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The runners with the long winning streaks continued to find success. Left Photo: RALPH DOUBELL leads the LA Times 1000m route to his 2:06 3-second best of all-time and his 15th straight indoor victory. JOZEF PLACHY, HERB GERMANN, and DAVE PERRY follow in that order. Right Photo: It's GEORGE YOUNG again at the Times meet. For his 14th victory in a row, George had to beat his Australian steeplechase rival KERRY O'BRIEN and OLE OLESON with an 8:42 4 two-mile. (Don Chadez photos)

**Davenport Clocks Five World Hurdle Bests in Nine Days**

No doubt about it now. Willie Davenport is, by any standard of measurement, as great as any hurdler in history. Along with being Olympic champion and record holder, he now holds or shares—officially or unofficially—world records at every high hurdle distance commonly run in this country. A rash of recent indoor record breaking brought Willie this distinction. Check this:

In four meets since the last issue, he broke the 50- and 70-yard marks, twice tied it at 60-yards and had a record tie for 70 (in a heat). All this happened within nine days. His marks: 50, 5.8 at Toronto; 60, 6.8 at Fort Worth and Inglewood, and 70, 7.8 at Louisville.

Bob Seagren gets better and better, and closer and closer to his announced goal of 18-feet. He kicked his world indoor pole vault record up to 17'6", at the LA Times meet for the ninth record improvement of his career.

Thousands of records, those by Tom Von Ruden in particular, seem jumbled. Officials' errors cost him the American record for the second time after he ran 2:06.7 at Fort Worth. Was he held to the 2:07.8 mark earlier, but on an oversized track? Mark Winzenried tied it, too, but his race was on an unacceptable dirt surface. Bill Wehrwein of Michigan State ran a record-tying 1:09.0 600 on dirt.

Villanova, which has never had a scarcity of record breakers, is getting on the action again. At Louisville, Larry James glided home a tenth-second under the 500 mark with 55.4. The school's two-mile relay team knocked one second from the world best with 7:22.8, and led the University of Chicago TC in under the American record with 7:25.4.

Ron Jourdan deserves a paragraph of his own. He hasn't set any records except personal ones, but he now has an amazing 12 straight victories. He recently brought his indoor best to 7'2".

European indoor records have gone to Ian Stewart (8:32 2 two-mile) and Heinfried Engel (17'1" record-tying pole vault). One of the more surprising features of recent weeks was BILL WEHRWEIN'S US record-tying 1:09.0 600 in this Michigan State Relays race. His PR dropped by 1.6 seconds. (Larry Timm)
LES SMITH continues competing well with the nation’s best vaulters. Here he is vaulting in the Madison Square Garden Invitational, which he won at 16’4". Les raised his best to 16’7’’ earlier in the year. (Photo by Bob Sheridan)

**Madison: Green, Tobin Surprise Winners**

New York, N.Y., Feb. 7 (by Jim Duraway) — Jim Green of Kentucky and Phil Tobie of St. John’s came through with surprising victories and meet record performances in the fourth Madison Square Garden/USTFF Invitational. Green opened with a two-and-a-half yard victory over Ronnie Ray Smith and Bill Hurd in one of the fastest 60 1-2s ever run, then added John Carlos, Lennox Miller and Kirk Clayton as victims in the final. Green’s 6.0 was faster by a tenth than Charlie Greene’s and Bill Cauns’s old meet mark.

“Carlos tried to psych me before the race,” said Green. “He told me, ‘It wouldn’t take much to beat you’. Green.” But I said, ‘You’d better run the best race of your life.’ Green said further. ‘My starts are too poor this year because we spent more time working on starts. Last year I did mostly overdistance. Pretty soon I’m going back to overdistance workouts because I’m going to run some mile relay legs and open quarters.” He ran 47.2 and 43.8 in high school.

Tobin provided the real surprise of the night. Running against two world class half-milers, Byron Dyce and Don Zmukowski, the St. John’s senior who had not won a big race since the Rhode Island high school championships four years ago was in for tough going. But he hung in there as Juds Lynn of William & Mary led through a 55.2 quarter. When Zmukowski moved into the lead and went through the half in 1:53.7, Tobin was right with him. Then on the backstretch Tobin sneaked through on the inside. He powered home in 2:04.4 as Dyce and Zmukowski passed Zmukowski. It really feels great to win,” said Tobin. “I’ve lost to a lot of good runners. I’ve been training for years and trying hard to beat whoever I’m running against.”

Others who won included Leo Evans, Frank Murphy and Martin Liquor. Evans beat Hardee McAlhany by four feet in a 57.0 200, which, for a change, Lued led all the way. “I was planning to lay in behind McAlhany,” but when I saw the Villanova guy (Lamont Howman) trying for the lead, too, I figured I’d be third if I didn’t get the lead. So I took it. With that start, it might have been a world record. But I’m not really in that good shape and I have to run again tomorrow night. So I eased off a little and just ran to win.”

Murphy took the lead at the half-mile in 2:05.6 and ran the next half in 1:54.8 to win the mile by 50 yards in 4:04.4. The Dubliner at 21 just a growing bow for an Irishman and out from under Dave Patrick’s shadow is going to give some people fits before the war is out.”

Liquor, running his first major mile since high school, improved his personal best by 13 seconds with an 8:42 2 swarming performance, outkicking Art Dulong, who ran 8:43.8.

Larry Janse, after winning the 600 in 1:17.1, came back with a sensational 47.1 anchor leg to catch Tennessee’s McAlhany at the tape. Villanova and Tennessee share the new meet record of 3:17.6.

Ron Jordon won the high jump with another 7’0” leap and Les Smith took the vault at 18’4”. A crowd of 4,071 spectators witnessed the meet.

Other highlights 60 — 2 Carlos R, 2 Miller R, 4 R R Smith R, 500, 2 McAlhany 57.2, 800, Andy O’Reilly (Vill) 1:59.3 (Two Bell second in 1:53.2, disqualification) 1000, 2 Dyce 2:05.5, 3 Lazine 2:05.9, 4 Rutkowski 2:08 9, 600 Hil. 7:24.9, 8 Dennis Phillip 16’6”

**Coach’s Games: Records to Davenport, Von Rudden**

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 7 (By George Greener) — Wilkie Davenport and Tom Von Rudden delighted 7,855 fans by setting records at the ninth Fort Worth track meet, though both marks were tarnished. Davenport equalled the 68 time of Hayes Jones and Earl McCulloch for a world record in the 60 high hurdles. Several reliable timers, however, caught fleet Willie in 7.9 as he clean­ly beat the field. Von Rudden set a tie on the American indoor record of Ted Nelson in the 1000 with a 2:07.7 clocking. He ran a virtually solo race through intermediate times of 54.0 and 1:51.2 on the fast, 10-lap banked board track. The record will not be submitted because the referee did not confirm the time on the watches. It was double jeopardy for Von Rudden, since a faster clocking of 2:06.8 in San Diego two years earlier was not submitted because of another technicality failure by officials to resurvey the track.

