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If any runner could be described as an Olympic specialist it would be Lasse Viren. His achievements other than at Munich in 1972 and Montreal in 1976 have not been that notable but he has proved unbeatable in the Olympic arena. He won both the 5000 and 10,000 metres classics in 1972 and made history when retaining the titles four years later.



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