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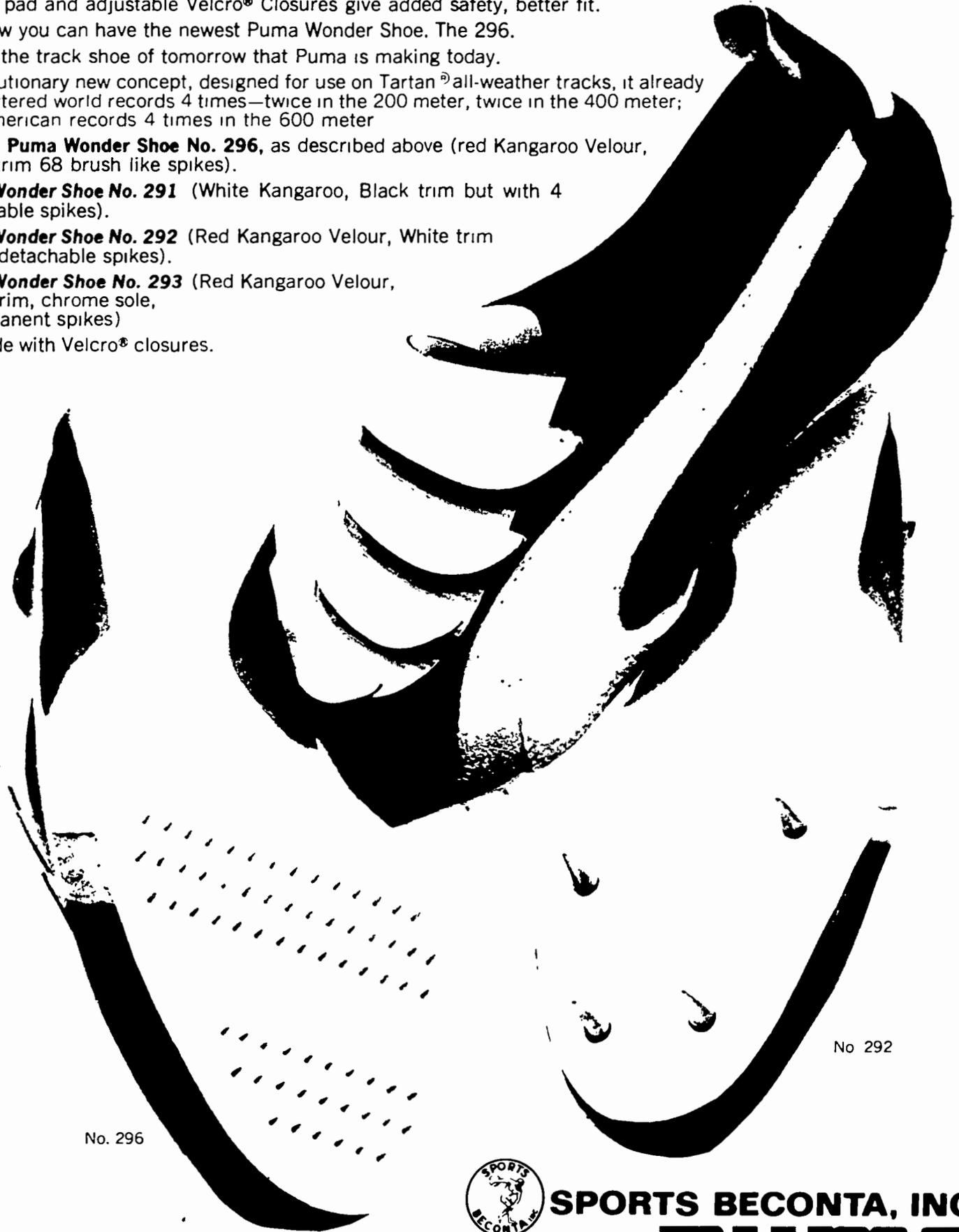
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Little time has been wasted in this early post-Olympic year. Records are falling already. LEFT: Florida's RON JOURDAN is the hottest high jumper around. Here he clears 7'1" at Philadelphia, he has topped seven-feet six times indoors and has done 7'2" outdoors (Photo by Albert Session) RIGHT: At Oakland, TRACY SMITH was the early leader in the three-mile run, with RON CLARKE and KERRY PEARCE in close proximity. Clarke burst away after the first mile, though, and forged to a world record 13:12.6, lowering Smith's old mark by nearly three seconds (Photo by Jeff Kroot)



## Tremendous Record Onslaught Picks Up Indoor Season

Whatever essential ingredients--tight competition and record breaking marks--this slow-starting indoor season lacked previously, it regained the last full weekend in January. The season started in earnest Jan. 24 at Oakland and the Astrodome, and the rush for records hadn't let up a week later. Tracks, big and fast ones, did contribute to the two fast weekends, but no more than athletes who were arriving back in top shape.

Ron Clarke, running on what he called "the best track I've been on" at Oakland, blasted through three-miles in 13:12.6 to lower the world indoor best by about 2½ seconds. On the biggest board track anywhere, the Astrodome's 352-yard monster, records tumbled by the handful: Hardee McAlhaney's 1:08.1 600, Texas' 3:08.4 mile, Kansas State's 3:17.9 sprint medley and 7:23.8 two-mile, and other divisional marks. But the marks were a victim of the track that helped make them so good. They can't be considered for records since

the track exceeds the 220-yard maximum size. On another fast track, Albuquerque's 10-lapper, Ralph Douzell tore a second from the 880 best with 1:47.9.

Other marks need no qualifying statements about track type. Exactly a year after setting his 17'4¼" record, Bob Seagren pushed the world best to 17'5¾" at Albuquerque. Willie Davenport went over the almost-never-run 120 highs in 13.5 at Houston on Jan. 24, then at Boston Feb. 1 he ran the slightly-more-common 45 highs in 5.3--a world best. In another indoor rarity, the 100, Lennox Miller and Jim Green had record 9.4s. George Frenn added over two feet to the 35-lb weight mark with 73'3½" at Boston.

George Young continues to carry track's most impressive streak. With three more two-mile victories between Jan. 24 and 31, he now hasn't lost in 14 indoor races. He beat Clarke--again--at Albuquerque. Suddenly, Ron Jourdan is the country's leading high jumper. He has gone 7'2" and won eight meets.



LEFT: BOB SEAGREN continues to dominate pole-vault records. This is his world record jump of 17'5¾" at Albuquerque, his third world mark there in three meets. It was also a year to the day, January 25, since he established his former mark of 17'4¼" (Photo by Albuquerque Javcees) RIGHT: The indoor season has also been spiced by many top foreign athletes. Here at Seattle, Czech LUDVIK PETR (left) paces KERRY O'BRIEN of Australia over two-miles. O'Brien later took the lead and won at 8:40.4 to 8:44.2 for Petr. It was the Czech's first race ever in the US (Photo by Ed Eaton, courtesy Seattle Times)



# News Round-up

## US Highlights

### Track Classic: Young Sets 12 Lap 2 Mile Mark

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24 (by Jim Dunaway)--Three West German athletes made impressive US indoor debuts and three Americans kept their winning streaks going with meet record performances at the second annual Philadelphia Track Classic (see Inquirer Meet).

Jurgen May, racing internationally for the first time in more than two years, turned the mile into a thriller by bounding off to a 45-yard lead over Sam Bair and Marty Liquori at the 880 with splits of 57.0 and 1:58.5. Bair, second at that point in 2:04.0, moved up a little but was still 40 yards back at the three-quarters. Then L'il Sam turned it on, zipping through a final 440 in 58.4 to nail May in the final 15 yards and win by about three yards in 4:03.6. May was more surprised than beaten. He said, "I thought the cries were for me. I did not know he was so near." Asked about his tactics, "I wanted to see how strong I was, to see what I could do after two years with no racing (outside of small West German meets). I was not fast enough; now I think I will move up to 5000-meters in the outdoor season." Maybe so, but indoor promoters will love him if he keeps running miles like that.

Bair is undefeated this year. So is George Young. As he has done in all his recent indoor wins, the Arizona schoolteacher won with a last-lap kick. This time the victim was Art Dulong, whose 4:22 opening mile was responsible for the fast winning time of 8:44.6--fastest ever on a 12-lap track. Dulong was clocked in 8:45.6.

Another sharp-looking winner was Walter Adams of West Germany in the 880. His time, 1:54.4, was slow, but he appears to be one of those runners (Doubell and Kemper come to mind), who takes to the boards as if they'd been running them all their lives. In the race, Pete Schuder, the ex-Rutgers quarter miler who has moved up, set the pace most of the way, only to be outkicked by Adams. Schuder hung on well, though, and was only a couple of yards back at the tape.

Now about that Ron Jourdan of Florida. Yes, he's for real. After a string of wins at the seven-foot level indoors and a 7'2" leap outdoors Jan. 18, his performance here made him look like a genuine challenger for world leadership. He won the event at 7'1", then made an apparently clean clearance at 7'3", only to see the bar topple after he was out of the pit. Gunter Spielvogel was second at 6'10".

Claus Schiprowski of West Germany won the vault by clearing 16'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " on his first try, while John Pennel needed two. Off their efforts at 17'1", neither looks like giving Bob Seagren much trouble in the near future.

Villanovans made off with four other races. Frank Murphy led all the way to win a good 2:10.6.1000. Larry James had an easy time in the 600 after Jim Burnett fell in a first-lap battle for the lead. Erv Hall won the 50-yard dash (in 5.3) and was given a dubious nod in the 50 high hurdles over Leon Coleman, as both tied the 6.0 meet record. (continued next column)



SAM BAIR hurried into Philadelphia's Convention Hall five minutes before race time after his plane had arrived late. He wasn't hurrying much in the mile, though, until the last quarter. He let JURGEN MAY lead by 45 yards then raced back to catch the West German with a 58.4 last 440 for 4:03.6. (A1 Session)

Other highlights: 600, 2. Tom Farrell (NYAC) 1:14.0. Mile, 4. Liquori 4:10.2. 60HH, Heats: 1-1. Coleman 6.2. II-1. Hall 6.2. Open 60HH, Tyrone Brown (Md) 6.2. PV, 3. Peter Chen (Spts Intl) 16'0"; 4. Vince Bizzarro (Balt OC) 16'0".

