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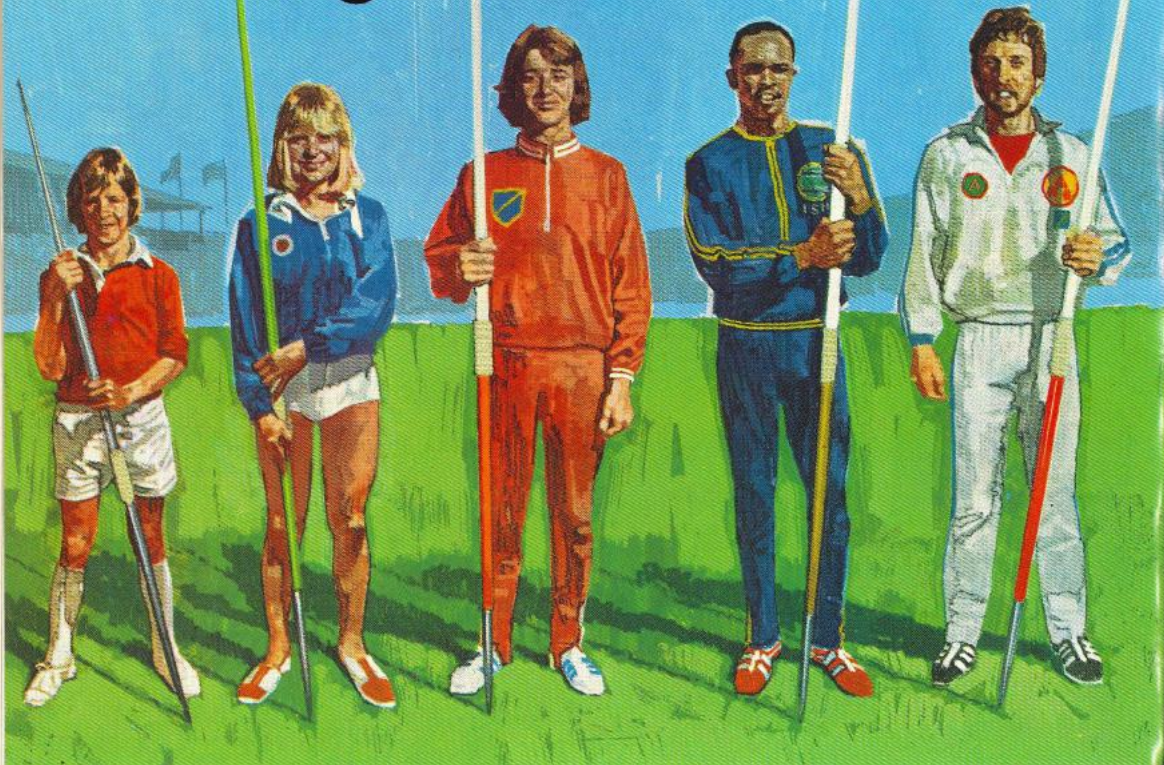
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, August 14th: Nationwide Building Society AAA Champs, Crystal Palace (2nd day); Civil Service v SCAA v British Police, Crystal Palace; Midland WAAA Champs (Part 1), Aldersley; Scotland v Rep of Ireland v NI (Intermediate, Juniors & Girls), Grangemouth; International Veterans 10km Road Race, Rugby; Shaftesbury '10' (inc SCAA Champs), Hendon; Milk Marathon (Preston to Morecambe); Scottish League; Southern Women's League; Dartford Gala Trophy.

Sunday, August 15th: World Veterans Marathon Champs, Coventry (9.00am); Stockport 2-4-6 Road Races; LAC Inter-Club Meeting (inc Vets AC 100m H/cap & 4 x 100), Hurlingham; Stretford League; Young Athletes League.

Tuesday, August 17th: NIAAA Relay Champs (Part), Belfast; West Midlands League, Tipton.

Wednesday, August 18th: West Yorkshire League, Cleckheaton.

Friday, August 20th: WAAA Champs, Crystal Palace (1st day).

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MONTREAL OLYMPIC REPORT

by Mel Watman, Jon Wigley and Cliff Temple

Fifth Day

Wednesday, July 28th

WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 4 to semis)

Sharon Colyear found herself drawn alongside the Games favourite, Grazyna Rabsztyń, but refused to be intimidated. Hurdling well, Sharon kept with the Pole for the first six flights before fading slightly, and was rewarded with a time of 13.18 in third place, just seven-hundredths of a second outside her recent UK record, while Tatjana Anisimova passed an easing Rabsztyń to win the heat. The defending champion, Annelie Ehrhardt, was sluggishly away in her heat, and seemed a shadow of her former self, finishing third in 13.49. The round's fastest was Natalya Lebedeva with 12.94 in a heat which saw Lorna Boothe advance to the semis too.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, T. Anisimova (USSR) 12.98; 2, G. Rabsztyń (Pol) 13.09; 3, SHARON COLYEAR (UK) 13.18; 4, N. Prevost (Fra) 13.70; 5, P. Donnelly (USA) 13.71; 6, J. Gomis (Sen) 14.57.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, B. Nowakowska (Pol) 13.05; 2, I. Ongar (Ita) 13.37; 3, A. Ehrhardt (GDR) 13.49; 4, D. Laplante (USA) 13.51; 5, G. Dell (Aus) 13.68; 6, S. Bradley (Can) 14.07.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, N. Lebedeva (USSR) 12.94; 2, J. Schaller (GDR) 13.02; 3, P. Sokolova (Bul) 13.52; 4, LORNA BOOTHE (UK) 13.69; 5, R. Brady (USA) 13.84.

Heat 4: (+0.81) 1, G. Berend (GDR) 13.03; 2, E. Rot (Isr) 13.06; 3, L. Kononova (USSR) 13.36; 4, V. Stefanescu (Rum) 13.60; 5, E. Noeding (Peru) 14.14; 6, L. Vaamonde (Ven) 19.17.

LONG JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Nearly all the jumpers found themselves well below-par as they competed in a 'void', sheltered by the high terracing and the great overhanging roof. It was a strange sight to see Munich silver medallist, Hans Baumgartner, raise a hand in triumph as he cleared the qualifying distance of 7.80/25'73" with one centimetre to spare. Grzegorz Cybulski and Philippe Deroche, 8.09 and 8.07 performers this year respectively, were among the non-qualifiers. Roy Mitchell finished up just 4cm short of a qualifying place as only ten men cleared 7.80. European record holder Nenad Stekic cut it fine, qualifying only on his final attempt, as did Larry Myricks.

Qualifiers: R. Williams (USA) 7.68, 7.97; A. Robinson (USA) —, 7.95; R. Bernhard (Swi) 7.56, 7.79, 7.95; L. Myricks (USA) 7.55, 7.67, 7.92; V. Podluzhnyi (USSR) 7.71, 7.90; F. Wartenberg (GDR) 7.89; J. De Oliveira (Bra) 7.87; N. Stekic (Yug) 7.68, 7.56, 7.82; H. Baumgartner (WG) 7.81; F. Lewis (Bah) 7.73; A. Pereverzev (USSR) 7.78.

Non-qualifiers: G. Cybulski (Pol) 7.60, 7.71, 7.66; H-J. Berger (WG) 7.53, 7.46, 7.70; ROY MITCHELL (UK) 7.69 (7.46, 7.66, 7.69); T. Yohannan (Ind) 7.62, —, 7.67; R. Desruelles (Bel) 7.60, 7.11, —; M. Matos (Cub) 7.23, 7.56, 7.57; R. Rock (Can) 7.44, 7.24, 7.57; T. Lepik (USSR) 7.41, 7.49, —; J. Buchanan (Can) 5.61, 7.49, —; R. Veglia (Ita) 7.12, 7.48, 7.41; C. Commons (Aus) 7.46, —, —; G. Swanston (Tri) 7.31, 7.40, 7.29; P. Deroche (Fra) 7.31, 7.38, 7.31; P. Hatzistathis (Gre) 6.83, 7.10, 7.33; K. Brou (Iv C) 7.12, 7.20, 5.61; I. Ba (Sen) 6.96, 5.21, —; A. Moore (Fiji) —, 6.81, —; R. Blanquer (Spa) —, —, 6.19. G. Faddoul (Libya) 3 fouls.

WOMEN'S DISCUS (QUALIFYING)

The low standard of 55m (180'5") was set for entry to the final and all but one of the 15 entrants achieved it. European bronze medallist Gabriele Hinzmann led the way but the other top contenders were throwing well below full power.

Qualifiers: G. Hinzmann (GDR) 65.12; F. Melnik (USSR) 63.74; C. Romero (Cub) 63.40; E. Schlaak (GDR) 61.86; M. Betancourt (Cub) 61.46; N. Gorbachova (USSR) 59.84; A. Menis (Rum) 59.56; O. Andrianova (USSR) 51.72, 58.66; J. Haist (Can) 52.96, 57.98; M. Vergova (Bul) 57.96; D. Rosani (Pol) —, 57.78; S. Engel (GDR) 56.94; R. Pfister (Swi) 55.94; L. Moreau (Can) 51.56, 54.12, 55.22.

Non-qualifier: L. Winbiger (USA) —, 48.22, 46.96.

WOMEN'S 1500 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 & 2 fastest losers to semis)

Some torrid heats, with Mary Purcell finding an Irish record of 4:08.6 insufficient for a place even in the semis, reduced the initial entry, but Mary Stewart qualified safely enough in fourth place in the first heat. A fairly easy pace (73.5, 2:21.7) became a struggle on the last lap with Gabriella Dorio claiming victory, but the first four eventually easing across the line. Judy Pollock didn't make it but she did record yet another personal best. The second heat was a real dust-up, how-

ever, as six girls spread across the track in the finishing straight and ended up closer than in most 100m races. In fact, defending champion Lyudmila Bragina was awarded the verdict in 4:07.1, but just **one-tenth** of a second covered all six girls: Bragina (who switched from lane three to one in the last 40m when she couldn't find a gap), Christiane Stoll, Nina Holmen and Grete Waitz, who all qualified by positions, and Ellen Wellmann and Francie Larrieu-Lutz, who proved to be the fastest losers, and thus qualified by time. In the third heat, Ulrike Klapezynski (who ran 3:59.9 just before the Games) was first home in a rough race which saw Ileana Silai (4:04.3 this year) and International cross-country champion Carmen Valero eliminated behind Penny Yule. Penny, who took a bad knock 150m from home, just missed out but ran 4:13.4, a personal best by half a second. Casualties in the fourth heat included Purcell and Cindy Poor, whose American record of 4:07.3 had earlier been clipped by Mrs Lutz.

Heat 1: (73.5, 2:21.7, 3:24.3) 1, G. Dorio (Ita) 4:10.8; 2, R. Katyukova (USSR) 4:10.9; 3, J. Merrill (USA) 4:10.9; 4, **MARY STEWART** (UK) 4:11.1; 5, M. Puica (Rum) 4:12.6; 6, R. Pekhlivanova (Bul) 4:13.1; 7, J. Pollock (Aus) 4:14.2; 8, B. Van Roy (Bel) 4:16.3; 9, M. Lazar (Hun) 4:23.3.

Heat 2: (67.8, 2:15.1, 3:20.7) 1, L. Bragina (USSR) 4:07.1 (4:07.11); 2, C. Stoll (GDR) 4:07.1 (4:07.13); 3, N. Holmen (Fin) 4:07.1 (4:07.14); 4, G. Waitz (Nor) 4:07.2 (4:07.20); 5, E. Wellmann (WG) 4:07.2 (4:07.20); 6, F. Larrieu (USA) 4:07.2 (4:07.21); 7, D. Zorn (NZ) 4:12.8; 8, T. Wright (Can) 4:15.2; 9, N. Niang (Sen) 4:44.6.

Heat 3: (68.9, 2:19.6, 3:25.4) 1, U. Klapezynski (GDR) 4:11.6; 2, T. Kazankina (USSR) 4:12.1; 3, V. Jazinska (Bul) 4:12.7; 4, S. Castelein (Bel) 4:13.0; 5, **PENNY YULE** (UK) 4:13.4; 6, I. Silai (Rum) 4:13.6; 7, M. Gargano (Ita) 4:15.9; 8, C. Valero (Spa) 4:17.7; 9, P. Werthner (Can) 4:18.2.

Heat 4: (65.5, 2:14.8, 3:22.1) 1, B. Kraus (WG) 4:07.8; 2, G. Hoffmeister (GDR) 4:08.2; 3, N. Marasescu (Rum) 4:08.3; 4, N. Shtereva (Bul) 4:08.4; 5, M. Purcell (RoI) 4:08.6; 6, C. Poor (USA) 4:08.9; 7, A. Garrett (NZ) 4:10.7; 8, S. Cruciatu (Ita) 4:16.8; 9, L. Guomundsdottir (Ice) 4:20.3.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

The first semi saw Esther Rot of Israel, one of the survivors of the Munich tragedy, and who said she had come back to run to show that terrorists could not overcome sport, make the final in fourth place. Lorna Boothe was eliminated. The sensations came in the second race. First, Sharon Colyear amazed everyone by clearly leading Grazyna Rabsztyń, Annelie Ehrhardt and the rest for three hurdles after a superb start, but then faltered after the fourth hurdle and

faded out of contention. Then Lyubov Kononova, in lane 8, fell at the ninth hurdle, stumbling into Valeria Stefanescu in lane 7, forcing her into the tenth hurdle and out of the race. At first both girls were disqualified, but justice prevailed when Stefanescu, who was blameless in the incident, was re-instated for a re-run of the semi, scheduled for next afternoon. Kononova remained disqualified.

The re-run proved a disaster for Sharon. Off to another brilliant start, she was lying second up to the eighth flight, where a mistake wrecked her approach to the ninth, and she hit it heavily. She almost came to a halt at the tenth, running through it, and jogged in. It was a particularly unfortunate moment for it to happen, as she had looked safe to qualify for the final this time. Ehrhardt, suffering from back trouble and running against medical advice, was also eliminated. Ironically, the girl who benefitted by Colyear's misfortune was Stefanescu, who finished fourth, and thus made the final after all.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, J. Schaller (GDR) 12.93; 2, G. Berend (GDR) 12.96; 3, N. Lebedyeva (USSR) 13.03; 4, E. Rot (Isr) 13.04; 5, B. Nowakowska (Pol) 13.04; 6, D. Laplante (USA) 13.36; 7, P. Sokolova (Bul) 13.67; 8, **LORNA BOOTHE** (UK) 13.73.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, T. Anisimova (USSR) 12.91; 2, G. Rabsztyń (Pol) 13.02; 3, A. Ehrhardt (GDR) 13.28; 4, I. Ongar (Ita) 13.42; 5, **SHARON COLYEAR** (UK) 13.64; 6, N. Prevost (Fra) 13.70. V. Stefanescu (Rum) dnf; L. Kononova (USSR) disq.

Re-run of Heat 2: (July 29th) (nil) 1, Anisimova 13.08; 2, Rabsztyń 13.35; 3, Ongar 13.41; 4, Stefanescu 13.59; 5, Ehrhardt 13.71; 6, Prevost 13.95; 7, COLYEAR 17.32.

110 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Berwyn Price was a galling two-hundredths of a second away from qualifying for the final—and he lost all that, and more, at the start. An invariably slow starter, he therefore relies heavily on his come-through strength; but Thomas Munkelt and Charles Foster put too much space behind them in the early stages and, clipping every hurdle in his effort to close-up, Berwyn could make nothing on the leaders after the fifth flight. He was finally squeezed out of the final by the USA third string, James Owens. In the second heat Alejandro Casanas was very quick out of the blocks and took the advantage after the first hurdle, but Guy Drut pulled up by the second with Willie Davenport in tow. Drut and Casanas ran level to the eighth flight which the Frenchman struck heavily and Casanas pulled away. The Cuban ran a lifetime best of 13.34, good for fifth on the world all-time list. Frank Siebeck, who ranks fourth with a recent 13.33 (a time received with scepticism by other top hurdlers), finished four metres behind and out of the final.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, C. Foster (USA) 13.45; 2, T. Munkelt (GDR) 13.48; 3, V. Myasnikov (USSR) 13.70; 4, J. Owens (USA) 13.76; 5, BERWYN PRICE (UK) 13.78; 6, W. Parr (Aus) 13.88; 7, J-P. Corval (Fra) 13.97; 8, G. Ronconi (Ita) 13.97.

Heat 2: (+0.02) 1, A. Casanas (Cub) 13.34; 2, G. Drut (Fra) 13.49; 3, W. Davenport (USA) 13.55; 4, V. Kulebyakin (USSR) 13.59; 5, F. Siebeck (GDR) 13.74; 6, A. Bristol (PR) 13.98; 7, G. Buttari (Ita) 14.06; 8, I. Mobarak (Malay) 14.21.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

A major shock came before either semi was run. Raelene Boyle, who had been in splendid pre-Games form (22.6) and looked from the heats to be the one girl who could get in amongst the Germans, was disqualified for two false starts. Out of the medals by a whisker in the 100m, it was indeed a sad Games for the Australian star, who had finished second in the two previous Olympic 200 finals. Renate Stecher won the first semi in 22.68, and her less celebrated team-mate Barbel Eckert won the other semi in 22.71, but in both races the West German duo of Annegret Richter and Inge Helten seemed to be holding something back for the final.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, R. Stecher (GDR) 22.68; 2, C. Bodendorf (GDR) 22.84; 3, I. Helten (WG) 22.97; 4, T. Prorochenko (USSR) 23.03; 5, M. Bailey (Can) 23.06; 6, D. Armstrong (USA) 23.16; 7, C. Cummings (Jam) 23.41. R. Boyle (Aus) disq.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, B. Eckert (GDR) 22.71; 2, A. Richter (WG) 22.90; 3, D. Robertson (Aus) 22.91; 4, C. Rega (Fra) 23.00; 5, P. Loverock (Can) 23.09; 6, C. Cheeseborough (USA) 23.20; 7, J. Pusey (Jam) 23.31; 8, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 23.38.

400 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

In the first semi, Alberto Juantorena once again had an abysmal start: he seemed just to stand up and start running, with the result that he was last at 50m. But his enormous stride got working between 100 and 300m, and by that time he was in front, so he merely slowed down again, to jog in almost. Time: 45.10! Fons Brydenbach made it look much harder work to run 45.28 in second place. David Jenkins, still strong and managing to control his running in the home straight, came through to split the two Americans in the second semi, clocking a speedy 45.20. Jan Werner, European champion back in 1969, made it to the final too — and with a personal best just three days after celebrating his 30th birthday.

Heat 1: 1, A. Juantorena (Cub) 45.10; 2, A. Brydenbach (Bel) 45.20; 3, M. Parks (USA) 45.61;

4, R. Mitchell (Aus) 45.69; 5, B. Herrmann (WG) 45.94; 6, B. Saunders (Can) 46.46; 7, A. Diguidda (Ita) 46.50; 8, D. da Silva (Bra) 46.69.

Heat 2: 1, F. Newhouse (USA) 44.89; 2, DAVID JENKINS (UK) 45.20; 3, H. Frazier (USA) 45.24; 4, J. Werner (Pol) 45.44; 5, J. Pietrzyk (Pol) 45.65; 6, F-P. Hofmeister (WG) 46.05; 7, M. Solomon (Tri) 46.20; 8, K. Honz (WG) 46.63.

HAMMER (FINAL)

Not since an Irish-American clean sweep in 1908 has one nation supplied all three medallists in the hammer, but the USSR performed that trick in Montreal. The trio of Yuriy Sedykh (who ranks second of all-time with his throw of 78.86 earlier this season), European champion Aleksey Spiridonov and 1972 Olympic champion Anatoliy Bondarchuk was expected to fare well but West Germany's world record breaking pair of Karl-Hans Riehm and Walter Schmidt, plus perhaps Munich runner-up Jochen Sachse, must have entertained hopes of preventing total Soviet domination. They failed, although in Riehm's case it was by the margin of 2cm—less than an inch.

Bondarchuk, now 36, opened with a throw merely 2cm short of his Olympic record of 75.50 but Sedykh, the next man to step into the ring, made the record his own property with a toss of 75.64. Minutes later he in turn was ex-record holder as Spiridonov reached 75.74. The youthful Sedykh was having none of this nonsense and in the second round he set a target that no one was able to reach: 77.52.

