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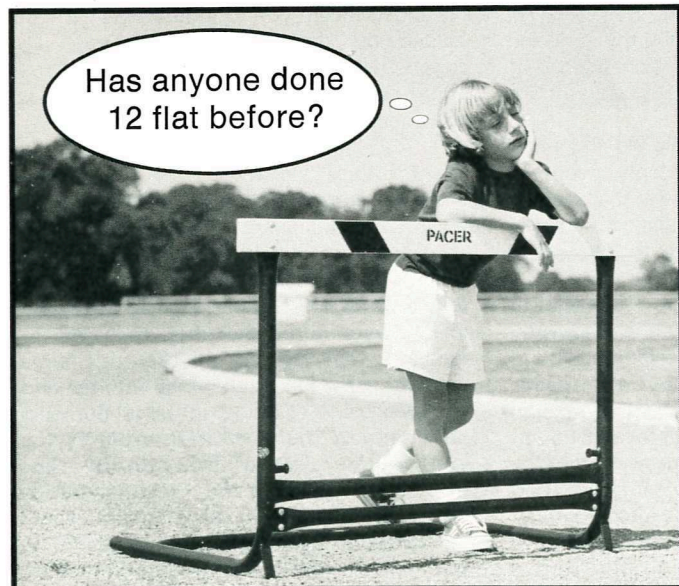
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UP FRONT

Tony Waldrop is still rolling along. His tally of indoor sub-4:00s is now up to six in 36 days—the topper being a spectacular new 3:55.0 world record. [Chip Gane]

To use a heavy-handed metaphor, the *Toronto Star*-Maple Leaf Games might best be compared to a fine bottle of vintage French wine. It comes in a pleasing container, looks healthy, goes down easily and leaves you with a warm afterglow. And if you partake of too much, you come away heady.

From venerable Maple Leaf Gardens to the last drunk being coaxed from the hospitality room, the meet has class. That intangible phantom—class. Trying to pin down exactly why the whole affair seems so classy is a difficult task. Ask any athlete who has competed there. Chances are he will tell you that given the choice he would rather attend this meet than any other—but he might not be able to tell you why.

Perhaps Dick Tayler had a partial answer.

"I ran this one for Ken," said New Zealander Tayler after his 13:08.0 three-mile romp scared the world record, referring to Meet Director Ken Twigg. "He came all the way to Christchurch to get us for these Games. He treated us Kiwis so nicely I made up my mind I'd run my guts out in this race, just for his sake."

In only his second race on the boards, Tayler was content to let the early pace work be done by others in the cosmopolitan (four Americans, three Canadians, three Irishmen and one New Zealander) field, most notably Neil Cusack. Running with the ebb and flow of the pack through the first two miles, Tayler's 4:22.7 and 4:28.9 splits left him in a pack of four with Cusack, Grant McLaren and Glenn Herold. Irishman Cusack couldn't handle the ever-increasing pace, however, and soon fell several yards back. A surprising spurt to the front by Herold looked good, but Tayler and McLaren soon made short work of that. McLaren led the black-clad Tayler by 0.4 with a half-mile left, but it wasn't enough. With a Yifter-like acceleration over the last couple of laps, Tayler easily moved away to approach Tracy Smith's world mark by 0.8, on a track not noted for its swiftness. Tayler covered his last mile in a quick 4:16.4, his last half in an even quicker 2:00.9. McLaren recorded his third consecutive third-place here, this time in a Canadian record 13:12.4, with Herold equalling his outdoor PR of 13:16.2 in third.

"I'm still not really comfortable on the boards," ventured Tayler. "I really don't know how to run on them yet. What I'd like to do next year is come over a bit early and spend a whole week just working out on them every day. Then we'd see what I could do."

Perhaps it's just a magical aura cast by the presence of so many international stars. Sort of a mini-Olympics of the indoor circuit. All the more surprising then was John Hartnett's 3:59.6 mile victory on a track that hadn't previously yielded anything faster than a 4:03.4. To appreciate the Villanova senior's feat to its fullest, let's start at the back of the pack.

Seventh, in 4:10.7, was Dave Wottle,

STAR MAPLE-LEAF

Château Lafite Rothschild '74

by GARRY HILL

No fan of indoor track can consider himself to be a true connoisseur unless he has sampled the ambrosia of Toronto

Olympic 800 champ. Wottle, as always, started slowly—but this time he never picked up. In sixth, it was Chuck LaBenz at 4:03.2 after doing all the hard pace-work—as he seems to do in so many quality races. In fifth, Finn Pekka Vasala, the Olympic champ at this distance metrically. Coming back from injuries, he ran a steady race in the back of the pack, finishing in 4:02.6. In fourth, 1968 Olympian Marty Liquori, No. 1 miler in the world for '69 and '71. Not moving well in mid-race, his 4:02.3 wasn't in the chase. In third, New Zealander John Walker, runner-up in the Commonwealth Games and holder of a metric time equal to a sub-3:50.

"Another 4:01," he said of his 4:01.3. "I'll say the boards make a difference. I'm still basically in the same shape as I was a couple of weeks ago. That would have been a fast race outdoors."

In the runner-up slot, Byron Dyce, undefeated at 880 and a 1000 this year and producer of a metric 3:40.7 (worth 3:58.4) indoors the week before. He got an indoor PR of 4:00.8.

Quite a field. Yet with a lap and a half to go, it was Hartnett suddenly swooping to the front with a bold move that seemed to leave the rest dead in their tracks. Dyce momentarily appeared ready to follow, but it was no contest.

Perhaps it's the warm hospitality (anything feels warm when there are only 10° of mercury on the thermometer) and goodwill engendered by the hosts. Although, as sprinter Rudy Rogers and hurdler Marcus Walker discovered upon arrival, there are limits.

"Man, are we glad to see you," said the two gentlemen greeting them as they came through customs. "Come on, we have a car waiting right outside." Enter Rogers and Walker into a big limousine (or so the story goes) for the half-hour drive into town.

"Wait'll you see the place we've lined up for you," says one. "Biggest and best place in town. Got a big suite for you, lined up some girls, the works."

"Wow!" says Marcus to Rudy. "I've been to a lot of track meets in my time, but I've never seen track guys treated this well."

"Track guys! Aren't you here to sign

with the World Football League?"

"No, man, we're here for the track meet tomorrow night."

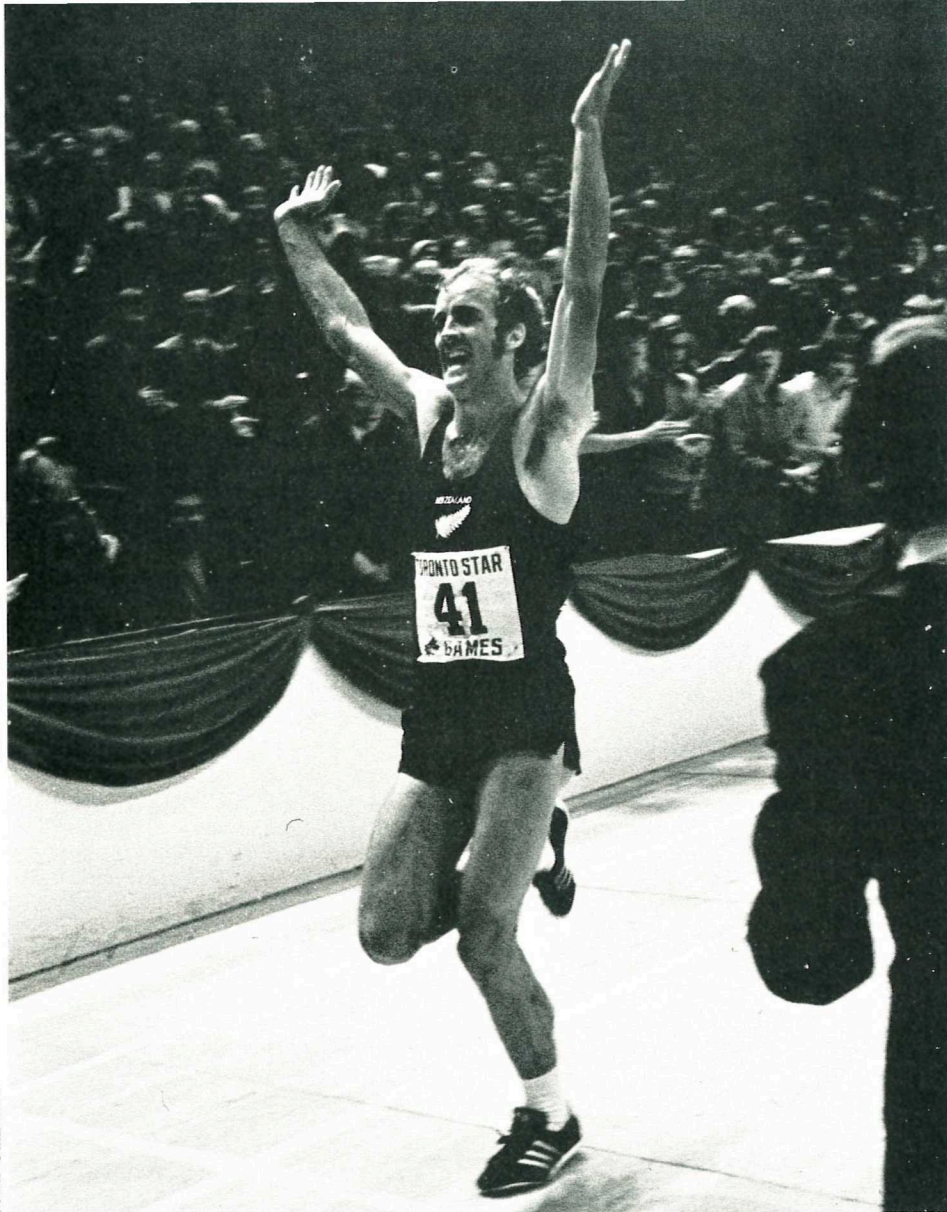
"Omigod! We've got the wrong ones. We gotta get back to the airport. You guys—out."

Fortunately, our heroes were able to persuade the two not to abandon them halfway into town, finally talking them out of cab fare for the rest of the trip.

The sprints themselves were noteworthy in that for the first time since 1971 Herb Washington didn't run a world record 5.0. In fact, his 5.1 was barely enough to nose out Soviet Aleksandr Kornelyuk, who fashioned a European record with the same time. Washington was his usual unbeatable self for the first half of the race, but the diminutive Soviet was moving strongly at the tape. "The guys were just too anxious to get out of the blocks," said Washington. "And there was an added incentive—nobody wanted to get beaten by the Russian. Americans are supposed to dominate the sprints. I felt I could run 4.9, 5.0 at the worst—but I was too concerned about the Russian."

And then there was the audience. Maple Leaf Gardens is a quaint old structure, reminiscent of an opera house, what with the seats festooned in all the corners and seemingly rising vertically from the floor. A record standing-room-only crowd of 15,949 was packed into the house in '73, yet somehow they managed to squeeze that up to 16,138 this time around. The crowd was polite and knowledgeable, staying in large numbers until the last vault had been taken by the last vaulter. And talk about class spectators—when was the last time you sat by a head-of-state at a track meet? Surreptitiously sliding in and out before he was really noticed, but enjoying much of the early going, was Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. An enterprising photog of the *Toronto Star* snapped a great shot of the "Royal Family" with mouths agape at the vault competition.

Mouths were agape among the aficionados as well. For the first time on the North American continent, and only the second time anywhere, five men bettered 17 feet indoors. Leading the way, despite a pulled stomach muscle, was a rejuvenated Kjell Isaksson. Soaring over



John Cameron

A quick mastery of the boards—Dick Tayler just short of the world three-mile record.

17-6 on his first attempt, the lithe Swede came out of the pit grimacing, but put on three valiant tries at a world record 18-1. Surprising Francois Tracanelli of UCLA managed 17-6 on his second effort for a new French record and the second best vault ever by a collegian. The most international field in the meet, the vault featured four Americans, a Canadian, a Swede, a Frenchman, a Briton, a West German and a Pole (well, they each had a pole, actually).

Well, actually, they didn't each have a pole, Dave Roberts' and Mike Cotton's being mislaid by the airlines. As announcer John Hudson explained to the crowd the unfortunate circumstances which would prevent 18-footer Roberts from competing (only moments after extolling his virtues), Briton Mike Bull stepped to the head of the runway. The crowd was quickly set to tittering when the vault assistant stood up and held overhead, for all to see, a large card with foot-high block letters proclaiming, "BULL."

Appreciative as the crowd was for the

men's events, it remained for two performances by the distaff side to receive the biggest cheers. Twigg astutely salts his meet with a smattering of Canadian stars, appealing to the provincialism that lives within all of us. And the roof nearly came down when Canuck Yvonne Saunders blasted 2.1 off the old 600 mark with her 1:18.4. But for sustained cheers, nothing could match the women's 1500, with Commonwealth champ Glenda Reiser (who set a world 1000 record here last year) forging out on a strong pace, with P Coaster Francie Larrieu on her shoulder. With little more than a lap to go, Larrieu shot by, rocketing to a world record 4:12.2. "It's important to me the way a crowd reacts," said Francie. "Instead of going quiet when I passed Glenda, the people cheered me for me, and I ran better because of it."

Canadian athletes are important to the meet. They were easily recognizable—bronzed to a golden tan by several weeks in the South Pacific. Commonwealth ties are also important, viz

Taylor and Walker. Filbert Bayi also sold a lot of tickets—but he didn't show. One prevalent story had it that the Tanzanians didn't want him competing in such a "capitalistic country." *Sports Illustrated* probably wasn't too happy when he didn't show either. They advertised a story on him in the previous issue and sent a full team to Toronto.

One African who did show was Kenyan Mike Boit of Eastern New Mexico in the 1000. Displaying typical Kenyan tactics, he shot immediately to the fore, forging a wicked pace. Whipping through the half in 1:50.4 wasn't enough to drop Rick Wohlhuter however, the 880 record holder holding firm 0.3 back. Coming off the final turn, Boit appeared to stumble slightly for a moment and Wohlhuter began his charge. He needed nearly every inch of the long straight before tabbing Boit at the wire, 2:05.9 to 2:06.0. For their efforts, Wohlhuter moves to fourth on the all-time list, Boit to equal-fifth with a new collegiate record.

"He was running wide most of the race," said Wohlhuter. "Coming off the final turn he was really wide. I momentarily thought of going by on the inside, but instead I waited until we were on the straight and made my move."

The only gripe one might find with the meet is that the lineup is a little thin. There is no multiplicity of events as in many meets (a 440, 500 and 600), no hordes of relay runners, no long jump, no triple jump, no shot put.

"How can you call that a class track meet?" asks Al Feuerbach. "It doesn't have a shot. If it doesn't have a shot, it can't be a class meet. Don't they know that George Woods and I are filling arenas all over the country? The shot is the most popular event there is."

"Well," comments Twigg. "We're considering it. Of course, we'd have to educate our fans to appreciate it, since they haven't seen it—maybe next year."

/Feb. 15, 160y banked board; attendance 16,138/-50, Washington (unat) 5.1; 2. Kornelyuk" (SU) 5.1 ER; 3. McFarland (UCTC) 5.2; 4. S. Williams (SD St) 5.2; 5. Nuttall (UCTC) 5.2; 6. Goodrich (UCTC) 5.3. Heats: 1-1. Washington 5.1; 2. McFarland 5.2. II-1. Kornelyuk" 5.2 =ER. 600, Peoples (Ariz St) 1:11.0; 2. Bolding (P Coast) 1:11.4. 1000, Wohlhuter (UCTC) 2:05.9 (1:50.7); 2. Boit" (En NM) 2:06.0 CR (1:50.4); 3. Paul (UCTC) 2:09.1. Mile, Hartnett" (Vill) 3:59.8; 2. Dyce" (Fla TC) 4:00.8; 3. Walker" (NZ) 4:01.0; 4. Liquori (NYAC) 4:02.3; 5. Vasala" (Fin) 4:02.6; 6. LaBenz (Devil TC) 4:03.2; 7. Wottle (B Green TC) 4:10.7.

3M, Taylor" (NZ) 13:08.0 NR (4:22.7, 4:28.9 [8:51.6], 4:16.4); 2. McLaren" (Can) 13:12.4 NR; 3. Herold (UCTC) 13:16.2; 4. Cusack" (E Tenn St) 13:20.6; 5. Keogh" (Manh) 13:26.6; 6. Leddy" (E Tenn St) 13:30.6. 50HH, Davenport (BRTC) 5.9; 2. Hill (US Army) 5.9; 3. Smith" (Fla St) 6.0; 4. Shipp (LSU) 6.1; 5. Walker (Colo TC) 6.1. Heats: 1-1. Walker 5.9; 2. Smith" 5.9. HJ, Sapka" (SU) 7-2; 2. Woods (Ore St) 7-2; 3. Beers" (Can) 7-0; 4. Ferragne" (Can) 6-10; 5. Stones (P Coast) 6-10; 6. Dunn (NYAC) 6-10. PV, Isaksson" (Swe) 17-6; 2. Tracanelli" (UCLA-Fr) 17-6 NR; 3. Carrigan (P Coast) 17-0; 4. Kozakiewicz" (Pol) 17-0; 5. Kuretzky" (WG) 17-0; 6. Simpson" (Can) 16-6; 7. Richards (P Coast) 16-6.

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CENTRAL COLLEGIATES Accambray Just Misses CR

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 15-16—Already miles ahead of his collegiate weight-throwing contemporaries, Jacques Accambray added to that margin at the Central Collegiate Conference Championships. Whirling to his second CCC title, the Frenchman out of Kent State heaved the big iron 70-10, close to his own collegiate standard of 71-3/4 and the No. 7 performance in history.

Teamwise, Eastern Michigan returned to the fore after a two-year absence, getting the most winners (four) in racking up 126 1/2 points to dethrone Southern Illinois (96).

Notre Dame's tight 10-lap track has almost no straightaway and isn't noted for producing fast times, but that didn't seem to bother the quarter-milers. Northern Illinois' Gerry Krainik surged to a 48.2, the best ever recorded on this class of track and Southern Illinois' mile relay team lowered the class record to 3:16.7.

/Feb. 15(a)-16(b); 176y unbanked synthetic/-60(b), Chapman (En Mich) 6.1. 300(b), Monroe (Sn III) 31.0. 440(b), Krainik (Nn III) 48.2. Heats(a): Krainik 48.4. 600(b), Vinson (En Mich) 1:10.2. 880(b), Brown (Wn Mich) 1:57.1. 1000(b), Gahagan (N Dame) 2:12.3. Mile(b), Danforth (B Green St) 4:09.9. 2M(b), Rodriguez (Toledo) 9:00.0. 3M(a), Goodman (En Mich) 14:02.8. 60HH(b), Jenkins (En Mich) 7.2. Semis(a): 11-1. Jenkins 7.0.

HJ(b), Smith (Kans) 6-11 1/2; 2. Francis (Kent St) 6-11 1/2. PV(b), Porter (Kans) 16-1. LJ(b), Seay (Kans) 24-4 1/2. TJ(a), Haynes (M Tenn St) 51-7. SP(b), Pulikowski (N Dame) 55-4. Wt(a), Accambray (Kent St) 70-10. Mile R(b), Southern Illinois 3:16.7. 2MR(b), Drake 7:43.0. DisMed R(a), Bowling Green State 10:04.4. Teams: Eastern Michigan 126 1/2; 2. Southern Illinois 96; 3. Kansas 51; 4. Notre Dame 48; 5. Bowling Green State 42.

OAKLAND 600m Record by Robinson

from Brian Allen

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 16—Despite the absence of most of the big names of the circuit, the Oakland Invitational was still an enjoyable meeting, producing several good performances. Most notable was a new American record in the scarcely-run 600 meters by James Robinson, as far-sighted management decided to hold all the running events at metric distances.

