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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS ISSUE

Mel Watman and Dave Cocksedge  
report from Helsinki



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— but in fact he  
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European  
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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Southall "10" has had to be cancelled this year. It is hoped that it may be possible to hold the race again next year; if so an announcement will be made at a later date.

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With reference to the £500 worth donation of poles ("Spotlight on Youth," August 7th issue), these were supplied by Telfers to the BAAB and have already been distributed to promising young vaulters by Morton Evans.

# BRITISH 800m RUNNERS AMONG THE MEDALS



Yevgeniy Arzhanov wins the European 800m title in Helsinki in 1:45.6 ahead of Dieter Fromm (1:46.0) and Andy Carter (UK record of 1:46.2).

Ed Lacey



Vera Nikolic, champion in 1966, wins back the title in 2:00.0, followed by Pat Lowe (2:01.7) and Rosemary Stirling (2:02.1)—personal bests for all three.

Mark Shearman

# WHY THIS TALK OF FAILURE?

**M**EASURING the success or otherwise of a national team in an event like the European Championships is difficult. What criterion does one use? Surely, not by gold medals alone—for there is much more to athletics than simply winning and losing. Of course we should hail the victory of Dave Jenkins for all it is worth; but are we to regard Pat Lowe and Barbara Inkpen as failures because they were beaten? That would be utterly absurd, and yet to hear some people talk and to read certain press reports is to gain the impression that because we won only one gold medal the Championships were a disaster for the British team.

What nonsense! Agreed, we did not enjoy the same degree of success as in Athens (it would have been unreasonable to expect that) but—without being complacent—we did not do so badly either.

Statistics can be used to prove almost anything; for example in 1966 we won only two medals, both gold, while this time we gained one gold, four silver and five bronze. Depending on one's viewpoint, the Helsinki team could be said to have been only half as good—or five times as successful—as the Budapest squad.

In spite of the “knockers”, the fact remains that only three nations gained more medals than Britain: East Germany with 32, the USSR with 20 and West Germany with 17. Our traditionally closest rivals, Poland and France, won nine and three respectively.

Perhaps the fairest means of comparison is by taking into account all placings in the first eight (scoring 8 points for a win, 7 for 2nd place, down to 1 for 8th). On that basis, the British athletes tied for third place with the far better prepared West Germans in the men's events, fifth in the women's and fourth overall. Is that failure?

Here are those point scores:—

**Men:** USSR 170, E. Germany 166, UK & W. Germany 85, Poland 64, Finland 57, France & Italy 40, Czechoslovakia 37, Sweden 24.

**Women:** E. Germany 129, W. Germany 107, USSR 64, Poland 52, UK 40½, Hungary 25, Rumania 19½, Austria 13, Switzerland 11, Yugoslavia 9.

**Combined:** E. Germany 295, USSR 234, W. Germany 192, UK 125½, Poland 116, Finland 62, France & Hungary 47, Czechoslovakia 45, Italy 40.

Three world records were broken (in the women's 1500m, discus and 4x400m) and hordes of other great performances accomplished in what are accepted as the finest European Championships to date. On the organisational front, too, the Championships were most distinguished. The visual aids, including instantaneous winning times to a hundredth of a second and consolidated field event positions round by round on the main scoreboard, were marvellous. Thanks to a computer, even the fluctuating state of the parties in the high jump and pole vault were indicated for all to see.

## BRITAIN'S ROLL OF HONOUR

**Gold Medal:** DAVE JENKINS (400m).

**Silver Medals:** TREVOR WRIGHT (Marathon), ALAN PASCOE (110m Hurdles), PAT LOWE (800m), BARBARA INKPEN (High Jump).

**Bronze Medals:** ANDY CARTER (800m), BRENDAN FOSTER (1500m), RON HILL (Marathon), PAUL NIHILL (20km Walk), ROSEMARY STIRLING (800m).

**Other placings in the first 8:** 4th—John Kirkbride (1500m), Colin Kirkham (Mar), Lynn Davies (LJ), 4x100m team, Rita Ridley (1500m), Sheila Sherwood (LJ), women's 4x400m team; 5th—Pete Browne (800m), 4x400m team; 6th—Dave Bedford (10,000m), Peter Gabbett (Dec), Phil Embleton (20kmW), women's 4x100m team; 7th—Mike Tagg (10,000m); 8th—Anita Neil (100m), Joan Allison (1500m), Barbara-Anne Barrett (LJ).

**UK records:** 400m: Jenkins 45.5; 800m: Carter 1:46.2; 20km Walk: (unofficial) Nihill 1:27:34.8; women's 1500m: Ridley 4:12.7; HJ: Inkpen 1.85/6'0¼”.

**Other personal bests:** 800m: Browne 1:47.0; 1500m: Foster 3:39.2; Kirkbride 3:39.5; 10,000m: Tagg 28:14.8; Jack Lane 28:24.0; JT: Gabbett 58.68/192'6”; women's 800m: Lowe 2:01.7; Stirling 2:02.1; 1500m: Allison 4:14.8; Sheila Carey 4:16.2.

The crowds (with a paid attendance of 197,069 for the six days) contributed greatly to the occasion, as did the splendid stadium which may be over 30 years old but is still light years ahead of anything we have in Britain. And it was so fitting, in this land where athletics flourishes still as the national summer sport, that the star of the Games should be a Finnish distance runner, Juha Vaatainen.

Slip-ups? Hardly any, though the organisers should have realised that 1.73/5'8” was too low a qualifying height for the women's high jump (never mind, what a final that was). They also under-estimated the speed of the 50km walkers, with Mr. Soldatenko & Co. coming perilously close to having to “lift” along the final straight over a set of high hurdles. There was a crushing disappointment, too, for those invited to the athletes' rave-up on the final night. “Erotic dancers from Hungary” were promised on the press hand-out but, alas, that should merely have read exotic!

Well done, Finland, for a wonderful Championships. In 1974 it will be Rome's turn.

M.W.

The Helsinki report that follows is by Mel Watman and Dave Cocksedge, with assistance from Cliff Temple.

## First Day Tuesday, August 10th

### 400 METRES HURDLES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Silver medallist last time in Athens, and Commonwealth champion. These were the credentials John Sherwood took into his heat, and he then proceeded to finish last. The injury that has dogged him all season—a strained tendon in the instep of his right foot—reduced him to a shadow of his former self, straining all the way. "I was running on my heels and just couldn't go any faster. That's the worst race of my career," he said, shaking his head as he walked off. Dave Scharer made a hasty exit himself in heat three, after running hard for 300m. Holder Vyacheslav Skomorokhov eased in to clock 50.5 in the windy conditions, and Jean-Claude Nallet was untroubled as he took his heat in 50.7 from the European Junior titleholder Dmitriy Stukalov.

**Heat 1:** 1, Y. Gavrilenko (USSR) 50.8; 2, H. Hofer (Swi) 51.1; 3, A. Salin (Fin) 51.3; 4, L. Baggio (Fra) 51.3; 5, E. Serafin (Pol) 51.5; 6, K. Ohman (Swe) 51.9; 7, L. Karsky (Cz) 52.0.

**Heat 2:** 1, V. Skomorokhov (USSR) 50.5; 2, D. Buttner (W.Ger) 50.6; 3, I. Danis (Cz) 50.7; 4, G. Ballati (Ita) 51.1; 5, J. Laser (E.Ger) 51.4; 6, T. Torstensson (Swe) 51.9; 7, W. Banaszak (Pol) 51.9; 8, J. SHERWOOD (UK) 52.6.

**Heat 3:** 1, C. Rudolph (E.Ger) 50.5; 2, W. Reibert (W.Ger) 51.0; 3, T. Kulczycki (Pol) 51.1; 4, M. Montgermont (Fra) 51.4; 5, F. Suarez-Canal (Spa) 51.8; 6, D. SCHARER (UK) 52.0; 7, D. Giovanardi (Ita) 52.0; 8, A. Matos (Port) 52.3.

**Heat 4:** 1, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 50.7; 2, D. Stukalov (USSR) 50.8; 3, J. Tuominen (Fin) 51.2; 4, G. Hennige (W.Ger) 51.2; 5, M. Soriano (Spa) 51.4; 6, H. Oberg (Swe) 51.7; 7, I. Ratoi (Rum) 52.1; 8, J. Dillon (RoI) 58.4.

### LONG JUMP: Qualifying

Disaster struck Alan Lerwill as he ran through on his first effort, and then no-jumped twice; strange for a man of his experience. After the nadir of Portsmouth one would have thought he had ironed out his problems—as it seemed in the AAA Championships. Geoff Hignett never clicked in spite of a helpful tailwind, but Lynn Davies really exploded on his second effort after a narrow foul, and cut the sand at 7.90/25'11". Tynu Lepik with a 7.93/26'04" effort on his first jump, led the way into the final—for which 7.70/25'34" was the requirement. Igor Ter-Ovanesyan also clicked well with a 7.77/25'6" but another leading contender, Jack Pani, crashed badly as he jumped with his left knee bandaged on his first two efforts. Only a week earlier, before incurring the injury, he had covered 8.20/26'11" in training. Other shock eliminations were European indoor cham-

pion Hans Baugartner and Olympic silver medalist Klaus Beer.

**Pool 1:** T. Lepik (USSR) 7.93/26'04"; L. DAVIES (UK) NJ, 7.90/25'11"; P. Rousseau (Fra) 7.68, NJ, 7.82/25'8"; J. Schwarz (W. Ger) NJ, 7.80/25'74"; I. Ter-Ovanesyan (USSR) 7.77/25'6"; J. Kobuszewski (Pol) NJ, 7.77; R. Toivonen (Fin) NJ, NJ, 7.77; S. Szudrowicz (Pol) 7.75/25'54" w; F. Bendixen (Nor) 7.60, 7.67, 7.74/25'43". Non-qualifiers: K. Beer (E.Ger) 7.24w, 7.65/25'14" w, 7.42; D. Kosutic (Yug) 7.49, 7.60/24'114" w, NJ, J. Torring (Den) 7.52/24'84", 7.33, NJ; V. Jurca (Rum) 7.50/24'74", 7.44, 7.10; G. Dinsel (Turkey) 7.27/23'104", 5.36, NJ; H. Kalocsai (Hun) 7.11, 7.24/23'9", NJ; A. LERWILL (UK) NJ, NJ, NJ.

**Pool 2:** C. Tourret (Fra) 7.82/25'8"; V. Sarucan (Rum) 7.79/25'64" w; T. Haugland (Nor) 7.52, 7.75/25'54"; M. Klauss (E.Ger) 7.67, 7.72/25'4";

### DARTFORD HARRIERS

#### ROAD RELAY

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

**Please Note :**

Venue now Central Park, Dartford

**NOT AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED**

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6 to run, 3 to score

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17th Annual Under AAA Laws

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#### ROAD RACES

**SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1971,**  
at 2.30 p.m.

#### SENIOR 5 MILES

Team & Individual—Start 3.30 p.m.