Although Spiridonov was wonderfully consistent and he improved to 76.08 in the last round the really big one eluded him and he had to be satisfied with the silver. Bondarchuk, who opened with a 75.48, ended with a 75.46—which just kept him ahead of Riehm who attained 75.46 and 75.42. Schmidt, world record holder at 79.30, as usual showed only moderate form in major competition; he placed fifth.

The revelation of the contest, disturbing the Soviet-German duopoly, was Chris Black. He didn't reproduce the distance of his warm-up prior to the qualifying competition (he would have been in the medal hunt otherwise) but he acquitted himself admirably. He was over 70m from the outset and gave Sachse (Olympic and European silver medallist with a best of 76.40) quite a run for his money. Black's second round 72.38 put him in sixth place, until Sachse countered with 72.84, but with his next attempt the Scot reached a magnificent 73.18—only 40cm below the Commonwealth record he set earlier this summer. Sachse replied with 72.80 and 73.14 as Black began to lose his touch, and it was not until the fifth round that the East German regained sixth spot with an effort measured at 74.30. Black's seventh place was the highest by a British hammer thrower since Malcolm Nokes

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placed third with almost exactly two-thirds of that distance back in 1924.

Sedykh, a 21-year-old PE student from Kiev, set a world junior record of 70.84 two years ago and became Soviet record holder this year. His coach knows a thing or two about the event . . . one A. Bondarchuk. Sedykh's progress: 1972—62.50, 1973—69.04, 1974—70.84, 1975—75.00, 1976—78.86.

1, YURIY SEDYKH (USSR) 77.52/254'4" (Olympic rec) (75.64, 77.52, —, —, 75.58, 76.40) (11.5.55; 1.83, 113kg).

2, ALEKSEY SPIRIDONOV (USSR) 76.08/249'7" (75.54, 73.94, 75.28, 75.60, —, 76.08) (20.11.51; 1.91, 117kg).

3, ANATOLIY BONDARCHUK (USSR) 75.48/247'8" (75.48, —, 74.64, 74.16, —, 75.46) (31.1.40; 1.83, 120kg).

4, KARL-HANS RIEHM (W Germany) 75.46/247'7" (75.46, 73.08, —, 75.46, 75.42, 74.62) (31.5.51; 1.88, 110kg).

5, WALTER SCHMIDT (W Germany) 74.72/245'2" (72.58, 74.72, 74.36, 73.52, 74.72, 72.42) (7.8.48; 1.92, 135kg).

6, JOCHEN SACHSE (GDR) 74.30/243'9" (71.90, 72.84, 72.80, 73.14, 74.30, 73.70) (2.10.48; 1.92, 115kg).

7, CHRIS BLACK (UK) 73.18/240'1" (70.56, 72.38, 73.18, —, 69.54, —) (1.1.50; 1.88, 108kg).

8, EDWIN KLEIN (W Germany) 71.34/234'1" (68.14, 70.52, 70.32, 70.36, 69.76, 71.34) (19.6.48; 1.90, 120kg).

9, J. Accambray (Fra) 70.44/231'1" (—, 67.52, 70.44); 10, M. Seidel (GDR) 70.02/229'9" (69.66, —, 70.02); 11, S. Murofushi (Jap) 68.88/226'0" (—, 68.62, 68.88); 12, P. Farmer (Aus) 68.00/223'1" (67.98, 67.92, 68.00).

5000 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 & 2 fastest losers to final)

Following a 42 min 10,000 and a 73 sec women's 400, Haiti (which nearly 50 years ago boasted an Olympic long jump silver medallist and world record holder) struck again! Dieudone Lamothe (pb of 16:10 but with a 1976 best of 17:04) enjoyed his moment of glory in the first heat by leading for a lap before finishing five minutes after everybody else. At least he completed the race, and it was sad to see the great Emiel Puttemans—lagging behind the other 12 international class runners—veer off the track with two laps to go. Dave Black went ahead at that point but had dropped to fifth at the bell and lost four more places on the last lap. Dick Quax (recovered from the influenza which ruined his chances in the 10,000) ran out an easy looking winner in 13:31.0 with Lasse Viren content to trot in fourth.

The second heat, softest of the three with the non-appearance of Carlos Lopes, Knut Boro and Dave Fitzsimons after their 10,000m experiences,

was a very slow affair—the second and third kilometres taking around 2:53 apiece. The last lap was lively to say the least, with Willy Polleunis kicking to victory with a sub-56 ahead of Pekka Paivarinta, Klaus-Peter Hildenbrand and Ian Stewart. Much later it was announced that Polleunis, the former world 10 miles record holder, and the world's second ranked (13:13.8) Hildenbrand had been disqualified. It was alleged they had impeded Grant McLaren half a lap from the finish, an incident which drew boos from the crowd, and announced that Rodolfo Gomez and McLaren would take their places in the final. But, as in the case of Wohlluter, it was 'as you were': next day Polleunis and Hildenbrand were reinstated.

What a cracker the third heat was . . . Viren's Olympic record from Munich of 13:26.4 was beaten by the first eight! Only six could go through, so the Finnish revelation of 1976, Lasse Orimus, and plucky Mark Smet (his right hand and forearm bandaged as a result of his fall during the 10,000) were eliminated despite both breaking 13:24. Brendan Foster, his strength restored after his untimely bout of diarrhoea earlier in the week, was the man responsible for the fast times. He really stretched the field as he sped past 1000m in 2:38.6, 2000 in 5:18.8 and 3000 in 8:03.2. Portugal's other top flight distance runner, Aniceto Simoes, rushed through from the back of the eight-man pack to take the lead with three laps remaining and he passed the 4000 mark in 10:47.0. He stayed there until Foster nosed ahead again with 3000 to go and, with a 58 last lap, finished just ahead of Rod Dixon in 13:20.4—his best time for two years.

Heat 1: (2:46.0, 5:26.2, 8:11.2, 10:58.0) 1, D. Quax (NZ) 13:31.0; 2, P. Geis (USA) 13:32.4; 3, B. Kuznyetsov (USSR) 13:32.8; 4, L. Viren (Fin) 13:33.4; 5, J.-M. Conrath (Fra) 13:34.4; 6, L. Hernandez (Mex) 13:36.4; 7, I. Floroiu (Rum) 13:37.2; 8, T. Kamata (Jap) 13:38.2; 9, DAVID BLACK (UK) 13:39.4; 10, E. Warnke (Chile) 13:39.8; 11, E. Leddy (RoI) 13:40.6; 12, F. Cerrada (Spa) 13:44.0; 13, D. Lamothe (Haiti) 18:50.2. E. Puttemans (Bel) dnf.

Heat 2: (2:46.0, 5:39.0, 8:31.0, 11:13.4) 1, W. Polleunis (Bel) 13:45.2; 2, P. Paivarinta (Fin) 13:45.8; 3, K.-P. Hildenbrand (WG) 13:46.0; 4, IAN STEWART (UK) 13:46.0; 5, R. Gomez (Mex) 13:46.2; 6, G. McLaren (Can) 13:46.4; 7, D. MacDonald (USA) 13:47.2; 8, D. Tibaduiza (Colum) 13:49.6; 9, V. Ortis (Ita) 13:52.4; 10, H. Rabbi (Iran) 14:47.2; 11, J. Kokinai (Papua-NG) 14:58.4. D. Fitzsimons (Aus), C. Lopes (Port) & K. Boro (Nor) scr.

Heat 3: (2:38.6, 5:18.8, 8:03.2, 10:47.0) 1, BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 13:20.4 (Olympic rec); 2, R. Dixon (NZ) 13:20.6; 3, K. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:20.6; 4, E. Sellik (USSR) 13:20.8; 5, D. Uhlemann (WG) 13:21.2; 6, A. Simoes (Por) 13:22.0; 7, L. Orimus (Fin) 13:23.4; 8, M. Smet (Bel) 13:23.8; 9, R. Buerkle (USA) 13:29.0; 10, J. Boxberger (Fra) 13:37.0; 11, M. Ryffel (Swi) 13:46.2.

110 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

Guy Drut became the first French trackman in 56 years to win an Olympic gold medal when he broke the United States stranglehold on the high hurdles. Americans had won the last nine times running. It was an achievement which obviously gave Drut a great amount of satisfaction, although it was no more than he expected. "I will win, of course, without problem," he had predicted. The Frenchman's track career has been punctuated by injury and misfortune and it can only have been Drut's own attitude to life ("I never made sacrifices to train; if I did I think I would stop") that has kept his hopes of an Olympic gold medal burning. It was certainly a sweet victory for the French-Canadian citizens packing the stadium.

James Owens, acknowledged as a fantastic starter, was the first to rise in the final and led at the first flight. Drut pulled even at the second hurdle, and as Owens' challenge faded it was the 1968 champion, Willie Davenport, who took over. At the seventh flight Drut began to pull clear and his lunge for the line held off the fast finishing Alejandro Casanas while Davenport got the better of his more fancied team-mate Charles Foster. The time was 13.30... and a year ago Drut himself predicted he would win in 13.28! The wind reading was nil.

Drut's preparation for the Games included a series of competitions in the USA during the winter months which he rated "almost as tough as the Olympic final" and training concentrated on "my weak point—my start". Once in Montreal he avoided pressure from the media by staying in the suburbs with Michel Jazy (they were born in the very same street at Oignies, near Calais!) and it was then that he decided upon his race philosophy. While the French people expected him to win, the "Olympic Games are only a phase in life", and he saw that Jazy's silver medal in the Rome 1500 (1960) had made him "sad in life after Olympic defeat. I tried to turn this around, and avoid making an Olympic gold medal an end in life".

Alejandro Casanas, a world class sprinter, is another of Cuba's outstanding new breed of athlete — he improved from 13.62 before the Games to 13.33—and looks to have the capacity for even further development. With Silvio Leonard injured we will never know just how dangerous their sprint relay squad could have been. At the other end of the scale, Willie Davenport (33) proved that the high hurdles need not be the prerogative of the young, with an astonishing 13.38 for the bronze medal. After the race he was asked for his opinion on the decline in USA track & field standards; and Davenport pointed to the need for a development programme that would avoid the post-collegiate waste. He added that American athletes are "basically as good as they were—the rest of the world just caught up!" Davenport, a semi-finalist (injured) at the 1964 Games, winner in 1968 and fourth in 1972, vowed

he would be back when carried off after severely twisting his knee at last year's AAU Championships. Not only that, he later suffered a blood clot in his lung which kept him in hospital for a month.

Drut, the first European ever to win this title, has confirmed that he will be preparing seriously for the decathlon, in which he scored 7565 six years ago. He intends to compete in one at Talence (France) on September 4th/5th with Daley Thompson as one of his possible rivals. Drut has vaulted 5.20, high jumped 2.01 and long jumped 7.48. Progression: 1968—14.1, 1969—13.7, 1970—13.3, 1971—13.5, 1972—13.3, 1973—13.5, 1974—13.2, 1975—13.0, 1976—13.1.

- 1, GUY DRUT (France) 13.30 (6.12.50; 1.89, 78kg).
- 2, ALEJANDRO CASANAS (Cuba) 13.33 (29.1.54; 1.88, 79kg).
- 3, WILLIE DAVENPORT (USA) 13.38 (8.6.43; 1.86, 84kg).
- 4, CHARLES FOSTER (USA) 13.41 (2.7.53; 1.83, 77kg).
- 5, THOMAS MUNKELT (GDR) 13.44 (3.8.52; 1.85, 78kg).
- 6, JAMES OWENS (USA) 13.73 (5.7.55; 1.83, 80kg).
- 7, VYACHESLAV KULEBYAKIN (USSR) 13.93 (30.11.50; 1.86, 75kg).
- 8, VIKTOR MYASNIKOV (USSR) 13.94 (3.9.48; 1.86, 87kg).

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

The 21 qualifiers for the final naturally took a long time to be whittled down, and with the bar up to 1.89 eleven jumpers were still in touch. One of them, to the delight of a crowd remembering the inspiration found by Ulrike Meyfarth in Munich, was the 16-year-old Canadian schoolgirl Julie White, who set the place alight with her third-attempt clearance of a lifetime best 1.87. But 1.89 proved too much for Julie, as it did for five others, and with the bar raised to 1.91 there were five left: Joni Huntley, Maria Mracnova, 1972 silver medallist Yordanka Blagoeva, Sara Simeoni, and European champion Rosi Ackermann. And however much it may seem that women's high jumping is dominated by floppers, here among the final five the straddlers were in the majority, three to two.

Huntley and Mracnova both went out at 1.91, but the real star was Simeoni. Flopping, in the nicest possible sense, like never before, she had cleared each attempted height first time, and with the bar at an Italian record, once more she went cleanly over first time at 1.91 to take the lead, as Blagoeva failed once. Ackermann, who had needed two attempts at 1.89, also went clear on her first try at 1.91. The three medallists were already decided, but in which order? The bar went up to 1.93, an Olympic record. Simeoni was first, and failed. Then Ackermann's straddle just

tipped the bar off, but when Blagoeva took her first attempt it seemed she was clear; only when she landed in the pit did the bar follow her down, as the roar from the crowd muted into a groan. A natural break in the track events left this high jump with the full attention of the crowd. The Italian failed a second time, then Ackermann went over with a beautifully clean straddle, putting the pressure on the other two. Blagoeva was the only person in the stadium not watching as Ackermann went clear, and on the Bulgarian's own second attempt she again hooked the bar off with her trailing leg. Simeoni, so inspired until now, failed again, to make as decisive an exit from the competition as her jumping had been positive earlier on. Blagoeva had one last chance to stay in the contest, but the noise caused by the steeplechase final, now in progress, made it difficult for her to concentrate. She ran up, and almost lifted the bar off with her hand in a disastrous final effort; Rosi Ackermann was the new Olympic champion. The bar was put up to a world record 1.97/6'5½" (22cm above her head), and at least one of her attempts was close, but the gold medal was already hers, and it must have been difficult to find the incentive to go for a world record too.

The winner, who as Miss Witschas finished 7th in Munich, and has dominated the event for the past three years, began with a 1.46 performance as a 14-year-old. Annual progress: 1966—1.46, 1967—1.65, 1968—1.71, 1969—1.76, 1970—1.77, 1971—1.81, 1972—1.85, 1973—1.91, 1974—1.95, 1975—1.94, 1976—1.96 (world record). She is a specialised textile seller, and a student of inner trade economy in the GDR. Simeoni, the 23-year-old Italian, had her last great tussle with Ackermann at the 1974 European championships in Rome, scene of that rather regrettable whistling incident by the partisan crowd (and where Sara took the bronze). For Blagoeva, the former world record holder at 1.94, it was her third Olympic appearance. She was a non-qualifier in 1968, the silver medallist in Munich, and bronze medallist here. The standard of the competition was unparalleled, Brigitte Holzapfel finding a not inconsiderable leap of 1.87 (as high as Barbara Lawton's UK record and good for fourth in Munich) placing her 11th. Another seven jumped 1.84/6'0¼"!

1, ROSI ACKERMANN (GDR) 1.93/6'4" (Olympic rec) (1.75, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, 2; 1.91, 1; 1.93, 2; 1.97, fail) (4.4.52; 1.75, 59kg).

2, SARA SIMEONI (Italy) 1.91/6'3¼" (1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, 1; 1.91, 1; 1.93, fail) (19.4.53; 1.78, 61kg).

3, YORDANKA BLAGOEVA (Bulgaria) 1.91 (1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, 1; 1.91, 2; 1.93, fail) (9.1.47; 1.74, 65kg).

4, MARIA MRACNOVA (Czechoslovakia) 1.89/6'2¼" (1.75, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, 1; 1.91, fail) (24.9.46; 1.72, 63kg).

5, JONI HUNTLEY (USA) 1.89 (1.75, 2; 1.78,

1; 1.81, 3; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, 2; 1.91, fail) (4.8.56; 1.73, 61kg).

6, TATYANA SCHLACHTO (USSR) 1.87/6'1¼" (1.70, 1; 1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 1; 1.89, fail) (24.11.55; 1.73, 60kg).

7, ANNETTE TANNANDER (Sweden) 1.87 (1.70, 1; 1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 2; 1.89, fail) (13.2.58; 1.76, 66kg).

8, CORNELIA POPA (Romania) 1.87 (1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 2; 1.89, fail) (27.8.50; 1.76, 67kg).

9, A. Matay (Hun) 1.87 (1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 3; 1.89, fail); 10, J. White (Can) 1.87 (1.70, 1; 1.75, 2; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 3; 1.89, fail); 11, B. Holzapfel (WG) 1.87 (1.81, 3; 1.84, 1; 1.87, 3; 1.89, fail); 12 eq, G. Filatova (USSR) 1.84/6'0¼" (1.75, 1; 1.78, 2; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 1; 1.87, fail), S. Hrepevnik (Yug) & R. Ahlers (Neth) (1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 2; 1.84, 1; 1.87, fail); 15 eq, S. Sundqvist (Fin) & C. Debourse (Fra) 1.84 (1.75, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 2; 1.87, fail); 17, A. Pira (Bel) 1.84 (1.75, 1; 1.78, 1; 1.81, 1; 1.84, 2; 1.87, fail); 18, P. Girven (USA) 1.84 (1.70, 1; 1.75, 1; 1.81, 3; 1.84, 3; 1.87, fail); 19, M. Karbanova (Cze) 1.81/5'11¼" (1.75, 1; 1.78, 2; 1.81, 3; 1.84, fail); 20, L. Walker (Can) 1.78/5'10" (1.70, 1; 1.75, 1; 1.78, 2; 1.81, fail); 21, A. Reid (Jam) 1.78 (1.70, 1; 1.75, 2; 1.78, 2; 1.81, fail).

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (FINAL)

The two West Germans, Annegret Richter and Inge Helten, were fastest away, with all eyes on champion Renate Stecher in lane 8 to see how she would respond in the home straight. But as they rounded the final turn, it was clear that another East German, Barbel Eckert (in lane 2), was slightly ahead, with Richter (in lane 5) second, and Stecher third. Down the final 80m this trio was almost in a straight line across the track, but then surprisingly it was Stecher, so renowned for her strength, who began to fade as Eckert kept a fractional lead over Richter until they crossed the line. With Carla Bodendorf fourth and Helten fifth, the two Germanies were totally dominant.

Eckert's winning time of 22.37 (wind: nil) was an Olympic record, with Richter also inside the old mark (held by Stecher) of 22.40. Eckert, a 21-year-old 'student of pedagogic psychology' (to quote the GDR team handbook) has been in athletics for seven years, and first came to notice with three gold medals in the 1973 European Junior championships in Duisburg (200m, 100m hurdles, and 4 x 100m). She was seventh in the 1974 European 100m, and won a gold medal in the sprint relay squad there in Rome. This season she had run 22.91 for 200m, but was ranked only 11th among those actually entered for the Games. She said she had hoped for a medal but had not expected to win. Progression: 1970—25.3, 1971—24.9, 1972—25.6, 1973—22.85, 1974—no 200 races (11.1 100), 1975—injured,

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1976—22.37. She has a best hurdles time of 13.14 dating back to 1973. Annegret Richter, the 100m champion, improved her best 200m to 22.39 and with one gold and one silver medal (just 0.02 sec behind the winner) must rank as the female sprinter of the Games.

1, BARBEL ECKERT (GDR) 22.37 (Olympic rec) (21.3.55; 1.73, 58kg).

2, ANNEGRET RICHTER (W Germany) 22.39 (13.10.50; 1.67, 52kg).

3, RENATE STECHER (GDR) 22.47 (12.5.50; 1.70, 70kg).

4, CARLA BODENDORF (GDR) 22.64 (13.8.53; 1.64, 58kg).

5, INGE HELTEN (W Germany) 22.68 (31.12.50; 1.71, 58kg).

6, TATYANA PROROCHEENKO (USSR) 23.03 (15.3.52; 1.66, 54kg).

7, DENISE ROBERTSON (Australia) 23.05 (15.12.52; 1.75, 61kg).

8, CHANTAL REGA (France) 23.09 (7.8.55; 1.66, 57kg).

