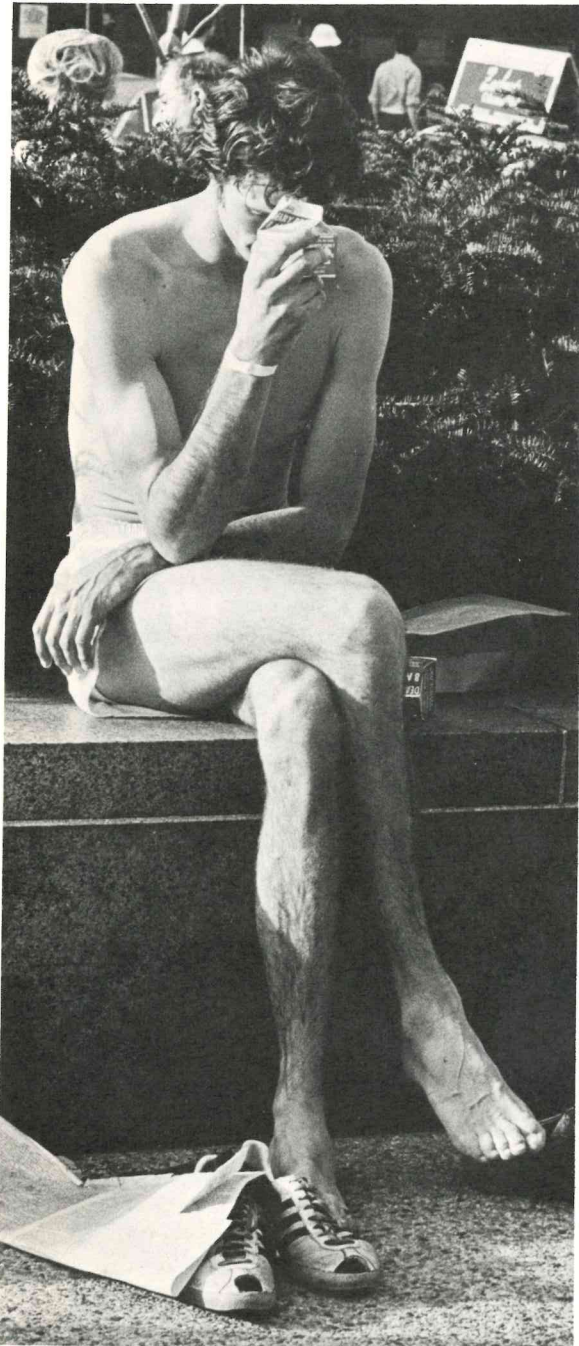
LOOKING AT PEOPLE

● Pekka Paivarinta kept Finland's running tradition flowing strongly into 1973 when he won the International cross-country title in Belgium.



● **Leslie Pawson** of Rhode Island, winner of three Boston marathons in the 1930s and '40s, is still a competitor at age 68.

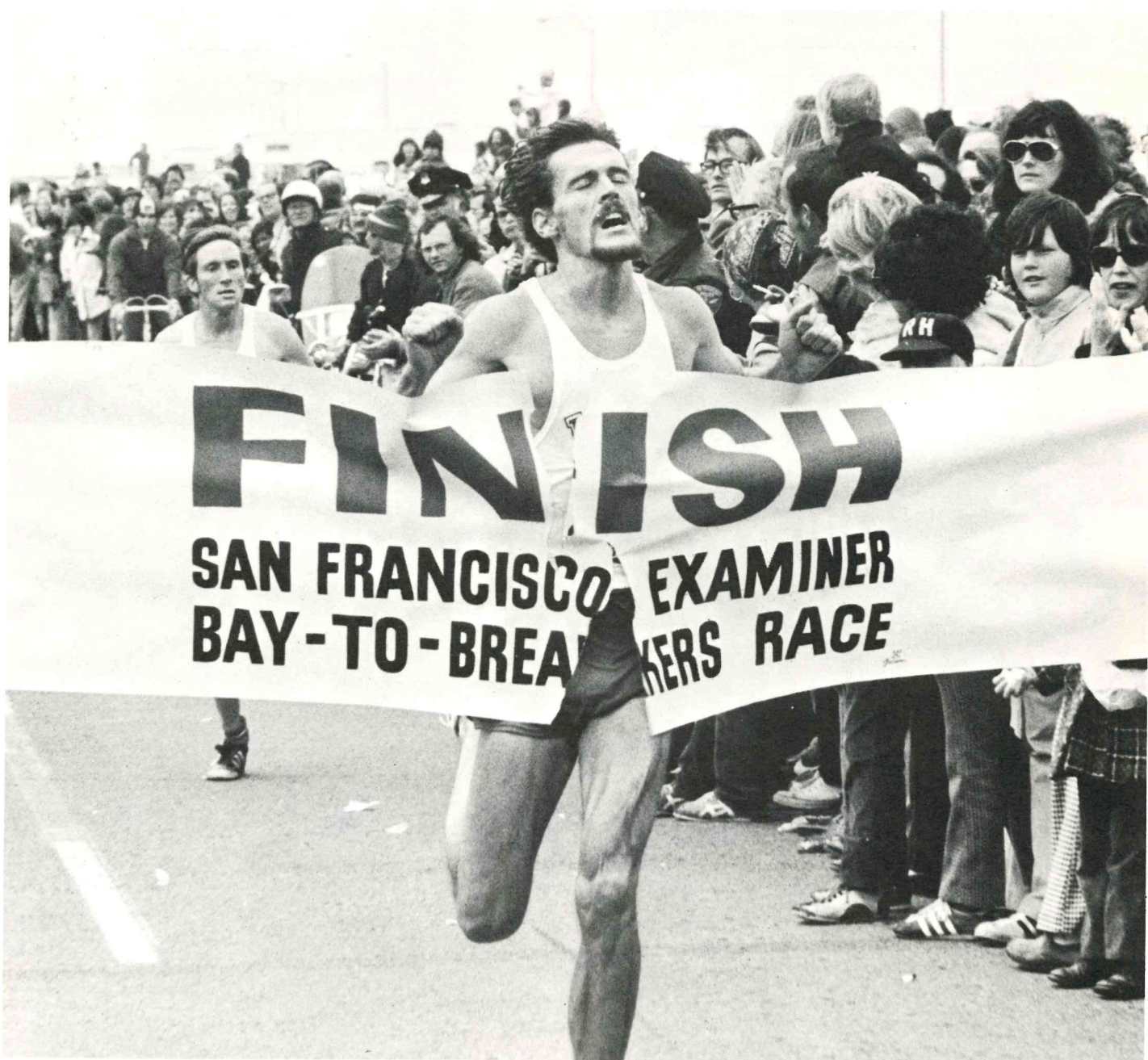
● **An unidentified Boston marathoner** is silent testimony to the feelings of all marathoners as he savors the agony and the ecstasy of his 1973 performance.



