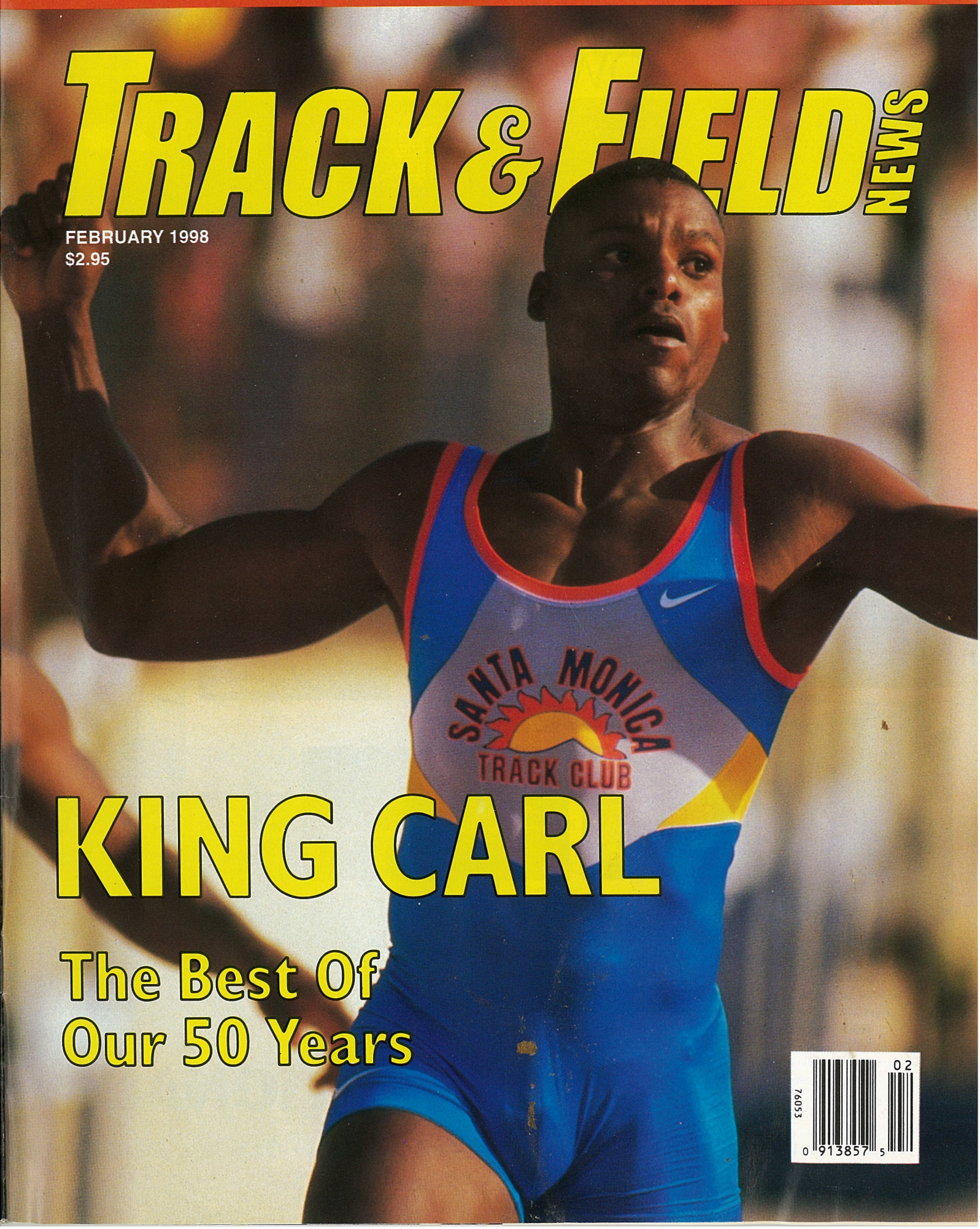
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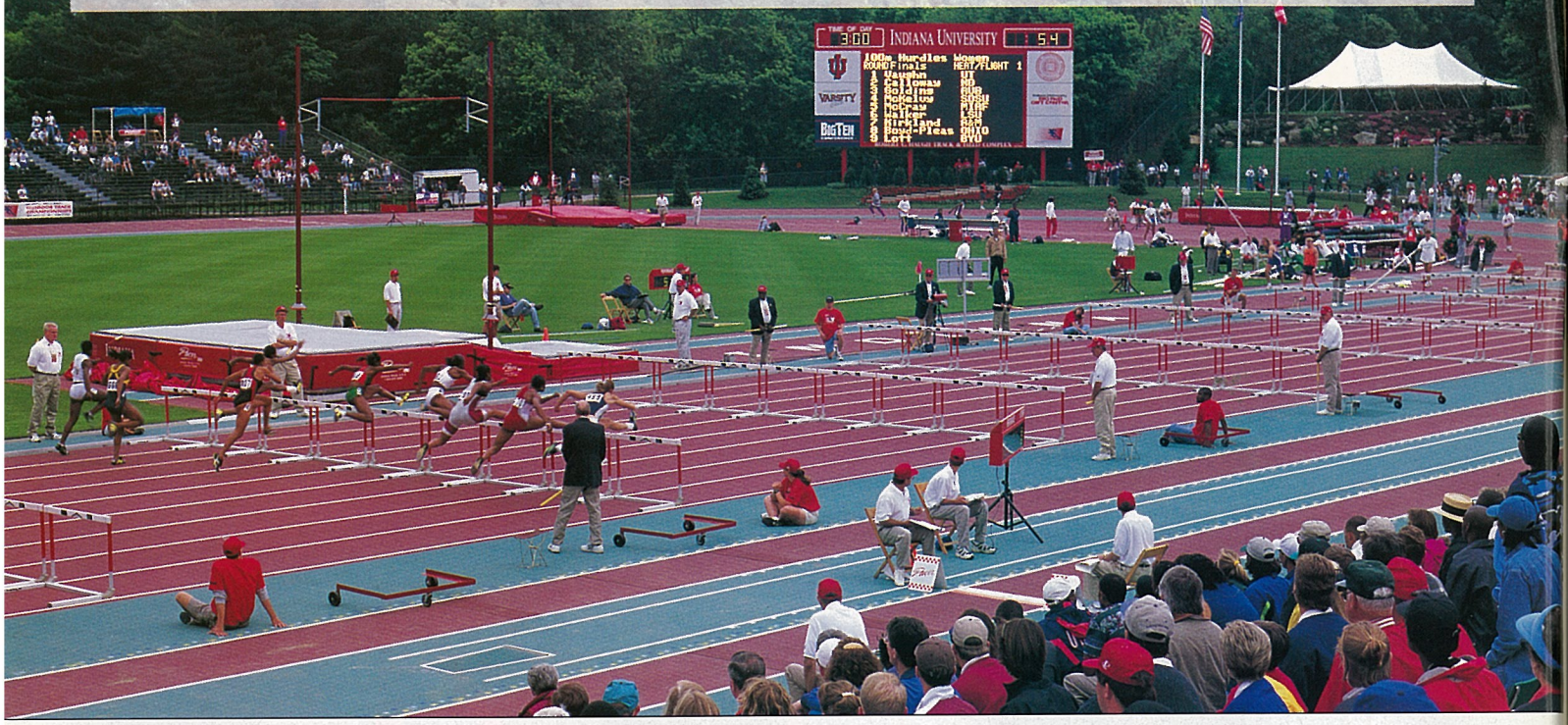


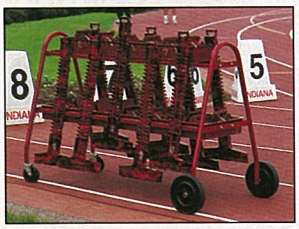
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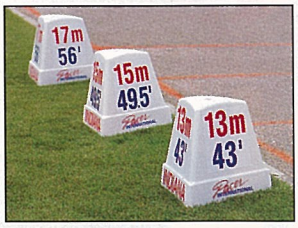






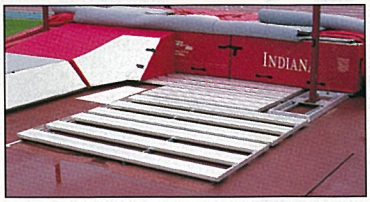












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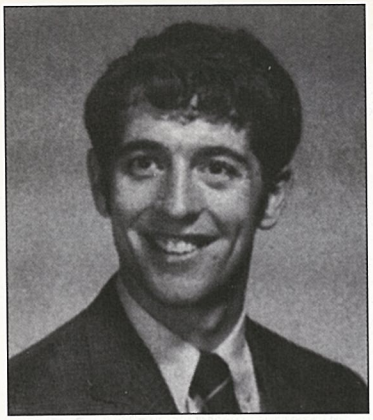
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from the editor

E. Gary Hill

I ALWAYS THOUGHT I was good at remembering dates. I remember specific numbers for all kinds of obscure things, yet for some strange reason I can't recall the particulars of the happiest day of my life: the day I was hired as statistician for *Track & Field News*. But that fateful day in December of '69 led to a career of the stuff of which dreams are made.

As career choices go, it was pretty much a no-brainer, as I was just winding up my studies in Bacteriology & Public Health and was ticketed for running a sewage plant in Wenatchee, Washington. Forget the short-sleeved white shirts and even shorter hair: I was off to California, where I could wear my hair long and my pants short. Still do.

As career choices go, signing on with Track & Field News was a no-brainer.

And, almost 30 years down the road from the time my lovely senior-class picture appeared in the II February 1970 issue, I'm still as in love with track & field as ever. The sport still consumes most of my waking moments, and too many of my sleeping ones too. Only problem is, there isn't as much to love as there once was—and it's much harder to love—particularly at the collegiate level, where I used to have a particular fixation.

In the never-ending battle of generations, there's nothing worse than having the older tell the younger about "the good old days." It's human nature to cling to the old and reject the new. We all do it, exhibiting blind spots that our successors find laughable. So, laugh if you must, my children, but I have to tell you that the NCAA's version of the sport is a pale imitation of what it once was.

Much/most of the problems that collegiate track has, I think, can be laid at the feet of the big sports. Rules intended to stamp out abuses in football and basketball programs don't work quite the same when applied to the "nonrevenue" disciplines. Track coaches have thus been dealt poor hands with which to conduct their game. To their credit, they finally seem to be realizing that there are problems, and are trying to rectify them (see p. 29). I remain optimistic that they'll be successful, as will the sport as a whole, despite some of the rough patches it's currently going through.

Track & field remains a sport that cuts across all kinds of boundaries: age, sex, race and nationality. Like everything in modern life, it has been touched by the oft-unkind hand of commercialism, but even if our best athletes are being paid to run, jump and throw, I believe that track remains the purest expression of human physical endeavor.

So as *T&FN* and I jointly enter the second half-centuries of our lives, allow me to smile that goofy collegiate smile, because there is much to be happy about, and this special 50th Birthday Issue is meant to be a time of rejoicing. Long live track & field! And its news.

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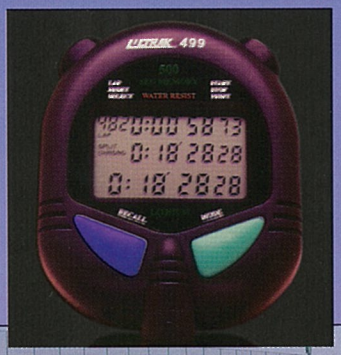
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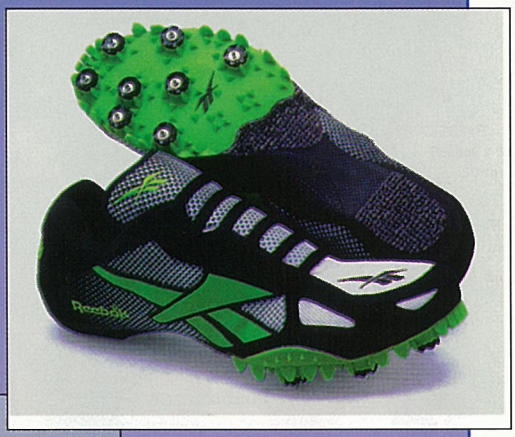
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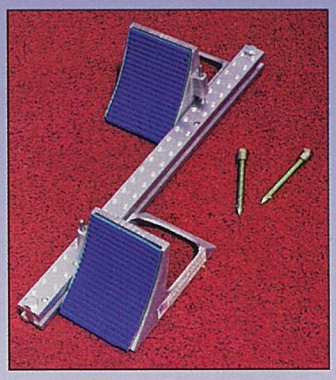






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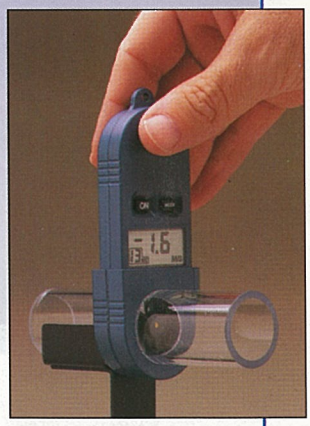






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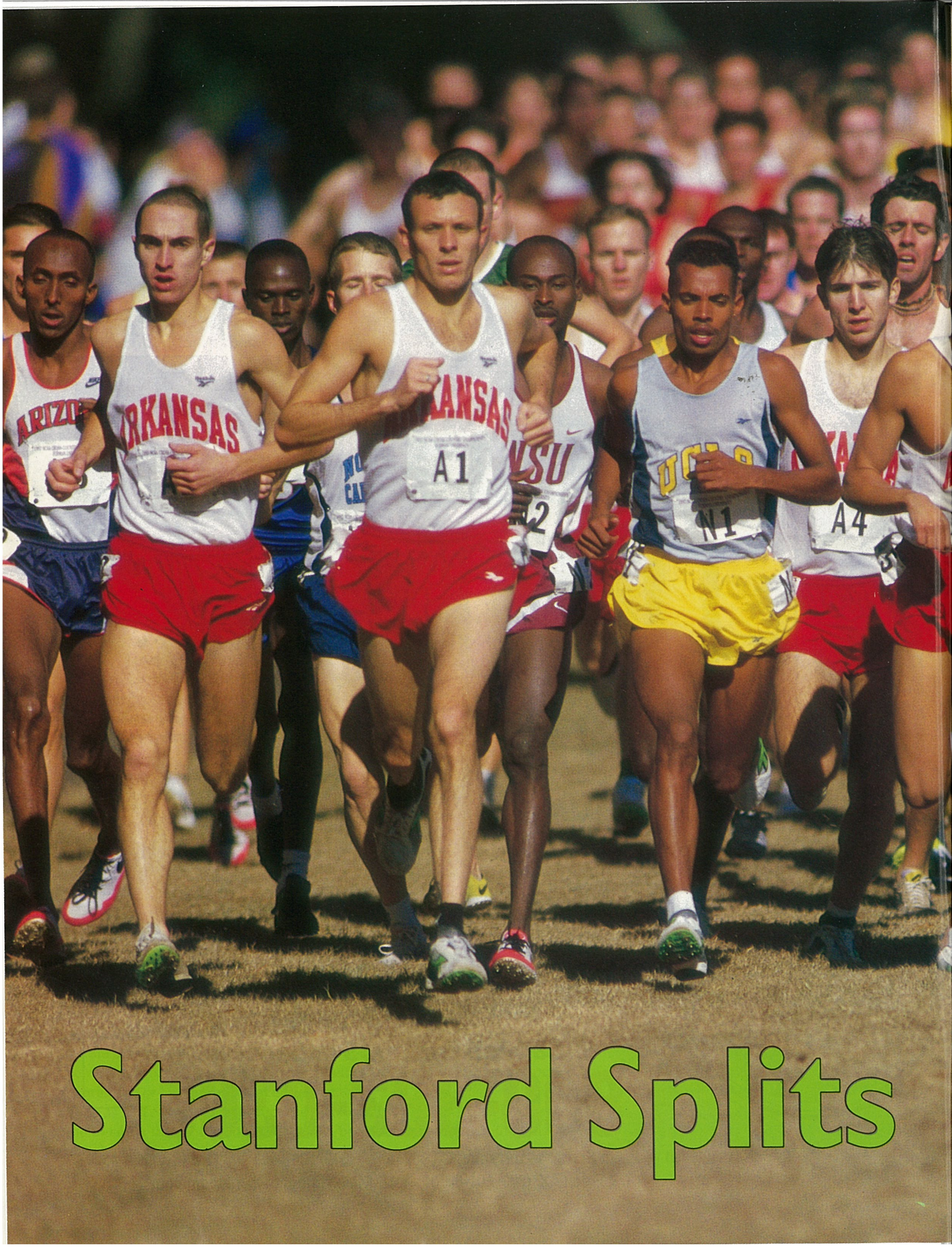
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Stanford Splits



UCLA'S Keflezighi found himself surrounded by Hogs in the early going, but by the time the race was over he was all alone and the Arkansas gang had been pushed back by Stanford in the team race

KEITH McMACKIN

Cardinal harriers defended one NCAA title but lost another

Greenville, South Carolina, November 24—All season, the question was whether Stanford could measure up to the tall order of repeating as men's and women's NCAA Cross Country champions.

When all was said and run and the harriers were in the chute, following tours of host Furman's golf course (a fast, relatively flat route favored on the day with mild weather), one trophy was headed back to California and the other was bound for Utah.

Men: Hogs Held Off

by Don Kopriva

Greenville, South Carolina, November 24—Sweatin' bullets. Stanford's Vin Lananna and Arkansas's John McDonnell were likely doing just that while awaiting the results of what had become an epic clash in the 59th men's NCAA Cross Country Championship.

Ultimately, Lananna could breathe more easily when his team's 3-point victory over Arkansas in defense of its title was official.

"I told the guys I knew it was close, maybe a point or two either way, and I wasn't sure we had won," Lananna said.

It was close, all right, with Stanford's 53–56 win over the Razorbacks the tightest since Villanova edged Oregon 85–86 in the '70 race at Williamsburg, Virginia. The only narrower margin was the 2 points by which Penn State edged Michigan State in '50.

Stanford scored its 53—only 7 more than last year—off a 5-7-10-13-18 adjusted finish, while Arkansas's 56 points came from 3-6-9-11-27 markers.

So, while Stanford won its second successive title, McDonnell's Arkansans were again denied what would have been a record ninth collegiate hill-and-dale crown.

"It was all decided in the last 100y," said McDonnell. "It could have gone either way. They passed our fifth man there at the end."

The individual race was no such nail-biter, as Meb Keflezighi of UCLA, by way of Eritrea, made it five straight non-American winners with a course-record 28:54. Once he broke away from Washington State's Bernard Lagat in the fifth mile, Keflezighi could coast. "I knew I had it won," said the '97 5K/10K track doubler.

Keflezighi finished 100m up on Michigan's Kevin Sullivan (29:01), who parlayed his miler's speed into a closing sprint that garnered him his fourth top 10 finish. Lagat was 3rd in 29:05. Fourth in 29:10 was Keflezighi's old rival, pre-meet favorite Adam Goucher of Colorado.

Keflezighi—who said he had wanted to avenge a loss to Goucher over the same course in October's pre-NCAA meet—knew he had the race won by the fifth mile when the expected late charge by a cold-weakened, slow-

starting Goucher never materialized.

By that time, Keflezighi and Lagat had pulled away from the field—with the fast-pace-dictating Arkansas crew of Ryan Wilson, Sean Kaley and Michael Power dropped by the third mile—and it was a two-man race.

"I just executed what I wanted to do," Keflezighi said. "I came here to put everything on the line and possibly win it and, if not, to finish as high as possible."

Goucher and Sullivan finished fast again, as they had behind '94 winner Martin Keino of Arizona, but it was once more a case of too little, too late. Keflezighi "got away from us too early," Sullivan said. "I kind of wish I had tried to go with him but I was feeling the pace."

That pace was a quick one over the relatively flat, fast route, with mile splits of 4:28 and 9:11 eventually taking their toll on the bulk of the field.

In fact, outside of the expected moves to the fore by Colorado and Stanford, the results board looked much like a snapshot taken at 2km. Eight of the nine up front at that early stage finished among the top 15 at the end.

Lananna, who had fretted beforehand that Arkansas's frontrunning 5 might prove too much for his group, credited everyone for another team victory. But, in his first-ever 10K, frosh Jonathon Riley made the difference. In the last kilometer, Riley passed just enough runners, including Arkansas No. 5 Murray Link, to save Stanford.

By the time the former prep mile star got to 8km, he recalled, "Coach was yelling that I had to pass a lot of people."

Lananna's shouts to the frosh were right on the money, as through the first four scorers Arkansas "won" each man-for-man battle. Wilson took 5th to Nathan Nutter's 8th. Kaley was right on his heels followed closely by Brad Hauser in 10th, for his second top 10 finish. Arkansas's Power was 12th with Stanford's Jason Balkman in 14th. And Arkansas's Phillip Price was 15th, just ahead of Brent Hauser in 17th, leaving Riley to overcome a 29–35 edge on the adjusted scoring chart.

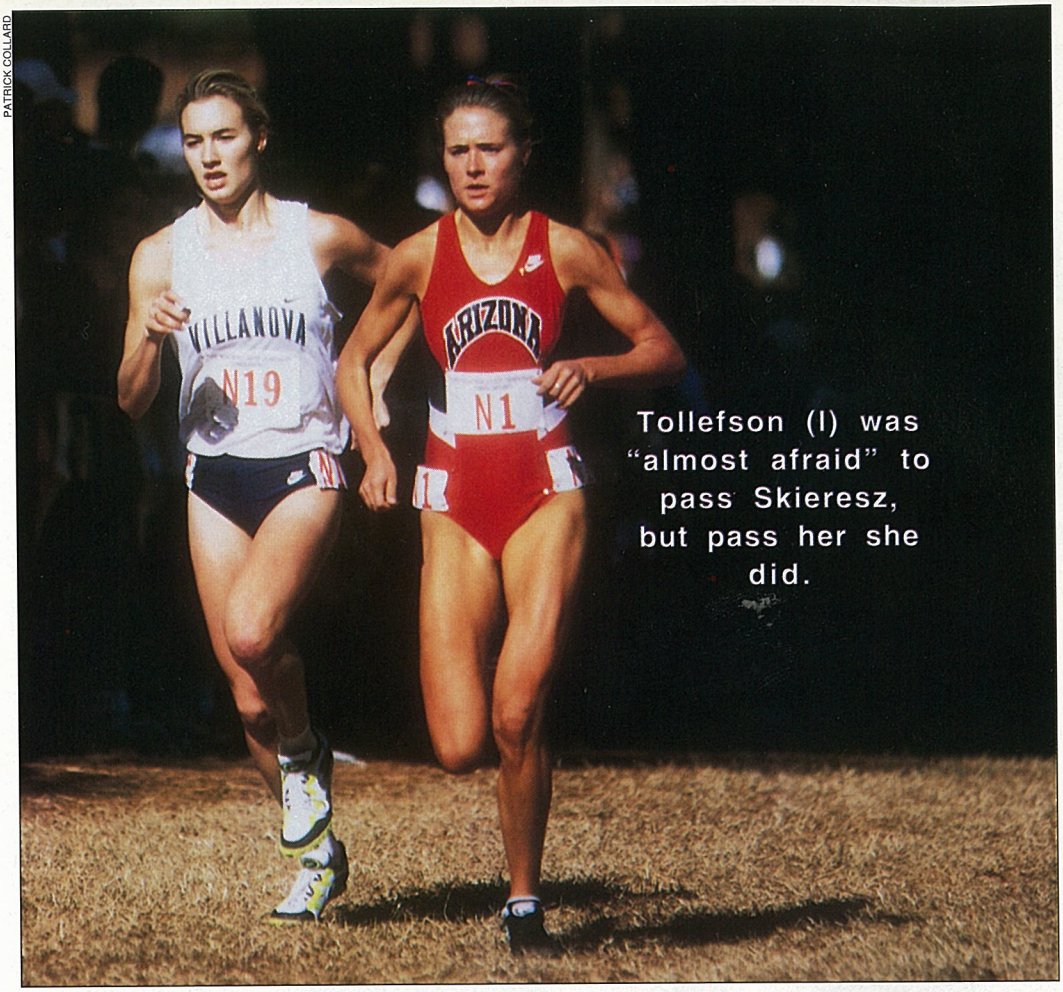
Arkansas had controlled the race from the get-go and unofficial scoring at various early kilo marks had the Hogs with a hefty lead that diminished only slowly. That alone was a change from '96, when Stanford set the tempo.

"I had told them to use their instincts and be tough in the last half of the race and not to be surprised if the Arkansas guys were up early in the race," Lananna said.

Lananna wasn't sure that the Cardinal could repeat. "Last year, we had a tremendous amount of momentum going into the meet," he said. "This year, we started out on a plane and stayed there. So much depended on what other teams did, and momentum seemed to be in Colorado's and Michigan's favor."

Both the Cardinal and the Hogs will be eager to establish momentum going into next year's meet at Lawrence, Kansas. McDonnell would like that now elusive ninth win while Lananna wouldn't mind if Stanford became just the fifth team to win three straight titles. Both should have the horses to make a run at their goals.

PATRICK COLLARD



Tollefson (l) was "almost afraid" to pass Skieresz, but pass her she did.

Individuals (10,000m/6.21M; † = not in team scoring)

1.	†Meb Keflezighi' (UCLA) Sr	28:54
2.	Kevin Sullivan' (Mi) Sr	29:01
3.	†Bernard Lagat' (WaSt) So	29:05
4.	Adam Goucher (Co) Jr	29:10
5.	Ryan Wilson (Ar) Sr	29:13
6.	Cleophas Boor' (Nb) Sr	29:22
7.	†Abdi Abdirahman (Az) Jr	29:26
8.	Nathan Nutter (Stan) Sr	29:34
9.	Sean Kaley' (Ar) Jr	29:39
10.	Brad Hauser (Stan) Jr	29:42
11.	John Mortimer (Mi) Jr	29:44
12.	Michael Power' (Ar) So	29:45
13.	†Daniel Kinyua' (MSM) So	29:52
14.	Jason Balkman (Stan) Jr	29:53
15.	Phillip Price (Ar) Sr	29:57
16.	Matt Lane (WM) So	29:58
17.	Brent Hauser (Stan) Jr	30:01
18.	Ben Noad' (Prov) Jr	30:02
19.	†John Cline (NC) Sr	30:03
20.	Jeroen Broekzitter' (Nb) Fr	30:06
21.	Todd Snyder (Mi) Jr	30:07
22.	Jay Schoenfelder (Wi) So	30:08
23.	Jonathon Riley (Stan) Fr	30:08
24.	Chan Pons (NCSt) Jr	30:09
25.	Saul Lempirikany' (IaSt) Sr	30:12

26. Batliner (Co) 30:13; 27. Das Neves' (Or) 30:16; 28. †Bakken' (In) 30:16; 29. Lunn (Stan) 30:16; 30. Rodgers (NCSt) 30:17; 31. Baker (MiSt) 30:17; 32. †Swanson (WF) 30:17; 33. Reese (Co) 30:18; 34. †Landreth (Ct) 30:18; 35. †Brinker (CMi) 30:18; 36. †Shelly (NnAz) 30:19; 37. Link (Ar) 30:21; 38. †Amezcua' (Ks) 30:22; 39. Napier (Co) 30:23;

40. Broe (Al) 30:23; 41. †Letherby' (GaSt) 30:26; 42. Taylor' (UTSA) 30:27; 43. †Simonich (Ut) 30:30; 44. †Kallabis' (UTEP) 30:30; 45. Roybal (Co) 30:30; 46. Buckley' (Iona) 30:31; 47. Fein (Wi) 30:31; 48. †Rasmussen' (BU) 30:31; 49. Aubrey (Or) 30:34;

50. Dailey (Ar) 30:38;... 78. Lassiter (Ar) 31:06;... 116. Weldon (Stan) 31:37;... dnf—Farrow (IaSt), Hill (Al), Post (Fl). (179 finished)

Teams	Adjusted Places	Score
1. Stanford	5-7-10-13-18 (23-92)	53
2. Arkansas	3-6-9-11-27 (35-61)	56
3. Colorado	2-21-26-28-31 (59-79)	108
4. Michigan	1-8-16-37-54 (101-132)	116
5. Wisconsin	17-33-39-55-57 (95-102)	201

6. NC State 214; 7. Michigan State 257; 8. Oregon 266; 9. William & Mary 274; 10. Weber State 278; 11. Nebraska 294; 12. Notre Dame 309; 13. Iona 340; 14. Oklahoma State 346; 15. Iowa State 357; 16. Providence 375; 17. Princeton 379; 18. Minnesota 424; 19. Alabama 433; 20. UTSA 540; 21. Navy 584; 22. Florida 600.

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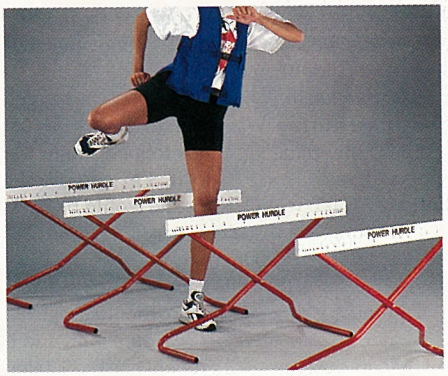
by Mike Byrnes

In one of the closest finishes in nationals history, BYU broke the heart of defending champion—and overwhelming prerace favorite—Stanford, to take the 17th NCAA women's title. It was the first title for Patrick Shane's Cougar team, which had a previous high finish of 3rd behind Stanford and Villanova last year.

Erstwhile dynasty Villanova, beset by

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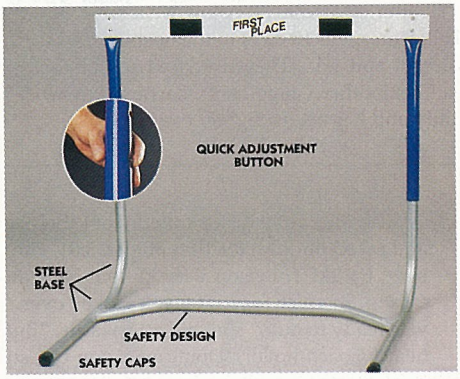
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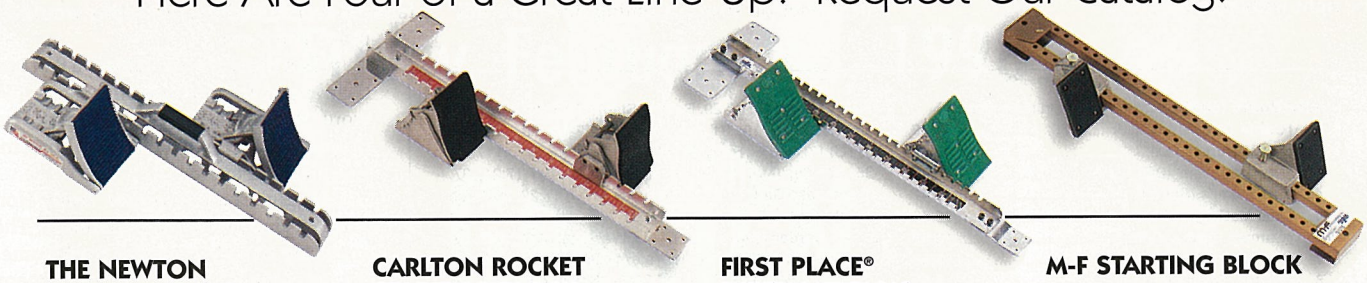
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health and eligibility problems, gained a measure of glory by providing the individual winner, Carrie Tollefson (see box).

Going into the race, there were two "sure things": a team win by Stanford, ranked No. 1 in the polls throughout the season, and a repeat victory by Arizona's Amy Skieresz. Neither transpired.

In defense of the pollees, Stanford's pre-nationals domination of the '97 season had been total. Undefeated, they had romped over BYU at the Stanford Invitational in September, crushed the opposition at the Pre-NCAA and toyed with the Pac-10 field before almost sweeping the West Regional.

Stanford women's assistant Beth Alford-Sullivan's charges were led by frosh Julia Stamps, backed by a solid cast of big-name returnees from the victorious '96 squad.

But Shane was unperturbed. "We can beat anybody on any given day, and we tend to run better at the end of the year," he had said. Shane may have said "anybody," but virtually nobody was picking BYU.

Skieresz had been as dominant as Stanford. The ponytailed runner had a cross country winning streak of 13 going, her last loss coming at the '95 NCAA. No one had finished closer than 14 seconds and coach Dave Murray agreed, "I don't think there's anyone who says she isn't going to win."

Enter 'Nova junior Tollefson. "If I'm with her with 800m to go, I'll beat her," she confided the day before the race. "I'm going to hang on to her as long as I can. Wherever she goes, I'll be right with her."

The duo quickly separated from the pack and raced through the first mile in 5:01. However, by 2M Tollefson was 30–40m back and fading. So much for strategy. It looked over. "I was ready to quit," she said afterwards. "But I heard Coach holler, 'Don't quit, you can still catch her,' so I hung in there."

In fact, the defending champ was in trouble. Before the race she had said, "I'm always scared. I never feel any race will be an easy one." She proved more psychic than the network.

Skieresz's lead began to evaporate. "I saw her coming back and that helped a lot," Tollefson said. Perhaps affected by boyfriend Ryan Wilson's hurtful loss just minutes before, Skieresz was tight: "I can usually relax but today I never felt loose."

On the course's lone hill, a short, not-very-steep rise about halfway through the third mile, Tollefson struck. Coming down the hill she surged and the 15m gap was gone in almost the blink of an eye. Tollefson burst past the favorite so powerfully that Skieresz never recovered.

Meanwhile, in the team battle, the tide of competition ebbed and flowed. No one could possibly predict a winner. Stamps was running superbly, as was most of her team.

But over the final 600m several individual races decided the team championship. Glynn, Cobb, Renfro and Ramsey for Stanford; Pugmire, Chan, Jackson, Monahan and Haynes for the Cougars. BYU won most of theirs, Stanford did not.

The most significant were Courtney Pugmire's breaking the beam in front of a pack of 9 women in a space of 3 seconds and BYU's Maggie Chan outleaning Stanford's Sally Glynn for 19th, both finishing in 17:04. Had Pugmire faltered ever so slightly, the trophy would still be on The Farm.

When the score was tallied, a BYU partisan raced to announce the news: "We won! We won! We won!" (only Pheidippides did it better) The team burst into laughter and tears.

Maggie Chan, a junior from Hong Kong, crying profusely, exclaimed, "They knew my name! I'm so far from home. I felt so alone. But every stride someone called out my name. It was so wonderful."

Shortly after the team celebration started, Shane stopped the proceedings and led the team in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Both Skieresz and Alford-Sullivan were gracious in defeat. "It was a great competition," Alford-Sullivan admitted. "We just came up a tiny bit short. I was proud of the way we competed."

Skieresz stated firmly, "In a way it's a relief. I haven't had anyone run that close to me in quite a while. The crowd let me know Carrie was there and I just could never relax.

"I don't think I did too badly; 2nd at the NCAAs isn't bad."

Tollefson Very Tough

Newly crowned NCAA champion Carrie Tollefson is one of the toughest athletes you'll ever meet. She's also one of the most honest.

Was she surprised she won? "Oh gosh, yes," says the Villanova junior. "I mean, after all, that was Amy Skieresz out there. I remember last year asking [coach John Marshall] what did I have to do to get to her level."

But Tollefson, a native of tiny Dawson, Minnesota, may be too self-effacing. Born with an aneurysm in a lung, she was nearly cheated of her chance at life when the wheels of the plane rushing her to a hospital froze to the ground and the craft's batteries died in 30-below weather.

Tollefson spent 10 days in the hospital and it was touch and go. "They prepared us for the worst," her mother, Ginger, says. Carrie struggled mightily and has been a fighter ever since.

In '94 at the World Cross Country Trials in Memphis, Tollefson's warrior spirit reared its head when she arrived with what she called "a slight ankle sprain." The day of the race, when she removed her shoe and sock for taping, onlookers gasped. Her ankle was about the size, shape and color of an eggplant.

Tears welled in Tollefson's eyes as she begged to be allowed to run. When she tried to sprint 50m as a test, she made 10, then stooped, hung her head and said, "I can't do it, I'm sorry." She didn't run but it was obvious she would be back.

Tollefson, who won 5 Minnesota harrier titles and 7 at 1600 and 3200m (playing basketball on top of that), says that this coming track season, "I'm going to concentrate on the 1500m," in which her PR is 4:17.53 last season. "John and I feel that my best race will probably be the 5000m but to be any good, I'll need sub-4:10 speed. So that's my goal for this year." */Mike Byrnes/*

Individuals (5000m/6.11M; † = not in team scoring)

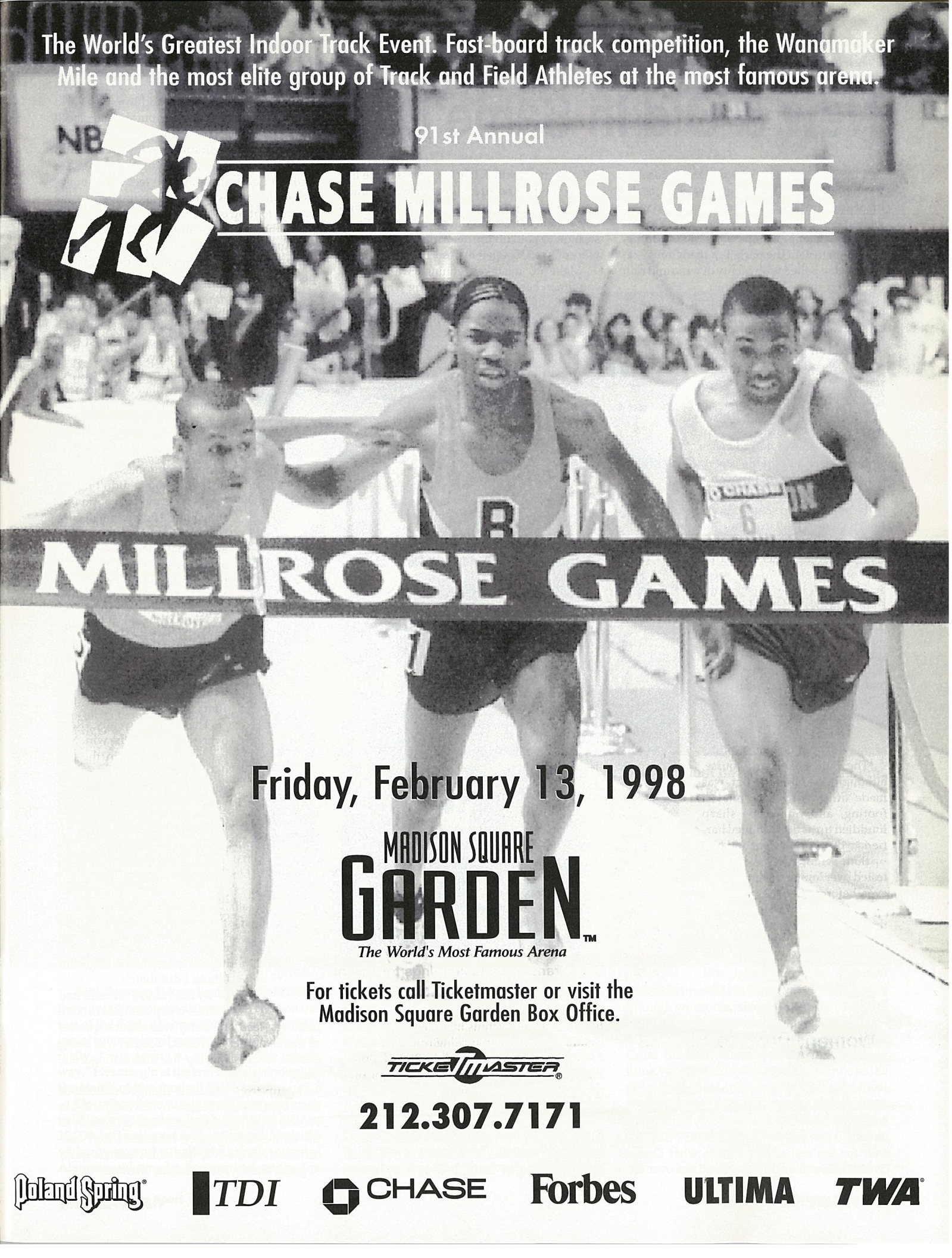
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4.	Julia Stamps (Stan) Fr	16:47
5.	Katie McGregor (Mi) Jr	16:48
6.	†Carmen Douma' (Vill) So	16:50
7.	Amy Yoder (Ar) So	16:56
8.	Courtney Pugmire (BYU) Jr	16:58
9.	Marie Davis (Or) Jr	16:59
10.	†Amy Swier (NnAz) Fr	16:59
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16.	Laura Rhoads (NCSt) Sr	17:01
17.	Shannon Smith (BC) So	17:03
18.	Kelly Smith (Co) Sr	17:03
19.	Maggie Chan' (BYU) Jr	17:04
20.	Sally Glynn (Stan) So	17:04
21.	†Sarah Salmon' (McN) Fr	17:08
22.	Mary Cobb (Stan) Jr	17:09
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24.	†Sharlyn Maughan (Web) Fr	17:15
25.	Marne Findlay (CoSt) Sr	17:16

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40. Gordon (Gtn) 17:26; 41. Ja. Westphal (Wi) 17:27; 42. Fogg (Gtn) 17:29; 43. †Kelly (Yale) 17:30; 44. Hixson (Prov) 17:30; 45. †Williams (CCar) 17:30; 46. Nay (BYU) 17:31; 47. Ernstrom' (Bay) 17:31; 48. Jones (Ga) 17:32; 49. Monahan (BYU) 17:33; 50. †Germano (Cor) 17:33;... 68. Wells (Fl) 17:41; 69. Ramsey (Stan) 17:41;... 89. Moore (Stan) 17:52;... 105. Dunscombe (Stan) 18:02;... 162. Clark (Fl) 19:01;... dnf—Slata (Mi), Quaid (Ar), Pollock (WF), Pryor (Ga). (180 finished)

Teams	Adjusted Places	Score
1. BYU	5-13-22-27-33 (36-69)	100
2. Stanford	2-14-15-20-51 (67-81)	102
3. Colorado	12-37-40-41-48 (57-60)	178
4. Dartmouth	19-21-26-53-86 (120-134)	205
5. Wisconsin	30-43-45-54-55 (80-95)	227

6. Providence 230; 7. Michigan 232; 8. Oregon 234; 9. Boston College 240; 10. Georgetown 256; 11. NC State 262; 12. Colorado State 279; 13. Arkansas 311; 14. Washington 341; 15. Missouri 382; 16. Florida 386; 17. Wake Forest 393; 18. Baylor 411; 19. Nebraska 457; 20. West Virginia 485; 21. Minnesota 493; 22. Georgia 518.


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USATF CROSS COUNTRY

New & Old In Same Day

PORTLAND, OREGON, December 7—"Something old, something new." So goes the bit of doggerel about what a bride should wear on her wedding day. The 100th USATF Cross Country Championships were no wedding, picnic or stroll in the park. But the winners on a chilly day pelted with plenty of wind and rain did reflect the old-new theme.

Thirty-four-year-old Tim Hacker, a USATF bridesmaid when he finished 2nd to Pat Porter back in '89, moved up to the top spot, fulfilling the elder's role, while Deena Drossin, 24, represented the new in an upset of 9-time champion Lynn Jennings.

Hacker, winner of the '85 NCAA title, became the 9th man to win the collegiate crown as well as a U.S. title in his career. His 12 years of separation between the two victories is equal to the unsurpassed span between Fred Wilt's '41 NCAA and '53 U.S. wins.

Drossin and Hacker and all who trailed them in the races around Blue Lake Park on the Columbia River's south bank had to endure foul conditions. Thirty-nine-degree weather with pelting rain driven by 20–35mph winds blowing out of the Columbia Gorge moved one noted coach with years of experience in New England to declare, "That's the coldest I've ever been." No one argued forcefully against him.

The Blue Lake Park course, although exceptionally flat, was made difficult by soft, uneven footing, and numerous sharp muddied turns that tumbled harriers to the ground right and left.

Both senior races were contested over longer distances than ever before: 12K (12,165m) for men and 8K (7945m) for women, the World Cross Country long-course lengths.

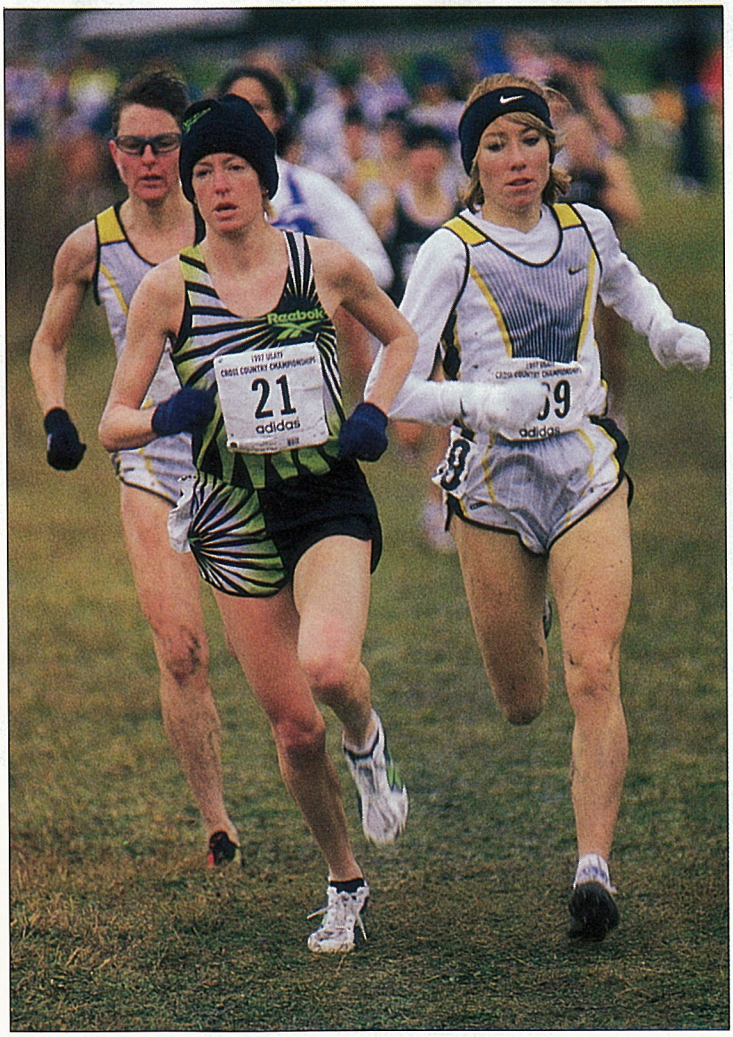
Both short-course races, and women's long-course trial, will take place January 30–31 at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

4.93M of mushy turf. Jennings crossed the line 35 seconds behind after falling early in the race.

Another 12 seconds back (27:22), Kathy Franey fought hard into the wind in the finish straight to hold off the determined kick of 4th-placer Gwyn Coogan by a second.

Make no mistake: Jennings was favored coming in based on a dominating win by 1:10 in snow-covered Franklin Park at the New England Championships three weeks before.

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Drossin (c) had Franey (r) and Jennings for company early, but even then bore the leader's hallmark: no mud spatters.

who later finished 7th at the NCAA.

Sure, Drossin had placed 3rd in the USATF track 10K last summer and had won the World University Games 25-lapper, but she had placed only 20th at the cross country nationals in '96.

The nasty conditions seemingly catered to Jennings' taste for mud-and-guts racing. Yet Drossin had trained at 7500 feet in Alamosa, Colorado, and was herself acclimated to the unsure footing of late fall snow and ice.

At the start, Drossin moved quickly to the fore, into the teeth of a raindrop-carrying headwind. Franey and Jennings (with tinted glasses perched up on her forehead) established position close behind.

As they rounded the sharpest turn on the two-loop course just before the mile mark, Jennings lost traction on the wet, uneven grass and fell. Up she popped almost immediately to rejoin the group as they passed the mile in 5:22. The fall wasn't devastating, but in an endeavor where finding a rhythm can be as decisive as one's general fitness, the tumble didn't help.

As the runners wound into the course's downwind leg for the first time at about a mile and a half, Drossin pushed ahead. A sizeable gap back to the chasing group of Coogan, Melody Fairchild and Nnenna Lynch had already opened since the mile mark. Now Jennings and Franey were falling behind as Drossin passed 2M in 10:18 with a 15m lead on Jennings, who led Franey by 10m.

That was it, really. Race over—at least for the win. Not yet halfway through the 8K, the 5-4 Drossin had wrested control for good.

"My strategy," she said afterwards, "was to give it my toughest effort. I've been running in some races where I think certain points along the course I could have pushed it a little harder. I didn't want to come out of this race thinking of that. My main objective out there today was just to be pushing every step of the way, and I think I did that."

By 3M (16:09), Drossin had opened a gap of almost 100m. Jennings' lead on Franey was about a quarter of that. Another 20m back, Coogan was being chased, to no avail, by the unrelenting Fairchild.

No up-front positions changed the rest of the way, although behind Lynch (6th) and Liz Wilson (7th), Trina Painter held off Nesbit in the battle of pregnancy returnees. That outcome moved the ever-quotable Nesbit to quip, "I guess she's a better mother than me."

Women: Drossin Shocks

by Sieg Lindstrom

Lynn Jennings' bid to become the first cross country runner to win 10 U.S. titles will have to wait. No one would count the 37-year-old Jennings out just yet, but wait she must. Because wait for the rest of the field is what Deena Drossin did at the end of her 26:35 run over the

In that race, her victims included '95 national champ Joan Nesbit, returning from maternity.

With the disappearance of the Reebok Grand Prix circuit that had provided a focus for pre-nationals open competition the past four autumns, potential challengers to Jennings were not easy to spot. Little was made of the fact that Arkansas alum Drossin had won her alma mater's mid-October Chile Pepper Invitational by a whopping 37 seconds over Amy Yoder,

Hacker Still At It

by Sean Hartnett

It seems a bit ironic that Tim Hacker, best known as a miler, won the longest U.S. cross country race ever contested, as this year's event moved up to the international 12K distance. Yet Hacker's short, efficient stride, an anomaly among milers, has long been suited to harrier racing.

Hacker first burst onto the national cross country scene at the '82 NCAA when his 4th-place finish led Wisconsin to a shocking upset of UTEP. Three years later, he led the Badgers to another title, that time bolting away from Yobes Ondieki in the last mile to win the individual race.

In '89, he came as close as anyone in that era to ending Pat Porter's 9-year U.S. nationals title run with a strong 2nd-place showing in San Francisco.

On the track, Hacker's long curly locks were a fixture in the 1500 throughout the '80s, and his 3:34.66 PR still stands 10th on the U.S. all-time list.

While all but a few of his cohorts have long since retired, Hacker has kept at it. He has continued to compete through a series of near misses in Olympic and WC trials, a litany of injuries, and five years spent earning a Ph.D. in cardiovascular physiology—all the while, managing a two-career family with his wife Carol and three sons.

Now a professor at Concordia College in Milwaukee, Hacker no longer sports the curly locks, but his piston-like stride remains, as does a kick rivaled by few Americans.

"I've been waiting for this a long time," Hacker understates. "I was befuddled by Porter's prowess all those years, and then the kids came along and started beating the old guys and I thought I was done for."

The past few years have challenged the 34-year-old veteran, as when plantar fasciitis ended his '96 Olympic hopes. But the autumn after Atlanta, after just 8 weeks of training, he finished 9th to make his first World Cross team.

