

1972

MEN

Eugene, Or. - June 29 to July 9

The success of Eugene as a host to the OT can be gauged by the fact that it was to be the venue of the meeting until Los Angeles rehearsed for the Olympics in 1984. World records were equaled in the 100m and 800m, while Bob Seagren set a vault record for the second time in a trials meeting. For the first time athletes could really concentrate on the trials without having to qualify through other meetings, being required only to meet the relevant minimum standard for their event.

100 Meters - July 1, 19.52 Hr (+0.9w)

1. Eddie Hart (BAS)	9.9 =WR	
2. Rey Robinson (Florida A&M)	9.9 =WR	(+0.02)
3. Robert Taylor (TSU)	10.0	(+0.05)
4. Gerald Tinker (Kent TC)	10.1	(+0.10)
5. Warren Edmondson (UCLA)	10.1	(+0.17)
6. Marshall Dill (Mich St)	10.1	(+0.21)
7. Jon Young (USAF)	10.1	(+0.21)
8. Norbert Payton (BAS)	10.2	(+0.32)

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, July 1, 17.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Robinson 9.9w, 2. Payton 9.9, 3. Edmondson 9.9, 4. Hart 9.9, 5. Willie Deckard (USC) 9.9, 6. Steve Riddick (Norfolk St) 10.1, 7. Mel Pender (US-A) 10.1, 8. Harrington Jackson (UTEP) 10.1 (+4.7w)
- 2/ 1. Tinker 10.0w, 2. Dill 10.0, 3. Taylor 10.1, 4. Young 10.1, 5. Herb Washington (Mich St) 10.1, 6. Ivory Crockett (Sn Ill) 10.1, 7. James Amerison (Lincoln) 10.1, 8. Larry Burton (Purdue) 10.1 (+3.5w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 30, 18.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Edmondson 10.1w, 2. Hart 10.1, 3. Riddick 10.2, 4. Jackson 10.2, 5. Bobby Turner (Cal Int) 10.2, 6. Ralph Lignons (Sacramento St) 10.3, 7. Ben Vaughan (Fla TC) 10.4 (+3.6w)
- 2/ 1. Robinson 10.2w, 2. Payton 10.2, 3. Deckard 10.3, 4. Pender 10.3, 5. John Pettus (SF St) 10.3, 6. Al Hearvey (Or) 10.3, 7. William Miller (Unat) 10.3, 8. Willie McGee (Alcorn A&M) 10.6 (+2.4w)
- 3/ 1. Dill 10.0w, 2. Washington 10.0, 3. Crockett 10.1, 4. Amerison 10.1, 5. Bob Ware (Cuyahoga CC) 10.1, 6. Earl Harris (US-A) 10.2, 7. John Mays (Or) 10.2, 8. Delano Meriwether (Unat) 10.4 (+2.3w)
- 4/ 1. Taylor 9.9w, 2. Tinker 10.1, 3. Young 10.1, 4. Burton 10.2, 5. Charlie Greene (US-A) 10.2, 6. Hal Porter (SW La) 10.2, 7. Herb Kline (USAF) 10.3, 8. Dennis Walker (Adelphi) 10.5 (+3.8w)

Heats - first 5, plus 1 fast loser, qualify, June 30, 13.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jackson 10.0w, 2. McGee 10.1, 3. Taylor 10.1, 4. Crockett 10.1, 5. Lignons 10.3, 6. Miller 10.3, 7. Gus Brisco (Ariz) 10.4 (+3.7w)
- 2/ 1. Robinson 10.0, 2. Hart 10.1, 3. Ware 10.2, 4. Young 10.2, 5. Pender 10.3, 6. Dave Gilliard (CPP) 10.3, 7. Ken Curl (Stan) 10.3 (+3.9w)
- 3/ 1. Dill 10.1w, 2. Edmondson 10.1, 3. Deckard 10.1, 4. Kline 10.1, 5. Harris 10.2, 6. Kirk Clayton (BAS) 10.2 (+6.1w)
- 4/ 1. Burton 10.1w, 2. Hearvey 10.2, 3. Riddick 10.2, 4. Meriwether 10.3, 5. Walker 10.3, 6. Jim Green (PPC) 10.6 (+3.6w)
- 5/ 1. Tinker 10.1, 2. Amerison 10.1, 3. Turner 10.1, 4. Payton 10.1, 5. Greene 10.1, 6. Gene Pouncy 10.1w (+3.7w)
- 6/ 1. Washington 10.1, 2. Porter 10.2, 3. Pettus 10.2, 4. Vaughan 10.2, 5. Mays 10.3, 6. Anthony Ambush (MSM) 10.4 (+3.5w)

For the first time since 1952 there was no clear favorite to make the team. UCLA's Warren Edmondson had won the NCAA with 4 other Americans sharing his time of 10.1, and Robert Taylor had taken the AAU title in 10.2 from Cal's footballer Isaac Curtis, who did not appear for the trials. In the heats Gene Pouncy ran 10.1 for sixth in his heat and was eliminated despite running the same time as the winner ! In all, 18 men ran 10.1w or better in the first round, and 27 of the 38 starters ran 10.2 or better. One curiosity in the first round was the initial disqualification of Willie McGee for moving into Ivory Crockett's lane. Crockett asked that McGee be reinstated as he hadn't been prevented from qualifying, and McGee duly passed on to the quarter-finals.

Charlie Greene ran 10.2w in his quarter-final, but was bumped out by novice Larry Burton, and the '71 AAU winner on this track - the haematologist in swimming trunks and hospital shirt - Dr Delano Meriwether, finished last in the next race. The standard became more intense in the semis, as Willie Deckard ran 9.9w and didn't make the final, being edged out of the final place by Eddie Hart. The 1970 NCAA winner had withdrawn from the AAU after a muscle strain, so was a surprising qualifier for the final. The winner, also in 9.9, was startling Rey Robinson, who had been injured most of the time since 1969. Tinker won the other semi-final in 10.0w, and eliminated in this round were two-time Olympian Mel Pender (aged 34) and Ivory Crockett - twice AAU winner.

In the final Robinson and little Norbert Payton got out well, while the untidy Edmondson was off slowly and never in the fight; Payton faded, but Robinson did not, and Hart caught him only at the 80 meter mark, eventually beating him by about 6 inches, with Taylor edging out Tinker for the third spot. Hart had run 9.9 to equal the world record, but there was no fully-automatic timer in operation, so it's difficult to gauge just how quick Hart ran. The hand started Data-timer showed 9.88 suggesting a time of around 10.10. Both Hart and Robinson were destined to miss their Olympic quarter-finals. There was much speculation as to how they would have fared against Borzov in Munich. It's likely that they would have lost to him, as Larry Black the fine 200m man did in his event, and that Hart would probably have taken silver. A guide can be given by the fact that Taylor finished 0.10 behind Borzov in Munich (and 0.09 behind him when running a lifetime best 10.16 in the quarter-final), but only lost to Hart's 9.9 WR by 0.05 seconds.

200 Meters - July 8, 19.45 Hr (-0.5w)

4	1. Chuck Smith (SCS)	20.4
5	2. Larry Burton (Purdue)	20.5
1	3. Larry Black (NCC)	20.6
7	4. Marshall Dill (Mich St)	20.6
6	5. Willie Deckard (USC)	20.7
8	6. Harold Williams (UTEP)	20.8
3	7. Harrington Jackson (UTEP)	21.0
2	8. Leon Brown (USC)	21.1

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, July 8, 17.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Burton 20.6, 2. Dill 20.8, 3. Brown 20.9, 4. Deckard 20.9, 5. Ben Vaughan (Fla TC) 20.9, 6. Warren Edmondson (UCLA) 21.0, 7. Steve Riddick (Norfolk St) 21.1, 8. Earl Harris (US-A) (-2.4w)
- 2/ 1. Smith 20.5, 2. Black 20.8, 3. Jackson 20.9, 4. H. Williams 20.9, 5. Al Hearvey (Or) 20.9, 6. Dennis Walker (Adelphi) 21.0, 7. Dennis Schultz (Okla St) 21.2, 8. William Miller (Unat) 21.7 (-3.8w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, July 7, 17.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Vaughan 20.8, 2. Smith 20.8, 3. Edmondson 20.9, 4. Riddick 20.9..Jerry Bright (US-A) 20.9dq (5th) (0.0w)
- 2/ 1. Burton 20.5, 2. Brown 20.8, 3. Schultz 20.9, 4. Miller 20.9, 5. John Pettus (SF St) 20.9 (0.0w)
- 3/ 1. Jackson 20.8, 2. Walker 20.9, 3. Williams 21.0, 4. Hearvey 21.1, 5. R. Williams (BAS) 21.3 (+0.3w)
- 4/ 1. Black 20.4, 2. Deckard 20.9, 3. Dill 21.2, 4. Harris 21.3, 5. Bill Cuffee (Norfolk State) 21.3 (0.0w)

Heats - first 5, plus 1 fast loser, qualify, July 7, 12.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Smith 20.4, 2. Black 20.7, 3. Brown 21.2, 4. Miller 21.3, 5. Edmondson 21.4, 6. Vince Bredell (Mesa JC) 21.4..Jim Kemp (SCS) Dnf (-0.7w)
- 2/ 1. Deckard 21.2, 2. Vaughan 21.3, 3. Dill 21.3, 4. Williams 21.3, 5. Hearvey 21.3, 6. James Rudasill (Brown) 21.5, 7. Don Webster (PPC) 21.7 (-0.6)
- 3/ 1. Burton 20.8, 2. Walker 21.0, 3. Riddick 21.2, 4. Bright 21.3, 5. Harris 21.3, 6. Mark Lutz (Kansas) 21.5, 7. Joe Pouncy (SMU) 21.5 (-4.2w)
- 4/ 1. Jackson 21.0, 2. Schultz 21.0, 3. Williams 21.2, 4. Cuffee 21.3, 5. Pettus 21.5, 6. Willie Turner (Cal Int) 21.3, 7. Steve Williams (UTEP) 21.7 (-0.4w)

The early season star had been Steve Williams, the UTEP freshman who had run 9.3y/20.3y/45.7y before injury. He was last in his heat behind Willie Turner, the world's best in 1970. With Jerry Bright and Ben Vaughan also shut out of the final eight, the field shaped up as highly inexperienced, emphasized by the presence of Larry Burton, the big (6'2/192) wide receiver from Purdue, who had never stepped on a track until the spring of '72.

