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MEN

Eugene, Or. - June 21-29

The US boycott of the Moscow Olympics meant that the trials were far less meaningful than usual. The general feeling for the athletes and spectators was that this was just another track meet. This mood was not helped by the rain which fell through the first 5 days of the meeting. Athletes who were likely to have lost Olympic gold medals were Renaldo Nehemiah, Edwin Moses, Larry Myricks and Mac Wilkins.

100 Meters - June 22, 20.15 Hr (+0.0w)

1. Stanley Floyd (Auburn)	10.26
2. Harvey Glance (Auburn TC)	10.27
3. Mel Lattany (Ga)	10.30
4. Carl Lewis (Houston)	10.32
5. Willie Gault (Tenn)	10.33
6. Steve Williams (AA)	10.36
7. Houston McTear (Ali TC)	10.43
8. Jerome Deal (UTEP)	10.57

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 18.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Lattany 10.23w, 2. Lewis 10.24, 3. Gault 10.25, 4. Floyd 10.28, 5. Eric Brown (UCLA) 10.33, 6. Jeff Phillips (Tenn) 10.38, 7. Mark Duper (NWN La) 10.48, 8. Eddie Hart (BAS) 10.57 (+2.5w)
- 2/ 1. Glance 10.14, 2. McTear 10.24, 3. Deal 10.26, 4. Williams 10.28, 5. Emmit King (Jefferson JC) 10.30, 6. Mike Roberson (Fla St) 10.32, 7. Rey Robinson (AA) 10.43. LaNoris Marshall (Mesa CC) - Disq

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 21, 18.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Floyd 10.19, 2. Lewis 10.29, 3. McTear 10.34, 4. Duper 10.36, 5. John Christian (DCI) 10.43, 6. Kevin Newell (UCTC) 10.53, 7. John Garrison (Okla TC) 10.58 (+2.0w)
- 2/ 1. Williams 10.20w, 2. Roberson 10.26, 3. Brown 10.34, 4. Phillips 10.42, 5. Kevin Nance (PPC) 10.44, 6. Walter Monroe (HS Tampa, Fla) 10.49, 7. Marvin Rochee (BAS) 10.57 (+2.2w)
- 3/ 1. Lattany 10.31, 2. Gault 10.38, =3. Deal and Hart 10.45, 5. Ricky Campbell (Ga) 10.61, 6. Don Merrick (AA) 10.66, 7. David Read (VMI) 10.72 (+0.6w)
- 4/ 1. Glance 10.29, 2. King 10.42, 3. Robinson 10.53, 4. Marshall 10.56, 5. Dennis Scott (VPI) 10.57, 6. Baker (USAF) 10.78 (+0.4w)

Until the beginning of June, James Sanford had been the big favorite to win the trials. He had won the '79 AAU and World Cup, and improved in 1980 to run a barely windy 9.88. Then he lost to freshman long-jumper Carl Lewis, and the following week finished third in 10.12 in the NCAA behind Stanley Floyd (10.10) and Mike Roberson (10.12), before injuring himself in the 200. Floyd went on to win the AAU, and added the FOT title to become the first man since Bobby Morrow to achieve that triple. Harvey Glance had moved clear of fast starting McTear by halfway, and stayed ahead until Floyd's surge in the last 15m just caught him, with Mel Lattany edging Lewis and Willie Gault for third.

200 Meters - June 25, 20.05 Hr (-1.5w)

1. James Butler (Okla St)	20.49
2. Cliff Wiley (DCI)	20.54
3. Fred Taylor (PPC)	20.70
4. LaMonte King (SSTC)	20.73
5. Willie Gault (Tenn)	20.82
6. Dwayne Evans (Ariz St)	20.83
7. Mark Duper (NWN La)	20.91
8. Otis Melvin (East Carolina)	21.16

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 25, 17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Evans 20.68, 2. Taylor 20.69, 3. Duper 20.77, 4. Gault 20.85, 5. Mike Roberson (Fla St) 20.96, =6. Marty Krulee (Macc) and Jerome Morgan (US-A) 21.14, 8. Kevin Newell (UCTC) 21.34 (+1.4w)
- 2/ 1. Butler 20.36, 2. Wiley 20.49, 3. King 20.77, 4. Melvin 20.86, 5. Brad McDonald (SDS) 20.93, 6. Lester Washington (US-A) 20.97, 7. Jeff Phillips (Tenn) 21.42 Millard Hampton (BAS) - Dnf (+1.4w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 18.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Butler 20.59, 2. Newell 21.06, 3. Gault 21.08, 4. McDonald 21.10, 5. Jessie Young (Ohio St) 21.35, 6. Steve Davis (Clem) 21.47 Ricky Campbell (Ga) - Dnc (+0.8w)
- 2/ 1. Taylor 20.55w, 2. Wiley 20.68, 3. Duper 20.85, 4. Krulee 20.99, 5. Lamar Preyor (Tenn) 21.14, 6. LaNoris Marshall (Mesa CC) 21.30 (+2.3w)
- 3/ 1. King 20.69, 2. Evans 20.83, 3. Washington 20.91, 4. Phillips 20.93, 5. Kevin Nance (PPC) 21.15, 6. Deven Lewis (LBCC) 21.21 (+1.1w)
- 4/ 1. Roberson 20.81, 2. Hampton 20.97, 3. Melvin 21.03, 4. Morgan 21.04, 5. Carl McCullough (Unat) 21.28, 6. Randy Smith (Mich St) 21.59 (+0.9w)

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 24, 10.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Butler 20.59, 2. Roberson 20.89, 3. Krulee 21.14, 4. Taylor 21.21, 5. Morgan 21.21, 6. Young 21.49, 7. John Christian (DCI) 21.56, Bill Collins (PPC) - Dnf (-0.5w)
- 2/ 1. King 20.7, 2. Duper 20.8, 3. McDonald 21.0, 4. Davis 21.0, 5. Phillips 21.1, =6. Preyor and Smith 21.2, 8. Jeff Walker (Compton CC) 21.2 (0.0w)
- 3/ 1. Melvin 20.86, 2. Newell 21.06, 3. Hampton 21.17, =4. McCullough and Nance 21.20, 6. Campbell 21.60, 7. Butch Woolfork (Mich) 21.68, 8. Vince Jones (Ill St) 22.03 (-0.6w)
- 4/ 1. Wiley 20.78, 2. Evans 20.83, 3. Washington 21.20, 4. Gault 21.27, 5. Marshall 21.31, 6. Lewis 21.33, 7. Neville Hodge (Morg St) 21.37, 8. Junior Holmes 21.84 (Macc) (0.0w)

Mike Roberson, who ran under 20 twice in the NCAA, and LaMonte King, the AAU winner, were favorites to make the team, but Roberson got frozen out in the semis, blaming the weather for his poor running, and finished 5th in the first race, won by Dwayne Evans. James Butler won the other semi-final in 20.36, good running in the cold conditions. Evans drew lane 1 as he had in 1976, but this time was not in the same condition, and was never in the hunt. Butler led off the turn, and held form well to hold off Wiley. Third was Fred Taylor, who edged long-jumper King.

400 Meters - June 27, 17.40 Hr

1. Bill Green (USC)	45.85
2. Willie Smith (Auburn TC)	45.97
3. Walter McCoy (Fla St)	46.06
4. Herm Frazier (PPC)	46.16
5. Tony Darden (PPC)	46.41
6. Anthony Blair (Tenn)	46.57
7. Charles Oliver (Fla TC)	46.64
8. Albert Shorts (Macc)	46.78

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 25, 19.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Darden 46.03, 2. Blair 46.05, 3. Green 46.05, 4. Frazier 46.18, 5. Maxie Parks (AIA) 46.18, 5. Tony Banks (UCLA) 47.12, 6. Deon Hogan (Kansas) 47.54, 8. Bill Hartson (Baylor) 49.92
- 2/ 1. Smith 45.55, 2. McCoy 45.68, 3. Shorts 46.09, 4. Oliver 46.24, 5. Stan Whitaker (Kansas) 46.50, 6. Maurice Peoples (DCI) 46.84, 7. Ed Daniels (SDS) 46.95, 8. Kevin Jones (Northwood) 47.47

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 25, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Hogan 45.74, 2. Oliver 45.89, 3. Green 45.98, 4. Hartson 46.26, 5. Terry Erickson (UCTC) 46.76, 6. Gary Kelly (Cal) 47.12, 7. Jeff Hill (Penn) 47.64
- 2/ 1. Smith 45.82, 2. Darden 45.91, 3. Shorts 46.03, 4. Peoples 46.05, 5. Lester Mickens (Kansas) 46.44, 6. Stan Curry (E Car) 46.88, 7. Pat Mitchell (Ark) 47.21
- 3/ 1. McCoy 45.88, 2. Jones 46.31, 3. Parks 46.41, 4. Daniels 46.56, 5. Jeff Walker (Compton JC) 46.98, Ricky Faggett (Texas) and Leslie Kerr (Texas A&M) - Dnc
- 4/ 1. Frazier 45.91, 2. Blair 45.97, 3. Whitaker 46.33, 4. Banks 46.39, 5. Stanley Redwine (Ark) 46.67, 6. Guy Goodwin (Morgan St) 46.81, 7. Edwin McIntyre (NC St) 47.51

Heats - first 5 plus 3 fastest losers qualify, June 24, 11.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Oliver 46.38, 2. Shorts 46.50, 3. Daniels 46.77, 4. Curry 46.97, 5. Hill 47.11, 6. Hartson 47.14, Ronnie Harris (AA) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Smith 46.14, 2. Frazier 46.42, 3. Parks 46.83, 4. Kelly 47.05, 5. McIntyre 47.09, 6. Banks 47.36, 7. Brian Grimes (Rutgers) 48.11
- 3/ 1. Blair 46.41, 2. Green 46.47, 3. Whitaker 46.56, 4. Peoples 46.66, 5. Jones 46.90, 6. Faggett 47.46, 7. Joe Johnson (PV) 48.11
- 4/ 1. McCoy 46.40, 2. Hogan 46.66, 3. Erickson 47.17, 4. Redwine 47.24, 5. Mickens 47.26, 6. Greg Hill (Unat) 47.62, 7. Greg Watson (Unat) 47.90, 8. Brian Denman (SH) 48.41
- 5/ 1. Walker 46.54, 2. Darden 46.64, 3. Goodwin 47.14, 4. Kerr 47.31, 5. Mitchell 47.46, 6. Donn Thompson (UCLA) 47.70, 8. Jeff Colvin (Navy) 47.95

Billy Mullins was the fastest man in the world prior to the trials, but with a muscle strain was unable to compete, leaving teammate Bill Green, along with AAU champion Willie Smith as favorites. The Eugene winds played havoc with the event, even more so than in 1976, and in the final 22.4 was enough to find Albert Shorts 2 meters ahead of the field, led by Tony Darden. Smith took the lead with just over 100m to go, and led until the last 20m when Green darted by to win by a meter, with McCoy another yard back.

