

1976

Eugene, Or. - June 19-27

A major step forward for American track and field was taken with the first combined men and womens' Olympic trials. Only the ryegrass pollen and occasional strong breezes detracted from what was a superb trials meeting.

100 Meters - June 20, 17.55 Hr (+1.9w)

1. 4. Harvey Gance (Auburn)	10.11
2. 8. Houston McTear (Baker HS, Fla)	10.16
3. 2. Steve Riddick (PPC)	10.18
4. 7. Johnny Jones (Lampasas HS, Tx)	10.23
5. 5. Willie Smith (Auburn)	10.26
6. 3. Rey Robinson (Fla TC)	10.26
7. 6. Reggie Jones (Tenn)	10.29
8. 1. Bill Collins (Gulf Coast TC)	10.44

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 20, 16.45 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Gance 10.12, 2. Riddick 10.28, 3. McTear 10.34, 4. Robinson 10.37, 5. Larry Brown (Sn Ariz TC) 10.37, 6. Ed Preston (Ark St) 10.41, 7. Clancy Edwards (Mace) 10.46, 8. Robert Woods (Grambling) 10.46 (+1.6w)
<u>2/</u>	1. R.Jones 10.35, 2. J.Jones 10.37, 3. Smith 10.39, 4. Collins 10.41, 5. Ricci Gardner (Tenn) 10.44, 6. Charles Hopkins (DCS) 10.47, 7. Larry Jackson (Kans) 10.49, 8. Carl McCullough (Ariz St) 10.56 (+0.8w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 19, 17.10 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Gance 10.19w, 2. Collins 10.33, 3. Woods 10.35, 4. McCullough 10.37, 5. Cliff Wiley (Kans) 10.38, 6. Tony Easley (Aub) 10.40, 7. John Garrison (Okl) 10.44 (+2.3w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Riddick 10.22w, 2. Preston 10.30, 3. R.Jones 10.30, 4. Robinson 10.34, 5. Laverne Smith (Kans) 10.37, 6. Leon Brown (Tob) 10.43, 7. Stanley Harris (Fla) 10.47 (+3.4w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Gardner 10.20w, 2. McTear 10.27, 3. Hopkins 10.37, 4. La.Brown 10.40, 5. Joe Franklin (Sn) 10.42, 7. Larry Johnson (Wisc) 10.47, 7. Ivory Crockett (Unat) 10.50.. Steve Williams (Fla TC) Dnf (+2.2w)
<u>4/</u>	1. W.Smith 10.20w, 2. Jackson 10.23, 3. J.Jones 10.25, 4. Edwards 10.31, 5. James Wooten (Fayette) 10.41, 6. Charles Wells (Ariz St) 10.45, 7. Gary Minor (WSU) 10.45, 8. Mike Tyson (W Va) 10.56 (+4.7w)

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 19, 12.00 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Riddick 10.30, 2. Hopkins 10.43, 3. Preston 10.44, 4. Robinson 10.45, 5. L.Smith 10.57, 6. Wells 10.68, 7. Paul Jackson (Alameda) 10.97 (+0.1w)
<u>2/</u>	1. W.Smith 10.40, 2. Woods 10.45, 3. Minor 10.54, 4. Johnson 10.55, 5. R.Jones 10.56, 6. Crockett 10.58, 7. Zoe Simpson (Rice) 10.61 (+0.2w)
<u>3/</u>	1. Harris 10.48, 2. Garrison 10.49, 3. McCullough 10.52, 4. Easley 10.57, 5. Wooten 10.61, 6. Williams 10.72, 7. Brian Storm (BG) 10.77 (+0.2w)
<u>4/</u>	1. Gance 10.19, 2. Collins 10.44, 3. Jackson 10.47, 4. McTear 10.48, 5. La.Brown 10.52, 6. Tyson 10.53, 7. Mike Farmer (SJS) 10.55 (+0.8w)
<u>5/</u>	1. Gardner 10.37, 2. J.Jones 10.39, 3. Edwards 10.46, 4. Franklin 10.46, 5. Le.Brown 10.52, 6. Wiley 10.57, 7. Robert Taylor (Texas Striders) 10.73 (+0.2w)

Steve Williams had been the prohibitive favorite until he suffered a muscle pull at the AAU. He qualified for the quarter-finals but was never a factor. Williams was destined to be the best sprinter never to qualify for the Olympics. His demise left NCAA champion Harvey Gance as the likely winner; he was the fastest in each preliminary round, and Riddick and Reggie Jones appeared to be his principal opposition. Houston McTear, the highschooler who had run 9.0 for 100y in his junior year, got the best start, and led until 50 meters, where he was caught by the surging Gance. The two 19 year-olds battled for the win, with Gance emerging the victor 10.11 to 10.16 - pb's for both men. Steve Riddick finished quickly to claim the third place, which Gance's teammate Willie Smith had held for 80 meters. McTear pulled a hamstring slowing up after the finish, an injury which precluded his running in Montreal. His place was taken by 18 year-old Johnny Jones, who had never run a short sprint until March '76 when he did 9.3yw. Jones passed Smith and his namesake Reggie in the last 20 meters to claim an Olympic spot; he placed 6th, two places behind Gance. The two teamed up with Riddick (5th in his semi) and 200m specialist Millard Hampton to take the 400m relay in 38.33

200 Meters - June 21, 17.50 Hr (+1.7w)

8	1. Millard Hampton (SJCC)	20.10
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1	2. Dwayne Evans (South Mountain HS, Phoenix)	20.22
7	3. Mark Lutz (PCC)	20.42
4	4. Steve Riddick (PPC)	20.45
3	5. Ed Preston (Ark St)	20.54
5	6. Larry Jackson (Kansas)	20.58
2	7. Willie Turner (AATC)	20.60
6	8. Lamar Preyor (Tenn)	21.14

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 21, 15.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Evans 20.57w, 2. Preston 20.73, 3. Turner 20.75, 4. Jackson 20.75, 5. R.Jones 20.76, 6. Wesley Walker (Cal) 21.15, Wardell Gilbreath (Ariz) - Dnf, Delano Meriwether (DCS) - Dnc (+2.3w)
- 2/ 1. Hampton 20.69, 2. Lutz 20.72, 3. Riddick 20.83, 4. Preyor 20.87, 5. Harvey Gance (Auburn) 20.94, 6. Larry Brown (Sn Ariz TC) 21.36, 7. Zoe Simpson (Rice) 21.86, Clancy Edwards (Macc) - Dnf (+0.9w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 21, 17.10 Hr

- 1/ 1. Evans 20.47, 2. R.Jones 20.86, 3. Preyor 20.88, 4. Turner 20.89, 5. Bill Collins (Gulf Coast TC) 20.89, 6. Willie Deckard (AATC) 20.89, 7. Carl McCullough (Ariz St) 21.30 (+0.0w)
- 2/ 1. Hampton 20.67w, 2. Riddick 20.79, 3. Jackson 20.88, 4. Brown 20.88, 5. Mike Goodrich (UCTC) 21.06, 6. Laverne Smith (Kansas) 21.51, Steven Williams (Ariz St) - Disq. (+2.2w)
- 3/ 1. Gilbreath 20.70, 2. Preston 20.74, 3. Simpson 21.04, 4. Walker 21.04, 5. James Wooten (Fayette) 21.15, 6. Steve Jones (Ms St) 21.44, 7. Larry Johnson (Wisc) 21.58, Mike Tyson (W Va) - Dnf
- 4/ 1. Gance 20.56, 2. Edwards 20.83, 3. Lutz 20.89, 4. Meriwether 20.91, 5. Cliff Wiley (Kansas) 20.98, 7. Stanley Harris (Fla) 21.15, 8. Jerry Bright (BAS) 21.31 (+1.4w)

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 21, 12.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Preston 20.77, 2. Gilbreath 20.95, 3. Deckard 21.05, 4. Walker 21.12, 5. Goodrich 21.26, 6. L.Smith 21.38, 7. Joe Franklin (Sn) 21.70 (+0.0w)
- 2/ 1. Evans 20.95, 2. Lutz 21.13, 3. Wooten 21.47, 4. Bright 21.50, 5. Dwayne Strozier (Ariz) 21.64, 6. S.Jones 21.66, 7. John Pettus (BAS) 21.82, 8. Ivory Crockett (PPC) 22.48 (+1.9w)
- 3/ 1. Hampton 20.75, 2. Edwards 20.83, 3. Riddick 21.1, 4. McCullough 21.1, 5. Turner 21.1, 6. Harris 21.2, 7. Ed James (Penn) 21.4, 8. Louis Wilson (US-A) 21.4 (+0.0w)
- 4/ 1. Gance 20.80, 2. Tyson 21.27, 3. Meriwether 21.34, 4. Preyor 21.41, 5. R.Jones 21.45, 6. Williams 21.46, 7. Robert Jordan (ALameda) 21.52, 8. John Garrison (Okla) 21.62 (+1.6w)
- 5/ 1. Collins 20.73, 2. Brown 20.96, 3. Jackson 21.10, 4. Wiley 21.13, 5. Simpson 21.16, 6. Johnson 21.37, 7. Harold Williams (Macc) 21.40, 8. Cecil Overstreet (Houston) 21.54 (+1.6w)

Williams, Riddick, Gance and Wardell Gilbreath were the men expected to make the team. None of them did - Williams not making it to the starting line, while NCAA champion Gance and injured Gilbreath - a 20.27 man in April, were eliminated. Riddick made the final, and ran within 0.14 of his best with 20.45, but was passed in the closing stages by Mark Lutz, who ran his best race since the 1973 AAU (where he was second to Steve Williams). Lutz ran 20.42, but was a long way behind the surprise leading duo. Millard Hampton was the winner. He had won the AAU in an uninspiring pb of 20.89 (beating the excellent James Gilkes in the process) but was not considered a likely Olympic qualifier, and the same was true of 17 year old Dwayne Evans, who had a 20.4 hand time best. In the FOT race Evans ran a blinder of a race from the difficult inside lane, passing 100m in 10.5, two tenths behind Hampton and Riddick, and ran the best second 100 to clock 20.22 for a high school record. Ahead of him Hampton was running 20.10 (hand-timed in 20.0) from the easier outside lane, the #3 clocking ever at low altitude, and afterwards attributed his success to lack of injuries - "I pulled a muscle last year, but I'm healthy now", and he backed up his trials race with Olympic silver behind Don Quarrie. Hampton never had another good season, but Evans continued on until 1988, eventually improving his PR from the OT race with 20.08 some eleven seasons later.

