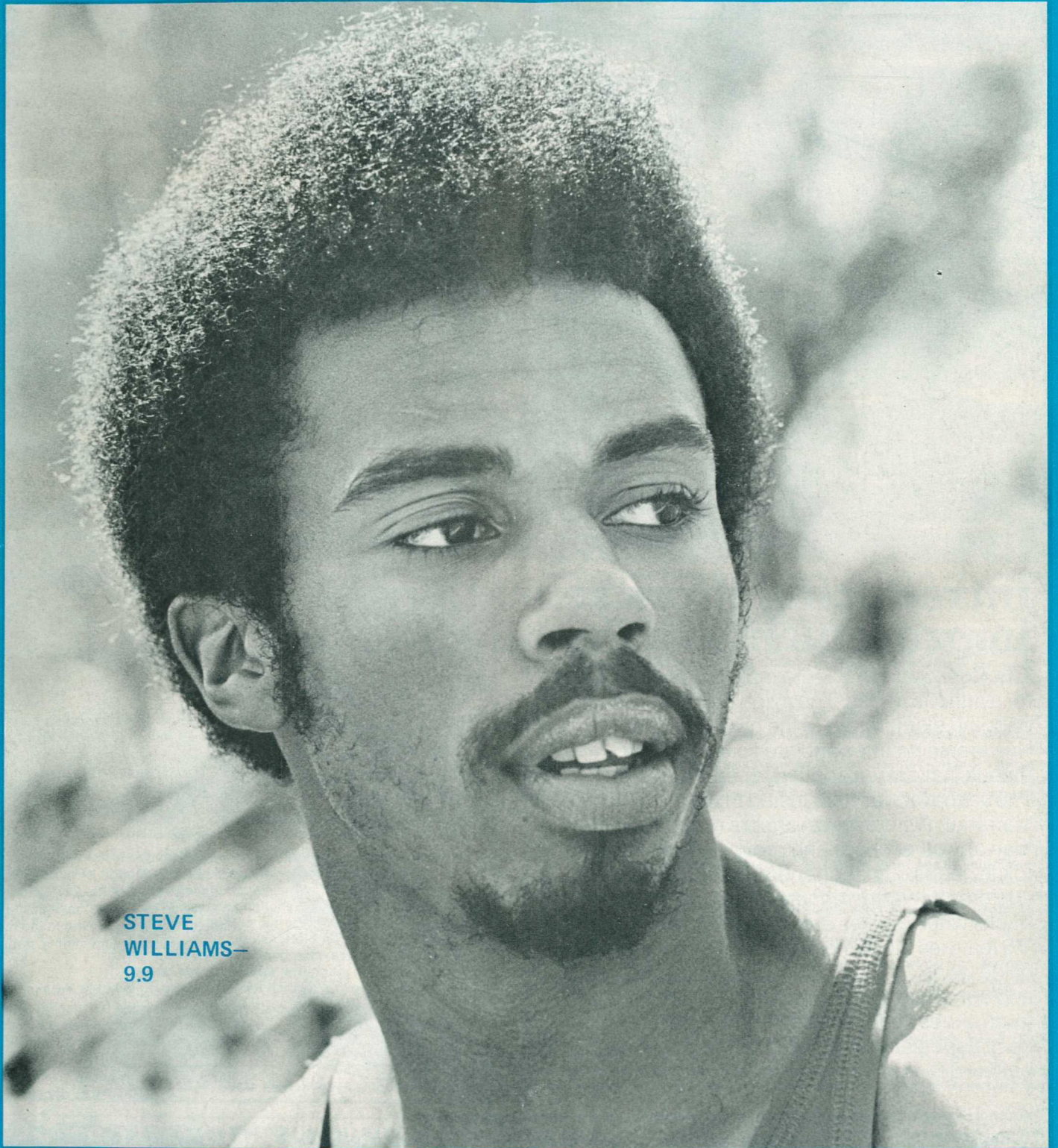


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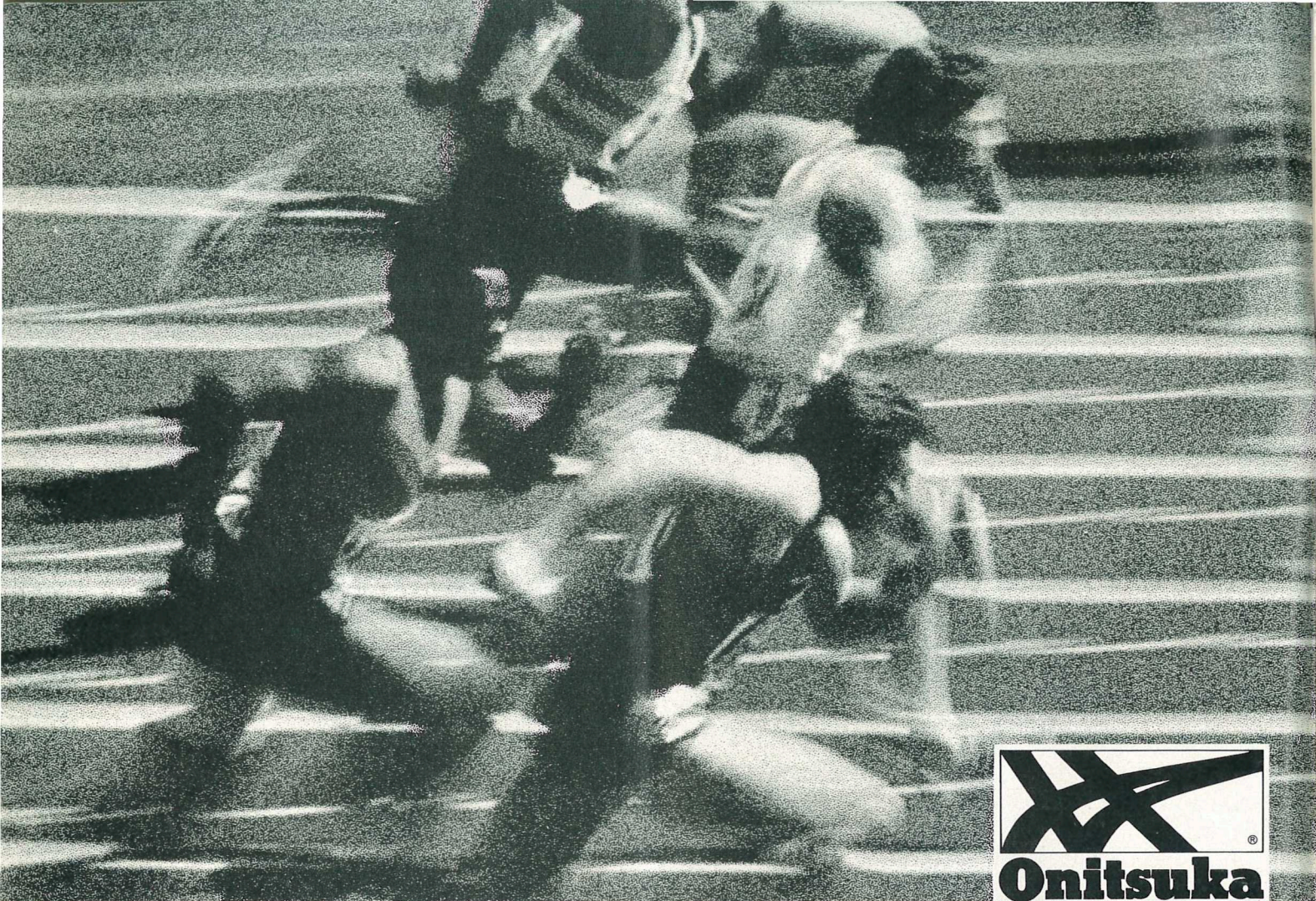
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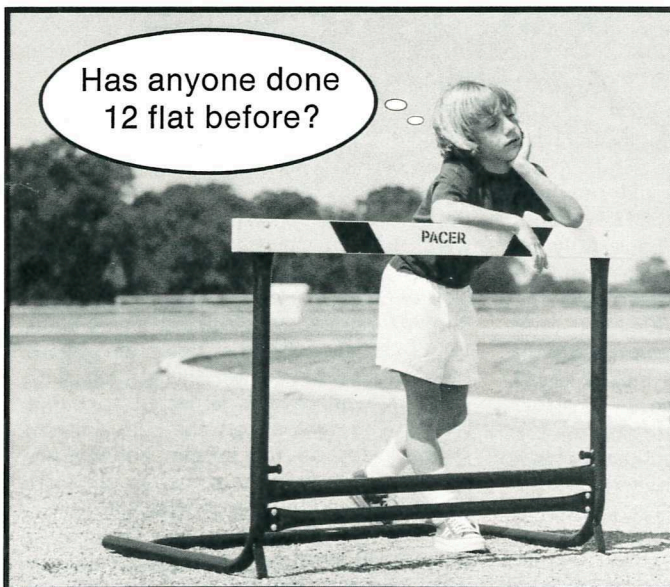
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UP FRONT

Steve Williams did it all in one AAU race—dispelled criticism he was washed up, beat conquerors Ivory Crockett and Don Quarrie and tied the world 100 meter record of 9.9. [Chip Gane]

Rick, Reggie Ramble Past Russians

from JIM DUNAWAY, BOB HERSH and PETER DIAMOND

And so did the US men. But the powerful, victorious USSR women gave overall victory to the Soviets.

Rick Wohlhuter, who predicted last January he would run faster than ever this year, continued his personal revision of the 800-880 all-time list with an awesome display of front running at the 12th US-USSR international clash.

Two weeks after winning the AAU in the equal-third fastest time in history, 1:43.9, Wohlhuter forged to the sixth-quickest clocking ever, 1:44.0. And he did it all alone, without the competition of '73 conqueror Yevgeniy Arzhanov who sat out the meet with an injury. The world record might have fallen had the two tangled.

Youthful Reggie Jones continued his amazing sprinting, first turning back new 9.9 claimant Steve Williams in the 100 meters, then Mark Lutz and Valeriy Borzov in the 200 with a victorious 400 relay anchor in between. And Dick Buerkle followed up his AAU title with a fast-finishing 13:26.2 5000 meters, moving to third on the all-time US list.

Americans won 10 of 18 individual events and both relays to edge the visitors by 15 points with 117. But the predictably powerful Soviet women buried the US women, 90-67, to boost the USSR to a 192-184 overall victory.

The only two global records came from the women. World 1500 record-woman and Olympic champ Lyudmila Bragina covered 3000 meters in 8:52.8, while the Soviet 440 yard relay quartet of Natalya Karnukova, Lyudmila Maslakova, Marina Sidorova and Valentina Besfamilnaya passed to a 44.2 clocking.

Even the rain which fell steadily the first day and intermittently the second couldn't dampen the spirit of the meet, nor the enthusiasm of Durham's fans. Over 27,000 of them turned out Friday, with 38,500 Saturday—and despite predicted rain the final day. Always a competitive meet, many observers noted a feeling of friendly competition rather than do-or-die-for-each-point as in many previous, more patriotically-charged, meetings.

100 METERS: Borzov was declared out of the 100 the day before the meet due to a hamstring injury, much to Williams' disappointment. "That takes some of my adrenalin away," Steve said. But it didn't seem to bother Rambling Reggie, who burst off the blocks with quickstarting Aleksandr Kornelyuk. Williams got out usual for him, a little behind, but by 60m was within two feet of Jones. But Reggie held that margin to the wire. "I don't aspire to be the world's fastest human," Jones said later, "because then everybody will be out to beat me." Kornelyuk simply



Jones sprints to 100 win over Williams, the first of Reggie's three triumphs.

offered, "If Borzov had run, it would have been a close race."

200 METERS: Borzov did run here and in the turn looked like the '72 version. Running very smoothly and powerfully, he entered the stretch with perhaps five feet on Jones with Lutz, a turn terror on the relay, well back. But with 80m left, Lutz exploded to the lead as Jones evened with Borzov. With 40 left, Jones inched ahead and his lunge at the wire scored a narrow win over Lutz, who threw himself at the tape and ended up on the sandpaper-rough track. "I was bad on the curve and I knew I had to fight back," said Jones. "I knew I had to put out."

400 METERS: Maurice Peoples blasted out fast, making up staggers on two Soviets on his outside by 100m. But Darwin Bond worked the third 100 hard and surged into the stretch like greased lightning. He caught his teammate with 50m left, edged ahead with 20 left and eventually won by two.

800 METERS: Anxious to avenge his only major loss of '72, to Arzhanov in this meet, Wohlhuter arrived to find his only competition was a phantom as a bruised sole sidelined Arzhanov. Running virtually the reverse of his AAU race, Wohlhuter ran right to the front and led past 400 in 52.5. And he kept it up, his 51.5 second round bringing him home in 1:44.0, his fourth-fastest ever. Young James Robinson tried gamely to stay up in the early going but faded in the last 200. "My first lap was a little too slow for a record," Wohlhuter said, "but I know I can break it."

1500 METERS: The meet's biggest controversy marred the metric mile, as young Tom Byers learned a lesson in European running. Byers, like Wohlhuter, went right to the front, leading in 59.8, 2:00.3 and 3:01.4. Mike Slack was gone before halfway. Soviets Nikolay Ponomaryev and Vladimir Pantyeley clung to Byers though, the latter on Byers' shoulder. Coming into the stretch with 100m left, Pantyeley appeared to nudge Byers, who stepped on the curb and ran several steps on the infield. Ponomaryev pounced midway in the stretch to win from his countryman by a tenth with 3:42.0.

At first Pantyeley was disqualified after a US protest, but the appeals jury later reversed the decision for lack of sufficient evidence of a foul. Videotapes of the race appeared to show the Soviet, moving out to challenge for the lead, catching Byers' trailing right foot. Byers later said, "He caught my back foot. And he hit me twice earlier in the race, too." Soviet coach Igor Ter-Ovanesyan said, "I don't think Pantyeley interfered."

STEEPLECHASE: If the Soviets won that round in the 1500, they lost in the steeple when Sergey Skripka lost an 8:30.2 win for cutting in on Jim Johnson at the last water jump. Johnson and Doug Brown traded leading laps, by prior agreement, before Brown fell heavily over a hurdle with 2¾ laps left. Johnson and Skripka battled to that fateful last jump, before Skripka zipped away to win. The infraction was a touchy call, agonized over for a long time. Ter-Ovanesyan only said, "This is a



Penny Crowell

Before the stumble: Byers leads 1500 . . .

. . . and after the fall: Spiridonov hits the deck.



Penny Crowell

track meet, not a ballet."

5000 METERS: Buerkle and Don Kardong alternated the lead through 4:22.0 and 8:48.2 splits before Buerkle moved out for good. With two laps left, Buerkle began his final surge and he sped the final lap in 56.8. He led Boris Kuznyetsov by 3-4 yards at the gun, but won by 13½ seconds, ample indication of Buerkle's finishing speed. Only absent Oregonians Steve Prefontaine and Paul Geis has ever run faster among Americans. Buerkle, who called this his greatest win ever, was later asked what he concentrates on in a race. "I think about sex," he replied, "and this race was one long orgasm."

10,000 METERS: For virtually all but the last two laps, Gary Tuttle led Pavel Andreyev, Charlie Maguire and Valentin Zotov. Andreyev took over with two left, but Maguire sprinted ahead at the six mile mark (376 yards to go). Zotov hung on and with 120 meters left, surged ahead to victory in the hot, muggy conditions. "I kicked too soon," Maguire said.

20 KILO WALK: The field hoofed together for 12 kilometers before veterans Nikolay Smaga and Yevgeniy Ivchenko moved away. They crossed the finish line together, but Smaga was given the win.

HIGH HURDLES: Tom Hill won it at the gun, leading all the way from hometown Charley Foster. With rain splashing on the track, Hill won over Foster

by the same 0.07 margin as Jones beat Williams.

400 HURDLES: Young Mike Shine made up the stagger on Viktor Savchenko by the second hurdle, but late-starting James King overtook Shine by hurdle six. Yevgeniy Gavriyenko trailed until the homestretch but made a big move and assumed command right at the 10th hurdle. His 49.6 beat Shine's PR 49.8.

HIGH JUMP: By clearing 7-2¼ on his initial leap, only his second of the meet, Rey Brown topped recent 7-4¼ jumper Vladimir Abramov and teammate Sergey Budalov. All then missed at 7-3¾.

POLE VAULT: The rain ruined the jumping, as the jumpers waited and hoped the skies would clear. Once they did, Vladimir Trofimiyenko, who has cleared 17-5½ at least twice this year, proved he is real by making 16-10 to best the 16-4 of Terry Porter. Yuriy Isakov, indoor star for the Soviets, no-heighted at 16-4, while US champ Dave Roberts couldn't clear 16-10. Trofimiyenko tried a meet record 17-7½ and had the height on his last jump but missed.

LONG JUMP: Valeriy Podluzhniy's second round 26-5 survived a late 26-4¼ by Arnie Robinson for the win as US champ Bouncy Moore could reach only 25-9½.

TRIPLE JUMP: Viktor Saneyev opened at 54-4 and that was that, although he reached 54-2 in the fifth frame. Gennadiy Byessonov was consistency

personified with his first three jumps measuring 53-6½, 53-6½ and 53-6¼. Both John Craft and James Butts were well off form.

SHOT PUT: Valeriy Voikin was also the picture of consistency as he hit 67-5½, 65-7¾, 66-7¼, 67-1½, 67-4¼ and a Soviet record 67-10½ to average 67-¼. Jesse Stuart beat Anatoliy Yarosh by 5¼" for second.

DISCUS: Dick Drescher's 193-4 led until Mac Wilkins hit 200-6 on his fifth throw for the win.

HAMMER: Some observers felt a world record might have been lost to the rain and slippery circle. Anatoliy Bondarchuk opened with 239-7; he has had a bad back and was hoping to win it on his opener. But 22-year-old Aleksey Spiridonov uncorked a 244-11 first heave to take the win. On his second throw, Spiridonov fell heavily in the wet circle and his hammer flew dangerously close to the stands. Both Soviets then withdrew. Spiridonov remains history's sixth-longest thrower with his 3' PR improvement.

JAVELIN: Wet conditions bothered Janis Lulis and Sam Colson too. Lulis predicted he wouldn't throw well as he hasn't thrown off grass, except rare occasions, in the last decade. He reached 267-11, which held up until burly Colson, who had trouble slipping on his plant, caught one which landed at 285-4. Fred Luke, fourth until his last throw, whipped 271-5 to push Lulis to third.

440 RELAY: Kornelyuk gained on Foster out of the blocks but Steve Riddick blasted the backstraight to get it all back and more. Lutz ran his usual blazing curve but ran up Jones's back. Losing perhaps four yards at the pass, Jones got that back, too, no sweat. Otherwise, passing by both teams was careful, but good.

MILE RELAY: Terry Erickson's fast opener, 46.3, put the US ahead to stay. Herman Frazier (46.4), Bond (45.8) and Peoples (46.5) merely insured the win.

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SP(a), Voikin 67-10¾ NR; 2. Stuart 66-2¼; 3. Yarosh 65-8¼; 4. Shmook 64-3¼. DT(b), Wilkins 200-6; 2. Drescher 193-4; 3. Zhurba 182-5; 4. Voikin 162-11. HT(a), Spiridonov 244-11; 2. Bondarchuk 239-7; 3. DeAutremont 220-1; 4. Gage 212-2. JT(b), Colson 285-4; 2. Luke 271-5; 3. Lulis 267-11; 4. Zirnis 267-6. 440R(a), US 39.28 (Foster, Riddick, Lutz, Jones); 2. USSR 40.02. MileR(b), US 3:05.0 (Erickson 46.3, Frazier 46.4, Bond 45.8, Peoples 46.5); 2. USSR 3:07.4. □

US Juniors Rout Soviet Youths

by J. Fred Duckett

Austin, Tex., June 28-29—They arrived in Texas for the state's first international track competition as a group of unknowns, but the American Juniors soon changed that label with a bang. The US squad won all but six events, sweeping nine in routing their Soviet counterparts 133-99. The Soviet women scored an 82-64 win, but the aggregate went to the US, 197-181.

Austin did not feature the 20mph-plus winds that marred the NCAA earlier in the month, and an unseasonable cool spell (high 70s) and low (sub-40%) humidity made for ideal track conditions.

"This is the best group of athletes—men and women—I've ever been around," said Head Coach Steve Bartold of St. John's. "They have shown great ability and superior attitudes toward everything. If they are examples of today's youth, we have no problems in this country."

Crowds were a little sparse, with 2500 on Friday and 4000 on Saturday, but they were knowledgeable and enthusiastic. University officials, led by Coach Cleburne Price, were praised by Soviet officials and AAU representatives.

Major problems were absent, cordiality reigned, and the obvious warmth among the competitors at the closing ceremonies touched many Texans, who are anxious to get another opportunity for international competition.