800 Meters - June 23, 18.35 Hr

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| 1. Don Paige (Vill) | 1:44.53 | (52.3/52.2) |
| 2. James Robinson (ICAC) | 1:45.58 | (52.8/52.8) |
| 3. Randy Wilson (AA) | 1:45.82 | (52.0/53.8) |
| 4. Mark Enyeart (PCC) | 1:46.05 | (51.8/54.3) |
| 5. James De Rienzo (Gtn) | 1:46.19 | (52.2/54.0) |
| 6. David Mack (Or) | 1:46.67 | (52.9/53.8) |
| 7. Billy Martin (Iona) | 1:46.86 | (52.5/54.4) |
| 8. Johnny Gray (Santa Monica CC) | 3:28.9 | (52.6/2:35.3) |

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 18.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Mack 1:47.02, 2. Wilson 1:47.14, 3. Robinson 1:47.38, 4. Gray 1:47.41, 5. Jeff West (UCLA) 1:47.49, 6. Dan Futrell (SMTC) 1:47.57, 7. John Anich (BG) 1:48.25, 8. Jack McIntosh (Wn Mich) 1:49.6
- 2/ 1. Paige 1:46.46, 2. De Rienzo 1:46.85, 3. Enyeart 1:46.91, 4. Martin 1:47.00, 5. Mark Belger (Unat) 1:47.03, 6. Palmer Simmons (Fla St) 1:47.30, 7. Evans White (PV) 1:48.06, 8. Darrell Sargent (Miami/O) 1:48.44, 9. Don Frichtel (SMTC) 1:48.97

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 21, 17.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Futrell 1:49.25, 2. Wilson 1:49.33, 3. Martin 1:49.38, 4. Anich 1:49.50, 5. Brian Theriot (UCLA) 1:49.55, 6. Phillip Rolle (US-A) 1:50.5, 7. Mark Lech (NEn TC) 1:50.67, 8. Bob Casseleman (PCC) 1:51.49
- 2/ 1. De Rienzo 1:48.40, 2. Gray 1:48.44, 3. Sargent 1:48.49, 4. Robinson 1:48.52, 5. Scott Poehling (Neb) 1:48.74, 6. Craig Masback (NYPC) 1:49.19, 7. Gerald Masterson (SMTC) 1:49.42
- 3/ 1. West 1:48.06, 2. Enyeart 1:48.36, 3. Mack 1:48.41, 4. Simmons 1:48.52, 5. James Mays (Texas T) 1:48.58, 6. George Canty (Va) 1:48.93, 7. Mike White (Cal) 1:49.18, 8. Charles Taliaferro (SMTC) 1:51.80
- 4/ 1. Paige 1:49.20, 2. Belger 1:49.36, 3. McIntosh 1:49.51, 4. E.White 1:49.71, 5. Don Frichtel (SMTC) 1:49.96, 6. Clifton Perry (TSU) 1:50.41, Byron Dyce (Fla TC) - Dnf

James Robinson was thought to have the measure of the field, though Don Paige, the NCAA victor was clearly in good form, and was the fastest qualifier with 1:46.46. Enyeart led the final through 400m in 51.8 and 600m in 1:18.8. Paige then powered by, and the race was over - by the straight Paige had 8 yards on Robinson, and he maintained that margin all the way home, to move up to 4th on the USA all-time list. Big Randy Wilson used the inside lane well, and after following the principal two past Enyeart, held him off by 2 yards to take third in 1:45.82. The standard was excellent with 7 under 1:47, and only Johnny Gray, who was ill and walked the last 100m, was below top form.

1500 Meters - June 29, 18.05 Hr

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| 1. Steve Scott (Sub 4) | 3:35.15 |
| 2. Steve Lacy (AFS) | 3:36.23 |
| 3. Mike Durkin (UCTC) | 3:38.04 |
| 4. Todd Harbour (Baylor) | 3:38.14 |
| 5. Richie Harris (Col St) | 3:38.46 |
| 5. Craig Masback (NYPC) | 3:38.46 |
| 7. Jim Spivey (Ind) | 3:42.30 |
| 8. Kevin Ryan (BG) | 3:46.04 |
9. Rick Musgrave (Col TC) 3:46.26, 10. Larry Mangan (Penn St) 3:49.6, 11. Mike Slack (UCTC) 3:57.9, Don Paige (Vill) - Dnf

Heats: - first 6 qualify, June 28, 19.00 Hr

1/ 1. Harris 3:38.84, 2. Paige 3:38.96, 3. Slack 3:39.12, 4. Mangan 3:39.25, 5. Spivey 3:39.32, 6. Ryan 3:39.38, 7. Phil Kane (AW) 3:39.67, 8. John Gustafson (Ind) 3:42.99, 9. Ross Donoghue (St John's) 3:43.00, 10. Mark Belger (Unat) 3:44.65, 11. Ed Arriola (Macc) 3:47.0, 12. Paul Becklund (Unat) 3:49.0, 13. Mike Quigley (LSU) 3:49.8

2/ 1. Lacy 3:41.34, 2. Scott 3:41.37, 3. Masback 3:41.53, 4. Musgrave 3:41.88, 5. Durkin 3:41.89, 6. Harbour 3:42.38, 7. Dan Aldridge (Sub 4) 3:43.15, 8. Gene McCarthy (AA) 3:46.63, 9. Ron Cornell (UCLA) 3:48.24, 10. Chris Horton (Or TC) 3:48.73, 11. Len Hilton (Houston TC) 3:48.74, 12. Ray Wicksell (Sub 4) 3:50.5

After declining to run the AAU final because of hamstring problems, Scott determined that a race requiring a big kick should be avoided. He took the lead early and passed 440y in 58.0, eased to 1:58.1 and then burned off the opposition, other than Lacy, with a 56.6 third quarter. Scott ran his last lap in 55.4 and Lacy finally had to yield in the last 100m; behind them Durkin won the battle for third from fast finishing Todd Harbour. Bill Dellinger estimated that without the strong winds Scott would have run under 3:33

3000 Meters Steeplechase - June 28, 18.15 Hr

1. Henry Marsh (AW)	8:15.68	AR
2. Doug Brown (AW)	8:20.60	
3. John Gregorek (Gtn)	8:21.32	
Dq Ron Addison (AW)	8:22.6	
4. Ken Martin (Or)	8:26.72	
5. Randy Jackson (Wisc)	8:28.87	
6. Dan Heikkinen (Mich)	8:29.46	
7. Mike Roche (GBTC)	8:32.34	
8. Thom Hunt (Ariz)	8:36.3	

9. Greg Meyer (GBTC) 8:40.7, 10. Kregg Einspahr (Concordia) 9:00.1, Sam James (Tenn) Dnf

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 25, 20.25 Hr

1/ 1. Heikkinen 8:30.21, 2. Addison 8:30.25, 3. Martin 8:30.46, 4. Roche 8:31.50, 5. Einspahr 8:32.22, 6. Marsh 8:32.31, 7. Kelly Jensen (Or TC) 8:36.19, 8. Bill St John (SDS) 8:38.56, 9. Mike Friton (Or) 8:48.48, 10. Bill McCullough (SMTC) 9:06.0

2/ 1. Gregorek 8:28.25, 2. Meyer 8:28.34, 3. Jackson 8:28.37, 4. James 8:29.01, 5. Hunt 8:29.75, 6. Brown 8:31.56, 7. George Malley (Or TC) 8:32.83, 8. Mark Bishop (Ok St) 8:36.23, 9. Mike Manley (Or TC) 8:48.6, 10. Jim Johnson (CNW) 8:54.2

The seeding appeared to be perfect as the 12 fastest times were split evenly between the two heats, with George Malley the unlucky thirteenth with a time good enough to make all but one of the previous US Olympic teams. Mike Roche, who had finished the '76 trials like a bullet, started the same way in 1980, leading by 20m within 2 laps. Doug Brown took the lead after 1000m and led for two laps, and was succeeded first by Hunt and then by Addison, who unwisely accelerated on the backstraight - into the wind - on successive laps. Brown again led at the bell, with Addison, Marsh and Martin in tow. Marsh burst away from the others with 300m to go and won by 25 meters, with Brown making his third Olympic team in second place. Behind him Addison, in a state of exhaustion, impeded the fast finishing Gregorek with 10 meters to go. Gregorek nipped by him, and Addison fell across the line breaking a clavicle and getting disqualified to add insult to injury. Gregorek twice beat his pb by a total of 13 seconds in the trials, while Marsh was quietly satisfied with the outcome - "This American record means more than my previous one (8:21.55 in '77) and it came in the trials".

5000 Meters - June 29, 18.35 Hr

1. Matt Centrowitz (Or)	13:30.62
2. Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	13:31.90
3. Bill McChesney (Or)	13:34.42
4. Jerald Jones (SMTC)	13:34.71
5. Don Clary (Or)	13:38.48
6. Dan Dillon (GBTC)	13:41.58
7. Steve Ortiz (UCLA)	14:14.01
8. Doug Padilla (BYU)	14:19.80

9. Marty Liquori (AA) 14:22.0, Paul Geis (AW), Rudy Chapa (Or TC), Duncan MacDonald (West Valley TC) - Dnf

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 27, 17.50 Hr

1/ 1. Buerkle 13:40.77, 2. Jones 13:43.06, 3. Liquori 13:43.59, 4. MacDonald 13:43.75, 5. Chapa 13:44.22, 6. Geis 13:44.47, 7. Alberto Salazar (GBTC) 13:46.51, 8. Terry Cotton (J Toads) 13:47.9, 9. Mike Lohman (Or TC) 13:57.2, 10. Richard Schwartz (CGTC) 14:13.9

2/ 1. Clary 13:47.96, 2. McChesney 13:51.54, 3. Ortiz 13:53.31, 4. Dillon 13:53.45, 5. Centrowitz 13:54.20, 6. Padilla 13:55.85, 7. Randy Melancon (NYAC) 13:57.57, 8. Alan Scharsu (Penn St) 14:06.57, 9. Bill Donakowski (NYAC) 14:22.9, 10. Chris Fox (Auburn) 14:32.4. Tony Sandoval (AW) and Tom Wysocki (SSTC) - Dnf

Matt Centrowitz had won the TAC and was no surprise as the trials winner, but Dick Buerkle (8th in the TAC) was a shock. Buerkle led for 2 miles, and was then upstaged by McChesney, the first American home in the NCAA, who headed off into a 35m lead with 2 laps to go. Buerkle and Centrowitz closed in and caught the slight figure of McChesney with half a lap left. The former 1500m specialist Centrowitz won by 10 yards from Buerkle, with the wilting McChesney just holding on from Jones, who gained almost 15 yards in the last 100. Down in 8th and 9th were Marty Liquori and Doug Padilla whose illustrious careers in total spread a quarter of a century from 1967 to 1992.