#### YOUNG ATHLETES 3½ MILES

Team & Individual—Start 3.00 p.m.

(Over 15 and under 18 on 12.9.71)

#### BOYS' 2½ MILES

Team & Individual—Start 2.30 p.m.

(Over 12 and under 15 on 12.9.71)

Challenge Trophies, replicas for all winners. Medallions/Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all races, both team and individual.

Entry Fees: Seniors 20p, Young Athletes 15p,

Boys 10p. Ind. entries only (no team fees).

Entries (AAA forms) to Mr. H. Fulford, 18

Glebe Meadow, East Dean, nr. Salisbury, Wilts.

Changing/Start: Cattle Market, Ashley Road.

**CLOSING DATE: WED., 1st SEPTEMBER**

V. Podluzhnyi (USSR) 7.63, NJ, 7.72/25'4"; M. Myllymaki (Fin) 7.51, 7.57, 7.70/25'34". Non-qualifiers: H. Baumgartner (W.Ger) 7.43w, 7.42, 7.62/25'0"; M. Rak (Yug) 7.46, 7.58/24'10 1/2", 7.56; A. Gloerfeld (W.Ger) 7.28, 7.46, 7.57/24'10"; J. Pani (Fra) 7.38, 7.41/24'33", 7.33; N. Stekic (Yug) 7.35/24'11", NJ, 7.25; G. HIGNETT (UK) 7.17, 7.25/23'9 1/2", 7.25; G. Tatona (Hun) 7.22/23'8 1/4", 7.20, 7.10; J. Broz (Cz) NJ, 5.92/19'5 1/4", NJ.

### 100 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Brian Green sprinted sharply to qualify comfortably, eliminating former champion Wieslaw Maniak in the process—not to mention alleged 10.0 performer, Manfred Kokot. Martin Reynolds did not start, preferring to conserve his energies for the 200.

**Heat 1:** (—1.6m) 1, D. Chauvelot (Fra) 10.6; 2, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 10.6; 3, K.-H. Klotz (W.Ger) 10.8; 4, R. Vilen (Fin) 10.8; 5, T. Johansson (Swe) 11.0; 6, E. Reitan (Nor) 11.1. P. Krizan (Yug) and M. Reynolds (UK) scr.

**Heat 2:** (—1.3m) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.6; 2, H.-J. Bombach (W.Ger) 10.8; 3, E. Brieger (W.Ger) 10.8; 4, N. Oliosi (It) 10.8; 5, P. Sanchez (Spa) 10.9; 6, P. Utekal (Cz) 11.0; 7, A. Munteanu (Rum) 11.0; 8, E. Erdol (Turk) 11.2.

**Heat 3:** (—0.2m) 1, G. Wucherer (W.Ger) 10.3; 2, G. Echevin (Fra) 10.4; 3, A. Kornelyuk (USSR) 10.4; 4, B. GREEN (UK) 10.5; 5, W. Maniak (Pol) 10.7; 6, J. Demec (Cz) 10.8; 7, M. Kokot (E.Ger) 10.8; 8, B. Stefansson (Ice) 11.0.

**Heat 4:** (nil) 1, V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) 10.5; 2, S. Schenke (E.Ger) 10.6; 3, L. Bohman (Cz) 10.7; 4, P. Clerc (Swi) 10.7; 5, T. Cuch (Pol) 10.8; 6, S. Pedersen (Den) 10.8; 7, R. Metz (Fra) 11.3. A. Zhidkikh (USSR) scr.

### JAVELIN: Qualifying

The required distance was 77.00/252'7" but that proved to be beyond Dave Travis, throwing well below his capabilities. Travis is one who can usually be relied upon to rise to the occasion, so the sight of his throwing only 72.70/238'6" and 73.32/240'7" was an unusual one. Janis Lusis hit 84.44/277'0" with his first cast and walked off contentedly. Hannu Siitonen had his countrymen cheering lustily as he joined Jorma Kinnunen in the final, taking an extra cast—measured at 80.78/265'0"—just for the fun of it. An era came to an end with the elimination of Gergely Kulcsar (37), who had placed in the first five of every "Games" since 1958.

**Qualifiers:** J. Lusis (USSR) 84.44/277'0"; W. Hanisch (E.Ger) 65.04, 74.80, 81.72/268'1"; H. Siitonen (Fin) 77.28, 80.78/265'0"; K. Wolfermann (W.Ger) 80.14/262'11"; J. Doninsh (USSR) 79.12/259'7"; J. Csik (Hun) 75.52, 73.60, 78.80/258'6"; W. Nikiciuk (Pol) 74.56, 78.80/258'6"; H. Schlechter (W.Ger) 78.68/258'2"; M. Nemeth (Hun) 78.28/

256'10"; J. Kinnunen (Fin) 76.12, 78.12/256'3"; U. von Wartburg (Switz) 75.06, 77.84/255'4"; R. Cramerotti (It) 77.52/254'4".

**Non-qualifiers:** L. Krupinski (Pol) 76.60/251'4", NT, NT; Z. Jalszynski (Pol) 71.08, NT, 76.54/251'1"; G. Kulcsar (Hun) 76.48/250'11", NT, 75.30; M. Ibanez (Fra) 76.44/250'9", NT, 68.92; J. Petersen (Nor) 75.62/248'1", 71.66, NT; A. Makarov (USSR) 71.42, NT, 75.60/248'0"; J. Jaakola (Fin) 74.64/244'10", NT, 73.80; D. TRAVIS (UK) 72.70, NT, 73.32/240'7"; G. Simonsen (W.Ger) 73.26/240'4", 66.16, 71.70; J. Svensson (Swe) 67.76, 73.14/239'11", NT; A. Olsson (Nor) 72.74/238'8", NT, NT; J. Bohman (Swe) 72.44/237'8", 72.12, NT; M. Stolle (E.Ger) 68.18/223'8", NT, NT.

### WOMEN'S 400 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Jannette Roscoe drew a tough heat, and ran a near personal best of 54.0 to progress to the semis. Heat 2 proved to be the hottest, as Bernadette Martin made her exit in spite of clocking 53.7. Svetla Zlateva found 54.0 insufficient in the first heat also. Colette Besson looked very calm throughout her 53.2 effort; and Helga Seidler impressed with an unstrained 52.7.

**Heat 1:** 1, R. Kuhne (E.Ger) 53.2; 2, C. Besson (Fra) 53.2; 3, A. Ruckes (W.Ger) 53.6; 4, K. Lundgren (Swe) 53.8; 5, S. Zlateva (Bul) 54.0; 6, M. Suman (Rum) 54.3; 7, B. Zientarska (Pol) 55.0.

**Heat 2:** 1, H. Seidler (E.Ger) 52.7; 2, I. Boddington (W.Ger) 53.0; 3, N. Chistyakova (USSR) 53.2; 4, M. Burggraaf (Neth) 53.6; 5, B. Martin (Fra) 53.7; 6, D. Piecyk (Pol) 54.3; 7, S. Guyonina (Bul) 55.1.

**Heat 3:** 1, M. Eklund (Fin) 54.4; 2, C. Frese (W.Ger) 54.4; 3, K. Kafer (Aus) 54.5; 4, E. Randerz (Swe) 54.5; 5, K. Hryniewicka (Pol) 54.7; 6, L. Aksenova (USSR) 54.9; 7, P. J. Salgado (Spa) 56.3.

**Heat 4:** 1, I. Lohse (E.Ger) 53.3; 2, M. Sykora (Aus) 53.5; 3, H.-L. Strandvall (Fin) 53.7; 4, J. ROSCOE (UK) 54.0; 5, N. Kolesnikova (USSR) 54.4; 6, L. Malmstrom (Swe) 54.7; 7, I. Einarsdottir (Ice) 61.3.

### 800 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

A big question hung over Andy Carter's current form, following his recent illness, but here he was quite magnificent as he sped round the first lap in 52.9, passed 600 in 79.6, and held on well along the stretch to score over Jens-Bodo Fried in a stadium record of 1:46.8, only a fifth outside his best. Pete Browne got through comfortably in his heat, after Yevgeniy Arzhanov toyed with the field following a 54.3 bell.

**Heat 1:** (54.0) 1, D. Fromm (E.Ger) 1:48.8; 2, J. Medjimurec (Yug) 1:49.2; 3, O. Fernandez (Spa) 1:49.2; 4, M. Aalto (Fin) 1:49.3; 5, H. Bertram

(W.Ger) 1:49.6; 6, K. Linkowski (Pol) 1:51.7; 7, R. Schie (Nor) 1:54.2.

**Heat 2:** (52.9) 1, A. CARTER (UK) 1:46.8; 2, J. B. Fried (W.Ger) 1:47.4; 3, S. Meshcherskich (USSR) 1:47.5; 4, S. Hensgens (Neth) 1:47.9; 5, F. Mamede (Por) 1:48.4; 6, A. Boonen (Bel) 1:49.6; 7, A. Falero (Gib) 1:59.8.

**Heat 3:** (54.3) 1, Y. Arzhanov (USSR) 1:49.3; 2, G. Larsen (Den) 1:49.3; 3, S. Waskiewicz (Pol) 1:49.4; 4, P. BROWNE (UK) 1:49.4; 5, R. Fohrenbach (W.Ger) 1:49.6; 6, M. Tumkan (Tur) 1:49.8.

**Heat 4:** (63.1) 1, H.-H. Ohlert (E.Ger) 1:59.2; 2, J. Plachy (Cz) 2:00.1; 3, A. Kupczyk (Pol) 2:00.1; 4, P. Meyer (Fra) 2:00.6. E. Reygaert (Bel) and I. Ivanov (USSR) scr.

#### WOMEN'S 800 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Two out of three British girls qualified without trouble as the experience of Pat Lowe and Rosemary Stirling told. Sandra Sutherland, making her international debut, found a 60.9 first lap too fast for comfort and was tailed off, but the experience will prove valuable to the young Scot. Vera Nikolic ran an extravagant 2:04.8, charging away from Rosemary Stirling as they came out of the final turn. Claire Walsh left her sprint perilously late, but passed Pat Lowe some 30m from the finish.

**Heat 1:** (59.9) 1, H. Falck (W.Ger) 2:05.0; 2, M. Kulcsar (Hun) 2:05.3; 3, W. Pohland (E.Ger) 2:05.3; 4, A. Ramello (Ita) 2:05.7; 5, V. Amzina (Bul) 2:06.4; 6, S. SUTHERLAND (UK) 2:09.5. S. Tynnela (Fin) scr.

**Heat 2:** (64.0) 1, V. Nikolic (Yug) 2:04.8; 2, R. STIRLING (UK) 2:06.7; 3, S. Schenk (W.Ger) 2:07.4; 4, D. Wierzbowska (Pol) 2:07.9; 5, B. Jennes (Den) 2:09.5; 6, L. O. Fuentes (Spa) 2:12.6. A.-M. Nenzell (Swe) scr.