"I really enjoyed the whole World Cross Country experience [he placed 108th], and I wanted to make the team once more before I retired," Hacker says.

To develop the requisite intensity in training, he realized that "the only thing that was going to get me excited was to try to win this thing. I've been around too long to be satisfied with 5th. My impending retirement also kept me focused. I've become quite good at maximizing my efforts with a minimal amount of time, but it's no longer fair to my family."

A professor teaching exercise physiology, Hacker is his own coach and has found a way to keep healthy. "With my schedule, I was only able to train once a day," he says. "It was 75–85M a week, but every week. I had planned to add some morning runs over the last six weeks, but I just couldn't fit it in. So I added a few more intervals to my workouts to build strength."

Residing in Madison but teaching two days a week in Milwaukee made training an adventure. Quick 10M tempo runs weekly with Jerry Husz, the friend at whose house Hacker stays when in Milwaukee, helped prepare for the 7.5M distance.

"The thing I've appreciated the most is the guys who have been in the trenches with me all the years," he says. "My friends from way back, my family, they have provided constant support. It's the outsiders that wonder why I'm even still around."

Asked the significance of his win, the vet broke into the same smile he wore at the finish line and admitted, "I guess I might not retire."

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Eventual winner Hacker (10) covered a surge by Gary (441) just before 6M and went on to outkick Kennedy (27) and Julian (obscured, backwards baseball cap) for the title.

Said Drossin, "I kept hearing people along the way telling me the distance that I had on the rest of the field. At some points it was increasing, at some points it was staying the same. But, really, I was trying to open it up the whole way." Her margin at the end measured roughly the length of two football fields.

Drossin, whose standout achievement prior to '97 was a 4th-place finish in the '94 NCAA 10,000, had prepared for her first national title with a year and a half of altitude training. Alamosa, where she has worked under Joe Vigil—the coach of 9-time USATF harrier champ Pat Porter—sits in a high alpine valley. Oxygen is scarce and the terrain is flat, but tough hill training lies a short drive away.

"The important thing," Vigil said, "is she's been up at altitude. I don't care what they say, that's a must."

Drossin is the only woman in Vigil's training group, which includes Phil Castillo, Peter DeLa Cerda, Marco Ochoa and Monty Still. "I think it's an advantage," Drossin says, "because the guys are tremendously helpful to me. Phil took time off his own training to pace me through workouts, always staying a couple of inches ahead to pull me through."

Adds Drossin, whose goal is a top 5 World Cross finish in Marrakech, "A lot of people think you can't do speedwork at altitude so it's not a good place to be, but really it's the most perfect place to do it. Because the air is thinner, you can cut through it faster. You just need a longer rest period in between."

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USATF MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Hacker Outlasts 'Em

by Sean Hartnett

Portland, Oregon, December 7—"Fifteenth time is the charm," quipped Tim Hacker in summation of his USATF Cross Country triumph. That says it all, as Hacker's long-awaited title probably had more to do with the decade and a half he waited than the 37:31 it took to negotiate the muddied 12,195m (7.57M) course.

Typical of Hacker's career, the victory combined patient pacing and a sizzling kick as he dashed past Bob Kennedy and Pete Julian to claim the title.

A lifelong resident of cold, snowy Wisconsin, Hacker seemed well acclimated to the brutal Blue Lake weather.

Jerry Lawson recovered well from his AR in the Chicago Marathon and he led a large pack through a 4:42 opening mile into the teeth of the wind and rain. Just when it seemed that the conditions would dictate a more timid pace, steepler Rob Cook bolted to a 20m lead by 2M.

In the meantime, Hacker followed his race plan, working up through the pack. "Someone fell in front of me at the start and I didn't get out very well," he said. "But with a 12K race, it was going to be a battle of attrition. I could be patient and manage my energy. I wanted to stay close and get up to the lead group midway through the race, and hopefully cover any move. I thought that if I was there at 7M, nobody could outkick me in the wind, mud and grass."

Cook's lead grew to more than 40m at 3M, but Rob Gary worked to keep the chase pack within range. By 5M (24:42) Gary's efforts paid off as they reeled in Cook, who reset his cruise at the back of an accomplished eight-man pack, including Kennedy, Hacker, and the Boulder contingent of Julian, Mark Coogan, Alan Culpepper and collegian Adam Goucher.

Gary upped the ante again with 3km to go, dropping Culpepper. Coogan was the next to fall off the pace—literally, as he went sprawling to the muddy turf at 6M.

Hacker tucked in behind Gary and looked primed for the stretch run, noting, "I felt great. I went with Gary and I thought we had dropped Kennedy and Julian. Then we turned back into the wind and my legs went flat and I saw that Kennedy and Julian were still right there."

Local favorite Julian made the first serious effort to seize the day. "With 2K to go I knew it was time to start sucking air," offered the spirited Portland grad. "I didn't stand a chance in a sprint, but I was going to make them hurt, so I put my head down and sprinted as hard as I could go." This acceleration kicked Gary, Cook and Goucher out the back door and temporarily knocked Kennedy and Hacker to the ropes.

""I thought there goes this race," Hacker recalled. "Pete's made a great move and I'm not covering it. I struggled for a bit, but was able to regroup and stay within 10m of Kennedy who was 20m behind Julian.

Both Hacker and Kennedy closed in on the leader again at 7M before the trio turned back into the wind toward the finish.

After a grim assessment of his situation, Julian was the first to move, with 400 to go. "I looked to the right and saw Kennedy, the American 5K recordholder, and I looked to the left and saw Hacker, the fastest 1500 man in the field," he said. "I realized, This is not a good place for a 10K guy like me to be."

Kennedy responded to the challenge but admitted, "Even when I was 20m behind Pete, I was more concerned about Tim."

Hacker waited with his own plan: "I had picked a spot where we crossed a road about 200m out, and that is where I went." His miler's gears have deteriorated little over the years, and he gained an instant separation over Kennedy and Julian and was able to guard his 15m lead over the last 100m. "I had a another gear if needed," he said.

Kennedy claimed 2nd, 3 ticks back at 37:34. "I only began training in October," he said. "I'm very aerobically fit, just not sharp."

Julian held on for 3rd just ahead of the hard-charging Gary. Cook managed to hold up well over the last 2M to match last year's 5th-place finish. Goucher nailed the last WC spot in 6th, saying, "This is a little redemption after the NCAA race.

— WOMEN'S RESULTS —

Individuals (7945m/4.93M)

1. Deena Drossin (unat) 26:35
2. Lynn Jennings (Nik) 27:10
3. Kathy Franey (Nik) 27:22
4. Gwyn Coogan (NBal) 27:23
5. Melody Fairchild (Nik) 27:28
6. Nnenna Lynch (Fila) 27:47
7. Liz Wilson (NBal) 27:49
8. Trina Painter (NBal) 27:50
9. Joan Nesbit (NBal) 27:55
10. Rachel Sauder (Nik) 28:00
11. Natalie Nalepa (NBal) 28:01
12. Donna Garcia (unat) 28:02
13. Clare Taylor (née Eichner) (Asics) 28:05
14. Kate Fonshell (Asics) 28:08
15. Elva Dryer (Nik) 28:12
16. Michele Chalmers (MW) 28:13
17. Carmen Troncoso (Nik) 28:14
18. Molly Watcke (NBal) 28:15
19. Cathy Vasto (Asics) 28:20
20. Inge Schuurmans (unat) 28:21
21. Becky Spies (NBal) 28:24
22. Shelley Smathers (unat) 28:29
23. Laura Cattivera (ReebV) 28:33
24. Carole Zajac (Nik) 28:34
25. Cori Knoller (adi) 28:34

26. Walmsley (BRC) 28:35; 27. Phillips (NBal) 28:36; 28. Plumer St. Geme (Asics) 28:42; 29. Nagiel (adi) 28:43; 30. Ihle (Nik) 28:44; 31. Culpepper (née Wille) (adi) 28:45; 32. Beaney (Asics) 28:47; 33. Bates (ReebE) 28:48; 34. Padilla (ReebV) 28:50; 35. Lopez (adi) 28:51; 36. Price (adi) 28:55; 37. Perry (EdinTC) 29:08; 38. Beck (MC) 29:09; 39. Von Teuber (ReebV) 29:11; 40. Cordell (Eton) 29:13;

41. Jefferson (unat) 29:13; 42. Fitzsimmons (unat) 29:18; 43. O'Neil (Nik) 29:22; 44. Schwartz (Asics) 29:24; 45. Borgert (Asics) 29:26; 46. Andersen (CNW) 29:27; 47. Brennan (AsicsE) 29:27; 48. Snider (unat) 29:30; 49. Jorgensen (Asics) 29:32; 50. Shue (ReebE) 29:40;... 66. LaMena-Coll (MC) 30:00. (154 finished)

Teams: 1. Nike International 27; 2. New Balance 30; 3. Asics 84; 4. adidas 124; 5. Reebok VO2 182.

Junior Women (5980m/3.71M)

Individuals: 1. Schindler (ARC) 23:52; 2. McGranahan (Fl) 23:57; 3. Shuler (UCD) 24:35; 4. Wiseman (Nb) 24:42; 5. Moody (unat) 25:03; 6. Nigh (Pur) 25:10; 7. Petsche (Edin) 25:11; 8. Klein (WAE) 25:11; 9. Smith (Pilot) 25:14; 10. Graylock (Buck) 25:17.

Teams: 1. Pilot TC 36; 2. Bucknell 45; 3. Wings of America Eagles 55; 4. Wisconsin 87; 5. Wings of America Hawks 153.

— MEN'S RESULTS —

Individuals (12,165m/7.55M)

1. Tim Hacker (Nik) 37:31
2. Bob Kennedy (Nik) 37:34
3. Peter Julian (adi) 37:36
4. Robert Gary (Nik) 37:38
5. Rob Cook (NBal I) 37:47
6. Adam Goucher (Co) 37:48
7. Alan Culpepper (adi) 37:51
8. Mark Coogan (NBal I) 37:58
9. Michael Donnelly (NBalC) 38:00
10. Jerry Lawson (Nik) 38:00
11. Gary Stolz (FT) 38:06
12. Dan Browne (Nik) 38:08
13. Mark Croghan (adi) 38:10
14. Nathan Nutter (CardH) 38:12
15. Peter Gilmore (Cal) 38:13
16. Mike Mykytok (Eto) 38:14
17. Eric Mack (Nik) 38:14
18. Rod DeHaven (NBal II) 38:16
19. Scott Larson (NBal I) 38:18
20. Bob Henes (adi) 38:23
21. Casey O'Shea (adiRR) 38:24
22. Ryan Wilson (Air) 38:24
23. Ed Eyestone (Reeb) 38:25
24. Kelly Lambert (Miz) 38:25
25. Brian Clas (unat) 38:26

26. Graff (unat) 38:29; 27. Rogers (unat) 38:30; 28. Mahon (ReebE) 38:33; 29. Clemens (ReebE) 38:36; 30. Bra. Hauser (CardH) 38:38; 31. Polonski (NBal I) 38:39; 32. Hyde (NBal I) 38:40; 33. M. Smith (ReebE) 38:40; 34. D. Nelson (NBal II) 38:41; 35. Strand (NBal I) 38:41; 36. Tansley (BOA) 38:46; 37. M. Davis (Nik) 38:50; 38. Wilbur (NBal II) 38:54; 39. Baker (NBall) 38:55; 40. Paradelo (Reeb) 38:56;

41. Schoenfelder (Wi) 38:56; 42. Escarcega (WiRT) 38:57; 43. FitzPatrick (adi) 38:58; 44. Bre. Hauser (CardH) 39:00; 45. Cullum (FT) 39:00; 46. Schille (ReebA) 39:01; 47. Boulet (NBal I) 39:01; 48. Menon (Asics) 39:01; 49. Mitchell (NBal II) 39:04; 50. Cosey (unat) 39:05;... 56. J. Harris (ReebA) 39:11;... 62. Plaatjes (Miz) 39:25;... 72. Vandegrift (adi) 39:36;... 74. Dowling (adi) 39:42;... 89. Paranya (Asics) 39:51; Giusto (Reeb) 40:00;... 142. LeMay (adi) 40:51;... 193. Sorensen (ReebA) 42:02. (316 finished)

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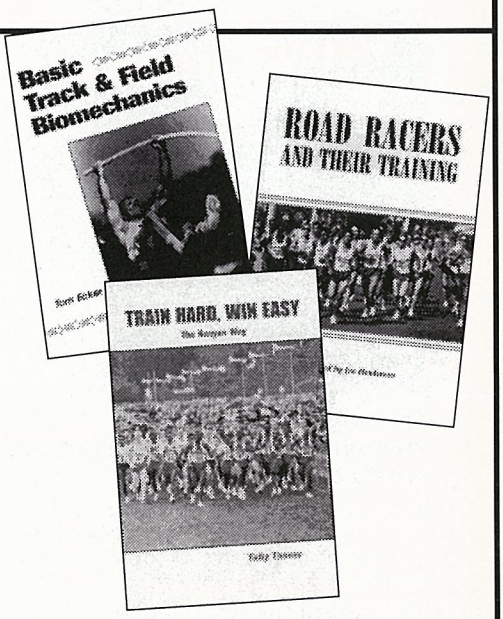
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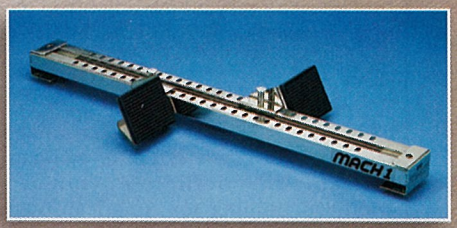
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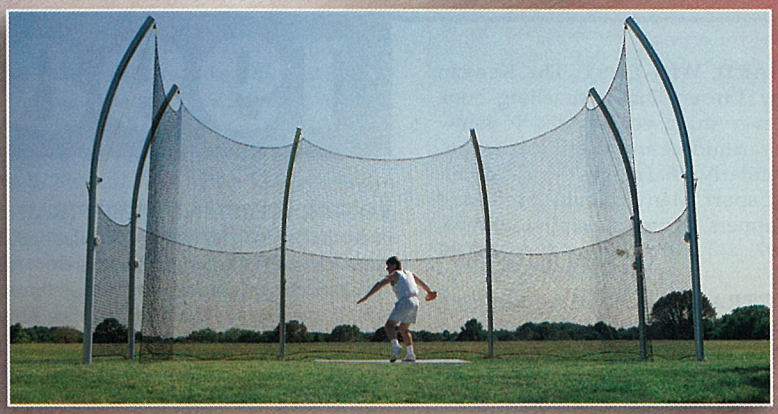
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Mud Is Their Muse

The chill wind howled, the rain clouds opened, the teeth of the U.S. harrier set gave up a mighty collective chatter... and the Internet's track aficionados logged on to write it up.

The e-mail revolution has initialized the phenomenon of e-babble about track, and the xc nationals inspired some of the best scribage yet. Holding his own in the brave new cyberwhorl is our own web-site cross country correspondent, Ryan Grote (read his ravings at www.trackandfieldnews.com). A portion of Grote's Blue Lake musings and "awards" follow. We've also excerpted the mucked up prose of a couple other track netizens.

New Jersey native Grote himself competed at the '96 NCAA, placing 46th for 10th-place Portland.

Wind-Blown Rose City

by Ryan Grote

For those of you who missed the events that unfolded at Blue Lake, you are warmer and pneumonia-free because of it. Never have I spent so much time in conditions that are so objectionable. It was almost difficult to enjoy the racing in such miserable surroundings. I found that moving around was better than standing around and also that if I shouted out an f-bomb at the top of my lungs at least once every 10 seconds, it did my soul well.

It was hard to judge some of the results, as the adverse conditions definitely put a cramp in some very fit people's style. If someone wanted to make a montage of the day to best capture what the runners felt, pictures could include most prominently mud and sideways rain, but also singlets being blown off of shoulders and numbed faces covered in saliva and blood. It was ugly. However, it was still a nationals and there were some great performances.

The Grote Awards cover a variety of categories, some traditional and some a little less so. They are completely subjective and biased. Some are skewed by either grudge or fancy. Prizes vary:

Outstanding Performance: Deena Drossin in a blowout. She beat Jennings, who fell, by 35 seconds, but not everybody in the loaded field went down. Drossin ran a very impressive 26:35 on a course that was far from fast.

On my only trek over the Blue Lake course at the '94 preview meet, I had perhaps the most unpleasant race of my life. If memory serves (it may not since I'm trying to block it out) I ran 26:26. My point is that with a sex change I could win a national title. No wait, my point is that Drossin had the best showing of the day.

The Crow Award (For Vengeance): Peter Gilmore, the Golden Bear who missed the NCAA as the at-large bids went elsewhere. Here he proved his worth, placing 15th.

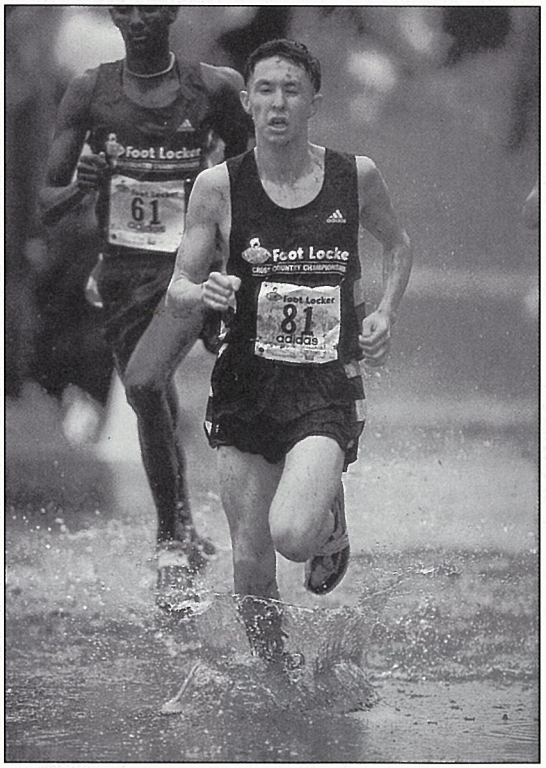
The Scott Nicholas Award (for looking to have been mauled by a bobcat, resulting in a bloody mess): Ed Eyestone. Last year Nicholas was trampled and spiked, receiving a DNF, stitches and a manly scar. This time, Eyestone fell on a pole and his face was bloodied. He looked tough.

Best Duds: Rob Cook. At the post-race adidas function, he had all the luminaries sign his shirt. It must be priceless.

Most Thrilling Discovery: That the orange tickets found at the adidas function worked just as well as the three blue beverage tickets handed to one upon entering the party.

Most Disappointing Discovery: That the found orange tickets were soon differentiated from the blue tickets, rendering orange tickets good only for unfriendly words and glares from the sharp-eyed powers that be.

KEITH McMAKIN



Junior Jorge Torres (81) weathered cold rain in Portland and then hard rain at Foot Locker.

Recently Postulated Theory: The "problem" with American distance runners is not altitude, lack of drugs or other factors. The "problem" is that too many of them are cool.

How Bad Was Blue Lake?

Miler Buck Jones wrote:

From the perspective of this virus-riddled miler, it sucked (or blew, I can't decide). The wind was entering my nostrils and eyeballs carrying a full load of liquid sunshine, then exiting my ears after icing down the portion of my brain that had not been hawked out and spat onto the ground to join the muck spattering up from my slithering spikes to paint the few poor souls (very few) struggling along behind me...

All in all, it was one of the most viciously enjoyable experiences of my life.

Quoth Dave Frank, a former 8:38 steepler:

A rose by any other name... would still have been *very* cold. I will give you the highlights, from A to Z. [we're giving you excerpts]

M: Major League Butt Kicking. That's what Deena Drossin did to the women's field. And then when the band appeared to be done at the adidas party, she was the one that went on stage and led the crowd in a rousing chorus of, "Encore, encore!..."

N: New King. As in Masback, Craig. The King of USATF stopped in (OK, he might have been dragged in) to this year's Bathtub-Full-o-Beer party and proceeded to give those in attendance an impromptu state of the union address. I didn't hear it because I was in the hallway with Gordon Thomson listening to Rod DeHaven's discussion on the number of "tighters" the Packers have won: "Oh yeah, we won a bunch a tighters in the '60s, and, well, then we won the tighter again last year."

S: Sporting. That's what most of the elite athletes were at the awards ceremony. I saw numerous big names posing with high schoolers and signing autographs. I even saw Robert Gary sign an autograph in the name of Ray Appenheimer.

T: Todd Williams. Although he didn't run, he was there. Some people think it might have been his evil twin. But he was showing off pictures of his lovely child. When someone mentioned to him at the race that it was cold, he replied, "Especially with no underwear."

U: Underwear. See "T."

W: WOW! I have been to the nationals a number of times now—some years I actually ran—and it seems to me like the Super Bowl. Well, I've never been to the Super Bowl, but everyone's there and the atmosphere before, during, and after the race is unbelievably positive. People go out there and try to kill each other on the course and then are able, I think through the shared efforts of training and racing, to relax together. Nike guys dating Reebok women. Asics people eating with adidas folks.

But nobody talking to Latrell Sprewell. Can't we all just get along?

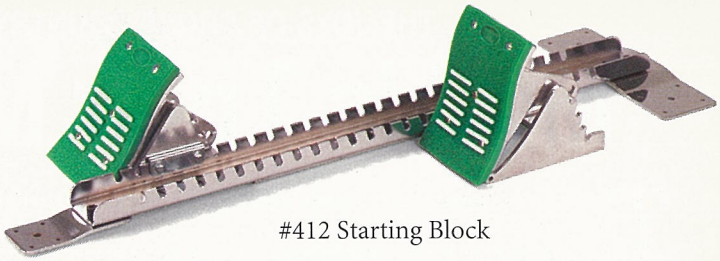
X: Nothing starts with the letter "X."

Y: Yifter, Miruts. He wasn't there, he wasn't talked about. But I've always loved to say, "Yifter the shifter."

Z: Zen. and the Art of Racing. If you've never been to Nationals, you're missing a great display of racing savvy and heart. Put it on your calendar for next year: "Only 51 weeks till Nationals."



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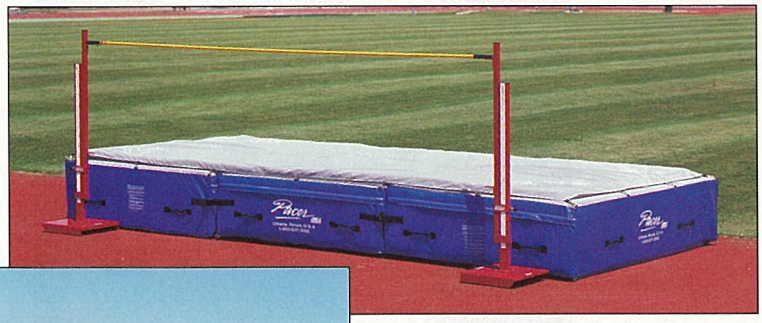


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Northeast Pair Triumphant

by Mike Byrnes

Lake Buena Vista, Florida, December 13—Neither Abdirizak Mohamud nor Erin Sullivan gave their foes much of a chance to win as the Northeast pair splish-splashed their way to victory at the 19th running of the Foot Locker High School Cross Country Championships.

Over the 5000m route on the rain-soaked, pancake-flat Disney World Shades of Green Golf Course, Massachusetts senior Mohamud (Boston English, Jamaica Plain) clocked 15:23 to become the first defender in the history of the men's race.

Vermont junior Sullivan (Mt. Mansfield, Jericho) gave the field the chance to win for about the opening 100m. Then she grabbed the lead, never gave it up and clocked 17:22 to win by exactly a half-minute.

"It was an easy race," reflected the Somali-born Mohamud. "The course being so flat meant there wasn't much of a challenge." And five days of unrelenting rain converted the route to basically one big steeple water pit, more than 3M in length.

But the tall, lanky Mohamud made it look easy as he was content to let others lead until about the halfway mark. Then, with an effortlessness reminiscent a world-class runner, he moved steadily away from challenger Jorge Torres.

Torres continued to move up in his finishes, his 15:34 good for 2nd here after a 13th in '95 and 5th last year.

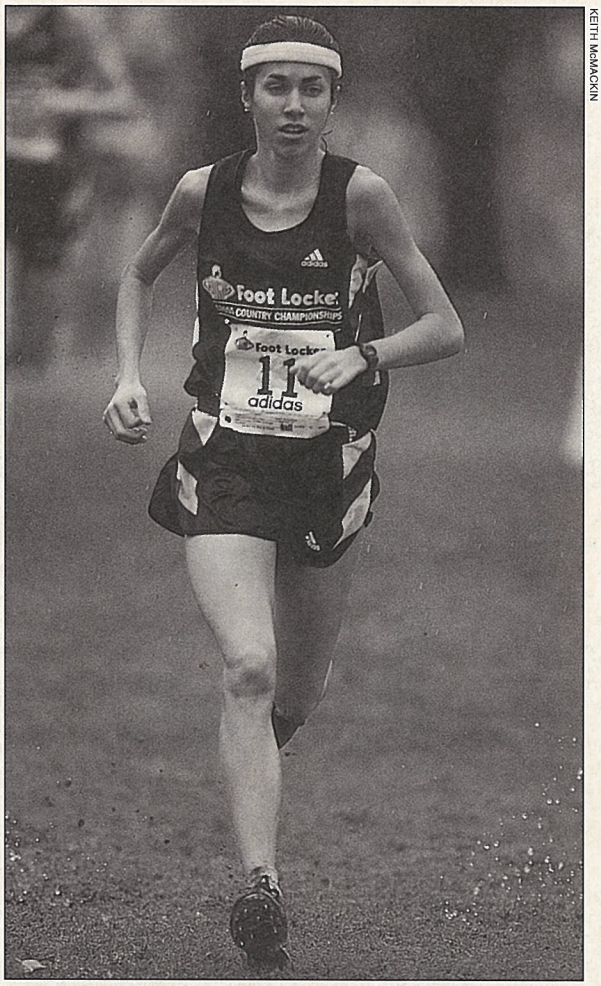
Mohamud survived war in his homeland, relocation as a refugee and life in a camp—all by the age of 10. There were no schools, only the day-to-day battle of survival. By the time he arrived in Boston at age 13, he barely could speak English. But he matured at Boston English High, athletically adding the National Scholastic Indoor 800 title last March to his Foot Locker overland win.

Even this fall, there were adjustments. "Earlier this season, he had to work two jobs to help support his family," explained coach Tony DaRocha. "He missed quite a bit of practice."

Mohamud's natural talent helped him get through the tough Boston harrier season. Finally, he quit both jobs and for a few weeks was able to get in some quality work. Going to Florida, he felt ready to run 14:30.

Asked his future goal, DaRocha said, "Our dream is a sub-4:00 mile. He has the endurance, plus speed—21.8 for 200 and 48.5 on an indoor relay split. Sub-4 is our ultimate goal."

Sullivan, like Mohamud, immediately felt positive about the course. "My eyes lit up when I saw how flat it was," she beamed. "I'm used to real cross country with a few big hills." But hills or no, Sullivan never got a hint of a challenge from any of her pursuers. Once she took command, the race was over.



KEITH McMACKIN

Women's champ Erin Sullivan said her eyes lit up when see saw how flat the course was.

Runner-up Mariel Ettinger (17:52) outran soph Rebecca Mitchell (17:55, up from 6th last year), Christin Wurth (18:04, improving from 12th a year ago) and Laura Heiner (18:14 to duplicate her 5th of '96).

Afterward, Sullivan admitted she didn't expect her win to come so easily: "Oh, gosh no. All the way I kept thinking someone might be right behind me."

Like Mohamud, Sullivan has had to make some accommodations to continue running. A star soccer player, she nonetheless won her state 1600 title last year in 4:58.42. Coach Sue McNamara and soccer head/AD Jack Pennypacker agreed to share Sullivan's talents. She does running training in the morning, then attends soccer practice in the afternoon. She never missed a game.

A tough, aggressive soccer player, Sullivan played on one mixed team and Pennypacker recalls, "She'd get right in there and mix it up with the boys."

That aggressiveness showed in the Foot Locker race. "Our plan was to go out hard, maintain the pace, then make her move with 800 to go. I've never seen her so relaxed," said McNamara. Sullivan added simply, "I ran the way I felt."

— MEN'S RESULTS —

Individuals (5000m): 1. Mohamud' (Boston English, Jamaica Plain, Ma) 15:23; 2. J. Torres (Wheeling, Il) 15:34; 3. Festa (Morro Bay, Los Osos, Ca) 15:39; 4. Slattery (Mt Olive, Flanders, NJ) 15:47; 5. Bizuneh (Davis, Indianapolis) 15:48; 6. E. Torres (Wheeling, Il) 15:49; 7. Buchanan (Righetti, Santa Maria, Ca) 15:51; 8. Altieri (Jesuit, Sacramento) 15:51; 9. Campbell (Overbrook, Pine Hill, NJ) 15:52; 10. Siemer (Fenton, Bensenville, Il) 15:54;

11. Luchini (Ellsworth, Me) 15:59; 12. Smith (Ayala, Chino Hills, Ca) 16:02; 13. Barnes (Clatyon Northmont, Dayton) 16:03; 14. Francisco (Sunny Side, Tucson) 16:06; 15. Gleason (Mission Viejo, Ca) 16:06; 16. Swenson (Londonderry, NH) 16:10; 17. Hahn (Manchester Township, Lakehurst, NJ) 16:10; 18. Herman (Nordhoff, Ojai, Ca) 16:11;

19. King (Pike, Indianapolis) 16:12; 20. Powell (Ames, N Easton, Ma) 16:19; 21. Reese (Sullivan Co, Dushore, Pa) 16:16; 22. Stockard (Webb, Knoxville, Tn) 16:17; 23. Wilkins (Orange, Hillsborough, NC) 16:26; 24. Gow (Lakeland, Highland, Mi) 16:31; 25. Turner (Millard N, Omaha, Nb) 16:31;

26. Baker (Freedom, Morganton, NC) 16:32; 27. Rohatinksy (Provo, Ut) 16:37; 28. Wood (Kingwood, Humble, Tx) 16:54; 29. Macleod (Oakton, Herndon, Va) 16:55; 30. Lion (Watauga, Blowing Rock, NC) 16:58; 31. Olague (Conroe, Tx) 17:06; 32. Teklai (W Potomac, Alexandria, Va) 17:18.

Teams: 1. Midwest 36; 2. Northeast 41; 3. West 44; 4. South 118.

— WOMEN'S RESULTS —

Individuals (5000m):1. Sullivan (Mt. Mansfield, Jericho, Vt) 17:22; 2. Ettinger (LaGrande, Or) 17:52; 3. Mitchell (Geneva, Il) 17:55; 4. Wurth (Bloomington, Il) 18:03; 5. Heiner (Centerville, Clifton, Va) 18:14; 6. Melonic (Bosco, E Aurora, NY) 18:19; 7. Modliszewski (Liberty, Warrenton, Va) 18:22; 8. Wollam (Alliance, Oh) 18:24; 9. Chaplin (Union, Middlesex, Vt) 18:27; 10. Bei (Montgomery, Santa Rosa, Ca) 18:28;

11. Palmer (Monadnock, Gilsum, NH) 18:31; 12. Arnold (Libertyville, Mundelein, Il) 18:32; 13. Turner (Portsmouth, RI) 18:33; 14. Fleshman (Canyon, Ca) 18:34; 15. Mastroianni (Sayville, NY) 18:41; 16. Welsh (Yucaipa, Calimesa, Ca) 18:45; 17. Sekinger (Clay, Curtice, Oh) 18:45;

18. Gorton (Mt. Pointe, Phoenix, Az) 18:46; 19. Annis (HB Plant, Tampa) 18:47; 20. Folse (Chancellor, Fredericksburg, Va) 18:47; 21. Brewster (Valley Lutheran, Freeland, Mi) 18:48; 22. Agrawal (Case, Swansea, Ma) 18:50; 23. Gulli (Klein, Spring, Tx) 18:52; 24. Cox (Santa Rosa) 18:55; 25. Jelley (Clarke, Westbury, NY) 18:56;

26. Awtrey (Robinson, Burke, Va) 18:59; 27. Field (Ursuline, Dallas) 19:01; 28. Marquand (University, Irvine, Ca) 19:02; 29. Burris (Ayala, Chino Hills, Ca) 19:03; 30. Williams (Westview, Topeka, In) 19:06; 31. Pape (South, Olathe, Ks) 19:16; 32. Baird (West, Knoxville) 19:43.

Teams: 1. Northeast 40; 2. Midwest 44; 3. West 60; 4. South 74.

More Nationals

NCAA II MEN

South Dakota Improved

Kenosha, Wisconsin, November 22—South Dakota, just 9th in '96 and ranked No. 3 heading into the nationals this time, came up for a 5-point win over No. 1-rated Central Missouri.

While Central junior Alexandr Alexin was dropping from his winner's spot of last year to 10th, junior Elly Rono of Southern Indiana ran away with the individual title.

Individuals (8K): 1. Rono' (SnIn) 31:14; 2. Golias' (CMo) 31:54; 3. Fagan (WnCo) 31:55; 4. Saina' (CMo) 31:57; 5. Bieniecki' (Lewis) 32:03; 6. McQuitty (Adams) 32:07; 7. Fenske (SD) 32:08; 8. Rangel (CPP) 32:12; 9. Hoyt (SD) 32:14; 10. Alexin' (CMo) 32:17.

Teams: 1. South Dakota 78; 2. Central Missouri 83; 3. Adams State 102; 4. Western Colorado 103; 5. Ashland 139.

NCAA II WOMEN

Adams Depth Keys Win

Kenosha, November 22—Two-time defending champion Adams State, renowned in recent years for packing bodies near the front of the race, put 5 runners in the top 13 for a 37-point total.

Runner-up Lewis went 1-2-3, with a Polish contingent of soph Kasia Arient and seniors Malgorzata Biela and Magdalena Paszta, but managed just a 103-point tally.

Individuals (5K): 1. Arient' (Lewis) 17:32; 2. Biela' (Lewis) 17:38; 3. Paszta' (Lewis) 17:45; 4. Olson (Adams) 17:47; 5. Perry (Edin) 17:49; 6. Bugg (Adams) 17:51; 7. Summers (Adams) 18:01; 8. Parkey (Adams) 18:10; 9. Johnson (Aug/SD) 18:16; 10. Lehr (NDSt) 18:17.

Teams: 1. Adams State 37; 2. Lewis 103; 3. Western Colorado 106; 4. Edinboro 110; 5. Northwest Missouri 151.

NCAA III MEN

North Central Wins 10th

Boston, Massachusetts, November 22 */by Sean Hartnett/*—North Central earned its 10th title, ekeing out a 94–96 victory over Mt. Union. Tony Rizzo (10th) and Ryan Board (13th) led Al Carius's squad that put 7 runners ahead of Mt. Union's fifth man. That positioning was crucial, as Mt. Union's top 4 went 2-3-7-16.

Wisconsin-LaCrosse's Brett Altergott took control individually with a hard charge up Franklin Park's Bear Cage Hill in the final kilometer.

Individuals (c8K): 1. Altergott (WiLC) 25:06; 2. Brown (MtU) 25:20; 3. Cooper (MtU) 25:23; 4. Wilson (WiLC) 25:24; 5. Olson (Brand) 25:28; 6. Hemingway (Tufts) 25:30; 7. Kornilov (MtU) 25:31; 8. Freeman (Bates) 25:33; 9. Twiest (Bates) 25:37; 10. Rizzo (NCen) 25:38.

Teams: 1. North Central 94; 2. Mt. Union 96; 3. Wisconsin-La Crosse 131; 4. Brandeis 141; 5. Wisconsin-Stevens Point 183.

NCAA III WOMEN

High Cortland Score Holds

Boston, November 22—Cortland State bracketed its meet-record low score of 18 from '92 with a record high of 148 to claim its seventh title in nine years. Mickey Kelly (10th) and Cindy Lauzon (16th) scored up front. Wisconsin-Eau Claire packed five runners in 33 seconds to take 2nd.

Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Tiffany Speckman and Wisconsin-Superior's Sarah Anderson renewed their conference and regional rivalry, pulling clear in the fourth kilo. Speckman's strength was decisive over the final 600. */SH/*

Individuals (c5K): 1. Speckman (WiOsh) 18:29; 2. Anderson (WiSu) 18:35; 3. Beasley (Emory) 18:40; 4. Carpenter (Frost) 18:44; 5. Richard (Wash) 18:47; 6. Jacobson (WiSt) 18:48; 7. Wartman (Morav) 18:49; 8. Carmona (BWall) 18:52; 9. Powers (CM) 18:54; 10. Kelly (Cort) 18:58.

SEAN HARTNETT



LaCrosse's Altergott was all alone at the Div. III finish line in Boston's harrier mecca, Franklin Park.

Teams: 1. Cortland State 148; 2. Wisconsin-Eau Claire 167; 3. Middlebury 173; 4. Wisconsin-Oshkosh 186; 5. New Jersey 188.

JUCO MEN

South Plains Over Dine

Levelland, Texas, November 15—Team defender and host South Plains, led by soph Salem Messaoui, held off upstart force Dine, a previously unheralded New Mexico school.

Dine may lose four Kenyan squad members whose summer jobs as airport security guards violated terms of their student visas.

Individuals (5M): 1. Messaoui' (SPlains) 24:42; 2. Lagat' (ButlerC) 24:44; 3. Vicente' (Merid) 24:47; 4. Sang' (SPlains) 24:50; 5. Kogo' (Barton) 25:07; 6. Jones (ButlerC) 25:17; 7. P. Kemei' (Dine) 25:21; 8. Nyakeraka' (SPlains) 25:23; 9. El Mejdoubi' (Merid) 25:28; 10. McCormack (ButlerC) 25:40.

Teams: 1. South Plains 50; 2. Dine 72; 3. tie, Butler County & Meridian 112; 5. Southern Idaho 123.

JUCO WOMEN

Repeat For Ricks Team

Levelland, November 15—Southern Idaho sophs Laura Hribik and Angie Pothier placed 1-3, yet that didn't stop in-state rival Ricks from making prey of the Golden Eagles in the team hunt.

Ricks has now won three straight, with Southern Idaho the runner-up each time.

Individuals (5K): 1. Hribik (SnId) 18:18; 2. Vierkant (UtV) 18:21; 3. Pothier (SnId) 18:31; 4. Boyer (Ricks) 18:33; 5. Vidovic' (Yav) 18:40.

Teams: 1. Ricks 30; 2. Southern Idaho 66; 3. Trinidad State 123; 4. Central Arizona 141; 5. North Idaho 144.

NAIA MEN

Lubbock Takes Record 8th

Kenosha, Wisconsin, November 15—A snow-covered course couldn't stop coach Darrell Price's Lubbock Christian team from taking an NAIA record 8th title: 8 in a row, actually.

Kenyan frosh Daniel Kibungei paced the Chaparrals in 3rd behind a pair of his countrymen, Sammy Nyamongo and Silah Misoi, representing team runner-up Life.

Individuals (8K): 1. Nyamongo' (Life) 25:53; 2. Misoi' (Life) 26:13; 3. Kibungei' (LubC) 26:16; 4. Rotich' (LWil) 26:16; 5. Wilford' (Cumb) 26:18; 6. Rop' (LubC) 26:25; 7. Makene' (McK) 26:25; 8. Morillon' (LubC) 26:25; 9. Ochako' (LWil) 26:26; 10. Leroux' (Phil) 26:26.

Teams: 1. Lubbock Christian 40; 2. Life 80; 3. Lindsey Wilson 106; 4. Malone 154; 5. McKendree 219.

NAIA WOMEN

Fraser Over Puget Sound

Kenosha, November 15—Canada's Simon Fraser made it two straight over Puget Sound, the team that won in '94 and '95. However, the Clan's three-time individual winner Cari Rampersad fell short in her bid to win the NAIA title in each year of her collegiate career, losing to junior teammate Heather DeGeest.

Individuals (5K): 1. DeGeest' (SFras) 18:33; 2. Rampersad' (SFras) 18:40; 3. Schmitt (PS) 18:56; 4. Richards (Siena) 19:04; 5. Parker (DakSt) 19:17.

Teams: 1. Simon Fraser 56; 2. Puget Sound 118; 3. Westmont 147; 4. Hillsdale 204; 5. Berry 231.

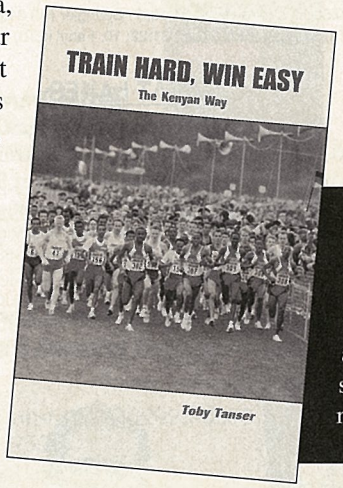
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NCAA QUALIFYING

Men's Regionals

November 15—The former NCAA Div. I districts became regions this time and grew in number from 8 to 9. The top 2 teams and top 3 individuals qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Additionally, 4 teams (Iowa State, Michigan State, Nebraska and Notre Dame) and 3 individuals (Daniel Kinyua of Mt. St. Mary's, Tom Kloos of Columbia and David Rop of Jackson State) were selected on an at-large basis. The selections proved controversial, particularly in the West, where both a highly regarded team and individual were left out (see p. 59). All courses 10,000m (6.21M):

NORTHEAST

Boston, Massachusetts—Big East champ Travis Landreth of Connecticut skimmed over the snow for a 22-second win over BU's Karl Rasmussen. Providence edged Iona—just 14th in District 2 in '96.

Teams: 1. Providence 86; 2. Iona 88; 3. Dartmouth 104; 4. Connecticut 121; 5. Boston U 132; 6. Columbia 171; 7. Boston College 184; 8. Brown 185; 9. Cornell 192; 10. Army 261.

Individuals: 1. Landreth (Ct) 31:10; 2. Rasmussen' (BU) 31:32; 3. Lynch (Man) 32:00; 4. Buckley' (Iona) 32:12; 5. Kloos (Col) 32:16; 6. Noad' (Prov) 32:16; 7. Kelly' (Prov) 32:17; 8. Prindiville (Brown) 32:22; 9. Goff (Army) 32:24; 10. Smith' (BU) 32:29.

MID-ATLANTIC

State College, Pennsylvania—Slippery snow lay on the ground but a team with sea legs, Navy, narrowed the 25–91 margin winner Princeton had at the Heps. Georgetown junior Justin McCarthy clipped Austin Drager of Penn State.

Teams: 1. Princeton 85; 2. Navy 94; 3. Penn State 114; 4. Georgetown 126; 5. West Virginia 134; 6. Bucknell 141; 7. Villanova 163; 8. Mt. St. Mary's 234; 9. Penn 239; 10. Lafayette 261.

Individuals: 1. McCarthy (Gtn) 32:33; 2. Drager (PennSt) 32:36; 3. Bohan (WV) 32:43; 4. Kinyua' (MSM) 32:51; 5. Barroco (Prin) 32:52; 6. Mentzer (Navy) 32:59; 7. Smith (Vill) 33:01; 8. DeBenedictus (SH) 33:05; 9. Ondieki' (MSM) 33:06; 10. Tantino (Vill) 33:07.

SOUTHEAST

Greenville, South Carolina—NC State held out two of its top 7, Pat Joyce and Abdul Alzindani, yet carried the day. Improving runner-up William & Mary got a win from soph Matt Lane.

Teams: 1. NC State 51; 2. William & Mary 80; 3. Wake Forest 105; 4. James Madison 127; 5. Clemson 157; 6. Western Kentucky 185; 7. Eastern Kentucky 196; 8. North Carolina 201; 9. Duke 227; 10. Virginia Tech 303.

Individuals: 1. Lane (WM) 30:16; 2. Cline (NC) 30:18; 3. Ch. Pons (NCSt) 30:23; 4. Foster (JM) 30:29; 5. Rodgers (NCSt) 30:53; 6. Swanson (WF) 30:55; 7. Co. Pons (NCSt) 31:00; 8. Brown (WM) 31:01; 9. Gibson (Clem) 31:01; 10. Musse (EnKy) 31:02.

SOUTH

Birmingham, Alabama—Alabama controlled this newly created region. Tide junior Tim Broe (24th at the '96 NCAA) won individually ahead of Jacksonville soph Chris Mutai.

Teams: 1. Alabama 60; 2. Florida 142; 3. South Florida 149; 4. Tennessee 164; 5. Georgia Tech 169; 6. Tennessee-Chattanooga 179; 7. Georgia 181; 8. Jackson State 239; 9. Georgia State 251; 10. South Alabama 283.

Individuals: 1. Broe (Al) 30:24; 2. Mutai' (Jack) 30:33; 3. Letherby' (GaSt) 30:42; 4. Kuria' (Ms) 30:50; 5. Rop' (JackSt) 30:56; 6. Green (Troy) 31:16; 7. Spangler (Al) 31:18; 8. Dickie (Tn) 31:20; 9. Friis (Mem) 31:22; 10. Fahy' (ETn) 31:23.

GREAT LAKES

Bloomington, Indiana—Michigan achieved NCAA contender status in a crushing 21–74 win over Wisconsin, with a Kevin Sullivan–John Mortimer 1–2 and 5 runners in the top 8.

Teams: 1. Michigan 21; 2. Wisconsin 74; 3. Michigan State 88; 4. Notre Dame 104; 5. Eastern Michigan 153; 6. Miami-Ohio 156; 7. Indiana State 249; 8. Ohio State 249; 9. Indiana 284; 10. Cincinnati 287.

Individuals: 1. Sullivan' (Mi) 31:31; 2. Mortimer (Mi) 31:32; 3. Reese' (EnMi) 31:42; 4. Snyder (Mi) 31:44; 5. Schoenfelder (Wi) 31:53; 6. Lawrence (Mi) 31:57; 7. Rexing (NDm) 31:59; 8. Cantin (Mi) 32:01; 9. Baker (MiSt) 32:02; 10. Arce (NDm) 32:03.

MIDWEST

Ames, Iowa—With snow a factor, Oklahoma State upended the Iowa State squad that beat the Cowboys at the Big 12. Also bettering the Cyclones were Minnesota, coached by Steve Plasencia, and Nebraska. Jeroen Broekzitter, an import from Holland showed he's a frosh to watch, leading a Husker 1-2-3.

Teams: 1. Oklahoma State 86; 2. Minnesota 94; 3. Nebraska 101; 4. Iowa State 103; 5. Missouri 121; 6. Iowa 137; 7. Northern Iowa 186; 8. Illinois State 231; 9. Kansas 260; 10. Illinois 269.

Individuals: 1. Broekzitter' (Nb) 32:38; 2. Boor' (Nb) 32:42; 3. Lempirikany' (Nb) 32:47; 4. Farrow' (IaSt) 32:50; 5. Carlsen' (OkSt) 32:53; 6. Amezcua' (Ks) 32:56; 7. Sloan (OkSt) 32:57; 8. Pierce (Mn) 32:58; 9. Lichoro' (IaSt) 33:06; 10. Hughes (Mo) 33:10.

In the Northeast Region, Travis Landreth charged through snow and mud to reach the NCAA meet.



HERB RYAN

SOUTH CENTRAL

Denton, Texas—For Arkansas to dominate, even while resting Seneca Lassiter and Adam Dailey, was business as usual. UT-San Antonio's upset of Texas came as a shock.

Teams: 1. Arkansas 29; 2. UTSA 88; 3. Texas 100; 4. SMU 118; 5. S. F. Austin 132; 6. McNeese State 138; 7. Texas A&M 148; 8. LSU 229; 9. Houston 252; 10. Rice 256.

Individuals: 1. Wilson (Ar) 30:57; 2. Power' (Ar) 30:58; 3. Price (Ar) 31:00; 4. Taylor' (UTSA) 31:15; 5. Coleman (SMU) 31:36; 6. Wallace (UTSA) 31:40; 7. Cragg' (SMU) 31:45; 8. McTaggert (Tx) 31:45; 9. Kipyegon' (Tul) 31:48; 10. Begley (Ar) 31:55.

MOUNTAIN

Ogden, Utah—A perfect score of 15 by Adam Goucher-led Colorado said it all, as Weber State held off Northern Arizona to qualify also.

Teams: 1. Colorado 15; 2. Weber State 97; 3. Northern Arizona 105; 4. BYU 156; 5. Colorado State 191; 6. Southern Utah 192; 7. Air Force 199; 8. Montana 205; 9. Montana State 224; 10. Utah 225.

Individuals: 1. Goucher (Co) 30:04; 2. Napier (Co) 30:59; 3. Batliner (Co) 30:59; 4. Wells (Co) 31:03; 5. Reese (Co) 31:05; 6. Harmer (Web) 31:09; 7. Kallabis' (UTEP) 31:16; 8. Simonich (Ut) 31:16; 9. Shelly (NnAz) 31:19; 10. Johansen (Web) 31:25.

WEST

Tucson, Arizona—Recovered from an early-season injury, UCLA's Meb Keflezighi rolled like the double NCAA track champ he is. NCAA defender Stanford rested Jason Lunn and Jonathon Riley yet still picked up an easy win.

Teams: 1. Stanford 50; 2. Oregon 84; 3. Washington State 103; 4. Portland 150; 5. Washington 151; 6. Arizona 152; 7. UCLA 153; 8. Cal 177; 9. Boise State 206; 10. UCSB 278.

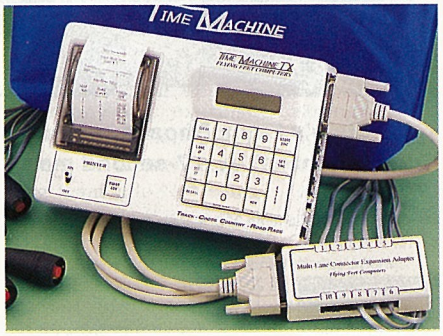
Individuals: 1. Keflezighi' (UCLA) 30:16; 2. Lagat' (WaSt) 30:33; 3. Abdirahman (Az) 30:37; 4. Nutter (Stan) 30:38; 5. Bra. Hauser (Stan) 30:43; 6. Gilmore (Cal) 30:51; 7. Balkman (Stan) 31:10; 8. Hauser (UCLA) 31:14; 9. Bre. Hauser (Stan) 31:20; 10. Aubrey (Or) 31:21.

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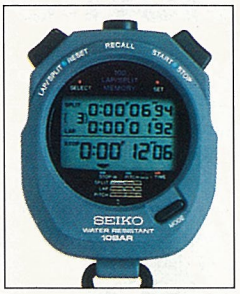
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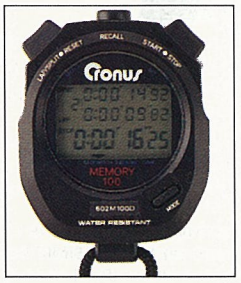
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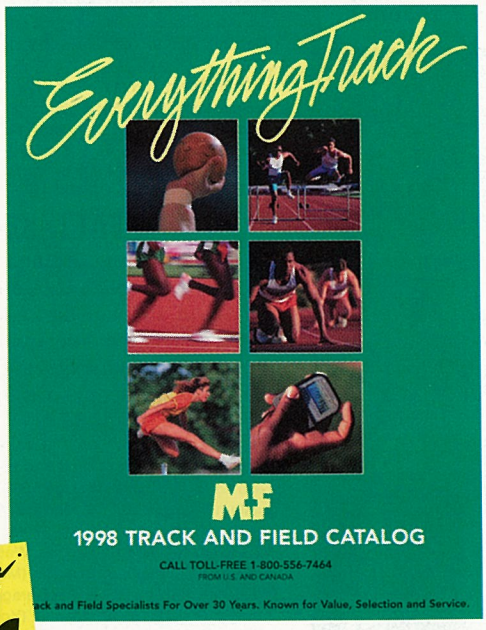
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NCAA QUALIFYING

Women's Regionals

November 15—The top 2 teams and top 3 individuals qualified for nationals.

