

1968

MEN

SOT - Los Angeles June 29/30// OT - Echo Summit, Ca. - September 6-16

In order to simulate the Olympic experience, athletes were required to go through the same number of rounds that would be expected in Mexico City. Unlike the 1964 OT, the winners of the SOT were not granted a place on the Olympic team, but the regular standard of first 3 past the post was applied. The SOT served only to eliminate some athletes from the Echo Summit meeting, and was a poorly organized affair. The crowd were dissatisfied after conflicting announcements were made as to whether winners at the SOT were automatic Olympic qualifiers (they weren't), and the possibility of an Olympic boycott by black athletes led to shouting matches between athletes, officials and the press.

100 Meters - September 10, 18.00 Hr (Wind 0.0)

1. Jim Hines (HS)		10.0/10.11
2. Charlie Greene (Unat - Seattle)		10.1/10.15
3. Mel Pender (US-A)	10.2-O	10.1/10.20
4. Ronnie Ray Smith (SCVYV)	10.2-O	10.1/10.22
5. Clyde Glosson (Trinity)	10.2-O	10.1/10.23
6. Bill Hurd (Notre Dame)		10.2/10.27
7. Kirk Clayton (SCVYV)		10.3/10.37
8. Tom Randolph (Wn M)	10.4-O	10.3/10.43

Semi-finals: first 4 qualify, September 10, 16.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Greene 10.1/10.26, 2. Smith 10.1/10.28, 3. Pender 10.3, 4. Randolph 10.4, Larry Questad (Striders) - Dnf (-1.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Hines 10.1/10.32, 2. Hurd 10.1/10.37, 3. Glosson 10.2/10.41, 4. Clayton 10.2/10.49, 5. Willie Turner (Or St) - Dnf (0.0w)

Quarter-finals: 10.4 or first 4 plus fastest loser qualify, September 9, 16.30 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Greene 10.0/10.22, 2. Smith 10.0/10.25, 3. Turner 10.1/10.33, 4. Hurd 10.1/10.35, 5. Randolph 10.3/10.53 (0.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Hines 10.0/10.23, 2. Glosson 10.1/10.30, 3. Pender 10.1/10.33, 4. Bright 10.3/10.40, 5. Questad 10.3/10.43, 6. Clayton 10.3/10.48 (0.0w)

Heats - 10.5 or first 4 plus fastest loser qualify, September 9, 10.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Smith 10.2/10.37, 2. Pender 10.2/10.40, 3. Questad 10.3, 4. Bright 10.4, 5. Randolph 10.4, 6. Clayton 10.4 (0.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Greene 10.1/10.30, 2. Hines 10.1/10.31, 3. Hurd 10.2/10.44, 4. Glosson 10.2/10.45, 5. Turner 10.4, Bright - Dnc (+0.2w)

The aim of having 4 rounds as in the Olympics meant that a grand total of zero sprinters were eliminated prior to the semi-finals, and even then those who didn't qualify were those who didn't finish. As had been the case for more than 2 seasons Greene and Hines looked the most impressive in the 3 early rounds with Ronnie Ray Smith the best bet to finish third, as he had done in the SOT. The disadvantage of sprinting at altitude was evidenced when the final was reached, with the temperature at a very uncalifornian 63oF. Mel Pender, back from a stint in the Mekong Delta, powered out of his blocks with Smith in tow, and Greene was out slowly. Hines showed good power in his pick-up, caught Pender at 60 meters, and won by a foot from the fast-finishing Greene. Fifth at halfway, Greene got level with Smith and Pender at 80 meters and finished two feet clear of the still strong Pender, with Smith just beating Glosson for the relay spot. Hines went on to win the Olympic title with the first ever sub-10 clocking of 9.95, while Greene placed third in 10.07 after noticeably slowing at 60m with a thigh injury. Both men won gold in the relay, but the third place for Greene overshadowed what was one of the great rivalries in the history of sprinting. In total they met 15 times over 100y/m, with the following results:

4/29/66	Des Moines	1. Greene 9.3yw	2. Hines 9.4yw
6/25/66	New York (AAU)	1. Greene 9.4y	2. Hines 9.4y
7/16/66	Berkeley	1. Greene 10.3	3. Hines 10.4
7/20/66	Los Angeles	1. Greene 10.5	3. Hines 10.5
4/29/67	Des Moines	1. Greene 10.1w	2. Hines 10.1w
5/27/67	Modesto	1. Hines 10.0	3. Greene 10.1
6/22/67	Bakersfield (AAU)	1. Hines 9.3	2. Greene 9.3
7/ 8/67	Los Angeles	1. Greene 10.2	-. Hines - Disqualified

4/20/68	Lawrence	1. Greene 10.0	-. Hines - Disqualified
5/25/68	Modesto	1. Greene 10.1	2. Hines 10.1
6/ 1/68	San Diego	1. Greene 9.3y	2. Hines 9.3y
6/20/68	Sacramento (AAU)	1. Greene 10.0w	2. Hines 10.0w
6/29/68	Los Angeles (SOT)	1. Hines 10.38	2. Greene 10.39
9/10/68	Echo Summit	1. Hines 10.11	2. Greene 10.15
10/14/68	Mexico City (OG)	1. Hines 9.95	3. Greene 10.07

Greene led their series 10-5, and in 1 win Hines got a flyer (the '67 AAU), which suggests that Greene was the better century man - though it will be Hines who will be better remembered for his great Mexico win.

SOT - 100 Meters - June 29, (Headwind)

1. Jim Hines (HS)		10.2/10.38
2. Charlie Greene (Unat - Seattle)	10.3-O	10.2/10.39
3. Ronnie Ray Smith (SCVYV)	10.4-O	10.2/10.42
4. Mel Pender (US-A)	10.4-O	10.3/10.44
5. Kirk Clayton (SCVYV)	10.5-O	10.4
6. Tom Randolph (Wn M)	10.6-O	10.4
7. Clyde Glosson (Trinity)	10.5-O	10.4
8. Bill Hurd (Notre Dame)		13.4

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 29

1/ 1. Greene 10.3, 2. Smith 10.4, 3. Glosson 10.4, 4. Hurd 10.5, 5. Bill Gaines (SCVYV) 10.6, 6. Jerry Bright (Az St) 10.6, 7. Andy Hopkins (SF Austin St) 10.6 (-1.3w)

2/ 1. Hines 10.4/10.44, 2. Pender 10.4/10.45, 3. Clayton 10.5, 4. Randolph 10.5 (O-10.6), 5. Larry Questad (Striders) 10.5, 6. Sam Davis (SJS) 10.7 (-3.5w)

Run-off: 1. Bright 10.5, 2. Questad 10.5, Hopkins 10.6 (+0.8w)

For the first time in 5 attempts in 1968, Hines beat Greene, but there was little to choose between them. Pender, the 31 year old army veteran got out quickest, but Hines caught him with his powerful pick-up. Greene and Smith closed fast with Hines' upright stance just clear of Green's characteristic near horizontal lean at the line.

200 Meters - September 12, 16.40 Hr (+1.9w)

4	1. John Carlos (SCVYV)		19.7/19.92 WR
1	2. Tommie Smith (SCVYV)	19.9-O	20.0/20.18
3	3. Larry Questad (Striders)		20.1/20.28
2	4. Jerry Bright (Ariz St)		20.1/20.29
6	5. Tom Randolph (Wn M)		20.1/20.29
5	6. Bill Bruckel (USN)		20.3/20.52

Semi-finals: first 3 qualify, September 12, 15.20 Hr

1/ 1. Smith 20.2/20.28, 2. Randolph 20.5/20.62, 3. Questad 20.5/20.65 (-0.7w)

2/ 1. Carlos 20.3/20.49w, 2. Bright (O - 20.6) 20.5/20.69w, 3. Bruckel (O - 20.6) 20.5/20.71w, 4. Mickey Miller (US-A) 20.6/20.72w (+3.2w)

Quarter-finals: first 4 fastest qualify, September 11, 15.40 Hr

1/ 1. Smith 20.0/20.21w, 2. Bright 20.3/20.56w, 3. Randolph 20.5/20.69w, Bill Hurd (Notre Dame) - Dnf (+2.4w)

2/ 1. Carlos 20.1/20.41w, 2. Questad 21.1, 3. Bruckel 22.0, 4. Miller 22.8 (+4.8w)

Heats: - athletes must run 21.0 or better, September 11, 10.30 Hr

1/ 1. Carlos 20.1/20.28, 2. Jim Hines (HS) 20.5/20.62, 3. Bright 20.5/ 20.67, 4. Miller 20.6/20.76, 5. Questad (O - 20.6) 20.7/20.86 (+0.3w)

2/ 1. Hurd 20.6/20.67, 2. Smith 20.7/20.77, 3. Randolph 20.8/20.90, 4. Bruckel 21.0, 5. Willie Turner (Or St) 21.2 (+0.3w)

Just how quick the environment for the OT 200 was became clear a week before the trials, when Clyde Glosson and Wayne Collett, neither of whom had even made the OT in the 200, ran 20.1 and 20.2 respectively, and were followed a few minutes later by Carlos (20.1) and Hines (20.3) - both of whom were qualified. However, Hines was tired after his 100 win, and withdrew after the first round, and Ronnie Ray Smith did not take part at all. It was clear after the first day that Tommie Smith and Carlos were the class of the field,

and the rest were trying to save themselves for the final. The artificial seedings saw only Mickey Miller eliminated in the semi-finals, and 80 minutes after the semis, the finalists lined up out of sight of most of the spectators behind the pine trees.

The tension was broken at the start by Questad leaping up disturbed by an insect crawling over his hand, and at the second time of asking they were away. Carlos got a blistering start and by the beginning of the long straight was 2 meters clear of Questad with Smith another meter back in 4th behind Bright. Having drawn the very tight inside lane Smith was forced to hold back on the curve and could only unwind on the straight. This he did, and gained slightly on Carlos, and considerably on the rest; but this was Carlos's day, and he came home majestically almost 3 yards clear in a WR 19.7. Smith ran 20.0, and his auto time of 20.18 remained the best run from lane 1 for 25 years. The battle for third was tremendous - Questad, whose best season prior to '68 was back in 1963, led the whole way down the straight, but Bright gradually closed the gap, and Randolph finished fastest of all in the last 25m. Officials had to look at the picture for 10 minutes before determining that Questad had beaten Bright and Randolph by 1/100th.

Carlos was denied a WR because he was wearing the new PUMA "brush spikes", which had 68 tiny spikes to assist grip on tartan tracks, but which had not had official sanction as acceptable footwear, so the record was never ratified. Smith went on to run a WR 19.8 in the O - nominally slower than Carlos, but faster on auto timing by 9/100ths at 19.83. The effects of Echo Summit on furlong sprinting can be seen by the comparison of the world all-time before the pre-trial races, and the best runs at the altitude venue:

19.9*	Tommie Smith	'66	19.7	John Carlos	OT
20.1*	Henry Carr	'64	20.0	Smith	OT
20.1*	Willie Turner	'67	20.1	Clyde Glosson	8/31
20.1*	Mike Fray (JAM)	'68	20.1	Larry Questad	OT
20.1	Paul Nash (RSA)	'68	20.1	Jerry Bright	OT
20.2*	Carlos	'67	20.1	Tom Randolph	OT
20.2*	Jim Hines	'67	20.2	Wayne Collett	8/31

- = 220 yards time, less 0.1 seconds

The dominance of Smith and Carlos on the world scene is evidenced by the all-time top-10 marks at 31.12.1968:

19.83A	+0.9	Tommie	Smith	USA	1	OG	Mexico City	16 Oct 68
19.92A	+1.9	John	Carlos	USA	1	OT	Echo Summit	12 Sep 68
19.5yst	+1.9		Smith		1		San Jose	7 May 66
20.06A	+0.9	Peter	Norman	AUS	2	OG	Mexico City	16 Oct 68
20.10A	+0.9		Carlos		3	OG	Mexico City	16 Oct 68
20.12A	+0.2		Carlos		1s1	OG	Mexico City	16 Oct 68
20.13A	+0.6		Smith		1s2	OG	Mexico City	16 Oct 68
19.9m*	+0.1		Smith		1		Sacramento	11 Jun 66
20.14A	+0.9		Smith		1	NCAA	Provo	17 Jun 67
20.18A	+1.9		Smith		2	OT	Echo Summit	12 Sep 68

- = 220 yards time, less 0.12 seconds. 19.5yst = straight course – roughly the equivalent of 19.8 for 200m on the curve, and so approximately worth 20.04.