**Heat 3:** (62.8) 1, G. Hoffmeister (E.Ger) 2:05.9; 2, C. Walsh (RoI) 2:06.1; 3, P. LOWE (UK) 2:06.4; 4, K. Hoiler (Den) 2:06.7; 5, E. Skowronska (Pol) 2:06.9. M. Sykora (Aus) scr.

**Heat 4:** (60.1) 1, I. Silai (Rum) 2:04.9; 2, D. Govoni (Ita) 2:05.5; 3, N. Sabaite (USSR) 2:05.5; 4, G. Ellenberger (W.Ger) 2:05.6; 5, T. Petrova (Bul) 2:05.9; 6, G. Andersen (Nor) 2:07.6. J. Jehlickova (Cz) scr.

#### WOMEN'S 100 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Defending champion Petra Vogt looked a little sluggish in her heat; by contrast her countrywoman Renate Stecher, bristling with power, tore through in 11.4 against the wind. Anita Neil held her form well for an 11.8 behind Irena Szewinska into a breeze of 1.6 metres per sec, but Liz Johns and Val Peat ran steadily last all the way, though the Welsh girl did well enough to clock 11.9 against a one metre wind. Val, racing for the first time since the Northern, appeared to be

not fully recovered from injury. Sylvie Telliez sustained a leg injury and was carried off.

**Heat 1:** (— 1.6m) 1, I. Szewinska (Pol) 11.8; 2, A. NEIL (UK) 11.8; 3, M. Meyer (E.Ger) 11.9; 4, W. Van Den Berg (Neth) 11.9; 5, M. Nemeshazi (Hun) 12.1. T. Rautanen (Fin) scr.

**Heat 2:** (— 1.0m) 1, E. Schittenhelm (W.Ger) 11.5; 2, G. Balogh (Hun) 11.7; 3, P. Vogt (E.Ger) 11.7; 4, M. Antenen (Swi) 11.8; 5, E. JOHNS (UK) 11.9. N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) scr.

**Heat 3:** (— 0.2m) 1, I. Mickler (W.Ger) 11.6; 2, L. Zharkova (USSR) 11.8; 3, C. Molinari (Ita) 11.9; 4, D. Jedrejek (Pol) 11.9; 5, H. Kapfer (Aus) 12.0; 6, V. PEAT (UK) 12.1.

**Heat 4:** (— 0.8m) 1, R. Stecher (E.Ger) 11.4; 2, I. Helten (W.Ger) 11.7; 3, S. Telliez (Fra) 11.9; 4, H. Flisnik (Pol) 12.0. G. Bukharina (USSR) scr.

#### WOMEN'S SHOT: Final

It's difficult to believe, looking at the result, but Nadyezhda Chizhova was a doubtful starter. An injury to her right hand had severely curtailed her training and competitive appearances, and a season's outdoor best of only 18.82/61'9" did not augur too well against the 20.03/65'8½" achieved the week before the Championships by Olympic champion Margitta Gummel. Indeed, the early stages of the competition suggested that the 30-year-old East German—runner-up in Budapest and Athens—would strike lucky at her third attempt. She opened with 18.90/62'0¼" and increased her lead with a 19.22/63'0¼" heave in the second round. It was a commanding position—until Chizhova (who fouled her first put) stepped into the circle for her second try and launched the missile on a journey of 20.16 metres (66'1¼").

No one in women's shot putting history, Chizhova apart, has ever reached such a distance and it had a daunting effect on Gummel who went on to foul her next two efforts and was overtaken for second place in the final round by her compatriot Maritta Lange (28), European bronze medalist on the last two occasions. Lange's 19.25/63'2" was a personal best. Another late change in position occurred when, in the fifth round, 38-year-old Antonina Ivanova (whose best stood at 15.74/51'7¾" prior to 1969) overtook Hannelore Friedel for 4th place.

Nadyezhda means 'hope' in Russian and certainly when it comes to European shot-putting titles hope springs eternal. Chizhova, still only 25, has become the first woman to win three consecutive European championships—not to mention her successes in the Junior Games of 1964 and the Indoor Championships of 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971. An Olympic title is the only honour to have eluded the 1.73/5'8½", 89kg/196lb Russian so far.

1, NADYEZHDA CHIZHOVA (USSR) 20.16/66'1¼" (—, 20.16, 19.35, 18.63, —, 19.61).  
2, MARITTA LANGE (E. Germany) 19.25/63'2" (18.87, 17.99, 18.80, 18.63, 19.02, 19.25).

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- 3, MARGITTA GUMMEL (E. Germany) 19.22/63'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (18.90, 19.22, —, —, 18.69, 19.07).
- 4, ANTONINA IVANOVA (USSR) 18.80/61'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (16.14, 17.50, 17.85, 18.38, 18.80, —).
- 5, HANNELORE FRIEDEL (E. Germany) 18.52/60'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (16.41, 17.62, 18.52, —, 18.52, —).
- 6, IVANKA KHRISTOVA (Bulgaria) 17.78/58'4" (17.78, —, —, —, 17.38, 17.40).
- 7, GALINA NYEKRASOVA (USSR) 17.56/57'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.88, 16.54, 17.56, 16.81, —, —).
- 8, JUDIT BOGNAR (Hungary) 17.33/56'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (16.25, 17.33, 16.95, 17.23, 17.14, —).
- 9, E. Van Noorduynd (Neth) 16.68/54'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (—, 15.91, 16.68); 10, L. Chewinska (Pol) 16.64/54'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (—, 16.64, 16.58); 11, S. Kofink (W.Ger) 16.27/53'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.72, 16.27, 16.25); 12, H. Fibingerova (Czech) 15.73/51'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (15.73, —, —); 13, B. Berendonk (W.Ger) 15.39/50'6" (—, 15.21, 15.39); 14, C. Barck (Fin) 14.42/47'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (—, 13.86, 14.42).

### 20,000 METRES WALK

Paul Nihill was as magnificent in defeat as he has so often been in victory. He produced all he could, including the fastest time he has ever recorded for the distance, in a gallant defence of his title and that he finished third on this occasion must not on any account be misinterpreted as a disappointing performance. Paul himself was disappointed, but he alone has the right to feel that way. By any standards, Paul's walking was tremendous and it took superlative performances by two of his keenest rivals, Nikolay Smaga and Gerhard Sperling, to deny him.

Paul was in contention throughout. As the field swept out of the stadium after some 2000m Paul was a close-up third behind two Swedes and by 5km (20:19) he shared the lead with Peter Frenkel (holder of the world track record at 1:25:50), Phil Embleton, Smaga, the deaf-mute Sperling, Boris Yakovlyev and Yevgeniy Ivchenko. Hans-Georg Reimann (20:22) and Bernhard Kanneberg (20:23) were close behind, with Bill Sutherland next at 20:50.

Four men were clustered together at 10km (44:00): Nihill, Frenkel, Smaga and Sperling. Ivchenko (44:10) and Embleton (44:11) were waging their own private duel, followed by Yakovlyev (44:20) and Reimann (44:26). Sutherland was 12th in 45:50. The first four were still in a group at 15km (1:05:50) but by this point Reimann had moved up four places to 4th (1:06:25) just ahead of Embleton and Ivchenko (1:06:30). Yakovlyev passed in 1:06:38; Sutherland 15th in 1:09:50.

It was over the last, searching 5km stretch that Nihill dominated his rivals in Athens and he hoped a similar strategy would pay off in Helsinki too. Smaga and Sperling, however, were equally determined to follow Nihill's every move. There was still nothing in it as the three headed uphill towards the stadium. Nihill opened up a very narrow lead but, as Paul put it, "the hill was not long enough for me. As soon as the hill flattened out they made a dash for it. They had

taken the sting out of my kick; I was tired and could not respond".

Smaga, a blond crewcut Russian a week short of his 33rd birthday, entered the stadium with a 30m lead and strode to his first major title, having won the bronze in Budapest, Mexico City and Athens. His time was a brilliant 1:27:20.2, the fastest ever recorded in such an important event. After years of consistent walking, Sperling (33) gained his first medal. Only a stride ahead of Nihill as he reached the track he pulled comfortably clear. Paul's time of 1:27:34.8 was well inside Matthews' UK best, while British walking received another fillip as Phil Embleton, who at 22 is in the very early stages of what promises to be a momentous career, finished a most praiseworthy sixth in excellent time. "A marvellous performance by Phil," enthused Paul. Bill Sutherland pulled up two places to finish 13th in a time just outside his best for the season.

1, NIKOLAY SMAGA (USSR) 1:27:20.2 (Championship record).

2, GERHARD SPERLING (East Germany) 1:27:29.0.

3, PAUL NIHILL (UK) 1:27:34.8.

4, PETER FRENKEL (East Germany) 1:27:52.8.

5, HANS-GEORG REIMANN (East Germany) 1:28:56.8.

6, PHIL EMBLETON (UK) 1:29:31.6.

7, BORIS YAKOVLYEV (USSR) 1:29:49.4.

8, YEVGENIY IVCHENKO (USSR) 1:31:32.2.

9, B. Kannenberg (W.Ger) 1:32:06.4; 10, P. Busca (Ita) 1:32:44.2; 11, A. Kiss (Hun) 1:33:15.4; 12, C. Sowa (Lux) 1:33:54.6; 13, W. SUTHERLAND (UK) 1:34:15.0; 14, A. Antal (Hun) 1:35:09.6; 15, S. Forian (Hun) 1:35:24.2; 16, K. Moen (Swe) 1:35:28.2; 17, J. Ornoch (Pol) 1:35:33.4; 18, S. Ingvarsson (Swe) 1:36:17.2; 19, H. Tenggren (Swe) 1:36:54.8; 20, W. Wesch (W. Ger) 1:37:39.4; 21, J. Rolstad (Nor) 1:39:14.8; 22, K. Lund (Nor) 1:40:28.6.

### 10,000 METRES

Just as Lachie Stewart's wildly acclaimed 10,000m victory sparked off last year's Commonwealth Games, so this race—with its unremitting tension and stupefying climax—ensured that whatever else might follow, Helsinki 1971 would long be remembered. And how appropriate that, in the land where the art of distance running reached such glorious heights, the winner of the most enthralling 10,000m race in history should be a Finn.

Athletics remains the Finns' national sport and the top stars enjoy a prestige which in Britain would be reserved for professional soccer heroes. Imagine then the fervour caused by Juha Vaatainen as he revived a nation's proud tradition. Helsinki's Olympic Stadium has reverberated to many a crowd's deep throated roar over the years but never can there have been such scenes of jubilation as those which occurred as Vaatainen—one of the mystery men of athletics—stepped out

of the shadows to become one of the sport's most publicised champions.