Also qualifying, on an at-large basis, were 4 teams (Boston College, Colorado State, Minnesota and Washington) and 3 individuals (Rebecca Cline of Navy, Pam Johnson of Vanderbilt and Amanda Grout of Alabama).

All courses 5000m (3.11M):

NORTHEAST

Boston, Massachusetts—Heps champ Dartmouth further avenged a New Englands loss to Providence and Boston College, leaving BC the consolation of Angie Graham's win.

Teams: 1. Dartmouth 59; 2. Providence 61; 3. Boston College 80; 4. Army 123; 5. Cornell 157; 6. Boston U 177; 7. Yale 228; 8. New Hampshire 234; 9. Brown 234; 10. Massachusetts 245.

Individuals: 1. Graham' (BC) 18:04; 2. Rogers (Dart) 18:13; 3. Ryan' (BU) 18:14; 4. Dupre (Prov) 18:17; 5. Smith (BC) 18:20; 6. Germano (Corn) 18:23; 7. Hixson (Prov) 18:26; 8. Kelly (Yale) 18:29; 9. McCambridge' (Prov) 18:37; 10. Dromgoole (Dart) 18:44.

MID-ATLANTIC

State College, Pennsylvania—Carrie Tollefson and Carmen Douma went 1–2, although Villanova, with NCAA indoor 3K champ Kristine Jost absent, failed to field a full team. That left Georgetown, led by injury-returnee Kate Landau, to edge West Virginia by a point.

Teams: 1. Georgetown 64; 2. West Virginia 65; 3. Penn State 107; 4. Bucknell 115; 5. Princeton 128; 6. Navy 167; 7. St. Joseph's 193; 8. Mt. St. Mary's 202; 9. Rutgers 259; 10. Penn 320.

Individuals: 1. Tollefson (Vill) 18:03; 2. Douma' (Vill) 18:17; 3. Landau (Gtn) 18:39; 4. Wachera' (WV) 19:01; 5. Sweitzer (Buck) 19:05; 6. Knapp (WV) 19:06; 7. Cline (Navy) 19:07; 8. Ebersole (Prin) 19:08; 9. Muething (Gtn) 19:16; 10. Darroch (WV) 19:17;... 12. Gordon (Gtn) 19:26.

Northeast winner Angie Graham (430) beat Jenna Rogers (286) by 9 seconds.



HERB RYAN

SOUTHEAST

Greenville, South Carolina—NC State stayed undefeated, and senior Laura Rhoads (8th at the NCAA after finishing 11th in the district in '96) fronted the squad in 1st.

Teams: 1. NC State 36; 2. Wake Forest 96; 3. James Madison 97; 4. William & Mary 106; 5. North Carolina 116; 6. Coastal Carolina 122; 7. Duke 231; 8. Virginia 284; 9. Virginia Tech 300; 10. Eastern Kentucky 304.

Individuals: 1. Rhoads (NCSt) 17:11; 2. Eigel (JM) 17:18; 3. Ammadah' (GM) 17:23; 4. Kraus (WF) 17:29; 5. Williams (CCar) 17:35; 6. Faircloth (NCSt) 17:47; 7. Musson (NCSt) 17:50; 8. Hudson (Fur) 17:52; 9. Fahey (WM) 17:53; 10. Smith (NC) 17:55.

SOUTH

Birmingham, Alabama—Senior Becki Wells bounced back from an SEC loss, to Amy Yoder of Arkansas, and led her Florida squad in well ahead of Georgia.

Teams: 1. Florida 54; 2. Georgia 107; 3. South Florida 120; 4. Tennessee-Chattanooga 135; 5. Vanderbilt 145; 6. Georgia Tech 149; 7. East Tennessee 174; 8. Alabama 205; 9. Tennessee 279; 10. South Alabama 312.

Individuals: 1. Wells (Fl) 17:17; 2. Berry' (ETn) 17:24; 3. Rasimus' (SFl) 17:36; 4. Martin' (SAl) 17:38; 5. Jones (Ga) 17:41; 6. Johnson (Vand) 17:45; 7. Grout (Al) 17:47; 8. Reed (Fl) 17:48; 9. Starr (Fl) 17:50; 10. Lopacki (Al) 17:53;... 16. Clark (Fl) 18:12.

GREAT LAKES

Bloomington, Indiana—Wisconsin showed pack solidarity, gathering places 4-7-8-9-16, although the 22-second spread of the Badger 5 did not quite match their stunning 4-second split at the Big 10. Michigan soph Liz Kampfe was first across the line.

Teams: 1. Wisconsin 44; 2. Michigan 56; 3. Ball State 144; 4. Bowling Green 145; 5. Marquette 154; 6. Notre Dame 178; 7. Central Michigan 207; 8. Ohio 222; 9. Eastern Michigan 267; 10. Michigan State 301.

Individuals: 1. Kampfe (Mi) 17:46; 2. McGregor (Mi) 17:48; 3. Liss (Valp) 18:05; 4. Je. Westphal (Wi) 18:11; 5. Froud (Mi) 18:09; 6. Erickson (Marq) 18:10; 7. Ja. Westphal (Wi) 18:11; 8. Deatherage (Wi) 18:12; 9. Kroeger (Wi) 18:15; 10. Thomas (Young) 18:21;...14. Deeter (NDm) 18:28.

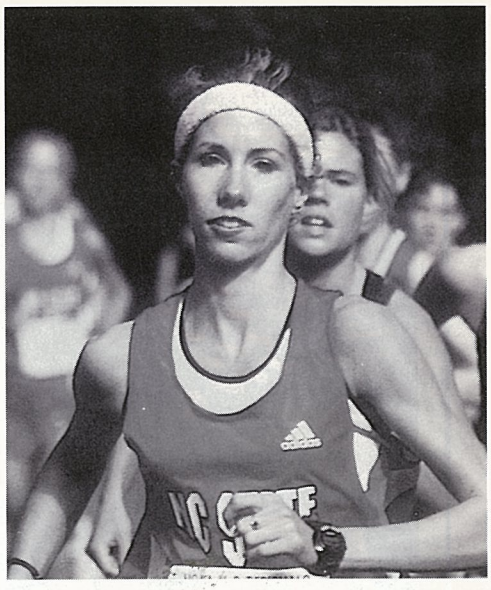
MIDWEST

Ames, Iowa—While junior Erin Windler won as she had at the Big 12 meet, her Missouri team reversed its conference position relative to Nebraska to come out ahead.

Teams: 1. Missouri 76; 2. Nebraska 81; 3. Minnesota 107; 4. Kansas State 168; 5. Bradley 201; 6. Wichita State 202; 7. Oklahoma 203; 8. Iowa State 205; 9. Illinois 253; 10. Tulsa 257.

Individuals: 1. Windler (Mo) 18:15; 2. Hill (Brad) 18:21; 3. Wetterhus (KsSt) 18:23; 4. Swartz (Wich) 18:25; 5. Wiseman (Nb) 18:28; 6. Meyer (Mo) 18:32; 7. Allen (Mo) 18:37; 8. Vullum' (Tulsa) 18:45; 9. Gullingsrud (Mn) 18:49; 10. Panhuysen' (Mn) 18:54.

PATRICK COLLARD



NC State's Laura Rhoads, winner in the Southeast by a 7-second margin.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Denton, Texas—Arkansas, with a 2–3 from sophs Amy Yoder and transfer-from-Texas Jessica Koch, headed Baylor. The individual win went to McNeese State frosh Sarah Salmon.

Teams: 1. Arkansas 46; 2. Baylor 60; 3. Texas 122; 4. UTA 148; 5. Rice 175; 6. McNeese State 188; 7. Texas-Pan American 204; 8. SMU 210; 9. Northwestern Louisiana 227; 10. Texas A&M 251.

Individuals: 1. Salmon' (McN) 17:28; 2. Yoder (Ar) 17:38; 3. Koch (Ar) 17:38; 4. Ernstrom' (Bay) 17:39; 5. Bockel' (Ar) 17:41; 6. Robertson (Ar) 17:47; 7. Jeverstam' (Bay) 17:54; 8. Ahlepil' (UTA) 17:58; 9. Garza (SWTx) 18:12; 10. Reho' (SMU) 18:16.

MOUNTAIN

Ogden, Utah—In a meeting of two teams ranked in the top 4 nationally, BYU dispatched Colorado. BYU junior Maggie Chan moved up to 1st from her WAC runner-up spot.

Teams: 1. BYU 29; 2. Colorado 64; 3. Colorado State 103; 4. Weber State 118; 5. Northern Arizona 141; 6. Idaho State 175; 7. Utah 224; 8. Texas Tech 231; 9. Montana State 239; 10. Utah State 263.

Individuals: 1. Chan' (BYU) 17:13; 2. Swier (NnAz) 17:16; 3. K. Smith (Co) 17:20; 4. Maughn (Web) 17:21; 5. Pugmire (BYU) 17:26; 6. Nay (BYU) 17:32; 7. Findlay (CoSt) 17:37; 8. Monahan (BYU) 17:44; 9. Jackson (BYU) 17:50; 10. Brannon (NM) 17:50.

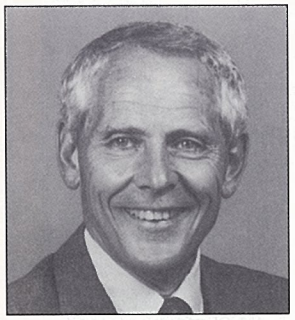
WEST

Tucson, Arizona—NCAA defenders prevailed as Amy Skieresz finished 14 seconds up on frosh sensation Julia Stamps and Stanford won easily. Oregon slipped out of its Pac-10 tie with Washington into the second team slot.

Teams: 1. Stanford 37; 2. Oregon 78; 3. Washington 98; 4. Arizona 127; 5. UCLA 149; 6. Boise State 165; 7. Washington State 201; 8. USC 240; 9. Cal 264; 10. Arizona State 304.

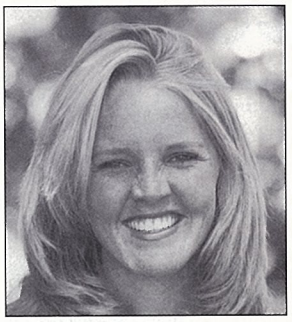
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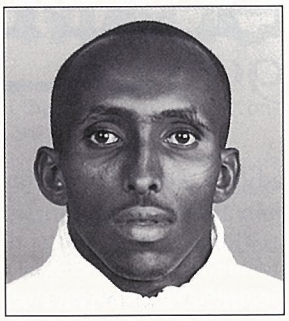
JACK DANIELS

New York's Cortland State has dominated the NCAA III race since renowned exercise physiologist Daniels began coaching the women in '87, scoring team title No. 7 this year.



COURTNEY PUGMIRE

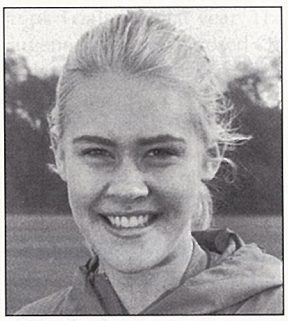
The junior from Anaheim, California, paced BYU's strong squad most of the season, winning the WAC, placing 5th in the Mountain Regional and 8th at the NCAA. The BYU team won each meet.



ABDI ABDIRAHMAN

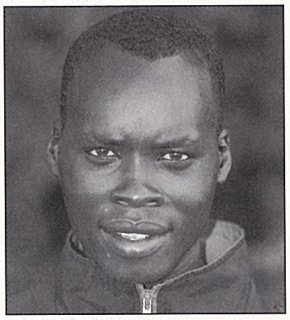
Arizona's junior standout bracketed a 3rd at the Western Regional with 7th-place finishes in the Pac-10 and NCAA. He ran 14:10.27 and 30:13.67 on the track last year for Pima CC.

PETER GALLI



JEN SCHINDLER

The frosh at American River CC in Sacramento won the Cal JC title, then claimed the USATF Junior crown. She was 8th in the '96 Foot Locker prep race and ran a 10:07.5 track 3000 last season.



ELLY RONO

At the NCAA II, the Kenyan junior at Southern Indiana moved up one place from his '96 finish to victory. At the '97 Div. II track meet, he took 2nd at 10,000 and 3rds in the steeple and 5000.



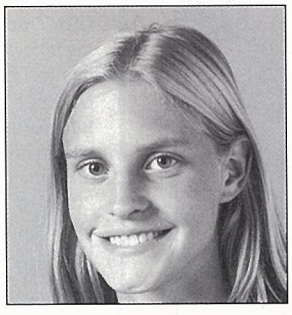
KATIE McGREGOR

The Michigan junior scored a Big 10 victory and Great Lakes Regional 2nd, helping her team to 2nds at both meets. At the NCAA, her 5th-place finish paced the Wolverine squad to 7th.



MATT LANE

William & Mary's soph ran 2nd in the Colonial Conference to lead a team win, before winning the Southeast Regional (team 2nd). He then placed 16th at the NCAA as the Tribe squad finished 9th.



AMY YODER

The Arkansas soph won the SEC before pacing a Razorback team win at the South Central Regional with her 2nd-place finish. She then ran 7th at the NCAA. Yoder won the '97 U.S. Junior track 1500.



SALEM MESSAOUI

The Algerian soph won the individual JUCO title to lead a successful defense by South Plains CC of its team crown. Last season, he won the JUCO outdoor 1500 and also ran on the 4 x 800 champions.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK 1998

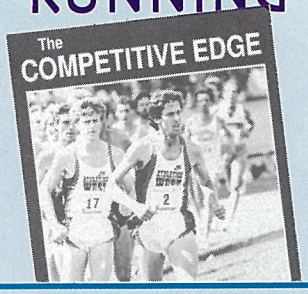


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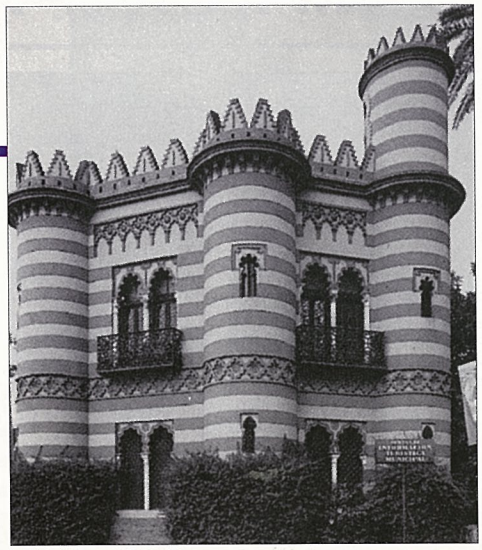
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USATF CONVENTION

Big Choices Made For 2000

by Roy Conrad

Dallas, December 2–6—High-powered bid committees from Houston and New Orleans got together and tossed the biggest bash at the USA Track & Field Convention, but the cities which won the top prizes were Sacramento and Eugene.

The crown jewel in site-bidding, of course, was the 2000 Olympic Trials, with the newly installed Olympic coaches, John Chaplin and Karen Dennis (see box), discovering where their Sydney-bound teams would be chosen.

California's capital city won on a unanimous first-round show-of-hands vote over the sites in Louisiana—which hosted the '92 Trials—and Texas.

New Orleans, already on-line to host the '98 nationals, was also bidding for the '99 meet, which will double as the World Championships Trials for that year. That award went to Eugene, a former favored Olympic Trials site which now feels it has trouble matching the bid powers of the larger cities, despite its unmatched track history.

Analyzing the Sacramento choice, site selection head Ed Jacoby said, "The whole Sacramento bid committee stepped up and made a strong commitment."

John McCasey, the CEO of the Sacramento bid, said, "I think the facility will be as good as any around, and I think we were able to convince the site-selection group of that."

Sacramento has hosted the U.S. nationals three times in the past, but those were at Sacramento City College. The OT bid features a new facility to be built at Sacramento State. The new setup, with a large financial contribution from San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos, will include not only a new track for the competition proper, but also a separate practice track.

Bob Burns of the *Sacramento Bee* writes that the organizers want a fast track, but are concerned that it not be too fast. Atlanta Olympic coach Deanne Vochatzer will be Sacramento's technical director, and she's concerned that the oval not only be fast, but also user-friendly.

"In Atlanta, they were asked to come up with the fastest possible surface because they wanted World Records," Vochatzer told Burns. "But American athletes weren't used to a surface that hard, and many of them weren't able to recover between the Trials and the Games."

Said McCasey, "We'd like to see World Records, too, but not for the sake of making it a competition-only track."

The Sacramento group is studying bids from three different surfacing companies. It's possible that different companies could do the two tracks. There's no firm timetable in place yet, but it's hoped that the new facility will be ready in time for the '99 Cal State High School meet.

Major Coaching Staffs

Trips to Australia were the big prizes, but the staffs for major '98 & '99 championship meets were chosen in Dallas. All the selections:

2000 Olympic Games.

Men: John Chaplin (Washington State) coach, assisted by Dick Booth (Arkansas), Clyde Hart (Baylor), Rob Johnson (Wabash), John Moon (Seton Hall), Jerry Quiller (Army).

Fred Newhouse (Benicia, California) manager, assisted by Dixon Farmer (Gustavus Adolphus).

Women: Karen Dennis (UNLV) coach, assisted by Sandy Fowler (Alabama), Ernie Gregoire (Walnut, California), Rita Somerlot (Centerville, Ohio), LaVerne Sweat (Norfolk State), Mark Young (Yale).

Mamie Rallins (Hampton) manager, assisted by Judy Harrison (Pasadena, Texas).

1999 World Championships

Men: George Williams (St. Augustine's) coach, assisted by Curtis Frye (South Carolina), Vin Lananna (Stanford), Gary Schwartz (Kansas), Jon Vochatzer (UC Davis).

John Hemmer (Orlando, Florida) manager, assisted by James Williams (Humboldt State).

Women: Lance Harter (Arkansas) coach, assisted by Jeanette Bolden (UCLA), Jeri Daniels-Elder (State

Chaplin & Dennis Tabbed As Oly Coaches

John Chaplin and Karen Dennis will lead the U.S. teams to the 2000 Sydney Olympics after their selection as head coaches at the USATF Convention.

JOHN CHAPLIN



Chaplin, 60, led the Washington State men '73–'94, guiding squads to 2nd-place trophies outdoors in 1983, '84, '85 and '91 and to the indoor title in '77. WSU won the Pac-10 Conference crown in the same four years as its NCAA runner-up placings.

Chaplin's squads won a half-dozen *T&FN* National Dual Meet team titles; the coach himself won Pac-10 coach of the year honors in '83, '85 and '91 plus cross country in '75.

Influential internationally, he has been a member of the IAAF's panel of International Technical Officers since '83 and chaired USATF's International Competition Committee '89–'96. He was chief referee at the Atlanta Olympics.

Upon his selection, the usually-voluble Chaplin said only, "I'm honored beyond words. It's a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Dennis is in her fifth season as women's head at UNLV, after heading the Michigan State women's program from '81–'92. While at MSU, she coached Judi Brown-King, '84 Olympic 400H silver medalist.

Dennis headed the women's team at the '91 Pan-Am Games and served as an assistant on the '95 World Championships squad.

A 1977 MSU graduate, Dennis won the '75 AIAW 200 title in her competitive days.



KAREN DENNIS

"I'm very excited," she said. "I'm also a little nervous, but ready to go to work. This staff is a diverse and highly capable group. It's a staff that I know is ready to do the work necessary to ensure that our 2000 team is well-prepared and has whatever it needs to succeed."

College, Pennsylvania), Dee Todd (Greensboro, North Carolina), Danny Williams (Darien, Connecticut).

Stephanie Hightower (Columbus, Ohio) manager, assisted by Julia Emmons (Atlanta).

1999 World Indoor

Men: Russ Rogers (Ohio State) coach, assisted by Greg Foster (Chino Hills, California).

Scott Davis (Cerritos, California) manager, assisted by Criss Somerlot (Centerville, Ohio).

Women: John Millar (Notre Dame) coach.

Sandy Snow (Dunwoody, Georgia) manager, assisted by Angie Taylor (Princeton).

1999 Pan-Am Games

Men: Ralph Lindeman (Air Force) coach, assisted by Harvey Glance (Alabama), Harry Marra (San Mateo, California), Jeff Pigg (Missouri).

Charles Harris (Altamont Springs, Florida) manager, assisted by Steve Vaitones (Brookline, Massachusetts).

Women: Essie Washington (Prairie View) coach, assisted by Errol Anderson (St Francis College), Carla Criste (Navy), Al McDaniels (Henderson, Nevada).

Julie McKinney (San Pedro, California) manager, assisted by Maryanne Torrellas (Clinton, Connecticut).

1998 World Cup

Men: Larry Ellis (Skillman, NJ) coach, assisted by Willie Davenport (Portland, Oregon).

Oscar Jensen (Baldwinsville, NY) manager, assisted by Ernest Dixon (Atlanta, Georgia).

Women: Brooks Johnson (Lake Buena Vista, Florida) coach, assisted by Ramona Pagel (Kent).

Henley Gabeau (RRCA) manager, assisted by Robyne Johnson (Cal).

1998 World Juniors

Men: Steve Cooksey (Navy) coach, assisted by Bill Sheskey (Cobb County, Georgia) and Randy Waggoner (E Trotwood, Ohio).

Pete Boudreaux (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) manager, assisted by Chris Turner (Denver, Colorado).

Women: Diane Philipp (Hillsdale College) coach, assisted by Myrtle Ferguson (Tennessee) and Bonnie Edmondson (Manchester, Connecticut).

Cedric Walker (Rochester, NY) manager, assisted by Monica Gary (Cleveland Heights, Ohio).

Hall of Fame Adds 4

The '97 class of the National Track & Field Hall of Fame is a small one, numbering only four, but each of the inductees was an Olympian, and two of them were Olympic gold medalists in an individual event as well as a member of a relay.

Evelyn Ashford won 100 gold and anchored the winning 4 x 100 in '84 and in total claimed four golds and one silver in four trips to the Games. Ashford also won five national titles at 100 and 200 and set a World Record 10.76 in '84.

Henry Carr collected 200 and 4 x 400 golds at the '64 Olympics, the latter in WR time. Carr, twice broke the 220 WR while attending Arizona State.

Renaldo Nehemiah missed out on his best shot for Olympic gold in the event he dominated, the 110H, when the U.S. boycotted the '80 Games. Nehemiah became the first man to run under 13 seconds when he set a WR of 12.93 in '81, which followed his two WRs in '79.

"With my induction, my career is complete," said Nehemiah, who won three national titles and world ranked No. 1 '78–'81. "I now have my gold medal."

Henry Laskau, a racewalker, won 42 national titles and represented the U.S. in three Olympics. His best finish at the Games was 12th in the 20K walk in '52. During an 11-year span, Laskau set five national records.

Five coaches were inducted into the USTCA's Hall of Fame at their meeting (see p. 29). The third class of inductees:

Oliver Jackson—built Abilene Christian into a top college power in the late '40s, with athletes that set 15 WRs and 17 ARs.

Brooks Johnson—has coached more than 40 Olympic athletes during a career in which he was head coach at Stanford and SLO.

Payton Jordan—Olympic coach in '68. Won two NAIA titles as coach of Occidental and then coached at Stanford for 22 years before retiring.

Clyde Littlefield—Founded the Texas Relays in '25. Coached at his alma mater for 39 years, winning 27 SWC titles.

Bob Timmons—Coached Jim Ryun at Kansas. During his 23 years at Kansas the Jayhawks won 4 NCAA and 27 Big Eight titles.

Owens Awards To Johnson & Jones

If ever evidence was needed as to the value of hanging in there, one need look no farther than Allen Johnson and Marion Jones, who were voted as the winners of the highest USATF prize, the Jesse Owens Award for leading man and woman's performer of the year.

Neither hurdler Johnson nor sprinter/jumper Jones ever won an NCAA outdoor title during their collegiate careers at North Carolina. Both won World Champs titles in Athens, Johnson the 110H, Jones the 100 (and 4x1).

Johnson's win broke a 3-year Michael Johnson string atop the heap. Johnson tallied 1962 points, edging out Maurice Greene (1902). They were trailed by John Godina (1445), MJ (1350), Bob Kennedy (873) and Rich Kenah (858).

Jones (2409) was a clear women's winner over Jearl Miles-Clark (1765), followed by Regina Jacobs (1363), Kim Batten (1193), Stacy Dragila (966) and Connie Price-Smith (704).

USATF Awards

Harrison Dillard (top man in sprints & hurdles): Allen Johnson.

Glenn Cunningham (top men's distance runner): Rich Kenah.

Jim Thorpe (top field event/decathlon man): John Godina.

C.C. Jackson (top women): Marion Jones (track); Amy Acuff (field).

Women's Sprints: Marion Jones.

Women's Distance: Regina Jacobs.

Women's Hurdler: Kim Batten.

Women's Jumper: Stacy Dragila.

Women's Throws: Dawn Ellerbe.

Heptathlon: Kelly Blair.

Women's LDR Runner of the Year: Libbie Hickman.

Women's LDR contributor: Joy Smith.

Doris Heritage Award (women's cross country contributor): Carol Stevenson.

Ron Zinn (walking): men's 20K, Curt Clausen; 50K, Andrew Hermann; women's 10K, Debbi Lawrence; contributor, Bev LaVeck; association, New England.

Frank Sevigne (Youth Athletics contributor): Bob Kreutz.

Bill Hargrove (Youth Athletics association): Kentucky.

Bob Giegengack (outstanding coach or official): Bob Hersh.

Humanitarian Award: Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

President's Award: Gordon Bishop, Pete Clentzos, Mickey Gist, Doug Padilla, Lawrie Robertson, Murray Sanford, Pat Watson.

Like fellow Hall Of Fame inductee Renaldo Nehemiah, '64 Olympic 200 champ Henry Carr cut his promising career short to play pro football.



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USTCA CONVENTION

Coaches Vote For New System

by Jeff Hollobaugh

In last month's issue, looking forward to the U.S. Track Coaches Association annual convention, we suggested, "It could be a pivotal moment in collegiate track history, or just another battle with no victor."

As the coaches concluded their conclave in Dallas—held in conjunction with the USATF convention—the jury is still out on the pivotal-moment question. There is no doubt, however, that the coaches did get something major set in motion when Div. I members voted to push a "new" qualifying plan for the collegiate nationals.

Coaches had three new proposals to consider, and also could have voted to maintain the status quo.

The winner was the colorfully monikered "Amend The Present Method" plan, which nicked the "NCAA First Round" proposal (a regional-qualifying system) by just 1 vote in the first round of balloting.

A team-scoring proposal and the status quo finished far back. The second round proceeded without those two and saw the "Amend" plan top the regionals 71–54.

The new proposal would set up a two-tiered qualifying-standard system for both the indoor and outdoor nationals. It's a significant departure from the present two-tiered system, however.

Currently, both automatic and provisional qualifiers get their way paid to the meet, but the provisionals can't be sure they're even going until the eve of the event. That has resulted in higher travel costs, more chasing of marks and disrupted training, says Div. I coaches president Bob Fraley of Fresno State.

The new proposal, penned by Texas coach Bubba Thornton, is somewhat similar to the setup used before the NCAA started cutting field sizes at Nationals.

In explaining the rationale for the proposal, Thornton said, "A large goup of coaches likes this because we're not reinventing the wheel. Everyone understands it. We're not starting over; we're not trying to create another meet."

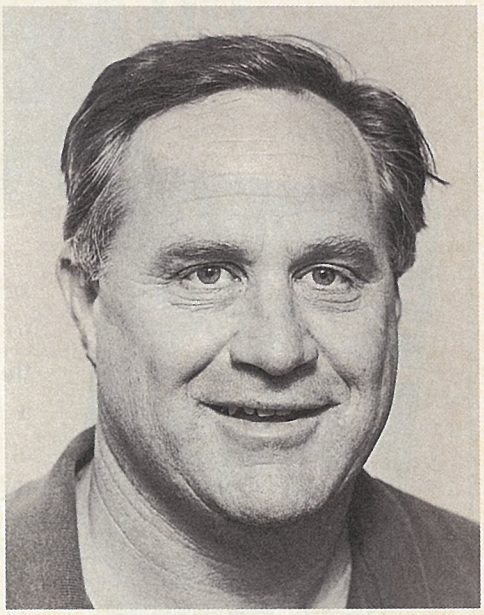
Under the new proposal athletes making an "absolute" standard would get their way paid to the Championships. Athletes making the easier "qualifying" standard could have their way paid by their own schools, which would be reimbursed by the NCAA if the athlete finished a certain place or better at Nationals (the number has yet to be set).

What will probably remain in place is the NCAA's policy of making schools decide whether they want to be funded for the indoor or outdoor championships each year.

Says Fraley, "This plan does not solve all the concerns, however it greatly makes progress toward solving many of the problems."

The number of athletes at nationals could increase from 388 per sex to about 700, resulting in a longer championship schedule, but the coaches in attendance felt the trade-off would be a good one.

All is not final. The plan is now in the hands of the NCAA's Track & Field Committee. Says committee member Ralph Lindeman of Air Force, "From comments I've heard from the committee, they're encouraged that the coaches have come up with a plan and have some unity behind it. We're looking forward to seeing the actual proposal and generating some numbers on field sizes and qualifying standards.



Longhorn head Bubba Thornton thinks coaches will like the non-radical nature of the proposal to amend qualifying.

"The mood seems to be that the coaches are behind it, so let's get behind it as well and find ways to make it work."

The plan will then move to the final hurdle, the Championships Cabinet, which has not proven to be a rubber stamp for T&F Committee recommendations in the past.

With the future of the NCAA Indoor site currently up in the air (see box), Lindeman hopes that if the proposed changes in the qualifying system go through, a larger championship meet will result in more cities being interested in hosting the indoor and outdoor events.

He says, "When we decided on the 1998 NCAA Outdoors three years ago, Buffalo was the only bidder. There seems to be more interest now and I'd like to think we'd have 5–6 bids in the future each time."

In other developments, Div. I coaches also decided to establish a weekly team ranking to be based on overall team strength.

On the cross country front, they will help fund a telecast of the Cross Country Championships.

Division II coaches voted unanimously to continue holding their indoor championship meet in conjunction with the Div. I meet, wherever it ends up going. □

A New Indoor Home?

After an 11-year run in Indianapolis, the NCAA Indoor Championships may be looking for a new home in the year 2000. The problem is that the meet's contract with the RCA Dome gives the facility the right to bounce the meet in favor of the Big 10 or NCAA basketball tournaments should the opportunity arise.

The Big 10 tournament will be taking over the Dome on the track meet's traditional weekend in '99, giving NCAA T&F Committee members the challenge of coming up with either a new site or date.

Bids were solicited from the membership over the past year, and three sites indicated interest: Indiana, Idaho State and the Reggie Lewis Center in Massachusetts. Dome management indicated the building would be available if the meet moved up a week.

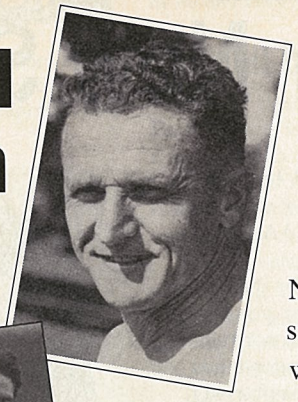
Coaches in Dallas voted overwhelmingly to recommend a move to March 5–6 so that they could stay in the Dome. That's a one-year fix, and Lindeman indicates the T&F Committee is seriously looking at long-range solutions, since conflicts with the new Big 10 basketball tourney are likely to keep coming up.

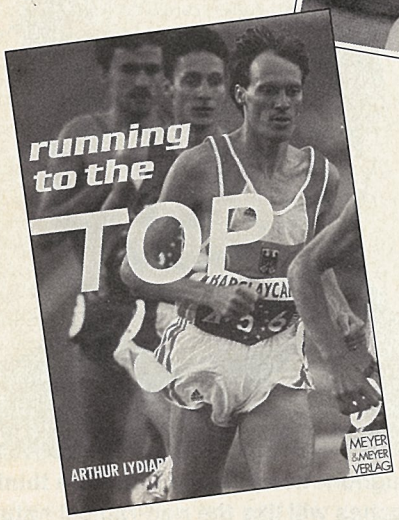
"We're not sure how much longer the meet will work in Indianapolis," says Ralph Lindeman. "So for 2000 and beyond we're reevaluating. We'd like to see some other large facilities show interest in buying a track."

The perfect track is available for just $200,000, which is less than half-price for a state-of-the-art banked 200m oval. Toronto's track, used only for the '93 World Indoor, is up for bids. Among the sites that have expressed some interest are New Orleans' Super Dome and San Antonio's Alamo Dome.

A move to the first March weekend will mean that the NCAA will once again conflict with the World Indoor Championships.

Lydiard on Running Training

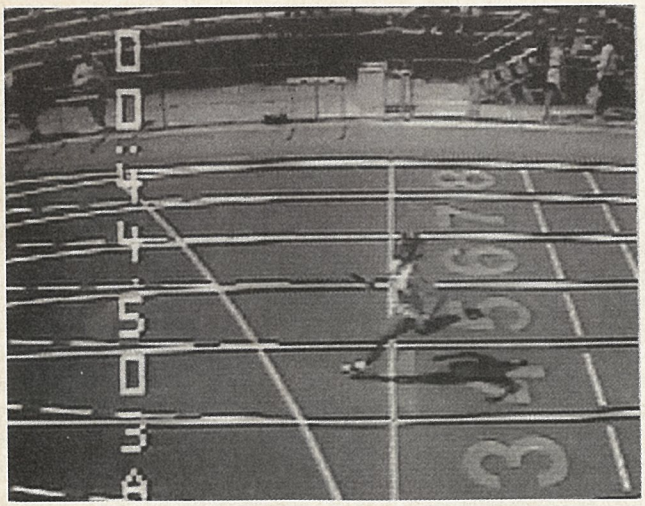




New Zealander Arthur Lydiard has been called "the most successful trainer of middle and long distance runners in the world." He coached Peter Snell and Murray Halberg to Olympic gold and was instrumental in Lasse Viren's Olympic success. He has lectured widely throughout the world, including many visits to the USA. His new book, ***Running To The Top,*** is a distillation of more than 40 years of wisdom on training for competitive running. Lydiard offers a systematic, detailed training program for beginners, as well as elite athletes, and discusses all the attendant areas, including diet and nutrition, the coach-athlete relationship, warmup and warmdown, team training, altitude, injuries, and much more. 184pp. $28.50 from **Track & Field News, 2570 El Camino Real, Suite 606, Mountain View, CA 94040.** Add $1.95 postage/handling. CA residents add 7¼% sales tax. Charge card orders accepted by phone, fax or e-mail.

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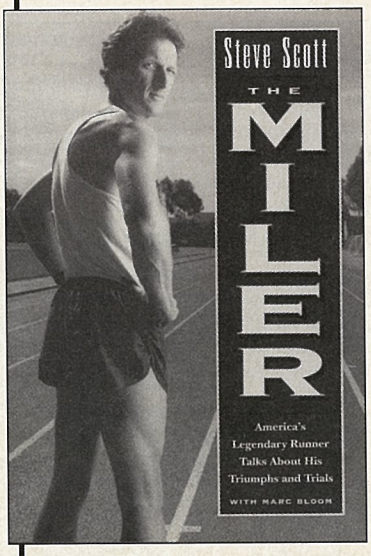
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IN THE BEGINNING...

The world of track journalism was void, and without form. Then the Brothers Nelson came on the scene

In the middle of 1947, Bert Nelson one day turned to his older brother Cordner and said, "It's about time we started that track paper you've talked about." And in February of 1948 the first edition of *Track & Field News* rolled off the presses.

For much of their lives the two visionaries had dreamed of doing a publication devoted solely to their favorite sport. They had been track nuts since attending the '32 Olympics as children, avidly scouring newspapers for every scrap of information they could find.

But what meager facts they did get never could satisfy their voracious appetites. Cordner recalls, "Bert and I wondered why it was so difficult to get more information. But we talked about doing our own publication for years before we did anything about it."

World War II was simply, as he adds, "a five-year time-out" in their musings. After the war, Bert bought a small newspaper in San Bruno, just south of San Francisco. Then came his fateful comment in mid-'47.

"But even after deciding to do it," Cordner recalls, "we didn't know *how* to do it." They started by writing letters to every major college coach they knew of. They contacted newspaper writers. They persevered.

"Sometimes, I look back and wonder how we did it," Cordner admits. One letter went to Cal Tech coach Doc Hanes, who told the brothers about a young track nut who might be of help.

Former sprinter Don Potts was 26 at the time and already a full professor of math at Northwestern. Cordner's letter to Potts struck a gold mine.

"Not only was Don eager to help, he knew many more sources than we did," Cordner says. "Most important, though, he told us about a young Italian who already had quite a reputation as a statistician."

So Nelson wrote to Roberto Quercetani in Florence, who also replied enthusiastically. Cordner recalls, "On the very day the first issue was being finished, a long letter arrived from Roberto. It was full of great results we just had to get in."

So *T&FN* was off and running. Cordner gathered results, wrote stories and did the editing, while Bert handled the business side. It was demanding, time-intensive work. By the summer of '48, Cordner wasn't sure they would survive.

"The July '48 issue was our low point," he recalls. "I went to the '48 AAU and told Lou Miller, a New York track writer, that I didn't think we would last out the year."

The brothers related their difficulties to Potts and Quercetani—who promptly volunteered to take over compiling the U.S. and world news. The Nelsons were thus freed up to focus on their own areas.

"All it took was contacting one real stat expert in a country," Cordner says. "Like Joe Galli in Australia and Harry Beinart in South Africa. I would write someone and he would contact somebody he knew—today we call that 'networking,' although we didn't have the word back then."

Similarly, a network of contributors developed in the U.S., many newspapermen but others just ultra-fans, like Jim Dunaway, George Grenier, Dick Bank and H.D. Thoreau.

"But without Bert, there wouldn't have been a publication," Cordner says of his brother, who died in '94. "I'm an idea person, but he was best at following through on ideas. I'm sure I never would have done it on my own."

By the 10th anniversary, Cordner could write to *T&FN*'s loyal readers, "I hope all of you are here for our golden anniversary."

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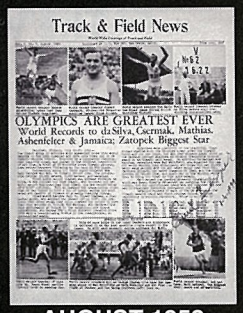
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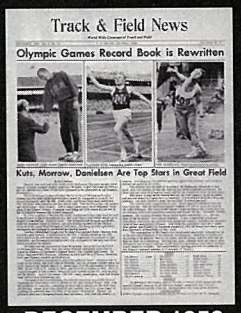
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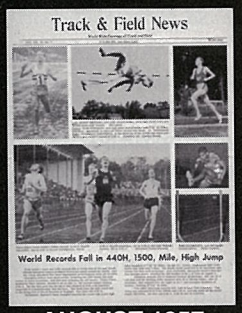
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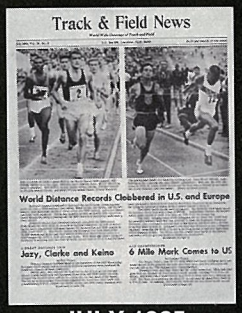
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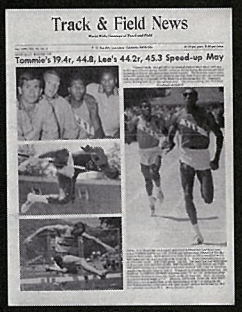
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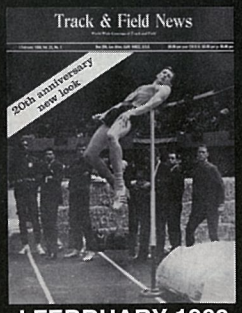
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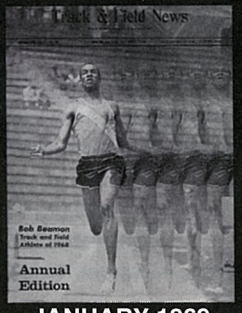
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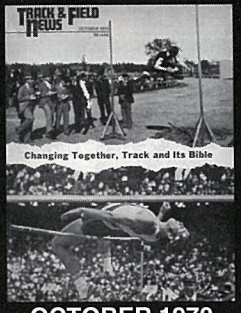
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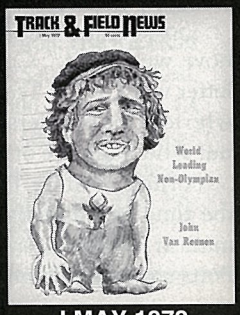
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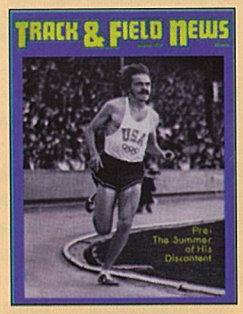


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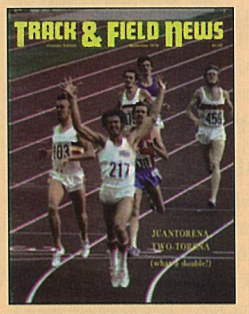
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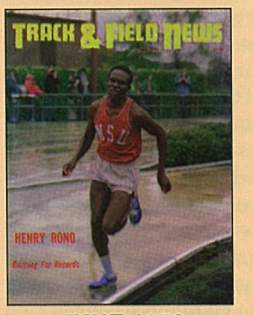
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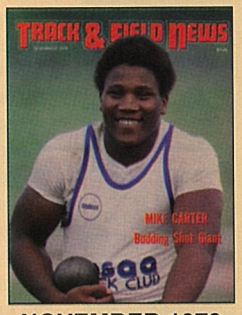
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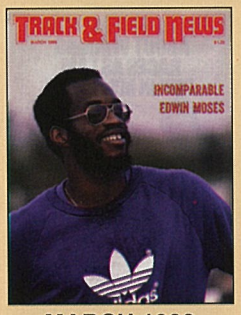
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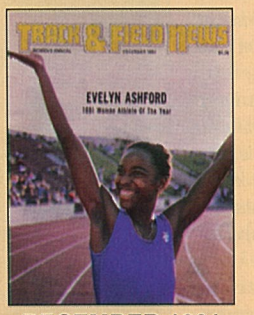
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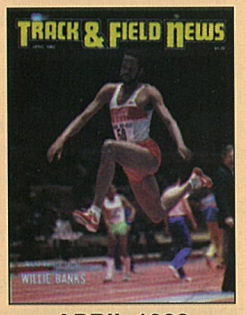
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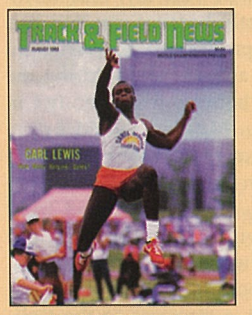
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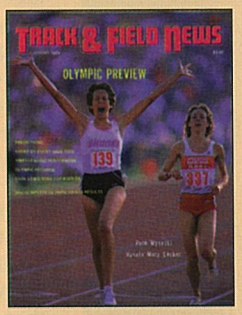
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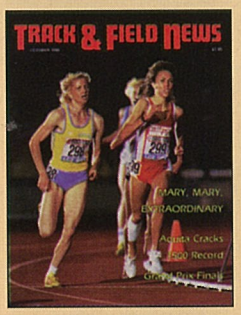
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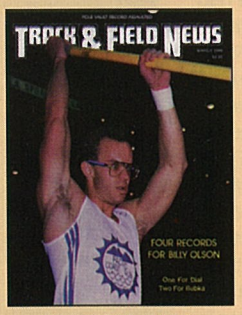
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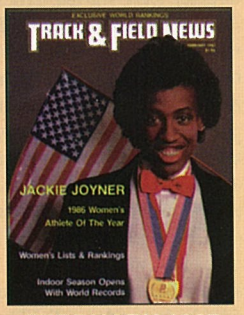
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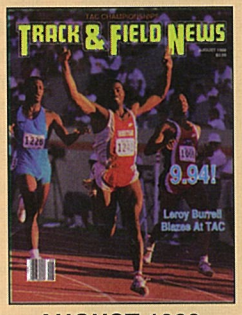
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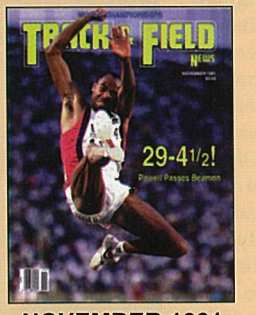
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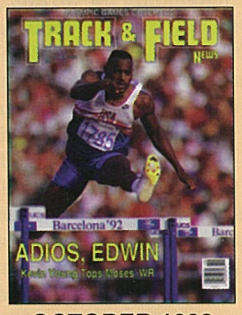
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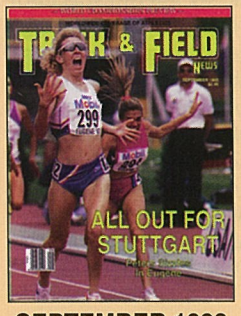
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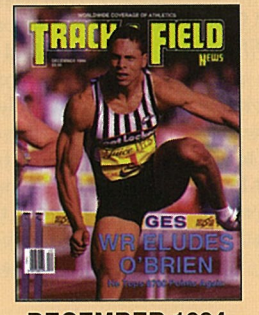
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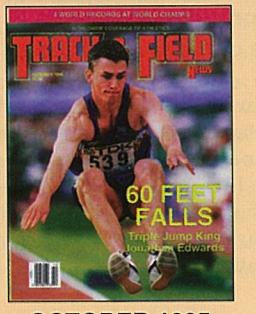
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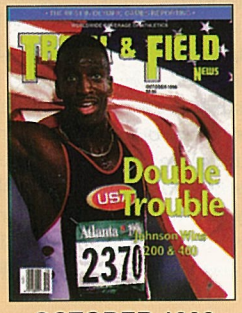
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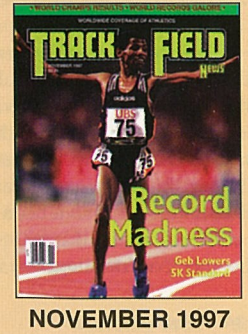
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T&FN's COFOUNDER INTERVIEWED

Cordner Nelson

by Jon Hendershott & Sieg Lindstrom

Cordner Nelson can rightfully claim to have seen several lifetimes worth of track & field. He has witnessed thousands of meets, athletes and records, dating back to the '32 Olympics.

The 79-year-old California native figures he must be the only track fan to have twice celebrated his birthday at the Games—in the same stadium (LA Coliseum).

He also claims to have seen more U.S. Olympic Trials than anyone else, 13: "Echo Summit in '68 is my clincher," he says. "One day there were barely 150 fans in the stands. There were more athletes than spectators."

But by far the most significant claim Nelson can make is that he and younger brother Bert started Track & Field News, *a move which led to each's induction into USATF's Hall Of Fame.*

Nelson, now retired in seaside Carmel, hasn't lost an ounce of his passion for the sport. And, naturally, a lifetime of track fandom has produced a lifetime of track memories:

T&FN: *How did your interest in track really start?*

Nelson: I remember high jumping in second grade. There was a high jump pit at our grammar school; that was near San Diego. Then we moved up to Riverside and I built my own high jump standards and jumped in our yard.

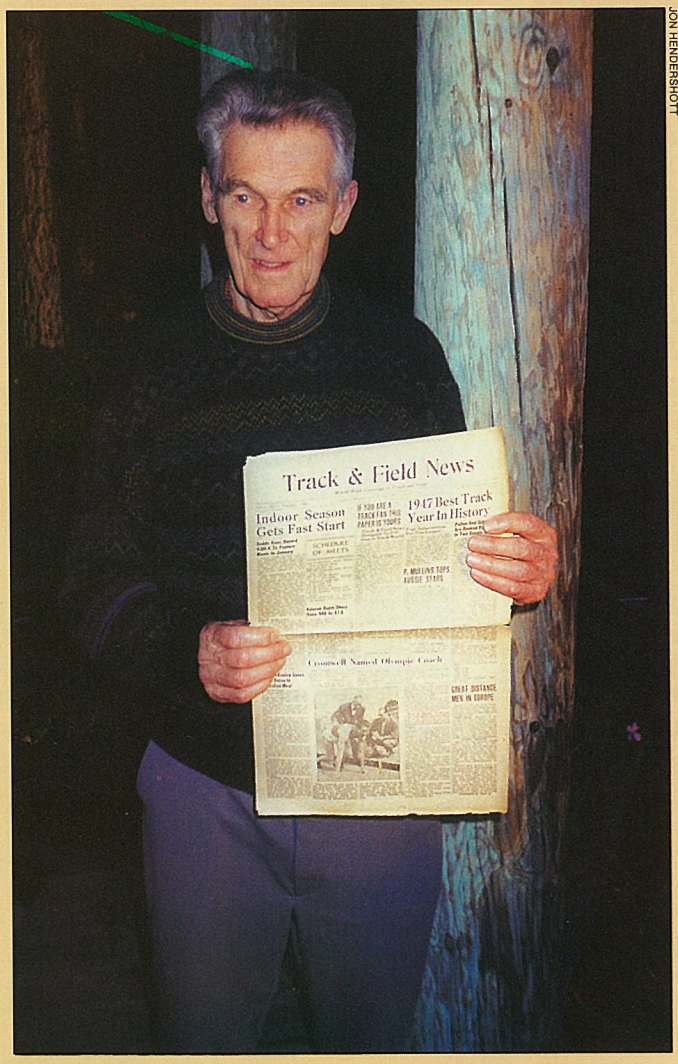
It must have been 1931 when I got really interested. The Olympics were coming and we just started having races. The roads in town were just dirt; we usually just ran what we felt like but later, we tried to measure off specific distances. I paced off a 220y stretch and we'd run up, turn around and come back.

For the first 440 I ever ran, we had an electric clock and I put it in the living room window. I started there and ran sort of a curve out of the house and out into the street. I ran up the street and came back to where the clock was—I can't remember a time, but it couldn't have been very good. About a minute and a half.

T&FN: *Even then, you were aware you had to know your time, height, or distance in the sport.*

Nelson: I was already into the measurement part of it, again because the Olympics were coming. At that time, Maxwell Stiles wrote about track for an LA paper and he was the best track writer I ever remember reading.

Max wrote about all these good foreign athletes expected for the Games. I don't know where Max got his information, but he had more than everyone else. Or so it seemed to me, but then, I was only 13 at the time. But I still have a shoe box full of file cards that I made back then; I made a card for every good athlete and put all his marks on it.



JON HENDERSHOTT

One of Nelson's proud possessions is one of the few remaining copies of the first edition of *T&FN.*

T&FN: *Did you even know what the Olympics were?*

Nelson: Probably not before 1931 when I really started paying attention to track. I may have seen the term because I read the sports pages a lot.

The first day we went to the Games my dad took the family. Those seats must have cost nearly $2 each; we sat along the backstretch, near to where we sat in '84. The discus was in front of us, but the vault was at the far end of the Coliseum. I recall that a Frenchman [Jules Noel] got a big discus throw, but the officials all were watching the vault, which was a great competition. They missed the throw and remarked it several feet short. That was one mad Frenchman.

I got to go to those Games for a second time—on my 14th birthday—partly because my dad had his own produce truck. We would move to a beach town during the summer because it got too hot in Riverside. My dad would buy a load of oranges or watermelons and take them into LA to sell. So on my birthday, August 6, a friend and I went in with my dad. Bert didn't go because he was too little.