SOT - 200 Meters - June 30, (-2.0w)

8. 1.	Tommie Smith (SCVYV)	20.2
6. 2.	Jim Hines (HS)	20.3
3. 3.	Ronnie Ray Smith (SCVYV)	20.4
1. 4.	John Carlos (SCVYV)	20.6
7. 5.	Tom Randolph (Wn M)	20.6
5. 6.	Jerry Bright (Ariz St)	20.6
4. 7.	Bill Bruckel (USN)	20.8
7. 8.	Bill Hurd (Notre Dame)	20.9

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 30

1/ 1. Randolph 20.5, 2. Carlos 20.8, 3. Hurd 20.9, 4. Hines 20.9, 5. Clyde Glosson (Trinity) 21.0, 6. Ben Vaughan (Ga T) 21.1, 7. Andy Hopkins (SF Austin St) 21.6

2/ 1. T.Smith 20.6, 2. R.R.Smith 20.6, 3. Bright 20.8, 4. Bruckel 20.9, 5. Larry Questad (Striders) 20.9, 6. Mike Miller (US-A) 21.2, 7. Dan Columbus (Col St) 21.6

OT run-off: 1. Questad 20.8, 2. Miller 21.0, 3. Vaughan 21.0, 4. Columbus 21.4

Tom Randolph was the surprise fastest qualifier, with Tommie and Ronnie Ray Smith looking good in the second heat. The trouble came after the draw for the final. As per the international rules of the day, the draw was random, but the supporters of the Olympic Project for Human Rights became angry when John Carlos and Tommie Smith drew the inside and outside lanes. As it happened, the shallow curve of lane 8 in the Coliseum was more of a benefit than a hindrance for Smith, but the inside lane definitely hindered Carlos (though later in the year he would run an outstanding 20.12 in winning his Olympic semi-final). After a long and heated discussion between black and white athletes, fans and the media, the race finally took place. Smith, for once, got a fine start and was never headed. Jim Hines ran solidly in second the whole way, finishing a yard clear of Ronnie Ray Smith, with Carlos in 4th, inches ahead of Randolph. An additional race was run to determine qualifying places for the OT, with Questad and Miller getting the spots.

400 Meters - September 14, 15.50 Hr

6	1. Lee Evans (SJS)	44.0/44.06	WR
3	2. Larry James (Vill)	44.1/44.19	WR
2	3. Ron Freeman (Ariz St)	44.6/44.62	
5	4. Vince Matthews (NYPC)	44.8/44.86	
1	5. Jim Kemp (US-A)	45.2	
4	6. Hal Francis (Arkansas A&M)	45.2	

Semi-finals: first 3 qualify, September 13, 18.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Freeman 45.6, 2. Kemp 45.6, 3. Matthews 48.7, Wayne Collett (UCLA) and Henry Smothers (Arkansas A&M) - Dnf
<u>2/</u>	1. Evans 45.4/45.59, 2. James 45.7/45.88, 3. Francis 46.1/46.24, 4. Mike Mondane (Iowa) 46.1/46.29

Quarter-finals: first 4 plus fastest loser qualify, September 13, 15.20 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Evans 44.9/44.97, 2. Mondane 45.2/45.31, 3. James 45.3/45.34, 4. Kemp 45.3/45.35, 4. Emmett Taylor (Ohio) 49.4
<u>2/</u>	1. Collett 44.9/45.04, 2. Matthews 45.1/45.25, 3. Freeman 45.2/45.34, 4. Francis 45.2/45.34, 5. Smothers 45.5/45.62, 6. Jim Burnett (PPC) 45.6/45.69

Heats: - 48.0 to qualify, September 12, 15.40 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Taylor 45.3/45.43, 2. Collett 45.6/45.71, 3. Freeman 45.9/46.01, 4. Mondane (O - 46.0) 46.1/46.21, 5. Burnett 46.1/46.25, 6. Smothers 46.1/46.28
<u>2/</u>	1. Evans 46.1/46.20, 2. Kemp 46.3/46.51, 3. James 46.8/46.92, 4. Francis 47.0/47.12, 5. Matthews 47.1/47.21

Emmett Taylor, who had won the NCAA 200 and pressed Lee Evans in the AAU 400, was the first to be eliminated, running 49.4 in the second round after a 45.3 heat. Jim Burnett was more unlucky, running a good 45.69 but finishing sixth and so not making it to the semi-finals. Favorite Lee Evans ran the best time of the round with a superb 44.97, while Wayne Collett set a world junior record with his 45.04 in the other heat. The semi-finals were later in the day, and Collett ran out of steam in his race and Smothers pulled up with a stitch, leaving Vince Matthews to run 48.7 and qualify. In the other race Evans and James finished well clear and Francis just edged Mondane for the last qualifying place.

Matthews had run a WR 44.4 two weeks earlier in a warm-up meet for the OT, but Evans was the favorite. Matthews went out too quickly, excited by the occasion, and reached 200 in a suicidal 20.7, with Evans and James nearly 5 yards back in 21.2. In the third 100 James smoothly flowed by Matthews and Evans caught him as they reached the 300 mark and emerged from behind the trees. Kemp and Francis were ahead of Freeman, but Ron ran past both of them with 75 meters to go, and caught Matthews with 20 meters left. James slowed up in the last few strides - "I tightened up in the last 10 yards. I couldn't move" - and Evans powered by with his usual strong willed finish. Evans time of 44.0 smashed Matthews' record, but like Carlos he was wearing the brush spiked shoe so it was James (wearing adidas) who received record recognition. Evans stated afterwards "I had hoped to run in the 43's", which he saved for Mexico City, running 43.86 to win the Olympic title ahead of James (43.97) and Freeman (44.41). The trio teamed up with Matthews to set a relay record of 2:56.16 which lasted as a WR for 24 years, with Ron Freeman surprisingly taking the starring role with a superlative second leg in 43.2. At the season's end the top 4 Americans had ducked under 45.0 on 13 occasions, as compared to 8 by everyone prior to 1968!

The effect of altitude can be gauged from this table of personal bests before and after the athletes began to run at the OT:

Evans	44.9	44.0	+0.9
James	45.2	44.1	+1.1
Freeman	45.4	44.6	+0.8
Matthews	45.0	44.4	+0.6
Kemp	45.4	45.2	+0.2
Francis	45.6	45.2	+0.4

Collett	45.8	44.9	+0.9
Smothers	45.7	45.5	+0.2
Mondane	45.6	45.3	+0.3
Taylor	45.1	45.3	-0.2
Burnett	45.8	45.5	+0.3 (average +0.5)

SOT - 400 Meters - June 30

6. 1.	Lee Evans (SJS)	45.1/45.17
7. 2.	Emmett Taylor (Ohio)	45.1/45.21
8. 3.	Vince Matthews (JC Smith)	45.4/45.60
4. 4.	Larry James (Vill)	45.7/45.67
3. 5.	Wayne Collett (UCLA)	45.8/45.91
2. 6.	Jim Burnett (PPC)	45.8/45.93
1. 7.	Hal Francis (Arkansas A&M)	45.8
5. 8.	Ron Freeman (Ariz St)	46.1

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 29

1/ 1. Burnett 46.2/46.28, 2. Matthews 46.2/46.30, 3. James 46.4/46.47, 4. Francis 46.5/46.48, 5. Tommy Turner (Murray St) 46.7/46.78, 6. Mike Mondane (Iowa) 47.2/47.07, 7. Bob Tobler (US-A) 47.2/47.10, 8. Dave Morton (Texas) 47.3

2/ 1. Evans 45.8/45.82, 2. Taylor 45.9/45.89, 3. Freeman 45.9/45.93, 4. Collett 46.0/46.00, 5. Henry Smothers (Ark A&M) 46.1/46.15 (46.0-O), 6. Hardee McAlhaney (Tenn) 46.2/46.17 (46.0-O), 7. Jim Kemp (US-A) 46.73, 8. Fred Newhouse (PV) 46.85

OT run-off: 1. Smothers 46.3, 2. Mondane 46.4, 3. Kemp 46.4, 4. McAlhaney 46.4

Larry James was the early leader, with Vince Matthews making a move at the 150m mark. Nevertheless, it was Lee Evans, the favorite, who led off the final curve, only to lose the lead to '67 NCAA winner Emmett Taylor. Evans came back and, as was the custom in 1966-68, won in a close finish. Evans won the AAU from 1966-68, plus the NCAA, SOT, OT and OG all in 1968. His ability to win in tight finishes, apparently through strength of will alone, marked him as one of the great 400m runners of all-time. In the period since his retirement from the sport, only Michael Johnson could be considered his superior at the event.

800 Meters - September 11, 18.10 Hr

1.	Tom Farrell (US-A)	1:46.5
2.	Wade Bell (Or TC)	1:47.1
3.	Ron Kutchinski (Mich)	1:47.8
4.	Mark Winzenried (Wisc)	1:47.9
5.	John Perry (USMC)	1:49.0
6.	George Hunt (HS)	1:51.8
7.	Jim Ryun (Kansas)	2:02.6
8.	Felix Johnson (PV)	Dnf

Semi-finals: first 3 qualify plus 2 fastest losers, September 10, 16.20 Hr

1/ 1. Farrell 1:49.6, 2. Johnson 1:49.6, 3. Perry 1:49.9, 4. Bob Zieminski (Gtn) 1:50.1, 5. Ray Arrington (Wisc) 1:50.6

2/ 1. Bell 1:48.0, 2. Winzenried 1:48.1, 3. Ryun 1:48.2, 4. Kutchinski 1:48.4, 5. Hunt 1:50.0

Heats: - First 5 qualify, September 9, 15.50 Hr

1/ 1. Arrington 1:49.7, 2. Perry 1:50.0, 3. Kutchinski 1:50.0, 4. Ryun 1:50.3, 5. Zieminski 1:51.6, 6. Ralph Schultz (Nwn) 1:52.3

2/ 1. Bell 1:48.6, 2. Farrell 1:48.8, 3. Johnson 1:48.8, 4. Winzenried 1:49.2, 5. Hunt 1:49.4, 6. Art Sandison (WSU) 1:49.6

Art Sandison had the galling knowledge of running faster than anyone in heat 1, but not qualifying as he finished sixth in his heat. George Hunt, ran last but one in his semi-final, but in contrast with the heats the semis did have a time stipulation and Hunt made it into the final..being quicker than Bob Zieminski by a vital 1/10th of a second.

In the final Hunt led out to the 300m mark, when Winzenried took over, passing the bell in 52.8 with Farrell last in 53.5. A smart tactician, Farrell eased through gaps on the inside, passing Hunt and Kutchinski and took the lead coming into the finishing straight. Ryun, who had been suffering from mononucleosis throughout the summer, was on the outside in third place but gave up on the final curve when he realized his fitness and acceleration was deficient; behind him Wade Bell had to swerve to avoid colliding with Ryun, and was never able to threaten Farrell, though second was safe. Third place was a real battle with Kutchinski tying up a little less than Winzenried, edging him 1:47.8 to 1:47.9. Farrell finished off his career with a pb 1:45.46 in taking the Olympic bronze medal.