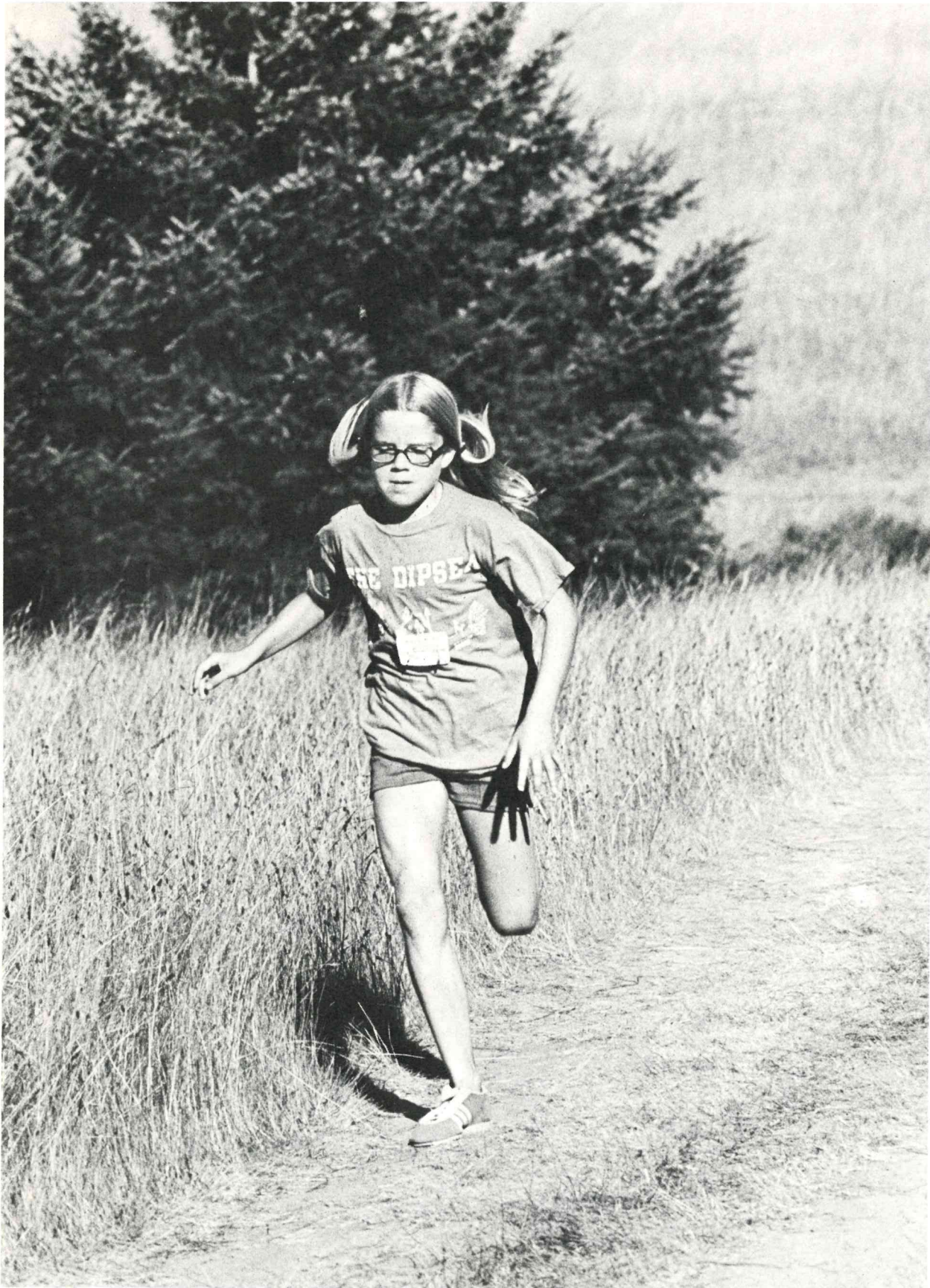
● **Francie Larrieu (180)** had nearly everything going her way in 1973. She set a world women's mile record of 4:35.6 indoors in February, a world two-mile mark of 10:02 in the spring, an American 3000-meter mark of 9:16 in the summer, and an American 1500-meter indoor mark in December. She also won longer distance titles in the AAU cross-country and the Springbank International road race (pictured here).



● **Kenny Moore** enjoyed a relatively relaxed year but still was the master of the biggest race in the US. He won San Francisco's Bay-to-Breakers road run for the sixth straight year, beating Britain's Chris Stewart and a field of more than 4000!



● **Mary Etta Boitano** runs the trail she knows so well—the Dipsea, also in the San Francisco area and one of the country's biggest events. Ten-year-old Mary Etta won the handicap race in 1973.





● Ian Thompson (left) surprised everyone in Great Britain, most of all Ron Hill, when he won the national marathon championship. Thompson, in his first 26-miler, ran 2:12:40. The veteran Hill was about a minute back.

● The water, the trees, the grass, the sun make for a pleasant outing beside this stream in New Jersey.





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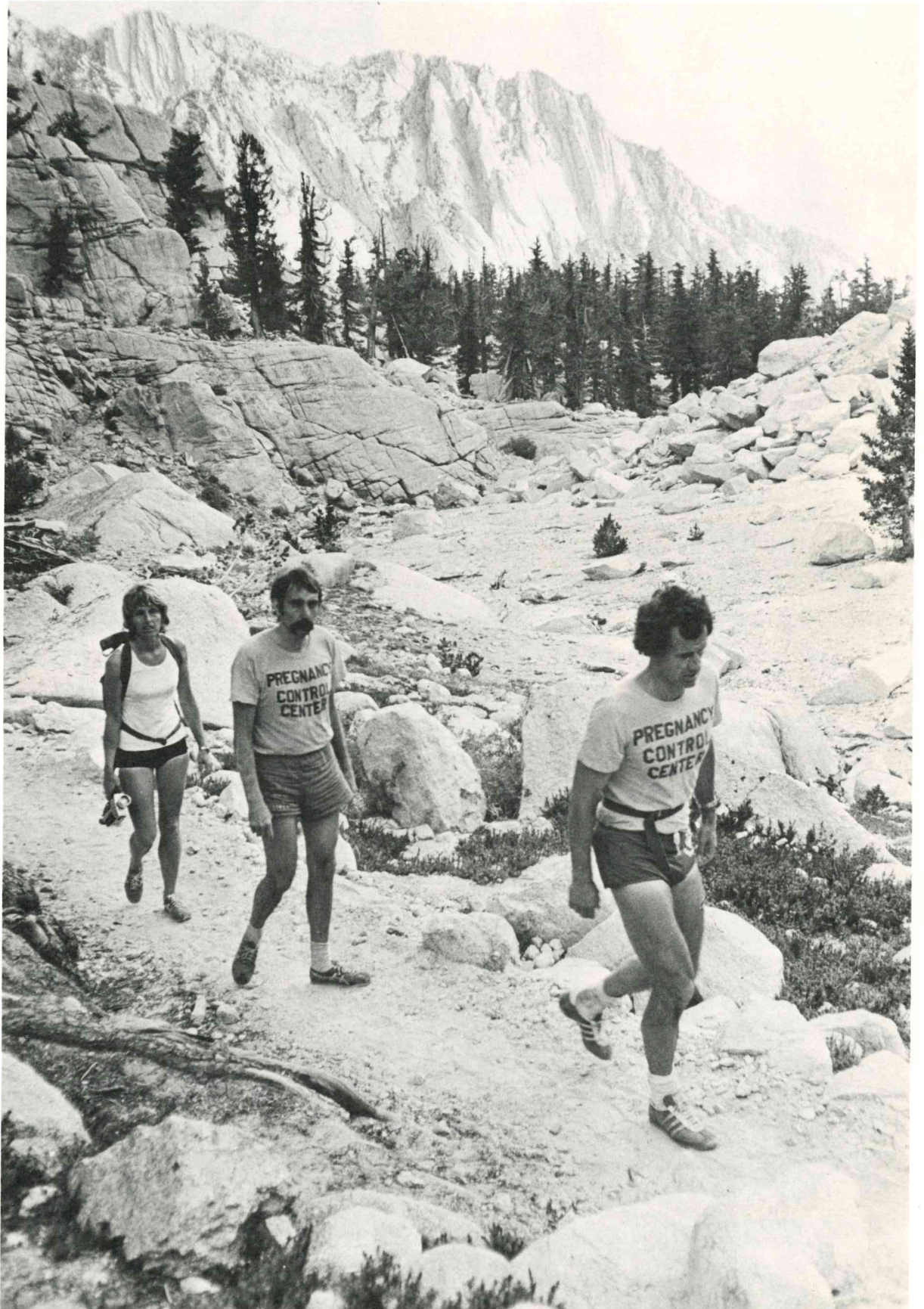
● Dave Russell (left) and Paul Reese trek through the California gold mining country on the second leg of a three-day 100-mile tour.

● Rudy Fahl (right) makes his way up the Pike's Peak trail. Fahl, now in his 70s, directs the race that climbs to over 14,000 feet.

● Nick Rose (116), Neil Cusack (obscured by Rose) and Ed Leddy (right) are among the foreign-born runners playing an increasingly large role in US college cross-country. Rose finished second in the NCAA, Cusack was fourth and Leddy 14th (after a fall). They're running here in the Indiana Invitational.