The element of excitement in most distance races tends to be spasmodic; not in this one. From start to finish there was no let-up for the spectators any more than for the runners. Watching the saga unfold became an emotional experience, in which the crowd and the runners somehow became united in a common endeavour.

The record books will show that Vaatainen won in 27:52.8, a time bettered by only two men previously; that Jurgen Haase and Rashid Sharafetdinov gained the other medals; that five men bettered 28 minutes and ten national records were broken. For this, and much else besides, we can thank Dave Bedford.

It was Bedford who transformed what might merely have been a very fine race into an epic which will be discussed by track connoisseurs for generations to come. That he eventually finished sixth was poor reward for such brave running.

Before a near capacity crowd of 40,000 on a cool evening, the 35 runners threaded their way around a sensibly paced first lap (67.2) awaiting a natural leader to show himself. That was the cue for Bedford and his 63.6 second lap was a reminder to all that anyone with hopes of beating him was going to have to run much faster than he had ever done before.

The next three laps were clicked off in 65.2, 65.3 and 65.3. Gaston Roelants, who had been training with Bedford at Valadalen in Sweden the previous week or so and who had agreed to help his British friend reach 5000m in around 13:40 (faster than the European Championship record!), showed up in front for a very brief period but Bedford quickly realised the Belgian was unable to keep to his offer. Bedford knew that in his current state of fitness (which he later estimated to be 40 sec below his Portsmouth form) he could not maintain such a schedule alone and the pace was allowed to slacken. The 3000m mark was passed by Bedford in 8:15.0, 6 sec down on his 27:47 schedule at Portsmouth. Roelants, two-time champion Jurgen Haase, Rashid Sharafetdinov and Mariano Haro were clustered a stride behind in 8:15.2, while Vaatainen was close to hand at 8:16.3. Jack Lane and Mike Tagg were 14th and 16th respectively.

Haase, not usually a man to take the lead before the last lap, moved ahead on the 10th circuit, with the intention of slowing down the race. The outcome was a 68.6. Bedford heeded the danger and regained the lead in order to pep up the pace. At the 5000m mark it was Bedford in 13:54.4 (as against 13:45.2 during his European record) closely shadowed by Haase and Sharafetdinov (13:54.6), Vaatainen and Haro (13:54.8) and Dane Korica (13:54.9). There had never been a 10,000m race like this before!

Bedford must have been feeling uneasy. Half the race was over, he had set a devilish tempo, the like of which only he and Ron Clarke had ever experienced, and yet there were still seven men within 15 metres of him. He tried surging but

to little avail: the pack pulled him back each time.

The initiative passed from him on the 16th lap. As the stadium vibrated to the cheers and applause, Vaatainen streaked ahead coming up to the 6000m mark and threw in a murderous lap of 63.4. Bedford could not respond and dropped back 15 metres to 7th place. Was he finished? Was he hell! Not only did he catch up with the leaders on the next lap (fortunately a slow one) . . . he pranced back into the lead as though nothing untoward had happened.

Six laps to go and still there were six runners in contention: Bedford, Vaatainen, Haase, the amazing Haro (whose personal best stood at 28:34.2 and who had only narrowly missed his fastest ever time as he passed 5000m), Sharafetdinov and Korica. The tension was becoming unbearable, particularly for supporters of Bedford who realised that Dave's chances diminished as each lap went by without his being able to break away.

It was easy enough from the stands to urge Bedford to make the big break, but Dave was trying all he knew to do so. The spirit was willing but the body was not up to it. He was, as he later reflected, suffering an "off day" and yet he was still in there fighting. Bedford's extrovert personality may not win him the unqualified approval of everyone, but nobody can deny he has guts.

Three laps left and still it's Bedford grinding it out, head bowed with the effort as with increasing desperation he attempts to drop his rivals. Two laps—and five runners continue to dog him. Bedford plays his last ace, a penultimate lap in 65.2. It's a fantastic effort by a man clearly dying on his feet but his pursuers are not going to give up now after all they have suffered.

The thrill of anticipation eclipses one's sympathies for Bedford as the bell clangs. Which of the three big kickers is going to prevail? Will it be Haase, seeking his third European title and acknowledged as the master finisher in slowish races—which this most certainly is not? Or what about Sharafetdinov, a man who has been timed at 25.5 sec for the final 200m of a 10,000? As for Vaatainen, the object of the crowd's collective hysteria, to what degree has he retained the sprinting ability that carried him to a 10.9 100m time a dozen years ago?

The break comes with 350m remaining. Vaatainen is away, with Haase after him. Sharafetdinov is caught off guard and is out of it. Into the final bend and Vaatainen is three metres ahead of Haase; faster and faster they go. It's unbelievable; how, after all that's gone before, is this possible? Fifty metres to go and the Finn glances to his right; he knows he's going to win. Paavo Nurmi, Hannes Kolehmainen, Ville Ritola—the legend of the Flying Finns is reborn as Vaatainen crosses the line a couple of strides to the good. He has covered the last lap in 53.9—science fiction stuff. Korica and Haro break 28 minutes and don't even have a medal to show for it. Bedford completes his final lap in 65.5 for a time of

28:04.4, which would have equalled Haase's European record just a month earlier. Heroic running. And let's not overlook men like Mike Tagg, who finished practically unnoticed in 7th place in 28:14.8 and Jack Lane, 13th in 28:24.0—personal bests both.

What an effect this race had on the world all-time list. Ron Clarke and Dave Bedford retain first and second places with 27:39.4 and 27:47.0, but then come Vaatainen, Haase, Sharafetdinov, Korica and Haro with their Helsinki marks.

Kilometre times (all with Bedford leading unless shown)—2:43.2, 5:26.6 (2:43.4), 8:15.0 (2:48.4), 11:04.7 by Haase (2:49.7), 13:54.4 (2:49.7), 16:44.9 by Vaatainen (2:50.5), 19:34.6 (2:49.7), 22:27.5 (2:52.9), 25:19.4 (2:51.9) and 27:52.8 by Vaatainen (2:33.4). The five fastest kilometres totalled 13:38.1!

Juha Vaatainen? His has been an extraordinary career. Born at Oulu on July 12th, 1941, he was a 10.9 sprinter at 18 who then took to 400m hurdles (56.2) and 800m. He ran 1:52.3 in 1963, 1:49.7 in 1965, 1:49.3 in 1966 and 1:48.4 in 1967—in which year he covered 1500m in 3:46.3 and yet still had the speed to run 220y in 22.2 during a stay in the USA. Gradually this 1.72/5'7½", 58kg/128lb teacher continued to move up in distance. During 1968 he not only improved his 1500m time to 3:43.7, but also clocked 8:01.0 for 3000m. In 1969 he set marks of 13:50.0 for 5000m and 28:53.0 for 10,000m (he ran, without distinction, in the Britain v. Finland match at Crystal Palace); last year he reached world class with 13:43.2 and 28:19.6 and in July of this year he improved the Finnish record to 28:12.8. In his final pre-Championships race he set a national 3000m mark of 7:56.4, with a prophetic last lap in 53.9. His preparations this past year have included training in South America, the USA and at high altitude Font Romeu where he covered 25km (over 15½ miles) in a remarkable 1:19:42.

It was a privilege to see such a race and witness the birth of a remarkable champion.

1, JUHA VAATAINEN (Finland) 27:52.8 (Championship record).

2, JURGEN HAASE (East Germany) 27:53.4.

3, RASHID SHARAFETDINOV (USSR) 27:56.4.

4, DANE KORICA (Yugoslavia) 27:58.4.

5, MARIANO HARO (Spain) 27:59.4.

6, DAVE BEDFORD (UK) 28:04.4.

7, MIKE TAGG (UK) 28:14.8.

8, SEPPO TUOMINEN (Finland) 28:18.0.

9, M. Letzerich (W.Ger) 28:21.0; 10, N. Tijou (Fra) 28:21.8; 11, W. Dossegger (Swi) 28:23.0; 12, L. Rault (Fra) 28:23.2; 13, J. LANE (UK) 28:24.0; 14, A. Risa (Nor) 28:24.4; 15, J. Krebs (E.Ger) 28:26.8; 16, K. Lismont (Bel) 28:31.2; 17, L. Viren (Fin) 28:33.2; 18, N. Sviridov (USSR) 28:41.2; 19, J. Jansky (Cz) 28:43.2; 20, R. Jourdan (Fra) 28:46.2; 21, D. Walsh (RoI) 28:52.6; 22, E. Mleczko (Pol) 28:55.8; 23, H. Piotrowski (Pol) 29:01.8; 24, E. Lesse (E.Ger) 29:02.6; 25, J. Szerenyi (Hun) 29:04.0; 26, L. Mecser (Hun) 29:07.6; 27, G. Cindolo (Ita) 29:13.8; 28, J. Wollenberg (W.Ger) 29:25.4; 29, P. Halle (Nor)

29:32.4; 30, J. Wirth (Swi) 29:33.8; 31, E. Nijstad (Neth) 29:48.2; 32, D. Brand (W.Ger) 29:59.4; 33, C. Lopes (Port) 30:05.6; G. Roelants (Bel) and N. Farcic (Yug) dnf.

Lap times: 67.2, 63.6, 65.2, 65.3, 65.3, 68.4, 65.9, 68.1, 67.1, 68.6, 68.7, 64.8, 69.2, 67.5, 69.9, 63.4, 71.4, 69.9, 69.1, 68.9, 70.0, 67.0, 69.2, 65.2, 53.9.

## Second Day

### Wednesday, August 11th

#### WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP: Qualifying

With the Fosbury Flop outnumbering the Straddle 5 to 1, the overall standard proved embarrassingly high: only 8 of the 35 jumpers failed the qualifying height of 1.73/5'8". Barbara Inkpen, with a new-found confidence following her conversion to the Flop, was at least three inches clear on her qualifying jump, confirming a training mark of over 6 feet earlier in the week. Ruth Watt, in her first international competition, acquitted herself well with the second best jump of her career, but didn't make the final. A sound debut, though.

**Qualifiers at 1.73/5'8".** R. Schmidt (E.Ger); V. Chulkova (USSR); B. Babosek (Yug); K. Mack (W.Ger); R. Gartner (W.Ger); G. Eistrup (Den); B. INKPEN (UK); K. Karlsen (Nor); S. Simeoni (Ita); C. Popescu (Rum); D. Konowska (Pol); A. Bouma (Neth); R. Emonts-Gast (Bel); D. Bisang (Swi); I. Gusenbauer (Aus); S. Hrepevnik (Yug); M. Hubnerova (Cz); M. Komka (Hun); M. Karbanova (Cz); A. Proskova (Cz); S. Langkilde (Den); G. Garrido (Fra); L. Hedmark (Swe); V. Gavrilova (USSR); M. Thomas-Ackermans (Neth); B. Rechner (Swi); A. Lazareva (USSR).