100 METERS: Just as in the Junior Champs, Houston McTear shot out of the blocks, with Clancy Edwards starting poorly. However, Edwards began to move at the halfway mark, caught McTear with 20m to go and edged the Florida prep in a photo-finish.

200 METERS: Running into a stiff 13 mph wind, Edwards made a laugh out of the half-lap. Smarting from having dropped the baton in the 440 relay, Edwards was out fast and never headed. "This kind of makes up for the relay," he said. Willie Smith started poorly and was third to Aleksandr Zherdev coming off the curve, but took him down the stretch.

400 METERS: Prepster Ron Harris jumped into the lead at the 110 mark, but two lanes inside him Curtis Byrd was running loose and easy, accelerating into the final straight in pulling away to set a meet record of 46.38.

800 METERS: One of the most competitive events of the meet, the two-lapper turned out to be the only individual track event other than the walk won by the Soviets. Sergey Abramov, 1500 runner-up in 3:40.8 the night before, had to fight off Mark Belger in the last 50 to win in 1:50.4. Belger trailed Abramov and Vladimir Volkov through the first lap by five meters, but began to move with 300 left and pulled even coming off the curve. Belger moved ahead with 40m left, but held that for only



Don Wilkinson

Shot victor Doupe.

10m as Abramov dug down deep to find a little extra.

1500 METERS: This was the finest race of the two days. Tom Byers wiped out all memories of his 12th-place NCAA finish here three weeks earlier with an emotion-lifting 3:39.8 victory. The only athlete to qualify for both the Junior and Senior teams, Byers was the team's cheerleader for the weekend and exacted a standing ovation from the crowd.

Following Abramov through a 58.9 first lap, the Ohio State frosh then quickly jumped in front, leading through the 880 and 1320 in 1:58.1 and 2:58.2. Abramov hung on but could never close as Byers streaked down the homestretch.

"It was great. A real thrill. Last week [second in the AAU] was the biggest thrill of my career, but I guess this tops it. The Russians did all the work, setting a good fast early pace. After the first two laps, the momentum was easy to keep. I think I could have run faster," he said.

STEEPLE: Bob Christensen of Wichita State sprinted away from the final water jump to destroy what had been a closely contested tactical duel with Janis Yesalniaks. All four runners came through the first four laps together, with Tom McChesney fading after five. Christensen picked up the pace on laps six and seven, but lost the lead to Yesalniaks heading for the final jump before his final surge.

5000 METERS: After three straight weeks of disappointing races, Rich Kimball resurged with a smooth and intelligently run 14:26.8 victory. The Soviets dropped off in the ninth lap as Kimball turned a 65.4. Kimball and Ralph Serna responded to the cheering by sprinting the last 100.

10,000 METERS: Super-soph Eric Hulst won't be 17 until November, but already he runs with the cool of a veteran.



Chip Gane

10,000 winner Hulst.

Hulst brought a resounding roar from the crowd with a stunning final lap, breaking open a close race for a 25m victory in 30:49.4. Hulst calmly trotted to the water jump to cool off before his victory lap—the other three runners needing support when they finished.

10,000 METER WALK: The US has a long way to go in this event, as Ivan Ilika and Nikolay Matveyev proved by lapping Steve Herrman and leaving Jim Murchie far behind.

HIGH HURDLES: Michael Johnson got off well and finished better to win easily. Dedy Cooper got off, eventually, and finished well for second place, overhauling Pavel El'Terman at the fifth barrier.

INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: The Americans took an early lead to win handily. Greg Eckman had the lead by the third hurdle and held on smoothly for a 51.7. Prep Richard Graybehl closed some of the gap after the eighth hurdle but had too much to make up, falling 0.2 short.

HIGH JUMP: "I thought I was going to win when I warmed up," said Bill Jankunis. "Today is my birthday and I was pretty psyched up about that." Equaling his outdoor best of 7-2, Jankunis topped Sergey Senyukov by an inch. "My American opponents are very strong physically, but technically very weak," offered Senyukov.

POLE VAULT: It took longer to jump-off the first-place tie than it did to eliminate the two Soviets. After clearing 16-1 on first attempts, Earl Bell and Kim Scott missed at 16-9, 16-8 and 16-5 before Bell made 16-1 again.

LONG JUMP: Jerry Herndon duplicated his NCAA victory of three weeks previous in this pit, although more than a foot shorter at 25-4.

TRIPLE JUMP: Always a premier

event for the Soviets, the TJ was one of only two field-event winners for the visitors. But an expected sweep didn't occur as Jerome Hutchings stretched a PR 50-7¼ to grasp second behind Vladimir Perevalov's 51-4.

SHOT: Dave Doupe and Russ Vincent had no trouble at all in disposing of their Soviet rivals, hitting 60-0 and 58-0 for an easy 1-2.

DISCUS: Junior Champ Dave Voorhees was the favorite, but Robin Earl had a great day, Voorhees a terrible one. Earl led from round one, his fourth effort 171-4 being the winner as all his throws were better than anyone else's.

HAMMER: World Junior recordholder Yuriy Sedykh showed how with an impressive 226-11 meet record to lead a Soviet sweep in the opening event. Both Americans got PRs (Gene Mancino 173-4, Emmett Berry 168-3), but neither were in contention.

JAVELIN: In a meet where nearly everything went right for the US, not only did American forces pick up their first-ever win in this event, they also swept it, thanks to the tossing of preps Frank Perbeck (236-1) and Gene Lorenzen (232-8).

DECATHLON: European Junior Champ Vladimir Buryakov made an impressive show of balance in all disciplines, winning six of 10 events in smashing Craig Brigham's meet record with a 7606 aggregate. The US entries were hopelessly out-classed.

440 RELAY: The favored American foursome did what has happened too often in past international competition, demonstrating great speed and poor exchanges. Holding a near 10m lead on the Soviets at the end of three legs, Charles Hopkins and Clancy Edwards didn't complete a legal pass and the Soviets picked up a slow win.

MILE RELAY: After a slowing 48.7 by Mark Collins, Keith Tinner, Ron Harris and Curtis Byrd all turned in 46.8s to salt away an easy 3:09.1-3:15.9 win. For all practical purposes, the "race" was over after the first 100m of Tinner's leg.

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HJ(b), Jankunis 7-2; 2. Senyukov 7-1; 3. Irion 7-0; 4. Varlamov 6-10. PV(a), Bell 16-1; 2. Scott 16-1; 3. Vostrikov 15-9; 4. Sukhoverkhov 15-1. LJ(b), Herndon 23-4; 2. Ivinch 24-11¾; 3. Zvezdin 24-¾; 4. Hardeman 25-8¾. TJ(a), Perevalov 51-4; 2. Hutchings 50-7¼; 3. Livers 50-3¾; 4. Brigadnov 45-8¾. SP(a), Doupe 60-0; 2. Vincent 58-0; 3. Kiselev 55-9; 4. Levin 51-10. DT(b), Earl 171-4; 2. Zhogolev 166-4; 3. Sokolov 160-5; 4. Voorhees 159-7. HT(a), Sedykh 226-11; 2. Trufanov 203-7; 3. Mancino 173-4; 4. Berry 168-3. JT(b), Perbeck 236-1; 2. Lorenzen 232-8; 3. Kopylov 228-9; 4. Arutin 212-8. Dec(a-b), Buryakov 7606; 2. Novikov 7119; 3. Fritts 6847; 4. Alexander 6514. 440R(a), USSR 41.8; . . . dnf-US. MileR(b), US 3:09.1 (Collins 48.7, Tinner 46.8, Harris 46.8, Byrd 46.8); 2. USSR 3:15.9.□



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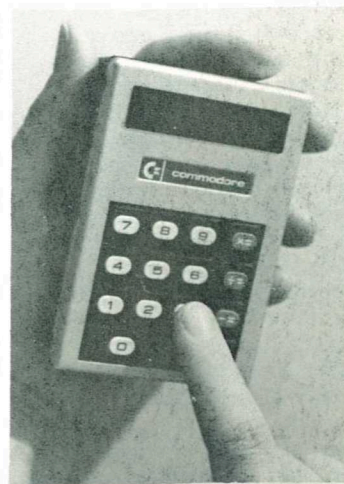
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Mix them all together and you've got a super track meet.

And that's just what came about. A super track meet. In only six of eighteen

events could the NCAA be said to have better winning performances.

So tough was the competition here that only two collegians were able to win titles, and only one was able to duplicate the title he won in Austin.

And while the NCAA failed to produce a single record-performance, the AAU saw a world-record equaler (9.9 by Steve Williams) and an American standard (1:43.9 by Rick Wohlhuter).

The Pacific Coast Club became causes celebres by serving notice that they would not compete in the US-USSR meet even if they qualified (as did several other name athletes). And qualify they did, winning the intermediates, high jump, shot and disc, among others.

The big team though, was the Beverly Hills Striders, as team-scoring was reborn. Predictably, the BHS picked up just where their old progenitors, the Southern California Striders, left off, winning the team title with little competition. In this instance, it was 76 1/3 digits, easily topping the 45 of the NYAC. /Garry Hill/

100 METERS

To the extent that the identity of the "World's Fastest Human" could ever be resolved in the absence of Olympic Champion Valeriy Borzov, the place to do it was UCLA.

The AAU was the one meet this year where all of the other obvious contenders would be matched in a championship situation. The race was the most eagerly anticipated of the meet. And as it happened, no fans were disappointed.

Steve Williams was ranked No. 1 in the world last year when he won the AAU, but this year he had lost at Modesto to Ivory (9.0) Crockett, at the Kennedy Games to Don Quarrie, and at the NCAA to Tennessee freshman Reggie Jones. Crockett had a proven record at the AAU, having scored upset wins in 1969 and 1970. Another former champ, Dr. Delano Meriwether, surprised some people by appearing at the meet in an unheralded comeback attempt, and caused an even greater stir by beating Crockett in the first trial heat, looking as potentially fast as ever. Jones took heat two and Williams and Quarrie turned in windy 10.0s in heat three, as the stage was set for the final.

After Jones was charged with a false start, the final field got off unevenly. Mark Lutz seemed to catch a bit of a flyer, but after that Crockett and Meriwether(!) had the best start by a matter of inches. The field was still even at 40, and then Williams asserted himself, accelerating smoothly and

pulling away decisively. Quarrie also ran well and took second, but Jones didn't get going until late in the race, when he moved from fifth or sixth to third.

The three watches on first place read 9.9, 9.9, and 10.0 and Williams had a share of the world record, together with five other Americans. Quarrie's 10.0 was a PR and equaled Lennox Miller's Commonwealth record. Jones, at 10.1, also recorded a PR and Steve Riddick in fourth equaled his at the same time. Lutz and Meriwether were next with PRs at 10.2 as Crockett faded to seventh, also at 10.2. (T&FN has adjusted official finish times by using Bulova Phototimer pictures.)

At the finish, Williams turned around and glared at Quarrie, then broke into a brief jumping-jack dance of joy. He attributed his success to his good physical condition ("I'm just now getting into my top shape") and his mental preparedness ("I have been psyching for this race all week. When I stepped onto the track today, my mind was clear.").

If Borzov comes to Durham, the title of World's Fastest Human-1974 will be decided July 5 at the US-USSR meet. Nobody knows what kind of shape Borzov is in this year. But Steve Williams is ready. /Bob Hersh/

FINAL(6/21, 2.9): 1. Steve Williams (SD St) 9.9 =WB, =WAR, =AR, =CR; 2. Don Quarrie' (BHS) 10.0; 3. Reggie Jones (Tenn) 10.1; 4. Steve Riddick (Norf St) 10.1; 5. Mark Lutz (Kans) 10.2; 6. Delano Meriwether (SITC) 10.2; 7. Ivory Crockett (PPC) 10.2; 8. Harold Williams (SD St) 10.3; 9. Norbert Payton (BAS) 10.3.

HEATS(6/21, 3 qualify): (15,1)-1. Meriwether 10.2; 2. Crockett 10.2; 3. Riddick 10.3; 4. McFarland (UCTC) 10.3. 11(3,2)-1. Jones 10.3; 2. Lutz 10.3; 3. Payton 10.4;

4. Goodrich (UCTC) 10.4. 11(6,3)-1. S.Williams 10.0; 2. Quarrie' 10.0; 3. H. Williams 10.1; 4. Houston McTear (Fla HS) 10.2.

200 METERS

Just how much effect the 9.9 100 meters of the previous night had on the fans' anticipation of the 200 is problematical, but the talk of a possible half-lap best buzzed through the stands Saturday.

But a pesky headwind, and a saddening injury, nixed it all. Still, Don Quarrie won easily, literally resting on his heels, in 20.5 as NCAA champ James Gilkes again blazed the stretch to best Reggie Jones and Steve Williams for second.

Quarrie looked easy in his heat, seeming to hardly work. Gilkes was similarly unpressed in the second heat. Larry Black was off well, ahead of Gilkes, but halfway through the turn crashed to the track, his Achilles tendon snapped. He underwent surgery the following day and his future must be considered in serious doubt. Williams and Jones were also unpressed qualifiers, although Williams was somewhat back entering the stretch. Once he got unwound, though, it was clear sailing.

Even without Black, the final field was loaded, understandably fueling the record talk. Last year's runnerup Mark Lutz joined the other big names. Quarrie himself false started once, but once a rather quick gun sent the field away, it was Don's race.

Running the turn hard, he got a lead and never lost it. He bucked a 1.4mph breeze in the stretch and some five yards from the wire, visibly down-shifted and glanced over his left shoulder at the fast-closing Gilkes. Still, Quarrie ran 20.5 and we will forever wonder what might have happened if it had been a calm night but stiff competition.

"Since we were running against the wind, I went into the race thinking only of winning," Quarrie said later. "I looked back because I run well but nobody says much about it, so I figure that once a year I'm entitled to do something like that." /Jon Hendershott/

FINAL(6/22, -1.4): 1. Don Quarrie' (BHS) 20.5; 2. James Gilkes' (Fisk) 20.7; 3. Reggie Jones (Tenn) 20.7; 4. Steve Williams (SD St) 20.7; 5. John Pettus (SF St) 21.1; 6. Mike McFarland (UCTC) 21.1; 7. Louis Wilson (Ft Mac) 21.1; 8. Mark Lutz (Kans) 21.1; . . . dnf—Vince Breddell (SJ St).

HEATS(6/22, 3 qualify): 1-1. Quarrie' 20.8; 2. Lutz 20.9; 3. McFarland 21.1; 4. Wardell Gilbreath (Ariz) 21.2; 5. Delano Meriwether (SITC) 21.3. 11-1. Gilkes 20.9; 2. Pettus 20.9; 3. Wilson 21.2; . . . dnf—Larry Black (NCC). 11-1. Williams 21.1; 2. Jones 21.2; 3. Breddell 21.4; 4. Mike Goodrich (UCTC) 21.5.

400 METERS

Ifs. The world is full of them. If only "pro" Larence Jones had been able to run, then Maurice Peoples would have had a solid chance to confirm his credentials as the No. 1 US one-lapper of the year.

As it is, Peoples' early-season loss to Jones at the Texas Relays will have to go unavenged, but powerful Maurice served ample notice here that he was in fine



Steve Williams ends his 9.9 dash with a backward glance at his pursuers (l-r): Crockett, Meriwether, Jones, Lutz, Quarrie and Riddick.

Williams: He Came to Run

Steve Williams was sweating, balancing on one leg pulling on his orange sweat pants and trying to accept the congratulations of friends, other athletes and admirers all at the same time.

He got his balance long enough to yank his pant leg over his shoe and then sat down on the pink Tartan of UCLA's Drake Stadium. A few feet away was a white line, the 100-meter starting line.

A few minutes before he sat down, Williams had crouched behind that line along with eight other sprinters; 9.9 seconds after the starting gun, Williams took the tape first in the AAU 100 meters in the equal-fastest legal time ever run.

He was happy now, hyped and talking fast. And he made it clear that crouching on that line, he was a man with a mission: "I was going to win this race or I was going to die trying."

There were any number of reasons for Williams' determination. He ranked first world-wide in both dashes last year. He was the latest claimant to a 9.1 100 yards, matching the global best. Those accomplishments had earned him the fabled tag of "world's fastest human."

But late this spring, he lost his share of the world mark when Ivory Crockett blazed nine-flat. He lost three consecutive races: to Crockett at Modesto, to Don Quarrie at Berkeley and to freshman flash Reggie Jones at the NCAA. Plus in mid-May he strained a left quadricep

muscle. He couldn't run like the Steve Williams of old.

But Williams only mentioned the injury. "I was hurt and this was the first chance that I had to pay everybody back all in one shot. I kept hearing I was an old man at 20, all washed up.

"I knew all along that as soon as I could come back from this injury, I'd be okay. Like in our first race, both Crockett and I ran 9.2. I was hurt bad at Modesto; I don't really think anyone believed the pain I went through in that race.

"Then at Berkeley, the pain was worse than Modesto. At the NCAA, I was still hurting. I might have won over Jones if I had leaned at the tape—but then I might have been out a leg.

"I kept losing by inches with consistent times every race so I knew just as soon as my leg got healthy, I could run like always. But I was still mad. Like after the NCAA, Harold Williams said to me, 'Hey, you know you're injured. You're not getting slaughtered, you've been losing by inches, so what else can you ask for being injured?' He really helped me keep my head together.

"All that 'world's fastest human' jazz doesn't mean anything to me. It's an unrealistic term and has never meant anything to me. I just came here with my lane, my blocks and my two healthy legs and I came to run."

And run he did. It was prophetic that

he sat so near the starting line as he spoke. Williams' start was excellent compared to his former late getaway and put him right in the thick of the fight—until about 80 yards when he edged ahead to go into the string a yard ahead of fast-closing Quarrie.

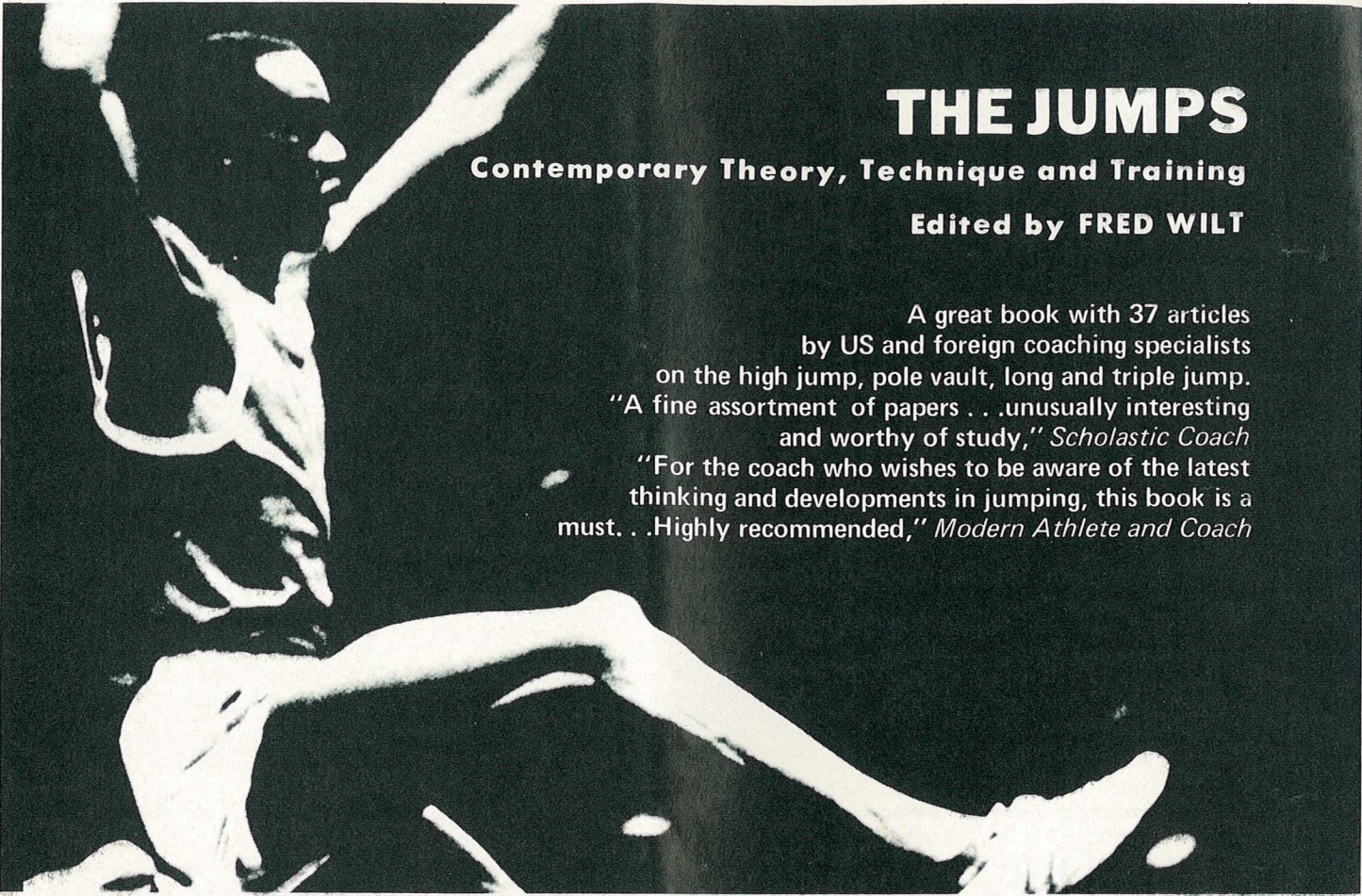
"My start was fair," Williams estimated. "No one left me, but I didn't get out first. I was under control. I would be satisfied with that kind of start regularly. I've worked on it, but I haven't had the chance until today to display it. The injury wouldn't let me pop off the blocks."