3000 STEEPLECHASE (FINAL)

When Anders Garderud won the European Junior 1500m steeplechase title twelve years ago a glittering future was predicted. Certainly, the tall Swede was to make his mark as a world record breaker and purveyor of fast times on the flat at everything between 800 (1:47.2) and 5000 (13:17.6)—but as a major Games competitor his record was poor: eliminated in the heats at the 1966 European and the Olympics of 1968 and 1972; tenth in the 1971 European steeplechase final after clocking the fastest heat time. He stopped the rot when in Rome two years ago he finished second to Bronislaw Malinowski but there were many who felt he might not be temperamentally equipped to land the biggest prize of all. But, by taking the 1976 Olympic title in the glorious world record time of 8:08.0, Garderud has answered the doubters. It was a race that will long be discussed; it had everything, even a fall at the last barrier which cost Frank Baumgartl his chance of the gold medal. Whether the East German would have won we shall never know; the point is he made a serious mistake when under pressure, Garderud didn't, and it's unfair to detract from the Swede's victory.

Dennis Coates, the revelation of the heats, showed up briefly in front at the start of the second lap, to be overtaken by Antonio Campos whose time at the kilometre was 2:43.6 (it was 2:40.5 at that stage during Garderud's world record 8:09.8 last year). Britain's other finalist, Tony Staynings, was last, some 25m behind the leader. Malinowski took over at the halfway mark and began to pep up the pace. With a kilometre to go, reached in 5:29.1 (5:28.5 in Garderud's record), Malinowski had pulled Baumgartl, Garderud and Tapio Kantanen 15m clear of Campos, with Coates well out of contention in eighth place.

Malinowski strove to draw away without success, and as the bell sounded Baumgartl and Garderud were within a stride's length of him, with Kantanen 5m down and Michael Karst fifth 30m behind. The Pole's fears that he would be in danger if he couldn't shake off his Swedish rival before the last lap were justified when Garderud burst ahead with 300m left, with Baumgartl also challenging Malinowski. Excitement ran high as Garderud took the final water jump 5m ahead of Baumgartl and 8m in front of Malinowski, and even higher when it could be seen that the 21-year-old East German was closing fast on the leader. He and Garderud rose together for the final hurdle but whereas the Swede took it cleanly and strode on towards a world record and eternal glory, Baumgartl suffered what every 'chaser dreads . . . falling at the last barrier with victory within grasp. He shuffled just prior to taking off, struck the obstacle with his right knee and crashed down in the second lane. Malinowski, in vain pursuit of Garderud, had to veer across the prone body into lane one, losing a few tenths in the process but not enough to have affected the outcome. Baumgartl picked himself up as soon as Malinowski had passed and finished a gallant third . . . in 8:10.4!

The times were fantastic. Covering the final kilometre in 2:38.9, Garderud chopped 1.8 sec off his previous record and fulfilled a prophecy made last year: "The winner at Montreal will have to run under my world record, perhaps 8:08. I hope to be successful at Montreal, but I must be ready to break my world record." Malinowski was also inside the previous figures with 8:09.2, while Baumgartl — in only his fourth season of steeplechasing—improved from a best of 8:17.6, having been out of action for much of this season because of a thigh injury. Kantanen, the Munich bronze medallist, was a brilliant if largely unnoticed fourth in 8:12.6, which would have been a world record a year ago. Euan Robertson, whom the New Zealand selectors obstinately refused to choose until he clocked 8:22.8 on a European tour, finished a fine sixth in 8:21.2. Coates' time of 8:23.0 in ninth place was the second quickest of his career, although a repetition of his heat time would have placed fifth, Staynings was never really part of the race but still ran within 5 sec or so of his best ever.

Baumgartl, the 1973 European Junior steeplechase champion (a title won by Garderud in 1964 and Malinowski in 1970), told reporters: "I didn't have time to think of anything, I was just down. I remembered that when this happened to Viren in the 10,000m in Munich, he got up and won the gold medal. I thought of that as I got back to my feet. It was instinct to continue, and I don't even want to speculate on whether I would have won the gold medal or not. The simple fact is Anders won this race." He said he would like to try the 1500 (his best is 3:41.4) and 5000 (13:46.6) in future. Garderud ("I saw him over the last hurdle; I think he was more tired than I was") announced that he will con-

tinue running for one more year and after that would turn to orienteering "for the rest of my life". His progression: 1965—8:59.4, 1969—8:38.6, 1970—8:45.6, 1971—8:28.4, 1972—8:20.8, 1973—8:18.4, 1974—8:14.2, 1975—8:09.8, 1976—8:08.0.

1, ANDERS GARDERUD (Sweden) 8:08.0 (World & Olympic rec) (28.5.46; 1.86, 70kg).

2, BRONISLAW MALINOWSKI (Poland) 8:09.2 (4.6.51; 1.81, 68kg).

3, FRANK BAUMGARTL (GDR) 8:10.4 (29.5.55; 1.72, 57kg).

4, TAPIO KANTANEN (Finland) 8:12.6 (31.5.49; 1.84, 73kg).

5, MICHAEL KARST (W Germany) 8:20.2 (18.1.52; 1.73, 60kg).

6, EUAN ROBERTSON (New Zealand) 8:21.2.

7, DAN GLANS (Sweden) 8:21.6 (2.5.47; 1.75, 64kg).

8, ANTONIO CAMPOS (Spain) (19.4.51; 1.74, 70kg).

9, DENNIS COATES (UK) 8:23.0; 10, H. Marsh (USA) 8:24.0; 11, TONY STAYNINGS (UK) 8:33.8; 12, I. Tuokkonen (Fin) 8:42.8.

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Irena Szewinska, who had taken it very easily so far, set an Olympic record of 50.48, easing up at the finish. Marita Koch (50.46 this year), considered a possible medallist, was a non-starter. Rosalyn Bryant held on after a very fast 300 to win the second semi in an American record of 50.62.

Heat 1: 1, I. Szewinska (Pol) 50.48 (Olympic rec); 2, E. Streidt (GDR) 50.51; 3, S. Ingram (USA) 50.90; 4, R. Salin (Fin) 51.26; 5, B. Nail (Aus) 51.44; 6, L. Aksyonova (USSR) 51.55; 7, C. Wildschek (Aut) 52.20. M. Koch (GDR) scr.

Heat 2: 1, R. Bryant (USA) 50.62; 2, C. Brehmer (GDR) 50.86; 3, P. Haggman (Fin)

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Sixth Day Thursday, July 29th

TRIPLE JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Joao Carlos Oliveira, Viktor Sanyeyev, James Butts and Tommy Haynes emerged as the likely medal contenders, all jumping well beyond the qualifying mark of 16.30/53'5 1/2" in the opening round. Wolfgang Kolmsee improved from 16.51 to set a new West German record of 16.68. Casualties included Michal Joachimowski (16.86 this year), Andrzej Sontag (16.81), 16.77 performer Armando Herrera (trying to jump here with a knee injury which required mid-competition treatment) and double Olympic medallist Nelson Prudencio. Aston Moore failed to register a jump, appearing severely hampered by a sore right foot in the step phase of his jump.

Qualifiers: J. Oliveira (Bra) 16.81; V. Sanyeyev (USSR) 16.77; W. Kolmsee (WG) 16.68; T. Haynes (USA) 16.62; J. Butts (USA) 16.55; J. Vycichlo (Cze) —, 16.00, 16.54; P. Perez (Cub) 16.51; R. Dupree (USA) 14.29, 16.20, 16.50; E. Biskupski (Pol) 16.46; B. Lamitie (Fra) 16.39; P. Kuukasjarvi (Fin) 16.31; C. Corbu (Rum) 16.30.

Non-qualifiers: M. Joachimowski (Pol) 16.08, 16.29, —; N. Prudencio (Bra) 16.18, 16.22, 14.79; V. Shevchenko (USSR) 16.15, 15.97, 16.00; T. Inoue (Jap) 16.06, —, 15.99; J. Hegedis (Yug) 15.50, 16.03, 16.00; R. Cid (Spa) 16.00, —, —; A. Herrera (Cub) 15.98, —, —; A. Sontag (Pol) 15.72, 15.30, 15.82; M. Peters (Ant) 14.94, —, —; A. Kathiniotis (Gre) 14.13, —, —; M. Bohari (Saudi A) 13.85, —, —; P. Robins (Bah) & ASTON MOORE (UK) 3 fouls.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

With the field finally decided upon, the shocks were still not over. Johanna Schaller, on paper the slowest of the three East Germans in the event, was quickest away and already had a slight lead at the first hurdle. Grazyna Rabstzyn, the favourite, duelled vainly with Tatyana Anisimova for second place, just a fraction behind Schaller, but as the race progressed it was the Pole who surprisingly faded. She hit the last hurdle hard, to add insult to injury, but was already out of contention, as Schaller edged Anisimova for the gold medal in 12.77 by the narrowest of margins possible, and Natalya Lebedyeva (12.80) just held off Gudrun Berend (12.82) for the bronze. The wind reading was nil.

So in an event full of surprises, the Olympic

title stayed in the German Democratic Republic, but through Schaller, whose pre-Games best was 'only' 12.99. A 23-year-old PE student from Erfurt, Schaller's fastest time before this year was a manual 13.0 in 1974, and she has a pentathlon best of 4481, set in 1973. This was one event where the winning performance was slower than in 1972, when Annelie Ehrhardt ran 12.59.

"In May," said Schaller, "I really didn't think I would make it at all, and I really felt badly earlier in the afternoon when Annelie didn't qualify for the final." Her progression: 1973—13.2, 1974—13.0, 1975—13.2, 1976—12.77 (ranks third on world all-time list).

- 1, JOHANNA SCHALLER (GDR) 12.77 (13.9.52; 1.72, 69kg).
- 2, TATYANA ANISIMOVA (USSR) 12.78 (19.10.49; 1.72, 64kg).
- 3, NATALYA LEBEDYEVA (USSR) 12.80 (24.8.49; 1.72, 67kg).
- 4, GUDRUN BEREND (GDR) 12.82 (27.4.55; 1.68, 65kg).
- 5, GRAZYNA RABSZTYN (Poland) 12.96 (20.9.52; 1.72, 61kg).
- 6, ESTHER ROT (Israel) 13.04 (16.4.52; 1.65, 56kg).
- 7, VALERIA STEFANESCU (Rumania) 13.35 (7.10.46; 1.70, 60kg).
- 8, ILEANA ONGAR (Italy) 13.51 (24.12.52; 1.68, 60kg).

WOMEN'S 1500 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 & fastest loser to final)

Memories of Lyudmila Bragina's extravagant running in the Munich semi-finals came back as another Soviet athlete, Raisa Katjukova, sped through 400m in 62.5, with the Olympic champion on her shoulder, and most of the field bunched behind her. Katjukova continued in front, passing 800m in 2:10.0 and 1200m in 3:15.7, but with 200m left Jan Merrill, who had seemed to be hanging on for grim death earlier, suddenly turned on a terrific sprint to go from sixth to first, leading into the straight. Katjukova (second on the all-time list with 3:59.8) faded, as Ulrike Klapezynski, Nikolina Shtereva and Gunhild Hoffmeister took up the chase, eventually nailing Merrill some 40m before the line. Bragina, also reaching down for hidden speed, came from sixth to third in the last 40m, and Merrill, fifth, was left to wonder if her inspired run of 4:02.6 would be fast enough.

By the time the second heat had gone round opening laps in 70.7 and 2:17.1, it seemed that it would. Natalia Marasescu led until 1200m when Christiane Stoll made the first break for home. Mary Stewart, who had been content to stay near the back, was seventh when the break came, and in almost a repeat—to the nearest second—of the previous day's blanket heat finish, seven girls were ranged across the track in the final straight, with Tatyana Kazankina, the eventual winner,

looking the easiest. Stoll, who went at 1200m, ended up eighth! And Mary Stewart, who seemed to be full of running at the end but unable to find a way through the bodies, was fifth in 4:07.7, and eliminated. "I thought it was my type of race," she commented.

Heat 1: (62.5, 2:10.0, 3:15.7) 1, U. Klapezynski (GDR) 4:02.1; 2, N. Shtereva (Bul) 4:02.3; 3, L. Bragina (USSR) 4:02.4; 4, G. Hoffmeister (GDR) 4:02.5; 5, J. Merrill (USA) 4:02.6; 6, R. Katjukova (USSR) 4:03.2; 7, B. Kraus (WG) 4:04.2; 8, G. Waitz (Nor) 4:04.8; 9, S. Castelein (Bel) 4:13.5.

Heat 2: (70.7, 2:17.1, 3:21.2) 1, T. Kazankina (USSR) 4:07.4; 2, N. Holmen (Fin) 4:07.5; 3, E. Wellmann (WG) 4:07.5; 4, G. Dorio (Ita) 4:07.6; 5, MARY STEWART (UK) 4:07.7; 6, V. Jazinska (Bul) 4:07.9; 7, N. Marasescu (Rum) 4:07.9; 8, C. Stoll (GDR) 4:08.3; 9, F. Larrieu (USA) 4:09.1.

WOMEN'S DISCUS (FINAL)

Considered one of the few firm favourites at these Games, Faina Melnik will want to forget all about her second Olympic appearance. Not only did she lose her title, but after an official wrangle she finished up without any medal. Evelin Schlaak's opening round bombshell (69.00) shook the world record holder and after four tries her best stood at 66.40 in fourth place. Preparing for her fifth attempt, Melnik twice moved across the circle without actually throwing — and was greeted with a red flag. Melnik argued with the official that she hadn't exceeded the time limit allowed for a throw, and the USSR's IAAF delegate protested on her behalf (though he had no right to do so). After a few minutes of confusion, Melnik was allowed to take her fifth attempt again — and promptly threw 68.60 to move into second place, ahead of Maria Vergova (67.30) and Gabriele Hinzmann (66.84). There were no changes in the final round and that, one assumed, was the result. Next morning it was announced that "after viewing the video film and after hearing all the evidence the jury upheld the decision of the chief judge and the referee in the protest that the fifth trial of Melnik was twice interrupted and therefore the fifth trial must be disallowed". Melnik's best thus reverted to 66.84 and she placed fourth.

There was another sensational twist to this competition: Danuta Rosani of Poland, who had qualified for the final but did not appear, 'failed' the anabolic steroid test and was disqualified from the Games — the first athlete in Olympic history to be so penalised. The IAAF, in turn, is obliged to impose a suspension (which could be for life) on the athlete, a 25-year-old with a personal best of 62.60.

The new champion, Evelin Schlaak, is only 20 and she was European junior champion three years ago. She looked as stunned as anybody at the length of her first throw and she followed that up with two other good ones. Progression:

1969—23.00, 1970—43.14, 1971—49.38, 1972—50.00, 1973—60.00, 1974—63.26, 1975—63.44, 1976—69.00 (third on world all-time list).

1, EVELIN SCHLAAK (GDR) 69.00/226'4" (Olympic rec) (69.00, 66.80, 66.12, —, 61.24, 64.80) (28.3.56; 1.79, 86kg).

2, MARIA VERGOVA (Bulgaria) 67.30/220'9" (62.22, 67.30, 60.44, 59.86, 62.70, —) (31.11.50; 1.85, 117kg).

3, GABRIELE HINZMANN (GDR) 66.84/219'3" (66.68, 66.10, 66.84, 66.24, 66.32, —) (31.5.47; 1.78, 82kg).

4, FAINA MELNIK (USSR) 66.40/217'10" (64.48, 65.42, 62.76, 66.40, —, 64.20) (9.6.45; 1.73, 90kg).

5, SABINE ENGEL (GDR) 65.88/216'2" (—, 61.18, 65.46, 65.88, 64.92, 61.18) (21.4.54; 1.79, 86kg).

6, ARGENTINA MENIS (Rumania) 65.38/214'6" (62.82, 62.50, 63.70, 64.14, 65.38, 63.48) (19.7.48; 1.71, 85kg).

7, MARIA BETANCOURT (Cuba) 63.86/209'6" (61.28, 60.24, 63.86, 59.58, 58.28, 61.24) (15.12.47; 1.75, 86kg).

8, NATALYA GORBACHOVA (USSR) 63.46/208'2" (63.02, 60.98, 62.24, —, 63.46, —) (24.7.47; 1.82, 99kg).

9, C. Romero (Cub) 61.18/200'9" (60.90, 59.90, 61.18); 10, O. Andrianova (USSR) 60.80/199'6" (60.80, 56.18, 59.90); 11, J. Haist (Can) 59.74/196'0" (59.74, —, —); 12, R. Pfister (Swi) 57.24/187'9" (—, 56.72, 57.24); 13, L. Moreau (Can) 55.88/183'4" (55.88, —, 53.00). D. Rosani (Pol) scr.

LONG JUMP (FINAL)

Arnie Robinson, 1972 bronze medallist and top ranked long jumper this year with 8.32, maintained the USA's fine gold medal tradition in this event, William Petterson (Sweden) in 1912 and Lynn Davies in 1964 being the only athletes to have broken the sequence since 1896. Whilst Robinson's opening jump, a personal best of 8.35/27'4½" (into an 0.6m wind) scarcely compared with Bob Beamon's 8.90 in 1968 its effect was equally devastating on the competition—and both his second and third best leaps would have won him the gold medal. With four AAU titles to his credit since 1971 and first place in this year's Olympic Trial, Robinson was certainly the No 1 string jumper for the USA and he himself stated at the Trials in Eugene—"We (the Americans) will have the toughest team ever assembled; all of us are potential 28-foot jumpers".

After a three year blight of top-class performances, Randy Williams (the reigning Olympic champion) came right back to form to become the biggest threat to Robinson. His fine opening jump of 8.11 won him the silver medal, and only one other man in Olympic long jump history has added a silver to a gold: Ralph Boston. Frank

Wartenberg produced an 'out of the blue' 8.02 in the fourth round to leap-frog the 8.00 opening jumps of Jacques Rousseau and the seemingly indifferent 'Joao the jump' Carlos Oliveira, the latter passing up his fourth and fifth jumps to save himself for his main event, next day's triple jump.

Robinson, who has the speed to run 9.3 for 100y and the spring to leap 2.08, had predicted a month before the Games that a jump of between 8.30 and 8.40 would suffice for victory and stressed the importance of a long opening jump. He said after his victory that his wife had supported him for the past three years in his bid for Olympic honours. "What we need is a system where the top five or ten athletes in each event in the States get \$10,000 a year financial aid". Because of injury he hadn't been certain, until a few days before the event, that he would be able to compete. His progression: 1969—7.77, 1970—7.87, 1971—8.04, 1972—8.14, 1973—7.78, 1974—8.30, 1975—8.35w/8.28, 1976—8.37w/8.35. Quote from Randy Williams: "It takes a big meet to get me jumping well. It's been a long road, an uphill struggle since Munich." The third US jumper, Larry Myricks injured himself warming up and was whisked away from the stadium by ambulance.

1, ARNIE ROBINSON (USA) 8.35/27'4½" (8.35, 8.26, —, 8.04, 8.16, 7.91) (7.4.48; 1.88, 75kg).

2, RANDY WILLIAMS (USA) 8.11/26'7¼" (8.11, 7.81, —, —, —, 7.81) (23.8.53; 1.75, 67kg).

3, FRANK WARTENBERG (GDR) 8.02/26'3¼" (7.81, pass, —, 8.02, 7.84, —) (29.5.55; 1.88, 75kg).

4, JACQUES ROUSSEAU (France) 8.00/26'3" (8.00, 7.82, 7.67, 7.91, —, 7.62) (10.3.51; 1.86, 79kg).

5, JOAO CARLOS OLIVEIRA (Brazil) 8.00 (8.00, —, 7.76, pass, pass, 7.85) (28.5.54; 1.86, 76kg).

6, NENAD STEKIC (Yugoslavia) 7.89/25'10¼" (7.75, 7.81, 7.89, 7.80, —, 7.77) (7.3.51; 1.80, 72kg).

7, VALERIY PODLUZHNY (USSR) 7.88/25'10¼" (7.70, 7.88, 7.77, 7.84, —, 7.66) (22.8.52; 1.75, 72kg).