**Non-qualifiers:** E. Rudolf (Hun) 1.71/5'7½"; M-C. Debourse (Fra) 1.71; U. Meyfarth (W.Ger) 1.68/5'6"; R. WATT (UK) 1.68; F. Picaut (Fra) 1.65/5'5"; S. Sassenz (Ita) 1.65; I. Pigato (Ita) 1.55/5'1".

#### WOMEN'S DISCUS: Qualifying

While Olympic champion Lia Manoliu and 63.66/208'10" performer Karin Illgen both sensationally failed to make the leading dozen, Rosemary Payne threw 52.98/173'10" which just sufficed. Tamara Danilova opened up with a solid 57.62/189'0" to lead the way.

**Qualifiers:** T. Danilova (USSR) 57.62/189'0"; L. Muravyeva (USSR) 56.84/186'6"; A. Menis (Rum) 56.38/185'0"; J. Kleiber (Hun) 54.74; NT, 56.12/184'1"; L. Westermann (W.Ger) 55.94/183'6"; B. Berendonk (W.Ger) 53.34, 54.28, 55.24/181'3"; O. Catarama (Rum) 52.04, 55.16/181'0"; F. Melnik (USSR) NT, 54.58/179'1"; NT; J. Abahazi (Hun) NT, 52.48, 54.56/179'0"; A. Mickler (E.Ger) 53.14, 53.76/176'4"; 47.68; C. Spielberg (E.Ger) NT, NT, 53.44/175'4"; R. PAYNE (UK) 49.24, NT, 52.98/173'10".

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**Non-qualifiers:** L. Manoliu (Rum) 52.26/171'5", 50.64, 50.90; J. Bognar (Hun) NT, 52.12/171'0", 50.62; K. Illgen (E.Ger) 50.60/166'0", NT, NT; D. Kaphenidou (Gre) NT, 47.30/155'2", NT.

### POLE VAULT: Qualifying

The standard was an unexpectedly high 5.00/16'4½" and the casualty list was heavy. World record holder Chris Papanicolaou cracked up attempting 4.80/15'9", stalling out on all three tries, and Mike Bull came down on each of his three attempts at 4.70/15'5" after going well past the bar as he rocked back and shot his hips up. Strangest of all, though, was a heavily bandaged Francois Tracanelli who never got off the ground once—even in his warm-up attempts.

**Qualifiers at 5.00/16'4½":** Y. Isakov (USSR); R. Dionisi (Ita); W. Sokolowski (Pol); H-J. Ziegler (W.Ger); H. Lagerqvist (Swe); A. Kalliomaki (Fin); W. Nordwig (E.Ger); H. Engel (W.Ger); R. Ivanoff (Fin); K. Isaksson (Swe) A. Alarotu (Fin); J-E. Blomqvist (Swe).

**Non-qualifiers:** J-M. Bellot (Fra) 4.90/16'0¼"; W. Buciariski (Pol) 4.90; E. Tananika (USSR) 4.90; S. Lefevre (Fra) 4.70/15'5"; A. Righi (Ita) 4.60/15'1¼". **M. BULL** (UK), C. Papanicolaou (Gre), F. Tracanelli (Fra) no height.

### WOMEN'S 100 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

Reigning champion Petra Vogt narrowly scraped into the final with a fourth place. Anita Neil's 11.7 was just sufficient to secure her a place in the final, where she gained the bronze medal last time in Athens. She eliminated Monika Meyer, a recent 11.2 performer. Helena Flisnik is the former Helena Kerner, European Junior champion in Paris last year.

**Heat 1:** (-1.1m) 1, I. Mickler (W.Ger) 11.5; 2, E. Schittenhelm (W.Ger) 11.6; 3, I. Szwinska (Pol) 11.8; 4, P. Vogt (E. Ger) 11.8; 5, C. Molinari (It) 11.9; 6, L. Zharkova (USSR) 11.9; 7, D. Jedrejek (Pol) 12.0. S. Telliez (Fra) scr.

**Heat 2:** (+0.1m) 1, R. Stecher (E.Ger) 11.5; 2, I. Heltten (W. Ger) 11.6; 3, G. Balogh (Hun) 11.7; 4, A. NEIL (UK) 11.7; 5, M. Meyer (E. Ger) 11.8; 6, H. Flisnik (Pol) 12.0; 7, W. Van Den Berg (Neth) 12.1. M. Antenen (Swi) scr.

### 100 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

Brian Green ran well for 80m but just could not hold off the closing surge of Dominique Chauvelot for that vital fourth spot in his semi, and was shut out.

**Heat 1:** (Nil) 1, G. Echevin (Fra) 10.4; 2, V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) 10.5; 3, A. Kornelyuk (USSR) 10.5; 4, S. Schenke (E. Ger) 10.5; 5, N.

Oliosi (Ita) 10.7; 6, K-H. Klotz (W. Ger) 10.7; 7, P. Clerc (Swi) 10.7. R. Vilen (Fin) scr.

**Heat 2:** (+0.1) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.4; 2, G. Wucherer (W. Ger) 10.4; 3, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 10.6; 4, D. Chauvelot (Fra) 10.6; 5, B. GREEN (UK) 10.6; 6, H-J. Bombach (E. Ger) 10.8; 7, E. Brieger (W. Ger) 10.8; 8, L. Bohman (Cz) 10.8.

### 400 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

David Jenkins more than made up for his lacklustre run in the AAA final as he strode smoothly around for a 46.7, putting in a sharp burst at the finish to hold off Andrzej Badenski's challenge. In so doing, he preserved his unbeaten record over 400m. Yes, remarkably enough, he had never lost a race at this distance during his career! Heat 1 gave us the opportunity of seeing Marcello Fiasconaro, the South African/Italian, for the first time, and he left a favourable impression as he eased in behind Jan Werner's 46.4. Semen Kocher found 46.9 insufficient to progress to the semis in that race. John Robertson and Martin Bilham were never in the hunt, both looking laboured as they crossed the line in mediocre times.

**Heat 1:** 1, J. Werner (Pol) 46.4; 2, M. Fiasconaro (Ita) 46.5; 3, G. Bertoulet (Fra) 46.8; 4, M. Tulis (Cz) 46.8; 5, S. Kocher (USSR) 46.9; 6, M. Kocuvan (Yug) 47.6. A. Matos (Por) & M. Guneygil (Tur) scr.

**Heat 2:** 1, D. JENKINS (UK) 46.7; 2, A. Badenski (Pol) 46.7; 3, P. Rom (Nor) 46.7; 4, H. Kohler (W. Ger) 46.8; 5, Y. Borisenko (USSR) 47.1; 6, C. Nicolau (Fra) 47.1; 7, A. Faager (Swe) 47.3.

**Heat 3:** 1, K. Hauke (E. Ger) 46.8; 2, M. Jellinghaus (W. Ger) 47.0; 3, W. Korycki (Pol) 47.1; 4, M. Fredriksson (Swe) 47.4; 5, G. Puosi (Ita) 47.6; 6, H. Roger (Fra) 47.8; 7, J. ROBERTSON (UK) 48.2.

**Heat 4:** 1, M. Kukkoaho (Fin) 46.7; 2, T. Jordan (W. Ger) 47.0; 3, A. Bratchikov (USSR) 47.2; 4, F. McSweeney (RoI) 47.3; 5, R. Bervoets (Bel) 47.4; 6, M. BILHAM (UK) 48.1. L. Susanj (Yug) scr.

### 800 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

Much to the delight of the UK contingent, Andy Carter again crossed the line first, though running a completely different race from his heat. Young Hans Ohlert led at the bell in 54.8 with Carter in his slipstream before everyone began their kicks on entering the straight. The Englishman sprinted clear for a clean win in the third lane as Philippe Meyer made a late run to grab fourth. Pete Browne was literally pushed to qualify in his race, being shoved hard over the finish line by a rival. That was quite a service as Browne was beginning to tie up a little in the

final 30 metres. Yevgeniy Arzhanov played his waiting game again, but sprinted just hard enough to secure second behind a coasting Dieter Fromm.

**Heat 1:** (54.8) 1, A. CARTER (UK) 1:48.5; 2, H-H. Ohlert (E. Ger) 1:48.7; 3, J. Medjimurec (Yug) 1:48.9; 4, P. Meyer (Fra) 1:48.9; 5, S. Waskiewicz (Pol) 1:49.1; 6, S. Meshcherskich (USSR) 1:49.1; 7, G. Larsen (Den) 1:49.3; 8, M. Aalto (Fin) 1:50.6.

**Heat 2:** (53.5) 1, D. Fromm (E. Ger) 1:48.6; 2, Y. Arzhanov (USSR) 1:49.0; 3, P. BROWNE (UK) 1:49.0; 4, J. Plachy (Cz) 1:49.1; 5, A. Kupczyk (Pol) 1:49.3; 6, O. Fernandez (Spa) 1:49.9; 7, S. Hensgens (Neth) 1:50.2; 8, J-B. Fried (W. Ger) 1:50.5.

### WOMEN'S 800 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

Both surviving UK girls qualified for the final comfortably, although they had to do some running on the second lap. In the first race Pat Lowe managed to get out of a box entering the home straight as Vera Nikolic again impressed. Rosemary Stirling was dead last at the bell in her race (62.2), but after moving into second place at 500m (pasing the field on the bend) she allowed Gunhild Hoffmeister and Hildegard Falck to coast home ahead. Despite easing up, Rosemary produced a personal best of 2:03.3—nine-tenths faster than ever before. Claire Walsh, with an Irish record of 2:03.4, also qualified and caused the elimination of one of the favourites, Ileana Silai.

**Heat 1:** (63.0) 1, V. Nikolic (Yug) 2:03.7; 2, D. Wierzbowska (Pol) 2:05.3; 3, G. Ellenberger (W. Ger) 2:05.4; 4, P. LOWE (UK) 2:05.4; 5, M. Kulcsar (Hun) 2:06.2; 6, W. Pohland (E. Ger) 2:06.9; 7, A. Ramello (Ita) 2:07.5; 8, K. Hoiler (Den) 2:07.6.

**Heat 2:** (61.8) 1, G. Hoffmeister (E. Ger) 2:03.1; 2, H. Falck (W. Ger) 2:03.2; 3, R. STIRLING (UK) 2:03.3; 4, C. Walsh (Rol) 2:03.4; 5, I. Silai (Rum) 2:03.9; 6, S. Schenk (W. Ger) 2:04.6; 7, D. Govoni (It) 2:05.0.

### WOMEN'S 100 METRES: Final

Undeclared all season and credited with one great time after another (including a world record equalling 11.0 with a legal 1.9m/sec wind in Berlin just prior to leaving for Helsinki), 21-year-old Renate Stecher was as solid a favourite as they come. Although somewhat sluggish into her running she justified the confidence placed in her, her powerful finish destroying the opposition in the final 20 metres. Her time of 11.4 looks ordinary enough but it should be remembered that the electrical timing usually penalises the runner to the tune of a tenth or two and there was no wind at all during the race. It was a thoroughly competent if less than brilliant performance.