10000 Meters - June 24, 19.15 Hr

1. Craig Virgin (St Louis TC)	27:45.61
2. Greg Fredericks (AA)	28:03.14
3. Alberto Salazar (GBTC)	28:10.42
4. Jeff Wells (AW)	28:12.82
5. Mike Buhmann (FSRT)	28:12.99
6. Tom Wysocki (SSTC)	28:19.56
7. Steve Ortiz (UCLA)	28:27.39
8. Tony Sandoval (AW)	28:29.94

9. Herb Lindsay (FSRT) 28:30.2, 10. Stan Mavis (FSRT) 28:38.6, 11. Mark Nenow (Ky) 28:40.7, 12. Gary Tuttle (TI) 28:47.4, 13. Ric Rojas (Col TC) 28:53.5, 14. John Flora (NEn TC) 28:54.5, 15. Dan Dillon (GBTC) 28:57.5, 16. Alex Kasich (AW) 29:03.3, 17. Mark Anderson (FSRT) 29:29.8, 18. Paul Stemmer (AW) 29:45.0, Paul Geis (AW) and Stan Vernon (AA) - Dnf

In a mini-version of the Kuts-Pirie Olympic 10k of 1956 Craig Virgin broke Herb Lindsay to win the trials 10000m. Lindsay was the top road runner of 1979-80 and stuck like glue to Virgin's pace, but when the world cross-country champion ran his fourth mile in 4:26.5, Lindsay was broken and he soon dropped back from second to ninth. Alberto Salazar led the main group until comebacking Greg Fredericks caught him with 2 laps to go. Fredericks broke his previous best (set in 1972) by 5 seconds, while Salazar held on to beat Wells and Buhmann by nearly 20 yards for third. Virgin's splits: 2:46.5/5:29.7/8:15.7/10:59.6 /13:43.6/16:28.6/19:19.7/22:10.6/25:01.7/ 27:45.61 - with halves of 13:43.6/14:02.0

20 Kilometer Walk - June 21, 17.00 Hr

1. Marco Evoniuk (FSRT)	1:27:12
1. Jim Heiring (SCRR)	1:27:12
3. Dan O'Connor (NYAC)	1:29:05
4. Todd Scully (Shore AC)	1:30:28
5. Larry Walker (AFS)	1:31:06
6. Carl Schueler (PVTC)	1:31:17

16 finishers//2 failed to finish//4 disqualified

At halfway there were 4 in the hunt - Evoniuk, Heiring, Ray Sharp and Neal Pyke. Sharp, and then Pyke were disqualified around the 15k mark, and the top-2 decided not to race it out. Although a somewhat moot point, Heiring and O'Connor had already qualified for the 50k team, so Scully and Walker were elevated to the 20k Olympic squad.

50 Kilometer Walk - Niagara Falls, May 10

1. Carl Schueler (PVTC)	3:59:34 AR
2. Marco Evoniuk (FSRT)	4:00:30
3. Dan O'Connor (NYAC)	4:11:03
4. Jim Heiring (SCRR)	4:12:37
5. Vincent O'Sullivan (ESTC)	4:17:57
6. Wayne Glusker (WVTC)	4:23:44

13 finishers//3 failed to finish//1 disqualified

Ray Sharp led for one third of the race, but had to withdraw at the halfway mark with a hamstring injury, and Marco Evoniuk took over. At 35k he held a 2:20 margin over Schueler, but the 24 year-old Schueler finished quickly, and caught Evoniuk with 2k to go. O'Connor was also strong in the latter stages, going clear of Heiring at 40k.

Marathon - Eugene, May 22

1. Tony Sandoval (AW)	2:10:19
2. Benji Durden (Phidippides RC)	2:10:41
3. Kyle Heffner (Adidas)	2:10:55
4. Ron Tabb (Unat)	2:12:39
5. Jeff Wells (AW)	2:13:16
6. Kevin McCarey (AW)	2:13:17
7. Randy Thomas (GBTC)	2:13:40
8. Gordon Minty (Motor City Striders)	2:13:53
9. Frank Richardson (Unat) 2:14:17, 10. Dennis Rinde (WVTC) 2:14:22, 11. Walter Saeger (SCL) 2:14:38, 12. Dave Smith (Unat) 2:14:48, 50th place 2:19:36//97 at 2:25:52	

Gary Fanelli set the pace, and ensured a fast race in the damp and mild (60-65oF) conditions, passing halfway in 1:04:39. No-one made a big move until Durden kicked at the 18 mile mark. By 22 miles he was 75y clear, but Sandoval caught him at 24 miles, and then went away. Sandoval, who had finished 4th in the 1976 trials, thus won what was probably the peak of American domestic marathoning. With 24 men under 2:17, the event had developed a long way through the 1970's, primarily because of the success of Frank Shorter (who finished 85th here in 2:23:24).

110 Meters Hurdles - June 24, 18.45 Hr (+0.6w)

1. Renaldo Nehemiah (DCI)	13.26
2. Dedy Cooper (BAS)	13.39
3. Tonie Campbell (USC)	13.44
4. Dan Lavitt (Missouri)	13.56
5. Wayne Mason (Cinc)	13.60
6. Jeff Bruce (WSU)	13.86
7. Reggie Towns (Tenn)	13.87
8. Eugene Miller (Auburn)	13.94

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 15.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Cooper 13.57, 2. Mason 13.63, 3. Towns 13.91, 4. Bruce 13.94, 5. Ricky Davenport (Keg TC) 13.96, 6. Billy Richard (Ga) 14.02, 7. Greg Robertson (DCI) 14.04 Milan Stewart (USC) - Dnf (-1.2w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Lavitt 13.59w, 2. Nehemiah 13.60, 3. Campbell 13.60, 4. Miller 13.73, 5. Rod Wilson (Vill) 13.75, 6. Ashland Whitfield (US-A) 13.96, 7. Rod Chesley (Charlotte TC) 13.98, 8. Andy Roberts (Knox TC) 14.00 (+2.6w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 19.20 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Mason 13.71, 2. Miller 13.90, 3. Robertson 13.92, 4. Roberts 14.12, 5. Garnet Edwards (W Va) 14.12, 6. Tom Turner (WSU) 14.25, 7. Lorenzo Bellamy (Wash) 14.47, 8. Jim Kelley (Okla TC) 14.65 (-0.7w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Cooper 13.68, 2. Wilson 13.85, 3. Lavitt 13.87, 4. Whitfield 14.01, 5. Doc King (Unat) 14.18, 6. Colin Williams (US-A) 14.32, 7. Terron Wright (Memphis St) 14.34, 8. Joe Curtis (UCTC) 15.66 (+0.0w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Campbell 13.75, 2. Stewart 13.81, 3. Towns 13.87, 4. Davenport 13.93, 5. Tom Mahan (GBTC) 14.24, 6. Dan Oliver (Ohio St) 14.34, 7. Malcolm Dixon (Foothill JC) 14.55 Greg Foster (UCLA) - Dnc (-1.9w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Nehemiah 13.56, 2. Richard 14.19, 3. Chesley 14.26, 4. Bruce 14.34, 5. Larry Cowling (Cal) 14.37, 6. James McCraney (Macc) 14.41, 7. Harry Davis (UCTC) 14.44, 8. Al Joyner (Ark St) 14.86 (-1.2w)

Heats - first 5 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 22, 12.45 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Robertson 13.79, 2. Lavitt 13.81, 3. Stewart 14.00, 4. Roberts 14.03, 5. Davis 14.06, 6. King 14.07, 7. Joyner 14.17 (-1.9w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Cooper 13.55, 2. Cowling 13.83, 3. Turner 13.92, 4. Towns 13.98, 5. Williams 14.20, 6. Carl Florant (ICAC) 14.21, 7. Chester Hart (BAS) 14.27 (+1.2w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Campbell 13.71, 2. Richard 13.88, 3. Chesley 14.07, 4. Edwards 14.09, 5. Mahan 14.21, 6. Mike Cox (Mesa CC) 14.30, 7. B.J. Carmichael (Cal) 14.56 (+0.7w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Nehemiah 13.55, 2. Davenport 14.05, 3. Wright 14.06, 4. Dixon 14.23, 5. Kelley 14.30, 6. Billy Busch (Tex A&M) 14.49, 7. John Roberts (West Valley) 14.63 (-0.5w)
<u>5/</u>	1. Mason 13.90, 2. Miller 14.16, 3. Bruce 14.18, 4. Curtis 14.32, 5. Bellamy 14.38, 6. Sam Turner (CSLA) 14.54 (-2.0w)
<u>6/</u>	1. Foster 13.97, 2. Wilson 13.98, 3. Whitfield 14.39, 4. McCraney 14.42, 5. Oliver 14.48, 6. John Long (Jacksonville TC) 14.55, 7. Bruce Barnett (UCTC) 14.77 (-2.2w)

Renaldo Nehemiah had ranked first in the world in 1978 and 1979, and was clearly the best in the business, while his principal rival Greg Foster was equally well established as #2. Foster was ill with tonsillitis and had to retire after winning his preliminary heat; perhaps he might have continued if an Olympic place had truly been on offer. The track was extremely wet and slippery, giving Dedy Cooper, runner-up to Nehemiah in the AAU, big problems in his semi-final. Cooper made it through to the final, but was always behind Nehemiah who burned his way to a 2 meter lead by the 7th hurdle before taking things carefully for the rest of the race to register a 13.26 - 13.39 win over Cooper. Tonie Campbell ran a pb 13.44 to beat Lavitt and Mason for a well-earned third.

400 Meters Hurdles - June 23, 19.00 Hr

1. Edwin Moses (Utopia TC)	47.90
2. James Walker (Auburn TC)	49.04
3. David Lee (Sn III)	49.34
3. Bart Williams (SSTC)	49.34
5. James King (Macc)	49.49
6. Rich Graybehl (PCC)	50.10
7. Nate Lundy (Ind)	50.27
8. Andre Phillips (UCLA)	1:36.0

Semi-finals: - first 4 qualify, June 22, 17.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Moses 48.22, 2. Walker 49.03, 3. Williams 49.24, 4. Lundy 49.97, 5. Tim Hanlon (St John's) 50.05, 6. Tony Rambo (SC) 50.21, 7. Otis Gatewood (Okla) 50.89, 8. Mike Shine (US-A) 51.47
- 2/ 1. Lee 49.36, 2. King 49.67, 3. Phillips 49.72, 4. Graybehl 50.45, 5. Chris Person (Maryland) 50.74, 6. Wendell Angel (USAF) 50.90, 7. Bill Austin (NVTC) 51.12, 8. Paul Lankford (Penn St) 51.36

Heats: - first 4 qualify, June 21, 10.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Moses 49.23, 2. Williams 50.04, 3. Lundy 50.98, 4. Austin 51.24, 5. Ron Foreman (NC St) 51.52
- 2/ =1. Graybehl and Lee 49.82, 3. Person 50.08, 4. Lankford 50.15, 5. Gregg Byram (PCC) 50.48, 6. Rhan Sheffield (Macc) 51.66
- 3/ 1. Walker 50.23, 2. Angel 50.44, 3. Phillips 50.62, 4. Hanlon 51.15, 5. Karl Williams (Va) 51.88, 6. Clarence Hopper (CSLA) 52.73
- 4/ 1. King 49.91, 2. Shine 49.93, 3. Rambo 50.06, 4. Gatewood 50.62, 5. Sam Turner (CSLA) 50.98, 6. James Baldwin (TSU) 52.24

Moses was the most dominant athlete in the world in any event at this stage of his career. Undefeated since the 1977 ISTAF (Berlin) meeting, he was able to duck under 48.00 almost at will. His 49.23 heat was his first race for 9 months, and was followed by a world leading 48.22 in his semi-final, breaking his trials record from 1976. In the final he was matched for the first half by strong Andre Phillips, but then his long metronomic stride carried him away from the field, and by the 10th hurdle he was 10 yards clear. Moses won in splendid isolation in 47.90, with converted sprint hurdler James Walker second, and AAU/NCAA winner David Lee in a tie for third with Bart Williams. Phillips fell at the last barrier and jogged in last.