8, HANS BAUMGARTNER (W Germany) 7.84/25'8¼" (—, —, 7.84, —, —, —) (30.5.49; 1.87, 75kg).

9, R. Bernhard (Swi) 7.74/25'4¼" (7.70, 7.71, 7.74); 10, A. Pereverzev (USSR) 7.66/25'1¼" (7.55 4.89, 7.66); 11, F. Lewis (Bah) 7.61/24'11¼" (7.61, 7.31, —). L. Myricks (USA) scr.

400 METRES (FINAL)

Not since Jamaica's George Rhoden in 1952 had a Caribbean sprinter won the Olympic 400m title. Indeed, that was the last time anyone other than an American had taken the gold medal. And although Fred Newhouse, Herman Frazier

and Maxie Parks had looked good in their heats, the huge figure of Alberto Juantorena had looked better, while giving little real indication of his 400m speed in Montreal, preferring to amble in once safely in a qualifying position. His personal best time of 44.70 put him top of the 1976 rankings, but Parks (the AAU and US Trials winner) had run 44.82, and there was always the possibility that Juantorena might go off too fast and choke, or else go off too slowly and leave himself too much to do in the straight. But it proved all wishful thinking on the Americans' part. Juantorena paced himself just right, and if anything it was Newhouse who gambled and lost.

Drawn just inside David Jenkins, in lane 4, he powered off at the start and came alongside Jenkins on the backstraight, to lead past the 200m mark. The Cuban had really got full power up round that final turn, however, and although he was still 2m down at 300m, it was Newhouse whose head was waving from side to side with the strain, and Juantorena who pulled him back, as if using a rope. He went past with 50m left and at the line Juantorena, in lane 2, had one of his strides, or two of anybody else's, to spare over the American. Fons Brydenbach, who had run 'blind' in lane eight, tried to come at the leaders down the home stretch, but Frazier, also with a final effort in lane 3, just kept hold of the bronze.

Jenkins gave his all, finishing seventh in 45.57, but he never seemed to recover from the shock of starting fast and then finding Newhouse coming alongside him so early in the race. One wonders if he and coach David Hemery will think more towards the 800m for the future, as Juantorena demonstrated here that both events can be combined. The Cuban was really one of the stars of the Games, with his winning time of 44.26 (disregarding Wayne Collett's manually-timed 44.1 in 1972) being the third fastest 400m ever, and the fastest at low altitude. Newhouse's 44.40 second place ranks next in the same circumstances.

Juantorena, the only man ever to have landed the 400/800 double, revealed details of his training to Neil Admur of the 'New York Times'. A typical morning session would comprise 2 x 150m ("very fast, maybe 16.5 sec") with a five minute rest between each, 10 minute rest, 2 x 200m ("fast, between 20.1 and 21 flat"). In the afternoon he might run 4 x 600m ("maybe around 1:25") with a five minute rest between each. His progression: 1971—48.2, 1972—45.9, 1973—45.4, 1974—44.7, 1975—44.8, 1976—44.26. Says Mal Whitfield, who came close to achieving the same double in the 1948 Olympics (1st 800, 3rd 400): "He's phenomenal. He's got about a nine-foot stride and reminds me of myself out there. He's what the future's going to be like in running." Newhouse: "When I came off the final turn I really thought I had a gold medal. I didn't think he could catch me. I was really surprised when he passed me but his stride was longer than mine."

1. ALBERTO JUANTORENA (Cuba) 44.26 (3.12.51; 1.88, 84kg).
2. FRED NEWHOUSE (USA) 44.40 (8:11.48; 1.75, 67kg).
3. HERMAN FRAZIER (USA) 44.95 (29.10.54; 1.86, 69kg).
4. FONS BRYDENBACH (Belgium) 45.04 (12.10.54; 1.85, 80kg).
5. MAXIE PARKS (USA) 45.24 (9.7.51; 1.88, 77kg).
6. RICHARD MITCHELL (Australia) 45.40 (22.3.55; 1.83, 70kg).
7. DAVID JENKINS (UK) 45.57 (25.5.52; 1.90, 82kg).
8. JAN WERNER (Poland) 45.63 (25.7.46; 1.92, 84kg).

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (FINAL)

Irena Szewinska made the right decision in concentrating on a single event, for it enabled

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10 and 11 years Race 1.00 p.m. 1½ Miles

Colts (12 & 13) Relay 1.20 p.m. 4 x 2½ Miles

Youths (16 & 17) Relay 2.30 p.m. 4 x 2½ Miles

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(Ages as on 31st August, 1976)

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CLOSING DATE SATURDAY, 28th AUG.

her to channel all her talent and energy into one supreme effort. The outcome was one of the greatest feats in track and field history with Irena, already acknowledged as the outstanding woman athlete of all time, surpassing all that has gone before. Not only did she turn back the challenge of 18-year-old Christina Brehmer, who held the world record for a while this year with 49.77; she destroyed her and the rest of the field to win by the extraordinary margin of almost ten metres. The time was breathtaking, too, at 49.29—smashing her own world record by 0.46 sec. That's faster than Bevil Rudd achieved when defeating Guy Butler for the 1920 Olympic crown.

Szewinska ran a flawless race from the fourth lane. Only Rosalyn Bryant, out in lane 7, matched the Pole's early speed (23.1 at 200), and even Brehmer (lane 2) was seen to be struggling to stay within reach. Into the final straight Szewinska held a substantial lead over Brehmer, with Bryant an equally clear third, and holding her stride and form magnificently the great Irena pulled even further ahead. Ellen Streidt (fourth in the 200 at Munich) and Finland's rapidly improving Pirjo Hagman (née Wilmi) finished fast and although they didn't quite catch Brehmer they did overtake Bryant.

"This was my most satisfying gold medal of all," declared Irena, "and although I will run next year and perhaps the following season, I will not be back for another Olympics in 1980." The 30-year-old housewife and mother from Warsaw, the most admired woman athlete in the world, made Olympic history by winning a medal for the fourth Games running—something no woman had previously achieved. Irena began her Olympic career in Tokyo when she won a gold in the 4 x 100 relay and silvers in the 200 and long jump (behind Mary Rand); in 1968 she won the 200 and placed third in the 100; she was restricted to one bronze (200) in Munich; and now she has won the 400—a total of three gold, two silver and two bronze from five different events! Her progression at 400: 1973—52.0, 1974—49.9, 1975—50.5, 1976—49.29.

1, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland) 49.29 (World & Olympic rec) (24.5.46; 1.76, 63kg).

2, CHRISTINA BREHMER (GDR) 50.51 (28.2.58; 1.69, 54kg).

3, ELLEN STREIDT (GDR) 50.55 (27.7.52; 1.69, 54kg).

4, PIRJO HAGGMAN (Finland) 50.56 (8.6.51; 1.65, 57kg).

5, ROSALYN BRYANT (USA) 50.65 (7.1.56; 1.65, 57kg).

6, SHEILA INGRAM (USA) 50.90 (23.3.57; 1.63, 52kg).

7, RIITTA SALIN (Finland) 50.98 (16.10.50; 1.73, 58kg).

8, DEBRA SAPENTER (USA) 51.66 (27.2.52; 1.70, 52kg).

1500 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 3 & 3 fastest losers to semis)

The times recorded in this, the first round, were remarkable as sixteen men ducked under 3:40, led by John Walker's 3:36.9. Mike Durkin ran 3:38.9—worth well under 3:57 for a mile for those who still think in those terms—and still wasn't able to qualify as one of three fastest losers! All three Britons advanced safely. Steve Ovett ran a 39 sec last 300, moving from sixth at the bell to fourth at 200, and winning in a personal best of 3:37.9. Frank Clement was even faster in Walker's heat, missing his own UK record of 3:37.4 by just a tenth. Bronislaw Malinowski ensured fast times in that race by laying on a 58.9/1:58.4 pace, and then Paul Craig threw in a 57.9 third lap. Walker sauntered ahead in the last 250, while Clement fought his way into second place in the final 50. The fastest finish came from Eamonn Coghlan in the last heat; he sped through the final 300 in 38.8, followed by Dave Moorcroft.

Heat 1: (62.4, 2:06.1, 3:03.7) 1, M. Nevens (Bel) 3:44.2; 2, H. Baiona De Jesus (Por) 3:44.2; 3, J. Zemen (Hun) 3:44.3; 4, A. Svensson (Swe) 3:44.4; 5, E. Hoving (Neth) 3:45.0; 6, M. Centrowitz (USA) 3:45.0; 7, A. Loikkanen (Fin) 3:45.3; 8, R. Sorensen (Den) 3:45.4.

Heat 2: (58.2, 1:58.9, 2:58.4) 1, STEVE OVETT (UK) 3:37.9; 2, T. Wessinghage (WG) 3:37.9; 3, F. Pacheco Mamede (Port) 3:38.0; 4, H. Mignon (Bel) 3:38.3; 5, M. Durkin (USA) 3:38.9; 6, G. Ghipe (Rum) 3:39.2; 7, G. Hasler (Lie) 3:39.3; 8, M. Laine (Fin) 3:45.3; 9, F. Menocal (Nic) 4:12.5.

Heat 3: (58.9, 1:58.4, 2:56.3) 1, J. Walker (NZ) 3:36.9; 2, FRANK CLEMENT (UK) 3:37.5; 3, G. Crouch (Aus) 3:38.0; 4, P. Craig (Can) 3:38.0; 5, F. Gonzalez (Fra) 3:38.6; 6, B. Malinowski (Pol) 3:41.7; 7, A. Asgerisson (Ice) 3:45.5; 8, S. Al Shaibani (Saudi A) 4:08.7. A. Garderud (Swe) scr.

Heat 4: (61.0, 2:03.2, 3:00.1) 1, P-H. Wellmann (WG) 3:39.9; 2, I. Van Damme (Bel) 3:39.9; 3, R. Wohlhuter (USA) 3:39.9; 4, N. O'Shaughnessy (RoI) 3:40.1; 5, A. Colon (PR) 3:43.5; 6, U. Hogberg (Swe) 3:48.0; 7, P. Spir (Can) 3:59.6 (fell); 8, E. St Hilaire (Haiti) 4:23.4.

Heat 5: (59.8, 2:01.7, 3:01.1) 1, E. Coghlan (RoI) 3:39.9; 2, DAVID MOORCROFT (UK) 3:40.7; 3, D. Hill (Can) 3:41.2; 4, K. Fleschen (WG) 3:42.1; 5, R. Gysin (Swi) 3:42.7; 6, L. Mendina (Cub) 3:42.7; 7, L. Kaupang (Nor) 3:44.6; 8, S. Zacharopoulos (Gre) 3:45.1; 9, M. Siddique (Pak) 3:45.6.

DECATHLON

See following day's report.

Seventh Day

Friday, July 30th

HIGH JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Dwight Stones was heartily booed by incensed local fans, still smarting from the American's scathing remarks about Montreal and French-Canadians prior to leaving the Olympic Village to return to California for the completion of his Olympic preparations. Stones, who enjoys playing 'the heavy', revelled in the crowd's reaction. "I love it. These people have no idea what they are doing to help me psyche up for this meet. They are simply proving that they are everything I have been saying they are when it comes to being rude." In silly retaliation, some American supporters—indignant at their hero being jeered—themselves booed Montreal's own Claude Ferragne. Both were among the 14 who qualified by jumping 2.16/7'1".

Qualifiers: J. Wszola (Pol), J. Barrineau (USA), S. Senyukov (USSR), R. Beilschmidt (GDR), S. Budalov (USSR), G. Joy (Can), D. Stones (USA), C. Ferragne (Can), R. Bergamo (Ita), R. Almen (Swe), W. Jankunis (USA), L-R. Falkum (Nor), T. Totland (Nor), J. Torring (Den)—all 2.16.

Non-qualifiers: G. Moreau (Bel), E. Kelemen (Hun), W. Boller (WG), H. Lauterbach (GDR), K. Koshikawa (Jap) & K. Fukura (Jap) 2.13; D. Temin (Yug) & T. Ghiassi (Iran) 2.10; W. Killing (WG), R. Fortini (Ita), R. Forget (Can), I. Major (Hun), J. Carrasco (Spa), O. Raise (Ita), P. Poaniewa (Fra), F. Morillas (Spa), J. Aletti (Fra), M. Romersa (Lux), R. Spencer (Cuba), C. Godwin (Ber) 2.05; C. Abhunza (Nic), I. Chedid Cecy (Bra) & G. Saleh (Saudi A) failed opening ht.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 5 & fastest loser to semis)

Heat 1: 1, USA (H. Glance, J. Jones, M. Hampton, S. Riddick) 38.76; 2, Italy (V. Guerini, L. Caravani, V. Milanese, P. Mennea) 39.35; 3, Poland (A. Swierczynski, M. Woronin, B. Grezyszcak, Z. Licznarski) 39.41; 4, Bermuda (M. Sharpe, D. Trott, C. Dill, G. Simons) 39.90; 5, Spain (J. Sanchez Paraiso, J. Martinez, F. Lopez, L. Sarria) 39.93; 6, Ivory Coast (K. Kraarsene, K. Degnan, K. Gastom, A. Meite) 40.23; 7, Antigua (C. Greenaway, P. Richards, E. Cornelius, E. Turner) 41.84.

Heat 2: 1, GDR (M. Kokot, J. Pfeifer, K-D. Kurrat, A. Thieme) 39.42; 2, W Germany (K. Ehl, K. Bieler, D. Steinmann, R. Borchert) 39.63; 3, USSR (A. Aksinin, N. Kolesnikov, Y. Silov, V. Borzov) 39.98; 4, Senegal (C. Dorosario, M. Ndao, B. Sy, A. Fall) 40.40; 5, Thailand (A. Ratanapol, S. Jaisuraparp, S. Boontud, S. Paratanavong) 40.53; 6, Kuwait (A. Abdulkareem, A.

Alawad, I. Alrabeeah, A. Abbas Hashem) 41.61; 7, Saudi Arabia (M. Sehly, A. Al Malky, S. Khalifa, H. Ali) 42.00.

Heat 3: 1, Cuba (F. Gomez, A. Casanas, H. Ramirez, S. Leonard) 39.54; 2, France (J-C. Amoureux, J. Arame, L. Sainte-Rose, D. Chauvelot) 39.71; 3, Canada (H. Spooner, M. Nash, A. Dukowski, H. Fraser) 39.72; 4, Trinidad (A. Husbands, C. Braithwaite, C. Joseph, F. Adams) 40.08; 5, Bahamas (D. Smith, W. Callendah, C. Sands, L. Jervis) 40.47; 6, Barbados (R. Clarke, H. Grimes, P. Jordan, P. Trotman) 41.15.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

The USA improved their heat time of 38.76 to 38.51 in what amounted to a time-trial. Silvio Leonard brought Cuba home in second place, looking far from injured.

Heat 1: 1, USA 38.51; 2, Cuba 39.25; 3, GDR 39.43; 4, Canada 39.46; 5, Bermuda 39.78; 6, Trinidad 39.88; 7, Ivory Coast 40.64; 8, Thailand 40.68.

Heat 2: 1, Poland 39.09; 2, France 39.33; 3, USSR 39.36; 4, Italy 39.39; 5, W Germany 39.58; 6, Senegal 40.37; 7, Bahamas 40.53. Spain disq.

WOMEN'S 4 x 400 METRES RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 3 & 2 fastest losers to final)

National records by the USSR, USA (equal), West Germany, Australia, Canada and Belgium; a near world record by the GDR; a season's best for the UK quartette. Everybody did well except for Jamaica, who never had the chance as their lead-off runner was disqualified for two false starts. The fastest split may have been Riitta Salin's 49.5. Unofficial times for the British team: Liz Barnes 53.8, Gladys Taylor 51.3, Verona Elder (who went from sixth to third) 51.4, and Donna Murray 50.6.

Heat 1: 1, USSR (I. Klimovicha, L. Aksyionova, N. Sokolova, N. Ilyina) 3:24.5; 2, USA (D. Saperstein, S. Ingram, P. Jiles, R. Bryant) 3:25.2; 3, Finland (P. Haggman, M. Lindholm, M-L. Pursiainen, R. Salin) 3:26.3; 4, W Germany (C. Steger, R. Wilden, D. Fuhrmann, E. Barth) 3:26.3. Jamaica disq.

Heat 2: 1, GDR (D. Maletzki, B. Rohde, E. Streidt, C. Brehmer) 3:23.4; 2, Australia (J. Canty, V. Burnard, B. Nail, C. Rendina) 3:26.0; 3, UK (LIZ BARNES, GLADYS TAYLOR, VERONA ELDER, DONNA MURRAY) 3:27.1; 4, Canada (M. Stride, J. Yakubovich, R. Campbell, Y. Saunders) 3:28.8; 5, Bulgaria (Y. Ivanova, S. Zlateva, I. Bonova, L. Tomova) 3:31.1; 6, Belgium (L. Alaerts, R. Berg, A. Van Nuffel, R. Thijs) 3:32.9.

1500 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 & fastest loser to final)

There was a big burn-up in the straight behind John Walker in the first semi, with Dave Moorcroft moving from sixth to third in a personal best equalling 3:39.9, having completed the final 300 in under 39 sec. Steve Ovett ("I'm very tired after five hard races") couldn't generate enough finishing speed and was shut out. Dave Hill was unlucky enough to hit the kerb and fall while in third place with 200 to go. The second race was faster, Eamonn Coghlan passing three men in the straight to nip Rick Wohlhuter and Ivo Van Damme in 3:38.6. Frank Clement, sixth with 200 remaining, was fifth into the straight and just got the better of Paul-Heinz Wellmann for fourth. Wellmann went through also, as fastest loser.

Heat 1: (62.1, 2:01.6, 3:00.6) 1, J. Walker (NZ) 3:39.7; 2, G. Crouch (Aus) 3:39.9; 3, DAVID MOORCROFT (UK) 3:39.9; 4, J. Zemen (Hun) 3:39.9; 5, T. Wessinghage (WG) 3:40.1; 6, STEVE OVETT (UK) 3:40.3; 7, H. Mignon (Bel) 3:40.9; 8, F. Pacheco Mamede (Port) 3:42.6. D. Hill (Can) dnf.

Heat 2: (60.8, 1:59.6, 2:58.7) 1, E. Coghlan (RoI) 3:38.6; 2, R. Wohlhuter (USA) 3:38.7; 3, I. Van Damme (Bel) 3:38.8; 4, FRANK CLEMENT (UK) 3:38.9; 5, P-H. Wellmann (WG) 3:39.0; 6, F. Gonzalez (Fra) 3:40.7; 7, P. Craig (Can) 3:41.0; 8, M. Nevens (Bel) 3:41.5; 9, H. Baiona de Jesus (Port) 3:47.4.

WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES RELAY (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 3 & 2 fastest losers to final)

Due to the small number of entries for this event, the heats were scrapped and all teams advanced to the semi-final stage. Here it was apparent that the West German squad looked almost unbeatable as they clocked an Olympic record of 42.61. The British girls did extremely well to break the national record of 43.59 with 43.44—and that without Sonia Lannaman.

Heat 1: 1, W Germany (E. Possekkel, I. Helten, A. Richter, A. Kroniger) 42.61 (Olympic rec); 2, USSR (T. Prorochenko, L. Maslakova, N. Besfamilnaya, V. Anisimova) 43.33; 3, UK (WENDY CLARKE, DENISE RAMSDEN, SHARON COLYEAR, ANDREA LYNCH) 43.44; 4, Australia (B. Wilson, D. Wells, D. Robertson, R. Boyle) 43.67; 5, France (C. Corbrejaud, C. Delachanal, C. Rega, S. Telliez) 43.95.

Heat 2: 1, GDR (M. Oelsner, R. Stecher, C. Bodendorf, B. Eckert) 43.00; 2, USA (M. Watson, E. Ashford, D. Armstrong, C. Cheeseborough) 43.46; 3, Canada (M. Howe, P. Loverock, J. McTaggart, M. Bailey) 43.53; 4, Jamaica (R. Allwood, J. Pusey, C. Cummings, L. Hodges) 43.88; 5, Cuba (I. Taylor, C. Valdes, F. Romay, S. Chivas) 44.29.