We rode into LA on the truck, then took a streetcar to the Coliseum, paid our 50 cents and got into the Olympics. We sat at the end of the stadium and saw the sprint relay heats. We saw the steeple final, when the field ran an extra lap. My favorite runner then was Joe McCluskey, who ran 2nd all of the regular distance and ended up 3rd when it finished.

T&FN: *So seeing all the great athletes and learning what the Olympics were about, did that fuel your fire for the sport?*

Nelson: My interest was burning pretty brightly by then *[laughs]*. I had made up a game; we cut cardboard in the size of a playing card and put an athlete's name on it. There was a column for each event and down one side was the dice value, from 2 to 12. The values were based on their marks; a 12 was the athlete's PR. So you'd shake the dice and score that way.

I also remember laying out a track on butcher paper, with squares around it. Then you'd roll

the dice and move a marker—and once I ran a 10,000 like that, for 25 laps.

T&FN: *You and Bert saw NCAA meets after the Olympics, including Jesse Owens in '35?*

Nelson: Yes, we did. We went to the '34 NCAA in LA, the first ever on the West Coast, then the next year went to Berkeley. We rode the produce truck from Riverside to Stockton, which took about 18 hours. Then we hitchhiked to Oakland, then rode the streetcar to Berkeley. We didn't know the best route to the stadium, so we took a few more rides than we needed to. After the meet, we hitched back to Stockton and rode the produce truck home.

I sure remember Owens—I still feel he is the smoothest sprinter I've ever seen. You don't get much idea from the movies of those days of how smooth Owens really was.

T&FN: *What feelings have you had when you returned to those stadiums, like the LA Coliseum or Edwards Stadium in Berkeley, where you had such seminal experiences as a fan?*

Nelson: I loved doing it and that was one reason I enjoyed the '83 World Championships in Helsinki so much—because of the '52 Olympics. The more I think about it, and the more Olympics I see, the more I realize Helsinki was my favorite Games.

It was my first full Olympics, for one thing. But the competition was just special: Mal Whitfield vs. Arthur Wint in the 800; Josy Barthel of little Luxembourg winning the 1500; of course, Zátopek winning his 5/10/marathon triple.

And there was Horace Ashenfelter winning the steeplechase from this feared Russian. Of course, that was more than one guy beating his prime rival and big favorite: it was the U.S. vs. the USSR. It was fantastic how he blasted off that last water jump and ran away.

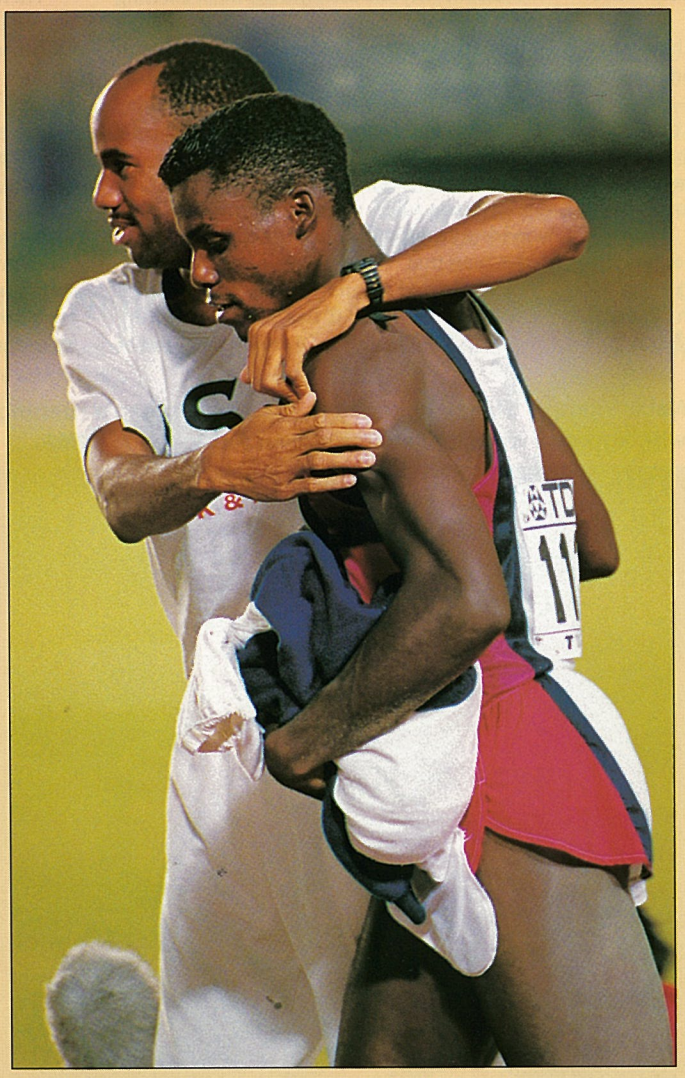
T&FN: *In terms of* T&FN, *its approach of ultra-accuracy led to many developments which are common today: place timing, results for every athlete, wind readings, field-event series. What else has the magazine contributed to the sport over the years?*

Nelson: I feel one of the biggest things is that the magazine is a focal point of success. Athletes think it's great to make the cover, or make a list or ranking. Some shoe companies actually pay bonuses based on the rankings.

I know that at least one Olympic champion credited the magazine with reviving his interest enough to keep competing that year—Guinn Smith, who won the '48 vault.

Also, athletes can see how they compare to the whole nation. High school athletes in North Dakota can get an idea what other high schoolers are doing around the country. Same for collegians. There wasn't anything like that before.

T&FN: *Have there been negative, or less helpful, things that* T&FN *did?*



ALLSPORT/BOB MARTIN

Of all the great head-to-head duels Nelson has ever seen, Powell over Lewis in the long jump at the '91 World Championships rates near the top of the list.

Nelson: The main thing is a story in the late-'60s which criticized the heck out of track coaches. That caused a lot of bitter feelings among coaches. They didn't blame just the writer, but the magazine, too. After all, we printed the story and I think the common perception is that a publication must agree with at least part of something it prints.

But from the start, we didn't believe in [sensationalism]. If we heard some bad stuff about an athlete, we didn't put it in, like writers seem to do today. We didn't feel that was what *T&FN* should be about. We took the correct position right from the start. I feel the term "high principled" fits our approach.

T&FN: *Another very positive aspect has been the World Rankings. How did that idea come up?*

Nelson: It just seemed like a good idea. It was a way to compare athletes from different parts of the world, but for that first issue, it also was a way to sum up 1947.

T&FN: *The Rankings are such a cornerstone of* T&FN*'s presence in the sport, but what other positive influences has the magazine had?*

Nelson: We did a lot about training in the early days. Fred Wilt introduced fartlek to this country. We wrote about interval training. I was more interested in training aspects than Bert. I'm sure we helped create fans. I've felt that the proliferation of "copycats"—regional publications and newsletters—shows we have had an impact.

T&FN: *Any event is so much more interesting when you know an athlete involved, like Mathias trying to defend his decathlon title in '52.*

Nelson: That applies to anything: the more you know about something, the more interesting it is. That's one of the problems with television: NBC really has tried to build personal interest, but it antagonizes track fans by showing all those bios.

I see what NBC is trying to do: make non-track fans interested in at least one athlete. A bio at least gives the casual fan something to watch. If you showed just the event, it would be like showing a swimming event to me. It doesn't mean anything to me; I just know who's ahead.

T&FN: *Do you more look forward to an Olympic or World Championships year, when you know you're virtually certain of being at the biggest meet of that season?*

Nelson: The first few Olympics I attended I felt were just about the biggest thing in life. There wasn't anything to compare with going to the Games. Now, I guess I'm jaded somewhat because I feel a bit of a letdown.

For years, I was hoping for World Championships because I wanted the Olympic experience more often that just once every four years. I still like that experience, but I also admit that those three World Records in 70 minutes this past year in Zürich got me a lot higher than the whole Worlds in Athens.

T&FN: *Can you say what has been the biggest change you've seen in the sport over the years? Is it just the progress in performances?*

Nelson: That part certainly has been remarkable. Now, tracks are much faster. And you have things like fiberglass poles, which have made the vault a different event from the old days. But the level of performances is just fantastic. We used to seriously publish 6-6 high jumps and 52-foot shot puts as national marks. Those were placers in national meets.

There have been things that have caused

radical changes that I don't like, drugs and money chief among them. I feel the worst thing in track now is drugs because we don't know if an athlete really is achieving a performance or not. A performance is suspect if it's anywhere near the top.

And I'm no Avery Brundage who wants absolute "pure" amateurism, but money is out of hand now. Many meets—indoors and outdoors—don't exist anymore but if they did, could they pay the athletes? Professionalism is good in some ways, but now it just seems that the balance is wrong. And I don't know how it ever will correct itself.

T&FN: *Somehow, back in '52 or '56, was the sport more "pure"?*

Nelson: In terms of amateurism, it definitely was. Would Jim Ryun today run for nothing? Everybody's getting paid, so why wouldn't he? But it was against the rules then.

But do you think Roger Bannister had money in mind when he ran? I bet Randy Matson didn't make any money. Do you think Prefontaine was as tough as he was because he saw dollar signs first? Athletes like Pre are the kind I admire.

T&FN: *We'll ask in a minute about the highlight performances you have seen, but now what about outstanding individual athletes? You have seen many legends, like Owens and Zátopek.*

Nelson: Oh, there have been so many great athletes. I did get to see Paavo Nurmi run once, but it wasn't a race. It was just before the U.S. got in World War II. He was touring for Finnish relief and he ran a lap on an indoor track in San Francisco. Then I also got to see him light the Olympic flame in '52.

I always had his picture in my bedroom when I was a kid. But now, I can't say who were the most outstanding athletes; there are so many good ones, it kind of boggles my mind now to try to name any.

T&FN: *Have any performances you have seen been great disappointments or letdowns?*

Nelson: Those mostly have been at the Trials. Matson getting knocked off the team by cigarette-smoking Brian Oldfield. Ryun falling at Munich; that was one of my big disappointments. Harrison Dillard hitting a hurdle at the '48 Trials; I was looking right at him when he fell and it was a shock because he was just supposed to win.

In those days, I thought I could predict results. If somebody was by far the best in the world, like Dillard, then he was a cinch to make the Olympic team. I know better now.

T&FN: *Finally, what are some of the most memorable performances you have seen?*

Nelson: Anyone asks me the most exciting race I ever saw and I immediately think of Billy Mills's 10,000 at the Tokyo Olympics. One of the greatest I ever saw was the 400H at the '87 Worlds in Rome, that incredibly tight finish among Edwin Moses, Danny Harris and Harald Schmid.

There have been so many close races. Like the '84 Trials 100H, when four women all finished within a 100th. I doubt you could get one closer than that.

Once, I tried to analyze the excitement a race generates. First, it has to be something longer than 10 seconds, to develop that kind of emotion. Then, it has to be an athlete I'm especially interested in, like Ashenfelter or ['52 1500 runner-up] Bob McMillen or Mills or [10,000 AR setter] Max Truex in 1960.

Then the athlete has to do better than ever before, better than I ever thought he could do. Of course, it's icing on the cake if he wins. So Truex's 6th in Rome was very exciting to me, but in many newspaper references it was a failure because he placed only 6th. But he broke the AR by 45 seconds and beat a lot of big-name runners, so to me that was fantastic.

T&FN: *Which women's races come to mind?*

Nelson: I really enjoyed Mary Slaney at the '83 Worlds, with her kick. Since then, Boulmerka and Masterkova have had good kicks, but before Helsinki there weren't many kickers in women's races. To see Mary run like she did—like men—was great.

Nelson thinks Slaney changed the face of women's running with aggressive kicks like she showed in Helsinki in '83.



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One of my proudest moments was watching the women's 10K in Barcelona when Derartu Tulu beat Elana Meyer. The field was together for half the race but even before they strung out, I said to [track nut] John Geer, "I like Tulu."

I hadn't heard of her, but she had a compact, efficient style. Tulu eventually ran away with the race and John said to me, "You know something about this sport, don't you?" *[laughs]*

T&FN: *You obviously saw Beamon's long jump in '68—and Mike Powell vs. Carl Lewis when that was finally broken in '91?*

Nelson: Yes. That was just an incredible back-and-forth competition between the two best in the world.

There have been a lot of very exciting field event World Records: Brian Sternberg's 16-8 vault in Compton; Charley Dumas's first 7-footer. That meet, the '56 Trials, was a great meet.

Another great one was Modesto in '63. That's where I saw two World Records at the same time. Oregon State won the 4 x 880 while Sternberg was tying the vault mark with 16-6¾.

Remember the women's javelin in Helsinki in '83? A Finn like Tiina Lillak coming through—on her last throw, in Finland, in the javelin, to win the World Championships. Even if you weren't Finnish, you got the electric feeling from the crowd.

There are so many memories... it's probably easiest to just look through years of *T&FN*. Flip a page and put your finger down. Almost everything is memorable.

Tracking 50 Years

PLEASE JOIN US for a quick journey through the last 50 years in track & field. The following vignettes are not intended to represent the most important happening in each year of our existence, nor are they items directly from the pages of *Track & Field News*. Rather, they're pieces intended not only to bring back warm memories for the longtime subscriber, but also to give the youngsters a hint at just how much our sport has developed in the last half-century.

1948—California's Boy Wonder

In May of '48 *T&FN* was a struggling young publication and Bob Mathias's high school coach was struggling to convince him to try the decathlon, telling him that by '52 he might be good enough to make the Olympic team. One of the country's best prep hurdlers, Mathias had never even tried to vault or throw the javelin.

Although he wasn't great at any single event, Mathias proved to be adept at all of them, and in his second 10-eventer produced the world's best score since '40. He was off to the Games four years early, and after two days of slogging through unimaginable rain and mud (including a javelin runway lit by flashlights) he was Olympic champion at 17.

1949—Patton Changes His Mind

Mel Patton had a fabulous '48 campaign, running the first legal 9.3 for 100y, winning the Olympic 200 title and adding another gold in the 4x1. Shocking it was, then, when the January '49 issue of *T&FN* headlined, "Mel Patton Quits Track."

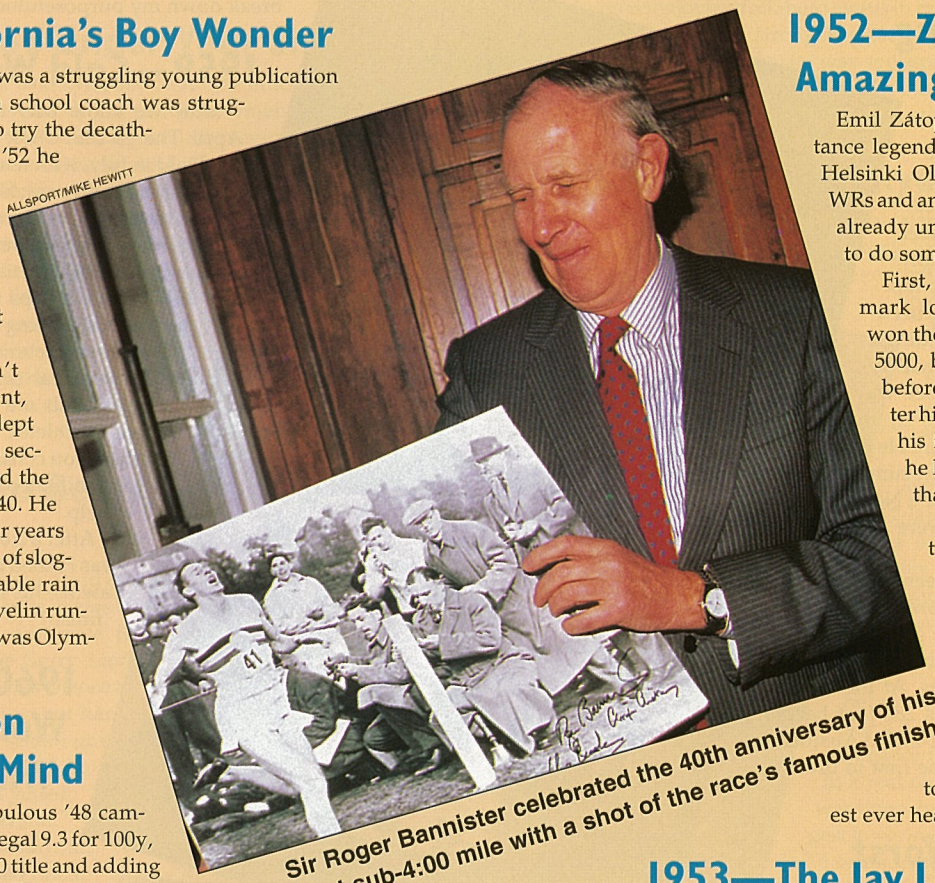
Fortunately, he relented, and was even better in '49, going undefeated in both dashes, and running 20.2 for the 220 straight, breaking Jesse Owens's 14-year-old WR. He also anchored his USC teammates to a pair of WRs in the 4x2. But he never ran again after winning both NCAA dash titles.

1950—Statistics Get Codification

Few in the United States knew, and probably even fewer cared, but an August meeting in Brussels laid the framework for bringing some order to track's statistical chaos with the formation of the Association of Track & Field Statisticians (ATFS), with Roberto Quercetani as the first president. To this day, the ATFS serves an essential role in keeping track's lists—both yearly and all-time—in tremendous working order.

1951—Fabulous Fanny's Farewell

WW II stole most of the best years of Fanny Blankers-Koen's career, but given her one real shot at Olympic glory, she had been the big story of the '48 Olympics, winning an unprecedented four gold medals in the 100, 200, 80H and 4x1. When the '52 Games rolled around, she would be 34, probably too old to make much of an impact, and as it turned out, medication she was taking rendered her too dizzy to be effective. But just a year before, she showed that she wasn't really too old, even at 33, as she produced the final World Record of her career, in the pentathlon.



Sir Roger Bannister celebrated the 40th anniversary of his first sub-4:00 mile with a shot of the race's famous finish.

1952—Zátopek's Amazing Triple

Emil Zátopek was already a distance legend before he came to the Helsinki Olympics. With multiple WRs and an Olympic gold ('48 10K) already under his belt he decided to do something unprecedented.

First, running with his trademark look-of-agony style, he won the golds in the 10,000 and 5000, but that had been done before. But only two days after his 5K triumph he entered his first marathon. Indeed, he had never even run half that far in training.

In midrace he asked the favorites, "Are we going fast enough?" He was, but they weren't, and when he was done, the indomitable Czechoslovakian had his third gold.

The ovation he received on his victory lap may be the greatest ever heard.

1953—The Jav Learns To Fly

As an engineering student, Bud Held brought a unique perspective to the javelin, and he and brother Dick ended up designing more aerodynamic spears than had previously been used. Fatter ones that floated better. A three-time NCAA champ for Stanford ('48–'50), Bud was experimenting with a new hollow implement by '53, but was still employing a solid model of Held design when he became the first to break both the 80m and 260-foot barriers with a throw of 263-10 (80.42) in the summer of '53.

1954—The 4:00 Barrier Falls

Oxford, England, May 6—Nobody actually heard all of one of the most famous announcements in track, which began in reserved English fashion, "Ladies and gentlemen, here is the result of event 9, the one-mile: 1st, No. 41, R.G. Bannister, Amateur Athletic Association and formerly of Exeter and Merton Colleges, Oxford, with a time which is a new meeting and track record, and which—subject to ratification—will be a new English Native, British National, British All-Comers, European, British Empire, and World Record. The time was 3. . ."

Roger Bannister had run 3:59.4, and the crowd drowned out the rest.

1955—Flying High In Mexico

If people—*T&FN* included—had paid close attention to what happened at the '55 Pan-American Games in Mexico City, the recordbreaking exploits of Beamon, et al, at the '68 Olympics wouldn't have come as a surprise at all. No event better typified the aid given by more than 7000ft of altitude than the 400, where Lou Jones (45.4) and Jim Lea (45.6) both broke the WR of 45.8, even though it was only March and they had previous PRs of just 46.4 and 46.3.

"When was the last time they measured this track?" was their question after the race was over. Herb McKenley, at the time the owner of the only sub-45 relay leg ever, saw the race, shook his head and said, "Now I've seen everything." Nah, everything didn't come until '68.

1956—Big Year For Barrier-Busting

Two of track & field's biggest barriers, 4:00 in the mile and 60-feet in the shot, had fallen two years previously, but when it came to overall barrier-breaking (and sheer number of records), the Melbourne Olympic year is tough to top.

Willie Williams produced the first 10.1 in the 100, ending a long string of 10.2s that had begun with Charlie Paddock way back in 1921. (Williams, by the way, wasn't an Olympian. He did his best running during the summer months, but the Trials for a November-December Games were held in June!)

The Trials may have been held early, but that didn't stop the breaking of the 50-second barrier in the 400H (49.5 for Glenn Davis) and 7-feet in the high jump (7-$^{1}/_{2}$) for Charlie Dumas. At the Games themselves, the javelin's 280-foot barrier fell to Egil Danielsen (281-2) and Australia's women (44.9) became the first to break 45-flat in the 4x1.

1957—The Worst Nationals Ever

"AAU Meet Fouled Up" read the head in *T&FN* after the nationals wrapped up in Dayton, Ohio. "Reverberations of this meet will be heard for years to come," we said. "Badly staged, with unfavorable physical conditions and unbelievably bad officiating, the meet produced little excitement and few outstanding marks."

The most egregious errors came in the 220 and 440, where the staggers were mismeasured. In the 440, no two runners ran the same distance and the winner ran only 432y. There was no finishline camera, and misplacings were rampant. Marks were lost in the discus and hammer when markers were knocked over, and the shot sector was too small, with some legal puts hitting a wall. Spectator aids were nonexistent, the announcing abysmal.

Famed track journalist Maxwell Stiles wrote in the *Los Angeles Mirror-News*, "Now is the time for the dissolution of the AAU, and the organization of another group with similar functions, powers and responsibilities but without the arrogance, the hypocrisy, the stupidity and the incompetence of the one we have now."



Spurred on by a bronze in her first Olympic Games, Rudolph won 3 golds the next time out.

1958—Poster Boy For The Wild Bunch

A prodigy if ever there was one, Herb Elliott lost only one mile race in his whole life, and that was an age-group race to someone three years older. He set multiple WRs in the 1500 and mile, the last of them set in winning the '60 Olympic title in a gutsy bit of frontrunning.

This from a guy who smoked 30–40 cigarettes a day in high school and when on tour was known to consume more than his fair share of suds. His first tour outside Australia came in the summer of '58, and despite a less-than-stiff training regimen he produced the biggest lowering of the mile WR in the modern era, from 3:57.2 to 3:54.5.

He eschewed prerace handshakes, saying, "To shake hands with one's opponents before a race and wish them luck is hypocritical. I don't want to talk to them and the last thing I want to do is shake their hands because it would break down my purposefulness."

1959—Cold War Heats Up

Now we know why the Penn Relays are in April. The '59 U.S.-USSR dual was held at Franklin Field in July, with temperatures approaching 90, and humidity reaching 60%.

American distancemen floundered in the oppressive conditions (their Soviet counterparts did not), particularly Bob Soth in the 10K. About 20 laps in, Soth started leaning backwards, leading George Grenier to write, "It is so characteristic of impending complete physical collapse that it indicates that officials are unaware of what happens to athletes. It verges on the sadistic when you consider Soth ran 3$^{1}/_{2}$ laps in his debilitated state and no one moved to help."

After a 2:07.8 lap he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. When he awoke his first words were, "Did I finish?"

1960—Wondrous Wilma's Games

After she won a relay bronze at the '56 Games, 16-year-old Wilma Rudolph said, "At the next Olympics I'm going to win at least one or two of those gold medals for me and my country."

She went even one better in Rome, becoming the first American woman ever to win three golds, as she captured the 100 (after equaling the WR of 11.3 in the prelims) and 200, then anchored the U.S. 4x1 in WR time. At an Olympics where the men's team was highlighted by some notable failures, "Wondrous Wilma" became the nation's darling.

1961—A Touch Of Glass

At one time or another, vaulting poles were probably made of every kind of wood imaginable, with bamboo taking over as the century began. Aluminum came into prominence after WWII, but people were already experimenting with fiberglass in the late-'40s. Not until '61, however, did a World Record fall to a glass vaulter, when Oklahoma State's George Davies cleared 15-10$^{1}/_{4}$ at the Big 8 meet.

John Uelses cracked the 16-foot barrier the next year, and a new event was born, with the 17-, 18-, 19- and 20-foot ceilings all to fall.

1962—USC String Stopped At 104

There was a time when the men of Troy were synonymous with collegiate track excellence. Like 1935–'43, when USC won 9 straight NCAA team titles, and probably would have won more if WW II hadn't gotten in the way. As the war wound down, Cal Tech beat the Trojans in a dual in '45. But for almost 20 years thereafter, the Angelenos were unbeatable in dual-meet competition, going 104 meets without a loss (including a tie with Michigan State in '49).

But in the early '60s, Bill Bowerman's Oregon team was in ascendancy, and when the Ducks visited the Coliseum in April, the result was a 75–56 runaway for the northerners. The list of legendary stars who participated that day is boggling. It includes Harry Jerome, Rex Cawley, Dyrol Burleson, Jerry Tarr, Mel Renfro and Dallas Long. Oregon went on to win its first-ever NCAA title that year.

1963—The Goo Under Your Shoe

Cross country runners who kvetched about the mucky conditions at the USATF Cross Country are all too young to remember there was a time when running on tracks could be similarly soggy.

The first big change came at the '63 AAU Championships, when the U.S. Rubber Company laid 360 tons of a mixture of rubber, asphalt and crushed stone an inch and a half thick in St. Louis. That the new concoction was fast was evidenced early, when Bob Hayes ran history's first 9.1 for 100y in the semis. Hayes, who had already run 9.3 on 10 occasions, said, "Those 9.3s seemed faster."

Such is the magic of synthetic tracks. "I wish they made all the tracks like this," concluded Hayes.

1964—The Kid Beats The Russians

If there was one thing you could count on in the old U.S.-USSR series, it was that the Soviet men would dominate the 10,000. Until gawky little Gerry Lindgren, just 18 years old, got his chance at them. Forsaking his usual go-out-hard routine, the recent high school grad bided his time for the first 15 laps, then U.S. coach Sam Bell yelled, "If you feel alright, go on around."

Go the little Washingtonian did, winning by more than 20 seconds, running 29:17.6 in only his second 10K ever. "When I saw the communist emblem with the hammer and sickle on the jersey of the Russian runners, I knew it was more than a race to see who could get to the finish line," he said. "I knew it was a race between men's minds and different ways of life. I wanted to do something."



The man with the freight-train arm, Al Oerter, won the Olympic discus four straight times, '56–'68.

1965—NCAA & AAU Go To War

Dissatisfaction with the way the AAU governed track was long a sore spot with the nation's collegiate coaches, and in '61 the National Collegiate Track Coaches Association was initiated as a reform group. The AAU began to make changes, but control of the NCTCA was soon coopted by the NCAA, which formed the U.S. Track & Field Federation (USTFF) as a parallel organization. Peace was declared during the Tokyo Olympic period, but in the fall of '64 war broke out. In '65, politics would overshadow proper competition.

The biting issue was over sanctioning of meets, with the NCAA now declaring that collegiate athletes couldn't compete in meets that didn't have a USTFF sanction. And the AAU declared its sole right to sanction open meets. Effectively collegians who competed in open meets risked suspension by the NCAA. A comprehensive *T&FN* survey of the nation's collegiate coaches found that 71% did not support the NCAA position.

In the final analysis, as is so often the case, the athletes themselves saved the day. A handful of brave collegians, with Gerry Lindgren the high-profile performer, decided to call the NCAA's bluff, and ran in the AAU Championships (Lindgren's WR 6M race). The NCAA president then said there was no danger of anyone's losing eligibility.

With Lindgren enjoying folk-hero status in the Pacific Northwest, his federal representatives took strong interest in the situation, and as the year wound down, the U.S. Senate was sponsoring an arbitration process between the AAU and NCAA. It wasn't the last shameful episode in the alphabet wars, but the worst of it was over.

1966–1967—The Jim Ryun Era

That Jim Ryun was a special talent was obvious when he made the '64 Olympic team as a prep junior. He was even better in '65, but once he moved on to Kansas, he became one of the most potent middle-distance forces ever seen, and was our Athlete Of The Year twice in a row.

Showing speed nobody suspected, he ran the fastest 2-lapper ever in the spring of '66: 1:44.9 for 880y. Obviously ready for big things in the mile, he whacked a huge 2.3 seconds from the WR with his 3:51.3.

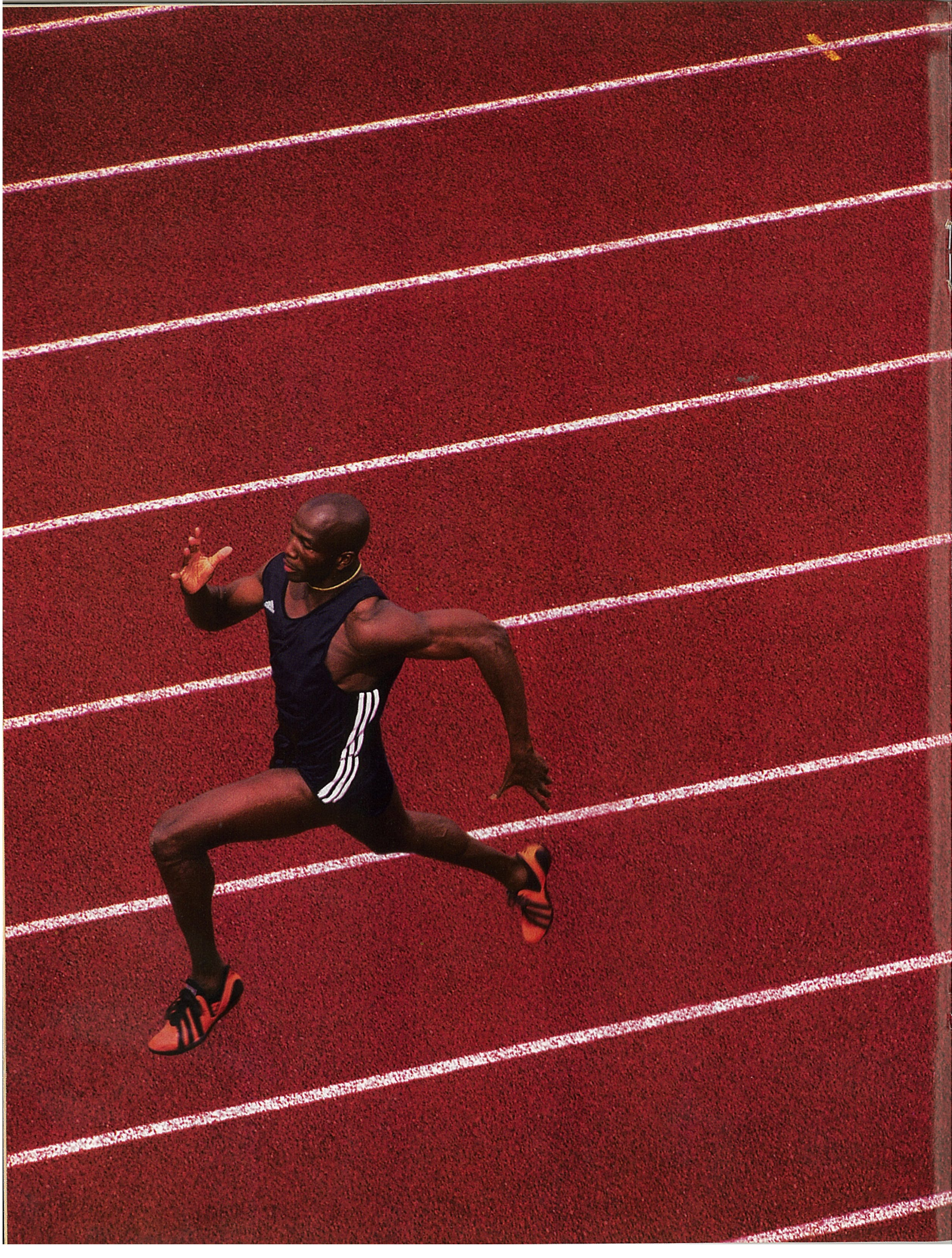
In '67, running virtually solo, he lowered the mile mark to 3:51.1, then a few weeks later went head-to-head with Kip Keino in a 1500. In a real race, no rabbits. When he was done, he had produced the biggest lowering of the 1500 record ever, 2.5 seconds, to 3:33.1.

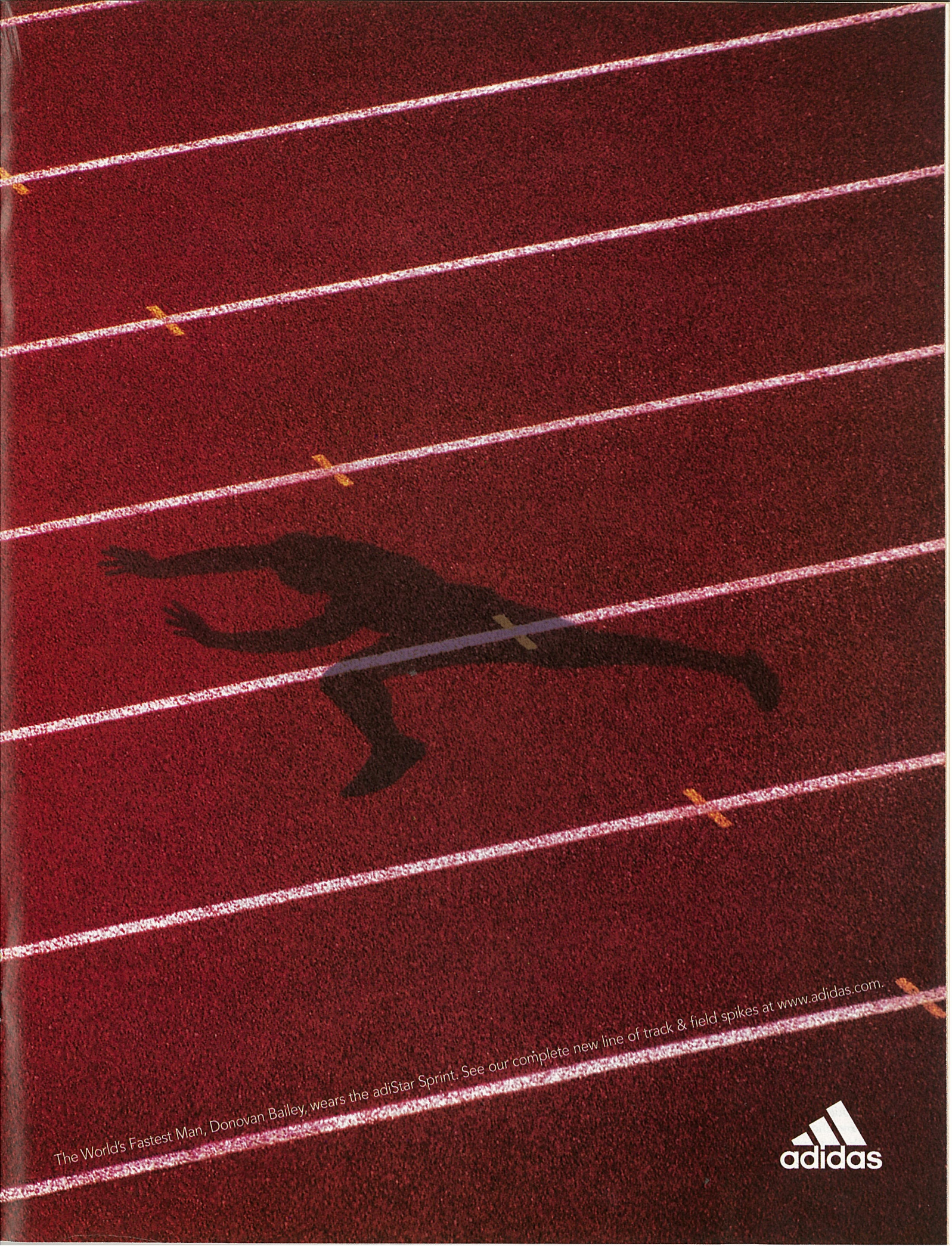
After a slow start, he ran his last 400 in 53.3, last 800 in 1:50.5 and last 1200 in a scintillating 2:46.6.

1968—Beamon Jumps Into History

You won't find it in the dictionary, but it's the rare sports fan who doesn't know the meaning of the word "Beamonesque." What Bob Beamon did was simply bypass the long jump's 28-foot barrier en route to crashing through to 29.

Never mind that dispassionate scientific types—taking into account the extreme altitude and likelihood that the jump was illegally wind aided—now think it was probably just a mortal 28-foot jump under real conditions. It was a performance which shocked the world, and left officials forced to rummage for an old-fashioned tape, because their fancy new sighting device wasn't designed to go that far.




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1969—T&FN Urges Steroid Policy

More than a few athletes used anabolic steroids at the Tokyo Olympics in '64; many did at Mexico City in '68. Nobody questioned the increased performance level which came with their usage. But were the negative aspects—both physical and ethical—so strong that they should be formally banned? That was a question we asked in I April:

"The use of anabolic steroids is unquestionably a prominent development—if not already an important issue—in track & field today, one which has basically been ignored and one which obviously isn't going to go away by kicking it under the carpet.

"It is *T&FN*'s opinion that track & field officialdom should take some action. Organizations such as the NCAA, AAU, IAAF and IOC should conduct extensive research into the subject and form a definitive policy. If these bodies determine that taking steroids is legitimate, they should be on record stating as much so that athletes may take them without fear or stigma attached."

1970—Chi Does It All

Taiwan's Chi Cheng was the outstanding women's performer of the '69 season, but what she did that year pales in comparison to her exploits the next year.

Competing no fewer than 83 times in a marathon campaign in the sprints, hurdles and long jump, she went undefeated and tied or set 7 World Records outdoors and had another pair indoors.

Her finest day came in Portland in June when she ran the first 10-flat for 100y and also broke the 220y record with a 22.7.

1971—The Dashing Dr. Meriwether

In the fall of '70, *T&FN* carried a story that would undoubtedly have been considered apocryphal had it not carried Bob Hersh's byline. In it, he told the tale of a 27-year-old MD who had decided to try running for the first time in his life. Using a technique book by Jim Dunaway as his guide, he worked out for a few months, then ran his first competitive race: 9.6 for 100y. By the end of the summer he had run 9.4 and 21.1y.

In 1971 Dr. Delano Meriwether became a national-class sprinter, wowing fans indoors and making the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. But it was at the outdoor nationals he made his biggest splash, equaling the fastest 100y ever run with his wind-aided 9.0. But that's where the fairy tale peaked, as ongoing hamstring problems (and professional concerns) kept him from being a major factor again.

1972—The Cat In The Hat

A recent discussion on the Net regarding the most impressive track performance people had ever seen turned up an amazing number of votes for Dave Wottle's 800 win at the Olympics, even among those for whom Munich was perhaps the first track memory. You know, the guy in the white golf cap.

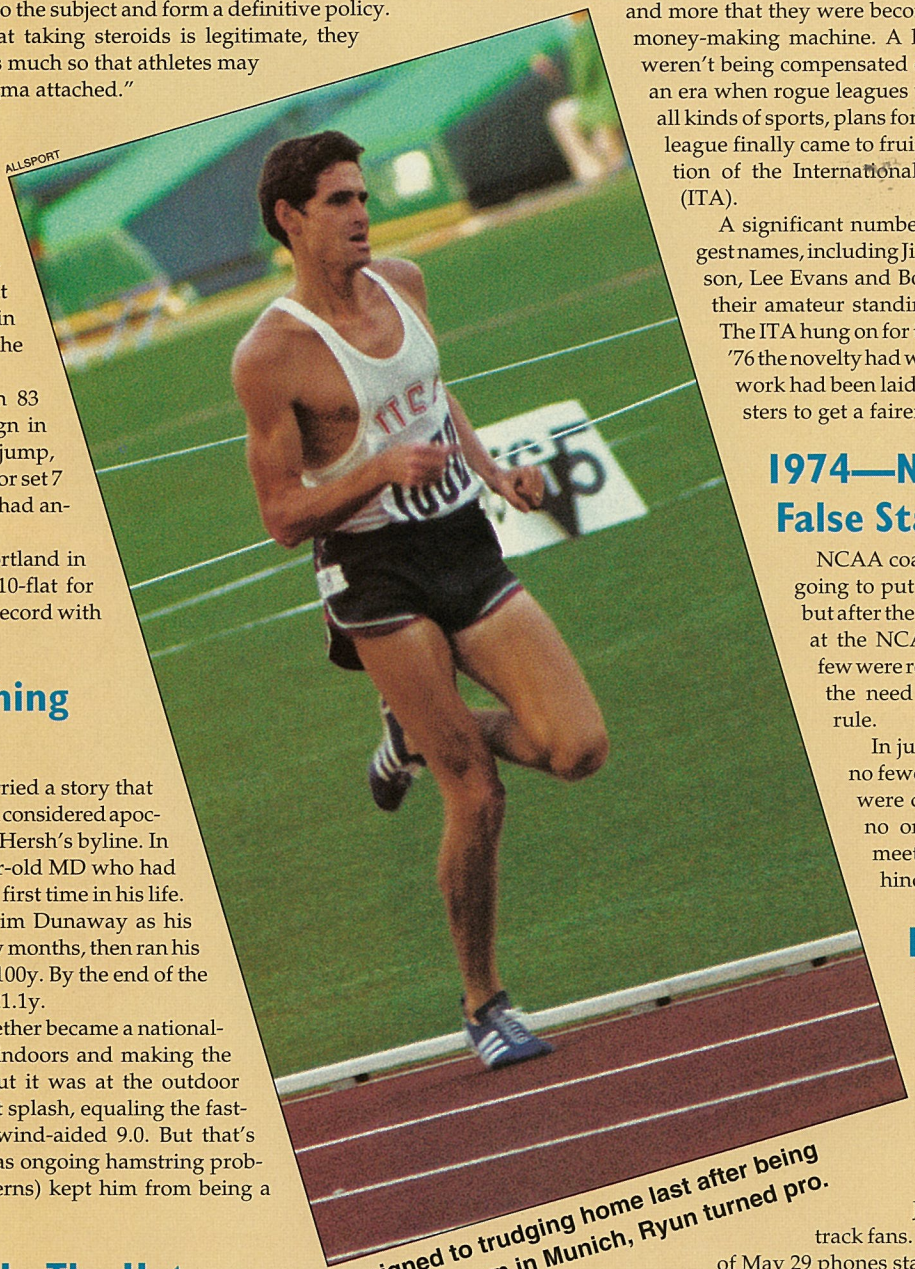
With 200m to go, the pack was tightly bunched, but Wottle had seven men to pass, obviously an impossible task. But wait! As they went around the final curve, the Bowling Green senior-to-be started picking off world-class runners as if he were in an all-comers meet. As they approached the line, the American still trailed favored Yevgeniy Arzhanov, and it was only a superior lean that got him the win. It was only the second time anyone had won an Olympic 800 title with a faster second 400 (and has happened only once more since).

Wottle was so flushed with victory that he forgot to remove the cap during the victory ceremony, but no less a figure than Vice President Spiro Agnew cabled, "Hat on or off, you are still an American to be proud of."

1973—Track Turns Professional

As the glow of the Olympics wore off, track athletes realized more and more that they were becoming part of a large money-making machine. A large part, but they weren't being compensated commensurately. In an era when rogue leagues were popping up in all kinds of sports, plans for a professional track league finally came to fruition with the formation of the International Track Association (ITA).

A significant number of the sport's biggest names, including Jim Ryun, Randy Matson, Lee Evans and Bob Seagren, gave up their amateur standing to dash for cash. The ITA hung on for three seasons, but by '76 the novelty had worn off. The groundwork had been laid, however, for tracksters to get a fairer share of the loot.



Resigned to trudging home last after being knocked down in Munich, Ryun turned pro.

1974—No More False Starts

NCAA coaches said they were going to put the rule in anyway, but after the first round of the 100 at the NCAA Championships, few were ready to argue against the need for a no-false-start rule.

In just 7 heats of the 100, no fewer than 18 false starts were charged, eliminating no one, and putting the meet about an hour behind schedule.

1975—A Legend Dies Young

Just as the public at large can tell you where they were when they found out that JFK died, so it is with track fans. Early in the morning of May 29 phones started ringing all over the country. There would be a pause, then the news was half-whispered, "Pre's dead." One of the sport's brightest stars was gone at 24.

Whether you loved him or hated him—and with Steve Prefontaine nothing came halfway—it was always a joy to watch him run. As he told Kenny Moore in '73, "I want a race where it comes down to who's toughest, who can push himself the farthest into that kind of exhaustion where running is unnatural; where you have to whip yourself to go on."

1976—El Caballo Thunders Home

Alberto Juantorena didn't advance beyond the semifinals of the Munich 400, but by '74, the rangy Cuban had improved enough to World Rank No. 1. After an injury-riddled '75 the 44.7 sprinter showed his strength early in the Olympic year with a 1:45.80 over two laps, but claimed he wouldn't double in Montréal. Juanto changed his mind, though—and became the first man ever to win a Games 4/8 combo.

First, the runner dubbed *El Caballo* (the horse) by his countrymen romped 1:43.5 for an 800 WR. He then returned four days later to muscle through a 44.26 to capture the 1-lap title. After his demanding schedule, which also included a 44.7 relay leg, Juantorena said, "I'm not Superman. I'm tired."

1977—14 Scholarships, More Foreigners

Controversy over the steady march of foreign athletes into U.S. colleges received more ammo as collegiate coaches fumed at the NCAA's ruling to limit track grants to 14 . "The coach will try to get the best mileage out of his scholarships," said Clarence Robison of BYU. "So the foreign athlete will be more in demand than ever."

Said Del Hessel of Western Kentucky, "With the number of grants going down and the number of foreigners going up, fewer young Americans will participate in college track."

"You can go either for quality or depth," said Bob Beeten of Idaho State. Depth wins dual meets and conference championships, but just a few good foreign veterans can place a team high in the NCAA."

Tennessee's Stan Huntsman said, "Coaches will more and more go for the proven foreign veteran and thus ensure a good return on he investment of a grant."

They were right.

1978—Rono's Year

A group of track nuts making friendly wagers shortly before the NCAA meet loudly hooted one of their number for predicting that Henry Rono would run a sub-8:20 in the steeple heats. But the brave one knew well that the Washington Stater already had set a pair of WRs that spring, one in the chase (8:05.4 in a low-key invitational) and another in the 5000 (13:08.4 in an early-April collegiate dual meet).

So Rono did break 8:20 in his heat with an 8:18.63, then the fastest prelim ever, and still faster than anyone but Rono has run in the NCAA meet. That summer in Europe he added WRs in the 3000 (7:32.1) and 10,000 (27:22.5) and was a unanimous AOY choice at year's end. A battle with alcoholism consumed the Kenyan's later life, but barely dimmed the brilliance of The Year of Rono.

1979—The Put That Never Came Down

Michael Carter knew his final shot heave at the Golden West Invitational would be the farewell performance of his high school career. The muscleman from Jefferson High in Dallas wanted to make the most of it—and his remarkably high, arching throw became the stuff of legends. The 12lb ball thudded to the turf an astounding 81-3½ from the circle, a performance some experts call the greatest thing they have ever seen at any level of the sport.

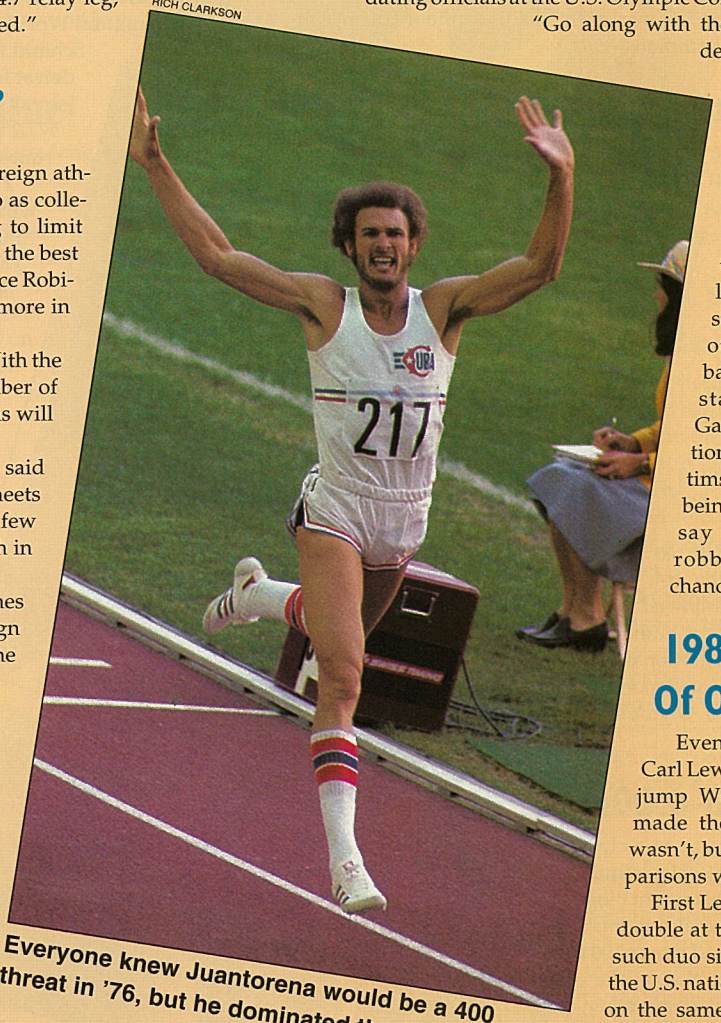
Carter went on to football All-America honors at SMU, as well as three NCAA shot titles outdoors and the '84 Olympic silver medal, and even a pair of Super Bowl rings in pro football. But nothing beats Carter's put; those who saw it get a faraway, glazed look in their eyes when recalling that final, towering throw.

1980—U.S. Athletes Get Carterized

A Soviet invasion of Afghanistan prompted U.S. President Jimmy Carter to make a fateful decision: "Get out of Afghanistan," he told the Soviets, "or the U.S. will boycott the Moscow Olympics." The Soviets ignored the threat, but Carter was dead serious—to the point of intimidating officials at the U.S. Olympic Committee. One official said, "Go along with the boycott. . . or we will destroy the USOC. We'll take away your tax exemption; we'll take away your passports."

Although patriotism was touted as the reasoning, the USOC eventually knuckled under to the threats and American athletes had no choice but to stay at home. A number of other western countries backed the U.S. and also stayed away. Moscow's Games went on, the competition diluted but the real victims of the ill-advised boycott being the athletes who had no say in the decision which robbed many of their one chance at the Games.

RICH CLARKSON



Everyone knew Juantorena would be a 400 threat in '76, but he dominated the 800 too.

1981—Memories Of Owens

Even as a high school senior Carl Lewis was a star, gaining long jump World Ranking in '79. He made the '80 Olympic-team-that wasn't, but a year later evoked comparisons with his idol, Jesse Owens.

First Lewis won a 100/long jump double at the NCAA meet—the first such duo since Owens in '36. Then at the U.S. nationals, he repeated the pair, on the same night. First Lewis faced prime LJ rival Larry Myricks and produced the No. 2 leap in history. Next, a startling surge just passed the halfway mark in the 100 carried Lewis to the century title—despite throwing up his arms in triumph some 10m from the line. Just two seasons later, Lewis duplicated Owens' feat of taking four Olympic golds.