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1. Wade Bell (Or TC)	1:46.1
2. Felix Johnson (PV)	1:46.5
3. Mark Winzenried (Wise)	1:46.9
4. Tom Farrell (US-A)	1:47.3
5. Ray Arrington (Wise)	1:47.5
6. John Perry (USMC)	1:47.7
7. Bob Zieminski (Gtn)	1:48.6
8. George Hunt (HS)	1:48.6
9. Art Sandison (WSU)	1:48.6
10. Ralph Schultz (NWn)	1:51.1

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 29

- 1/ 1. Arrington 1:48.4, 2. Winzenried 1:48.6 (1:48.5-O), 3. Hunt 1:48.8, 4. Farrell 1:48.8, 5. Schultz 1:49.0 (1:48.9-O), 6. Dan Tague (UTEP) 1:49.6, 7. John Tillman (USMC) 1:50.7
- 2/ 1. Bell 1:47.7, 2. Johnson 1:48.0 (1:48.1-O), 3. Perry 1:48.2, 4. Zieminski 1:48.3 (1:48.4-O), 5. Sandison 1:48.6, 6. Rick Urbina (GSB) 1:49.0

Mark Winzenried went out quickly passing 200m in 24.9 ahead of Felix Johnson (25.4), and was still clear at halfway in 51.7, with Johnson second (52.0) and Wade Bell third (52.5). Winzenried still led at 600 with both he and Johnson timed in 1:18.5. Bell was still third (1:19.1). Bell came up as Johnson momentarily faded, and caught Winzenried with 70 meters to go. Johnson closed slightly on Bell, who won by 3 yards in a good 1:46.1 - 0.6 slower than his AAU win the previous week. Bell, who was the world's best in 1967, and America's number 1 until the Games, was a sufferer from an intestinal ailment known none too affectionately at the time as Montezuma's revenge, and couldn't get past the heats in Mexico City - he would otherwise have been in the battle for gold.

1500 Meters - September 16, 15.30 Hr

1. Jim Ryun (Kansas)	3:49.0
2. Marty Liquori (Vill)	3:49.5
3. Tom von Ruden (US-A)	3:49.8
4. David Patrick (Baltimore OC)	3:52.0
5. Roscoe Divine (Or)	3:52.0
6. John Mason (Ft Hays St)	3:57.0
7. Sam Bair (Kent St)	3:58.6
8. Dave Wilborn (Or)	4:03.8

Semi-finals: first 4 qualify, September 15, 17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Patrick 3:48.8, 2. Liquori 3:48.8, 3. Divine 3:49.3, 4. Wilborn 3:50.0, 5. Brian Kivlan (Man) 3:55.2
- 2/ 1. Ryun 3:53.0, 2. von Ruden 3:53.4, 3. Bair 3:53.8, 4. Mason 3:54.1, 5. Jerry Richey (Pitt) 3:54.7

Heats: - First 5 qualify, September 14, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Divine 3:58.3, 2. Ryun 3:58.3, 3. Richey 3:59.4, 4. Kivlan 4:00.5, 5. Wilborn 4:01.4, 6. Jim Crawford 4:03.4
- 2/ 1. Liquori 4:00.9, 2. Mason 4:01.2, 3. von Ruden 4:01.4, 4. Patrick 4:01.6, 5. Bair 4:02.0, 6. Preston Davis (US-A) 4:03.4

After the shock of Ryun dropping out of the 800m, there was concern whether he would make the team in the 1500m. From being a gangly high school junior who miraculously made the '64 team, Ryun had developed into the most exciting middle distance runner of his era, setting WRs for 880y, 1500m and the Mile. In 1967 he had beaten Kip Keino in a wonderful 1500m in Los Angeles with a WR 3:33.1, covering the last 1000m in under 2:19, and had then beaten the top Germans with a final 300m in 36.1 - a finish which remains unmatched more than 30 years later. But then he developed "mono" and here his fitness was clearly questionable.

Two rounds of heats did little other than to eliminate 4 runners in total and show the survivors how fatiguing 1500m running at altitude could be. In the final Ryun set a cautious pace, going through 400 in 67.8 and adding a second lap of 65.8. Wilborn then took the lead with the pace improving to 58.4, with Ryun slipping back to last place in 3:12.4 at 3 laps. Liquori the 19 year-old freshman zipped by Wilborn just passed the bell and led until Ryun struck with 300m to go. The Kansas star was clearly in better shape than he had been 5 days before, and despite running out in lane three when going by the field still managed his last lap in 50.8 to win by 4 yards from the surprising Liquori. Tom von Ruden made a game attempt to beat Liquori but lost out by 3 yards, still well ahead of NCAA champion David Patrick, who started his kick too late.

Running against the altitude based Kenyans, who bravely ran a pace that no-one could match, Ryun managed a magnificent 3:37.8 in Mexico City, but it was good enough for only silver behind Keino's implausible 3:34.9, which remained the Olympic record until the 1996 games.

SOT - 1500 Meters - June 30

1. David Patrick (Vill)	3:43.6
2. Sam Bair (Kent St)	3:43.7
3. Marty Liquori (Vill)	3:44.2
4. Dave Wilborn (Or)	3:44.5
5. Jerry Richey (Pitt)	3:44.6
6. John Mason (Ft Hays St)	3:44.6
7. Roscoe Divine (Or)	3:44.7
8. Tom von Ruden (US-A)	3:45.4
9. Jim Crawford (Harding)	3:49.1
10. Brian Kivlan (Man)	3:50.0

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 29

- 1/ 1. Mason 3:45.2, 2. von Ruden 3:45.4, 3. Wilborn 3:45.5 (3:45.4-O), 4. Bair 3:45.7, 5. Richey 3:46.6, 6. Roy Shaw (Harv)3:47.1, 7. Charley Messenger (Vill) 3:53.7
- 2/ 1. Patrick 3:46.2, 2. Kivlan 3:46.3, 3. Divine 3:46.4, 4. Liquori 3:46.5 (3:46.4-O), 5. Crawford 3:46.8 (3:46.7-O), 6. Dave Farley (USMC) 3:46.8 (3:46.9-O), 7. Bob Delaney (US-A) 3:54.3

Two slowly paced heats acted as a rehearsal for a slowly paced final - with splits of 60.4 - 2:04.9 - 3:05.3, with favorite Dave Patrick slowly moving up the field on the third lap. He fought past teammate Marty Liquori on the last curve and elegantly strode down the finishing straight, easing off in the last 10 yards, losing 2 of 10 to Sam Bair, who almost caught him on the line. Patrick's NCAA/SOT double wasn't enough to earn him an Olympic spot. As all 3 Americans made the Olympic final - the only time since 1936 (through 2004) that this has happened, the final selection procedure could not really be criticised in this event.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - September 12, 17.20 Hr

1. George Young (Casa Grande, Ariz)	8:58.0
2. Bill Reilly (USMC)	8:58.8
3. Conrad Nightingale (Halstead, Kansas)	9:04.4
4. Bob Price (Athens TC)	9:07.6
5. Bob Williams (Or TC)	9:17.2
6. Barry Brown (NYAC)	9:24.6
7. Pat Traynor (USAF)	9:26.6
8. Chris McCubbins (Unat)	9:37.4
9. Mike Manley (Striders)	10:04.8

Heat: - 9:20.0 or first 8 qualify, September 10, 17.00 Hr

1. Young 9:11.0, 2. Brown 9:12.6, 3. Reilly 9:14.0, 4. McCubbins 9:17.2, 5. Manley 9:17.2, 6. Nightingale 9:19.0, 7. Williams 9:19.4, 8. Traynor 9:19.8, 9. Price 9:20.0, 10. Bob Richards (BYU) 9:21.0, 11. Bill Norris (Or TC) 9:43.4

George Young took the lead immediately in the final, aiming towards a third consecutive OT win. Pat Traynor, too keyed up, was never a factor in the race, and though threatened by Bill Reilly in the closing stages he stayed 5 yards clear of the marine.. Conrad Nightingale moved into third place past the surprising Price, who had only just qualified on the time limit of 9:20, during the sixth lap. Both McCubbins, who suffered a stress fracture of the tibia during the race, and Manley, who fell after 2000m, were unable to be factors. Young, who was renowned as one of the toughest distance runners in US history, went on to Olympic bronze - the best non-Kenyan in the world for 1968.

SOT - 3000 Meters Steeplechase - June 29

1. George Young (Casa Grande, Ariz)	8:34.2
2. Pat Traynor (USAF)	8:34.4
3. Conrad Nightingale (Halstead, Kansas)	8:40.0
4. Mike Manley (Striders)	8:43.0
5. Bob Williams (Or TC)	8:44.4

6. Bill Norris (Or TC)	8:44.6
7. Bob Price (Athens TC)	8:45.4
8. Chris McCubbins (Unat)	8:46.8

9. Bill Reilly (USMC) 8:48.0, 10. Barry Brown (US-A) 8:53.6, 11. Adrian DeWindt (NM) 8:56.4, 12. Mark Gibbens (Ind) 8:56.8, 13. Terry Donnelly (Wm & Mary) 9:03.0, 14. Tom Donnelly (Vill) 9:08.8, 15. Jim Dare (Navy) 9:13.4, 16. John Celms (Wash) 9:18.4, 17. Ring (C Wash) 9:42.0, 18. Renneberg (St Cloud St) 9:52.6

The previous week George Young had broken Pat Traynor's US record (8:32.4) in winning the AAU in 8:30.6, and Traynor wanted revenge. For all but 2 laps of the race Young led, with Bob Williams taking the first 800m. Young led Traynor by 5 meters at the bell, and Traynor closed throughout the final circuit until the finishing straight, when Young dug in to save his unbeaten record for 1968, and held Traynor off by 1 meter. Nightingale took third after kicking sharply past Manley on the last lap.

5000 Meters - September 13, 17.20 Hr

1. Bob Day (US-A)	14:37.4
2. Jack Bacheler (Fla TC)	14:37.4
3. Lou Scott (Detroit TC)	(O - 14:53.4) 14:53.2
4. Gerry Lindgren (WSU)	14:53.6
5. Steve Stageberg (Or TC)	15:33.0
6. Bob Schul (Unat)	15:44.6
John Kennedy (Striders)	Dnf

Heat: - 14:45.0 or first 7 qualify, September 11, 16.10 Hr

1. Day 14:50.6, 2. Scott 15:01.6, 3. Lindgren 15:04.2, 4. Stageberg 15:06.0, 5. Bacheler 15:08.4, 6. Kennedy 15:10.8, 7. Schul 15:10.8, 8. Scott Bringhurst (Utah) 15:41.4, Doug Hardin (Harvard) - Dnf

Not only did the athletes have to contend with the altitude, but winds of 30 mph battered the runners as well. Bob Day ran 68 second laps for 1600m to lose the opposition, and continued through 3000m in 8:39.5 (14:30 pace) before easing down when he knew his selection was assured. Jack Bacheler, the tallest distance runner of all-time at 6'6", broke away from the pack in the 4th kilometer and caught Day on the last lap with the two of them easing across the line together. At 4000m Lou Scott was in third place 30 yards ahead of Gerry Lindgren, who was worst affected by the wind. The tiny Lindgren began to gain on Scott, and in a frenzied finish the Pan American silver medalist just held off Lindgren. In Mexico City only Bacheler made it through the heats, but an attack of Montezuma's revenge left him too weak to run in the final.