Robinson, a Laney CC soph who was a Junior internationalist last year, trailed veteran Mark Winzenried until the final turn, then powered by to win going away, 1:18.8 to 1:19.5. Winzenried also broke Juris Luzins' old standard of 1:19.8. Robinson prophetically warmed up in a sweatsuit monogrammed "I Paid the Cost, So Now I'm the Boss."

Quality field events were paced by Ron Semkiw in the shot. Trailing Jesse Stuart until the final round, he unleashed a 67-9 1/2 for an easy win over the latter's 66-0. The throw was Semkiw's third for the season longer than any other teenager ever. Soviet Yuriy Isakov showed that a borrowed pole can be of some use, pressing Vic Dias to a PR 17-1 1/4 with his 16-11.

The women produced two national standards. Joni Hutley of Sheridan, Ore. became the first American woman to top six-feet in the high jump, flopping over 6-1/2. And America's first quality shot



Robinson takes tape for 600m record.

putter in years, Maren Seidler, raised her own mark to 56-11.

/160y banked board; attendance 3289/-50m, Ware (Wn Ky) 5.8. 600m, Robinson (Laney CC) 1:18.8 AR, CR; 2. Winzenried (Strid) 1:19.5. 1500, Ebba (Ore St) 3:47.0; 2. Arzhanov (SU) 3:48.6. 3000, Howard (Can) 8:17.0. 50mHH, White (Strid) 6.6. HJ, Fletcher

(Strid) 7-2; 2. Gavrilov (SU) 7-2; 3. Fleer (Ore St) 7-0. PV, Dias (Strid) 17-1 1/4; 2. Isakov (SU) 16-11. TJ, Tiff (Strid) 53-5 1/4; 2. Butts (Strid) 52-5 1/4; 3. Steffes (BA Strid) 51-6 1/2. SP, Semkiw (Mesa CC) 67-9 1/2; 2. Stuart (Wn Ky) 66-0; 3. Kohler (Strid) 60-10 1/4. Pent(SP, LJ, HJ, 600m, 60yHH), Jenner (unat) 3695 (44-10 1/4, 22-4 1/2, 6-4, 1:22.2, 7.8).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE Few See Bond's Classy 600

from Al Cowan

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18-19—Due to various scheduling difficulties, the Southeastern Conference Championships were held on a rare Monday-Tuesday afternoon. The sparse crowd of about 400 the second day reflected the poor time choice.

Those who were there saw Tennessee easily defend its team title, with Darwin Bond of the Volunteers turning in the outstanding performance, a PR 1:09.7 600. Defending NCAA champ Beaufort Brown of Florida was only fifth in 1:13.4, nursing an injured thigh. Behind Tennessee's winning total of 69, Alabama was almost caught for the runnerup slot by Florida 45-43.

Best of the field events was the triple jump, as Mississippi State's Seigha Porbeini stretched out to a PR 52-8. Only two other collegians have jumped as far as the Nigerian star so far this year.

/Feb. 18(a)-19(b), 160y banked board; attendance(b) 400/-60(b), Whatley (Ala) 6.0; 2. Outlin (Aub) 6.1. Heats(a): Whatley 6.0. 440(b), Goings (Fla) 48.6. 600(b), Bond (Tenn) 1:09.7; 2. Alexander (Fla) 1:10.4. 880(b), Garrison (Tenn) 1:53.2. 1000(b), Smith (LSU) 2:10.1. Mile(b), Ogles (Aub) 4:07.7. 2M(a), Brown (Tenn) 8:41.4. 60HH(b), Shipp (LSU) 7.1; 2. Misher (LSU) 7.1.

HJ(a), West (Tenn) 6-10. PV(a), Freeman (Fla) 16-4. LJ(a), Robinson (Ala) 25-3; 2. Orum (Ala) 25-3. TJ(b), Porbeini (Miss St) 52-8. SP(b), Stock (Tenn) 58-10 1/4. Mile R(b), Florida 3:15.6. 2MR(a), Tennessee 7:38.4. Teams: Tennessee 69; 2. Alabama 45; 3. Florida 43; 4. LSU 24; 5. Georgia 20.

UNIONDALE & BALTIMORE ITA Four in Two for Big Ben in Pro Debut

by Peter Diamond

Uniondale, N.Y., Feb. 15 & Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16—Ben Jipcho made an impressive indoor and professional debut, winning a double-double in the mile and two mile as ITA opened its second season. Widely disparate crowds of 11,231 at Uniondale and 4758 at Baltimore watched T&FN's Athlete of the Year for 1973 display devastating form.

The Commonwealth Games triple medalist first set a pro record of 8:34.0 in the two mile, following that an hour later with an 0.6 victory in the mile over Jim Ryun's 4:03.9. Times were much slower in Baltimore, Jipcho scoring 8:49.8 and 4:08.0 wins 50 minutes apart.

The "big" race of the four was the Jipcho-Ryun Uniondale mile. Jerome Howe led through 59.7, Jipcho moving to the

front in 2:04.2. Still leading at 3:05.6, the Kenyan finished with a 57.8 final quarter, during which he turned back several challenges by Ryun.

"I saw Ryun a few inches ahead and realized I had to move," he recalled of the last lap, "but I knew I was going to win." He added that he was extremely pleased with his first evening as a professional and didn't mind the boards at all. "They didn't bother me in a big way like they have others from Kenya," he said, citing Naftali Bon as one who had told him of the perils of indoor running. He then proceeded to describe being a professional as "just wonderful," and the crowd as "super." Of course, a quick \$2100 is a great incentive to happiness. He anticipates several much faster races. "Jim is in good form and when my friend Kip Keino comes in, it will be a

very interesting mile," he predicted. "To win the race, Keino will have to run 3:56."

Jipcho explained that he decided to attempt the double on Wednesday after he first saw the time schedule. He said that ITA chief Mike O'Hara was originally against the idea, but Ben explained, "With all my strength I thought running only the mile would be a waste." Permitting Jipcho to double proved a wise decision as the Kenyan provided the most exciting moments during a relatively dull weekend of pro track and field.

Many fans were disappointed by the absence of Keino and Bob Seagren, and the fact that Brian Oldfield and Bob Beamon were hampered by injuries. Keino was reportedly detained in Kenya for personal reasons, while Seagren was said to be in California suffering from a stomach virus, which some called "Superstars Flu."

Oldfield had injured a knee throwing the shot discus-style in practice and performed courageously in taking second to Karl Salb with 66-4½ on his final put Friday night. In Baltimore, however, he could manage only 59-11.

Double winners from the weekend were Larry James (500m-440), Salb (in his first ITA victories ever), Jim Green (300), Henry Hines (LJ), Ron Jourdan (HJ) and Chris Fisher (1000m-880).

UNIONDALE

/160y banked board; attendance 11,231/-40, Hayes 4.4; 2. Branch 4.4; 3. Thompson 4.4. 60, Edmonson 6.0; 2. Ravelomanantsoa 6.1. 300, Green 32.2. 500m, James 1:03.4; 2. Evans 1:04.0. 1000m, Fisher 2:25.8. Mile, Jipcho 4:03.3; 2. Ryun 4:03.9. 2M, Jipcho 8:34.0 WPR; 2. Young 8:45.8. 60HH, Milburn 7.0. HJ, Jourdan 6-10. PV, Smith 17-0. LJ, Hines 25-11; 2. Beamon 25-6%. SP, Salb 66-10%; 2. Oldfield 66-4%; 3. Matson 64-11%; 4. DeBernardi 60-11%.

BALTIMORE

/160y banked board; attendance 4758/-50, Pender 5.3; 2. Edmonson 5.4. 60, Hines 6.1; 2. Ravelomanantsoa 6.2. 300, Green 32.6. 440, James 49.2; 2. Edmonson 49.4; 3. Evans 50.3. 880, Fisher 1:56.5; 2. Ryun 1:57.5. Mile, Jipcho 4:08.0. 2M, Jipcho 8:49.8. 60HH, Milburn 6.9=WPR. HJ, Jourdan 7-2; 2. Radetich 7-0. PV, Williamson 17-0; ... nh-Smith (broken pole). LJ, Hines 25-9%. SP, Salb 67-5; 2. Matson 65-2; 3. DeBernardi 62-10; 4. Oldfield 59-11.

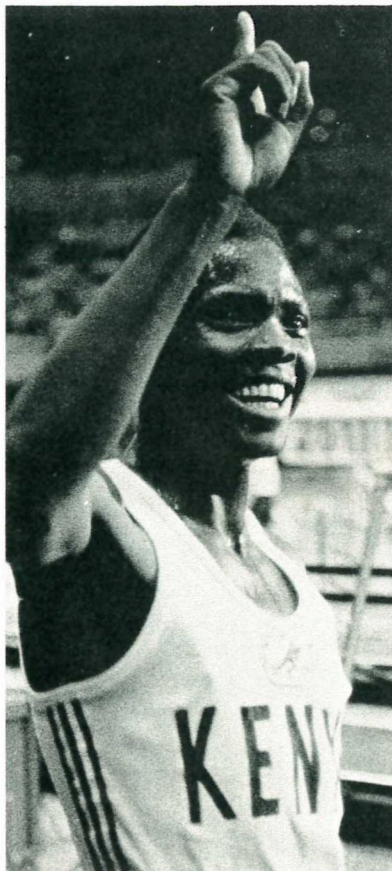
SAN DIEGO

One More Time—Waldrop Wallops Mile to 3:55.0

from Wally Donovan

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 17—The security blanket which had once been four world records for Jim Ryun is being slowly but impressively yanked away from the former Kansas great. An upstart from the hills of North Carolina named Tony Waldrop slipped Ryun's half of the indoor mile mark from him with an unexpected 3:55.0 runaway here before a small Sunday crowd.

The slender, modest Waldrop came to San Diego in search of Filbert Bayi, the pacemaker supreme who zapped Ryun's 1500 record at Christchurch two weeks previously. But the Tanzanian didn't show,



Paul Sutton

After pro debut, No. 1 indeed.

ITA's Own Big Ben

Ben Jipcho knows a lot about timing. On the track, he is the fastest steepler in history, second-fastest miler and 5000 man and fourth-quickest at 1500 meters; off the track, he came along at the exact time the ITA needed him.

In just a half-dozen races, he has

become ITA's hottest attraction—with good reason as he is undefeated, has set pro records in the 1500 and two-mile and has tallied over \$3000 in winnings. And, in keeping with the unconventional approach of Kenyans to track, Jipcho had never even seen an indoor track before his first pro race.

Jipcho's signing was ITA's biggest coup of its second season, but the individualistic Jipcho was known to be displeased with the Kenyan federation regulating his amateur appearances. "They did nothing for me," he said disgustedly after his pro debut. "I was sick and tired of being dictated to and being told which international invitations I could and couldn't accept. So I signed with ITA.

"Of course, it was a difficult decision to give up the Olympics, but I have to look to the future—which is my life and family. What is the value of a gold medal anyhow?"

Jipcho, who turns 31 on March 1, and his wife are the parents of four daughters, age six to three weeks (the youngest was born the day Ben won the Commonwealth 5000). His current earnings are close to double his annual income for three years as a Kenya prison officer. He hopes to win up to \$20,000 this year.

Ben revealed he began running at age 17 after playing soccer until then: "I used to race home from school with the trackmen and beat them. I figured if I could beat them, why not get on the team and see what I can do."

Jipcho admitted he thought he could set more records as an amateur, but that he won't miss running his best event, the steeple. "I'm good at it but it is not good for my body," he says. "Too many falls and bruises. Very risky. I'm a miler and two-miler now."

which prompted Waldrop's coach, Joe Hilton, to hop a flight early Sunday.

"I was so afraid he might have a letdown since Bayi wasn't there," drawled the low-key Hilton. "I thought he was capable of running around 3:55, but not until outdoors."

Tony wasn't too ruffled by Bayi's no-show, but Hilton offered some extra stability. Despite his claim of inexperience, Waldrop again showed good racing sense. P Coast's Larry Rose led through a well-paced half which showed the Tar Heel at 59.4 and 1:59.6. Then Tony took over, as he has in three of his other four straight sub-fours. With a quarter left, the clock

showed 2:59.0 and the 6023 fans were screaming.

"I heard my splits at the quarter and half-mile marks," verified Waldrop, "and then the announcer started announcing the time second-by-second during the last lap. I was hoping to lower my PR, but I planned to play it by ear and stay close to the lead."

With one lap to go the frantic clanging of the bell was barely heard and the crowd was in an uproar. Tony rounded the final curve, the noise was measureable only in big decibels and when the tape was broken the huge digital clock above the oval showed 3:55.0.



Chip Gane

Pre paces Dick Tayler and Chris Stewart en route to 8:20.4.

"I really didn't think I could run that fast," said the North Carolina senior, who claims to be still just a country boy. "I'm on the top today, but I could be on the bottom tomorrow. There's a lot of pressure and I don't like pressure. That's why I'm tired of running all these sub-four miles.

"I simply run for fun, and I'm looking forward to running in Europe this summer. That would be fun," enthused the 5-10/145 runner. "Of course, the important thing is to qualify for the trips this summer. Then I would decide how long I would stay in Europe. It would be great to meet Bayi some time."

Waldrop ran his string of sub-four miles to five, but was humble in accepting responsibility. "Rose deserves the credit for the fast time." The fast pace helped Waldrop to a US and collegiate record 3:39.8 at 1500 meters. Only Harald Norpoth (3:37.8) has run faster indoors. But that wasn't all of the record-breaking.

After the Times meet, Steve Prefontaine said he was through with indoor running for the year. But the lure of San Diego's fast track was too much for him. He had never run on it and he wanted a try.

The crowd was still limp from the mile when the two-milers were introduced. Could this be a repeat of that great 1971 meet when Ryun ran 3:56.4 for a world record tie followed by that 8:19.2 two mile world record by Kerry O'Brien? Does lightning strike twice?

Pre took the lead at the start and was followed closely by New Zealand's Dick Tayler, coming off a 13:08.0 three mile two nights before. Steve did all the work in the early stages and set a quick pace with Tayler right at his elbow. They ran this way for the first mile (4:09) and broke away from the field by 40 yards. Then with six

laps left, Tayler charged to the fore.

"I realized, by taking the lead so early, it might have cost me the race," explained the slightly balding Tayler. "But I felt good and I wanted the screaming crowd to see a record. I knew we could do it."

With two laps to go, Pre again surged into the lead and began to sprint. The Kiwi tried to stay with him but the Oregonian's withering blast scorched Tayler's kick and the race was over. It was all Prefontaine now, driving to the tape with a great burst, smashing his own US record with a sparkling 8:20.4, third fastest on the all-time indoor list. Tayler moved into fifth with 8:22.4.

En route, Pre passed an American record at 3000 of 7:50.0 to equal sixth on the all-time list.

"Tayler helped with the pace," said Pre, who will now prepare for an extensive European summer of running. "Those people from overseas are much more generous that way, especially when you are going for a record. I wish more Americans were that way. The track felt great, but I didn't. I think I can lower my time another 10 seconds outdoors. This was the best indoor meet I've ever been in."

The 1000 could have been another record breaker, had it not been for a comedy of errors. First, Soviet Yevgeniy Arzhanov fell at the start and the race was recalled. He was injured and scratched. When the remaining field restarted, Mike Boit pulled a muscle and staggered all over the track, nearly knocking John Walker into the stands. Later, Walker and Mark Winzenried stumbled and almost fell. Finally, the race was won by Jim Baxter of USC in 2:09.6, with Walker and Winzenried tied in second with 2:10.7.

The 60 was a bit of a surprise as

Sweden's Chris Garpenborg appeared to catch a flyer and beat Steve Williams, 5.9 to 6.0. He is now sole owner of the European 60 yard mark. The UTEP student had a step on the field after 10 feet.

/160y banked board; attendance 6023/-60, Garpenborg' (UTEP-Swe) 5.9 ER; 2. S. Williams (SD St) 6.0. 500, Singletary (Sn Cal Coll) 57.0 ; 2. W. Williams (SDTC) 57.0; 3. Redd (SD St) 57.4. 1000, Baxter (Sn Cal) 2:09.6; 2. tie, Walker'' (NZ) & Winzenried (Strid) 2:10.7. Coll 1000, Woodward (Full St) 2:09.1. Mile, Waldrop (N Car) 3:55.0 WB, WAR, AR, CR (3:39.8m AR, CR) (59.4, 60.2 [1:59.6], 59.4 [2:59.0], 56.0); 2. Waigwa' (UTEP-Ken) 3:57.2 NR; 3. Gibson (Wash) 3:59.1; 4. Rose (P Coast) 4:01.8. 2M, Prefontaine (Ore TC) 8:20.4 AR (7:50.0m AR); 2. Tayler'' (NZ) 8:22.4 NR (7:50.2m NR); 3. Johnson (CNW) 8:30.0; 4. Crawford (Unat) 8:30.0. 3M, Brien' (Marymount) 13:29.6. 60HH, White (Strid) 7.1.

HJ, Stones (P Coast) 7-1; 2. Culp (Sn Cal) 7-0; 3. Gavrilov'' (SU) 7-0; 4. Brown (Strid) 7-0; 5. Owens (Sn Cal) 7-0. PV, Carrigan (P Coast) 17-4; 2. Pullard (Sn Cal) 17-0; 3. Richards (P Coast) 17-0; 4. Dias (Strid) 17-0. LJ, Baumgartner'' (WG) 25-11¾; 2. Robinson (SDTC) 25-5½; 3. Moore (SDTC) 25-3¾; 4. Williams (Sn Cal) 25-1¾. TJ, Washington (Sn Cal) 51-6. SP, Woods (P Coast) 69-7; 2. Feuerbach (P Coast) 68-6½; 3. Semkiw (Mesa CC) 67-3. MileR, Southern Cal 3:15.3; 2. San Diego State 3:15.3.

ATLANTIC COAST Six in a Row for Waldrop

by Gene Cherry

College Park, Md., Feb. 23—He ran this one for his team, but it was Tony Waldrop who did all the work. Leading from the initial gun, with no hint of pace help from anyone, Waldrop ran a mind-boggling 3:56.4 at the Atlantic Coast Conference indoor championships.

Had the effort come a week earlier, it would have tied the world indoor record. Now it will be recorded as equal-second fastest ever, since Waldrop smashed the O'Hara-Ryun world mark with his 3:55.0 at San Diego, Feb. 17.

"I hadn't run much with the team this year," said the University of North Carolina senior after his sixth consecutive sub-4:00 indoor mile, "and I wanted to run a good one for them."

But with no rabbit or anyone in the field with better than a 4:09 outdoor credential, Waldrop had to carry the pace himself. That he did, hitting the checkpoints at 59.5, 62.2 (2:01.7) and 58.3 (3:00.0) before a 56.4 final quarter around the University of Maryland track.

The second-place finisher, North Carolina freshman Tommy Ward, was a distant 4:09.4.

Olympian Bob Wheeler of Duke missed the meet because of bursitis, while two other top-rated ACC milers, Steve Wheeler of Duke and Jim Wilkins of North Carolina State, clashed in the conference's fastest two-mile ever.

Wheeler spurted past Wilkins in the final 25 yards to win in 8:36.2. Wilkins was a stride back in the same time.

Maryland's 88½ points easily took the team title from North Carolina's 45½.

Another Shot Shocker--Albritton 69-³/₄

from Bob Hersh and Peter Diamond

New York City, Feb. 22—They finally moved the AAU Indoor Championships shot competition back into Madison Square Garden. Although the field was theoretically diminished by the absence of the two US giants in the event, George Woods and Al Feuerbach, the country need not worry. Terry Albritton and Ron Semkiw would seem to be able to take care of things for the next decade or so.

Semkiw, of course, is the recognized teen-master of the event, his 68-9 going

competition. Suddenly pulling who knows what out of who knows where, he hit an amazing 69-³/₄. "I can't believe it, I just don't believe it," he exclaimed. But the officials remeasured it and carefully weighed the shot. It's real.