High Jump - June 29, 16.00 Hr

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| 1. Benn Fields (PPC) | 7'5" | (2.26) |
| 2. Nat Page (PPC) | 7'3 3/4" | (2.23) |
| 3. Jim Howard (Texas A&M) | 7'3 3/4" | (2.23) |
| 4. Mike Lattany (Michigan) | 7'2 1/2" | (2.20) |
| 5. James Barrineau (US-A) | 7'2 1/2" | (2.20) |
| 6. Bob Berry (Ind) | 7'2 1/2" | (2.20) |
| 7. Ken Glover (En Ky) | 7'2 1/2" | (2.20) |
| 7. Jeff Woodard (Ala) | 7'2 1/2" | (2.20) |
9. Jerry Sanders (CSN) 7'1 1/2" (2.17), 10. Dwight Stones (AA) 7'1 1/2" (2.17), =11. Rory Kotinek (ACA) and Jim Pringle (Fla) 7'1 1/2" (2.17), Mark Branch (Knox TC), Rey Brown (SCI), Franklin Jacobs (Fairleigh Dickinson), Kerry Myers (Alameda JC), Frank Schiefer (SDS) and Leo Williams (Navy) - all no height cleared.

Qualifying: June 28, 14.30 Hr: All finalists cleared 7'1 1/2" (2.17). No height cleared: - Rich Alexander (Man), Lee Balkin (UCLA), Bruce Beckel (Wisc/RF), David Bergstrom (Unat), Roger Curtis (AFS), Chuck Durrant (Unat), Hoe Edwards (Hutch CC), James Frazier (Ariz), Jay Gonzalez (St Aug), Milton Goode (SFCC), Jeff Guy (Texas), Glenn Irion (Phil AC), Ron Jones (Unat), Joel Light (Kansas), Steve Link (UC Davis), Dave Middlebrook (Miami/Ohio), Kim Nielson (BYU), Coart Owens (Ariz St), Calvin Paskett (Utah St), Charles Perry (Texas A&M), Sylvester Pritchett (SJS), Joe Radan (CS Sacramento), Doug Reinhart (CS Hayward), Rod Rudolph (Ala), Greg Schaper (Ark St), Lee Shuler (NC), Leon Smith (Sil St TC), Rod Smith (Macc), Jim Sokolowski (DuPage JC), Bill Thierfelder (Md), Larry Weaver (LSU), Darrel Webb (La T), James Wight (Miami/O), Mike Winsor (Cen. Mich)

A field of 52 (!) jumpers started the qualifying. Reasonably enough the starting height was high - 7'1 1/2" and 34 athletes failed. The same height started the final, and together with starting failures at 7'2 1/2" six of the eighteen finalists missed clearing a height. The biggest factor in the failures was the powerful cross-wind. Dwight Stones summed up the conditions - "for a speed jumper like myself, it was impossible". The form book was upset, as Jeff Woodard could make only 7'2 1/2" (compared with his winning mark of 7'7 1/4" at the NCAA), and AAU winner Franklin Jacobs failed to make his opening height of 7'2 1/2". Only Page, Fields and Howard could make 7'3 3/4" and Fields won when he cleared 7'5" with his 3rd attempt.

Pole Vault - June 27, 15.30 Hr

- 1. Tom Hintnaus (Or) 18'4 1/2" (5.60)
- 2. Dan Ripley (PCC) 18'2 1/2" (5.55)
- 2. Mike Tully (NYAC) 18'2 1/2" (5.55)
- 4. Steve Smith (ACA) 18'2 1/2" (5.55)
- 5. Billy Olson (AbC) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)
- 6. Terry Porter (Houston AC) 18'0 1/2" (5.50)
- 7. Jon Switzer (Or) 17'6 3/4" (5.35)
- 8. Doug Bockmiller (WVTC) 17'6 3/4" (5.35)

=9. Ralph Haynie (AFS), Ed Langford (Pur), Steve Lawry (Macc) and Tim McDonald (Macc) 17'2 3/4" (5.25), Jeff Taylor (Macc) - No height

Qualifying: June 25, 10.00 Hr: All finalists cleared 17'2 3/4" (5.25). Non-qualifiers - all no-heighted: Earl Bell (NYAC), Jeff Buckingham (Kansas), Anthony Curran (UCLA), Joe Dial (Marlow HS, Okla), Nat Durham (AFS), Will Freeman (AA), Randy Hall (Texas A&M), Marc Hems (Houston), Gary Hunter (AA), David Lipinski (WVTC), Lane Maestretti (Nevada), Jerry Mulligan (USC), Mark Newton (Neb), Paul Pilla (Ark St), Bob Pullard (SCM), Brad Pursley (AbC), Russ Rogers (Unat), Doug Searle (SDS), Mark Strawderman (RI), Steve Stubblefield (Kansas City HS), Shannon Sullivan (Or St), Jon Warner (DCI), Jim Wilkerson (Unat), Craig Wilson (Unat), Greg Woepse (SSTC)

Billy Olson looked the most impressive at 18'0 1/2", and it seemed that a WR might be in view for the 4th Olympic Trials in a row. However, Olson had the uprights set incorrectly and came down on the bar at 18'2 1/2". Hintnaus was the only man to clear that height first time, to the joy of the Eugene crowd, while Tully, Ripley and former ITA vaulter Steve Smith, who had to petition the courts to compete, all made 18'2 1/2" on their second jumps. Hintnaus again had a first time clearance at 18'4 1/2" - a personal best; no-one else could clear that height and the Brazilian-American then went for a WR 18'11 1/4", but didn't get close.

	5.25	5.35	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.70	5.77
Ripley	p	o	p	o		xo	xxx	
Smith	p	xxo	p	p	xo	xx	x	
Tully	p	o	p	o		xo	xxx	
Porter	p	o	p	xxo	x	xx		
Olson	p	o	p	o		xxx		
Hintnaus	p	xo	p	p	o		o	p xxx

Long Jump - June 25, 17.50 Hr

- 1. Larry Myricks (AA) 27'2" (8.28) (+1.7w)
- 2. Carl Lewis (Houston) 26'3 1/2"w (8.01) (+2.6w)
- 3. Randy Williams (Macc) 26'1 3/4"w (7.97) (+2.2w)
- 4. Larry Doubly (USC) 25'11 3/4" (7.92) (+1.2w)
- 5. Greg Artis (Mid Tenn) 25'11 1/2" (7.91)
- 6. Arnie Robinson (SDSGS) 25'11"w (7.90)
- 7. Jason Grimes (Tenn) 25'7 1/2"w (7.81)
- 8. LaMonte King (SSTC) 25'5 1/2" (7.76)

9. Ned Armour (Macc) 25'5 1/4" (7.75), 10. Greg Turner (SSTC) 25'4 3/4"w (7.74), 11. James Ross (Mich) 25'1 1/4"w (7.65), 12. Don DuVall (Unat) 24'3"w (7.39)

Qualifying: Top-12 or all over 25'7" (7.80), June 24, 10.35 Hr: Myricks 26'3" (8.00), Artis 25'5 1/2" (7.76), King 25'3 1/4" (7.70), Lewis 25'1 1/2" (7.66), Williams 25'0 1/2" (7.63), Doubly 24'10 1/2" (7.58), Ross 24'9 3/4" (7.56), Turner 24'9" (7.54), Armour 24'8 1/2" (7.53), Grimes 24'8" (7.52), Robinson 24'7 1/4" (7.50), DuVall 24'5 1/4" (7.45). Non-qualifiers: Gordon Laine (Wn Ky) 24'4 1/4" (7.42), Darryl Simmons (Ga) 24'3 1/4" (7.40), Stan Holmes (AA) 24'3 1/4" (7.40), Lujack Lawrence (US-A) 24'3 1/4"w (7.40), Jarrot Handy (NW La) 24'1 3/4" (7.36), David Forcey (Ranger JC) 23'11 1/2" (7.30), Danny Jackson (Unat) 23'10 3/4" (7.28), Gil Smith (UTA) 23'8" (7.21),

Mike McRae (BAS) 23'2 3/4" (7.08), Warren Wilhoite 23'1 1/4" (7.04)

Cold weather and rain in the qualifying round was replaced by cold and wind in the final. Nothing seemed to bother Larry Myricks. He was almost a foot ahead in the final, with his worst jump 7 inches clear of Carl Lewis's best, with the following series: 26'10 1/2" - 27'1 1/2" - Foul - 27'2" - Foul - 26'11 1/4". Lewis had trouble with his steps, and wasn't able to confirm his NCAA jumping where he had cleared 27'4 3/4"w; it was to be his last loss in a US championship level meeting until 1992. Myricks had two marginal fouls, both in the 28' range. Third went to Randy Williams, making his third Olympic team at the age of 26, while 32 year-old reigning Olympic champion Arnie Robinson placed 6th with 25'11"w. Myricks afterwards noted that "every time I step on the runway I have 28 feet in mind".

Triple Jump - June 26, 16.00 Hr

1. Willie Banks (ACA)	55'1 1/2"	(16.80)
2. Paul Jordan (Houston AC)	53'4 1/4"	(16.26)
3. Greg Caldwell (SSTC)	53'2 1/2"	(16.22)
4. James Butts (Ali TC)	53'2 1/4"	(16.21)
5. William Loyd (US-A)	53'1 3/4"w	(16.20)
6. Chip Benson (UCLA)	53'0 1/4"	(16.16)
7. Vince Parrette (KS)	52'8 3/4"w	(16.07)
8. Robert Cannon (Ind)	52'5 1/4"w	(15.98)

9. Doug Garner (Macc) 52'2 3/4" (15.92), 10. Jimmy Washington (Hous AC) 51'2 1/4" (15.60), 11. Tommy Haynes (US-A) 50'11 3/4" (15.54), Mike Marlow (Golden Bear) - 1 Foul/Retired

Qualifying: Top-12 or all over 53'11 3/4" (16.45), June 25, 11.00 Hr: Jordan 53'5" (16.28), Butts 53'4 1/2"w (16.27), Banks 53'3 3/4" (16.25), Garner 52'10 3/4" (16.12), Marlow 52'7 1/4" (16.03), Haynes 52'4" (15.95), Benson 52'3 1/2" (15.94), Lloyd 52'1 1/2" (15.89), Washington 52'0" (15.85), Cannon 51'10"w (15.80), Parrette 51'10"w (15.80), Caldwell 51'8 1/2" (15.76). Non-qualifiers: Dokie Williams (UCLA) 51'5 1/2" (15.69), Sanya Owolabi (Kansas) 50'11 3/4" (15.54).