The field event athletes had their problems. Bob Seanor took a few warm-up jumps, but after consultation with the trainers he decided the tender hamstring muscle on his take-off leg was not ready for action. Bob Seagren ran into his usual problems wherever he encountered his 90-degree vault box. He could only manage 16’6” because the box restricted the bending of his pole. Randy Matthew, who still doesn’t like to throw indoors, took the shot with a 54’½” loss after only three weeks of practice. Randy was pleased with his performance since the best he was able to do at his “Y” practice site was 61-feet.

Charlie Greenovercame a slow start with his typical finishing lunge to beat Clyde Gossoon with a fast 6.0. The powerful Gossoon, who transferred to El Paso on a football scholarship, gained some hold by taking the 300 in 30.7.

Other highlights 60. 5. Gossoon 6.1 PV, 3. John Pennekl (Strid) 16’7” Milet, Texas 5-13.7 (Cohen 50.4, Mosley 49.0, Motto 48.3, Morton 48.3) SW Conf. 2MileR. Texas 7:37.6 (Matna 2:54.9, Robertson 1:54.4, Morton 1:55.8, Mosley 1:52.4) 1’ Mile, El Paso 7:37.6 (Romero 1:55.9, J. Jones 1:51.7, Fisher 1:53.8, Tagie 1:51.0)

**All-East: Finlay 4:05.3, Schiprowksi 16’11”**

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8 (by Shelby Hawthorne) — A small crowd of 3,133 watched the All-Eastern Games, a meet noted primarily for its mediocre marks. A prime example was the mile, which was billed as a head-to-head match between undefeated Sam Bair and Dave Patrick, returning to action after a recent back injury. Both ran lustily, far back in the pack, and watched Canada’s Bob Finlay run 4:05.3 to win. Patrick rallied briefly at the end for 4:09.2 and third place behind Jerry Richer (4:07.6) but Bair, whose last quarter was a disaster, struggled in fifth, running 4:18.6 for his first defeat after five previous wins. No ready explanation was available for his blow-up.

The high point of the meet was Olympic silver medalist Claus Schiprowski’s 16’11” pole vault. He easily cleared 16’0” and 16’6” on his first vaults, and 16’11” on his second. But none of his three attempts at 17’3” was close. Twice he went under the bar. He was trying to regain the European indoor record which he lost to Chris Pandancul (17’1”) last just week. Peter Chen tied his lifetime best of 16’6” in finishing second.

Florida’s fast-rising Ron Jordon won his second meet in two nights. Both nights he cleared an even seven-feet to remain undefeated indoors this season.

Frank Costello led for second with Lew Hoyt and Morgan State’s Eric Green for tough going. But he hung right in there as Juris Luks of South Carolina made his (Photo by Bob Sheridan)

**News Round-up**

After a string of splendid two-mile races, Bob Finlay varied his routine by whipping the strength All-Eastern mile field in 4:05.3. (J. Johnson)
LA TIMES: 2 Records; Young, Doubell Unbeaten

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 8 (Dick Drakely) -- Excitement at the Los Angeles Times Indoor Games came in two varieties in this year's 10th annual edition. The 13,736 fans at The Forum enthusiastically greeted the world record performances of Willie Davenport and Bob Seagren but reserved their gusty bravos for two slow-developing but fast-closing races involving prominent Aussies.

Davenport hurled to his ninth straight indoor win this season with his fifth world record performance in 4:03.8. He had been on an impressive roll on the field with a good start. Volunteered Willie, "But I started cutting the hurdles a little too much and hit the third pretty hard." But it was still a big win as Olympic teammate Leon Coleman finished third in 7:6, while fast coming Gary Power and Hermann Fransen from California ran second and fourth in 7:0 and 7:1. Willie's 7:6, in his heat was two-tenths faster than the trial times of the trio.

For three consecutive weekends, Bob Seagren had produced relatively mediocre performances on Friday evenings and 17-foot plus marks on Saturdays. He was 7'4 1/2 on his second trial before backing off a world indoor record height of 17'6"--a quarter-inch higher than he had negotiated for a new standard two weeks earlier. Twice he brushed the bar off, with what looked like his thighs, He also hit the bar on the third try, but Bob made it over as the bar continued to shake for a moment. The joint roared its approval to the home-town American spun Seagren. No others in the field managed even 16'6" as Jon Vaughn and Dennis Phillips finished behind at 16'0".

Seagren failed to touch the bar in three attempts at 18-feet. Commented Bob, "My first goal was to do 18. After that, I shot the works at 18-feet. I don't have any mental block at the height, though I really didn't have any good jumps at it." Bob may not get credit for this 17'6" record as the vaulting box was an inch higher than the runway. The distance was correctly measured from the rim of the box, but rules are rules and despite the fact the higher box tended to have a negative effect Bob may lose this one on a technicality.

The two-mile run included a classy international group, but no one pushed him the early pace and record holder Kerry Pearce led the brigade through the mile in 4:23.4, 8:0--only four seconds slower than the prep race on the Tartan tartan surface. Pearce still led with three to go while George Young had pulled into second with Doug Wiebe, Kerry O'Brien, Ole Olson, Arne Kvalheim and Stanislav Petr trailing. In the next lap, Pearce faded back, was pushed by Petr and was forced out of the race with a bleeding ankle. All-American spin Seagren. No others in the field managed even 16'6" as Jon Vaughn and Dennis Phillips finished behind at 16'0".

Lee Evans and Martin McGrady both took command of their races early, Evans to win the 500 in 57.0 and McGrady the 600 in 1:11.7. West German Jeran May won his first race since his international restriction was lifted, running 4:05.8. Seagren did 4:06.7 in his first US race (Don Chadez)

The mile field dawdled through a slow first lap, about 66-second pace, with a quarter left, ran 59.5 and won in a personal best 8:40.6. A fast mass finish produced the best event of the night as Brown was followed by Czech Ludvik Petr (8:42.6), Dulong (8:44.6), Villanovan's Dick Bueckler (8:46.6), El Paso's Dan McIlhup (8:47.6), Villanovans Tom Donnelly (8:58.6) and Finnish steeplechase record holder Jouko Kuha (8:59.0).