The favorites in the final were Smith, the AAU champion, Burton and Dill, the big Michigan State freshman. Black was hindered by drawing lane 1, and thought to be out of things. Smith led from the gun, and won by over a yard from Burton; Black trailed Dill into the straight but his 440y strength (43.8 relay) helped him into third place. He was to draw the inside lane again in Munich, and

responded by running a terrific 20.19 for second behind Borzov's 20.00. He went on to run the 3rd leg in the winning 400m relay squad. Black's 20.19 was to be the best at low altitude from lane 1 until the 1992 OT. Smith only began running seriously in 1970 going from 10.0y/22.1y to 9.4/20.7 in one season. In Munich he ran 20.55 in 5th, one place behind Burton (20.37).

400 Meters - July 9, 19.15 Hr

8	1. Wayne Collett (SCS)	44.1
3	2. John Smith (UCLA)	44.3
5	3. Vince Matthews (BOHAA)	44.9
6	4. Lee Evans (BAS)	45.1
1	5. Maurice Peoples (Ariz St)	45.3
4	6. Tommie Turner (SI)	45.4
7	7. Fred Newhouse (US-A)	45.4
2	8. Curtis Mills (PPC)	45.4

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, July 7, 19.30 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Newhouse 44.2, 2. Matthews 44.8, 3. Smith 45.2, 4. Peoples 45.3 5. James Redd (Southern) 46.9, 6. Steve Jordan (Ky St) 46.9
<u>2/</u>	1. Collett 44.8, 2. Evans 45.0, 3. Turner 45.2, 4. Mills 45.2, 5. Larance Jones (NEMo St) 45.9, 6. Tom Ulan (NYAC) 46.0

Quarter-finals - first 3 qualify, July 7, 13.20 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Matthews 46.4, 2. Peoples 46.5, 3. Jordan 47.1...Vince Buford (Or) 47.8dq
<u>2/</u>	1. Turner 45.3, 2. Collett 46.0, 3. Mills 46.3, 4. Hugh Brown (SCS) 46.8
<u>3/</u>	1. Newhouse 45.2, 2. Jones 45.8, 3. Redd 46.1, 4. Larry James (BOHAA) 46.4
<u>4/</u>	1. Evans 45.4, 2. Smith 45.4, 3. Ulan 46.2, 4. Kermit Bayless (Hay St) 47.3

Heats - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, July 6, 19.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Peoples 45.7, 2. Smith 45.7, 3. James 47.1, 4. Brown 48.0, 5. Tom Cantrell (Okla) 49.6
<u>2/</u>	1. Turner 45.6, 2. Redd 46.4, 3. Evans 46.8, 4. Buford 47.0, 5. Dale Gibson (Miss St) 47.6
<u>3/</u>	1. Newhouse 45.4, 2. Collett 46.1, 3. Jordan 46.6, 4. Bayless 46.7, 5. Greg Daughtry (BOHAA) 47.5
<u>4/</u>	1. Ulan 46.2, 2. Matthews 46.4, 3. Mills 46.9, 4. Jones 47.4, 5. Clyde McPherson (Adelphi) 47.7

Larry James, not the force he had been in 1968, was the principal big name eliminated from the heats. Fred Newhouse, whose 44.2 in his semi-final equaled the best ever mark at low altitude (John Smith's 44.5y in the '71 AAU) appeared to be the man in form, and drawn in lane 7 he was able to key in on Wayne Collett, winner of the other semi in 44.8 who drew lane 8. Smith, the NCAA champion (44.5) on the same track, and AAU winner Lee Evans were the other key factors, with Matthews and Mills the outside chances. Newhouse got out like a rabbit and burned the first 200 in a remarkable 20.6, with Collett and Smith level in 21.2, Matthews on 21.4 and Evans lagging a little at 21.6. The two UCLA men, Smith on the pole lane and Collett on the outside, began to close on Newhouse, and they passed him just before 300m. Matthews flowed smoothly past the now struggling Newhouse and the war against the rigor mortis which afflicts 400m men in the closing stages was on. Collett lost the battle best of all, beating Smith by just over a yard with Matthews 4 yards back holding on to third ahead of Evans, who closed well as usual. Evans, who had been suffering from leg injuries through 1972 lost out for once, but still made the ill-fated relay team ahead of Peoples who finished fastest of all. Newhouse, who had been the fastest man in each round, eventually struggled home in 45.4 just behind Tommie Turner and inches ahead of Curtis Mills. Matthews, who had been the #2 man in the world in 1967 and then failed to make the '68 individual team, gained full satisfaction when he went on to a scintillating win in Munich with 44.66 ahead of Collett's 44.80, before both were suspended for disrespectful behavior on the victory podium, which seemed a foolish overreaction by the authorities. John Smith failed to finish in the final, and so the USA was left with only 3 possible selections for the 4-man relay, and thus withdrew.

800 Meters - July 1, 20.00 Hr

1.	Dave Wottle (BG)	1:44.3 =WR
2.	Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	1:45.0
3.	Ken Swenson (US-A)	1:45.1
4.	Jim Ryun (CW)	1:45.2
5.	Ron Phillips (Ill)	1:45.3
6.	Rick Brown (Cal)	1:45.4
7.	Marcel Philippe (Fordham)	1:46.0

8. Tommy Fulton (TSU)

1:47.3

Semi-finals: - First 4 qualify, June 30, 19.00 Hr

1/ 1. Ryun 1:47.3, 2. Philippe 1:47.4, 3. Wottle 1:47.4, 4. Brown 1:47.5, 5. Ken Sparks (UCTC) 1:47.6, 6. Rob Mango (Ill) 1:47.9, 7. Tom Bach (Nwn) 1:48.3, 8. Bob Smith (LSU) 1:52.0

2/ 1. Wohlhuter 1:47.2, 2. Swenson 1:47.2, 3. Phillips 1:47.3, 4. Fulton 1:47.4, 5. Tom Von Ruden (PCC) 1:48.0, 6. Steve Straub (Husky SC) 1:48.8, 7. John Mock (Husky SC) 1:53.0, 8. Juris Luzins (USMC) 1:55.4

Heats: - First 4 qualify, June 29, 18.00 Hr

1/ 1. Ryun 1:48.7, 2. Brown 1:49.1, 3. Philippe 1:49.3, 4. Sparks 1:49.3, 5. Mark Winzenried (CW) 1:49.4, 6. Ken Schappert (Vill) 1:49.7, 7. Lowell Paul (UCTC) 1:51.2

2/ 1. Fulton 1:48.3, 2. Swenson 1:48.6, 3. Luzins 1:49.1, 4. Mock 1:49.4, 5. Ken Popejoy (Mich St) 1:49.5, 6. Tony Waldrop (NC) 1:49.8

3/ 1. Wohlhuter 1:49.2, 2. Straub 1:49.3, 3. Phillips 1:49.5, 4. Von Ruden 1:49.6, 5. Wilbur Hawkins (Tenn) 1:49.9, 6. Clay Lowrey (Or St) 1:50.8, 7. Mike Mosser (WV) 1:51.8

4/ 1. Wottle 1:49.8, 2. Mango 1:49.9, 3. Bach 1:50.1, 4. Smith 1:50.2, 5. Steve Bence (Or) 1:51.0, 6. Art Sandison (Cougar TC) 1:51.5, 7. Willie Thomas (Tenn) 1:52.9

This was a superb 800m race, one of those which leaves the watchers drained from the emotion of it, and followed a series of surprises. The fastest American of 1972, front-running Mark Winzenried, was outkicked by 3 men in the first heat won from the front by resurging Jim Ryun. Another front runner Tommy Fulton was the fastest man (with 1:48.3) in the heats. The seeding worked well in the semis with the 8 fastest times split 4-4 between the two semi-finals, with Ken Sparks the fastest non-qualifier on 1:47.6.

Fulton set the pace in the final, passing 200 in 25.2, and went past the bell in 52.0, with Wottle at the back of the pack in 52.9. Ryun suddenly kicked with 300m to go, drawing Swenson and Wottle with him, and leaving a gap to the slender Wohlhuter. Ryun's fifth 100 was run in a too fast 11.5, and his third metric furlong took 24.8. Only Wottle was able to stay with Ryun, and the two of them were 5 meters clear of Swenson as they entered the finishing straight. Wottle held form well and moved ahead, as the others began to close in on Ryun. Wohlhuter and then Swenson passed the tiring Ryun, who fought back unavailingly. Wottle won by 6 yards, but there was less than 4 yards between 2nd and 6th, with Ryun, Ron Philips and Rick Brown losing out. Only Swenson and Ryun failed to set a pb, and from a larger perspective, it was the first race to produce more than 2 men at 1:45.5 or better...6 men managing 1:45.4 !

Wottle's fine negative split (52.9 first lap, 51.4 second) suggested that he was capable of 1:43 in the heat of competition, but this was to remain his PR and the first 800m WR in any championship since Britain's Tommy Hampson won the 1932 Olympic title.

1500 Meters - July 8, 19.00 Hr

1. Jim Ryun (CW) 3:41.5

2. Dave Wottle (BG) 3:42.3

3. Bob Wheeler (Duke) 3:42.4

4. Jerome Howe (KS) 3:43.0

5. Howell Michael (USMC) 3:43.0

6. Bruce MacDonald (WVTC) 3:43.8

7. Reggie McAfee (NC) 3:44.1

8. Bruce Fischer (Syr) 3:45.2

9. Jere Van Dyk (CW) 3:45.7, 10. Cliff West (Cal) 3:47.8, Willie Eashman (Hay St) - Dnf, Joe Savage (Man) - Dnc

Semi-finals: - First 4 qualify, July 7, 20.05 Hr

1/ 1. Howe 3:44.7, 2. Wottle 3:44.7, 3. Van Dyk 3:45.1, 4. Eashman 3:45.9, 5. Alan Walker (Wich St) 3:46.2, 6. Lowell Paul (UCTC) 3:46.3, 7. Jim Crawford (US-A) 3:48.1, 8. Mike Durkin (Ill) 3:50.1

2/ 1. Ryun 3:42.2, 2. Wheeler 3:42.9, 3. Fischer 3:44.0, 4. Savage 3:44.8, 5. Tom Bach (Nwn) 3:45.3, 6. Jim Gorman (Or TC) 3:47.6, 7. Dave Roberts (Unat) 3:48.4

3/ 1. Michael 3:43.2, 2. McAfee 3:43.9, 3. MacDonald 3:44.4, 4. West 3:44.9, 5. Tom Von Ruden (PCC) 3:45.2, 6. Ken Popejoy (Mich St) 3:48.8, 7. Larry Rose (PCC) 3:53.4

Heats: - July 6, 20.10 Hr

1/ 1. MacDonald 3:43.6, 2. Van Dyk 3:45.2, 3. Paul 3:45.9, 4. Howe 3:47.1, 5. Rose 3:48.6, 6. Popejoy...Dnf - West (advanced to next round on appeal)

2/ 1. Roberts 3:48.0, 2. Michael 3:49.5, 3. Bach 3:49.6, 4. Crawford 3:50.6, 5. Savage 3:50.7, 6. Chris Carey (Or St) 3:55.3

3/ 1. Ryun 3:45.1, 2. McAfee 3:45.2, 3. Gorman 3:45.3, 4. Durkin 3:45.5, 5. Fischer 3:45.7, 6. Jim Wilkins (NC St) 3:46.4

4/ 1. Wottle 3:43.7, 2. Wheeler 3:43.8, 3. Eashman 3:44.1, 4. Von Ruden 3:44.2, 5. Walker 3:44.2, 6. Greg Carlberg (Unat) 3:45.7

Ryun repeated his curious double in 1968 of not making the Olympic 800m squad but winning the 1500m trial. Looking listless until 300m to go, Ryun outran Wottle, beating him by 6 yards and running his last 400m in 51.2. Down in 10th place was Cliff West, who was reincarnated 5 years later as a 200m man, running 20.53 !