400 Meters - June 25, 17.20 Hr

1.	Maxie Parks (Macc)	45.58
2.	Fred Newhouse (Baton Rouge TC)	45.76
3.	Herm Frazier (Ariz St)	45.84
4.	Benny Brown (Macc)	45.91
5.	Maurice Peoples (DCS)	45.92
6.	Robert Taylor (PPC)	46.03
7.	Evis Jennings (Miss St)	46.15
8.	Mark Collins (Baylor)	47.33

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 16.20 Hr

- 1/ =1. Frazier and Jennings 45.96, 3. Taylor 46.07, 4. Collins 46.16, 5. Stan Vinson (Fla TC) 46.19, 6. Tim Dale (Vill) 46.32, 7.

Willie Smith (Auburn) 46.65, 8. Charles Oliver (Troy St) 46.82

- 2/ 1. Newhouse 45.24, 2. Peoples 45.67, 3. Parks 45.79, 4. Brown 45.90, 5. Ken Randle (USC) 46.38, 6. Billy Hicks (DC Striders) 46.49, 7. Randy Benson (Kansas) 46.64, 8. Gerald Burl (Unat) 46.75

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Frazier 45.80, 2. Jennings 45.89, 3. Taylor 46.13, 4. Randle 46.22, 5. Ronnie Ray (NCC) 46.33, 6. Tony Darden (Norristown HS, Pa) 47.41, 7. Adrian Rodgers (BAS) 47.9
- 2/ 1. Brown 45.86, 2. Newhouse 45.87, 3. Collins 46.46, 4. Burl 46.69, 5. Steve Campbell (Fresno St) 46.95, 6. Andrei Moore (NW La) 47.58
- 3/ 1. Parks 46.33, 2. Vinson 46.35, 3. Smith 46.80, 4. Dale 46.81, 5. Benny Myles (UCLA) 46.94, 6. Ronnie Harris (Tenn) 47.59
- 4/ 1. Peoples 46.69, 2. Benson 46.87, 3. Hicks 47.00, 4. Oliver 47.10, 5. Jerome Morgan (Tenn) 47.34, 6. Dennis Schultz (PCC) 48.67

Heats - first 5 qualify, June 22, 12.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Taylor 46.27, 2. Hicks 46.33, 3. Vinson 46.67, 4. Collins 47.04, 5. Schultz 47.33, 6. Waddell Smith (Kansas) 48.04, 7. Thomas Mallard (Miss Valley) 48.38
- 2/ 1. Newhouse 46.57, 2. Frazier 46.93, 3. Smith 47.03, 4. Ray 47.51, 5. Darden 47.69, 6. Carl Shaw (Linfield) 47.90
- 3/ 1. Brown 46.57, 2. Oliver 46.95, 3. Randle 47.16, 4. Ro.Harris 47.19, 5. Moore 47.20, 6. Jay Wagner (Kansas) 47.35, 7. Dave Hagmeier (Or) 47.90
- 4/ 1. Parks 46.45, 2. Burl 47.08, 3. Dale 47.12, 4. Morgan 47.15, 5. Rodgers 47.15, 6. Kevin Price (Adelphi) 47.28, 7. Bobby Brown (Unat) 47.78
- 5/ 1. Benson 46.75, 2. Jennings 46.92, 3. Peoples 47.18, 4. Campbell 47.21, 5. Myles 47.25, 6. Albert Shorts (LB St) 47.32

Like most venues used for track in the USA, Hayward Field is an unenclosed stadium and open to the elements. No event suffered as much at the '76 trials from the wind - only 1 clocking of sub 45.50 was recorded, and the times were uniformly poor. Parks and Newhouse went out quickly in the final, with Parks just ahead at 200 (21.6). Parks struggled home the winner just over a yard ahead of Newhouse, with Frazier finishing quickly to take third a couple of feet ahead of Brown and Peoples. The hindering aspect of the wind can be measured by the fact that Newhouse (44.40), Frazier (44.95) and an off form Parks (45.24) averaged 44.86 in the OG, but only 45.73 in the OT.

800 Meters - June 21, 18.15 Hr

1. Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	1:44.78 (50.7/54.1)
2. James Robinson (California)	1:45.86 (52.2/53.7)
3. Mark Enyeart (Utah St TC)	1:46.28 (51.0/55.3)
4. Mark Belger (Vill)	1:46.36
5. Rick Brown (Tob)	1:47.00
6. James Baxter (SMTC)	1:47.24
7. Tom McLean (Bucknell)	1:47.38
8. Keith Francis (BC)	1:48.07

Semi-finals - first 3 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 20, 17.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Wohlhuter 1:46.80, 2. Robinson 1:47.64, 3. Enyeart 1:47.78, 4. Baxter 1:47.88, 5. Bob Smith (Baton Rouge TC) 1:49.08, Mark Robinson (Catholic) - Disq (400: 51.7, 600: 1:19.0)
- 2/ 1. Brown 1:47.72, 2. Belger 1:47.77, 3. Francis 1:47.91, 4. McLean 1:47.96, 5. Rick Musgrave (Col) 1:48.69, 6. Bob Anastasio (NYAC) 1:49.68 (400: 51.4)

Heats - first 5 qualify, June 19, 16.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Wohlhuter 1:46.02, 2. Francis 1:46.78, 3. Brown 1:46.83, 4. Enyeart 1:46.88, 5. M.Robinson 1:47.28, 6. Anastasio 1:47.97
- 2/ 1. McLean 1:49.00, 2. Musgrave 1:49.37, 3. Smith 1:49.45, 4. Ken Schappert (NYAC) 1:49.51, 5. Joe Savage (NYAC) 1:50.40, 6. Brian McElroy (NYAC) 1:50.76
- 3/ 1. Belger 1:48.48, 2. Baxter 1:48.63, 3. J.Robinson 1:48.96, 4. Gerald Masterson (Ouachita Baptist) 1:49.09, 5. Bill Dabney (Adelphi) 1:49.51, Conrad Suhr (UCLA) - Dnf

Rick Wohlhuter had been the #1 American over 800m for 3 years prior to the Olympic trials, despite a shock defeat in the '75 AAU at the hands of Mark Enyeart. Wohlhuter clarified the position in all 3 of his races, winning all by more than 0.75 seconds. In heat and final Wohlhuter followed Keith Francis through 400, clocking 50.7 at halfway, and went clear at 600m. Mark Belger was second at that point, but was passed by James Robinson off the final curve, and held third until Enyeart's late charge. The surprise of the race was the

poor performance by McLean, who had easily beaten Belger when winning the NCAA.

1500 Meters - June 27, 18.00 Hr

1. Rick Wohlhuter (UCTC)	3:36.47
2. Matt Centrowitz (Or)	3:36.70
3. Mike Durkin (UCTC)	3:36.72
4. Mike Manke (Unat)	3:37.05
5. Mike Slack (UCTC)	3:39.09
6. Rick Musgrave (Col)	3:40.73
7. Steve Scott (UCI)	3:48.9
8. Ken Popejoy (UCTC)	3:53.9
9. Tom Byers (Ohio St)	3:55.9

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 26, 17.20 Hr

- 1/ 1. Slack 3:40.2, 2. Popejoy 3:40.4, 3. Musgrave 3:40.5, 4. Manke 3:40.6, 5. Byers 3:40.8, 6. Dennis Fikes (Penn) 3:44.1. Byers advanced to final after appeal.
- 2/ 1. Centrowitz 3:40.03, 2. Wohlhuter 3:40.14, 3. Durkin 3:40.32, 4. Scott 3:40.43, 5. Jeff Jirele (Ill) 3:44.69, Mark Feig (Or) - Dnf

Heats - first 3 plus 3 fastest losers qualify, June 25, 17.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Centrowitz 3:41.20, 2. Slack 3:42.80, 3. Musgrave 3:42.83, 4. Fikes 3:43.41, 5. Paul Cummings (Tob) 3:44.44, 6. Len Hilton (PCC) 3:53.54
- 2/ 1. Byers 3:40.86, 2. Scott 3:41.68, 3. Manke 3:41.74, 4. Jirele 3:42.14, 5. Feig 3:42.25, 6. Steve Lacy (Wise) 3:52.00
- 3/ 1. Wohlhuter 3:44.11, 2. Durkin 3:44.44, 3. Popejoy 3:44.53, 4. Steve Foster (Fla TC) 3:44.97, 5. Tom Duits (Wn Mich) 3:45.15, 6. Mark Schilling (Unat) 3:49.80

Tom Byers only made the final on appeal after being fouled in his semi-final. With little hope of making the team in a kickers race, he decided upon blasting from the gun, racing past 400m in 53.6 and 800m in 1:51.3 with a 12 yard advantage over Centrowitz and Wohlhuter (1:52.8). Byers faded in the third lap and the two leaders held 10 yards over Durkin and Manke with a lap to go. Durkin closed up on the final backstraight, and he stayed with Centrowitz all the way to the line, as Wohlhuter eased away over the last 100 meters.