After 2 wonderful triple jump events at the Eugene trials, this was a great disappointment, with the rain controlling events. Willie Banks was the class of the field with 3 jumps beyond 54'6". 9 athletes took 6 jumps as Butts claimed that a TV interview with Banks across the runway (!) had impeded his third jump, and when he qualified, Doug Garner appealed against his demotion to 9th.

Shot Put - June 27, 17.35 Hr

1. Pete Shmock (AFS)	68'4"	(20.83)	19.56/20.21/20.78/20.30/20.83/ x
2. Al Feuerbach (AW)	68'3 3/4"	(20.82)	20.27/ x /20.64/20.82/19.76/20.55
3. Colin Anderson (UCTC)	68'0 1/4"	(20.73)	20.20/20.73/ x /20.39/ x /20.25
4. Brian Oldfield (UCTC)	67'4 1/4"	(20.53)	19.71/19.84/20.53/19.45/20.36/ x
5. Ian Pyka (SJ Stars)	66'9 1/2"	(20.36)	20.01/19.91/ x /19.72/20.36/20.08
6. Dave Laut (AW)	66'6 3/4"	(20.29)	20.29/19.77/19.89/19.16/ x /19.06
7. Sam Walker (AA)	66'4 1/2"	(20.23)	
8. Steve Summers (Macc)	66'4"	(20.22)	

9. Jesse Stuart (UCTC) 65'11" (20.09), 10. Michael Carter (SMU) 65'3 1/2" (19.90), 11. George Woods (PCC) 64'10 3/4" (19.78), 12. Rich Bilder (UCTC) 64'1 1/4" (19.54), 13. Jeff Stover (Or) 62'1 3/4" (18.94)

Qualifying: Top-12 or all reaching 63.7 3/4" (19.40), June 25, 10.30 Hr: Laut 67'11" (20.70), Feuerbach 67'9 3/4" (20.67), Oldfield 66'8 1/2" (20.33), Stuart 65'7" (19.99), Pyka 65'7" (19.99), Bilder 65'3" (19.89), Shmock 64'11 1/2" (19.80), Carter 64'10 1/4" (19.77), Anderson 64'2" (19.56), Stover 63'10 1/4" (19.46), Woods 63'7 3/4" (19.40), Summers 63'5 1/2" (19.34). Non-qualifiers: Tim Scott (Tex A&M) 61'9" (18.82), Joe Maciejczyk (LSU) 61'4 1/4" (18.70), John Dupuis (NYAC) 61'2 3/4" (18.66), Terry Albritton (Unat) 60'1 3/4" (18.33), LeBaron Caruthers (Aub TC) 59'11 3/4" (18.28), George Tyms (UCTC) 58'4 3/4" (17.80)

Initially Brian Oldfield and all former professional ITA athletes were going to compete until TAC president Jimmy Carnes banned them under Olympic rules - professionals or former pros being unable to compete in the Olympics; as the USA was boycotting the games, this was clearly a "non sequitur". The debate raged up to the day before the pole vault/shot finals when the TAC was slapped down by the district court. Oldfield was below form in the trials - he had thrown over 70' in six successive competitions prior to the OT but could manage only 67'4 1/4", and finished fourth. Ahead of him was Al Feuerbach making his 3rd Olympic team in second place, in front of first-timer Colin Anderson, and behind shock winner Pete Shmock, who thus qualified for his second Olympic team - as a surprise yet again.

Discus Throw - June 25, 17.30 Hr

1. Mac Wilkins (AW)	225'4"	(68.68)		
2. John Powell (SJ Stars)	223'1"	(68.00)		
3. Ben Plucknett (WVTC)	218'2"	(66.50)		
4. Al Oerter (NYAC)	215'1"	(65.56)		
5. Stan Cain (AA)	210'11"	(64.30)		
6. Ken Stadel (AW)	208'2"	(63.46)		
7. Tim Scott (Texas A&M)	196'8"	(59.94)		
8. Jay Silvester (Unat)	195'11"	(59.72)		
9. Art Swarts (Shore) 195'10"	(59.70), 10. Jim McGoldrick (SJ Stars) 195'3"	(59.52), 11. Art Burns (SJ Stars)s) 194'0"	(59.14), 12. Tim Fox (Or St) 186'8"	(56.90)

Qualifying: Top-12 or 196'10" (60.00), June 24, 10.00 Hr: Wilkins 220'4" (67.16), Powell (63.06), Oerter (62.82), Plucknett (61.54), Swarts (60.36), Stadel (59.88), Burns (59.84), Scott (58.50), Cain (58.16), Fox (57.68), Silvester (57.12), McGoldrick (56.76). Non-qualifiers: Carlos Scott (UTEP) 184'3" (56.16), Mike Weeks (PCC) 183'5" (55.90), Kris Lettow (AFS) 183'2" (55.84), Dave Voorhees (Or TC) 182'1" (55.50), Gary Williky (Shore) 180'8" (55.08), Matt Friedman (Kans) 175'10" (53.60), Brent Geringer (Unat) 172'7" (52.60)

During his career Al Oerter used to have soft years - season when his levels of intensity were reduced from his Olympian quality, but no one seriously expected after 1968 that he would return to Olympic trials competition. Yet, in 1979 he threw 221'4" to rate #4 in the USA and ninth in the world. In 1980 he improved to a pb 227'11" and became a serious contender for his 5th Olympic team, 24 years after his first Olympic appearance. However, with returning Olympic medalists John Powell (bronze), and Mac Wilkins (gold), together with big Ben Plucknett and Ken Stadel, it was clear that Oerter would have his hands full. Of all the OT events this one was the one which drew most attention in 1980.

Powell opened with 223'1" to lead from Wilkins' 220'11", while Oerter started with 212'5" and solidified his hold on third with 215'1" in round two. Mac Wilkins settled winning matters with 225'4" in the third round, and after 3, Ken Stadel was in 4th with 208'2" ahead of Plucknett (206'6"). Making the top-8 by 1 inch for the final 3 throws was Jay Silvester, competing in a record 6th Olympic trials. Plucknett took third from the 43 year-old Oerter in round 4 with a fine 218'2" and backed it up with a final round 215'11". Oerter couldn't get close, but finished with his best ever 6 throw series in a major competition, averaging 209'7". Wilkins was the class of the discus world in 1980 - his season average (for 31 meets) was 218'6", just 2" short of the 218'8" of the winning Olympic mark.

Hammer Throw - June 28, 17.00 Hr

1. Andy Bessette (NYAC)	232'10"	(70.98)		
2. John McArdle (Or TC)	230'11"	(70.38)		
3. Boris Djerassi (NYAC)	230'8"	(70.30)		
4. Dave McKenzie (Unat)	225'10"	(68.84)		
5. Dave Buss (Stan)	222'5"	(67.80)		
6. Peter Galle (Macc)	219'7"	(66.94)		
7. Dwight Midles (Mid TC)	216'4"	(65.94)		
8. Ed Burke (SJ Stars)	214'8"	(65.44)		
9. Stan Podolski (St Louis TC) 208'2"	(63.46), 10. John Goldhammer (Agape TC) 198'7"	(60.52), 11. Bill Green (Macc) 197'8"	(60.24), 12. Tom Lenz (Harvard) 181'11"	(55.46)

Qualifying: Top-12 or all reaching 229'8" (70.00), June 27, 11.30 Hr: McKenzie 228'6" (69.64), Galle 228'2" (69.54), Bessette 226'4" (69.00), Buss 221'3" (67.44), McArdle 221'1" (67.40), Podolski 221'1" (67.38), Djerassi 220'9" (67.30), Midles 213'10" (65.18), Green 206'2" (62.84), Burke 204'9" (62.42), Lenz 204'5" (62.32), Goldhammer 203'6" (62.04). Non-qualifiers: Ed Kania (PCC) 202'4" (61.68), Tim Bruno (Brown) 195'11" (59.72), Dave Thomson (Stan) 192'11" (58.80), Mike Duffala (Unat) 192'7" (58.70), Tom Meyer (UCTC) 192'1" (58.54), Brad Olson (CCAA) 183'11" (56.06), Alex Miller (NH) 183'9" (56.00)

In a season when 5 Soviet throwers reached 257'6" in one competition, the fact that 6 Americans threw over 220' for the first time in a single meet might not seem earth shattering, but the '80 trials event was a good competition, well attended despite being held on the baseball field outside the main stadium. The 6 throwers at 220+ actually did so in the qualifying round, auguring well for the final. Big John McArdle, a Eugene resident, made the home fans happy when he threw 230'11" in the opening round, supporting it with a 230'9" effort in the next stanza - but was upstaged by Andy Bessette who threw 231'1" and 232'10". The only other 230+ throw was by Boris Djerassi, who thus improved from 4th in 1976 to earn an Olympic place. Ed Burke, like Jay Silvester, finished 8th in his 6th OT event.

Javelin Throw - June 29, 14.00 Hr

1. Rod Ewaliko (AW)	291'0"	(88.70)
2. Bruce Kennedy (SJ Stars)	274'5"	(83.64)
3. Duncan Atwood (AW)	271'3"	(82.68)
4. Tom Petranoff (AFS)	271'3"	(82.68)
5. Curt Ransford (SJS)	269'3"	(82.08)
6. Bob Roggy (AW)	262'5"	(79.98)
7. Bill Schmidt (AA)	250'8"	(76.40)
8. Scott Sorchik (Silv)	248'11"	(75.88)

9. Anthony Hall (PPC) 248'11" (75.86), 10. Mike Murphy (NC St) 242'0" (73.76), 11. Rick Wolf (Or St) 225'11" (68.86), 12. Bob Sing (RAA) 221'2" (67.42)

Qualifying: Top-12 or all reaching 265'9" (81.00), June 28, 16.00 Hr: Ewaliko 281'2" (85.70), Kennedy 278'3" (84.82), Ransford 276'7" (84.30), Petranoff 265'7" (80.96), Atwood 261'10" (79.82), Roggy 260'7" (79.42), Schmidt 257'3" (78.40), Sing 253'11" (77.40), Sorchik 253'6" (77.26), Hall 247'7" (75.46), Wolf 245'0" (74.68), Murphy 244'1" (74.40). Non-qualifiers: Glenn Derwin (AA) 241'3" (73.54), Steve Kreider (Army) 235'0" (71.64), Tom Jadwin (UCLA) 232'11" (71.00), Mike Juskus (Glassboro St) 232'7" (70.90), Mike Chapman (Unat) 225'5" (68.72), Mike Hasseltine (Or St) 190'10" (58.18)

Big (6'2/240) Rod Ewaliko sent his javelin on a low trajectory into the wind in the opening round and it landed at 291'0" for a 5 meter plus win. Second went to Bruce Kennedy, one of the unluckiest athletes in Olympic history. In 1972 and 1976 he qualified for the games as a Rhodesian, but they were under Olympic suspension. So, in 1980 and as an American citizen he makes the team again, to be denied by the boycott. "I'm sure it's a world record" he said afterwards "but it's not one I want to hold". Kennedy finished 3 feet clear of Atwood and Petranoff. Third place was decided on the basis of Atwood's second best throw of 267'4", versus Petranoff's 265'9". After two qualifications for the US Olympic team, Petranoff did the opposite journey to Kennedy, ending up as a South African citizen and competing in the 1993 World Championships.