In the Olympics Ryun was mis-seeded into Kip Keino's heat, and had the dreadful luck to fall in his heat. Wottle failed by inches to make the final, after a famous win in the last stride of the 800m, and Wheeler was the fastest American 1500m man in Munich, but also just missed the final.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - July 2, 19.00 Hr

1. Mike Manley (Or TC)	8:29.8
2. Doug Brown (Tenn)	8:31.8
3. Steve Savage (Or TC)	8:32.0
4. Jim Dare (USN)	8:33.6
5. Cliff Clark (USAF)	8:36.4
6. Don Timm (Unat)	8:41.4
7. Bill Reilly (NYAC)	8:42.0
8. Bob Richards (USAF)	8:44.0

9. Bob Price (AIA) 9:04.6, 10. Barry Brown (Fla TC) 9:06.2, 11. Sid Sink (BG TC) 9:07.6, 12. Joe Lucas (Gtn) 9:13.0

Heats: - June 29, 18.50 Hr

1/ 1. Richards 8:38.6, 2. Dare 8:38.6, 3. Savage 8:42.6, 4. Clark 8:43.6, 5. Sink 8:43.6, 6. Lucas 8:44.6, 7. Conrad Nightingale (USAF) 8:53.2, 8. Bob Williams (Or TC) 8:59.6, 9. Steve Kelley (Ind) 9:04.4, 10. Howard Ryan (NYAC) 9:09.0, Roger Beardmore (Duke) - Dnf

2/ 1. Manley 8:34.8, 2. Price 8:37.8, 3. D.Brown 8:37.8, 4. Timm 8:40.0, 5. Reilly 8:40.6, 6. B.Brown 8:43.6, 7. Jerome Liebenberg (CW) 8:51.2, 8. Mark Larson (Wisc) 9:03.8, 9. Jim Johnson (Wash) 9:12.0 Bill Koss (Wash) - Dnf

Steve Savage took a processional race by the scruff of the neck after 2000m and injected a 68 lap to loosen himself plus Manley, Doug Brown, Dare and Richards from the rest of the field. Richards was lost with the next lap of 63. On the final lap Manley and Savage fought out for the lead as Dare and Brown had their own battle for third. Brown fell, but sprang up immediately and chased after Dare. The crowd was going berserk as the 2 local athletes battled for first place, while Brown was catching Dare. Brown went by Dare and then remarkably caught Savage just before the line. The heat was thought to have been a slowing factor - the air temperature was 94o and the track reportedly was 135oF.

5000 Meters - July 9, 19.40 Hr

1. Steve Prefontaine (Or)	13:22.8	AR
2. George Young (Unat)	13:29.4	
3. Len Hilton (HTC)	13:40.2	
4. Sid Sink (BG TC)	13:43.8	
5. Tracy Smith (LAPD)	13:44.8	
6. Glenn Herold (Wisc)	13:47.8	
7. Tarry Harrison (CW)	13:52.6	
8. Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	13:57.2	

9. Cliff Clark (USAF) 13:58.6, 10. Jim Johnson (Wash) 14:03.0, 11. Greg Fredericks (Penn St) 14:09.4, 12. Gerry Lindgren (Cougar TC) 14:17.2

Heats: - first 6 qualify, July 6, 17.00 Hr

1/ 1. Prefontaine 13:51.2, 2. Smith 13:52.8, 3. Lindgren 13:53.6, 4. Buerkle 13:55.4, 5. Clark 13:57.6, 6. Sink 13:58.4, 7. Paul Geis (Rice) 14:02.4, 8. Paul Baldwin (Ky) 14:14.4, 9. George Stewart (MATC) 14:38.0

2/ 1. Harrison 14:06.2, 2. Hilton 14:07.0, 3. Johnson 14:08.0, 4. Herold 14:10.2, 5. Young 14:11.6, 6. Fredericks 14:19.2, 7. Rick Hitchcock (KS) 14:32.4, 8. Jay Mason (CW) 14:55.0, Howard Ryan (NYAC) Dnf

There was never a runner more revered in Eugene than Steve Prefontaine, who was to die in an auto crash at the dreadfully young age of 24, and he was at his best in the '72 OT. After a 13:51.2 heat ahead of LA policeman Tracy Smith, he followed the pace of 4:22.3 for 1 mile and 6:36.2 at 1 1/2 miles before injecting laps of 64.7 and 65.1. By now, veteran George Young and tall Len Hilton were the only runners in contention. Hilton dropped back after the ante was upped with 64.8/63.4 laps. But Young, no longer a steeplechaser, was still there. The ever increasing tempo finally dropped Young as Prefontaine covered his next 2 circuits in 61.5 and 58.7. Easing off in the finishing straight he ran the last 188y in 28.6, instead of the 25.0 pace of his previous lap, and so lost out on a sub-13:20 time. Even so, it

took him to #4= all-time, and established him as one of the favorites for Munich. There he finished 4th after a typically valiant effort to win from the front. Prefontaine's philosophy was to attempt to take races by leading, rather than not to lose them by kicking late, which won him respect around the world and the undying affection of the Eugene crowd.

10000 Meters - July 2, 19.30 Hr

1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	28:35.6
2. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC)	28:48.8
3. Jon Anderson (Or TC)	29:08.2
DQ Jack Bachelor (Fla TC)	29:09.8
4. Tom Laris (NYAC)	29:43.0
5. Bill Clark (WVTC)	29:57.0
6. Don Kardong (WVTC)	30:21.2
7. Greg Fredericks (Penn St)	30:37.6
8. Dave Antognoli (Edinboro St)	30:39.6
9. Charles Maguire (Penn St)	31:20.0
Greg Brock (CW) and Gerry Lindgren (Cougar TC)	Dnf

Heats: - first 6 qualify, June 29, 19.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Bachelor 29:22.6, 2. Brock 29:31.0, 3. Fredericks 29:32.2, 4. Antognoli 29:40.2, 5. Maguire 29:40.6, 6. Gerry Garcia (NMTC) 29:48.4 Ron Pryor (LB) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Shorter 29:07.4, 2. Anderson 29:20.0, 3. Laris 29:27.0, 4. Lindgren 29:28.0, 5. Clark 29:31.2, 6. Kardong 29:32.2, 7. Tom Hoffman (UCTC) 29:35.8 Jim Nuccio (Portland) - Dnf

Frank Shorter set a fast pace of 4:25.4 and 8:58.5 for the first two miles, which would have been quicker but for the 95°F heat. The idea was to drain out the big finish of Greg Fredericks, who had zipped his last lap in the AAU in 55.2 en route to a 28:08.0 AR debut. Just after 2 miles Fredericks let go, as did veteran Gerry Lindgren. Now only Tom Laris was with Shorter, while his teammates Bachelor and Galloway were beginning to edge clear of local boy Jon Anderson. Laris slipped back and the Florida duo caught him after 4 1/2 miles. Galloway moved clear of Bachelor and the latter was 60 yards clear of Anderson with 600y to go. What came next was almost out of Hollywood. Anderson began to sprint, and in the next lap gained almost 50 yards on Bachelor. With the crowd screaming for Anderson, the two came on level terms with 50 yards to go. They bumped together briefly, with Bachelor later being disqualified, while Anderson went on to finish 10 yards ahead, to the hysterical pleasure of the audience. Shorter had won by over 10 seconds, and he went on to break the US record in his heat and the final in Munich, placing 5th, before having a crack at the marathon.

Marathon - July 9, 17.50 Hr

1. Kenny Moore (Or TC)	2:15:57.8
1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	2:15:57.8
3. Jack Bachelor (Fla TC)	2:20:29.2
4. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC)	2:20:29.2
5. Greg Brock (CW)	2:22:29.6
6. Don Kardong (WVTC)	2:22:41.8
7. Mark Covert (Fullerton St)	2:23:34.8
8. Tom Hoffman (UCTC)	2:23:44.4
9. Norm Higgins (AGAA)	2:24:07.8
10. Skip Houk (Unat)	2:24:40.8
11. Bill Clark (WVTC)	2:25:10.6

66 finishers in total// 34 non-finishers

Moore and Shorter led a pack of 8 other runners who paid for their temerity. Of them only Mark Covert was able to finish, and by then he was down in 7th place. Bachelor and Galloway started cautiously, and finished in isolation in 3rd and 4th places. Like Moore and Shorter they entered the stadium together, but under instructions (from Shorter) Galloway, who was already qualified for Munich in the 10,000m, let Bachelor ahead for the third team spot. The ability of Moore and Shorter to deal with the heat became clear only in Munich, where Shorter dominated the field leading for the last 3/4 of the race to win by more than 2 minutes in 2:12:19.8, the first American to win since 1908. Moore was a splendid 4th in 2:15:39.8, just half a minute behind '68 Olympic champion Mamo Wolde, and Bachelor placed 9th in 2:17:38.2

20 Kilometer Walk - July 1, 17.15 Hr

1. Larry Young (Col Coll)	1:35:56.4
dq-Rudy Haluza (SCS)	1:37:53.4
2. Goetz Klopfer (Athens TC)	1:38:03
3. Tom Dooley (Athens TC)	1:39:10
4. Todd Scully (US-A)	1:39:25
5. Bill Ranney (Athens TC)	1:41:35
6. Steve Hayden (Long Island AC)	1:42:24
7. Floyd Godwin (Colorado TC)	1:42:56
8. Mike Ryan (SCS)	1:43:03