The main tactic of the evening, at least in the longer races, seemed to be a sit-and-wait. In the 1000, Marty Liquori and Tom Von Ruden were content to allow Jim Zieminski's lead through much of the race before the Villanovan jumped everyone and went home the winner in 2:06.5. With Von Ruden (2:08) and Czechoslovakia's Josef Plachy (2:09.3) trailing. Said Liquori, who kept one eye on the leader and the other on Von Ruden. He just started too late.

In the two-mile, Art Dulong played the role of pace-setter. Going past the mile post in 4:21.5, running even 65 to 66-second quarter's to pass the 1 1/2 mile mark in 6:38.0. Barry Brown was second all the way, but jumped Dulong with a quarter left. ran 59.5 and won in a personal best 8:40.6. A fast mass finish produced the best event of the night as Brown was followed by Czech Ludvik Petr (8:42.6), Dulong (8:44.6), Villanovan's Dick Bueckler (8:46.6), El Paso's Dan McIlhup (8:47.6), Villanovans Tom Donnelly (8:58.6) and Finnish steeplechase record holder Jouko Kuha (8:59.0).

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New York KC: Liquori's 2:08.5 Tops Von Ruden

New York City, Feb. 14 (Jim Dunaway) -- Yesiree, folks, this was the real New York Knights of Columbus meet (Track & Field News mistakenly identified the Millrose Games as this meet) Unlike Millrose, which had the largest crowd ever to witness a meet in this city (17,670) plus fast second class mail privileges authorized at Los Altos, Calif. Issued 18 times yearly.
Davenport’s winning streak has stretched to 12 over two seasons dating back to one meet, last year’s Maple Leaf Games, when he matched the 50-yard high hurdles. Last night, after arriving only hours before the meet following transportation problems, Davenport scooted to a seemingly effortless 28.8 clocking. Although he claimed to feeling right, his effort appeared easy and he topped Leon Coleman by a tenth in the three-man field.

Fan Isle’s threehold world record setters bagged the three shortest races. John Carlos took measure of the best field but lost to teammate Tommie Smith in a try for a double win.

Carlos, mildly boomed by perhaps 50 of the 15,187 fans, got off to a rock eu start of 10.1 on the way but had to veer outdoors to hold off the final rush of Carlos. Ed Roberts also clocked 31.6 for third.

Lee Evans completed the triple sweep for San Jose as he won the 500 in 1:11.4, for his seventh straight victory over three distances. Rushed back at the start, Evans fell back to third place behind Benedict Cayanne at the bell but he still three yards down coming into the 50 yard home-stretch but he dug deep into whatever resources he has and won by a tenth.

Another hot boy Finlay wanted to take a shot at the world indoor three-mile record recently reset at 13:32.6 by Ron Clarke, but the venture proved futile as the only out-of-town show, Perry Face was lapped early and rabbit Bob Jones couldn’t hold the pace beyond the half. Thus, Finlay covered the first half in 1:01.5 and 1:35.0. He would have needed a final 880 of 2:03.8 but he settled for another even mile split of 4:29.2 and won with a national Can­don mark of 13:22.2. Pearce ran 13:51.0.

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**US Indoor Report**

by Joe Henderson and Dick Drake

The following report is perhaps the most meaningless listing of marks ever published in T&FN's 22-year history. It is totally inequitable to carry marks recorded on tracks with five laps to the mile (352-yards per) on a comparable basis with those established on 12 lap tracks (440-yards per).

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It was the Astrodome's 352-yard Tartan banked 'track that broke the statistician's pencil'. Marks from this meet in Houston totally dominate the indoor marks of 47.0 and 1:48.9 established on 11-lap tracks, which account for over half of the top 20 listings for each event in this report.

A new policy concerning all marks on the oval tracks has been adopted by T&FN and will be effective as of the next Indoor Report. The AAU accepts marks recorded on tracks with five laps to the mile (352-yards per) on a comparable basis with those established on 12 lap tracks (440-yards per). For statistical purposes, T&FN will also list its regular US Report to marks recorded on tracks with these dimensions. Now, the only difference between the two reports on a given event would be the number of marks recorded on the 352-yard track and the number recorded on the 440-yard track.

**60 YARDS**

John Carlos went into a slow streak after his 6.0 start and 3.9 in his second conf. He hasn't bettered 6.1 since, and lost his first race of the year to Charlie Greene on the Madison indoor invitational meet. Charlie Greene's season began Jan 25, a week after his wedding.

He won all four races in 6.0. He was defeated for induction into the army on Feb. 10, ... Only the two Greens were undefeated in major invitational meets. Only 17 sprinters have dashed the 60 in 6.0 this year, compared to 14 at this same time last season.

1. John Carlos, Spartan TC (6.0, 5.9, 6.1 LA, 6.2, 6.2, 6.2, 6.3)
2. Bill Gaines, unat. (6.1 AAG, 6.1 LA, 6.1 Athens, 6.0, 6.0 Okla City) 6.0
3. Jim Green, Keneucy (6.0, 6.1 AAG, 6.1 Madison SD) 6.0
4. Charlie Greene, unat. (6.0, 6.1 AAG, 6.1, 6.1) 6.0
5. Earl Harris, Okla St (6.0, 6.0, 6.0) 6.0
6. Orville Harris, Norfolk St (6.5, 6.0, 6.1) 6.0
7. Early Haynes, Kentucky (6.0, 6.0) 6.0
8. Wayne Long, Okla (6.0, 6.0) 6.0
9. Dock Mosley, Alcorn A&M (6.0, 6.0, 6.0)
10. Bob Arr (Ark AMEN), Bob Brown (Spart Invitational), Len Lewis Burgess (DC HS), n/Martin Carter (Fisk), n/Charles Collins (Kans St), n/Dwight Ford (Sn), n/Clyde Gossion (El Paso TC), Mike Goodrich (Ind), Tom Grifith (Okla Chr), n/Larry Gravin (H.S., Madison, Wis., USA), n/Phillip Matson (Mo), n/Robert Merritt (Md), n/Lennox Miller (So Cal), n/Me Pender (Pt Bragg), Jack Phillips (Phil), n/Ray Pollard (Morgan St), Winston Short (Grab), n/XRay Smith (San Jose St), Terry Taylor (Tex HS), Archer Walker (Sn Ark St), Herb Wadsworth (Mich HS), n/James Williams (Ky), John Williams (Ind St).

**B hard Dash:** 5.5, Ed Bogley (Mass HS), Tony DePaolo (Mass HS), Vern Hall (VIII), Ed Hammond (Memphis St/F), n/Tony Pendleton (Mass HS), Ernie Smith (Cincinnati St), n/Ronny Smith (San Jose St).