"I'm not even getting in the throwing I should be," said the bespectacled Albritton. "I've been doing lifting for about 80% of my workouts." Albritton, almost a full year younger (!) than Semkiw (he just turned 19 on Jan. 14), is laying out of Stanford a year to ready himself better to the academic life. "I went up to Stanford after the LA Times meet," he continued. "I just rested. I only thought about the meet on Tuesday—here I am."

The triple jump was also something of a revelation for the US. Never before have there been more than two 53-footers indoors—for the whole season. Suddenly, there are four in one meet, and that doesn't include defending champ John Craft, who withdrew after injuring himself warming up. Emerging on top in a competition that saw seven 53-plus performances was yearly leader Milan Tiff with a first-round 54-0 that stood up against the challenges of Arnold Grimes (53-6³/₄) and Tommy Haynes (53-4¹/₂ PR).

Sharing Albritton's mark for shock value was the 17-8 vault by Vic Dias of the Striders. Dias had outdueled Soviet Yuriy Isakov a week earlier at Oakland, scoring a PR 17-1¹/₄. He left that mark far behind with a first-attempt clearance of 17-8 to top the Soviet on misses, as Isakov needed all three tries. Their tries at a world record 18-¹/₂ the next day (after midnight) weren't close. The 24-year-old Dias is suddenly the No. 6 vaulter in indoor history (with Isakov) and No. 7 among Americans under any conditions.

Highlighting action on the oval was a magnificently run 1000 in which unbeaten Rick Wohlhuter topped unbeaten Byron Dyce. The Jamaican went out quickly, as he often does, leading through the quarter posts in 54.8 and 1:52.1. But the incredibly smooth Wohlhuter just strode away on the backstretch in recording a convincing 2:06.8 to 2:07.4 victory. "The race went just as I wanted it to," said Wohlhuter. "Halfway through I knew I was going to win it."

New Zealanders John Walker (4:01.6) and Dick Tayler (13:08.6) took the mile and three-mile titles. Tayler's performance is the fourth-best ever. Frank Shorter alternated the lead with Neil Cusack over the first mile and a quarter, then tried to break the race open with a 64.4 seventh quarter. He forged a 20y lead, but Tayler caught him with about a half-mile to go. "I knew what he was up to," said the Kiwi, "but I felt lousy and just couldn't respond. So I just kept plugging." He simply moved by the marathon great and was an easy

winner, his not-necessary 60.6 final quarter being classic overkill. "I ran as fast as I could," said Shorter, "but Tayler is a class runner."

/160y banked board; *=selected for US team against USSR; attendance 12,225/-60, Washington (unat) 6.0; 2. *Outlin (Auburn) 6.0; 3. Crockett (Phil PC) 6.1; 4. *McFarland (UCTC) 6.2; 5. Nuttall (UCTC) 6.2; 6. Kee (Mass HS) 6.3. 600. *W. Williams (SDTC) 1:11.3; 2. *Vinson (En Mich) 1:11.3; 3. Sowerby' (Spts Int) 1:12.0; 4. Walker (unat) 1:15.1. 1000. Wohlhuter (UCTC) 2:06.8; 2. Dyce' (Fla TC) 2:07.4; 3. *Schaper (S Car) 2:07.7; 4.

AAU Marred by Defections

Has Tom Jennings finally overstepped his bounds? The head of the Pacific Coast Club isn't a popular man with the AAU right now (more so than usual). "We couldn't pay the price," said AAU track chief Bob Lafferty, referring to the club not bringing its bevy of world record holders to the meet. Jennings wanted \$4270 for his group, the AAU countered with \$2100. "We're not in the habit of promoting people's track meets with our money," said Jennings. "We've never had problems with finances before. Either they can't afford it or they just won't give us the expense money to get back there."

Unfortunately, the problems didn't end with the absence of Stones, Woods, Feuerbach, Carrigan, Bolding, Hilton, et al. Tony Waldrop didn't come because of his ACC commitment. Steve Williams wasn't entered. Filbert Bayi didn't show.

The meet itself was downgraded by the long jump pit, which was filled with a god-awful pile of debris. It seems that they came up short of sand and filled it with rodeo dirt. "Instead of asking what's in there, ask what isn't in there," said Pitt's Billy Rea. "Ahh, you could eat the stuff," added one of the workmen.

Randy Williams landed on something warming up and sprained an ankle. Bouncy Moore only jumped once, and formed an impressive collection of junk.

Patriotic types could likely be displeased with the results of the US-USSR meet. The US team is composed of a fine bunch of athletes, but it is far from the best possible. Only four winners (from 13 events) are making the trip. (See summaries for complete team.) "I'm not going to Russia," said dash winner Herb Washington. "Year in and year out, we lay out the red carpet for them over here and they're still guilty of bad manners and adverse conditions."

Jennings, never letting up, commented on the team: "I have an idea, why don't they just send the Pacific Coast team instead. We'd be better. Either that or we could have a pretty good three-way."

Luzins (Fla TC) 2:08.8; 5. *McElroy (NYAC) 2:09.5; 6. Bach (UCTC) 2:10.4.

Mile, Walker" (NZ) 4:01.6; 2. *Slack (unat) 4:02.1; 3. *Michael (Quant) 4:02.7; 4. Thornton (Phil TC) 4:04.5; 5. *Johnson (CNW) 4:04.5; 6. Brown (Fla TC) 4:05.4. 3M, Tayler" (NZ) 13:08.6; 2. Shorter (Fla



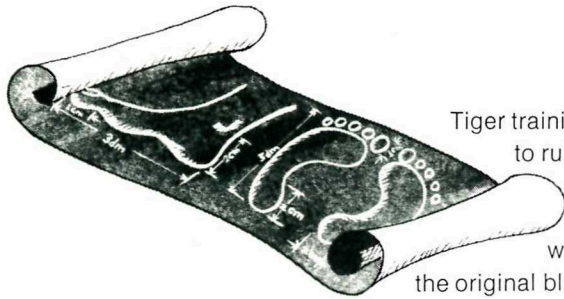
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TERRY ALBRITTON

into the meet ranking almost two feet up on his nearest rival. Albritton ranked seventh on the teen-list at 64-5. Semkiw wasted little time here, opening at 66-3³/₄ and successively improving on every legal put, 66-4¹/₄, 66-8¹/₄, foul, 67-2³/₄ and 68-4¹/₄. The latter mark gave him the top four teenage puts in history.

Albritton, on the other hand, had a solid (but unspectacular) series of 61-1¹/₂, 62-1, 62-8¹/₄, 66-11 PR and 65-7 before he came up for the last put of the

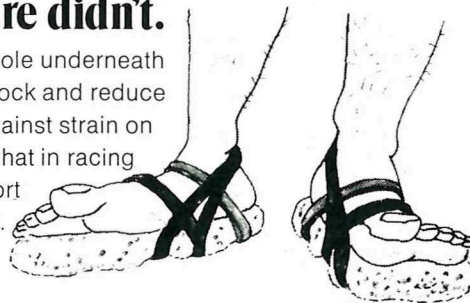
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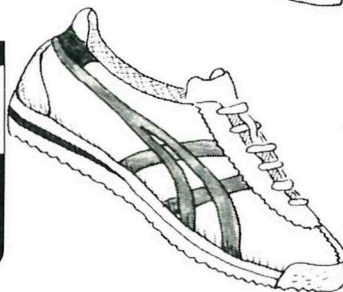
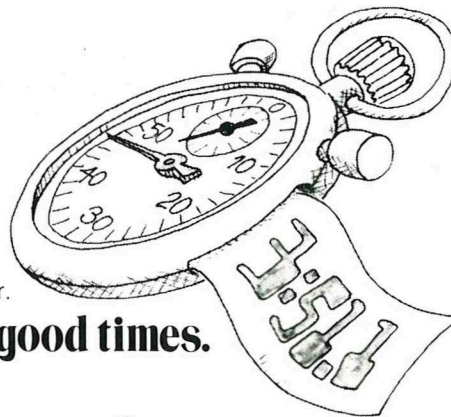
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TC) 13:18.0; 3. McLaren (Can) 13:22.8; 4. Herold (UCTC) 13:24.2; 5. Cusack (E Tenn St) 13:26.8; 6. *Fischer (UCTC) 13:33.4. 2MWalk, *Walker (Strid) 13:24.0; 2. *Scully (Shore AC) 13:24.4; 3. Valle' 13:50.6. 60HH, *Hill (US Army) 6:9; 2. Shipp (LSU) 7:0; 3. *Davenport (BRTC) 7:1; 4. Rich (Cal Int) 7:1; 5. White (Strid) 7.2. Heats: 1-1. Davenport 7.0.

HJ, Woods (Ore St) 7-2; 2. White (Penn AC) 7-0; 3. Gavrilov (SU) 7-0; 4. *Walker (RI HS) 6-10; 5. Matzdorf (UCTC) 6-10; 6. *Halton (UCTC) 6-10. PV, *Dias (Strid)

17-8; 2. Isakov (SU) 17-8; 3. *Roberts (unat) 17-0; 4. tie, *Carter (Fla TC) & Simpson (Can) 16-6; 6. tie, Pullard (Sn Cal) & Wallick (unat) 16-6. LJ, Proctor (Strid) 25-10; 2. *Royster (Liv AC) 25-9½; 3. *Lanier (S Army) 25-4½; 4. Haynes (M Tenn St) 25-4½; 5. Moore (SDTC) 25-3½; 6. Whitley (Cal Int) 25-¾. TJ, Tiff (Strid) 54-0 (54-0, 52-5, 52-3¼; f, 53-10, 53-7½); 2. *Grimes (EPTC) 53-6¾; 3. *Haynes 53-4½; 4. McClure (US Army) 53-½; 5. McBryde (Manh) 52-1¼; 6. Witherspoon (Va) 50-10.

SP, *Albritton (unat) 69-¾ (61-1½, 62-1, 62-8¾,

66-11, 65-7, 69-¾); 2. Semkiw 68-4¾; 3. *Price (Fla TC) 63-1¼. Wt, Accambay (Kent St) 70-6 (69-1½, f, 69-4, 70-6, 70-5, 69-10); 2. *Frenn (Strid) 67-2½; 3. *Hall (Backus AC) 66-6; 4. Bregar (Navy) 64-10½; 5. Yuen (Strid) 62-11; 6. Bessette (Conn) 61-10½; 7. Jackson (Penn St) 60-2. MileR, Philadelphia PC 3:17.0; 2. Seton Hall 3:20.6. 2MR, UCTC 7:32.6 (Paul 1:51.1); 2. Greater Boston TC 7:37.6. SpMedR (440, 220, 220, 300), Adelphi 2:05.1; 2. Essex CC 2:07.4. Teams: Striders.

SALT LAKE & POCATELLO ITA

While Seagren Is Away, Smith Will Play

from Jim Dunaway

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 22 & Pocatello, Idaho, Feb. 23—Steve Smith came away from the Intermountain area a happy man, cutting the margin between himself and absent rival Bob Seagren to 4" with a double-edged attack. It was a successful weekend for ITA all around, with several records toppling.

Fortunately for Smith, the vault bar toppled only once, as he made an incredible seven clearances in eight vaults, scoring a pair of world records in the process. The ITA vault has to be seen to be believed this year. The event is sponsored by Personna, the razor people, and the standards are giant facsimiles of razors.

Smith broke his favorite pole in Baltimore the previous weekend, so he and his father (an engineer) worked on another special pole. "It's designed for the way I vault," says Smith. It was really working this weekend. His first competitive try with it was 16-6 at Salt Lake City. A make. Then 17-0. Another make. Then a pro record 17-8. Another make. Then a world indoor best of 18-1. He had a close shave on that one, nicking the bar on the way down, setting it a-dancing. His victory celebration exceeded even that after his amateur record in Madison Square Garden last year. He jumped up and down in the pit. He shook his fists. Really lathered up by then, he began to circle the arena. A headfirst dive over the high jump bar (knocking it off). A hand-waving victory lap with the 11,000-plus crowd giving a standing ovation. Smith was happiness Personna-fied. Then a miss at an all-time anywhere best of 18-6¼.

The hot streak began again the next night. Opening back at his usual-stratospheric 17-0, it took little time to go 17-0, 17-6 and another record—18-1¼. It was supposed to be 18-2, but remeasurement hacked off a quarter-inch. As the message was received by ITA management, Seagren was unable to make it to these two affairs when he "couldn't make plane connections from Florida through Chicago because of the weather." Smith wouldn't budge an inch from his hard-line stand, musing, "I wonder how many airports he had to call before he found one?"

Rod Milburn was no less hot. Cast in lane 5 at Salt Lake, he had a shaky first half in the 60 highs. "I was stumbling out

of the blocks," he recalled, "but I really began to drive at the first hurdle." He ticked the first two barriers and knocked over the third, but was still just powering away from Leon Coleman and Paul Gibson. He snapped the tape in an amazing 6.7, chipping a tenth off the multi-tied record. "I was surprised," he admitted. "It was coming so fast I could hardly believe it." For the first time, Milburn gave a clue to his speed, running his first clocked dash since high school. Running 6.0 for second and beating Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa gives you some hint of just how fast he might be.

Pocatello was obscure-record-time on the track, with probably the first-ever 70m races ever run in this country. The shabbiness of the old records was confirmed in both the flat dash and highs at that distance. John Carlos, making his first pro appearance of the year, chopped 0.2 off the flat mark, zipping to a 7.3 clocking. The hurdles mark took an even worse beating, Paul Gibson chopping off no less than 0.6 with his 8.7. Commented one wag, "Yeah, and they broke the records for 68 meters en route."

Carlos was nothing less than spectacular in the 300 though. Covering the first 220 lap in an almost unbelievable 20.9, he loafed his way to a 30.1 final clocking.

Ben Jipcho chose not to double in either of these meets, but picked up a pair of easy wins, romping through an 8:42.2 the first night, then blazing a 3:40.7 1500 the second. Kip Keino remained an unknown factor, staying in Kenya.

Salt Lake City was also the unveiling of ITA's newest "catch," Dave Wottle. "I could have done better," he said after a 2:08.9 second in the 1000. "It was my first 1000 since last February. I just can't take the altitude—but it's no excuse for my losing."

SALT LAKE CITY

/176y banked board; attendance 11,000/-40, Odom 4.4; 2. Hayes 4.5. 60, Edmonson 5.9; 2. Milburn 6.0; 3. Ravelomanantsoa 6.0. 300, Jackson 32.5. 440, James 48.2; 2. Evans 48.4; 3. Edmonson 48.5. 1000, Fisher 2:08.4; 2. Wottle 2:08.9. Mile, Ryun 4:05.4. 2M, Jipcho 8:42.2. 60HH, Milburn 6.7 WB, WPR. HJ, Caruthers 7-1. PV, Smith 18-1 WB, WPR (also 17-8 WPR). LJ, Hines 26-3¾; 2. Jackson 25-6¾; 3. McAlister 25-3. SP, Salb 68-6; 2. Oldfield 65-2¼; 3. Matson 63-10¾; 4. DeBernardi 63-5.

POCATELLO

/220y banked board; attendance 7000/-40, Hayes



Chip Gane

Even Steve Smith has somber moments.

4.6. 70m, Carlos 7.3 WB, WPR; 2. Ravelomanantsoa 7.4; 3. Hines 7.5. 300y, Carlos 30.1. 400m, James 47.1; 2. Matthews 47.8; 3. Evans 47.9; 4. Alexander 48.2. 880, Fisher 1:50.3; 2. Mosser 1:50.9; 3. Ryun 1:52.0. 1500, Jipcho 3:40.7 WPR; 2. Wottle 3:48.8. 2M, Munson 8:50.0. 70mHH, Gibson 8.7 WB, WPR; 2. Carrington 9.2. HJ, Radetich 7-3. PV, Smith 18-1¼ WB, WPR; 2. Williamson 17-0. LJ, Hines 25-2. SP, Salb 67-8¼; 2. DeBernardi 64-4¾; 3. Matson 64-4¾; 4. Oldfield 63-3¾.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

World Relay Mark by Indiana

INDOORS

New York, N.Y., Feb. 2-50, Meyer (Brown) 5.2.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 2-HHR, Maryland 29.4.

Storrs, Conn., Feb. 3 /200y unbanked synthetic/-600, King (Conn) 1:10.0; 2. Davis (Adelphi) 1:10.5.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 8 /176y banked board/-1000, Schaper (S Car) 2:08.6.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 8 /220y unbanked synthetic/-440, Vinson (En Mich) 47.9.

New York, N.Y., Feb. 9-Wt, Hall (Backus AC) 64-10½; 2. Paliwoda (Strid) 63-9¾; 3. Bessette (Conn) 61-5¼; 4. Yuen (NYAC) 61-3¾.

East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 9-HHR, Western Michigan 28.8 (O'Toole, Cornwell, Baker, Gaines); 2. Missouri 29.2; 3. Michigan State 29.5. Heats: 1-1. Western Michigan 29.5. 111-1. Missouri 29.5; 2. Michigan State 29.5.

Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 9-HJ, Knoedel (Iowa) 7-½.

Pocatello, Idaho, Feb. 9 /220y banked board/-880R, New Mexico 1:27.7.

Providence, R.I., Feb. 10-Wt, Bessette (Conn) 60-8.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 10—Steve Gough earned himself a

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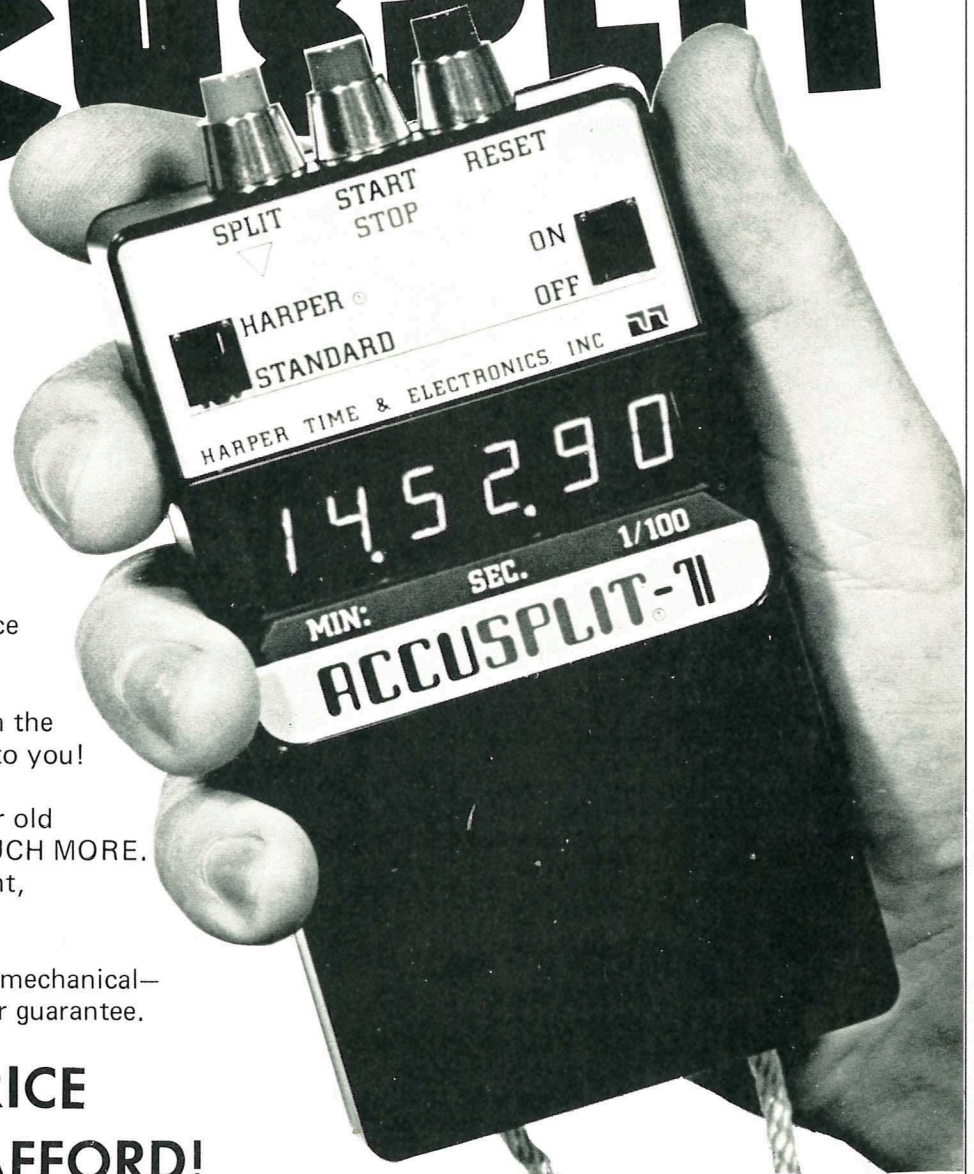
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place on the US pentathlon squad which will compete against the USSR by winning the Western Regional title with a 4033 aggregate. Gough high jumped 6-6, hurdled 60y in 7.5, muscled the shot 48-8½, long jumped 23-8 and covered 600y in 1:18.8. Jeff Bannister did 3770 in the runner-up slot. In a high jump competition at the same meet, Joel Braggs rolled over a PR 7-2 and was very close at 7-3.