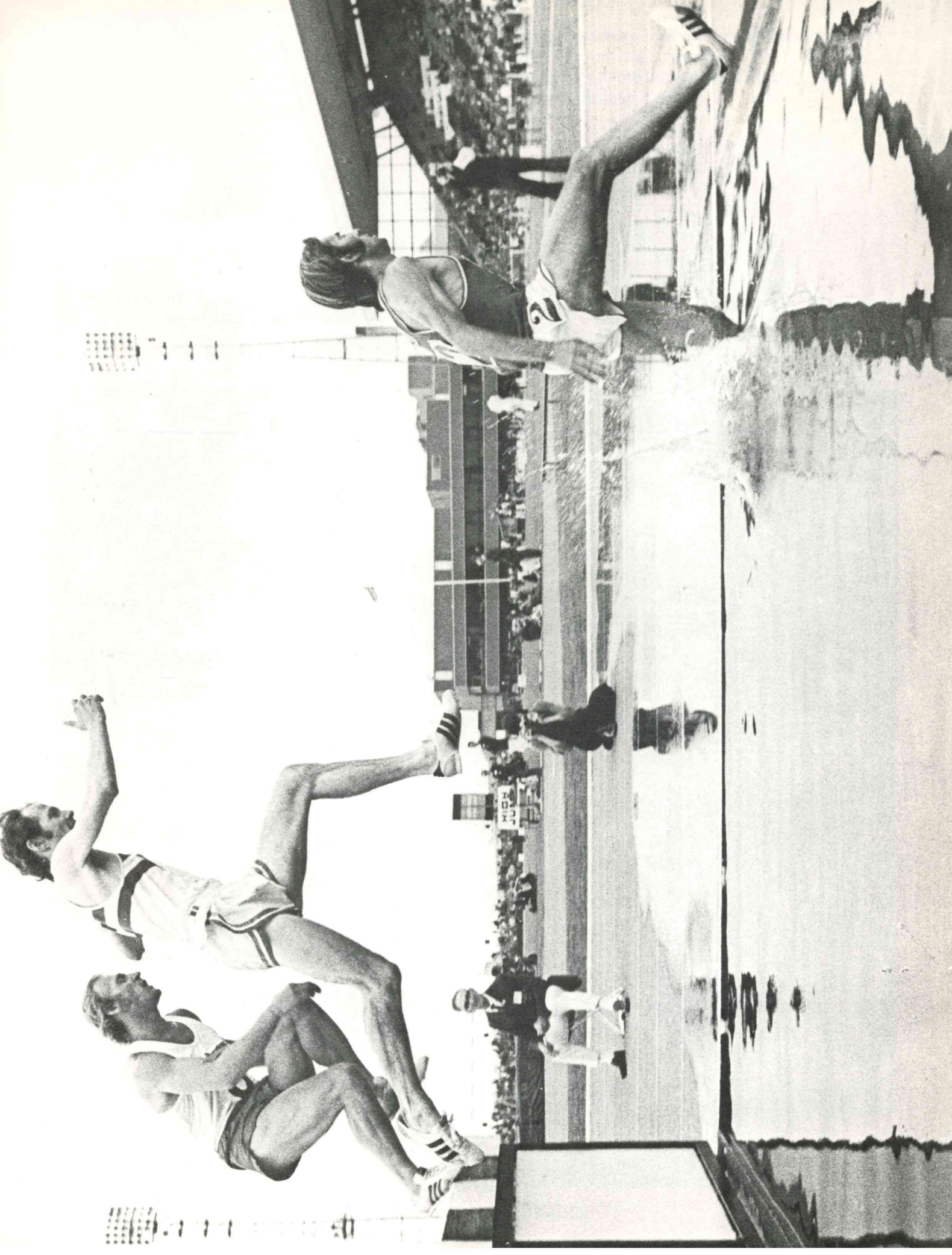


● Kenneth Crutchlow (center) and Pax Beale approach the end of their run-hike from the lowest point in the US—Death Valley—to the highest—Mt. Whitney. Elaine Pedersen accompanies them.



● The Butterfields, a family of runners (l-r): Priscilla, Andrew and John. John, a 2:28 marathoner, is a US Naval officer stationed in Iran.





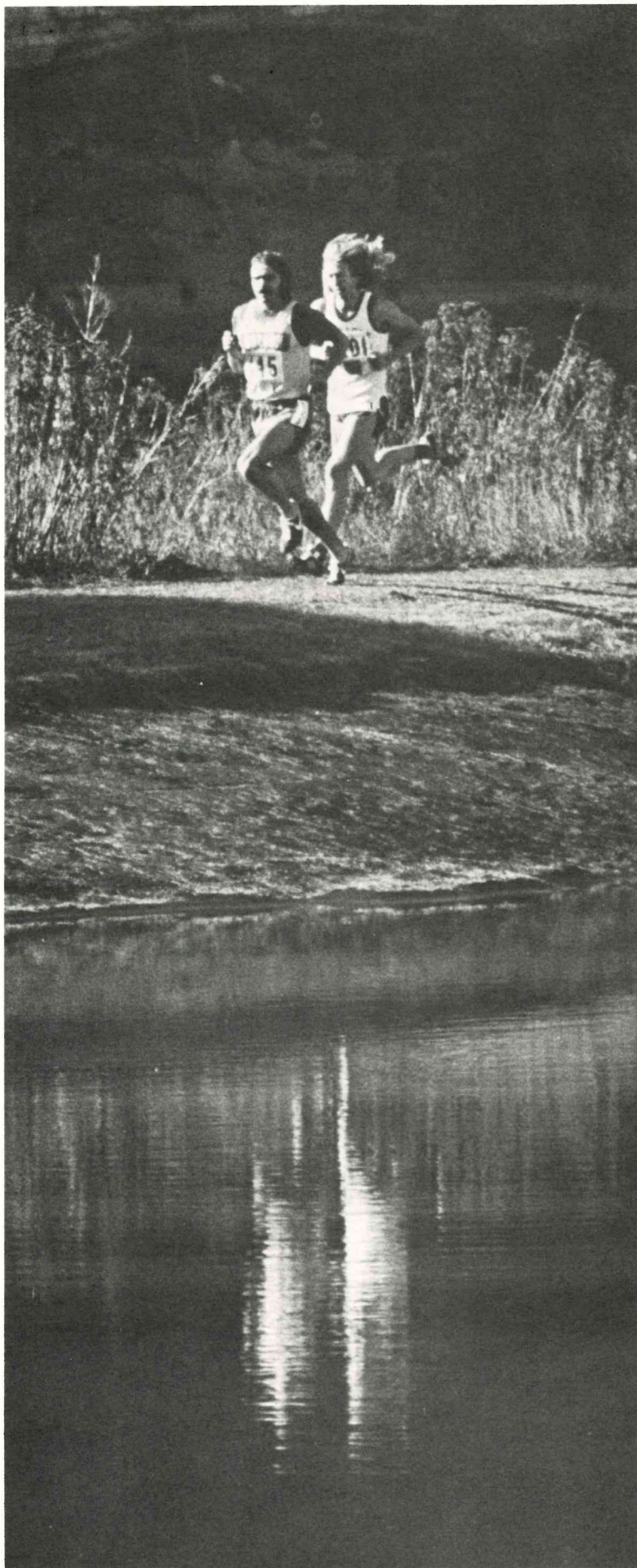
● **John Bicourt** is first to experience the wet jolt that is the steeplechaser's lot seven times during his race as he comes off the water jump. This shot is from the British Games.



● **Thelma Fynn Wright** sees where steeplechasing originated—in the mud of cross-country. Thelma leads the Canadian championship meet, which she won. Trailing is **Claire Morgan**.



● **Pam Jewell** and the bull neither one appear too concerned with the presence of the other as Pam crosses a pasture during her run in southern California.



● **Steve Prefontaine** has caught and passed **Nick Rose** in the NCAA cross-country meet at Spokane. The final margin was less than 50 yards as Pre won his third title.

● **Doug Brown** (left) and **Craig Virgin** in the NCAA cross-country race. Brown ran within a few tenths of the American steeplechase record in 1973. Virgin set a high school record for two miles. They finished seventh (Brown) and 10th (Virgin) in this race.

● **Alan Pascoe** (6), the European Cup 400 hurdles champion from Great Britain, comes off this barrier a bit in front of runner-up **Dmitriy Stukalov** of the Soviet Union. Pascoe ran 50.07, Stukalov 50.61.





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● **Nikolay Sviridov** (right) won the close European Cup 10,000 in 28:44.2 from **Detlef Uhlemann** (left) and **Karl-Heinz Leiteritz** (center). Uhlemann's time was also 28:44.2, and Leiteritz's was just two-tenths slower.



● **Neil Cusack** of Ireland and East Tennessee State University, the defending NCAA cross-country champion, finished fourth in that race in 1973. But earlier he had won the prestigious Springbank International 12-mile road race.

● Dave Holt, a British Olympian, and his American born wife Laraine greet each other after a 10-kilometer road race in New York's Central Park.