### Athens: Clarke Slashes 3 Miles to 13:12.6

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 24 (by Joe Henderson)--An extremely relaxed Ron Clarke slumped in his motel room chair, feet on the table, six hours before the Athens Invitational three-mile. The man who'd finished third in a slow two-mile at Los Angeles last week, and who said he'd "trained less intensively" since the Olympics, wasn't talking about world records. He isn't one to make rash predictions, regardless of his condition. His mind seemed to be wandering back to Australia, where his son Mark was celebrating his eighth birthday. But hidden in the midst of casual conversation was a hint that a record might



Two more or less specialists at indoor 500 running, JIM KEMP (left) and RON WHITNEY (center), got surprised by a relative novice, PADDY MC CRARY, at the Athens Invitational. McCrory ran 59.3 to beat fellow intermediate hurdler Whitney by a tenth. Kemp ran 59.6. (Photo by Steve Murdock)

be coming. "I practiced a little on that track," he said, "and running around one curve was enough to tell me it was the best one I've been on. It's not the (Fastrac) surface that's so nice. It's the shape and the banking."

Set against the background of rather uninspiring competition in other events, the featured three-mile took on extra excitement. It gave the crowd of 6377 an outlet for its pent-up enthusiasm. Dwain Esper gave the first "world record pace" announcement before the runners had gone a half-mile, and a sustained, ever-increasing roar continued from that time until well after Clarke had finished.

Tracy Smith agreed to lead the first mile. He towed Clarke through three well-paced quarters (65, 67, 67) before Kerry Pearce got impatient at nine laps and surged. He led the trio of world record holders through a 4:26.7 mile, one Clarke evidently thought was too slow. Ron blasted a 64.6 quarter that shook Smith for good. Another 65-second 440 shook Pearce, and Clarke was left to himself for the last 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Solo front-running is a situation Ron handles well. Nearly all his world records have come in runaways like this had become. Powering down the straightaways with his familiar low-slung style, and hugging the inside lane tightly around the curves, he went past the two-mile in 8:48.4. The 4:21 second mile produced a predictable effect. Ron began slowing. His ninth quarter took 67.1, the 10th 67.5. He needed a 2:12 last half-mile to break Tracy Smith's year-old mark.

"He needs a 62-second quarter for the record," Esper announced as Clarke passed 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles in 12:13.0. If correct, that meant he'd fallen off to a 70-second pace. It's likely he was closer to 12:10, but who was clock-watching by this time? Clarke pushed harder, dodging lapped traffic, and had a slight problem getting around Pearce on the last turn. The lapped countryman wouldn't yield the the inside lane. Coming off the curve, Ron darted past and almost caught the final unlapped man, Doug Wiebe, at the end. Clarke's time: 13:12.6.

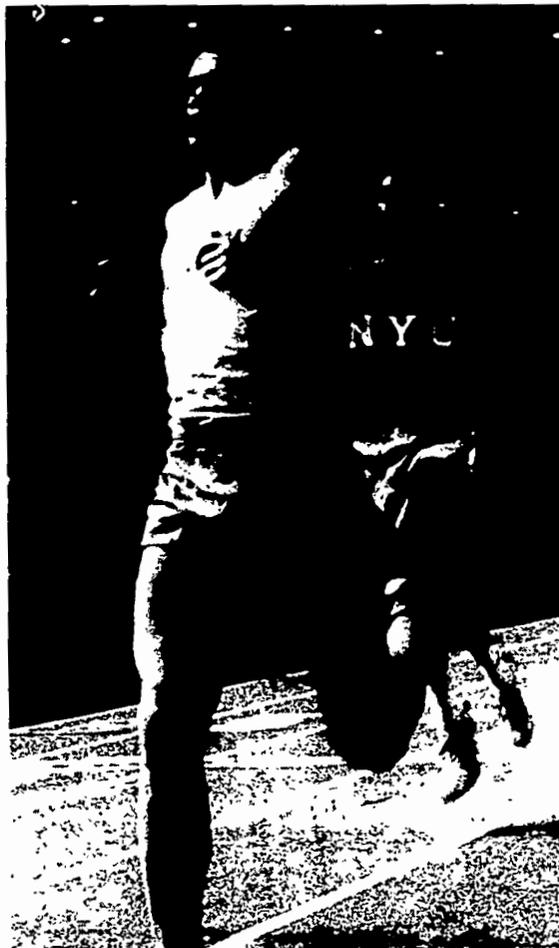
Wiebe, unfortunately, had read Clarke's lap count his last time around and thought he was finished, too. He slowed to a walk, jogged a bit, then realized he wasn't finished. It was too late to save second from Pearce (13:38.8), but Wiebe did salvage third in 13:45.0.

Clarke repeated his pre-race sentiments. "I liked the track. When the track is good you run fast times. That's why indoor records are fallacious. The indoor record isn't right yet." Right or wrong, his record is 2.6 seconds faster than anyone else has done inside. Of the five best indoor three-miles, all but Smith's old 13:15.2 mark were run on this 11-lap track.

Nothing in this meet could top the three-mile. All by itself, it would have made this a worthwhile evening. But the shot putters produced a dramatic



NEAL STEINHAUER's sizzling shot-putting this season started here, in San Francisco, when he threw 64'11½" and beat George Woods. Steinhauer has reached 67'1½" and is undefeated. (Jeff Kroot)



The Astrodome's big track produced fast times from prep sprinters to college relayists. Here, WADE BELL runs a personal best 2:07.8 for the 1000, downing BYRON DYCE (2:08.1). (Photo by Don Wilkinson)



Tennessee's HARDEE MC ALHANEY (right) blazed a 1:08.1 record 600 at the Astrodome, but the mark likely won't be accepted. Teammate AUDREY HARDY leads early in the race. (Wilkinson photo)

co-feature. George Woods opened with 64'11½" Neal Steinhauer had 64'8½" on his first toss and then 65'11½" Woods countered with 66'5½" Indoor record holder Steinhauer boomed his first throw of the finals 67'1½". On seeing that it was his best since 1967, Neal bounced around the throwing area like Bob Beamon at Mexico City. Woods, meanwhile, dropped off to 63'8½" and then fouled. He had a last chance. He hit 66'9½", which didn't quite catch Steinhauer but was just two inches below George's indoor PR and was the best non-winning put in indoor history.

Other highlights: 60, Bill Gaines 6.1; 2. Ronnie Ray Smith (San Jose St) 6.1. 500, Paddy McCrary (Athens) 59.3, 2. Ron Whitney (Strid) 59.4. 3Mile, 4 Tracy Smith 13:52.8. HJ, Steve Kelly (Ore St) 6'10" .. Dick Fosbury (Ore St) nh PV, Jeff Chase 16'0" LJ, Henry Hines (Sacramento CC) 24'11½"; 2. Phil Shinnick (USAF) 24'10½", 3. Dave Smith (P Coast) 24'3½". TJ, D. Smith 51'5"; 2. Mohinder Singh (Cal Poly/SLO) 50'11½" SP, 3. Bruce Wilhelm (Athens) 61'0".

## Astrodome: Fast Relays, McAlhaney 1:08.1

Houston, Tex., Jan. 24-25 (by Jack Shepard)--The unbelievable was commonplace at the USTFF's National Relay championships on the world's biggest board track, a five-lapper, in the Astrodome. The meet was an orgy of record breaking--the Olympics indoors--as the broad curves helped in the setting of three world relay bests, a near miss in another, a world 600 best, world marks in the seldom run 100 dash and 120 high hurdles, and a multitude of divisional records. As one performer stated, "This is better than running outdoors."

None of the marks made around turns will count as American records. AAU rules state that tracks on which records are made must be eight laps or more per mile. There are no other officially-recognized indoor marks--world or otherwise. In fairness to the vast majority of athletes who race on small tracks, T&FN's lists of world "records", collegiate, high school, etc., conform to the AAU's eight-lap standard. The oversized track that helped make this meet so great will, ironically, keep its marks out of the record books.

The first race of the all-day Friday prelims produced a sprint medley best as Texas ran 3:22.9, well under Oklahoma State's 3:24.0 of 1967. In the final, Oklahoma State, Texas and Kansas State were even at the final handoff, but K-State's Ken Swenson uncorked a 1:47.5, fastest ever indoors, for a 3:17.9 win. Texas looked slow in third (behind Oklahoma State's 3:19.9) yet ran 1.3 seconds under its morning record.

The two-mile relay was a thriller as five teams had a shot at Villanova's 1968 mark of 7:23.8. Kansas State sophomore Dave Peterson took a 15-yard lead into the first handoff, but Southern Cal and Oklahoma State made it a three-way race at the mile. NYU was running far back in fourth until Leonard Harewood brought his team up close. At the final pass, Swenson had three yards on SC's Carl Trentadue and three more on NYU's Byron Dyce. Dyce went quickly to the lead, but Swenson and Trentadue went back ahead at the gun with Swenson pulling away around the final curve. He faded in the stretch and Dyce again closed before State won, 7:23.8 to 7:24.0, and tied the record. Dyce produced the big carry with 1:48.7 over Swenson's 1:49.4.

In the distance medley, Kansas State got another big lead from Peterson, but St. John's made it a two-team race at the mile handoff as it gained through the 440 and on Don Rowe's 2:58.3 1320. Houston, with Leonard Hilton anchoring, was 60 yards back at the final handoff, but Hilton gained steadily and actually led through the third lap before fading at the gun. Here, K-State freshman Jerome Howe took the lead over St. John's Phil Tobin, lost it around the final turn, then found strength to come back again in the last 20 yards for the win, 9:45.4 to 9:45.6. Kansas State was eight-tenths outside its own indoor best. Tobin's 4:05.7 topped Howe's 4:07.0, but Hilton was fastest at 4:06.2.

The mile relay was all Texas' after second man David Matina's 46.9 gave his team a 10-yard lead. Rice's Conley Brown vainly ran a 45.9 anchor, but soph Dave Morton met that with a 45.8 for a 3:08.4 record time. (Rice had done 3:09.6 in the prelims.) Those sub-46.0 legs are the fastest-ever indoors.

Kept out of the relays due to an injured teammate and staying away from an elbowing match, Tennessee's Hardee McAlhaney won the 600 in 1:08.1, crushing Martin McGrady's 1966 mark of 1:09.0. El Paso's Leslie Miller was also under the old mark at 1:08.9.

In the straightaway races, Oklahoma State's Earl Harris equaled Dave Sime's 1956 world mark of 9.5 in a 100 heat before Southern Cal's Lennox Miller and Kentucky's Jim Green lowered it to 9.4 in the invitational race. Off even, Green held a foot lead on Miller through 50 yards before Miller reversed this spread at the finish. In the 60 the next night, Green had a great start and pulled away easily for a two-yard win in 6.0 with Fisk's Herman Carter and Miller credited with generous 6.1s. The final Friday event was the big one and the 16,000 fans stayed on to watch Willie Davenport do his thing. Willie, who was flown from Baton Rouge by private plane after a late afternoon final exam, easily crushed the 120 high hurdles field and the record with 13.5. Texas A&I's Bob Daniels had held the mark for just eight hours with 14.0 prelim and 13.9 final wins in the open division. In the 60 highs, Southern Cal's Herman Franklin just nipped Daniels but was given a generous 6.9 to 7.2 for Daniels.