SOT - 5000 Meters - June 29

1. Tracy Smith (US-A)	13:42.4
2. Steve Stageberg (Or TC)	13:52.0
3. Bob Day (US-A)	13:59.4
4. Jack Bacheler (Fla TC)	14:00.4
5. John Kennedy (Striders)	14:02.0
6. Lou Scott (Detroit TC)	14:07.2
7. Bob Schul (Unat)	14:17.0
8. Doug Hardin (Harvard)	14:24.0
9. Scott Bringhurst (Utah) 14:24.6, 10. Glenn Ogden (Missouri) 14:33.2, 11. Tom Bache (USMC) 14:39.0, 12. Larry Wiczorek (Iowa) 14:50.8, 13. Jerry Dirkes (St Cloud St) 15:00.0	

Gerry Lindgren and Van Nelson missed the race through injuries and were advanced directly to the trials, leaving the SOT as a duel between Smith and Stageburg. Bob Day would have made things tighter, but a stomach problem slowed him up. Smith moved away from Day at the halfway point and Stageburg lost contact at 2 miles (8:52.6).

10000 Meters - September 9, 17.00 Hr

1. Tracy Smith (US-A)	30:00.4
2. Van Nelson (St Cloud St)	30:04.0
3. Tom Laris (NYAC)	30:09.8
4. Billy Mills (SDTC)	30:32.2

5. Gerry Lindgren (WSU)	30:44.2
6. Jim Murphy (USAF)	30:53.2
7. Kenny Moore (Or TC)	31:18.2
8. Bill Clark (USMC)	32:05.6
9. Tarry Harrison (Col St)	32:58.0

As distance races at altitude seem to be, this was a question of attrition. Although the pace over the first 3 kilos - 2:59.5, 5:58.8 and 9:01.5 - did not seem quick, Harrison had to drop back, and at 4k Clark lost contact. As the pace continued Moore and Murphy (6000m) and then Lindgren and Mills (8000m) had to let go, much to the distress of the fans who remembered their exploits of 1964-65. Left were pacemaker Tom Laris, Van Nelson and Tracy Smith. Smith kicked with 250m to go running his last 200 in 27.0 - evidence that he could have run quicker, if necessary. Smith finished 11th in Mexico City (in 30:14.6).

SOT - 10000 Meters - June 30

1. Bill Clark (USMC)	29:11.0
2. Van Nelson (St Cloud St)	29:12.2
3. Tom Laris (NYAC)	29:12.8
4. Eamon O'Reilly (Athens)	29:17.6
5. Jim Murphy (USAF)	29:28.4
6. Steve Hoag (Minn)	30:07.4
7. Grant Colehour (En Ky)	30:17.0
8. Tarry Harrison (Col St)	no time

9. Steve Matthews (Denver TC) 30:48.2, 10. Gerry Garcia (En NM) 30:49.0, 11. Ed Stenberg (Duke) 31:07.2. Gerry Lindgren (Wash St) and Greg Brock (Stan) did not finish

AAU winner Tracy Smith had qualified for the OT and so just ran the 5000m. Gerry Lindgren ran after being petitioned to the OT as the finest US collegian distance runner of his era. With his ankle heavily taped he set the pace, and passed 3 miles in 13:57.0, before slowing to a trot just after 4 miles, and he dropped out with 3 laps to go. Laris took over at 5 1/2 miles after O'Reilly had led in the interim. Clark took the lead coming off the final bend, and he had too much kick for Nelson and Laris.

Marathon - Alamosa, 18 August

1. George Young	2:30:48
2. Kenny Moore	2:31:47
3. Ron Daws	2:33:09
4. Bob Deines	2:34:13
5. Steve Matthews	2:34:17
6. Ed Winrow	2:34:51

Rather than a series of races, the 1968 team was determined by just one race; just as well, as it is doubtful if the athletes' health would have been served by a series of races at altitude. Young and Moore were the class of the field; for Young it was his debut race, while Moore was having his first outing over the distance for 3 years. Moore later became an occasional actor, but is better known for his memorable writing on track for "Sports Illustrated". Deines, initially listed as finishing just 4 seconds behind Ron Daws, ran 1 minute slower than originally published, with Deines noting to any interested party that he was never in direct competition with Daws that day.. Less than half of the 129 (!) entrants finished. All three Americans finished in Mexico City, a feat in itself, with Moore placing 14th in 2:29:49, two places ahead of Young.

20 Kilometer Walk - Alamosa, 7 September

1. Ron Laird (NYAC)	1:37:45
2. Rudy Haluza (SCS)	1:38:14
3. Larry Young (SCS)	1:38:40
4. Tom Dooley (Athens TC)	1:41:03

Both Laird and Haluza made their second 20k Olympic teams, Haluza having missed out in 1964. In Mexico City he had an outstanding race, finishing 4th, only just over a minute behind the great Vladimir Golubnichiy who won his second gold medal in the event. Tom Dooley competed in Mexico, as Larry Young concentrated on the 50k event.

50 Kilometer Walk - Alamosa, 10 September

1. Larry Young (SCS)	4:34:18
2. Goetz Klopfer (Athens TC)	4:44:32
3. Dave Romansky (Unat)	4:47:23
4. Bob Kitchen (Springfield)	No time
5. Bill Ranney (Athens TC)	

Young backed up his 10 minute win in the OT with a magnificent bronze medal in 4:31:55.4, and Klopfer finished 10th under 4:40.

110 Meters Hurdles - September 13, 17.00 Hr (-2.7w)

1. Willie Davenport (HS)	13.4/13.65
2. Leon Coleman (Striders)	13.5/13.72
3. Erv Hall (Vill)	13.5/13.77
4. Pat Pomphrey (USAF)	13.6/13.84
5. Richmond Flowers (Tenn)	13.7/13.94
6. Tommy Lee White (Striders)	13.7/13.96
7. Larry Livers (Athens TC)	13.8/14.09
8. George Carty (Odessa JC)	14.0/14.28

Semi-finals: first 4 qualify, September 13, 15.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Davenport 13.5/13.73, 2. Coleman 13.6/13.79, 3. Carty 13.8/14.07, 4. White 13.9/14.16, 5. Jeff Howser (Duke) 13.9/14.17 (-0.4w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Hall 13.7/13.79, 2. Flowers 13.8/13.98, 3. Pomphrey 13.9/14.03, 4. Livers 14.0/14.12, 5. Brian Polkinghorne (PCC) 14.1/14.26 (-2.7w)

Quarter-finals: 13.9 or top 9 qualify, September 12, 15.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Davenport 13.3/13.54, 2. Pomphrey 13.4/13.61, 3. Hall 13.4/13.62, 4. Howser 13.7, 5. Polkinghorne 13.9 (+1.8w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Carty 13.5/13.71, 2. Coleman 13.6/13.80, 3. Flowers 13.6/13.87, 4. Livers 13.6/13.90, 5. White 13.8 (+1.7w)

Heats: - 14.0 or top 9 qualify, September 12, 10.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Coleman 13.5/13.74, 2. Flowers 13.6/13.86, 3. Davenport 13.7/13.96, 4. White 13.9, 5. Livers 14.0 (0.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Pomphrey 13.5/13.77, 2. Hall 13.6/13.84, 3. Carty 13.7/13.91, 4. Howser (O - 13.9) 13.7/13.93, 5. Polkinghorne 14.0 (0.0w)

Willie Davenport had been the world's best for the 3 seasons prior to 1968, but was under challenge from Earl McCullough, who had equalled the WR of 13.2 (with a then auto-timed best of 13.43) in 1967. However, McCullough smacked too many hurdles while leading the SOT, and ended up 7th in that race. He had to make a decision right after the SOT, as to playing Pro Football, and the NFL won out. So Davenport lost his toughest competitor. The USA produces more hurdle talent than anywhere else, and there were still a few pretenders to the throne.

Just 2 hurdlers were deleted from the total of 10 qualified entries by 3 preliminary rounds, leaving George Carty (13.5), Pat Pomphrey (13.4) and SOT winner Erv Hall as the men most likely to endanger Davenport. Facing a strong wind, Hall and big Leon Coleman started best, but Davenport caught them at the fourth hurdle, and edged away to win by 2 ft from Coleman, with Hall third well clear of Pomphrey and Richmond Flowers, who had his chances erased mid-season by a hamstring injury. Davenport went on to run 13.33 in Mexico City to beat Hall (13.42) while Coleman was 4th (13.67). Until the emergence of Greg Foster (in Davenport's final season), there had never been as durable a hurdler. Not only did he make an unprecedented 4 Olympic teams as a hurdler, he also was the only US track Olympian to compete at the 1980 Olympics, albeit as a bobsledder.

SOT - 110 Meters Hurdles - June 30, (wind legal)

1. Erv Hall (Vill)		13.6/74
2. Tommy Lee White (Striders)		13.7/88
3. Leon Coleman (Striders)		13.8/89
4. Mike Butler (Wisconsin)	13.8-O	13.9/00
5. Larry Livers (Athens TC)		14.1
6. Pat Pomphrey (USAF)		14.2
7. Earl McCullough (USC)		14.2
8. George Carty (Odessa JC)		14.3

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 30

<u>1/</u>	1. White 13.8/87, 2. McCullough 13.8/89, 3. Coleman 13.9, 4. Livers 14.0, 5. Jeff Howser (Duke) 14.1, 6. Brian Polkinghorne
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(Pas AA) 14.3, 7. Jerry Cerulla (En Mich) 14.3

2/ 1. Hall 13.7/82, 2. Carty 13.8/83, 3. Butler 13.9/95, 4. Pomphrey 14.0, 5. Paul Kerry (Striders) 14.1, 6. Vic Simmons (Nevada) 14.1, 7. Harvey Nairn (Sn) 14.3, 8.. Bill Tipton (En Mich) 14.7

Earl McCullough finished second in his heat, easing off after opening a big lead over the first 3 hurdles, while Erv Hall ran the fastest qualifier in the other heat. In the final, Earl the pearl was a yard clear at the first barrier, and two yards up at the second, and looked to be heading for a 3-4 yard win. He clipped the 8th, banged the 9th hurdle and smacked the 10th really hard, just managing to stay on his feet to the end, but swallowed up by the field as he came off the 10th hurdle. Both McCullough and Mike Butler headed for the NFL, leaving all finalists at the SOT, plus Polkinghorne and Howser of the non-qualifiers, making it to the OT.

400 Meters Hurdles - September 11, 17.35 Hr

6	1. Geoff Vanderstock (Striders)	48.8/48.93	WR
5	2. Boyd Gittins (WSU)	49.1/49.27	
3	3. Ron Whitney (Striders)	49.2/49.36	
1	4. Tom Wyatt (Athens AC)	49.6/49.70	
4	5. Paddy McCrary (Cal)	50.0	
2	6. Jim Hardwick (Okla)	50.8	

Semi-finals: - first 3 qualify, September 10, 15.00 Hr

1/ 1. Vanderstock 49.2/49.34, 2. Whitney 49.3/49.44, 3. McCrary 49.6/49.68, 4. Andy Bell (American U) 49.7/49.78

2/ 1. Wyatt 49.3/49.47, 2. Gittins 49.5/49.65, 3. Hardwick 49.6/49.73, 4. Nick Lee (Balt OC) 49.7/49.87

Heats: - first 3 qualify, September 9, 15.00 Hr

1/ 1. Wyatt 49.6, 2. Whitney 50.0, 3. McCrary 50.3, 4. Bell 50.4, 5. Russ Rogers (GSB) 50.5

2/ 1. Vanderstock 49.8/49.98, 2. Gittins 50.0, 3. Lee 50.2, 4. Hardwick 50.8, 5. Bob Bornkessel (Shawnee-Mission HS, Kansas) 53.6

At the altitude of Echo Summit, the events most helped by the thin air were the 400m and 400mH. Two Americans (Vanderstock and Whitney) had dipped below 50.0 in 1968 before the OT venue was reached, but all 10 entrants ended up with seasonal bests of under 50-flat. Only two were eliminated in the first round - Russ Rogers, the veteran who ran a good 50.5 (only 13 non-Americans ran quicker in 1968) and Bornkessel, who had set a High School record of 49.8 a week earlier, but who fell at the last hurdle when heading for a 50.0 clocking. The non-qualifiers got quicker the next day. Andy Bell, third in the SOT, ran a lifetime best of 49.78 but was edged out by McCrary by a tenth of a second, while Nick Lee ran 49.87 but lost out to Tom Wyatt and the collegian duo of Gittins and Hardwick.