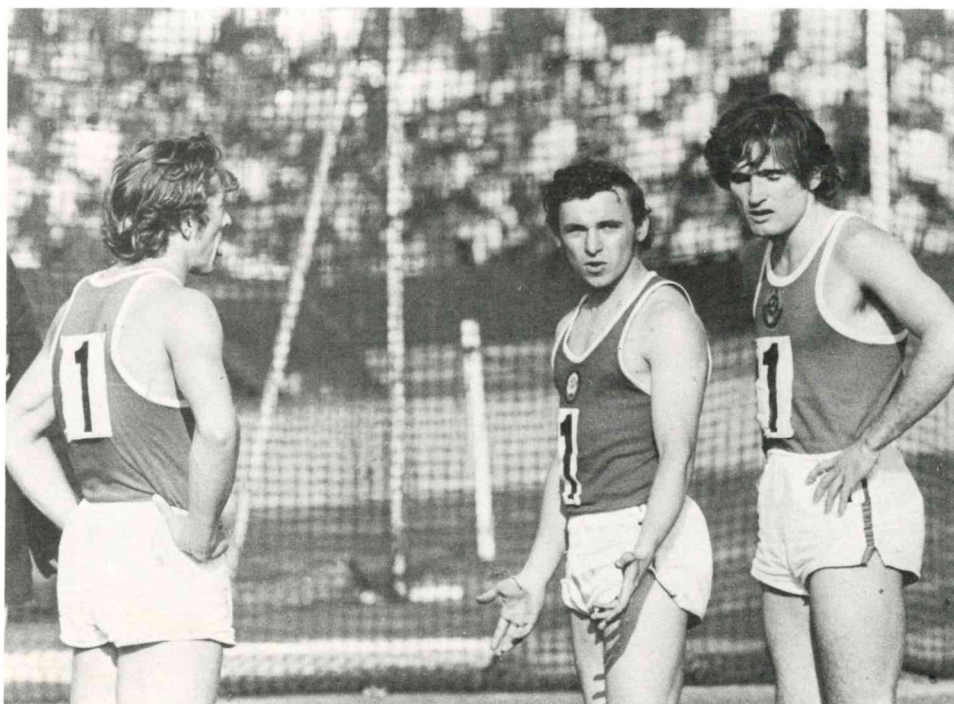


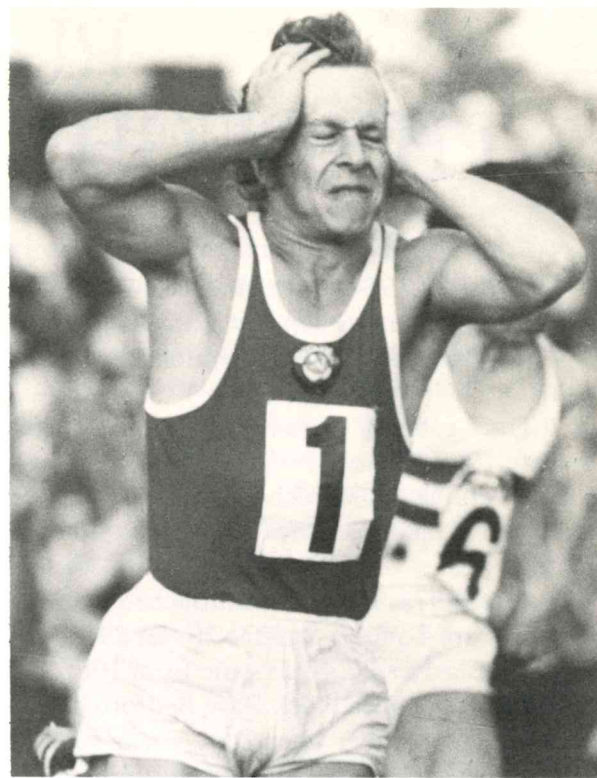
● German women start Europe's first women-only marathon. Christa Kofferschlager set a European record of 2:59:25.





- Soviet sprinter Silov is about to take the baton from his teammate Izmistiev in the European Cup 400-meter relay at Edinburgh, Scotland. Watch the baton. What happens to it is the relay runner's nightmare.





The nightmare come true is reflected in the face of Silov and the other relay men. The team (Izmestiev, Korneliuk, Silov and Atamas, left to right as they walk away) had been one of the favorites.



RUNNING THROUGH THE YEAR 1973

Not since 1964—more than two Olympiads back—has anything like this happened, this incredible streak of world record breaking turned loose by the Munich Games.

Track running times apparently had stagnated in the late 1960s and early 70s, with only an occasional mark dribbling in. Munich changed that, all the way from events taking seconds to complete to one taking all day.

After 1973, the oldest untouched world records for men are Tommie Smith's 20-flat 220 from 1966 and Ron Clarke's 26:47 six-mile from 1965. If anyone had bothered to clock Dave Bedford officially at six miles last summer when Dave was headed for his 10,000 mark, Clarke would have lost his last standard.

Coincidentally, Ron Clarke had a great deal to do with the last record-breaking surge—the one that followed the Tokyo Olympics and didn't tail off until 1967. During those years, the circumstances were similar to recent ones. Only the names of the runners were different.

Clarke finished third in the Olympic 10,000. He lost in the kick. Ron took out his frustration over the next two years by breaking world records more than a dozen times. During those years, he had a new force to contend with—the Africans. Kip Keino was the main one, but he had Kenyan countrymen Naftali Temu, Wilson Kiprugut and Ben Kogo backing him ably. At the same time, Jim Ryun was raising all kinds of hell with the world records in the 880, 1500 and mile.

The Clarke-like figures to come out of 1972 were Emiel Puttemans of Belgium and Dave Bedford of Great Britain. Both lost out in the Munich 10,000 when Lasse Viren's kicking started. Puttemans finished second, Bedford was sixth.

Puttemans immediately took out any frustration he might have had by brushing away two of Clarke's records—in the three-mile and 5000. Then in early 1973, the Belgian gardener had one of the most astounding performances in running history.

He was running on the fast 200-meter board track at Berlin on Feb. 18. The goal was not simply one but *three* world records. Puttemans reached 2000 meters in 5:00.0. One record was his. He passed 3000 meters in 7:39.2. That was two. And he finished the two miles in 8:13.2—fastest ever, indoors or out.

Meanwhile, frustration mounted for Dave Bedford. He smarted over press attacks at home over his "failure" at Munich. And he weathered a winter of injuries that kept him below his normal mileage. Then in July, Bedford raced through 10,000 meters in 27:30.8—breaking Lasse Viren's record from Munich, and unofficially erasing Clarke's six-mile record with 26:38.6 en route.

Then there were the Africans. As Kip Keino turned professional early in the year, his perennial shadow Ben Jipcho got his chance to star. Jipcho seized the opportunity early by tying the world steeplechase record in January. Two more times during the summer, Jipcho improved that mark—to a low of 8:14.0.

Jipcho's African neighbor Filbert Bayi of Tanzania raced with Ben in Europe. The 20-year-old Bayi said he still had a lot to learn about international-class racing, and Filbert's racing style led some observers to think he was some kind of nut. He went as fast as he could for as long as he was able. This meant a first half in about 1:52 on the way to a mile.

The tactic was working for him. In June, Bayi ran 1500 meters in 3:34.6—second only to Jim Ryun's record. Bayi kept winning until he met Jipcho in a mile. Jipcho won that one in 3:52.0, Bayi ran 3:52.6. Again, only Ryun had done better than these two.

Jim Ryun's 1500 and mile records survived, but not his 880. The most stagnant event in track finally freshened up during 1973. Rick Wohlhuter, another runner who had good reason to be frustrated about Munich (he fell in his heat there), brought the half-mile record down to 1:44.6 after Ryun had owned it for seven years. Marcello Fiasconaro of Italy broke the 800-meter mark that had stood since the Peter Snell era of 1962. Fiasconaro did 1:43.7.

In a year of breakthroughs, Rod Milburn erased the oldest record in the sport when he ran the 110-meter hurdles in 13.1. Milburn did that twice, and also had 13-flat for 120 yards... Renate Stecher of East Germany broke 11 seconds for the first time in the women's 100 meters. She broke it by two-tenths and added a record in the 200... Svetla Zlateva of Bulgaria clarified the situation surrounding the women's 800 mark when she ran 1:57.5. This bettered Sin Kim Dan's long unrecognized 1:58.0.

And to think it used to be assumed that post-Olympic years would be "down" years in track.