3000 Meters Steeplechase - June 27, 18.40 Hr

1. Doug Brown (Knoxville TC)	8:27.39
2. Henry Marsh (BYU)	8:27.42
3. Mike Roche (NYAC)	8:32.70
4. Don Timm (AIA)	8:32.72
5. Bill Lundberg (Kansas)	8:46.92
6. Ron Addison (Tenn)	8:53.6
7. Jim Johnson (CNW)	9:09.0
Mike Manley (Or TC)	Dnf

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 24, 17.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Brown 8:31.75, 2. Roche 8:32.24, 3. Marsh 8:39.61, 4. Lundberg 8:40.44, 5. Greg Meyer (Mich) 8:49.54, 6. Randy Smith (Shore Striders) 8:50.12, 7. Kent MacDonald (Unat) 8:57.24
- 2/ 1. Timm 8:35.00, 2. Manley 8:37.95, 3. Addison 8:38.56, 4. Johnson 8:41.52, 5. Randy Lussenden (UCTC) 8:54.67, 6. George Malley (Penn St) 9:12.43

Manley, the '72 trials winner, led the final early on, but smacked a hurdle badly and had to drop out after 1/3 of the race. That left Doug Brown in the lead and he upped the tempo dropping Johnson and Lundberg. With 600m to go, Marsh, the AAU runner-up, started a long kick, and only Brown could stay with him. The former Tennessee star made his second Olympic team and just edged Marsh for the win. Behind them Timm had closed up in the last lap, but began to fade badly, and Mike Roche sprinted to his shoulder out of the last water-jump. At the final hurdle Roche fell, injuring his knee, but remarkably rolled over and tore after Timm, catching him on the line with possibly the most amazing finish in Trials history - giving himself an Olympic team spot as a 23rd birthday present.

5000 Meters - June 27, 19.00 Hr

1. Dick Buerkle (NYAC)	13:26.60
2. Duncan MacDonald (Mid-Pacific RR)	13:29.46
3. Paul Geis (Or TC)	13:38.46
4. Don Kardong (CNW)	13:47.38

5. Ted Castaneda (Col TC)	13:53.94
6. Mike Keough (NYAC)	14:01.50
7. Greg Fredericks (PPC)	14:09.2
8. Pat Holleran (UCTC)	14:13.2
9. John Gregorio (Col TC)	14:39.8
Craig Virgin (Ill)	Dnc

Heats - first 4 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 25, 16.40 Hr

- 1/ 1. Buerkle 13:41.76, 2. Virgin 13:43.10, 3. Gregorio 13:43.88, 4. Castaneda 13:43.93, 5. Kardong 13:43.93, 6. Holleran 14:15.52, 7. Tom Bryant (SMTc) 14:18.32, 8. Mike Haywood (Or TC) 14:20.10, 9. Herm Atkins (CNW) - no time, 10. Dave Taylor (Or) 14:31.0
- 2/ 1. Keough 13:51.90, 2. MacDonald 13:59.03, 3. Fredericks 14:01.01, 4. Geis 14:03.13, 5. Tom Burleson (UCTC) 14:17.5, 6. Terry Williams (Or) 14:22.3, 7. Ric Rojas (Unat) 14:32.9, 8. Pat Mander (UCTC) 14:42.2, 9. Bruce Fischer (UCTC) 15:08.0, Marty Liquori (NYAC) - Dnf

In the first heat Marty Liquori broke down with a hamstring injury after 2000m, a sad ending to his attempt to make his second Olympic team. He had finished second in the AAU where he aggravated the injury. The AAU winner Buerkle was left as the clear favorite, and he ran a favorite's race, staying with the leaders - Kardong and then MacDonald - until the last mile, which he ran in 4:11.3, with a last 880y in 2:03.0.

10000 Meters - June 22, 18.05 Hr

1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	27:55.45
2. Craig Virgin (Ill)	27:59.43
3. Garry Bjorklund (UCTC)	28:03.74
4. Bill Rodgers (GBTC)	28:04.42
5. Ed Mendoza (Ariz)	28:25.16
6. Ted Castaneda (Col TC)	28:43.28
7. Gary Tuttle (Tob)	28:48.10
8. Jeff Wells (Rice)	29:24.19
9. Pat Mander (UCTC)	29:51.21

Heats - first 3 plus 3 fastest losers qualify, June 19, 18.05 Hr

- 1/ 1. Shorter 28:33.62, 2. Virgin 28:33.63, 3. Tuttle 28:37.47, 4. Wells 28:40.81, 5. Paul Stemmer (NVTC) 30:13.76. John Gregorio (Col TC) and Mark Johnson (Wisc) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Rodgers 28:32.79, 2. Bjorklund 28:44.43, 3. Castaneda 29:09.72, 4. Mendoza 29:10.25, 5. Mander 29:28.29, 6. Rudy Chapa (Hammond HS, Ind) 30:36.30

Frank Shorter maintained his position as America's premier distance runner by controlling the race. He passed 5000m in 14:02.2, and by 4 miles only Virgin and Bjorklund, the former child prodigies, and marathoner Bill Rodgers were in contention. Then Bjorklund lost a shoe at 4 1/2 miles, and as he maintained contact, the crowd had someone to cheer for. Bjorklund had suffered a series of injuries during his career, and it seemed that bad luck was again dogging him. He dropped back and was 25 yards behind Rodgers at the bell; however, he pulled back the deficit and passed Rodgers with 50 yards to go and made the team with a 4 yard advantage over the Bostonian. Up ahead Shorter let Virgin briefly take the lead in the last lap and then flowed away to win by 25 yards after a last 400m in 60.0. Both Shorter and Rodgers had made the marathon team, and when Shorter chose to concentrate on that event, his place was taken by Ed Mendoza.

20 Kilometer Walk - June 19, 13.00 Hr (18,610m - short course)

1. Todd Scully (Shore)	1:25:29
2. Ron Laird (NYAC)	1:25:44
3. Larry Walker (Tob)	1:25:57
4. Larry Young (Columbia TC)	1:26:41
5. Jim Heiring (Wisc/Parkside)	1:27:18
6. Goetz Klopfer (GGTC)	1:28:15
7. Dan O'Connor (NYAC)	1:28:30
8. Tom Dooley (West Valley TC)	1:28:45

=9. Bob Henderson (Unat), Jerry Brown (Col TC) 1:29:59. 21 finishers, with 1 non-finisher

Todd Scully improved from 4th in the '72 trials to take the 1976 race, waiting until the last mile before breaking clear of Laird. Young had been in contention for his 3rd Olympic team until 15k, when Walker went past him. In Montreal, Laird was the best placed American in 20th with 1:33:28

Marathon - Eugene, May 22

1. Frank Shorter (Fla TC)	2:11:51
2. Bill Rodgers (GBTC)	2:11:58
3. Don Kardong (CNW)	2:13:54
4. Tony Sandoval (Stan)	2:14:58
5. Tom Fleming (NYAC)	2:15:48
6. Bob Varsha (Atlanta TC)	2:15:50
7. John Bramley (Col St)	2:17:16
8. Kirk Pfeffer (Gross CC)	2:17:58
9. Jeff Galloway (Fla TC)	2:18:29
10. Amby Burfoot (Mohegan Striders)	2:18:56

49 finishers in total, and 28 non-finishers

Shorter and Rodgers, the two best American marathoners of their era, had broken 1 1/2 minutes clear of eventual non-finisher Barry Brown by 20 miles, reached in 1:39:32 after 5 mile splits of 24:41/24:54:24:51/24:56. The two of them eventually were clear by over 2 minutes, with Shorter getting away from Rodgers in the last mile. Behind them, tall Don Kardong had run a cautious race alongside Tony Sandoval, and only moved into third with 4 miles to go. By then the field was suffering, and Kardong finished a minute ahead of Sandoval. In Montreal Shorter was to place second in 2:10:46, but the real surprises were Rodgers, whose legs gave way leaving him in 40th place, and Kardong who ran a superb race, finishing an unheralded 4th in 2:11:16, missing a medal by just 4 seconds.

110 Meters Hurdles - June 24, 18.20 Hr (+2.2w)

1. 8. Charles Foster (NCC TC)	13.44w (13.2 hand time)
2. 7. Willie Davenport (Baton Rouge TC)	13.52w
3. 2. James Owens (UCLA)	13.57w
4. 3. Dedy Cooper (SJS)	13.63w
5. 1. Jerry Wilson (Tob)	13.70w
6. 5. Larry Shipp (LSU)	13.74w
7. 6. Robert Gaines (Wash)	13.78w
8. 4. Tom Hill (US-A)	13.92w

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 15.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Owens 13.56/13.3H, 2. Gaines 13.57, 3. Foster 13.66, 4. Shipp 13.82, 5. Mike Johnson (USC) 13.93, 6. Ashland Whitfield (Sn Az TC) 13.94, 7. Clim Jackson (Macc) 13.96, 8. Fred Shaw (USC) 14.06 (+1.4w)
- 2/ 1. Hill 13.46/13.2H, 2. Davenport 13.58, 3. Wilson 13.69, 4. Cooper 13.73, 5. James Walker (Auburn) 13.90, 6. Vance Roland (Unat) 13.94, 7. John Lewter (Auburn) 14.32, 8. John Long (Fla TC) 14.33 (+1.5w)

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 15.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Owens 13.52w, 2. Whitfield 13.84, 3. Wilson 14.07, 4. Shaw 14.08, =5. Jeff Howser (Fla TC) and Mike Roberson (Fla St) 14.10, 7. Larry Bunting (SH) 14.20, 8. Delario Robinson (AATC) 14.27 (+2.2w)
- 2/ 1. Hill 13.62w, 2. Roland 13.87, 3. Jackson 13.92, 4. Lewter 13.98, 5. Davey Duncan (Baylor) 14.08, 6. John Foster (Stan) 14.09, Gary Burl (Ariz St) - Dnf (+2.1w)
- 3/ 1. Davenport 13.60w, 2. Foster 13.65, 3. Cooper 13.69, 4. Johnson 13.96, 5. George Carty (West Valley TC) 13.97, 6. Tommy Lee White (Macc) 14.06, 7. Stan Druckery (UCTC) 14.07 (+2.3w)
- 4/ 1. Gaines 13.68w, 2. Walker 13.73, 3. Shipp 13.77, 4. John Long (Fla TC) 13.85, 5. Carl Florant (Cal) 13.86, 6. James Austin (SJS) 13.94, 7. Louis Pike (Hend St) 14.02, 8. Mike Fulghum (Rice) 14.49 (+2.2w)