East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 14 /220y unbanked synthetic/-440, Rowe' (Mich) 48.0. 600, Casleman (Mich St) 1:10.5.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 16—Wt, Bessette (Conn) 61-10. Princeton, N.J., Feb. 16—Wt, Hughes (Harv) 60-2¼.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 16—60, Riddick (Norf St) 6.0. Semis: Riddick 6.0.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 16 /220y unbanked synthetic/-1000, Bateman (Navy) 2:08.2; 2. Jim Kramer (Navy) 2:08.8; 3. Saddler (Army) 2:09.3. Wt, Bregar (Navy) 65-6¾.

Newark, Dela., Feb. 16 /220 unbanked synthetic/-Aided by a 2:56.2 1320 by Denis Fikes, Penn sped to a 9:41.0 distance medley, the second best time ever recorded on a legal-sized indoor track.

Charleston, Ill., Feb. 16 /220y unbanked dirt/-880, Sparks (UCTC) 1:51.9.

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 16 /220y unbanked synthetic/-440, Wallace (Ind) 48.2. 880, Kaemerer (Ill) 1:51.2. Mile, Durkin (Ill) 4:00.7. TJ, Ehizuelen' (Ill) 53-0.

Iowa City, Iowa, Feb. 16 /220y unbanked synthetic/-440, Jones (NE Mo St) 47.8.

Boulder, Colo., Feb. 16—60LH, Karikari' (Colo) 6.7. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 17—The Eastern Regional Pentathlon title, and a spot on the US-USSR team, went to Fred Samara. Samara recorded marks of 6-4, 7.5, 44-10¼, 24-½ and 1:15.2 to tally 4045, 12 more than Western winner Steve Gough. Ray Hupp was second with 3813.

Princeton, N.J., Feb. 18 /220y unbanked synthetic/-1000, Foynes (Columbia) 2:08.4; 2. Bruce (Manh) 2:09.1. Wt, Atkinson' (Fordham) 60-6. Mets Teams: Manhattan 73; 2. Seton Hall 41; 3. Adelphi 26.

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 19 /220y unbanked synthetic/-Indiana's planned shot at the world 4M relay record came off remarkably well, a Hoosier foursome annihilating the previous best of 16:44.8 with a 16:34.8 clocking. Steve Heidenreich had the fastest leg, 4:05.1 in the third stage. Handling the rest of the duties were Dan Hayes, Pat Mandra and Phil Wysong. Mike McFarland turned in a swift 5.9 in the 60.

Air Academy, Colo., Feb. 22 /293.3y unbanked synthetic—oversized/-440, Solomon (NM) 48.2. MileR, New Mexico 3:15.4.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 22(a)-23(b) /260y unbanked synthetic—oversized/-60, Heats(a): Burton (Purdue) 6.0. 440(a), Stroman (Ark St U) 48.0; 2. Monroe (Sn III) 48.3. 2M(a), Durkin (Ill) 8:39.4; 2. Peterson (Colo) 8:39.8. LJ(a), Bolin (Purdue) 25-11¼; 2. Ehizuelen' 25-6. TJ(b), Ehizuelen' 52-11. MileR(b), Southern Illinois 3:13.4 (Erickson 46.9). 2MR(a), Oklahoma State 7:29.4; 2. Illinois 7:35.0. DisMedR(b), Illinois 9:47.0.

Storrs, Conn., Feb. 23 /200y unbanked synthetic/-600, King (Conn) 1:09.8. 100, Francis (Bost C) 2:08.6. Wt, Djerassi (NEN) 62-0.

Ithaca, N.Y., Feb. 23—Navy was simply overwhelming at the Heps. The Middies walked off with 10 wins in 14 events in racking up a record-breaking 79-point total. Wt, Bregar (Navy) 65-2¼; 2. Sample (Army) 61-10¾.

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 23 /220y unbanked synthetic/-300, Dill (Mich St) 30.1; 2. Wallace (Ind) 30.4. 1000, Heidenreich (Ind) 2:09.0. 70HH, Stapp (Ind) 8.1 =CR. HJ, Adama (Ind) 7-1¼. MileR, Michigan State 3:14.2; 2. Indiana 3:14.6.

OUTDOORS

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 19—60, Stewart' (UTEP) 6.0; 2. Garpenborg' (UTEP) 6.0. TJ, Grimes (EPTC) 52-5.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 2—HJ, Owens (Sn Cal) 7-¼.

Fresno, Calif., Feb. 9—HT, McCollum (BA Strid) 191-10.

Long Beach, Calif., Feb. 10—Wt, Frenn (Strid) 68-4¾; 2. Connolly (Strid) 63-2.

Ruston, La., Feb. 16—HH, Stubbs (La Tech) 13.8.

Quartz Hill, Calif., Feb. 17—DT, Lister (Strid) 195-0.

INTERNATIONAL Three Records by Puttemans

Seftenberg, E.G., Jan. 19 /262.5y banked board—oversized/-200, Kibelka 21.7.

Seftenberg, Jan. 26—5000, Leiteritz 13:59.0; 2. Krebs 14:01.2; 3. Taufel 14:03.2.

Arnhem, Hol., Jan. 26-27—60m, Monsels 6.5 NR.

Berlin, E.G., Jan. 27—SP, Rothenburg 64-3¾.

Kaunas, USSR, Jan. 31—HJ, Sapka 7-3¾; 2. Lumi 7-1 7/8; 3. Tarmak 7-1 7/8.

Budapest, Hun., Feb. 6-7—60m, Leopold 6.5 =NR; 2. Bombach (EG) 6.5. 800, Susanj (Yug) 1:48.8; 2. Zsinka 1:49.7.

Bobligen, W.G., Feb. 9—50mHH, Aubele 6.5; 2. Gebhard 6.5.

Leverkusen, W.G., Feb. 10—60mHH, II-1. Nickel 7.5 =ER.

Bucharest, Rum., Feb. 10—Dorel Cristudor became the seventh sprinter to equal the indoor 60 meter best of 6.4. Pole Zenon Nowosz sped his second 6.4 in a heat.

Vittel, Fr., Feb. 10—60mHH, Drut 7.6. Heats: Drut 7.5 =ER. PV, Drut 16-10¾.

Paris, Fr., Feb. 13—HJ(exhib), Stones (P Coast) 7-¼.

Moscow, USSR, Feb. 13(a)-14(b)-15(c)—If Olympic sprint champ Valeriy Borzov has had a hurt leg, it apparently didn't slow him in the Soviet indoor championships. He took the 60 meter final in 6.4 for his second matching of the record. Juris Silovs also tied the mark in second. Other leaders included 7-3 3/8 high leaper Vladimir Abramov and 17-4 3/4 vaulters Janis Lauris and Yevgeniy Tananika. 60m(b), Borzov 6.4 =WB, =WAR, =ER; 2. Silovs 6.4; 3. Trecho 6.5; 4. Aksinin 6.5. Heats(a): Borzov, Silovs, Kolesnikov 6.5. 60mHH(c) Moshiasvili 7.6. HJ(b), Abramov 7-3 3/8. PV(c), Lauris 17-4¾; 2. Tananika 17-4¾. TJ(b), Byessonov 53-9¾. SP(c), Stoyev (Bul) 65-2; 2. Rothenburg (EG) 64-8¾; 3. Yarosh 64-¼.

Berlin, W.G., Feb. 16—Emiel Puttemans finally made an assault on the world indoor 5000 record. Running on the same 207.8-yard Deutschlandhalle track on which he set three marks in one race last year, the Belgian clocked 13:38.0, second-fastest ever behind Miruts Yifter's 13:34.2 record set at Louisville.

Vittel, Fr., Feb. 16(a)-17(b)—Guy Drut matched the European 60 meter highs best of 7.5 for the third time this season. He also won the French vault title at 16-5. /218.7y unbanked synthetic/-400(b), Demarthon 47.3 NR. 800(b), Meyer 1:49.5. 60mHH(a), Drut 7.5 =ER. PV(a), Drut 16-5. TJ(a), Valetudie 53-6¾.

Sofia, Bul., Feb. 16(a)-17(b)—Belgium's Fons Brydenbach, European Junior outdoor 400 champ last year, trimmed the world indoor 400 mark to 45.9, lowering Marcello Fiasconaro's best by 0.2. /218.7y banked board/ 60m(a), Nowosz (Pol) 6.5. 400(b), Brydenbach (Bel) 45.9 WB, WAR, ER.

Warsaw, Pol., Feb. 17—Henryk Szordykowski covered 1000 meters in 2:20.0, 0.4 under Tom Von Ruden's amateur best, but unacceptable as it came a 262.5-yard oversized track.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 23 /160y banked board/-600, Bolding (P Coast) 1:11.9. HJ, Stones (P Coast) 7-2¼. PV, Carrigan (P Coast) 17-0; 2. Richards (P Coast) 17-0; 3. Tananika" (SU) 16-8. SP, Woods (P Coast) 69-9¾; 2. Feuerbach (P Coast) 67-7; 3. Pirnie" (Can) 61-5¾.

Vittel, Fr., Feb. 24—Emiel Puttemans took another shot at the world indoor 5000 record and this time his aim was dead center. He cruised around the 218.7y unbanked synthetic oval in 13:30.8, cutting the 13:34.2 mark of Miruts Yifter set earlier this year. En route, the little Belgian passed three miles in 13:05.2, two full seconds below Tracy Smith's standard set last year. □

Indoor List

This list contains the best indoor marks made by US-related performers between Sept. 1, 1973 and Feb. 23, 1974. Oversized tracks are those larger than 220y in circumference. * = metric mark converted to yards; m = metric mark; = resident non-US citizen; = visiting foreigner; p = professional.

50 YARDS		1:10.1 Fred Sowerby' (Spts Int)	13:26.4 John Halberstadt' (P Coast)
		1:10.4 Wimpy Alexander (Fla)	13:29.6 Tony Brien' (Marymount)
5.1	Aleksandr Kornelyuk'' (SU)	1:10.4 Marcello Fiasconaro'' (It)	
5.1	Herb Washington (unat)		

60 YARDS		1:49.4 Byron Dyce' (Fla TC)	1:49.8 Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)
5.9	pWarren Edmonson (ITA)	1:49.8 Mark Winzenried (Strid)	
5.9	Chris Garpenborg' (UTEP)	1:50.3 pChris Fisher (ITA)	
5.9	Mike McFarland (UCTC)	1:50.4 Mike Boit' (En NM)	
5.9	Clifford Outlin (Auburn)	1:50.4 Tom Bach (UCTC)	
5.9	Herb Washington (unat)	1:50.7 Juris Luzins (Fla TC)	
6.0	Larry Black (NCC)	1:50.8 pMorgan Mosser (ITA)	
6.0	Larry Burton (Purdue)	1:50.9 Dave Kaemerer (III)	
6.0	Marshall Dill (Mich St)	1:51.2 Marcello Fiasconaro'' (It)	
6.0	Mike Goodrich (UCTC)	1:51.4 John Mock (UCTC)	
6.0	Glen Love (Ind)		
6.0	pRod Milburn (ITA)		
6.0	Steve Riddick (Norf St)		
6.0	Clive Sands' (Iowa St)	2:05.9 Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	
6.0	Thomas Whatley (Ala)	2:06.0 Mike Boit' (En NM)	
6.0	Steve Williams (SD St)	2:06.1 Byron Dyce' (Fla TC)	

300 YARDS		2:07.6 Tom Bach (UCTC)	2:07.6 Ken Sparks (UCTC)
29.3	Marshall Dill (Mich St)	2:07.7 Jim Schaper (S Car)	
30.1	pJohn Carlos (ITA)	2:08.0 pChris Fisher (ITA)	
30.2	Mike Goodrich (UCTC)	2:08.2 Dale Bateman (Navy)	
30.3	Larry Burton (Purdue)	2:08.4 Des Foynes (Columbia)	
30.3	Mark Lutz (Kans)	2:08.6 Keith Francis (Bost C)	
30.3	William Wallace (Ind)		
30.4	Bill Mason (Kent St)		
30.6	Mike McFarland (UCTC)	3:55.0 Tony Waldrop (N Car)	
30.7	Mitchell Goings (Fla)	3:57.4 Wilson Waigwa' (UTEP)	
30.7	Mike Monroe (Sn III)	3:58.9 Marty Liquori (NYAC)	

440 YARDS		3:59.1 Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	3:59.1 Greg Gibson (Wash)
47.4*	Mark Eneyart (Utah St)	3:59.1 Steve Prefontaine (Ore TC)	
47.4*	pLarry James (ITA)	3:59.7 Mike Slack (unat)	
47.8	Larance Jones (NE Mo St)	3:59.8 John Hartnett' (Vill)	
47.8*	Pat Williams (Idaho St)	4:00.3 Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	
47.9	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	4:00.7 Mike Durkin (Ill)	
48.0	Jim Bolding (P Coast)	4:00.7 Len Hilton (P Coast)	
48.0	Kim Rowe' (Mich)	Oversized track:	
48.0	William Wallace (Ind)	3:58.2 Len Hilton (P Coast)	
48.0	Brent Webster (Utah)	3:58.7 Mike Slack (unat)	
48.1*	pVince Matthews (ITA)	3:59.2 Larry Rose (P Coast)	
	Oversized track:	3:59.6 Tommy Fulton (Phil PC)	
46.5	Jim Bolding (P Coast)	3:59.9 Reed Fischer (Tex)	
46.6	Dennis Schultz (P Coast)		
46.9	Ron Jenkins (Tex Sn)		

500 YARDS		8:20.4 Steve Prefontaine (Ore TC)	8:22.4 Dick Tayler'' (NZ)
56.5	Jim Bolding (P Coast)	8:26.2 Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	
56.6	Dennis Schultz (P Coast)	8:26.6 John Hartnett' (Vill)	
56.8	Maurice Peoples (Ariz St)	8:28.0 Miruts Yifter'' (Eth)	
56.9	Fred Sowerby' (Spts Int)	8:29.8 Grant McLaren'' (Can)	
56.9	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	8:30.0 Jim Johnson (CNW)	
57.0	Mike Singletary (Sn Cal Col)	8:30.0 Jim Crawford (unat)	
57.0	Wes Williams (SDTC)	8:34.0 pBen Jipcho (ITA)	
57.1	Karl Farmer (LA SW JC)	8:34.0 Howell Michael (Quant)	
57.2	Mitchell Goings (Fla)	Oversized track:	
57.4	James Redd (SD St)	8:24.8 Paul Geis (Ore)	

600 YARDS		13:08.0 Dick Tayler'' (NZ)	13:08.2 John Ngeno' (Wash St)
1:09.6	Jim Bolding (P Coast)	13:11.8 Miruts Yifter'' (Eth)	
1:09.7	Darwin Bond (Tenn)	13:12.4 Grant McLaren'' (Can)	
1:09.8	Daryl King (Conn)	13:16.2 Glenn Herold (UCTC)	
1:09.8	Stan Vinson (En Mich)	13:18.0 Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	
1:09.8	Dave Williams (Mich)	13:20.6 Neil Cusack' (E Tenn St)	
1:09.9	David Crowe (La Tech)	13:26.6 Mike Keogh' (Manh)	
1:10.0	Beaufort Brown (Fla)		
1:10.0	Mike Solomon (En NM)		

50 YARD		5.9 Willie Davenport (BRTC)	5.9 Thomas Hill (US Army)
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5.9	Thomas Hill (US Army)	5.9 Marcus Walker (Colo TC)	

60 YARD HURDLES		6.7 pRod Milburn (ITA)	6.9m Larry Shipp (LSU)
6.7	pRod Milburn (ITA)	6.9 Thomas Hill (US Army)	
6.9m	Larry Shipp (LSU)	6.9 Danny Smith' (Fla St)	
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7.0	Floyd Jenkins (En Mich)	7.0 Allen Misher (LSU)	
7.0	Allen Misher (LSU)	7.0 Ricky Stubbs (La Tech)	

HIGH JUMP		7-4¼ Dwight Stones (P Coast)	7-3½ Tom Woods (Ore St)
7-4¼	Dwight Stones (P Coast)	7-3 Tom Woods (Ore St)	
7-3½	Tom Woods (Ore St)	7-3 pJohn Radetich (ITA)	
7-3	pJohn Radetich (ITA)	7-2½ Paul Underwood (Ariz St)	
7-2½	Paul Underwood (Ariz St)	7-2 Joel Brags (unat)	
7-2	Joel Brags (unat)	7-2 Rey Brown (Strid)	
7-2	Rey Brown (Strid)	7-2 Mike Fleer (Ore St)	
7-2	Mike Fleer (Ore St)	7-2 Rick Fletcher (Strid)	
7-2	Rick Fletcher (Strid)	7-2 Valentin Gavrilov'' (SU)	

7-2	Keith Guinn (Kans)	53-9½ John Craft (UCTC)
7-2	pRon Jourdan (ITA)	53-4½ Tommy Haynes (MTnSt)
7-2	Ed Lennex (St Joseph's)	53-½ Barry McClure (US Army)
7-2	Kestutis Sapka'' (SU)	52-8 Seigha Porbeini' (Miss St)
7-2	Gene White (Penn AC)	52-7 Ken McBryde (Manh)
		52-5½ James Butts (Strid)
		52-2 Keith Witherspoon (Va)

POLE VAULT		18-1¼ pSteve Smith (ITA)	17-8 Vic Dias (Strid)
18-1¼	pSteve Smith (ITA)	17-8 Yuriy Isakov'' (SU)	
17-8	Yuriy Isakov'' (SU)	17-6 Kjell Isaksson'' (Swe)	
17-6	Kjell Isaksson'' (Swe)	17-6 Fran Tracanelli'' (UCLA)	
17-6	Fran Tracanelli'' (UCLA)	17-4 Bruce Simpson'' (Can)	
17-4	Bruce Simpson'' (Can)	17-4 Casey Carrigan (P Coast)	
17-4	Casey Carrigan (P Coast)	17-2 Dave Roberts (unat)	
17-2	Dave Roberts (unat)	17-0 Roland Carter (Fla TC)	
17-0	Roland Carter (Fla TC)	17-0 Wlady Kozakiewicz'' (Pol)	
17-0	Wlady Kozakiewicz'' (Pol)	17-0 Reinhard Kuretzky'' (WG)	
17-0	Reinhard Kuretzky'' (WG)	17-0 Bob Pullard (Sn Cal)	
17-0	Bob Pullard (Sn Cal)	17-0 Bob Richards (P Coast)	
17-0	Bob Richards (P Coast)	17-0 pBuddy Williamson (ITA)	