Olympians had a tough time on the field. Ralph Boston, appearing overweight, managed only 24'2½" for second behind Pertti Pousi (25'1½") in the long jump. Bob Seagren--the USTFF's first Athlete of the Year--cleared only 16'0" for third as the vault was won by UCLA's Dick Railsback at 17'0", his best indoors. Railsback had one good attempt at a record 17'5".

Though pushed from the limelight, the 300 and 1000 were superb. In the short race, Texas A&M's lanky Curtis Mills strode a 30.1 heat time and was leading the final when he fell 10 yards from the tape. Baylor's Ronnie Allen swept by for a 30.0 win, while ACC's Roger Colglazier claimed a frosh best of 30.2 in second. The indoor board track record is 30.5. Wade Bell took over the early pace in the 1000, then had to fight off Byron Dyce at the tape, 2:07.8 to 2:08.1, both personal bests. Southern Cal's Ole Oleson had a lonesome run over two-miles as he kept stepping up the pace and finished with 8:36.2, his fastest.

Other highlights: Open 60, Ernest Haynes (Tex A&I/F) 6.0 EFIR. Semis: I-1. Dock Mosley (Alcorn A&M) 6.0. 300, 3. Carl Hight (LSU) 30.4. Heats: IV-1. Al Coffee (LSU/F) 30.4 EFIR. VIII-1. Allen 30.5; 2. Colglazier

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**NAIA: Trinidadians Lead Eastern Michigan**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24-25 (by Don Steffens)--Eastern Michigan dom- inated middle and long distance running events, thanks largely to six non-US athletes, to smash the NAIA field with 96 1/3 points Prairie View A&M edged Arkansas AM&N for second, 52-47 1/3

Victorious coach Bob Parks has a friend in the Peace Corps, stationed in Trinidad, who does part-time scout work for the Ypsilanti, Mich., school Three Trinidadians scored 26 points: Eric Nesbitt, voted athlete of the meet, won the 1000 (2:12 5) in leading two teammates to second and fourth, and an- chored his two-mile relay quartet to victory; Patrick Bynoe won the 600 after setting a record of 1:12.3 in the prelims, and Keith Swanston sprinted to fourth in the 60 and finished sixth in the long jump British Commonwealth athletes added 17 1/2 more to Eastern's total as Olympian Dave Ellis took Westmont's surprising Dennis Savage in the 24-lap two-mile, 8:55 0-8:56 6 Roger Trem- blay, a Canadian like Ellis, scored in the 880 and two-mile relay, and Aussie David Campbell backed up Ellis with a fourth in the two-mile

Overall, the meet lacked fast times but afforded the crowd of 6155 with exciting, competitive races Two notable absentees were Texas Southern and Southern, both competing at Houston John Mason, who has finally completed his eligibility at Fort Hays State, topped an open mile field which included three Olympians Mason beat Ray Haswell of Canada by a second with 4 06 7 Van Nelson was third at 4 09 4 and Jozef Odlozil of Czechoslovakia fourth in 4:09 7

Arkansas AM&N raced a splendid mile relay for this tiny track, clock- ing 3:17.1. Henry Smothers had 49 2, Earl Goldman 49 8, McCarther Mc- Laughlin 49 0 and Harold Francis 49.1

Other highlights: 440, Fred Newhouse (P View A&M) 49 5, 2 Harold Francis 49 7 880, Felix Johnson (P View A&M) 1 55 1 SP, Alan Feuerbach (Emporia St) 57'5 1/2

**Albuquerque: Seagren Ups Vault to 17'5 3-4"**

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 25 (from Ken Hansen)--Two Olympic champ- ions who won their gold medals with world record performances in Mexico's thin air set global indoor bests tonight in Albuquerque's rarified atmosphere

Bob Seagren added 1 1/2" to his own undercover pole vault best when he cleared 17 5 3/4" while Australia's Ralph Doubell sliced a full second off Dave Patrick's halfmile record with 1:47 9 For their record performances the pair was voted co-winner of the athlete of the meet award at the sixth annual Albuquerque Jaycees Invitational, witnessed by over 9000 spectators.

Seagren, who cleared only 16'0" last night in Houston, cleared the rec- ord height on his third attempt, just as he had done at 17'0" and 16'6" It was Seagren's third visit to the meet and his third record here. He previously had done 17 1/4" in 1966 and 17 2" in 1967

Doubell made a shambles of the board half-mile mark on the fast 10- lap track Passing the quarter in 53.6, the Aussie, who has run the season's fastest 1000 at 2:07 0, came home nearly three full seconds ahead of second- placer Tom Von Ruden (1 50 4), himself a former holder of the indoor 880 mark

The Ron Clarke-George Young encounters now stand at 4-0 in Young's favor after his 8:51 2 two-mile triumph. Both came here straight from glorious races last night Clarke set a world three-mile mark of 13:12 6 at Oakland and Young ran the fastest two-mile ever on a 12-lap to the mile track of 8:44 6 at Philadelphia Clarke arrived in Albuquerque only two hours before the meet and Young was suffering from a cold, but the pattern of George's race didn't change. Clarke led most of the way until Young sprinted away on the last lap to win by 2 4 seconds, his 13th consecutive indoor triumph in the past two years.

Willie Davenport blasted over the 60-yard highs in 6 9, his best since 1966 Dale Frederick was just a step behind and was given a 7 ? clocking Tom Farrell dropped down to the 600 from the half-mile, but Tomas Ericson of New Mexico edged him by a tenth with 1:10 5 Wade Bell faded to fifth in the mile in 4 22 1 as New Mexico's Web Loudat outkicked Kerry Pearce for a 4:13 3 win George Woods took Jay Silvester in the shot, 63 1/2" to 62 2 1/2" after Silvester was so intent on watching a personal best of 64 7" that he stepped out of the front of the ring and fouled

Other highlights: 600 Charlie Greene (unat) 6 1. 440 Dan Tague (FI Paso) 48 3 HJ 2 Chris Celion (BYU) 6 11, 3 Lorenzo Allen (Ariz/F) 6 10 PV, 2. Paul Heglar (El Paso) 16 6 dnp, Altti Alarotu (BYU) nh LJ Ralph Boston (Knox TC) 25 0 : 2. Poust 24 5 1/2 TJ, 3 Clarence Robinson (Alb Jay cees) 49 9 1/4 : 4 Sam Gipson (Weber St) 49 3 2 MileR, P Coast 7:37 8 (Leon Webster, Darryl Taylor, Dave Perry, Tom Von Ruden), 2 BYU 7:38 4 (Greg Hall Paul Hackett Stan Bergeson Steve Bergeson).

**Seattle: Steinhauer Takes Fourth Shot Title**

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25 (by Ranny Green)--When Neal Steinhauer wants to throw his weight around, you had better look out

Well, the former Oregon shot put phenom decided he wanted to do it at

Displaying peak mid- summer--Australian summer, that is-- form, RALPH DOU- BELL heads toward his world indoor 880 record at Albuquer- que Doubell chopped the mark by a full se- cond to 1:47 9, and in the process beat a former record holder, TOM VON RUDEN, by a huge margin (2 5 seconds) (Photo courtesy of Albuquerque Jaycees)



the fifth annual Seattle Invitational And when he was done, Steinhauer owned a new meet record of 64'9 1/2" and was selected the outstanding performer in the show, which lured a sellout crowd of 10,788 The victory was his fourth straight

Steinhauer came up with the biggest heave of the season the night before in Oakland with 67'1 3/4", just 8 1/4" shy of his own world standard indoors His win- ning series here was 63'8", 62'11 1/2", 64'9 1/2", 63'0" and two fouls "I guess I just couldn't come up with a 'big' toss two nights in a row," he said "I'm round- ing into pretty good shape but I've got a ways to go yet"

Jon Vaughn, making his first outing since injuring a hamstring muscle last summer, looked impressive, particularly considering his long layoff from competition He soared over the opening height of 15'6" with plenty of room to spare, ascended 16'9" right off and was over 16'7" on his second try Three others, Dennis Phillips, Erkki Mustakari and John Pennel, were eliminated at 16'7", giving Vaughn the victory The UCLA star went over the bar on his first try at a world record 17'5" but nicked it on the way down He was not close on two ensuing attempts

Lee Evans ran away and left the five-man field in the 500 But he tighten- ed up slightly on the closing lap recording a creditable 56 3 He finished about 20 yards in front of runner-up Edsel Garrison of Southern Cal (58 8) "This was my first serious competition of the indoor season," Evans revealed "I had set an objective of 56 5 and I'm reasonably happy with my time I liked the new track here but the turns were a little slick They'll improve as soon as there's more competition on them The sponsoring Carroll Club built its own track for this year's meet after renting the track used for the Oregon Invitational in previous years

The mile turned out to be a torrid duel between John Lawson and Bob Day Day nabbed the lead in the early going and had leading splits of 60 0, 2 01 and 3 04 Lawson was dogging him all that time and finally charged ahead with 1 1/2 laps remaining It was never a contest after that Lawson sprinted home an easy winner in 4 04 0 while Day took second in 4 07 7

The two-mile, always a highlight here, was won by Australia's Kerry O'Brien in 8 40 4 Second place went to Ludvik Petr of Czechoslovakia in 8:44 2 Jerry Lindgren of Washington State was entered but forced to withdraw several days before the meet because of an injury He had won the race four times

Other highlights: 60, John Carlos (Spartan TC) 6 2, 2 Ronnie Ray Smith (San Jose St) 6 2 1000, John Lilly (Ore St) 2 09 9, 2 Josef Plachy (Czech) 2:10 4, 3 Art Sandison (Wash St) 2 10 5 600H, Gary Power (Strid) 7 2, 2 Tom White (Strid) 7 3 HJ, John Rambo (P Coast) 7'0", 2 Ron Tull (P Coast) 6'10", 3 Otis Burrell (Strid) 6'10" 4 Steve Kelly (Ore St) 6'10" 5 Peter Boyce (Stan) 6'10"; 6 Dick Fosbury (Ore St) 6'8" LJ, Pete Spencer (Wash) 24'8" TJ, Eric Klein (Wash) 49'3 1/4", 2. Doug Ford (Strid) 49'1 1/4" SP, 2 Bruce Wilhelm (Athens) 62'7", 3 John Van Reenen (Wash St) 61'10 1/2", 4 John Hubbell (Wash) 59'4" MileR San Jose State 3 21 0

**New York KC: Liquori's 4:00.8 Fastest of Season**

New York, N. Y., Jan. 31 (from Jim Dunaway)--George Young, Willie Davenport and Ron Jourdan kept on winning and Marty Liquori zipped to the sea- son's fastest mile as the new Madison Square Garden played host to the 50th anniversary New York Knights of Columbus meet

The largest crowd ever to witness a meet in New York, 17,670 fans saw Young run the fastest two-mile ever in a New York meet, 8:37.2, which earned him athlete of the meet honors. After letting Van Nelson lead through the mile (4:22.7), Young surprisingly took the lead, pulling Barry Brown with him and by 1½ miles, they had built a 20-yard edge on such quality runners as Jack Bachelier, Bill Clark, Czechoslovakia's Ludvik Petr, John Lawson and Steve Stageberg. Young, as usual, took off with two laps left and finished in 8:37.2 to 8:41.8 for Brown.