Heats - first 6 qualify, June 22, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. C.Foster 13.81, 2. Florant 13.86, 3. Robinson 13.89, 4. Duncan 13.95, 5. Whitfield 14.02, 6. J.Foster 14.10, 7. Greg Chandler (NC St) 14.59 (+1.1w)
- 2/ 1. Wilson 13.79, 2. Gaines 13.80, 3. Jackson 13.82, 4. Johnson 13.95, 5. Pike 14.01, 6. Burl 14.10, 7. Hesley Bostic (Fla) 14.30 (+1.7w)
- 3/ 1. Roland 13.82w, 2. Cooper 13.83, 3. Roberson 13.86, 4. Druckery 14.01, 5. Shaw 14.02, 6. Shipp 14.05, 7. Mike Shine (Penn St) 14.07, 8. Greg Rumble (Drake) 14.51 (+2.2w)
- 4/ 1. Hill 13.63w, 2. Walker 13.77, 3. Lewter 13.97, 4. Carty 14.15, 5. Howser 14.22, 6. Fulghum 14.38. Steve Darcus (Tenn) and Greg Bransom (Porterv. JC) - Dnf (+2.2w)
- 5/ 1. Davenport 13.76, 2. Owens 13.79, 3. Austin 13.93, 4. White 14.09, 5. Long 14.20, 6. Bunting 14.22, 7. Frank Postell (Miami Dade) 14.69, 8. Allen Misher (LSU) 14.82 (+1.2w)

Tom Hill ran the fastest time in the semi-finals, an excellent 13.46, but smacked hurdles in the final, and eliminated himself from possible selection. Up ahead of him Charles Foster cast off the hamstring problems that had prevented him from finishing his heat at the AAU; he took the lead from fast starting James Owens at the fifth hurdle, and won by a meter from remarkable Willie Davenport, who

thus made his 4th Olympic team. Davenport went on to be the top American in Montreal, running a low altitude pb of 13.38 for a bronze medal. Owens held on to third place from fast finishing Dedy Cooper, reversing their NCAA 1-2 finish. Four years later Davenport was the only US track athlete to compete in the Olympics. However, his 5th Olympic appearance was in the '80 Winter Olympics, where he was part of the US 4-man Bobsleigh team, which placed 12th.

400 Meters Hurdles - June 21, 18.30 Hr

2	1. Edwin Moses (Morehouse)	48.30	AR
8	2. Quentin Wheeler (SDS)	48.65	
4	3. Mike Shine (Penn St)	49.33	
3	4. Jim Bolding (PCC)	49.55	
1	5. Harold Schwab (Penn)	49.81	
7	6. Ralph Mann (Tob)	49.82	
6	7. James King (Mace)	50.07	
4	8. Tom Andrews (USC)	50.71	

Semi-finals: - first 4 qualify, June 20, 16.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Bolding 49.49, 2. King 49.83, 3. Shine 50.05, 4. Andrews 50.26, 5. Gene Taylor (Oxy) 50.48, 6. Charles Whigham (TSU) 51.26, 7. Rick Walker (Ariz St) 51.74, Wes Williams (Mace) - Dnf
- 2/ 1. Moses 49.02, 2. Wheeler 49.29, 3. Mann 49.49, 4. Schwab 49.60, 5. Rob Cassleman (PCC) 50.03, 6. Bruce Collins (PPC) 50.65, 7. Randolph Williams (Ky St) 50.84, 8. Nolan Cromwell (Kansas) 52.38

Heats: - first 4 qualify, June 19, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Andrews 49.94, 2. King 50.17, 3. Cassleman 50.37, 4. R. Williams 50.41, 5. Grant Niederhaus (UCLA) 51.41
- 2/ 1. Wheeler 50.03, 2. W. Williams 50.35, 3. Schwab 51.18, 4. Whigham 51.78, 5. Craig Caudill (PCC)
- 3/ 1. Bolding 50.43, 2. Shine 50.55, 3. Collins 50.60, 4. Cromwell 50.75, 5. Shifton Baker (Texas A&M) 50.76, 6. John Rudd (Pacadena CC) 51.35
- 4/ 1. Moses 50.03, 2. Mann 50.61, 3. Walker 50.63, 4. Taylor 50.65, 5. Tim Klein (Mich St) 51.80, 6. Robert Rambo (Fla TC) 51.83

Edwin Moses was unheard of in 1975, with just one race (of 52.0y) to his name. With 3 improvements he was down to 48.8 by the FOT, and was one of the favorites, together with his conquerors at the AAU, Tom Andrews, Jim Bolding and Ralph Mann, and NCAA winner Quentin Wheeler. They all made the final, along with James King (PAG '75 champion), Mike Shine (2nd in the NCAA), and Penn's Harold Schwab. Bolding, America's best in 1974-75, was the early leader and passed the fifth hurdle in 21.1, remarkable running against the strong headwind in the backstretch, but was caught by Moses at the 7th. The crowd was almost awed into silence by Moses' first great race, as he went clear of the field by the eighth hurdle. Wheeler, having held back until the finishing straight, went from seventh to second, while Bolding - in second at the last hurdle almost crumpled on the run-in, losing 5 meters to Mike Shine who took the final Olympic place. **Asked after the race if he was surprised at his time, Moses responded "No. I've been in excellent shape for along time. I just didn't have the kind of opposition to run this kind of race before. If it had been 80 or 90 degrees I might have run a 47".** Moses set a WR in Montreal with 47.64, while Shine was second and Wheeler 4th.

High Jump - June 27, 13.30 Hr

1.	Bill Jankunis (NYAC)	7'5 3/4"	(2.28)
2.	Dwight Stones (LB St)	7'4 1/2"	(2.25)
3.	James Barrineau (Georgia)	7'4 1/2"	(2.25)
4.	Mel Embree (Harvard)	7'3 3/4"	(2.23)
5.	Mark Branch (Tenn)	7'3"	(2.21)
6.	Paul Underwood (Ariz St)	7'1 3/4"	(2.18)
6.	Tom Woods (PCC)	7'1 3/4"	(2.18)
8.	Bill Knoedel (Iowa)	7'1 3/4"	(2.18)
8.	John McCulloh (Harvard)	7'1 3/4"	(2.18)
10.	Mike Winsor (Central Michigan)	7'0 1/4"	(2.14)
	Benn Fields (SH), Rey Brown (AATC), Ron Livers (PPC) - No height		

Qualifying: June 26, 10.00 Hr: All finalists cleared 7'0" (2.13m). Non-qualifiers (no height) - Dennis Adama (UCTC), Kyle Arney (Glendale CC), Lee Braach (WSU), Ed Fern (Clemson), Clarence Frazier (CSN), Keith Guinn (Unat), Bill Hansen (Iowa), Allen Johnson (BYU), Rory Kotinek (PCC), Steve Kuehl (Iowa St), Joe Phillips (Chapman), Pat Matzdorf (Wisc TC), Randy Smith (Unat), Steve Wilson (SC)

From the moment that he won the 1972 FOT, Dwight Stones was the best high jumper in the USA, and he ranked #1 in the world from 1973 to 1976. Undeclared in the USA since the 1975 AAU, a small crack in Stones' armor occurred with the 1976 FOT. The first surprise came with the elimination of Mike Winsor, who had given Stones a terrific battle in the NCAA (7'5" to Stones' WR 7'7"). Winsor made

7'0 1/4" and failed at 7'1 3/4", which was the best height for '75 AAU winner Tom Woods. Five men cleared 7'3", of whom just one, Mark Branch, was a straddler. He missed at 7'3 3/4", a height that Stones cleared 1st time, while Jankunis made it on his second jump, with Embree and Barrineau over on their third attempts. All but Embree made 7'4 1/2" on their first attempts to select the team. Embree failed, and at 7'5 3/4" Barrineau and Stones did so as well, but Jankunis cleared. He had beaten his previous best of 7'3 1/4" three times, and never again approached such heights

Pole Vault - June 22, 13.30 Hr

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| 1. Dave Roberts (Fla TC) | 18'8 1/4" (5.70) WR |
| 2. Earl Bell (Ark St) | 18'0 1/2" (5.50) |
| 2. Terry Porter (Gulf Coast TC) | 18'0 1/2" (5.50) |
| 4. Robert Pullard (AATC) | 17'8 1/2" (5.40) |
| 5. Doug Laz (Ill) | 17'4 3/4" (5.30) |
| 6. Tinker Hatfield (Or) | 17'0 3/4" (5.20) |
| 7. Roland Carter (Gulf Coast TC) | 17'0 3/4" (5.20) |

Will Freeman (Fla), Larry Jessee (Macc), Jim Knaub (LB St), Ron Mooers (Tob), Russ Rogers (USC), Jeff Taylor (Tob) and Mike Tully (UCLA) - no height cleared.

Qualifying: June 20, 11.00 Hr: All finalists cleared 17'0 3/4" (5.20m). Non-qualifiers: Dixon Boughman (UCTC), Mike Sabatino (UCI) 16'8 3/4" (5.10). Failed at 17'0 3/4" (5.20): Casey Carrigan (PCC), Mike Cotton (Fla TC), Billy Dalton (Baton Rouge TC), Steve Hardison (AIA), Dave Nielsen (UCTC), Dan Ripley (PCC), David Shepherd (Texas). Failed at 16'8 3/4" (5.10): Bob Crites (Ind), Tom DiStanislao (USC), Dennis Dudley (WSU), Gary Hunter (Sn Ill), Roger Martin (SJS), Phares Rolle (Fla St), Vince Struble (SITC), Jim Williams (BAS)

Dave Roberts had set a WR in 1975, which had fallen a month before the trials to Earl Bell, who went on to take an NCAA/AAU double. In the trials Bell, Roberts and Porter were the only athletes to clear 18'0 1/2", and all 3 went straight to the WR height of 18'8 1/4". On his first attempt, Roberts' pole snapped, shaking him badly but fortunately not injuring him. Bell and Porter took their jumps, and Bell lent Roberts his pole. Granted 3 efforts at 5.70 he took all of them, and juddered the bar on his final attempt, but it stayed on for the third consecutive pole vault WR at the trials.

