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Bruce Jenner's incredible decathlon performance at the Montreal Olympics earned him a new world record (8,618 points), a gold medal, and instant celebrity. It also brought the 27-year-old decathlete the 1976 James E. Sullivan Award. He was the 47th recipient of this prestigious trophy, which is awarded annually by the Amateur Athletic Union to the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States.

There's no question that Bruce Jenner is an outstanding athlete. His sports abilities range from water-skiing, basketball, and pole vaulting to hurdles and football, which he played at his alma mater, Graceland College, in Iowa. Jenner, who lives in Mounte Kiscoe, N.Y., made his decathlon debut in 1970, placed 10th in the 1972 Games, and set his first world record (8,524 points) in 1975. When he decided to devote all his energies to preparing himself for the 1976 Olympics, Bruce quit his job as an insurance salesman and was supported financially by his wife Chrystie, an airline stewardess. Throughout this period, he received moral support from another member of the

household—his Labrador, Bertha, who was Jenner's constant companion during his rigorous training sessions.

All Jenner's hard work and dedication paid off at Montreal, where he reached the pinnacle of his amateur career. Jenner's post-Olympic plans include a two-year stint as a sports commentator for ABC-TV. And even Bertha is headed for a television career—as a model in dog food commercials.

BRUCE JENNER

Born Oct. 28, 1949, in Graceland, Iowa

AWARDS AND RECORDS

1972 OG: placed 10th

1976 OG: gold medal

Pan-American champion, 1975

His progress: 1970: 6,991 points; 1971: 7,533 points; 1972: 7,846 points; 1973: 7,770 points; 1974: 8,308 points; 1975: 8,524 points (world record with manual timing); 1976: 8,618 points (world record with electronic timing)

Details:

100 m dash	10.94	high jump	2.03 m
400 m dash	47.51	pole vault	4.80 m
110 m hurdles	14.84	shot put	15.35 m
1,500 m run	4:12.61	discus	50.04 m
long jump	7.22 m	javelin	68.52 m

Bruce Jenner, 1976 Olympic decathlon champion