**300 YARDS**

The 15 times under 31-1/2, nine were at the Astrodome, which helps explain why these marks shouldn't be compared with those on small tracks for record purposes. The huge, 325-yard track had its biggest effect in the 600 and 1000 and relays involving distances in that range. The indoor 300 record of 30.5 was broken or tied seven times at Houston by runners considerably less than world famous (Ronnie Allen, Curtis Mills, Roger Colglasier, Al Cooper).
and (of Right) — Tom Randolph's 70.2 (on a 220 flat asphalt track—not still not accepted for record purposes) is a half-second better than his mark at this time last year, which he vividly got down to 10.8. The best on a regulation track (11 laps of track) was 10.7 by Eladio Guzman.

30.6, Eladio Guzman (New York), 16.1, Harris Mill (Tex-AX) with 33.2, Roger Loughridge (VLS), 40.4, Tom Randolph (Ga-Md) 40.5, 144 Colos. (NYC) 41.5, and Dr. Bob重 (Colyl) 42.5.


440 YARDS

The field of 440 yards was considerably split among the 200 at the Metrodome. Florida's first, Harder was through in 47.4 but failed to place in the top five. This is where the leg records of track were evident as the score was still down to 10.7. Only the last Larry Evans (Harlem) and Jack Cullis (DACC) had 10.7. 47.4, Larry Evans (Harlem), 47.7, James Morris (Harr), 47.8, Dan Tague (Tea), 47.9, Tony Frank (Tea), 48.7, Damar (Stuyvesant) 48.9, Francis McCall (West), 50.3, Frank D'Amato (West), 50.4, Francis McCall (West), 50.6, Damar (Stuyvesant), 50.7, Damar (Stuyvesant), 50.8, Damar (Stuyvesant), 50.9, Damar (Stuyvesant). 51.0, Damar (Stuyvesant), 51.2, Damar (Stuyvesant), 51.3, Damar (Stuyvesant), 51.4, Damar (Stuyvesant).

500 YARDS

1. Larry Evans (Harlem) 53.4, 2. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 3. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 4. Larry Evans (Harlem) 53.5, 5. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 6. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 7. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 8. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 9. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5, 10. Damar (Stuyvesant) 53.5.

600 YARDS

1. Larry Evans (Harlem) 69.0, 2. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 3. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 4. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 5. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 6. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 7. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 8. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 9. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0, 10. Damar (Stuyvesant) 69.0.

800 YARDS

Ralph Abbott, of course, is well below the best recorded all last year with his 1:49.7 world best. But so is Mark Winzerried, who led the world with 1:50.1 in his last race of 1968 and then got down to 1:49.9 in his first half in 69. The year's fourth, fifth and sixth finishing results have come in to 1:49.5, Tom Van Ruiken's 1:51.2 and Abbott's 1:51.4 and 1:51.5. Only seven athletes have made TCR's 1:50.0 standard compared to 13 at this time last year. The non-quartFields made four in this race. Mark (Bell) 1:53.3, Tom Farrell 1:53.4, Walter Wimmers 1:53.4 and Jack Barry 1:53.4.


QuartFields may be running super-fast times on huge tracks, but when it comes to 11-lap ones no one has jet matched LARRY JAMES (right). Here Larry is doing 48.0 in the Boston AA meet—best on a 110-yard track this year. He has had 46.9, 47.1 and 47.3 relay legs. Following James at Boston are JIM BURNETT (left) and WALT FITZPATRICK. (Photo by Jeff Johnson)
MILE

This is the slowest starting event of all, with only seven runners (four Americans) under the reporting standard of 4:06. Last year, Jim Ryun had already run 3:57.5 and 18 others broke 4:00. And for some other indoor events, this tax is included everywhere--so lack of opportunity is no excuse--

Time-wise, Marty Liquori tops with 4:09.8. Sam Bair had the best competitive record to date--five straight victories until his unexplained failure in Boston and Baltimore. Jim Ryun, in his first race since the Olympics, began慢慢ly with a 4:06.2 mile at the Michigan State Relays on Feb. 8. Other big names with slow times: Tom von Ruden (4:06.4), Henryk Szwedzki (4:06.7), Josef Olodz (4:06.9), Wade-Belle (4:08.9, plus 4:22.1 and 4:13.3), Arne Kvale (4:08.9), Bob Davenport (4:09.9), and Dave Patrick (4:09.9).

1. Marty Liquori, Vill (4:04.4 Mile Championship, 4:08.4 Mt. Desert) 4:08.4
2. Herman Franklin, So Cal (6.9 Astra, 7.2h, 7.1n Times) 7.2
3. George Carthy, ANU (7.2h, 7.1h, 7.0 Or) 7.0
4. Josef Plachy, Tor (2.06.3, 2.07.0, 2.08.0 Times) 2.08.0
5. Byron Dyce, NYAC (2.09.4, 2.10.5, 2.11.4 Times) 2.11.4
6. Herb German, NYAC (2.09.3, 2.08.3, 2.07.0 Times) 2.08.3
7. William McFadden, W (2.06.8, 2.07.0, 2.08.0 Times) 2.07.0
8. Paul Felix (NY) 2.08.0
9. Bob Day, USA (2:09.0, 2:10.8, 2:11.6 Times) 2:10.8
10. Frank Murphy, Vill (2:09.4, 2:10.8, 2:12.0 Times) 2:12.0

TWO MILES

The two mile is so fast this year, that Ron Clarke has even run this in 2:48.6.4. He hopes to make the first 10, Ron is 2:48.2, 20 best is 2:48.4. And the personal records are numerous for top men--Art Dougol, Bob Finlay, Ole Olson, Jim Ryun, Barry Brown, Marty Liquori, Stanslaw Petz, Jack Bache, Bill Clark (equals), Gerry Garcia, Arne Kvale and Doug Wiebe--George Young says he'll quit after this indoor season and return to graduate school.

1. George Young, unat (8:43.0 8AAG. 8:32.6 8Mass BC, 8:32.4 8LA, 8:31.7 8Classic, 8:31.4 8Mile) 8:31.4
2. Mark Liquori, Vill (4:09.4 Mile Championship, 4:10.4 Mt. Desert) 4:10.4
3. John Lawson, P Coast (4:06.4 4Se, 4:08.4 4Mile) 4:08.4
4. Ken Murphy, Vill (4:04.4 Madison SCG) 4:04.4
5. John White, Vill (4:10.5 4Mile, 4:10.3 4Classic) 4:10.3

HIGH JUMP

Florida's Ron Jones has been over 7-feet in every meet but one--the unimportant Chestertown Invitational the night after another meet was the best (and surely most surprising) win streak in his 7-year indoor victories... Oregon State's Dick Fosbury passed up the 7-foot of the indoor season because of "mental exhaustion and lack of sleep," but winning one or bettering 6'10" in six meets. The event is behind last year, but when two jumpers had done 7'2" and one was over 7'6, the last hour is 7'2 and only five have done 7-feet or higher this year.