20 finishers in total// 13 did not finish

Rudy Haluza, 4th placer in Mexico City, and Larry Young, the world class 50k walker, were the favorites, but Haluza, while in a safe third, decided to beat Klopfer for second, and having had two warnings for "lifting" was disqualified after crossing the line in second place. Young had led almost from the gun, and was clear by 56 seconds at 10k and steadily pulled further away to win by over 2 minutes. **One of the more arcane doubles in Trials history occurred when Bob Gray (Oregon TC) placed 14th in the walk, and then went on to place 54th in the Marathon.**

50 Kilometer Walk - July 4, 16.00 Hr

1. Larry Young (Col Coll)	4:13:04.4	AR
2. Bill Weigle (Colorado TC)	4:20:09.4	
3. Steve Hayden (Long Island AC)	4:23:22.6	
4. Bob Kitchen (Athens TC)	4:25:06.2	
5. Ron Kulik (NYAC)	4:30:50.8	
6. Gary Westerfield (Long Island AC)	4:31:11.2	
7. Todd Scully (US-A)	4:33:50.8	
8. Bob Henderson (US-A)	4:37:37.0	

14 finishers in total// 6 did not finish// 1 disqualification

Bob Kitchen had set a US record in February with 4:13:35.8, which Young proceeded to beat, while winning by more than 7 minutes. Kitchen chose to battle it out with Young, but he suffered from this ambitious choice by ceding second and third places to Weigle and Hayden in the last 10 kilos. Young went on to repeat as bronze medallist, but this time in 4:00:46, beating his US best by more than 12 minutes. In 12th place was Bob Bowman, who later became one of the most highly respected officials in race walking.

110 Meters Hurdles - July 9, 18.30 Hr (+2.1w)

1. Thomas Hill (Ark St)	13.5w
2. Willie Davenport (Baton Rouge TC)	13.5w
3. Rod Milburn (Sn)	13.6w
4. Charles Rich (UCLA)	13.6w
5. Jerry Wilson (USC)	13.6w
6. Tommy Lee White (SCS)	13.6w
7. Jeff Howser (Fla TC)	13.7w
Ron Draper (UCTC)	Dnf

Semi-finals: - First 4 qualify, July 7, 18.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Hill 13.2w, 2. Davenport 13.4, 3. Wilson 13.7, 4. Rich 13.7, 5. Leon Coleman (PPC) 13.7, 6. Ricky Stubbs (La Tech) 13.7, 7. Stan Druckery (Keg TC) 13.7, 8. George Carty (BAS) 13.9 (+2.1w)
- 2/ 1. Milburn 13.5, 2. White 13.7, 3. Draper 13.9, 4. Howser 13.9, 5. Delario Robinson (SCS) 13.9, 6. John Brasell (McNeese St) 13.9, 7. Corey Bouyer (Motor City TC) 13.9, 8. Gordon Hodges (Texas) 14.1 (-0.5w)

Quarter-finals: - First 4 qualify, July 6, 18.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Davenport 13.6, 2. Rich 13.9, 3. Carty 14.0, 4. Druckery 14.1, 5. Pete Mattina (Tenn) 14.1 (-0.8w)
2/ 1. Milburn 13.5, 2. Robinson 13.7, 3. Brasell 13.9, 4. Bouyer 14.0, 5. Greg Magee (USCG) 14.2 (+1.6w)
3/ 1. White 13.7, 2. Draper 13.8, 3. Howser 14.0, 4. Hodges 14.2, 5. Ivory Harris (Or) 14.2 (+1.6w)
4/ 1. Hill 13.5, 2. Wilson 13.6, 3. Coleman 14.0, 4. Stubbs 14.4..Preston Kennard (Navy) Dnf (+0.8w)

Heats: - First 4 qualify, July 6, 13.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Hill 13.6, 2. Howser 13.9, 3. Brasell 14.0, 4. Carty 14.2, 5. Chuck Peters (Ky) 23.0 (+0.7w)
2/ 1. Milburn 13.6, 2. Druckery 13.9, 3. Coleman 14.0, 4. Bouyer 14.1, 5. Larry Shipp (St Albans HS, Wash.DC) 14.1 (-0.2w)
3/ 1. White 13.6, 2. Davenport 13.7, 3. Kennard 14.2, 4. Hodges 14.3, 5. Ralph Fisher (N.Platte JC) 14.3, 6. Dan Jacques (N.Ill) 14.4 (+0.4w)
4/ 1. Wilson 13.9, 2. Robinson 14.1, 3. Draper 14.1, 4. Stubbs 14.4, 5. Bill High (Tenn) 14.6, 6. Dan Redfearn (SCS) 14.6 (+0.4w)
5/ 1. Rich 13.9, 2. Magee 14.2, 3. Harris 14.3, 4. Mattina 14.6, 5. Gary Power (Fla TC) 14.6 (+0.3w)

The top athlete of 1971 was Rod Milburn. He dominated his opposition, but then only finished third in the OT. Milburn's principal competition was expected to be veteran Willie Davenport, Tom Hill, and Jerry Wilson, who had won the NCAA in a pb 13.4 ahead of Hill and Charles Rich. Milburn had won his semi-final in 13.5, but had whacked two hurdles, and in the final Milburn found Davenport at his side throughout the race. The tension of the occasion got to Milburn, and he hit hurdles 7 and 10 hard, and slipped back behind Hill and Davenport, holding on to third place by a foot from Rich, with Wilson 5th - all 3 running 13.6, 1/10th behind Hill and Davenport. Milburn was back on song in Munich, running a lifetime best of 13.24 to set the first auto-timed WR, which was listed from 1977.

400 Meters Hurdles - July 2, 18.30 Hr

8	1. Ralph Mann (SCS)	48.4	AR
6	2. Dick Bruggeman (Ohio TC)	48.6	
7	3. Jim Seymour (SCS)	49.3	
3	4. Bruce Collins (Penn)	49.5	
5	5. Rob Cassleman (Mich St)	49.5	
1	6. Jim Bolding (Okla St)	49.7	
4	7. Bob Steele (AATC)	50.2	
2	8. Carl Wood (Richmond)	50.2	

Semi-finals: - First 4 qualify, July 1, 16.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Collins 49.9, 2. Bolding 50.2, 3. Wood 50.3, 4. Cassleman 50.4, 5. Mel Bassett (NCC) 50.9, 6. Nick Lee (Balt OC) 51.9, 7. Ron Rondeau (UTEP) 52.2, Mike Cronholm (Rice) - Dnf
2/ 1. Bruggeman 49.4, 2. Mann 49.6, 3. Seymour 49.9, 4. Steele 50.2, 5. Terry Musika (PCC) 50.2, 6. Ron Whitney (SCS) 50.3, 7. Wes Williams (SDTC) 51.0, Larry Walls (BAS) 52.6 Disq.

Heats: - first 4 qualify, June 30, 12.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Collins 50.6, 2. Bassett 50.7, 3. Cassleman 51.0, 4. Cronholm 51.2, 5. Boyd Gittins (Cougar TC) 51.8
2/ 1. Mann 50.9, 2. Musika 51.0, 3. Walls 51.1, 4. Whitney 51.2, 5. Chris Adsit (Col St) 51.4
3/ 1. Bruggeman 49.8, 2. Seymour 50.2, 3. Steele 50.4, 4. Williams 50.7, ..Bob Bornkessel (KS) 51.1 Disq.
4/ 1. Wood 50.4, 2. Bolding 50.4, 3. Lee 51.2, 4. Rondeau 51.7, 5. John Brasell (McNeese St) 54.1, 6. Efren Gipson (Lamar TC) 2:07.3

Ralph Mann, the number one ranked hurdler of 1971, was the favorite, and qualified comfortably in his semi with 49.6 behind Dick Bruggeman's pb of 49.4. Bruggeman had won the AAU title from lane 1, and with Bruce Collins, the NCAA winner in 49.1, were considered the men most likely to succeed with Mann. Bruggeman went out quickly, and by halfway was almost 8 yards up on Mann two lanes outside him. Mann was unworried - "I noticed Bruggeman had had trouble at the end of his races", and he was only a yard back at the 9th hurdle. The two were on level terms at the 10th, and Mann won going away by 2 yards. Bolding was third at the eighth barrier, but was caught by Collins at the tenth, and a few yards later by Seymour, who gained two yards on Collins in the last 40 to make the team. Mann went on to take the silver medal in Munich with 48.51, while Seymour finished a splendid 4th in 48.64. Bruggeman was nursing an ankle injury and did not make it out of the heats.

High Jump - July 9, 18.15 Hr

1.	Dwight Stones (UCLA)	7'3"	(2.21)
2.	Ronnie Jourdan (Fla TC)	7'3"	(2.21)
3.	Chris Dunn (Colgate)	7'3"	(2.21)

4. Reynaldo Brown (Cal Int)	7'0 1/2"	(2.145)
5. Pat Matzdorf (Wise)	7'0 1/2"	(2.145)
6. Ray Lisby (Las Vegas TC)	7'0 1/2"	(2.145)
7. Jerry Culp (Cal Int)	6'10 3/4"	(2.10)
8. John Radetich (Staters TC)	6'10 3/4"	(2.10)

9. Tim Heikkila (Unat) 6'10 3/4" (2.10), =10. Dennis Adama (Ind) & Gene White (Penn AC) 6'10 3/4" (2.10), 12. Gene Stoner (Okla) 6'10 3/4" (2.10), 13. Rick Fletcher (UCLA) 6'8 3/4" (2.05). Mike Bernard (Sn III) and Ed Clarke (Cal Int) - No height

Qualifying: July 8, 13.45 Hr, 6'10 3/4" (2.10) or top-12. Non-qualifiers: Stan Albright (Cleveland Striders), Mike Bowers (UCTC), Otis Burrell (BAS), Walden Curry (Delta St), Bill Elliott (PCC), Gene Halton (Princeton), Clarence Johnson (BAS), Robert Joseph (LA SW JC), Barry Schur (Kans), Barry Shepard (PCC), Tom Woods (Or St) - all no height.

