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The Withdrawal of the West Germans

The European Championships at Athens took place only three years after those in Budapest. The European Committee had in fact decided to hold the European Games every two years, but this decision was to be revoked in 1971.

The West Germans did not take part in the competitions in the end, except in the

relays (they won the bronze medal in the 4 × 400 m relay), as a protest against the exclusion of their middle-distance expert, Jürgen May, an East German who had sought refuge in West Germany two years previously. Britain won six gold medals, and set a world record in the women's 4 × 400 m relay.

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Men

100 m: V. Borzov (USSR) 10.4
200 m: P. Clerc (SWI) 20.6
400 m: J. Werner (POL) 45.7
800 m: D. Fromm (EGE) 1:45.9
1,500 m: J. Whetton (GB) 3:39.4
5,000 m: I. Stewart (GB) 13:44.8
10,000 m: J. Haase (EGE) 28:41.6
Marathon: R. Hill (GB) 2 hr 16:47.8
110-m hurdles: E. Ottoz (ITA) 13.5
400-m hurdles: V. Skomorokov (USSR) 49.7
3,000-m steeplechase: M. Jeleu (BUL) 8:25
4 × 100-m relay: FRA 38.8
4 × 400-m relay: FRA 3:02.3

Women

100 m: P. Vogt (EGE) 11.6
200 m: P. Vogt (EGE) 23.2
400 m: N. Duclos (FRA) 51.7 (WR)
800 m: L. Board (GB) 2:01.4
1,500 m: J. Jelikova (CZE) 4:10.7 (WR)
100-m hurdles: K. Balzer (EGE) 13.3
High jump: M. Rezkova (CZE) 1.83 m

20-km walk: P. Nihill (GB) 1 hr 30:41
50-km walk: C. Hohne (EGE) 4 hr 13:32
High jump: V. Gavrilov (USSR) 2.17 m
Long jump: I. Ter-Ovanesian (USSR) 8.17 m
Triple jump: V. Saneev (USSR) 17.34 m
Pole vault: W. Nordwig (EGE) 5.30 m
Shot-put: D. Hoffmann (EGE) 20.12 m
Discus: H. Losch (EGE) 61.82 m
Javelin: J. Lusic (USSR) 91.52 m
Hammer: A. Bondarchuk (USSR) 74.68 m
Decathlon: J. Kirst (EGE) 8,041 pts

Long jump: M. Sarna (POL) 6.49 m
Shot-put: N. Chizova (USSR) 20.43 m
Discus: T. Danilova (USSR) 59.28 m
Javelin: A. Ranky (HUN) 59.76 m
Pentathlon: L. Prokop (AUT) 5,030 pts
4 × 100-m relay: EGE, 43.6
4 × 400-m relay: GB, 3:30.8 (WR)

The winners of the 4 × 100-m relay: Delecour, Berger, Piquemal and Bambuck (from left to right)