1982—Slaney At All Distances

When she first emerged nationally in '72 at age 13, she was known as "little Mary Decker." Ten years later Mary Decker Tabb was grown up and among the best women distance runners in the world. She was *the* best American, leading the U.S. list at every standard distance from the 800 through the 10,000.

In the process, she set no fewer than 5 American Records: mile (4:18.08), 2000 (5:38.9), 3000 (8:29.71), 5000 (15:08.26) and 10,000 (31:35.3). Her times in the mile, 5000 and 10,000 also rated as WRs. But so tough were the Eastern Bloc athletes at the time that Mary rated only No. 9 in the Athlete of The Year balloting.

1983—At Last, A World Champs

Adriaan Paulen was viewed as a villain by many Americans after the Munich Olympics, but say one thing for the former IAAF president, he finally gave the sport its long-needed true World Championships. The inaugural edition, a meet Paulen viewed as "my child," was held in the Finnish capital of Helsinki. The site of the warmly-remembered '52 Olympics resulted in another fine show, with packed houses celebrating highlights galore. Always javelin fans, the locals went mad when Tiina Lillak won the spear crown on her last throw.

Paulen had been succeeded by Primo Nebiolo by the time the meet rolled around, but the doors had been opened, and the forward-thinking Italian already had plans in the works for a World Indoor Championships and World Junior Championships.

1984—Boycotted Again!

T&FN said it would never happen, but the folly of the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics came home to roost as Eastern Bloc nations stayed away from the Los Angeles Games, citing fears for the safety of athletes. Only Romania bucked the trend.

Carl Lewis was the meet's unquestioned star, duplicating the four-victory haul by Jesse Owens in 1936 with wins in the 100, 200, long jump and 4x1.

Valerie Brisco claimed three titles, at 200, 400 and in the 4x4; Chandra Cheeseborough followed her 400 silver with golds on both relays. Perhaps the most emotional victory went to American Joan Benoit in the inaugural women's Olympic marathon.

1985—100 Sub-4:00s

As the Olympic year came to a close, Steve Scott realized he had 89 sub-4:00 miles to his credit. As he says in his recent biography, *The Miler*, "I needed a goal, and this was perfect." He would take dead aim at 100 runs under the popular barrier. But on the other side of the world, Kiwi rival John Walker, at 88, had a similar goal. Scott says he suggested they get to 99, then have a head-to-head in New Zealand for number 100, but Walker rebuffed him.

Scott banged out 7 subs in the indoor campaign, but the aggressive Walker took advantage of the Down Under summer season to score 5 before adding 3 more indoors. Walker then headed back home, and while Scott was stuck at 96, became the first to the century mark. "Eat your heart out," said Walker.

Wearing number 100 on his chest, Scott got his century at the Jenner meet. He would go on to total a record 136 subs before his career ended.

1986—JJK's Finest Moment

Jackie Joyner–Kersee barely missed joining brother Al as a gold medalist at the '84 Olympics as she fell just 5 points short of the heptathlon title. But two years later, JJK proved untouchable. Unburdened of collegiate demands after her graduation from UCLA, as she said, "I could concentrate on myself, which meant the heptathlon." First, at the first Goodwill Games in Moscow, Joyner–Kersee boosted the 7-event WR by 102 points to 7148. That included a multis-WR 23-0 long jump in her favorite individual event.

Not content, though, JJK added 10 more points to her record just 27 days later at the Olympic Festival in Houston. "I just try to do my best each time out," understated JJK. Multis competitor Cindy Greiner observed, "Jackie has shown all of us what is possible."

1987—Moses Finally Loses

After winning the Montréal Olympic 400H gold, Edwin Moses began to gain an aura of invincibility. He cut his WR at the '77 U.S. nationals and won the inaugural World Cup before suffering an upset loss to Harald Schmid in Berlin. That would be the American's last defeat for nearly 10 years. Moses compiled a winning streak of 107 finals, including the '83 Worlds title, a 47.02 WR post-Helsinki and the '84 Olympic gold en route.

Then on June 4, 1987, Moses met LA silver winner Danny Harris in Madrid; the pair took the final barrier together but Moses hit it solidly. Harris kicked home to finish 0.13 ahead of Moses and end track's longest win streak.

"I was in 6th grade when his streak started," said Harris.

ALLSPORT/STEVE POWELL



Bobby Kersee-coached women dominated the '80s, with Griffith-Joyner (l) and Brisco each scoring Olympic individual-event doubles.

1988—Flojo From Another Planet

Florence Griffith Joyner was a world-class sprinter long before the '88 Olympic season, but nothing prepared the sport for Flojo's fabulous flying at the Olympic Trials. A shocking 10.49 quarterfinal which slashed the 100 WR from 10.76 was made all the more unbelievable by the 0.0 wind reading; then a 10.70 semi and 10.61 final.

Yet, she had just started to amaze. In Seoul Flojo struck 100 gold with 10.54w. In the 200 she set two WRs in one day, flashing 21.56 in her semi, then obliterating that in the final with 21.34. Flojo then sped the second turn for the 4x1 champs and capped her historic meet with a 48.1 anchor of the silver-winning 4x4 which pushed the Soviet Union to a 3:15.18 WR. "I couldn't have imagined all this in my wildest dreams," she admitted.

1989—Record Cross Country String

Pat Porter's attempt to win a record eighth consecutive U.S. cross country title went swimmingly—literally. The 30-year-old Colorado-based harrier grabbed the lead right from the start of the national race, staged in a torrential downpour in San Francisco. The two-time Olympic 10,000 runner never looked back as he covered the 10.35K in 32:08 to exceed the seven straight overland wins compiled by Indiana's Don Lash between '34 and '40.

Porter bested the sodden pursuers by 11 seconds and noted, "These were the worst conditions of any of the eight races. I've never run in rain this bad."

1990—The Wall Comes Down

For almost 30 years, the most visible symbol of communism's hold on Eastern Europe was the infamous Berlin Wall. On New Year's Day, 1990, the wall fell. The April '90 edition of *T&FN* carried a picture of a joyous Wolfgang Schmidt hammering away at the hated obstacle. The former discus WR holder had fallen into disfavor with East German authorities and ended up as a political prisoner. Now he would represent a united Germany.

Even bigger ramifications were to come with the breakup of the Soviet Union, so that by the time of the '93 Worlds, nations such as Ukraine, Belarus and Tajikistan would have separate representation.

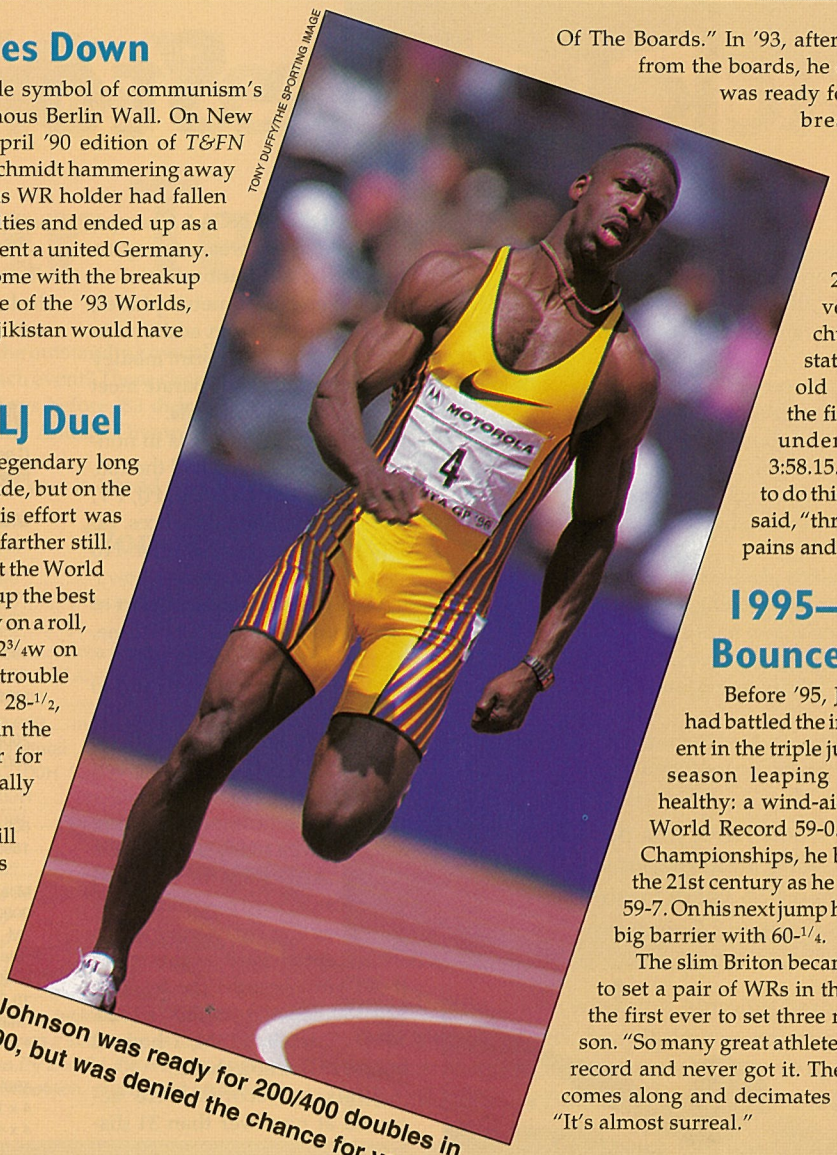
1991—The Greatest LJ Duel

Carl Lewis chased Bob Beamon's legendary long jump WR of 29-2$^{1}/_{2}$ for more than a decade, but on the night that he finally jumped farther, his effort was wind-aided. And Mike Powell jumped farther still.

Competing on a hyper-fast runway at the World Championships, Powell and Lewis put up the best set of marks in history. Lewis was clearly on a roll, hitting 28-5$^{3}/_{4}$, foul, 28-11$^{3}/_{4}$w, and 29-2$^{3}/_{4}$w on his first four attempts. Typically having trouble finding the board, Powell had reached 28-$^{1}/_{2}$, but was more than a foot behind. But in the fifth round, everything came together for Powell, who sailed a mighty 29-4$^{1}/_{2}$, finally putting Beamon to rest.

But Lewis—a great comebacker—still had two jumps left. Powell clasped his hands in prayer, barely able to watch. Lewis tried mightily but couldn't outjump his rival, although he did reach a wind-legal PR of 29-1$^{1}/_{4}$. and finished off with 29-0.

The pair then hugged in appreciation for the presence of the other. Said Powell, "This was a realization of a dream I've had for years."



TONY DUFFY/THE SPORTING IMAGE

Johnson was ready for 200/400 doubles in '90, but was denied the chance for years.

1992—Dan Or Dave?

Track stars as media heroes? Who'da thunk it? Reebok's "Dan Or Dave" blitz focused on the anticipated Olympic clash of star decathletes Dan O'Brien and Dave Johnson. "To Be Decided In Barcelona," the ads concluded. Problem was, O'Brien stunned by not making a vault height at the Trials, thus missing the U.S. team. Johnson overcame a foot stress fracture to capture the bronze, but O'Brien rebounded by totaling a still-standing WR 8891 at the late-season Talence meet.

1993—Chinese Women Go Berserk

Spectators were left slackjawed in Stuttgart as China's unheralded women distance runners dominated the World Championships. But that didn't remotely prepare the world for the orgy of recordsetting they produced a couple of months later at the Chinese National Games. Six different runners set a total of 14 WRs at various distances, with Wang Junxia establishing new standards in the 3000 (8:06.11) and 10,000 (29:31.78), plus a 3:51.92 for 2nd at 1500 to boot.

Enigmatic coach Ma Junren crowded into the spotlight with his claims that the "secrets" of his runners included drinking turtle-blood soup and logging as much as a marathon a day in training.

1994—The Master Of All Milers

Almost 20 years of singular indoor miling—topped by history's only undercover sub-3:50—earned Eamonn Coghlan the title of "Chairman Of The Boards." In '93, after three years away from the boards, he decided the world was ready for a 40-year-old to break 4:00. He got close, but it wasn't until '94 that he was fully ready.

On February 20, at the unlikely venue of the Massachusetts high school state meet, the 41-year-old Irishman became the first Master to duck under 4:00 with his 3:58.15. "I've been trying to do this for two years," he said, "through a lot of aches, pains and injuries."

1995—Edwards Bounces Past 60

Before '95, Jonathan Edwards had battled the injuries often inherent in the triple jump. But his early-season leaping showed he was healthy: a wind-aided 60-5$^{3}/_{4}$, then a World Record 59-0. But at the World Championships, he boosted the TJ into the 21st century as he opened with a WR 59-7. On his next jump he broke the event's big barrier with 60-$^{1}/_{4}$.

The slim Briton became the third tripler to set a pair of WRs in the same meet—but the first ever to set three records in one season. "So many great athletes have tried for the record and never got it. Then this skinny guy comes along and decimates it," said Edwards. "It's almost surreal."

1996—MJ Gets His Double

As the decade opened, Michael Johnson emerged as the greatest 200/400 sprinter ever; the first to rank No. 1 in both events. But that kind of doubling caught the schedule makers unprepared. For years he would have to choose which event to run at the major championships, singling at the '91 Worlds (200 gold), '92 Olympics (knocked out of the 200 with food poisoning) and '93 Worlds (400 gold). In '95 the WC schedule finally accommodated him, and the historic double was his.

But the biggest goal of all, an Olympic double, still remained. It took months of intense lobbying before the timetable was finally altered enough to make it possible, just 4 months before the Games. Johnson proved the decision was a smart one as he took the first gold with a 43.49 lap before producing a run for the ages in the 200, a WR 19.32.

1997—Preps Rekindle 4:00 Dreams

Sub-4:00 miling by high schoolers was on the verge of becoming common in the mid-'60s, but after Marty Liquori clocked 3:59.8 in '67 the drought set in. The drought remains, but '97 nonetheless represented a high point in prep miling.

The stage was set for a huge clash at the National Scholastic meet when Jonathon Riley ran a metric 3:43.18 (worth 4:01.0) and Gabe Jennings turned in a 4:02.81 as the regular season wound down. But neither won the big race, as Sharif Karie (4:02.01) won over Jennings (4:03.27) and Riley (4:05.72) in the best prep mile ever.

Track In The Stone Age

LIKE A CONNECTICUT YANKEE plopped down in King Arthur's court, a modern fan or athlete transported back to the track & field world as it existed when *Track & Field News* came on the scene wouldn't recognize the landscape.

There are the obvious things that everybody knows, like the track was made of dirt, poles were made of bamboo or aluminum and vertical jumpers landed in pits of sawdust.

Javelins were made of wood, and throwers threw out of dirt circles (shot putters even wearing spikes).

Timing was to 10ths of a second, and in the United States and the British Empire, the measure was still imperial, not metric.

The two horizontal jumps were known as the broad jump and the hop, step and jump in English.

Tiebreaking rules in the vertical jumps weren't quite as sophisticated as they are now, with the result that at the '47 NCAA Championships, for example, there was a 6-way tie for 1st in the vault that went unbroken.

The AAU was in one of its metric phases, so the '47 nationals included, in addition to today's standards, 4x1, 4x4 and sprint medley relays, plus the 56lb weight. A separate meet was held for the decathlon nationals.

The NCAA was still run in yards in non-Olympic years, so the '47 edition had the 100, 220, 440, 880, mile, 2M, 120H, 220LH, HJ, PV, LJ (or BJ), SP, DT, JT. No long distances, no steeplechase, no triple jump or hammer. No decathlon.

Women definitely weren't a major part of the equation (and wouldn't be for a long time, the NCAA not adding women until '82).

The women's AAU meet was short and to the point—or maybe pointless, given the choice of events: 50, 100, 200, 80H, 4x1, HJ, LJ, SP (8lb), DT, JT and BT (uh, that's baseball throw!).

World Records (see box) were a far cry from today's standards.

The AAU's list of accepted American Record disciplines was truly boggling.For running alone, the accepted yard events were (hold your breath) the 60, 100, 220, 330, 440, 660, 880, 1000, 1320, 10M, 15M, 20M, 25M, 1 hour, 2 hours, 2M steeplechase.

Walking records were accepted at no fewer than 31 distances.

The official AAU rulebook listed the specifications for (we kid you not!) the potato race, the 3-legged race, the sack race, running high jump from springboard, running high dive, running high dive from springboard, running long dive, fence vault, running high kick, double kick, running hitch and kick and chinning the bar.

The guide also dedicated three pages to the rules for the tug-of-war without cleats. It was important to note that "no prepared boots or shoes, heel plates (sunken or otherwise), projecting nails, tips, springs, Blakeys, rubbers, points, hollows or projections of any kind shall be allowed."

With some of this silliness persisting into the '60s, is it any wonder that the nation's collegiate coaches felt the need to rebel against an organization they felt was perhaps just a little out of touch?

The sport still has a long way to go, but when you consider just how far we've come in the last 50 years, maybe the rest of the journey isn't so long after all.

Coincidentally, when *T&FN* was born Jesse Owens' historic long jump record was 12½ years old, and had 12½ years to go.



World Records As Of 1/48

(* not an event ratified by IAAF at the time; not all marks listed had been ratified at this point)

MEN

100y	9.4	Frank Wykoff (US)	'30
	9.4	Daniel Joubert (SA)	'31
	9.4	Jesse Owens (US)	'35 & '36
	9.4	Clyde Jeffrey (US)	'40
	9.4	Mel Patton (US)	'47
100	10.2	Jesse Owens (US)	'36
	10.2	Hal Davis (US)	'41
*200(turn)	20.9y	Barney Ewell (US)	'42
	20.9y	Lloyd LaBeach (Pan)	'46
200(str)	20.3y	Jesse Owens (US)	'35
400	46.0	Rudolf Harbig (Ger)	'39
	46.0	Grover Klemmer (US)	'41
	46.3y	Herb McKenley (Jam)	'47
800	1:46.6	Rudolf Harbig (Ger)	'39
1500	3:43.0	Gunder Hägg (Swe)	'44
	3:43.0	Lennart Strand (Swe)	'47
Mile	4:01.4	Gunder Hägg (Swe)	'45
3000	8:01.2	Gunder Hägg (Swe)	'42
2M	8:42.8	Gunder Hägg (Swe)	'44
*Steeple	8:59.6	Erik Elmsäter (Fin)	'44
5000	13:58.2	Gunder Hägg (Swe)	'42
10,000	29:35.4	Viljo Heino (Fin)	'44
*Mar	2:25:39	Yun Bok Suh (Kor)	'47
110H	13.7	Spec Towns (US)	'36
	13.7	Fred Wolcott (US)	'41
400H	50.6	Glenn Hardin (US)	'34
4 x 100	39.8	United States	'36
4 x 400	3:08.2	United States	'32
	3:09.4y	Cal (US)	'41

HJ	2.11	6-11	Les Steers (US) '41
PV	4.77	15-7¾	Dutch Warmerdam (US) '42
LJ	8.13	26-8¼	Jesse Owens (US) '35
TJ	16.00	52-6	Naoto Tajima (Jpn) '36
SP	17.40	57-1	Jack Torrance (US) '34
DT	54.93	180-2	Bob Fitch (US) '46
HT	59.00	193-7	Erwin Blask (Ger) '38
JT	78.70	258-2	Yrjö Nikkanen (Fin) '38
Dec	7900 (7254)		Glenn Morris (US) '36

WOMEN

100	11.5	Fanny Blankers-Koen (Hol)	'43
*200(t)	23.6	Stella Walsh (Pol)	'35
200 (st)	23.9y	Helen Stephens (US)	'35
*400	56.8y	Nellie Halstead (GB)	'32
800	2:12.0	Yevdokiya Vasilyeva (Rus)	'43
*1500	4:37.8	Olga Ovsyannikova (Rus)	'46
*Mile	5:15.3	Evelyne Forster (GB)	'39
80H	11.3	Claudia Testoni (Ita)	'39 (twice)
		Fanny Blankers-Koen (Hol)	'42
4 x 100	46.4	Germany	'36
*4 x 400	none		

HJ	1.71	5-7¼	Fanny Blankers-Koen (Hol) '43
LJ	6.25	20-6¼	Fanny Blankers-Koen (Hol) '43
*TJ	11.62	38-1½	Kinue Hitomi (Jpn) '26
SP	14.89	48-10¼	Tatyana Sevryukova (Rus) '45
DT	50.50	165-8	Nina Dumbadze (Rus) '46
JT	50.32	165-1	Klavdiya Mayuchaya (Rus) '47
Pent	4426		Aleksandra Chudina (Rus) '47

Our 50-Year All-Star Team

CARL LEWIS was an easy choice as the outstanding overall athlete of our 50 years, but who were the best in each event? Those choices weren't always so easy, particularly since athletes before '83 didn't have any World Championships credentials to earn. And the Olympic boycotts of '80 and '84 put bad holes in some careers.

Our event-by-event choices (with last year in World Rankings):

Men

100 ..... Bob Hayes (US) '64
200 ..... Tommie Smith (US) '68
400 ..... Michael Johnson (US) '97
800 ..... Peter Snell (NZ) '64
1500 ..... Herb Elliott (Aus) '60
Steeple .... Moses Kiptanui (Ken) '97
5000 ..... Vladimir Kuts (SU) '57
10,000 ..... Emil Zátopek (Cze) '57
Marathon ..... Abebe Bikila (Eth) '66
110H ... Renaldo Nehemiah (US) '91
400H ..... Edwin Moses (US) '88
20W .. Vladimir Golubnichiy (SU) '74
50W ..... Hartwig Gauder (EG) '92
HJ ..... Valeriy Brumel (SU) '65
PV ..... Sergey Bubka (Ukr) '97
LJ ..... Carl Lewis (US) '96
TJ ..... Viktor Saneyev (SU) '80
SP ..... Parry O'Brien (US) '66
DT ..... Al Oerter (US) '79
HT ..... Yuriy Syedikh (SU) '94
JT ..... Janis Lusis (SU) '74
Dec ..... Daley Thompson (GB) '88

Women

100 ..... Evelyn Ashford (US) '92
200 ..... Irena Szewinska (Pol) '79
400 ..... Marita Koch (EG) '86
800 ... Jarmila Kratochvílová (Cze) '87
1500 .... Tatyana Kazankina (SU) '84
3/5000 ..... Mary Slaney (US) '88
10,000 ... Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor) '91
Marathon ..... Grete Waitz (Nor) '88
80/100H Shirley de la Hunty (Aus) '56
400H ..... Sally Gunnell (GB) '97
10W ..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Rus '96
HJ ..... Iolanda Balas (Rom) '66
PV* ..... Emma George (Aus) '97
LJ ..... Heike Drechsler (Ger) '97
TJ* ..... Inessa Kravets (Ukr) '96
SP ..... Tamara Press (SU) '66
DT ..... Faina Melnik (SU) '81
JT ..... Ruth Fuchs (EG) '80
Hept .. Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US) '94

*(*it was a stretch for us to pick people in the PV and TJ: the HT, with no WC/OG competition, simply can't be picked)*



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Yes, Virginia, there was high jumping before the flop came along. Indeed, our all-time team members used styles strange to today's eye: Valeriy Brumel (top) the straddle, Iolanda Balas a modified scissors.



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World Rankings Points Leaders

Men: 100, Lewis 123; 200, Johnson 97; 400, Johnson 76; 800, Seb Coe (GB) 78; 1500, Noureddine Morceli (Alg) 76; St, Bronislaw Malinowski (Pol) 76; 5000, Zátopek 76; 10,000, Zátopek 79; Marathon, Veikko Karvonen (Fin) 65; 110H, Greg Foster (US) 120; 400H, Moses 108; 20W, Maurizio Damilano (Ita) 104; 50W, Gauder 95;

HJ, Javier Sotomayor (Cub) 99; PV, Bubka 147; LJ, Lewis 148; TJ, Saneyev 120; SP, O'Brien 126; DT, Jay Silvester (US) 107; HT, Syedikh 145; JT, Janusz Sidlo (Pol) 139; Dec, Vasiliy Kuznyetsov (SU) 100.

Women: 100, Merlene Ottey (Jam) 129; 200, Ottey 147; 400, Koch 96; 800, Ana Quirot (Cub) 82; 1500, Doina Melinte (Rom) 63; 3000/5000, Maricica Puica (Rom) 72; 10,000, Olga Bondarenko (Rus) 62; Marathon, Waitz 79; 80/100H, Pam Ryan (Aus) 95; 400H, Sandra Farmer-Patrick (US) 68; 10W, Kerry Saxby-Junna (Aus) 58;

HJ, Balas 107; LJ, Drechsler 141; TJ, Kravets 50; SP, Helena Fibingerová (Cze) 12; DT, Melnik 103; JT, Fuchs 110; multi, Joyner-Kersee 87.

(women's rankings didn't start until '56)

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The Key To Our Success

Be clear on one point: the bible of your sport wouldn't even exist today if not for the army of volunteer correspondents and freelance photographers who have provided us with so many invaluable words and pictures through the years. Allow us to salute them here. These are the people listed in our staff box today, with the year they first made that listing. We just wish we had the room to list everyone who has made a contribution starting way back in '48.

1948
Don Potts, Roberto Quercetani

1953
P.N. Heidenstrom

1955
George Grenier, Roy Silver

1959
Jim Dunaway

1962
Mel Watman

1965
Tom Jennings, Kim Koffman, Jack Shepard, Jim Spier, Don Steffens

1966
Peter Matthews, Mark Shearman

1967
Ed Grant

1968
Jeff Johnson, Jack Pfeifer

1969
J. Fred Duckett, Bob Hersh, John Wenos

1970
Bob Bowman, Mike Kennedy, Don Kopriva, Lyle Sanderson, Chuck Skow

1971
Gene Cherry

1972
Bill Buchalter, Elliott Denman, Tony Duffy, Carol R. Swenson

1973
Peter Diamond, Rey O'Neal

1974
Tom Jordan, Walt Murphy

1975
Mike Hubbard, Larry Story

1976
John Auka, John Gillespie, Bill Leung Jr., Jim Rorick, Bernt Solaas, Andrew Trummer

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Keith Conning, Dave Johnson

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John Burke

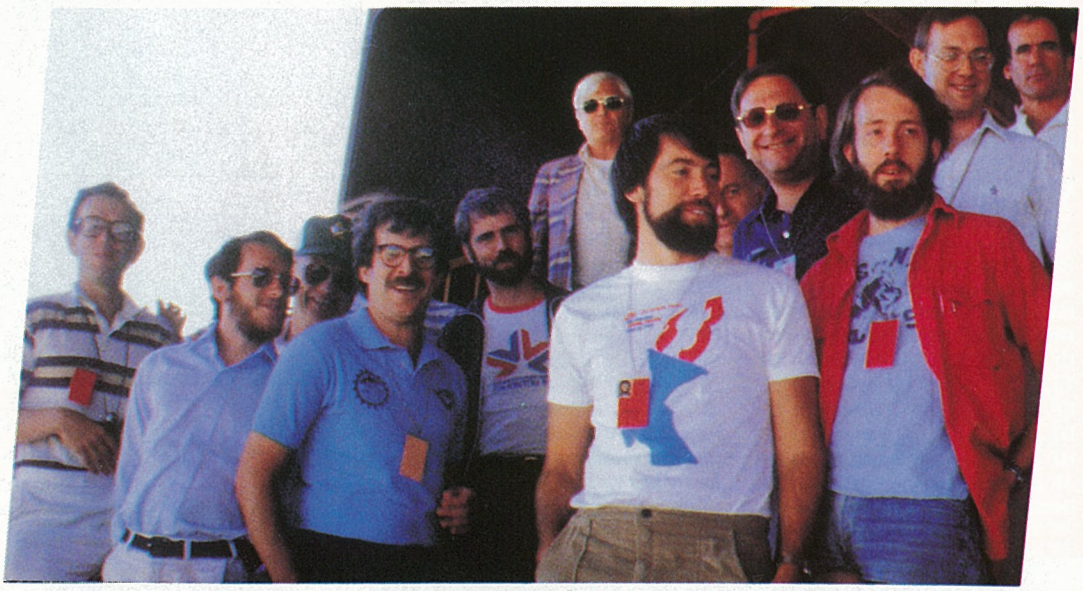
1980
Roy Conrad, Don Gosney, Howard Willman

1981
Jed Brickner, Ed Gordon, Ian Hodge, Richard Hymans, Nejat Kök, David Peterson

1982
Gustav Schröder, David Woods

1983
Atsushi Hoshino, Gary Loe, Victor Sailer

GARRY HILL



A motley crew at the '80 Trials: John Auka, Jed Brickner, Bob Hendershott, Peter Diamond, Mike Hubbard, Pitch Johnson, Tom Jordan, Bert Nelson, Bob Hersh, Dave Johnson, Jon Hendershott, Tom Jennings. Hmm, more hair, less of it gray.

1984
Cheryl Davis, Matti Hannus, Larry Newman, Doug Speck

1985
Claus Andersen, Kirk Blackerby, Conrad McCarthy, Mike Renfro

1986
Dean Diltz, Paul Jenes, Alfons Juck

1987
Jirí Havlín, Jeff Hollobaugh, Kevin Saylors, Bob Sparks

1988
Bob Martin, Bob Thomas

1989
Mike Byrnes, John Giustina, Gray Mortimore, Mike Powell, Steve Vaitones

1991
Stan Saplin, Donna Skow

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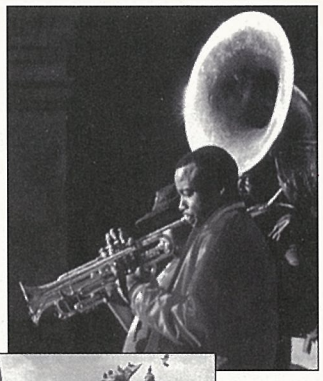
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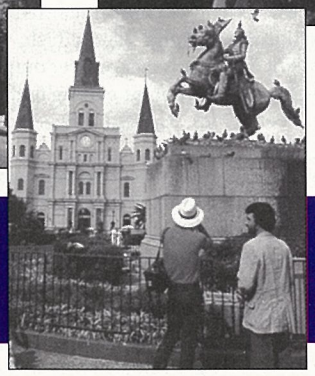
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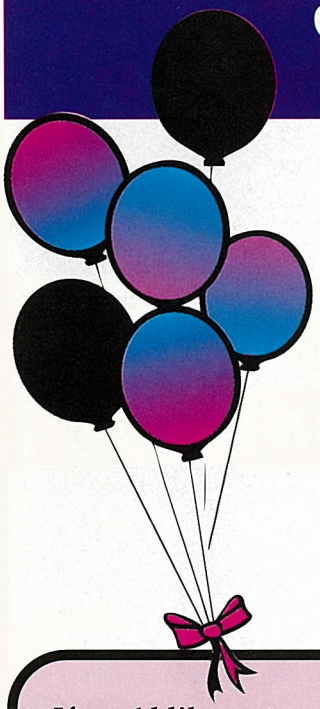
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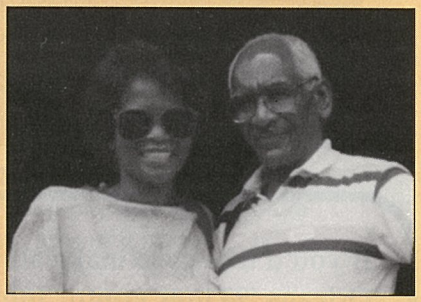
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Jackie and Roy Callender in China, '91. Roy, as the 10,000th TAFNOTer, won a free trip to Barcelona in '92.

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ON THE ROAD

AS WINTER rolled in and temperatures dropped, the Pacific Rim took center stage for marathoning, finalizing the World Rankings (see p. 57). Japan's Tokyo and Fukuoka races were burners, as they typically are, and even balmy Honolulu saw conditions that made a course record possible.

TOKYO MARATHON

Ito Over Chepchumba

Tokyo, Japan, November 30—Japan's Makiko Ito pulled away from Kenya's Joyce Chepchumba in the late stages of the Tokyo Women's Marathon and finished in 2:27:45 for her first career 26-mile win.

The 24-year-old Ito strode past the half-marathon mark in 1:13:11 in a lead pack that included London winner Chepchumba, Jane Salumäe of Estonia, Briton Liz McColgan, and Olympic champ Fatuma Roba and Elana Meyer.

Ito forged a 40m lead as she reached 25km (1:27:06), and although McColgan lost contact in the next 5km segment, Chepchumba and Meyer in that same portion of the race cut Ito's margin to 10m at 30km.

The winner pulled away for good in the final 2km, opening a 25m lead at 40km to 75m at the stadium finish line.

Marathon. Out-and-back.

1. Ito (Jpn) 2:27:45; 2. Chepchumba (Ken) 2:28:02; 3. Salumäe (Est) 2:28:23; 4. Roba (Eth) 2:30:39; 5. Meyer (SA) 2:31:00; 6. Ichihashi (Jpn) 2:31:25; 7. Mazovka (Blr) 2:31:49; 8. Zhilyayeva (Rus) 2:32:42; 9. Hobson (Aus) 2:33:38; 10. Sato (Jpn) 2:33:54;... 14. McColgan (GB) 2:35:45;... 22. Wang Jia. (Chn) 2:42:16;... 24. Yamamoto (Jpn) 2:43:29.

FUKUOKA MARATHON

Thugwane PR 2:07:28

Fukuoka, Japan, December 7 */by Atsushi Hoshino/*—Atlanta Olympic champion Josiah Thugwane easily won the 51st Fukuoka Marathon in 2:07:28, cutting 38 seconds from his own South African record and rising to No. 10 on the all-time list.

Japan's Toshiyuki Hayata (2:08:07, the fastest time ever by a Japanese runner in Japan) and Nazomi Saho (2:08:47) followed, ahead of world champion Abel Anton (2:10:27).

The 5-2/99 Thugwane, the smallest man ever to win an Olympic marathon, quickly spurted away from the lead pack at the 30km mark with a 14:45 split for his next 5K to garner the course-record win.

In atypically warm low-60s temperatures and drizzling rain, the race started fast, and the leaders passed halfway in 1:03:35.

"My plan this time was to collect a course record," said Thugwane, who dropped out of the '96 race due to a lack of fitness but succeeded this time in reducing Rob DeCastella's 16-year-old route mark of 2:08:18. "I thought that if I had a bad race today, I would not be invited back. That's why I ran well."



An ecstatic Thugwane spent a second or two dancing across the Fukuoka finish line.

Marathon. Loop.

1. Thugwane (SA) 2:07:28 NR (10, 10 W) (course record, old cr—2:08:18 DeCastella [Aus] '81); 2. Hayata (Jpn) 2:08:07 PR; 3. Saho (Jpn) 2:08:47 PR; 4. Antón (Spa) 2:10:27; 5. Wilson (Aus) 2:11:06; 6. Ndeti (Ken) 2:11:47;. . . 21. García (Spa) 2:17:23;. . . 41. Thys (SA) 2:22:26.

Williams A Marathoner

by Shawn Hartnett

Todd Williams is a marathoner. The four-time USATF 10,000 champ's mind is made up, and his body also is adapting just fine to the road event he has embraced wholeheartedly.

By early December Williams had recovered well enough from his Chicago debut to be returned to a regimen of 90M training weeks.

For Williams, 28, Chicago represented the beginning of a 26-mile career rather than a do-or-die quest to better the best U.S. time on record and reap New Balance's million-dollar bonus.

Having run 27:31 for 10,000 and an AR 1:00:11 for the half-marathon, Williams was burdened with great expectations. But the last two years had not been very kind. Williams suffered through DNFs in both the Olympic 10K heats and the '97 USATF 5000. He had been further besieged by a mysterious side stitch that knocked him out of a couple of road races.

Undaunted by the media hype, Williams had his own agenda: "I felt that I had to run conservatively. If I went out at 2:08 pace, I might have bonked. I'm committed to the marathon, and I wanted to get a lot of experience out of this first one. Next time I'll be more aggressive."

He got more experience than he bargained for in Chicago, as he ran the last 17M all alone without the benefit of competitors, pacesetters or windbreaks. "It was hard to focus with no one in sight," he says.

Looking fitter and more chipper than he has in the past couple of years, Williams admits, "I'm really pleased with the whole marathon experience. The training went well, and I think I ran a solid race. The last couple of miles were a struggle, but I think that I learned a lot and I'm looking forward to my next one. I'm glad that I came through after the problems I had in Atlanta and Indy. At least I put that to rest with the critics and with myself."

And Williams—along with Jerry Lawson and other U.S. marathoners—will be able to chase the New Balance Million again in '98. The shoe company has extended its offer through this year to entice a time faster than Bob Kempainen's 2:08:47 in a U.S.-soil race. The offer for women continues, also, with Joan Samuelson's 2:21:21 AR the target.

A total payout of $2 million is possible. Should a man and a woman each better the targets, New Balance will pay each a million.

Says Williams, "I want to still be racing when I'm 36, and my expectations are high. I want to run 2:08 and be competitive in the World Champs and Olympic marathons."

While American hopes were buoyed in Chicago, the target may move away soon. "There is no question that the Kenyans will be running 2:06 soon," Williams asserts.

HONOLULU MARATHON

Kimaiyo Course Record

Honolulu, Hawaii, December 14 */from Jack Welch/*—Eric Kimaiyo knew from having won the race last year that mid-60s temperatures at the Honolulu Marathon were a gift to take advantage of. With a surge at 14M and then another at the climb from the base of Diamond Head after 23M, Kimaiyo broke open the race and pulled out a 2:12:17 win that broke his own year-old course record by 66 seconds.

The last pair of challengers to fall away were Kimaiyo's Kenyan countryman Jimmy Muindi (2:12:50) and Lesotho's Thabiso Moqhali (2:13:11).

In the women's race, training partners Svetlana Vasilyeva of Russia and Irina Bogacheva of Kyrgyzstan ran close together most of the race, bumping elbows and clipping heels. Ultimately, Vasilyeva ran away to a 2:33:14–2:34:01 win.

"I don't like Svetlana running behind me and touching me," Bogacheva complained afterwards. "She was clipping my heels. She made me nervous."

SEVEN HILLS 15K

Machuka Beaten But Back

Nijmegen, Holland, November 16—Two-time winner Josephat Machuka used the Seven Hills 15K for his return to competition after a summer auto accident, and even though his 42:23 equaled his previous course record, the Kenyan lost by 3 seconds to the 42:20 of Worku Bikila.

Machuka pushed past 10km in 28:30 with notables Fita Bayissa and world half-marathon champion Shem Kororia in tow. By 13km, though, Machuka had dropped every challenger but Bikila, and it was the Ethiopian who prevailed when kick time came. Kororia trailed in 42:45, well up on Bayissa's 43:33.

Another returnee, in this case from marathon recovery, was Catherina McKiernan. The Irishwoman's first race since her debut-record 2:23:44 at Berlin saw her reel off a 48:30 that clobbered Annemari Sandell (49:17, after a fall at 11km) and Marleen Renders (50:06).

"This was more like seven downhills," joked McKiernan. "The 15km flew by."

CAMPEONES 5K

Omoro Kick Drops Drossin

Los Angeles, California, November 23—At the Corrida de Campeones 5K, Deena Drossin tried the front-running tactics she would employ two weeks later at the USATF Cross Country Championships. The Arkansas alum led from the gun until 300m remained, and that's when Kenyan Jane Omoro burst past for a 15:31–15:35 victory. Kris Ihle placed 3rd in 15:56.

The men's race came down to the last 200m, wherein little-known Angolan Aurelio Miti got the best of Kenyan James Bungei, with both timed in 13:44.

Kenyan Bungei had notched a 28:38 win six days before at the New Times 10K in Phoenix. Jimmy Muindi (28:41) and newcomer-to-the-U.S.-roads Miti (28:51) had chased him.

At the same Arizona venue, Omoro knocked down a four-year-old Mary Slaney course record by 3 seconds with her 32:35 triumph.

MANCHESTER 4.75M

Rudolph Scores Hat-Trick

Manchester, Connecticut, November 27—Olympian Amy Rudolph emerged from fall hibernation to take her third straight win at the venerable Manchester Road Race.

This was Rudolph's first race since relocating from Providence, Rhode Island—where she was coached for the past 6 years by Ray Treacy—to Pennsylvania.

Timed in 24:38 over the 4.75M route, Rudolph bested Kathy Franey (24:42) and Jane Omoro (25:06).

"I just put my head down and ran," Rudolph said."

Franey took up the business of leading from the start and commented later, "When I saw Amy on my shoulder, I knew it was going to be a race. Having to deal with her the last half mile was hard. She's so tough."

Just like last year, Irish Providence alum Mark Carroll ended up as Manchester runner-up. This time Aurelio Miti (21:44) prevailed by charging to an 80m lead in the third mile.

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At the finish, Carroll (21:58) outkicked 3rd-placer Brian Baker (21:59).

WAIKIKI MILE

Course Records Fall

Honolulu, December 13 */from Jack Welch/*—A bonus structure that generously rewarded men under 4:00 and women under 4:30 helped Graham Hood and Regina Jacobs to course records in the star-studded Waikiki Mile (see p. 55).

Defending champion Hood followed Kenyans Martin Keino, Moses Kigen, Stephen Kipkorir and David Lelei, then Irish veteran Marcus O'Sullivan, through splits of roughly 56 and 1:57. When everybody else slowed, the 25-year-old Canadian kicked to a 3:55:66 win worth $19,000.

Jacobs stuck behind the pacing of rabbit Michele DiMuro-Ave (2:14) and a third-quarter surge from Canada's Leah Pells before launching her winning drive.

Jacobs' 4:26.05 cut 0.38 from the 4:26.43 route standard Sonia O'Sullivan established last year.

Mile. Out-and-back.

Men: 1. Hood' (Can) 3:55:66 (course record—old cr 3:57.54 Davis [Nik] '94) ($19,000); 2. Lelei' (Ken) 3:57.42 ($7000); 3. O'Sullivan' (Ire) 3:57.65; 4. Sullivan' (Can) 3:58.39; 5. Lassiter (Ar) 3:58.84; 6. Holman (Reeb) 3:59.18; 7. Kennedy (Nik) 3:59.50; 8. Kigen' (Ken) 3:59.58; 9. Kipkorir' (Ken) 4:02.19; 11. Kenah (Asics) 4:03.45.

Women: 1. Jacobs (Miz) 4:26.05 (course record—old cr 4:26.43 O'Sullivan [Ire]'96) ($18,000); 2. Pells' (Can) 4:27.34 ($7000); 3. Hamilton (Nik) 4:31.14 ($2000); 3. Delahunty' (Ire) 4:31.72; 4. Radcliffe' (GB) 4:32.87; 5. Butler' (Can) 4:33.55; 6. O'Sullivan' (Ire) 4:35.57; 8. Dryer (Nik) 4:36.11; 9. Liu' (Chn) 4:36.60; 10. Henner (ReebE) 4:43.16; 11. Wang' J. (Chn) 5:16.23.

PALM DESERT 5K

Marc Davis's Late Charge Takes National Title

Palm Desert, California, December 14—At the end of the Palm Desert 5K, with the USATF men's title hanging in the balance, Marc Davis shot past Pete Julian for a 13:43 win.

Julian (13:45) had led the proceedings since the 2M mark. "There was such a big pack at 2M," Julian said later, "that I just put the hammer down. I said to myself, 'Pete, you don't want to be here with all these good kickers around.' "

The assessment was notably similar to one Julian had made at the cross country nationals a week before when he found himself between Tim Hacker and Bob Kennedy with a mile to go. At least this time Julian held off Hacker (13:50), as the top 6 broke Hacker's former course record of 13:55.

Said Davis, "With 200m left, I knew it was between Pete Julian and me, but I had the stronger kick."

Steeple Olympian Davis added that he intends to concentrate on 5000m racing on the track this year.

Also settled was the issue of the men's USARC title. PRing in 6th place (13:54), 28-year-old John Sence nailed down the circuit lead and its attendant $6000 prize. Sence had won the USATF 25K title at the Old Kent River Bank Run in May.

Deena Drossin grabbed the women's race by the horns at 2M in an attempt to lose Amy Rudolph.

"She had 20m on me at 2M," Rudolph said. This was not the case after 3M, as Rudolph kicked to a 15:21–15:24 win, regaining the Palm Desert course record Mary Slaney had wrested from her in a 15:24 victory last year.

5K. Loop.

Men: 1. Davis (Nik) 13:43 (course record—old cr 13:55 Hacker [Nik] '95) ($3500); 2. Julian (adi) 13:45; 3. Hacker (Nik) 13:50; 4. Polonski (NBal) 13:50; 5. Bernstein (adi) 13:52; 6. Sence (unat) 13:54 PR; 7. Browne (Nik) 13:58; 8. Herrington (NBal) 14:01; 9. Giusto (Reeb) 14:01; 10. Mykytok (Eto) 14:02; 11. Eyestone (Reeb) 14:02; 12. Nohilly (ReebE) 14:08.

Women: 1. Rudolph (Reeb) 15:21 (course record—old cr 15:24 Slaney [Nik] '96) ($2500); 2. Drossin (unat) 15:24; 3. Lynch (Fila) 15:57; 4. Franey (Nik) 16:08; 5. Troncoso (Nik) 16:10; 6. Skvortsova' (Rus) 16:11; 7. Mykytok (NBal) 16:12; 8. LaMena-Coll (MC) 16:13.

Final Men's USARC leaders: 1. Sence 44 ($6000); 2. Eyestone 40 ($4000); 3. Mykytok 35 ($2500); 4. Coogan (NBal) 34; 5. Giusto 31.

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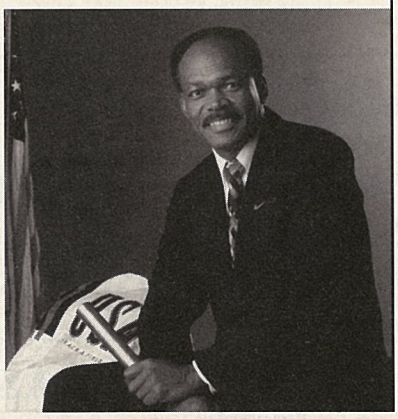
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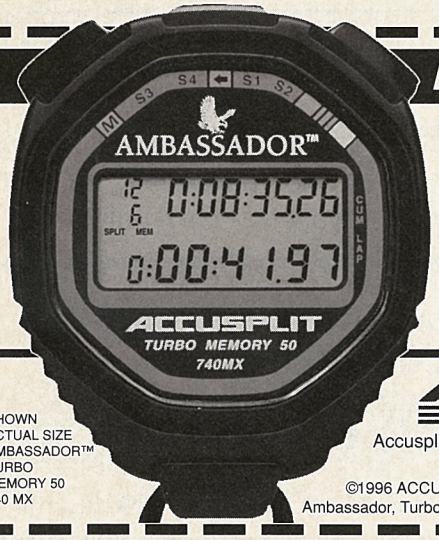
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Spaces In Between

Our correspondent steps into the elite roadie's shoes Honolulu-style and finds a paradisical connection between competition's heat and the calm surrounding it

by Jack D. Welch

Imagine you are an elite athlete.

You are greeted at the Honolulu airport by a lovely young lady who gives you a kiss and a floral lei. Aloha. There is a stretch limousine with a wet bar and TV waiting at the curb. The driver, built like a Samoan shotputter, helps you with your luggage.

You arrive at the Outrigger Reef hotel on Waikiki beach where you spy old friends—Mary Slaney, Alberto Salazar. Your room with a spectacular ocean view overlooks the pool.

The hospitality suite is open. More friends. Suzy Hamilton, Marcus O'Sullivan. A roomful of Kenyans is watching a videotape of the Japanese broadcast of Fukuoka. There's a barely audible collective gasp when Olympic champion Josiah Thugwane breaks away, having an easier time of it than when he won Honolulu in '95.

You grab a couple of bottles of chilled designer water, sign up for a massage and head for Room 490 to pick up your check. There's a line of athletes outside the door.

Welcome to major league road running.

Sent to cover the biggest Japanese marathon in the world, imagine my astonishment to find out it was in Hawaii. Some 17,000 of the 30,000 entrants in this "Boston of the Pacific" hail from Japan.

Whereas the island nation is teeming with hot elite races—Fukuoka, Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Beppu—Honolulu is where the marathon-mad Japanese masses come by the jet-load to fulfill the dream of completing a marathon.

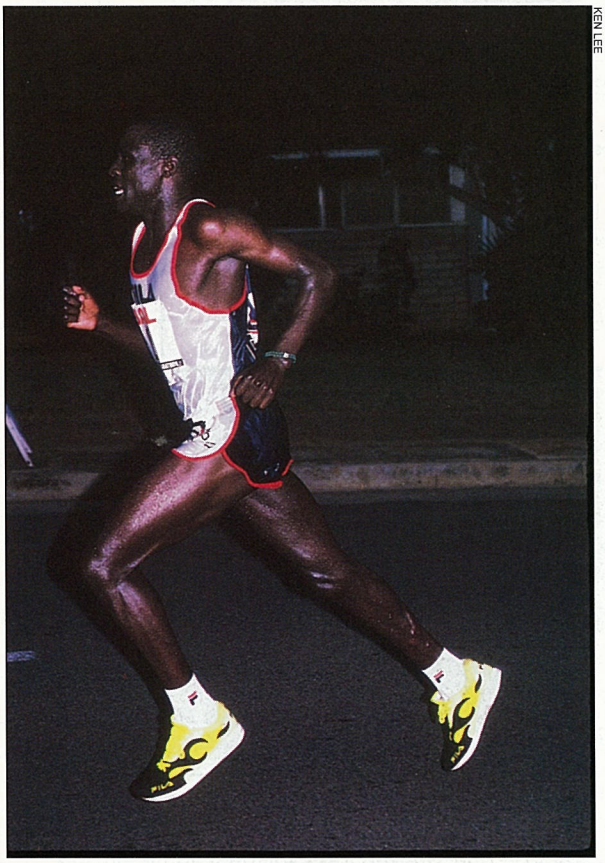
At a banquet in the Oahu Country Club, a beautiful woman walks up to the table and asks me for my autograph. The room is full of famous people and I figure there must be a big mistake. Then I realize the woman is looking past me at a dark corner. Partially obscured by a potted plant is a little man, so quiet I hadn't noticed him sitting there. I look at the nametag on his scrawny chest: "Jerry Lyndgrin," it says.

Gerry Lindgren!

I sit with Steve Holman on the bus and I work up the nerve to ask him about his vexing series of poor races, missing the Olympics despite being his country's top miler. He is gracious and candid. Not his favorite topic of conversation. "You have no idea how deeply humiliated and disappointed I felt," Holman confesses. "No idea."

There is much more to any competition than what we see from the stands or read about in the magazines. Holman knows what he has to do. "I have to be more aggressive."

I tell this story to '64 Olympian Lindgren. "You can never judge courage," Lindgren offers. "You have to be aggressive from the beginning of the race. And your aggression doesn't come in the race; it comes in training. You can prepare for an opponent's tactic, but not for the aggression he brings to that tactic."



KEN LEE

Aggressive hill-running at mile 23 gave Kimaiyo a successful defense in the Honolulu Marathon.

Lindgren is thinking about aggression: "I could break everybody but Pre. Awesome, his aggression."

At every turn, you bump into a recognizable face: Filbert Bayi, Russ Francis, Mark Nenow, Frank Shorter, Wang Junxia.

Bob Kennedy is here. He is the greatest runner in America today and you think you know why. Aggression.

Kenny Moore invites us to a preview of the new film he scripted, *Without Limits*, the story of Steve Prefontaine. "A race is a work of art," Pre says in the movie. He wanted every race to be won by the guy with the most guts. He thought he was that guy. In aggression there is art.