	2.05	2.10	2.145	2.18	2.21	2.25
Stones	p	o	o	o	xo	xxx
Jourdan	p	o	o	xo	xo	xxx
Dunn	p	o	xo	xo	xo	xxx
Brown	p	o	o	xxx		
Matzdorf	o	o	o	xxx		
Lisby	xxo	o	xo	xxx		

Tom Woods, the NCAA champion suffering from a leg injury, failed to clear a height, and the same fate befell Bill Elliott and AAU winner Barry Schur - both 7'3 jumpers. Through 7'0 1/2" four jumpers - Jourdan, Stones, Matzdorf the world record holder, and Brown the '68 Olympian - had clean slates, but it was 7'1 3/4" which sorted things out. Stones got over first time, a jump which would decide first place, and was followed by Jordan and Dunn second time around. Brown was closest of the three to fail. At 7'3" all 3 cleared on their second jumps, with Stones becoming the youngest American team member of 1972.

Pole Vault - July 2, 14.30 Hr

1. Bob Seagren (SCS)	18'5 3/4" (5.63) WR
2. Steve Smith (LB St)	18'0 1/2" (5.50)
3. Jan Johnson (Ala)	18'0 1/2" (5.50)
4. Dave Roberts (Rice)	17'8 1/2" (5.40)
5. Tom Blair (Penn)	17'0 3/4" (5.20)
6. Mike Wedman (Col)	17'0 3/4" (5.20)
7. Vince Struble (Maryland)	17'0 3/4" (5.20)
8. Roland Carter (Unat)	17'0 3/4" (5.20)

=9. Bill Hatcher (Kansas) & Dennis Phillips (Staters) 16'8 3/4" (5.10), 11. Jack Ernst (Cougar TC) 16'8 3/4" (5.10). No height - 17'4 3/4": Dick Railsback (SCS) and Jon Vaughn (Str), 17'0 3/4": Tom Craig (Okla), Bill Curnow (UTEP), Dave Hamer (CPSLO), Paul Heglar (PCC), Ed Lipscomb (Staters), Bob Slover (BAS), Bob Sprung (USMC), Buddy Williamson (NYAC)

Qualifying: July 1, 16'9" or top-12. Non-qualifiers: 16'3" - Terry Porter (Ranger JC), Scott Wallick (Miami/O); No height: Bill Barrett (AATC), Sam Caruthers (Cal Int), Mike Cotton (Fla), Vic Dias (PCC), Larry Jessee (SCS), John McColm (Okla), Bob Pullard (USC), Tim St Lawrence (NYAC), Jeff Taylor (Wash)

With 21 finalists this was a competition that would require patience. It began at 2.30 pm, and finished with Bob Seagren's WR jump at 6.52 pm. In between, a record number of athletes cleared more than 17 ft, and for the first time more than two made 18ft in the same competition. It took well over 2 hours to eliminate 17 vaulters and the spectators had witnessed 13 successful jumps and 63 failures. In the next 10 minutes the crowd saw the 4 survivors all clear 17'8 1/2" first time. Both Seagren and Smith cleared first time at 5.50m/18'0 1/2", and Johnson made the best jump of all at that height on his final attempt. The pressure was now on NCAA/AAU winner Roberts, and the southpaw was close, but failed. Smith passed, and Johnson and Seagren attacked 18'5 3/4". None of the first 5 jumps was close, but then Seagren got it right, grazed the bar with his arm coming down, but the bar was never in danger of falling, and Seagren had his second OT world record. Seagren and Johnson won silver and bronze in Munich behind Wolfgang Nordwig, after the Americans were refused permission to use their poles, after some spurious decision making on the part of the officials in charge. The series for the top jumpers -

	16'8 3/4"	17'0 3/4"	17'4 3/4"	17'8 1/2"	18'0 1/2"	18'5 3/4"
Seagren	p	p	o	o	o	xxo
Smith	p	o	p	o	o	p
Johnson	p	o	o	o	xxo	xxx
Roberts	p	xo	p	o	xxx	

Long Jump - July 8, 19.00 Hr

1. Arnie Robinson (US-A)	26'4 3/4"	(8.04) +1.0w
2. Randy Williams (USC)	26'4"	(8.02) +0.1w
3. Preston Carrington (Unat)	26'4"	(8.02) +0.8w
4. Bill Rea (Pitt)	26'2 3/4"	(7.99) +0.4w
5. Henry Hines (Unat)	26'1 3/4"	(7.97) +0.0w
6. Ron Coleman (US-A)	25'9 3/4"	(7.87) +1.6w
7. Henry Jackson (US-A)	25'8 1/2"	(7.83) +1.7w
8. Norm Tate (NYPC)	25'3 1/4"	(7.70) +1.3w

9. Stan Whitley (Cal Int) 25'2" (7.67), 10. Tom Smith (Or TC) 24'5 1/2" (7.45), 11. James McAlister (UCLA) 24'1" (7.34), 12. Gary Rainwater (USAF) 21'9 1/2" (6.64)

Qualifying: July 7, 14.10 Hr, 7.80m or top-12: Carrington 26'0 1/2" (7.93), Hines 26'0 1/4" (7.93), Robinson 25'11" (7.90), Whitley 25'10 1/4" (7.88), Rainwater 25'9 1/4" (7.85), Williams 25'7 1/2" (7.81), Rea 25'7" (7.80), Coleman 25'6" (7.77), Tate 25'5 1/4"w (7.75), Jackson 25'3 1/2" (7.71), Smith 25'2"w (7.67), McAlister 24'10 1/2" (7.58). Non-qualifiers: Ken Duncan (Sacramento HS) 24'9 1/2" (7.55), Phil Shinnick (BAS) 24'7 1/2" (7.50), Al Lanier (Cinc) 24'6 3/4" (7.48), Jeff Bolin (Purdue) 24'0 3/4" (7.33), Ron Humphrey (Tenn Tech) 23'9 3/4" (7.25), Bouncy Moore (Or) 23'9 3/4" (7.25), Charles Geter (Tenn) 23'6 1/2" (7.17), Stan Royster (BAS) 22'10 1/4" (6.96), Jerry Proctor (SCS) 22'8 3/4" (6.93).

Arnie Robinson and Randy Williams had been well clear of the US opposition when winning the AAU and NCAA titles, though Al Lanier and Bill Rea in the collegiate meet had looked better than the club competitors in the AAU. Robinson and Williams proceeded to go 1-2 in the OT, with 3/4" between them, but it was the contest for third which was interesting. Preston Carrington won the battle early with his 26'4", but was under threat from Henry Hines (over 26' in rounds 2-4) and Rea who jumped 26'2 3/4" in the fifth round. Rea went on to be an Olympian in 1980...for Austria !

Carrington had been 20th on the US list going into the meet, and in Munich jumped 26'11 3/4" in the qualifying, which would have won silver in the final. There, he managed only 26'2 1/2" for 5th, with Robinson 3rd with 26'4 1/4", and Williams first with 27'0 1/2" after a 27'4 1/4" in the preliminaries - a WJR which stood for more than 30 years.

Robinson	x /7.99/7.72/ x /8.04/ x
Williams	7.97/7.72/8.02/7.91/5.97
Carrington	7.29/8.02/7.80/ p / p / p
Rea	7.79/ x /5.67/7.64/7.99/7.50
Hines	7.53/7.97/7.93/7.94/7.53/7.87

Triple Jump - July 1, 19.00 Hr

1. John Craft (UCTC)	(54'10"+0.0w)	56'2"w	(17.12) +2.4
2. Dave Smith (BAS)		56'0"	(17.07) +0.3 AR
3. Art Walker (SCS)		55'1"w	(16.79) +2.6
4. James Butts (UCLA)	(54'7 1/2" +0.0w)	54'8"w	(16.66) +2.4
5. Harry Freeman (UCLA)		54'1 3/4"w	(16.50) +2.6
6. Jim Fraser (BAS)	(52'0" +0.7w)	53'10"w	(16.41) +3.3
7. Al Lanier (Cinc)		53'6 1/4"w	(16.31) +3.2
8. Barry McClure (MTS)		52'8 1/4"w	(16.06) +3.3

9. Chuck Steffes (NM) 52'6"w (16.00) +2.9, 10. Milan Tiff (UCLA) 52'5" (15.97) +1.8, 11. Robert Reader (BAS) 52'3 1/4" (15.93) +2.0, 12. Ken McBryde (NYAC) 51'0" (15.54) +0.4

Qualifying: June 30, 13.00 Hr, 16.20m or top-12: Craft 55'0"w (16.76), Freeman 54'6 1/2w (16.62), Butts 54'5"w (16.59), Smith 54'1"w (16.49), McClure 53'7"w (16.33), Reader 53'1"w (16.18), Steffes 52'7"w (16.03), Lanier 52'5 1/2"w (15.99), Walker 51'11 1/2"w (15.84). Non-qualifiers: Gary Rainwater (USAF) 51'9"w (15.77), Stan Royster (BAS) 51'2 1/2"w (15.61), Rich Dunn (BAS) 50'6 1/4"w (15.40), Darryl Kelly (NC) 50'5"w (15.37), Robin Gratz (Unat) 49'6"w (15.09)

A jump of 52'8" would have been sufficient to qualify for any US Olympic team prior to 1972. Here, it was not even good enough to make the final 8 and take more than 3 jumps. The qualifying round, which featured winds of 5-6 meters per second (10-13 mph), saw 10 men over 16 meters, and the final was opened up by Craft with 55'10 1/4"w with a barely illegal wind of +2.1w, and Walker finished off the first round with 55'1"w, his only reasonable effort for the day. Butts went 55'6" from toe to heel, but it measured 54'8" from the edge of the board - still enough to take him into 3rd place. Craft built on his lead in round 4 with a booming 56'2"w, and was followed by Smith who passed Butts with 54'8 3/4" (+1.8w). Butts replied with a jump of around 55', but a trailing hand caught the sand at 54'7 1/2, and Smith settled matters with 56'0", taking Walker's US record. Smith afterwards raved about the enthusiastic crowd, saying "they had a tremendous effect on what happened".