	5.20	5.30	5.40	5.50	5.70	5.80
Roberts	p	xo	p	o	xxo	xxx
Bell	p	xo	o	o	xxx	
Porter	p	o	xo	o	xxx	
Pullard	p	o	o	xxx		

Long Jump - June 25, 16.00 Hr

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| 1. Arnie Robinson (Macc) | 27'5 1/2"w | (8.37) | (+3.5) |
| 2. Larry Myricks (Miss C) | 27'1 1/4"w | (8.26) | (+3.8) |
| 3. Randy Williams (Tob) | 26'10"w | (8.18) | (+2.7) |
| 4. Theo Hamilton (Unat) | 26'4 1/4"w | (8.03) | (+4.2) |
| 5. James Lofton (Stan) | 26'1 1/2"w | (7.96) | (+4.0) |
| 6. Stan Whitley (Cal Int) | 26'1"w | (7.95) | (+4.0) |
| 7. Anthony Carter (Austin Peay) | 25'11 1/2"w | (7.91) | (+3.6) |
| 8. Al Lanier (US-A) | 25'10 1/4"w | (7.88) | (+3.6) |
| 9. Danny Seay (PCC) | 25'9 1/2" | (7.86) | (+1.4) |
| 10. Stan Royster (Liv TC) | 25'1 1/2"w | (7.66) | (+2.8) |

Qualifying: June 24, 11.00 Hr: Williams 26'3"w (8.00), Robinson 26'2 1/4"w (7.98), Seay 26'1 1/2"w (7.96), Lofton 25'9 3/4"w (7.87), Myricks 25'9" (7.85), Carter 25'9" (7.85), Hamilton 25'8 3/4" (7.84), Whitley 25'8 1/4" (7.83). Non-qualifiers: Gerald Hardeman (USC) and Bouncy Moore (Macc) 25'4 1/4" (7.73), Bruce Smith (Ventura JC) 25'2 3/4" (7.69), Bill Rea (UCYC) 25'2" (7.67), John Davenport (Maryland) 25'0" (7.62), William Tate (Ark St) 24'10"w (7.57), Steve Cobb (UCTC) 24'9 1/4" (7.55)

The long jump followed form nicely, with AAU champion Robinson dominating the event, supported by Larry Myricks (NCAA winner) and Olympic champion Randy Williams. Robinson's worst effort of 5 measured jumps was 8.16m - good enough to make the team, which was settled in the first round. Robinson went on to win the gold in Montreal with a pb 8.35m, with Williams winning silver. Myricks broke his leg in a freak accident warming up in the Olympics, but came back...from 1978 to 1993.

Robinson	8.16w/8.16w/8.22w/8.25w/ x /8.37w
Myricks	8.16w/7.99w/7.81w/ x /8.26w/7.91w
Williams	8.07w/8.18w/8.17w/ x /8.03w/7.67w

Triple Jump - June 26, 16.00 Hr

1. James Butts (Tob)	56'8 3/4w (17.29) (+2.9)
2. Tommy Haynes (US-A)	55'10"w (17.02) (+2.8)
3. Rayfield Dupree (US-A)	55'9 3/4"w (17.01) (+2.8)
4. Willie Banks (UCLA)	55'4 1/2"w (16.88) (+3.8)
5. Ron Livers (PPC)	55'4 1/4"w (16.87) (+3.0)
6. John Craft (UCTC)	55'0 1/4"w (16.77) (+3.0)
7. Ed Lennex (St Joseph's)	54'7 1/2" (16.65) (+1.1)
8. Anthony Terry (West Valley TC)	54'6 3/4"w (16.63) (+3.4)
9. Paul Jordan (Tenn)	53'9 1/4"w (16.42) (+4.2)
10. Robert Reader (AATC)	52'6 3/4" (16.02)

Qualifying: June 25, 11.00 Hr: Dupree 54'11 3/4" (16.76/+1.9), Haynes 54'6"w (16.61), Banks and Livers 54'2 1/2"w (16.52), Terry 54'2" (16.51), Reader 53'11 3/4"w (16.45), Butts 53'11 1/4" (16.44), Lennex 53'9 1/4" (16.39), Craft 53'0 1/4" (16.16), Jordan 52'10"w (16.10). Non-qualifiers: Ken McBryde (NYPC) 52'0"w (15.85), Tom Cochee (USC) 51'8"w (15.75), Caleb Abdul Rahman/Milan Tiff (Tob) 46'11"w (14.30)

Like the 1972 event the TJ was held in the center of the arena, and the crowd loved it. James Butts, who had taken a job as a janitor as it was the only work that fitted in with his training schedule, had three jumps good enough to win, and so erased the memory of missing the 1972 team. The single minded Butts went on to win silver in Montreal behind Viktor Saneyev. Tommy Haynes made the team with his first jump of 16.89w, but made sure with his last effort of 17.02w, to edge Army teammate Rayfield Dupree. Banks, who had beaten Dupree in the AAU, took 4th just ahead of short (5'9") but springy (7'4 1/4" - HJ) Ron Livers, whose brother Larry had been a finalist in the 110h eight years earlier.

Butts	17.12w/ x /15.11w/17.13w/17.29w/16.88w
Haynes	16.89w/16.01w/ x /16.28w/ x /17.02w
Dupree	x /16.98w/17.01w/ x / x /16.92w
Banks	x /16.49w/16.33w/16.10 /16.88w/16.24w

Shot Put - June 20, 15.30 Hr

1. Al Feuerbach (PCC)	69'3 1/2"	(21.12)	20.92/ x /20.94/21.12/ x /20.32
2. George Woods (PCC)	69'2 3/4"	(21.10)	20.73/21.10/20.22/20.86/20.64/20.85
3. Pete Shmock (Tob)	68'9 1/4"	(20.96)	20.53/20.96/20.60/ x /20.43/20.64
4. Terry Albritton (Hawaii)	67'0"	(20.42)	x / x /20.24/20.19/ x /20.42
5. Colin Anderson (Gopher TC)	66'11 1/4"	(20.40)	
6. Mac Wilkins (PCC)	65'5 3/4"	(19.96)	
7. Jesse Stuart (UCTC)	65'5 3/4"	(19.96)	
8. Dana LeDuc (Texas)	63'9 3/4"	(19.45)	
9. Ron Semkiw (SJS)	63'7"	(19.38)	
10. Doug Price (Fla TC)	61'6 1/2"	(18.76)	

Qualifying: June 19, 11.00 Hr: Shmock 66'6" (20.27), Albritton 66'0 1/4" (20.12), Anderson 65'7 1/2" (20.00), Feuerbach 65'5 1/2" (19.95), Wilkins 64'9 1/2" (19.75), LeDuc 64'2" (19.56), Woods 63'11 1/4" (19.49), Stuart 63'9 1/2" (19.45), Price 63'3" (19.28), Semkiw 63'2 3/4" (19.27). Non-qualifiers: Russ Vincent (Wash) 62'5 1/4" (19.03), Richard Marks (West Valley TC) 61'10 1/2" (18.86), Bob Medlin (NC St) 61'5 1/2" (18.73), Rich Bilder (UCTC) 60'0" (18.28), Mike Weeks (SJS) 59'1 1/2" (18.02), George Tyms (UCTC) 58'1" (17.70)

For the second consecutive FOT, the WR holder failed to make the team. Terry Albritton, who surprisingly had broken Feuerbach's record in February in Honolulu, started the final with 2 fouls, by which time his rivals - Feuerbach, Woods, and Shmock - had made their best throws, and made them count. Albritton finished almost 2 foot behind the third placed Shmock.

Discus Throw - June 21, 16.00 Hr

1. Mac Wilkins (PCC)	224'2"	(68.32)	68.32/66.68/66.52/67.70/67.66/ x
2. John Powell (PCC)	220'11"	(67.34)	63.72/64.94/62.54/ x /67.34/65.82
3. Jay Silvester (Unat)	212'5"	(64.74)	64.40/ x / x /64.74/ x /60.28
4. Dick Drescher (DCS)	208'2"	(63.44)	
5. Ken Stadel (SJ Stars)	201'5"	(61.40)	
6. Art Swarts (PPC)	197'5"	(60.18)	

7. Ben Plucknett (Missouri)	196'6"	(59.90)
8. Mike Louisiana (US-A)	190'0"	(57.92)
9. Larry Kennedy (SJ Stars)	189'8"	(57.82)
10. Jim McGoldrick (Texas)	188'2"	(57.34)

Qualifying: June 20, 11.00 Hr: Silvester 212'1" (64.54), Wilkins 210'9" (64.24), Stadel 205'10" (62.74), Powell 204'5" (62.32), Drescher 199'7" (60.84), Plucknett 198'7" (60.52), Swarts 195'9" (59.66), McGoldrick 194'3" (59.20), Kennedy 192'5" (58.64), Louisiana 192'0" (58.52). Non-qualifiers: Mike Hoffman (Unat) 190'6" (58.06), Jim Penrose (Unat) 173'3" (52.80), Mike Weeks (SJS) - 3 Fouls

One of the great rivalries in the years from 1973 to 1984 was that between Wilkins and Powell. Their relationship was about as close as that of Lena Horne and Sherriff Clark, and both men rarely missed chances to carp at the other. 1976 was very much the Wilkins year. He became the first man to have a throw beyond 230' accepted as a WR, and had 4 world records in all. In the AAU his 6 throws averaged 227'1" (69.22), and in the trials his 5 throws averaged 221'0" - 1 inch beyond Powell's best throw of the day. Third place went to Jay Silvester who thus equalled Oerter's record of 4 Olympic discus selections.