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A triple for Viktor Sanyeyev, the greatest competitor of all time in his event. By winning the triple jump yet again he joined Al Oerter (discus) and John Flanagan (hammer) as a three-time champion.



His father was Olympic hammer champion in 1948; now it was Miklos Nemeth's turn to win the greatest prize in athletics. Not only did he win—he broke Klaus Wolfermann's world javelin record with his opening throw of 94.58/310'4".



Lasse Viren trails Dick Quax in the 5000 metres. Viren, who had already won the 10,000, went on to retain his 5000 title also (an unique feat)—and next day placed fifth in the marathon!



Edwin Moses on his way to a world record breaking triumph in the 400 metres hurdles. Striding thirteens throughout, he won by the widest margin ever in an Olympic final in 47.64.

Photos by Mark Shearman

Speeding through the final 200 metres in 25.1, John Walker captures the 1500 metres title in 3:39.2, ahead of Ivo van Damme (3:39.3), Paul-Heinz Wellmann (3:39.3), Eamonn Coghlan (3:39.5) and Frank Clement (3:39.7).



OLYMPIC RESULTS continued**4 x 400 METRES RELAY (SEMI-FINALS)**

(1st 3 & 2 fastest losers to final)

Neither Alan Pascoe nor David Jenkins achieved the individual success that, at one time, had been anticipated, and as in Munich (when they won silver medals) they looked to the relay for consolation. But this time their frustrations were multiplied. After Ainsley Bennett and Glen Cohen had done a good job to enable Pascoe to take over in equal third position, everything went down the drain when Pascoe, running fourth in heavy traffic some 50m from the end of his stint, had the baton knocked out of his hand by the Jamaican runner. It was not intentional, just another stroke of misfortune to add to the British team's unreasonably large quota. One did not know who to feel most sorry for: the embarrassed Pascoe . . . or Bennett and Cohen, who had given their all . . . or Jenkins, waiting for a baton which never reached him. The USA won in 2:59.5, with Fred Newhouse speeding through the third leg in 43.63! In the other heat, Alberto Juantorena ran a 44.2 anchor, easing off.

Heat 1: 1, USA (H. Frazier, B. Brown, F. Newhouse, M. Parks) 2:59.5; 2, W Germany (F-P.

Hofmeister, L. Krieg, H. Schmid, B. Herrmann) 3:03.2; 3, Jamaica (L. Priestly, C. Bradford, S. Newman) 3:03.9; 4, Canada (I. Seale, D. Domansky, L. Hope, B. Saunders) 3:03.9; 5, Finland (O. Karttunen, M. Kukkoaho, S. Lonnqvist, H. Makela) 3:05.0; 6, Saudi Arabia (K. Al Abbasi, H. Ali, A. Asiry, H. Masallam) 3:17.5. UK (AINSLEY BENNETT, GLEN COHEN, ALAN PASCOE, DAVID JENKINS) dnf. Puerto Rico disq.

Heat 2: 1, Poland (R. Podlas, J. Werner, Z. Jaremski, J. Pietrzyk) 3:03.0; 2, Trinidad (M. Solomon, C. Joseph, H. Tuitt, J. Coombs) 3:03.5; 3, Cuba (E. Gutierrez, D. Alfonso, C. Alvarez, A. Juantorena) 3:05.2; 4, France (H. Roger, R. Velasquez, F. Kerbiriou, H. Llatser) 3:05.5; 5, Australia (M. Binnington, P. Grant, D. Hanly, R. Mitchell) 3:05.8; 6, USSR (D. Stukalov, V. Ponomaryov, V. Anokhin, Y. Gavrilenko) 3:07.7; 7, Barbados (V. Gooding, H. Wason, H. Grimes, O. Greene) 3:08.1; 8, Antigua (C. Jacobs, P. Richards, E. Turner, F. Sowerby) 3:09.7.

TRIPLE JUMP (FINAL)

Viktor Sanyeyev won the triple jump title for the third time, and became only the third athlete in the history of the Olympics to score such a

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triple, the other two being John Flanagan (USA) who won the hammer in 1900, 1904 and 1908, and the great Al Oerter who gained four discus titles between 1956 and 1968. Sanyeyev, despite showing a 'decline' in his winning marks over the period—17.39 (1968), 17.35 (1972) and 17.29 (1976)—has now surpassed the achievements even of such masters of the triple jump as Adhemar Ferreira da Silva and Jozef Szmidt.

Sanyeyev was the undoubted favourite for the event with the best wind-free mark this year of 17.16 (set indoors) and a pedigree of two Olympic gold medals, two European gold and six European indoor titles to his name. But favouritism does not win gold medals and the biggest threats to Sanyeyev were the trio of American jumpers, for whom James Butts claimed "It appears that the US has been overlooked in the triple jump—I am trying to prove this false", and the enigmatic Brazilian Joao Carlos Oliveira who the previous year had exploded to a fabulous world record in high altitude Mexico City of 17.89.

The opening rounds were a frustrating series of no-jumps and sit-backs, until Sanyeyev reached 17.06 in the third round to take the lead from Oliveira's third jump of 16.85. Pedro Perez, who back in 1971 surprised by setting a world record in the Pan-Am Games as a teenager, had been leading early on with an opening jump of 16.81, showing a dramatic return to top form after three years of inconsistency through injury. In the fourth round, Butts clicked with a clean jump that went almost unnoticed in the roar surrounding a women's relay heat, as he reached 17.18. The pressure was now on Sanyeyev, to produce a 'big' jump . . . and, despite sitting back, he replied with a 17.29 in the fifth round. What a competitor! It was a decisive end to the contest as neither Butts nor Oliveira could strike back.

Sanyeyev described the conditions as "very muggy, no wind" and said that after the first hour "my knees began to weaken". He will be 31 later this year but has no intention of retiring. "I shall be preparing for the European Championships in Prague in 1978." Butts said: "I felt I should have got the gold today. My jump of 17.18 was a good one, so I'm going to hang in for the 1980 Games and try again." Oliveira remarked that his first jump, a foul, made him nervous, he was not in top shape he enjoyed at Mexico City and the temperature was colder than he is used to—"but I'm happy with the bronze medal".

1, VIKTOR SANYEYEV (USSR) 17.29/56'8½" (—, 16.71, 17.06, —, 17.29, —) (3.10.45; 1.88, 81kg).

2, JAMES BUTTS (USA) 17.18/56'4½" (16.69, 16.76, 14.80, 17.18, 16.55, 16.61) (9.5.50; 1.88, 77kg).

3, JOAO CARLOS OLIVEIRA (Brazil) 16.90/55'5½" (—, 16.15, 16.85, 14.91, 16.69, 16.90) (28.5.54; 1.86, 76kg).

4, PEDRO PEREZ (Cuba) 16.81/55'2" (16.81, 16.24, 16.48, 16.47, —, —) (23.2.52; 1.80, 72kg).

5, TOMMY HAYNES (USA) 16.78/55'0¼" (15.46, —, 16.68, 16.78, 16.71, 16.71) (14.7.52; 1.75, 75kg).

6, WOLFGANG KOLMSEE (W Germany) 16.68/54'8¼" (16.23, —, 16.68, 16.58, 16.31, —) (25.9.54; 1.93, 79kg).

7, EUGENIS BISKUPSKI (Poland) 16.49/54'1¼" (15.91, —, 16.49, —, 15.79, —) (17.12.47; 1.88, 83kg).

8, CAROL CORBU (Rumania) 16.43/53'11" (16.07, 16.18, 16.43, —, 16.00, —) (8.2.46; 1.97, 86kg).

9, J. Vycichlo (Cze) 16.28/53'5" (—, —, 16.28); 10, P. Kuukasjarvi (Fin) 16.23/53'3" (16.15, 16.14, 16.23); 11, B. Lamitie (Fra) 16.23 (—, 16.23, 15.93); 12, R. Dupree (USA) 16.23 (—, 16.23, 15.90) (injured).

WOMEN'S 1500 METRES (FINAL)

The fast heats suggested a possible record in the final, but a gentle opening lap of 68.2, led by Nina Holmen, ruled that out. The gold medalist at 800m, Tatyana Kazankina, was content to stay back in sixth place, as the East German pair of Gunhild Hoffmeister and Ulrike Klapezynski kept on the Finn's shoulder. Holmen continued to lead past 800m (2:18.9), before Gabriella Dorio went to the front at 900m, a move quickly covered by the East Germans. Then, just before the bell, defending champion Lyudmila Bragina went up to join Dorio in the lead. Still Kazankina was back in sixth place, but menacing, as Bragina kicked hard going into the final lap. She led past 1200m in 3:23.4 but down the final back-straight, the East Germans moved past her, Hoffmeister on the inside, Klapezynski on the outside.

With 200m remaining there were some elbows flying as everyone tried to get into the right position for the final sprint. Nikolina Shtereva was trying to move up from fourth, but gradually making progress around the outside was Kazankina who, despite her declarations that she is not a sprinter, certainly has a fair turn of speed in the closing stages of a race. As Hoffmeister led Klapezynski into the straight, the lean Soviet runner edged up and passed them both with 50m left, to win by 3 metres in 4:05.5. Although the overall time was slower than expected, the closing speed was frightening—2:04 for the final 800, under 1:29 for 600, under 57 for 400, under 28 for 200!

Afterwards, Kazankina said she felt she could have run four minutes or slightly less if necessary to win. She is a graduate student of economics at Leningrad University, and with 800/1500m personal bests of 1:54.9/3:56.0 (both world records) has reached a level with which most club men would be pleased. "It's difficult to know about the future of the records, but I think they will be broken before the 1980 Moscow Olympics," she said. Kazankina has not yet decided if she will be in Moscow herself to defend her

two titles: "I will have to go home and discuss it with my husband." She enjoys all sports, reading, the theatre, and is learning Esperanto.

Hoffmeister, who finished second in 4:06.0, and Klapczynski, third in 4:06.1, both said that after having had operations for injuries during the winter they were pleased to have run as fast as they did. Both members of the SC Cottbus club in the GDR, they train together and were hoping to help each other in the race, but neither had an answer to Kazankina's finish.

1, TATYANA KAZANKINA (USSR) 4:05.5 (17.12.51; 1.62, 47kg).

2, GUNHILD HOFFMEISTER (GDR) 4:06.0 (6.7.44; 1.72, 56kg).

3, ULRIKE KLAPEZYNSKI (GDR) 4:06.1 (17.11.53; 1.70, 59kg).

4, NIKOLINA SHTEREVA (Bulgaria) 4:06.6 (21.1.55; 1.72, 61kg).

5, LYUDMILA BRAGINA (USSR) 4:07.2 (24.7.45; 1.65, 53kg).

6, GABRIELLA DORIO (Italy) 4:07.3 (27.6.57; 1.68, 55kg).

7, ELLEN WELLMANN (W Germany) 4:07.9 (28.6.48; 1.58, 44kg).

8, JAN MERRILL (USA) 4:08.5 (18.6.56; 1.65, 50kg).

9, N. Holmen (Fin) 4:09.6.

5000 METRES (FINAL)

"He mesmerised the race, like a rattlesnake," was how former Canadian distance star Bruce Kidd described Lasse Viren after this thrilling 5000. It was true; somehow or other the man in the blue vest contrived to control the race and mould it to his own requirements, and his defeated rivals must still be wondering how he got away with it. Yet, such was Viren's physical condition and mental toughness, plus his *sisu* (that Finnish term which transcends the English equivalent of 'fighting spirit'), that one must strongly question whether he could have been beaten this day whatever the tactics employed.

His winning margin may not have been excessive at four-tenths of a second, but Viren was actually in a class apart. While his pursuers—men of the calibre of Dick Quax, Klaus-Peter Hildenbrand, Rod Dixon and Brendan Foster—were thrashing their way along the finishing straight, digging hard with arms flailing, bodies rolling and heads wagging, there was Viren striding serenely ahead, in complete control of himself and the situation. The look on Quax's face told it all. Here was the New Zealander going like the proverbial clappers and outpacing everyone else in the straight but failing to gain an inch on the fellow ahead. What, that incredulous look seemed to be saying, do you have to do to beat this man? It's a problem that, in the context of Olympic competition, the rest of the world's distance stars have yet to solve. Four Olympic races . . . four gold medals.

Even if there had been any doubt before, Viren must now be rated alongside the very greatest names in Olympic track running history. Even Emil Zatopek and Paavo Nurmi never succeeded in winning the classic 5000/10,000 double twice; indeed Viren is the first man ever to defend the 5000 title with success.

Here was the imposing line-up, from the inside: Lasse Viren (personal best of 13:16.4), Paul Geis (13:23.6), Klaus-Peter Hildenbrand (13:13.8), Knut Kvalheim (13:20.4), Detlef Uhlemann (13:21.2), Ian Stewart (13:22.8), Enn Sellik (13:17.2), Brendan Foster (13:14.6), Aniceto Silva Simoes (13:22.0), Rod Dixon (13:17.4), Willy Polleunis (13:33.0), Boris Kuznyetsov (13:18.4), Pekka Paivarinta (13:28.6) and Dick Quax (13:13.2).

Kuznyetsov (who was to fall two laps from the finish) emerged as the initial leader but Foster went ahead at 400, covered in 63 sec. Followed by Stewart, Foster reached the kilometre in 2:41.3 and 2000 in 5:26.4. Viren took over for a spell and slowed the pace so that 3000 came up in 8:16.2 . . . that's 13:47 tempo. Foster inserted a burst at this point, covering 200 in a shade outside 30 sec, but it didn't cause any damage and he eased down, leaving Hildenbrand to take up the running just before 3400m.

The race began in earnest when Viren burst in front approaching the 4000 mark, a point he passed in 10:55.4. At the bell it was Viren from Stewart, Foster, Dixon, Hildenbrand and Quax—with barely five metres separating first from sixth. Stewart was the first to fall away as the pressure increased along the backstraight and with 200 to go Viren held a slim advantage over Dixon, Hildenbrand, Foster and Quax in that order. This, Dixon was to confess later, was his big chance to move, for he was perfectly placed, but he decided to hold back and stake all on his home straight kick.

It became clear around the final turn that Foster couldn't quite cope with the speed being generated and so it was left to the West German and two New Zealanders to chase after Viren in the straight. Hildenbrand, on the inside, repeatedly glanced to his right as the Kiwis edged past in vain pursuit of the flying Finn and must have noticed that Dixon was struggling to hold his speed. That inspired him to rally and—utilising the ultimate in dip finishes—lunged at the line while still a couple of strides away. As he crashed spectacularly to the track his momentum carried him over the finish just ahead of Dixon, to gain the bronze medal.

Viren showed, as he had in Munich, that there is no one to touch him when he is permitted to dictate the pace of the last kilometre. Once he showed in front the pressure was relentless and athletes with far superior basic speed like Dixon and Quax found themselves drained when it really counted. Viren may not be *faster*, but he is *stronger*, better able than anybody to sustain high speed over a long distance. The last 800 was covered in 1:57.5, the final 400 in 55.0.

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Viren replied laconically: "The race was so restless that I decided to run in the front rather than in the crowd." Bitterly disappointed at losing a race he fully expected to win, Quax said: "The man I feared most coming off the last bend was Rod Dixon. With about 120 to go I noticed he was in a box and I made my kick from there. I was surprised that Lasse, who hasn't such a fast 1500 time as myself, had such a good kick." Who had Viren feared most in the last lap? "There were so many good competitors and in a race you can't fear anybody."

Said Dixon: "I was really amazed that Viren had that kind of speed over the last 400." Foster, less than 5m down on Dixon at the finish, commented: "I felt better than in the 10,000 but when I tried to push at the front the whole field came with me. How can you deny a man who has won four golds; he's the greatest." Bren ("I was still in contention with 200 to go"), as always, gave his all and was simply beaten by four better men on that day. At least he has the consolation of having won a medal in the 10,000 and of holding the Olympic 5000 record for a minimum of four years! Stewart, seventh in 13:27.8 (as against 13:27.6 for third in Munich) remarked: "I ran the only race I could; there was no other way I could run it." It was an event that will be treasured in the memory of all who witnessed it.

1, LASSE VIREN (Finland) 13:24.8 (22.7.49; 1.80, 59kg).

2, DICK QUAX (New Zealand) 13:25.2 (1.1.48; 1.83, 65kg).

3, KLAUS-PETER HILDENBRAND (W Germany) 13:25.4 (11.9.52; 1.81, 70kg).

4, ROD DIXON (New Zealand) 13:25.6 (13.7.50; 1.86, 71kg).

5, BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 13:26.2 (12.1.48; 1.78, 68kg).

6, WILLY POLLEUNIS (Belgium) 13:27.0 (27.12.47; 1.68, 54kg).

7, IAN STEWART (UK) 13:27.8 (15.1.49; 1.78, 64kg).

8, ANICETO SIMOES (Portugal) 13:29.4 (8.9.45; 1.69, 59kg).

9, K. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:30.4; 10, D. Uhlemann (WG) 13:31.2; 11, E. Sellik (USSR) 13:36.8; 12, P. Geis (USA) 13:42.6; 13, P. Paivarinta (Fin) 13:46.6. B. Kuznetsov (USSR) dnf.

DECATHLON

July 29th/30th

Bruce Jenner has claimed, for the past couple of years, to be the world's greatest all-round athlete; in Montreal he proved it to everyone's satisfaction. He never put a foot wrong in two days of competition against a field that included eight men with scores of 8200 or higher to their credit. In event after event he reached out to personal bests in this his final competition. His score at the end—8618—added all of 164 points to Nikolay Avilov's Munich score, itself hailed as a monu-

mental achievement, and conveniently ended the confusion surrounding his correct score in the US Trials at Eugene. Jenner describes his ten steps to Olympic immortality below.

Jenner wasn't the only man to distinguish himself. Guido Kratschmer, overnight leader with 4333, improved his national record to 8411 (only Jenner, Avilov and Bill Toomey have ever topped that) to stave off Avilov for the silver medal. He set personal bests in the high jump, 400, discus, pole vault and 1500. Avilov never quite recovered from a literally bad start. He was left in the 100 and could clock only 11.23 to leave him with an instant deficit of 70 pts compared with Jenner and 141 with Kratschmer. It was a struggle from then onwards to get on terms, though the defending champion gave it all he had, including his best ever marks in the shot and high jump.

There was a good scrap for fourth. Raimo Pihl held that position overnight, dropped to fifth behind Josef Zeilbauer after the hurdles (but the Austrian, who was still fourth after the seventh event, failed to clear a height in the vault), and stayed fifth as European champion Ryszard Skowronek outvaulted him. Pihl's speciality, the javelin, followed and that enabled him to slip a hundred points ahead of the Pole with a lifetime best score of 8218.

With Mike Corden withdrawing because of achilles tendon injury, Britain's sole representative was Daley Thompson who started the contest aged 17 and a novice at this level, and ended as an 18-year-old with far greater insight into what world class decathlon competition is all about. He performed wonderfully well and but for a disaster in the javelin he might have placed as high as twelfth. His first day was marvellous, containing three personal bests: 100 in 10.79, shot of 13.10 and 400 in a gutsy 48.15. His halfway score of 4055 held 11th place of the 28 starters. "I'm really enjoying it," he enthused. "The atmosphere is great and everyone's been chatting to me. Bruce Jenner has been fantastic, pointing things out and being very helpful to me." Daley dropped away to 18th on the second day but it was still a first-rate performance and he could derive much satisfaction from his breakthrough in the vault, up from 4.00 to 4.20.

1, **BRUCE JENNER** (USA) 8618 (World & Olympic rec) (10.94, 7.22, 15.35, 2.03, 47.51—4298—14.84, 50.04, 4.80, 68.52, 4:12.6) (28.10.49; 1.88, 89kg).

2, **GUIDO KRATSCHEMER** (W Germany) 8411 (10.66, 7.39, 14.74, 2.03, 48.19—4333—14.58, 45.70, 4.60, 66.32, 4:29.1) (10.1.53; 1.86, 89kg).

3, **NIKOLAY AVILOV** (USSR) 8369 (11.23, 7.52, 14.81, 2.14, 48.16—4315—14.20, 45.60, 4.45, 62.28, 4:26.3) (6.8.49; 1.88, 83kg).