Shot Put - July 8, 18.30 Hr

1. George Woods (PCC)	70'1 1/4"	(21.37)
2. Al Feuerbach (PCC)	68'10 1/2"	(20.99)
3. Brian Oldfield (UCTC)	67'10 1/2"	(20.69)
4. Randy Matson (Texas Striders)	67'5 3/4"	(20.57)
5. Bruce Wilhelm (US-A)	66'0 1/4"	(20.12)
6. Karl Salb (MATC)	65'10 1/2"	(20.08)
7. Steve Wilhelm (MATC)	65'9 3/4"	(20.06)
8. Jesse Stuart (UCTC)	64'2"	(19.56)

9. Richard Marks (PCC) 63'8 1/2" (19.42), 10. Pete Shmock (Or) 63'2 1/4" (19.26), 11. Sam Walker (SMU) 62'5 1/2" (19.04), 12. Doug Lane (USC) 62'2 3/4" (18.97)

Qualifying: July 7, 14.00 Hr, 19.00m or top-12: Matson 69'0 1/4" (21.04), Woods 68'10 3/4" (21.00), Oldfield 68'9 3/4" (20.97), Feuerbach 66'7 1/2" (20.30), S.Wilhelm 66'1 1/2" (20.15), Shmock 65'9" (20.04), Stuart 65'6" (19.96), B.Wilhelm 64'3 1/4" (19.59), Salb 63'6" (19.35), Lane 62'10 1/4" (19.16), Walker 62'4" (19.00), Marks 62'4" (19.00). Non-qualifiers: Fred DeBernardi (UTEP) 61'10 1/2" (18.86), Colin Anderson (Minn) 60'10 1/4" (18.55), Dave Davis (UCTC) 59'11 1/2" (18.27), George Tys (Nn III) 58'8" (17.88). Rich Bilder (Nn III) - no mark

Randy Matson, reigning Olympic champion, had won the AAU by over a meter in the absence of Woods and Feuerbach, and in the qualifying round he pushed one out to 69'0 1/4". The only surprise was the failure of Fred DeBernardi, NCAA champion, who reached 61'10 1/2" for 13th place. The final saw the crowd again getting involved as Matson put 70' twice in the warm-up, and cigarette smoking Brian Oldfield had 2 fouls of 71'. Oldfield opened up with 67'10 1/2, short of his pb 68'9 3/4" from the qualifying, but overtaken only by Feuerbach's 68'10 1/2" in the first round. Woods hit his best of 70'1 1/4" in round two, and that was that - Matson reached 67'5 3/4" in the third round, but never got closer to Oldfield's mark. Woods went on to gain his second Olympic silver, while Feuerbach and Oldfield placed 5th and 6th in the Olympic final.

Woods	20.47/21.37/ x /20.45/ x / p
Feuerbach	20.99/20.79/19.96/ x /20.06/20.09
Oldfield	20.69/20.40/ x /20.15/20.22/19.63
Matson	19.32/20.38/20.57/20.11/19.49/20.50
B.Wilhelm	20.12/20.01/19.39/19.19/19.56/19.27
Salb	18.83/19.24/19.44/20.08/19.66/19.52
S.Wilhelm	20.06/19.17/19.88/18.88/ x /19.89

Discus Throw - July 1, 17.30 Hr

1. Jay Silvester (Unat)	211'2"	(64.36)
2. John Powell (PCC)	205'10"	(62.74)
3. Tim Vollmer (US-A)	202'0"	(61.56)
4. Gary Carlsen (SCS)	201'3"	(61.34)
5. Rich Drescher (SI)	200'1"	(60.98)
6. Steve Gunzel (Ariz)	199'10"	(60.92)

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| 7. Bob Stoltman (Unat) | 194'7" | (59.32) |
| 8. Brian Oldfield (UCTC) | 194'4" | (59.24) |
9. Gary Ordway (PCC) 192'5" (58.66), 10. Miles Lister (PCC) 189'1" (57.64), 11. Larry Kennedy (BAS) 183'6" (55.94), 12. Gary Wolf (Or) 178'2" (54.30)

Qualifying: June 30, 12.30 Hr, 59.00m or top-12: Silvester 211'2" (64.36), Powell 201'0" (61.26), Vollmer 194'3" (59.22), Drescher 193'2" (58.88), Gunzel 192'9" (58.76), Stoltman 187'5" (57.12), Ordway 187'2" (57.04), Carlsen 186'10" (56.94), Kennedy 186'4" (56.80), Lister 186'3" (56.78), Oldfield 185'4" (56.50), Wolf 185'3" (56.46). Non-qualifiers: Jim Penrose (Cal) 182'4" (55.58), Mac Wilkins (Or) 180'3" (54.94), Art Swarts (Shore AC) 178'4" (54.34), Fred DeBernardi (UTEP) 176'5" (53.78), Ed Kohler (SCS) 175'6" (53.50), Pete Miller (Ohio TC) 173'5" (52.86), Don Tollefson (PCC) 169'1" (51.54), Bill Neville (SCS) 168'2" (51.26)

John Powell became the first athlete to qualify for the '72 Olympic team when he threw 205'10" in the first round of the discus, and he was followed by veteran Jay Silvester, who in turn produced his best mark of the day on his opening throw. Long-armed Tim Vollmer was considered a likely Olympian after his 212'1" in the AAU when finishing less than a foot behind Silvester, but he took until the fifth round before passing Gary Carlsen and Rich Drescher. Silvester went on to take 2nd in Munich, with Powell 4th and Vollmer 8th.

Hammer Throw - July 8, 16.15 Hr

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| 1. Tom Gage (NYAC) | 229'11" | (70.08) |
| 2. Al Schoterman (Kent St) | 225'5" | (68.70) |
| 3. George Frenn (PCC) | 224'7" | (68.46) |
| 4. Al Hall (Unat) | 220'9" | (67.28) |
| 5. Hal Connolly (SCS) | 218'7" | (66.62) |
| 6. Bob Narcessian (Unat) | 215'10" | (65.78) |
| 7. Steve DeAutremont (Staters) | 209'9" | (63.96) |
| 8. Ted Bregar (Navy) | 201'5" | (61.40) |
9. Bill Shuff (US-A) 200'7" (61.14), 10. Frank Bredice (Sn Conn St) 198'1" (60.38), 11. Dale Casey (US-A) 187'4" (57.10), 12. Robin Roeder (Staters) 181'8" (55.38)

Qualifying: July 7, 12.45 Hr, 66.00m or top-12: Schoterman 229'8" (70.00), Gage 217'6" (66.30), Frenn 216'3" (65.92), Hall 213'9" (65.14), Connolly 211'6" (64.46), DeAutremont 204'3" (62.26), Shuff 203'8" (62.08), Narcessian 199'1" (60.68), Casey 197'2" (60.10), Bredice 196'9" (59.98), Bregar 196'6" (59.90), Roeder 191'8" (58.42). Non-qualifiers: Larry Hart (US-A) 190'5" (58.04), Alvin Jackson (Classical HS, Providence, RI) 181'2" (55.22), Andy Besette (Conn) 179'5" (54.68)

Finally, Hal Connolly and Al Hall didn't make the Olympic squad - 1972 saw the first occasion since 1952 that the two of them had not been on the team. They had finished 2-3 in the AAU, but Frenn and Gage hadn't been present; the two of them, along with NCAA/AAU winner Schoterman, were the only US throwers beyond 230' in 1972. For the first half of the competition the two old-timers were on the team; after 3 rounds Frenn led with 224'7" from Hall 219'6", Connolly 218'7", Schoterman 213'5" and Gage 212'10". Then Schoterman nipped by with 221'7" in round 4, to be relegated to third place by Gage's 224'11" in the penultimate round. The two consolidated their positions with their best marks in the final round.

Javelin Throw - July 2, 18.30 Hr

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| 1. Bill Schmidt (US-A) | 270'6" | (82.46) |
| 2. Milt Sonsky (NYAC) | 267'11" | (81.66) |
| 3. Fred Luke (Husky SC) | 267'9" | (81.62) |
| 4. Jack Bacon (NYAC) | 259'11" | (79.22) |
| 5. Les Tipton (Or TC) | 257'1" | (78.36) |
| 6. Bob Wallis (US-A) | 255'7" | (77.90) |
| 7. Cary Feldmann (Husky SC) | 255'2" | (77.78) |
| 8. Mark Murro (PCC) | 247'1" | (75.30) |
9. Ed Morland (KS) 236'9" (72.16), 10. Sam Colson (Kansas) 230'10" (70.66), 11. John Kaveny (Cal TC) 222'8" (67.88), 12. Bob Daniel (Or) 171'3" (52.20)

Qualifying: July 1, 13.00 Hr, 80.00m or top-12: Schmidt 266'2" (81.14), Colson 259'11" (79.22), Wallis 259'2" (79.00), Luke 257'4" (78.44), Sonsky 255'9" (77.96), Morland 253'4" (77.22), Bacon 252'0" (76.82), Murro 248'5" (75.72), Feldmann 244'5" (74.50), Tipton 244'0" (74.38), Kaveny 242'10" (74.02), Daniel 239'4" (72.96). Non-qualifiers: Van Hollaway (Iowa St) 236'10" (72.18), Craig Stiles 227'10" (69.44), Gary Quitslund (Wash) 224'1" (68.30), Andy Barnet (USC) 176'3" (53.72)

Schmidt, Luke and Sonsky were clearly the class of the field, with Murro a shadow of his former US record self. Schmidt went on to

exceed expectations in Munich, winning a bronze medal, and in Eugene produced two throws beyond 265', as did Sonsky. Luke managed one such throw, but had thrown 262'4" in round 2 to guarantee his Olympic place.

Schmidt	70.94/78.60/ x /80.80/76.74/82.46
Sonsky	81.06/ x /71.66/78.74/81.66/76.66
Luke	75.74/79.96/75.80/74.72/70.48/81.62

Decathlon - July 3/4

1. Jeff Bannister (DC/Amer)	4263 (1)	8120
10.8/7.35/14.63/1.98/47.7/14.5/43.36/4.00/61.24/4:25.5		
2. Jeff Bennett (US-A)	4204 (2)	8076
10.6/7.31/12.62/1.95/46.7/14.7/36.70/5.07/53.88/4:25.5		
3. Bruce Jenner (Graceland)	3880 (11)	7846
11.1/6.84/13.74/1.95/50.4/15.3/43.78/4.40/63.18/4:16.9		
4. Steve Gough (FTC)	4097 (5)	7822
10.9/7.57/15.39/1.89/51.0/14.8/44.76/4.20/54.18/4:38.9		
5. Andrew Pettes (Okla)	4089 (6)	7762
10.8w/7.23/12.33/1.98/47.8/14.5/39.94/3.70/59.26/4:27.5		
6. Gary Hill (Oklhoma Christian)	3958 (7)	7584
10.6/7.11/13.52/1.80/49.4/14.9/41.28/4.00/50.01/4:26.1		
7. Mike Hill (Col)	3936 (9)	7549
10.7/7.46/13.19/1.75/49.4/14.6/38.62/4.00/53.98/4:34.4		
8. Fred Samara (Penn)	4134 (3)	7510
10.5/7.21/13.89/1.95/50.0/14.8/41.50/4.10/55.58/5:31.5		
9. Roger George (Fresno St)	3708 (17)	7476
11.5/6.71/12.77/1.92/49.6/15.0/39.14/4.30/57.68/4:22.2		
10. George Pannel (Westmont TC)	3867 (12)	7464
10.9/6.95/13.75/1.83/49.9/14.3/42.82/3.80/57.68/4:53.4		
11. Bill Bakley (Westmont)	3723 (16)	7427
11.2/7.13/13.40/1.75/50.2/15.0/42.42/4.30/56.04/4:39.4		
12. Jack Carter (USAF)	3819 (14)	7340
11.1/7.02/13.94/1.83/50.5/16.0/34.94/5.00/56.60/4:58.2		
13. Craig Brigham (South Eugene HS, Or)	3951 (8)	7296
11.0w/6.79/15.31/2.01/52.5/16.3/41.76/4.30/52.26/5:09.7		
14. Gary King (NH)	3912 (10)	7256
11.2/7.35/13.94/1.92/51.2/15.6/36.60/4.00/60.50/5:07.9		
15. Russ Hodge (DC/Amer)	4121 (4)	(9) 7025
10.6/6.65/17.02/1.86/49.5/15.2/43.18/3.90/40.98/ Dnf		
16. Ray Hupp (CW)	6989	20. John Warkentin (SCS) (5) 3729
17. Dave Thoreson (CW) (9)	6611	21. Ron Evans (Conn) (1) 804
18. Rick Wanamaker (SDTC)	6514	22. Rich Robinson (NYAC) (1) 733
19. Rory Kenward (CW) (5)	3922	