LONG JUMP		26-3¼ pHenry Hines (ITA)	26-¾ Bouncy Moore (SDTC)
26-3¼	pHenry Hines (ITA)	26-¾ Bouncy Moore (SDTC)	
26-¾	Bouncy Moore (SDTC)	25-11¼ Jeff Bolin (Purdue)	
25-11¼	Jeff Bolin (Purdue)	25-11 Hans Baumgartner'' (WG)	
25-11	Hans Baumgartner'' (WG)	25-10 Jerry Proctor (Strid)	
25-10	Jerry Proctor (Strid)	25-9½ Charlton Ehizuelen' (Ill)	
25-9½	Charlton Ehizuelen' (Ill)	25-9½ Stan Royster (Liv AC)	
25-9½	Stan Royster (Liv AC)	25-7½ Wesly Smith (La Tech)	
25-7½	Wesly Smith (La Tech)	25-6½ pBob Beamon (ITA)	
25-6½	pBob Beamon (ITA)	25-6½ pHenry Jackson (ITA)	

TRIPLE JUMP		54-10 Milan Tiff (Strid)	53-11¼ Charlton Ehizuelen' (Ill)
54-10	Milan Tiff (Strid)	53-11¼ Charlton Ehizuelen' (Ill)	
53-11¼	Charlton Ehizuelen' (Ill)	53-11¼ Arnold Grimes (EPTC)	

SHOT PUT		72-2¼ George Woods (P Coast)	70-4¼ Al Feuerbach (P Coast)
72-2¼	George Woods (P Coast)	70-4¼ Al Feuerbach (P Coast)	
70-4¼	Al Feuerbach (P Coast)	69-¾ Terry Albritton (unat)	
69-¾	Terry Albritton (unat)	68-9 Ron Semkiw (Mesa CC)	
68-9	Ron Semkiw (Mesa CC)	68-6 pKarl Salb (ITA)	
68-6	pKarl Salb (ITA)	66-9 Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky)	
66-9	Jesse Stuart (Wn Ky)	66-4½ pBrian Oldfield (ITA)	
66-4½	pBrian Oldfield (ITA)	65-2 pRandy Matson (ITA)	
65-2	pRandy Matson (ITA)	64-4¼ pFred DeBernardi (ITA)	
64-4¼	pFred DeBernardi (ITA)	63-1¼ Doug Price (Fla TC)	

WEIGHT THROW		70-10 Jac Accambay' (KentS)	67-2½ George Frenn (Strid)
70-10	Jac Accambay' (KentS)	67-2½ George Frenn (Strid)	
67-2½	George Frenn (Strid)	66-6 Al Hall (Backus AC)	
66-6	Al Hall (Backus AC)	65-6½ Ted Bregar (Navy)	
65-6½	Ted Bregar (Navy)	63-9½ Al Paliwoda (Strid)	
63-9½	Al Paliwoda (Strid)	62-7¼ Andy Besette (Conn)	
62-7¼	Andy Besette (Conn)	62-0 Dov Djerassi (NEn)	
62-0	Dov Djerassi (NEn)	61-10¼ Al Sample (Army)	
61-10¼	Al Sample (Army)	61-3¾ Andy Yuen (NYAC)	

MILE RELAY		3:12.4 New Mexico	3:12.6 Idaho State
3:12.4	New Mexico	3:12.6 Idaho State	
3:12.6	Idaho State	3:13.4 Michigan State	
3:13.4	Michigan State	3:13.8 Manhattan	
3:13.8	Manhattan	3:14.2 Florida	
3:14.2	Florida	3:14.4 Michigan □	

For the Record

The following record alterations have been reported since the 1 March issue: WB=world best; WAR=world amateur record; WPR=world professional record; ER=European record; AR=American record; CR=collegiate record.

OUTDOOR			
Mar	2:09:12.0 ER	Ian Thompson (GB)	Christchurch Jan 31
INDOOR			
60m	6.4 =WB,=WAR,=ER	Dorel Cristudor (Rum)	Bucharest Feb 10
60m	6.4 =WB,=WAR,=ER	Zenon Nowosz (Pol)	Bucharest Feb 10
60mHH	7.5 =ER	Guy Drut (Fr)	Vittel Feb 10
60m	6.4 =WB,=WAR,=ER	Valeriy Borzov (SU)	Moscow Feb 14
60m	6.4 =WB,=WAR,=ER	Juris Silovs (SU)	Moscow Feb 14
50	5.2 =ER	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU)	Toronto Feb 15
50	5.1 ER	Aleksandr Kornelyuk (SU)	Toronto Feb 15
1000	2:06.0 CR	Mike Boit (EnNM-Kenya)	Toronto Feb 15
5000m	13:38.0 ER	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)	W Berlin Feb 16
60mHH	7.5 =ER	Guy Drut (Fr)	Vittel Feb 16
600m	1:18.8 AR, CR	James Robinson (Laney CC)	Oakland Feb 16
400m	45.9 WB, WAR, ER	Fons Brydenbach (Bel)	Sofia Feb 17
60	5.9 ER	Chris Garpenborg (UTEP-Swe)	San Diego Feb 17
1500	3:39.8 AR, CR	Tony Waldrop (N Car)	San Diego Feb 17
Mile	3:55.0 WB, WAR, AR, CR	Tony Waldrop (N Car)	San Diego Feb 17
3000	7:50.0 AR	Steve Prefontaine (Ore TC)	San Diego Feb 17
2M	8:20.4 AR	Steve Prefontaine (Ore TC)	San Diego Feb 17
4MR	16:44.8 WB, WAR, AR, CR	Indiana	Bloomington Feb 19
PV	18-1 WB, WPR	Steve Smith (ITA)	Salt Lake C Feb 22
60HH	6.7 WB, WPR	Rod Milburn (ITA)	Salt Lake C Feb 22
70HH	8.1 =CR	Phil Stapp (Ind)	Bloomington Feb 23
PV	18-1¼ WB, WPR	Steve Smith (ITA)	Pocatello Feb 23
70mHH	8.7 WB, WPR	Paul Gibson (ITA)	Pocatello Feb 23
70m	7.3 WB, WPR	John Carlos (ITA)	Pocatello Feb 23
3M	13:05.2 WB, WAR, ER	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)	Vittel Feb 24
5000	13:30.8 WB, WAR, ER	Emiel Puttemans (Bel)	Vittel Feb 24

by Jon Hendershott

Even if he was endowed with the winged feet of Mercury, would we still be ready for the mercurial rise of John Walker to the heights of world track stardom?

True, in '73 he improved from 1:48.2 in the 800 to a late-season 1:45.3, showed fine potential during a tour at the height of Europe's hectic outdoor campaign, was a member of New Zealand's record 6000 meter relay team and hit a 1500 PR of 3:38.1.

And could even a 1:44.9 two-lapper for the bronze medal in the British Commonwealth Games give any indication of what was to come from the 22-year-old (1/12/52) New Zealander?

Hardly—and yet the handsome young sales clerk from Auckland rushed the quickest last lap in the race (54.4) to finish the second-fastest 1500 meters in history with a simply stunning 3:32.5—behind Filbert Bayi's 3:32.2 global mark. Walker's effort equals 3:49.5 for the mile, six seconds faster than his PR set nine days into 1974.

But in the third major international 1500/mile of his career?

Indeed, for that is precisely what Walker did. Even John admits he couldn't believe his 1500 run—but, then, he is just starting to believe the predictions of his coach.

T&FN: Can you pinpoint anything, or combination of things, which has caused your stunning emergence?

Walker: A major thing, I think, was the European tour. It gave me a heck of a lot more experience, top racing and more confidence. When I got back home, I rested for only a week and then went into very hard mileage, between 80-100 miles a week. My mileage was consistent and much faster than ever before.

When it came to speed work, instead of cutting my mileage in half or more, I kept in the 90s and actually raced on this as well. I was working for both background and speed.

T&FN: Do you consider yourself an 800 runner or 1500 man or equal in both?

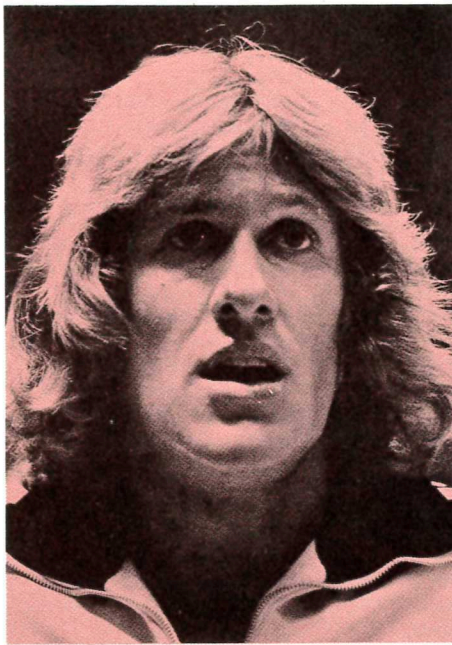
Walker: I really don't have the basic speed to be a half-miler. Most of the half-milers I race can run 46 in the quarter but my basic speed is around 49. I don't run too many quarters—or 1500s either.

T&FN: Why?

Walker: I like to believe I can still run the 800. It's a relatively easy event. I'd like to think I can run both, but if I don't have to run too hard, I'll run the 800.

T&FN: Before the Commonwealth, were you pointing for one distance over the other?

Walker: My main concern was to run a



Chip Gane

good time in the 800. Before I went to Europe my 800 best was 1:48.2; I got down to 1:46.3 in Europe then came home and ran 1:45.3 in late December. That one really broke it open for me. I ran that one from the front and felt quite good. So I thought maybe I could go under 1:45.

Then my coach, Arch Jelley, has said all along I would run these times. I think this has been another factor in my success—because of him. I've been with him for about three years; we work on Lydiard's lines but Arch is willing to modify a training schedule if I'm running badly or if he thinks I'm coming on too quick.

Actually I reached five peaks in '73 and '74—our trials for the Pan-Pacific Games, the Pan-Pacific meet, the European tour, our nationals, and finally the Commonwealth Games. But instead of trying to keep that peak before the Games, he cut my speed work and gave me more mileage. We believed the Games would be run on strength instead of speed.

T&FN: Which race do you now consider your stronger event?

Walker: If this was my coach talking, he would say the 800 will come faster. He believes the 1500/mile, and eventually the two miles-5000 meters, will be my better distances because I do rely on strength more than speed. But as long as I can run, say, 1:44 in the 800 and keep improving, I'll run the 800.

T&FN: How did you rate your chances in the Commonwealth 1500?

Walker: I had to win our nationals to make the team because there were four of us good enough to go, myself, Dick Quax,

Rod Dixon and Tony Polhill. So I won the nationals and got the place.

My coach believed the three 800 races would sharpen me for the 1500 just like they did for Peter Snell in Tokyo. And I knew when I raced repeatedly over a period of days, I improved. We were criticized a lot but I have faith in my coach. He can be reassuring all the time because he is confident in what he does but not overconfident. He said, 'You'll be alright.' About two weeks before the team went to camp, he wrote me and told me I would break the world record in the 1500.

T&FN: Did you believe him?

Walker: No. He had said earlier I would run 3:50 or under for a mile. But now, some of his predictions are starting to come right. He thinks I'll run faster over 800 and I think I can too.

Anyway, after running the 800s and winning my 1500 heat, the question to me was whether I could come out and stick with the pace. I was looking for only about a two second improvement; I thought 3:36 was about it.

T&FN: What was your reaction to the race?

Walker: After running 3:32, I couldn't believe it. But I was surprised it felt no harder running that fast than running 3:40. There was such a tempo, you could just sit in there and be carried along with the field.

T&FN: Did you have any idea the race was that fast while you were running?

Walker: Bayi went out quick like everyone expected but he never got the usual distance on the field like in other races. I think this may have been the reason he broke the record: he didn't burn the first lap and ran a more sensible pace.

I didn't get a good start and had to move up every lap. In that class of race, position is very important so if I could run the race again, I would key on Bayi. I was catching him all the time until we got to the tape. I was just so pleased to get second because I wasn't expected to even run for a place. And then the time—well I couldn't believe it.

T&FN: What do you see in your future?

Walker: I hope to reach my prime by the next Olympics. I've improved steadily in the last three years, running faster each season in the 800 and 1500.

How much faster I can run remains to be seen though. To run fast, you must have top competition and for New Zealanders that means traveling to Europe during our winter and peaking differently than at home. So it's tough.

But my coach has said I can go faster. I don't know how much faster—but I think I can go at least a little bit faster. □

A Christchurch Memoir by Ed Fox

THE TIME PHAIR PHILBERT PHREAKED OUT THE PHERVID PHESTIVAL

Space allotted to reporting the Commonwealth Games in the I March issue could but touch on the total gestalt of one of the most glorious track meets this observer has had the privilege to witness. From the splendid weather and facilities to the perfect staging of the sequence of events—starting with Dick Tayler's crowd-pleasing soft-shoe, finishing with Filbert Bayi's eloquent fandango—it was footracing at the summit, and it left me with a high which didn't come crunching hard to earth until luggage-retrieval time at the LA airport two nights later.

Think of some of the incredible doubles: John Walker, 1:44.9/3:32.5; Bayi, 1:45.3/3:32.2; Brendan Foster, 3:37.8/13:14.6; Mike Boit, 1:44.4/3:36.8; Dave Black, 13:23.6/27:48.4. Then, of course, there was Ben Jipcho's triple of 3:33.2/8:20.8/13:14.4.

Unheralded Aussie Bruce Field scored lifetime bests in the 400 hurdles (49.3 for the silver medal) and 400 (46.1 semi and fifth in the final)—plus 25-½ for fifth in the long jump. With some European or American competition, he could become a world force in the 400 hurdles.

As could Kenya's Fatwell Kimaiyo in the highs. The field he licked in 13.7 was mediocre but he should be tough at Montreal. And he sped 49.6 for fourth in the intermediates.

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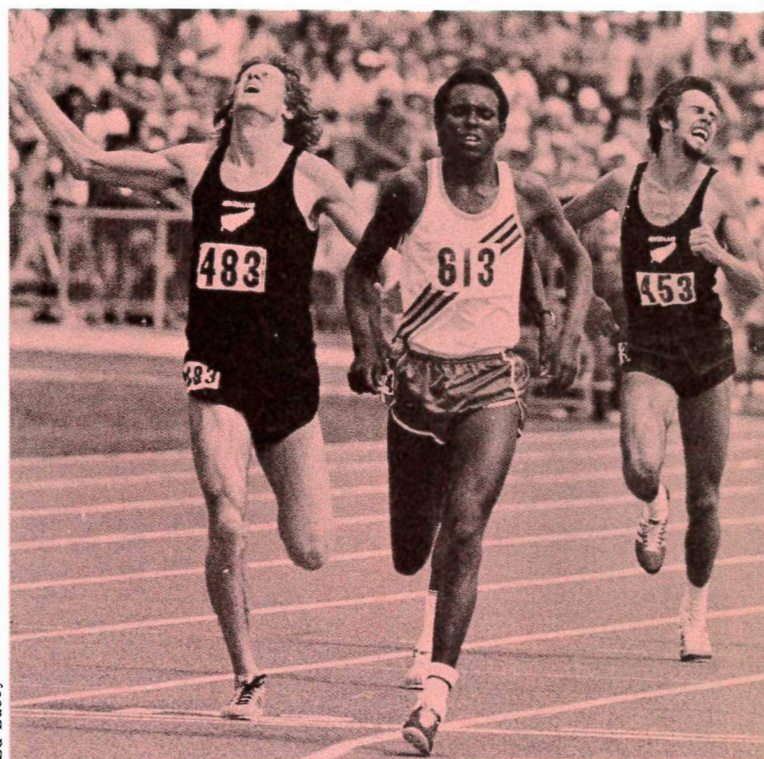
Kenya's development of all-around strength was strongly evident. Kenyans won medals in every event, 100 through 10,000, save the 200 and including all three barrier events. And John Mayaka even won the javelin bronze.

There were some negative sidelights. On track's opening day, a field event official collapsed and died during Tayler's finishing sprint. Then there was the unfortunate collision in the steeple, coming after the Kenyan and English runners had already traded elbows and spikings in the 10,000.

The latter brouhaha sparked one of the bizarre stories of the Games. Writing in the *Sunday Times* (New Zealand's answer to the *National Enquirer*), the injured Dick Quax deplored the Kenyan tactics: "If Dave Bedford had been a Kiwi instead of a Pom, he would have hung one on someone out there during his race." (Consulting with the Oxford English Dictionary of Down Under Usage reveals "Pom" as a good-natured deprecatory reference to an Englishman. A "Kiwi", of course, is a New Zealander.)

Quax was subsequently expelled from his quarters by the New Zealand team manager on the pretext he had violated an

Bayi finishes record 1500 from Walker (1) and Dixon.



agreement, signed by all athletes, not to make statements to the media except in specifically-designated situations. Officials denied the content of the article was the reason for the expulsion.

Later, it was learned Quax had also been fired from his job as an advertising salesman with the *New Zealand Herald* for writing for a rival newspaper. Quax claimed he had offered to write for the *Herald* a number of times and had been rebuffed, so accepted the *Times* offer thinking it in no way conflicting with his non-editorial job at the *Herald*. In any event, the Games were a downright disaster for Quax.

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Hit by injuries: Quax (forced out altogether), Tony Polhill (withdrew from 1500 final), John Sherwood (withdrew from 400 hurdles with recurrence of foot problems), Colin Campbell, Trevor Campbell, Dave Bedford (hamstring difficulties), Mike Bull (elbow), Mike McGrath, Ron Hill. Barry Williams, odds-on hammer favorite and Commonwealth recordman, had severe knee problems and had five no-throws (including a long one out of the sector and three which failed to get out of the cage).

Dick Tayler said he was particularly gratified by his 10,000 win because of "lots of kicks in the backside" he'd received during his up-and-down career.

Two records we missed in our initial report: European for Ian Thompson (Mar),

Commonwealth for Charlie Clover (JT).

Apologies to John Masters. He was of valuable help in Christchurch but was mistakenly identified in our original report.

Kenyan Cosmas Sielei ran an unusual double: the 400 hurdles (50.0 for fifth) and the 1500 (did not qualify). His selection for the 1500 rather than the 800 meant 800 champ John Kipkurgat couldn't run the 1500—which might have been interesting considering his victory over Bayi in December.

Alan Pascoe caused alarm when, after his fine 48.8 intermediates win, he attempted in his exuberance to clear hurdles the wrong way, falling and landing on his back twice and badly denting the barriers' lower crossbars. He was unhurt. "Pesky 11th and 12th hurdles," he quipped.

Ben Jipcho clearly showed his displeasure with the Kenyan hierarchy in post-race interviews. He complained about the restrictions placed on his competitive schedule and threatened to "consider the alternative" if not given his "freedom." He said he wanted to run in Brendan Foster's world record two mile race but the Kenyan Federation refused. "The older I get, the more the good times escape me," said the personable Jipcho, who now of course has joined the pro circuit, the "alternative."

For name fans: Fatwell Kimaiyo (Ken), Pius Olowo (Uga), Blackie Masalila (Botswana), Bambo Fatty (Gambia), Solomon Opiepie (Nig), Philip Kayo (Papua) and my favorite, Uganda's Silver Ayoo (400 silver medalist). □

Prep Report

by JACK SHEPARD

Indoors, most events have produced good early-season depth, but seem to lack that really exciting top mark. However, there were some great distance matchups at the Naval Academy and LA Times meets, plus a scattering of outstanding high jump and vault marks. California and Texas went outdoors in mid-February, the top performance there being a late-January 4:10.8 for Richard Kimball (DeLaSalle, Concord, Calif).