And how did he start en route to his 9.9? "I exploded off the blocks."

Williams was happy to be ahead to stay by the 100 yard mark. "It was great to be ahead," he smiled. He wasn't looking for anyone when he turned several strides out from the tape to look at the trailing field. "If I had been looking for anyone in particular I would have turned the other way, for Crockett." After crossing the line, he threw an arm aloft in acknowledgement of his triumph. As he turned to face back up the path of his glory, he gave a palms-up, matter-of-fact shrug. A victory jig followed.

But it was all a cover of that prime driving ingredient: "I was determined.ined.

"I am healthy and when I'm healthy, my mind is ready to run. If I'm not healthy, I question myself. So when I'm healthy, I'm always ready to go." *[Jon Hendershott]*



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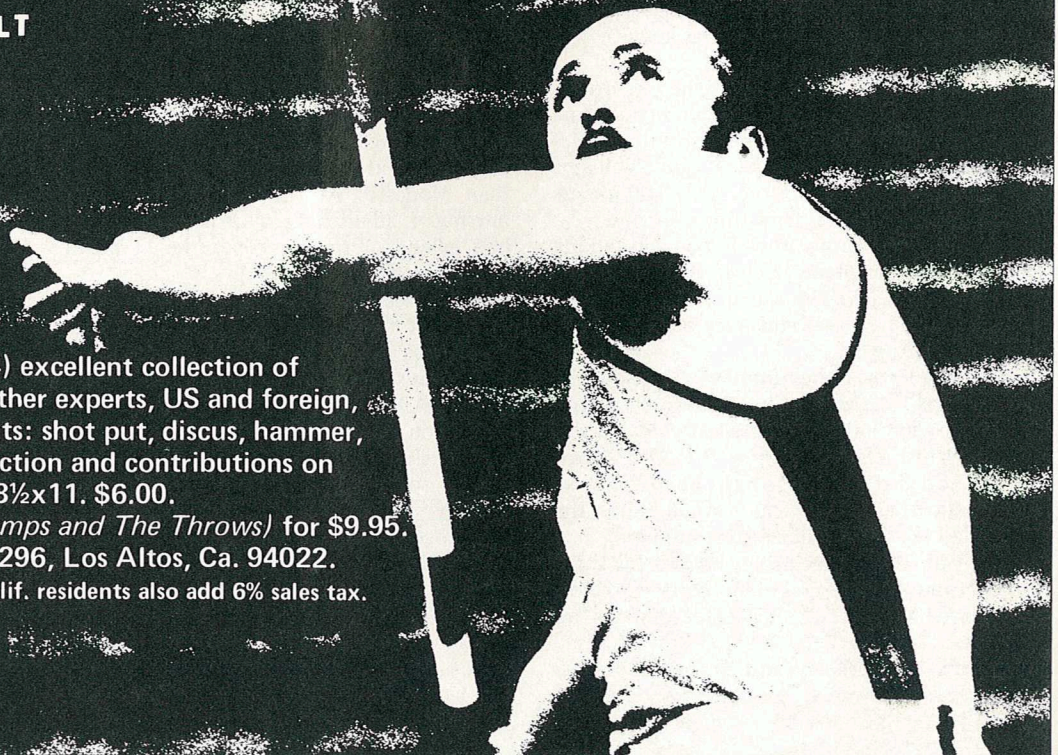
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Stan Pantovic

Smiling Peoples defends 400 title.

fighting fettle. Comparatively speaking, he beat runner-up Darwin Bond by 0.4, Jones's margin over him being only 0.1 in the NCAA.

Bond and surprising Terry Erickson were at the fore as the pack swept out of the final turn, but out in lane 7 Maurice was making his move. "I went out a little slow," he offered, "a little slower than I wanted. But I figure that if I'm anywhere near at the turn—and I was still strong—from that point on it's mainly execution."

Execute he did, utilizing long powerful strides in gliding to a seasonal-best 45.2 in successfully defending the title he won last year. "I haven't any idea what my time was," he said immediately after the race, "but I know it was good enough to win." Only twice in his career has he run faster—each of those were good for national titles also.

Meanwhile, Tennessee's Bond became a double (NCAA/AAU) runner-up, narrowly holding off Erickson, 45.6-45.7. Erickson, a senior from Southern Illinois who was fourth at Austin, began his assault on the top ranks by leading the qualifying rounds with a PR 45.5. His third-place is the highest in this event by a caucasian

since Bob Frey turned the trick in 1966.

The big moment in the second heat, won by Peoples, came when oft-injured Maxie Parks pulled up lame. Off to one of his usual non-blazing starts, Parks jogged to a halt after the first 110. James Redd did likewise in the middle of the final turn. /Garry Hill/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Maurice Peoples (DCS) 45.2; 2. Darwin Bond (Tenn) 45.6; 3. Terry Erickson (Sn III) 45.7; 4. Herman Frazier (PPC) 46.0; 5. Benny Brown (UCLA) 46.0; 6. Curtis Mills (PPC) 46.2; 7. Fred Sowerby' (SITC) 46.2; 8. Stan Vinson (En Mich) 46.4.

HEATS(6/21, 4 qualify): 1-1. Erickson 45.5; 2. Bond 46.0; 3. Brown 46.4; 4. Frazier 46.6; 5. Mike Singletary (SCC) 46.8. 11-1. Peoples 46.0; 2. Sowerby' 46.1; 3. Vinson 46.2; 4. Mills 46.8; 5. Don Sturgal (Tex) 47.3; . . . dnf—Maxie Parks (UCLA) & James Redd (SD St).

800 METERS

A determined Richard Wohlhuter narrowly missed Marcello Fiasconaro's 1:43.7 world record. Rick's 1:43.9 rates as the equal-third fastest two-lapper ever.

After Wohlhuter won a quick 1:46.6 heat, his opposition seemed confined to loping Keith Francis of Boston College and powerful John Walker of New Zealand, himself a 1:44.9 performer. The UCTC ace was unworried entering the final: "I was very confident about the race. I felt all I had to do was get out and get going."

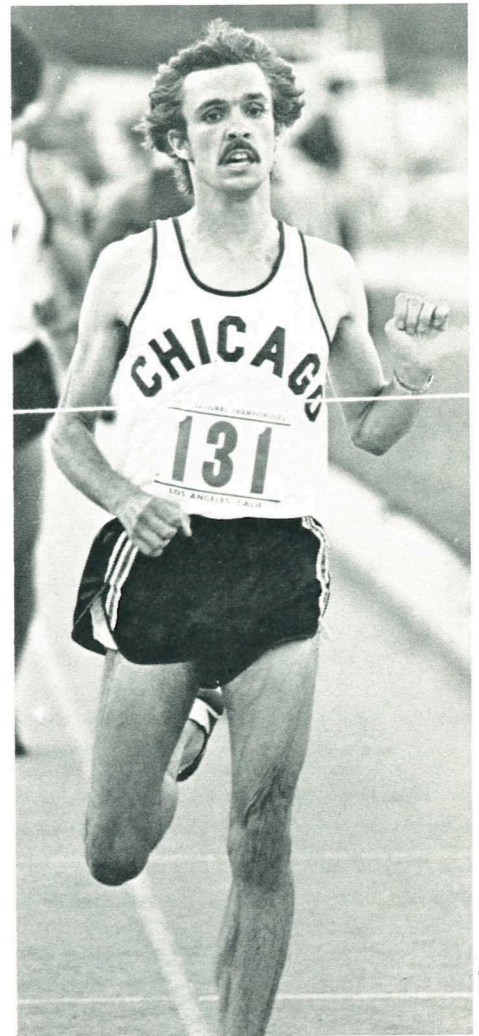
At first, however, it looked as if no one wanted to get going. Wohlhuter got a mediocre start, and the field seemed content to settle into a strategic struggle, when Prairie View's Ray Geter took off at the break-line. Wohlhuter roared through the pack to take advantage of Geter's fast lead. Francis followed, with Kiwi Walker close. This foursome swept by the 400 mark in 51.3.

At the 500, Wohlhuter surged into the lead, and by the last curve, it was Wohlhuter against the clock. In long strides, running on the balls of his feet, he sped across the finish, 1.4 seconds ahead of the struggling Walker.

Close, but no record. Asked if he was disappointed, Rick snapped, "No, of course not. I have it in one way or the other anyway [referring to his 1:44.1 880 record at Eugene, which converts to a metric 1:43.4]. I know I'm capable of getting it soon, but I certainly can't think about it every race. It would put too much pressure on me."

Pressure there will be in abundance, if Yevgeniy Arzhanov runs the 800 in the USSR-US meet. Wohlhuter's only major loss last season was a 1:49.2-1:49.4 decision to Arzhanov in the same meet. "It will be a different race than it was last year," promises Rick. "I'll run him like I did today, run it out all the way. If he can beat me, I'll make him work for it."

Also preparing to meet the Soviets will be surprising third placer James Robinson of Laney Junior College. The JC 880 record-holder closed quickly for a tremendous 1:45.7 PR, gaining him the jaycee 800 mark in the process. Catholic U soph Mark Robinson chopped nearly two seconds off his old PR, finishing fourth in 1:46.0. /Tom Jordan/



Chip Gane

Wohlhuter—two ticks from 800 best.

Rick's Top 10 Tops

Rick Wohlhuter not only has the fastest two-lap race ever (his 1:44.1 880 at Eugene is worth 1:43.4 for 800 meters), but he also rates as the best-ever on a depth basis.

Already the world's all-time average leader (for 10 races), he put a lock on that with his 1:43.9 at the AAU, then 1:44.0 versus the USSR to lower his average to a blazing 1:44.73 (metrically). His closest rivals: Danie Malan (South Africa) 1:45.32; Mike Boit (Kenya-En New Mexico) 1:45.48; Wilson Kiprugut (Kenya) 1:45.65; Yevgeniy Arzhanov (SU) 1:45.69. Wohlhuter's 10 fastest (†=880 minus 0.7):

- 1:43.4† Hayward Restoration '74
- 1:43.9† Vons Invitational '73
- 1:43.9 AAU Champs '74
- 1:44.0 vs USSR '74
- 1:44.9 AAU Champs '73
- 1:45.0 Olympic Trials '72
- 1:45.1 Stockholm Int'l '73
- 1:45.3 vs Italy '73
- 1:45.8 Viareggio Int'l '73
- 1:46.0 Rieti Int'l '72

FINAL(6/22): 1. Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC) 1:43.9 AR (51.3, 52.6); 2. John Walker" (NZ) 1:45.3; 3. James Robinson (Laney CC) 1:45.7; 4. Mark Robinson (Catholic) 1:46.0; 5. Keith Francis (Boston C) 1:46.2; 6. Byron Dyce" (FTC) 1:46.2; 7. Lowell Paul (UCTC) 1:47.0; 8. Ray Geter (P View) 1:54.0.

HEATS(6/21, 4 qualify): 1-1. Wohlhuter 1:46.6; 2. Francis 1:47.5; 3. M. Robinson 1:47.7; 4. Geter 1:48.6; 5. John Mock (UCTC) 1:48.9; . . . 8. Willie Thomas (Tenn) 1:52.6. 11-1. J. Robinson 1:48.9; 2. Dyce" 1:48.9; 3. Walker" 1:49.2; 4. Paul 1:49.2; 5. Tom Bach (UCTC) 1:49.2.

1500 METERS

A curiously depleted 1500 meter field turned in the fastest group of times ever run on American soil.

Missing from the AAU 1500 were four of the first five NCAA place-winners plus Marty Liquori. And when the two heats went in 3:42.0 and 3:41.5, nobody expected fast times in the final.

Tom Byers, the precocious Ohio State freshman with long, curly hair, dashed into the lead at the start on the backstretch, but long-striding Tommy Fulton moved ahead on the curve. Steve Heidenreich fell on that turn, and little Reggie McAfee led past the 440 in 57.6. Byers regained the lead at 700 yards and passed 880 yards in a fast 1:57.9.

Around the far turn, John Hartnett, Ireland's fastest miler, moved up and, with a lap to go in 2:40.8, he was alongside young Byers. Behind them, in the all-black of New Zealand, was the Olympic bronze medalist, Rod Dixon.

Around to the starting line at the head of the backstretch, Mike Slack pulled alongside Hartnett and Byers was shunted to fourth. Slack, a strong cross country runner from North Dakota State now in his first year of real mile effort, set a hot pace down the backstretch, but almost everybody followed him.

Slack led into the homestretch, but Hartnett struggled past him. Then Dixon cruised by, followed by the amazing Byers, who qualified for both the Junior and Senior national teams.

Dixon, fourth in the incredible Commonwealth race at 3:33.9, won in 3:37.5. He said, "I was concerned because I've had six months of winter. I'm very pleased with my performance."

Byers ran 3:37.9, (worth a 3:55.3 mile) moving to fifth on the US all-time list behind Jim Ryun, Liquori, Dave Wottle, and Len Hilton. He said, "I never thought I could do that. I felt I was just lucky to be in this race."

Bruce Fischer, former Syracuse miler who ran a promising 3:40.0 in 1972 then suffered from mononucleosis, pulled out of a box and sprinted home in 3:38.6. Defending champ Hilton also finished fast after running near the rear for most of the race, as if he thought the others could not hold such a pace. Howell Michael, 1970 champion and a 3:56.4 miler this year, failed to finish.

Dixon's last lap was 56.7, his last 880 1:56.0. His time from 1320 yards to 1500 meters was 40.7, and Byers was only a fifth of a second slower. Byers, the fastest freshman since Jim Ryun, said, "I can't believe I did it." /Cordner Nelson/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Rod Dixon" (NZ) 3:37.5 (57.9,



Johnson's sprinter's lean edged steeple defender Brown (c) and Manley (l).

60.0[1:57.9], 58.9[2:56.8]—last 440 56.7, 880 1:56.0; 2. Tom Byers (Ohio St) 3:37.9; 3. John Hartnett" (Vill) 3:38.1; 4. Mike Slack (unat) 3:38.5; 5. Bruce Fischer (UCTC) 3:38.6; 6. Len Hilton (PCC) 3:39.1; 7. Tom Fulton (PPC) 3:40.4; 8. Reggie McAfee (PPC) 3:41.5; 9. Larry Lawson (Ariz) 3:46.5; 10. Charlie McMullen (Mo) 3:54.6; . . . dnf—Howell Michael (Quantico) & Steve Heidenreich (Ind).

Mile equivalents: Dixon 3:54.9; Byers 3:55.3; Hartnett 3:55.5; Slack 3:56.0; Fischer 3:56.1; Hilton 3:56.6; Fulton 3:58.0; McAfee 3:59.2.

HEATS(6/21, 6 qualify): 1-1. Slack 3:42.0; 2. Byers 3:42.4; 3. McAfee 3:42.4; 4. Dixon" 3:42.4; 5. Lawson 3:43.0; 6. Fischer 3:44.5; 7. Des Foynes (Columbia) 3:46.6. 11-1. Hilton 3:41.5; 2. McMullen 3:41.7; 3. Fulton 3:41.7; 4. Michael 3:41.8; 5. Hartnett 3:42.5; 6. Heidenreich 3:42.8; 7. Joe Savage (Manhattan) 3:44.9.

STEEPLECHASE

After 3000 meters of track, barriers and water, Jim Johnson had to use a sprinter's lean to win his first national title as he edged defender Doug Brown and resurging Mike Manley.

Bob Gray, informing all that "Jesus Is Lord" on the front of his jersey, led the field through first two laps at mid-70 second pace with all notables right up. Brown forged to the front just before the third water jump; he and Johnson led passed four laps in 4:48.0.

Brown continued to lead as his pursuers melted away to Johnson, Manley, Don Timm, Ed Leddy, Ron Addison and Gordon Innes with two laps left. With 1½ laps left, Leddy surged ahead only to have Johnson take command soon after. Jim, who won the Pac-8 title on this track as a soph in '70 but who had been "so close" to many big victories since, looked strong down the final backstretch despite touching each hurdle. Now it was down to

Johnson, Brown and Manley.

The trio cleared the last waterhole together but Brown dropped back a yard or so approaching the final hurdle. Johnson had Manley in hot pursuit off his right shoulder on the run-in, when Brown put on a late rush—on the inside. But the wire got there before Doug did, Johnson doing a very creditable arms-back sprinter's dip for an 8:28.8 PR win to move to No. 5 on the all-time US list.

Brown was given the same time with Manley at a fine 8:29.0. Mike's only other '74 race was an 8:45.0. Leddy outran Addison and Tim for fourth, while Innes fell in the last waterjump while moving up. He still ran a PR 8:38.8.

"I don't know how many races I've lost off that last barrier," said a smiling Johnson, who had run a PR 8:30.4 in Europe three weeks earlier. "I've just gotten in the habit of doing that sprinter's lean; if it works for the 100, it can work for the steeplechase."

"I'm tired," said US recordman Brown. "I had to pull out the stops to win the NCAA and I'm still not down from winning the team title. Then I won the AAU last year and I just wasn't as psyched. Jim wanted it worse than I did and he deserves it." /Jon Hendershott/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Jim Johnson (CNW) 8:28.8; 2. Doug Brown (Tenn) 8:28.8; 3. Mike Manley (OTC) 8:29.0; 4. Ed Leddy" (East Tennessee) 8:35.2; 5. Ron Addison (Tenn) 8:35.6; 6. Don Timm (AIA) 8:36.4; 7. Gordon Innes (UCLA) 8:38.8; 8. Joe Lucas (WVTC) 8:48.0; 9. Bob Gray (Ark St TC) 8:48.4; 10. Jim Dare (WVTC) 8:53.6; 11. Randy Lussenden (UCTC) 8:55.2; 12. Barry Brown (FTC) 8:57.2; 13. Bob Price (AIA) 8:59.0; 14. Pete Squires (Manhattan) 9:03.0.

T&FN Interview

by Tom Jordan

TOM BYERS

Rarely does one encounter a world class athlete as exciting, and as excited, as Tom Byers.

The lithe (6-1/156) Ohio State freshman first burst on the track scene with a stunning 2:06.6 indoor 1000 last winter in only his fifth race over the distance. Then followed a "slump" during which the 19-year-old Columbus native finished last in the NCAA indoor 1000 and outdoor mile finals. But Byers came surging back, literally and figuratively, to finish second (3:37.9—worth a 3:55.3 mile) in the AAU 1500 behind New Zealand's Rod Dixon and first (3:39.8) in the US-USSR Junior meet.

Besides qualifying him for the US-USSR Senior dual, Tom's AAU finish placed him 5th on the all-time US list, and gave him the second all-time world Junior performance behind Jim Ryun's 3:36.1.

Only a 4:18.3 miler last year, Byers has quickly acquired a reputation as a strong, gutty runner, not afraid to lead. And although he is the fastest 1500 runner in the US this year, the open and unspoiled Byers, who laughs easily and grins a lot, still seems as surprised about his current successes as anyone.

T&FN: Did you think you could run 2:06 for the 1000?

Byers: Well, I don't know. Coach (Bob Epskamp) kept telling me all indoor season to run it like a half mile; that I'd have enough left. So in the Big 10 meet, I just ran my 1:51 half and then, I could kick. It shocked me that I could kick. I'd never believed him. Same in the (AAU) 1500: I just ran it like a three-lapper instead of running it like a four-lapper.

T&FN: What about the NCAA (12th in 4:18.1)?

Byers: I think I just got psyched out. I ran really hard in the semi-finals (4:00.1); well, back then it seemed really hard. I really don't have that much confidence and I was so happy to make it to the finals, and I saw all these big names, like Tony Waldrop and Paul Cummings, and wow!

T&FN: You certainly came back at the AAU. How do you explain it?

Byers: I really don't know. It's hard to say . . . I think a lot of those guys just had a bad day. Like Len Hilton won it last year, and Michael Howell, or Howell Michael . . . I'm not sure how it goes. I just put together a good day, and I think they had an off day. 'Cause, you know, I really can't see me beating those guys and I'm just in a shock from doing it. Gosh, last year I couldn't beat the best milers in the State of Ohio.