1. Ron Jones, Fja (7'10 NFN, 7'10 CVO, 6'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
2. Bill McClellon (Baylor), Jot, 8 (7'10 NFN, 7'10 CVO, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
3. George Byers, Kans (7'10½ Liberty, 7'10 Madison SG, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
4. Chris Cenion, BYU (7'10½ Albuq, 7'10 Oregon, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
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6. Marv Wilson, W (7'10½ Liberty, 7'10 Madison SG, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
7. Jack Mcelhone, Ind. (7'10½ Liberty, 7'10 Madison SG, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
8. Dan Ailes, Tex (7'10½ Liberty, 7'10 Madison SG, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
9. Wayne London, Or (7'10½ Liberty, 7'10 Madison SG, 7'10 8Cluster, 7'1 Classic) 7'1
10. John Rambo, P Coast (7'10½ CYO, 7'10 Sea, 7'10 8Cluster) 7'1

THREE MILES

Only two major meets have held this--Washington, D.C. CVO and Oakland Athletics--but it's the AAU championship distance... Ron Clarke is all by himself in first, just as he was in the world record race as Kerry Pearce was 26 seconds behind, and he's in 12:06.15. None of the other ah-845 two-mile runners have run this distance.

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60 YARD HURDLES

Willie Davenport is having his best indoor season in which will probably be his last. He won six straight and two at 45-yards, tied the world record twice, and equalled the 45 mark twice before breaking it. He now has a streak of 10 indoor victories through Feb. 8, since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU. He has beaten fellow Olympian Leon Coleman five times and silver medalist Paul Farmer last month through Feb. 8 since losing at last year's AAU.
New indoor 17-footers, bringing total to nine: Chris Papaloucas (17'11") and Dick Railsback (17'90). One has no one higher than Chris' 17'11" but Seagren has.

1. Bob Seagren, So Cal (to WG; 17'0 Liberry, 17'0 SJs, 16'9 Utah, 16'8 Cal Poly; 16'7 Ab, NHi, 17'0 Okla City; 16'6 Coaches; 17'6 LA Times)
2. Chris Papaloucas, Sun Jose St (17'Ol Oregon; 11' Times)
3. Dick Railsback, UCLA (nh CYO; 17'0 Astro; 15'6 Sea; 17'0 Milbisco; 16'3, 17'6 Coach; 17'0 LA Times)
4. Claus Schripkowski, WG (16'6 Classic; 16'6 Milrose, 16'11 AE) 16'11
5. Lee Smith, Miami/O (16'7 CYO, 16' 4 Madison SG) 16'7
6. Jon Vaughn, UCLA (16'7 Seattle; nh LA Times)
7. John Prentis, St (16'6 Liberry; 16'6 NH; 16'5 Mass KC; 15' LS; 16'6 Class; 16'0 Sea; 16'6 Mil; 16'8 BAA; 16'0 Coach, nh Tns) 16'6
8. Erkki Mustakari, BYU (16'6 AAG; nh CYO, 16'6 Times; 16'0 Tm) 16'6

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9. Al Feuerbach, Emporia St (16'6 F) 16'6
10. Brian Oldfield, UCTC (16'6 AAG, 16'0 CYO, 15'6 Times; 15'6 Seattle) 16'6

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10. Mike Burnell (Cornell) 16'6

One of many top foreign athletes attending US colleges is India's MOHINDER SINGH, now at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He set a frosh indoor triple jump record of 50'11" jumping here at Oakland (Photo by Don Chadez)

SHOT PUT

Neal Steinhauer captured six easy meets, including five over George Woods, and dropped under 64'4" once with a best of 67'11". Woods, up to 66'4" this season, intends to retire from track March 1 with the hopes picking up a pro football contract as a free agent... Randy Matson smashed his 1963 career record with 64'3". It was set in the shot at San Jose State, 50'9, but now a soph and only four weeks of training behind him, threw 63'9". He has an outdoor best of 67'11" Soph Steve Wilson duplicated brother Bruce's 62'7".

And junior Doug Knop, primarily a discus thrower with a best of 181'11", improved to 176'6, the fifth-best in history, with a 176'6 anchor to Wheatley's 3:15.6 final, and Terrell ran 47.3 for Moody's 3:18.0 second place. Chicago followed in 3:19.0. Boys of Brooklyn (3:25.5) has the best of the rest of the nation.

Houston meets which counted as records came in the 100 and 120 highs. Dallas Lincoln junior Gene Poundcy and Worthing's super junior Ken Jnr Curt Swang set Al Phillips' 1956 9.8 record with 9.6 heats and Curt won the final by two yards, again in 9.6. Gene's brother Joe ran a 9.8 heat at 10.0 was beaten nine times.
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Finding Fun on the Run

by Joe Henderson

Whether it's told in Bruce Kidd's down-to-earth terms, "Running turns me on," or intellectually by Don Hardcastle's motivational lecture through the expenditure of energy as a mystical quality of running," the point is the same: it's fun to run. Yes, fun at least it can be.

"Yeah, sure," says the sceptic. "It's great fun. Why I remember when ..."

And he goes on, in a direction that leaves me wondering how he was able to keep high school English when he spent a few months gagging and gasping through unending practices. Negative images reach the fan through what's read and what's seen and what's heard and what's felt and what's smelled and what's tasted.

Newspapers invariably describe anything longer than a half-mile as a "grueling test" and anything shorter as a "grueling grudge." Not one runner in 50 collapses from exhaustion or for theatrical effects, at the finish of a race. But what sticks in the viewer's mind? That crummy image that's been brought to life through the eyes of the fan, and that's the point.

The philosophy, with its emphasis on the mystical qualities of enjoyment and satisfaction rather than material rewards and recognition, is most likley to attract the non-champlists. The same hard-driving, single-minded, competitive personality that makes a man a winner makes it difficult for him to accept running for fun. But even a runner of Ron Clarke's stature is exasperated with running ideas. He said in his book, The Unforgiving Minute, "The number of miles I have run since I was a toddler would have taken me around the world several times, and I still cannot define precisely my joy in running. There is no sacrifice in it. I lead what I regard as a normal life."