Decathlon - June 21/22

1. Bob Coffman (Houston AC)	(4155/4)	8184
11.04/7.17/16.29/1.95/49.49/14.33/50.94/4.70/53.14/4:33.99		
2. Lee Palles (AA)	(4290/1)	8159
10.87/7.10/14.63/2.13/48.34/14.96/44.12/4.15/62.34/4:26.06		
3. Fred Dixon (AFS)	(4197/3)	8154
10.86/7.30/15.27/1.77/47.73/14.86/47.12/4.40/59.22/4:26.63		
4. John Crist (GP)	(4203/2)	8053
10.94/7.09/13.31/2.10/47.58/14.86/42.52/3.90/61.94/4:16.20		
5. Tony Allen-Cooksey (THTC)	(4129/5)	7791
11.15/7.44/13.92/2.07/49.89/15.09/37.22/4.35/61.62/4:41.92		
6. Al Hamlin (SAM)	(3947/8)	7720
11.15/6.99/13.91/1.95/49.55/15.55/41.68/4.60/55.84/4:28.95		
7. Jim Howell (Houston AC)	(4032/6)	7709
10.78/6.86/13.91/1.92/48.58/14.77/44.92/4.00/53.74/4:38.25		
8. Rob Baker (HPTC)	(3829/13)	7651
11.33/6.65/12.82/1.95/48.15/16.30/43.96/4.10/56.14/4:02.70		
9. Wes Herbst (Unat)	(3774/17)	7616
11.66/6.80/15.21/2.01/53.02/15.60/48.08/4.31/60.82/4:34.81		
10. Brian Mondschein (PPC)	(3898/9)	7600
11.02/6.66/13.51/1.92/48.67/16.02/41.76/4.40/54.34/4:23.18		
11. Greg Veatch (AFS)	(3983/7)	7492
10.87/7.15/12.68/1.89/48.11/14.36/37.38/4.31/47.00/4:47.83		
12. Ron Wopat (SAM)	(3714/19)	7467
11.70/6.48/15.83/1.89/50.96/16.47/48.66/3.85/58.22/4:15.50		
13. Mike Hill (Col TC)	7439	23. Tom Harris (UCSB) (5) 3785,
14. Joe Schneider (St Johns)	7400	24. Dannie Jackson (SD Str) 3034
15. Ed Miller (Oly Tr)	7395	25. Gary Wise (Azusa) (4) 3030
16. Lin Bochette (Fla TC)	6961	26. Mark Anderson (UCLA) (4) 3022
17. Steve Rainbolt (Kansas)	6410	27. Jeff Swanger (Weber) (4) 2890
18. Tony Hale (CYF)	(8) 6069	28. Gary Gefre (Wash) (4) 2735
19. Spud Alford (New Bal)	(9) 6061	29. Steve Jacobs (Unat) (4) 2222
20. Mauricio Bardales (ACA)	(8) 5412	30. Jim Wooding (Unat) (1) 794

21. Steve Alexander (HousAC) (8) 5361 31. Jeff Montpas (Ariz St) 593
 22. Roger George (AW) (5) 3890

Coffman's win was no great surprise; he had won the '79 AAU, and Fred Dixon's second Olympic berth was equally expected, but the performance of Lee Palles was a shock. The Greek-American had a best of 7917, and had trained only 6 weeks in 1980, yet produced pb's in the Shot and 400, and led by 87 points after day 1. Dixon should have won, but had a poor high jump, and failed at 15'1" in the vault. Coffman had not been in the top-3 after the first day, and was particularly pleased with his second day effort which featured pb's in the Discus and Vault - "this was the first decathlon I've won that I wasn't in the lead at the end of the first day".

WOMEN

The womens' events were unchanged in 1980, but certain unofficial events were added - the 5000/10000/400h. The hurdles event was the selection event for the first world championships (Sittard - August 14-16), and the 5000m acted similarly for the world 3000m (a piece of logic which still eludes this writer). The 10000m would become a trials and Olympic event in 1988, following on after the 400h was adopted in 1984, and the 5000m would take the place of the 3000m in 1996). The winners of these inaugural events were: 5000m - Julie Shea (NC St) 15:44.12, with her sister Mary (16:07.50) also gaining selection for Sittard, 10000m - Kris Bankes (RAA) 33:45.6, 400h: Esther Mahr (KCBQ TC) 57.46, with Kim Whitehead (Ia St) 58.56 taking the other world championships place.

100 Meters - June 23, 18.45 Hr (-0.5w)

1. Alice Brown (CSN)	11.32
2. Brenda Morehead (TSTC)	11.43
3. Chandra Cheeseborough (TS)	11.45
4. Jodi Anderson (LA Naturite)	11.52
5. Diane Williams (Mich St)	11.61
6. Jeanette Bolden (CSN)	11.65
6. Michele Glover (Willingboro HS, NJ)	11.65
8. Florence Griffith (CSN)	11.70

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 23, 17.50 Hr

- 1/ 1. Morehead 11.26, 2. Williams 11.37, 3. Anderson 11.38, 4. Glover 11.44, 5. Karen Hawkins (TSU) 11.48, 6. Linda Hawkins (Sn/NO) 11.56, 7. Dollie Fleetwood (Mt SAC JC) 11.67, 8. Leola Toomer (Md) 11.85 (+1.5w)
2/ 1. Brown 11.24, 2. Cheeseborough 11.37, 3. Bolden 11.46, 4. Griffith 11.51, 5. Pam Greene (Unat) 11.52, 6. Lisa Hopkins (Ing. Panthers) 11.54, 7. Val Boyer (Ariz St) 11.57, 8. Gwen Loud (UCLA) 11.77 (+1.3w)

Heats - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 18.50 Hr

- 1/ 1. Hopkins 11.42, 2. Glover 11.50, 3. Fleetwood 11.61, 4. Greene 11.66, 5. Loud 11.68, 6. Darlene Jefferson (Md HS) 11.77 (+1.0w)
2/ 1. Morehead 11.33, 2. Anderson 11.44, 3. Cheeseborough 11.54, 4. Boyer 11.54, 5. Wilson 11.65, 6. Toomer 11.69, 7. Jackie Washington (Unat) 12.21 (+0.4w)
3/ 1. Brown 11.35, 2. Bolden 11.56, 3. Williams 11.59, 4. Hawkins 11.66, 5. Griffith 11.71, 6. Linda Weekly (TSU) 11.83, 7. Felecia DuPuch (Col Flyers) 11.88 (+0.1w)

Evelyn Ashford had been the top American since 1977, but was injured in 1980, which put Alice Brown in the role of favorite. The heats served to eliminate 4 athletes, which could have been avoided by having just one preliminary round - thereby editing out 12 in all. Brown, and '76 trials winner Morehead were the semi-finals winners, and Brown dominated the final, particularly after Morehead slowed at 40m on feeling a cramp in a hamstring. Brown won by a meter from Morehead with Cheeseborough third and pentathlete Jodi Anderson fourth.

200 Meters - June 27, 19.20 Hr (+2.4w)

1. Chandra Cheeseborough (TS)	22.70w
2. Karen Hawkins (TSU)	23.04
3. Pam Greene (Unat)	23.21
4. Florence Griffith (CSN)	23.25
5. Lisa Hopkins (Inglewood Panthers)	23.32
6. Kelia Bolton (ML)	23.42
7. Cheryl Gilliam (Mich St)	23.82
8. Alice Brown (CSN)	Dnc

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 27, 17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Cheeseborough 22.90w, 2. Hawkins 22.97, 3. Bolton 23.48, 4. Gilliam 23.58, 5. Wanda Hooker (Memphis) 23.64, 6. Val Boyer (Ariz St) 23.82, 7. Elaine Parker (Unat) 24.49, Pam Marshall (LBCC) - Dnc (+3.3w)
- 2/ 1. Griffith 23.02w, 2. Hopkins 23.06, 3. Greene 23.08, 4. Brown 23.45, 5. Felecia DuPuch (Col Flyers) 23.53, 6. Melanie Batiste (Or) 23.58, 7. Brenda Finch (Col Flyers) 23.69, 8. Lorna Forde (Atoms) 23.91 (+3.4w)

Heats - first 5 plus the fastest loser qualify, June 25, 19.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Cheeseborough 23.16, 2. Greene 23.50, 3. Finch 23.82, 4. Gilliam 23.86, 5. Parker 24.49, 6. Gwen Smith (TSU) 25.28 (+0.0w)
- 2/ 1. Hopkins 23.13, 2. Bolton 23.50, 3. Hooker 23.52, 4. Boyer 23.63, 5. Batiste 23.85, 6. DuPuch 23.98 (+0.1w)
- 3/ =1. Hawkins and Brown 23.28, 3. Griffith 23.55, 4. Forde 23.87, 5. Marshall 23.99, 6. Michele Glover (HS, NJ) 24.20, 7. Beverly Kearney (Auburn) 24.65 (+0.9w)

With Ashford out of the meeting, Morehead favoring her hamstring and Brown withdrawing for the final, this was left open for Cheeseborough, and as the athletes entered the straight in the final, she lived up to her guise of expected winner. At that point she was just behind Hawkins and Bolton, but then "I said to myself, "Lift"" - and her knees did just that, taking herself 3 meters clear, with Hawkins holding off Pam Greene, the '72 Olympian, for second. Greene finished a foot clear of Florence Griffith.