Liquori, Bob Day, Tom Von Ruden, Brian Kivlan and Josef Odlozil followed Jurgen May's blazing 57.7, 1:58.6 pace in the mile before closing the gap at the 1320, passed by the West German in 3:00.8. Liquori and Day, who were 3:02.0 at the three-quarters, then sped up even with May. At that instant, May cringed with a leg cramp and veered to the outside. Liquori got by but Day collided with May and by the time Day recovered the Villanova sophomore was 10-12 yards in front. Marty held on for a 4:00.8 victory as Day did 4:02.4. Later Day, who was moving smoothly and strongly up to the collision, said, "I knew I could have caught him." Liquori snipped exactly two seconds off the former fastest of the year, 4:02.8 by Sam Bair.

Davenport flashed over the 60-yard hurdles in 6.9, his second of the season, to top Olympic teammates Leon Coleman and Erv Hall. Florida's Ron Jourdan continued to be the king of the high jump.

Lee Evans handled Larry James and Martin McGrady in a slow 600, 1:11.7 to 1:11.8 to 1:12.0. McGrady, who was in an auto accident a week ago, said that he couldn't care less about his indoor win streak over 600-yards and hasn't been training much. The 880 was taken by Czechoslovakia's Jozef Plachy in a mediocre 1:54.4 after pacer Walter Adams of West Germany dropped out with a stitch and Ralph Doubell, who had been fog-bound in Baltimore and arrived late, didn't run. Hardee McAlhany got to the turn first in the second 500 section and then held off Jim Burnett's fast closing rush as both did 56.9. Bob Beamon took only one jump (23'8"), re-pulled a leg muscle and withdrew.

Other highlights: 60, Lennox Miller (So Cal) 6.2, 2, Mel Pender (Ft Bragg) nt 500, 1-1, Andy Bell (Spts Intl) 57.9, 2, Walt Fitzpatrick (C Conn AA) 57.9, 11-4, Geoff Vanderstock (Strid) 61.4, 600, 4, Ron Whitney (Strid) 1:13.0, 2 Mile, 3, Bachelier (Fla TC) 8:45.6, 4, Clark (Quan) 8:45.8, 5, Petr 8:46.0, 6, Nelson 8:46.8, 7, Lawson (P Coast) 8:47.0, 8, Stageberg (Geotwn) 8:56.8, HJ, 2, John Rambo (P Coast) 7'0", 3, Frank Costello (Spts Intl) 6'10", 4 (tie), Dick Fosbury (Ore St) & Frank Sauer (Fla) 6'8", PV, Dick Railsback (UCLA) 17'0", 2, John Pennel (Strid) 16'6", 3, Claus Schiprowski (WG) 16'6", LJ, Norm Tate (NJ Astros) 25'7½", 2, Charley Mays (GSB) 24'4½", ... 4, Beamon (Hous Strid) 23'8", 35Wt, Augie Zilincar (Monmouth) 62'4½", MileR, Sports International 3:16.7 (John Collins 50.0, Mark Young 49.2, Andy Bell 48.4, Ed Roberts 49.1), 2, Phil PC 3:16.8, 2 MileR, H Cross 7:35.0.

## Boston AA: 73'3"-2", 5.3 for Frenn, Davenport

Boston, Mass., Feb. 1 (from Jim Dunaway)--Two time-honored unofficial world indoor bests fell to Willie Davenport and George Frenn while Ron Jourdan continued his surprising winning streak at the 80th running of the Boston AA meet for the benefit of 11,905 spectators. Despite the fact many athletes were competing for the second night straight, performances were generally good quality as was the presentation of the meet--except the announcers failed to announce non-winning race times.

The 45-yard high hurdles is a seldom run race, but the record had stood at 5.4 since 1942. Willie Davenport had accounted for four of the five times it had been equaled in the interim. One of his 5.4s had come in tonight's semifinals. He sliced the mark to 5.3 in the three barrier final that found Leon Coleman and Erv Hall close at his shoulder. The other standard went to George Frenn in the 35-lb. weight toss. He upped Hal Connolly's 1960 mark to 71'2½" to 73'3½" as Al Hall finished second at 67'4½". Davenport was named athlete of the meet after getting the record and his sixth straight win of the season.

Besides Davenport, three lesser known names to the indoor circuit appeared at the top of the summaries as they had the night before in New York. The most significant performance of the trio came from Florida's Ron Jourdan, who duplicated his 7'1" before missing thrice at a US indoor record of 7'3½". It was his eighth straight victory this season, indoors or out, and marked his seventh meet over 7-feet.

In a rarely contested event in this city, the long jump went to Norm Tate at 25'5" as Bob Beamon, for whom the event was added to the schedule, was forced to scratch because of a muscle twinge to his hamstring. The other comeback winner was 19-year-old Jozef Plachy of Czechoslovakia whose strong last lap kick off a slow pace gave him a 2:11.6 win in the 1900.

Sports International, a relatively new club out of Washington, D. C., came up with a fast 11-lap-to-the-mile mile relay clocking of 3:16.1 with the following legs: John Collins 50.2, Mark Young 49.5, Andy Bell 47.9 and Ed Roberts 48.5. Pete Schuder turned in another 47.9 leg to help the Philadelphia Pioneers to a second place 3:16.6. However, the fastest leg of the evening came from Larry James in the college mile relay. James, who had kicked home a 48.6 in the open 440, reeled off a 46.9 in a losing Villanova cause to Morgan State, 3:19.0 to 3:18.9. The two-mile relay was an 11-lap best for 1969, as Villanova posted a 7:31.2 with Chris Mason at 1:54.3, Andy O'Reilly 1:52.1, Marty Liquori 1:53.4 and Frank Murphy 1:51.4.

Sam Bair remained undefeated in five one-mile races this year as he won here in 4:04.3. Royce Shaw went out in 58.8 and 2:01.2 before Bair took over at the 1320 in 3:01.4. He then put out a 29.8 furlong but, running all alone, ran out of gas in his bid for a sub-four minute indoor effort.

For the second consecutive evening, Aussie Kerry O'Brien lost a meet record with the identical time of 8:37.2. The culprit this time was Canadian Bob Finlay who held off German Jurgen May (8:41.6) and Czech Ludvik Petr (8:45.4). First US citizen was Jack Bachelier at 8:48.2.

Other highlights: 50, Mel Pender (Ft Bragg) 5.4; 2, Ray Pollard (Morgan St) 5.4; 3, Erv Hall (Vill) nt, 4, Ed Roberts (Spts Intl) nt, 2 Mile, 5, Van Nelson 8:53.0, 45HH, 2, Leon Coleman (Striders) nt, 3, Hall nt, HJ, 2, Ron Tull (P Coast) 7'0"; 3, Gunter Spielvogel (WG) 6'10"; PV, John Pennel (Strid) 16'6"; 2, Peter Chen (Spts Intl) 16'0"; 3, Dick Railsback (UCLA) 16'0";



Olympians (from left) ERV HALL, LEON COLEMAN and WILLIE DAVENPORT race at the Boston K of C meet. They returned to the scene on Feb. 1 and Davenport lowered the 45 high's record to 5.3. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)

## Oregon: Papanicolaou Raises European Vault Mark

Portland, Ore., Feb. 1 (from Art Litchman)--A little more than a week ago, Chris Papanicolaou was injured seriously enough to have to miss the Athens meet. Tonight he set a European indoor pole vault record of 17'1½" to high-light an Oregon Invitational that played to a standing-room-only crowd of 9744.

It was the second straight year of European record raising here. Altti Alarotu had gone 17'0" last January. Such heights didn't appear likely tonight after the vaulting box was knocked out of place during warmups and had to be hastily replaced. But Papa the Greek had little difficulty with it. He left his competition behind at 16'4" and went on to make the 17'1½"--a quarter-inch higher than Claus Schiprowski's two-week-old European best. Papanicolaou came close to making his third try at 17'6".

Foreigners, along with home-grown Neal Steinhauer, provided a good deal of the excitement. Australian Kerry O'Brien sat in behind countryman Kerry Pearce through a 4:23.6 mile. They were still together halfway through the second mile when O'Brien took off with a beautiful sustained drive that brought him in with an 8:35.0 victory. His second mile was about 4.11. Pearce ran 8:38.2--his fastest this year. Another Australian, Ralph Doubell, took it easy after two weekends of super-fast racing. He jogged along behind the leaders until two laps remained in the 1000 then moved out to win in 2:11.1.

Steinhauer, obviously pressing to get a long toss before the home-state folks, won the fifth straight shot competition of his undefeated season. And he beat George Woods for the fourth time in a row, 65'8½" to 64'7".

Both straightaway races proved interesting. Charlie Greene, whose 1969 season is just a week old, ran his second straight 6:06.0. Greene barely beat Bill Gaines, also 6:0 for a seasonal best. Short (5'10") George Carty ran the fastest 60-yard high hurdle race of his life while winning in 7.0 from Don Parish (7.1) and Tom White (7.2).

Dick Fosbury continued to have his high jumping headaches. After a 6'8" performance in New York last night, he was only able to match that height here. Don Lindsay, Swede Chris Celion and Ed Caruthers all went 6'10".

Other highlights: 60 Heats: 1-1, Greene 6.2, 11-1, Gaines 6.2, Mile, Wade Bell (Ore TC) 4:08.9; 2, Arne Kvalheim (Ore) 4:09.1, 60HH Heats: 1-1, White 7.1, 11-1, Parish 7.1; 2, Carty 7.1, PV, 2, Sam Caruthers 16'4", 3, Erkki Mustakari (Fres St) 16'4", LJ, Pertti Pousi (BYU) 24'3½", TJ, Dave Smith (P Coast) 48'8", SP, 3, Jay Silvester 62'¼", 4, Steve Marcus (UCLA) 60'10½".