T&FN: Yes, what about that? From 4:18 to 3:55 is a big drop. What caused it?

Byers: One reason is Coach Epskamp's

philosophy of a lot of distance running. In high school, I don't think I ever got over 25 miles in one week, distance and quality. Now, I'll do 5-7½ miles every morning and then at night I might go out for 10 miles and then come in and do a couple of intervals.

T&FN: How do you feel today?

Byers: I'm awfully tired because Saturday I did a hard 22 miles. Saturday is my distance day.

T&FN: I guess so. Is that patterned after the Lydiard training?

Byers: No, just happened to be the distance I ran.

T&FN: Has your training given you more confidence in races?

Byers: I'm starting to believe in myself a little more; not much, but I've recently been running my kind of race. If they go out too slow, I'm not scared to take the lead. My weakest feature is when they go out in an unsteady pace. I think that's how you can kill me off. That's why if they go out in 57, I'll go out in 58, and if they slow up, I'll keep my same pace; so, if I have to take the lead, it's something I'll just have to do for now.

T&FN: Do you get psyched up for your races?

Byers: Oh very. And very nervous too: go to the bathroom 10 times . . . I'm one of those guys.

T&FN: How did you get started in track?

Byers: (laughing): I went out for football in high school; I was too small for it, but our coach gave me a try at it. We had a mile-and-a-half time-trial and I lapped everybody. So the cross country team guys told me that if I came out for cross country I could letter as a sophomore and that sounded pretty neat.

T&FN: What about goals in the future?

Byers: Just to keep improving. Maybe make the Pan-American team. That'd be great. If I stay relatively injury free, I think I could keep improving. Of course, I'm going to shoot for '76. That why we're out



Chip Gane

here.

T&FN: Do you feel ready for the US-USSR meet?

Byers: I hope to win, but the Soviets, they put their half-miler, the guy that was supposed to run against Wohlhuter, in the 1500.

T&FN: Aw, Arzhanov's only run around 3:43 for 1500.

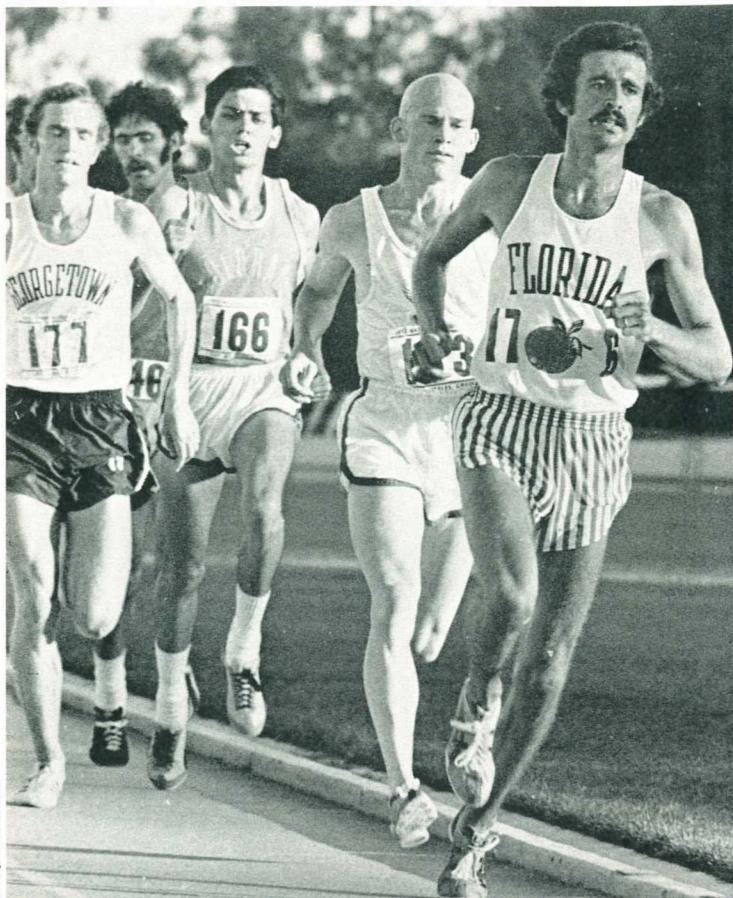
Byers: Yeah, but supposedly the best junior kid that I ran against last week was 3:50 flat, but he ran 3:40.8.

T&FN: Did you know that your AAU time was the second fastest ever by a Junior?

Byers: Yeah, I heard that and I'll be gunning against the Russians. How fast is the record?

T&FN: 3:36.1 by Ryun.

Byers: I don't know . . . 3:36 is awfully quick, but maybe I'll have a good day. All I know is that I'm going to give it about 150% in Durham. □



This was the order of finish in the 10,000—Frank Shorter over Dick Buerkle—but at the end of this 5000 the order was reversed. Ted Castaneda (166) ran 4th, Steve Stageberg (1) 7th.

5000 METERS

Dick Buerkle's 13:33.4 victory thrust him back among the elite of American distance runners. His solid win came at the expense of superstar Frank Shorter and was both surprising and unsurprising.

It was no surprise in the light of his fine 12:59.8 second to Steve Prefontaine last year, his 8:26.2 upset of Pre in the indoor season opener, and the absence here of Pre and Paul Geis. It was a surprise, though, considering Buerkle chipped a bone in his hip the week after downing Pre and had had only two outdoor races.

The racing started on the ninth lap. Most were still in contact at two miles, reached in a leisurely 8:55 after a 4:26 mile. Shorter went on the backstretch, jumping into a lead he was to hold for three laps. A 66.1 lap and then a quick 62.5 stretched Frank's margin to 10 yards and reduced the opposition to four—Buerkle, Steve Stageberg, 12:57.6 three-miler Don Kardong, and Ted Castaneda. Buerkle was hanging on, recalling later, "I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know if I could catch him."

The pace slowed to 67 but Shorter still enjoyed a 10 yard margin. At the gun, Shorter led by eight from Castaneda and Buerkle with Kardong six back and Stageberg fading. But on the backstraight Buerkle shot into the lead. The kill was over quickly and Buerkle drew away.

Sprinting the last 220 in 27.6, Dick

finished the quarter in 57.2, winning by nine yards. Kardong and Castaneda battled down the stretch, the latter drawing ahead in the last 15 yards.

It was a fast race after a slow start. Buerkle missed his PR by 0.6 and remained fourth on the all-time US list; Shorter improved by 0.4 and remained seventh; Kardong moved to equal eighth and Castaneda to 10th. */Bert Nelson/*

FINAL(6/21): 1. Dick Buerkle (NYAC) 13:33.4; 2. Frank Shorter (FTC) 13:34.6; 3. Don Kardong (CNW) 13:35.6; 4. Ted Castaneda (Colo) 13:35.8; 5. Marty Liquori (NYAC) 13:40.6; 6. Dick Quax" (NZ) 13:45.2; 7. Steve Stageberg (GAA) 13:47.6; 8. Mike Peterson (Colo) 13:52.4; 9. Herm Atkins (CNW) 13:57.0; 10. Ed Mendoza (Ariz) 14:03.0; 11. Gordon Oliver (GAA) 14:20.8; 12. Pat Mandera (Ind) 14:24.0; 13. Dave Babiracki (BYU) 14:41.4.

10,000 METERS

It looked for a while like the hounds chasing the hare, and a crippled hare at that, but at the finish, rabbit Frank Shorter had more than enough to hold off head hound Dick Buerkle.

Shorter, doubling back after placing second in the 5000 the day before, was stepping gingerly on feet with infected blisters: "I've got those little red lines creeping up my legs again. They are not actually painful, but I can feel it when I run; my legs get very stiff."

And "stiff" was the pace set by Shorter and 5000 winner Buerkle as they passed the mile in 4:28. At 1½ miles, Frank made a big move and opened a gap of 20 yards on a large pack composed of Buerkle, Garry Bjorklund, Gary Tuttle, Charlie

Maguire, Jon Anderson, and Scott Eden.

From laps six to 20, the race was a struggle between Shorter widening the gap and the rumbling pack trying to close it. By the five mile mark, Shorter's lead had lengthened to a full straight, although his pace had slackened to 4:33/mile. Entering the last half-mile, Buerkle made a game run at Shorter, picking up seven seconds on the last lap, but Frank still held a comfortable lead, winning in 28:16.0 to 28:25.0.

"I felt bad all over," said Shorter. "Kind of like I had the flu, only not quite bad enough to go to bed. I was lucky to run as fast as I did both yesterday and today."

Comebacking Bjorklund finished a happy third in 28:28.4, with Maguire one second behind. Buerkle, Bjorklund, and Maguire all scored PRs and move into seventh, eighth, and ninth on the all-time US list. */Tom Jordan/*

FINAL(6/22): 1. Frank Shorter 28:16.0 (27:21.4y); 2. Dick Buerkle (NYAC) 28:25.0 (27:36.2); 3. Garry Bjorklund (Minn) 28:28.4 (27:36.6); 4. Charlie Maguire (Penn St) 28:29.4 (27:37.2); 5. Gary Tuttle (BHS) 28:35.2 (27:40.8); 6. Jon Anderson (OTC) 28:49.0 (27:50.0); 7. Scott Eden (Duke) 29:21.8 (28:22.4); 8. Glenn Herold (UCT) 29:30.6 (28:20.4); 9. Ron Pryor (BHS) 29:31.2; 10. Cliff Clark (NYAC) 29:38.0; 11. Pat Tyson (CNW) 29:42.0; 12. Gary Cohen (American) 29:53.4; 13. Terry Williams (Ore) 30:10.6; 14. Bill Haviland (Knox TC) 30:17.4; 15. Mike Long (OTC); 16. Ken Gerry (ELATC) 31:33.2.

5000 METER WALK

Defending champion John Knifton, who is always a threat regardless of the distance, defended his title, this time over 5000 meters. As last year, John was not considered the favorite, but showed impeccable form as he powered passed favorite Larry Walker and Bill Ranney midway through the race and gradually pulled away to a 30-meter victory margin with 22:23.0. Ranney continued to challenge Walker throughout as they finished two-three, with several others keeping them company in the first mile. Tom Dooley, not yet in top condition following hip surgery last June, worked his way through most of the field to finish fourth.

Biggest surprise of the race was 19-year-old Mark Randle who maintained early contact with the leaders, then hung on for a personal best by 38 seconds in seventh place. Another good performance came from 16-year-old Jim Murchie in 11th. */Bob Bowman/*

FINAL(6/22): 1. John Knifton (NYAC) 22:23.0; 2. Larry Walker (BHS) 22:31.2; 3. Bill Ranney (unat) 22:34.8; 4. Tom Dooley (unat) 22:45.6; 5. Ron Daniel (NYAC) 22:54.2; 6. Ed Bouldin (BHS) 22:55.6; 7. Mark Randle (BHS) 23:14.2; 8. Bob Hickey (LAPD) 23:27.4; 9. Wayne Glusker (WVTC) 23:32.0; 10. Steve DiBernardo (BHS) 23:49.8; 11. Jim Murchie (LIAC) 23:56.0; 12. Hank Klein (Irvine) 24:48.0; 13. Bob Rosencrantz (Wash) 24:54.0; 14. Bob Woods (UCTC) 25:30.6; 15. Dennis Reilly (BHS) 25:34.4; 16. Roy Yarbrough (C Guard) 26:29.0; 17. Larry Larson (LSO) 26:49.0; ... disq—Jerry Lansing (BHS) & Mike Allen (CCAC).

110 METER HURDLES

With his 13.4 victory, Charles Foster became the only athlete to score victories in both the NCAA and AAU meets in 1974. And to complete that double, Foster was pushed to the wire by defender Tom

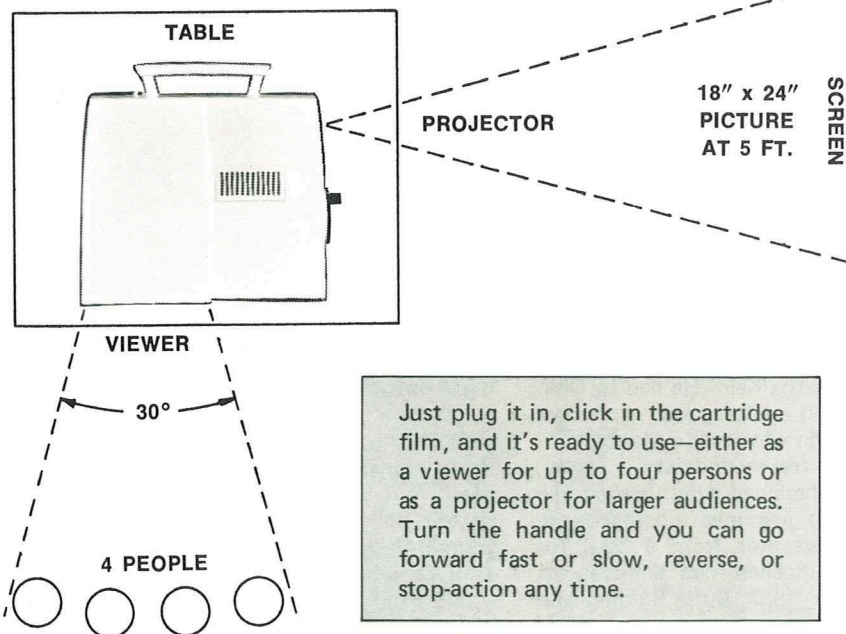
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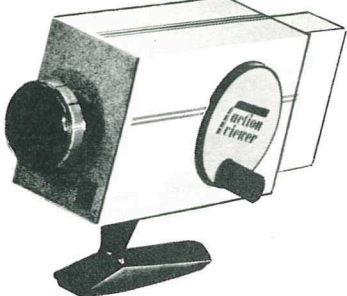


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They were close coming off the last hurdle, but Charles Foster (r) edged Tom Hill (c) and Willie Davenport for the highs title.

Hill and ageless Willie Davenport (31).

The only notable casualty in the heats was Tommy Lee White, who grimaced and limped on an injured leg both before and after his heat. Hill looked in fine form, his 13.4 matching the meet record.

One of the meet's best fields lined up for the final with Davenport, Hill and Foster side-by-side, plus Charles Rich, Clim Jackson and NCAA runnerup Larry Shipp for good measure.

Those first five crossed barrier two in a line and stayed virtually inseparable until Hill edged ahead of Foster at the eighth hurdle. Bald Charley stayed just an eyelash behind, with Davenport another hair's-breadth back, until after the final hurdle. Then the arm-pumping North Carolina Central junior put on a burst of speed that brought a roar from the crowd to go into the wire the winner by a foot or more. Hill edged Davenport as both ran 13.5.

Later Foster smiled, "I don't like to win races like that. I really don't know where that burst came from. I have to go back again to the 12 hurdle drill I do in training. When Hill picked it up, I told myself I'd better get going too. I'm pleased with the win, but not really satisfied; 13-flat or 13.1 would be better. But if I hadn't made the US team, I wouldn't want to go back home to Durham." */Jon Hendershott/*

FINAL(6/21, 4.2): 1. Charles Foster (NCC) 13.4; 2. Thomas Hill (Ft Mac) 13.5; 3. Willie Davenport (BRTC) 13.5; 4. Charles Rich (CITC) 13.7; 5. Clim Jackson (BHS) 13.7; 6. Jerry Wilson (BHS) 13.8; 7. Larry Shipp (LSU) 13.8; 8. George Carty (BAS) 13.9.

HEATS(6/21, 4 qualify): 1(1.4)-1. Hill 13.4; 2. Davenport 13.6; 3. Rich 13.6; 4. Wilson 13.8; 5. Tommy Lee White (BHS) 14.2. 11(1.8)-1. Foster 13.6; 2. Jackson 13.6; 3. Shipp 13.7; 4. Carty 13.9; 5. Alfred Larry (Lincoln) 14.0; ... 7. Efron Gipson (Lamar) 14.3.

400 METER HURDLES

If Charles Foster's victory in the highs was close, Jim Bolding's defense of his

intermediates crown was just the opposite. His 48.9 beat Ralph Mann by six tenths as surprisers James King and young Mike Shine ran fine sub-50 races to earn US team berths.

Bolding showed he was the class of the field with a stunning 49.2 heat, appearing relaxed and unpressed. "That felt so easy, I was hoping for something like 48.2 in the final," he admitted the next day.

Bolding in lane five had Mann out in eight for a key in the final. Jim was perhaps too anxious and false started once before the field got away. Bolding, Shine and Mann were rolling well, Jim striding 13s the first half of the race. By hurdle seven, Bolding's fast start had put him even with Mann and he entered the stretch with a sizable lead over the field. He had to chop to 16 strides and a left-leg lead at the last barrier but his win was never in doubt.

The tussle for second was a closey, though. The unheralded King finished like a house afire to just miss nipping Mann; lowering his best ever from a 50.8 for yards. Shine outleaned Wes Williams for fourth, both in 49.9. Both Bolding and Mann left for Europe the next day, giving King and Penn State soph Shine their inaugural US team berths.

"I never intended to run so fast in the heats," Bolding said, "but it was one of those races where everything fell into place. The final was good for about seven hurdles and then a little lactic acid accumulation set in. I was maybe thinking too much about running a second faster, but, then, a 49.2 has to take something out of you."

Mann smiled wryly afterward and said, "Not bad for an old man. I am happy, though." His graduate studies haven't left much training time—but apparently enough. */Jon Hendershott/*

FINAL(6/22): 1. Jim Bolding (PCC) 48.9; 2. Ralph

Mann (BHS) 49.5; 3. James King (SDTC) 49.5; 4. Mike Shine (PPC) 49.9; 5. Wes Williams (SDTC) 49.9; 6. Bob Casleman (Mich St) 50.2; 7. Carl Stevenson (Sn U) 50.9; 8. Jim Gailey (Baylor) 51.1.

HEATS(6/21, 4 qualify): 1-1. Bolding 49.2; 2. Shine 50.4; 3. Stevenson 50.5; 4. Gailey 51.5; 5. Craig Caudill (Ind) 51.6; 6. Dick Bruggeman (Ohio TC) 52.4; ... disq—Bob Steele (UCTC) 50.0. 11-1. Williams 50.0; 2. King 50.3; 3. Mann 50.6; 4. Casleman 50.8; 5. Melvin Bassett (NCC) 51.2.

HIGH JUMP

Irrepressible Dwight Stones is once again nearing the position he is most comfortable with—the top.

After a slow start outdoors (four wins in 12 starts), Stones scored a convincing 7-3/4 win over Reynaldo Brown and surprising Mark Branch. "My confidence is coming back again now and I've had some real good jumps lately," said Big D. "I seem to jump in patterns of sorts and my pattern is just now rounding into shape."

Stones passed until 6-10 and cleared each height on his first attempt. Still, he found himself trailing Brown as the bar was raised to 7-3/4. "I started the highest I've started all year, but Rey had me on attempts," said Dwight incredulously. "I can't stand being beaten on attempts."

Showing excellent concentration, Stones coolly cleared 7-3/4, putting the pressure on Brown and Tennessee's Branch. Branch missed on three attempts, ending the day with 1 1/4" improvement and a PR 7-2 1/4. Now the question was whether the super-consistent Brown, who had jumped 7-2 to 7-2 1/4 in his last four meets, could break out of his "rut" and clear 7-3/4. After a good first attempt, Rey wasn't close on his last two, and finished second—at 7-2 1/4.

Having won the competition, and the opportunity to bypass the US-USSR meet, Dwight waited 15 minutes for the sun to go down before taking three quick attempts at 7-4 1/2. "I lost my concentration when I knew I had the thing won. Also, the sun

was in my eyes halfway through my run and that bothered me a bit. But I feel good. I'm expecting a world record around the end of July or the first of August." /Tom Jordan/

FINAL(6/21): 1. Dwight Stones (PCC) 7-3¼; 2. Rey Brown (unat) 7-2¼; 3. Mark Branch (Tenn) 7-2¼; 4. Randy Smith (Kans) 7-0; 5. Mike Fleer (Ore St) 7-0; 6. Pat Matzdorf (UCTC) 7-0; 7. Mel Embree (Harv) 7-0; 8. Dennis Adama (Ind) 7-0; 9. Robert Joseph (Ariz) 7-0; 10. Rick Fletcher (BHS) 6-10¼; 11. Barry Schur (Kans) 6-10¼; 12. Wyatt Tompkins (GCTC) 6-10¼; 13. Chris Dunn (NYAC) 6-10¼; 14. Randy Rea (ACC) 6-10¼; 15. Barry Shepard (unat) 6-10¼; 16. tie, Bill Jankunis (Colo) & Steve Miller (Mt SAC) 6-9; 18. tie, Clarence Frazier (Northridge St) & Alti Alarotu' (unat) 6-9; . . . nh—Rory Kotinek (UCLA) & William Winston (LA St).