Even though defending champion Petra Vogt was nowhere near her Athens form and finished

seventh, the race demonstrated the sprinting dominance of German girls for West German representatives took second, third and fourth places. Ingrid Mickler, the Olympic pentathlon champion and the only runner during the past two seasons to defeat Stecher, won her first individual medal in four European Championships, while the bronze went to Elfsgard Schittenhelm—who had beaten Mickler for the national title the previous month in 11.2. Anita Neil, considerably below her zestful early season form when she equalled the UK record of 11.3 in Tel Aviv and ran Stecher to inches at Meadowbank, felt her hamstring pull a few strides from the finish.

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| 1, RENATE STECHER (East Germany)       | 11.4 |
| 2, INGRID MICKLER (West Germany)       | 11.5 |
| 3, ELFGARD SCHITTENHELM (West Germany) | 11.5 |
| 4, INGE HELTEN (West Germany)          | 11.6 |
| 5, GYORGYI BALOGH (Hungary)            | 11.6 |
| 6, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland)            | 11.6 |
| 7, PETRA VOGT (East Germany)           | 11.7 |
| 8, ANITA NEIL (UK)                     | 11.8 |

### 100 METRES: Final

Sprinting standards in Europe are low and Valeriy Borzov ranks as the world's number one, so it was no surprise at all that the 21-year-old defending champion was in a class apart from his rivals. From his unusually wide arm-spread starting position to his finishing drive, Borzov is a superb sprinter and his avowed target of equalling the world record of 9.9 this year must be respected. With a headwind of 1.3m/sec and the temperature a chilly 17°C (62°F), conditions were decidedly unhelpful for fast sprinting, so his electrically timed 10.3 was magnificent running—probably equal in value to his European record equalling 10.0 times in 1969 and earlier this season.

Borzov, a muscular 1.82/5'11½" and 78kg/172lb, is the man of whom American coach Leroy Walker said last year: "I would give 100,000 dollars to have such a man in my team for the Munich Olympics". With his nicely blended combination of initial speed (6.4 for 60m), stamina (European 200m record of 20.2) and unquestioned competitive ability, he must be worth a million now.

The bronze by Vassilios Papageorgopoulos was Greece's first European track event medal since Christos Manticas placed third in the 1934 400m hurdles.

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| 1, VALERIY BORZOV (USSR)               | 10.3 (eq. Championship record) |
| 2, GERHARD WUCHERER (West Germany)     | 10.5                           |
| 3, VASSILIOS PAPAGEORGOPOULOS (Greece) | 10.6                           |
| 4, SIEGFRIED SCHENKE (East Germany)    | 10.6                           |
| 5, ZENON NOWOSZ (Poland)               | 10.7                           |
| 6, ALEKSANDR KORNELYUK (USSR)          | 10.7                           |
| 7, DOMINIQUE CHAUVELOT (France)        | 10.7                           |
| 8, GILLES ECHEVIN (France)             | 11.4                           |

**400 METRES HURDLES: Semis**

(1st 4 to final)

Christian Rudolph, a strongly built and rugged-looking East German, filed his medal claim with a throttled back 49.8 in the second heat, in which Ari Salin just got his chest in front of Werner Reibert for the last place in the final. Jean-Claude Nallet was content to coast in behind Yevgeniy Gavrilenko after clobbering the seventh flight. Holder Vyacheslav Skomorokhov appeared to be a little laboured in the straight, and Olympic silver medallist Gerhard Hennige made his exit.

**Heat 1:** 1, Y. Gavrilenko (USSR) 50.2; 2, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 50.4; 3, V. Skomorokhov (USSR) 50.4; 4, I. Danis (Cz) 50.6; 5, G. Hennige (W. Ger) 50.9; 6, J. Tuominen (Fin) 51.1; 7, G. Ballati (Ita) 51.5; 8, M. Montgermont (Fra) 52.8.

**Heat 2:** 1, C. Rudolph (E. Ger) 49.8; 2, D. Buttner (W. Ger) 50.2; 3, D. Stukalov (USSR) 50.3; 4, A. Salin (Fin) 50.4; 5, W. Reibert (W. Ger) 50.5; 6, T. Kulczycki (Pol) 51.2; 7, H. Hofer (Swi) 51.6; 8, L. Baggio (Fra) 51.8.

**WOMEN'S 400 METRES: Semis**

(1st 4 to final)

As two Swedish girls were originally seeded in one semi, the races were re-drawn and Jannette Roscoe started in heat 2. Both Helga Seidler and Colette Besson ran fairly hard for 300m and then throttled back for times of 52.8 and 52.9, Besson looking around twice in the last 30m. Karoline Kafer found herself shut out in spite of running 53.7 in this race, whilst fourth place went at 53.8 in the second heat. Jannette was lying third for around 200m but then began to tighten up, losing a lot of ground in the straight. Christel Frese went out ahead of her in 54.1.

**Heat 1:** 1, H. Seidler (E. Ger) 52.8; 2, C. Besson (Fra) 52.9; 3, M. Eklund (Fin) 53.1; 4, N. Chistyakova (USSR) 53.2; 5, K. Kafer (Aus) 53.7; 6, M. Burggraaf (Neth) 53.8; 7, K. Lundgren (Swe) 54.0; 8, A. Ruckes (W. Ger) 54.4.

**Heat 2:** 1, I. Lohse (E. Ger) 53.0; 2, I. Bodding (W. Ger) 53.2; 3, M. Sykora (Aus) 53.3; 4, R. Kuhne (E. Ger) 53.8; 5, M. L. Strandvall (Fin) 54.0; 6, C. Frese (W. Ger) 54.1; 7, J. ROSCOE (UK) 54.6; 8, E. Randerz (Swe) 54.9.

**JAVELIN: Final**

The Finns are the world's greatest connoisseurs of javelin throwing, an activity that symbolises their nation almost as much as lakes, forests, sauna baths and the music of Sibelius. The crowd's appreciation of this event was a pleasure to behold—they were able to sense the moment the spear left the thrower's hand whether it was going to be good, bad or indifferent, and responded accordingly. World record holder Jorma Kinnunen (held back by injury this year) and the consistent Hannu Siitonen carried Finland's hopes this time in their

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parade event but, in spite of the buzz of excited anticipation that issued from the 30,000 fans each time one of them picked up his javelin, they were unable to produce the goods.

The trouble was that the competition for the gold medal was as good as over after the second round, for Janis Lusis threw 90.68/297'6", best in the world this year and a distance that only three other men in history have bettered. Prior to that mighty effort, Janis Donins had led the way with his opening 85.30/279'10" and the two Latvians—both coached by Valentin Mazzaliti—were never seriously threatened. With Wolfgang Hanisch (20), third in last year's European Junior Championships, going very close to his personal best with 84.22/276'4" in the third round the Finns missed out on the medals.

That victory by Lusis made history for he thus became the first athlete to win four consecutive European titles, an astonishing record in an event notorious for instability of performance. Add in his Olympic gold (1968) and bronze (1964) medals and former world record of 91.98/301'9" and one cannot argue against his being rated the greatest javelin thrower of all time. Matti Jarvinen is the only other possible claimant to the title. Now 32 and in his 15th season of throwing, Lusis has two main objectives left: to retain his Olympic title in Munich and to throw 95 metres (311'8").

- 1, JANIS LUSIS (USSR) 90.68/297'6" (82.78, 90.68, 84.76, —, —, 82.32).
- 2, JANIS DONINS (USSR) 85.30/279'10" (85.30, 81.08, 82.20, —, —, —).
- 3, WOLFGANG HANISCH (East Germany) 84.22/276'4" (79.38, 77.16, 84.22, —, 78.50, 77.94).
- 4, HANNU SIITONEN (Finland) 83.84/275'1" (73.90, 81.08, —, 83.84, —, 77.70).
- 5, JORMA KINNUNEN (Finland) 80.96/265'7" (79.84, 80.96, —, —, —, 77.94).
- 6, KLAUS WOLFERMANN (West Germany) 80.82/265'2" (—, 80.06, 80.82, 78.14, 76.12, 77.36).
- 7, WLADYSLAW NIKICIUK (Poland) 80.56/264'4" (—, 79.90, 80.56, 79.02, 79.40, 77.68).
- 8, HERMAN SCHLECHTER (W. Germany) 80.24/263'3" (70.86, 80.24, —, 71.68, 69.38, 75.08).
- 9, M. Nemeth (Hun) 76.82/252'0" (76.58, 76.82, 75.44); 10, J. Csik (Hun) 76.24/250'1" (75.58, 76.24, 75.88); 11, R. Cramerotti (Ita) 72.92/239'3" (72.38, 72.92, 71.28); 12, U. von Wartburg (Swi) 72.38/237'5" (68.96, —, 72.38).

#### LONG JUMP: Final

This competition was symptomatic of the worldwide recession in long jumping. Eight metre jumps were being accomplished before the war and yet with all the present day advantages—not least a Tartan runway—the title went at only 7.92/26'0". How frustrating it must have been for potential winners like Alan Lerwill, Jack Pani and Hans Baumgartner to watch such a wide open competition from the stand. Galling, too, for Lynn Davies, below par through tonsillitis and yet a mere three inches away from regaining the title he lost in 1969 and keeping alive his hopes of a second "grand slam" of championships.

Igor Ter-Ovanesyan got in the first blow, as he opened with a wind-assisted 7.91/25'11½" (most of the jumps in the contest were either wind free or only lightly assisted), with Max Klauss registering 7.87/25'10" and Davies 7.85/25'9¼" (nil wind). The winner, though at the time it did not seem sufficient for victory, came in the third round when Klauss cleared 7.92/26'0" (+ 0.1m), while Stanislaw Szudrowicz displaced Davies from the bronze medal position with 7.87/25'10". Those placings remained unchanged to the end, Davies holding fourth place over two Finns with the same distance of 7.85 by virtue of a superior second best (7.83/25'8¼"). One of those Finns, Reijo Toivonen, turned 36 years old on August 25th! European co-record holder Josef Schwarz was never in contention.

For Max Klauss this was the first major international success since he won the European junior title back in 1966. Now aged 24 and a solidly built 1.85/6'0¼" and 85kg/187lb, Klauss was hailed a few years ago as a potential decathlon world record breaker. He was 4th in the 1966 European decathlon and his best score of 7986 dates back to 1967. His best marks include such "goodies" as 10.5 for 100m, 48.8 for 400m, 2.04/6'8¼" high jump, 4.60/15'1" pole vault, 46.50/152'7" discus . . . and 8.07/26'5¼" long jump. Ter-Ovanesyan (33) maintained a remarkable record in the European Championships: over a period of 13 years he has never been worse than second! He won in 1958, 1962 and 1969, and was runner-up in 1966 (to Davies) and now again in 1971.

