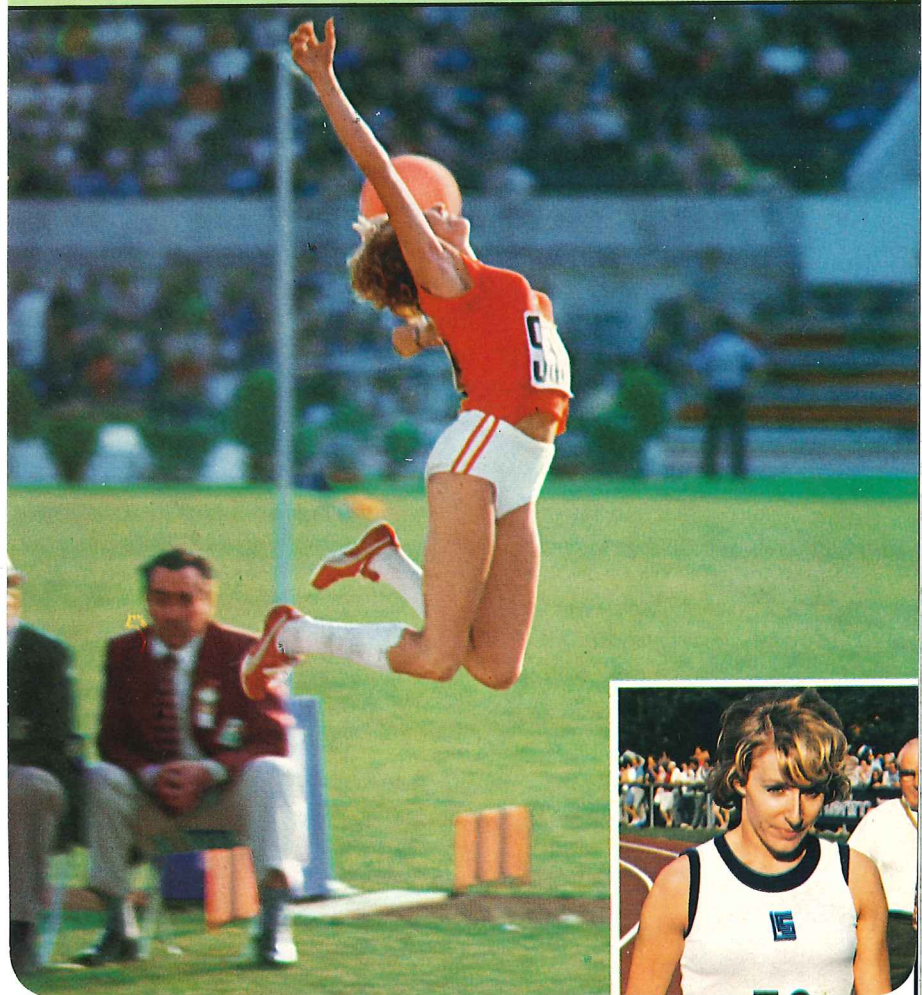


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Head, Legs and Heart

A charming and talented athlete, Meta Antenen has played an important role in the fight for equality of the sexes in international athletics. Her name is now linked forever with the beginnings of female athleticism in Switzerland, not just because she has been a pioneer in this field, but because time and time again she has shown by her will-power and elegance that she belongs right to the forefront of world athletics.

This young woman from Schaffhausen has dominated Swiss athletics for over a decade now; to date she has won 26 national titles and 10 team titles. At the end of 1976 she was the holder of four national records (manual time-keeping): 100 m in 11.5 (a time which has been equalled by three other Swiss girls); 100 m hurdles—13.0; 6.73 m in the long jump; 4,480 points in the pentathlon. These last two performances are well up to world record standards.

An attractive blue-eyed blonde, Meta Antenen also has an impressive list of international victories to her credit, including a most unusual gold medal

awarded to her by the UNESCO International Jury for fair play. In 1971, at the time of the European championships in Helsinki, Meta Antenen led the field in the long jump event, ahead of Ingrid Mikler-Becker, who was also taking part in the pentathlon. It so happened that the pentathlon 200 m was scheduled for the same time as the long jump event. Meta Antenen agreed to allow the German girl extra time before her third attempt at the long jump, a gesture which unfortunately cost her first place.

META ANTENEN

Born Apr. 7, 1949, in Schaffhausen, SWI

AWARDS AND RECORDS

36 times winner of Swiss championships
1966: European junior champion in pentathlon and 80 m hurdles; 8th in EC pentathlon
1968 OG: 8th in pentathlon
1969 EC: 2nd in pentathlon
1971 EC: 2nd in long jump
1972 OG: 6th in long jump (despite a knee operation)
1969 EC (indoors): 2nd in 80 m hurdles
3rd in long jump
1974 EC (indoors): 1st in long jump
3rd in 80 m hurdles
Swiss Sports Merit award: 1966, 1971
Unesco "fair play" gold medal: 1971

Meta Antenen: one of the few Swiss athletes to figure regularly at international level