A meeting such as the OT tends to bring the best out of decathletes, and in this one the top 7 finishers all set personal bests. Fred Samara led after 2 events with his 10.5/23'8" start, but was overtaken by 6 points after the third event by Bannister. Without a spectacular event, but solid throughout, Bannister led from that point on - except for a brief time when Bennett's fine 16'7 3/4" vault edged 48 points clear. Bennett, weak in the throwing events, ran 46.7 in the 400 and was on the team virtually from that point on. The battle for third was between Samara, Jenner and Gough. Samara was in 3rd at the halfway point just ahead of Russ Hodge, but Samara's inherent weaknesses in the later stages allied with Hodges injuries took them out of the picture. Into the frame came Bruce Jenner, whose second day score of 3966 was easily the best of all the competitors, and he won the 1500m by 8 seconds, moving from 5th to third in the process.

WOMEN - Frederick, Md. - July 7-8

100 Meters - July 7

1. Barbara Ferrell (LAM)	11.3
2. Iris Davis (TS)	

2. Mattline Render (NYPAL)
4. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn A&M)
5. Martha Watson (LATC)
6. Pam Greene (Denver AC)
7. Janet Brown (Unat)
8. Alfreda Daniels (MC)

Heats: First 2 qualify for final

- 1/ 1. Watson 11.3, 2. Davis 11.4, 3. Jackie Thompson (MM) 11.4, 4. Helen Williams (Alcorn A&M) 11.7, 5. Pam Riggs (Wash) , 6. Florence Herbert (Pioneer AC)
- 2/ 1. Ferrell 11.2, 2. Daniels 11.6, 3. Kathie Lawson (Liberty) 11.7, 4. Lacey O'Neal (SI), 5. Jane Oas (Unat), 6. Jackie Taylor (Pioneer AC), 7. Molly Hence (Alcorn A&M)
- 3/ 1. Greene 11.3, 2. Brown 11.5, 3. Pam Hawkins (Atoms AC) 11.6, 4. Pat Henderson (TS) 11.7, 5. Marjorie Grimmett (MC), 6. Robyn Russell (Cleveland TC)
- 4/ 1. Netter 11.4, 2. Render 11.4, 3. Janet Brown (Unat) 11.6, 4. Rhonda McManus (TS) 11.7, 5. Lynn Smith (MC), 6. Veronica Harris (Chicago Zephyrs), 7. Pat Benson (Denver AC)

For the first time since 1948 an athlete who did not attend Tennessee State won the women's 100 in the OT. Remarkably, only the winner of the final was timed; Ferrell, an Olympian from '68 was the clear winner, though the judges could not separate Davis and Render. Davis was the best American when the Games came round finishing 4th in 11.32, with Ferrell 7th in 11.45

200 Meters - July 8

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| 1. Jackie Thompson (MM) | 23.4 |
| 2. Barbara Ferrell (LAM) | 23.4 |
| 3. Pam Greene (Denver AC) | 23.7 |
| 4. Maureen Abare (MM) | 23.9 |
| 5. Janet Brown (Unat) | |
| 6. Kathie Lawson (Liberty) | |
| 7. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn A&M) | |
| 8. Rhonda McManus (TS) | |

Heats: First 2 qualify for final

- 1/ 1. Greene 24.0, 2. Brown 24.4, 3. Pam Hawkins (Atoms AC) 24.6, 4. Alice Watson (DCD) 25.0, 5. Alice Coleman (PH)
- 2/ 1. Thompson 23.6, 2. Netter 24.3, 3. Williamae Fergerson (WCJ) 24.4, 4. Pat Henderson (TS) 25.6, 5. Mary Ann Berg (Or TC)
- 3/ 1. Ferrell 23.9, 2. McManus 24.2, 3. Janet Wiser (SI) 24.5, 4. Pat Benson (Denver AC) 24.6, 5. Jane Oas (Unat)
- 4/ Abare 23.9, 2. Lawson 24.1, 3. Esther Stroy (SI) 24.3, 4. Michelle McMillan (Atoms TC) 24.3, 5. Maeoper West (MDYF), 6. Linda Cordy (Atoms TC)

Thompson and Ferrell had the closest possible battle before Thompson emerged as the victor. She went on to run 23.18 in Munich, but did not make the final despite being 8th fastest in the semis.

400 Meters - July 8

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| 1. Kathy Hammond (SRR) | 51.8 | AR |
| 2. Debra Edwards (HSp) | 53.3 | |
| 3. Mable Fergerson (WCJ) | 53.3 | |
| 4. Madeline Manning-Jackson (Columbus TC) | 53.3 | |
| 5. Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms TC) | 53.4 | |
| 6. Carol Hudson (Alb OC) | | |
| 7. Jarvis Scott (LAM) | | |
| 8. Williamae Fergerson (WCJ) | | |

Heats: First 2 qualify for final

- 1/ 1. Hammond 54.0, 2. Scott 55.0, 3. Maeoper West (MDYF) 55.9, 4. Mary Ann Berg (Or TC) 56.2, Esther Stroy (SI) - Dnc
- 2/ 1. Edwards 53.5, 2. Manning-Jackson 54.0, 3. Jennifer HUGHES (Unat) 54.3, 4. Pat Helms (Ph Cl) 55.4, 5. Gale Fitzgerald

(Atoms TC)

- 3/ 1. W. Ferguson 54.1, 2. Hudson 54.4, 3. Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL) 55.4, 4. Beth Warner (Ohio TC) 55.4, 5. Renee DeSandies (Atoms TC) 56.3
- 4/ 1. M. Ferguson 54.5, 2. Toussaint 54.8, 3. Sheila Ingram (Pioneer TC) 56.2, 4. Janet Reusser (Topeka CC) 58.3, Debra Sapenter (PV) - Dnf

After her injury disappointment of 1968 Hammond felt driven by the need to prove herself, and her easy wins in the AAU and OT served to show that she was one of the best in the world. She went on to Olympic bronze with a US record of 51.64. More surprisingly, Mable Ferguson also dipped below 52 with her 5th place 51.96. She then led off the US team in the inaugural Olympic relay with 51.8, a team anchored by Hammond with a magnificent 50.2 for Olympic silver.

800 Meters - July 8

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| 1. Madeline Manning-Jackson (Columbus TC) | 2:05.2 |
| 2. Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms TC) | 2:05.7 |
| 3. Carol Hudson (Alb OC) | 2:06.0 |
| 4. Nancy Shafer (Canton TC) | 2:06.7 |
| 5. Cis Schafer (ML) | 2:07.2 |
| 6. Anne Gallagher (Ph TC) | 2:08.0 |
| 7. Wendy Koenig (TCG) | |
| 8. Nancy Mullins (SRR) | |

Heats: First 4 qualify for final, July 7

- 1/ 1. Jackson 2:07.8, 2. Hudson 2:08.4, 3. Schafer 2:08.5, 4. Mullins 2:08.8, 5. Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL) 2:09.4, 6. Linda Stecker (DCD) 2:11.2, 7. Cindy Poor (SJC) 2:13.3
- 2/ 1. Toussaint 2:07.6, 2. Koenig 2:08.2, 3. Shafer 2:08.4, 4. Gallagher 2:09.5, 5. Terry Crawford (KTC) 2:10.8, 6. Valerie Cooper (SJC) 2:20.7

Manning-Jackson won the OT for the second time, with 3 yards to spare over Cheryl Toussaint. Carol Hudson 2 yards back, thereby reversing the order in which Hudson and Toussaint finished in the AAU. None of the Americans qualified for the Munich final, though Manning-Jackson did get to the semis and missed the final by 0.04 seconds. Manning was an unusual athlete, taking time off to have children, not once, but three times.

1500 Meters - July 8

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| 1. Francie Larrieu (SJC) | 4:10.4 | AR |
| 2. Francie Johnson (Liberty AC) | 4:15.2 | |
| 3. Doris Brown (FTC) | 4:18.5 | |
| 4. Eileen Claugus (WSp) | 4:22.1 | |
| 5. Judy Graham (LATC) | 4:27.9 | |
| 6. Teri Anderson (TCG) | 4:30.3 | |
| 7. Kathy Gibbons (Glendale Gauchos) | 4:33.4 | |
| 8. Barbara Lawson (TCG) | 4:34.5 | |
| 9. Brenda Webb (Kettering TC) | | |
| 10. Sue Parks (Wolverines), 11. Jeanne Abare (MM). Kathy McIntyre (Suffolk AC) - Dnc | | |

Heats: First 5 plus two fastest losers, qualify for final

- 1/ 1. Gibbons 4:26.5, 2. Claugus 4:26.8, 3. Brown 4:27.1, 4. Graham 4:27.3, 5. Webb 4:27.4, 6. Kathy McIntyre (Suffolk AC) 4:29.6, 7. Abare
- 2/ 1. Larrieu 4:28.3, 2. Johnson 4:28.5, 3. Anderson 4:29.1, 4. Parks 4:30.5, 5. Lawson 4:30.9, 6. Kathy Kuyk (FTC) 4:37.7

Larrieu had set a US record of 4:16.8 in 1969 while still aged 16, losing it to veteran Doris Brown in 1971. She chose the OT to regain the record, and in a big way - taking 4.2 seconds out of it, and beating Brown in doing so. Between them came Francie Johnson, who had made the '68 team under her maiden name of Kraker. In Munich none of the Americans made the final, but Larrieu ran a very respectable 4:11.18 in her heat, before (like Johnson) finishing 8th in her semi-final.