	6-9	6-10¼	7-0	7-2¼	7-3¼	7-4¼
Adama	p	p	ox	ooo		
Stones	p	x	x	x	x	ooo
Joseph	p	x	oox	ooo		
Fletcher	p	x	ooo			
Shepard	oox	oox	ooo			
Tompkins	x	ox	ooo			
Schur	x	x	ooo			
Smith	p	p	x	ooo		
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Kotinek	p	p	ooo			
Jankunis	x	ooo				
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POLE VAULT

You can't find a better man than Dave Roberts to bet on when championship vaulting rolls around. In 1971-72-73 the Rice collegian earned three straight NCAA titles, finished second, first and out of the money (no height) in the AAU, and a strong



Vault victor Dave Roberts.

Tony Duffy

fourth in the Olympic Trials. Now, despite a less-than-mediocre showing leading up to the meet, the 22-year-old redhead once again is AAU king.

Dave got over 17-2 in the Astrodome in early February but a series of mishaps kept him off the runways until May. Then he no-heighted and made 16-0 and 16-6, hardly a confidence building record. But Roberts won it cleanly, clearing 17-6 as his Gulf Coast Track Club teammates Terry Porter and Roland Carter finished two-three at 17-0.

Dave's job was made easier by the Friday qualifying. Lost were defending champ Mike Cotton, Olympian Jan Johnson, and P-Coasters Bob Richards and Casey Carrigan. The latter two had their poles fall off the car on the way to the meet and Richards needed a replacement. Then they proceeded to outsmart themselves. Passing to 17 feet, they looked pretty foolish when 16-6½ was good enough to qualify 13.

Francois Tracanelli scratched from the final with an injured leg. Leading at 16-6 with first time makes were Porter, 1973 runner-up Vic Dias and NCAA runner-up Jeff Taylor. Roberts, NCAA winner Ed Lipscomb and Carter passed to 17-0.

Only four made 17-0, not including Lipscomb. Porter led with a first effort clearance, Carter was second and Dias third on second try successes, and Roberts remained in contention even though his two misses left him fourth. He quickly moved into the lead by conquering 17-6 on the second round and remained in first when the other three missed a third time. /Bert Nelson/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Dave Roberts (GCTC) 17-6; 2. Terry Porter (Kans) 17-0; 3. Roland Carter (GCTC) 17-0; 4. Vic Dias (BHS) 17-0; 5. Jeff Taylor (Wash) 16-6; 6. tie, Pat Aldrich (Fresno St), Robert Pullard (Sn Cal) & Bob Slover (BHS) 16-6; 9. Greg Miguel (BHS) 16-6; . . . nh—Ed Lipscomb (Ore St), Larry Jessee (UTEP) & Ron Mooers (UCLA); . . . dnc—Francois Tracanelli' (UCLA).

	16-0	16-6	17-0	17-6
Slover	p	ox	ooo	
Tracanelli	dnc—injured			
Miguel	p	oox	oo	
Carter	p	p	ox	ooo
Roberts	p	p	oox	ox
Lipscomb	p	p	ooo	
Jessee	p	ooo		
Pullard	p	ox	ooo	
Porter	p	x	x	ooo
Aldrich	p	ox	ooo	
Dias	p	x	ox	ooo
Mooers	p	ooo		
Taylor	p	x	ooo	

QUALIFYING(6/21, all finalists qualified at 16-6½): Leading non-qualifiers[16-¾]—Mike Cotton (FTC), Barney Hess (Ark St); nh—Casey Carrigan (PCC), Jan Johnson (UCTC) & Bob Richards (PCC).

LONG JUMP

Bouncy. A most apt sobriquet for James Edward Moore of San Diego, Calif. Not only is that his "official" monicker (picked up in grade-school when he couldn't catch a kick-ball unless it was bounced first), it also describes his physical abilities (can you think of a better one for a 26-plus jumper?) and his career (AAU champ in '70, he was second in '71, didn't compete in '72 when he got injured, and was retired in '73).

So, after a three-year hiatus, Bouncy is back. And he did it the same way as he

copped his first, coming through with the winning mark on his last attempt. In this case, it was as the last jumper of the competition, with fellow San Diegan Arnie Robinson holding a 26-4¼ to 26-1¼ margin.

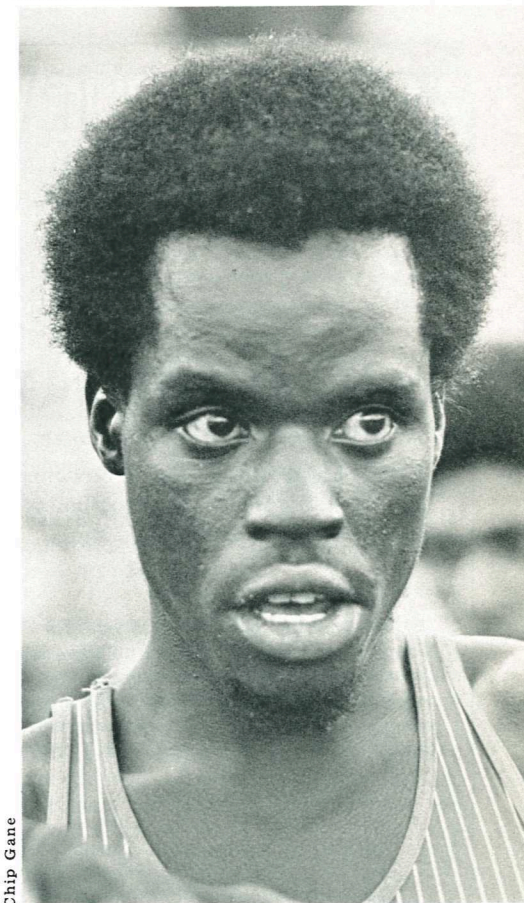
"I knew I had it won while I was in the air," said Bouncy of his 26-5¾ pop.

Bouncy had begun on a long note too, his 26-1¼ opener leading through three rounds before Robinson caught his big one.

"The competition went like I wanted it to," said Moore. "You know, I wanted to make sure that I didn't have to push myself. I wanted a good first jump and I got it. I've been beaten many times this year by people jumping after my last jump." By leading after three rounds, he ensured that nobody would have the chance.

In third and fourth, Henry Jackson and Danny Seay both topped 26, Jackson's windy effort being his first time ever, Seay's being his first with a legal wind. NCAA champ Jerry Herndon looked flat in sixth. /Garry Hill/

FINAL(6/21): 1. Bouncy Moore (unat) 26-5¾ (26-1¼, 25-8¼, 25-5, 25-5, 25-2¼, 26-5¾); 2. Arnie Robinson (SDTC) 26-4¼ (24-8, 25-6¼, f, 26-4¼, 26-¼, 25-2½); 3. Henry Jackson' (BHS) 26-1¼w (f, f, 26-1¼w, f, f, f); 4. Danny Seay (Kans) 26-0; 5. Bill Rea (Pitt) 25-11¼; 6. Jerry Hern on (UCLA) 25-6; 7. Charlton Ehizuelen' (III) 25-¾w (25-0); 8. Stan Whitley (CITC) 25-¼; 9. Tommy Haynes (Mid Tenn) 24-11¼w (22-7); 10. Anthony Carter (A-Peay) 24-9¼w (23-8¼); 11. John Delamere' (Wash St) 24-8w (24-¼); 12. Al Lanier (Ft Mac) 24-7¾; 13. Lujack Lawrence (PPC) 24-5½; 14. Dan Carter (El Camino JC) 24-5; 15. Stan Royster (Liv AC) 24-4¼; 16. Joe Silva (BAS) 24-1¼; 17. Marion Anderson (BAS) 24-¾; 18. Darryl Hughes (Ariz St) 23-11¼; 19. Rory Kotinek (UCLA) 23-5¼.



Chip Gane

Bouncy—last jump LJ winner.



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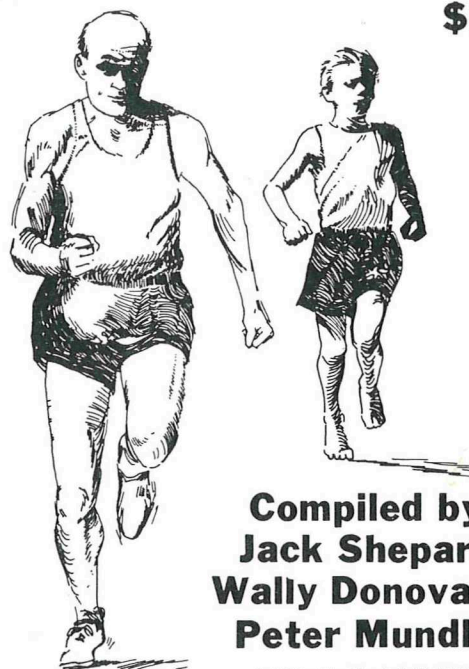
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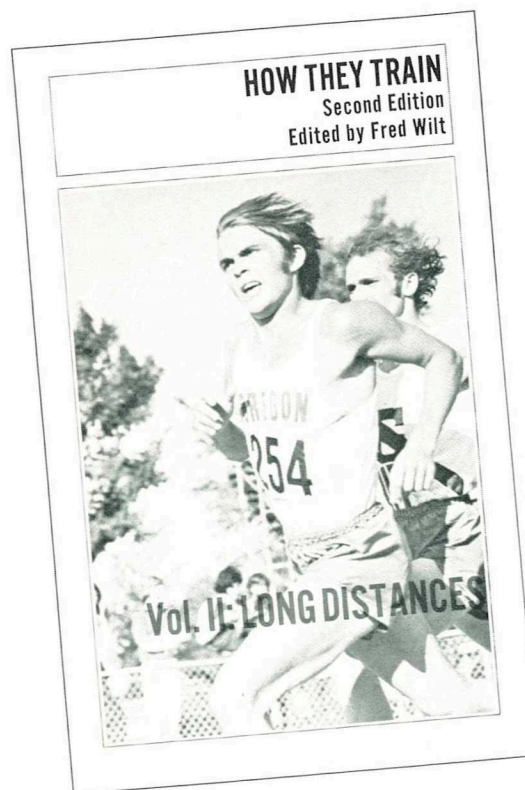
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TRIPLE JUMP

It hasn't been the best of seasons for John Craft. The king of US triple jumpers in the '70s, Craft came to the AAU as a winner of only one of his three outdoor competitions. And his best legal mark was more than a foot behind his top competition.

But in the end, King John had his fifth win in this meet, and fourth in a row, adding to his '69, '71-'72-'73 crowns.

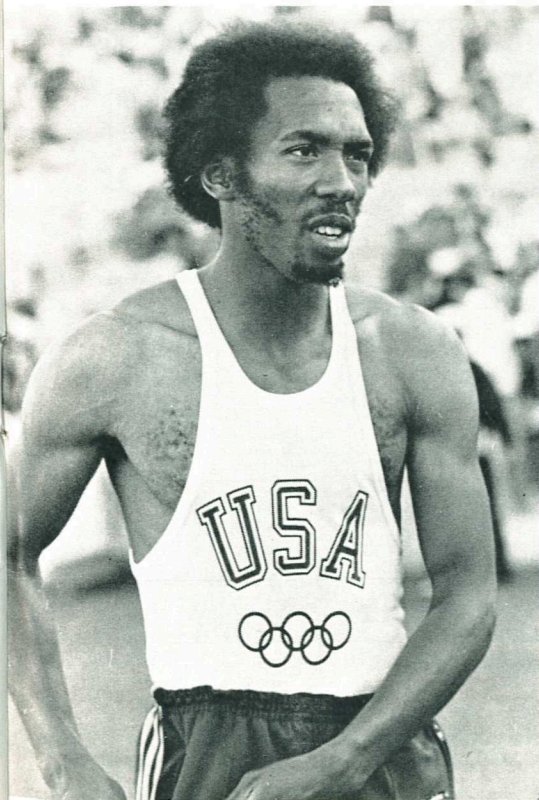
"I can always get up for this meet," is his motto. And get up he did, using his favorite technique—the big first jump—to salt away the win.

James Butts was sitting in the lead with a windy 53-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ when Craft appeared as the seventh jumper. Boing-boing-boing, and he was 54-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ from the board, aided by a slightly illegal breeze. That was the meet.

He followed with a mediocre 52-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, then took a typical pass on his third attempt. Appearing again in the fourth round, Craft got off the best jump of the day—a 55—and rushed back up the track in an animated fashion, nearly wiping out several 10,000 runners. He was rather crestfallen to learn that they had discovered a couple of spike marks in the plasticine. Perhaps sensing that the tenor of the competition had swung his way, he declined to take his last two jumps.

NCAA champ Charlton Ehizuelen, conqueror of Craft in his two losses, slipped back a notch here, passing Butts in the third round with a 53-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ pop. The rest of the collegiate hierarchy didn't fare

First effort did it for Craft . . .



Stan Pantovic

as well, runner-up Ken McBryde slipping to eighth and early-season leader Clarence Taylor (admittedly injured) to ninth. /Garry Hill/

FINAL(6/22): 1. John Craft (UCTC) 54-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ w (54-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ w, 52-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, p, f, p, p); 2. Charlton Ehizuelen' (III) 53-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ (52-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, f, 53-11 $\frac{3}{4}$, 53-4 $\frac{3}{4}$, 53-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, f); 3. James Butts (BHS) 53-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ w (53-7 $\frac{1}{4}$ w, 52-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, 52-4 $\frac{3}{4}$, f, f, 51-2 $\frac{3}{4}$); 4. Tommy Haynes (Mid Tenn) 53-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. Milan Tiff (BHS) 53-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Henry Jackson' (BHS) 53-0; 7. Rayfield Dupree (LB St) 53-0; 8. Ken McBryde (Manh) 52-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 9. Clarence Taylor (UCLA) 51-8 $\frac{3}{4}$; 10. Bill McClellon (USAF) 51-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 11. Emory Montgomery (CP/Pom) 50-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 12. Anthony Terry (Davis) 50-1 $\frac{3}{4}$; 13. Mohinder Gill' (CITC) 50-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 14. Chuck Steffes (BAS) 48-8.

SHOT PUT

According to Al Feuerbach, it may have been only a matter of circumstances that kept him from giving the meet its first world record in the shot since 1934.

The defending champ opened with a meet record 70-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, the ninth best performance in history.

"I might have been in the best shape of my life today," he said afterwards. "I just felt I had a world record in me again. However, things started dragging after the first throw and I had to wait around while they measured for a meet record. That waiting might have cost me another world record.

"I was ready to go, but I lost the edge you need for those big throws. I did well, but I can do a lot better than that. Anytime I can throw within a foot of the world record I feel fairly pleased."

There was little doubt that Feuerbach was there to throw. Rather than wander down from Northern California for the meet's first day, Al stayed at home in San Jose and built his psyche. "Oh, I'm so ready," he said on Thursday. "I don't want to go down there and lose it."

Not that his victory was what you'd call a cakewalk. Arch-rival George Woods wasn't exactly asleep at the switch, punching out a 70-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the third round, but he got no closer. That's a pretty significant losing mark, as it becomes only the third time someone has thrown past 70-feet and not won.

Meanwhile, competition back in the pack (and it was quite a ways back, as 70-footer Ron Semkiw is through for the season with an injury and 69-footer Terry Albritton didn't show), competition was fierce for the two spots on the national team, with an all-time high of six passing 65-feet.

In the end, it was collegiate champ Jesse Stuart with little trouble for the first slot and resurging Pete Shmock slipping past Dana LeDuc for the other. /Garry Hill/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Al Feuerbach (PCC) 70-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ (70-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, 69-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, 67-10 $\frac{3}{4}$, 67-6 $\frac{3}{4}$, 67-7 $\frac{1}{4}$); 2. George Woods (PCC) 70-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (f, 69-6, 70-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 68-6, f, f); 3. Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky) 67- $\frac{3}{4}$ (65-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 62-10, f, 67- $\frac{3}{4}$, 66-3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 65-6 $\frac{1}{2}$); 4. Pete Shmock (BHS) 65-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; 5. Dana LeDuc (Tex) 65-8 $\frac{3}{4}$; 6. Sam Walker (GCTC) 65- $\frac{3}{4}$; 7. Richard Marks (unat) 63-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 8. Dave Doupe (Cornell) 61-0; 9. Kent Pagel (unat) 58-2.

DISCUS THROW

John Powell admitted he was worried about the discus competition—until his first throw.



Stan Pantovic

. . . and for Feuerbach.

After Powell's first heave, the competition remained only for lower places. The fast-spinning San Jose policemen opened at 209-11, hit a meet record 214-9 in the third frame and then 214-11 in the fourth. He never gave anybody else a chance.

Defending champion Mac Wilkins came closest—but not too close. Wilkins' second-round 205-9 was just four feet shy of Powell's *worst* throw all day, so totally did Powell dominate the field.

Powell's series read 209-11, 209-9, 214-9, 214-11, 213-0, foul; the five legal spins averaged over 212 feet. Only Wilkins and Don Tolleson have PRs better than that. Behind Mac, Dick Drescher opened with 199-8 which stood up for third, while Marshall Smith placed fourth with his final round 195-4. They were the only other throwers over 190 feet.

"I always worry about the competition," said the droll Powell. "It may seem like I'm feet and feet ahead of the competition, but remember how Mac surprised me last year. I was a little tight on the first two throws but then I figured I might as well settle down. I threw up to my expectations. I came here with the idea that given the quality of the meet and the facility, I could throw within the vicinity of the meet record. I'm satisfied with that." /Jon Hendershott/

FINAL(6/21): 1. John Powell (PCC) 214-11 (209-11, 209-9, 214-9, 214-11, 213-0, f); 2. Mac Wilkins (OTC) 205-9 (202-4, 205-9, f, f, 199-8, 199-8); 3. Dick Drescher

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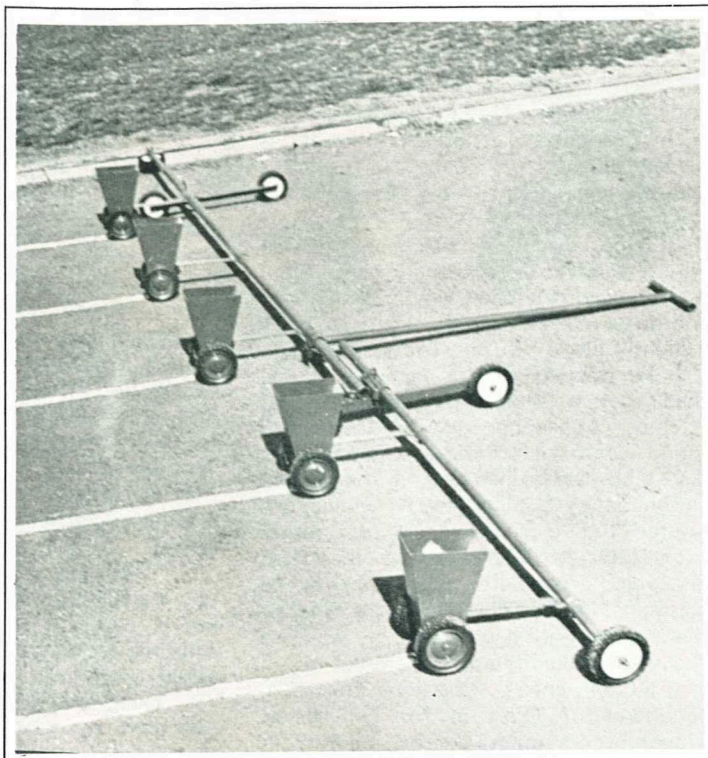


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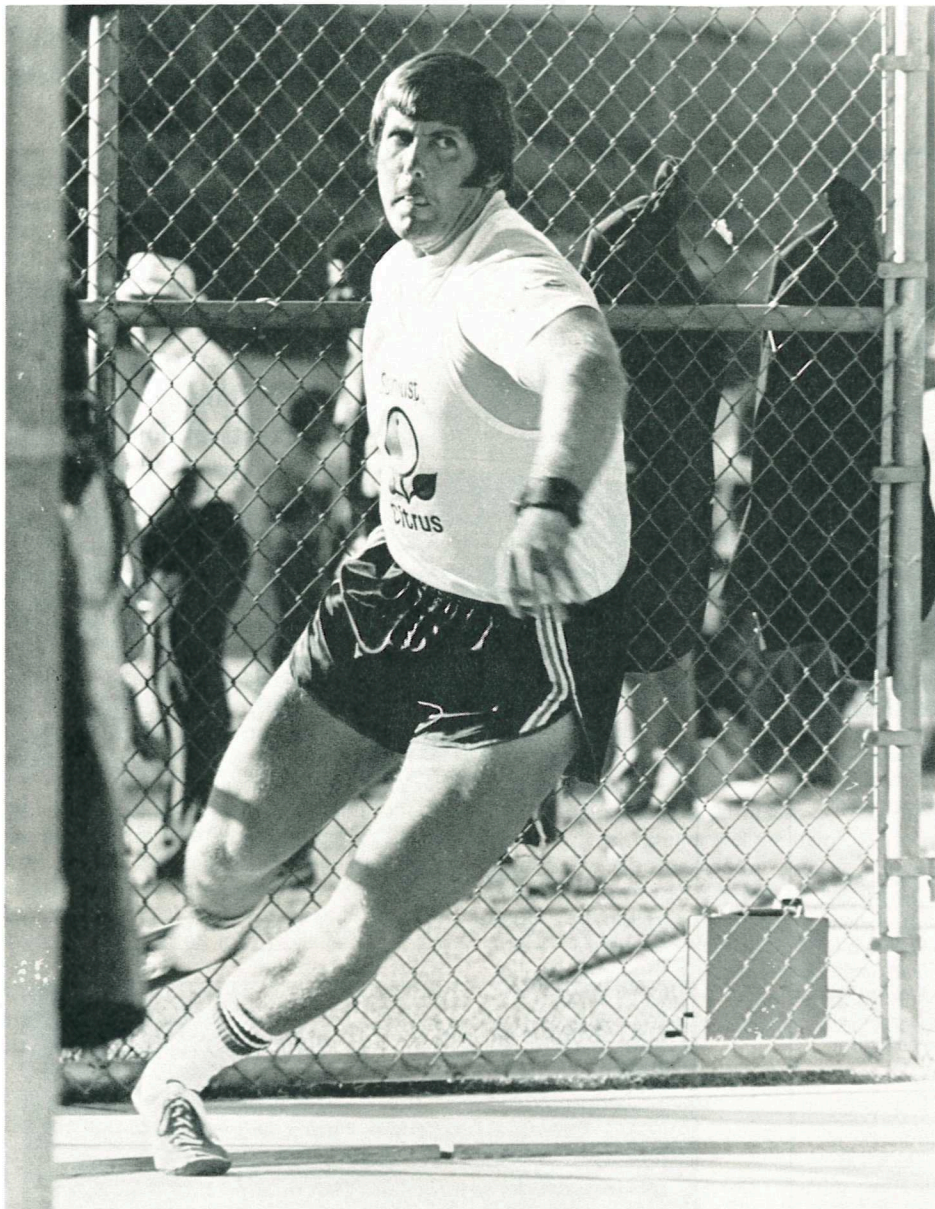
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John Powell won the discus with his opening throw and reached a meet record 214-11.