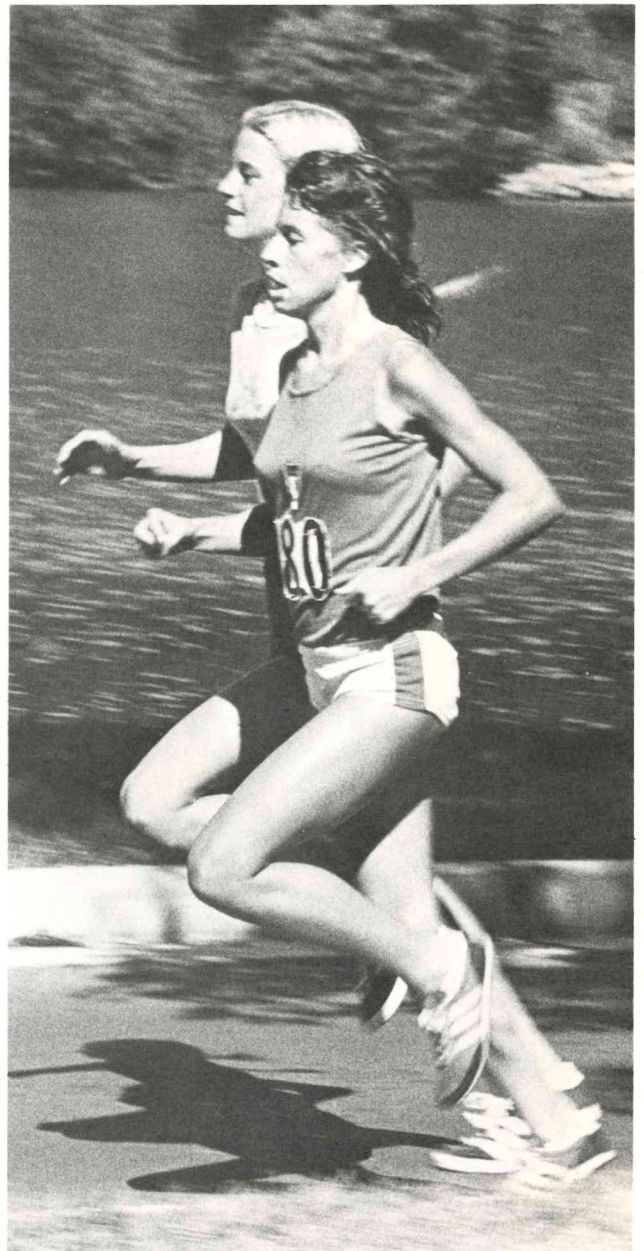
Lasse Viren is named R.W. Athlete of 1972. Ben Jipcho starts 1973 with a steeple record...

Lasse Viren (shown here leading Harald Norpoth and Brendan Foster in the European Cup 5000) started the year as the king of the distances, on the strength of his two Olympic wins and three world records from 1972. . . Lyudmila Bragina, the 1500-meter star from the Soviet Union, was the leading woman. . . But new champions were already appearing in preview of what the new year would bring. . . Ben Jipcho ran the steeple in 8:20.8 at the African Games. . . Filbert Bayi upset Kip Keino in the 1500.



Emiel Puttemans' fantastic two-mile nets him three indoor marks. Francie Larrieu runs a 4:35 mile...

Emiel Puttemans (photo on page 29) ran the two-mile in 8:13.2, hauling down the world indoor 2000- and 3000-meter records en route. The two-mile time was the fastest by anyone, on any kind of track. . . **Glenda Reiser**, a young Canadian, lowered the world indoor 1000-yard record to 2:29.4, beating 14-year-old American **Robin Campbell** by just 1.3 second. Campbell set an American record for the event. (Reiser's photo below left)... . **Francie Larrieu** came quite close to the fastest mile ever when she ran 4:35.6 at San Diego, an indoor mark by about three seconds. (She's pictured here, closest to camera, racing **Claire Morgan**.)

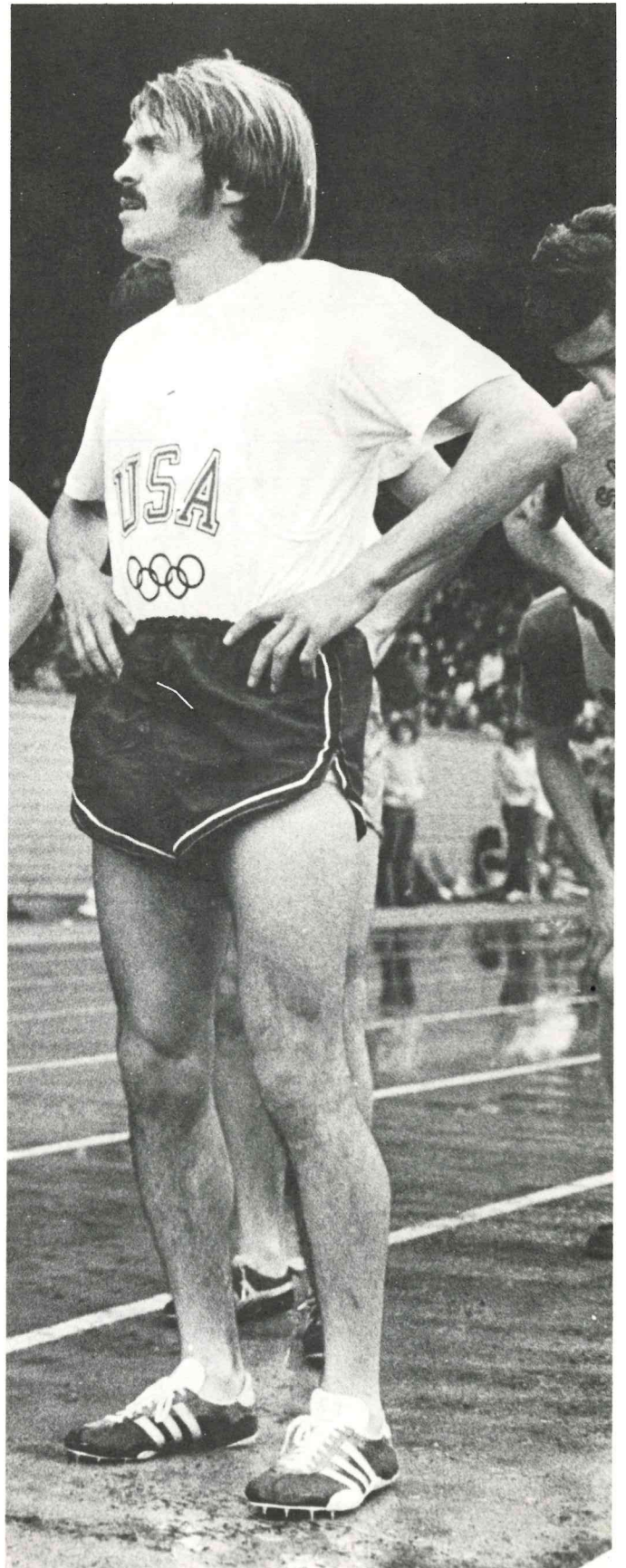
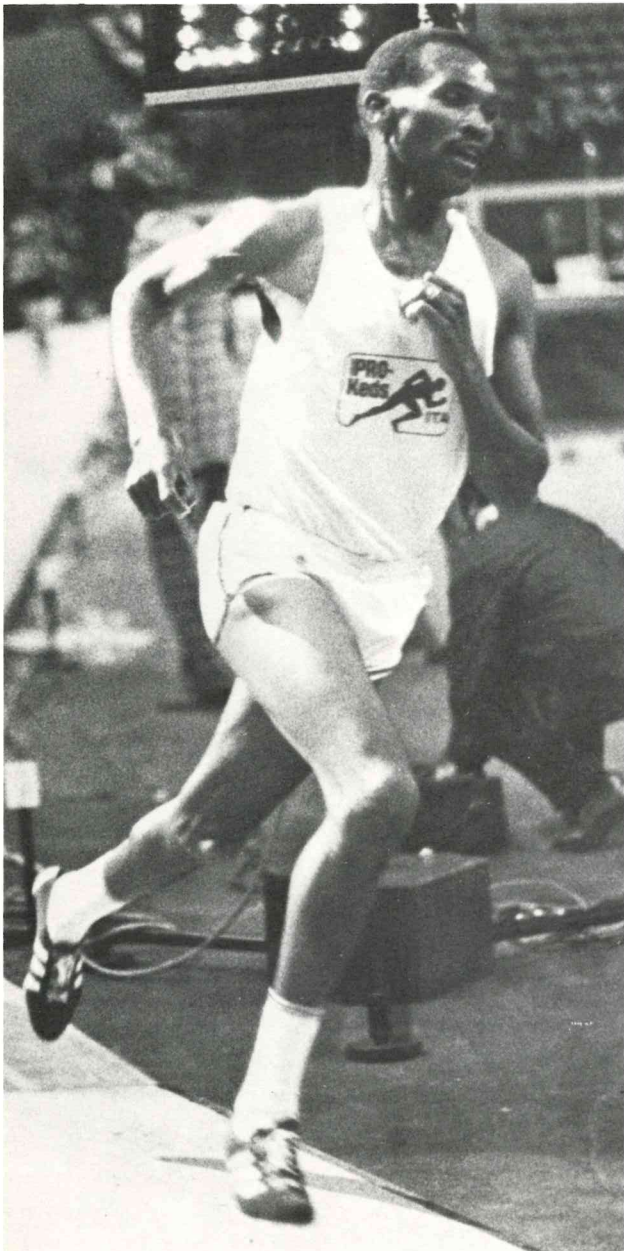




MARCH

Kip Keino joins the new pro circuit. Frank Shorter goes 2:12 in a Japanese marathon...

Frank Shorter (photo on page 31) ran the second fastest marathon of his career with 2:12:03 at Otsu. . . Kip Keino (below, left) gave the new International Track Association a large drawing card when he signed for a series of races against Jim Ryun. . . Steve Prefontaine (right) carried his hot running into the early outdoor season with an American record 27:09.4 six-mile.