The philosophy is that some sacrifice is necessary for the enjoyment of it. It's a small but enjoyable part of the daily schedule rather than a chunk of time taken away from the productive hours of the day. The philosophy is that running becomes a battle when it quite easily could become a love affair. The world of running is one of the most fruitful areas for producing good racing results by combining hard work with "fun"... And then there is the realization that running is also a high risk it will produce "battle fatigue," a nagging fear of failure and an obsession with success so powerful that the runner can't relax and enjoy his successes.

Then, too, distance runners too often appear to suffer from martyr complexes, though it's more illusion than fact. You know the type, always talking about how much it hurts, how much I'm sacrificing. Oh, what a good boy am I." The words, of course, can't be taken too seriously since they come from voluntary athletes who tackle their tasks enthusiastically. But anyone on the outside, particularly the potential distance runner, thinks twice about joining in after hearing such moanings.

Abduct ideas like "the satisfaction of breaking five-minutes in the mile" or "the joy of sprinting down the beach" carry little meaning for an outsider. But he understands far better things like "a hundred miles a week," "the rain in my legs" and "giving up Cokes and late nights." No thanks.

Making running fun requires dropping the sacrifice and hard-work hang-ups. Sure, it takes lots and lots of miles to get very far in this sport. But the running of these miles needn't be viewed as an imposition or as the hub of the runner's daily life, around which all else revolves. Once the runs are looked upon as a small but enjoyable part of the daily schedule rather than a chunk taken out of it, he's well on his way to adopting the fun-running philosophy. The mood has swung from "I can't wait to get done" to "I can't wait to get started."
There's no enjoyment unless basic fitness is gained and maintained. And it's only gained and maintained with a good amount of regular running. New Zealand coach Arthur Lydiard says, 'The first step to winning is that first step...it is not something that anybody, one will enjoy it if he takes that first step...to achieve perfect fitness.'

I don't mean just the ability to run half a mile once a week without collapsing. I mean the ability to run great distances with ease at a steady speed. When viewed positively, daily runs can become pleasant ends in themselves, not just barely-tolerated means to better racing. Doug Hardin of Harvard, a proponent of run-for-fun, claims he 'enjoys the daily routine of workouts more than the weekly ordeal of competition. The last for victory is too often overemphasized as the motive to run.'

'To be sure,' Hardin continues, 'a little success is encouraging, but a lot of success is puzzling, unexpected and even unwanted. Ultimately, it means very little to win a race. The meaning of running must come from some other source. In fact, recurring success is just a part of reconciling the whole business of being an athlete. Restricting one's whole personal life to running 50 to 70 miles a week I am hardly an athlete. Apparently you don't have to be. One has merely to enjoy the work.'

The sport needs more "also-rans." I'm not anti-success. It's perfectly honorable and understandable to want to win, international meets and set records. Winning and setting records is fun. A too frequent question is, "How many runners ever have much hope of doing it?" Pumping up little-talent athletes with visions of gold medals can lead to all kinds of problems and drives many runners away from the sport. "All over the world," says Ron Clarke, "where competition is secondary to the result, boys are reluctant to compete for fear of failure." Where the 90% of us who can never hope to win much or set many records may need is a new view of competition, one of enjoying it, limiting our desires to the very simple and ever-present control--the training, tactics and abilities of others. Self-competition may be the answer, concentrating on "me vs me" instead of "me vs him." A side benefit could be a more truly friendly approach to fellow competitors, whom you could run "with," rather than "against." It could be possible to see and enjoy them as friends rather than fear and envy them as adversaries.

Multi-world record holder Clarke is known for taking calmly victory and defeat alike, not being overly emotional about either. "Possibly through being cheerful after a defeat," he says, "people have concluded that I'm too mild a fellow and that if I possessed a fierce desire to win I should be weeping tears of blood. The public demand for fanaticism is athletes and armament. It has grown over the last couple of decades because of this unwise emphasis on 'winning at all costs,'" says Ron Clarke. "In Britain, the United States and now in Australia, sportsmen are made to feel that they are a national disgrace whenever they're beaten in international competition. Clarke's calm attitude undoubtedly results from his view of running as something much more that the means of the crow. Defeat can't hurt him for long because even without victory he knows he has found something pleasurable in his running. "Rarely has sport caused me any deep disappointment," he says. "Deep disappointment is caused only by frustration and ambition, and I am not ambitious."

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an Olympic record 49 0 and pulled West German Rainer Schubert to a Euro-
pean standard of 49 1 "I thought they were crazy to run so fast," Hemery said.

Then in the semis, Dave Hemery knew that the year of stamina training
had been the key. He knew he was ready. He had been running 35 to 45 miles
semi, he remembered. "Gerhard Hennige won in 49 1 and Whitney was sec-
ond in 49 2. I did 49 3, but I felt like I had at least a half-second lead. What
really staggered me was that I expected Hennige and Whitney to run away from
me after my chop-down from 13 steps to 15 after the sixth hurdle But they
just stayed right next door."

As for the final, "I thought Whitney, Hennige, Vanderstock and myself
all would be within three or four yards at the end I couldn't have told you who'd
just stayed right next door."

Vyacheslav Skoromokhov, Roberto Frinolli and I touched down after the fifth
hurdle hearing a foot land in water somewhere in back of me, he reflected, and I
thought someone, maybe Vanderstock or Frinolli, was coming up. Then I real·
ized that everyone looked as bad as I must have We were in knots. 'I remember
pressure he would die in the stretch. He told himself to relax · I remember
acceptance in a group probably motivated me as much as anything. You find
you have to be mentally, morally and physically strong ·

Naturally, the factors which motivated Dave Hemery were myriad.

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The eight finalists were marched out to the track like Roman gladiators
being lightened. He didn't jump from one exercise to another, but neither did he stop
to the check-in area to lay down.

But probably feeling like Charlie when he touched down after the fifth
call of "C'mon Ron!" for Whitney I hoped we would break. Hemery
responded with a grin. 'He was too much the favorite. I didn't look at the
race in order to time each man. To travel and meet people If- plenty

I'm pointing for the decathlon right now. To travel and meet people If- plenty

Then, much goes into any successful athlete. A lot of people, par-
cents, come through school, the same way you're being lightened. You find
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among your teammates.

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have a tremendous advantage in being so close to a great number of nat-
tions and this is one reason why I represented England. I competed in my
first national championships after my sophomore year of college and because of my
good showing I was named to my first international team. I was entered in the
Olympic trials for them too. It's a kind of fulfillment for everyone, not just the athlete.