In the final, Gittins and Wyatt went out quickly, while Whitney was the slowest to start. Gittins was two yards clear as the athletes disappeared behind the trees, and was caught only after they emerged into view at the eight barrier. Vanderstock, who had been thought of as a future WR-holder three years earlier finally achieved his potential as he won going away by almost 3 yards from Gittins. The Washington State athlete had improved 1.4 seconds to claim the collegiate record and become #2 on the world all-time list. Behind him, Ron Whitney was going from last at the 8th hurdle to a strong third at the finish, though he was still behind the fading Wyatt at the last hurdle. His tactic of holding back was to hurt him in the Olympics when Boston U's David Hemery made up the stagger on him within 3 (!) hurdles on his way to breaking Vanderstock's record by 0.7. Vanderstock ended up 4th in 49.06, while Whitney was 6th (49.26). Gittins pulled a muscle training in Mexico City and did not start.

SOT - 400 Meters Hurdles - June 30

	1. Ron Whitney (Striders)	49.5/49.52
	2. Geoff Vanderstock (Striders)	49.6/49.62
	3. Andy Bell (American U)	50.2
	4. Jim Hardwick (Okla)	50.3
	5. Nick Lee (Balt OC)	50.5
	6. Tom Wyatt (Athens AC)	50.9
	7. Russ Rogers (Grand Street Boys)	51.0
	8. Paddy McCrary (Cal)	51.0

Heats: first 4 qualify, June 29

1/ 1. Lee 50.3, 2. Vanderstock 50.7, 3. Rogers 51.0, 4. McCrary 51.2, 5. Jim Miller (DC Gazelles) 51.7, 6. Val Schierling (Emp St) 52.9, 7. Larry Walls (SJS) 52.9, 8. Jeff Bennett (Okla Chr) 62.8

2/ 1. Whitney 50.3, 2. Wyatt 50.5, 3. Bell 50.9, 4. Hardwick 50.9, 5. Boyd Gittins (Wash St) 51.2, 6. Bob Bornkessel (Ks HS) 51.5, 7. John Kirry (C Wash) 52.8

Run-off: 1. Gittins 50.9, 2. Bornkessel 51.0, 3. Miller 52.0, 4. Schierling 52.2, 5. Bennett 52.2, 6. Walls 54.8, Kirry - dnf

AAU winner Whitney was favorite, but lagged a good 5 yards behind Vanderstock at the 8th hurdle. At that point he chopped his stride and dug in, catching Vanderstock on the run-in. An additional race was held to qualify Gittins and Bornkessel for the OT.

High Jump - September 16, 14.30 Hr

1. Ed Caruthers (PCC)	7'3"	(2.21)
2. Reynaldo Brown (Compton HS, Ca)	7'3"	(2.21)
3. Dick Fosbury (Or St)	7'3"	(2.21)
4. John Hartfield (HS)	7'2"	(2.185)
5. Ed Hanks (BYU)	6'10"	(2.083)
6. John Rambo (PCC)	6'10"	(2.083)
7. Mike Bowers (Ann Arbor TC)	6'10"	(2.083)
8. John Radetich (Or St)	6'8"	(2.03)
9. Stan Curry (Baylor)	6'8"	(2.03)
Otis Burrell (PCC)	No height	

Qualifying: Must clear 6'10", or top 9, September 15, 10.30 Hr: =1. Caruthers, Fosbury, Hartfield, =4. Burrell, Bowers, Rambo, =7. Brown and Radetich, 9. Curry, 10. Hanks all 6'9" (2.057), 11. Ted Downing (Miami/O) 6'7" (2.01).

The first surprise came when Otis Burrell, ranked in the world's top-4 from 1965-67, failed to clear his opening height of 6'11". After little (5'9) Ed Hanks, big (6'7) John Rambo and Mike Bowers all failed at 7'0" only four were left. All 4 cleared 7'1" first time. At 7'2" Hartfield took the lead when he cleared first time, and Caruthers and the amazing 17 year-old Brown went over second time. Dick Fosbury missed twice, and was faced with the prospect of having to clear 7'2" and 7'3" to make the team. The gangly Fosbury cleared by nearly 2 inches, and joined Caruthers and Brown in making 7'3" first time. Having led, Hartfield was suddenly fourth. He missed and not surprisingly was one of the most disappointed athletes in the '68 OT.

Fosbury, who developed his style of jumping when the shape of his back garden precluded straddle jumping, had improved from 6'7 1/2 in 1966 to 6'10 3/4" the following year, and amid much publicity for his seemingly bizarre technique of flying backwards over the bar, proceeded to win the NCAA indoors and outdoors, plus the SOT. In Mexico City he cleared every high first time until 7'4 1/4", which he made on his last attempt, to win from Caruthers (2.22m), while Brown placed 5th with 2.14m. He then had a close miss at a WR 2.29m (7'6 1/4), and enthralled the crowd. If, as Shakespeare wrote, "accident is the mother of invention", then the shape of Dick Fosbury's back garden was the accident which predestined world high jumping - as more than 99% of the world's top jumpers are now "Fosbury Floppers".

	2.08	2.13	2.16	2.18	2.21	2.235
Caruthers	o	o	o	xo	o	xxx
Brown	o	o	o	xo	o	xxx
Fosbury	o	o	o	xxo	o	xxx
Hartfield	o	o	o	o	xxx	

SOT - High Jump - June 30

1. Dick Fosbury (Or St)	7'1"	(2.16)
2. Ed Caruthers (PCC)	7'0"	(2.13)
3. John Rambo (PCC)	7'0"	(2.13)
3. Reynaldo Brown (Compton HS, Ca)	7'0"	(2.13)
5. Ed Hanks (BYU)	7'0"	(2.13)
6. Ted Downing (Miami/O)	7'0"	(2.13)
7. Otis Burrell (PCC)	6'10"	(2.08)
8. John Radetich (Or St)	6'10"	(2.08)

9. John Hartfield (HS) 6'10", =10. Frank Costello (Md), Randy Geyer (US-A), Ronnie Jourdan (Fla) and Ray McGill (Bakersfield JC) 6'8"

Dick Fosbury, with his then unique style, was an immense crowd pleaser in this event, taking the competition on his second attempt at

7'1" - the first being an unusual time fault. Both Carruthers and Brown had closes misses at 7'1".

Pole Vault - September 12, 12.30 Hr

1. Bob Seagren (USC)	17'9"	(5.41)	WR
2. John Pennel (Striders)	17'0"	(5.18)	
3. Casey Carrigan (Orting HS, Wa)	17'0"	(5.18)	
4. Dick Railsback (UCLA)	17'0"	(5.18)	
5. Jeff Chase (SCVYV)	16'6 3/4"	(5.05)	
5. Lester Smith (Miami/O)	16'6 3/4"	(5.05)	
- Andy Steben (Oxy)	No height		
- Jon Vaughn (UCLA)	Dnc		

Qualifying: 15'6" or top 8 qualify, September 10, 10.00 Hr: =1. Chase, Pennel, Railsback, Seagren, Vaughn 16'0" (4.87), 6. Carrigan 16'0 (4.87), 7. Smith 16'0" (4.87), 8. Steben 15'6" (4.72), 9. Mike Flanagan (Fla) 15'6" (4.72)

Bob Seagren was heavily favored to win, especially as Jon Vaughn and world record holder Paul Wilson were injured. Seagren made the team when he cleared 17'0" on his second attempt. At that point he was third behind veteran John Pennel, and Casey Carrigan the HS record holder, aged 17. Dick Railsback went over 17'0" on his second jump and found himself in 4th place. Only Seagren could clear 17'4, and 3 hours and two minutes after the competition began, Seagren cleared 17'9" on his first jump. He went on to win gold in Mexico City, while Pennel placed fifth.

	4.87	5.05	5.18	5.28	5.41	5.50
Seagren	o	xo	xo	xo	o	xxx
Pennel	o	o	o	xxx		
Carrigan	xo	o	o	xxx		
Railsback	o	xo	xo	xxx		
Chase	xo	xxo	xxx			
Smith	xo	xxo	xxx			

SOT - Pole Vault - June 29

1. Bob Seagren (USC)	17'4"	(5.28)
2. Jon Vaughn (UCLA)	17'4"	(5.28)
3. Jeff Chase (SCVYV)	16'6"	(5.03)
4. Dick Railsback (UCLA)	16'0"	(4.87)
5. Andy Steben (Oxy)	16'0"	(4.87)
6. Mike Flanagan (Fla)	16'0"	(4.87)
7. Casey Carrigan (Orting HS, Wa)	16'0"	(4.87)
8. Lester Smith (Miami/O)	16'0"	(4.87)

=9. Dennis Phillips (Or St) and Bob Slover (SJS) 15'6", ==1. Jim Eshelman (US-A) and Mel Hein (Striders) 15'6"

UCLA vaulters Vaughn and Railsback had won the NCAA and AAU, but crosstown rival Bob Seagren was expected to win the SOT - he did, but not without a great struggle. Both he and Vaughn cleared 16'0, 16'6", 17'0" and 17'4" at their first attempts, before missing at a WR 17'8". Neither could clear on a 4th try at 17'8", and Seagren won with his second successful jump at 17'4".

Long Jump - September 14

1. Bob Beamon (HS)	27'6 1/2"w	(8.39)
2. Ralph Boston (Striders)	27'1 1/4"w	(8.26)
3. Charles Mays (GSB)	26'9 1/4"w	(8.16)
4. Phil Shinnick (USAF)	26'6 1/2"	(8.09)
5. Jerry Proctor (Redlands)	26'2 1/2"w	(7.99)
6. Gayle Hopkins (Unat)	26'2 1/4"	(7.98)
7. Tom Chilton (Knox TC)	25'5 3/4"	(7.76)
8. Stan Whitley (Kansas)	25'4"	(7.72)
9. Bill Miller (Unat)	24'3"	(7.39)

Qualifying: 24'0" or top 8 qualify, September 13, 10.30 Hr: Shinnick 25'8" (7.82), Proctor 25'7" (7.79), Hopkins 25'6"w (7.77), Boston

25'0" (7.62), Whitley 24'9" (7.54), Mays 24'8 1/2" (7.53), Beamon 24'8 1/4" (7.52), Miller 24'7" (7.49), Chilton 24'3 1/4" (7.40)

The first round determined 2/3 of the team, as Ralph Boston jumped 27'1 1/4 with a 5.0 m/s wind and was followed by Beamon who launched out to 27'6 1/2 assisted by 3.2 m/s. Boston followed with a foul while Beamon had a legal 27'1 and the two of them called it a day. The battle for third was between the two men who had fought it out 4 years earlier. Phil Shinnick hit 26'6 1/2 in round two, and Charley Mays responded with 26'8w in the fourth round. Shinnick then jumped well beyond 27ft, but fouled and finished off with 2 jumps of 26'6, but Mays meanwhile had improved to 26'9 1/4 (4.0 m/s wind) to cement his place.