- 1, MAX KLAUSS (East Germany) 7.92/26'0" (7.87, 7.71, 7.92, 7.75, —, —).
- 2, IGOR TER-OVANESEYAN (USSR) 7.91/25'11½" (7.91w, 7.64, 7.87, 7.71, 7.48, 7.41).
- 3, STANISLAW SZUDROWICZ (Poland) 7.87/25'10" (7.44, 7.75, 7.87, —, —, 7.47).
- 4, LYNN DAVIES (UK) 7.85/25'9¼" (7.85, —, 7.83, —, 7.74, 7.74).
- 5, MAURI MYLLYMAKI (Finland) 7.85/25'9¼" (7.58, 7.85, 7.66, —, 7.64, —).
- 6, REIJO TOIVONEN (Finland) 7.85/25'9¼" (—, 7.59, 7.85, —, —, —).
- 7, TYNU LEPIK (USSR) 7.78/25'6¼" (7.59, 7.75, 7.58, 7.67, 7.70, 7.78).
- 8, JAN KOBUSZEWSKI (Poland) 7.75/25'5¼" (7.36, 7.75, 7.64, 5.96, 7.60, 5.05).
- 9, C. Tourret (Fra) 7.74/25'4¼" (7.74, 7.64, 7.63); 10, V. Podluzhnyi (USSR) 7.68/25'2¼" (7.68, 7.64, 6.13); 11, P. Rousseau (Fra) 7.56/24'9¼" (7.17, 7.50, 7.56); 12, J. Schwarz (W. Ger) 7.50/24'7¼" (—, 5.52, 7.50); 13, T. Haugland (Nor) 7.41/24'3¼" (7.38, 7.41, —); 14, F. Bendixen (Nor) 7.32/24'0¼" (7.32, 7.16, 7.29); 15, V. Sarucan (Rum) 6.05/19'10¼" (—, —, 6.05).

#### DECATHLON: First Day

In spite of a poor 100m time of 11.02 (for the first time in a major international decathlon championship, 100m and 110m hurdles times were being scored to a hundredth of a second), title holder Joachim Kirst piled up the formidable total of 4455 points for an overnight lead of almost

300 points over Austria's phenomenal 18-year-old talent, Josef Zeilbauer, who among other exploits managed to set a national high jump mark of 2.04/6'8½".

Peter Gabbett performed honourably to place eighth of the 27 survivors with 4011. He began by winning his 100m heat (0.4m headwind) in 10.85 for 841 points and second place behind Markku Juhola (874) after the first event. His long jumping was satisfactory, as he cleared 7.19 (nil), 7.26/23'10" (+ 1.1m) and 7.14 (— 1.7m), but the shot—the event that is holding him back from 8000-plus scores—was disappointing. With 12.81/42'0½" he ranked only 24th among the contestants and he dropped to 11th place overall. The high jump, once Gabbett's strongest individual event, yielded a leap of only 1.83/6'0" and he slipped another two places. Happily, Gabbett's ability to pick himself up after one or two moderate performances was again in evidence as he ran a most brilliant 400m in 47.2, winning his heat by some 15 metres and registering his fastest time in decathlon competition. No one else broke 48 sec and Gabbett zoomed up five positions to eighth.

**Scores after 5 events:** 1, J. Kirst (E. Ger) 4455 (11.0, 7.68/25'2½", 16.59/54'5½", 2.13/6'11½", 49.0); 2, J. Zeilbauer (Aus) 4159 (11.0, 7.38/24'2½", 13.49/44'3½", 2.04/6'8½", 48.8); 3, H-J. Walde (W. Ger) 4125 (11.2, 7.41/24'3½", 15.33/50'3½", 1.95/6'4½", 49.3); 4, T. Janczenko (Pol) 4086 (11.0, 7.54/24'9", 13.65/44'9½", 1.98/6'6", 50.2); 5, L. Hedmark (Swe) 4079 (11.3, 7.51/24'7½", 15.37/50'5½", 1.89/6'2½", 49.1); 6, K. Bendlin (W. Ger) 4064 (11.1, 7.45/24'5½", 15.03/49'3½", 1.83/6'0", 48.7); 7, H-U. Schulze (W. Ger) 4042 (11.0, 7.11/23'4", 14.53/47'8", 1.89/6'2½", 48.6); 8, P. GABBETT (UK) 4011 (10.9, 7.26/23'10", 12.81/42'0½", 1.83/6'0", 47.2); 9, F. Herbrand (Bel) 3936 (11.0, 7.45/24'5½", 12.85/42'2", 1.98/6'6", 50.4); 10, M. Juhola (Fin) 3936 (10.7, 7.27/23'10½"w, 13.58/44'6½", 1.70/5'7", 48.0);

11, H. Wessel (E. Ger) 3926 (11.2, 7.12/23'4½", 14.70/48'2½", 1.86/6'1½", 49.8); 12, E. de Noorlander (Neth) 3896 (11.4, 6.94/22'9½", 13.99/45'10½", 2.01/6'7", 50.5); 13, Y. Leroy (Fra) 3860 (11.1, 7.37/24'2½", 13.19/43'3½", 1.89/6'2½", 51.2); 14, B. Ivanov (USSR) 3846 (11.3, 6.92/22'8½", 14.15/46'5½", 1.92/6'3½", 50.6); 15, L. Litvinenko (USSR) 3833 (11.3, 7.02/23'0½", 13.50/44'3½", 1.89/6'2½", 49.5); 16, J. Bakai (Hun) 3808 (11.2, 6.96/22'10", 15.28/50'1½", 1.83/6'0", 51.7); 17, R. Lespagnard (Bel) 3800 (11.5, 6.81/22'4½", 12.90/42'4", 2.04/6'8½", 50.3); 18, H. Kyosola (Fin) 3781 (11.3, 7.34/24'1", 13.73/45'0½", 1.75/5'8½", 50.0); 19, R. Katus (Pol) 3762 (11.2, 7.06/23'2", 12.98/42'7", 1.86/6'1½", 50.8); 20, P. Ovesen (Den) 3726 (11.5, 7.04/23'1½", 13.52/44'4½", 1.86/6'1½", 50.8);

21, V. Bogdan (Rum) 3698 (11.4, 6.92/22'8½", 12.75/41'10", 1.86/6'1½", 50.2); 22, R. Ghesquiere (Bel) 3655 (11.8, 6.86/22'6½", 13.64/44'9", 1.86/6'1½", 50.3); 23, N. Avilov (USSR) 3618 (11.8, 6.88/22'7", 13.33/43'8½", 1.92/6'3½", 51.8); 24, F. Nüsse (Neth) 3609 (11.4, 6.76/22'2½", 11.73/38'6", 1.86/6'1½", 49.7); 25, H. Smeman (Neth) 3578 (11.4, 6.55/21'6", 13.01/42'8½", 1.86/6'1½", 51.2); 26, R. Cano (Spa) 3554 (11.4, 6.76/22'2½", 11.50/37'8½",

1.83/6'0", 50.1); 27, F. Biedermann (Liech) 3087 (12.0, 6.59/21'7½"w, 10.10/33'1½", 1.75/5'8½", 53.0). Retired: H-D. Michalak (E. Ger) 2865 (11.4, 7.00/22'11½", 14.16/46'5½", 1.70/5'7"); J. Vesala (Fin) 1263 (11.5, 5.85/19'2½").

## Third Day Thursday, August 12th

### SHOT: Qualifying

Throwing in steady drizzle, Geoff Capes found 18.54/60'10" insufficient to take him through to the final which included 15 men over the required 18.70/61'4½", and walked away downcast.

**Qualifiers (Pool A):** W. Komar (Pol) 19.65/64'5½"; H. Briesenick (E. Ger) 19.55/64'1½"; R. Plunge (USSR) 19.19/62'11½"; P. Ahnger (Fin) 19.14/62'9½"; R. Reichenbach (W. Ger) 18.54, 18.57, 18.91/62'0½"; S. Simola (Fin) 18.83/61'9½"; H-D. Moser (W. Ger) 18.72/61'5". **(Pool B):** V. Varju (Hun) 19.56/64'2½"; V. Voikin (USSR) 19.00/62'4"; M. Janousek (Cz) 19.00, Y. Brouzet (Fra) 18.96/62'2½"; H. Birlenbach (W. Ger) 18.89/61'11½"; H-J. Rothenburg (E. Ger) 18.81/61'8½"; D. Hoffmann (E. Ger) 17.45, 18.75/61'6½"; A. Beer (Fra) 18.75/61'6½".

**Non-qualifiers:** G. CAPES (UK) 18.54/60'10", 18.46, 18.44; J. Babec (Cz) 18.14, 18.22, 18.50/60'8½"; M. Yrjola (Fin) 18.24, 18.22, 18.49/60'8"; I. Ivancic (Yug) 18.38, —, 18.43/60'5½"; A. Arrhenius (Swe) —, —, 17.84/58'6½"; B-B. Andersen (Nor) 17.83/58'6", 17.04, —; M. Teveli (Hun) 16.64, 16.82/55'2½", —; S. Holub (Hun) 16.63/54'6½", —, —.

### 200 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Commonwealth 4th placer and World Student Games champion Martin Reynolds did not survive the round, running without zest for a sixth place in the last heat.

**Heat 1:** (Nil) 1, F-P. Hofmeister (W. Ger) 20.9; 2, J. Pfeifer (E. Ger) 21.4; 3, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 21.5; 4, A. Chebykin (USSR) 21.6; 5, J-L. Sanchez (Spa) 21.6; 6, L. Kriz (Cz) 21.7; 7, B. Stafansson (Ice) 22.0. R. Simonsen (Nor) scr.

**Heat 2:** (Nil) 1, A. Zhidkikh (USSR) 21.4; 2, C. Ducasse (Fra) 21.4; 3, P. Clerc (Swi) 21.5; 4, L. Bohman (Cz) 21.6; 5, J-P. Borlee (Bel) 21.7; 6, E. Ogulbulan (Tur) 22.1. K-H. Klotz (W. Ger) & R. Vilen (Fin) scr.

**Heat 3:** (Nil) 1, G. Fenouil (Fra) 21.1; 2, P. Mennea (It) 21.2; 3, S. Schenke (E. Ger) 21.3; 4, R. Diezi (Swi) 21.5; 5, K. Honz (Fin) 21.6; 6, P. Krizan (Yug) 21.9; 7, A. Munteanu (Rum) 22.1.

**Heat 4:** (Nil) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 21.2; 2, J. Arame (Fra) 21.4; 3, J. Kynos (Cz) 21.5; 4, P. L. Sarria (Spa) 21.6; 5, S. Pedersen (Den) 21.7; 6, M. REYNOLDS (UK) 21.7; 7, B. Soderberg (Swe) 21.9.