## Oklahoma City: Seagren 17'0", Speedy Relays

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 1 (from Don Steffens)--Bob Seagren stood out as the highlight performer in the first annual Oklahoma City Invitational that basically drew teams from the Big 8, Missouri Valley and Southwestern Conferences. Of the running events, three relays provided most of the excitement on the new 11-lap spruce track in the Fair Grounds Auditorium. Crowds of 2500 and 4500 looked sparse in the 10,000 capacity arena.

Seagren cleared 16'0", 16'6" and 17'0" each on his first try before kicking the bar off on each of three trials at a world record height of 17'6½". He topped Oklahoma State's Larry Curts by six inches. In other field event action, Kansas' Karl Salb put three efforts in the shot over 62'5" and won with 63'9".

Texas claimed the fastest mile relay time of the season for a track this size as it put together a 3:15.5 clocking from Stan McDaniel's 48.6, Dave Matina's 49.8, Eddy Canada's 48.2 and Dave Morton's 48.9. Competition was fierce as four teams slipped under 3:18. Fastest splits of the race was Earl Harris' 48.1 but his Oklahoma State teammates could only pick up fourth place. In second was Kansas State at 3:15.9 and Oklahoma trailed in 3:16.1.

The distance medley was the closest as two teams finished within 1.6 seconds of Kansas State's winning 10:00.6. Kansas was six-tenths back, with Drake--whose leadoff man had dropped the baton 10 yards after the start--third in 10:02.2. Kansas State also garnered the two-mile relay title in 7:33.2.

Other highlights: 60, Wayne Long (Okla) 6.0; 2, Earl Harris (Okla St) 6.1; 3, Charles Collins (Kans St) 6.1, 440, Dave Morton (Tex) 1:11.1, 600, Dave Matina (Tex) 1:11.1, 880, Mike Mosley (Tex) 1:53.5, 1000, Thorn Bigley (Kans) 2:10.4, Mile, Doug Smith (Kans Fr) 4:10.0, 2 Mile, Leonard Hilton (Hous) 8:57.4, 60LH, Long 6.2, George Byers (Kans) 6.6, 60HH, Byers 7.1, 2, Jim Bolding (Okla St) 7.2; 3, Luci Williams (Kans St) 7.2, HJ, Ray McGill (Kans St) 6'10", LJ, Hal Oswalt (Okla St) 24'6", TJ, Ken Gaines (Kans) 48'4", SP, 2, Steve Wilhelm (Kans) 60'11½", 3, Doug Knop (Kans) 59'6½".

## Other US Highlights: Jourdan Soars 7'2"

Ron Jourdan of Florida, 13th-placer in last year's NCAA meet, currently is the hottest high jumper anywhere. Within eight late-January days, Jourdan raised his personal best to 7'2" in an outdoor meet (Gainesville, Jan. 18), got the best leap of the indoor season with 7'1" (Philadelphia, Jan. 24) and made 7'1/4" in an indoor dual (Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 25). Ron has bettered seven-feet in all but one of his eight meets. A co-feature of the Jan. 13 Gainesville meet was Jack Bachelor's 13-30.2 three-mile.

Previously unreported results from the Liberty Bowl's invitational events include Bob Seagren's 17'0" vault and Bob Beamon's 26'3" long jump. John Pennel (16'6") and Ralph Boston (24'0") finished second to the Olympic champions at that new indoor meet Dec. 12. Fast sprints times already have come from the midwest. Ohio State's Jerry Hill dashed a 6.0 60 (Columbus, Jan. 25), Illinois' George Morris ran a 47.9 440 on his school's oversized track (Jan. 25), and Ralph Stephenson (Ann Arbor TC) did 56.8 for the 500 (Ypsilanti, Jan. 18).

Bob Deines got something of a major marathon upset at Las Vegas, Jan. 25, when he beat Olympic fourth-placer Ismail Akcay of Turkey. Deines ran 2:22:04, exactly a minute better than the Turk who'd done 2:13:43 in the past.

## World Highlights

Just before leaving on his US tour, Olympic silver medalist Claus Schiprowski raised the European indoor pole vault best to 17'1 1/4". The West German's mark came at Dortmund, where he went a half-inch higher than Wolfgang Nordwig of East Germany had done last year.

Robin Tait became the first New Zealand discus thrower to reach 200-feet--and promptly went into a decline, P.N. Heidenstrom reports. Tait threw 200'3" at Auckland on Jan. 4. It was his 12th successive competition over 190-feet, only three of which were below 196'0". In his next meet he threw only 192'1" and in the one following, 185'9"--by far his worst throw of the down-under summer. With Tait's nearest rival 30-feet behind him, this is a pretty remarkable record. In other events, most Kiwi athletes are biding their time in readiness for the nationals and a chance of getting to the Pan-Pacific Games.

Bernie Cecins reports that Phil May long jumped a windy 26'1 1/4" at Perth, Australia, Jan. 11. That topped a series with four other wind-aided marks over 25'9" and a legal 25'3". Phil ran a 47.7 400m two weeks later.

## Prep Highlights

The high school division of the Astrodome Relays in Houston was possibly the greatest prep indoor meet ever. Records were broken in four events a total of nine times though the lap races will not receive recognition due to the oversized five-lap track. In the seldom-run 100, Houston Worthing's Ken Curl and Dallas Lincoln's Gene Pouncey ran 9.6s, Curl twice--well under the old mark of 9.8. As the 120 high hurdles were run for the first time, Bay City's Donnie Rogers claimed the record with a 14.5 heat and a 14.4 final. Corpus Christi Moody's Olen Terrell dipped under the 31.2 300 record with a 30.8 heat and 30.6 final as 31.2 was bettered five times. A Houston Wheatley team of Charles Monnette, Anthony Brown, Charles Russell and Willie Blackmon topped the 3-20.1 mile relay mark with a 3:17.5 heat and 3:15.6 final. Another Moody runner, Mauricio Jimenez, ran a fine 2:13.1 1000, and John McKinnon (Fair Park, Shreveport, La) took second in the open mile with a swift 4:12.6.

At the Seattle Invitational, junior Randy James (Ferris, Spokane) raced two-miles in 9:09.8, and Brian Mittelstaedt (Mt. Tacoma, Tacoma) ran a 4.13.5 mile. Steve Prefontaine (Marshfield, Coos Bay, Ore) did 4:13.5 at the Oregon Invitational. Other recent prep distance news included a spectacular 2-27.01 marathon by Fred Ritcherson (Salesian, Los Angeles). Chuck Smead (Santa Paula) did 2-29:57 in the same race at Palos Verdes (Jack Shepard).

## T&FN POSTAL COMPETITIONS

# Homestead Wins Big

by Don Steffens

Finally Homestead has done it--the national postal championship and team record. The 1968 Sunnyvale, Calif., squad wrapped up its first-ever record breaking win in smashing manner with 47:11.2, crucifying Mills of Millbrae's year-old standard of 48:01.0. Second was neighboring Burlingame's 47:43.2 from the same race, and third was York of Elmhurst, Ill., with 47:53.0, also clipping the old mark.

Revenge must have been sweet for three of Homestead's runners, Jack Christianson (9:17.0), Mike Ferguson (9:17.2) and Tom Brassell (9:26.0), who helped Homestead break the national standard in 1967 only to have Mills re-lower it a few weeks later by two seconds. Rounding out the tightly bunched Homestead fivesome were Steve Flynn at 9:35.4 and Jon Hanes with 9:35.6. The victory path was uphill for Homestead. Its old nemesis, York, sliced eight seconds from the mark early in the season. York did 47:53.0 as it wound up its season before most California schools began peaking. Homestead's record race was on Nov. 9.

Precedent was broken in the individual two-mile race, though the record wasn't, as Dave Anderson of South in Shawnee Mission, Kans., won handily. Anderson's 9:06.0 was the second-fastest in postal history and the first victory by a non-Californian since 1961. Mike Ryan (Wilcox, Santa Clara) set the record of 8:57.8 in 1964.

Top Individuals: 1. Dave Anderson (South, Shawnee Mission, Kans) 9:06.0; 2. Chris Carey (Carlmont, Belmont) 9:12.6; 3. Dave White (El Modena, Orange) 9:13.8; 4. Pete Reiff (York, Elmhurst, Ill) 9:15.0; 5. (tie) Jack Christianson (Homestead, Sunnyvale) & Steve Sofos (Burlingame) 9:17.0; 7. Mike Ferguson (Homestead, Sunnyvale) 9:17.2; 8. (tie) Dan Cruz (Wilcox, Santa Clara) & Jack Larson (Fremont, Sunnyvale) 9:20.0; 10. Dean Foote (York, Elmhurst, Ill) 9:20.2.

## Late News

Far from the fast competition of the board-track invitationals, Mark Winzenried is still off to a good start in his indoor season. The Wisconsin sophomore ran a totally unpressured 1:49.9 half-mile at Madison, Feb. 1. That made Mark the fastest US runner of the season, the same place he occupied at the end of last year. Another Big 10 sophomore, Gary Hauptert of Indiana, high jumped 7'1/2" at Notre Dame, Jan. 29. That put him second only to Ron Jourdan on this year's indoor list. Notre Dame freshman Mike McMan-non triple jumped 49'5 1/2" in the same meet.

## Records Altered

These record alterations have been reported since the January issue. W=world, A=American, E=European, C=collegiate; JC=junior college, F=freshman, HS=high school; a=12-lap indoor track, c=11-lap track; e=10 or fewer lap banked track; "=" equals record, h=heat, n=non-winning time.

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PV	17'1 1/4"	E	Claus Schiprowski (WG) Dortmund, WG
120HH	14.6h	W,A,C	Luci Williams (Kans St) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	14.6hn	W,A,C	Bob Bornkessel (Kans/F) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	14.0h	W,A,C	Bob Daniels (Tex A&I) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.5	=W,A,C	Earl Harris (Okla St) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	14.5h	HS	Donnie Rogers (Texas HS) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.6h	HS	Gene Pouncey (Tex HS) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.6h	=HS	Ken Curl (Tex HS) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	14.4	HS	Donnie Rogers (Tex HS) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	13.9	W,A,C	Bob Daniels (Tex A&I) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.6	=HS	Ken Curl (Tex HS) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.4	W,C	Lennox Miller (So Cal) Houston, Tex 1/24
100	9.4n	W,A,C	Jim Green (Ky) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	13.5	W,A	Willie Davenport (H Strid) Houston, Tex 1/24
120HH	14.2h	F	David Weathersby (Tx A&I) Houston, Tex 1/24
2Mile	8:44.6	a	George Young (unat) Philadelphia, Pa 1/24
3Mile	13:12.6	W,c	Ron Clarke (Aus) Oakland, Calif 1/24
60	6.0	=F	Ernest Haynes (Tex A&I) Houston, Tex 1/25
880	1:47.9	W,e	Ralph Doubell (Aus) Albuquerque, NM 1/25
PV	17'5 3/4"	W,A	Bob Seagren (Strid) Albuquerque, NM 1/25
35Wt	73'3 1/2"	W,A	George Frenn (P Coast) Boston, Mass 2/ 1
45HH	5.4h	=W,A	Willie Davenport (H Strid) Boston, Mass 2/ 1
45HH	5.3	W,A	Willie Davenport (H Strid) Boston, Mass 2/ 1
PV	17'1 1/2"	E	Chris Papanicolaou (Gr) Portland, Ore 2/ 1

The following marks broke or tied existing records in their categories but won't be considered because they came on Houston's oversized 5-lap track.