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(DCS) 199-8 (199-8, 196-11, 198-2, 197-1, 194-9, 197-3); 4. Marshall Smith (Colo St) 195-4; 5. Larry Kennedy (BAS) 189-11; 6. Jim McGoldrick (Tex) 189-6; 7. Mike Louisiana (Ft Mac) 187-8; 8. Don Tollefson (BHS) 187-7; 9. Gary Ordway (PCC) 185-2; 10. Art Swartz (Shore AC) 184-2; 11. Miles Lister (BHS) 182-9; 12. Dave Weber (PCC) 175-8; 13. Bruce Zabelski (UTEP) 173-8.

HAMMER THROW

The big hammer question before the meet was not who would win, but where and when it would be held. There were at least four different announcements on the subject and it was finally decided that the implement could be thrown at UCLA in spite of some tentative objections by University officials, and would be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, when spectators could see it. (One wonders why similar considerations could not have been applied to some other field events, especially the discus throw.)

Steve DeAutremont is apparently not a household name yet as only 300-400 fans showed up early to watch the hammer. But he is a fine athlete, who has developed a

habit of excelling at this meet. In the past four years he has improved his PR in the AAU three times, missing only 1972, when he PRed at the Final Olympic Trials.

The Oregon State graduate took the lead on his first throw at 222-4, which clinched the title over NCAA champ Peter Farmer, who edged Tom Gage in the last round, 223-9 to 221-9.

DeAutremont attributed some of his success to an unusual pre-meet rest. "I usually lift on Wednesdays before a meet," he said, "but this week I had my last weight session on Sunday. I think it helped." Another element of his 14-foot improvement this year has been the unusual flat-orbit technique he has been working on under the supervision of Canadian coach Gabor Simonyi. "A lot of American coaches don't believe it will work. But they are teaching what I think is bad technique." /Bob Hersh/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Steve DeAutremont (BHS) 226-6 (222-4, f, 218-9, 226-6, f, f); 2. Peter Farmer (UTEP)

223-9 (215-1, 219-3, f, 216-0, 221-2, 223-9); 3. Tom Gage (NYAC) 221-9 (213-2, 221-9, 212-10, 216-9, 218-1, 217-6); 4. Bill Shuff (Ft Mac) 218-7; 5. Larry Hart (NYAC) 212-10; 6. Peter Galle (USAF) 207-4; 7. Bill Diehl (Ft Mac) 205-2; 8. Andy Bessette (Conn) 203-8; 9. Al Hall (Backus AC) 203-7; 10. Boris Djerassi (NEN) 202-10; 11. Dale Casey (BHS) 201-2; 12. George Frenn (unat) 200-4; 13. Casey Ballwey (Wash) 200-0; 14. Hal Connolly (BHS) 197-11; 15. Ted Bregar (Navy) 193-3; 16. Carl Shields (Cornell) 191-0; 17. Mike Giroux (Fresno St) 180-3.

JAVELIN THROW

Lively competition produced some of the best javelin throwing in US history.

The fireworks began with the third throw of the competition. Olympic finalist Fred Luke, colorful in bright blue shorts and orange upper, pulled a high, soaring throw 278-4 for a personal record. In AAU history, Luke's throw was second only to Mark Murro's 284-3 in 1969.

In the second flight, throwing was poor for two rounds. Anthony Hall used his slow run and powerful arm to make the final with 241-10 on his last chance. Then Dave Reiss threw 246-0 to move into second place.

In the third flight, Olympic bronze medalist Bill Schmidt reached 261-7 on his second throw. Sam Colson, who had competed only twice this year, reached 251-5, then powered one 272-1 to take over second place. On his third throw, the cumbersome strongman sent a powerful shot in a tail-dragging zoom up to a high, long float. The javelin seemed bound for some kind of record, but it nosed down sharply at the end. Even so, Colson passed Luke by 10 inches.

In the first round of the finals, four throwers improved. Bob Kouvolo threw 240-7 but remained in seventh place. Milt Sonsky, 1972 Olympian, improved 3½ feet to fifth place. Hall improved to 244-6, only two inches behind Sonsky.

On his fourth throw, Colson, now a graduate student at Kansas, sent a near-perfect trajectory out 280-8. Later, the hefty lefty said, "I was pretty lucky to get the throw I got." But he had two marks ahead of Luke's fine throw and four over 270 feet.

On his fifth throw, Hall powered a personal record 265-6 to move up to third. And on his last chance, Sonsky took fifth place with a seven-foot improvement to 251-8.

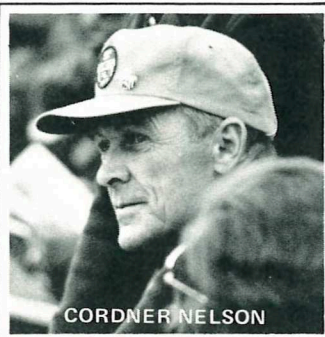
"I think there would really have been some terrific throws today if there had been any wind," Colson said. "I am quite pleased with my progress so far, coming off my elbow injury. The elbow felt fine today, but I just don't feel really strong yet." He would like to throw in the Olympics, but he said, "I may get into law school, and if I do, that is the end of my track career." /Cordner Nelson/

FINAL(6/22): 1. Sam Colson (unat) 280-8 (251-5, 272-1, 279-2, 280-8, 260-6, 274-2); 2. Fred Luke (CNW) 278-4 (278-4, 272-6, f, 258-8, 255-5, 254-5); 3. Anthony Hall (Bruce TC) 265-6 (218-5, 212-4, 241-10, 244-6, 265-6, 205-4); 4. Bill Schmidt (PCC) 261-7; 6. Dave Reiss (PCC) 246-0; 7. Bob Kouvolo (Bruce TC) 240-7; 8. Glenn Derwin (SMU) 237-2; 9. Rod Ewaliko (Wash) 235-4; 10. Jim Pearce (BHS) 220-8; 11. Tony Kozlaski (Ky) 219-2; 12. Jack Bacon (NYAC) 217-11; 13. Bob Wallis (Ft Mac) 215-9; 14. Steve Zotovich (unat) 215-3; 15. Keith Goldie (LB St) 214-9; 16. Greg Geraci (Bruce TC) 209-9. □

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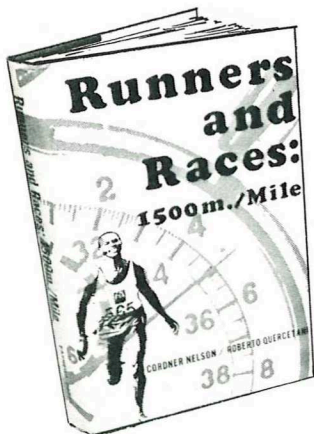
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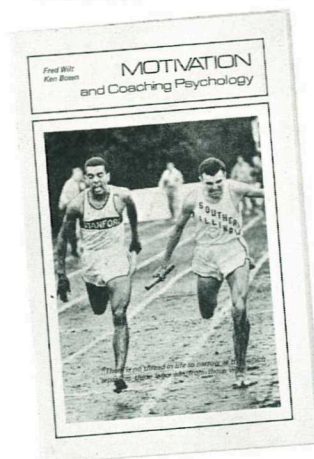
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GOLDEN WEST Banks Spans Windy 53-3³/₄

from Jack Shepard

Sacramento, Calif., June 22—Winds plagued the Golden West Invitational this year. It didn't help the runners much, but triple jumper Willie Banks made good use of it and the weightmen turned in a fine set of performances anyway.

Big first-round efforts were the order of the day, and one of the biggest came from Banks, who utilized an illegal gust to three-pop 53-3³/₄, nearly a foot better than any other prep has ever gone under any conditions. Coloradoan Ken McClendon answered with a windy 52-2.

The most competitive event was the disc, where the plate-spinners made good use of a favorable quartering wind. Mike Columbus put pressure on national record holder Ray Burton right from the start with an opening toss of 199-3 which moved him into seventh on the all-time list. Burton's fifth-round 196-11 was close, but he came no closer as Columbus had a great series featuring four 190-plus heaves.

While we're speaking of first efforts, Paul White came up with a notable one in the shot, moving to fifth all-time as a prep with his 69-8¹/₂ punch. It was four-foot improvement for the Arkansas giant, who commented that he is just now getting his strength back after losing weight to play basketball last winter. The toss also gains him the yearly lead. The only other thrower to respond with a PR was runner-up Mark Chew (64-4³/₄).

The other yearly lead takeover came from Junior titlist Frank Perbeck, with a 237-9 chuck. Perbeck proved himself as the most consistent prep javelinist of the season, this being his eighth 220-plus meet.

On the track, Willie Smith proved his national record abilities with close—but definite—wins (10.2/20.7) over Millard Hampton (10.3/20.7). In the 200, Smith ran a great curve, but Hampton made a good move back at him on the straight.

The talent-laden 1500 didn't produce the quick times expected as the pace (61.5, 2:03.5, 3:05.5) played into the hands of the kickers. Steve Lacy kicked the quickest as he outran Rich Kimball, 3:48.5 to 3:48.9. Kimball appears to have run too many tough races this past month with shin splints.

100m(5.75), Smith (Uniondale, NY) 10.2; 2. Hampton (Silver Creek, San Jose) 10.3; 3. Edmond (Ball, Galveston) 10.4. 200(6.75), Smith 20.7; 2. Hampton 20.7; 3. Harris (Mainland, Daytona Beach) 21.5. 400, Wiley (Douglass, Baltimore) 48.1; 2. Cazanave (Norte Del Rio, Sacramento) 48.5. 800, Belger (Mephram, Bellmore, NY) 1:50.4; 2. Nious (Fox Tech, San Antonio) 1:51.2; 3. Wolman (Fairfax, Los Angeles) 1:51.8. 1500, Lacy (McFarland, Wis) 3:48.5; 2. Kimball (DeLaSalle, Concord, Calif) 3:48.9; 3. Hagon (Suffern, NY) 3:51.6; 4. Clifford (Sunny Hills, Fullerton, Calif) 3:52.6. 5000, Schankel (Lompoc, Calif) 14:33.4; 2. Fulton (Benson, Portland, Ore) 14:33.6. 110mHH(w), Shaw (Muir, Pasadena) 13.7; 2. Holmes (Coatesville, Pa) 13.9; 3. Hodge (Ursuline, Youngstown, Ohio) 14.0. 400IH, Schmidt (Oceanside, NY) 51.9; 2. Graybehl (Las Lomas, Walnut Creek, Calif) 52.7.

HJ, Ruebel (Highland, Ind) 6-11; 2. Hatch (Wilson, San Francisco) 6-10; 3. Melly (Cardinal O'Hara, Springfield, Pa) 6-8. PV, Hunter (Northrop, Ft Wayne, Ind) 16-0; 2. Johnson (Bloom Twp, Chicago Heights) 16-0; 3.

Rice (Upper Arlington, Columbus, Ohio) 15-8. LJ(w), Lofton (Washington, Los Angeles) 24-9¹/₂; 2. Dykes (Hammond, La) 24-9; 3. Wells (Pueblo, Tucson) 24-7¹/₂. TJ, Banks (Oceanside, Calif) 53-3³/₄w (51-3); 2. McClendon (Washington, Denver) 52-2w; 3. Hutchings (Northeast, Macon) 49-11¹/₂w (49-3³/₄); 4. Bryson (Oakland) 49-11¹/₂w (48-4¹/₂); 5. Sawyer (Smith, Chesapeake, Va) 49-4w; 6. Duvall (Coronado, Colorado Springs) 49-1¹/₂. SP, White, (Russellville, Ark) 69-8¹/₂; 2. Chew (Wooster, Reno) 64-4¹/₂; 3. Klotzer (Union, NJ) 61-10¹/₂. DT, Columbus (Fanwood, Scotch Plains, NJ) 199-3 (199-3, 193-8, 193-5, 187-2, 198-1, 189-11); 2. Burton (Vacaville, Calif) 196-11; 3. Elder (Redwood, Larkspur, Calif) 193-9; 4. Klotzer 189-1; 5. Chew 187-9; 6. McNaughton (Hoover, Fresno) 185-2. JT, Perbeck (Manhattan, Kans) 237-9; 2. Morris (Lake Charles, La) 221-1; 3. Ralph (Piscataway, NJ) 216-6.

INTERNATIONAL

TOP GAMES

American Record by Pre, European Record by Karst, Collegiate Record by Ngeno

Helsinki, Fin., June 26-27—The TOP Games were just that. Bringing together many of the world's top names resulted in top-flight competition and probably the highest-class affair so far in the Northern Hemisphere's outdoor season (remember Christchurch?).

Unheralded West German Michael Karst outran a stellar steeple field to match the 8:18.4 European record, Knut Kvalheim surprised Steve Prefontaine over 5000 and pulled Pre to a US best, John Ngeno toured a college-best 10,000, John Walker beat Filbert Bayi in a 3:33.4 1500, fifth-fastest in history, and Pentti Kahma outthrew both John Powell and Ricky Bruch in the discus.

In the 5000, Paul Geis went out and did some fast leg work early, passing 60.0, 2:05 lap splits and a 2:39.4 kilometer. Pre took over and led past 2000 (5:20.6) and 3000 (8:03.2) meters, but former teammate Knut was right on his tail the whole way, forcing the pace.

Pre still led at the bell, but couldn't respond to Kvalheim's attack. Pre fought gamely until about 30 meters from the tape, then dropped his arms in defeat as Knut swept on to lower his brother's national record by exactly 10 seconds, to 13:20.4. Pre trimmed 0.2 from his US best, while Geis timed a PR 13:23.6.

Pre now owns the three fastest American times and six of the top nine; Geis holds two and Dick Buerkle one. Geis lowered his best from 13:29.0. Knut's brother Arne, former Oregon miler, recorded a 13:27.2 PR. Pre's mark is slightly inferior to his 12:51.4 three mile of earlier this spring, this 5000 equalling 12:54.4. At three miles in the race, Kvalheim led Pre by 0.4 at 12:55.2. Coincidentally, while Kvalheim was setting a Norwegian 5000 record, Leif-Roar Falkum twice upped the national high jump mark, finally to 7-2¹/₄.

Karst's mark thrust the 22-year-old West German into the high ranks of the steeple. His previous PR of 8:28.0 would barely get him into the all-time top 50, but

his 8:18.4 made him the equal-second performer with the equal-third performance.

Bronislaw Malinowski and Evans Mogaka did the early pacing, Malinowski leading past a 2:54.5 kilometer and 4:10.2 1500. Mogaka led through a 5:35.5 2000 meters as the big-name group of European recordman Anders Garderud, Olympic bronze medalist Tapio Kantanen, recent 8:21.2 runner Malinowski and recent 8:23.4 Italian Franco Fava plus Karst were all together.

At the bell, Fava moved out and Kantanen counterattacked. Garderud next moved to the fore with Karst close behind. Karst drove passed Kantanen, Malinowski and Fava on the final curve, then nailed Garderud with 100 meters left. Garderud barely edged Kantanen's Finnish record time, as Malinowski and Fava also set national bests.

Bayi set another insane pace, this time 52.9, 1:50.4 and 2:50.4. Walker meanwhile bided his time more intelligently with times of 57.5, 1:56.5 and 2:53.0. The last 300 made the difference as Walker sped 40.4 while Bayi could struggle through in just 46.6. His final 300 at the Commonwealth was 41.4. Later Walker told Bayi, "Today was my day. Tomorrow will be yours."

Ngeno let Richard Juma and Frank Shorter lead most of the 10,000 before taking command late and coming home in a collegiate record 28:05.6, lowering Greg Fredericks' 28:08.0 of '72. Shorter led at halfway in 14:01.6 but dropped out at 8500 meters with a stitch. Although no six-mile split was reported, Ngeno was probably very close to Pre's 27:09.4 CR.

Kahma's 213-4 handed Powell his first loss of the year and accounted for '73 leader Bruch as well. Powell hit 211-1, while Bruch's best measured 210-0. In the javelin, Klaus Wolfermann unloaded a 285-2 whip to best Hannu Siitonen's 280-11.

June 26(a)-27(b)/—400(b), Honz (WG) 45.7; 2. Sang (Ken-NCC) 46.1. 800(a), Boit (Ken-En NM) 1:45.1; 2. Schmid (WG) 1:46.3; 3. Dyce (Jam-FTC) 1:47.3; ... 5. Kipkurgat (Ken) 1:48.4. 1500(b), Walker (NZ) 3:33.4; 2. Bayi (Tanz) 3:37.0. St(a), Karst 8:18.4=ER; 2. Garderud (Swe) 8:19.6; 3. Kantanen 8:19.6 NR; 4. Malinowski (Pol) 8:20.4 NR; 5. Fava (It) 8:23.0 NR. 5000(a), A. Kvalheim (Nor-Ore TC) 13:20.4 NR (12:55.2y); 2. Prefontaine (Ore TC) 13:22.2AR; 3. Geis (Ore TC) 13:23.6; 4. Boro (Nor) 13:25.6; 5. A. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:27.2. 10,000(b), Ngeno (Ken-Wash St) 28:05.6 CR; ... dnf—Shorter (FTC). 400IH(a), Mann (BHS) 49.7; 2. Akii-Bua (Uga) 49.8.

HJ(a), Tarring (Den) 7-2¹/₄; 2. Falkum (Nor) 7-2¹/₄NR. SP(a), Feuerbach (PCC) 69-9; 2. Stahlberg 69-9 NR. DT(b), Kahma 213-4; 2. Powell (PCC) 211-1; 3. Bruch (Swe) 210-0. HT(a), Dmitryenko (SU) 236-5. JT(b), Wolfermann (WG) 285-2; 2. Siitonen 280-11.

STOCKHOLM

Garderud Down to 8:15.2

from Sven-Ivar Johansson

Stockholm, Swe., July 1-2—Anders Garderud overcame a slow early pace to turn in an 8:15.2 steeplechase, a European record and second-fastest in history.

Garderud thus regained sole possession of the continental best, after Michael Karst had matched his 8:18.4 mark seven days earlier; Garderud ran 8:19.6 that day. Now only Ben Jipcho's 8:14.0

world record is faster than Garderud's time.

Evans Mogaka led the early going, passing 1000 meters in 2:48.5 and 1500 in 4:13.0. Then Garderud picked it up, passed 2000 meters in 5:36.3 and maintained fine rhythm over the final two circuits to finish in 8:15.06, rounded to 8:15.2. "I haven't reached my top form yet," Anders said later, "but in three weeks I'll be able to run the first half in 4:07."