Hammer Throw - June 24, 15.00 Hr

1. Larry Hart (NYAC)	222'7"	(67.84)
2. Ted Bregar (USN)	221'5"	(67.48)
3. Alvin Jackson (Penn St)	218'6"	(66.60)
4. Boris Djerassi (NYAC)	217'2"	(66.20)
5. Bill Shuff (US-A)	217'1"	(66.16)
6. Dave McKenzie (West Valley TC)	208'5"	(63.52)
7. Andy Besette (Backus TC)	208'1"	(63.42)
8. George Frenn (Macc)	206'7"	(62.96)
9. Rich Perkins (Or)	200'6"	(61.12)
Bill Diehl (US-A)	3 Fouls	

Qualifying: June 22, 11.00 Hr: Diehl 225'0" (68.58), Hart 220'9" (67.28), Bregar 217'8" (66.34), Jackson 215'1" (65.56), Djerassi 214'10" (65.48), Besette 214'7" (65.40), Shuff 213'3" (65.00), Frenn 209'8" (63.90), McKenzie 206'9" (63.02), Perkins 205'4" (62.58). Non-qualifiers: Al Hall (Backus TC) and Dave Morrison (NYAC) 204'9" (62.40), Peter Galle (Macc) 199'6" (60.80), Ed Arcaro (Tob) 196'8" (59.94), Emmitt Berry (UTEP) and Robin Roeder (Or TC) - 3 Fouls

Bill Diehl was the only man with a mark beyond the Olympic qualifying level of 226'5" (69.00), but after leading the qualifying he had 3 fouls and so missed the boat as no other thrower could reach the standard - a sad succession to the Connolly era. One throwback was the presence of Al Hall in his 6th trials, but he just failed to make the final.

Javelin Throw - June 27, 17.45 Hr

1. Sam Colson (Unat)	276'2"	(84.18)
2. Richard George (BYU)	269'9"	(82.22)
3. Anthony Hall (Bruce TC)	267'8"	(81.58)
4. Jim Judd (CNW)	267'5"	(81.50)
5. Fred Luke (CNW)	263'8"	(80.36)
6. Rod Ewaliko (Wash)	260'7"	(79.42)
7. Bill Schmidt (PCC)	259'9"	(79.18)
8. Duncan Atwood (Wash)	241'5"	(73.58)
9. Roger Hammond (Kansas)	197'2"	(60.10)
Bob Wallis (US-A)	3 Fouls	

Qualifying: June 26, 15.00 Hr: Schmidt 282'1" (85.98), Hall 276'3" (84.20), Ewaliko 264'11" (80.74), Colson 264'0" (80.46), George 263'3" (80.24), Wallis 254'6" (77.58), Judd 249'3" (75.98), Hammond 248'8" (75.80), Luke 246'11" (75.26), Atwood 239'3" (72.92). Non-qualifiers: Buddy Blythe (Ala) 234'5" (71.46), Mark Kostek (Kansas) 228'3" (69.58), Stu Ralph (Clemson) 212'11" (64.90)

Bill Schmidt and Anthony Hall threw impressively in the qualifying with efforts of 282'1" and 276'3". Hall managed 267'8" in the opening round to make the team by just 3 inches over Jim Judd, but Schmidt was more than 20 foot short in the final with a best of 259'9" and missed the team by a long way. Big (6'5"/265) Sam Colson used a woeful run-up but a very strong back in placing 2 throws beyond 275' in the last 2 rounds to make the Montreal team, and Richard George, runner-up in both the NCAA and AAU took the other team place with his second round throw of 269'9".

Decathlon - June 25/26

1. Bruce Jenner (SJ Stars)	(4196/3)	8542w/8538 WR (8448w Auto)
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10.93/7.21w/14.04/2.00/48.72/14.57/51.69/4.60/69.26/4:16.60	
2. Fred Dixon (Tob)	(4337/1) 8294
10.6 /7.58w/14.81/2.00/48.8 /14.82/46.60/4.60/61.16/4:41.2	
3. Fred Samara (NYAC)	(4099/4) 8004
10.5 /7.36 /13.20/1.94/50.3 /14.87/43.56/4.50/57.82/4:28.5	
4. Roger George (Tob)	(3957/8) 7960 (7888w auto)
11.0w/7.27 /12.57/1.97/49.9 /14.84/44.20/4.50/61.36/4:24.0	
5. Steve Gough (CNW)	(4085/6) 7896
11.0 /7.40 /14.20/2.03/51.1 /14.86/50.78/4.00/58.22/4:45.1	
6. Bill Hancock (UCTC)	(4248/2) 7881
10.8 /7.76w/12.41/2.17/50.2 /14.84/42.18/4.50/48.06/4:47.0	
7. John Warkentin (Unat)	(3847/11) 7842
11.3 /7.04 /13.38/1.97/50.9 /14.92/42.30/4.50/60.62/4:23.0	
8. Craig Brigham (Or)	(4041/7) 7802
10.9 /6.83 /15.12/2.05/51.7 /15.25/44.90/4.80/57.56/5:00.5	
9. Mike Hill (Unat)	(3951/9) 7758
10.8 /7.39 /12.10/1.91/49.8 /14.69/38.94/4.20/57.22/4:21.4	
10. Bob Coffman (Tob)	(4091/5) 7572
10.6 /7.38 /15.00/1.85/50.7 /14.08/39.52/4.40/46.48/5:12.3	
11. Tony Hale (Fisk)	(3838/12) 7466
10.8 /7.16 /12.04/1.85/50.0 /15.62/40.44/4.00/63.38/4:40.7	
12. Jim Sobieszczyk (CW)	(3791/13) 7412
11.3 /6.82 /12.22/2.00/50.0 /15.37/40.62/4.00/56.48/4:33.0	
13. Rex Harvey (USAF)	(3943/10) 7310
10.7 /6.90w/13.72/1.85/49.5 /15.66/41.40/4.00/47.00/4:46.8	

Ed Miller (Cal) 3139// 10.9 /6.74 /13.79/1.97/Dnf; Ron Evans (Unat) 2359// 10.9 /6.85 /14.22/No height; Jeff Bennett (Unat) 1656// 10.7 /7.04 /

In two of the heats of the 100m the auto-timing device failed, so scoring was based on hand times for all competitors. Jenner's score of 8542 included a wind-assisted 7.21 long jump, but also a legal 7.19m, which gave Jenner a legal score of 8538, a world record. However, Jenner's events were auto-timed, and his scores then were 8448w/8444 legal - 10 points shy of Avilov's auto-timed WR from Munich. Happily, Jenner made all this academic with his WR 8618 in Montreal. Fred Dixon was the leader until the javelin, which he hadn't touched for 2 months because of injury. Nevertheless, he managed over 200' and was nearly 300 points ahead of Fred Samara, who had buckled 4 years earlier in the 1500m, but here ran a pb 4:28.5 to turn back Roger George. After 9 events George had been 80 pts behind Samara, and Gough, Hancock and Brigham had been within 2 points of Samara. Brigham had been suffering from mononucleosis in May, but showed remarkable abilities in almost making the team.

WOMEN

100 Meters - June 21, 18.50 Hr (+1.95w)

1. Brenda Morehead (TS)	11.08 (10.8 Hand)
2. Chandra Cheeseborough (Ribault HS, Fla)	11.13
3. Evelyn Ashford (UCLA)	11.22
4. Pam Jiles (NOS)	11.31
5. Rosalyn Bryant (LAM)	11.47
6. Renaye Bowen (Lake)	11.50
7. Brenda Finch (Jackson St)	11.56
8. Lisa Hopkins (CM)	11.86

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 21, 16.45 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Cheeseborough 11.44, 2. Jiles 11.58, 3. Bowen 11.80, 4. Hopkins 12.00, 5. Brenda Calhoun (Conn HS) 12.00, 6. Henderson (CM) 12.14 (+0.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Morehead 11.06w, 2. Ashford 11.28, 3. Finch 11.49, 4. Bryant 11.54, 5. Mattline Render (NYPAL) 11.60, 6. Veronica Harris (Zephyr TC) 11.84 (+2.2w)

Quarter-finals - first 6 qualify, June 20, 17.10 Hr

<u>1/</u>	1. Cheeseborough 11.29, 2. Jiles 11.41, 3. Bowen 11.49, 4. Bryant 11.50, 5. Calhoun 11.68, 6. Hopkins 11.74, 7. Martha Watson (LITC) 11.77, 8. Pat Collins El (Atoms TC) 11.84 (+1.0w)
<u>2/</u>	1. Morehead 11.33, 2. Ashford 11.40, 3. Finch 11.64, 4. Render 11.75, 5. Harris 11.87, 6. Henderson 11.90, 7. Mildrette Netter (Alcorn A&M) 11.94, 8. DuPuch 11.98 (+1.7w)

Heats - first 4 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 20, 12.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Ashford 11.2, 2. Bowen 11.4, 3. Finch 11.5, 4. Netter 11.7, 5. Henderson 11.7, 6. Collins El 11.8 (+0.7w)
2/ 1. Cheeseborough 11.41/11.1, 2. Jiles 11.57/11.4, 3. Hopkins 11.82/11.6, 4. Calhoun 11.88/11.8, 5. Mary LeBlanc (TWU) 12.03/11.9 (+1.1w)
3/ 1. Morehead 11.38/11.1, 2. Bryant 11.75/11.6, 3. Render 11.75/11.6, 4. Watson 11.92/11.8, 5. Harris 11.96/11.8, 6. DuPuch 11.8 (+1.7w)

Morehead had run 11.4 in 1975, but she surprised the pundits in beating Cheeseborough, the AAU champion, in a time which missed the US record by just 1/100th. Starting quickly, she held off the 17 year-old schoolgirl by 0.05; Cheeseborough's time was a HS record that was to last for more than 15 years. Third went to smooth Evelyn Ashford, who impressed with her style and finish, and was, like her 2 Olympic teammates, a world junior under current rules.