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ery continued. When I was young, I thought I was motivated simply because
I enjoyed sport more than studies. It was a leveling strata too because being
from England I had a different accent and was much younger too. At the time,
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The following charts list split times for the eight finalists in the Olympic 400-meter hurdles final (listed in their lane order), from the start of the race to the finish. The number following each man's name is the number of strides from the start to the first hurdle. The first number is the split between each hurdle, the number following in parenthesis the time for the 35 meters between hurdles, and the next is the position of the runner in the race at that particular hurdle. The differential at the bottom is the differential between the first 200-meters of the race and the

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by Bert Nelson

Lee Evans stuck his head through the office doorway a few weeks after the Olympics and asked, "Say, how many winners did you pick in the Games?"

"Not as many as I had the good sense to pick you," I admitted, and we both laughed. "I just had to pick Larry Csonka," I explained, because I didn't know how Lee could go on winning all the time; James is so talented and so smooth and I felt he was a record breaker. And Lee agreed, "I respect you more than the others because you didn't pick me like everyone else did."

"I have seen someone else," replied Lee. "And I have seen more talent. I was worried about him in the final. But somehow I managed to win." And win he does. If ever a runner ran as fast as necessary to win it is Lee Evans. I remember that Hal Davis (also coached by Bob Winter) was attempting a world's record at the sprint distance before being thrown on the track. He has a most enjoyable sense of humor, a deep interest in track and everyone in it, and catching enthusiasm. But what about him near the field of study that is of greatest temptation for the conduct of track and field meets? The Younker-Weaver incident occurred in a manner similar to that of an athlete being pushed out of a competition if he failed to meet Bob's standards, and it was caught on film by the Los Angeles Invitational meet, and said he plans to compete in open meets. As a result, colleges can withdraw scholarship offers to incoming students who compete in "unapproved" meets prior to enrolling. Do schools have this power?

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Profiles of Champions

Bair Gritty Indoor Miler: 5 Straight

Although small in stature (5’6, 125-lbs.), Sam Bair is the mighty mite of mile runners this winter.

The diminutive ex-Kent State runner has won five straight races on the boards this season, recorded a best of 4:02.8, and has counted among his victims milers the stature of Martin Liquori, Dave Patrick, Bob Day, Tom Von Ruden, Jurgen May and Joseph Coligliulo. And nearly all the victories have come from the same tactic: laying off the pace slightly and then sprinting the final quarter like mad.

This particular tactic brought Bair to national prominence when he won the 1966 AAU indoor mile crown in 4:03.2, outkicking Jim Greil and Rich Romo. A week later he finished second in the NCAA indoor mile in a still personal best of 4:01.0 (he was second in 66 and 68, too, which prompted him to remark, “Jezz, it got so easy I knew what I was going to run.”)

The outdoor AAU of ’67 saw Bair record his fastest mile to date, 3:58.7 in placing sixth. He was a member of the US Pan-American Games team, and he won the silver medal with a 3:44.1 1500-meter performance, which disappointed him fully expected to win. He ran third in the American-European match in 3:43.4.

Like so many other athletes, Sam was shooting for an Olympic berth in 1968 and he is one of several athletes who undoubtedly wish the Los Angeles Semi-Trials had been the Final Trials. His last finish again did him well as he almost caught Dave Patrick at the tape, finishing in 3:43.7, a tenth back of Patrick.

I was happy to run so well,” he said that day. Two weeks earlier he had placed fourth in the NCAA with a career low 3:41.4, after getting third in 67 and fifth in 66.

Bair advanced to South Lake Tahoe for altitude training prior to the Final Trials but an American version of the Mexican “urista” hit him. “It was some kind of intestinal flu I think I picked up when I got home from England,” he said. In London, he had placed second in the British Games with his fastest mile of year, 3:59.0. “I eventually got over it, but I wasn’t able to train fully. Then the doctors said to drink plenty of water so I did. But I was still weak and then we found out that the water supply of the training camp was contaminated. I trained but I was weak. In the finals, I just didn’t have it.” He was seventh in the 1500 final in 3:58.6, after a 3:53.8 in the semis.

But Sam stormed back this winter in fine style, which is another trademark of the Pennsylvania-born runner. In the 65 NCAA cross-country run, he was among the top eight after four miles of the six-mile race. At the finish, he staggered in 75th, ashen, and spitting up blood. “I worry a lot before big races,” he explained, “and I developed a stomach ulcer. The ulcer has burst during the race. But he came back in the winter of ’66 to get second in the NCAA and win the Mid-American Conference mile in 4:04.9.

Another of Bair’s trademarks may not be readily visible to the unaware observer. Never he runs, he has a small peach pit on a leather cord hanging around his neck. “I really don’t know why,” he grinned. My grandfather carved another of Bair’s trademarks may not be readily visible to the unaware observer. Never he runs, he has a small peach pit on a leather cord hanging around his neck. "I really don't know why."

Ronme Lee Jourdan was born May 21, 1946 in Pensacola, Florida, has brown hair and light blue eyes. Progression:

**Year** | **Age School** | **Grade** | **Height** | **Year** | **Age School** | **Grade** | **Height** | **Year** | **Age School** | **Grade** | **Height** | **Year** | **Age School** | **Grade**

Jourdan US’ Most Consistent Jumper

Ron Jourdan seemingly doesn’t believe in wasting time before installing himself as the highest high jumper of the young post-Olympic year. At the season’s first indoor meet, the Northeast Boosters on Dec. 14, 1968, the University of Florida junior cleared 7’6”. He hasn’t relinquished his hold on the top position yet.

Furthermore, on Jan. 18 in a special benefit meet in Gainesville, Fla., Jourdan took the lead of the as yet nonexistent outdoor season with a sparkling 7’6½” clearance.

The slight (6’0”, 150-lb.) jumper has won 11 straight indoor meets, 10 of them at seven-feet or better, has gone 7’1½” thrice and bounded 7’2½” to equal his best-ever. So it’s not too surprising that he is a headliner this winter--despite not making TF&FN’s reporting standard of 6’9½” last winter.

Jourdan’s biggest thrill in track was followed by his biggest letdown later in the competition for the Olympic year past. He failed to qualify for the finals of the NCAA, clearing only 6’8½” He tied for 12th in the AAU, going only an inch higher. At the NCAA Trials, however, any Olympic hopes for Jourdan may have had for 1968 were dashed as he could clear only 6’9½” and tie for 11th place.

He started off his indoor campaign in a big way, though, and he hasn’t slowed yet. Jourdan says that the thing he likes most about track is “the competition and the ecstatic feeling you get from the achievement of victory. He has been loyal to the sport’s star-studded days.