4, **RAIMO PIHL** (Sweden) 8218 (10.93, 6.99, 15.55, 2.00, 47.97—4216—15.81, 44.30, 4.40, 77.34, 4:28.8) (28.10.49; 1.86, 89kg).

5, **RYSZARD SKOWRONEK** (Poland) 8113 (11.02, 7.26, 13.74, 1.91, 47.91—4066—14.75, 48.34, 4.80, 62.22, 4:29.9) (1.5.49; 1.83, 82kg).

6, **SIEGFRIED STARK** (GDR) 8048 (11.35, 6.98, 15.08, 1.91, 49.14—3956—15.65, 45.48, 4.65, 74.18, 4:24.9) (12.6.55; 1.86, 82kg).

7, **LEONID LITVINENKO** (USSR) 8025 (11.12, 6.92, 14.20, 1.91, 48.44—3978—14.71, 48.26, 4.60, 53.66, 4:11.4) (28.1.50; 1.85, 82kg).

8, **LENNART HEDMARK** (Sweden) 7974 (11.36, 7.09, 15.00, 1.91, 49.80—3939—14.79, 46.42, 4.30, 78.58, 4:44.3) (18.5.44; 1.95, 93kg).

9, **A. Grebenyuk** (USSR) 7803 (11.10, 6.53, 14.69, 1.97, 49.21, 15.05, 47.16, 4.00, 68.42, 4:39.6); 10, **C. Marek** (WG) 7767 (10.81, 7.23, 13.42, 1.91, 47.12, 15.19, 38.40, 4.30, 52.32, 4:27.8); 11, **J. Lahti** (Fin) 7711 (10.89, 7.28, 13.66, 2.00, 49.34, 15.31, 38.52, 61.72, 4:48.9); 12, **R. Katus** (Pol) 7616 (11.06, 7.04, 13.48, 1.84, 49.87, 14.51, 42.28, 4.50, 57.54, 4:47.0); 13, **L. Pernica** (Cze) 7602 (11.40, 6.97, 13.58, 1.94, 50.37, 15.07, 40.22, 4.40, 55.26, 4:22.3); 14, **P. Bobin** (Fra) 7580 (11.07, 7.14, 14.12, 1.91, 49.79, 14.96, 39.84, 4.90, 50.74, 4:59.7); 15, **F. Samara** (USA) 7504 (10.85, 7.08, 13.00, 1.84, 50.07, 14.87, 40.54, 4.30, 53.60, 4:40.2); 16, **G. Werthner** (Aut) 7493 (11.31, 7.14, 13.49, 1.88, 50.08, 15.26, 35.58, 4.10, 64.08, 4:27.4); 17, **G. Gemise-Fareau** (Fra) 7486 (11.15, 6.74, 12.10, 1.94, 50.09, 14.89, 40.12, 4.60, 52.04, 4:31.8); 18, **DALEY THOMPSON** (UK) 7434 (10.79, 7.19, 13.10, 1.91, 48.15, 15.98, 36.38, 4.20, 45.18, 4:29.6); 19, **R. Lespagnard** (Bel) 7322 (11.21, 6.93, 13.24, 1.94, 48.99, 15.67, 38.64, 4.20, 46.40, 4:36.7); 20, **R. Backman** (Swe) 7319 (11.02, 6.95, 13.54, 1.88, 50.66, 15.62, 42.40, 4.00, 58.14, 4:57.3); 21, **E. Stroot** (WG) 7063 (10.75, 7.38, 13.48, 1.88, 47.61, 15.23, 39.82, no ht, 65.10, 4:27.5); 22, **T. Steiner** (Arg) 7052 (11.37, 6.73, 13.85, 1.84, 50.30, 15.82, 40.26, 3.80, 49.74, 4:43.2); 23, **F. Dixon** (USA) 6754 (10.94, 6.91, 14.44, 2.03, 48.38, 18.11, 45.82, no ht, 55.96, 4:38.5).

Non-finishers: **J. Zeilbauer** (Aut) (11.08, 7.27, 14.91, 2.03, 48.94, 14.87, 44.26, no ht); **R. Ghesquiere** (Bel) (11.59, 6.99, 14.15, 1.91, 50.32, 15.69, 40.64); **E. Svensson** (Ice) 11.51, 6.37, 13.94, 1.94, 51.77, 16.19, 41.98; **A. Schutter** (Neth) (11.17, 7.12, 11.74, 1.80); **H. Leppanen** (Fin) (11.71, 6.48). **Y. Le Roy** (Fra) & **MIKE CORDEN** (UK) scr.

MY OLYMPIC DESTINY

—By Bruce Jenner

AS I walked closer and closer to the stadium I felt it was my destiny to win; it seems like my whole life had just been directed towards this the last meet of my career. I think in every event, as I went through, I knew that and I wanted to have the best performance I'd ever had. So we get in the blocks for the first race; gun goes off and I run a 10.94 which is about a hundredth of a second off my fastest electric time ever. I felt very good. I saw Avilov run 11.2; at that point I thought the competition between Avilov and myself was pretty much over because I figured he might beat me by a tenth and I beat him by three

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tenths, which is 70 points up on him. I felt very good about that. I thought I was under control there, but I saw Kratschmer run a 10.6 and he's also done 25'9" in the long jump, so that was a little scary.

On my last jump I just tried to be as aggressive as I could; I got one centimetre farther than I had ever gone before. Went to the shot—three months before I hyper-extended my finger and haven't been able to throw at all. In the Trials I threw four feet under my best, so I was very much concerned. First throw I did 49ft and I was shocked; I couldn't believe I had thrown it that far. On my last one I said to myself this throw is the last one of my life and this finger, which I'd been favouring, is going right behind it! And it went four inches farther than I'd ever thrown before. So right now we're going with three personal bests.

All the last month before I'd gone to the Olympic Games I thought about the high jump and that I wanted to go 6'8" . . . last attempt at 6'8"—right over! There was four in a row and I said, wait a second, nobody does this. This is something you read about only in fairy tales. So I went to the 400. About two weeks before, I ran 47.4 for a relay split, fastest of my life, so I knew I was ready for a good quarter. Went in there, came off the last turn feeling the best I ever had; I didn't really tie up until about 20 yards from the tape and I ran 47.5. Five out of five personal bests, so I knew I was very much in control. I was only 35 points out of the lead and I figured going into the competition I could be 200-250 points out of the lead and still have a chance to win.

I slept fairly well that night; I got about five hours sleep, which is pretty good for a night in between a meet. Starting off the second day with the hurdles, I see Fred Dixon fall. It had some effect on me. I tried not to let it bother me—but that's why I ran 14.8! I was too cautious. Mentally I was trying as hard as I could but I think I had just a little reservation there and I was not getting down on the hurdle like I should. That was the only event really which I was disappointed in. Went to the discus and had a solid throw. I was hoping for better but it was a good solid throw for me.

I had been jumping very well these last few months and I'd vaulted 16'1" a couple of times in practice, but my second attempt at 15'1" was a little shaky. There was a little bit of pressure there, but actually as soon as I'd made the first jump in the vault (14ft) I knew I'd win the meet—at least that was over with. Now I had to compete against myself. On my last attempt at 15'9" it was very satisfying to go over because I knew I could score a lot of points if I did that—that's 1005 points.

I wanted to throw the javelin 70 metres. As I'm laying there getting ready to throw I'm looking around, looking up at the stadium and everything, the big flag up there with the screens and the whole works, and thousands of people, and at that point I had a few tears come to my eyes because I knew I had won and I knew within an hour the competition would be all over and I'd be retired.

I knew I was going to miss it. So it made me very determined in the javelin and I threw 224, which is a very good throw for me, but I thought I had a little bit more left in me.

Then we had the 1500 metres. I've always liked the 1500; it's been a real challenging event for me. At first it seemed very easy—I could run 4:30/4:35 and break the world record and just go home—but I said, well, this is your last one and no sense in running it slow because I'd always think for the rest of my life that I should have run it a lot faster. The gun went off and I ran 70 right on the button; I felt good. At the half it was 2:20 . . . 70 again. At this point I looked up and there, it looked about a mile ahead of me, was this guy Litvinyenko. I felt so good at that time that I had to start kicking, so as I'm starting to pick up the pace a little bit the enthusiasm of the crowd was like electricity, and that really helped me quite a bit. I came through three laps in 3:28 and I was getting closer. I thought I was going to catch Litvinyenko until, the middle of the turn, he looks over his shoulder, sees me coming and he takes off!

I've always imagined myself in the last few years coming off the final turn knowing I'm Olympic champion and just running that last straight. I thought here it is, I've finally done it. I came off the turn and I tried to take a mental picture of it so I'd have it for the rest of my life. I ran the last straight . . . never felt so good in my whole life . . . finished the race. I felt great. How can you feel bad when you've won the Olympic Games and broken the world record wide open?

Bruce Jenner was speaking at a 'Track and Field News' interview session.

Eighth Day Saturday, July 31st

MARATHON

The two dark horses in a field otherwise loaded with proven talent were Lasse Viren, returning to the stadium for his fifth race in nine days (!), and world record holder for 10 miles, 20km and one hour—Jos Hermens. Despite an overcast sky the temperature was still 25°C with the humidity at 75%.

At the gun, Barry Watson sped away to a 70 sec first lap in the stadium before leading the 67-man field out into a gentle drizzle and onto the road. Frank Shorter, Bill Rodgers and Viren quickly moved to the head of the proceedings and led through the first 5km around the Village campus in 15:19. Rodgers took a large share of the lead in the early stages while Shorter settled in the leading group with Viren shadowing him. All the leading contenders made up ground and by 10km (30:48) Jerome Drayton, Hermens, Karel Lismond and Waldemar Cierpinski were all settled in at the front. The course took a lot of right-angle turns at

this point, each one allowing a fresh leader, but it was noticeable that Shorter took a regular stint to ensure the tempo was fast, each one of his efforts sifting the large pack.

At 15km (46:02) the group was down to a final ten that included Viren, Shorter, Drayton, Chris Wardlaw, Dave Chettle, Lismont, Shivan Singh, Rodgers, Cierpinski and Goran Bengtsson. Hermens was losing contact. The next 10km were a battle of tactics as each runner tried to test the other—Chettle and Bengtsson being the first casualties. Only seven remained at 20km (1:01:24), with Lismont and Drayton struggling to hold on to the back of the pack on several occasions.

At 25km (1:16:35) Shorter ("that's where I planned to break") took off, Viren covered for 200m and then let Shorter go. Cierpinski, spotting the decisive break, ran the next 1500m very hard and caught Shorter, moving in right behind his shoulder. It was a spot he was not to relinquish for the next 10km. Shivan Singh gave chase but couldn't get into contact range and fell back in company with Drayton while Viren dropped behind with Rodgers, ahead of Lismont who maintained even pace. The leading pair passed 30km in 1:32:08, followed by Drayton and Singh (1:32:23), Viren (1:32:36), Lismont (1:32:44), Don Kardong (1:33:03) and Rodgers (1:33:29). While the course undulated, it also took in some very long straight roads which were now flooded in places. Shorter continued to test Cierpinski with surges, always running the blue line tangent and forcing Cierpinski to swing from left to right to stay in tight on his shoulder. Just beyond 30km Cierpinski made his first break which Shorter covered. The battle of nerves showed as Shorter flicked Cierpinski's arm at one point to indicate his annoyance at the East German's insistence on running so tight and brushing arms. Cierpinski retaliated by flicking Shorter across the chest.

At 34km Cierpinski finally pulled away (later Shorter said "he didn't surge, I just let it go"), and gained 30-40m immediately as he moved into the downtown area of Montreal, passing 35km in 1:47:24 with Shorter 13 sec down. Cierpinski had covered this 5000m in 15:16! Shorter maintained his effort for another 3km but began to look harrowed and took a long look back to check the safety of his silver medal. Cierpinski extended his lead to 22 sec at 40km (2:03:12) and as he approached the Olympic Park, with the floodlights shining through the thick evening drizzle, the final kilometre was a formality barring an accident. He finished so strongly that when he completed his one lap of the stadium, and seeing the figure 1 on the lap board, he ran another one at the same speed "just to be on the safe side"! He crossed the finishing line to be welcomed by Shorter, who still showed enough presence of mind to calculate exactly what he had to do and no more.

Cierpinski proved with his winning time of 2:09:55 that finally eclipsed the 12-year-old Olympic record (2:12:11) of the late Abebe Bikila, that his run was not a 'freak' performance. Cierpinski is a converted steeplechase (8:32.4)/10,000m (28:28.2) runner. He raced his first marathon in

1974 in 2:20:28, but claimed it was a "fun run". He improved to 2:17:30 the following year, and his win in Montreal was his third this year, following efforts of 2:13:58 and 2:12:22.

Frank Shorter, whose childhood dream was to be an Olympic ski-racer (but he realised early on he didn't have "quite enough talent"), was a worthy defending champion, ensuring a pace that would produce an honest result. Cierpinski gave the credit for the pace and quality of the race to Shorter. Karel Lismont added a bronze medal to the silver he won in Munich, displaying once again his aggressive ruggedness in major meetings, the European Championships in Rome being the only exception. Don Kardong hung back in the second group throughout and moved up between 35 and 40km to take a superb fourth place, only Lismont getting the better of him in the closing stages. And who else but the great Viren could run 28:15.0, 27:40.4, 13:33.4 and 13:24.8 in seven days—and still turn out the following day and run 2:13:10! It was a tribute to his fierce courage that he continued, once dropped, and Shorter said afterwards: "I don't want to run against him next time he runs one!"

The British trio of Jeff Norman, Keith Angus and Barry Watson were never really in the hunt for top placings but all gave 100% and finished in an exhausted condition. A bout of 'flu for all three just prior to the race did nothing to help their preparation, a risk that marathon runners on the depletion phase of the glycogen bleed-out diet (of which Cierpinski knew nothing) take, in such a populated community as the Village.

Cierpinski, born in East Germany of Polish descent, said afterwards: "Shorter maintained a strong pace through the first 20km and I felt good running behind him. I wasn't tired and I welcomed the rain. It kept the pavement cool and I didn't feel hot. Shorter sprinted in intervals from the 23km to 25km mark and I had no trouble staying with him, but it was only in the last five that I felt I was going to win. I just love to run. It's a great way to relax and get the tension out of your system." Shorter admitted: "I knew Cierpinski was a good steeplechaser, but to tell you the truth I just never thought of him before as a marathon contender. I knew he had run a 2:12 but I hadn't given it much thought. I could do no more than I did today; I will just have to accept the fact I was second best."

1, WALDEMAR CIERPINSKI (GDR) 2:09:55.0 (Olympic rec) (3.8.50; 1.70, 59kg).

2, FRANK SHORTER (USA) 2:10:45.8 (31.10.47; 1.80, 60kg).

3, KAREL LISMONT (Belgium) 2:11:12.6 (8.3.49; 1.68, 55kg).

4, DONALD KARDONG (USA) 2:11:15.8 (22.12.48; 1.91, 67kg).

5, LASSE VIREN (Finland) 2:13:10.8 (22.7.49; 1.80, 59kg).

6, JEROME DRAYTON (Canada) 2:13:30.0 (10.1.45; 1.75, 57kg).

7, LEONID MOISEYEV (USSR) 2:13:33.4 (2.10.52; 1.80, 64kg).

8, FRANCO FAVA (Italy) 2:14:24.6 (3.9.52; 1.70, 62kg).

9, A. Gotskiy (USSR) 2:15:34.0; 10, H. Schoofs (Bel) 2:15:52.4; 11, Shivnath Singh (Ind) 2:16:22.0; 12, S. Choe Chang (N Korea) 2:16:33.2; 13, M. Magnani (Ita) 2:16:56.4; 14, G. Bengtsson (Swe) 2:17:39.6; 15, K. Orzel (Pol) 2:17:43.4; 16, H. Spik (Fin) 2:17:50.6; 17, J. Foster (NZ) 2:17:53.4; 18, M. Cuervas (Mex) 2:18:08.8; 19, R. Gomez (Mex) 2:18:21.2; 20, S. So (Jap) 2:18:26.0; 21, N. Mizukami (Jap) 2:18:44.2; 22, A. Pinto (Por) 2:18:53.4; 23, J. de Jesus (PR) 2:19:34.8; 24, Y. Velikorodnykh (USSR) 2:19:45.6; 25, J. Hermens (Neth) 2:19:48.2; 26, JEFF NORMAN (UK) 2:20:04.8; 27, J. Toivola (Fin) 2:20:26.6; 28, J. Jensen (Den) 2:20:44.6; 29, M. Kousis (Gre) 2:21:42.0; 30, T. Howard (Can) 2:22:08.8; 31, KEITH ANGUS (UK) 2:22:18.6; 32, A. Usami (Jap) 2:22:29.6; 33, R. Mendoza (Cub) 2:22:43.2; 34, F. Kolbeck (Fra) 2:22:56.8; 35, C. Wardlaw (Aus) 2:23:56.8; 36, W. Yetman (Can) 2:24:17.4; 37, H. Aktas (Tur) 2:24:30.0; 38, V. Balli (Tur) 2:24:47.0; 39, J. McNamara (RoI) 2:24:57.2; 40, W. Rodgers (USA) 2:25:14.8; 41, H. Lopez (Hond) 2:26:00.0; 42, D. McDaid (RoI) 2:27:07.2; 43, E. Asuncion (Parag) 2:27:22.8; 44, C. Kim (N Korea) 2:27:38.8; 45, BARRY WATSON (UK) 2:28:32.2; 46, A. Diaz (Spa) 2:28:37.8; 47, J. Gros (Pol) 2:28:45.8; 48, J. Rauirez (Col) 2:29:04.4; 49, L. Raudales (Hon) 2:29:25.0; 50, B. Manandhar (Nepal) 2:30:07.0; 51, A. Baros (Spa) 2:31:01.6; 52, C. Goh (N Korea) 2:31:54.8; 53, V. Serrano (PR) 2:34:59.6; 54, G. Mielke (WG) 2:35:44.8; 55, N. Cusack (RoI) 2:35:47.2; 56, T. John (Papua-NG) 2:38:04.6; 57, V. Idava (Phil) 2:38:23.2; 58, R. Swan (Ber) 2:39:18.4; 59, J. Kokinai (Papua-NG) 2:41:49.0; 60, L. Gauchalla (Bol) 2:45:31.8.

Retirements: R. Haywood (Aus), T. Dezart (Haiti), G. Cindolo (Ita), D. Chettle (Aus), R. Mora (Col), S. Manguan (Spa), K. Ryan (NZ), G. Roelants (Bel), I. Floroiu (Rum) & C. Lopes (Port) scr.

gold medallist, she has been her country's national record holder ever since 1958 (with 12.09). She crossed the 15m line for the first time in 1961, 16m in 1964, 17m in 1968, 18m in 1969, 19m in 1972, 20m and 21m in 1975. She has announced her retirement more than once in the past but was prevailed upon by both her coach and her husband to continue. This has been a remarkable season for her, winning the European indoor title, setting world records of 21.87 and 21.89, and gaining the Olympic gold medal. She has just one more ambition: to be the first to reach 22m (72'24").

1, IVANKA KHRISTOVA (Bulgaria) 21.16/69'54" (Olympic rec) (19.96, 20.88, 20.67, 20.47, 21.16, 20.19) (19.11.41; 1.72, 90kg).

2, NADYEZHDA CHIZHOVA (USSR) 20.96/68'94" (20.84, 20.96, —, —, 14.16, —) (29.18.45; 1.73, 93kg).

3, HELENA FIBINGEROVA (Czechoslovakia) 20.67/67'94" (—, 19.68, 20.15, —, 20.67, —) (13.7.49; 1.79, 96kg).

4, MARIANNE ADAM (GDR) 20.55/67'54" (20.55, —, —, —, 18.15, 19.50) (19.9.51; 1.83, 85kg).

5, ILONA SCHOKNECHT (GDR) 20.54/67'44" (20.52, 19.78, 19.65, 19.80, 19.72, 20.54) (24.9.56; 1.80, 88kg).

6, MARGITTA DROESE (GDR) 19.79/64'114" (—, 17.53, 19.15, —, 19.64, 19.79) (10.9.53; 1.80, 85kg).