400 Meters - June 25, 19.10 Hr

1. Sherri Howard (HS San Bernadino, Ca)	51.48	24.2/27.3
2. Gwen Gardner (LAM)	51.68	24.0/27.7
3. Denean Howard (HS San Bernadino, Ca)	51.70	24.1/27.6
4. Sharon Dabney (Clippers)	52.00	24.6/27.4
5. Roberta Belle (Morg St)	52.67	24.2/28.5
6. Kim Thomas (St John's)	52.75	25.7/27.1
7. Pat Jackson (PV)	53.20	
8. Kelia Bolton (ML)	53.34	

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 19.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. D.Howard 52.23, 2. Belle 52.73, 3. Dabney 52.85, 4. Bolton 53.14, 5. Jennie Gorham (Neb) 53.19, 6. Alice Jackson (Gramb) 53.53, 7. Pam Moore (Wisc) 54.18, 8. Marcia Martin (HS Wayne, Pa) 54.42
- 2/ 1. Gardner 51.94, 2. S.Howard 52.35, 3. Thomas 52.86, 4. Jackson 53.21, 5. Lorna Forde (Atoms) 53.42, 6. Deann Gutowski (LAM) 53.58, 7. Arlise Emerson (UCLA) 54.19, 8. Brenda Peterson (LAM) 54.7

Heats - first 5 plus fastest loser qualify, June 22, 19.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Belle 52.86, 2. Dabney 53.05, 3. D.Howard 53.17, 4. Moore 53.72, 5. Martin 54.42, 6. Peterson 54.50, 7. Rosalyn Dunlop (Missouri) 56.50, Marian Franklin (Cal) - Disq
- 2/ 1. Gardner 52.28, 2. Thomas 52.85, 3. Forde 53.62, 4. A.Jackson 53.87, 5. Gutowski 54.16, 6. Faye Paige (HS, Long Beach) 54.51, 7. Wanda Trent (KS) 56.04
- 3/ 1. Gorham 52.93, 2. S.Howard 52.98, 3. P.Jackson 53.34, 4. Emerson 54.42, 5. Bolton 54.52, 6. Sharon Johnson (Ms AC) 55.79, 7. Robin Jackson (HS, Staten Island) 56.70

Sherri Howard had won the TAC by 6 yards, and despite the handicap of lane 1 (in all 3 rounds) she won by 2 yards after taking the lead off the final turn from Gardner, and steadily built up her winning margin. Gardner just held on to second from 15 year-old Denean Howard, Sherri's younger sister. The Howards became the first sisters to make an Olympic team in the same event.

800 Meters - June 24, 18.00 Hr

1. Madeline Manning (Oral Roberts TC)	1:58.30
2. Julie Brown (LA Naturite)	2:00.96
3. Robin Campbell (Stanford TC)	2:01.23
4. Delisa Walton (Tenn)	2:01.93
5. Leann Warren (Or)	2:02.80
6. Essie Kelley (PV)	2:03.17
7. Joetta Clark (HS, Maplewood, NJ)	2:03.83
8. Kim Gallagher (HS, Ft Washington, Pa)	2:07.3

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 17.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Manning 2:03.24, 2. Brown 2:03.89, 3. Walton 2:04.14, 4. Kelley 2:04.23, 5. Kim Weston (Or St) 2:04.31, 6. Radium Jacobs (Col Flyers) 2:06.41, 7. Dana Arnim (Wash) 2:06.51, Lee Ballenger (Col) Disq. (2:07.6)
- 2/ 1. Campbell 2:03.92, 2. Warren 2:04.16, 3. Clark 2:04.56, 4. Gallagher 2:04.75, 5. Chris Mullen (Gtn) 2:05.62, 6. Dana Glidden (Missouri) 2:08.76, 7. Kim Neall (Or TC) 2:09.10, 8. Ann Regan (WVTC) 2:09.89

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 21, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Manning 2:04.17, 2. Gallagher 2:05.02, 3. Walton 2:05.06, 4. Mullen 2:05.47, 5. Regina Jacobs (HS, N.Hollywood) 2:08.89
- 2/ 1. Campbell 2:05.69, 2. Arnim 2:07.80, 3. Neall 2:07.87, 4. Ballenger 2:08.54, 5. Diane Ray (Miss AC) 2:10.57
- 3/ 1. Kelley 2:12.69, 2. Clark 2:13.32, 3. Brown 2:13.38, 4. Glidden 2:13.48, 5. Pam Schubarth (Kansas) 2:15.16
- 4/ 1. Regan 2:08.58, 2. Weston 2:08.58, 3. Warren 2:09.10, 4. Radium Jacobs 2:09.55, 5. Marcia Romesser (Aggie RC) 2:12.30

Manning became the first athlete to win 4 consecutive trials events as she ran her second best ever time, and won by almost 20 yards. After an opening 200 of 27.3 (1:49.2 pace !), she slowed to a slightly less suicidal 29.2, to pass halfway in 56.5 with 12 yards margin over Julie Brown. The gap was maintained with a 31.1 third furlong, but she gained 7 yards in the last 200 with a split of 30.7. Manning, deciding she wanted a second child, retired after the trials. Behind Manning, Brown ran an auto-timed pb, while Campbell, Walton and Clark all ran pbs.

1500 Meters - June 29, 18.05 Hr

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| 1. Mary Decker (AW) | 4:04.91 |
| 2. Julie Brown (LA Naturite) | 4:07.13 |
| 3. Leann Warren (Or) | 4:15.16 |
| 4. Fran Larrieu (PCC) | 4:15.32 |
| 5. Linda Goen (UCLA) | 4:16.86 |
| 6. Brenda Webb (Knoxville TC) | 4:17.52 |
| 7. Cindy Bremser (Wisc United) | 4:17.89 |
| 8. Maggie Keyes (SLO) | 4:18.38 |
9. Cathie Twomey (Or TC) 4:18.7, 10. Alice Trumbly (Cal) 4:18.9, 11. Mary Rawe (Penn St) 4:19.5, 12. Michele Bush (UCLA) 4:26.8, 13. Chris Mullen (Gtn) 4:32.2

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 27, 16.55 Hr

- 1/ 1. Decker 4:13.62, 2. Larrieu 4:17.43, 3. Bremser 4:17.60, 4. Mullen 4:18.30, 5. Bush 4:18.56, 6. Twomey 4:19.98, 7. Warren 4:25.79, 8. Sheila Ralston (UCLA) 4:27.33, 9. Doreen Ennis (AA) 4:33.4, 10. Ellen Schmidt (Or TC) 4:37.4, 11. Pat Murnane (Penn St) 4:41.6, 12. Jan Merrill (AGAA) 4:43.3
- 2/ 1. Brown 4:20.83, 2. Brown 4:20.87, 3. Keyes 4:20.99, 4. Webb 4:21.17, 5. Rawe 4:21.40, 6. Trumbly 4:21.85, 7. Suzie Houston (Wisc) 4:22.13, 8. Sandra Gregg (Wash) 4:26.3, 9. Jenny White (Charlotte TC) 4:28.93, 10. Debra Pavik (Maryland) 4:31.6, 11. Jill Haworth (Va) 4:38.7, 12. Michele Brown (Kansas) 4:42.5

The heats saw the elimination of '76 trials winner Merrill, who had missed much of the season with injury, and the apparent departure of Warren who fell during the second lap. On appeal she was reinstated, and the final field was increased to 13. Mary Decker was favored to win impressively, and she did just that. A 62.5 first lap lost everyone but Brown, and succeeding laps of 67.0 and 68.5 saw the gap build to 40m. Brown hung on for grim life until the home straight, when Decker imperiously moved away to win by more than 15 yards. Behind them, Larrieu was heading for third, when the home crowd again got a chance to go wild as Warren began to close fast, and she zipped by Larrieu with 5 meters to go for her Olympic place.

100 Meters Hurdles - June 25, 19.00 Hr (-0.1w)

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| 1. Stephanie Hightower (Ohio St) | 12.90 |
| 2. Benita Fitzgerald (Tenn) | 13.11 |
| 3. Candy Young (HS, Beaver Falls, Pa) | 13.30 |
| 4. Lori Dinello (W Sub) | 13.52 |
| 5. Pam Page (Missouri) | 13.65 |
| 6. Linda Weekly (TSU) | 13.75 |
| 7. Debbie Deutsch (Rutgers) | 14.00 |
| 8. Deby LaPlante (SDS) | Dnf |

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 25, 17.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. LaPlante 13.00, 2. Young 13.40, 3. Dinello 13.46, 4. Deutsch 13.78, 5. Linda Bourn (BYU) 13.94, 6. Karen Wechsler (Ind) 14.15 (+1.3w)

2/ 1. Hightower 12.95w, 2. Fitzgerald 13.31, 3. Weekly 13.46, 4. Page 13.52, 5. Jackie Washington (CSN) 13.53, 6. Cheryl Hawthorne (Cal) 13.90, 7. Gayle Watkins (THTC) 13.93 (+3.0w)

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 24, 17.20 Hr

1/ 1. LaPlante 13.22, 2. Young 13.69, 3. Bourn 13.91, 4. Hawthorne 14.17, 5. Lexie Miller (Or) 14.23..Patty van Wolvelaere (KBCQ) - Dnf (+0.6w)

2/ 1. Fitzgerald 13.65, 2. Washington 13.90, 3. Deutsch 14.01, 4. Weekly 14.02, 5. Lorraine Tummings (Unat) 14.35, 6. Mitzi McMillin (Club Int) 14.46 (+0.5w)

3/ 1. Hightower 13.32, 2. Dinello 13.70, 3. Page 13.73, =4. Watkins and Wechsler 14.03, 6. Maureen McGee (LAM) 14.77 (+1.2w)

LaPlante and Hightower were the class of the field, more than 3/10ths faster than anyone else in both heats and semis. Hightower was out quickly, and LaPlante only began to close after halfway. By the 8th hurdle she was slightly ahead, but she hit that barrier and fell at the ninth, separating her right shoulder. Hightower continued on to a 12.90 win, second on the US all-time list (to LaPlante's 12.86). Fitzgerald was a solid second in 13.11 two meters ahead of Young.

High Jump - June 23, 18.00 Hr

1. Louise Ritter (PCC)	6'1 1/4"	(1.86)
2. Paula Girven (Maryland)	6'1 1/4"	(1.86)
3. Pam Spencer (LA Naturite)	6'0"	(1.83)
4. Kari Gosswiller (CSN)	6'0"	(1.83)
5. Joni Huntley (PCC)	5'11"	(1.80)
6. Coleen Rienstra (Ariz St)	5'11"	(1.80)
7. Wendy Markham (HS, Cedarburg, Wisc)	5'11"	(1.80)
8. Sue McNeal (HS, Carlsbad, Ca)	5'9 3/4"	(1.77)

9. Jalene Chase (Maryland) 5'9 3/4" (1.77), 10. Maggie Garrison (Sportswest) 5'8 1/2" (1.74), 11. Melinda Morris (HS, Buffalo, Ill) 5'8 1/2" (1.74)

Qualifying: June 22, 09.00 Hr: All finalists cleared opening height of 5'9 3/4" (1.77). Non-qualifiers - Kim Carter (HS, Wichita), Mary Cragoe (Mo), Marilyn Dubbs (KSTC), Anne Erpenbeck (Drake), Cindy Gilbert (QF), Sue Lind (HS, Neb), Helen Ogar (Mo), Theresa Smith (Sportswest)

Ritter had jumped 6'4 3/4" in the TFA meet, but then broke a toe, so her position as favorite seemed flawed, while Coleen Rienstra had won a TAC/AIAW double, so naturally Ritter won - with 6'1 1/4", while Rienstra failed at 6'0", hurt by the slippery conditions. Girven, winner 4 years earlier, virtually duplicated her 1976 performance (1.87m) with her second place effort - clearing the same height as Ritter. The gracious Ritter afterwards said "Paula jumped better than anyone else".