200 Meters - June 24, 18.40 Hr (+2.3w)

1. Brenda Morehead (TS)	22.49w/22.2H	11.4/11.1
2. Chandra Cheeseborough (Ribault HS, Fla)	22.64	11.5/11.1
3. Debra Armstrong (Grambling)	22.74	11.8/10.9
4. Pam Jiles (NOS)	23.16	
5. Pam Greene (Col St)	23.33	
6. Freida Hancock (Col)	23.44	
7. Linda Cordy (Atoms)	23.51	
8. Beverly Day (PV)	23.54	

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 16.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Morehead 22.95/22.7, 2. Cheeseborough 23.18, 3. Jiles 23.54, 4. Day 23.87, 5. Brenda Finch (Jackson St) 24.12, 6. Pat Collins El (Atoms) 24.37 (+2.0w)
2/ 1. Armstrong 23.27, 2. Greene 23.93, 3. Hancock 23.99, 4. Cordy 24.20, 5. Jane Oas (Minn) 24.28, 6. Sandra Upshaw (Club Orange) 24.95 (-0.1w)

Quarter-finals - first 6 qualify, June 22, 16.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Armstrong 22.96, 2. Cordy 23.70, =3. Jiles and Day 23.72, 5. Oas 24.04, 6. Collins El 24.43. Stephanie Brown (Met Striders) Dnc (+1.7w)
2/ 1. Cheeseborough 22.9w, 2. Morehead 22.9, 3. Greene 23.1, 4. Hancock 23.8, 5. Finch 24.0, 6. Upshaw 24.4, 7. Val Boyer (Albuq.TC) 25.2 (+2.3w)

Heats - first 7 qualify, June 22, 12.45 Hr

- 1/ 1. Morehead 23.53, 2. Day 24.25, 3. Finch 24.26, 4. Boyer 24.27, 5. Collins 24.36, 6. Oas 24.38, 7. Upshaw 24.43, 8. Lisa Hopkins (CM) 24.44 (+1.4w)
2/ 1. Armstrong 23.20, 2. Cheeseborough 23.40, 3. Jiles 23.76, 4. Cordy 23.84, 5. Hancock 23.95, 6. Greene 23.96, 7. Brown 24.01, 8. Bernadine Givens (NOS) 24.09 (+1.9w)

In 1975 Cheeseborough had become the youngest ever sprint winner of a major championship with a US record 22.77 in the PAG. Here she was more than a tenth quicker, albeit wind-assisted, but lost by more than a yard to Morehead, who ran a splendid 22.49. Morehead had again started well, and led by a yard at halfway. Armstrong closed very quickly to take third 4 yards ahead of Pam Jiles.

400 Meters - June 25, 17.20 Hr

1. Sheila Ingram (Coolidge HS, Wash. DC)	52.69
2. Debra Sapenter (PV TC)	52.73
3. Rosalyn Bryant (LAM)	52.76
4. Arthurene Gainer (PV)	53.48
5. Gwen Norman (Texas W)	53.57
6. Sharon Dabney (Clippers)	54.09
7. Veronica Williams (TSU)	54.29
8. Shirley Williams (PV)	54.91

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 24, 19.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Sapenter 51.79, 2. Bryant 52.06, 3. S.Williams 53.17, 4. Dabney 53.64, 5. Robin Campbell (Fla TC) 54.96, 6. Michelle McMillan (Atoms) 54.99
2/ 1. Ingram 52.46, 2. Gainer 53.47, 3. Norman 53.71, 4. V.Williams 54.05, 5. Yolanda Rich (LAM) 54.37, 6. Pat Helms (Klub Keystone) 54.53

Quarter-finals - first 4 qualify, June 22, 16.15 Hr

- 1/ 1. Bryant 53.25, 2. Norman 53.52, 3. Dabney 54.05, 4. Rich 54.20, 5. Debbie Roberson (UCLA) 55.83
2/ 1. S.Williams 52.62, 2. Ingram 52.82, 3. Sapenter 53.32, 4. Helms 54.29, 5. Jarvis Scott (Prem TC) 54.85
3/ 1. Gainer 53.22, 2. V.Williams 53.93, 3. McMillan 54.00, 4. Campbell 54.39, 5. Carolyn Digby (PH) 55.77

Heats - first 5 qualify, June 20, 16.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Bryant 52.18, 2. Dabney 53.78, 3. Helms 54.32, 4. Roberson 54.85, 5. Rich 55.15, 6. Essie Kelley (Spur TC) 55.71, 7. Carolyn Brinkley (Club Orange) 56.0
2/ 1. Ingram 53.04, 2. Gainer 53.19, 3. Norman 53.50, 4. Campbell 54.00, 5. McMillan 54.22, 6. Andrea Andrews (Atoms) 56.48
3/ 1. V.Williams 53.28, 2. Sapenter 53.88, 3. S.Williams 53.88, 4. Scott 55.21, 5. Hugley 55.67

The women were detrimentally affected by the wind just as the men had been, with the finalists being 0.50 slower on average than in the semi-finals. Sapenter had run 51.79 in her semi, and she burned the first 200 with Bryant in hot pursuit with both running 24.8 into the wind, with Ingram a second back. Ingram's caution paid dividends in the finishing straight as she zipped from 5th to first in the last 100m. In the Olympics Ingram ran a HS record 50.90 for 6th, a place behind Bryant who ran a US record 50.65, and the two ran 50.0, and 49.7 respectively on the silver medal relay team.

800 Meters - June 22, 19.20 Hr

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| 1. Madeline Jackson (Cleveland TC) | 1:59.81 | AR |
| 2. Cyndy Poor (SJC) | 2:00.55 | |
| 3. Kim Weston (Will's Spikettes) | 2:00.73 | |
| 4. Wendy Knudson (Col St) | 2:02.01 | |
| 5. Kathy Hall (Unat) | 2:05.24 | |
| 6. Susan Vigil (NMITC) | 2:05.48 | |
| 7. Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms) | 2:07.6 | |
| 8. Ruth Kleinsasser (Blue Angels) | 2:12.1 | |

Semi-finals - first 3 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 20, 16.50 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jackson 2:02.38, 2. Poor 2:02.48, 3. Knudson 2:02.48, 4. Weston 2:03.16, 5. Nancy Shafer (Fla TC) 2:11.6
2/ 1. Vigil 2:03.68, 2. Kleinsasser 2:06.87, 3. Toussaint 2:07.50, 4. Hall 2:007.68, 5. Liane Swegle (FTC) 2:08.75, 6. Johanna Forman (Falmouth TC) 2:14.8

Heats - first 4 qualify, June 19, 17.35 Hr

- 1/ 1. Jackson 2:13.75, 2. Swegle 2:14.0, 3. Toussaint 2:14.1, 4. Lynn Smith (LAM) 2:16.1
2/ 1. Knudson 2:10.61, 2. Hall 2:10.7, 3. Kleinsasser 2:10.7, 4. Shafer 2:11.1
3/ 1. Weston 2:14.25, 2. Poor 2:14.27, 3. Vigil 2:14.3, 4. Forman 2:14.4

The heats did nothing to benefit the runners, eliminating no-one of consequence and gave none of the runners any experience in running fast preliminaries. The semi-finals showed some remarkable seeding, as the top-4 in the first race turned out to be the top-4 in the final !

Jackson kept her 100% record in trials' 800m finals, winning her third in a row, and testing herself well, by taking the lead from the gun, burning through 400 in 57.9, and holding on well to run a US record 1:59.81, with Poor, who moved from 4th to 2nd in the last 120m, and Weston running 2:00.55 and 2:00.73 for #2/3 on the US all-time list.

1500 Meters - June 27, 18.20 Hr

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| 1. Cyndy Poor (SJC) | 4:07.32 | AR |
| 2. Jan Merrill (AGAA) | 4:07.35 | |
| 3. Francie Larrieu (PCC) | 4:08.08 | |
| 4. Cindy Bremser (Wisc TC) | 4:08.46 | |
| 5. Julie Brown (LATC) | 4:17.08 | |
| 6. Kate Keyes (LATC) | 4:17.34 | |
| 7. Judy Graham (SJC) | 4:20.2 | |
| 8. Doreen Ennis (Nutley) | 4:31.4 | |

Semi-finals - first 3 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 26, 16.30 Hr

- 1/ 1. Merrill 4:15.14, 2. Bremser 4:19.29, 3. Brown 4:20.43, 4. Teri Anderson (AIA) 4:23.63, 5. Peg Neppel (Iowa St) 4:29.48, 6. Paula Rose (Blue Angels) 4:36.5
2/ 1. Larrieu 4:18.01, 2. Poor 4:18.13, 3. Ennis 4:18.22, 4. Keyes 4:19.20, 5. Graham 4:20.13, 6. Brenda Webb (Wright St) 4:23.1

Heats - first 3 plus 3 fastest losers qualify, June 25, 12.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Ennis 4:23.22, 2. Bremser 4:23.28, 3. Brown 4:23.32, 4. Graham 4:24.00, 5. Rose 4:25.02, 6. Kate Schilly (Syr Char) 4:25.8, 7. Lynn Jennings (Liberty AC) 4:34.3
- 2/ 1. Merrill 4:20.22, 2. Poor 4:21.43, 3. Anderson 4:22.29, 4. Webb 4:24.48, 5. Lettis (SMAC) 4:25.8, 6. Debbie Roth (Or TC) 4:32.6
- 3/ 1. Larrieu 4:22.1, 2. Neppel 4:22.3, 3. Keyes 4:22.8, 4. Ruth Kleinsasser (Blue Angels) 4:27.1, 5. Joan Benoit (Liberty AC) 4:27.1, 6. Sue Kinsey (SF Valley TC) 4:28.3, 7. Eryn Forbes (Portland TC) 4:29.0

Cindy Bremser broke Larrieu's US record by 0.04 with 4:08.46, but didn't make the team. Jan Merrill, a fine front runner with little finishing kick, set a uniform pace (67.9/2:15.4/3:22.6), losing the lead briefly to Bremser just after the bell. Merrill went clear of Larrieu and Bremser on the final curve, and Poor started a big kick off the final 90m to go, catching the happy Merrill as she eased across the line. Larrieu held off Bremser by 2 yards for the final Olympic place. Merrill went on to place 8th in Montreal and broke the US record in her semi-final with a time of 4:02.61.