Filbert Bayi ran a sensible pace in the mile, 57.0 and 58.0 for the first two laps and was able to come home in 3:54.1, holding off the surprising Swede Ulf Hogberg, who lowered his national best by 2.6 seconds to 3:54.4.

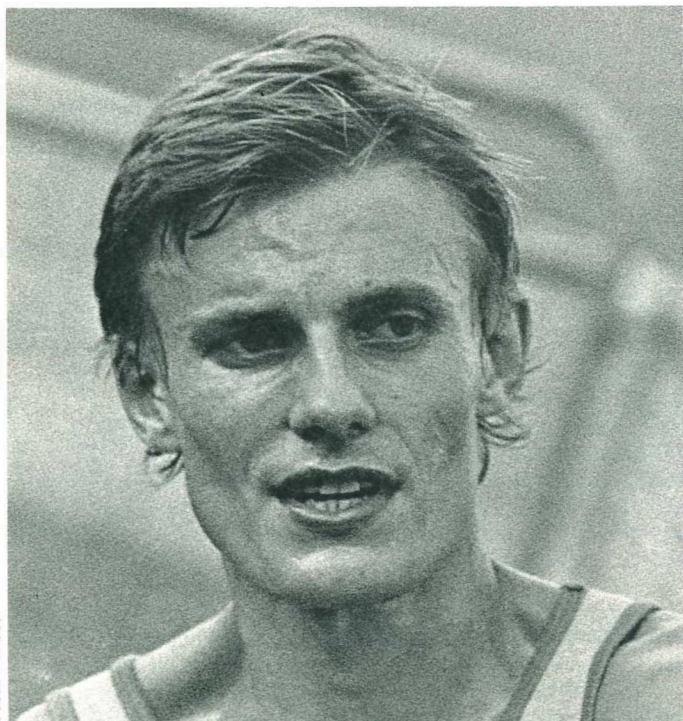
Frank Shorter paced the 10,000 through a 14:11.6 first half with John Ngeno always in close proximity. Ngeno waited until the last backstretch before jumping into the lead; he built a five yard lead but Shorter ate that up in the stretch and only Ngeno thrusting out his chest at the wire preserved the win as both ran 28:11.0.

July 1(a)-2(b)/-800(b), Boit (Ken-En NM) 1:45.5; 2. Ouko (Ken-NCC) 1:46.5; 3. Omwanza (Ken) 1:46.7; 4. Dyce (Jam-FTC) 1:46.8. Mile(a), Bayi (Tanz) 3:54.1 (3:37.4m); 2. Hogberg 3:54.4 NR; 3. Crouch (Aus) 3:55.6; 3. Vasala (Fin) 3:57.1 =NR; 5. Dyce 3:57.3; 6. Hilton (PCC) 3:57.6. St(b), Garderud 8:15.2 ER; 2. Kantanen (Fin) 8:22.6; 3. Koyama (Japan) 8:25.8; 4. Mogaka (Ken) 8:27.4; 5. Roelants (Bel) 8:36.4. 10,000(a), Ngeno (Ken-Wash St) 28:11.0; 2. Shorter (FTC) 28:11.0. HJ(b), Almen 7-3³/₈ =NR; 2. Torring (Den) 7-2¹/₂. PV(a), Carrigan (PCC) 17-³/₄. SP(b), Capes (GB) 67-7¹/₂; 2. Hoglund (Swe-UTEF) 65-8¹/₂. JT(a), Siitonen (Fin) 276-0; 2. Wolfermann (WG) 275-9.

MILAN Bolding Blasts 48.1 Barriers

Milan, It., July 2—Jim Bolding took his already sensational '74 season of one lap hurdling one step farther as he whizzed a 48.1 here, an American record and equal second-fastest in history.

Garderud—European steeple record.



Peter Probst

Bolding, who hasn't run slower than 50 seconds in nearly two dozen finals this year, thus lowered Ralph Mann's 48.4 mark set in the '72 Olympic Trials and lowered his own PR of 48.6 set only five days earlier.

Only the winning times of the last two Olympic champions rival Bolding's; John Akii-Bua ran 47.8 at Munich and Dave Hemery 48.1 at Mexico in '68, Akii-Bua breaking Hemery's world mark. Akii ran only third here, in 49.6.

John Walker continued his fast miling, this time with a 3:34.3 for 1500 meters (worth a 3:51.4 mile) as Len Hilton claimed a PR 3:36.8 (worth 3:54.1). Silvio Leonard of Cuba dashed a 10-flat 100 meters while Al Feuerbach muscled the shot 68-11¹/₂.

WORLD RECORD

Theimer Fires Hammer 251-3

Leipzig, E.G., July 4—A late-breaking story reports that Reinhard Theimer highlighted the East German Championships with a new world hammer mark.

Theimer added a giant hunk to his old PR of 240-11 in nipping Walter Schmidt's 1971 world mark of 250-8 with his 251-3 heave. A complete report will appear in the August issue.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

This report contains all outstanding performances made outside the United States which have been reported to T&FN since the 1 July issue.

Following any commentary for each event are two paragraphs: the first could be called "Leading Competitions," listing the results of clashes between major world athletes; the second is "Leading Performances," in which the top efforts by leading athletes, other than those reported in separate stories or above, are listed.

100 METERS: 1(8,28)-1. Joseph (Trin-S Hall) 10.0; 2. Crawford (Trin-En Mich) 10.0.

Crawford 10.0w. Leonard (Cuba) 10.1, 10.1, 10.1. Silovs (SU) 10.1.

200 METERS: 1. tie, Leonard 20.2 NR & Zenk (EG) 20.2 =NR; 3. Pfeifer (EG) 20.4. Heats: Leonard & Zenk 20.4.

Joseph 20.1w. Leonard 20.5.

400 METERS: Herrmann (WG) 45.4. Juantorena (Cuba) 45.3.

800 METERS: 1. Bayi (Tanz) 1:49.1; 2. Kipkurgat (Ken).

Susanj (Yug) 1:45.1 NR.

3000 METERS: 1. Prefontaine (Ore TC) 7:55.8; 2. Vasala (Fin) 8:00.0; ... 5. Vaatainen (Fin) 8:07.4.

Cerrada (Sp) 7:56.8 WJrR. Dixon (NZ) 7:41.0, 7:41.4. Walker (NZ) 7:40.6.

STEEPLE: The Kusocinski Memorial race was a fast one and both Malinowski and Fava improved at Helsinki just four days later... Knut Kvalheim's national record came just two days after his big 5000 win at Helsinki.

1. Malinowski (Pol) 8:21.2 NR; 2. Koyama (Japan) 8:21.6 AsianR; 3. Fava (It) 8:23.4 NR.

Kantanen (Fin) 8:24.2. K. Kvalheim (Nor) 8:25.2 NR.

5000 METERS: 1. Hermens (Hol) 13:27.2; 2. Kuschmann (EG) 13:27.4; 3. Hoffman (Czech) 13:28.2; 4. Penkava (Czech) 13:29.0; 5. Kuznyetsov (SU) 13:29.8.

1. Puttemans (Bel) 13:36.6; ... 3. M. Gamoudi (Tun) 13:56.8; ... 7. Bedford (GB) 14:05.8.

Simmons (GB) 13:28.8.

10,000 METERS: Kuschmann 28:10.0.

110 HURDLES: Casanas (Cuba) 13.3. Cech (Czech) 13.5. Drut (Fr) 13.4. L. Wodzynski (Pol) 13.5.

400 HURDLES: Czech Miroslav Kodejs lowered the seldom-run 440 yard hurdle record for Europe to 49.4 (Prague, June 28). He cut Salvatore Morale's 13-year-old mark by 0.7.

1. Bolding (PCC) 49.0; 2. Nallet 49.6.

Bolding 48.6. Kodejs 49.1 NR, 49.5.

HJ: 1. Abramov 7-4¹/₂; 2. Molotilov 7-2⁵/₈; 3. Bolshov 7-1, 4. Sapka 6-11⁷/₈. (all SU)

Karlson (SU) 7-3³/₈. Maly (Czech) 7-3³/₈ NR.

PV: 1. Slusarski (Pol) 17-6¹/₄; 2. Bucjarski (Pol) 17-4¹/₄. Kalliomaki (Fin) 17-4¹/₄, 17-4¹/₄. Slusarski 17-4¹/₄.

Trofimiyenko (SU) 17-5¹/₂, 17-5¹/₂.

LJ: 1. Stekic (Yug) 26-9 NR; 2. Cybulski (Pol) 26-7. Klaus (EG) 26-10.

TJ: 1. Sinichkin 55-2¹/₂; 2. Pishchulin 54-7¹/₄; 3. Byessonov 53-9. (all SU)

Drehmel (EG) 55-11¹/₂.

SP: 1. Capes (GB) 68-10¹/₄ BCR; 2. Briesenick (EG) 68-1¹/₄; 3. Winch (GB) 66-2¹/₄; 4. Rothenburg (EG) 65-7¹/₄. Beyer (EG) 65-³/₄ EJR.

DT: 1. Kahma (Fin) 215-8; 2. Bruch (Swe) 213-0 (first loss since '72) 1. Powell (PCC) 206-4; 2. Bruch 204-4.

Bruch 223-7, Kahma 214-0. Pachale (EG) 215-4.

HT: Theimer 237-6; 2. Beilig 232-1. 1. Spiridonov (SU) 242-4; 2. Dmitriyenko 236-2.

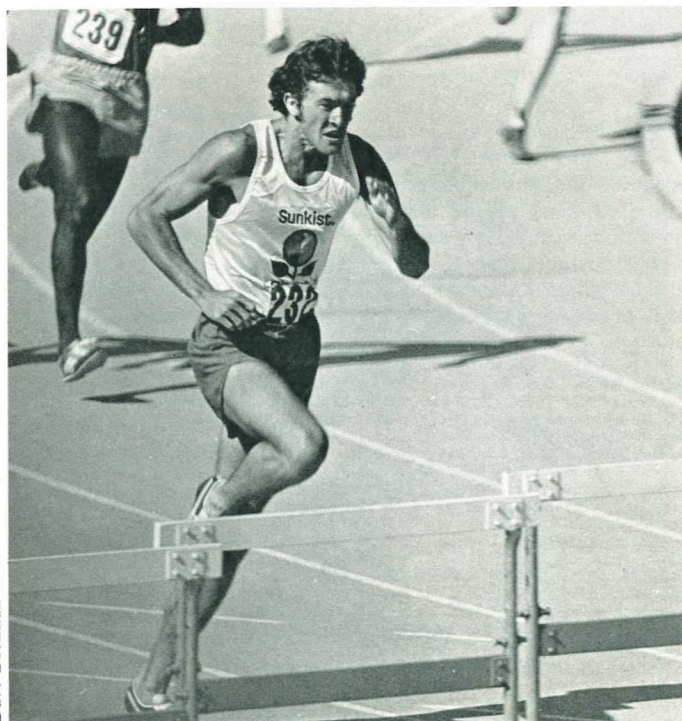
Beilig 241-9, Theimer 242-5.

JT: 1. Wolfermann (WG) 289-7 (also 285-7, 284-5); 2. Siitonen (Fin) 277-5; 3. Jaakola (Fin) 275-3; 4. Lappalainen (Fin) 274-6; 5. Hovinen (Fin) 273-4.

Lappalainen 279-8. Nemeth (Hun) 278-2. Siitonen 290-7.

DECATHLON: Skowronek (Pol) 8076 (24-9¹/₄, 15-1¹/₄). □

Bolding—US 400 hurdles best.



Dave Drennan

World List

This list contains the best marks in the world for the 1974 season. †=yard mark converted to meters; = unconverted yard mark; i=indoor mark; p=professional.

100 METERS

9.0y	Ivory Crockett (PPC)
9.9	Steve Williams (SD St)
10.0	Don Quarrie (Jam)
10.0	Silvio Leonard (Cuba)
9.2y	Donald Merrick (SemJC)
9.2y	Chris Garpenborg (Swe)
9.2y	Reggie Jones (Tenn)
9.2y	Ray Robinson (FlaA&M)
9.2y	Marshall Dill (Mich St)
9.2y	Chris Brathwaite (Trin)
10.1	Steve Riddick (Norf St)
10.1	Juris Silovs (SU)

200 METERS

20.1†	Don Quarrie (Jam)
20.2	Silvio Leonard (Cuba)
20.2	Hans-Joachim Zenk (EG)
20.3†	pJohn Carlos (unat)
20.4†	Larry Burton (Purdue)
20.4†	Charles Joseph (Trin)
20.4†	Steve Williams (SD St)
20.4	Jorg Pfeifer (EG)
20.5†	Dale Connolly (BYU)
20.5†	Clancy Edwards (CP/SLO)
20.5†	Larry Brown (Ariz)
20.5†	Willie Smith (NY HS)
20.5†	James Gilkes (Guyana)
20.5	Franz-P Hofmeister (WG)

400 METERS

44.9†	Larance Jones (NE Mo)
44.9†	Darwin Bond (Tenn)
45.0	Fons Brydenbach (Bel)
45.1	Bernd Herrmann (WG)
45.2†	pWarren Edmondson (ITA)
45.2	Maurice Peoples (DCS)
45.4†	Evis Jennings (Miss St)
45.5†	Benny Brown (UCLA)
45.5	Terry Erickson (Sn III)
45.5†	pLarry James (ITA)
45.5	Alberto Juantorena (Cu)
45.5†	Charles Oliver (Troy St)
45.5†	Maxie Parks (UCLA)
45.6	Julius Sang (Kenya)
45.6	Horst-R Schloske (WG)

800 METERS

1:43.4†	Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)
1:43.9	John Kipkurgat (Ken)
1:44.4	Mike Boit (Ken)
1:44.9	John Walker (NZ)
1:45.1	Luciano Susanj (Yug)
1:45.3	Filbert Bayi (Tanz)
1:45.4	Danie Malan (S Afr)
1:45.6	Andy Carter (GB)
1:45.7	James Robinson (LanCC)
1:46.0	Mark Robinson (Cath)
1:46.2	Byron Dyce (Jam)
1:46.2	Keith Francis (BostC)
1:46.2	Daniel Omwanza (Ken)
1:46.2	Phil Lewis (GB)

1500 METERS

3:32.2	Filbert Bayi (Tanz)
3:32.5	John Walker (NZ)
3:33.2	Ben Jipcho (Ken)
3:33.9	Rod Dixon (NZ)
3:34.2	Graham Crouch (Aus)
3:35.9†	Tony Waldrop (N Car)
3:36.8	Mike Boit (Ken)
3:36.8	Len Hilton (PCC)
3:37.0†	Ulf Hogberg (Swe)
3:37.2	Fanie van Zijl (S Afr)
3:37.3	Danie Malan (S Afr)
3:37.6†	Denis Francis (Penn)

5000 METERS

13:14.4	Ben Jipcho (Ken)
13:14.6	Brendan Foster (GB)
13:19.0†	Steve Prefontaine (OTC)
13:19.8†	Frank Shorter (FTC)
13:20.4	Knut Kvalheim (Nor)
13:23.6	Dave Black (GB)
13:23.6	Paul Geis (Ore)
13:24.2i	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)
13:24.4	Dick Quax (NZ)
13:25.6	Knut Boro (Nor)
13:25.6†	Don Kardong (CNW)
13:26.2	Dick Buerkle (NYAC)
13:26.6	Manfred Kuschmann (EG)
13:27.2	Jos Hermens (Hol)
13:27.2	Arne Kvalheim (Nor)

10,000 METERS

27:43.6	Steve Prefontaine (OTC)
27:46.4	Dick Tayler (NZ)
27:48.6	Dave Black (GB)
27:57.0	Richard Juma (Ken)
28:05.6	John Ngeno (Ken)
28:09.6†	Frank Shorter (FTC)
28:10.0	Manfred Kuschmann (EG)
28:14.8	Dave Bedford (GB)
28:14.8	Dan Shaughnessy (Can)
28:16.0	Jim Baxter (GB)
28:16.2	Ewald Bonzet (S Afr)
28:17.2	Ian Stewart (GB)
28:28.2	Mark Smet (Bel)
28:20.8	Wolfgang Kruger (WG)
28:21.4	Manfred Leiteritz (EG)

MARATHON

2:09:12	Ian Thompson (GB)
2:11:19	Jack Foster (NZ)
2:12:48	Ferdie LaGrange (S Afr)
2:12:55	Richard Mabuza (Swaz)
2:12:59	Terry Manners (NZ)
2:13:05	Hamada (Japan)
2:13:40	Hattori (Japan)
2:13:39	Neil Cusack (Eire)
2:14:04	John Farrington (Aus)
2:14:16	Don Macgregor (GB)
2:14:21	Noriyasu Mizukami (Jap)
2:14:25	Tom Fleming (NYAC)
2:14:27	Mihara (Japan)
2:14:57	Bernie Plain (GB)

20 KILO WALK

1:24:45	Bernd Kannenberg (WG)
1:27:00	Karl-H Stadtmuller (EG)
1:27:01	Siegfried Zschiegner (EG)
1:27:16	Yevgeniy Ivchenko (SU)
1:27:49	Peter Frenkel (EG)
1:27:55	Ion Gasitu (Rum)
1:28:42	Arnaldo Zambaldo (It)

110 HURDLES

13.2	Guy Drut (Fr)
13.3	Alejandro Casanas (Cuba)
13.3y	Charles Rich (CITC)
13.4	Ervin Sebestyen (Rum)
13.4	Thomas Hill (Ft Mac)
13.4	Charles Foster (NCC)
13.4y	Larry Shipp (LSU)
13.4y	Danny Smith (Bah)
13.5	Petr Cech (Cze)
13.5	Willie Davenport (BRTC)
13.5	Klaus Fiedler (EG)
13.5	Thomas Munkelt (EG)
13.5	Leszek Wodzynski (Pol)

STEEPLECHASE

8:15.2	Anders Garderud (Swe)
8:18.4	Michael Karst (WG)
8:19.6	Tapio Kantanen (Fin)
8:20.4	Bronislav Malinowski (Pol)
8:20.8	Ben Jipcho (Ken)
8:21.6	Takaharu Koyama (Jap)
8:23.0	Franco Fava (Italy)
8:23.2	Doug Brown (Tenn)
8:24.8	John Davies (GB)
8:25.2	Knut Kvalheim (Nor)
8:28.4	Gerd Frahmke (WG)
8:28.6	Evans Mogaka (Ken)
8:28.8	Jim Johnson (CNW)
8:29.0	Henryk Lesiuk (Pol)
8:29.0	Mike Manley (OTC)

400 HURDLES

48.1	Jim Bolding (PCC)
48.8	Alan Pascoe (GB)
49.1	Miroslav Kodejs (Cze)
49.3	Bruce Field (Aus)
49.3	Bill Koskei (Ken)
49.5	James King (SDTC)
49.5	Ralph Mann (BHS)
49.6	Fatwell Kimaiyo (Ken)
49.6	Yevgeniy Gavriyenko (SU)
49.6	Jean-Claude Nallet (Fr)
49.6	John Akii-Bua (Uga)
49.8	Mike Shine (Penn St)
49.9†	Bruce Collins (Penn)
49.9	Ivan Danis (Cze)
49.9†	Wes Williams (SDTC)

HIGH JUMP

7-4½i	Dwight Stones (PCC)
7-4½	Vladimir Abramov (SU)
7-3¾i	Kestutis Sapka (SU)
7-3¾i	Sergey Budaalov (SU)
7-3¾	Jesper Tarring (Den)
7-3¾	Imant Karlson (SU)
7-3¾	Tom Woods (Ore St)
7-3¾	Bill Jankunis (Colo)
7-3	Mike Fleer (Ore St)
7-3	Enzo Dal Forno (Italy)
7-3	Valentin Gavrilov (SU)
7-3i	pJohn Radetich (ITA)
7-3	Sergey Senyukov (SU)
7-3	Paul Underwood (ArizSt)
7-2¾	Dennis Adama (Ind)

POLE VAULT

18-4	pSteve Smith (ITA)
18-¾	pBob Seagren (ITA)
17-8¾i	Renato Dionisi (Italy)
17-8i	Vic Dias (BHS)
17-8i	pBuddy Williamson (ITA)
17-7¾	Casey Carrigan (PCC)
17-7	Kjell Isaksson (Swe)
17-7	Bob Slover (BHS)
17-7	Tadeusz Slusarski (Pol)
17-6	Roland Carter (GCTC)
17-6	Dave Roberts (GCTC)
17-6i	Fran Tracanelli (Fr)
17-5¾	Reinhard Kuretzky (WG)
17-5¾	Vladimir Trofimiyenko (SU)

LONG JUMP

27-2¾	Arnie Robinson (SDTC)
26-10¾	Bouncy Moore (unat)
26-10	Max Klaus (EG)
26-9¾i	Jean-F Bonheme (Fr)
26-9	Neناد Stekic (Yug)