Race director Jim Barahal is an artist. The runners are his brushes, the course his canvas, the memories his paint.

The bus to the starting line of the Waikiki Mile follows a motorcycle escort down the wrong lane of traffic. You sit next to Sonia O'Sullivan. There is no conversation.

You get to the start maybe an hour before your race. Wait 60 minutes to run for 4. Sit on the grass. Watch the athletes you'll line up against. Check your shoelaces. Check your watch. You make small talk. Stretch. Check your shoelaces. Your watch. The agents stand off to the side and stare. The Kenyans sit off to the side by themselves. Like they run.

Finally, it is time to warm up.

"This is like no other race in the world," former champ Regina Jacobs will tell you. "Hawaii rules."

Hawaii rules? Experience counts, patience prevails and speed kills.

The race obviously means the most to Jacobs, who looks unusually fit for this time of year. Though it is December—the deep off-season—Jacobs admits after her win, "I actually *trained* hard for this race. I tried to keep the pressure on, but the slow early pace played into my hands."

And Wang's 5:16.23? There were 12-year-old kids in the Nike/P.L.A.Y Mile running better times.

What did you think about Wang's performance? "It would hurt to run that slow," says Leah Pells, the runner-up in the mile. "I don't even train that slowly."

Steve Ave, who plays Mohamed Gamoudi in *Without Limits*, pulls the men's mile field down crowd-lined Kalakaua Avenue, looking like he's doing all he can do to keep Martin Keino, Moses Kigen, Stephen Kipkorir and David Lelei from blowing by.

There's no resting in the next half mile, and the Kenyans—all but Lelei—fade. Obviously went out too fast. Impatient.

"You have to be patient," winner Graham Hood notes. "I wasn't focusing on any one individual, I was just concentrating on how I felt.

"I felt phenomenal," adds the Canadian. "I thought, if anybody catches me, they'll really be moving. You never know until you cross the finish line, but with 400m to go, I didn't think I could lose." He couldn't.

And for the win Hood picked up an $18,000 check.

Holman—whose focus is the summer track season—ran faster this year than last but fin-

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WAIKIKI

ished a place further back. "I'm a little disappointed," he says. "The early pace was quick, which put me into debt early. I just didn't have the spurt in my legs I needed at the end."

"To be honest," Holman adds, "if you run well here, you can make a lot of money. If somebody trained hard for this race, I don't blame them."

More men run under 4:00 than in the previous 3 years combined. "No wind," Hood says. "A perfect day."

Another perfect day in paradise.

Paradise does not come to those who wait.

Once a busman's holiday with limited national importance, the Honolulu Marathon today is an international slugfest with a reputation as "the birthplace of champions." Men like Ibrahim Hussein and Cosmas Ndeti cut their teeth here. Lee Bong-ju, the Atlanta silver medalist, won Honolulu in '93.

You leave a wakeup call for 3 a.m. and are actually surprised when the phone rings in the middle of the night.

Oahu means "gathering place," and the word is never more meaningful than when 30,000 runners line up at 5 a.m. to challenge themselves over 26M, 385y of hard road.

Cannon. Fireworks. A pack of Africans strides through the concrete canyon of high-rise condominiums and luxury hotels, so far ahead there doesn't seem to be anyone behind them.

Too dark to see much. Sixty-six degrees. Honolulu conditions may never be this good again in our lifetime.

Patience. Last year's winner Eric Kimaiyo smokes mile 14 in 4:37. Eight men still left.

There's a testing climb at 23M, and winner-to-be Kimaiyo puts his head down and takes off on his way to a $30,000 paycheck. Aggression.

Women's leaders Svetlana Vasilyeva and Irina Bogacheva idle away many miles repeatedly bumping into each other before Vasilyeva sprints to the win.

After the marathon, you hot-tub with the bikinied former Soviet women. You look for bruises. Closely.

My special only-at-the-Honolulu-Marathon vision? I decide to take a jog in the park alongside the military museum. It's 7:00 at night, the sun has set already. And there's Alberto Salazar, baseball mitt in hand, playing catch with his son. Tirelessly. In the dark.

That night the race sponsors host a cocktail party featuring more sushi than is good for you. Liu Dong is wearing a miniskirt, so short…

Have to be more aggressive.

The day after the big event a one-legged pigeon lands among Japanese marathoners baking on the sands of Waikiki. Seems everybody is limping.

There's more to racing than racing, more to running than running. There's the before and the after. It's the space between the notes that makes music.

Make a difference.

1997 MEN'S MARATHON RANKS

Athens Key Here...

NUMBER ONE: Well, we've always said time was the least important thing in our World Rankings, and Antón is living proof of that dictum. He ran only 2:10:27 as his best—that in a losing cause—but nonetheless takes the top spot ahead of the record 8 men who broke 2:08 on the year. Two of the sub-2:08 characters, in fact, didn't even earn a spot here.

ANTÓN WAS ONLY No. 58 on the yearly list, and becomes the slowest No. 1 in this event since '91. Thugwane's close London 3rd and huge Fukuoka give him 2nd over Fiz.

1. ABEL ANTÓN (Spa)
(10/24/62, 5-10½/134)
2:12:37 ..... 1)Dong-A
2:13:16 ..... 1)World Ch
2:10:27 ..... 4)Fukuoka

2. JOSIAH THUGWANE (SA)
(4/12/71, 5-2/99)
2:08:06 ..... 3)London
2:07:28 ..... 1)Fukuoka

3. MARTÍN FIZ (Spa)
(3/3/63, 5-6½/123)
2:08:05 ..... 1)Otsu
2:13:21 ..... 2)World Ch

4. JOHN KAGWE (Ken)
(1/9/69)
2:09:07 ..... 1)Prague
2:08:12' ..... 1)New York

5. STEFANO BALDINI (Ita)
(5/25/71, 5-9¼/128)
2:07:57 ..... 2)London
2:09:31' ..... 3)New York

6. ANTÓNIO PINTO (Por)
(3/22/66, 5-5/130)
2:07:55 ..... 1)London
dnf ..... —)World Ch

7. KHALID KHANNOUCHI (Mor)
(12/22/71)
2:07:10 ..... 1)Chicago

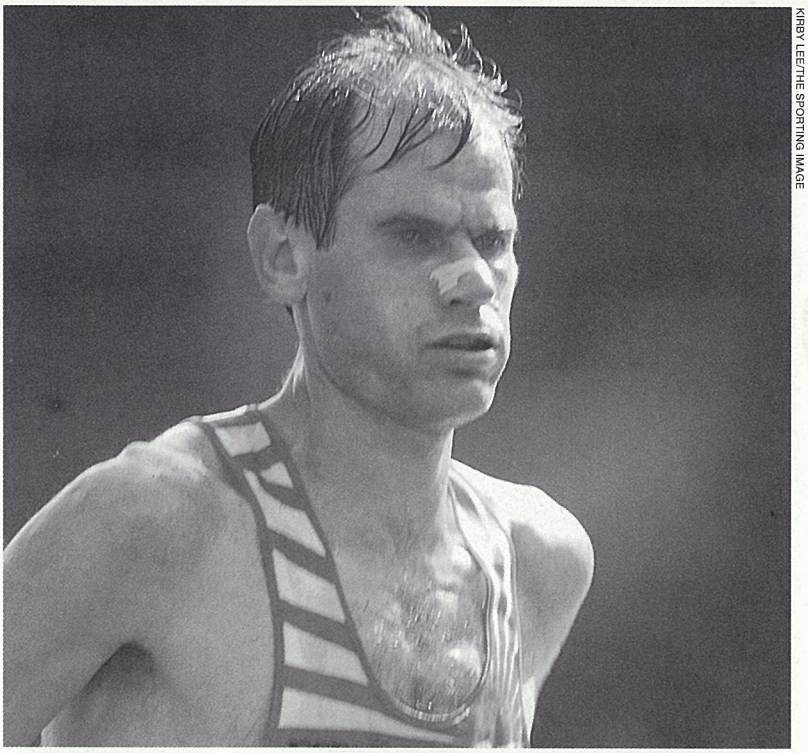
8. JOSEPH CHEBET (Ken)
(8/23/70, 5-4½/114)
2:08:23 ..... 1)Turin
2:09:27' ..... 2)New York

9. ELIJAH LAGAT (Ken)
(6/19/66)
2:09:19 ..... 2)Turin
2:07:41 ..... 1)Berlin

10. ERIC KIMAIYO (Ken)
(1969)
2:08:08 ..... 4)London
2:07:43 ..... 2)Berlin
2:12:17 ..... 1)Honolulu

U..S. RANKINGS

1. David Scudamore [1)USA, 13)WC]
2. Jerry Lawson [dnf)London, 7)Chicago]
3. Todd Williams [10)Chicago]
4. Jerod Neas [4)USA, 7)TwCit, 14)NY]
5. Ed Eyestone [2)USA Ch/Pittsburgh]
6. Dan Held [3)USA, 56)WC]
7. Terrance Mahon [14)Chicago]
8. Alfredo Vigueras [dnf)USA, 15)Chicago]
9. Brad Hudson [1)Detroit]
10. Paul Zimmerman [5)USA]



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While Antón squeaked out just a 5-second victory at the World Champs, Suzuki blasted away to a margin of almost 90 seconds.

WOMEN'S RANKINGS

...And Here As Well

NUMBER ONE: Like men's leader Antón, Suzuki made the most of a World Championships win, taking the top spot despite being only 43rd on the yearly list in a season in which sub-2:28 running became commonplace.

LIST LEADER LOROUPE stays in the No. 2 spot despite her bomb in New York City. She's rewarded not for her fast time in Rotterdam, rather for her huge margin of victory over other Rankings candidates there. McKiernan had nothing to back up the fastest debut in history, so can't be any higher than No. 3. As with the men, the Worlds weren't well attended.

1. HIROMI SUZUKI (Jpn)
(12/6/68, 5-1/95)
2:29:36 ..... 2)Nagoya
2:29:48 ..... 1)World Ch

2. TEGLA LOROUPE (Ken)
(5/9/73, 5-1¼/106)
2:22:07 .... 1)Rotterdam
2:32:07' ..... 7)New York

3. CATHERINA McKIERNAN (Ire)
(11/30/69, 5-5/106)
2:23:44 ..... 1)Berlin

4. MADINA BIKTAGIROVA (Blr)
(9/20/64, 5-2¼/110)
2:29:30 ..... 1)Nagoya
2:24:46 ..... 2)Berlin

5. MAKIKO ITO (Jpn)
(1/18/73, 5-3¼/108)
2:26:03 .... 3)Rotterdam
2:27:45 ..... 1)Tokyo

6. JOYCE CHEPCHUMBA (Ken)
(11/6/70, 5-3/115)
2:26:51 ..... 1)London
2:28:02 ..... 2)Tokyo

7. MARLEEN RENDERS (Bel)
(12/24/68, 5-5¼/92)
2:25:56 .... 2)Rotterdam
2:26:18 ..... 3)Berlin

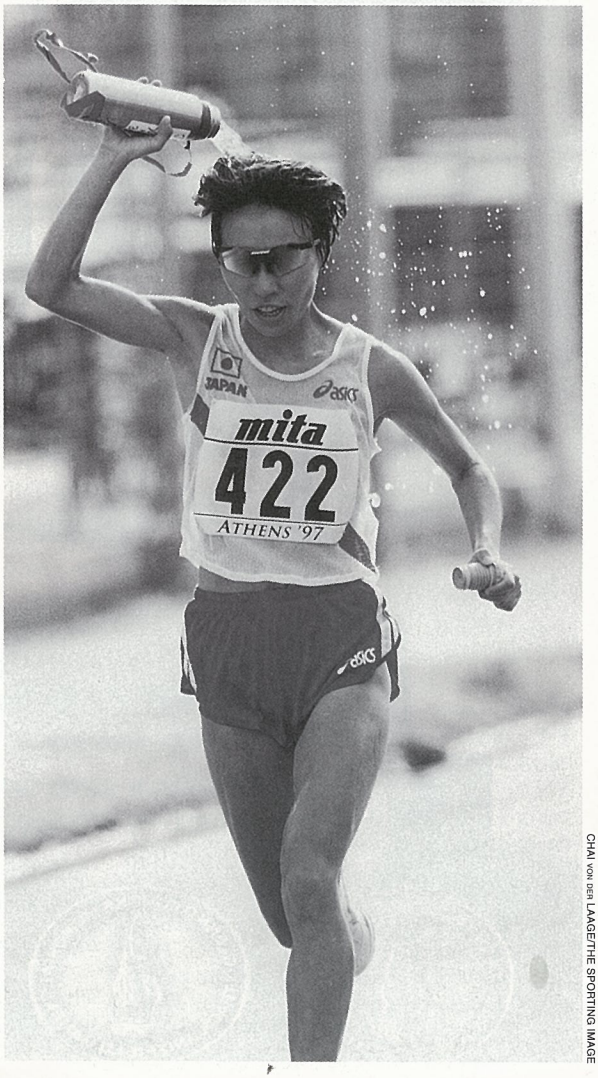
8. KATRIN DÖRRE-HEINIG (Ger)
(10/6/61, 5-7/121)
2:25:57 ..... 1)Osaka
2:26:48 ..... 1)Frankfurt

9. LIDIA SIMON (Rom)
(9/4/73, 5-1¾/97)
2:27:04 ..... 3)Osaka
2:27:11 ..... 3)London
2:31:55 ..... 3)World Ch

10. MARIA MACHADO (Por)
(8/9/63, 5-3¼/114)
2:28:12 ..... 6)London
2:31:12 ..... 2)World Ch

U.S. RANKINGS

1. Chris McNamara [7)London, 4)Chicago]
2. Kim Jones [9)Boston, 6)New York)
3. Linda Somers [14)London]
4. Debbie Kilp.-Morris [10)Boston, 6)Chicago]
5. Julia Kirtland [1)USA, 36)WCh]
6. Cheryl Collins [2)USA, 25)WCh]
7. Elaine Van Blunk [dnf)Hous, 7)Chicago]
8. Maria Trujillo [16)Boston, 5)Cal Intl]
9 Jane Welzel [4)USA, 6)Twin Cities]
10. Mary Alico [3)USA, 24)Bost, dnf)WC]



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GOODWILL GAMES THINKING BIG

Lotsa Prize Money

WHEN MEDIA MOGUL Ted Turner's first Goodwill Games concluded, in Moscow in '86, *T&FN* speculated that the first edition might be the last. Seattle '90 was a much better affair, but St. Petersburg '94 was another step backwards. Based on the advanced-planning and commitment of time and money now in evidence for episode No. 4, New York '98 could be a big success.

At the least, it would appear that it will be the best meet on U.S. soil next year, and maybe the best in the world.

With the cooperation of the IAAF—which is firmly committed to keeping track & field successful in this country—the international calendar has been cleared of any major conflicting meets. After the Oslo GP meet on July 16, the way is clear for the Goodwill Games track to be held on July 19–22.

Even better, the following weekend (July 24–25) is free for the new meet in Durham, North Carolina, which will have GP I status. With the lure of a pair of meets on these shores, hopefully a goodly number of stars who usually spend their summers in Europe can be enticed to come for the two meets.

One thing the Goodwill competition will guarantee is prize money. And unlike any GP meet, prize money will be available in *all* standard events.

The prize structure is set up at three levels, Platinum, Gold Plus and Gold.

Platinum money (m100, 400, dec; w100, hept) will be paid $40K, $20K, $10K, $7K, $6.5K, $6K, $5.5K, $5K. A World Record is worth a bonus of $100,000.

Gold Plus money (m200, 800, mile, St, 5K, 10K, 110H, 400H, 4x1, 4x4, HJ, PV, LJ; w200, 400, 800, mile, 5K, 10K, 100H, 400H, 4x1, 4x4, HJ, LJ) will be $20K, $10K, $5K, $3K, $2.5K, $2K, $1.5K, $1K). WR bonus $100,000.

Gold money (m20W, TJ, SP, DT, HT, JT; w10W, PV, TJ, SP, DT, HT, JT) will be $6K, $4K, $2.5K, $1.5K, $1.25K, $1K, $750, $500. WR bonus $50,000. Additionally, the women's steeple, still a developmental event, will have a minor prize structure, topping out at $2000.

Additional bonus money (noncumulative) will be paid for world-leading marks ($3K), NRs ($1.5K), meet records ($1.25K) and PRs ($1K).

There's no guarantee that all the stars involved will accept invitations, but spots in the meet have been set aside for all reigning World and Olympic champions, all Goodwill defending champions, all of the No. 1 World Rankers of '97 and all '98 USATF champs. Or, if the U.S. champ fits one of the other categories, then the next highest USATF finisher gets the nod.

The Goodwill organization will also pay extra promotional money to some of the sport's biggest names, like Michael Johnson.

MJ says he'll be back in the 200/400 doubling business at the Goodwill Games. "The finals-only format makes it easier to do," he explains. "Not to say that I'll be able to run faster than 19.32 though."

The current schedule would have Johnson running the 200 on Sunday, July 19, and the 400 on Tuesday, July 21. The meet will be held at the Mitchell Athletic Complex, a new facility being constructed near the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, on Long Island.

All competition will be held in the early evening, with extensive TV coverage on both CBS and TBS.

O'Brien figures to star at Goodwill, and is also promoting the new Junior Goodwill.



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Championships

Junior Games Introduced

Decathlon star Dan O'Brien, who says he'll be trying to break his WR at the meet, has also been signed on as the main spokesperson for a new development, the Junior Goodwill Games. The JGG, a tripartite age-group program (8–9, 10–11, 12–13), will involve basketball and swimming in addition to track.

"The Junior Goodwill Games are a grassroots program designed to promote children's participation in sport, while also teaching sportsmanship," says Goodwill president Mike Plant.

Goodwill officials plan local competitions (in all the sports) at more than 2000 sites, with more than a half-million participants. Track competition will include three events: 50y dash, standing long jump and "extreme discus." □

NCAA Cross Qualifying Flawed?

While the '97 collegiate cross country season brought an attempt to inject some rationality into the apportionment of NCAA Div. I teams among the various regions, the selection of at-large teams and individuals nonetheless produced a mammoth hue and cry of protest.

Cries of "foul" were raised in particular over the Washington State men's team and Cal's Peter Gilmore being overlooked. Wazoo rated a top-10 spot in the coaches poll all season until the final week, wherein the team held the No. 11 spot, well ahead of two teams that secured at-large bids. Nebraska was rated 21st and Iowa State 24th—significant in a 22-team nationals field.

Gilmore's credentials were impressive, too. He placed 6th in the West Region, which ultimately fielded 5 of the top 10 individuals at the NCAA. The Cal soph later proved his worth with a top-15 USATF finish. But he didn't get a chance to run in Greenville.

To be fair, the Cornhuskers and Cyclones were capable teams that earned top-15 finishes. The real question was, how could deserving talent like Washington State and Gilmore get left home?

The problem was that the selection criteria—hatched by a committee of coaches—left no other option. For teams, the criteria in order of importance were wins over auto-qualified teams, head-to-head record against other "bubble" teams being considered for at-large berths, record against common opponents of other bubble teams and a team's complement of "significant individuals."

Washington State, which traveled only once outside its region during the season, had only a win over auto-qualifier Oklahoma State in its favor. No matter that Portland, a team Wazoo beat handily at the regional, had defeated two auto-qualified teams plus bubble squads Iowa State, Nebraska, Wake Forest, Texas and Northern Arizona.

For individuals, the criteria were simpler but less fair. It helped to race in a weak region, and Gilmore was in the strongest. Simply put, the three highest placing individuals from all regions not automatically qualified nor belonging to a qualified team got the spots.

Critics say there has to be another way. But what is it?

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TV A BOOST? USATF chief Craig Masback commented on his proposed series of televised collegiate meets: "Many [college] coaches are making the decision that they're going to be a sprint team or a distance team only. Since they're going to want to be on TV for recruiting purposes, this will encourage them to field full teams. It'll help build our stars for the future."...

USATF has opened a Special Projects Office in an Atlanta suburb, mainly to assist with staging the indoor nationals. Sandy Snow will run the office, located at 316 Maxwell Road, Suite 300, in Alpharetta (phone: 404/525-1256)...

A stone monument to Steve Prefontaine was unveiled in mid-December at the site of the star's fatal car crash in '75. The project (*Last Lap*, January) was initiated by members of the running club Pre started at the Oregon State Penitentiary...

Back when East-West tensions were running high, Italian hurdler Eddy Ottoz was known for running with several days of stubble on his face. Asked about this tendency, he said, "Italian men and Russian women never shave before a big meet."

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AWARDS TIME: The International Athletic Foundation vote for '97 Athletes Of The Year matched *T&FN*'s, with Wilson Kipketer and Marion Jones named AOYs. Next men were Gebrselassie, Bubka, Komen and El Guerrouj; following Jones were Quirot, Szabo, Kumbernuss and Freeman.

Kipketer won a Reuters all-sports poll ahead of two youthful sensations, golfer Tiger Woods and tennis player Martina Hingis.

Gail Devers was selected the individual Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation; soccer star Mia Hamm was named top Team Sportswoman...

But has track fallen out of favor with the AAU? The list of 10 finalists for the Sullivan Award doesn't include a track athlete for the first time since '46. Last year, Michael Johnson was the 37th Sullivan winner from track in the award's 68-year history...

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TIMES CHANGE: In the November 1948 edition, we quoted Olympic 400H champ Roy Cochran, who said of himself and fellow 4x4 gold medalist Cliff Bourland: "We're getting on in years. Let the young guys have their day. We've had ours."

At the time, Cochran was 29 and Bourland all of 27...

UK Athletics is the name of the new company which has taken over the running of some aspects of the bankrupt British federation. It will also conduct an in-depth analysis of the sport and its management. BAF head Dave Moorcroft said the survey may take a year...

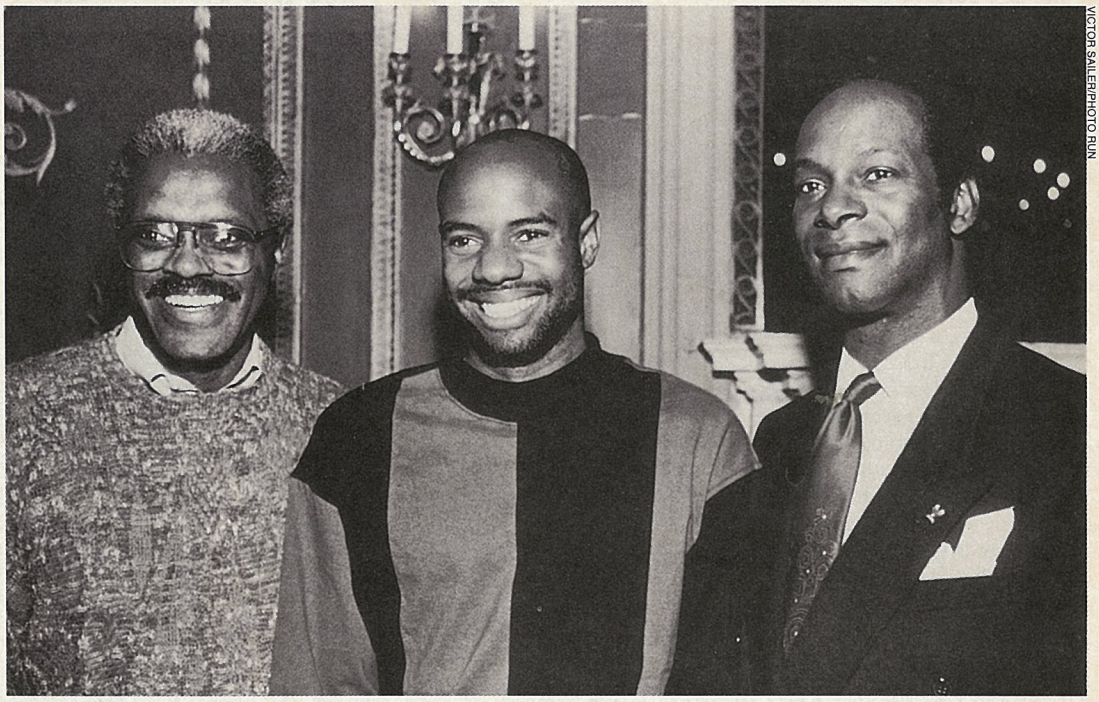
Heading the organizing committee for the '98 World Cup in Johannesburg is former 1000m WR holder Danie Malan...

National Scholastic Indoor meet founders Tracy Sundlun, Mike Byrnes and Jim Spier are no longer associated with the event. Questions can be directed to the Metropolitan AC office in New York: 212/227-0071...

Are you a Jesse Owens fan? www.jesse-owens.org is the address of a web site loaded with photos, letters and other memorabilia from the life of the legendary Olympian. The site chronicles Owens' life from childhood...

Keeping the stats straight: Wilson Kipketer has now won 27 straight 800s. Our '96 World Rankings somehow overlooked a 1:49.65 on May 18 in Spain during the Olympic year...

Randy Harvey notes in the *Los Angeles Times* that a procedural mix-up in '93 caused high schooler Marion Jones to miss a drug test. Jones was quickly absolved of any wrongdoing, Harvey says, "when USATF's lawyer proved no match for hers—Johnnie Cochran." □



VICTOR SAILER/PHOTO RUN

This awesome collection of legends are the only Americans to break the long jump WR during T&FN's 50 years (l-r): Ralph Boston, Mike Powell, Bob Beamon.

LANDMARKS

Died: Rod Milburn, 47; on November 11, in Port Hudson, Louisiana; after falling into a railroad car filled with chemicals at the paper plant where he worked. Police ruled his death as accidental. The preeminent 110 hurdler in the early '70s, Milburn set a 120y WR of 13.0 in '71 and earned AOY honors. He won the '72 Olympic gold in 13.24, a WR which lasted nearly five years. He World Ranked four times in the '70s (No. 1 '71-'72-'73) and three in the '80s.

Died: Jeannette Nelson, 76; on November 21, in Los Altos, California; of a heart attack. The wife of *T&FN* cofounder Bert Nelson, Jeannette enthusiastically supported the magazine, its company and staff throughout their 42 years of marriage (see p. 77).

STATUS QUO

THE JURY IS OUT: Former 100 WR holder **Leroy Burrell** has opted out of law school, and is back training.

Spanish 1500 star **Fermín Cacho** tore ankle ligaments in December, but plans to rest into January, when he hopes to resume training.

Indiana State high jumper **Melissa Dyal,** the Missouri Valley Conference champ last year, suffered multiple forearm fractures in a December auto accident. She will redshirt at least the indoor season.

Commonwealth 5000 champ **Rob Denmark** will delay his return to training while recovering from foot surgery.

Veteran long jump star **Heike Drechsler** had surgery on both Achilles tendons in December, but is aiming for the August Euro Champs in Budapest.

Drechsler is now being coached by Frenchman Alain Blondel, the '94 Euro decathlon champ.

Australian **Jane Flemming**, the '90 Commonwealth heptathlon champ, won't try to regain her title after a 2nd in '94. She plans to run the 400H instead.

Vault WR holder **Emma George** of Australia has switched coaches to Russian Alex Parnov, who also directs Dmitriy Markov and '94 World Junior champ Viktor Chistyakov. The former Russians have applied for Aussie citizenship.

So has Anna Brzezinska, who ran 6th in the Göteborg 1500 and 12th in Atlanta for Poland.

Retired **Sally Gunnell** of Britain, former Olympic/Worlds champ and WR holder, is expecting her first child in June.

NCAA cross country champ **Meb Keflezighi** may be a U.S. citizen soon. But he hasn't decided if he will represent the U.S. internationally, should he make a U.S. team, or compete for Eritrea. He possibly could carry his native nation's flag in an Olympic or Worlds opening.

Keflezighi told Mark Whicker of the Orange County *Register*, "You don't get many opportunities to [carry the flag]. But I don't know. It keeps me awake nights already."

Daniel Komen doesn't lack audacious goals for '98. "I can improve my 3000 time to 7:18 and 5000 to 12:36," he predicts. "With more training it may be possible to run 7:15 and 12:30." The Kenyan already claims WRs in both with 7:20.67 and 12:39.74.

Komen's aims also are set on this year's Commonwealth 5000 and the Sydney Olympic 5K title.

After the New York City Marathon **Tegla Loroupe** was diagnosed as having stress fractures in her spine. But two more medical exams at her training base in Germany found no problems and the relieved Kenyan resumed training.

USATF hammer champ **Kevin McMahon** is now training in Chula Vista, California, near San Diego. The Atlanta Olympian fittingly lives on Olympic View Parkway.

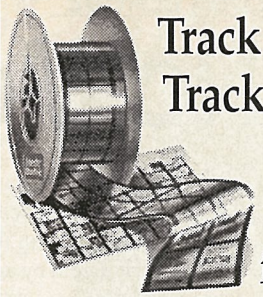
Medical tests couldn't give **Sonia O'Sullivan** clues to her disappointing efforts in Athens (8th at 1500; 7th in her 5000 heat). So the Irish great says, "It's in the past and I'm looking forward to 1998."

She hasn't decided her event at the Euros, but "with my training, I could do a 10,000 or even a marathon."

USC has already scored a recruiting coup, signing letters of intent with '97 prep women's AOY Angela Williams and No. 2 shot All-America Van Mounts.

Changes of nationality approved by the IAAF:

hurdler Steve Brown (U.S. to Trinidad); sprinter Peter Ogilvie (Canada to New Zealand); TJer Natalya Kilpaläinen (Russia to Estonia); marathoner Madina Biktagirova (Belarus to Russia); long jumper Vladimir Malyavin and shot putter Elvira Urusova (both Georgia to Russia).□



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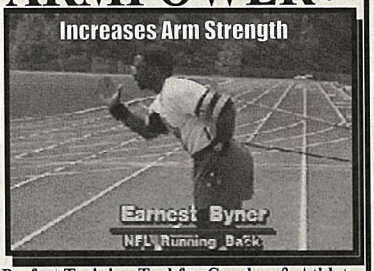
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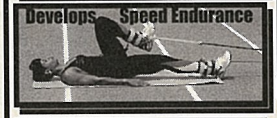
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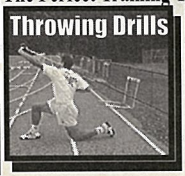
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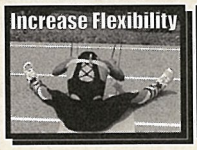
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IAAF UNVEILS "GOLDEN LEAGUE"

Golden 4 No More

MONTE CARLO, MONACO, November 21—The IAAF's annual blowout Gala had 700 years of Grimaldi Family rule over this tiny principality as its theme, but nothing caused as much of a stir in the corridors of power as did the announcement that the Golden 4 was pulling the plug on its successful series of meets. Score another one for Primo Nebiolo.

The Golden 4, which consisted of the high-powered meetings in Oslo, Zürich, Brussels and Berlin, had an impressive 5-year run which each year culminated with the splitting up of 20 one-kilo bars of gold by anyone winning at all four meets.

Nebiolo has long had his eye on an improved Grand Prix structure—one which concentrated the truly elite meets in a class alone at the top—but so long as the G4 people had their own TV deal, he was stymied.

As the summer season finished up and the IAAF talked about a new setup, the powerful Zürich head, Res Brügger, said, "We will not give the TV rights to the IAAF."

It was with some surprise, then, that the news was received that the TV rights had indeed been given up, and the IAAF would now sponsor a new "Golden League." Asked how that could possibly have happened, Oslo chief Svein-Arne Hansen smiled wryly and said, "God moves in mysterious ways."

Said Brügger, "In the end, we realized that we had to do it for the good of the sport. So long as we stayed apart, a deal couldn't be made that would benefit all of track & field."

While the new deal certainly devolves even more power back to the IAAF, there is no doubt that it will also achieve the goal of making top-level track & field a real TV presence, at least in Europe.

"We want to be able to say that for every week for two months you will be able to watch the world's best athletes in action," said Nebiolo in announcing the new series, which in its first year will consist of 6 GP meets (the G4 plus Rome and Monaco) and then the GP Final in Moscow. It had originally been hoped to included Paris in the series, but the TV rights couldn't be sorted out properly.

The 1998 schedule:

July 14	Rome, Italy
July 16	Oslo, Norway
August 8	Monte Carlo, Monaco
August 12	Zürich, Switzerland
August 28	Brussels, Belgium
September 2	Berlin, Germany
September 5	Moscow, Russia

Eventually, the IAAF hopes to get the series up to 10 meets, hopefully including meets in the U.S. and Japan.

As a carrot to entice the best athletes to compete in the series as a whole, the IAAF has established a million-dollar jackpot to be split by any athletes who win at all 7 meets.

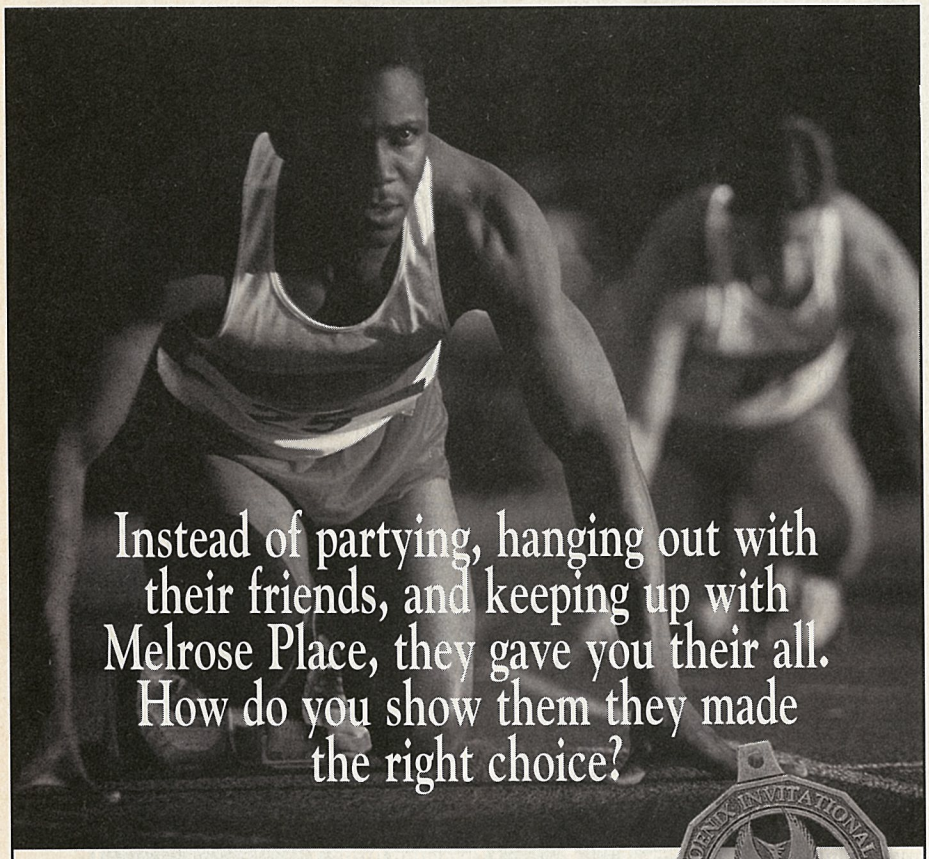
It's expected that the IAAF will sign about 35 top-liners to guarantee the success of the series. That could be a bit tough, perhaps, if the IAAF sticks to its intention to remove appearance money from the equation. Some top athletes will get guarantees for "promotional considerations," of course.

World Records established in GL meets will be worth $50,000.

The downside to the whole affair is the potential of the rich getting richer at the expense of the poorer. Will the "lesser" meets now have trouble attracting the big-name athletes if they're already committed to a solid bloc of meets? Will they then have trouble attracting sponsors?

For now, at least, the advent of the Golden League does nothing to change the nature of the overall Grand Prix setup. There are still GP I and GP II meets, with higher points being awarded at GP I meets. There is talk of making GL meets worth more yet, but that's not yet decided.

Nebiolo concluded, "We want to bring some coherence to the athletics season." □





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INDOOR RECORDS

WORLD MEN

50	5.56(A)	Donovan Bailey (Can)	Reno, Nev	2/ 9/96
(low-alt)+	5.61	Manfred Kokot (EG)	Berlin, Ger	2/ 4/73
	5.61	James Sanford (US)	San Diego, Calif	2/20/81
60	6.41	Andre Cason (US)	Madrid, Spa	2/14/92
200	19.92	Frank Fredericks (Nam)	Liévin, Fra	2/18/96
400	44.63	Michael Johnson (US)	Atlanta, Ga	3/ 4/95
800	1:42.67	Wilson Kipketer (Den)	Paris, Fra	3/ 9/97
1000	2:15.26	Noureddine Morceli (Alg)	Birmingham, Eng	2/22/92
1500	3:31.18	Hicham El Guerrouj (Mor)	Stuttgart, Ger	2/ 2/97
Mile	3:48.45	Hicham El Guerrouj (Mor)	Ghent, Bel	2/12/97
3000	7:30.72	Haile Gebrselassie (Eth)	Stuttgart, Ger	2/ 4/96
5000	12:59.04	Haile Gebrselassie (Eth)	Stockholm, Swe	2/20/97
50H	6.25	Mark McKoy (Can)	Kobe, Jpn	3/ 3/86
60H	7.30	Colin Jackson (GB)	Sindelfingen, Ger	3/ 6/94
5000W	18:07.08	Mikhail Shchennikov (Rus)	Moscow, Rus	2/14/95
4 x 200	1:22.11	Great Britain	Glasgow, Scot	3/ 3/91
4 x 400	3:03.05	Germany	Seville, Spa	3/10/91
4 x 800	7:17.8	Soviet Union	Sofia, Bul	3/14/71

Field Events

HJ	2.43	7-11½	Javier Sotomayor (Cub)	Budapest, Hun	3/ 4/89
PV	6.15	20-2	Sergey Bubka (Ukr)	Donyetsk, Ukr	2/21/93
LJ	8.79	28-10¼	Carl Lewis (US)	New York, NY	1/27/84
TJ	17.83	58-6	Aliecer Urrutia (Cub)	Sindelfingen, Ger	3/ 1/97
SP	22.66	74-4¼	Randy Barnes (US)	Los Angeles, Calif	1/20/89
Pent	4478p		Steve Fritz (US)	Manhattan, Kans	1/21/95
	(7.87, 7.48/24-6½, 16.13/52-11, 2.06/6-9¼, 2:45.32)				
Hept	6476		Dan O'Brien (US)	Toronto, Ont	3/13–14/93
	(6.67, 7.84/25-8¾, 16.02/52-6¾, 2.13/6-11¾, 7.85, 5.20/17-¾, 2:57.96)				

WORLD WOMEN

50	5.96	Irina Privalova (Rus)	Madrid, Spa	2/ 9/95
60	6.92	Irina Privalova (Rus)	Madrid, Spa	2/11/93
	6.92	Irina Privalova (Rus)	Madrid, Spa	2/ 9/95
200	21.87	Merlene Ottey (Jam)	Liévin, Fra	2/13/93
400	49.59	Jarmila Kratochvílová (Cze)	Milan, Ita	3/ 7/82
800	1:56.40	Christine Wachtel (EG)	Vienna, Aut	2/13/88
1000	2:31.23	Maria Mutola (Moz)	Stockholm, Swe	2/25/96
1500	4:00.27	Doina Melinte (Rom)	East Rutherford, NJ	2/ 9/90
Mile	4:17.14	Doina Melinte (Rom)	East Rutherford, NJ	2/ 9/90
3000	8:33.82	Elly van Hulst (Hol)	Budapest, Hun	3/ 4/89
5000	15:03.17	Liz McColgan (GB)	Birmingham, Eng	2/22/92
50H	6.58	Cornelia Oschkenat (EG)	Berlin, Ger	2/20/88
60H	7.69	Ludmila Engquist (SU)	Chelyabinsk, Rus	2/ 4/90
3000W	11:44.00	Alina Ivanova (Rus)	Moscow, Rus	3/ 9/91
4 x 200	1:32.55	SC Eintracht Hamm (WG)	Dortmund, Ger	2/20/88
4 x 400	3:26.84	Russia	Paris, Fra	3/ 9/97
4 x 800	8:18.71	Russia	Moscow, Rus	2/ 4/94

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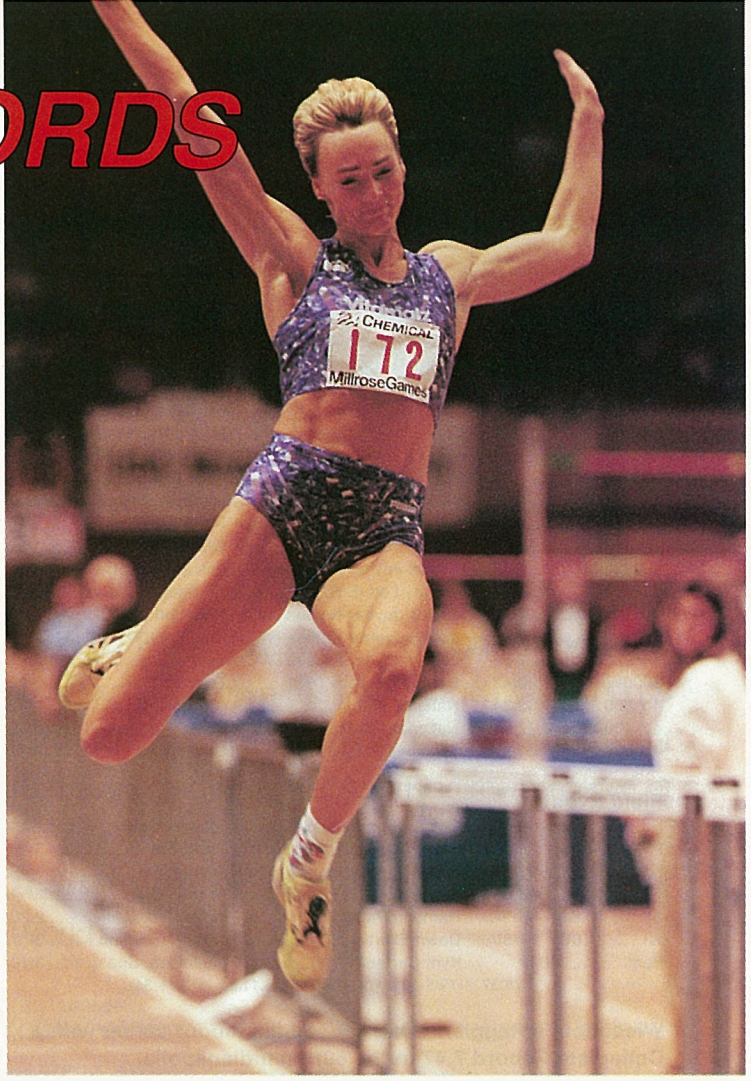
HJ	2.07	6-9½	Heike Henkel (Ger)	Karlsruhe, Ger	2/ 8/92
PV	4.40	14-5¼	Emma George (Aus)	Melbourne, Aus	12/10/96
	4.40	14-5¼	Stacy Dragila (US)	Paris, Fra	3/ 9/97
LJ	7.37	24-2¼	Heike Drechsler (EG)	Vienna, Aut	2/13/88
TJ	15.03	49-3¾	Yolanda Chen (Rus)	Barcelona, Spa	3/11/95
SP	22.50	73-10	Helena Fibingerová (Cze)	Jablonec, Cze	2/19/77
Pent	4991		Irina Belova (Rus)	Berlin, Ger	2/15/92
	(8.22, 1.93/6-4, 13.25/43-5¾, 6.67/21-10¾, 2:10.26)				

Indoor Records As T&FN Lists Them

World Records are those accepted by the IAAF. American Records are those accepted by USATF. USATF still maintains a number of arcane events on its AR list, but we have only listed ARs for events that are either on the WR list or are contested at the USATF or NCAA Champs. Collegiate and High School Records are based on criteria developed by *T&FN*.

Marks in events 200m and longer are not acceptable for record purposes if they come on an oversized track (over 220y). They are, however, included on our monthly and yearly lists for distances over 1500m.

Symbols: p=mark pending acceptance; ' after name=foreigner holding Collegiate Record (in which case the best American collegian is also listed; y=yard race; (A)=mark made at altitude over 1000m (in affected events only).



VICTOR SAILER/PHOTO RUN

Heike Drechsler's World Record 24-2¼ in the long jump, set in Vienna in 1988, is about to celebrate its 10th birthday.

U.S. MEN

50	5.61	James Sanford (unat)	San Diego, Calif	2/20/81
55	6.00	Lee McRae (Pitt)	Oklahoma City, Okla	3/14/86
60	6.41	Andre Cason (Gold)	Madrid, Spa	2/14/92
200	20.40	Jeff Williams (unat)	Liévin, Fra	2/18/96
	20.40	Kevin Little (USW)	Paris, Fra	3/ 8/97
400	44.63	Michael Johnson (Nikl)	Atlanta, Ga	3/ 4/95
800	1:45.00	Johnny Gray (SMTC)	Sindelfingen, Ger	3/ 8/92
1000	2:18.19	Ocky Clark (deO)	Stuttgart, Ger	2/12/89
1500	3:38.12	Jeff Atkinson (NikW)	Budapest, Hun	3/ 5/89
Mile	3:51.8	Steve Scott (S4)	San Diego, Calif	2/20/81
3000	7:39.94	Steve Scott (Asics)	East Rutherford, NJ	2/10/89
5000	13:20.55	Doug Padilla (AW)	New York, NY	2/12/82
50H	6.35	Greg Foster (WC)	Rosemont, Ill	1/27/85
	6.35	Greg Foster (WC)	Ottawa, Ont	1/31/87
55H	6.89	Renaldo Nehemiah (Md)	New York, NY	1/20/79
60H	7.36	Greg Foster (WC)	Los Angeles, Calif	1/16/87
5000W	19:18.40	Tim Lewis (Reeb)	New York, NY	2/27/87
4 x 200	1:22.71	National Team	Glasgow, Scot	3/ 3/91
4 x 400	3:03.24	National Team	Seville, Spa	3/10/91
4 x 800	7:18.23	Florida	Indianapolis, Ind	3/13/92
DisMed	9:35.83	Georgetown	Indianapolis, Ind	3/ 8/97

Field Events

HJ	2.40	7-10½	Hollis Conway (Nikl)	Seville, Spa	3/10/91
PV	5.89(A)	19-3¾	Billy Olson (PCC)	Albuquerque, NM	1/25/86
LJ	8.79	28-10¼	Carl Lewis (SMTC)	New York, NY	1/27/84
TJ	17.76	58-3¼	Mike Conley (Tys)	New York, NY	2/27/87
SP	22.66	74-4¼	Randy Barnes (Maz)	Los Angeles, Calif	1/20/89
Wt	25.86	84-10¼	Lance Deal (NYAC)	Atlanta, Ga	3/ 4/95
Pent	4478p		Steve Fritz (Accu)	Manhattan, Kans	1/21/95
	(7.87, 7.48/24-6½, 16.13/52-11, 2.06/6-9¼, 2:45.32)				
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INDOOR RECORDS

U.S. WOMEN

50	6.07(A)	Gwen Torrence (Maz)	Reno, Nev 2/ 9/96
(I-a)	6.10	Gail Devers (Nikl)	Los Angeles, Calif 2/20/93
55	6.56	Gwen Torrence (Ga)	Oklahoma City, Okla 3/14/87
60	6.95	Gail Devers (Nikl)	Toronto, Can 3/12/93
200	22.33	Gwen Torrence (Miz)	Atlanta, Ga 3/ 2/96
400	50.64	Diane Dixon (Atoms)	Seville, Spa 3/10/91
800	1:58.9	Mary Slaney (AW)	San Diego, Calif 2/22/80
1000	2:37.6	Mary Slaney (L'eggs)	Portland, Ore 1/21/89
1500	4:00.8	Mary Slaney (AW)	New York, NY 2/ 8/80
Mile	4:20.5	Mary Slaney (AW)	San Diego, Calif 2/19/82
3000	8:40.45	Lynn Jennings (Nikl)	New York, NY 2/23/90
5000	15:22.64	Lynn Jennings (Nikl)	Hanover, NH 1/ 7/90
50H	6.67(A)	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (Hond)	Reno, Nev 2/10/95
(I-a)	6.84	Kim McKenzie (Maz)	Ottawa, Ont 1/20/89
	6.84	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (WC)	Los Angeles, Calif 2/20/93
55H	7.30(A)	Tiffany Lott (BYU)	Air Academy, Colo 2/20/97
(I-a)	7.37	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (WC)	New York, NY 2/ 3/89
	7.37	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (WC)	New York, NY 2/ 3/89
60H	7.81	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (WC)	Fairfax, Va 2/ 5/89
3000W	12:20.42	Debbi Lawrence (NS)	Toronto, Ont 3/12/93
4 x 200	1:33.24	National Team	Glasgow, Scot 2/12/94
4 x 400	3:27.66	National Team	Paris, Fra 3/ 9/97
4 x 800	8:25.5	Villanova	Gainesville, Fla 2/ 7/87

Field Events

HJ	2.00 6-6¾	Coleen Sommer (WAC)	Ottawa, Ont 2/14/82
PV	4.40 14-5¼	Stacy Dragila (RME)	Paris, Fra 3/ 9/97
LJ	7.13 23-4¾	Jackie Joyner-Kersee (Hond)	Atlanta, Ga 3/ 5/94
TJ	14.23 46-8¼	Sheila Hudson (Reeb)	Atlanta, Ga 3/ 4/95
SP	19.83 65-¾	Ramona Pagel (Maz)	Inglewood, Calif 2/20/87
Wt	21.86 71-8¾	Dawn Ellerbe (SC)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 7/97
Pent	4632	Kym Carter (NikW)	Barcelona, Spa 3/10/95

(8.37, 1.79/5-10½, 14.82/48-7½, 6.11/20-½, 2:15.34)

Wisconsin's Reggie Torian capped his indoor career with a Collegiate Record 7.47 in the 60H in Indianapolis.