Jon Anderson wins at Boston. Gerhard Weidner breaks the 50-K walk record at age 40...

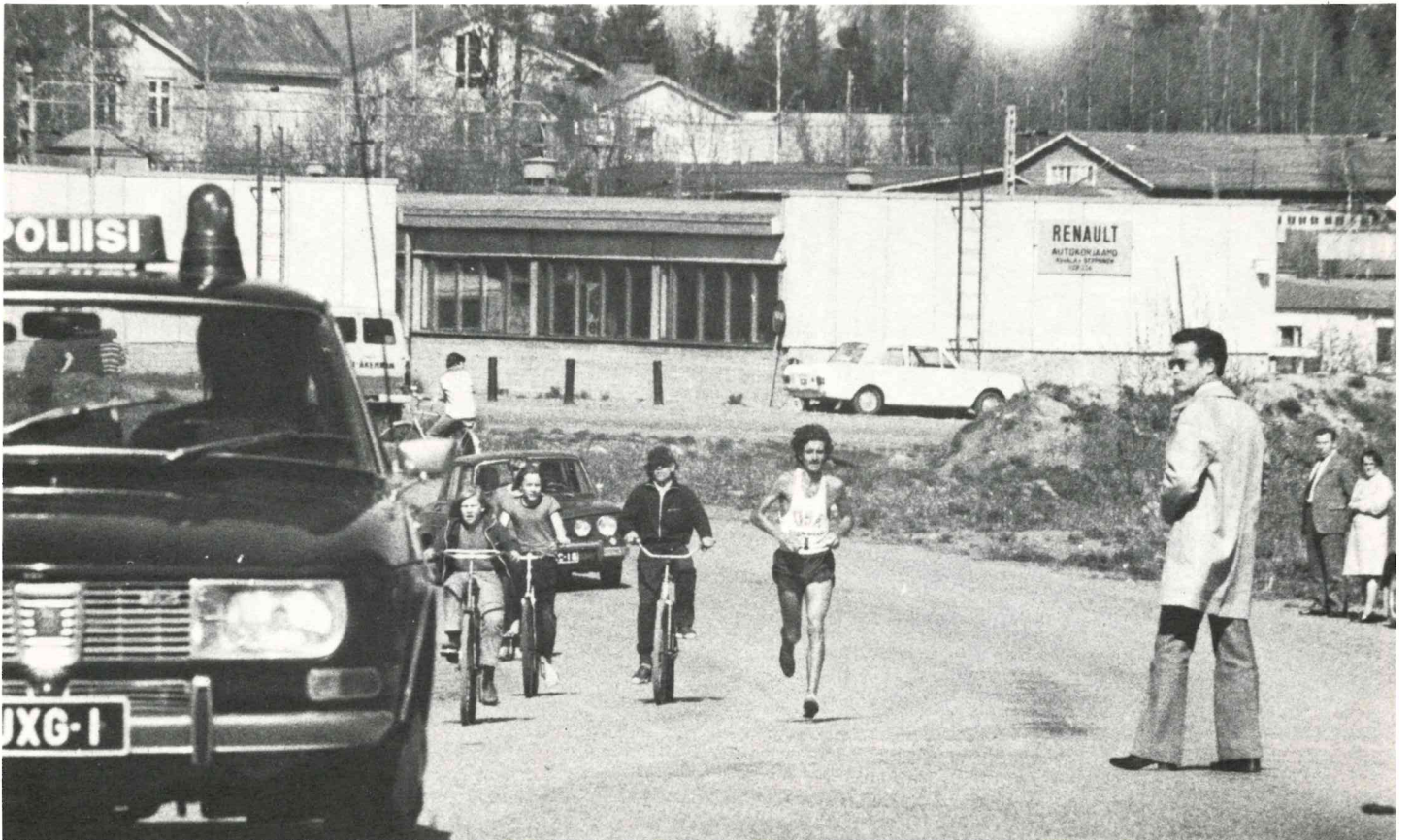
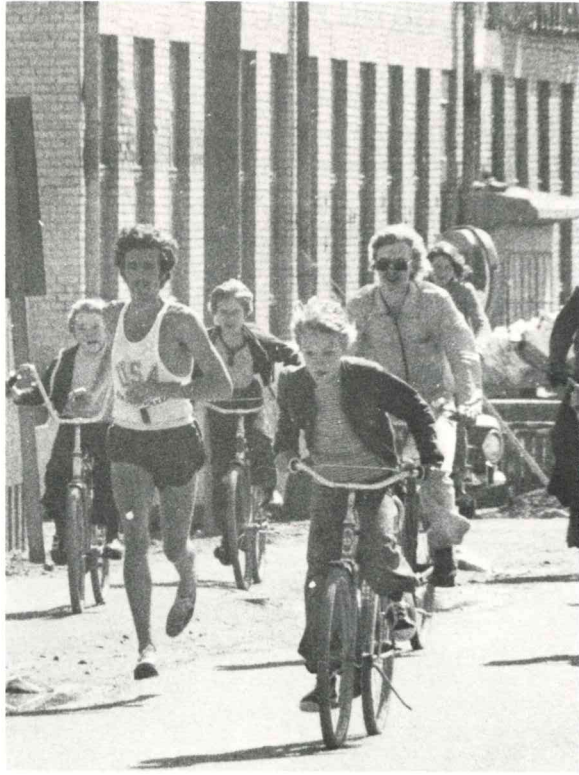
Jon Anderson (below, left) and defending champion Olavi Suomalainen of Finland were together at 20 miles in Boston. But Anderson was in control while Suomalainen was in obvious pain. Anderson won easily in 2:16:03, while Tom Fleming moved up to take second. . . Jacki Hansen won the Boston women's race. . . Gerhard Weidner walked 50 kilometers in 4:00:27, breaking world records at 35 and 40 kilos, and 25 and 30 miles on the way.



Rick Wohlhuter improves the old half-mile best. Steve Williams does a 9.1 hundred...

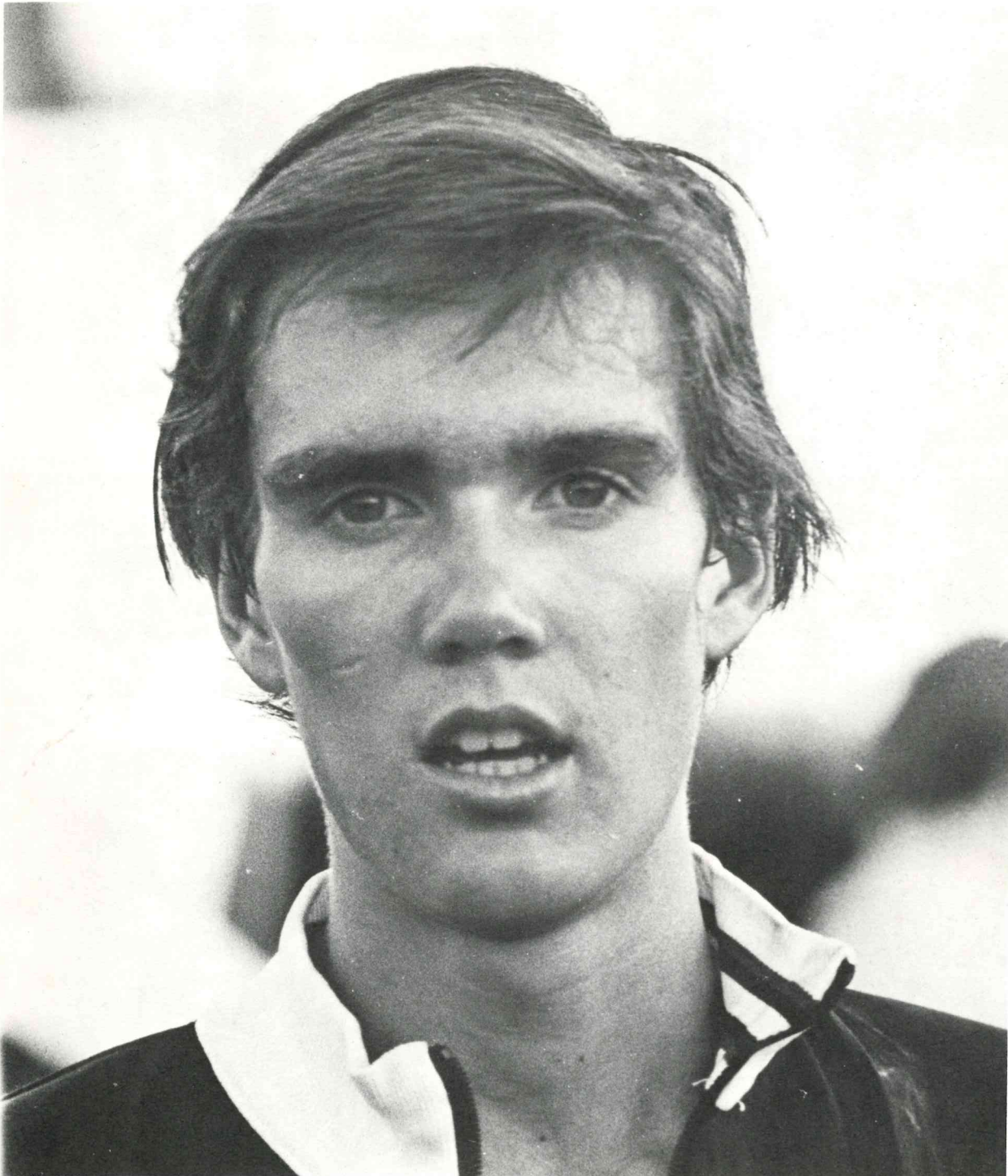
Rick Wohlhuter (below, left) accounted for the first half-mile record improvement since 1966 when he ran 1:44.6 at Los Angeles. Earlier in the month, Wohlhuter had run a 1:44.8 leg on the University of Chicago Track Club's world record two-mile relay. The team did 7:10.4, adding this mark to the indoor one they'd set at two miles during the winter. . . **Steve Williams** (below, right photo, glancing at Olympian **Chuck Smith** at the end of a relay) showed that he had the potential to become the next super sprinter. Williams tied the 100-yard record, but he appeared to have more interest and potential in the longer sprints. . . **Frank Shorter's** superb marathoning of the past year came to an abrupt end in Finland when he suffered a stress fracture of the foot during his fifth marathon in 10 months. (Photos of Shorter on page 34, taken during the Finnish race.)