TRIPLE JUMP

55-11¾	Jorg Drehmel (EG)
55-10½i	Michal Joachimowski (Pol)
55-9	Viktor Saneyev (SU)
55-4½i	Mikhail Bariban (SU)
55-2½	Pedro Perez (Cuba)
55-2½	Nikolay Sinichkin (SU)
55-2½	Charlton Ehizuelen (III)
55-¼	Milan Spasojevic (Yug)
54-11¾	Clarence Taylor (UCLA)
54-10i	Milan Tiff (BHS)
54-8¾	Mohinder Gill (India)
54-7¾	Anatoliy Pishchulin (SU)
54-6¾i	Tommy Haynes (M Tenn)
54-4i	Bernard Lamitie (Fr)
54-2¾	Sergey Sidoryanov (SU)
54-2i	Ryszard Garnys (Pol)
54-2	Armando Herrera (Cuba)
54-2	Apost Kathiniotis (Gr)

SHOT PUT

72-2¾i	George Woods (PCC)
70-10½	Al Feuerbach (PCC)
70-3¾i	pFred DeBernardi (ITA)
70-1¾i	pRandy Matson (ITA)
70-¾	Ron Semkiw (Mesa CC)
69-9	Reijo Stahlberg (Fin)
69-3¾	pBrian Oldfield (ITA)
69-¾	Terry Albritton (unat)
68-10¾	Geoff Capes (GB)
68-6i	pKarl Salb (ITA)
68-5¾i	Heinz-J Rothenburg (EG)
68-1¾	Hartmut Briesenick (EG)
67-10¾	Valeriy Voikin (SU)
67-9¾	Hans Hoglund (Swe)
67-4¾i	Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky)

DISCUS THROW

223-7	Ricky Bruch (Swe)
223-4	John Powell (PCC)
223-3	John Van Reenen (S Afr)
215-4	Siegfried Pachale (EG)
214-0	Pentti Kahma (Fin)
213-0	Wolfgang Muller (EG)
211-6	Mac Wilkins (OTC)
211-3	Markku Tuokko (Fin)
210-1	Bill Tancred (GB)
209-7	Hartmut Losch (EG)
208-11	Hein-Direck Neu (WG)
206-11	Robin Tait (NZ)
206-4	Dick Drescher (DCS)
204-10	Velko Velev (Bul)

HAMMER THROW

251-3	Reinhard Theimer (EG)
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26-8¾	Tommy Haynes (M Tenn)
26-7½	Jerry Herndon (UCLA)
26-7	Hans Baumgartner (WG)
26-7	Grzegorz Cybulski (Pol)
26-6¾	Jerry Proctor (BHS)
26-6½	Josh Owusu (Gha)
26-5	Valeriy Podluzhnyi (SU)
26-3¾i	pHenry Hines (ITA)
26-3¾i	Frank Wartenberg (EG)
26-2¾	Jacques Rousseau (Fr)

WIND-AIDED:

27-1¾	Jerry Proctor (BHS)
26-9	Danny Seay (Kans)
26-6	Jeff Bolin (Purdue)
26-6	Theo Hamilton (Kans)
26-4	Randy Williams (Sn Cal)

WIND-AIDED:

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55-10½i	Michal Joachimowski (Pol)
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244-11	Aleksey Spiridonov (SU)
241-9	Karl-Heinz Beilig (EG)
239-7	Anatoliy Bondarchuk (SU)
238-4	Jochen Sachse (EG)
237-8	Edwin Klein (WG)
237-3	Valentin Dmitriyenko (SU)
236-6	Viktor Korolyov (SU)
235-3	Manfred Seidel (EG)
234-2	Jaroslav Charvat (Cze)
233-2	Adam Barnard (S Afr)
232-6	Yurly Sedykh (SU)
232-5	Rainer Engwicht (EG)
231-10	Uwe Beyer (WG)
230-11	Todor Manolov (Bul)

JAVELIN THROW

290-7	Hannu Siitonen (Fin)
289-6	Klaus Wolfermann (WG)
285-4	Sam Colson (unat)
282-4	Nikolay Grebenyev (SU)
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275-10	Janis Lusis (SU)
274-9	Wolfgang Hanisch (EG)
274-9	Aimo Puska (Fin)

DECATHLON

8245	Bruce Jenner (unat)
8076	Ryszard Skowronek (Pol)
7988	Fred Samara (NYAC)
7969	John Warkentin (BHS)
7939	Jeff Bennett (Eagle TC)
7938	Ron Evans (BHS)
7930	Steve Gough (CNW)
7914	Viktor Chelnokov (SU)
7890	Ludek Pernica (Cze)
7888	Guido Kratschmer (WG)
7878	Yves LeRoy (Fr)
7874	Ronald Backman (Swe)
7842	Vasile Bogdan (Rum)
7840	Karasov (SU)
7839	Roger George (Fresno St)

400 RELAY

39.1†	United States
39.2†	UTEP
39.3	Australia
39.3†	Kansas
39.3	East Germany
39.4	West Germany
39.4†	Texas Southern
39.5†	North Carolina Central
39.5†	Tennessee
39.6	Ghana
39.6†	UCLA
39.6†	Beverly Hills Striders

1600 RELAY

3:03.9†	North Carolina Central
3:03.9†	United States
3:04.4	Kenya

OF PEOPLE & THINGS

by Bert Nelson

I HAVE A COMPLAINT. Some track meets operate on too fast a schedule. Events are rushed so much the spectator misses the joys of discussion of results and anticipation of the next event.

The NCAA schedule is particularly bad. On the final day there are 11 races slated to be completed in 114 minutes. Subtract the 37 minutes it takes to run those races and you have just 77 minutes to hear the announcements of lanes, the results, watch the field events, think about what has happened and get ready for the next races. It averages about eight minutes between the end of one race and the start of another and that's far too little. Another 10 minutes between races would extend the program less than two hours, which should be no problem since the first field event in the stadium starts a full two hours before the first running event.

It's the last day that seems to be the problem. After eight days of reasonable scheduling, the Olympics also wind up in a hurry. At Munich the 5000 started only 10 minutes after the marathon got underway. Then only 10 minutes after the 5000 ended the 1500 gun was shot. Two great races, among the best of the Games, and for which we had waited for months, and there

is only 10 minutes between them. It's a crime.

■ ■ ■
SHORT SPRINTS... Why does the AAU refer to the junior teams as boys and girls? It's ridiculous to label boys the 19-year-olds who can run 1500 in 3:37.9 or throw the hammer 226-11... The new NCAA no false start rule should prove most interesting. There is a lot of merit to it, but I wonder if more experimentation wasn't needed... There is talk the *LA Times* may be semipermanent host for the AAU meet. Offering a home to this roving affair would increase its stature and its drawing power. The big crowds in this country are those returning year after year to the traditional relay meets...

Ivory Crockett supposedly is the "world's fastest human" with his 9.0. But do you know that he averaged 11.11 yards per second whereas Tommie Smith did 11.28 when he ran 19.5 for 220 yards on a straight?... Give a gold medal to whoever was responsible for putting names on the jerseys of all Pac-8 entrants...

Tennessee's 50-man squad had 17 in-staters and only one foreign athlete and he didn't score in the NCAA while UCLA had only six out-of-staters, including scorers Francois Tracanelli from France

and Clarence Taylor from Missouri... Foreign athletes scored 25% of the NCAA points and won 32% of the titles. BYU got 31 of its 41 points from foreign athletes, UTEP 24 of 25 and Washington State 15 of 15...

More and more we are going to see Americans dominate the world lists at all the distances measured in yards, simply because all other major countries have switched to meters. Meanwhile, running the AAU in meters will continue to produce situations such as this year's 1500. Tom Byers runs 3:37.9 and few get excited. They don't realize that's as good as a 3:55.3 mile...

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MEET HARRY MARRA, a representative of the category of athlete you seldom read about—the sportsman for sport's sake. His marks aren't good enough to be reported in *T&FN* and at 26 he can't expect much improvement. The tangible rewards are close to non-existent. But the intangible benefits of competition are such that he expects to continue with the decathlon for as long ahead as he can imagine. A 1969 graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., Harry spent two years in Santa Barbara with the decathlon gang there, just got his master's in PE from Syracuse. He has done 20 decathlons and has one claim to fame—no one else under 5-6 (he's 5-5 and 146) has ever scored so well as his recent 6533.□



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HILL TOPICS

by Garry Hill

IT SEEMS as if the Kenyan AA is determined to exact its pound of flesh from Ben Jipcho.

Jipcho cited constant conflicts between him and that august body as one of the prime movers in his decision to turn pro. I now see where the group is beginning an investigation into reports that Ben may have accepted money (horrors!) during his "amateur" career.

I must admit that I was pleasantly surprised several months back when Jipcho began to hint that perhaps he had received some pecuniary rewards for his amateur running, even stating in *Sports Illustrated* that he made more as an amateur than he was as a pro. He certainly wouldn't be the only one.

"Great," I thought. "At last someone with a little status is going to give us some good facts; maybe we'll end some of the hypocrisy."

Shortly thereafter, however, Jipcho began to refute that he had ever said such things. Misquoted or something.

Someone obviously clued him in that perhaps action might be taken to strip him of his medals and records (remember Jim Thorpe?). Apparently it was too late.

This petty type of retribution seems all too typical of the sport's governing bodies. I guess they decided it's time they

had another sacrificial lamb.

On a happier vein, even though he isn't competing "this season," Jipcho still has to rate as a strong candidate for Athlete of the Year honors after his sterling distance triple at Christchurch. That was more than six months ago, but it was this year.

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THE PACIFIC COAST CLUB came under a bit of fire for their decision to pass up the US-USSR dual.

Fortunately, the men's team was able to win without them, or we would have had more of a row. However, the tight overall team score (192-184 for the USSR) would probably have swung the other way if the PCC stars had been there.

But I don't fault them (or anyone) for passing up a chance to be on the national team. They've all done it before and know what "thrills" are in store for them. Unfortunately, those thrills can't compare with a leisurely summer tour through Scandinavia and the rest of Europe.

The argument I hear most frequently is, "They owe it to their country. You don't see athletes from other countries choosing not to compete." I ask, "What has their country done for them?" I mean, the US is the greatest country in the world, but athletically speaking, nothing is done for

these athletes.

Unlike his European counterpart, the typical P-Coaster is virtually unknown in his own country (but is well recognized across the water). He has trouble training, there being little coaching or few good facilities open to the non-collegian. The European is part of a cohesive national team with a strong coaching system that carries over from year to year.

But the big kicker is money. More than likely, the European is receiving some form of stipend from his national federation. This may amount to several thousand dollars a year. Of course he competes. It's his job. If he didn't he would lose the money. It's as simple as that.

So, until the US can match that system, of course the stars are going to go where the grass is greener.

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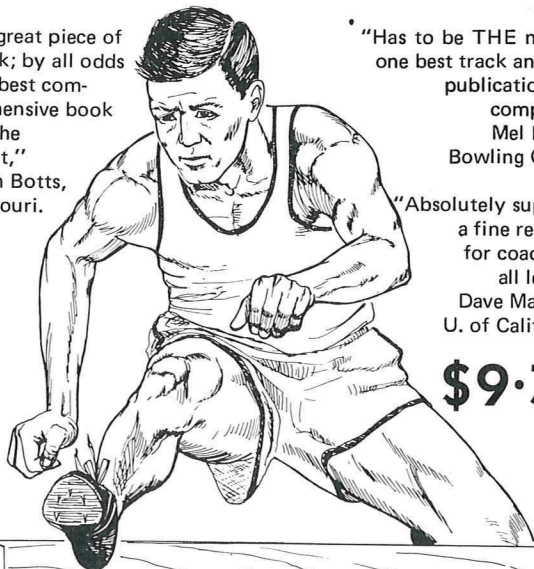
MUNICH AND POLES. Remember what a torrid combination that was? My only question is, why hasn't the vault world been revolutionized now that the "illegal" poles are legal? They were supposed to be so terrific, yet the big upsurge never came.

The list of 18-foot vaulters still numbers seven, as it did then. And the barrier has only been topped 18 times. There were 13 by the time of the Olympics. Only Steve Smith and Bob Seagren have been able to reach 18 since the Games. □

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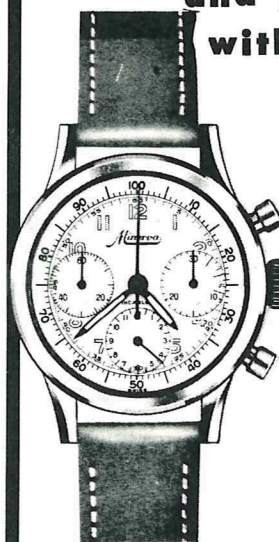
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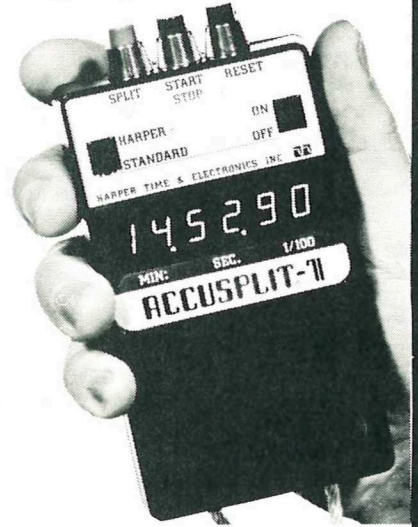
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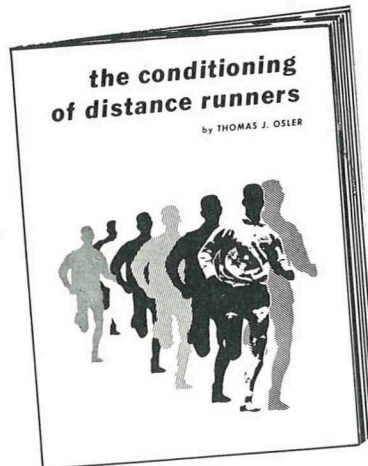
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Last Lap



Don Wilkinson

YAHOO! Jeff Taylor lets everyone know his feelings after a PR 17-3 vault at the NCAA.

Jipcho Leads ITA Money List

Ben Jipcho (who else?) emerges on top of the final ITA money-winning list for the '74 season. The Kenyan flash amassed \$16,700 for his efforts during the year. The total includes \$6000 from Post Cereals for winning the Grand Prix for the mile.

Other Grand Prix awards went to Larry James (440-500), Chris Fisher (880-1000), Steve Smith (PV) and Fred DeBernardi (SP).

The top 10 winners:

Ben Jipcho	16,700
Steve Smith	12,200
Chris Fisher	12,100
Larry James	11,800
Fred DeBernardi	11,350
Wyomia Tyus	8,225
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Jim Ryun	6300

Fisher rates as the all-time leading ITA money winner, with \$25,100 over the past two seasons. Jipcho's single-year total is good for sixth on the all-time list.

Britain Faces African Ban

Kenya, and several other track-prominent black African nations, severed athletic relations with Great Britain in mid-May, thus negating some potentially excellent track competition.

Kenya followed similar moves by Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia to halt all competition with Britain because of a tour to South Africa by a British rugby team.

The action by the African nations prevents such outstanding athletes as John Akii-Bua, John Kipkurgat and Filbert Bayi from competing against such British

counterparts as Alan Pascoe, Andy Carter and Brendan Foster.

As well, British athletes will be prevented from appearing in those competitive Scandinavian meets in which the Africans will also run. The boycotting nations gave no indication when athletic relations with Britain might be resumed.

Meet Tom Jordan

We would like to introduce our newest member of the editorial staff, Staff Writer Tom Jordan.

Tom, a 25-year-old native of Urbana, Ill., assumes the position vacated by our own wandering boy, Don Steffens, who simply felt too much pull from European ski slopes and the call of the open road.



Jordan combines the enthusiasm of a super track nut with a fine writing ability, as his reports of NCAA and AAU events in this issue and the last as well as interviews in both, show.

Tom competed for both Illinois and Stanford and received his bachelor's degree in history from the latter in '71. He still competes for the West Valley TC and has a 1:54.6 open 880 best.

To say Tom is a keen track fan is putting it mildly. He spent six months in Europe on his own and just happened by Munich around Olympic time. He drove for something close to two days straight to attend the NCAA meet in Austin this year.

And, being a half-miler, he considers Peter Snell his biggest hero. He has read Snell's *No Bugles, No Drums* four times and of course didn't hesitate to talk with the New Zealand great at the AAU meet. □

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Bill Huntington, Walla Walla, Wash.

I almost got sick to my stomach when I read the story about the IAAF considering banning the somersault long jump [II June]. Must be the work of the infamous Adrian Paulen... ABC's coverage of the NCAA was just possibly the worst coverage of a track meet I have ever seen. Not only were 13 of 21 events not even shown, but in many cases winning times also were not announced.

T.R. Ratt, Gainesville, Fla.

Congratulations to CBS-TV on their fine coverage of the 1974 AAU. We were treated with interviews of sprinters, before and after the showing of the 100. We also got to see each of the shorter races replayed and also explained to us by the "experts." We really don't care to see any of the 5000 or 10,000. CBS could have ruined the program by showing the winners of these races or by telling us who won the triple jump or pole vault.

Jim Eberle, Neosho, Mo.

I am very disgusted with the way track is being presented on TV... The problem seems to be that track receives little support from TV, and what support it gets seems to be presented in a horrendous manner... Polls should be taken to determine the popularity of all sports.

Recent polls I have seen show approximately 68% follow football, 45% baseball and 22% track. Therefore, football would be televised three times as much as track and baseball twice as much. By using polls, sports would be televised in accordance to their popularity, rather than because of the materialistic desires of pro sports owners, who only want the public saturated with their sport.

John Ross, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Congratulations on your fine writeup of the California Relays. It was almost like being there. Thanks for putting John Powell and John Van Reenen and the discus in their proper perspective [II June]. After years of getting tidbit results from newspapers and TV, I say thank goodness for *T&FN*.

Burford Sandello, Irwindale, Calif.

Be informed that plans are underway to start a Hall of Fame in Irwindale. We feel our little community, with its surprisingly rich track tradition, is as logical a site as Charleston or Angola. If we can locate some appropriate medals and trophies we will put them in a suitable building—if we can locate a suitable building.

Cameron Smith, Lomita, Calif.

I thought the recent AAU was the best officiated that I have witnessed (I have

been going since 1933). The working officials should get a bit of encouragement for their efforts... Now for the gripe—why was there no American flag in evidence? And why not at least an opening ceremony with the National Anthem?

Bill Bell, Los Angeles.

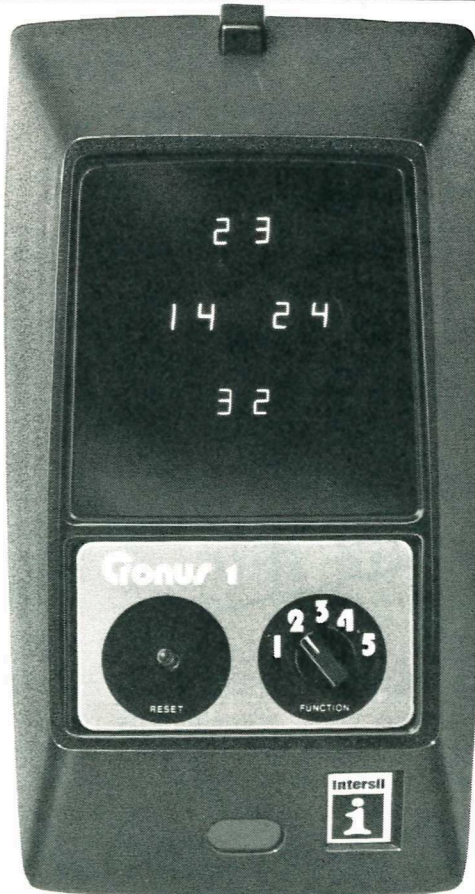
So prima donna Pre and the boys from the PCC are at it again, carrying on about the indignities perpetrated upon them by the AAU and proclaiming loudly and clearly to all about they'll "get even" by declining to participate in the Nationals and in the Russian meet. Well, who needs 'em?... I believe it's a hell of a lot more important for the US to make a strong showing in Durham than for Pre, Geis and the PCC to be galavanting about Europe in early July—and the only way to achieve this goal is to have the *best* Americans competing.

Stephen Verrecchio, Providence, R.I.

Why do you continually ignore covering the New England track scene? Year in and year out, New England produces its share of performers who lead, or at least equal, the nation's best. Yet it never receives its due amount of coverage in your magazine.

Rick Hanson, Corona del Mar, Calif.

I'm a terribly disappointed Steve Prefontaine die-hard. I've just read where he was beaten in Finland by Knut Kvalheim, a guy who couldn't carry Pre's jock at Oregon a few years ago... How can this happen?... I haven't given up but I am discouraged. Go Pre! □



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