SMed	3:22.9h	A,C	Texas	Houston, Tex	1/24
MileR	3:09.6h	W,A,C	Rice	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.1h	W,A,C	Curtis Mills (Tex A&M)	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.8h	HS	Olen Terrell (Texas HS)	Houston, Tex	1/24
MileR	3:17.5h	HS	Wheatley, Houston, Tex	Houston, Tex	1/24
SMed	3:17.9	A,C	Kansas State	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.6	HS	Olen Terrell (Texas HS)	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.4	=F	Al Coffee (LSU/F)	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.0	W,A,C	Ronnie Allen (Baylor)	Houston, Tex	1/24
300	30.2n	F	Roger Colglazier (ACC)	Houston, Tex	1/24
SMed	3:28.5	JC	Odessa JC	Houston, Tex	1/24
2MiR	7:23.8	=W,A,C	Kansas State	Houston, Tex	1/25
600	1:08.1	W,A,C	Hardee McAlhane (Tenn)	Houston, Tex	1/25
MileR	3:15.6	HS	Wheatley, Houston, Tex	Houston, Tex	1/25
MileR	3:15.8	JC	Blinn JC	Houston, Tex	1/25
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11. Joe Whytock (Burlingame) 9:21.4; 12. Mike Davis (Garden Grove) 9:23.0; 13. Eugenio Amaya (Burlingame) 9:23.2; 14. Charles Weigel (York, Elmhurst, Ill) 9:25.0; 15. (tie) Tom Brassell (Homestead, Sunnyvale) & Willie Eashman (Washington, San Francisco) 9:26.0; 17. Ed Silva (Watsonville) 9:27.0; 18. Rick Davis (Prospect) 9:29.0; 19. (tie) Victor Moore (Compton) & Jon Hanes (Homestead, Sunnyvale) 9:30.0.

Top Teams: 1. Homestead, Sunnyvale, Calif. 47:11.2 (Jack Christianson 9:17.0, Mike Ferguson 9:17.2, Tom Brassell 9:26.0, Steve Flynn 9:35.4, Jon Hanes 9:35.6); 2. Burlingame, Calif. 47:43.2 (Steve Sofos 9:17.0, Joe Whytock 9:21.4, Eugenio Amaya 9:23.2, Tom Whitehead 9:44.6, Rick Wigney 9:57.0); 3. York, Elmhurst, Ill. 47:53.0 (Pete Reiff 9:15.0, Deane Foote 9:20.2, Charles Weigel 9:25.0, Ed Wagner 9:53.0, Tom Bash 9:59.8); 4. Kirkwood, Mo. 48:38.0 (Bob Nellums 9:36.4, Don Axt 9:44.0, Jim Benkert 9:45.0, Cecil Jones 9:46.0, Dave Ford 9:46.6); 5. Upland, Calif. 48:45.8 (Angus Gordon 9:31.4, Robert Sos 9:40.2, Joe Rodriguez 9:44.8, Doug Slater 9:47.2, Bob Proulx 10:02.2).

6. South, Shawnee Mission, Kans. 48:49.0; 7. Roselle Catholic, Roselle, N.J. 48:58.8; 8. Homestead "B", Sunnyvale, Calif. 49:03.0; 9. Los Altos, Calif. 49:15.0; 10. Riverside-Brookfield, Riverside, Ill. 49:16.6; 11. El Modena, Orange, Calif. 49:16.8; 12. Point Loma, San Diego, Calif. 49:23.4; 13. Kearsley, Flint, Mich. 49:25.0; 14. Monte Vista, Spring Valley, Calif. 49:26.8; 15. Carlmont, Belmont, Calif. 49:36.6; 16. Riordan, San Francisco, Calif. 49:37.0; 17. Wilcox, Santa Clara, Calif. 49:38.0; 18. San Carlos, Calif. 49:40.0; 19. South, Torrance, Calif. 49:46.0; 20. Mira Costa, Manhattan Beach, Calif. 49:47.0.

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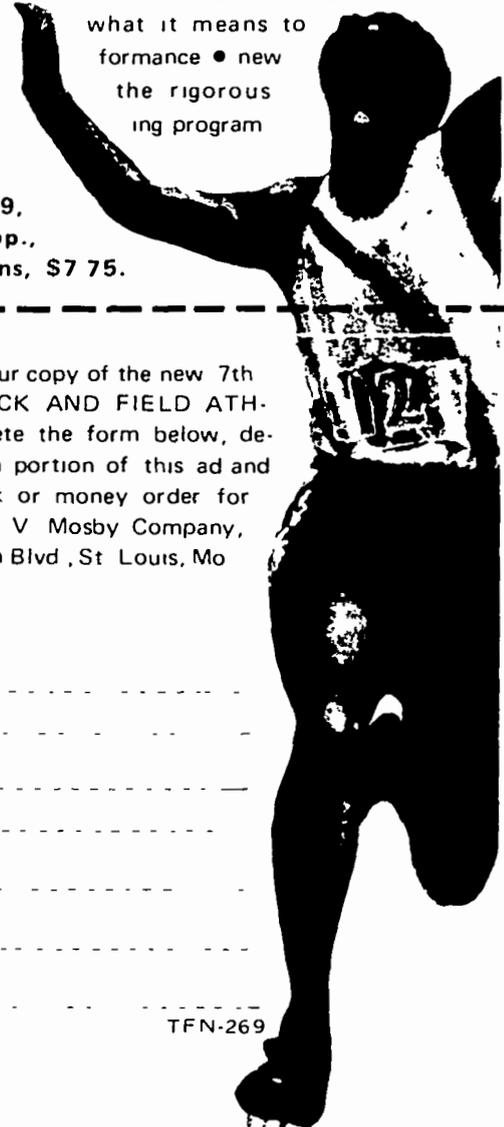
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No one, individual or team, broke records in the North American three-mile postal competition. But teams from Eugene, Ore., where distance running is nearly a way of life, showed amazing strength in depth by taking three of the first four places. Oregon's varsity took the championship with a five-man composite time of 70:21.0. Behind the Vancouver Olympic Club of Canada (70:37.8) came the Oregon TC (71:54.2) and the Oregon Freshmen (72:12.2). Vancouver's leader, Norm Trerise, is an Oregon student as well, though he didn't compete for his school in this race. Olympian Jack Bachelor won the individual title with a solo 13:37.0--less than five seconds above the record. Trerise's 13:50.4 was second. Oregon, of course, also won the freshman-JC race.

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## MEXICO OLYMPIC FOLLOW-UP

# Clarke Reflects on Altitude

by Jon Hendershott

Once a race is over for Ron Clarke, he forgets about it. As he believes the results tell the story, you can't change anything that happened. So what's the use of thinking back on it or commenting about it.

But as strongly as he believes in racing only for the moment and not for future analysis or comment, one thing causes him to digress—the Mexico Olympic Games. As much as he would like to forget Mexico, that altitude monkey which sooner or later jumped on everyone's back, and the lung-searing races, he can't somehow. To an athlete of Clarke's stature, the Olympic Games is the high-point which comes only once every four years and he just can't totally blot out his performances.

Sitting sideways in a chair in his motel room, his legs dangling over the arm, Clarke reflected, perhaps unintentionally, on Mexico. Little did he or anyone else know that he was some six hours away from setting a world three-mile record at the Athens Invitational.

Quite frankly, after I finished that first 10,000-meters at Mexico City, I just didn't think about the altitude any more," he said. "I said all there was to be said, there's no way to change anything. Clarke was quick to praise those who won, so you wouldn't think he was pooh-poohing them as only being fortunate to come from a high-altitude country. But he added a qualification.

The ones who won were good athletes, no doubt about it. All I know is I've raced most of them before and they weren't running well. The people you have to look at to keep your eye on are not the top-liners. It's the second-liners—it's where they come in that counts. Usually the talented top man will finish well, but not the rest of them. Can you imagine someone like (Ethiopia's) Wotsh Masresha beating (East Germany's) Jurgen Haase at sea level? It just wouldn't happen.

Or someone like Anso Biwott," he continued. "He had a tremendous advantage. A guy who can fly through the air, land on the same foot and all those strange things, just couldn't do it at sea level. Those things would be tremendously tiring. He would have run about the same time (8:51.0 in the final) if not worse. Then, too, Ben Kogo was running so badly.

I know Kogo very well. I've raced him every year for a long time, Kogo, when he's fit, his checkbones are very fine, they stand out. He drew the skin on his lean cheeks tight over the bones. But at Mexico City he was pugy. There's only one other time I've seen him like that. Of course I saw him in Europe last summer and he was the same way. But when he toured Australia in 1965, just before he got married, he was pugy, and he was getting thrashed. Then in '66 he was very lean and running well. He was running terrible again last year. He wouldn't have made the final at sea level.

The conversation is only 10 minutes old but altitude has been in the air from the beginning. Clarke's first open reference to it comes out of the blue. "I don't think altitude makes any difference over four weeks anyhow. Three weeks is the same as six months. You had to be there for three weeks. May be six months must have made some difference, but three weeks seemed to have the same effect on most people from the low areas.

The Australian Olympic team had no organized altitude training. The



Another group of able young distance runners has placed itself in the hands of Oregon's able coaches, and already the freshman team has won the T&FN three-mile postal championship. (standing) Coaches BILL DELLINGER and BILL BOWERMAN, CHARLES KINSEY, DEAN GERALTS, DOUG WELLMAN, MARK SAVAGE, (front) PAT TYSON, MIKE MC CLFNDON and WES SMYLIE

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athletes picked up bits and pieces wherever they could. Clarke went to Font Romeu in the French Pyrenees and then South Lake Tahoe in the U.S. But if there should be another altitude Olympic Games, Clarke would like to go.

"I'd go straight to Mexico City," he explained. "I'd stay at Font Romeu for long periods. I would stay for a week, then go down to sea level to race. Then another week and then more competition. I saw a lot of guys who had been there for a long time, like Guy Texereau, Terry W. Haas, and they weren't running well.