He has brown hair and blue eyes. Progression:

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1967 | 20 | Univ of Florida | Fr | 5’9½” | 1968 | 21 | Univ of Florida | Sr | 6’1½” |
**Inspiring Love Tale**

by Joe Henderson

All the standard ingredients of a good novel are present: action, suspense, struggle against evil, and...yes, even a happy ending. Countless books, movies and TV shows have grown from various combinations of these same basic ingredients. To the reader of "Rings of Destiny," the author has combined them in a unique way that makes "Rings of Destiny" a novel of its own. It is as well as has been another...well, not so much a novel as...romantic fiction. But in the case of this book, Olga Connolly only had to recall actual incidents from her own recent history to produce an incredible book. Olga Fikotova, Olympic discus champion in 1956, Harold Connolly was the hammer winner. The two had met on a practice field at Melbourne, Australia, and romance developed, which is natural enough. The complicating factor: she was a Czech. In an American Two young, strong individuals took on the overwhelming power of governments split by cold war politics. It was a battle individuals didn't often win, and the discouraging series of barriers Hal and Olga encountered was predictable. The outcome wasn't.

This four-month period from Olympic meeting until the Czech government's granting permission for their private Olympiad to marry and leave the country is what the book describes. It's only incidentally a track story. In 300-plus pages, Olga tells of only one competition—the Olympics—and that only briefly. Instead, she concentrates her story, as current as today's newspaper and the most recent track stirrings. We see the splendor of the Olympic movement in its offer of hope that humankind can resist forced separation from the man she loved. Olga, who became Mrs. Hal and Olga encountered was predictable. The outcome wasn't.

Twelve years have passed since Hal and Olga met and married. But her story remains as current as today's newspaper and the most recent track results. Political conditions in Czechoslovakia apparently have changed little from those Hal and Olga described. The Connolly's are in the midst of raising a family, are throwing the hammer and discuss better now than they were three Olympiads ago, their fourth Games. Although we were unable to win again..."Olga writes, "we were rewarded by experiencing every emotion an Olympian can know, and we had matured to realize that it wasn't only the medals and the pageantry, nor the flags and the elevation of one nation above another that made the Olympics so universally stirring. We see the advantages of the Olympic Movement in the offering of hope that if men will summon the courage to find another, despite the barriers between them, they will discover they can compete with honor and live in peace..."

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**Errata, Addenda**

1. **Annual Edition** US high jump list—Dragnet Andeljovic's 6'10'" mark was made in 1966. so of course, should be deleted.
2. **February 1** George Young's 8:44.6 two-mile at the Philadelphia Classic only tied the track (12 laps or more) best Bob Finlay ran the same time on Sankatoon's 12 88-lap track Dec. 28, 1968. Don't ask us how it happened.
3. **February 3** We misidentified the Milk Run Games in New York, Jan. 31, calling it the "New York Knights of Columbus That meet is reported in the current issue. It turns out that the freshman sprinter wasn't even a freshman. Hans Tempelmann (Carleton University) is actually a sophomore. So the individual title goes to Viktor Galagan (St. John's, Birmingham, Mich.) in 10:09.4.
4. The name of Sim Strickin (Mira Costa, Manhattan Beach, Calif.) should have appeared in the final results. He ran 10:42.0

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**Letters to the Editor**

**RUDOLF VOLEKNER,** Elmhurst, New York:

I would like to congratulate you for your issue covering the Olympic Games. As I myself was in Mexico, I read with great interest your opinion about the African runners. Your report is very objective, and I agree with you that the same runners from Africa would perform as well in low altitude. Nevertheless, my heart was bleeding when I saw Ron Clarke collapse at the finish of the 10,000.

No one except Paavo Nurmi has revolutionized long distance running and bettered so many marks and helped runners to personal bests as Clarke. If a long distance runner ever deserved a gold medal, it was Ron Clarke. I hope he gets a chance at a rematch soon with the Africans.

**RICH CLARKSON,** photographer, Topeka, Kansas:

The Olympic edition is by far your best issue, not just because it's big or just because you used some big pictures—the whole thing was nicely done and extremely thorough. I particularly liked the cover and the Bob Beamon spread. And Ed Lacey was the guy that really came through for you—photowise.

**AD LACEY,** photographer, Hants, England:

It is heartening to see so many of my Olympic pictures used with such imagination by your T&FN team. I hope you have sent other publications a copy of that edition so as they can see how to illustrate athletics.

**SAM SKINNER,** sports commentator, San Francisco, California:

Your Olympic edition was the greatest piece of track and field literature in a long time. You told it like it was with material none of the other publications reported. Track fans and members of the black community owe the T&FN staff a debt of thanks for the wonderful job done.

**BRUCE KIDD,** Toronto, Canada:

Congrats on the Olympic issue. I was pleased to see that your usual Joe Friday coverage ("Nothing but the facts, sir") wasn't polluted with polemics. Despite a broadside rhetoric that condemns you if you don't...classical liberal neutrality is the best option.

**FRANK STEVENS,** Berkeley, California:

As one of the lucky track buffs who witnessed the Olympics in person, I am particularly appreciative of your great Olympic issue which will serve as a living chronicle of a great sports spectacular. For a nation such as Mexico, whose consciousness of time is in periods of the day and not hours and minutes, it was a great feat to organize and conduct an event of such monumental proportions.

**BOB GILMORE,** National City, California

With the aid of your pre-Olympic issue and the metric conversion tables, I was able to enjoy, without understanding Spanish, continuous TV coverage on channel 12 from Tijuana, Mexico. I was usually two hours ahead of ABC's so-called live version shown on western TV channels.

**FRANK ALFORD,** Elmhurst, Illinois:

I am a new subscriber to T&FN, having received only four copies (since the Olympic Preview edition), and I am quite disappointed, to say the least, in the December and January issue. I am surely expected to see the final standings of T&FN's postal competitions listed in one of those issues.

**FRANK RUDOLPH,** San Mateo, California:

I agree completely with your editorial, the first time in my life I have been that way on the same subject. I am appalled by the way you handle those 'virtuosos' in Mexico. You should have used pictures.

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**NEAL STEINHAUER** has quit making up for the misfortune and disappointment of his Olympic year injuries. He's approaching his 1967 form already, with a best this season of 67'14". Better yet, he hasn't lost in six meets, five of those victories being over world-class fields. Neal is putting in his home at the Los Angeles Times meet, where he again won against strong opposition but had his shortest loss of the year—62'11". (Photo by Don Chazey)
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