Long Jump - June 28, 17.50 Hr

1. Jodi Anderson (LA Naturite)	22'11 1/2"/+2.0w	(7.00)	6.59w/6.64w/6.62w/6.89w/7.00/6.66w
2. Kathy McMillan (TS)	22'2 1/4"	(6.76)	x /5.54/6.71w/6.39/ x /6.76
3. Carol Lewis (Willingboro HS, NJ)	21'6 1/4"w	(6.56)	6.00w/6.31/6.55w/6.50/6.56w/ x
4. Lorraine Ray (DCI)	20'11 1/2"w	(6.39)	
5. Gwen Loud (UCLA)	20'10 3/4"w	(6.37)	
6. Pat Johnson (Wisc)	20'10 1/2"	(6.36)	
7. Sandy Crabtree (USC)	20'8 3/4"w	(6.32)	
8. Jackie Joyner (HS, East St Louis)	20'4"w	(6.20)	

9. Karen Taylor (CSN) 20'2 1/4" (6.15), 10. Becky Kaiser (Ill) 20'1 1/4"w (6.13), 11. Sandy Myers (CSN) 20'0 1/4"w (6.10), 12. Marlene Harmon (HS, Cal) 19'8 3/4" (6.01), 13. Martha Watson (Club Int) 19'6 3/4"w (5.96)// Qualifying: June 27, 10.00 Hr: Anderson 21'6 1/4" (6.56), Lewis 21'1 1/2" (6.44), McMillan 21'0 1/2"w (6.41), Ray 20'10 1/2"w (6.36), Joyner 20'9 3/4" (6.34), Loud 20'9 1/4"w (6.33), Johnson 20'8 3/4"w (6.32), Harmon 20'1 1/4"w (6.13), Myers 20'1"w (6.12), Kaiser 20'1"w (6.12), Watson 19'9 3/4" (6.04), Crabtree 19'9 3/4"w (6.04). Non-qualifiers: Vicky Betts (Club Int) 19'8 3/4" (6.01), Lanessa Jones (UNLV) 19'0 1/4" (5.80), Shari Fox (Hawaii) 19'0" (5.79), Cornelia Jackson (Jack St) 18'11 1/2" (5.78), Evalene Hatcher (Morg St) 18'6 1/2" (5.65)

Jodi Anderson had a superb Olympic trials, qualifying in the 100m, and winning both the Pentathlon and Long Jump. Her series in the long jump averaged over 22'1" for her 6 jumps, a mark beaten only by McMillan's final jump. Lewis became the third member of her family to make a US track team - following her mother (Evelyn - 8th in the '51 PAG) and brother, and did so while still aged only 16. Further down the field Jackie Joyner made her trials debut in 8th place, while 11th was taken by Sandy Myers - later a star over 400m for her adopted country Spain, and 13th and last was occupied by Martha Watson competing in her fifth OT. The post event interview was marked by a remark by McMillan implying that Anderson had been using steroids, which was rebuffed vigorously by Anderson's coach Chuck Debus, who said "if Jodi used steroids she'd jump 24'6"

Shot Put - June 21, 18.35 Hr

1. Maren Seidler (SJ Stars)	58'9 1/2"	(17.92)	17.92/17.54/17.49/17.47/17.17/17.55
2. Ann Turbyne (Gilly's Gym)	56'8"	(17.27)	17.27/16.49/16.54/16.63/16.39/16.68
3. Lorna Griffin (ACA)	52'1 1/2"	(15.89)	
4. Sandy Burke (NEn)	51'7"	(15.72)	
5. Mary Jacobson (Or TC)	50'3 1/2"	(15.33)	
6. Sue Thornton (Tenn)	49'9 3/4"	(15.18)	
7. Emily Dole (CSLB)	49'5 3/4"	(15.10)	
8. Melody Rose (Ali TC)	48'6 1/4"	(14.79)	

9. Caryl van Pelt (Sportswest) 48'2 3/4" (14.70), 10. Elaine Sobansky (HS, Pa) 47'9 1/4" (14.56), 11. Susie Ray (HS, Ca) 44'11 1/2" (13.70), 12. Marcia Mecklenburg (Sportswest) 44'6 3/4" (13.58).

Qualifying: June 21, 10.30 Hr: Seidler 58'2 1/2" (17.74), Turbyne 56'0 1/2" (17.08), Griffin 53'1 1/2" (16.19), van Pelt 49'9 3/4" (15.18), Thornton 49'6" (15.09), Burke 48'11 3/4" (14.93), Jacobson 48'6 3/4" (14.80), Rose 48'6 1/4" (14.79), Mecklenburg 48'4 3/4" (14.75), Sobansky 48'2 1/4" (14.69), Dole 47'11 1/4" (14.61), Ray 46'7 3/4" (14.52). Non-qualifiers: Annette Bohach (Ind) 44'4" (13.51), Heidi Kauti (UCLA) 42'11 1/2" (13.09), Ramona Pagel (CSLB) 41'11 1/2" (12.79)

The least difficult event to predict went as per the script, with Seidler winning her 4th OT title, with 5 of her efforts ahead of Turbyne's best mark. Griffin was third despite being a foot down on her qualifying mark. Seidler was more affected by the treatment of the ITA athletes than her fine win - "if Oldfield was from any other place they'd bend over backwards to give him an opportunity to compete."

Discus Throw June 29, 17.00 Hr

1. Lorna Griffin (ACA)	197'6"	(60.20)
2. Lynne Winbigler (Or TC)	184'11"	(56.36)
3. Lisa Vogelsang (ACA)	176'0"	(53.84)
4. Denise Wood (Unat)	175'8"	(53.74)
5. Leslie Deniz (Gridley HS, Ca)	175'0"	(53.54)
6. Julie Hansen (Sportswest)	171'8"	(52.32)
7. Jan Svendsen (Unat)	170'3"	(51.90)
8. Julie Cart (Ariz St)	167'9"	(51.12)

9. Gail Zaphiropoulos (Cal) 167'8" (51.10), 10. Pia Iacovo (Holy Cross) 163'0" (49.68), 11. Helene Connell (ACA) 163'0" (49.68), 12. Monette Branson (LA Naturite) 161'4" (49.26)

Qualifying: June 28, 11.00 Hr: Griffin 192'8" (58.72), Winbigler 183'6" (55.94), Wood 182'0" (55.48), Zaphiropoulos 177'2" (54.00), Svendsen 170'8" (52.02), Hansen 169'11" (51.80), Deniz 168'8" (51.40), Vogelsang 165'11" (50.58), Cart 163'8" (49.82), Iacovo 162'0" (49.38), Connell 161'5" (49.20), Branson 161'4" (49.18). Non-qualifiers: Marcia Mecklenburg (Sportswest) 157'10" (48.12), Brenda Denny (Col) 156'10" (47.80), Mary Stevenson (Or) 153'10" (46.90), Julie Jones (Wy) 153'5" (46.26), Caryl van Pelt (Sportswest) 151'7" (46.20), Leslie Hoerner (CSLB) 149'11" (45.70)

Griffin hit her big throw in round 1, and won by over 10 foot from Winbigler who had 4 throws good enough to qualify. The interest was for third place, which was won by Vogelsang. Curiously, she, Deniz and Wood all had their best throws in the fifth round.

Javelin Throw - June 24, 17.15 Hr

1. Karin Smith (ACA)	208'5"	(63.54)
2. Kate Schmidt (PCC)	207'4"	(63.20)
3. Mary Osborne (Stan)	181'3"	(55.24)
4. Jeanne Eggart (Wash St)	169'11"	(51.80)
5. Patty Kearney (Or)	166'3"	(50.68)
6. Jacque Nelson (CSLB)	159'10"	(48.72)
7. Lynda Hughes (Newberg HS, Or)	158'8"	(48.36)
8. Sally Harmon (Or)	154'9"	(47.16)

9. Donna Mayhew (Glendale CC) 151'11" (46.30), 10. Debbie Williams (Mich) 147'0" (44.82), 11. Celeste Wikinson (Ariz St) 144'3" (43.98), 12. Linn Dunton (KCBQ TC) 143'2" (43.64)

Qualifying: June 13, 12.25 Hr: Smith 205'1" (62.50), Schmidt 188'7" (57.48), Eggart 174'5" (53.16), Osborne 169'2" (51.56), Harmon 166'4" (50.70), Kearney 165'8" (50.50), Nelson 163'0" (49.68), Dunton 162'1" (49.40), Wilkinson 155'7" (47.42), Hughes 155'1" (47.26), Williams 154'4" (47.04), Mayhew 150'3" (45.80). Non-qualifiers: Deanna Carr (Wash) 142'3" (43.36), Tonja Reigle (Or St) 135'2" (41.20)

Smith had beaten Schmidt for the first time in the TAC, and here repeated the treatment. She began with 200'3" and then hit 207'4", which Schmidt duplicated after a first round foul. Schmidt had one more fair throw, while Smith - after a dip to 193'1" finished with 205'8", 206'1" and a winning 208'5". Osborne and Eggart were locked in a battle for third until Osborne hit a pb 181'3" in the last round.

Pentathlon - June 21/22 (m/a = scored using manual/auto times)

1. Jodi Anderson (LA Naturite)		4697m/4651a
	13.5 (13.85)/13.41/1.79/6.61w/2:11.42	
2. Marilyn King (ML)		4199m
	14.2/13.09/1.70/5.83w/2:23.73	
3. Linda Waltman (Texas TC)		4191m/4187a
	14.5 (14.53)/11.27/1.70/5.71/2:09.30	
4. Marlene Harmon (Thousand Oaks HS, Ca)		4189m/4188a
	14.0 (14.01)/ 9.52/1.70/6.15/2:12.29	
5. Cindy Gilbert (QF)		4080m/4069a
	15.7 (15.81)/11.76/1.85/5.71/2:20.38	
6. Joan Russell (SAME)		4066m/4058a
	14.9 (14.97)/11.08/1.76/5.58w/2:15.99	
7. Sue Brownell (Va)		4037m
	14.2/11.13/1.70/5.54/2:19.70	
8. Theresa Smith (Sportswest)		4000m
	15.0/11.11/1.73/5.66/2:14.42	
9. Mary Harrington (Unat)	3987m	13. Judy Fontaine (AGAA) 3466m
10. Cindy Banks (Cal)	3979m	14. Sharon Hatfield (HS,
11. Jenny Stary (Pomona)	3862m	Fountain V, Ca) (4) 3017m
12. Brenda Wilson (Adams St)	3544m	15. Jane Frederick (PCC) (3) 2784m

A classic duel between Anderson and Frederick fell apart after the third event, when Frederick withdrew with a hamstring injury. Anderson went on to score 4697 points, 11 short of Frederick's US record, though her auto-timed score of 4651 is a better comparison. Second was a splendid, though statistically confusing battle between King, Waltman and Harmon. King's hurdles time was only hand-timed, which meant that all athletes had to be scored using hand times, which in turn meant that Harmon lost third to Waltman, and possibly second to King. With a boycott, and the fact that none of the three had the Olympic standard, a possible furor was avoided - although the third spot would probably have been awarded to Frederick as she did have a qualifying mark.