Ben Jipcho, Rod Milburn, Marcello Fiasconaro, Renate Stecher lead the record assault in Europe...

Craig Virgin (below) broke Steve Prefontaine's US high school two-mile record. . . But the bigger record breaking was happening across the Atlantic. **Rod Milburn** ran 13.1 for the 110-meter hurdles. **Marcello Fiasconaro** had a 1:43.7 800. **Renate Stecher** did 10.9 for 100 meters. . .





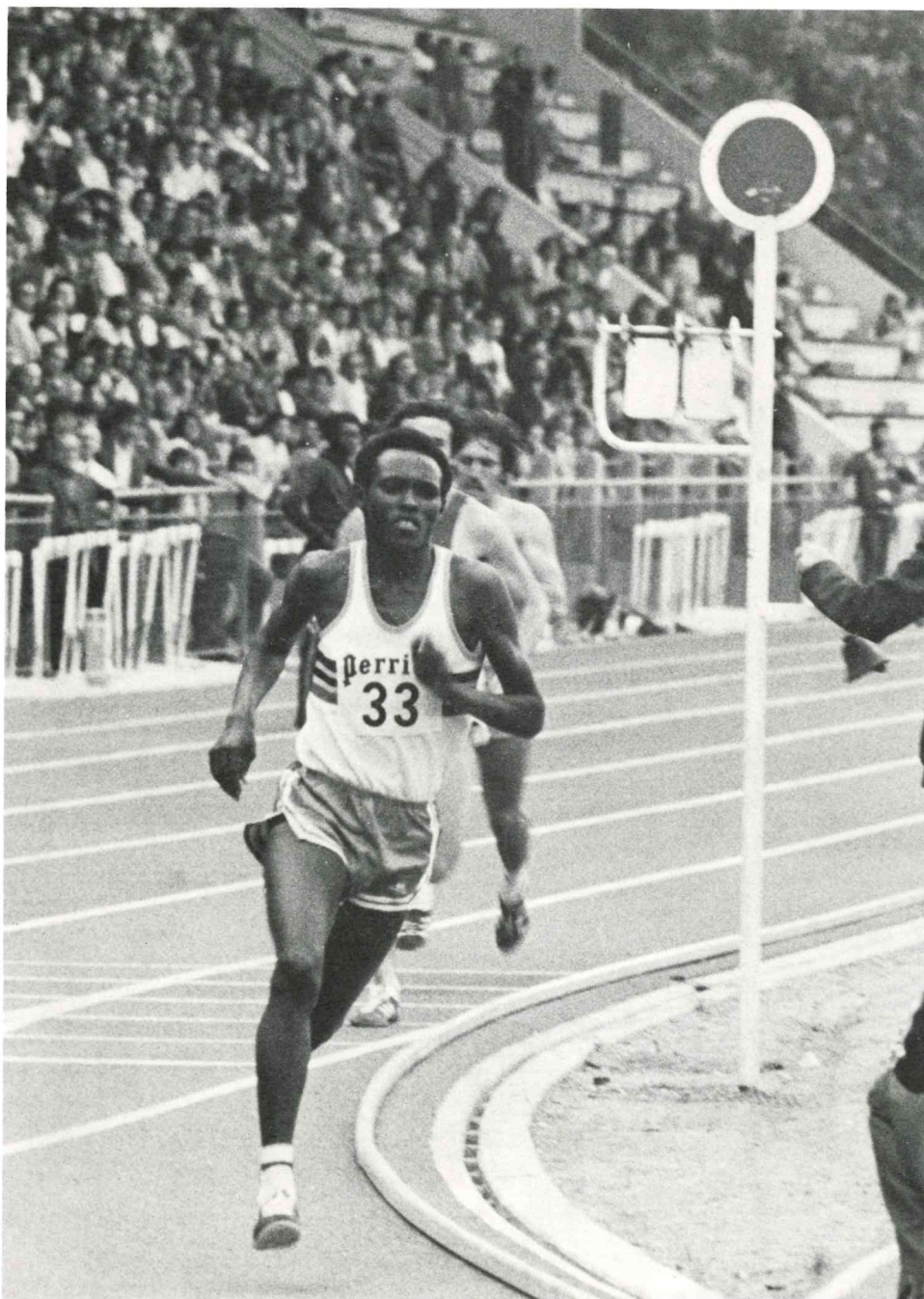
Danie Malan (previous page, runner No. 37) improved the 1000-meter standard to 2:16.0. (Among his competitors in the photo are Andy Carter, 1, and Mark Winzenried, 35.) . . . Ben Jipcho (below, right) accounted for the biggest record improvement with his 8:14.0 steeplechase in Helsinki. It was Jipcho's third steeple mark of the year. . . Doug Schmenk (right) won the US marathon title in 2:15:48. . . Steve Williams and Steve Prefontaine were the top runners at the AAU men's track championships. Williams won the 100 and 200. Prefontaine came within a half-second of the American three-mile record with 12:53.4. . . Fran Sichting sprinted the 220 in 23.2 at the women's AAU for an American mark.



JULY

Dave Bedford grabs the 10,000 mark. African milers Jipcho and Bayi run 3:52.0 and 3:52.6...

Dave Bedford (photo on next page) silenced his critics, at least temporarily, with his performance of 27:30.8 at London on July 13. . . **Filbert Bayi** (below, No. 33) set Europe astir with his bold racing, but he lost his July showdown with **Ben Jipcho**. Jipcho's 3:52.0 made him second on the all-time list. Bayi is third with 3:52.6. . . **Renate Stecher** lowered the 100 and 200 records to 10.8 and 22.1.





Svetla Zlateva and Paola Cacchi break the women's records
in the 800 and mile...