Why weren't they running well, if they were training at altitude? They weren't training hard enough to my way of thinking. All I did was do 200 to 220 reps. That wasn't enough to my mind, because you're doing a lot of running repetitions. You can run real fast and with a jog back, you're never over. So reps at altitude might give you a great feeling but I don't think they do too much good. (Wadoux placed ninth in the 5000 final at Mexico City. Texereau did not finish his steeplechase heat.)

So what would be better? The most intelligent training system I saw was Mohamed Gammoudi's. He was running 3000-meter repetitions. He ran the first 1000 very slow, the middle 1000 faster and the last 1000 flat out. He built up his capacity, not by recovering, but by starting slowly and getting harder and harder and then making the last 1000 the hardest. He didn't have the benefit of doing them fresh. When he went into the last 1000-meters, which is going to be the tell-tell part of any race, he was reasonably tired and breathing fairly hard. He was drained from the two previous 1000s, but they were slow enough that he wasn't tired out.

Then again, the direct reference to altitude, but this time, the Olympic 10,000-meters too. "When you're running at altitude, you've either got to run strong or you've had it. Because it's so easy to run at altitude, there's no warning of tiredness. Just as soon as you're tired, though, --he snapped his fingers-- the whole thing's gone and you can't recover. You might feel well in a race and say, 'Let's leave and go to the front,' but 200 yards later you're dead." Ron Hill said that he didn't feel bad after his surge with five laps to go, maybe just the slightest bit tired, so he eased back down again. "As soon as you get really tired, though, that's it.

After he dropped off, it really picked up. With four to go, it picked up. I felt terrific with four to go. I've never felt better in a 10,000 meters as I did with four to go. I never felt worse with two to go. I felt like I do after an 880, my arms and legs were dead. I never had a breath problem in a race, never gasping for air. The arms and legs went first, so I think it must have been a circulation problem. The lungs were getting air in, but it wasn't being circulated.

I didn't talk to any of the other runners about this. You don't talk to them before the race and after, well, you just don't want to. We watched the rest of track and the hockey and swimming and basketball and the rest of the Games. We were tourists anyhow, so we might as well.

Complication arose for athletes from the other side of the Equator for their regular season at home often ended six months before the Games. So maintaining their condition from then until the Games was an added problem.

I train all year round, Clarke said. Kerry O'Brien does the same. We race every week-end. Ralph Doubell is with Franz Stampfl so he does specialist training. Franz works him very hard, both on sprint work and a lot over distance. Ralph does 10-12 miles a day besides those enormous sprint sessions.

The other boys just have to find a place to train if they're going to compete in the Olympic Games. It must be very hard. Lawrie Peckham high jumps in his back-yard with a short run-up. He was jumping better at Mexico City with his short run-up than with his long. Phil May and Peter Watson went to western Australia, which is better, because it's sunny there. Phil has that strip of rubberized asphalt that he takes with him and jumps off. He can roll it out in an indoor hall when the weather's bad. The other fellows, like Peter Norman, just have to train in the rain. Peter was lucky though because he, Gary Holdsworth and Greg Lewis have the same coach so they trained all winter together. I have to train in the rain and cold when I'm at home too, just like everybody else. Of course, distance runners always have the roads, but the sprinters and jumpers have it bad. There's no competition during the winter because there's no indoor season. Road-running is an integral part of Clarke's training. He trains greatly on pure distance work, with little speed work per se. The distances aren't too far but the runs are always fast.

Because Clarke travels extensively during the Northern Hemisphere winter, he can maintain his peak from the end of his home season to the big meets in the other half of the world.

I really don't have a peak,' he revealed. I train my hardest, most intensive, during the latter part of the season at home and the early part of the tour overseas and then use my races overseas to develop. I'm always running better now overseas than I am at home.

There's no such thing as a peak in the type of training that I do. I guess my peak is where I am at the moment. You decide for yourself what's your best. If you keep training there's no reason why you shouldn't get better. There's some place that you stop but certainly no one else can tell you.

Since he resumed training and competitive racing over seven years ago, Clarke has exemplified this idea: he had kept at one continual peak. Well, so far, he said with a grin. He looked at the table next to him for some wood to knock but it was Formica-covered with a walnut look. Imitation, he quipped.

But Clarke wasn't bothered that he couldn't find any wood on which to ward off bad luck with a rap of his knuckles. He is much too pragmatic for that. To him, racing is just running faster than any of the other competitors. It's a simple formula really. And no one has proved that it works better than Ron Clarke.

## On Your Marks

by Dick Drake

Winter-time puzzler: Has the AAU considered the plight of any national championship-bound athlete enroute this summer by commercial jet to Miami whose plane is diverted to Cuba? Will it be the athlete's responsibility to schedule a flight sufficiently early to avoid missing any portion of competition within an event? Since the title meet is the qualifying competition for numerous foreign matches this summer, some policy ought to be established now. Two track and field suppliers have merged with American Athletic Equipment Co., a leading producer of gymnastic equipment, trampolines and other athletic products, and a subsidiary of Head Ski Company, the largest ski equipment firm in the US. Pacer Products, a new company best known for its black Catapole, merged with American last October to form Pacer American. George Moore heads Pacer American which utilizes the talents of Herb Jenks, developer first of the Skypole and now the Catapole. Last month, the Lakeside Supply Co. was merged into American. Dick Held, who developed and produced the famed Held javelin, will remain as a design and production consultant and has a new stiffer and stronger javelin ready for the market. The Held implement will be marketed by Pacer American, along with its poles, standards, hurdles and other equipment. UCLA's new all-Tartan track, which will eventually accommodate 20,000 spectators, will be ready for competition by mid-February. The facilities will be used for the California State high school championships in June. Intermediate hurdler Dave Hemery, long jumper Lynn Davies and vaulter Dick Railsback are each considering the decathlon this season. Former Oregon State middle distance stars Dale Story and Jan Underwood are both coaching. Dale at a high school in eastern Oregon and Jan as an assistant at Fullerton JC. The current rate for per diem for traveling US athletes has been raised from \$20 to \$25.

Don't peak ahead in this column if you're interested in a quiz test. Which three athletes competed against the Soviet Union in 1962 and finished the National Football League season in the top 10 in pass receiving? Answer: Paul Warfield in the long jump, Homer Jones in the 400 relay and Bob Hayes in the 100 and short relay. Portugal withdrew its invitation to host the World University Games this summer. The date conflicted with the national elections of that nation. Four nations are applying for the international competition: Italy, Israel, Lebanon and Bulgaria. Frank Wetzler, track coach at LaSalle for 20 years, died in mid-January at the age of 56 after sustaining injuries in an automobile accident Oct. 27. He coached two Olympic athletes in Al Cantello, who held the world javelin record, and Ira Davis, who claimed the US triple jump record. Davis, an assistant under Wetzler, assumed head duties this winter. The NCAA has a 1968-69 budget of \$900,000, including \$507,000 for the executive offices, \$209,000 for the Sports Services, and \$184,000 for the College Athletics Publishing Service. The NCAA now has 612 member schools. In a move that should give track's warring administrators ideas, a National Gymnastics Commission will be formed by the US Gymnastics Federation and the AAU. The USGF was formed by the NCAA to combat AAU control in gymnastics at about the same time the USTFF was forged as a weapon in track's war. In addition to several California State Colleges (at Hayward, Long Beach, etc.) in California there is a California State College, California, Pennsylvania.

Ken Bantum, first Negro over 60-feet in the shot put and a member of the 1956 US Olympic team, is track coach at New York Tech. Syndicated columnist Jim Murray referred to T&FN's editorial department as the "slide rule boys." He must not read this publication closely. There are now more than 50 institutions or organizations which have complete Tartan track surfaces. Lee Calhoun, Grambling coach and two-time Olympic high hurdles champion, will guide a six-man track team for a six-week trip to Vietnam, Burma, Thailand, Formosa and Korea. The New York Times has opened a sports information center at ExpoAMF, an industrial exhibit area at Two Pennsylvania Plaza next to the new Madison Square Garden. Even jogging has attracted commercialism. A leading newspaper advertised The Jogger, described as "cozily tailored of Permatath Mincare 100% cotton knit, detailed with turtleneck, elastic-banded sleeves and legs, elasticized waistband in back, concealed zipper in front" of the one piece outfit. It retails in power blue for \$20. Jim Ryun was married Jan. 25. The location was kept a secret in order to avoid curiosity seekers. East Germany has been guaranteed the right to fly its own flag and play its own national anthem at the 1972 Olympics in Munich. In Mexico, East and West Germany competed in different uniforms but under the same flag and hymn. Randy Matson has given up the idea of playing either pro football or basketball. "I considered pro sports a lot. I don't know if I could have made it. But I'm interested in a business career and I would have to put it off until I complete pro athletics. And I hated to quit track now. I'm just 23. I should be able to improve." His current employers are "interested in me competing" in track.



After nearly a year away from track racing, KEITH COLBURN (left) is back in the shape that helped him run 1:48.0 as a freshman. But still, in this Boston K of C 1000, he couldn't quite outkick indoor expert HERB GERMANN. Both ran 2:09.3--times that are among the five fastest this year. (Jeff Johnson)

Charley Mays was best man at Charlie Greene's wedding on Jan. 19. Earl McCullough, co-world record holder in the high hurdles, was named National Football League Rookie of the Year. Emil Zatopek, 45-year-old claimant to four Olympic gold medals, said he was demoted from a defense ministry job because of his politics, his dislike for desk jobs and his opposition to renewed sports contacts with the Soviet army. The famous Czech is now an assistant coach with an athletic club in Prague.

Track athletes named as continental winners to Helms Athletic Foundation for 1968 include Mamo Wolde for Africa, Bob Beamon for North America and Nelson Prudencio for South America. Jim Lavery, Indiana track coach since 1962, will resign at the end of the 1969 season to accept an academic position with Ohio U. The US Collegiate Sports Council is accepting bids from cities in the US interested in hosting the 1971 World University Games. Hilmer Lodge has been re-elected to serve a fourth year as chairman of the men's track and field committee of the AAU. Jurgen May, the former East German now living in West Germany, completed his international two-year suspension for accepting \$100 from a shoe manufacturer. His ineligibility ended Jan. 20, and he ran his first international race at Philadelphia in the mile. New president of the AAU is Jesse Pardue, a Houston attorney. He replaces David Matlin. Bill Easton returns to teaching at Kansas U physical education department with the spring semester. Bill Toomey has turned down two major television network offers in favor of temporarily, at least, maintaining his amateur status. He still wants to break the world decathlon record. Bill Miller, former long jumper, has been hired as interim head coach at Dallas Baptist College. Stanford University has officially recognized the right of athletes not to compete against schools which they think practice racial discrimination. Athletic Director Chuck Taylor said, "The athletic department yields to the personal principles of such individuals and no penalties or disciplinary action of any kind

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will be involved. Al Oerter and Bill Toomey finished closed behind in the AAU's Sullivan award voting. Debbie Meyer won with 1237 points, while Oerter totaled 1165 and Toomey accumulated 1110. Martin McGrady returned to Ohio but is considering going back to San Jose State.