Beamon	8.39w/8.25 / p / p / p / p
Boston	8.26w/ f / p / p / p / p
Mays	7.94w/7.68 / f /8.12w/8.16w/7.84
Shinnick	7.72 /8.09 /7.93 / f /8.07 /8.07

SOT - Long Jump - June 29

1. Bob Beamon (HS)	26'8 3/4"	(8.14)
2. Gayle Hopkins (Unat)	25'8"	(7.82)
3. Jerry Proctor (Redlands)	25'2 3/4"	(7.69)
4. Phil Shinnick (USAF)	25'0 1/2"	(7.63)
5. Charles Mays (GSB)	24'10"	(7.57)
6. Stan Whitley (Kansas)	24'9"	(7.54)
7. Tom Chilton (Knox TC)	24'9"	(7.54)
8. Bill Miller (Unat)	24'4 1/4"	(7.42)

9. Stan Royster (Cal) 24'2 3/4" (7.38), 10. Jim Blaisdell (BYU) 24'0" (7.31), 11. Marion Anderson (SCVYV) 23'6 1/4" (7.16), 12. Bill Henry (WSU) 23'1 1/4" (7.04), 13. Freddy Fox (McMurry) 23'0 1/42 (7.01)

Bob Beamon continued his unbeaten season (11 competitions - average 26'10 1/4") with an easy win on his opening jump. It was the only 26 ft effort of the day, and without injured Ralph Boston was a somewhat lackluster affair.

Triple Jump - September 13, 15.00 Hr

1. Art Walker (Striders)	54'6 1/2"	(16.62)
2. Dave Smith (Athens AC)	53'0"	(16.15)
3. Norm Tate (NJ Astros)	52'6 1/4"	(16.01)
4. Darrell Horn (Athens AC)	52'0 3/4"	(15.87)
5. Eric Klein (Wash)	50'7 3/4"	(15.43)
6. Doug Ford (UCLA)	49'10 1/2"	(15.20)

Qualifying: 49'0" or top 6 qualify, September 12, 12.00 Hr: Walker 53'10" (16.41), Ford 50'3 1/4" (15.32), Klein and Smith 50'0" (15.24), Horn 48'10 3/4" (14.90), Tate 48'10" (14.89), Charles Craig (PCC) 47'3 3/4" (14.40)

Having been the only athlete to set a US record in the SOT (with a leap of 55'1 3/4), Art Walker was a hot favorite to make the team, and after leading the qualifying by more than a meter with 53'10, he took a safe first round jump. After his 3 fouls in the 1964 OT he was being extra careful, and although he took off behind the board on his second jump, he still managed 54'6 1/2. After a foul, he rested up for Mexico City, where he jumped 56'2w, beyond the listed WR...for 4th place, again taking off behind the take-off board. Muscular Dave Smith and Norm Tate, the former NCC sprinter, made the team by the end of the second round with 53'0" for Smith in round 2, after Tate hit 52'6 1/4 with his opening jump, taking off behind the board. Tate then injured himself in round 3, and didn't recover in time to make the OG final.

SOT - Triple Jump - June 30

1. Art Walker (Striders)	55'1 3/4"	(16.81) AR
2. Charles Craig (PCC)	53'9"	(16.38)
3. Norm Tate (NJ Astros)	52'11 3/4"	(16.14)
4. Dave Smith (Athens AC)	52'4 1/4"	(15.95)
5. Eric Klein (Wash)	51'5 1/4"	(15.67)
6. Darrell Horn (Athens AC)	50'11 3/4"	(15.53)
7. Henry Jackson (Wn Ky)	50'10 1/4"	(15.49)
8. Doug Ford (UCLA)	50'7"	(15.42)

9. Lincoln Jackson (SCVYV) 49'9 3/4" (15.18), 10. Steve Gough (Seattle Pacific) 48'8 1/4" (14.84), 11. Henry Granger (Pitt St) 48'5 3/4"

(14.78), 12. Bruce McDaniel (Wilberforce) 48'4 3/4" (14.75)

Charles Craig looked like the winner when he hit 53'5 1/4" and then 53'9", but then AAU champion Art Walker produced a jump of 54'4" in the third round, and then with a wind of +1.2m/s became the first American to jump 55'0" with 55'1 3/4" in round 5.

Shot Put - September 10, 15.30 Hr

1. George Woods (PCC)	68'0 1/4"	(20.73)
2. Dave Maggard (SCVYV)	67'4 1/4"	(20.53)
3. Randy Matson (HS)	67'1 1/4"	(20.45)
4. Karl Salb (Kansas)	65'7 1/4"	(19.99)
5. Neal Steinhauer (US-A)	64'8"	(19.71)
6. Ken Patera (Portland TC)	64'2 1/2"	(19.57)
7. Carl Wallin (US-A)	58'5 1/2"	(17.79)

Qualifying: 58'0" or top 6 qualify, September 9, 10.00 Hr: Maggard 62'2 1/2" (18.96), Matson 61'9 1/2" (18.83), Patera 60'11 1/2" (18.58), Woods 60'5 1/4" (18.42), Salb 60'0 3/4" (18.30), Steinhauer 59'5 1/2" (18.12), Wallin 58'4 1/2" (17.79)

At the end of 1969 "Track and Field News" ranked the best athletes of the decade, and the World's #3 and the USA's best was felt to be Randy Matson. Consider then that at the end of round 1 the order was: - 1. Woods 68'0 1/4", Maggard 67'4 1/4", Matson 65'7". Woods beat his previous best by almost a foot, while Maggard improved from 65'11" to ensure his Olympic team spot. Maggard credited veteran coach Brutus Hamilton for giving him the necessary inspiration. Matson responded to the challenge with 67'1 1/4" in round two, which was good enough to put him on his second Olympic team. Karl Salb moved to #2 on the world junior all-time list (behind Matson's 66' 3 1/4") with his 65'7 1/4", and was another to improve by over a foot. Neal Steinhauer, the world's number 2 man for the previous 3 seasons, had suffered a back injury in April, and had not quite recovered by the OT, and placed 5th with a mark good enough to make any other national squad.

Matson went on to win the Olympic title with 20.54m (67'4 3/4") from Woods, who put 20.12m (66'0 1/4").

Series:

Woods	68'0 1/4" - x - x - 67'2" - 67'8" - 67'5 3/4"	[20.73 - x - x - 20.47 - 20.62 - 20.56]
Maggard	67'4 1/4" - 65'6" - x - 64'11 3/4" - 64'1 1/2" - 64'11"	[20.53 - 19.96 - x - 19.81 - 19.54 - 19.79]
Matson	65'7" - 67'1 1/4" - 66'1 1/2" - x - 64'10" - x	[19.99 - 20.53 - 20.15 - x - 19.76 - x]
Salb	58'7 1/4" - 61'2 1/4" - 62'7 1/4" - 65'7 1/4" - 65'4 1/2" - 57'11"	[17.86 - 18.65 - 19.08 - 19.99 - 19.92 - 17.65]

SOT - Shot Put - June 29

1. Randy Matson (HS)	67'1"	(20.44)
2. Dave Maggard (SCVYV)	64'5 1/2"	(19.64)
3. George Woods (PCC)	62'8 3/4"	(19.12)
4. Roger Orrell (HS)	62'8 1/2"	(19.11)
5. Ken Patera (Portland TC)	59'2 1/2"	(18.04)
7. Carl Wallin (US-A)	58'4 1/2"	(17.79)
8. Karl Salb (Kansas)	58'2 1/4"	(17.74)

9. Clay Larson (Hayward St) 56'8 1/4" (17.28), 10. Dick Benka (Harv) 54'6 1/4" (16.62), 11. Russ Hodge (UCLA) 52'2 1/2" (15.91), 12. Jim Bagby (PV) 52'7 3/4"

The organisers of the meet supplied the shots, and the heaviest of them was 1/2 lb overweight. The event was delayed by an unnecessary opening ceremony and the throwers were thereafter listless. Matson produced just one effort beyond 65 ft, and Woods was well below usual form.

Discus Throw - September 11, 15.00 Hr

1. Jay Silvester (Smithfield, Utah)	207'6"	(63.25)
2. Gary Carlsen (Striders)	205'2"	(62.54)
3. Al Oerter (NYAC)	204'8"	(62.39)
4. Bill Neville (Unat)	192'3"	(58.60)
5. Rink Babka (Unat)	189'3"	(57.69)
6. Larry Kennedy (Athens TC)	183'8"	(55.98)
7. Tim Vollmer (Or St)	174'6"	(53.18)

Series:

Silvester	203'7" – 207'6" – x – 201'1" – x – 203'5"	[62.06 – 63.25 – x – 61.29 – x – 62.01]
Carlsen	205'2" – 204'0" – 177'7" – 199'9" – 196'3" – 187'0"	[62.54 – 62.19 – 54.11 – 60.88 – 59.82 – 57.01]
Oerter	201'2" – 204'8" – 197'11" – 202'11" – 192'10" – 201'2"	[61.31- 62.39 – 60.34 – 61.86 – 58.79 – 61.31]

Qualifying: top 7 qualify, September 10, 10.00 Hr: Oerter 201'6" (61.41), Silvester 200'7" (61.14), Carlsen 193'6" (58.99), Vollmer 185'4" (56.49), Babka 184'10" (56.34), Neville 180'1" (54.88), Kennedy 178'9" (54.48), Curt Harper (Striders) 171'4" (52.22)

Jay Silvester should have recognized the omens. Al Oerter had thrown in three OT events, and had never won, and had then proceeded to win three Olympic titles. Oerter here led the qualifiers, throwing 201'6" just 11" ahead of Silvester, but the world record holder threw a good 207'6" in the second round, after Gary Carlsen had led with an opening round 205'2". Oerter remained in an unthreatened third throughout the competition, with all six throws beyond the best of big (6'6/270) Bill Neville. In horrible weather conditions in Mexico City, the discus was suspended for 45 minutes and just one thrower continued to take practise throws. Almost as if he was gaining strength from his throwing, while the others kept dry, Oerter psychologically imposed himself on the others. In round three he hit a pb 212'6 1/2" and had two others beyond 210 ft, and won by nearly 6 ft to take his fourth Olympic title. Silvester and Carlsen placed 5th and 6th respectively.

SOT - Discus Throw - June 30

1. Jay Silvester (Smithfield, Utah)	205'4"	(62.59)
2. Al Oerter (NYAC)	197'10"	(60.30)
3. Gary Carlsen (Striders)	195'5"	(59.56)
4. Rink Babka (Unat)	193'5"	(58.96)
5. Larry Kennedy (Athens TC)	192'11"	(58.81)
6. Tim Vollmer (Or St)	188'5"	(57.44)
7. Bill Neville (Unat)	187'7"	(57.19)
8. Curt Harper (Striders)	183'8"	(55.98)

9. John Morton (Fla) 178'8" (54.46), Dave Weill (SCVYV) 178'5" (54.41), Glenn Passey (USAF) 177'0" (53.95), 12. Dick Drescher (Md) 172'11" (52.71)

Silvester had a warm-up of 216' and won the event with his first throw of 201'9", following it up with the winning throw in the next round. Oerter had 3 throws beyond 196'0", but never threatened Silvester.