100 Meters Hurdles June 27, 16.00 Hr (+2.3w)

1. Rhonda Brady (Calumet HS, Gary, Ind)	13.25w
2. Deby LaPlante (Unat)	13.27
3. Pat Donnelly (LITC)	13.36
4. Sonya Hardy (Boul Cind)	13.71
5. Patty van Wolvelaere (LATC)	13.84
6. Carol Thomson (Delaware)	13.93
7. Mary Ayers (PV)	13.95
8. Marilyn Linsenmeyer (Texas TC)	14.14

Semi-finals - first 4 qualify, June 26, 15.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. LaPlante 13.33w, 2. Donnelly 13.53, 3. Linsenmeyer 13.84, 4. Thomson 13.94, 5. Mitzi McMillin (LITC) 14.02 (+2.2w)
- 2/ 1. Brady 13.34w, 2. Hardy 13.61, 3. van Wolvelaere 13.70, 4. Ayers 14.09, 5. Janet Benford (LAM) 14.18 (+2.3w)

Heats - first 4 plus 2 fastest losers qualify, June 26, 11.00 Hr

- 1/ 1. Brady 13.68w, 2. Hardy 13.70, 3. Thomson 13.90, 4. Ayers 14.00, 5. McMillin 14.23, 6. Janet Benford (LAM) 14.52 (+2.2w)
- 2/ 1. LaPlante 13.60, 2. Donnelly 13.70, 3. van Wolvelaere 14.03, 4. Linsenmeyer 14.08, 5. Kim Herman (Delaware SC) 14.55 (+1.6w)

At the age of 15 Rhonda Brady ranked =3rd among Americans in the 100h, and she improved in '76 to take the Olympic trials in 13.25w, just holding off LaPlante after taking a foot lead out of the blocks. These two, and Pat Donnelly were more than 3 yards clear of the rest, with Patty van Wolvelaere unable to make her third straight Olympic squad.

High Jump - June 24, 15.00 Hr

1. Paula Girven (Gar-field HS, Va.)	6'1 1/4"	(1.86)
2. Joni Huntley (Or TC)	6'0 1/2"	(1.84)
3. Pam Spencer (FTC)	5'11 1/4"	(1.81)
4. Karen Moeller (Delaware SC)	5'9"	(1.75)
5. Jalene Chase (Unat)	5'9"	(1.75)
6. Louise Ritter (Red Oak HS, Texas)	5'7"	(1.70)
7. Lisa Plummer (Peoria Pace)	5'7"	(1.70)
8. Maureen Fitzpatrick (Bucks)	5'7"	(1.70)
Connie Dorsey (Terre Haute TC)	No height	

Qualifying: June 22, 11.00 Hr: All finalists cleared 5'7" (1.70). Non-qualifying: Becky Deetz (Unat)

Joni Huntley, AAU champion since 1974, was an obvious choice to win the trials, and Spencer (AAU runner-up) and Girven (6'1" in 1975) were good bets to make the team. The surprise was that Huntley lost, her first defeat by an American for at least 2 years. Girven was behind Huntley, who made 6'0 1/2" on her first jump, and cleared 6'1 1/4" on her initial attempt, before failing at 6'3".

Long Jump - June 19, 16.30 Hr

1. Kathy McMillan (Hoke County HS, NC)	22'3"w	(6.78)	6.74w/6.78w/6.78w/ p / x / x
2. Sherron Walker (Seattle Pacific)	21'8 1/4"w	(6.61)	6.59 /6.61w/6.40 / p / x / p
3. Martha Watson (LITC)	21'6"	(6.55)	5.90w/6.55 /6.47w/6.39 / x /6.26
4. Jodi Anderson (Premier TC)	20'11 1/2"w	(6.39)	

5. Willye White (Chi St)	20'9 1/4"w	(6.33)
6. Lorraine Ray (Comm YC)	20'9 1/4"w	(6.33)
7. Vicki Betts (LA St)	20'3"w	(6.17)
8. Diane Kummer (Macc)	19'7"w	(5.97)
9. Kim Schofield (Iowa St)	19'4"w	(5.89)

Qualifying: June 19, 11.00 Hr: All athletes with measured jumps qualified (!): McMillan 21'9 3/4" (6.65), Watson 20'9 1/4" (6.33), Ray 18'7 3/4" (5.68), Betts 18'6" (5.64), Anderson 18'5" (5.61), Kummer 18'2 1/2" (5.55), White 17'9" (5.41), Schofield 16'10 3/4" (5.15)

Despite hamstring problems, McMillan was in a class of her own, jumping 21'9 3/4" in the qualifying, leading by over a foot, and then had 3 measured jumps, all over 22' to register all her jumps ahead of the best by anyone else - namely Walker's 21'8 1/4"w. Walker backed that up with a 21'7 1/2" to become the equal #2 American of all-time alongside Watson, who made her 4th Olympic team with a 21'6" effort. All-rounder Jodi Anderson placed 4th ahead of the "grand dame" of US track - Willye White, still a contender 20 years after first becoming an Olympian.

Shot Put June 27, 16.30 Hr

1. Maren Seidler (MDYF)	53'3 3/4"	(16.25)
2. Kathy Devine (Emporia St)	50'11 3/4"	(15.54)
3. Mary Jacobsen (Unat)	48'3 1/4"	(14.71)
4. Marcia Mecklenburg (Seattle Pacific)	47'11 1/4"	(14.61)
5. Emily Dole (LITC)	47'8 1/2"	(14.54)
6. Jan Svendsen (SJ Stars)	47'4 1/4"	(14.43)
7. Denise Wood (Unat)	46'4"	(14.12)
8. Karen Marshall (Or TC)	45'10 1/2"	(13.98)

Qualifying: June 26, 10.00 Hr: All throwers qualified - Seidler 52'6 3/4" (16.02), Devine 48'10 1/2" (14.90), Jacobsen 47'5 1/2" (14.45), Dole 46'5 1/2" (14.16), Mecklenburg 46'1" (14.05), Svendsen 45'7 1/4" (13.91), Wood 44'4" (13.52), Marshall 44'1 3/4" (13.46)

Seidler won her 3rd trials shot event, and went on to place 12th in the Olympic final, being the only US selection.

Discus Throw June 25, 16.00 Hr

1. Lynne Winbigler (Or TC)	166'2"	(50.65)
2. Jan Svendsen (SJ Stars)	164'11"	(50.27)
3. Monette Driscoll (LATC)	160'6"	(48.93)
4. Lorna Griffin (Flt Valley CC)	158'10"	(48.41)
5. Linda Langford (Millbrae Lions)	157'9"	(48.09)
6. Denise Wood (Unat)	156'4"	(47.65)
7. Lisa Vogelsang (Macc)	148'9"	(45.34)
8. Linda Montgomery (SW Texas)	147'7"	(44.99)
9. Karen Marshall (Or TC)	140'10"	(42.93)
10. Julia Hansen (FTC)	133'3"	(40.62)

Qualifying: June 24, 11.20 Hr: Svendsen 163'5" (49.80), Montgomery 163'0" (49.68), Griffin 163'0" (49.68), Driscoll 162'4" (49.48), Langford 160'10" (49.02), Winbigler 156'8" (47.75), Wood 154'8" (47.16), Vogelsang 144'11" (44.17), Marshall 141'11" (43.26), Hansen 138'0" (42.06). Non-qualifier: Deb Stephens (Ketter Striders) 137'0" (41.76)

Jan Svendsen, the best American in 1976 - at 180'11" - had first placed wrapped up until the final round when Winbigler got off her best effort, and it was Winbigler who made the trip to Montreal - as no US throwers had reached the Olympic qualifying standard of 56'00m (183'9").

Javelin Throw - June 20, 16.30 Hr

1. Kate Schmidt (LATC)	213'5"	(65.04)
2. Sherry Calvert (LITC)	191'7"	(58.40)
3. Karin Smith (UCLA)	187'9"	(57.22)
4. Lynn Cannon (Millbrae Lions)	170'7"	(52.00)
5. Barbara Whitfield (Unat)	168'5"	(51.34)
6. Cathy Sulinski (Millbrae Lions)	166'10"	(50.86)
7. Barbara Friedrich (Shore AC)	162'5"	(49.50)
8. Lisa Kirk (Or TC)	154'6"	(47.10)
9. Sonja Bennett (Gazelle TC)	139'7"	(42.55)
10. Marilyn White (Club Wrens)	134'4"	(40.96)

Qualifying: June 19, 12.00 Hr: Schmidt 202'3" (61.64), Calvert 174'2" (53.08), Whitfield 173'9" (52.96), Friedrich 167'1" (50.92), Smith 154'9" (47.16), Sulinski 153'2" (46.68), Cannon 149'9" (45.64), Bennett 147'2" (44.86), White 143'8" (43.80), Kirk 138'4" (41.16)

Having produced the second best throw ever (218'3") in the AAU, Schmidt was thought of as a potential WR setter in the trials competition. She threw 213'5", winning the event by over 20 ft, although her best throw landed suspiciously flat (the implement should make a mark point-first), but it would have been ridiculous if she had not made the team. Behind her Calvert produced her third runner-up finish in the trials, to edge Karin Smith. Smith went on to place 8th in the Olympic final, while Schmidt won her second straight bronze medal.

Pentathlon - June 21/22

1. Jane Frederick (LATC)	4622
14.17/14.68/1.76/6.35/24.13	
2. Gale Fitzgerald (Atoms)	4417
14.11/13.03/1.68/6.13/24.13	
3. Marilyn King (Millbrae Lions)	4374
14.37/12.77/1.78/6.20/25.25	
4. Marilyn Linsenmeyer (Texas TC)	4339
13.89/13.03/1.74/5.60/24.55	
5. Dana Collins (Or HS)	4109
14.73/12.13/1.68/5.76/25.12	
6. Mitzi McMillin (LITC)	3994
14.29/11.08/1.64/5.84/26.05	
7. Heidi Hertz (Fla)	3769
15.13/10.26/1.64/5.60/26.33	

Frederick qualified for her second Olympic team with ease (and eventually finished 7th in Montreal), with former US record holders Fitzgerald and King filling the remaining Olympic slots. Frederick won the US title a total of 8 times, together with 2 OT wins and was ranked among the top-10 in the world 11 times between 1975 and 1987 with a #1 ranking in 1985. Her lifetime best of 6803 in 1984 was still good enough for #10 on the world all-time list at the end of 1996.