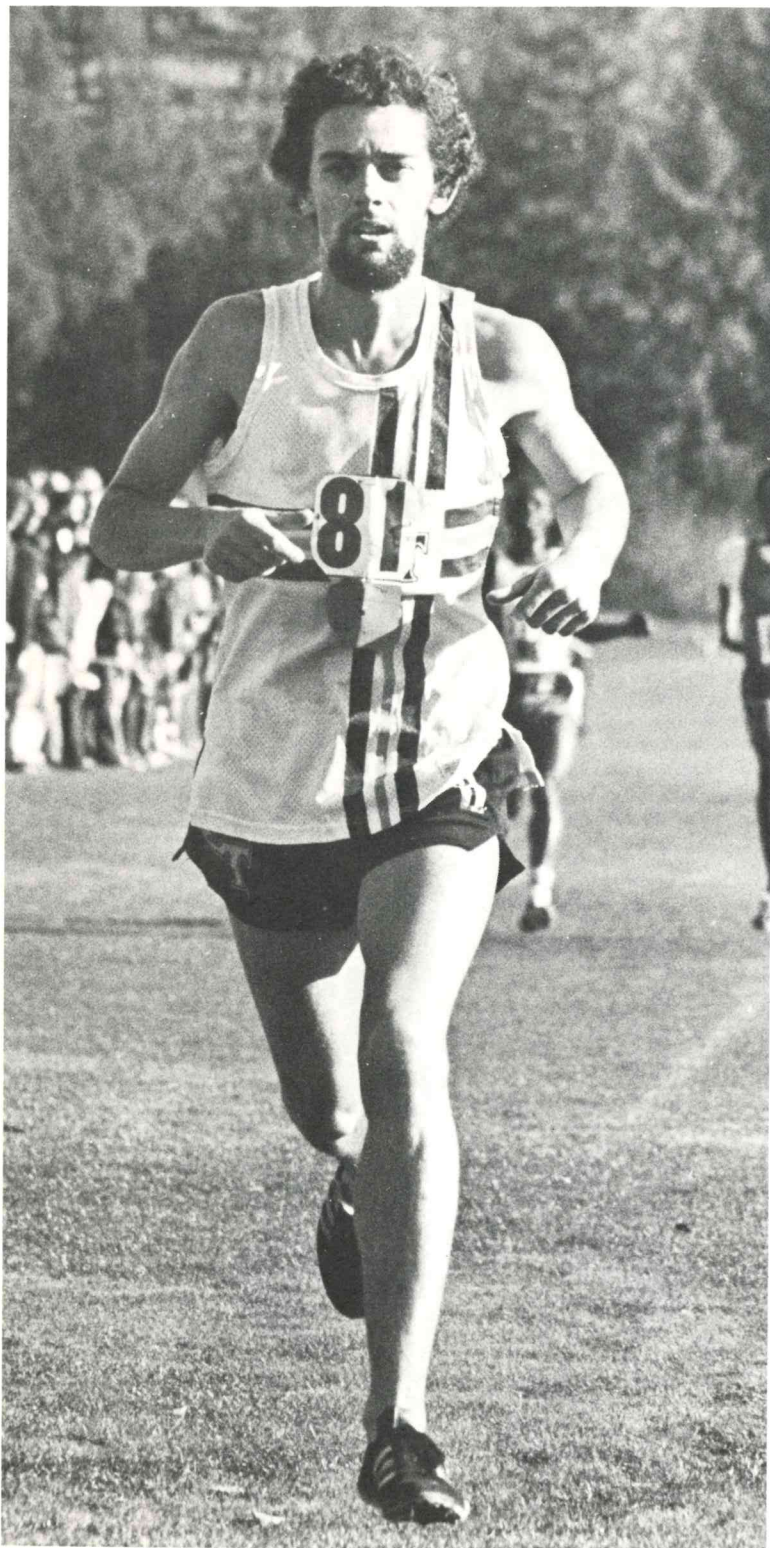
Paola Cacchi (below, right) brought the women's mile record under 4½ minutes for the first time, breaking that "barrier" by a half-second. . . Svetla Zlateva (next page, right) of Bulgaria ran 800 meters in 1:57.5. . . Brendan Foster (next page, left) shaved two-tenths from Lasse Viren's outdoor two-mile record with 8:13.8.

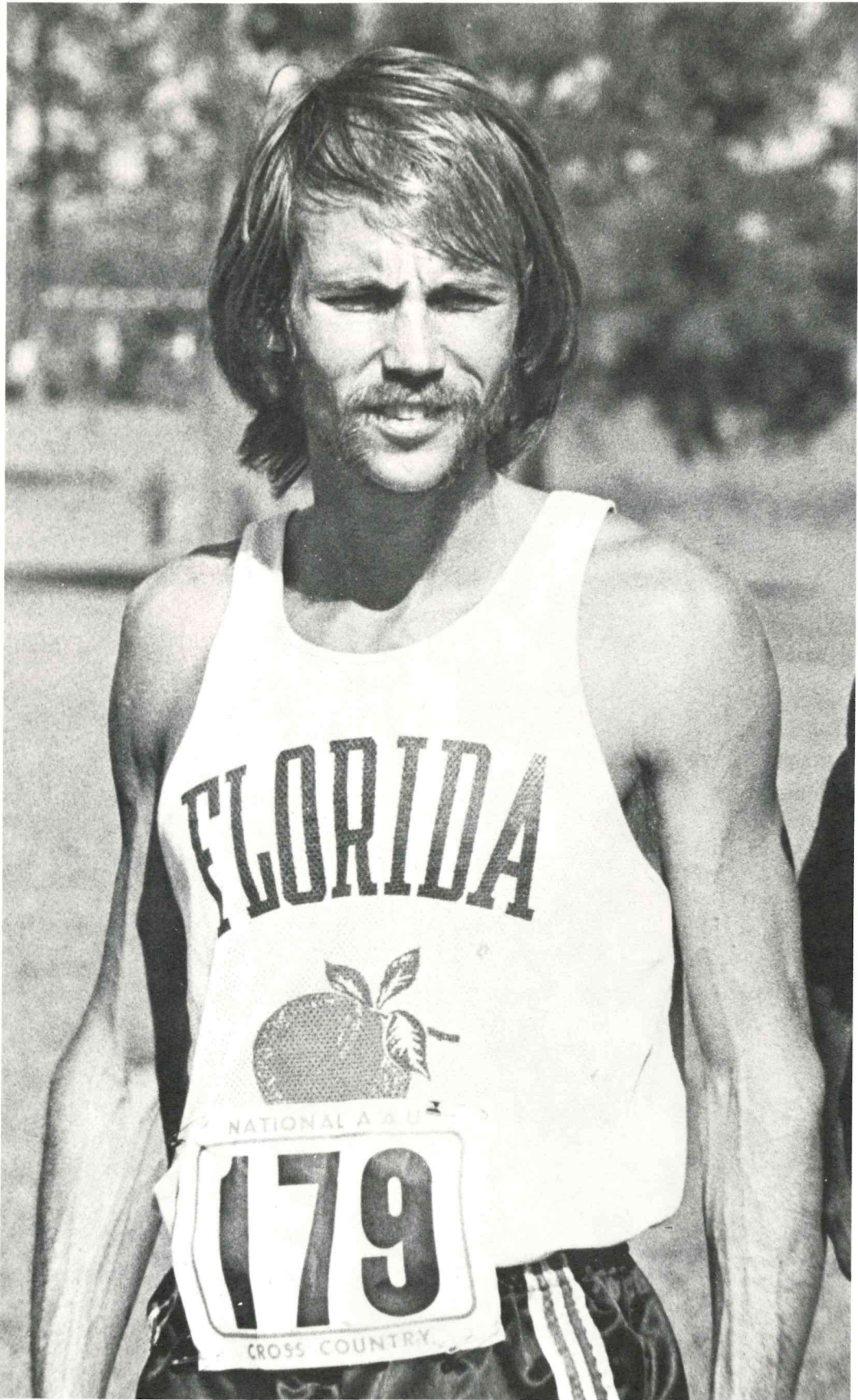




Now Finland has a woman record holder too. Mona-Lisa Pursiainen sprints 51-flat...

Neil Cusack and Jeff Galloway were winners in major road races of the late summer and early fall. . . Cusack (below) won the Springbank International 12-mile. (**Dan Shaughnessy** and **Francie Larrieu** won the 4½-mile and women's races at the same meet.) . . . Galloway (next page) led the field in the Charleston, W. Va., 15-miler.





German walkers Hans-Georg Reimann and Bernd Kannenberg claim victories in the Lugano Cup...

Hans-Georg Reimann won the Lugano 20-kilometer race in 1:29:31. . . Ron Laird (below, left) was a close third. . . Bernd Kannenberg took the 50-kilometer title in 3:56:50. . . Seppo Nikkari of Finland collected world records for 15 miles and 25 kilometers, bettering times set almost a decade ago by Ron Hill. (Nikkari pictured below, right, runner No. 5). . . The running world lost two of its legendary figures when Paavo Nurmi and Abebe Bikila died weeks apart.



Frank Shorter, Francie Larrieu and Steve Prefontaine are the US cross-country champions...

Frank Shorter (leading in the AAU race below) was something of a surprising winner. He hadn't raced seriously, and he'd missed a great deal of training, since his injury in the spring. Shorter beat Doug Brown by less than three seconds at the AAU. . . Francie Larrieu repeated as women's champion. . . Ron Bentley of Great Britain set a world 24-hour run record with 161 miles 545 yards. . . Ted Corbitt set a US mark of 134 miles 1220 yards in the same race.



Frank Shorter wins the Fukuoka marathon again. Ben Jipcho is R.W.'s Athlete of the Year...

Frank Shorter won the Japanese race in 2:11:45, his third straight victory there. . . Rod Milburn (below, No. 100) started the new indoor season by tying the world record for 60 yards. He hurdled 6.8. . . Ben Jipcho (page 47) was voted Athlete of the Year by the Runner's World staff. . . Brendan Foster (page 48) raced into 1974 during the European cross-country season.