Hammer Throw - September 13, 12.30 Hr

1. Ed Burke (Striders)	226'3"	(68.96)
2. Al Hall (NYAC)	220'5"	(67.18)
3. Hal Connolly (Striders)	213'8"	(65.13)
4. George Frenn (PCC)	210'1"	(64.03)
5. Bob Narcessian (RI)	207'6"	(63.25)
6. Wayne Pangburn (US-A)	199'2"	(60.71)
7. Jim Pryde (Santa Barbara AC)	196'1"	(59.77)

Qualifying: throw 200'0" or top 7 qualify, September 12, 10.00 Hr: Burke 221'9" (67.60), Connolly 214'5" (65.35), Frenn 210'6" (64.17), Narcessian 208'3" (63.47), Hall 204'7" (62.36), Pangburn 203'0" (61.88), Pryde 195'11" (59.72), Augie Zilincar (Monmouth, NJ) 184'4" (56.19)

The 3 throwers from the Tokyo team scored again, with only injured Hal Connolly under any threat. Connolly had been injured in a weightlifting accident a month earlier, and lagged behind George Frenn 209'6" to 209'9" in the first round, and only passed him in the fifth round with his 213'8". Both Burke and Hall had their top throws in the first round.

SOT - Hammer Throw - June 30

1. Ed Burke (Striders)	224'1"	(68.33)
2. Tom Gage (NYAC)	223'11"	(68.28)
3. Hal Connolly (Striders)	219'5"	(66.88)
4. George Frenn (PCC)	211'7"	(64.50)
5. Bob Narcessian (RI)	204'1"	(62.21)
6. Wayne Pangburn (US-A)	202'10"	(61.83)

Ed Burke, refusing to nurse a shoulder injury, threw hard after trailing Tom Gage (215'9") and Hal Connolly (215'8") early on with his opening 214'2". He hit 218'0" and then 224'1". Gage responded with 223'11" in the fifth round to set a PR and become an Olympic contender. He had to give that dream a pause, missing the OT after the death of his father.

Javelin Throw - September 12, 15.00 Hr

1. Mark Murro (Mesa CC)	263'9"	(80.39)
2. Frank Covelli (PCC)	259'0"	(78.95)
3. Gary Stenlund (Hocking Valley TC)	254'9"	(77.64)
4. Dave VanderGriend (Wn Wash)	239'1"	(72.86)
5. John Burns (Athens TC)	236'1"	(71.95)
6. Bob Lambert (USAF)	219'4"	(66.85)

Qualifying: throw 235'0" or top 6 qualify, September 11, 10.00 Hr: Covelli 255'10" (77.97), Stenlund 245'9" (74.90), Burns 239'5" (72.96), Murro 236'5" (72.05), VanderGriend 230'11" (70.38), Lambert 222'9" (67.89). Les Tipton (US-A) - Dnc

As Les Tipton was unable to throw, the qualifying was unnecessary. The 19 year old Murro and veteran Covelli trailed Stenlund until the closing stages of the competition. Murro took the lead in round five with 261'5", and both he and Covelli had their best throws in the final round. Murro was the only American to make the Olympic final where he finished a respectable ninth with 80.08m (262'8 1/2").

SOT - Javelin Throw - June 29

1. Frank Covelli (PCC)	257'9"	(78.56)
2. Gary Stenlund (Hocking Valley TC)	253'3"	(77.14)
3. Mark Murro (Mesa CC)	242'0"	(73.75)
4. Dave VanderGriend (Wn Wash)	241'0"	(73.44)
5. Bob Lambert (USAF)	233'7"	(71.19)
6. John Burns (Athens TC)	232'10"	(70.96)
7. Les Tipton (US-A)	232'5"	(70.84)
8. Roger Collins (Clemson)	229'8"	(70.00)

9. Frank Burgasser (Unat) 227'3" (69.26), 10. Dave Reiss (Md) 223'4" (68.07), 11. Carl O'Donnell (WSU) 215'3" (65.51), 12. Frank San Filippo (Cal/P Pom) 208'4" (63.50)

The wind played havoc with this competition; with strongly measured winds at ground level for some of the track events, the wind was more of a problem on high flying javelins, and as a result only 3 throws (Covelli's 257'9" + 253'8" and Stenlund's 253'3") reached beyond 250'

Decathlon - September 6/7

1. Bill Toomey (Striders)	8222
10.5/7.79/13.91/2.00/46.4/14.7/44.55/4.00/64.18/4:47.2	
2. Rick Sloan (UCLA)	7800
11.2/6.85/13.87/2.11/51.2/15.4/44.30/4.90/54.55/4:39.5	
3. Tom Waddell (US-A)	7706
11.0/7.22/13.87/2.03/49.8/14.8/42.90/4.10/60.52/5:05.9	
4. Jeff Bannister (NH)	7650
11.1/6.82/14.33/1.94/47.5/15.1/41.16/4.00/54.11/4:32.3	
5. Jeff Bennett (Oklahoma Christian)	7468
11.0/7.17/11.66/1.88/47.4/15.3/32.27/4.80/49.97/4:32.2	
6. Dave Buck (PCC)	7417
10.9/6.83/12.06/1.75/46.3/16.1/33.53/4.30/53.16/4:10.3	
7. Norm Johnston (Iowa Staters)	7317
10.8/6.80/13.14/1.88/49.3/14.6/39.73/3.80/47.10/4:44.1	
8. Dick Emberger (Athens TC)	7233
11.3/6.63/12.06/1.88/48.9/14.9/35.59/4.10/55.86/4:35.6	
9. Larry Melquiond (SJS)	7187
11.3/6.74/13.28/1.88/50.2/14.5/39.89/4.30/53.29/5:18.7	
10. Russ Hodge (UCLA)	7186

10.8/6.78/17.70/1.80/49.8/15.5/47.92/3.66/60.79/7:08.2	
11. Dave Thoreson (Striders)	7122
11.2/6.93/11.45/2.03/50.4/15.9/38.33/4.40/51.08/5:08.9	
12. John Warkentin (Fresno State)	5904
11.3/6.95/13.08/1.75/48.6/ -0-/42.77/3.90/52.96/ Dnf	

The AAU result - a complicating factor in the 1964 selection process, was ignored this time, as the first six there qualified for high altitude training, without precluding other competitors in the OT.

Bob Mathias, Milt Campbell and Rafer Johnson completed a total of 27 decathlons between them in their careers. Bill Toomey was competing in his 24th (of 38) at the OT. Unlike the aforementioned predecessors, Toomey did not achieve instant success, taking 5 years before he reached international class, just missing the '64 Olympic team. By 1966 he was one of the two best in the world (with Russ Hodge), and in Echo Summit he won handily, leading from the moment he clocked 10.5 in the 100. His top rival Russ Hodge was hoping to complete his first decathlon for two years, but pulled a thigh muscle in the hurdles, and eventually struggled bravely around the 1500m in an agonized 7:08.2 to finish 10th, having dropped 7 places in the last 3 events. Rick Sloan, the excellent jumper from UCLA, set a decathlon WR of 6'11 1/4" in the high jump, and vaulted a good 16'1" to help ensure his Olympic spot, while Tom Waddell filled out the Olympic squad with a pb 7600, improving his pre-1968 best of 6945, which had been set in 1960. He later went on to earn 6th place in Mexico City with another pb, ahead of Sloan's 7692 (7th), while Toomey set an Olympic record with his 8193.

WOMEN

Walnut, Ca. - August 24-25

100 Meters - August 25, 20.15 Hr (+1.9w)

1. Wyomia Tyus (TS)		11.3
2. Margaret Bailes (Or TC)	11.3-O	11.5
3. Barbara Ferrell (LAM)	11.4-O	11.6
4. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn A&m)		11.6
5. Iris Davis (TS)	11.6-O	11.7
6. Mattline Render (TS)	11.7-O	11.8
7. Diana Wilson (LAM)		11.8
8. Dee DeBusk (LAM)		12.0

Heats: First 4 qualify, 18.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Tyus 11.4w, 2. Ferrell 11.6, 3. Render 11.7, 4. DeBusk 11.9, 5. Karyn Dennis (Detroit TC) 11.9, 6. Janis Brown (Unat, Michigan) 11.9, 7. Janet Brown (HTC) 12.1, 8. Jenda Jones (Texas TC) 12.1, 9. Katheryn Jones (MDYF) 12.1 (+3.1w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Bailes 11.4, 2. Netter 11.5, 3. Wilson 11.7, 4. Davis 11.7, 5. Janet MacFarlane (SYTC) 11.9, 6. Georgia Johnson (MH) 12.0, 7. Irene Obera (Laurel TC) 12.1, 8. Ann Coleman (PH) 12.2, 9. Hazel Hughes (MDYF) 12.3w (+5.1w)

Tyus looked to be in irresistible form, as she won her heat by 2 yards, and then flowed away from the field to win by 2 yards taking revenge for her loss in the AAU the week before. Bailes, who had here been left on her blocks at the start, finished a yard clear of Ferrell, who was a torso width ahead of Netter and Davis. Tyus went on to become the only woman ever to retain an Olympic 100m title, running a WR 11.0/11.07 ahead of Ferrell 11.1/11.15, with Bailes 5th in 11.3. The 3 teamed up with Netter to run a WR 42.8/42.87 in the relay.

Tyus began to be noticed as a 15 year-old in 1961. Her progression and best marks were as follows:

1961	11.1y		11.08	1.2	1	OG	Mexico City	15 Oct 68
1962	11.0y		11.08w	2.7	1q2	OG	Mexico City	14 Oct 68
1963	10.9y/11.8, 11.7w		11.21	0.0	1h1	OG	Mexico City	14 Oct 68
1964	11.23 WR		11.23	0.3	1q1	OG	Tokyo	15 Oct 64
1965	10.3y WR, 11.1 WR	23.3	11.1m	0.2	1	v SU	Kiev	31 Jul 65
1966	10.5y, 11.5	23.7	11.1m		1		Mexico City	21 Apr 68
1967	10.5y, 11.3	23.4	11.35	0.0	1s2	OG	Mexico City	15 Oct 68
1968	11.08 WR	23.08	11.35w	3.3	1h5	OG	Tokyo	15 Oct 64
			11.40	1.4	1s2	OG	Tokyo	16 Oct 64

200 Meters - August 24, 20.40 Hr (+0.1w)

4	1. Margaret Bailes (Or TC)	23.5
5	2. Wyomia Tyus (TS)	23.7
3	3. Barbara Ferrell (LAM)	23.7
8	4. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn A&M)	23.9
6	5. Diana Wilson (LAM)	24.3
7	6. Karyn Dennis (Detroit TC)	24.5
2	7. Georgia Johnson (MH)	24.5
1	8. Ann Coleman (PH)	No time

Heats: First 4 qualify, 18.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Ferrell 23.5w, 2. Bailes 23.5, 3. Dennis 24.1, 4. Johnson 24.3, 5. Jenda Jones (Texas TC) 24.5, also ran: Hazel Hughes (MDYF) and Jane Burnett (SITC). Debra Wedgeworth and Liz Caldwell - Dnc (+2.1w)
- 2/ 1. Tyus 23.8, 2. Wilson 23.9, 3. Netter 24.3, 4. Coleman 24.7, 5. Janet Brown (HTC) 24.9, 6. Nancy Benson (Ph TC) 25.0, also ran: Kathy Jones (MDYF) and Judy Toeneboehn (Ozark TC). Esther Stroy -Dnc (+1.1w)

In a good 4-way race, Tyus led off the curve, but Bailes then took over, and won going away by 1 1/2 yards. Ferrell went past Netter in the closing stages for third place. All 3 made the Olympic final, with Ferrell 4th (22.92), Tyus 6th (23.08) and Bailes 7th (23.18). This was the first time in a meeting of this importance that the 200m was held before the short sprint.