The Eastern States meet is back after a year's absence, scheduled for Jadwin Gym at Princeton University on March 6. Hopefully, the meet has a new home after being held at Madison Square Garden (1934-65) and the 168th Street Armory ('66-'72) in New York City.

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SPRINTS

The top matchup here found Miller zapping Edmond 9.6 to 9.8 in the Astrodome 100... California's best short sprinter, junior Maurice Glass of Oakland Castlemont, would have won the open race at the Oakland Invitational with his 5.7 50 meters. Only Bill Gaines has run the distance faster as a prep... Long sprinter Willie Smith has 220 relay carries of 21.5 and 21.8, very quick for spikeless flat-floor running.

50-yards:

- 5.2 *Kaseem Thomas (Murphy, Mobile, Ala)
- 5.3 *Mike Kee (Rindge Tech, Cambridge, Mass)
- 5.4 Jerry Barker (Bloom Twp, Chic Hts, Ill)
- 5.4 Louis Carr (Lane Tech, Chicago)
- 5.4 Phil Hazard (East Providence, RI)
- 5.4 Robert Hennings (Clinwood, Cleveland)
- 5.4 *Kevin Newell (Lane Tech, Chicago)
- 5.4 Dennis Rock (New Bedford, Mass)
- 5.4 **Jeff Rose (Bloom Twp, Chic Hts, Ill)
- 5.4 Floyd Ware (Glenville, Cleveland)

60-yards:

- 6.2 Broderick Beasley (Poly, Fort Worth)
- 6.2 John Chambers (Neptune, NJ)
- 6.2 Kaseem Thomas (Murphy, Mobile, Ala)
- 6.2 Charles Walker (Lakewood, NJ)
- 6.2 Duran Wooten (Garfield, Seattle)

70-yards:

- 7.1 Vincent Carter (Bryan Stn, Lexington, Ky)
- 7.3 Ralph Johnson (Lafayette, Lexington, Ky)
- 7.3 Geary Morton (Central, Louisville, Ky)

100-yards:

- 9.6 Greg Edmond (Ball, Galveston, Tex)
- 9.6 Robert Miller (El Campo, Tex)
- 9.7 Robert Harris (Kilgore, Tex)
- 9.9 Preston Edwards (Wilmer-Hutchins, Hutch, Tx)
- 9.9 Willie Smith (Uniondale, NY)

300-yards:

- 32.0 Willie Smith (Uniondale, NY)

440-600 YARDS

Harris and Tinner have quick 49.2 relay carries, but the quantity leader is Louis Roberts (West, Philadelphia), with four sub-50 legs, topped by a 49.4. Quickest of all is the 47.3 by Crenshaw on

the giant Astrodome track... A 1:20.0 by frosh Tony Uzdivanis (Williamstown, NJ) is just a fifth off the class record.

440-yards:

- 50.4 Gary Jones (Murphy, Mobile, Ala)
- 50.5 Richard Massey (Clinton, Bronx, NY)
- 50.5 Keith Tinner (Lincoln, Tacoma, Wash)
- 50.6 Gary Schmidt (Oceanside, NY)
- 50.7 John Graham (Emerson, Union City, NJ)
- 50.9 *Hatch (Phillips, Chicago, Ill)
- 50.9 Tom Hughes (Jeffersonville, Ind)

Oversized track:

- 48.1 Preston Edwards (Wilmer-Hutchins, Hutch, Tx)
- 48.8 Alvin Crenshaw (Roosevelt, Dallas)
- 48.9 Benny DeGeorge (Strake Jesuit, Houston)
- 49.0 David Sheppard (Carroll, Corpus Christi, Tex)

500-yards:

- 60.7 Keith Tinner (Lincoln, Tacoma, Wash)

600-yards:

- 1:12.8 Bob Cela (Franklin, Reisterstown, Md)
- 1:13.2 Clarence Franklin (Fairmont Heights, Md)
- 1:13.9 Kevin Price (Cardozo, Queens, NY)
- 1:14.0 Tim Klein (Lane Tech, Chicago)
- 1:14.1 Mike Adderly (Wheaton, Md)
- 1:14.2 Mike Harris (Van Buren, Queens Village, NY)
- 1:14.1 *Ronnie Harris (Albemarle, Charlottesville, Va)

880-1000 YARDS

All the top Mid-Atlantic 600, 1000 and mile times came from the Naval Academy meet, always a showcase for middle-distancemen... White has been running everything from the 300 through two-miles, often tripling, and appears ready to challenge the national 880 record of 1:52.0.

880-yards:

- 1:55.9 Charles White (Thornton, Harvey, Ill)
- 1:57.3 Bill Fritz (Glenbard W, Glen Ellyn, Ill)
- 1:58.0 Chet Staron (Kearny, NJ)
- 1:58.1 Grant (Salesianum, Wilmington, Dela)
- 1:58.2 Greg Honsby (Rancocas Valley, Mt Holly, NJ)
- 1:58.3 Kelly Marsh (North, Muncie, Ind)

1000-yards:

- 2:15.0 Mark Hamlett (Patapsco, Baltimore, Md)
- 2:15.4 Brian Rheinhardt (Cox, Virginia Beach, Va)
- 2:15.7 Mark Belger (Mephham, Bellmore, NY)
- 2:16.5 Gene McCarthy (All Hallows, Bronx, NY)
- 2:16.7 James Kennedy (Williams, Alexandria, Va)
- 2:16.8 Frank Watts (Menchville, Newport News, Va)
- 2:16.9 Ken Mitchell (Rice, NYC)
- 2:16.9 Jim Peterson (Wheaton, Md)
- 2:16.9 *Ron Stafford (Regina, Uniondale, NY)

MILE

Rich Kimball's metric 3:50.0 at Oakland is a national record, and is roughly equivalent to a 4:08.4 mile. The indoor mile record is 4:06.6... Ellington zipped to a fast 1:53.4 relay leg the same afternoon as his 4:14.7 mile.

- 4:13.9 *Walter Jachimowicz (Gar-Field, Woodbridge, Va)
- 4:14.2 Jim Peterson (Wheaton, Md)
- 4:14.7 Mike Ellington (Ferguson, Newport News, Va)
- 4:14.7 John Graham (Northwestern, Hyattsville, Md)
- 4:15.1 Kevin Cropp (McCluer, Buena Vista, Va)
- 4:15.8 Gene McCarthy (All Hallows, Bronx, NY)
- 4:16.3 Steve Dye (Broad Run, Va)
- 4:18.2 Mark Belger (Mephham, Bellmore, NY)

TWO MILE

Eric Hulst continues to amaze, this time with his 6" win over Schankel at the LA Times. Hulst, who took the lead with 240y to go, and repeatedly

Johnson & Johnson, Banded Together

The element of luck hasn't been a prevalent factor in Tim Johnson's prep vaulting career. Illness and injuries have haunted the compact (5-9, 165) younger brother of Olympian Jan Johnson.

Two years ago he had just gone 14-8½ before contacting mononucleosis. He was out eight weeks but still placed in the Illinois state meet for Bloom Township of Chicago Heights.

As a junior he was consistently over 15-0 indoors. During his first outdoor meet he cleared 14-9, then 14-11 and, at 15-3, his pole recoiled (with him on it), his leg slapped against the fiberglass and his kneecap was cracked. There went another six weeks. He came back at the state meet to win at 14-9.

Maybe the same thing is happening in 1974. After clearing 16-1½ (prep indoor record) and 16-0 to become the only prep ever to top 16-0 twice indoors, Tim was sidelined by a cramp in his hamstring (due to a low calcium content). But he's ready to go again and will be vaulting regularly through the year. Plus, he has the challenge of being Jan's little brother.

"I'm much more confident this year," points out Tim, who held at only 13-10 on his record vault. "I've been working all summer on my run-up and plant. I can concentrate on those things now and disregard other things happening around me." Like what?

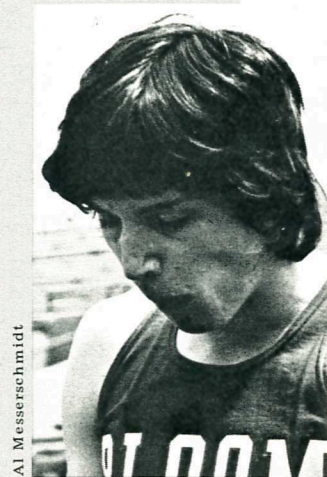
Last year people were publicly calling him Jan's younger brother—even on the public address system during the state meet finals. That bothered him.

"I'm much more relaxed now."

According to Bloom coach Steve Miller, there is a definite difference between the two brothers.

"Their only similarity is in competitiveness," points out Miller. "He has learned quite a bit about technique from Jan, too. But motivationally they are not close at all."

The Johnson brothers are the best brother team in pole vault history. And now Tim says it with a smile. That's a big difference. He doesn't mind being compared to or teamed up with brother Jan now.



Al Messerschmidt

TIM JOHNSON

held off Schankel's charges, becomes just the second soph to dip under 9:00 and the first indoors.

- 8:58.4 **Eric Hulst (Laguna Beach, Calif)
- 8:58.4 Jim Schankel (Lompoc, Calif)
- 9:01.4 *Ralph Serna (Loara, Anaheim, Calif)
- 9:05.6 Roger Fabing (Lompoc, Calif)
- 9:07.6 Richard Kimball (DeLaSalle, Concord, Calif)
- 9:09.4 Rusty Nahirney (Washington, Fremont, Calif)
- 9:10.6 *Mitch Kingery (San Carlos, Calif)
- 9:12.6 Joe Ofsansky (North, Terre Haute, Ind)
- 9:12.6 Bob Tillman (Valencia, Placentia, Calif)
- 9:14.2 Bynum Merritt (Woodberry Forest, Va)

HURDLES

Poelinitz, Locker, Wheeler and Cobb are all just a tick off the national record, with Tillman getting the first hurdle record of the season by equaling the 50-lows mark . . . That 7.0 in the 60 highs reported for Wheeler turned out to be a 7.4 instead.

40-yard highs:

- 5.2 Gerry Poelinitz (New Rochelle, NY)

45-yard highs:

- 5.7 Dennis Rock (New Bedford, Mass)

50-yard highs:

- 6.2 Charles Locker (Rancocas V, Mt Holly, NJ)
- 6.2 Quentin Wheeler (Monmouth, New Shrews, NJ)
- 6.3 Mike Tretiakow (Valley Forge, Parma, Ohio)
- 6.3 Wacker (York, Elmhurst, Ill)
- 6.4 James Shepard (Hay, Cleveland, Ohio)

60-yard highs:

- 7.2 Mark Brown (Kecoughtan, Hampton, Va)
- 7.2 John Nichols (Menchville, Newport News, Va)
- 7.3 Roger Gary (Woodlawn, Baltimore, Md)
- 7.3 Richard Gillette (Davis, Montgomery, Ala)
- 7.3 Al Jackson (Bowie, Md)
- 7.3 Ken Stokes (New Milford, NJ)

70-yard highs:

- 8.7 John Nichols (Menchville, Newport News, Va)
- 8.7 Mike Roberts (Northrop, Fort Wayne, Ind)
- 8.8 Robert Jones (Lafayette, Lexington, Ky)
- 8.8 Dick Hughes (Jeffersonville, Ind)

120-yard highs:

- 14.2 Bill Blessing (Hillcrest, Dallas)

50-yard lows:

- 5.9 George Tillman (Messick, Memphis, Tenn)
- 6.0 John Church (Overton, Memphis, Tenn)
- 6.0 Robert Hennings (Collinwood, Cleveland)

60-yard lows:

- 6.9 Thad Cobb (Lee, Montgomery, Ala)
- 7.1 Howie Trepina (Morton East, Cicero, Ill)

HIGH JUMP

- 6-10f *Gregg Lambdin (Ball, Galveston, Tex)
- 6-10f Noel Ruebel (Highland, Ind)
- 6-10f *Tim Walker (Rogers, Newport, RI)
- 6-9f Steve Shelton (Edmonds, Wash)
- 6-9f Leon Smith (Western, Las Vegas, Nev)
- 6-8 Brian Melly (Cardinal O'Hare, Springfield, Pa)
- 6-8 *Ron Shaw (Jeffersonville, Ind)
- 6-8 Leroy Turner (Radnor, Pa)
- 6-7 Clark Beedle (LaSierra, Carmichael, Calif)
- 6-7 Joe Dombrowski (Holy Cross, Riverside, NJ)
- 6-7 Charles Hatch (Wilson, San Francisco)
- 6-7 Lee Palles (Pine Bluff, Ark)
- 6-7 Dave Sanford (Arlington Hts, Fort Worth, Tex)

POLE VAULT

Bert Reppen is a Norwegian exchange student . . . Another who has exchanged schools is Frank McMurrey, who went to Spring Branch from Houston St. John's.

- 16-1½ Tim Johnson (Bloom Twp, Chicago Hts, Ill)
- 15-6¾ Frank McMurrey (Spring Branch Mem, Houston)
- 15-6 Gary Hunter (Northrop, Fort Wayne, Ind)
- 15-1¾ Bert Reppen (Highland Park, NJ)
- 14-6¾ Paul Flint (Highland Falls, NY)
- 14-6¾ Tim Mulkey (Birmingham U, Mtn Brook, Ala)

- 14-6 John Clemmens (Azusa, Calif)
- 14-6 Jim Knaub (Lakewood, Calif)
- 14-6 Tori Lewis (Capital, Boise, Idaho)
- 14-6 Mike Tulley (Millikan, Long Beach, Calif)

LONG JUMP

- 23-9¼ Don Dykes (Hammond, La)
- 23-6½ Larry Myricks (Forest Hill, Jackson, Miss)
- 23-3¾ Thad Cobb (Lee, Montgomery, Ala)
- 23-1 James Lofton (Washington, Los Angeles)
- 22-10 Ken McClendon (Washington, Denver)
- 22-7¼ Tommy Woods (Angleton, Tex)

TRIPLE JUMP

Event leader Jones is really a versatile performer. Last year he won the Mason-Dixon 70. This year, he ran 8.8 in the 70 highs and hit his triple leader in his first-ever competition.

- 48-6 Robert Jones (Lafayette, Lexington, Ky)
- 48-1½ Ken McClendon (Washington, Denver)
- 47-10¼ Charles Hollis (Bloom Twp, Chic Hts, Ill)
- 46-6 Charles Owen (Marion County, Lebanon, Ky)
- 46-4 Leonard McNairly (Male, Louisville, Ky)
- 45-9 Terry Davenport (Nampa, Idaho)

SHOT PUT

- 63-6 Ron Klotzer (Union, NJ)
- 60-8 Ray Sahadi (Tenafly, NJ)
- 59-10¼ Mark Lewis (Spring Branch, Tex)
- 59-2¼ *Dave Kurrasch (Santa Ana, Calif)
- 58-11½ Steve Moore (New Dorp, Staten Island, NY)
- 58-10¼ Robert Mattia (Union, NJ)
- 58-3 Scott DeCandia (St Joseph, Montvale, NJ)
- 58-2¼ Mark Saner (St Joseph, Montvale, NJ)

880 YARD RELAY

- 1:31.3 Clinton, Bronx, NY
- 1:31.6 Coolidge, Washington, DC
- 1:32.0 Albemarle, Charlottesville, Va
- 1:32.6 Spingarn, Washington, DC
- 1:32.6 Ferguson, Newport News, Va
- 1:32.9 Fairmont Heights, Md

MILE RELAY

- 3:24.6 Coatesville, Pa
 - 3:26.0 Central Bucks East, Buckingham, Pa
 - 3:26.0 Roosevelt, Washington, DC
 - 3:26.1 Coolidge, Washington, DC
 - 3:26.5 Hampton, Va
 - 3:27.2 Fairmont Heights, Md
 - 3:27.2 Oceanside, NY
- Oversized track:**
- 3:19.3 Lufkin, Tex
 - 3:19.6 Sterling, Houston
 - 3:20.0 Roosevelt, Dallas

TWO MILE RELAY

- 7:59.2 All Hallows, Bronx, NY
 - 7:59.8 Woodbridge, Va
 - 8:00.2 Bishop Loughlin, Brooklyn
 - 8:02.0 Berry, Birmingham, Ala
 - 8:02.6 Northern, Flint, Mich
 - 8:03.6 Ferguson, Newport News, Va
 - 8:03.6 Pioneer, Ann Arbor, Mich
- Oversized track:**
- 7:53.2 Abilene, Tex
 - 7:58.6 Dickinson, Tex

SPRINT MEDLEY

- 3:39.3 Regina, Uniondale, NY
- 3:40.2 Seton Hall, South Orange, NJ
- 3:41.0 Chaminade, Mineola, NY

DISTANCE MEDLEY

- 10:22.8 Power Memorial, NYC,
- 10:25.6 North Salem, NY
- 10:26.0 Bishop Loughlin, Brooklyn
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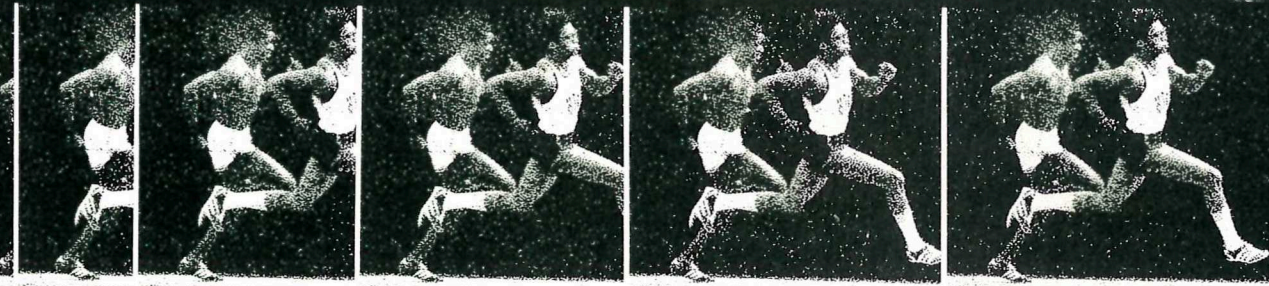
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POLE VAULT

"The feud is real," says ITA head Mike O'Hara of the Steve Smith-Bob Seagren verbal goings-on. "I was at the Superstars luncheon and Seagren said, 'Smith choked in the Olympics and he'll choke again.' Seagren is determined to take him on the tour."

Publicity stunt or no, the pair are really getting down to the nitty-gritty. **Steve Smith:** "He's an SOB. He was on top when I was just coming up, but he used to take over the runway. He always walked around like a prima donna. If he pulls that stuff again this year I'm gonna deck him."

Bob Seagren: "He called me an SOB yesterday. I don't know what he's saying that for. Fact is, I always liked Steve. Maybe he's just trying to do a publicity job for the pro tour. Let's just say if he throws any punches it will be more interesting than the competition." And so it goes, press conference after press conference, luncheon after luncheon.

Pacific Coast Club vaulter **Bob Richards** used to be known as "Bob Richards, Jr." What else would you call the son of a double Olympic vault champion with the same name? But now young Bob is becoming a star in his own right, having topped 17-6 last year (about two-feet up on dad) and has won a couple of meets this season. Does he feel the need to overcome the image as "Bob Richards' son?" The muscular, mustachioed blond says, "You always like to conquer something on your own. I've never felt brought down by the references though, or the need to 'prove myself.' I think such references are a kind of tribute to my father. Of course, he kids me and says, 'I'll give you an aluminum pole and then we'll see how high you go.'"

Interview with Soviet vaulter **Yuriy Isakov** at the LA Times: "Bol govoret pa-Ingleski (do you speak English?)"

"Eh nechivo, nechivo, nechivo. (so-so)."

"How was your jump?"

"Odhen horocho. (very good)."

End of interview.