100 Meters Hurdles - July 8

1. Patty Johnson (ATC)	13.0	AR
2. Lacey O'Neal (SI)	13.3	
3. Mamie Rallins (TS)	13.4	
4. Pat Donnelly (LATC)	13.5	
5. Lorna Tinney (LJTC)	13.5	
6. LaVonne Neal (PH)	14.0	

Heats: First 2 qualify for final, July 7

<u>1/</u>	1. Johnson 13.3, 2. Neal 13.5, 3. Deanne Carlsen (SRR) 14.0, 4. Mary Ayers (Cleveland TC) 14.7, 5. Donna Schulenberg (MDYF)
<u>2/</u>	1. Rallins 13.5, 2. Donnelly 13.6, 3. Bobbette Krug (LJTC) 13.7, 4. Carol Thomson (Del TC) 14.4, 5. Alberta Martin (WCJ) 14.6
<u>3/</u>	1. O'Neal 13.1 =AR, 2. Tinney 13.6, 3. Cherrie Sherrard (SRR), 4. Debbie Lansky (Unat) 14.0

Having finished 4th in the '68 Olympic 80m hurdles as a high schooler, Johnson returned in 1972 over 100m hurdles to win the OT with a US record, taking it down by 3/10ths in a single move (the 13.1 heat was never officially recognized). In Munich she set US auto-timing records of 13.28 in her heat, and 13.26 in her semi-final, but missed the final by 0.17 seconds. Veteran Lacey O'Neal ran 13.1 in her heat (also unrecognized) and made her second Olympic team, having missed out in 1968, with 13.3 in the final ahead of '68 OT winner Mamie Rallins.

High Jump - July 8

1. Deanne Wilson (Unat)	5'9 1/4"	(1.76)
2. Sandi Goldsberry (LATC)	5'9 1/4"	(1.76)
3. Cindy Gilbert (LJTC)	5'7 1/2"	(1.71)
4. Karen Moeller (Del TC)	5'6 1/2"	(1.69)
5. Donna Schulenberg (MDYF)	5'5 1/2"	(1.66)
6. Jan Dill (LATC)	5'5 1/2"	(1.66)
7. Shirley Lagestee (Or TC)	5'5 1/2"	(1.66)
8. Linda Iddings (ATC)	5'4 1/2"	(1.64)
9. Roxanne Demik (LATC)	5'3"	(1.60)
10. Kathy Hart (DCD)	5'3"	(1.60)

Qualifying, July 7: 5'5" or top 10: 5'5" (1.65) Gilbert, Moller, Wilson, 5'4" (1.625) Dill, Demik, Lagestee, Hart, Schulenberg, Iddings, Goldsberry. Non-qualifiers: Joni Huntley (Portland TC), Jane Frederick (Unat), Alice Pfaff (Unat)

The USA's position in womens' high jumping still lay in the doldrums in 1972, despite Wilson and Goldsberry's efforts in clearing 5'9 1/4" in the trials to equal Gilbert's best mark by an American in 1972. However, athletes from 19 other nations sprang higher than the best US jumper in 1972, and the Olympic trio finished 30-32 in the qualifying round in Munich.

Long Jump July 7

1. Martha Watson (LATC)	20'1 1/2"	(6.14)
2. Willye White (MDYF)	20'1 1/4"	(6.13)
3. Kim Attlesey (LATC)	19'3 3/4"	(5.88)
4. Barbara Ferrell (LAM)	18'11 3/4"	(5.78)
5. Helen Williams (Alcorn A&M)	18'8 1/2"	(5.70)
6. Gaylene Barber (MDYF)	18'6 1/4"	(5.64)
7. Brenda Bryan (Texas TC)	18'0 1/4"	(5.49)

Qualifying, July 7, Top-7: Watson 20'2 1/2" (6.16), White 20'0" (6.09), Bryan 19'4 3/4" (5.91), Attlesey 19'4 1/4" (5.90), Ferrell 18'10" (5.74), Barber 18'7" (5.66), Williams 18'3 3/4" (5.58). Non-qualifiers: Lisa Chiavario (Alb OC) 18'2 1/2" (5.55), Cheryl Butler (Pioneer AC) 18'1 1/4" (5.52), Susan McLalin (Wolverines) 17'3 3/4" (5.27)

The old firm of Watson and White repeated as they again dominated the other jumpers in the OT, and they were the only long jumpers selected for the Olympics. Watson qualified for her third Olympic team, while White went to the Olympics for a US record fifth time. White finished 11th in the final in Munich, while Watson jumped only 6.09 and failed to qualify.

Shot Put July 7

1. Maren Seidler (MDYF)	53'5"	(16.28)
2. Lynn Graham (FE)	50'2 1/2"	(15.30)
3. Mary Jacobson (Or TC)	48'9 1/2"	(14.87)
4. Jan Svendsen (LATC)	48'8 3/4"	(14.85)
5. Denise Wood (NJ Striders)	47'11"	(14.60)
6. Lynette Matthews (FTC)	47'4 1/4"	(14.43)
7. Iva Wright (FE)	44'2 1/4"	(13.46)

Qualifying, July 7, Top-7: Seidler 51'11" (15.83), Svendsen 47'9 1/2" (14.56), Wood 47'9" (14.55), Graham 47'8" (14.52), Jacobson 47'3" (14.40), Matthews 45'7 1/2" (13.90), Wright 43'10 1/2" (13.36). Non-qualifiers: Ursula Radford (Flanagan Clan) 40'5" (12.32), Beth Miller (Fairfield) 40'4" (12.29)

Although she only finished 4th, Jan Svendsen had the longest throw by an American in 1972, reaching a dubious 16.29/53'5 1/4" in early August, and was selected with Maren Seidler, as they were the only Americans to reach the Olympic qualifying standard of 16.20m (53'1 3/4"). Seidler was clearly the number 1 American, taking the AAU (16.08m) and Collegiate (15.85m) titles along with her OT win, and she outdistanced Svendsen 16.18m to 14.96m in Munich, missing the final by less than 1 inch.

Discus Throw - July 8

1. Olga Connolly (LATC)	170'4"	(51.92)
2. Vivian Turner (LATC)	160'1"	(48.80)
3. Denise Wood (NJ Striders)	149'0"	(45.41)
4. Monette Driscoll (LATC)	147'8"	(45.00)
5. Marion Washington (Topeka)	145'8"	(44.40)
6. Iva Wright (FE)	139'7"	(42.54)
7. Jusy Lane (Roseville)	131'2"	(39.97)

Qualifying, July 7: Top-7, Connolly 162'6" (49.55), Turner 153'10" (46.90), Driscoll 153'8" (46.85), Wood 146'6" (44.65), Washington 145'8" (44.40), Wright 139'11" (42.64), Lane 136'2" (41.52). Non-qualifiers: Barbara Butler (Alb OC) 135'7" (41.35), Debbie Rivera (LBTC) 125'3" (38.18), Diane Gutierrez (Texas TC) 105'6" (32.15)

Olga Connolly made her 4th US Olympic team (and her 5th Olympic appearance) with her third OT win. She had broken her 1968 US record twice before the trials, won there by over ten feet, and on successive days set unratified records in August of 193'3" (landing area 10 inches too low) and 189'0" (implement 1/100th of an inch too thin!). She was the only thrower representing the USA in Munich, and finished 16th with 51.58m, missing the final by 3 1/2 meters.

Javelin Throw - July 8

1. Kate Schmidt (LBTC)	197'9"	(60.28)
2. Sherry Calvert (LATC)	178'6"	(54.40)
3. Roberta Brown (SDL)	170'7"	(52.00)
4. Barbara Friedrich (Shore AC)	170'7"	(52.00)
5. Karin Smith (LJTC)	166'4"	(50.70)
6. Susan Armstrong (HA)	157'0"	(47.85)
7. Louise Halle (Liberty AC)	141'6"	(43.15)

Qualifying, July 7: Top-7, Calvert 188'3" (57.38), Schmidt 183'1" (55.80), Brown 162'8" (49.60), Friedrich 160'2" (48.82), Armstrong 158'10" (48.42), Smith 155'10" (47.49), Halle 152'5" (46.47). Non-qualifiers: Debbie Langevain (LBTC) 145'9" (44.42), Beth Cannon (Unat) 145'6" (44.35), Wendy Sorrick (Del TC) 142'7" (43.46), Joyce Hombel (ATC) 140'10" (42.91), Karen Allenby (ML) 127'6" (38.86)

Kate Schmidt put a stop to the rut that American throwers seemed to have settled into, with a bronze medal in Munich with her 59.94m (196'8") cast. Prior to that effort, she took her pb from 191'5" to 197'9" with her OT win. Behind her Sherry Calvert was a clear second after leading the qualifiers with her 188'3" throw, while Roberta Brown took third place by the smallest possible margin - a better second best throw - from 1968 OT winner Barbara Friedrich, as both threw 170'7". In fifth place was 16 year-old high schooler Karin Smith. Three weeks after the trials, Schmidt became the first American to throw over 200 ft, with 200'6" at Valencia, Ca. on July 28.

Pentathlon - Los Alamos, June 23/24

1. Jennifer Meldrum (CANADA)	4251
14.4/13.75/1.62/6.02/25.0	

2. Penny May (CANADA)	4202
14.1/12.65/1.62/6.08/25.4	
3. Jane Frederick (Unat)	4169
14.4/12.34/1.70/5.89/25.6	
4. Marilyn King (ML)	4064
14.2/10.46/1.62/6.22/26.9	
5. Gale Fitzgerald (Atoms TC)	4034
14.8/10.94/1.65/5.48/24.0	
6. Lorna Tinney (LJTC)	3989
13.6/ 7.09/1.55/5.99/24.6	
7. Mary Lalum (Unat)	3954
14.2/10.80/1.67/5.54/26.0	
8. Linda Iddings (ATC)	3945
14.7/11.19/1.76/5.12/25.6	
9. Pat Donnelly (LATC)	3883
13.7/11.19/1.55/5.12/25.0	

Jane Frederick and Gale Fitzgerald were the USA's selections for the Olympics, being the only athletes to reach the Olympic qualifying score of 4800 (old tables). This was the commencement for Frederick of an international career that was to last more than 15 years.