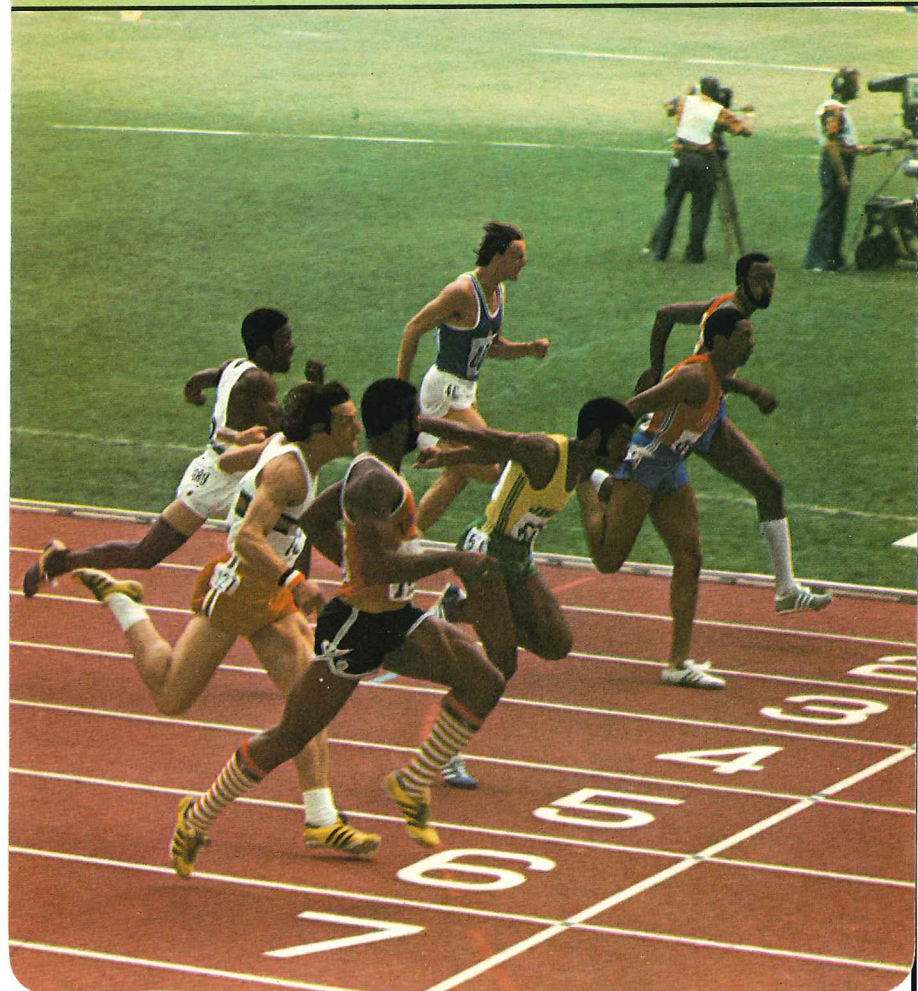


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With or Without the Turn

Ever since 1951, the IAF has recognized two types of 200 m world record: those established over that distance on the straight, and those run over a normal 400 m track, and therefore incorporating a turn.

Records established over a track with a perimeter measuring more than 440 yards are considered as if they had been run over the straight, unless a minimum of 100 m has been run round a bend.

The decision taken in 1951 put an end to a certain amount of confusion because whereas the Americans normally ran the 200 m in a straight line, most of the rest of the world ran halfway round a 400 m track—and indeed this was nearly always the case in the Olympic Games and in the European championships. On certain tracks, Cologne and Budapest in particular, only one part of the bend was used. It is now considered that the difference between 200 m on the straight and 200 m with a bend accounts for between 4 and 5 tenths of a second. So by winning the 200 m final in the 1968 Mexico Olympics in 19.8 sec, Tommie Smith bettered his own fantastic

straight-line record of 19.5 sec set on May 7, 1966 in San Jose.

200 m with turn

20.6	Andy Stanfield	USA	5.26.1951
20.6	Andy Stanfield	USA	6.28.1952
20.6	Thane Baker	USA	6.23.1956
20.6	Bobby Morrow	USA	11.27.1956
20.6	Manfred Germar	EGE	10.1.1958
20.6	Ray Norton	USA	3.19.1960
20.6	Ray Norton	USA	4.30.1960
20.5	Peter Radford	GB	5.28.1960
20.5	Stone Johnson	USA	7.2.1960
20.5	Ray Norton	USA	7.2.1960
20.5	Livio Berruti	ITA	9.3.1960
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20.5	Paul Drayton	USA	6.23.1962
20.3	Henry Carr	USA	3.23.1963
20.2	Henry Carr	USA	4.4.1964
20.	Tommie Smith	USA	6.11.1966
19.8	Tommie Smith	USA	10.16.1968
19.8	Donald Quarrie	JAM	8.3.1971
19.8	Donald Quarrie	JAM	6.7.1975

200 m on the straight

21.2	Bernie Wefers	USA	5.30.1896
21.2	Ralph Craig	USA	5.28.1910
21.2	Donald Lippincott	USA	5.31.1913
21.2	Howard Drew	USA	2.28.1914
21.2	George Parker	USA	10.2.1914
20.8	Charles Paddock	USA	3.16.1921
20.8	Charles Paddock	USA	9.6.1924
20.6	Roland Locke	USA	5.1.1926
20.6	Ralph Metcalfe	USA	8.12.1933
20.3	Jesse Owens	USA	5.25.1935
20.2	Mel Patton	USA	5.7.1949
20.1	Dave Simme	USA	5.11.1956
20.	Dave Simme	USA	6.9.1956
20.	Frank Budd	USA	5.12.1962
20.	Tommie Smith	USA	3.13.1965
19.5	Tommie Smith	USA	5.7.1966

Since Jan. 1, 1977, the world 200 m record on the straight has no longer been recognized.

D. Quarrie (lane 5) defeating the Americans in the 200 m final by a whisker (Montreal)