7, EVA WILMS (W Germany) 19.29/63'314" (—, 19.11, 19.29, 19.29, —, —) (28.7.52; 1.80, 83kg).

8, ELENA STOYANOVA (Bulgaria) 18.89/61'114" (18.89, 18.50, 18.85, —, —, 18.61) (23.1.53; 1.72, 90kg).

9, E. Krachevskaya (USSR) 18.36/60'3" (—, 18.11, 18.36); 10, F. Melnik (USSR) 18.07/59'34" (17.46, 17.77, 18.07); 11, M. Sarria (Cub) 16.31/53'64" (—, 16.31, —); 12, M. Seidler (USA) 15.60/51'24" (14.63, 15.60, —); 13, L. Moreau (Can) 15.48/50'94" (14.79, 14.87, 15.48).

WOMEN'S SHOT (FINAL)

As there were only 13 competitors, a straight final was held. Nadya Chizhova, the defending champion who has suffered injury problems the past couple of years, opened with her best mark since 1974 (20.84), improved to 20.96 in the second round and thereafter disintegrated. Still, she was in the lead and it was not until the fifth round that recent world record breaker Ivanka Khristova (who had been lying second at 20.88) exploded with a 21.16 effort. Also in the fifth round, Helena Fibingerova displaced Marianne Adam from the bronze medal position—this was the only women's event in which the GDR failed to gain a medal.

Ivanka Khristova (34), who has a ten-year-old son, thus climaxed a lengthy Olympic career rather in the manner of Rumanian discus thrower Lia Manoliu at Mexico City. She was tenth in the 1964 Games, sixth in 1968, third in 1972, first in 1976—a perfect progression! Bulgaria's first ever

1500 METRES (FINAL)

A placard in the stands asked forlornly 'Where Is Filbert'. This was the event, more than any other, to suffer deeply from the African boycott. Men like Stephen Chepkwony, Mike Boit, John Ngeno, Miruts Yifter, Mohamed Gammoudi, John Akii-Bua and the Ethiopian steeplechasers and marathoners were sorely missed and their events were the poorer for their departure, but nobody's absence was so keenly felt as that of Filbert Bayi. A race that had been anticipated as the supreme duel of the Games, between Bayi and John Walker, took on a totally different aspect: who would finish second to Walker?

Had Bayi been running, the race certainly wouldn't have finished up with the slowest winning time (3:39.2) for 20 years. As third placer Paul-Heinz Wellmann put it: "I would never have won a medal if Bayi had been here; I would have finished fifth at the highest. But the pace of the event was to my advantage." Asked for his pre-

diction of the result had the Tanzanian world record holder been running. Wellmann replied: "Walker, then Bayi and Coghlan."

Walker had a difficult decision to make before the race. Should he attempt to run away from the field in pursuit of world record time, knowing he was markedly superior to any of his rivals but running the possible risk of misjudging his speed and blowing up? Or should he sit in, whatever the pace, and bank on his renowned kick—the danger here being that in a slow, tightly packed race he might find himself hemmed in at the crucial point. He opted for the latter course, and it paid off even if on paper his victory doesn't look that impressive. However, all that Walker was after was the gold medal; there will be other races when he can push his talent to the limit trying to win big in fast time.

The race was slow from the outset as Dave Moorcroft led from Rick Wohlhuter and Frank Clement at 400 in 62.5, with Walker seventh and Ivo van Damme last of the nine runners. Eamonn Coghlan, the European mile record holder, pepped the pace up only a little when he took over at 500m. His time at 800 was 2:03.2 (60.7 lap) and he was followed by Moorcroft, Clement, Walker and Wohlhuter, with van Damme up a place to eighth. At the bell it was Walker and Coghlan together, with van Damme boxed in fifth, and it was the Irishman who led at 1200 in 3:01.2 (58.0 lap) as Walker and Clement breathed down his neck.

Walker made his move from 250m and entered

the straight first, ahead of Van Damme, Coghlan and Wohlhuter, Wellmann, Clement and Moorcroft in that order. In the process of completing the last lap in 52.6, the final 300 in 38.0 and 200 in 25.1, Walker always held a slender but sufficient edge over his opponents in the finishing straight. Van Damme (collecting his second silver medal of the Games) and Wellmann (who only made the final as fastest loser, behind Clement) ran the New Zealander closest, and they kept a frustrated Coghlan at bay. The Irishman looked as though he could have overhauled both of them but found his way blocked. Seemingly the fastest finisher of all was Frank Clement in fifth place—just half a second behind the winner—and Dave Moorcroft also distinguished himself by finishing seventh only a couple of metres down on Wohlhuter.

"Being beaten in the 800 heats was a blessing in disguise," said Walker. "When that happened I went and sat down with my coach and talked it all out. I decided I needed work on my speed." Asked about his passive tactics, he replied: "I could have taken an early lead and forced a very fast time, but I may not have won the race in the end and that is what counts. Every record set in these Games will eventually be broken and forgotten. The gold medal is the thing they can never take away from you." Who will succeed him one day as mile world record holder? "It will be a runner with the size and speed of Cuba's Juantorena. My own limits might be no more than two seconds faster than I have already run. It will take someone like a Juantorena to bring the record down near its absolute limit of 3:40. For the immediate future I think Van Damme of Belgium is going to be the greatest. He has great speed (46.4 400) and if he works on his strength he will be very good."

- 1, JOHN WALKER (New Zealand) 3:39.2 (12.1.52; 1.83, 74kg).
- 2, IVO VAN DAMME (Belgium) 3:39.3 (21.2.54; 1.91, 76kg).
- 3, PAUL-HEINZ WELLMANN (W Germany) 3:39.3 (31.3.52; 1.81, 70kg).
- 4, EAMONN COGHLAN (Rep of Ireland) 3:39.5 (24.11.52; 1.78, 64kg).
- 5, FRANK CLEMENT (UK) 3:39.7 (26.4.52; 1.80, 66kg).
- 6, RICK WOHLHUTER (USA) 3:40.6 (23.12.48; 1.75, 59kg).
- 7, DAVID MOORCROFT (UK) 3:40.9 (10.4.53; 1.80, 66kg).
- 8, GRAHAM CROUCH (Australia) 3:41.8 (11.1.48; 1.70, 57kg).
- 9, J. Zemen (Hun) 3:43.0.

WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

The West German quartette had looked capable of retaining the title but their chances were adversely affected by the draw. They were in the rainsoaked inside lane, whereas the GDR squad were in the sheltered, drier outside lane. The two

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English Schools Championships—Girls Events

TAKING part in her first major race at the distance, Hazel Oakes gave us just a glimpse of her talents over one lap with a sparkling run to win the English Schools Senior 400m title. The favourite, Anne Baldock, started off very fast and led for most of the way until Hazel came storming through on the inside with just 60m remaining. Sister Judy made it a family double in the shot, annihilating her own Championship best with each of her valid puts. With her final effort, Linda Newell made a significant advance to 13:28, which represents an improvement of over half a metre.

There was a surprise in the senior 800m when Janet Lawrence, having led from the gun, was unable to hold off Janet Prictoe down the finishing straight. In the intermediate event, there was nearly another upset. Together with Shirley Johnson, Sally Ludlam went straight to the head of affairs and then started to apply the pressure on the second lap. Only three girls managed to keep in contention, one of whom was Susan Parker who unleashed an Ovett-type burst with 200m remaining. Suddenly she was clear, and Sally had to dig deep into her reserves and managed to catch and pass Sue with just 50m left as the Warrington girl folded up.

Alison Clifford had things all her own way in the junior 800m, and Angela Mason's last lap proved too good for her opponents in the senior 1500m. Bernadette Madigan led round the first lap of the intermediate 1500m, after which Chris Brace took over. Kim Trunley slipped into second place and after two circuits, they started to break away. Kim made her move with 300m remaining and the race looked over. However Bernadette suddenly came to life again along the back straight, made up the leeway and waged a tremendous battle with Kim along the final stretch.

The junior event started off like a cycle sprint with nobody wanting to lead. Pauline Clark, with a couple of sub-4:40 times to her credit this year, took off after two laps and was soon 30m up. Pauline maintained this advantage well into the final lap, then rounding the final turn several runners started to make a run at her and the successful one was Louise Parker, who with an ungainly, overstriding but effective sprint, caught the leader nearing the tape.

The sprints were run into a headwind and, on the Friday, rain as well. Helen Barnett led for most of the senior 100m, but it was Heather Hunte who inched in front when it mattered most. After the preliminary rounds of the junior event, the final looked to be between Debbie Bunn and Joanne Gardner. However, well though these two ran, they had no answer to Pippa Baker when the crunch came.

Success for the Southern Counties in the sprints continued when the very tall Ruth Richards took the junior 200m in a personal best, but the North countered in the intermediate events when these two very promising girls, Janine MacGregor and Michelle Probert, continued their relentless progress.

Amanda Franks leads the junior rankings in both shot and discus, and chose the latter to win her first major title. All six throws were over 33m, with two over 37m. The girl Amanda recently succeeded as holder of the UK junior discus record, Fiona Condon, won the intermediate event with her first throw, but Val Watson had to wait until round five in the senior contest.

Chris Whitmore waited even longer in the inter javelin, the very last throw in the competition taking her past Yvonne Gregory who had led from round two. It was a similar story in the senior, with Kim Skuse leading throughout, only to finish and then watch Hazel McDonald improve out of all recognition in the final round to 43.66. In contrast, Jackie Brown unleashed her big effort in the first round of the junior, and a flurry of personal bests by most of the leading dozen girls could make no difference.

After winning on her international debut the previous weekend, Anne Gilson must have been favoured to win the senior high jump, but Denise Cooper appeared to have the edge throughout and was successful first time at each height until the bar reached 1.78. Diana Elliott confirmed her recent good form to win the intermediate event at 1.73 with only one failure on the way.

The long jumps were very interesting, particularly the intermediate with several of the more fancied competitors falling by the wayside. Sue Hearnshaw took the lead in the first round, and improved to 5.64 in round two. This held up until the final round when Diane McNulty moved up from fifth place with a jump of 5.69, only for Sue to regain the lead once more with a personal best 5.80.

The lead changed hands several times in the junior event, with that incredible 12-year-old Sandy French setting the pace from the outset at 5.50. Kim Hagger moved ahead in round 3 at 5.51, and then Diane Sommerfield took over at 5.58 at the start of the fourth round. Immediately following, back came young Sandy to regain the lead at 5.68 which won her the title and a UK age best.

Tony Miller

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British League (Division 1)**At Meadowbank, July 10th****FIRST WIN FOR EDINBURGH SOUTHERN**

BOTH Edinburgh clubs, after disappointing performances in the first league fixture, seized the opportunity of a home fixture (Meadowbank, July 10th) to improve their league standing. Edinburgh Southern fielded a strong team to win their first ever match in six years of league participation and EAC just failed to snatch second place from a weakened Wolverhampton team. Southern scored massively in the throws (76 out of a possible 80 points) and sprints (50 out of 52), and Angus McKenzie contributed 28 points.

Chris Black was over 72m again with the hammer and was ably backed up by Paul Buxton whose throw of 63.90 was his second best ever; Buxton also improved his own week-old Scottish native discus record with 54.38 as well as finishing second in the shot. Drew McMaster's fine 200m time of 20.9, besides equalling Martin Reynolds' league record, also set a new Scottish native record, while Allan Wells added to his growing sprint reputation when he set legal personal bests of 10.5 and 21.3. Wells later ran on the 4 x 100 relay team that won easily from TVH and set a Scottish club record of 41.4. Bob Danville equalled the league record with a windy 14.1 hurdles and, with a 47.7 relay leg, looked a possible candidate for future 400m hurdles honours. Laurie Reilly ran away from a strong field over the last two laps of the 5000 for a personal best of 13:54.6, pulling John Wheway under 14 min for the first time.

Colin Shields

ESH 251; Wolverhampton & B 227; EAC 226; TVH 205; Cardiff 202; Sale 146. Scores after 2 matches: 1, W&B 11; 2, ESH 9; 3, TVH 8; 4, Cardiff 6; 5, EAC 6; 6, Sale 2.

100: (+0.5m) 1, A. Wells (ESH) 10.5 (eq league rec); 2, A. McMaster (EAC) 10.5; 3, C. Moven (W&B) 10.6; 4, D. Hill (TVH) 10.9; 5, E. Tulloch (S) 11.0. (B) (+3.2m) 1, D. Hislop (ESH) 10.8; 2, S. Atkins (W&B) 10.8; 3, A. Cornaby (TVH) 11.0.

200: (nil) 1, McMaster 20.9 (eq league rec; new Scottish native rec); 2, R. Denham (ESH) 21.4; 3, Hill 21.8; 4, Tulloch 22.3; 5, K. Davies (W&B) 22.3. (B) (+1.1m) 1, Wells 21.3; 2, D. Cole (TVH) 22.1; 3, Atkins 22.2.

400: 1, R. Jenkins (EAC) 47.9; 2, I. Saunders (S) 48.4; 3, M. Delaney (C) 48.5; 4, Moven 48.9. (B) 1, P. Hoffmann (EAC) 48.1; 2, L. Hoyte (TVH) 48.7; 3, A. Williams (C) 48.9; 4, R. Danville (W&B) 50.1.

800: 1, P. Browne (TVH) 1:54.1; 2, P. Forbes (EAC) 1:54.4; 3, M. Edwards (W&B) 1:54.4. (B) 1, K. Glastonbury (C) 1:54.1; 2, A. Weatherhead (EAC) 1:54.5; 3, S. Durnall (W&B) 1:55.8.

1500: 1, R. Weatherburn (ESH) 3:52.5; 2, C. Thomas (TVH) 3:53.6; 3, R. Knowles (EAC) 3:55.5; 4, P. Gaytor (S) 3:57.2; 5, R. Yarrow (C) 3:57.5. (B) 1, D. Smith (EAC) 3:56.5; 2, B. Walters (TVH) 3:58.0.

5000: 1, L. Reilly (S) 13:54.6; 2, J. Wheway

(W&B) 13:59.4; 3, D. Logue (ESH) 14:03.4; 4, D. Gunstone (EAC) 14:16.2; 5, A. Leek (C) 14:26.6; 6, G. Dugdale (TVH) 14:36.2. (B) 1, A. Hutton (ESH) 14:13.0; 2, B. Donovan (C) 14:31.2.

3000SC: 1, P. Ratcliffe (C) 8:57.0; 2, I. Elliot (ESH) 9:07.6; 3, A. Pretty (TVH) 9:28.0; 4, H. Elder (W&B) 9:33.8. (B) 1, G. Bryan-Jones (ESH) 9:16.6; 2, J. Eley (W&B) 9:38.8.

110H: (+2.8m) 1, Danville 14.1 (eq league rec); 2, D. Wilson (EAC) 14.4; 3, A. McKenzie (ESH) 15.0; 4, D. Jones (S) 15.8. (B) (+2.9m) 1, C. Luxon (EAC) 15.2; 2, I. Grant (ESH) 15.5; 3, J. Roberts (W&B) 15.9.

400H: 1, P. Kelly (W&B) 52.3; 2, D. West (TVH) 53.9; 3, W. Leyshon (C) 54.5; 4, M. Ollier (S) 55.1; 5, K. Hay (ESH) 57.4. (B) 1, S. James (W&B) 54.0; 2, N. Gregor (EAC) 56.8; 3, A. Robertson (ESH) 57.6.

4 x 100: 1, ESH (Wells, Hislop, D. Combe, Denham) 41.4 (Scottish club rec); 2, TVH 42.2; 3, EAC 42.2; 4, Cardiff 43.3; 5, W&B 43.4.

4 x 400: 1, EAC 3:14.1; 2, W&B 3:14.9; 3, TVH 3:19.6; 4, Cardiff 3:19.9; 5, Sale 3:20.5.

HJ: 1, McKenzie 2.00/6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Wilson 1.95/6'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, C. Harris (TVH) 1.95; 4, D. Morais (W&B) 1.90/6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (B) 1, M. Palmer (W&B) 1.90; 2, K. Maguire (EAC) 1.85/6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

PV: 1, M. Bull (W&B) 4.90/16'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2, N. Donachie (EAC) 4.30/14'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, P. Goulding (TVH) 4.20/13'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4, J. Parkinson (S) 3.90/12'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 5, B. Jones (C) 3.90. (B) 1, R. Williamson (EAC) 4.00/13'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, G. Parr (C) 3.70/12'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

LJ: 1, Atkins 7.02/23'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Cole 6.91/22'8"; 3, McKenzie 6.89/22'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

TJ: 1, J. Phillips (C) 15.18/49'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, P. Davies (TVH) 14.98/49'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Atkins 14.31/46'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (B) 1, S. Power (C) 14.35/47'1"; 2, M. Cannavan (W&B) 14.14/46'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, D. Smith (TVH) 13.68/14'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

SP: 1, W. Tancred (W&B) 17.21/56'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, P. Buxton (ESH) 16.66/54'8"; 3, K. Jones (C) 14.16/46'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4, A. Black (ESH) 14.05/46'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (B) 1, C. Black (ESH) 13.39/43'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, J. Walters (C) 13.16/43'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

DT: 1, Buxton 54.38/178'5" (Scottish native rec); 2, G. Tyler (S) 48.24/158'3"; 3, Walters 42.62/139'10"; 4, N. Sandilands (EAC) 40.70/133'6". (B) C. Black 48.30/158'5".

HT: 1, C. Black 72.18/236'10"; 2, J. Whitehead (W&B) 63.68/208'11"; 3, N. Lia (C) 53.08/174'2"; 4, E. Lawlor (TVH) 50.74/166'6"; 5, Sandilands 48.68/159'8"; 6, D. Bell (S) 46.78/153'6". (B) 1, Buxton 63.90/209'8"; 2, N. Edmonds (TVH) 46.60/152'11"; 3, G. Tancred (W&B) 44.96/147'6"; 4, P. Jones (C) 44.38/145'7"; 5, B. Reed (ESH) 44.34/145'6"; 6, W. Gentleman (EAC) 43.20/141'9".

JT: 1, G. Brooks (C) 65.92/216'3"; 2, A. Black 62.70/205'8"; 3, J. Evans (EAC) 62.34/204'6". (B) 1, D. Scullion (ESH) 59.46/195'1"; 2, C. Pruski (C) 56.26/184'7"; 3, D. Flett (EAC) 55.62/182'6".

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teams put on a fine race, with the East Germans coming from behind to win by just four-hundredths in 42.55 as against their pending world record of 42.50. Barbel Eckert thus won her second gold medal of the Games, while Renate Stecher added a gold to her earlier silver and bronze awards in Montreal. She had gained two golds and a silver in Munich for a total of six medals—one less than the women's 'record' shared by Shirley Delahunty and Irena Szewinska. The British girls weren't able to repeat their national record form of the heats, but even if they had they would still have finished eighth.

1, GDR (M. Oelsner, R. Stecher, C. Bodendorf, B. Eckert) 42.55 (Olympic rec).

2, West Germany (E. Possek, I. Helten, A. Richter, A. Kroniger) 42.59.

3, USSR (T. Prorochenko, L. Maslakova, N. Besfamilnaya, V. Anisimova) 43.09.

4, Canada (M. Howe, P. Loverock, J. McTaggart, M. Bailey) 43.17.

5, Australia (B. Wilson, D. Wells, D. Robertson, R. Boyle) 43.18.

6, Jamaica (L. Hodges, R. Allwood, C. Cummings, J. Pusey) 43.24.

7, USA (M. Watson, E. Ashford, D. Armstrong, C. Cheeseborough) 43.35.

8, UK (WENDY CLARKE, DENISE RAMSDEN, SHARON COLYEAR, ANDREA LYNCH) 43.79.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

But for the wet conditions, the USA's world record of 38.19 might well have been shattered. The team of Harvey Glance (19), Johnny Jones (18), Millard Hampton (20) and Steve Riddick (24) had been hoping for a sub-38 timing, but safety was the keynote of their performance. The runners had agreed with coaches Leroy Walker and Lee Calhoun that if the track was damp and the baton slippery they would forget about 'explosion' and simply make sure they passed within the zones. In fact the first two changes were so cautious that the USA were in danger of losing the race to the snappy East Germans, but a great turn by Hampton followed by a fine pass to Riddick swung the race decisively in the Americans' favour. The GDR equalled their national record (set when finishing fifth at Mexico City), and Valeriy Borzov collected his fifth Olympic medal when anchoring the USSR into third place.