SHOT PUT

"It's interesting to note that shorter men seem to be dominating the shot put again," said **George Woods** after his Sunkist win. "They seem to have a longer momentum range." A quick scan shows him to be correct. US indoor leaders Woods (6-2), Al Feuerbach (6-1) and Ron Semkiw (5-11) are markedly shorter than recent greats Randy Matson (6-6½), Brian Oldfield (6-5) and Neal Steinhauer (6-5). A look across the Atlantic shows the tops are still tall—Hartmut Briesenick is 6-3¼, Wladyslaw Komar 6-5¼, Jaroslav Brabec 6-2¼ and Reijo Stahlberg 6-4½.

"I've been having this dream, almost a nightmare, lately," said smallish shot putter **Al Feuerbach**, before Woods's big explosion at the LA Times. "I get up and I go to the arena and I see this big monster with huge arms and a huge gut and short hair—very unprogressive—and he conquers the little man. Friday night I want to help the small man regain his place on the throne."

It's obvious that Al doesn't judge George to be in the same category of "small" as he is.

SPRINTS

Less than 24 hours before he ran his 5.9, Auburn's **Clifford Outlin** had participated in a walkout with 13 other black athletes on the campus. The question of facial hair was the issue. Outlin and three teammates returned the afternoon of the meet.

Herb Washington thinks that the title "Chairman of the Boards" should belong to him. "Until someone can beat me," says the world 50 and 60-yard record holder, "I'm the man." Washington was undefeated through the Feb.

Pender on Psyching-Out

Who's the fastest starter of them all? You probably won't get many votes that don't go to stocky (5-5/158) Mel Pender, who usually either gets out first or gets thrown out. "Once a starter told me, 'You're supposed to start after the gun,'" he says. "No way. You got to start with the gun." As he told Dave Anderson of the *New York Times*, psychology plays a very big role in sprinting and starting:

"Charlie Greene was one of the best. Before the race, he'd walk around in his sunglasses and he'd have his attitude. He'd be saying, 'I'm going to beat you.' Even in the starting blocks he'd keep it up. 'You're nobody,' he'd say. 'You got no business in this race.' That stuff bothers some guys. Other guys don't even hear it. That's the trick. Not to hear it.

"Jim Hines, the 68 Olympic champion, was sneaky. You'd just hear him saying, 'I'm ready, baby.' He'd say it so nonchalant, like there was no way he could lose.

"One guy who bothered me was Valeriy Borzov. He said, 'Who is Mel Pender?' That really got to me.

"Bob Hayes is the only sprinter I've known who didn't try to psych anybody. Him just being in the meet was enough to psych out all the other sprinters.

"My psych is my start. My start worries all of them."

15-16 weekend and had taken the sprint title at seven major meets.

Outdoor king **Steve Williams** has been frustrated in attempts to beat Washington. "I need 62 yards indoors to win against him," he says.

Soviet sprint king **Valeriy Borzov** pulled out of three indoor meets in the US, with a spokesman reporting that he had injured a foot in training.

Dashing doctor **Delano Meriwether** isn't the sensation he once was, but he still runs well for a 30-year-old part-time competitor. "I run now for the same reasons I began. Because I find it enjoyable and because it offers the physiological

benefits of exercise."

One trackman who is a proven footballer, Olympian **Gerald Tinker**, was a second round choice of the Atlanta Falcons. "He can help us right now," said Coach Norm Van Brocklin. "He can get the ball out to the 40-yard line for us. It's more speed than we've ever had before." However, Tinker has added 10 pounds in preparation for the gridiron and ran only 5.4 for fourth in his heat at Cleveland.

MILE

South African **Fanie Van Zijl** went back to Johannesburg immediately after his first loss in over four years, when Paul Cummings topped him 4:03.0 to 4:06.1 with Wilson Waigwa at 4:04.0 in Albuquerque. His construction business needed his personal attention.

Even though he has whipped some of the best on the US indoor circuit and improved the world indoor mile record to 3:55.0, **Tony Waldrop** doesn't dream of Olympic metal. "If the Olympics were held tomorrow, I probably wouldn't try out. I'm in this for fun because I like the people I meet and the places I go." Proof? He passed up the AAU for the ACC.

With a hope for attracting people to a track meet who had never previously seen one, **Jim Ryun** accepted Bobby Riggs's challenge—Ryun would circle the track four times, Riggs twice. Ryun ran 4:03.4 and Riggs 3:22.1, well off the age-55 record of 2:20.3.

Flexibility might still be lacking in **Marty Liquori's** tender left foot, but not in his future plans. "I think there's still peak time left for me as a miler," says the bearded one-time world leader. "This spring I'm going to work on half-mile speed and that should help my mile running. If the foot can't take it, I'll move up to the 5000. I knew this would be a big year for records and I just wanted to be a part of it."

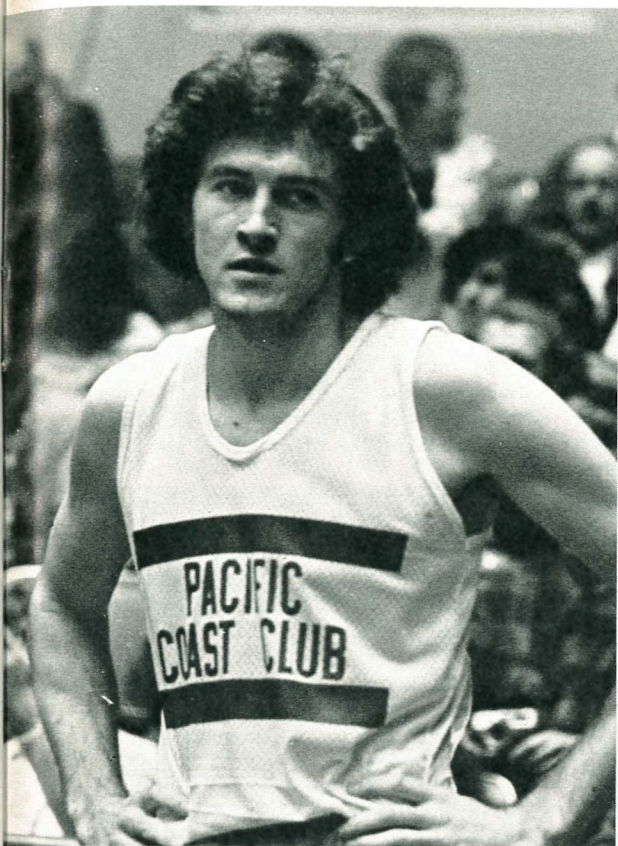
LONG JUMP

The new NCAA amateurism rule didn't exactly work out to the advantage of **James McAlister** [1 March]. The 27-½ long jumper won't compete for UCLA this spring. "It sure hurts our chances to win the NCAA," says Coach Jim Bush, "but I'm tickled to death for him. He's a rich man now. We talked it over and he had to make the decision. I told him he'd be crazy if he didn't take the money when it was offered." Of course, at that time, it was thought he would still be eligible. "I thought we'd have our cake and eat it, too," continued Bush, "but now James has the cake but can't eat it. I see no use for the rule when they dig up the agent rule. But as long as the youngster is happy—that's the main thing."

HURDLES

After a long period of waffling back and forth, **Rod Milburn** finally signed a contract with ITA. "I've paid my dues as an amateur," he said. "I'm grateful to track and field—it did a lot for me. It enabled me to win an Olympic championship for the US and for myself."

One old face that Milburn won't have to face on the ITA circuit will be three-time Olympian **Willie Davenport**. "I'm just sorry that they didn't come along sooner," he said at the Astrodome. After winning his fifth title in nine years at Toronto, Davenport said that he still wants to try



Don Chadez

Don Chadez



The frivolous playboy from Italy via South Africa and the serious graduate student from Oklahoma State. Jim Bolding (l) and Marcello Fiasconaro raced to a 2-2 standoff in four meetings at 500 and 600 yards.

for a fourth Games.

440 YARDS

Jim Bolding's small peeve that he was omitted from the *T&FN* indoor preview seems to be justified. Through the second weekend in February, he had won races in seven major meets on the indoor circuit (nobody had more) and had finished second in three others. As well, he led the 500

(56.5) and 600 (1:09.6) and was fourth in the 440 (48.0).

Steve Williams made a significant statement back in early January that went unnoticed until now: "A lot of people are talking about my chances of nine-flat, but the number that's on my mind this year is 43."

Those of you who read about the great romantic aptitudes of Italian Marcello Fiasconaro

in *Sports Illustrated* shouldn't place much stock in the stories related therein—they were too tame. Although not the archetypical fanny-pincher that female tourists are warned about, Marcello knows how to "move and groove." Incidentally, the "actress" in the aforementioned *SI* story was none other than Edie Williams, whom you might have enjoyed in either *Playboy* or *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls*. □

Status Quo

Munich 200 silver medalist Larry Black seems well on the road to recovery from his foot problems of last year, showing good early speed by running a pair of 6.0s at the NAIA. Asked if he has the will power to continue his comeback, he commented, "I've got the will and coach has the power." He hasn't done any hard curve work yet, but says that's where the real test will come.

Weight thrower Frank Bredice really seemed on his way last winter, muscling the 35-pounder 69-4 in January. However, the career of the former Southern Connecticut Stater may be through, as he had to undergo surgery this January to have two lumbar discs removed.

Contrary to earlier reports, javelin thrower Soggi Busha has not transferred away from Texas. Some newspaper accounts had indicated that he would be going to UCLA, but coach Cleburne Price reports that he is still in Austin, working hard on his weight program.

Bill Dabney, a 1:50.8 half-miler as a prep last year, had figured to give strong help to San Diego State this year. Joining Steve Williams, Harold Williams and James Redd, he would have been part

of a fearsome mile relay. However, he has now transferred to Adelphi in homestate New York.

UCLA high hurdler Clim Jackson, an NCAA finalist last year, might not be eligible to run for the Bruins this season. Apparently he might not have enough hours to his credit after being out of school a while.

Versatile Texas sprinter John Lee (9.5, 21.2, 46.9/45.3r) is scholastically ineligible this year and is not in school. Lee was an important cog in both Longhorn relay teams which reached the NCAA finals last year.

Ken Popejoy probably won't be duplicating his feat of last spring, when he ran sub-4:00 miles in five consecutive meets. The Michigan State grad is now a first-year law student, not running this season and unsure of future plans.

Attention all track recruiters. You don't have to pay much attention to 9.3 prep Carter Suggs anymore. He has decided that he doesn't want to leave his native North Carolina and has signed a football letter-of-intent with East Carolina.

The Prep Athlete of the Year for '73 is having problems. Now a Illinois frosh, Craig Virgin has

been troubled by bursitis in his left foot and may not run for the rest of the indoor campaign.

Making a surprising re-entry into the hurdle wars is Marcus Walker, 13.3 performer and 1970 internationalist. Returning from the hamstring injury which earlier curtailed his career, Walker is a teacher and assistant coach at Manual High in Denver.

Bursitis is also troubling Duke Olympian Bob Wheeler. His career has been spotty ever since Munich. "I'm taking it day-by-day," he says. "I'm going to get the heel healed up. I'm definitely not through. I expect to run for eight or 10 more years."

News from the transfer department: eligible JC transfers—Sam Beasley 24-9 (Brevard—N Car); Alvin Brown 25-1/50-3 (Lake City—Seton Hall); Herm Wyatt 9.4w (Ranger—UT Arlington). Ineligible transfers—Herman Frazier 46.9, Junior internationalist (Denison-Arizona State); Larry Satchwell 184-10 HT (Western Illinois—Northern Illinois).

And in the coaching ranks: Idaho (Mike Keller, from Spokane Falls CC); Maryland (assistant Frank Costello replacing Nick Kovalakides on July 1); Illinois (assistant Gary Wieneke replacing Bob Wright on July 1); International U (Olympians Tracy Smith and Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa will be assistant coaches for 1974). □

DYCE ROLLS A WINNER

by JON HENDERSHOTT

For Byron Dyce, the question seemingly isn't "To run or not to run," but rather "Who am I going to run for?"

Dyce's brilliant '74 indoor season has proven that when he runs for himself few 880 men, 1000 yarders or milers can run comfortably on the same track.

The 25-year-old citizen of both Jamaica and the US has compiled his finest undercover season yet, underscoring his wide-ranging talent—a talent which has been a potent force both indoors and out for the last half-dozen campaigns and yet which hasn't earned the splashy headlines given to some of his foes.

But Dyce has made plenty of his own headlines indoors this year. He has scored



Ed Foster

Byron Dyce dealing out 2:06.1.

lifetime board bests in the 880 (1:49.4), 1000 (2:06.1), 1500 (3:40.7) and mile (4:00.8), at one time leading the US with the first three marks. Through late February, he hadn't lost at those distances. Only two other runners in history have run faster in the 1500 and seven are quicker over 1000.

And, in events peculiar to the East, Dyce started off his current campaign with two flat-floor bests, a 1:51.9 880 and 2:11.1 1000. That means touring the route on a flat basketball-type floor with no spikes.

Although he wishes he hadn't, Dyce also made his mark off the track when the nation of his birth, Jamaica, didn't appoint him to the Commonwealth Games team, despite (or perhaps because of) his international experience and savvy.

Dyce's sterling indoor running may well have caused the Jamaican Federation

to reflect on its decision not to send him to New Zealand. "I'm running better now than when the season started," Dyce feels. "I use indoors to get in shape for outdoors. The results from Christchurch were fantastic and the more I hear about the meet from my Commonwealth friends, the more I wish I could have been there. I'm in very good shape now and I would have liked to try my wares."

At least indoors, Dyce has proven his wares are top of the line. "Actually there are a number of reasons," he says. "For one I'm living in Gainesville now and attending graduate school at Florida. I'm not working, just going to school full-time and running, which is the best atmosphere in which to run. The weather down here is great. Also the environment here is something; people are very active and not just runners. Many people play many different sports. Then, too, there are so many top runners in residence."

Another factor Dyce feels has been important to his current success was the tour he made last summer in Europe, which gave him the chance to test those wares of his against some of the world's top middle distance runners. While he gained valuable international experience, he believes he lost the Commonwealth trip as a result.

"The Jamaican Federation told me it was a matter of finances that I wasn't appointed to the Commonwealth team," he says. "But I feel they were angry I didn't come home during last summer to run in the Central American and Caribbean Games. I feel, though, my running in Europe was far more valuable."

"I mean I competed in Europe day after day against the best in the world. I believe it was best for Jamaica to have me over there competing all around with 'Jamaica' plastered on my chest. I even went to the USSR—the first Jamaican athlete to compete there—and the people loved me. Why should I come back to run in a less-competitive meet, one which I've won twice before?"

"I was gearing my whole season for the Games, but the Jamaican federation never even bothered to tell me I wasn't going. I just assumed I was. They didn't even call to tell me no; I had to call them."

It was Dyce's first difficulty with his home federation in the eight years he has run in the yellow and green of the Caribbean isle. "I've run for Jamaica so long, I would feel like a turncoat if I switched my nationality," he admits. "I never thought I would switch, unless Jamaica did something to me I didn't like—and they have. I hoped it would never come to this. I really don't know who I will run for."

The whole dilemma came up because Dyce was born in Kingston, Jamaica, 25

years ago. His parents moved to New York City when he was six, became naturalized US citizens and thus because of his age, so did Byron.

"If I had been born in the US and gone to Jamaica and declared myself a Jamaican, I would have had to give up my US citizenship," he explains in a pleasant voice which still is flavored by a light Caribbean lilt. "But going the other way, I can keep both."

"Actually I consider myself both an American and a Jamaican. I was raised and went to school in New York, but I stay close to Jamaica. My parents and my household are very Jamaican and a good number of friends and relatives are still there. There's a lot of traffic back and forth, whether I'm going or someone is coming up. So I stay fairly close in touch."

"In '67, I first had to make the decision of which nation I wanted to run for. Even though I have a lot of Jamaican heritage, I still felt very American, too. So I ran in the '67 Pan-Am Games for Jamaica. Then in '68 when I really started running well [he won the NCAA 800 in 1:47.3], the Americans started asking what I would do. I stayed with Jamaica though and I've done a lot of international running for them since."

Besides winning the '71 Pan-Am 800 bronze medal and competing at Munich, Dyce has made his mark in the US, winning the '69 NCAA (in a still-standing college best 1:45.9) and AAU 880s, taking second in '68 and '71 and becoming the first black American to run a sub-4:00 mile (3:59.6 in '71). He also won the '72 AAU indoor mile—which would have qualified him for the US indoor team which met the USSR.

Dyce admits he enjoys running just for the love of running, but he also recognizes his fierce competitiveness. "I'll always run," he says. "But the thing that keeps me going at this level now is the competition. I thrive on it."

"That's another thing about this indoor season—I thought the other day this is my 10th year of running and I have improved something every year. Running is important to me but I try to not overemphasize it. It's a gradual process, an accumulative thing. I'm supposed to be running better now than five years ago, or even last year."

"I guess I consider myself just a middle distance runner. If I have any goal in mind it's to be really competitive throughout the range between the 880 and mile, to be a real threat to anybody or any record. I feel I have a good mile in my system which I haven't gotten out yet."

"I just thrive on competition and always like to try my wares against the very best." □

It's LA vs. Moscow—Again

It's déjà vu time, as Los Angeles and Moscow again loom as the prime contenders for the Olympic Games. Don't look for Tehran to match Montreal's upset of four years ago.

Two main competitors out to host the 1976 Olympic Games are back in the ring battling again and this time it appears one will walk away with the 1980 Games.

Los Angeles and Moscow are the only cities to have made bids for the 1980 Games to the International Olympic Committee, according to LA City Councilman John Ferraro. "If they said you can have the Olympics for the coming August, I feel Los Angeles could put it on without doing many things," Ferraro said. "We have a lot of facilities that already exist and not much would be built."

Ferraro's comments are a far cry from statements made by various committeemen in 1970, when Los Angeles, Moscow and Montreal put in bids. Montreal was considered a longshot but wound up with the '76 Games as a compromise after much international political intrigue. In effect, Montreal may have gotten the Games because it was a "neutral" country in the same fight with the West and the East.

This time around almost everyone is giving Moscow the favorite's role to be awarded the 1980 Games. One major drawback faces Los Angeles hopefuls: The '76 Games will be staged on the North American continent and the IOC is unlikely to keep it on the same continent two Olympiads in a row. For that reason, many in Los Angeles are thinking they'd better keep a low profile this time around—"Let's not shoot our wad now," said one official—in order to make an all-out effort to obtain the 1984 Games.

Moscow has 70 stadia, six sports palaces, 26 swimming pools and more than 1000 modern indoor athletic facilities including the Grand Sports Hall, seating 103,000. And Moscow successfully staged the World University Games last year to make a big impression on IOC members.

Ferraro said that only Tehran, Iran has expressed a similar interest in staging the '80 Games. The final selection will be made Oct. 16, when the IOC meets in Vienna.

Still, Ferraro is reasonably optimistic that Los Angeles has a chance at winning the Games because, he said, "We think the IOC will request some things they [the Soviets] won't be able to give. The IOC will undoubtedly demand free access. The IOC won't want any visas given out. And there was some dissatisfaction by the press and some of the athletes at the World University Games."

Four years ago, Los Angeles spent a small fortune in bidding for the Games: the

by Dan Berger

city produced a 20-minute color film showing all the beauties of the area; a huge full-color brochure was printed; gold-plated "L.A.-'76" buttons were passed around; ball point pens imprinted with the city's name and "1976" were handed out. And LA sent a huge delegation to the IOC meeting, only to be the city with the fewest votes on the first ballot.

Moscow has begun primping itself and doing the same sort of publicity for the 1980 Games. Los Angeles has not. The city of Moscow has produced a number of handsome publications, one entitled *Moscow Welcomes* extolling the cosmopolitan nature of the area. One section of the book notes the city will be able to provide for 10,000 tourists in newly-built hotels. But Ferraro points out that Los Angeles could handle millions of tourists here, a far more likely number than the Moscow figure for an Olympics.