400 Meters August 25, 20.35 Hr

3	1. Jarvis Scott (LAM)	53.5
8	2. Lois Drinkwater (Ph TC)	54.0
6	3. Esther Stroy (SI)	54.3
1	4. Nancy Shafer (Canton TC)	54.8
2	5. Madeline Manning (TS)	55.1
5	6. Jane Burnett (SI)	55.2
7	7. Terry Hull (KTC)	55.4
4	8. Gale Fitzgerald (Met C)	55.9

Heats: First 4 qualify, 17.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Stroy 55.0, 2. Drinkwater 55.4, 3. Manning 55.5, 4. Shafer 55.6, 5. Beth Hutson (Ohio TC) 55.7, 6. Delores Stoneback (SD) 56.3
- 2/ 1. Scott 54.3, 2. Fitzgerald 54.4, 3. Burnett 54.8, 4. Hull 55.3, 5. Janene Jatton (ATC) 55.4, 5. Joan Pirie (Orinda TC) 55.5, also ran: Judy Oliver (SD), Diedra Moore (ATC), Kathy Hammond (Mira Loma HS, Ca)

Kathy Hammond had run 53.4 in June, but had then suffered an injury, and was clearly unfit as she faded badly in her heat. Drinkwater blasted out from the gun in the final, and she was the leader until the 200 mark, when Scott caught her as both passed halfway in 24.7. Stroy was half a second back, and tied up a little less than Drinkwater in the last 100, failing to catch her by 1 1/2 yards. Scott won by 0.5 (less than half her 1.1 margin in the AAU the week before) from Drinkwater, with Stroy comfortably clear of Shafer. In Mexico, Scott placed 6th with a pb 52.7

800 Meters August 24, 21.05 Hr

	1. Madeline Manning (TS)	2:03.0
	2. Doris Brown (FTC)	2:03.0
	3. Jarvis Scott (LAM)	2:04.5
	4. Francie Kraker (Michigamms)	2:07.2
	5. Sara Beckord (HTC)	2:11.3
	6. Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms TC)	2:13.0
	7. Maria Stearns (Unat, Ca)	No time
	Vicki Foltz (FTC)	Dnf

Heats: First 4 qualify, 17.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Foltz 2:11.6, 2. Manning 2:13.2, 3. Scott 2:13.2, 4. Beckord 2:13.5, 5. Shelley Marshall (ATC) 2:14.0, also ran: Debbie Hancock (Ariz), Lori Schutt (Unat), Peggy Grinvalsky (ATC)
- 2/ 1. Kraker 2:15.0, 2. Brown 2:15.2, 3. Toussaint 2:15.6, 4. Stearns 2:15.9, 5. Cis Schafer (ML) 2:15.9, also ran: Goya, Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL), Jane Hill (Fr TC)

Kraker went out quickly, passing 200m in 27.5, which was clearly too quick, and by 400 it was Manning in the lead in 58.9. Brown took the lead in the third quarter of the race as she had done the week prior in the AAU, but this time, instead of winning by 15 yards, she had a battle. Scott was with her in 1:32 at 600m, and as Scott tired, her place was taken by Manning. The two battled down the finishing straight, with Manning just pipping Brown. The time of 2:03.0 was good, though 1.4 off Manning's year-old US record. That lasted only until Mexico, when Manning scored an upset victory in 2:00.92, while Brown was a solid 5th in 2:03.9.

80 Meters Hurdles August 24, 20.15 Hr (+0.1w)

1. Mamie Rallins (MDYF)		11.0
2. Patty van Wolvelaere (ATC)	11.1-O	11.3
3. Janene Jatton (ATC)	11.2-O	11.3
4. Jenny Otto (Chicago Hts TC)	11.2-O	11.4
5. Judy Dyer (Unat, Illinois)	11.2-O	11.4
6. Janis Brown (Unat, Michigan)	11.4-O	11.5
7. Janis Glotzer (Ph TC)		11.8
8. Pat Hawkins (Atoms TC)		11.9

Heats: First 4 qualify, 18.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. van Wolvelaere 10.9w, 2. Dyer 11.0, 3. Hawkins 11.4, 4. Glotzer 11.4, 5. Dianne Spangler (CCS) 11.6, 6. Carol Thompson (Delaware TC), 7. Barbara Johnson (ATC), 8. Cherrie Sherrard (Laurel TC) 15.8 (+3.1w)
- 2/ 1. Rallins 10.9w, 2. Jatton 11.2, 3. Otto 11.3, 4. Brown 11.4, 5. Diane Vann (Topeka Cosmos) 11.5, 6. Debbie Lansky (Wolverine Parkettes) 11.7, Deanne Kurth (Laurel TC) Dnf, Nancy Benson (Ph TC) Dnc (+2.1w)

Cherrie Sherrard, who had run 10.5 in 1967, was recovering from a stay in hospital, and was clearly in pain in her heat. The final was a battle between van Wolvelaere and Rallins, who had won a dubious decision over Chi Cheng in the AAU. Rallins got out well, and was never threatened; indeed, it was van Wolvelaere who was almost caught on the line by her teammate Jatton. Rallins ran 10.6 in the Olympics, just missing the final, but van Wolvelaere ran a fine 10.5/10.60 for 4th in the final.

High Jump - August 25

1. Sharon Callahan (CCTC)	5'7 1/4"	(1.705)
2. Eleanor Montgomery (TS)	5'7 1/4"	(1.705)
3. Estelle Baskerville (TS)	5'6"	(1.675)
4. Vann Boswell (Detroit TC)	5'6"	(1.675)
5. Diane Waters (Fr TC)	5'4"	(1.625)
6. Francis Bush (Staten Island AC)	5'4"	(1.625)

Teresa Thrasher (Utopia, Tx), Pat Winslow (CCTC), Franzetta Parham (Unat, Ca) - no height.

Montgomery led to the winning height, but Callahan cleared first time to Montgomery's second time clearance. Baskerville got the nod over Boswell for third because the competition was held under AAU rules. Both had 2 failures, but Boswell had failed once at 5'2" then made 5'4" first time, while Baskerville cleared 5'4" second time (both made 5'6" on their second jumps). Teammates Montgomery and Baskerville made their second Olympic teams, but on this occasion neither made the Olympic final, and the same was true for Callahan.

Long Jump - August 24

1. Martha Watson (TS)	21'0 3/4"	(6.42)
2. Willye White (MDYF)	21'0"	(6.40)
3. Barbara Emerson (CCTC)	19'1 1/2"	(5.83)
4. Pat Winslow (CCTC)	18'11"	(5.77)
5. Janet MacFarlane (SYTC)	18'10 1/2"	(5.75)
6. Barbara Brown (NYPAL)	18'10 1/4"	(5.75)

7. Vikki Lind (Unat)	18'4 1/2"	(5.60)
8. Jane Phineas (Long Beach Comets)	17'9 1/2"	(5.42)
9. Pat Richardson (MDYF)	17'8"	(5.39)

10. Carol Thompson (Delaware TC) 17'6 3/4" (5.35), 11. Shirley Lenyoun (SDTC) 17'4 1/2" (5.29), 12. Cathy Hamblin (Unat) 16'9 3/4" (5.12)

Martha Watson jumped 21'0 3/4" her lifetime best, and needed it to stay ahead of White who reached 21'0" in the fifth round. In the next division down Winslow led the race for 3rd until the last round when the national girls' champion Emerson reached 19'1 1/2", which was around 20' from toe to heel. Only the first 2 were selected for Mexico City, where they finished 10th (Watson 6.20m) and 11th (White 6.08m)

Shot Put - August 24

1. Maren Seidler (Shore AC)	50'1 3/4"	(15.28)
2. Lynn Graham (LAM)	46'0 1/2"	(14.03)
3. Sharon Shepherd (Unat, Georgia)	45'7"	(13.89)
4. Pauline Thomas (ATC)	45'2"	(13.76)
5. Carmelita Capilla (ML)	44'5"	(13.53)
6. Leslie Gleismann (Santa Ynez TC)	42'5 1/2"	(12.98)
7. Pat Winslow (CCTC)	41'7"	(12.67)
8. Joan Whitehead (NJ Striders)	41'1 1/2"	(12.53)

9. Denise Wood (NJ Striders) 40'11 3/4" (12.48), 10. Beth Smith (Oregon TC) 40'5 3/4" (12.33), 11. Lynette Matthews (FTC) 39'8 1/2" (12.10)

Maren Seidler was the only selection for the Olympics, and here approached her pb of 50'3 1/2" with her winning throw of 50'1 3/4". She placed 11th in Mexico with 14.86m (48'9")

Discus Throw - August 25

1. Olga Connolly (CCTC)	175'0"	(53.35)
2. Carol Moseke (Neb TC)	166'5"	(50.72)
3. Nancy Norberg (Unat, Ca)	152'7"	(46.50)
4. Sharon Shepherd (Unat, Georgia)	150'6"	(45.87)
5. Helen Thayer (FTC)	149'11"	(45.69)
6. Linda Langford (ML)	147'10"	(45.06)
7. Ranee Kletchka (Neb TC)	146'4"	(44.60)

Olga Connolly produced her best throw since winning the 1956 Olympic final when taking the OT with 175'0", and Carol Moseke approached her pb of 167'3". Connolly later in the year set a US record of 178'5", after a placing of 6th in Mexico City.

Javelin Throw - 25 August

1. Barbara Friedrich (Shore AC)	177'5"	(54.08)
2. Sherry Calvert (SCM)	160'7"	(48.95)
3. RaNae Bair (SDL)	158'0"	(48.16)
4. Barbara Pickel (ML)	149'7"	(45.59)
5. Kate Schmidt (Long Beach Comets)	148'4"	(45.21)
6. Jean Sweeney (Ohio TC)	147'2"	(44.86)

Friedrich was heavily favored after Bair suffered a hamstring pull at the AAU a week earlier, and she repeated her national championship win. Second placed Calvert did not have a qualifying throw for Mexico, so only 2 throwers went. Friedrich placed 9th with 53.44m (175'4"), and Bair ended up 11th a foot behind with 53.14m (174'4"). Kathy Schmidt had won the national girls title 10 days earlier, but the 14 year-old would have needed a pb to qualify for the team.

Pentathlon - Columbia, Missouri, August 3/4

1. Chi Cheng (TAIWAN)	4823
10.6/11.14/1.48/6.24/23.7	
2. Pat Winslow (CCTS)	4481
11.9/13.31/1.63/5.50/26.7	

3. Barbara Emerson (CCTC)		4327	
	11.9/11.37/1.58/5.66/25.1		
4. Janis Glotzer (Ph TC)		4319	
	11.4/11.11/1.53/5.79/25.5		
5. Cathy Hamblin (Albuquerque TC)		4319	
	11.8/10.56/1.48/5.70/25.2		
6. Marilyn King (ML)		4262	
	11.7/11.10/1.48/5.34/25.5		
7. Barbara Brown (NYPAL)		4231	
	11.9/12.86/1.41/5.52/26.5		
8. Nancy Benson (Ph TC)		4154	
	11.6/11.31/1.41/5.53/25.0		
9. Jan Svendsen	4102	17. Judy Toeneboehn	3615
10. Diane Spangler	4013	18. Jean Femniak	3402
11. Connie Peterson	3996	19. Barbara Bates	3159
12. Jenny Otto	3966	20. Allene Scott	3107
13. Ann Poulos	3900	21. Patti Jones	2975
14. Gail Davis	3815	22. Kay Aubrecht (4)	2704
15. Jan Conner	3778	23. Linda Binggeli (3)	2245
16. Cynthia Anderson	3660	24. Jessie Wood (4)	2207

American pentathletes went to Columbia chasing Olympic team places and the Mexico qualifying standard of 4600, and watched as US resident, but Taiwan citizen, Chi Cheng ran up a score of 4823. It was not until September that any American reached the standard, and then Winslow and the 4th American in the OT - Cathy Hamblin both scored over 4700. Winslow went on to score a fine 4877 to place 6th in the Olympics, while Hamblin scored 4330 in 24th place.