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COLLEGIATE MEN

50	5.64	Davidson Ezinwa' (Azusa)	Los Angeles, Calif 2/15/92
(AmC)	5.69	Henry Neal (TxSn)	Montréal, Que 1/14/94
55	5.99(A)	Obadele Thompson' (UTEP)	Air Academy, Colo 2/22/97
(AmC)	6.00	Lee McRae (Pitt)	Oklahoma City, Okla 3/14/86
60	6.50	Lee McRae (Pitt)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 7/87
200	20.36	Obadele Thompson' (UTEP)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 8/96
(AmC)	20.57	Chris Nelloms (OhSt)	Atlanta, Ga 3/ 5/94
400	45.66	Greg Haughton' (GM)	Boston, Mass 2/11/95
(AmC)	45.78	Tyrone Kemp (Fl)	Gainesville, Fla 2/25/90
800	1:45.80	Einars Tupuritis' (Wich)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 9/96
(AmC)	1:46.19	George Kersh (Ms)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 9/91
1000	2:19.64	Doug Consiglio' (Ar)	Fayetteville, Ark 1/17/86
(AmC)	2:19.73	Gawain Guy (Rice)	Fayetteville, Ark 3/ 1/86
1500	3:38.2	Sydney Maree' (Vill)	Long Beach, Calif 1/ 6/79
(AmC)	3:39.8	Tony Waldrop (NC)	San Diego, Calif 2/17/74
Mile	3:55.0	Tony Waldrop (NC)	San Diego, Calif 2/17/74
3000	7:46.42	Joe Falcon (Ar)	East Rutherford, NJ 2/10/89
5000	13:20.4	Suleiman Nyambui' (UTEP)	New York, NY 2/ 6/81
(AmC)	13:22.6	Alberto Salazar (Or)	New York, NY 2/ 6/81
50H	6.36	Renaldo Nehemiah (Md)	Edmonton, Alta 2/ 3/79
55H	6.89	Renaldo Nehemiah (Md)	New York, NY 1/20/79
60H	7.47	Reggie Torian (Wi)	Indianapolis, Ind 2/ 7/97

Relay Events

4 x 200	1:25.18	Arkansas Sherbrooke, Que 2/ 2/85
4 x 400	3:04.25	Oklahoma Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 8/97
4 x 800	7:17.45	Clemson Indianapolis, Ind 3/11/89
DisMed	9:30.67	Arkansas Indianapolis, Ind 3/12/94

Field Events

HJ	2.37 7-9¼	Hollis Conway (SWnLa)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/11/89
PV	5.83 19-1½	Lawrence Johnson (Tn)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/12/94
LJ	8.49 27-10¼	Carl Lewis (Hous)	Ft. Worth, Tex 2/20/81
TJ	17.50 57-5	Charlie Simpkins (Bap)	Los Angeles, Calif 1/17/86
SP	21.50 70-6½	Terry Albritton (Stan)	Inglewood, Calif 2/ 4/77
Wt	23.94 78-6½	Tore Johnsen' (UTEP)	Colorado Sp, Colo 2/25/84
(AmC)	22.20 72-10	Sean McGehearty (BC)	Princeton, NJ 3/ 1/97
Pent	4399	Bruce Reid (LSU)	Baton Rouge, La 2/25/89

COLLEGIATE WOMEN

50	6.13	Jeanette Bolden (UCLA)	Edmonton, Alta 2/21/81
55	6.56	Gwen Torrence (Ga)	Oklahoma City, Okla 3/14/87
60	7.14	Carlette Guidry (Tx)	New York, NY 2/ 1/91
200	22.79	Merlene Ottey' (Nb)	Sherbrooke, Que 2/ 7/82
(AmC)	22.87	Dawn Sowell (LSU)	Baton Rouge, La 2/26/89
400	51.05	Maicel Malone (AzSt)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 9/91
800	2:01.65	Amy Wickus (Wi)	Champaign, Ill 2/12/94
1000	2:41.56	Teena Colebrook' (SLO)	Inglewood, Calif 2/17/89
(AmC)	2:41.83	Joetta Clark (Tn)	Gainesville, Fla 2/ 5/83
1500	4:10.20	Tina Krebs' (Clem)	East Rutherford, NJ 2/ 9/85
(AmC)	4:12.4	Vicki Huber (Vill)	Oklahoma City, Okla 3/11/88
Mile	4:28.31	Vicki Huber (Vill)	New York, NY 2/ 5/88
3000	8:53.54	PattiSue Plumer (Stan)	East Rutherford, NJ 2/27/83
5000	15:17.28	Sonia O'Sullivan' (Vill)	Boston, Mass 1/26/91
(AmC)	15:34.5	Margaret Groos (Va)	Blacksburg, Va 2/20/81
50H	6.85	Candy Young (FD)	Rosemont, Ill 1/15/83
55H	7.30(A)	Tiffany Lott (BYU)	Air Academy, Colo 2/20/97
(I-a)	7.34	Michelle Freeman' (Fl)	Gainesville, Fla 2/22/92
60H	7.98	Michelle Freeman' (Fl)	New York, NY 2/ 7/92
(AmC)	8.05	Kim Carson (LSU)	Lexington, Ky 2/25/96

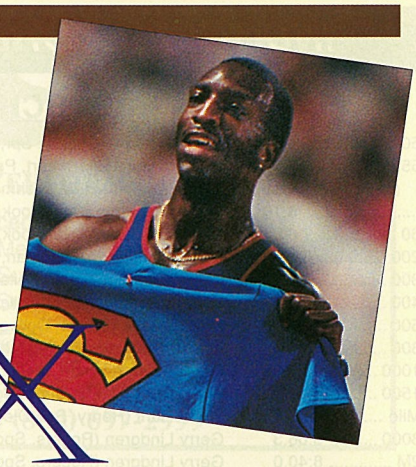
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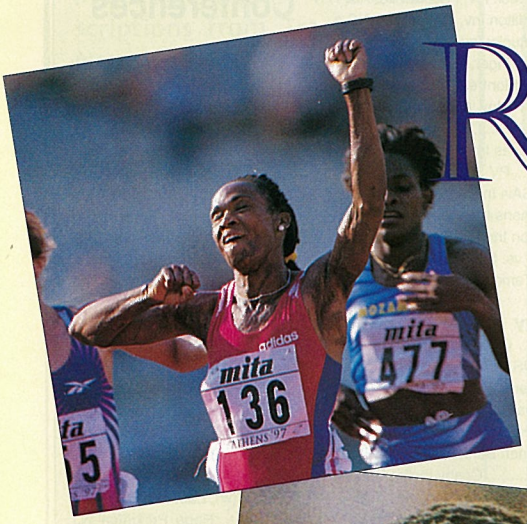
4 x 200	1:36.5y	Tennessee State Louisville, Ky 2/10/79
4 x 400	3:32.01	Texas Indianapolis, Ind 3/10/90
4 x 800	8:25.5	Villanova Gainesville, Fla 2/ 7/87
DisMed	10:54.34	Villanova Gainesville, Fla 1/30/88

Field Events

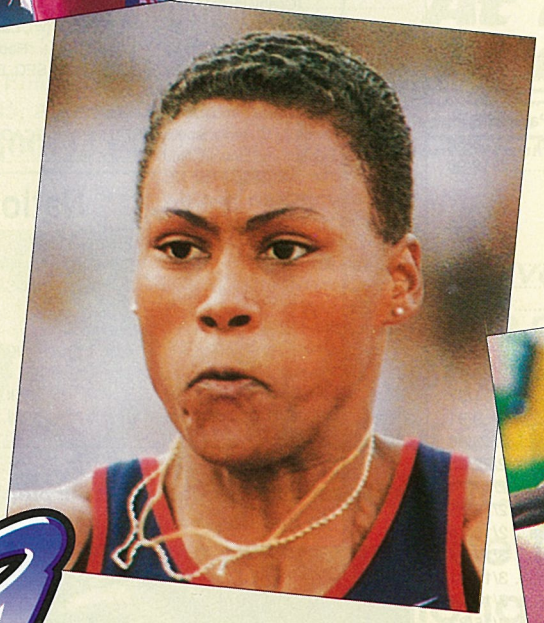
HJ	1.97(A) 6-5½	Lisa Bernhagen (Stan)	Flagstaff, Ariz 2/21/87
	1.97 6-5½	Amy Acuff (UCLA)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/11/95
PV	4.12 13-6¼	Melissa Price (Fres)	Fresno, Calif 2/17/96
LJ	6.82 22-4½	Daphnie Saunders' (LSU)	Gainesville, Fla 2/26/94
(AmC)	6.78 22-3	Carol Lewis (Hous)	Dallas, Tex 2/ 2/85
TJ	14.25 46-9	Suzette Lee' (LSU)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/ 8/97
(AmC)	13.94 45-9	Sheila Hudson (Cal)	Indianapolis, Ind 3/10/90
SP	18.48 60-7¾	Tressa Thompson (Nb)	Lincoln, Neb 2/14/97
Wt	21.02 68-11¾	Dawn Ellerbe (SC)	Lexington, Ky 2/25/96
Pent	4235	Janet Blomstedt (Nb)	Lincoln, Neb 2/23/96

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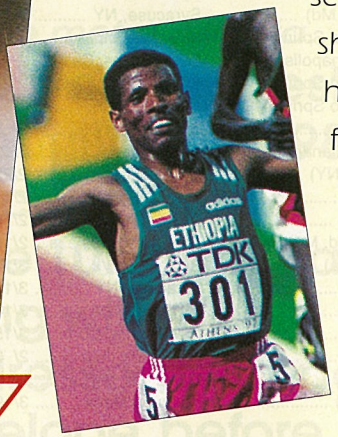




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INDOOR RECORDS

HIGH SCHOOL MEN

50	5.69	Bryan Howard (Canyon Spr, Moreno Valley, Ca)	Los Angeles, Calif	2/19/94
55	6.14y(A)	LaNoris Marshall (Dysart, Peoria, Az)	Albuquerque, NM	2/ 4/78
(I-a)	6.15y	Martin Smith (J-H-W, Richmond, Va)	Annapolis, Md	1/ 7/83
	6.16	Deworski Odom (Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa)	Syracuse, NY	3/12/95
60	6.62	Deworski Odom (Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa)	Syracuse, NY	3/12/95
200	21.29	Tony Wheeler (Kecoughtan, Hampton, Va)	Syracuse, NY	3/15/93
300	33.19	William Reed (Central, Philadelphia, Pa)	New Haven, Conn	3/16/86
400	46.84	William Reed (Central, Philadelphia, Pa)	Boston, Mass	2/22/86
500	1:02.40	Mike Greene (Boston College, Dorchester, Ma)	Boston, Mass	2/10/84
800	1:50.55	Michael Granville (Bell Gardens, Ca)	Syracuse, NY	3/12/95
1000	2:23.85	George Kersh (Pearl, Ms)	East Rutherford, NJ	2/14/87
1500	3:46.6	Thom Hunt (Henry, San Diego, Ca)	San Diego, Calif	2/21/76
Mile	4:02.7	Thom Hunt (Henry, San Diego, Ca)	San Diego, Calif	2/21/76
3000	8:06.3	Gerry Lindgren (Rogers, Spokane, Wa)	Daly City, Calif	2/15/64
2M	8:40.0	Gerry Lindgren (Rogers, Spokane, Wa)	Daly City, Calif	2/15/64
50H	6.73	Kristen Lightbourne (Uniondale, NY)	Syracuse, NY	3/13/94
55H	7.08	Deworski Odom (Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa)	Syracuse, NY	3/12/95
60H	7.62	Deworski Odom (Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa)	Syracuse, NY	3/12/95
	7.62	Terrance Trammell (SW DeKalb, Decatur, Ga)	Atlanta, Ga	2/28/97

Relay Events

4 x 200	1:27.34	Muir, Pasadena, California	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 9/97
4 x 400	3:13.34	Muir, Pasadena, California	Roxbury, Mass	3/10/96
4 x 800	7:47.3y	Catholic, Roselle, New Jersey	Lawrenceville, NJ	2/18/69
SpMed	3:24.69	Muir, Pasadena, California	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 8/97
DisMed	10:15.4y	Williams, Alexandria, Virginia	Annapolis, Md	1/27/79
	10:12.18	Bernards, Bernardsville, New Jersey	West Point, NY	2/ 5/83

Field Events

HJ	2.26	7-5	Gail Olson (Sycamore, Il)	Sterling, Ill	3/11/78
PV	5.34(A)	17-6½	Pat Manson (Aurora Central, Aurora, Co)	Flagstaff, Ariz	3/ 8/86
(I-a)	5.33	17-6	Brandon Richards (San Marcos, S Barbara, Ca)	Princeton, NJ	3/17/85
LJ	8.09	26-6½	Dion Bentley (Penn Hills, Pittsburgh, Pa)	University Park, Pa	2/18/89
TJ	16.04	52-7½	Keith Holley (Bayside, Virginia Beach, Va)	New Haven, Conn	3/13/88
SP	22.83	74-11	Brent Noon (Fallbrook, Ca)	Reno, Nev	5/12/90

HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN

50	6.32(A)	Aleisha Latimer (Palmer, Colorado Springs, Co)	Boulder, Colo	1/25/97
(I-a)	6.39	Aspen Burkett (East, Denver, Co)	Syracuse, NY	3/13/94
	6.39	Kisha Jett (Hammond, Columbia, Md)	Syracuse, NY	3/13/94
55	6.68(A)	Aleisha Latimer (Palmer, Colorado Springs, Co)	Boulder, Colo	1/19/96
(I-a)	6.72y	Deandra Carney (Arlington, Indianapolis, In)	Los Angeles, Calif	2/ 3/78
60	7.22(A)	Aleisha Latimer (Palmer, Colorado Springs, Co)	Air Academy, Colo	2/23/97
	7.22	Aleisha Latimer (Palmer, Colorado Springs, Co)	Atlanta, Ga	3/ 1/97
200	23.67	Zundra Feagin (Cocoa, Fl)	Syracuse, NY	3/ 9/91
300	37.86	Maicel Malone (North Central, Indianapolis, In)	New Haven, Conn	3/16/86
400	53.45y	Andrea Thomas' (Walton, Bronx, NY)	New York, NY	2/22/85
800	2:01.8	Mary Decker (Orange, Ca)	San Diego, Calif	2/17/74
1000	2:47.44	Margaret Scutro (Ridgewood, NJ)	East Rutherford, NJ	2/ 9/85
1500	4:18.9	Lynn Jennings (Bromfield, Harvard, Ma)	Toronto, Ont	2/10/78
Mile	4:38.5	Debbie Heald (Neff, La Mirada, Ca)	Richmond, Va	3/17/72
3000	9:17.7	Melody Fairchild (Boulder, Co)	Syracuse, NY	3/10/91
2M	9:55.92	Melody Fairchild (Boulder, Co)	Syracuse, NY	3/10/91
5000	16:52.48	Cathy Schiro (Dover, NH)	New Haven, Conn	3/15/83
50H	6.95	Candy Young (Beaver Falls, Pa)	Edmonton, Alta	2/ 3/79
55H	7.48y	Candy Young (Beaver Falls, Pa)	New York, NY	2/ 8/80
60H	8.33	Charmaine Walker (Plainfield, NJ)	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 9/97

Relay Events

4 x 200	1:36.55(A)	Wilson, Long Beach, California	Pocatello, Ida	2/15/97
(I-a)	1:37.17	Wilson, Long Beach, California	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 8/97
4 x 400	3:42.47	Wilson, Long Beach, California	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 9/97
4 x 800	9:08.34	Columbia, Maplewood, New Jersey	Boston, Mass	1/26/97
SpMed	3:56.67	Penn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 8/97
DisMed	11:52.8	Mepham, Bellmore, New York	New Haven, Conn	1/21/84

Field Events

HJ	1.90(A)	6-3	Lisa Bernhagen (Wood River, Hailey, Id)	Pocatello, Ida	2/18/84
(I-a)	1.86	6-1¼	Paula Girven (Gar-Field, Woodbridge, Va)	Saskatoon, Sask	12/30/75
PV	3.71	12-2	Melissa Price (Kingsburg, Ca)	Los Angeles, Calif	2/11/95
LJ	6.59	21-7½	Carol Lewis (Willingboro, NJ)	Dallas, Tex	1/31/81
TJ	13.39	43-11½	Juliana Yendork (Walnut, Ca)	Syracuse, NY	3/10/91
SP	15.99	52-5¾	Heather Colyer (E Juniata, Cocolamus, Pa)	Lehigh, Penn	2/ 8/97
Wt	18.55	60-10½	Maureen Griffin (Pocatello, Id)	Roxbury, Mass	3/ 8/97
Pent	3978		Marlene Harmon (Thousand Oaks, Ca)	Toronto, Ont	3/ 1/80

'98 U.S. Indoor Schedule

Invitationals

January

9-11 ... Dartmouth R, Hanover, NH
10 .... Father Diamond, Fairfax, Va
11 ..... KC, Saskatoon, Sask
15 ..... Florida Inv, Gainesville, Fla
16 ... En Michigan Inv, Ypsilanti, Mi
... Razorback Inv, Fayetteville, Ark
16-17 ... Hilton Inv, Chapel Hill, NC
17 ... Kentucky Inv, Lexington, Ken
..... Purple Tiger, Baton Rouge, La
..... Montréal, Montréal, Que
18 .... GBTC Inv, Cambridge, Mass
..... Hamilton, Ont
23 . Arkansas Inv, Fayetteville, Ark
23-24 ..... PV Summit, Reno, Nev
..... USAIR Inv, Johnson City, Tn
24 . Simmons Inv, Ann Arbor, Mich
30 . Boston Indoor, Roxbury, Mass
31 . ACC vs. SEC, Gainesville, Fla
31-2/1 .. Terrier Class, Boston, Mass

February

1 ..... Chase Challenge, NYC
6 ..... US West Inv, Air Academy
6-7 .. Indiana Inv, Bloomington, Ind
..... Iowa State Classic, Ames, Ia
..... Meyo Invite, Notre Dame, Ind
7 ..... Barnett Bank Inv, Gainesville
..... Cosby Invite, Reno
..... LA Inv, Los Angeles, Calif
..... Patriot Games, Fairfax, Va
7-8 ... Eugene Indoor, Eugene, Ore
10 ..... New Balance Games, NYC
13 .... Chase Millrose Games, NYC
13-14 .. Cannon IV Cl, Indianapolis
..... Husker Inv, Lincoln, Neb
..... UNC Invite, Chapel Hill, NC
14 Holiday Inn Classic, Reno, Nev
.... Houston Classic, Houston, Tex
Sprint Classic, Air Academy, Colo
..... Valentine's Inv, Boston, Mass
..... Winter Invite, Fairfax, Va
20 .. Elite Eight Inv, Manhattan, Ks
..... LSU Invite, Baton Rouge, La
21 Hoosier Hills, Bloomington, Ind
22 ..... Collegiate Inv, Fairfax, Va
27-28 .. Wilson Inv, Notre Dame, In
28-3/1 .... Great NW, Portland, Ore

March

6 . LSU Qualifier, Baton Rouge, La
7 ..... Cyclone Qualifier, Ames, Ia
.... E Tenn Qual, Johnson City, Tn
.... National Qual, Fayetteville, Ark
..... NAU Qual, Flagstaff, Ariz
..... Silverston Inv, Ann Arbor, Mi

Conferences

February

13-14 ..... CCC, Ann Arbor, Mi
20-21 ..... Mo Valley, Normal, Ill
..... Southern, Johnson City, Tenn
..... Southland, Ft. Worth, Tex
21 .. American East, Boston, Mass
..... Atlantic 10, Kingston, RI
21-22 ..... Big East, Syracuse, NY
..... Northeast, Teaneck, NJ
..... Sunbelt, Jonesboro, Ark
..... SWAC, Baton Rouge, La
22-23 ..... ACC, Blacksburg, Va
26-28 .... WAC, Air Academy, Colo
27-28 ..... Big 12, Ames, Ia
..... Big Sky, Bozeman, Mont
..... Conference USA, Hillside, Ill
..... Mid-American, Kent, Ohio
..... Mountain Pacific, Reno, Nev
.... NE Champs (m), Boston, Mass
NE Champs (w), Northampton, Mass
28-3/1 . Big 10 (m), W Lafayette, Ind
..... Big 10 (w), East Lansing, Mich
..... Heps, Princeton, NJ
..... SEC, Baton Rouge, La

March

7-8 ..... ECAC, Roxbury, Mass
..... IC4A, Ithaca, NY

Nationals

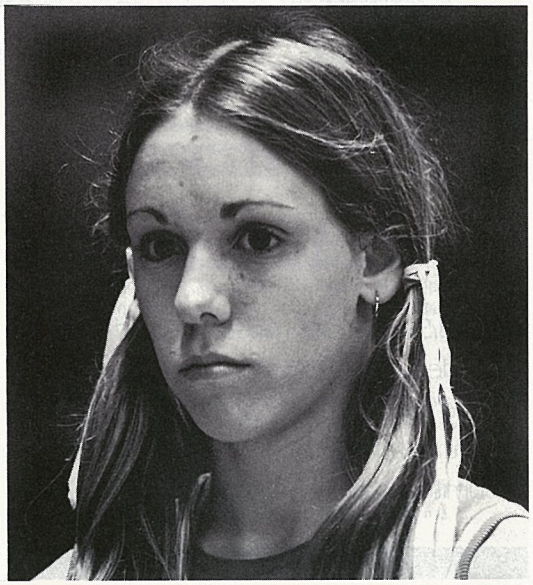
February

26-28 ..... NAIA, Lincoln, Neb
27-28 ..... USATF, Atlanta, Ga

March

6-7 ..... NJCAA, Blaine, Minn
13-14 ..... NCAA I & II, Indianapolis
..... NCAA III, Waltham, Mass
14-15 . Nat. Schol., Roxbury, Mass

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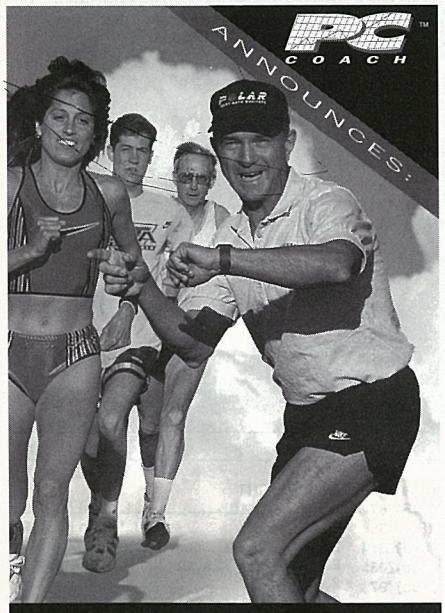
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— Men —

50 METERS
5.56 (A) ..... D. Bailey (Can) '96
5.61 ..... M. Kokot (EG) '73
..... J. Sanford (US) '81
5.62 ..... E. King (US) '86
..... A. Cason (US) '92

55 METERS
5.99(A) ..... O. Thompson (Bar) '97
6.00 ..... L. McRae (US) '86
6.02(A) .... L. Myles-Mills (Gha) '97
6.03+ ..... C. Lewis (US) '83
..... S. Graddy (US) '86
6.04 ..... A. Cason (US) '90
(A) ..... A. Boldon (Tri) '97
6.05+ ..... S. Floyd (US) '81
..... B. Cooper (US) '88
6.06+ ..... H. McTear (US) '78
..... F. Johnson (US) '85
..... E. King (US) '88
..... T. Harden (US) '96
..... K. Williams (US) '97

60 METERS
6.41 ..... A. Cason (US) '92
6.45 ..... B. Surin (Can) '93
6.47 ..... L. Christie (GB) '94
6.48 ..... L. Burrell (US) '91
6.49 ..... M. McKoy (Can) '93
..... C. Jackson (GB) '94
..... M. Green (Jam) '97
..... A. Boldon (Tri) '97
..... R. Evans (US) '97
6.50 ..... L. McRae (US) '87
..... H. Papadias (Gre) '97

200 METERS
19.92 ..... F. Fredericks (Nam) '96
20.25 ..... L. Christie (GB) '95
20.35 ..... A. Boldon (Tri) '97
20.36 ..... B. Marie-Rose (Fra) '87
..... O. Thompson (Bar) '96
20.40 ..... J. Williams (US) '96
..... K. Little (US) '97
20.41 ..... N. Antonov (Bul) '92
20.46 ..... I. García (Cub) '97
20.47 ..... G. Moen (Nor) '97

400 METERS
44.63 ..... M. Johnson (US) '95
45.02 ..... D. Everett (US) '92
45.05 ..... T. Schönlebe (EG) '88
45.26 ..... B. Reynolds (US) '93
45.39 ..... J. Baulch (GB) '97
45.44 ..... M. Everett (US) '91
45.51 ..... S. Bada (Nig) '97
45.53 ..... S. Lewis (US) '92
45.56 ..... T. Bennett (GB) '85
45.59 ..... J. Carlowitz (EG) '88
..... A. McKay (US) '89
..... D. Mills (US) '95

800 METERS
1:42.67 ..... W. Kipketer (Den) '97
1:44.84 ..... P. Ereng (Ken) '89
1:44.88 .... N. Motchebon (Ger) '95
1:44.91 ..... S. Coe (GB) '83
1:45.00 ..... J. Gray (US) '92
1:45.43 ..... J.L. Barbosa (Bra) '89
1:45.44 ..... G. D'Urso (Ita) '93
1:45.72 ..... T. Morrell (GB) '88
1:45.76 ..... M. Haïda (Mor) '97
1:45.80 ..... E. Tupuritis (Lat) '96

1000 METERS
2:15.26 ..... N. Morceli (Alg) '92
2:15.62 ..... V. Niyongabo (Bur) '95
2:16.4 ..... R. Druppers (Hol) '88
2:16.99 ..... J. Cruz (Bra) '89
2:17.08 ..... W. Kipketer (Den) '96

1500 METERS
3:31.18 ... H. El Guerrouj (Mor) '97
3:32.39 . H. Gebrselassie (Eth) '97
3:34.16 ..... N. Morceli (Alg) '91
3:34.20 ..... P. Elliott (GB) '90
3:35.19 ..... V. Niyongabo (Bur) '96
3:35.29 ..... F. Cacho (Spa) '91
3:35.4 ..... M. O'Sullivan (Ire) '88
3:35.6 ..... E. Coghlan (Ire) '81
3:36.03 .... J-L. González (Spa) '86
3:36.0 ..... S. Scott (US) '81

MILE
3:48.45 ... H. El Guerrouj (Mor) '97
3:49.78 ..... E. Coghlan (Ire) '83
3:50.70 ..... N. Morceli (Alg) '93
3:50.94 ..... M. O'Sullivan (Ire) '88
3:51.20 ..... R. Flynn (Ire) '83
3:51.8 ..... S. Scott (US) '81
3:52.02 ..... P. Elliott (GB) '90
3:52.30 ..... F. O'Mara (Ire) '86
3:52.40 ..... S. Maree (US) '85
3:52.56 ..... J. Abascal (Spa) '83

3000 METERS
7:30.72 . H. Gebrselassie (Eth) '96
7:35.15 ..... M. Kiptanui (Ken) '95
7:36.61 ..... F. Cacho (Spa) '96
7:37.51 ..... D. Baumann (Ger) '95
7:37.82 ..... V. Niyongabo (Bur) '95
7:37.93 ..... S. Sghir (Mor) '97
7:38.84 ..... P. Bitok (Ken) '97
7:39.19 ..... E. Molina (Spa) '96
7:39.2 ..... E. Puttemans (Bel) '73
7:39.67 ..... K. Skah (Mor) '93

5000 METERS
12:59.04 ... H. Gebrselassie (Eth) '97
13:13.3' ..... H. Kunze (EG) '83
13:20.4 ..... S. Nyambui (Tan) '81
13:20.55 ..... D. Padilla (US) '82
13:20.8 ..... E. Puttemans (Bel) '76

50-METER HURDLES
6.25 ..... M. McKoy (Can) '86
6.35 ..... G. Foster (US) '85
6.36 ..... R. Nehemiah (US) '79
6.41 ..... I. Kovác (Hun) '92
..... M. Crear (US) '95

55-METER HURDLES
6.83+ ..... R. Nehemiah (US) '82
6.86+ ..... G. Foster (US) '86
6.90+ ..... M. McKoy (Can) '86
6.94 ..... T. Campbell (US) '84
6.96+ ..... W. Gault (US) '83
6.98 ..... R. Kingdom (US) '89
..... A. Dees (US) '90
6.99 ..... A. Blake (US) '90
7.01 ..... S. Caristan (Fra) '87
..... C. Hawkins (US) '95

60-METER HURDLES
7.30 ..... C. Jackson (GB) '94
7.36 ..... G. Foster (US) '87
7.37 ..... R. Kingdom (US) '89
7.38 ..... A. Johnson (US) '95
7.41 ..... C.Hawkins (US) '95
7.42 ..... I. Kazanov (SU) '89
..... T. Jarrett (GB) '95
7.43 ..... A. Dees (US) '93
7.44 ..... M. McKoy (Can) '91
7.47 ..... R. Torian (US) '97

4 x 200
1:22.11 ..... Great Britain '91
1:22.32 ..... Italy '84
1:22.71 ..... United States '91
1:22.89 ..... Great Britain '90
1:23.04 ..... Russia '93

4 x 400
3:03.05 ..... Germany '91
3:03.24 ..... United States '91
3:04.20 ..... United States '93
3:04.25 ..... Oklahoma # '97
3:04.32 ..... Oklahoma # '97
3:04.46 ..... Oklahoma # '96
3:04.89 ..... Baylor '92
3:04.93 ..... United States '97
3:05.21 ..... United States '89
3:05.24 ..... Baylor '96

4 x 800
7:17.45 ..... Clemson # '89
7:17.77 ..... George Mason # '89
7:17.8 ..... Soviet Union '71
7:18.23 ..... Florida '92
7:18.3+ ..... UCTC '74

DISTANCE MEDLEY
9:30.07 ..... Arkansas # '94
9:32.03+ ..... Villanova # '82
9:32.13 ..... Nebraska # '96
9:32.28 ..... Michigan # '96
9:32.54 ..... George Mason # '96
9:33.72 ..... Michigan # '94
9:33.86 ..... Florida # '95
9:34.44 ..... Michigan # '95
9:34.84 ..... Arkansas # '95
9:35.0+ ..... Villanova # '76

Colin Jackson, the outdoor WR holder in the 110H, also holds the indoor standard over 60m.



ANDY LYONS/PHOTO RUN

HIGH JUMP
2.43 7-11½ ..... J. Sotomayor (Cub) '89
2.42 7-11¼ ..... C. Thränhardt (WG) '88
2.41 7-10¾ ..... P. Sjöberg (Swe) '87
2.40 7-10½ ..... H. Conway (US) '91
2.39 7-10 ..... D. Mögenburg (WG) '85
..... R. Sonn (Ger) '91
2.38 7-9¾ ..... I. Paklin (SU) '87
..... G. Avdyeyenko (SU) '87
..... S. Smith (GB) '94
..... H. Beyer (Ger) '94
..... S. Matei (Rom) '95

POLE VAULT
6.15 20-2 ..... S. Bubka (Ukr) '93
6.02 19-9 ..... R. Gataullin (SU) '89
5.95 19-6¼ ..... M. Tarasov (Rus) '97
5.94 19-5¾ ..... P. Collet (Fra) '90
5.93 19-5½ ..... B. Olson (US) '86
5.91 19-4¾ ..... J. Dial (US) '86
..... V. Ryzhenkov (SU) '91
5.90 19-4¼ ..... F. Salbert (Fra) '87
..... G. Yegorov (SU) '90
..... I. Trandenkov (Rus) '93
..... M. Tarasov (Rus) '93
..... J. Galfione (Fra) '94
..... P. Bochkaryov (Rus) '94
..... O. Brits (SA) '97
..... I. Potapovich (Kaz) '97

LONG JUMP
8.79 28-10¼ ..... C. Lewis (US) '84
8.60 28-2¾ ..... I. Pedroso (Cub) '97
8.49 27-10½ ..... R. Emmiyan (SU) '87
8.45 27-8¾ ..... L. Myricks (US) '90
8.44 27-8½ ..... M. Powell (US) '93
8.43 27-8 ..... S. Tarasenko (Rus) '94
..... E. Walder (US) '94
8.41 27-7¼ ..... K. Sosunov (Rus) '97
..... J. Greene (US) '97
8.40 27-6¾ ..... J. Beckford (Jam) '96

TRIPLE JUMP
17.83 58-6 ..... A. Urrutia (Cub) '97
17.77 58-3¾ ..... L. Voloshin (Rus) '94
17.76 58-3¼ ..... M. Conley (US) '87
17.72 58-1¾ ..... B. Wellman (Ber) '95
17.67 57-11¾ ..... O. Protsenko (SU) '87
17.62 57-9¾ ..... Y. Quesada (Cub) '95
..... J. García (Cub) '97
17.59 57-8½ ..... P. Camara (Fra) '93
17.54 57-6½ ..... M. Bruziks (SU) '86
17.53 57-6¼ ..... V. Inozemtsev (SU) '91

SHOT
22.66 74-4¼ ..... R. Barnes (Maz) '89
22.55 73-11¾ .. U. Timmermann (EG) '89
22.26 73-½ ..... W. Günthör (Swi) '87
22.11 72-6½ ..... B. Oldfield (US) '75
22.02 72-3 ..... G. Woods (US) '74
21.79 71-6 ..... R. Machura (Cze) '85
21.56 70-9 ..... J. Doehring (US) '93
21.54 70-8 ..... A. Andrei (Ita) '87
21.50 70-6½ ..... T. Albritton (US) '77
21.46 70-5 ..... K. Akins (OhTC) '83
..... S. Kasnaukas (Rus) '89

35lb WEIGHT
25.86 84-10¼ ..... L. Deal (US) '95
24.39 80-¼ ..... J. Logan (US) '92
23.94 78-6½ ..... T. Johnsen (Nor) '84
23.64 77-6¾ ..... R. Weir (GB) '83
23.48 77-½ ..... L. Chisari (US) '95
23.46 76-11¾ ..... Y. Syedikh (SU) '79
23.11 75-10 ..... W. Ciofani (Fra) '88
23.08 75-9 ..... T. Gustafsson (Swe) '88
75-8¾ ..... M. Mileham (GB) '85
22.75 74-7 ..... S. McGeé (US) '95

HEPTATHLON
6476 ..... D. O'Brien (US) '93
6418 ..... C. Plaziat (Fra) '92
6283' ..... T. Voss (EG) '85
6279 ..... M. Smith (Can) '93
6228 ..... R. Zmelík (Cze) '97
6213 ..... S. Fritz (US) '96
..... E. Nool (Est) '97
6211 ..... T. Dvorák (Cze) '97
6196 ..... L. Lobodin (Rus) '97
6182 ..... K. Damasek (Cze) '97

— Women —

50 METERS
5.96 ..... I. Privalova (Rus) '95
6.00 ..... M. Ottey (Jam) '94
6.07(A) ..... G. Torrence (US) '96
6.09 ..... Z. Pintusevich (Ukr) '93
6.10 ..... G. Devers (US) '93

55 METERS
6.55+ ..... E. Ashford (US) '82
+ ..... J. Bolden (US) '86
6.56 ..... G. Torrence (US) '87
6.57+ ..... A. Brown (US) '85
6.58 ..... D. Sowell (US) '89
..... B. Utondu (Nig) '90
6.60+ .. C. Cheeseborough (US) '83
6.61 ..... M. Finn (US) '90
6.62+ ..... M. Ottey (Jam) '82
+ ..... M. Göhr (EG) '86

60 METERS
6.92 .... I. Privalova (Rus) '93 & '95
6.95 ..... G. Devers (US) '93
6.96 ..... M. Ottey (Jam) '92
7.00 ..... N. Cooman (Hol) '86
7.02 ..... G. Torrence (US) '96
..... C. Opara-Thomson (Nig) '97
7.03 ..... A. Nuneva (Bul) '87
7.04 ..... M. Koch (EG) '85
..... S. Möller (EG) '88
..... C. Guidry (US) '95

200 METERS
21.87 ..... M. Ottey (Jam) '93
22.10 ..... I. Privalova (Rus) '95
22.27 ..... H. Drechsler (EG) '87
22.33 ..... G. Torrence (US) '96
22.39 ..... M. Koch (EG) '83
22.41 ..... G. Malchugina (Rus) '94
22.58 ..... G. Breuer (Ger) '91
22.60 ..... J. Cuthbert (Jam) '95
22.64 ..... G. Walther (EG) '82
..... M. Gainsford-Taylor (Aus) '95

400 METERS
49.59 ... J. Kratochvílová (Cze) '82
49.76 ..... T. Kocembová (Cze) '84
50.01 ..... S. Busch (EG) '84
50.23 ..... I. Privalova (Rus) '95
50.28 ..... P. Schersing (EG) '88
50.40 ..... D. Neubauer (EG) '84
50.64 ..... D. Dixon (US) '91
50.81 ..... O. Bryzgina (SU) '87
..... G. Breuer (Ger) '96
50.84 ..... H. Arendt (WG) '88

800 METERS
1:56.40 ..... C. Wachtel (EG) '88
1:57.13 ..... M. Mutola (Moz) '96
1:57.23 ..... I. Yevseyeva (Rus) '92
1:57.67 ..... S. Grau (EG) '88
1:58.4 ..... O. Vakrusheva (SU) '80
1:58.9 ..... M. Slaney (US) '80
1:59.00 ..... D. Melinte (Rom) '87
1:59.18 ..... M. Strnadová (Cze) '86
..... S. Masterkova (Rus) '93
1:59.21 ..... L. Gurina (SU) '90
..... L. Vriesde (Sur) '97

1000 METERS
2:31.23 ..... M. Mutola (Moz) '96
2:33.93 ..... I. Yevseyeva (Rus) '92
2:34.67 .. L. Nurutdinova (Rus) '92
2:34.84 ..... L. Kremlyova (Rus) '93
2:34.8 ..... B. Kraus (WG) '78

1500 METERS
4:00.27 ..... D. Melinte (Rom) '90
4:00.2' ..... M. Slaney (US) '80
4:01.27 ..... P. Ivan (Rom) '89
4:02.3 ..... L. Rogachova (SU) '90
4:03.0 ..... N. Maresescu (Rom) '79
4:03.46 ..... F. Lovin (Rom) '85
4:03.64 ..... B. Kraus (WG) '85
4:03.9 ..... Z. Zaytseva (SU) '79
4:04.01 ..... G. Dorio (Ita) '82
4:05.05' ..... K. Wühn (EG) '87

MILE
4:17.14 ..... D. Melinte (Rom) '90
4:17.55' ..... M. Slaney (US) '80
4:18.99 ..... P. Ivan (Rom) '89
4:23.86 ..... K. Wade (GB) '88
4:26.54 ..... R. Jacobs (US) '95
4:27.10 ..... V. Ghican (Rom) '90
4:27.77 ..... L. Williams (Can) '86
4:28.08 ..... E. van Hulst (Hol) '88
4:28.29 ..... V. Michallek (WG) '88
4:28.31 ..... V. Huber (US) '88

3000 METERS
8:33.82 ..... E. van Hulst (Hol) '89
8:34.80 ..... L. McColgan (GB) '89
8:39.49 ..... F. Ribeiro (Por) '96
8:39.79 ..... Z. Pieterse (GB) '86
8:40.45 ..... L. Jennings (US) '90
8:41.45 ..... PS. Plumer (US) '90
8:41.79 ..... K. Wessel (EG) '88
8:42.13 ..... V. Huber (US) '90
8:42.3 ..... O. Bondarenko (SU) '86
8:43.49 ..... M. Puica (Rom) '87

5000 METERS
15:03.17 ..... L. McColgan (GB) '92
15:06.49 ..... S. Wedlund (Swe) '96
15:06.52 ..... F. Ribeiro (Por) '96
15:13.72 ..... U. Pippig (Ger) '91
15:17.28 ..... S. O'Sullivan (Ire) '91

50-METER HURDLES
6.58 ..... C. Oschkenat (EG) '88
6.65 ..... G. Siebert (EG) '88
6.67(A) .. J. Joyner-Kersee (US) '95
6.73 ..... J. Baumann (Swi) '93
..... Y. Graudyn (Rus) '95

55-METER HURDLES
7.30(A) ..... T. Lott (US) '97
7.34 ..... M. Freeman (Jam) '92
7.37+ ..... S. Hightower (US) '83
..... C. Oschkenat (EG) '87
..... J. Joyner-Kersee (US) '89
7.38+ ..... C. Young (US) '82
7.39 ..... K. McKenzie (US) '89
7.40 ..... J. Baumann (Can) '88
7.41 ..... L. Martin-Floréal (US) '90
7.44 ..... Y. Donkova (Bul) '87
..... L. Goode (US) '90
..... K. Carson (US) '96

60-METER HURDLES
7.69 ..... L. Engquist (SU) '90
7.73 ..... C. Oschkenat (EG) '89
7.74 ..... Y. Donkova (Bul) '87
7.75 ..... B. Jahn (EG) '83
7.76 ..... G. Siebert (EG) '88
7.77 ..... Z. Bielczyk (Pol) '80
..... M. Freeman (Jam) '97
7.80 ..... B. Bukovec (Slo) '96
7.81 ..... J. Joyner-Kersee (US) '89
7.82 ..... E. Chernyshova (SU) '89
..... M. Tourret (Fra) '91

4 x 200
1:32.55 Eintracht Hamm (WG) '88
1:33.24 ..... United States '94
1:33.33 ..... Russia '94
1:33.56 ..... Sindelfingen (WG) '86
1:33.62 ..... Sindelfingen (WG) '92

4 x 400
3:26.84 ..... Russia '97
3:27.22 ..... Germany '91
3:27.66 ..... United States '97
3:27.95 ..... Soviet Union '91
3:28.39 ..... Germany '97
3:28.47 ..... Czech Republic '97
3:28.80 ..... Soviet Union '91
3:29.00 ..... United States '91
3:29.29 ..... Russia '95
3:29.85 ..... Russia '97

4 x 800
8:18.71 ..... Russia '94
8:23.36 ..... Russia II '94
8:25.5 ..... Villanova '87
8:26.77 ..... Wisconsin # '93
8:28.41 ..... Wisconsin '92

DISTANCE MEDLEY
10:54.34 ..... Villanova '88
11:00.76 ..... Villanova '87
11:04.45 ..... Providence # '90
11:08.60 ..... Michigan # '94
11:08.91 ..... Wisconsin # '96
11:11.55 ..... Boston College # '96
11:11.98 ..... Villanova '95
11:12.94 ..... Michigan # '94
11:12:98 ..... Florida '96
11:13.24 ..... Florida '97

Events listed are either those for which official World Records are recognized or those which are contested in the NCAA Championships. Races on tracks larger than 220y are considered "oversized" and are not listed, except in events of 1500m or longer, where the effect of the larger curves is negligible. Symbols: ' after time = oversized track; ' after name = foreign collegian; + = converted time; # = not all members of relay from same nation.

ALLSPORT/TONY DUFFY



Two of America's most successful distance runners, Lynn Jennings (r) and PattiSue Plumer are the U.S.'s all-time fastest 3000 runners. They ran their bests of 8:40.45 and 8:41.45 at the '90 USATF Indoor Championships in Madison Square Garden.

HIGH JUMP
2.07 6-9½ ..... H. Henkel (Ger) '92
2.06 6-9 ..... S. Kostadinova (Bul) '88
2.04 6-8¼ ..... A. Astafei (Ger) '95
2.03 6-8 ..... T. Bykova (SU) '83
2.02 6-7½ ..... S. Beyer (EG) '87
2.01 6-7 ..... G. Günz (EG) '88
..... I. Quintero (Cub) '93
2.00 6-6¾ ..... C. Sommer (US) '82
..... E. Dragieva (Bul) '87
..... L. Avdyeyenko (SU) '88
..... L. Kositsina (SU) '88
..... Y. Yelesina (Rus) '90
..... I. Babakova (Ukr) '93
..... B. Bilac (Slo) '94
..... Y. Gulyayeva (Rus) '94
..... T. Motkova (Rus) '95
..... H. Haugland (Nor) '95

POLE VAULT
4.40 14-5¼ ..... E. George (Aus) '96
..... S. Dragila (US) '97
4.35 14-3¼ ..... Cai W. (Chn) '97
4.32 14-2 ..... E. Szemerédi (Hun) '97
4.31 14-1¾ ..... D. Bártová (Cze) '97
4.28 14-½ ..... Sun C. (Chn) '97
4.20 13-9¼ ..... M. Lysenko (Rus) '97
..... V. Flosadóttir (Ice) '97
4.17 13-8¼ ..... N. Rieger (Ger) '97
4.15 13-7¼ ..... C. Adams (Ger) '96

LONG JUMP
7.37 24-2¼ ..... H. Drechsler (EG) '88
7.30 23-11½ ..... G. Chistyakova (SU) '89
7.20 23-7½ ..... L. Berezhnaya (SU) '89
7.17 23-6¼ ..... Y. Khlopotnova (SU) '85
7.13 23-4¾ ..... J. Joyner-Kersee (US) '94
7.09 23-3¼ ..... H. Radtke (EG) '85
..... I. Kravets (Rus) '92
7.05 23-1¾ ..... I. Chen (SU) '89
7.01 23-0 ..... N. Medvedyeva (SU) '87
..... Y. Belevskaya (SU) '87

TRIPLE JUMP
15.03 49-3¾ ..... I. Chen (Rus) '95
15.01 49-3 ..... I. Lasovskaya (Rus) '97
14.91 48-11 ..... R. Mateescu (Rom) '97
14.75 48-4¾ ..... A. Biryukova (Rus) '95
14.71 48-3¼ ..... I. Prandzheva (Bul) '95
14.70 48-2¾ ..... A. Hansen (GB) '97
14.67 48-1¾ ..... I. Kravets (Rus) '95
14.66 48-1¼ ..... S. Kasparková (Cze) '97
14.54 47-8½ ..... M. Sokova (Rus) '95
14.46 47-5¼ ..... I. Mushailova (Rus) '95

SHOT
22.50 73-10 ..... H. Fibingerová (Cze) '77
22.14 72-7¾ ..... N. Lisovskaya (SU) '87
21.60 70-10½ ... V. Fedyushina (Rus) '91
21.59 70-10 ..... I. Briesenick (EG) '79
21.46 70-5 ..... C. Losch (WG) '86
21.26 69-9 ..... I. Müller (EG) '85
..... N. Akhrimenko (SU) '87
21.23 69-8 ..... M. Pufe (EG) '73
21.10 69-2¾ ..... Sui X. (Chn) '90
21.08 69-2 ..... Li M. (Chn) '88

PENTATHLON
4995' ..... A. Behmer (EG) '88
4991 ..... I. Belova (Rus) '92
4921' ..... S. John (EG) '84
4866 ..... S. Moskalets (Rus) '95
4814' ..... S. Thiele (EG) '86
4801 ..... L. Turchinskaya (Rus) '94
4780 ..... S. Braun (Ger) '97
4775' ..... K. Nitzsche (EG) '84
..... R. Ináncsi (Hun) '94
4753 ..... L. Nastase (Rom) '93

All-Time Collegiate Indoor

Rules for inclusion on this list are similar to those used outdoors. Marks must be made on the North American indoor circuit, with the season considered over as of the NCAA Championships.

— Men —

50 METERS

5.64 ..... D. Ezinwa' (Azusa) '92
5.69 ..... H. Neal (TxSn) '94
5.70 ..... L. McRae (Pitt) '86
5.72 ..... R. James (Ct) '80
5.73 ..... A. Lawrence' (ACU) '85

55 METERS

5.99(A) O. Thompson' (UTEP) '97
6.00 ..... L. McRae (Pitt) '86
6.02(A) .. L. Myles-Mills' (BYU) '97
6.03 ..... S. Graddy (Tn) '86
6.04 ..... A. Cason (TxAM) '90
6.05 ..... B. Cooper (McN) '88
6.06+ ..... F. Johnson (Hamp) '85
..... T. Harden (Ky) '96
6.07+ ..... C. Lewis (Hous) '91
..... R. Stewart' (TCU) '89
..... R. Ismail (NDm) '91

60 METERS

6.50 ..... L. McRae (Pitt) '87
6.51 ..... T. Montgomery (Norf) '97
6.52 ..... B. Cooper (McN) '88
6.55 ..... M. Green' (Clem) '93
..... H. Neal (TxSn) '94
6.56 ..... T. Harden (Ky) '96
6.57 ..... M. Lattany (Ga) '81
6.59 ..... R. Stewart' (TCU) '89
6.60 ..... H. Glance (Aub) '79
..... G. Saddler (Ms) '94
6.61 .. K. Str.-Thompson (Rice) '94

200 METERS

20.36 ... O. Thompson' (UTEP) '96
20.57 ..... C. Nelloms (OhSt) '94
20.59 ..... M. Johnson (Bay) '89
20.66 ..... J. Trapp (Clem) '92
20.68 ..... F. Fredericks' (BYU) '91
20.69 ..... R. Griffin (LSU) '96
20.73 ..... D. Mitchell (Fl) '88
..... C. Rudolph (Ky) '94
20.76 ..... C. Chukwu' (EnMi) '97
20.77 ..... J. French (Ar) '92

400 METERS

45.66 ..... G. Haughton' (GM) '95
45.69 ..... R. Martin' (Ok) '97
45.78 ..... T. Kemp (Fl) '90
45.79 ..... A. McKay (GaT) '84
..... G. Luke (Rice) '90
45.86 ..... S. Lewis (UCLA) '89
..... M. Ramsey (Bay) '96
45.92 ..... W. Russell (Clem) '93
45.95 ..... C. Chukwu' (EnMi) '97
46.00 ..... D. Minor (Bay) '95

800 METERS

1:45.80 ..... E. Tupuritis' (Wich) '96
1:46.19 ..... G. Kersh (Ms) '91
1:46.28 ..... M. Everett (Fl) '90
1:46.70 ..... A. Morgan' (GM) '96
1:46.84 ..... M. Dailey (EnMi) '91
1:47.09 ..... B. Klein (Rice) '96
1:47.26 ..... E. Jones (EnMi) '85
1:47.31 ..... B. Kurgat' (Va) '91
1:47.40 ..... R. Kenah (Gtn) '92
1:47.44 ..... S. Peters (Fl) '92

1000 METERS

2:19.64 ..... D. Consiglio' (Ar) '86
2:19.73 ..... G. Guy (Rice) '86
2:19.79 ..... A. Dixon (Har) '81
2:20.05 ..... A. Keith' (Prov) '94
2:20.1 ..... E. Jones (EnMi) '85

1500 METERS

3:38.2 ..... S. Maree' (Vill) '79
3:38.50 ..... A. Bile' (GM) '86
3:38.73 ..... D. Consiglio' (Ar) '86
3:39.8 ..... T. Waldrop (NC) '74
..... N. O'Shaughnessy' (Ar) '78
3:40.02 ..... A. Keith' (Prov) '92
3:40.3 ..... G. Hood' (Ar) '95
3:40.97 .... K. Cheruiyot' (MSM) '87
3:40.9 ..... S. Scott (UCI) '77
..... J. Woods (BYU) '83

MILE

3:54.22 ..... D. Paige (Vill) '80
3:55.0 ..... T. Waldrop (NC) '74
3:55.33 ..... K. Sullivan' (Mi) '95
3:55.4 .. N. O'Shaughnessy' (Ar) '77
3:55.5 ..... S. Maree (Vill) '81
3:55.72 ..... G. Hood' (Ar) '95
3:55.7 ..... W. Waigwa' (UTEP) '77
3:55.91 ..... D. Consiglio' (Ar) '86
3:56.29 ..... A. Keith' (Prov) '94
3:56.39 ..... P. Donovan' (Ar) '86

3000 METERS

7:46.42 ..... J. Falcon (Ar) '89
7:48.7 ..... S. Nyambui' (UTEP) '79
7:48.80 ..... R. Reina (Ar) '91
7:49.1 ..... H. Rono' (WaSt) '78
7:49.83 ..... R. Wyns' (IaSt) '86
..... A. Keith' (Prov) '94
7:50.90 ..... J. Kapkory' (WaSt) '94
7:51.24 ..... J. Svenøy' (UTEP) '94
7:51.35 ..... M. Carroll' (Prov) '94
7:51.46 ..... Z. Barie' (UTEP) '84
..... K. King (Gtn) '85

5000 METERS

13:20.4 .... S. Nyambui' (UTEP) '81
13:22.17 ..... G. Smith' (Prov) '82
13:22.6 ..... A. Salazar (Or) '81
13:29.28 ..... S. Binns' (Prov) '82
13:33.24 .. R. de Brouwer' (Clem) '85
13:35.6 ..... J. Ngeno' (WaSt) '76
13:36.64 ..... J. Koech' (IaSt) '91
13:38.3 ..... S. Maree (Vill) '81
13:38.62 . G. Shahanga' (UTEP) '84
13:39.68 .... T. Thornton' (LSU) '90

50-METER HURDLES

6.36 ..... R. Nehemiah (Md) '79
6.50 ..... K. Bethel (FD) '80
6.56 ..... R. Reading (USC) '90
6.58 ..... C. Clark (Hous) '84
6.60 ..... H. Andrade (SMU) '85

55-METER HURDLES

6.89 ..... R. Nehemiah (Md) '79
6.96+ ..... G. Foster (UCLA) '79
+ ..... W. Gault (Tn) '83
7.03 ..... R. Kingdom (Pitt) '83
7.05+ ..... D. Cooper (SJSt) '79
7.06+ ..... A. Blake (FlSt) '87
7.07+ ..... L. Cowling (Cal) '83
..... S. Daniels (UTA) '87
..... A. Johnson (NC) '92
..... R. Torian (Wi) '97

60-METER HURDLES

7.47 ..... R. Torian (Wi) '97
7.61 ..... R. Woodson (Pur) '87
7.62 ..... R. Nehemiah (Md) '79
7.63 ..... K. Talley (Al) '87
7.65 ..... A. Parker' (AzSt) '87
7.67 ..... A. Bryggare' (USC) '79
..... W. Gault (Tn) '83
7.68 ..... D. Cooper (SJSt) '79
7.69 ..... K. Ngeno' (WaSt) '76
..... L. Shipp (LSU) '76
..... D. Ross (Clem) '95

4 x 200

1:25.18 ..... Arkansas '85
1:25.92 ..... Morgan State '84
1:25.98 ..... Abilene Christian # '85
1:26.26+ ..... Seton Hall '86
1:26.31 ..... Florida '88

4 x 400

3:04.25 ..... Oklahoma # '97
3:04.32 ..... Oklahoma # '97
3:04.46 ..... Oklahoma # '96
3:04.89 ..... Baylor '92
3:05.24 ..... Baylor '96
3:05.36(A) ..... Baylor '93
3:05.97 ..... Oklahoma # '96
3:06.23 ..... Georgia Tech '93
3:06.28 ..... Baylor '96
3:06.33(A) ..... Oklahoma # '97

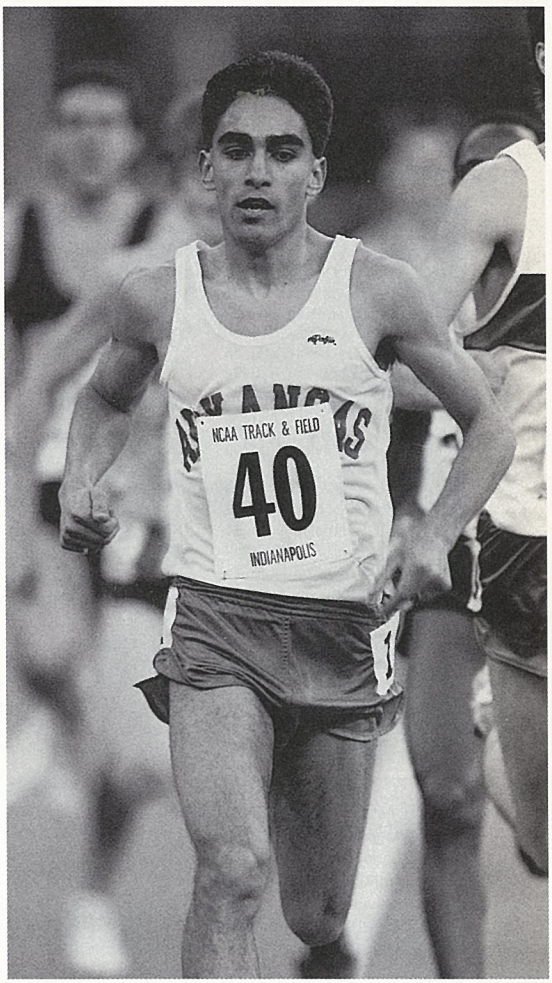
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7:17.45 ..... Clemson # '89
7:17.77 ..... George Mason # '89
7:18.23 ..... Florida '92
7:19.13 ..... Eastern Michigan # '93
7:19.34+ ..... Villanova # '83
7:19.86 ..... Georgetown '91
7:19.90 ..... Villanova # '89
7:19.92 ..... Arkansas # '83
7:19.94 ..... Villanova # '90
7:20.00 ..... Florida '93

DISTANCE MEDLEY

9:30.07 ..... Arkansas # '94
9:32.03+ ..... Villanova # '82
9:32.13 ..... Nebraska # '96
9:32.27 ..... George Mason # '97
9:32.28 ..... Michigan # '96
9:32.54 ..... George Mason # '96
9:33.72 ..... Michigan # '94
9:33.86 ..... Florida # '95
9:34.03 ..... Washington State # '97
9:34.44 ..... Michigan # '95

Although best remembered as a miler, Joe Falcon owns the fastest indoor 3000 by a collegian, 7:46.62 in '89.