Jim Tuppeny, assistant coach at Villanova, says vaulter Vince Bizzarro has more natural ability than Bill Toomey. "If Vince sticks with it for four years, he could hit 9000 points in the decathlon." "In future years, the difference in ability will be lessened (between US and European athletes)" reflected NYU coach Joe Healey after guiding a US team to Europe this summer. "However, I think American coaches and athletes are almost too generous in giving away free advice. After all, our primary goal is winning and maintaining American superiority." Los Angeles major Sam Yorty says his city "could be ready to hold the Olympic Games in a week if we had to, we're the sports capital of the world." Effective last Sept. 1, member institutions of the NCAA were required to designate their athletic programs as either University or College Division in those sports involving a national championship. In the past, schools could designate by sport. For example, Occidental was university division in track but not other sports previously but now must compete in the college division championships because it considers itself CD. The US Jaycees announced their annual list of America's 10 outstanding young men for 1968. Jim Ryun, 21, was the youngest named. Georgetown has canceled its track schedule for the remainder of the year. A team usually comprised of distance runners, most of the 22 members of the team sided with distance man Steve Stageberg that coach Steve Benedek's twice-a-day workouts were too strenuous and placed too much emphasis on physical than than mental preparation. Those still training under Benedek may represent the school at invitational meets. A number of track personalities died in the last couple of months. Paul Nass, 79, one-time Russian decathlon champion and coach of Mexico's track team in the 1932 Olympics, Louis Tewanimia, 90, Hopi Indian known for his distance feats in the early 1900s, Elmore Harris, 46, top sprint finisher in the mid-40s, Commodore Cochran, 66, gold medalist in the 1600 relay in the 1924 Olympics, John Ward, Santa Ana JC and Southern California Striders coach, and Frank Hill, 79, former Northwestern track coach and director of the Chicago Relays.

Preston Davis has been discharged from the Army. He is still suffering from the injured tendon sustained at last year's Mt. SAC Invitational. He will return to the University of Texas to help coach the track team and rest his leg for the outdoor season. He did not undergo surgery as originally planned. Franklin Orth, former executive secretary of the National Rifle Association, was nominated for the presidency of the US Olympic Committee. Banco Nacional de Mexico says the economy of Mexico received an almost \$60 million boost as a direct consequence of the 1968 Olympics. The 1964 Olympics in Japan cost \$2.96 billion, or 14 times more than in Mexico. SMU freshman shot putter Sam Walker, now 6'2", 245-lbs., hopes to beef up to 275-280 range by his senior year. What do Ron Kutschinski, Bob Price and Gerry Lindgren have in common this indoor season? Injured Achilles tendons. The USTFF sponsored Astrodome Relays will move its date to mid-February in 1970. Although Bob

Beamon was not named as a nominee for the AAU's Sullivan Award, he has received numerous honors throughout the world. Some of them include Athlete or Sportsman of the Year by European Sports Editors, the Bulgarian News Agency, and T&FN. He finished second in a Czechoslovakian poll and will receive a silver plaque from the Sports Lodge of B'Nai B'Rith for "high principle and achievement in sports." Two high hurdlers turned their attention to the collegiate football season. Wisconsin's Mike Butler, who qualified but did not compete in the Final Olympic Trials, and Richmond Flowers of Tennessee, who failed to make the Olympic team following slow recovery from a hamstring injury, are hopeful of making it in pro football. Prep vault sensation Casey Carrigan has two older brothers who have excelled in sports and have studied at Stanford as Casey is hoping to do. Eugene Register-Guard sports editor Jerry Uhrhammer reveals the Carrigan brothers "never lacked for practice facilities" at their Orting, Washington home. "Their father, a log truck driver, used a bulldozer to clear a quarter-mile running track out of the trees. Pole vault and long jump runways and a shot put area were added." A UCLA medical center prof., Dr. William Hidlemann, doesn't think any strenuous athletic events should be held in Los Angeles County until the basin's smoggy atmosphere has been cleared up and doesn't think the city should be selected as the site of the 1976 Games. He is one of 60 UCLA professors who have recommended that people move out of the smoggiest parts of the city for reasons of health.

Current world high hurdle record holder Martin Lauer, the oldest record holder, dating back to 1959, was a journalist for a West German publication in Mexico City. At one time, he was a pop singer and country and western crooner--before his life was endangered by a badly infected leg that eventually had to be amputated in 1963. The Columbia Broadcasting System has agreed to telecast a series of amateur track meets most Sunday afternoons from May 31 through Aug. 31. The series replaces the contract for pro soccer. Some will be live and others on tape. The live programs will include the AAU and US-USSR-Commonwealth meets. Six straight programs will come from Europe, beginning with the Americas-Europe match. The \$550,000 contract may have dealt a death blow to pro track, at least temporarily. Oregon State coach Berny Wagner calls the multiply certified meets "sanctified." Colonel John Westerhoff of Switzerland has resigned as secretary-general of the IOC. It is known that he had differences with president Avery Brundage. Soviet Union's Valeriy Brumel, recovered sufficiently from a severe leg injury in 1965 to resume training and make a comeback, hopes to compete in May. The annual professional football player draft included a number of top caliber track athletes: Charles Benson (440--So Ill), Wilson Bowie (HH--So Cal), Hal Busby (Sprints--UCLA), Ron Copeland (HH-UCLA), Willie Davenport (HH--Sn), Richmond Flowers (HH--Tenn); Cal Hill (LJ--Yale), Fair Hooker (HH--Ariz St), Karl Kremser (HJ--Tenn), Jim Lawrence (440R--So Cal), Kent Lawrence (Sprints--Ga), Jerry Levias (Sprints--SMU), Rene Matison (Sprints--NM), Chick McGeehan (Sprints--Tenn), Dock Mosley (Sprints--Alcorn A&M), George Resley (SP--Tex A&M), O. J. Simpson (Sprints--So Cal), Finnis Taylor (MileR--P View), Bubba Thornton (Sprints--TCU), Larry Walton (Sprints--Ariz St).

**REPORT FROM THE FUTURE****Unfair Olympics: Smog**

by Joe Henderson

(Imagine, for the moment, that a future Olympics--say 1976--has just ended, and the sports press is in an uproar not unlike that created by the Games of eight years earlier.)

They called this the "unfair Olympics." A surface look at the five longest races--those most affected by the polluted atmosphere--seems to show that the definition is justified. Naftali Temu of Kenya, trying for his third straight 10,000 title, ran like a zombie during the last three laps of his race, stumbled home sixth and was unconscious for 10 minutes afterwards. A New York subway commuter won the race. An almost unknown coal miner from West Virginia with extremely unorthodox technique and tactics stunned viewers with his steeplechase win. Ethiopia's four-race marathon streak ended when a Japanese taxi driver raced to a surprisingly easy victory. Runners by the dozens needed oxygen to revive them after their races.

Kip Keino, writing in a highly regarded sports weekly, hotly assailed the selection of this city as the Olympic site. "It's grossly unfair," the first sub-3:50 miler blasted, "that athletes from my country and others that don't have the advantage of this type of air are forced to compete--against great odds--with those who've spent their lives in it. As a former athlete, my heart cried for some of the greatest runners in the world when I saw them reduced to struggling, gasping also-rans."

The US coach, on the other hand, defended the Olympic city and his three runners who'd won there. "I'm convinced," he said, "that our three boys would have won their races anywhere. They might have been closer, but they would have won. Too many people are using the smog as an excuse for poor performances."

The fact remains. As well as they tried to prepare themselves, unaccustomed athletes simply couldn't adjust completely to the change in air. It turned this into an Olympics dominated by city-dwellers, those whose lungs had adapted since birth to gulping and operating on a bare minimum of oxygen. Athletes from isolated areas that the glories of mechanized civilization hadn't

reached failed miserably on the whole. They couldn't take in enough of the thick, smog-laden air to keep their bodies operating as they should.

Controversy began with the awarding of the Games six years ago. One doctor warned, "Someone will die while competing in that air that isn't fit to breathe." An International Olympic Committee patriarch countered, "We have no evidence whatsoever to support the claim that smog will have any significant effect on performers in the Games."

Olympic committees worldwide, and athletes as individuals, began right after the last Olympics making plans and preparations--some drastic. A lucky few countries had natural features which gave them immediate advantages. London, Los Angeles, New York and Tokyo became highly-prized training sites. Places like Kenya, Ethiopia and Tunisia, alas, were far from these cities and had no comparable ones at home. Not surprisingly, they complained loudest about the Games' site. "The track races will be a triangular among the United States, Great Britain and Germany." But the African countries weren't above traveling to the industrial nations for high-smog training. This move forced the IOC to rule: "No nation can bring its team together for high-smog training more than four weeks before the Games."

High-smog training developed a mystique all its own. A pseudo-science grew up around the misinformation that came out about the subject. Coaches and runners, in mild panic, went to ridiculous extremes in their preparations. Coaches quickly dropped their long-standing smoking taboo and recommended cigarettes as beneficial Olympic preparation. Runners scrambled for the cities and supported themselves by working as parking garage attendants--the most polluted setting available. Herds of marathoners darted through the maze of stalled cars while training in downtown New York during rush hour.

But in the end, the crash preparations accomplished little. High-smog natives had too big a head start. The winners of the five longest races did, indeed, come from three dirty-air countries, as the Kenyans had forecast. Nearly everyone suffered some. On one particularly smoggy day when the sun was barely visible, 27 athletes were treated for severe cases of coughing, sneezing and runny eyes. But, thank goodness, no one was permanently affected. Thin-air athletes who lost vowed they'd delay their retirement plans a few more years and seek revenge. One world record holder who did poorly here commented, "It was an Olympics for the men of the cities. Maybe we were naive to think we could run with them here. There are a lot of us who'd like to race them somewhere else."

Olympic officials wanted no more cries of "unfair." They searched long and hard to find the "perfect" site for the next Games. Their choice caused an old philosopher of track to observe, "Imagine an Olympic site that everyone likes, one that doesn't scare athletes into taking crash preparations, doesn't provide a ready-made excuse and doesn't give the papers a ready-made controversy to fill their pages. It'll be the dullest Olympics ever."



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