1, USA (H. Glance, J. Jones, M. Hampton, S. Riddick) 38.33.

2, GDR (M. Kokot, J. Pfeifer, K-D. Kurrat, A. Thieme) 38.66.

3, USSR (A. Askinin, N. Kolesnikov, Y. Silov, V. Borzov) 38.78.

4, Poland (A. Swierczynski, M. Woronin, B. Grzejszczak, Z. Licznarski) 38.83.

5, Cuba (F. Gomez, A. Casanas, H. Ramirez, S. Leonard) 39.01.

6, Italy (V. Guerini, L. Caravani, L. Benedetti, P. Mennea) 39.08.

7, France (J-C. Amoureux, J. Arame, L. Sainte-Rose, D. Chauvelot) 39.16.

8, Canada (H. Spooner, M. Nash, A. Dukowski, H. Fraser) 39.47.

WOMEN'S 4 x 400 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

We little thought when Britain set a world record of 3:30.8 to win the inaugural European title in Athens that within seven years a women's team would break 3:20, but that's what the East Germans did with eight-tenths to spare for an average of 49.8 per runner! Doris Maletzki, who was not selected for the individual event, led off in 50.10 (which would have been good for the silver medal), and she was followed by Brigitte Rohde (49.93), Ellen Streidt (49.51) and 18-year-old Christina Brehmer (49.79).

The GDR won by almost 30m but the place times were fairly sensational too. The USA, anchored by Rosalyn Bryant (49.71), finished inside the previous world record of 3:23.0, with the USSR (who hadn't a finalist in the individual 400) third in a national record of 3:24.2. Australia and West Germany also broke their national bests in a race which saw the British squad place seventh in a disappointing 3:28.0, almost a second slower than their heat time. Liz Barnes had an off-day, running only 54.7 for the first leg, and it was hard work from then on to move out of last place. Gladys Taylor clocked 51.9, Verona Elder 50.9, and it was Donna Murray (50.5) who eventually got the better of Canada (Yvonne Saunders).

1, GDR (D. Maletzki, B. Rohde, E. Streidt, C. Brehmer) 3:19.2 (World & Olympic rec).

2, USA (D. Sapenter, S. Ingram, P. Jiles, R. Bryant) 3:22.8.

3, USSR (I. Klimovicha, L. Aksyonova, N. Sokolova, N. Ilyina) 3:24.2.

4, Australia (J. Canty, V. Burnard, C. Rendina, B. Nail) 3:25.6 (Commonwealth rec).

5, W. Germany (C. Steger, D. Fuhrmann, E. Barth, R. Wilden) 3:25.7.

6, Finland (M. Lindholm, P. Haggman, M-L. Pursiainen, R. Salin) 3:25.9.

7, UK (LIZ BARNES, GLADYS TAYLOR, VERONA ELDER, DONNA MURRAY) 3:28.0.

8, Canada (M. Stride, J. Yakubovich, R. Campbell, Y. Saunders) 3:28.9.

MEDWAY ATHLETIC CLUB'S

Boys' Cross-Country Relay and Colts' Race will be held on October 2nd and the Young Athletes and Schools Race on November 13th to avoid clashing with League fixtures.

4 x 400 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

Herman Frazier, Benny Brown, Fred Newhouse and Maxie Parks regained the title from the absent Kenya in the fastest time ever recorded at or near sea level (2:58.7), although the 1968 team's 2:56.1 at Mexico City was never threatened. Frazier opened up with a 45.33 and Brown followed with a 44.62 split. It was Newhouse on the third leg who assured the USA of a comfortable victory; he was timed at 43.70 and handed over to Parks with a long lead over Poland and West Germany. Parks anchored in 45.00, with Poland retaining the silver medal position (one that a full strength, disaster-free British squad might have aspired to . . .), but all eyes were on Alberto Juantorena. The great man took over seventh and for once ran the first 200 flat out (someone clocked him at 20.1!). He maintained a tremendous pace for another 100m but even he has his limits and he finished where he started, in seventh place. His time: 44.5.

1, USA (H. Frazier, B. Brown, F. Newhouse, M. Parks) 2:58.7.

2, Poland (R. Podlas, J. Werner, Z. Jaremski, J. Pietrzyk) 3:01.4.

3, W. Germany (F-P. Hofmeister, L. Krieg, H. Schmid, B. Herrmann) 3:02.0.

4, Canada (I. Seale, D. Domansky, L. Hope, B. Saunders) 3:02.6.

5, Jamaica (L. Priestley, —, C. Bradford, S. Newman) 3:02.8.

6, Trinidad (M. Solomon, H. Tuitt, J. Coombs, C. Joseph) 3:03.5.

7, Cuba (E. Gutierrez, D. Alfonso, C. Alvarez, A. Juantorena) 3:03.8.

8, Finland (H. Makela, O. Karttunen, S. Lonnqvist, M. Kukkoaho) 3:06.5.

HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

"The guy who won the gold medal is going to be one of the great forces in this event for some time to come—he's a fantastic jumper." That tribute to 19-year-old Jacek Wszola came from Dwight Stones who, as in Munich, had to settle for a bronze medal. In between came the appropriately named Greg Joy, who gladdened the hearts of all by winning the host nation's only athletics medal in Montreal. The contest provided an exciting and emotional conclusion to these marvellous Games.

It was a traumatic day for Stones. Not only did he fail to win a title for which he was the overwhelming favourite; he also was barracked by a thoroughly unsporting section of the crowd, and even had his life threatened. His attempt to placate hostile spectators at the start of the competition by wearing a tee-shirt proclaiming "I love French Canadians" didn't succeed—all it did was to invoke the wrath of officialdom. Stones was ordered to take it off, and was in trouble again when he was seen to be wearing a 1972 USA Olympic vest,

which he regards as more comfortable than the 1976 model. He was told by a high jump official: wear the regulation uniform or you don't jump. None of this helped Stones' concentration on the job at hand but what finally defeated him was the rain. "When I jumped 7'3" (2.21) it was just starting to drizzle, but as soon as I saw the puddles start to appear I could just have scratched because the reason I'm world record holder is my run—and my run presents a problem in rainy conditions because of the torque and speed I use. I knew there was no way of me jumping under those conditions without hurting myself. I was unstable on each step I took, and I knew I was going to have problems with the plant."

Greg Joy confirmed: "Dwight Stones does not have great strength in his take-off. What he does have is great speed on the run-up and the ability to plant his foot and convert his speed into upward lift. Once he is in the air he has the best technique of any high jumper in the world, but when it is wet he is in big trouble. On wet footing there is no way he can approach as fast or be sure of his foot plant. When it is wet all the advantage goes to jumpers who have a slower run-up and greater strength in their take-off."

Stones, who joined officials in attempts to mop up the water on the fan, failed three times at 2.23, a height cleared at the first attempt by Wszola and at the third by Joy. Wszola then proceeded to flop over 2.25/7'4½" at the second attempt, one centimetre short of his recent Polish record. Joy had one miss and then, as he was assured of finishing no worse than second, sensibly opted to take both his remaining jumps at 2.27. It was still possible for him to win, and some 67,000 breaths were held as he made his attempts, but he didn't really come close. Wszola went much nearer; on his second try he just ticked the bar off with his calf on the way down. He took his final try at 2.29, failed, and left the high jump area hugging his Canadian friend and rival. Wszola, a drama student, is not only the first Pole to win the Olympic men's high jump . . . he's the first from his country even to place in the first six. He is the reigning European junior champion and has progressed thus: 1973—2.08, 1974—2.20, 1975—2.23, 1976—2.26.

Final word from Stones, the day after the competition: "I feel I have a lot of juice left in me; I'm only now getting into the peak of my shape. Seeing my best mark is 7'7" I expect to have better jumps than that in the next couple of weeks." Three days later, in Philadelphia, Big-D cleared 2.32/7'7½" for a new world record.

1, JACEK WSZOLA (Poland) 2.25/7'4½" (Olympic rec) (2.14, 1; 2.18, 1; 2.21, 1; 2.23, 1; 2.25, 2; 2.27, two failures; 2.29, one failure) (30.12.56; 1.90, 76kg).

2, GREG JOY (Canada) 2.23/7'3½" (2.00, 1; 2.05, 1; 2.10, 1; 2.14, 2; 2.18, 3; 2.21, 1; 2.23, 3; 2.25, one failure; 2.27, two failures) (23.4.56; 1.91, 71kg).

3, DWIGHT STONES (USA) 2.21/7'3" (2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 1; 2.21, 1; 2.23, fail) (6.12.53; 1.96, 82kg).

4. SERGEY BUDALOV (USSR) 2.21 (2.05, 1; 2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 1; 2.21, 2; 2.25, fail) (7.8.55; 1.86, 79kg).

5. SERGEY SENYUKOV (USSR) 2.18/7'1½" (2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 1; 2.21, fail) (27.1.55; 1.96, 86kg).

6. RODOLFO BERGAMO (Italy) 2.18 (2.00, 1; 2.05, 1; 2.10, 1; 2.14, 2; 2.18, 1; 2.21, fail) (23.8.55; 1.79, 70kg).

7. ROLF BEILSCHMIDT (GDR) 2.18 (2.05, 1; 2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 2; 2.21, fail) (8.8.53; 1.88, 78kg).

8. JESPER TORRING (Denmark) 2.18 (2.10, 1; 2.14, 2; 2.18, 2; 2.21, fail) (27.9.47; 1.86, 72kg).

9. T. Totland (Nor) 2.18 (2.00, 1; 2.05, 1; 2.10, 2; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 2; 2.21, fail); 10. R. Almen (Swe) 2.18 (2.00, 1; 2.05, 2; 2.10, 2; 2.14, 1; 2.18, 3; 2.21, fail); 11. J. Barrineau (USA) 2.14/7'0¼" (2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, fail); 12. C. Ferragne (Can) 2.14 (2.05, 1; 2.10, 1; 2.14, 1; 2.18, fail); 13. W. Jankunis (USA) 2.10/6'10¼" (2.10, 1; 2.14, fail); 14. R. Leif Falkum (Nor) 2.10 (2.10, 2; 2.14, fail).

PRE-OLYMPIC MEETINGS

10.7. Montreal. 400: Mitchell (Aus) 45.7; (B) Chepkwony (Ken) 46.7; 5000: Ngeno (Ken) 13:20.6, Yohanes Mohamed (Eth) 13:21.4, Eshetu (Eth) 13:23.8, Shibru (Eth) 13:24.6, Rono (Ken) 13:30.8, Musyoki (Ken) 13:35.0; women's 200: Boyle (Aus) 22.6, Robertson (Aus) 22.9, Bailey 23.0; 400: Nail (Aus) 51.9, Burnard (Aus) 52.2. 12.7. Montreal. 100: (-0.6m) Crawford (Tri) 10.0; 1000: Boit (Ken) 2:19.3; SP: Woods (US) 20.56, Shmook (US) 20.13; women's 100: Boyle (Aus) 11.2; 100: Jackson (US) 2:37.3; JT: Schmidt (US) 61.08. 14.7. Montreal. 200: Evans (US) 20.6; 800: Boit (Ken) 1:46.0, Newman (Jam) 1:46.5; 2000SC: Eshetu (Eth) 5:21.2 (world best), Yohanes Mohamed (Eth) 5:22.2, Rono (Ken) 5:28.8, Girma (Eth) 5:31.4; 400H: Shine (US) 49.2, Moses (US) 49.3; PV: Abada (Fra) 5.30, Bell (US) 5.20; DT: Silvester (US) 62.94, Powell (US) 62.38; 4 x 400: USA 3:01.7, Nigeria 3:02.2, Trinidad 3:02.4, USA 'B' 3:03.1; women's 800: Poor (US) 2:01.5, Pollock (Aus) 2:03.1; 2000: Lutz (US) 5:47.5; 4 x 400: USA 3:29.8, Australia 3:30.3.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S HARDSHIP CASES

At the recent SCWAAA/SCWCC & RWA 'Hardships' meeting the following cases were dealt with: D. Hallett, VPH to Highgate, immediate transfer; J. Cooper, VPH to Highgate, immediate transfer; S. Collins, Thameside to Thurrock, immediate transfer; Sarah Robinson, Bedford to Wycombe Phoenix, eligible 2.9.76; T. Robinson, Peterborough to Bedford, eligible 29.3.77; M. Head, Woking to Bracknell, eligible 24.1.77; J. Compton, Woking to Bracknell, eligible 10.2.77.

Bromley Borough Council and Debenhams are putting on a 10,000m for Senior Men, 4000m for Senior Ladies, 4000m for Boys, and 2000m for Girls (11 or 12 on 1.9.76) over a grassland course in Norman Park, Bromley on Sunday, 12th September as part of the 'Sport for All' Week.

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New Zealanders Run At AAA Championships

THE influx of overseas stars from mid-week invitation meetings in Stockholm (August 9th/10th) and Helsinki (August 10th/11th) ensure that the Nationwide Building Society AAA Championships at Crystal Palace this weekend will live up to its usual expectations and not be an anti-climax following so hard on the heels of the Olympic Games. The organisers now hope that, having brought a cluster of Montreal stars to the Crystal Palace track, the public will still maintain its interest after saturation TV coverage of the Olympics, and turn out in large numbers.

Brendan Foster will be looking to regain his 5000m title after running the same distance against Lasse Viren in Helsinki earlier in the week. His main opposition should come from last year's winner, Marty Liquori, who having missed the Olympics through injury will be keen to prove his worth. Britain's four other Olympic 5000/10,000 representatives, Tony Simmons (preparing for the Polytechnic marathon), Ian Stewart, Bernie Ford and David Black, have decided not to compete. Title holder at 800m, Steve Ovett, faces Olympic 1500m champion John Walker, whom he defeated earlier this year in Helsinki; while fellow New Zealanders Rod Dixon and Olympic 5000m silver medallist Dick Quax contest the 1500m. Olympic 200m champion Don Quarrie contests both sprints, while after mid-week excursions to Stockholm and Helsinki, Alan Pascoe will be seeking to regain his 400m hurdles title. David Jenkins will be defending in the 400m. Reigning steeplechase champion, Tony Stainings, and the new UK record holder, Dennis Coates, have fellow Olympic finalist Euan Robertson (NZ) for competition in that event.

In the throwing events Geoff Capes will defend his shot title with likely competition coming from America's Peter Shmoeck and there is a possibility that John Powell will be competing in the discus. Murray Cheater (NZ) takes on Paul Dickenson and the new UK record holder Chris Black in the hammer.

Timetable

Friday, August 13th: LJ—5.30pm; 100 hts—6.00; 800 hts—6.15; JT—6.30; 400 hts—6.35; 100 sf—6.55; 400H hts—7.05; 100—7.25; 10,000—7.35; 1500 hts—8.10; 3000SC hts—8.30; 800 sf—8.50.

Saturday, August 14th: HT—1.15pm; PV—1.30; 3000W—1.40; 110H hts—2.00; HJ—2.15; Youths 4 x 100 hts—2.15; Junior 4 x 100 hts—2.25; 800—2.35; 200 hts—2.45; Junior 3000—2.55; SP—2.45; TJ—3.00; 110H—3.05; Youths 4 x 100—3.15; Junior 4 x 100—3.25; DT—3.30; 1500—3.35; 400—3.45; 3000SC—3.55; 400H—4.10; 200—4.20; 5000—4.30.

Sebastian Coe (19) ran 800m in 1:47.7 at Stretford last Sunday.

FABULOUS 3000 BY BRAGINA

Deposed Olympic 1500m champion Lyudmila Bragina (USSR) has regained the world record for 3000m. Running in last Saturday's match against the USA at College Park, Maryland, Bragina smashed Grete Waitz's mark by 18.2 sec with the phenomenal time of 8:27.2. Only two British women this year (Mary Stewart and Penny Yule) have maintained that pace for half the distance—4:13.6 for 1500. Raisa Katjukova (USSR) also beat the old record with 8:41.8.

Dwight Stones finished last in the high jump at this meet with 2.18 (it was raining), but earlier in the week (August 4th) in Philadelphia he had raised his own world record by a centimetre with a leap of 2.32/7'7 1/2".

An East German team of Elfi Zinn, Gunhild Hoffmeister, Anita Weiss and Ulrike Klapezynski averaged 1:58.55 per leg for a world 4 x 800m relay record of 7:54.2 at Karl-Marx-Stadt last week.

RECORD FOR CHRIS BLACK

Chris Black beat former world record holder Karl-Hans Riehm, and his own Commonwealth hammer record, with a throw of 74.12/243'2" at the Coca-Cola meeting in Edinburgh on August 6th. Leading results (full coverage next week)—400: D. Jenkins 46.34; 800: S. Ovett 1:46.9, W. Wulbeck (WG) 1:47.0, M. Boit (Ken) 1:47.2; 1000: I. van Damme (Bel) 2:17.5, T. Wessinghage (WG) 2:18.9, D. Moorcroft 2:19.0, J. Walker (NZ) 2:20.0; Mile: R. Dixon (NZ) 3:56.6, F. Clement 3:57.2, P-H. Wellmann (WG) 3:57.6 . . . 6, J. McGuinness 3:58.2; 7, P. Lawther 3:58.6; 2M: B. Foster 8:22.2, N. Rose 8:23.0, R. Smedley 8:24.0, C. Lopes (Por) 8:25.0, A. Simmons 8:25.0, I. Stewart 8:25.6, M. Smet (Bel) 8:26.8, C. Spedding 8:27.0 . . . 11, L. Viren (Fin) 8:35.4; 3000SC: B. Malinowski (Pol) 8:25.2; 400H: J. Bolding (USA) 49.72, A. Pascoe 50.42; Mile Walk: B. Duda (Pol) 6:06.4 (world best), R. Mills 6:10.1; PV: T. Slusarski (Pol) 5.43, W. Buciariski (Pol) & B. Hooper 5.20; SP: G. Capes 20.77; DT: J. Powell (USA) 66.08; HT: C. Black 74.12, K-H. Riehm (WG) 74.04; women's 100: I. Helten (WG) 11.22, S. Colyear 11.42; 440y: I. Szewinska (Pol) 51.71 (world best, electrical timing), D. Murray 52.38 (UK best); 100H: Colyear 13.90.

Next day, at Coatbridge, Brian Hooper broke the UK pole vault record with a leap of 5.31/17'5". Other winners included—200: D. Jenkins 20.8; 1000: S. Ovett 2:21.3; 2000: D. Moorcroft 5:07.0; HT: C. Black 69.58; women's 200: I. Szewinska (Pol) 22.7.

NEW ZEALANDERS TO THE FORE

4.8. Philadelphia. Mile: Walker (NZ) 3:56.2, Wellmann (WG) 3:56.3, Dixon (NZ) 3:56.4, Coghlan (RoI) 3:57.5; 2M: Quax (NZ) 8:17.2 . . . 3, Viren (Fin) 8:21.6. **9.8. Stockholm.** Mile: Walker 3:53.1, Wessinghage (WG) 3:53.1 (Eur rec), Coghlan 3:55.1; 10,000: Lopes (Por) 27:42.8, Quax 27:46.0, Smet (Bel) 27:48.6; 400H: Bolding (US) 49.1, Wheeler (US) 49.7, Pascoe (UK) 50.4; HJ: Stones (US) 2.27, Wszola (Pol) 2.24.

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Team race for Scottish & Newcastle Brewers
Challenge Shield. Teams of 4. 1st Ind. £15,
2nd £10, 3rd £6, 4th £3.

Junior Ladies—1½ miles (1 lap). Ind. & Team
race for Tennent's Challenge Trophy. Teams
of 4. 1st Ind. £10, 2nd £6, 3rd £4, 4th £2.

Coverage by Border & Tyne-Tees Television.

Entry fees: 60p per team, 20p per ind.

Entries close Sat. 4th September, 1976 to: Mr
D. Campbell, 19 Ladywell Road, Tweedmouth,
Berwick-upon-Tweed. **No late entries can be
accepted.**

