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Irena's Three Medals

The 1974 European Championships (in Rome, 2-8 September) saw the crowning of a queen: the Polish girl Irena Szewinska, "great lady" of European athletics, won three medals. On 22 June 1974 she had been the first girl to run the 400 meters in less than 50 seconds (49.9 sec, in Warsaw). However she did not run this distance at Rome. There she preferred to make a bid in the 100 meters

and 200 meters against the double Munich champion, the East German Renate Steicher, who could not cope with Irena's long stride. Renate Steicher consoled herself with a win—against Poland—and at the same time a world record in the 100 meters relay. All the same, she ran in the second leg in order not to compete against the Polish girl on the anchor leg.

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Men

100 m: V. Borzov (USSR) 10.27
200 m: P. Mennea (ITA) 20.60
400 m: K. Honz (WGE) 45.04
800 m: L. Susanj (YUG) 1:44.1
1,500 m: K. P. Justus (EGE) 3:40.6
5,000 m: B. Foster (GB) 13:17.2
10,000 m: M. Kuschmann (EGE) 28:25.8
Marathon: I. Thompson (GB) 2 hr 13:18.8
110-m hurdles: G. Drut (FRA) 12.40
400-m hurdles: A. Pascoe (GB) 48.82
3,000-m steeplechase: B. Malinowski (POL) 8:15.0
4 x 100-m relay: FRA, 38.69

Women

100 m: I. Szewinska (POL) 11.13
200 m: I. Szewinska (POL) 22.51
400 m: R. Salin (FIN) 50.14 (WR)
800 m: L. Tomova (BUL) 1:58.1
1,500 m: G. Hoffmeister (EGE) 4:02.3
3,000 m: N. Holmen (FIN) 8:55.2
100-m hurdles: A. Ehrhardt (EGE) 12.66

4 x 400-m relay: GB, 3:03.3
20-km walk: V. Golubnichi (USSR) 1 hr 29:30
50-km walk: C. Hohne (EGE) 3 hr 59:05.6
High jump: J. Tarring (DEN) 2.25 m
Long jump: V. Podiuchni (USSR) 8.12 m
Triple jump: V. Saneev (USSR) 17.23 m
Pole vault: V. Kichkin (USSR) 5.35 m
Shot put: H. Briesenick (EGE) 20.50 m
Discus: P. Kahma (FIN) 63.62 m
Javelin: H. Siitonen (FIN) 89.58 m
Hammer: A. Spiridonov (USSR) 74.20 m
Decathlon: R. Skowronek (POL) 8,207 pts

High jump: R. Witschas (EGE) 1.95 m
Long jump: I. Bruzsenyak (HUN) 6.65 m
Shot put: N. Ggizova (USSR) 20.78 m
Discus: F. Meinik (USSR) 69.00 m
Javelin: R. Fuchs (EGE) 67.22 m
Pentathlon: N. Tkachenko (USSR) 4,776 pts
4 x 100-m relay: EGE, 42.51 (WR)
4 x 400-m relay: EGE, 3:25.2

Brendan Foster in the lead of the 5,000 meters which he was to win