Meanwhile, various athletes who attended the World University Games last year came back upset with excess security and travel restrictions. As related in *T&FN* [October], discus thrower Jim Penrose said, "Although Moscow put on a great show, there is of course much more to the Olympics. The society and government [in Russia] are unbelievably repressive and authoritarian. The warmth and friendship represented by the Games would receive a fatal blow."

Still, Moscow has the inside track and is making a positive drive by noting the pluses of the city. Meanwhile, Los Angeles presents a low-key image, passively hoping that Moscow's drawbacks will be sufficient to prevent it from getting the Games.

Ferraro said that if Los Angeles was awarded the Games, the Los Angeles Coliseum, site of the 1932 Games, would be the main site, staging the track and field events and the opening and closing ceremonies. He noted that seating could be expanded to accommodate about 90,000 fans. It now seats about 75,000 for football.

"The only main thing we were thinking about," he said, "was perhaps a new swim stadium, to hold more people. But they already have a nice large one at Belmont Park in Long Beach, capable of holding a pretty good-sized audience. Of course, we would attempt to use the entire Southern California area. We would also think in terms of building a new equestrian

center and of course the really expensive thing would be the village to house the athletes."

There have been some proposals in the past that dormitories at the University of Southern California, which is only two blocks away, could be used to house athletes. That would necessitate some minor construction to make the buildings more secure than at present.

An area about one mile away is currently available for construction of new housing. Nearby is a new shopping center-post office complex used by USC students. Additionally, Bovard Field on the USC campus might be used for training.

Other places Ferraro mentioned which might be used for some of the minor sports are the UCLA and Northridge State campus tracks (both Tartan), and at least a dozen high schools with excellent tracks. He said Los Angeles' total cost to host the Games would be rather low, since the city is so sports-oriented already.

In 1970, Los Angeles was edged out by just a few votes for second place on the first site-selection ballot. The procedure then was to drop the last place entry and take another vote between the other two. On the second vote, Moscow received the same number of votes and all of the United States' first-round voters then cast ballots for Montreal.

Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley, a former star quarter miler at UCLA, favors going after the Games. He mentioned it soon after taking office last year but then became busy with city business and left it to Council President Ferraro.

Meanwhile, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has also supported a bid for the Games. The Coliseum is in his district and he has been a member of the Coliseum Commission since 1952. Hahn said the Coliseum's Tartan track will remain intact if Los Angeles gets the Games, despite talk that the Los Angeles Rams want to lower the field of the facility and have the track removed.

Hahn assured track fans that in the event of the Games being awarded, the Coliseum would be in great condition, with a Tartan surface, for opening day.

Even so, most people here feel Los Angeles' chances of getting the Games are worse than remote. Both Moscow and the Soviet government have gone out of their way to make a good impression on IOC members and in this era of détente the IOC might feel it's time to hold the Games in an Iron Curtain nation. □

KEEPING TRACK

by Bob Hersh

I do not know whether ITA will succeed or fail, but I am sure that if it does thrive it will be because track is an essentially exciting sport which will entertain sports fans if properly presented. ITA believes this and appropriately makes every effort to help spectator appreciation as its operating goal.

Amateur track, on the other hand, often ignores this element. It is no coincidence that meets which have failed or are failing (at least those I'm most familiar with) have been the victims of bad public relations efforts both before and during the meet. In the latter respect particularly, many amateur meets could take lessons from the way the pros have heightened fan enjoyment.

Last month's Philadelphia Track Classic provided several examples of how not to run a track meet.

- Despite the fact that after the first hour the program was so well spaced that there was no danger of falling behind, officials hurried things up and the meet ran as much as 25 minutes ahead of schedule. So if you planned to come in time for some particular race (like the one your son or neighbor was running in), you might well have missed it. And if you were an athlete who planned your pre-meet meal for a given time before your race, well to hell with you.

- Although the meet was running so far ahead, races were sent off without introductions. The 1000 yard run, for instance, had one of the best fields of the evening. The program was 15 minutes ahead when the race began. Still, nobody thought to wait for the announcer to introduce the runners. The fans be damned! (Or maybe just ignored.)

- Perhaps it was just as well that nobody was told that the 1000 was about to go off. Maybe some people missed it entirely. Not so bad—if everyone had, the meet would have been spared the embarrassment which resulted when the lap counter failed to count the laps. That's right, there was an official whose sole duty during the 1000 was to count to six. Couldn't handle it—the poor runners were made to run 1160 yards. Back to *Sesame Street*.

- That situation should have been saved because the announcer did call an 880 split time, which should have told everyone concerned that the race had less than a lap to go. One timer picked it up and stopped his watch at the right moment. What on earth was everyone else thinking about? And how do you suppose the chaos which followed impressed the many first-time track spectators lured to the arena by the combination with the Ali-Frazier telecast?

- To make matters worse, somebody came up with phony times for the other runners (after a reliable winning time had been established). These place times, which bore no relation to reality, were distributed

to the press box and some papers printed the fiction, which must have confused readers because others correctly stated that no place times were available.

- Among the other things distributed to the press was a sheet informing us that Alf Daley had finished second in the 440. Many papers ran that, too. Daley was in Christchurch, N.Z., at the time, running for Jamaica's Commonwealth team. Good double, Alf.

- Going back to the non-announcing, in Madison Square Garden, there is a capable field event announcer whose job it is to keep the fans abreast of the field action.

OF PEOPLE & THINGS

by Bert Nelson

Can you name the athlete who competed in his event only three times and broke the American record in his first outing and the world record in the next two? That would be Glenn Morris, track star, football All-American and movie Tarzan, who died January 31 at 62.

Morris' decathlon record is unsurpassed in the annals of track and there probably is nothing comparable in any sport. His initial 10-eventer was the Kansas Relays, April 18, 1936 and the ex-Colorado Stater grabbed off 7192 points, by today's system, for the US record. On June 27 he finished the Olympic trials with a world record 7394 and on August 8 capped his short but exceedingly brilliant career by winning the Olympics with 7421 digits for another world best. While 7421 isn't much of a mark now (14 Americans bettered it last year) the record held up for 14 years until Bob Mathias totaled 7453 midway between his two Olympic wins.

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ON ANOTHER decathlon note, there is some question as to who really won the 1973 NCAA test. Raimo Pihl of BYU and Sweden received the gold medal for scoring five more points than Roger George of Fresno State. But under one interpretation of the rules George would be the champ.

Electronic timers were used and NCAA rules say "when electronic timing is used, results shall be recorded in 1/100 seconds." A literal interpretation of the rule led officials to score the meet on the 1/100th tables for the 100 and hurdles. The question concerns whether an electronic watch, operated by hand, actually constitutes "electronic timing." The IAAF says no, that is manual timing and the 1/10th tables should be used. But the NCAA rules don't clarify the issue. And even though it is generally agreed that hand-timing, no matter what the instrument, is not electronic, the NCAA was scored on an electronic basis.

If the 1/10th tables had been used,

No such thoughtfulness in Philly. There is only one announcer and he is stuck on the floor near the end of the track. No human being so situated can properly handle the field events. So, there is Dwight Stones, Olympic medalist and world record holder, about to jump and most of the time nobody is made aware of it. Why bother paying the money to bring him across the country if you're not going to tell anybody to watch him?

Am I being unduly harsh? Perhaps. But I feel bad when I see the sport I love being mangled by the kinds of things which turn off fans and which thus hurt the sport and its athletes. If we continue to tolerate amateurish athletic presentations, there may be nothing left of amateur athletics. □



Don Wilkinson

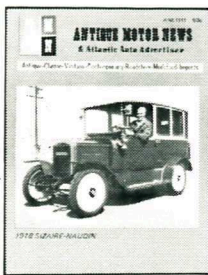
NCAA decathlon champ: Pihl (l) or George?

George would have won. Their point totals would be the same and both surpassed the other in five events, leaving them still tied. Roger's 932 points in the vault was the highest number either tallied in any event and that would be the tie-breaker.

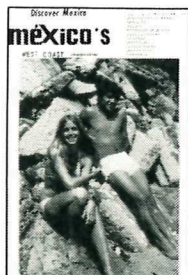
Unfortunately, this questionable interpretation of the rules was not the only problem in that meet. Timing in the decathlon left much to be desired. Heat winners were manually timed on the Data Time electronic system. Place times were obtained by using the Accutrack phototimer to determine the number of 100ths behind the winner. Basically that's a good system and a fair one. But there were problems.

Each of the four running events was timed differently and rules were broken or ignored. Often there were only two watches per runner even though the rules call for at least three. One heat winner in the 100 had only one watch on him. When two times were available they usually were averaged. The rules say the slower time should be used. In the hurdles times were averaged with three watches. In the 1500 the average of the two slowest times was used while in the 400 the two faster times were averaged.

Confused? So am I and, I suspect, so were some of the officials. Under the circumstances it wouldn't be proper to challenge Pihl's victory. But it does point up the need for clarification of the timing rules by the NCAA—and the AAU and the IAAF. □



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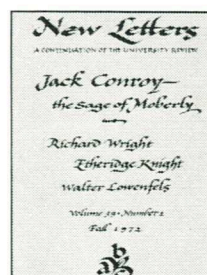
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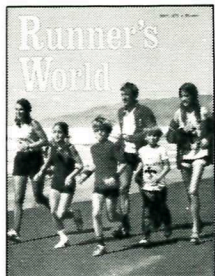


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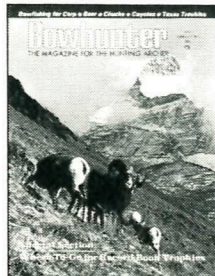


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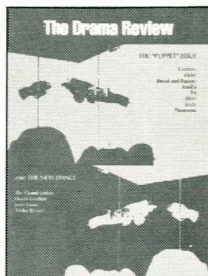
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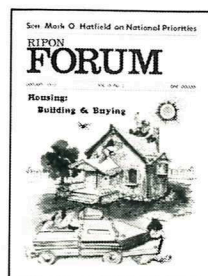
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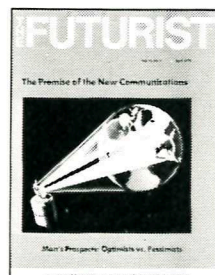
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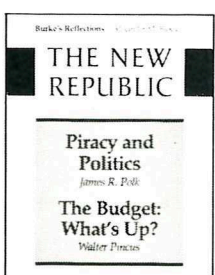
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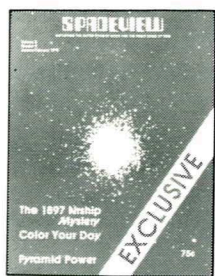


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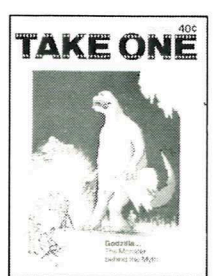


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AAU Outdoor Changes Dates

UCLA's graduation date has thrown a crimp into original plans to have the AAU outdoor championships at the school on June 14-15. However, the meet has now been pushed back a week and will be held at Westwood on June 21-22, two weeks after the NCAA. SPAAAU officials are working hard to make the meet a big success and have already scored a major coup by arranging the sponsorship of the *LA Times*. Reportedly, the UCLA and Southern Cal coaching staffs will be proselytizing actively at the NCAA, urging all qualified collegians to appear at the AAU.

This later date would conflict with the those already established for the Junior Championships in Gainesville, Fla. Although it has not yet been confirmed, it is believed that this meet will now be moved to the dead week between the NCAA and AAU. Following these three weekends of first-class competition will be the US-USSR Junior (Austin, Tex., June 28-29) and US-USSR (Durham, N.C., July 5-6).

New York to Moscow--Zap

Hopefully, none of those athletes who qualified for the US team to go to the Soviet Union for the US-USSR dual on March 2 came to the AAU meet unprepared.

"Bring plenty of warm clothes, your passport or the necessary credentials to get one in a hurry," warned a last-minute communique from AAU Track Administrator Bob Lafferty to leading candidates for the tour. With only a week between the AAU (Feb. 22) and the dual, there isn't much time to get necessary paperwork done. Many of those selected probably won't have time to go home between meets.

"We'll start processing the athletes who are picked to make the trip as soon as the meet ends Friday night and there will be little time to spare," continued Lafferty. "We hope to be able to send the visa applications to Washington by messenger Saturday. We trust that the athletes planning to make the trip will take our warning seriously."

Pep Talks a No-No?

Collegiate track isn't as gung ho as other more team-oriented sports, but what coach resists giving his squad a little pep-action before an important dual?

A new book titled *Comments in Sports Medicine*, says that the coach with a very emotional and inspiring locker room manner could actually be talking his team right out of victory. Encouragement and

calm conversation will probably do a better job according to the book, published by the American Medical Association.

"Stimulating the athlete to optimum level is one thing, but when the excitement takes him to an anxiety level, his performance will likely be affected adversely. The event itself and the spectators will usually create enough physiological arousal for any athlete," says the book.

Second Wind Easy to Find

Running doctor George Sheehan has come out in defense of "second wind" after several physiologists dismissed the phenomenon last fall.

Writing for the *Daily Register* of Red Bank, N.J., Sheehan commented that second wind does exist and that he experiences it almost daily. "If you start a training run at slow speed, keeping well within yourself, at about six minutes this feeling of being the complete runner will steal over you and possess you. The only external sign for me is a warm, pleasant sweat. Inside is euphoria and the confidence I could run all the way to New Brunswick.

"It's as simple as that. Easy and natural does it. You have to avoid rush and bustle and pushing and shoving and put away impatience and force and speed if you want to find your second wind. It takes the hunter's tireless trot to bag that elusive Pimpernel."

Bubble Your Pleasure?

One extra large bubble was recently blown up and another was popped in two separate regions of the US.

On Dec. 21, high winds caused the deflation of the roof covering Harvard's Farrell Track Facility. Nicknamed "The Bubble," as it is an air-inflated skin, the tent-like structure was deflated when winds caused a tear along a major seam. Already five years old, the structure had been supported solely by a constant flow of air.

The skin fluttered down onto the head of author Erich Segal, author of *Love Story*, among others. Luckily, no one was injured and only the skin was damaged.

Harvard's Bubble burst caused the transfer of the Greater Boston Championships, Feb. 8-9, to Tufts.

As Harvard officials contemplate repair or replacement of their facility, Tennessee has erected a similar facility. The Vols' bubble covers a 251'x118' area and the roof consists of a synthetic vinyl-coated nylon fabric reaching 40' into the air.

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Bill Schmidt, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Bill Toomey's performance in the recent Superstars competition was a low blow for the sport of track and field. I always had the impression that track athletes were among the best conditioned of all sports competitors and that football and baseball players were a poorly-conditioned group. Toomey let us down by not putting in sufficient time training for this competition. His exhibition in the obstacle course should be used as a segment for a TV sports comedy hour.

Bob Carlquist, Pomona, Calif.

I had to laugh when I read Bill Toomey's statement that he'd have cleaned Bob Seagren's clock last year. Just a few days before, I'd watched this year's Superstars in which Toomey staggered through the obstacle course. Out here, we know Bob as too much of a gentlemen to comment, but I'll bet the grin on his face must have been 18-5/8 wide. Toomey, it turns out, is not only "dogmeat," but also sausage stuffing, bones, scraps, et al.

Aron Crumiltyn, Crawfordsville, Ind.

It was intriguing to read Homer Boone's expose [I March] of Derf Nesor as a racist who would impose quotas in sports. You must surely realize how absurd such ideas are, Fred Rosen. Why else would you hide

behind an anagram?

Ray Hupp, decathlete, Columbus, Oh.

I just finished reading the Annual Edition and thoroughly enjoyed it. It is very upsetting to see the Soviets have so many decathletes near the top and the US so few.

Doug McCreary, Upper Darby, Pa.

How can you fail to rank Dave Bedford No. 1 in the 10,000? He is obviously the best in the world. To me, his was the outstanding single performance of the year.

Donald Belisle, New Bedford, Mass.

I would like to congratulate Jon Hendershott on his fantastic article [Track through a Viewfinder, February]. It really was interesting to hear about track from the photographers' point of view.

Conrad Truedson, Carbondale, Ill.

One group that is truly being discriminated against is the ultra-marathoners. With world-class marathoners averaging below 5:00 a mile it is becoming more an extended 10,000 than a true endurance race. What I propose is adding a 100-kilo or even possibly a 100-miler to the Olympics.

Ernie Beyer, Novato, Calif.

There are perfectly valid reasons why baseball's Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown (which, incidentally is in New York, not Ohio) and football's is in Canton, but what possibly could be the rationale for placing a

track and field Hall of Fame in Charleston, West Virginia? Your report states the reaction has been "fantastic." May I inquire whose?

Henry N. Ehrlich, Los Angeles, Calif.

As a real track buff, I surely want every athlete to do well and earn every reward he or she can. But there is also a thing called humility—a value that some athletes, in their quest for headlines and braggadocio, overlook. There is no question but that Dwight Stones is an incredibly outstanding athlete. He has charm, wit and ability. And he has little understanding of what it means to be receptive to humility. This could hurt him in the long run. At his very early age he seems to know too many of the answers... One major ailment and his career could be finished... What does a young man with limited education do for a living when his only claim to fame is athletics and he can't do that?... I hope he becomes a complete person, for his own sake.

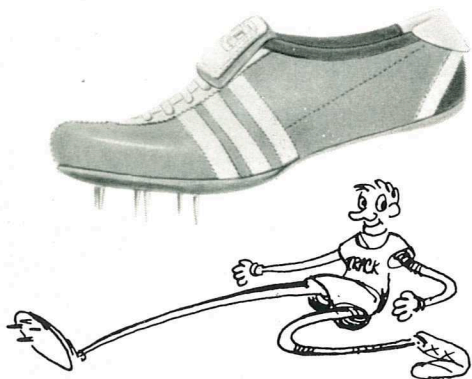
Keith Davies, Carbondale, Ill.

The events that serve the least purpose are the two relays. There is a desperate need to de-politicize the Games, and relays only emphasize keeping scores of "us and them."

John B. Lentz, Haddonfield, N.J.

I think one of the key factors in sprint starts involves coaching and training. If you coach a sprinter on good techniques, concentration and attitudes for a fair start, you will eliminate much false starting. □

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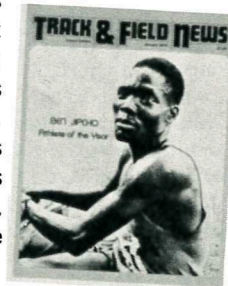
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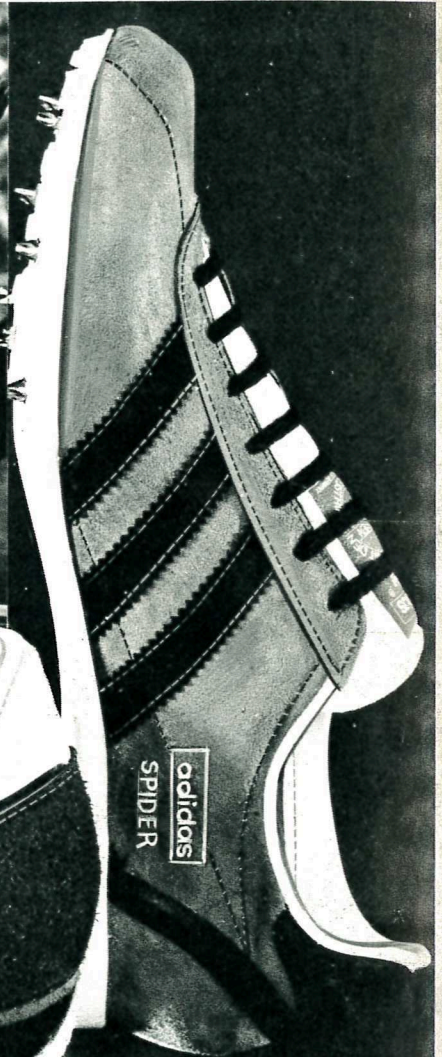
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