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HIGH JUMP

2.37 7-9¼ ..... H. Conway (SWnLa) '89
2.34 7-8 ..... B. Brown (NWnLa) '90
2.32 7-7¼ ..... F. Jacobs (FD) '78
..... R. Doakes (Ar) '94
2.31 7-7 ..... M. Reed (Hous) '88
..... R. Jenkins (Tn) '94
2.30 7-6½ ..... D. Stones (CSLB) '76
..... N. Saunders' (BU) '83
..... B. Tietjens (IaSt) '85
..... G. Jones (WaSt) '87
..... T. Smith (IlSt) '88
..... T. Kemp' (Boise) '88
..... C. Austin (SWTx) '90
..... K. Clements (IlSt) '90
..... D. Plab (SnIl) '91
..... T. Lange (LSU) '92

POLE VAULT

5.83 19-1½ ..... L. Johnson (Tn) '94
5.82 19-1 ..... I. Bagyula' (GM) '92
5.74 18-10 ..... B. Olson (ACU) '82
5.69 18-8 ..... P. Manson (Ks) '89
5.68 18-7½ ..... J. Dial (OkSt) '85
5.67 18-7¼ ..... J. Buckingham (Ks) '83
5.65 18-6½ ..... D. Volz (In) '82
..... D. Starkey (Il) '89
..... J. Davis (Tx) '97
..... J. Hinkin (CSLB) '97

LONG JUMP

8.49 27-10¼ ..... C. Lewis (Hous) '81
8.43 27-8 ..... E. Walder (Ar) '94
8.33 27-4 ..... R. Kelly (Jack) '83
8.30 27-2¾ ..... B. Beamon (UTEP) '68
8.26 27-1½ ..... C. Ehizuelen' (Il) '75
8.24 27-¾ ..... R. McGhee (MTn) '93
8.23 27-0 ..... L. Burrell (Hous) '90
8.22 26-11¾ ..... M. Conley (Ar) '85
..... B. Cooper (McN) '87
8.21 26-11¼ K. Streete-Thompson (Rice) '95

TRIPLE JUMP

17.50 57-5 ..... C. Simpkins (Bapt) '86
17.40 57-1 ..... M. Conley (Ar) '85
17.31 56-9½ ..... K. Connor' (SMU) '81
17.24 56-6¾ ..... E. Walder (Ar) '94
17.21 56-5¾ ..... J. Cado' (NCen) '89
17.14 56-2¾ ..... E. Floreal' (Ar) '89
17.04 55-11 ..... R. Howard (Ar) '97
17.03 55-10½ ..... V. Parrette (KsSt) '80
17.02 55-10¼ .. F. Rutherford' (Hous) '87
16.97 55-8¼ ..... I. Campbell' (WaSt) '78

SHOT

21.50 70-6½ ..... T. Albritton (Stan) '77
21.38 70-1¾ ..... K. Akins (OhSt) '82
21.25 69-8¾ ..... M. Carter (SMU) '81
21.24 69-8½ ..... S. Tallhem' (BYU) '85
21.10 69-2¾ ..... M. Lehmann (Il) '82
21.08 69-2 ..... R. Matson (TxAM) '67
21.01 68-11¼ ..... R. Backes (Mn) '86
20.98 68-10 ..... M. Stulce (TxAM) '89
20.73 68-¼ ..... J. Stuart (WnKy) '75
20.48 67-2¼ ..... D. Crouser (Or) '83

35lb WEIGHT

23.94 78-6½ ..... T. Johnsen' (UTEP) '84
23.64 77-6¾ ..... R. Weir' (SMU) '83
22.73 74-7 ..... C. Epalle' (SMU) '91
22.64 74-3½ ... T. Gustafsson' (WaSt) '86
22.54 73-11½ ..... K. Bystedt' (SJSt) '85
22.45 73-8 ..... D. Hegarty' (BU) '84
22.22 72-10¾ A. Papadimitriou' (UTEP) '95
22.20 72-10 ..... S. McGehearty (BC) '97
22.04 72-2¾ ..... M. Mileham' (Fres) '83
21.98 72-1½ ..... R. Willis (SC) '94

PENTATHLON

4399 ..... B. Reid (LSU) '89
4372 ..... S. Blockburger (LSU) '88
4119' ..... B. Falconer (Kent) '97
4114 ..... A. Long (Tn) '91
4085 ..... B. Järlsjö' (LSU) '89

— Women —

50 METERS

6.13 ..... J. Bolden (UCLA) '81
6.21 ..... Chr. Opara' (CSLA) '92
6.26 ..... C. Gaines (Stan) '92
6.31 ..... J. Inniss' (CSLA) '83

55 METERS

6.56 ..... G. Torrence (Ga) '87
6.58 ..... D. Sowell (LSU) '89
..... B. Utondu' (TxSn) '90
6.60+ ..... J. Bolden (UCLA) '82
6.61 ..... M. Ottey' (Nb) '82
6.65 ..... S. Fynes' (MiSt) '97
6.66 ..... C. Guidry (Tx) '90
6.67 ..... M. Freeman' (Fl) '92
6.68 ..... C. Gaines (Stan) '92
6.69+C. Cheeseborough (TnSt) '79
..... M. Finn-Burrell (FlSt) '87

60 METERS

7.14 ..... C. Guidry (Tx) '91
7.16 ..... D. Sowell (LSU) '89
7.19 ..... M. Finn-Burrell (FlSt) '87
7.21 ..... J. Bolden (UCLA) '81
..... H. Hyche (InSt) '94
..... D. Hill (LSU) '96
7.22 ..... S. Echols (LSU) '87
7.24(A) ..... M. Ottey' (Nb) '81
7.25 ..... D. Ferguson' (Ga) '96
7.26(A) ..... E. Garcia' (FlSt) '81

200 METERS

22.79 ..... M. Ottey' (Nb) '82
22.87 ..... D. Sowell (LSU) '89
22.90 ..... H. Hyche (InSt) '94
22.99 ..... P. Davis' (Al) '88
23.09 ..... N. Perry (Tx) '97
23.11 ..... J. Campbell' (Aub) '93
..... F. Harris (SH) '94
23.14+C. Cheeseborough (TnSt) '81
..... M. Frazer' (Tx) '95
23.15 ..... B. Utondu' (TxSn) '90

400 METERS

51.05 ..... M. Malone (AzSt) '91
51.92 .... N. Kaiser-Brown (Mo) '89
51.99 ..... S. Richards' (Tx) '90
52.11 ..... F. Harris (SH) '94
52.12 ..... X. Restrepo' (Nb) '91
52.22 ..... L. Graham' (Linc/Mo) '97
52.39 ..... Y. Warren (LSU) '95
52.45 ..... L. Stroman (LSU) '97
52.48 ..... N. Graham' (Fl) '97
52.52 ..... L. Wilson (Nb) '88

800 METERS

2:01.65 ..... A. Wickus (Wi) '94
2:02.39+ ..... D. Floyd (Tn) '83
2:02.55 ... D. W.-Sewer' (ArLR) '97
2:02.76 ..... H. Clark (Fl) '97
2:02.77 ..... M. Rainey (Har) '90
2:02.9 ..... M. Slaney (Co) '78
2:03.47 . M. Sankatsing' (EnMi) '92
2:03.63 ..... M. Ballentine' (GM) '97
2:03.84 ..... J. Clark (Tn) '83
2:03.89+ ..... L. Warren (Or) '82

1000 METERS

2:41.56 .... T. Colebrook' (SLO) '89
2:41.83 ..... J. Clark (Tn) '83
2:42.04 ..... A. Wickus (Wi) '93
2:42.23 ..... C. Slythe' (LSU) '85
2:42.51 ..... T. Arnold (Tx) '85

1500 METERS

4:10.20 ..... T. Krebs' (Clem) '85
4:12.4 ..... V. Huber (Vill) '88
4:13.4 ..... M. Slaney (Co) '78
..... M. Kraft (SLO) '80
4:14.0 ..... D. Beckford (Har) '80
4:14.5 .. S. Girard-Eberle (Gtn) '84
4:14.9 ..... S. Hamilton (Wi) '89
..... B. Wells (Fl) '97
4:16.03 ..... J. White' (Rich) '82
4:16.51 ..... S. Steely (Fl) '85

MILE

4:28.31 ..... V. Huber (Vill) '88
4:30.63 ..... S. Hamilton (Wi) '89
4:31.24 ..... J. White' (Rich) '83
4:32.30 ..... D. Beckford (Har) '80
4:33.04 ..... B. Wells (Fl) '97
4:33.26 ..... L. Warren (Or) '82
4:33.49 ..... S. O'Sullivan' (Vill) '91
4:33.4 ..... T. Colebrook' (SLO) '87
4:33.91 ..... B. Leddy (Vill) '80
4:34.93 ..... M. Marzell (Gtn) '97

3000 METERS

8:53.54 ..... P. Plumer (Stan) '83
8:54.48' ..... V. Huber (Vill) '89
8:58.68 ..... C. McMiken' (OkSt) '85
8:58.85 ..... K. Gooch' (Ok) '94
9:01.49 .. W. VanOnna' (UTEP) '89
9:02.30 ..... S. Hamilton (Wi) '90
9:04.43 . G. Hendricken' (Prov) '91
9:04.81 ..... C. Easker (Wi) '84
9:05.74 ..... V. McGovern' (Ky) '89
9:05.98 ..... J. Hawkins (UTSA) '89

5000 METERS

15:17.28 ..... S. O'Sullivan (Vill) '91
15:34.5 ..... M. Groos (Va) '81
15:37.02 ..... K. Butler' (Wi) '97
15:39.75 ..... A. Skieresz (Az) '97
15:41.12 ..... J. Rhines (Vill) '95

50-METER HURDLES

6.85 ..... C. Young (FD) '83
6.89 ..... K. Nelson' (Tx) '88
..... L. Goode (AzSt) '90
6.98 ..... S. Hightower (OhSt) '80
..... K. McKenzie (UTEP) '80
..... R. Blanford (Nb) '85

55-METER HURDLES

7.30(A) ..... T. Lott (BYU) '97
7.34 ..... M. Freeman' (Fl) '92
7.38+ ..... C. Young (FD) '82
7.44 ..... L. Goode (AzSt) '90
..... K. Carson (LSU) '96
7.45+ ..... R. Blanford (Nb) '85
7.47 ..... T. Boutte (LSU) '89
..... L. Golding' (Aub) '97
7.48+ ..... S. Hightower (OhSt) '80
+ ... K. McKenzie (UTEP) '83
..... G. Russell' (Mia) '95
..... J. Hayes (UCLA) '97

60-METER HURDLES

7.98 ..... M. Freeman' (Fl) '92
8.05 ..... K. Carson (LSU) '96
8.06 ..... L. Goode (AzSt) '88
8.08 ..... T. Lott (BYU) '97
8.10 ..... L. Golding' (Aub) '97
..... J. Hayes (UCLA) '97
8.17 ..... S. Hightower (OhSt) '80
..... G. Russell' (Mia) '94
8.18(A) ..... C. Young (FD) '81
..... B. Fitzgerald (Tn) '83

4 x 200

1:36.0+ ..... Tennessee State '79
1:36.3+ ..... Morgan State '81
+ ..... Florida State # '84
1:36.88(A) ..... Florida State # '81
1:37.0+ ..... Tennessee State '84

4 x 400

3:32.01 ..... Texas # '90
3:32.17 ..... Texas # '95
3:32.46 ..... Arizona State '91
3:32.53 ..... LSU # '96
3:32.94 ..... LSU # '95
3:33.10 ..... Florida # '92
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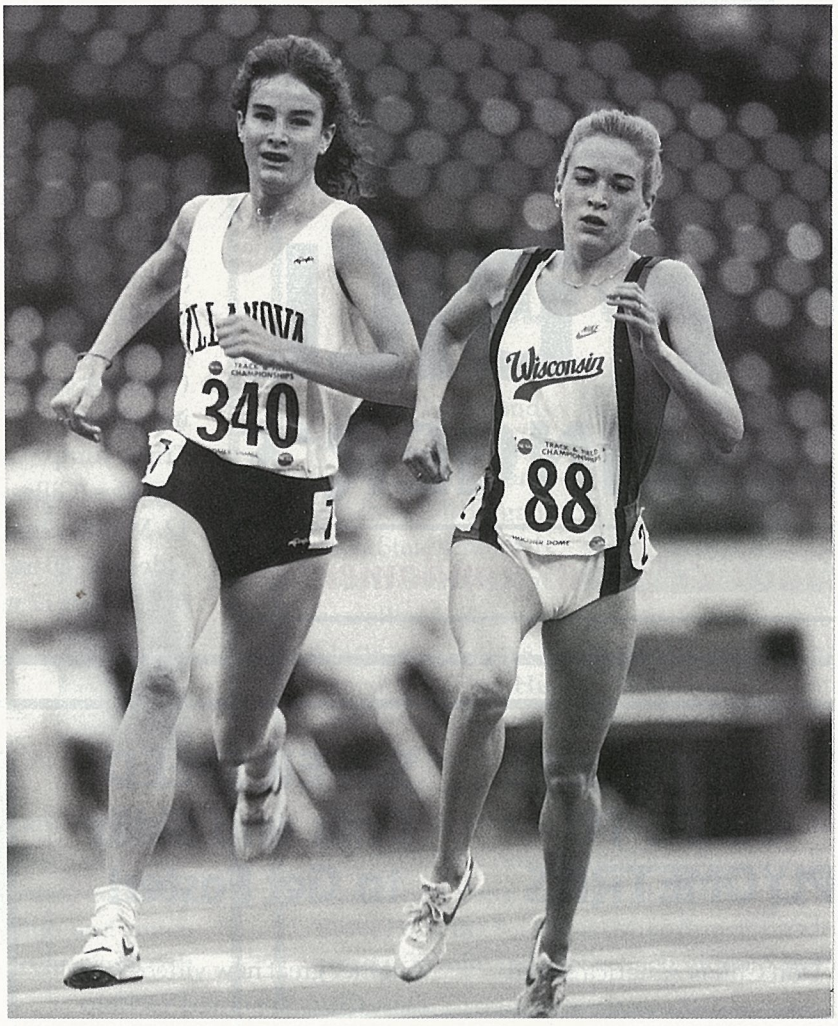
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8:25.5 ..... Villanova '87
8:26.77 ..... Wisconsin # '93
8:28.41 ..... Wisconsin # '92
8:29.12 ..... Villanova # '89
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8:30.58 ..... Alabama # '92
8:30.96+ ..... Villanova # '89
8:31.95 ..... Villanova '90
8:33.60 ..... Villanova '85
8:34.05 ..... Villanova '88

DISTANCE MEDLEY

10:54.34 ..... Villanova '88
11:00.76 ..... Villanova '87
11:04.45 ..... Providence # '90
11:08.54 ..... Georgetown # '97
11:08.60 ..... Michigan # '94
11:08.91 ..... Wisconsin # '96
11:09.05 ..... Wisconsin # '97
11:10.35 ..... Florida # '97
11:11.55 ..... Boston College # '96
11:11.98 ..... Villanova '95

Suzy Hamilton of Wisconsin scored a mile/3000 double at the '90 NCAA Indoor, beating Villanova's Sonia O'Sullivan in the longer race.



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HIGH JUMP

1.97(A)6-5½ ..... L. Ramos (Stan) '87
..... A. Acuff (UCLA) '95
1.96 6-5 ..... G. Wentland (KsSt) '95
1.95 6-4¾ ..... K. Bergqvist' (SMU) '97
1.93 6-4 ..... J. Huntley (CSLB) '78
..... T. Waller (NC) '91
1.92 6-3¾ ..... C. Sommer (AzSt) '81
6-3½ ..... J. Broughton (Az) '93
1.91(A)6-3¼ ..... K. Johnson (Az) '87
..... A. Bradburn-Spangler (Tx) '90
..... W. Dykstra' (KsSt) '96
..... C. Yasen (Pur) '96

POLE VAULT

4.12 13-6¼ ..... M. Price (Fres) '96
3.85 12-7½ ..... K. Suttle (ArSt) '96
3.80 12-5½ ..... J. Chase (UCLA) '97
3.71(A)12-2 ..... M. Meyer' (UtSt) '97
3.67(A)12-½ ..... T. Holt (Stan) '97

LONG JUMP

6.82 22-4½ ..... D. Saunders' (LSU) '94
6.78 22-3 ..... C. Lewis (Hous) '85
6.71 22-¼ ..... D. Davis' (Tn) '94
6.70 21-11¾ ..... S. Echols (LSU) '87
6.66 21-10¼ ..... A. Thacker (Nb) '84
..... T. Smith' (Pitt) '97
6.64 21-9½ ..... S. Hudson (Cal) '90
6.62 21-8¾ ..... S. Rose (UNLV) '92
6.61 21-8¼ ..... V. Jeffery (UAB) '95
..... D. Guthrie-Gresham' (GM) '95

TRIPLE JUMP

14.25 46-9 ..... S. Lee' (LSU) '97
14.12 46-4 ..... T. Smith' (Pitt) '97
13.94 45-9 ..... S. Hudson (Cal) '90
13.79 45-3 ..... Y. Bates (USC) '87
13.62 44-8¼ ..... N. Martial' (Nb) '96
13.61 44-8 ..... W. Brown (USC) '87
13.57 44-6¼ ..... C. Gillies' (Ga) '97
13.56 44-6 ..... R. Robinson (Nb) '88
13.54 44-5¼ ..... D. Saunders' (LSU) '94
13.51 44-4 ..... E. Garcia' (FlSt) '85

SHOT

18.48 60-7¾ ..... T. Thompson (Nb) '97
18.07 59-3½ ..... V. Althouse (UCLA) '96
17.90 58-8¾ ..... D. Dumble (UCLA) '95
17.73 58-2 ..... M. Tuliniemi' (SMU) '97
17.72 58-1¾ ..... E. Vanisi (Tx) '94
17.67 57-11¾ ..... R. Cavanaugh (Rice) '86
17.46 57-3½ ..... S. Sua (UCLA) '97
17.40 57-1 ..... P. Dukes (Stan) '87
17.36 56-11¾ ..... M. Ritchie' (Az) '83
..... P. Mitchell (Nb) '96

WEIGHT

21.86 71-8¾ ..... D. Ellerbe (SC) '97
20.64 67-8¾ ..... L. Misipeka' (SC) '97
20.44 67-3¾ ..... B. Burton (CSN) '97
20.06 65-9¾ ..... A. Christiansen (BYU) '96
19.99 65-7 ..... T. Powell (GM) '97
19.96 65-6 ..... A. Söderberg' (NnAz) '97
19.53 64-1 ..... J. Owes (Fl) '97
19.52 64-½ ..... R. Seiler (KsSt) '97
19.37 63-6¾ ..... B. Burton (CSN) '97
19.32 63-4½ ..... P. Mitchell (Nb) '96

PENTATHLON

4301'(A) ..... T. Lott (BYU) '97
4240 ..... J. White' (BU) '82
4235 ..... J. Blomstedt (Nb) '96
4212 ..... S. Jaklofsky' (LSU) '92
4196 ..... T. Lee (Tn) '91
4058 ..... M. Shelton (Tn) '92

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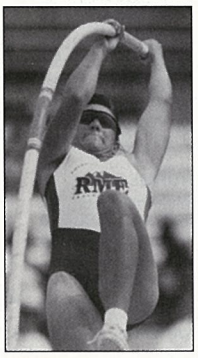
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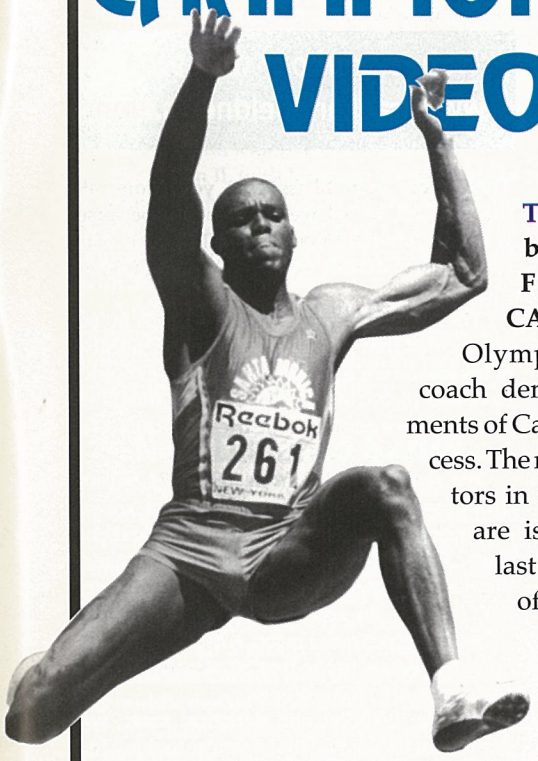
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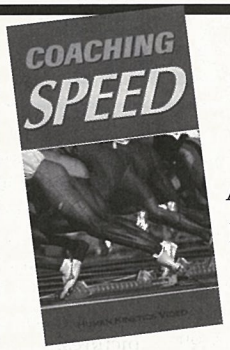
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LAST LAP

Lewis Ups Covers Record

Even in retirement, Carl Lewis continues to be a popular face on the cover of *Track & Field News*. This issue marks his 13th appearance in that position. Depending on how you count, that's a record.

As you can see from the covers feature on pp. 32–33, for many years *T&FN* had an appearance more like a newspaper than a magazine. In the newspaper format we didn't feature a single picture on the first page. Sometimes there was no art, but on most occasions there were multiple shots. So, there are "covers" and there are "page 1s."

When it comes to covers, Lewis leads the way with 13 shots. Next up is Michael Johnson, who in '96 became the first ever to have three covers in one year and the first to appear two issues in a row. He has 7 total.

Mary Slaney is next at 6, while a pair—Sergey Bubka & Jackie Joyner-Kersee—have had 5 apiece.

Another 8—Seb Coe, Greg Foster, Alberto Juantorena, Marita Koch, Noureddine Morceli, Frank Shorter, Dwight Stones & Rick Wohlhuter—have had 4 covers.

In terms of pure p. 1 appearances, the all-time champ is miler Jim Ryun, who showed up no fewer than 15 times between June of '64 and August of '72. Ryun's tally includes 7 instances of being "the cover" and 8 as part of multiple pictures.

Aussie distance runner Ron Clarke, had 10 fronts but only 1 that was a solo. Two men are at 7, Vladimir Kuts and Parry O'Brien with 5 appearing 6 times each in the multiple-picture era: Dyrol Burleson, Jim Grelle, Gerry Lindgren, Bobby Morrow and László Tábori.

This is Issue No. 639

Since *T&FN* is a monthly publication, and has been in existence for 50 years, we must have published 600 issues as of the end of '97, right? Well, as they say in the Hertz commercials, *not exactly*. You see, only in 39 of our first 50 years did we have a dozen issues.

The first year, '48, didn't have 12 issues because we started with February, so it had 11.

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There were then 12 issues a year from '49 through '63. In '64 we only had 11 because with the late-fall Olympics in Tokyo, it was easier just to double up and have a big Olympic edition.

The next three years were 12ers, but in '68 we decided that during the six busiest months of the season we'd go bimonthly. So we should have had 18, but in the fall we again pulled the late Olympics double-issue trick, so that was a unique 17-issue year.

We went with 18s from '69 to '74 before dropping back to the usual 12s. And we've continued that way… with a couple of exceptions. Driven by demands from newsstand distributors that the cover dates come out earlier, in both '86 and '94 we created double issues, so those were 11s too. All of which adds up to 637 issues in the first 50 calendar years, and two more since. Whew!

Unable to forget our statistical roots, we can't resist telling you that if you're looking for landmarks, here's where the 100-issue points fell: May '56 (100), September '64 (200), II May '71 (300), January '78 (400), June '86 (500) and November '94 (600). No. 700 is due March 2003.

We should reach the 1000 mark in about 2028. Any 1998 subscriber who produces a copy of this column at that point gets another year free (hey, it'll probably save you $162.37!).

IAAF Eyeing Slaney

USATF may have its own ideas, but as far as the IAAF is concerned, the Mary Slaney testosterone case is not closed.

In September, a USATF doping appeals board exonerated the veteran distance star of having taken illegal testosterone prior to a doping test at the '96 Olympic Trials. Slaney's case was in administrative limbo for almost a year before a security breach made the case public in the spring of '97. After that, the IAAF stepped in and suspended her.

Now the IAAF's doping commission, according to spokesman Giorgio Reineri, "has requested a further opinion from a number of experts worldwide."

The IAAF Council will next move on a recommendation of the Doping Commission either to accept the USATF position or submit the matter to an IAAF arbitration panel.

The Slaney case has been controversial because the effects of many factor—including menstrual cycles, hydration levels and alcohol consumption on testosterone/epitestosterone ratios—are not fully understood, particularly as concerns older women athletes.

STAT CORNER
All-Time AOY Choices

No, some 40 years after the fact we can't explain why we didn't think of the concept of selecting a men's Athlete Of The Year until the 1959 season. There are no women's choices for the first half of our existence because the women's sport basically didn't exist in the United States in those years and was not part of our coverage.

Our all-time AOY choices, with the event(s) in which they ranked:

MEN

1959 ..... Martin Lauer (West Germany) 110H/decathlon

1960 ..... Rafer Johnson (US) decathlon
1961 ..... Ralph Boston (US) long jump/110H
1962 ..... Peter Snell (New Zealand) 800/1500
1963 ..... C.K. Yang (Taiwan) decathlon/pole vault
1964 ..... Peter Snell (New Zealand) 800/1500
1965 ..... Ron Clarke (Australia) 5000/10,000
1966 ..... Jim Ryun (US) 800/1500
1967 ..... Jim Ryun (US) 1500
1968 ..... Bob Beamon (US) long jump
1969 ..... Bill Toomey (US) decathlon

1970 ..... Randy Matson (US) shot
1971 ..... Rod Milburn (US) 110H
1972 ..... Lasse Viren (Finland) 5000/10,000
1973 ..... Ben Jipcho (Kenya) 1500/steeple/5000
1974 ..... Rick Wohlhuter (US) 800/1500
1975 ..... John Walker (New Zealand) 800/1500
1976 ..... Alberto Juantorena (Cuba) 400/800
1977 ..... Alberto Juantorena (Cuba) 400/800
1978 ..... Henry Rono (Kenya) steeple/5000/10,000
1979 ..... Seb Coe (Great Britain) 800/1500

1980 ..... Edwin Moses (US) 400H
1981 ..... Seb Coe (Great Britain) 800/1500
1982 ..... Carl Lewis (US) 100/200/long jump
1983 ..... Carl Lewis (US) 100/200/long jump
1984 ..... Carl Lewis (US) 100/200/long jump
1985 ..... Saïd Aouita (Morocco) 1500/5000
1986 ..... Yuriy Syedikh (Soviet Union) hammer
1987 ..... *Ben Johnson (Canada) 100
*(*retroactive drug ban; No. 2 in voting was Aouita.)*
1988 ..... Sergey Bubka (Soviet Union) pole vault
1989 ..... Roger Kingdom (US) 110H

1990 ..... Michael Johnson (US) 200/400
1991 ..... Sergey Bubka (Soviet Union) pole vault
1992 ..... Kevin Young (US) 400H
1993 ..... Noureddine Morceli (Algeria) 1500/3000
1994 ..... Noureddine Morceli (Algeria) 1500/3000/5000
1995 .... Haile Gebrselassie (Ethiopia) 3000/5000/10,000
1996 ..... Michael Johnson (US) 200/400
1997 ..... Wilson Kipketer (Denmark) 800

WOMEN

1974 ..... Irena Szewinska (Poland) 100/200/400
1975 ..... Faina Melnik (Soviet Union) shot/discus
1976 ..... Tatyana Kazankina (Soviet Union) 800/1500
1977 ..... Rosi Ackermann (East Germany) high jump
1978 ..... Marita Koch (East Germany) 100/200/400
1979 ..... Marita Koch (East Germany) 100/200/400

1980 ..... Ilona Briesenick (East Germany) shot
1981 ..... Evelyn Ashford (US) 100/200
1982 ..... Marita Koch (East Germany) 100/200/400
1983 ..... Jarmila Kratochvílová (Czech) 200/400/800
1984 ..... Evelyn Ashford (US) 100
1985 ..... Marita Koch (East Germany) 100/200/400
1986 ..... Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US) LJ/heptathlon
1987 ..... Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US) 100H/LJ/heptathlon
1988 ..... Florence Griffith Joyner (US) 100/200
1989 ..... Ana Quirot (Cuba) 400/800

1990 ..... Merlene Ottey (Jamaica) 100/200
1991 ..... Heike Henkel (Germany) high jump
1992 ..... Heike Drechsler (Germany) long jump
1993 ... Wang Junxia (Chn) 1500/3000/10,000/marathon
1994 ..... Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US) 100H/LJ/heptathlon
1995 ..... Sonia O'Sullivan (Ireland) 1500/3000/5000
1996 ..... Svetlana Masterkova (Russia) 800/1500
1997 ..... Marion Jones (US) 100/200

Spanish Marathoners In Million-Dollar Clash

Martín Fiz was supposed to win the World Championships marathon in '97, and as they neared the stadium, there was the defending champion in the lead. But on his shoulder was countryman Abel Antón, a man with a solid track background and world-class 1500 credentials. Antón's kick won the day.

Fiz-Antón II, with Japanese TV interests as a prime motivator, is now in the works for Barcelona next fall, says France's *L'Équipe*. The winner of the race will pocket a cool $1 million, with $750,000 to the loser.

A rabbit-led assault on the World Record is planned. That would seem to indicate that unlike the '92 Olympic marathon the race won't end with an ascent of Montjuïc.

New Distance Series

Responding to a need and building on an existing core of meets, a group of dedicated meet directors who want to help U.S. distance runners turn out fast times have organized a summer circuit to further that end.

For 1998, and hopefully in years after that, they've set up a group of five meets in New England and Canada with the aim of encouraging middle distance and distance runners to hit World Championships and Olympic qualifying standards.

Two new Boston area meets, one at Dedham on June 27 and another at the new East Boston Stadium facility on June 30 will form the front end of a circuit also to include three existing meets: Maine Distance Classic (Brunswick, July 4), Récontre International (Sherbrooke, Quebec, July 7) and McGill International (Montréal, July 10).

Spearheading the CanAm High Performance Distance Circuit are organizers Mark Lech (Dedham), Steve Vaitones (Boston), Steve Podgajny (Maine), Martin Goulet (both Canadian meets) and Greg Harger (of the Bob & Todd distance camps that have sent enthusiastic teen spectators to the nationals the past couple of years).

The USATF men's distance development committee is expected to lend what financial support it can, with negotiations ongoing for money from the women's distance committee.

Says Mike Scott, VP of the Pacific Northwest USATF, "We hope to have a prize structure that rewards times, rather than place. The idea here isn't to see who can win the 1500 in 3:43. These guys are going to be trying to run 3:36."

Sydney Could Be Wet

We can't remember the last Olympics where there wasn't some horrific scenario to fixate upon in the period leading up to the Games. In the case of Sydney, however, horrific weather looks as if it could be a factor.

Mike Hurst of the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* noted that if the Games were held this year, the good news would be that the Opening and Closing Ceremonies would have been dry. The bad news is that it rained at the Olympic site on 12 of the 16 major competition days. The heaviest rain—more than an inch—came on the date which would be the third day of track & field competition.

Hurst also noted that on the probable date of both 200 finals the wind gusted up to 9.7mps (21.7mph), and that the wind direction would be a homestretch headwind.

Aussie sprint star Melinda Gainsford-Taylor told Hurst jestingly, "I'm looking forward to running 25 seconds for 200m in the Sydney Olympic Games—it's very motivational."

Obviously, a major stadium will have some baffling effect, but it's undoubtedly going to be breezy.

Multis Get Grand Prix

A new plan announced by the IAAF means some real money for the world's leading decathletes and heptathletes. The multis will not become part of the regular Grand Prix circuit, but the yearly leaders will be paid in similar fashion: $50,000 for the winner, with the next 7 receiving $30K, $20K, $10K, $8K, $7K, $6K and $5K.

Scoring will be based on the athletes' total points in their three best qualifying meets. The list of meets is headed, of course, by the big invitationals in Götzis, Austria, and Talence, France.

Also on the list are the European Championships, European Cup, Asian Games, Central American Games, Commonwealth Games and all national championship meets (or another meet designated by the national federation).

World Indoor Streamlined

Concerned with the growing length of the program at the World Indoor Championships, the IAAF will make a serious change in the field events at the '99 edition (Maebashi, Japan, March 5–8).

Fields in the jumps and throws will be restricted to about 15 contestants, and there will be no qualifying round, just a direct final.

The multis will be limited to 8 contestants.

International Indoor Meets

Major stops on the international indoor circuit for the '98 season (a listing of domestic meets appears on p. 66):

January
21 ..... Halle, Germany
23 ..... Chemnitz, Germany
24 ..... Stange, Norway
25 ..... Karlsruhe, Germany
29 ..... Ostrava, Czech Rep
30 ..... Dortmund, Germany
31 ..... Moscow, Russia

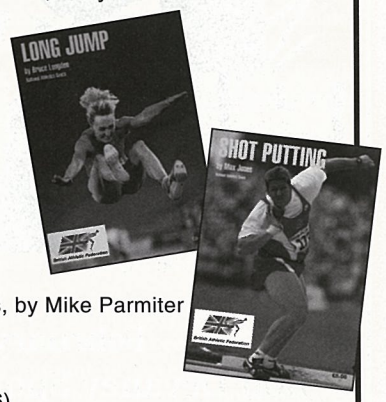
February
1 ..... Stuttgart, Germany
3 ..... Madrid, Spain
4 ..... Erfurt, Germany
..... Tampere, Finland
6 ..... Budapest, Hungary
8 ..... Ghent, Belgium
..... Moscow, Russia
15 .... Birmingham, England
17 ..... Madrid, Spain
19 ..... Stockholm, Sweden
21 ..... Piraeus, Greece
22 ..... Liévin, France
27– 3/1 ..... Euro Champs, (Valencia, Spain)

March
7 ..... Maebashi, Japan
8 ... Sindelfingen, Germany

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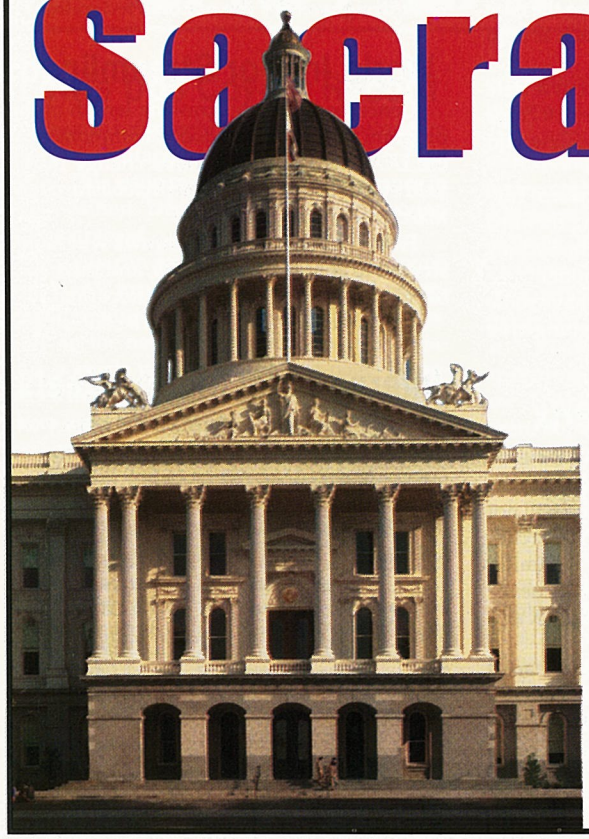


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Sacramento



California's capital city, Sacramento, has been chosen to host the 2000 Olympic Track & Field Trials and you are invited to attend with the T&FN tour group. We expect to be staying at the Holiday Inn, which is nicely located for easy access to the restaurants and attractions of Old Sacramento and Capital Plaza. We'll bus to the stadium daily—there will be a new state-of-the-art facility constructed at California State University, Sacramento. If the schedule is similar to the 1996 Trials, we'll be offering a choice of 6-, 7-, 10- and 11-night tours. The Trials always offer exciting and tension-packed competition and the emergence of new American stars. Join us today by sending in your deposit check of $50 per person. Deposits can also be made by credit card by mail, phone, fax or e-mail. Send card number and expiration.

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LETTERS

CARL KING OF AOYs

LOOKING AT YOUR 1997 AOY voting, and the letters "blasting" your poor treatment of Carl Lewis's retirement in your December issue inspired me to compare men's AOY performances over the years.

Considering scores of 10,9,8... in the Top 10 balloting since '65 I find that Carl remains indeed the undisputed "all-time" king of track & field.

I get for overall scoring the following: Lewis (74), Bubka (70), Moses (63), Johnson (48), Aouita (44), Morceli (33), Ovett (31), Saneyev (29), Coe (27) and Lusis (27). For the time being, *only* Bubka has an outside chance to catch up with Carl. Michael Johnson, the would-be king and "fastest man alive" remains just that, as amply demonstrated in '97.

Carl is also the only one to have been AOY 3 times, with Bubka, Coe, Morceli and Johnson following at 2 times. So your December issue treatment of Carl's retirement was indeed in poor form, and hopefully will remain just an aberration in your overall excellent coverage of the sport.

Dan Botez
Madison, Wisconsin

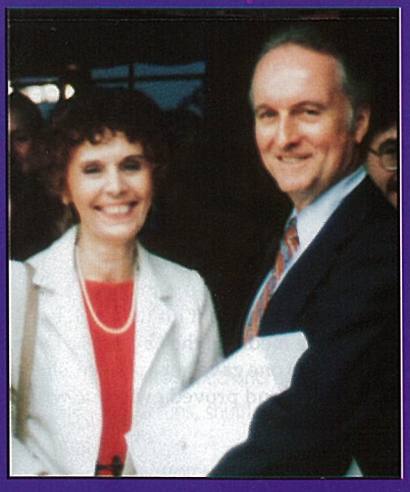
*(**Ed:** Does this month's cover help?)*

OUR KIND OF READER

IT OCCURRED TO ME upon receiving my latest *T&FN*, that frequently both *Sports Illustrated* and *T&FN* arrive at my house on the same day. Upon picking them up from my mail box, I consider both magazines and then I *always* read *T&FN* first (cover to cover)!

My only regret is that I only get to make this decision once a month—wish it happened every week. Keep up the excellent work.

Mike Doyle
via e-mail



IN MEMORIAM

This 50th birthday issue of *Track & Field News* is dedicated to the memory of Bert and Jeannette Nelson. One of the founders of the magazine, Bert died in January of 1994. His beloved wife Jeannette, so eager to celebrate the 50th with us, died suddenly even as this issue was being prepared.

ONE NATIONALS TOO MANY

WHY DO WE HAVE two national high school cross country championships? Wouldn't the sport benefit significantly by combining the Foot Locker and USATF Junior Olympics? Not to mention, the Junior Olympic regional meets conflict heavily with league meets and state championships. USATF, as the governing body, needs to join forces with Foot Locker not compete against them.

Kyle Caudle
Bethesda, MD

*(**Ed:** There's a school of thought which says that high school kids don't really need a "true" national championships. Isn't it possible the sport is better served by keeping the pyramid wider at this point, allowing for more athletes to participate at higher levels?)*

HE'S AN AMERICAN

I WANTED TO BRING to your attention a small, but meaningful error in your January edition. On page 61 you list the individual winner of the Men's Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championship as "Musse' of Eastern Kentucky." The tick you added after his name indicates he is an athlete not of U.S. citizenship, which is thoroughly incorrect.

Fearing for his life, Mohamed Musse fled war-torn Somalia for the U.S. when he was 12 years old. Upon arriving in his newly adopted home, Musse set a goal of achieving U.S. citizenship one day. After many years of struggle and sacrifice, in October of 1996—while a student-athlete at Hagerstown Junior College—Musse finally realized his dream of U.S. citizenship.

Your error was probably an innocent oversight, but I can assure you that Musse treasures his U.S. citizenship—and the privileges and responsibilities that accompany it—just as much, if not more, that anyone born into such status.

He dreams of one day representing the U.S. in international competition. I can assure you, if that dream ever does become reality no one will ever be prouder to wear USA on his chest.

Mike Spinnler
Hagerstown, Maryland

NOT IN YOUR VIDEO STORE

INSTRUCTION-STYLE VIDEOS are nice and they serve their need. Well why shouldn't track have entertainment-style videos? By having videos in the various disciplines mentioned, a historic prospective of t&f might help in developing a greater interest for our sport. All other sports have historic moment videos, why don't we? And not just Olympic Games video.

The least videos of this nature would do is to provide us t&f fans a collection to view for enjoyment. "All-Time" great 5000s and 10,000s, etc. Who's got the film?

Walter Crawford
Chicago, Illinois

*(**Ed:** Forget "who's got the film?" Who's got the money? Securing the rights to existing film is a costly process, and so is putting it together in video form. The sad truth is that there just isn't a commercial market large enough for anyone to take the risk on such a venture.)*

IMPROVING THE SPORT

THE CURRENT STATE of American track & field has prompted people to wonder about and discuss ways to improve things. Certainly the selection of Craig Masback is an important step forward. Beyond that, I have two suggestions:

- Support youth participation along the lines of the U.S. Soccer Federation's programs. I believe the actual current and future interest in youth running, both cross country and track, is much larger than most people perceive. The youth market can absorb even more publications, events and information.
- Support and expand the broadcasts of Vic Holchak, both on radio and on the 800 telephone number. As the voice of American track, he is an underutilized resource. Radio is huge and growing much more now than in past years. It has more potential for the sport than television has. The sport and its devotees should do everything possible to expand Holchak's broadcasts.

Dennis Bromka
Portland, Oregon

PIN 'EM ON THE WALL

I WANT TO THANK YOU for the quality of your product. I'm a high school coach, and it's gotten to the point where my team anxiously awaits the arrival of the latest edition of *Track & Field News*.

We have a particularly strong girl's team this season, and they've been extremely happy with the amount of coverage you've given Marion Jones. The great color photos of her get immediately cut out of the magazine, and they go up beside the school-records board.

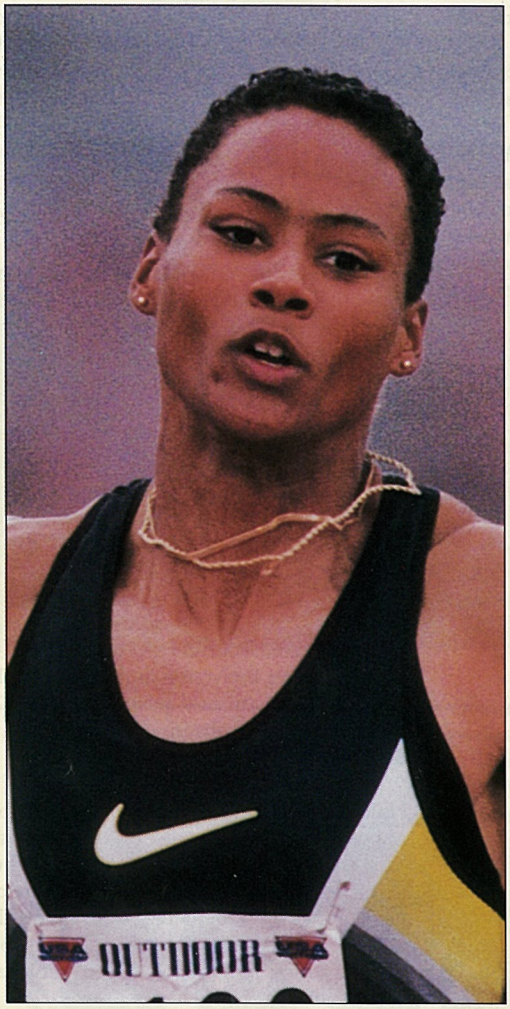
The picture of her from your November issue was a big hit, and the photograph of Jearl Miles-Clark from the January issue has already made its way onto the weightroom wall!

Rob Phillips
Seattle, Washington

— continued —

Next Month In T&FN

Lists-Lists-Lists-Lists



CLAUS ANDERSEN/THE SPORTING IMAGE

WITH THE NEW YEAR upon us, it's time to get definitive about who did what during the '97 calendar year.

We know, for example, that Marion Jones was the only athlete to top the U.S. list in three major disciplines. Who led the other events? Who were the world leaders? What was 50th place in the men's discus?

If you're a list honk, then the March issue is an indispensable one, because it will also contain the all-time outdoor Top 10s.

And if you need a reference for all the categories of outdoor records, this is the one you'll want to save.

The statistician's-dream March edition will be mailed by February 5. If you aren't currently a subscriber, just call us at our toll-free 800 number and we'll take care of your order promptly. A regular 1-year U.S. subscription is still only $34.95; other rates are available on request.

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FAST TIMES NOT ENOUGH

WHY IS Great Britain's Kelly Holmes ranked No. 6 in the 1500 when she ran much, much quicker than everyone else—bar the Chinese? OK, she missed the World Champs with injury, but it's not as if she only raced once or twice. And why were the Chinese left out?

Jason Henderson
via e-mail

*(**Ed:** As we've pointed out on so many occasions, fast times are the smallest part of the Rankings equation. Beating the right people in the right meets is paramount, and both Holmes and the Chinese were found wanting in that department. Actually, we've heard no end of grumbling that given her lack of late-season competition, Holmes was actually rated too* high.*)*

No. 1s COUNT FOR MORE

I DON'T GET IT. Not to take anything away from Wilson Kipketer, but I feel that more was taken away from Haile Gebrselassie. How can one individual be ranked No. 1 in three events and not be AOY?

Yes, I know that his World Records didn't last long, but talk about the betterment of the sport by having competition at the World Record level.

Steve Mally
Osceola, Wisconsin

*(**Ed:** If multiple No. 1s were the only criterion by which the Athletes Of The Year were chosen, we'd never have anybody winning except a sprinter or a distance runner. You can't ascribe higher value to a runner who runs different distances that are very similar when field eventers don't have a like opportunity. Assigning proper credit to single- and multiple-event people is the toughest task facing our voting panel.)*

NOTHING BUT THE FACTS

HOW IN THE WORLD did Falilat Ogunkoya rank as low as No. 5 in the 400? This is unbelievable. I really think she has been treated unfairly.

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Michael Osheku
Pocatello, Idaho

*(**Ed:** While there may be an argument for Ogunkoya's having a higher ranking, the adversity in her life has nothing to do with it. We rank people on cold, hard numbers, only from the year in question.)*

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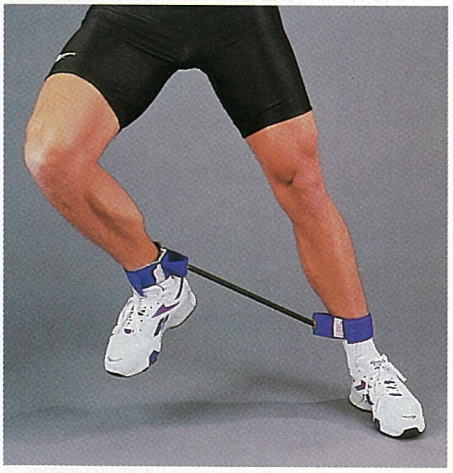


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