**WOMEN'S 200 METRES: Heats**

(1st 4 to semis)

Anita Neil scratched with a hamstring injury and the only UK competitor to get through was Margaret Critchley, the Commonwealth bronze medallist, who eased through in a heat with only five girls left in it. Della Pascoe was just never in the hunt.

**Heat 1:** (Nil) 1, R. Stecher (E. Ger) 23.8; 2, W. Van Den Berg (Neth) 24.1; 3, H. Kapfer (Aus) 24.2; 4, M. CRITCHLEY (UK) 24.2; 5, B. Bakulin (Pol) 24.6. R. Nikanorova (USSR) & I. Venkova (Bul) scr.

**Heat 2:** (— 0.3m) 1, A. Kroniger (W. Ger) 23.8; 2, E. Stropahl (E. Ger) 23.9; 3, I. Szewinska (Pol) 25.6. A. NEIL (UK), M. Eklund (Fin) & M. Nikiforova (USSR) scr.

**Heat 3:** (Nil) 1, C. Heinrich (E. Ger) 23.8; 2, T. Ruth (Neth) 24.0; 3, G. Balogh (Hun) 24.3; 4, A. Wilden (W. Ger) 24.5; 5, E. Randerz (Swe) 24.8. S. Telliez (Fra) & K. Kafer (Aus) scr.

**Heat 4:** (Nil) 1, R. Wilden (W. Ger) 23.6; 2, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 23.7; 3, U. Jozwik (Pol) 24.1; 4, G. Meyer (Fra) 24.3; 5, K. Lundgren (Swe) 24.6; 6, D. PASCOE (UK) 24.7.

**WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES: Heats**

(1st 5 &amp; fastest loser to semis)

There was only one girl to eliminate, and it happened to be Sheila Garnett. She hit the fourth hurdle hard in the first heat and staggered across the line sixth in 15.2. Margaret Murphy set an Irish record of 15.1.

**Heat 1:** (Nil) 1, V. Bufanu (Rum) 13.5; 2, T. Nowak (Pol) 13.6; 3, G. Olsson (Swe) 14.0; 4, S. Norrlund (Fin) 14.1; 5, J. Schoebel (Fra) 14.3; 6, S. GARNETT (UK) 15.2.

**Heat 2:** (Nil) 1, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 13.3; 2, D. Straszynska (Pol) 13.5; 3, M. Bach (W. Ger) 13.6; 4, I. Ongar (Ita) 14.5; 5, I. Einarsdottir (Ice) 15.9.

**Heat 3:** (Nil) 1, A. Ehrhardt (E. Ger) 13.3; 2, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 13.4; 3, T. Poluboiarova (USSR) 13.5; 4, M. Antenen (Svi) 13.5; 5, J. Andre (Fra) 14.4; 6, M. Murphy (RoI) 15.1.

**WOMEN'S JAVELIN: Qualifying**

Surprise elimination was that of 60.34/197'11" performer Eva Janko, even though only six girls beat the listed standard of 55 metres.

**Qualifiers:** A. Koloska (W. Ger) 58.44/191'9"; R. Fuchs (E. Ger) 56.60/185'8"; N. Urbancic (Yug) 48.98, 56.38/185'10"; E. Gryziecka (Pol) 55.64/182'6"; N. Marakina (USSR) 55.58/182'4"; A. Ranky (Hun) 53.04; 52.66, 55.44/181'11"; D. Jaworska (Pol) 52.96, 54.42/178'6"; 52.50; C. Bajer (Pol) 53.98/177'1"; 53.52, 49.66; A. Gerhards (W. Ger) 52.56, —, 53.68/176'1"; E. Ozolina (USSR) 53.44/175'4", —, —; M. Rudas (Hun) 53.18/174'6", 50.70, 52.28; M. Kucserka (Hun) —, 52.90/173'7", —.

**Non-qualifiers:** L. Mollova (Bul) 51.56, 52.68/172'10", 51.44; E. Janko (Aus) 52.02, —, 52.20/171'3"; K. Launela (Fin) —, 50.94/167'1", —; I-L. Fallo (Nor) 46.78/153'6"; 46.38, —; S. Koroleva (USSR) 44.12, —, 46.14/151'5".

**400 METRES: Semis**

(1st 4 to final)

Dave Jenkins was beaten to the tape in a 400m race for the first time in his life as Jan Werner nipped him on the inside in a fast 46.1. Dave eased across the line in a personal best of 46.2 alongside the fast-improving Finn Markku Kukkoaho, and Martin Jellinghaus (co-holder of the European record) was eliminated with his fifth placing 46.8. An era ended in heat 1 when Andrzej Badenski went out, also in 46.8—he had made every European final since 1962.

**Heat 1:** 1, T. Jordan (W. Ger) 46.3; 2, H. Kohler (W. Ger) 46.4; 3, M. Fiasconaro (Ita) 46.5; 4, A. Bratchikov (USSR) 46.7; 5, A. Badenski (Pol) 46.8; 6, P. Rom (Nor) 46.9; 7, M. Tulis (Cz) 47.1; 8, M. Fredriksson (Swe) 48.4.

**Heat 2:** 1, J. Werner (Pol) 46.1; 2, D. JENKINS (UK) 46.2; 3, M. Kukkoaho (Fin) 46.2; 4, K. Hauke (E. Ger) 46.4; 5, M. Jellinghaus (W. Ger) 46.8; 6, G. Bertoult (Fra) 47.2; 7, F. McSweeney (RoI) 47.7.

**WOMEN'S 400 METRES: Final**

The draw, from the inside, was Rita Kuhne (1971 best of 52.7), Colette Besson (52.5), Helga Seidler (52.2), Marika Eklund (52.9), Maria Sykora (53.3), Ingelore Lohse (52.5), Natalya Chistyakova (53.2) and Inge Bodding (52.9).

As split times were recorded for each competitor at 200m and 300m it is possible to pinpoint the fluctuations in position with unusual accuracy. At 200m it was Lohse (24.6) a metre or two ahead of her East German colleague Seidler (24.8), with Sykora at 24.9, Chistyakova (the Olympic bronze medallist) at 25.0, Olympic champion Besson looking decidedly subdued at 25.1, Bodding and Eklund at 25.2, and Kuhne lagging at 25.4.

Seidler closed up a little on her team-mate around the bend as both drew well clear, while Besson dropped further out of contention. The situation at 300m was Lohse 37.6, Seidler 37.7, Sykora, Chistyakova and Eklund 38.3, Bodding 38.4, Besson 38.5 and Kuhne 38.7.

Seidler turned on the power in the straight and pulled six metres ahead to win in a national record of 52.1, a time that ranks her equal sixth of all-time behind Marilyn Neufville (51.0), Sin Kim Dan (51.2), Nicole Duclos (51.7), Besson (51.7) and Betty Cuthbert (52.0). Lohse was pipped for the silver by fast finishing Inge Bodding (née Eckhoff) all 1.54/5'0½" and 48kg/106lb of her. The West German girl passed four girls in the straight to equal her best of 52.9.

The winner, whose maiden name was Fischer, is aged 22 and stands 1.66/5'5½" for a weight of

55kg/121 lb. Her career started in 1964 when she ran 500m in 79.5 and in succeeding years she clocked 400m times of 60.4, 59.0, 56.5 and 56.7. She did not run in 1969 and so it was not until last year that she made any sort of impact internationally, with a time of 52.8. Probable cause of Besson's downfall: she was seen on the morning of the race running flat out 100m repetitions!

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|----------------------------------|------|
| 1, HELGA SEIDLER (East Germany)  | 52.1 |
| 2, INGE BODDING (West Germany)   | 52.9 |
| 3, INGELORE LOHSE (East Germany) | 52.9 |
| 4, MARIA SYKORA (Austria)        | 53.0 |
| 5, NATALYA CHISTYAKOVA (USSR)    | 53.2 |
| 6, MARIKA EKLUND (Finland)       | 53.4 |
| 7, COLETTE BESSON (France)       | 53.7 |
| 8, RITA KUHNE (East Germany)     | 53.9 |

### 200 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

**Heat 1:** (— 0.2m) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 20.9; 2, F.P. Hofmeister (W. Ger) 20.9; 3, A. Zhidkikh (USSR) 21.0; 4, S. Schenke (E. Ger) 21.2; 5, L. Sarria (Spa) 21.4; 6, J. Arame (Fra) 21.4; 7, R. Diezi (Swi) 21.5; 8, J. Kynos (Cz) 21.5.

**Heat 2:** (Nil) 1, G. Fenouil (Fra) 21.2; 2, P. Mennea (Ita) 21.2; 3, P. Clerc (Swi) 21.3; 4, J. Pfeifer (E. Ger) 21.3; 5, L. Bohman (Cz) 21.4; 6, C. Ducasse (Fra) 21.4; 7, A. Chebykin (USSR) 21.5; 8, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 21.6.

### WOMEN'S 200 METRES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

Had she been in her Commonwealth Games form, Margaret Critchley would have qualified easily; as it was she was hard pushed in running an unavailing 23.9. Renate Stecher powered her way through heat 2 in front of an easing-up Irena Szwinska.

**Heat 1:** (Nil) 1, A. Kroniger (W. Ger) 23.4; 2, G. Balogh (Hun) 23.4; 3, R. Wilden (W. Ger) 23.5; 4, C. Heinrich (E. Ger) 23.6; 5, U. Jozwik (Pol) 23.6; 6, W. Van Den Berg (Neth) 24.0; 7, G. Meyer (Fra) 24.3.

**Heat 2:** (Nil) 1, R. Stecher (E. Ger) 23.3; 2, I. Szwinska (Pol) 23.5; 3, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 23.6; 4, E. Stropahl (E. Ger) 23.7; 5, M. CRITCHLEY (UK) 23.9; 6, T. Ruth (Neth) 23.9; 7, H. Kapfer (Aus) 24.1; 8, A. Wilden (W. Ger) 24.5.

### WOMEN'S DISCUS: Final

One has to feel sorry for Liesel Westermann. At last she was in line for the big victory that had so far eluded her; remember she was silver medallist at both the 1966 European Championships and the 1968 Olympics—and, strong favourite in Athens, lost her chance when the West German team walked out.

Things were looking good for her; she had thrown her season's best of 61.68/202'4" in the second round and as the final round got under way she was comfortably clear of her closest rival, Faina Myelnik, who had managed 60.50/198'6" as an opener and then fouled four times in a row much to her consternation. Liesel herself was encountering trouble staying in the circle but her final effort of 60.68/199'1" seemed to confirm her supremacy this day.

Seconds later Westermann's world crumbled about her as Myelnik let rip a huge throw and kept her balance. With barely a puff of wind to help it stay aloft, the platter eventually landed at the prodigious distance of 64.22 metres (210'8") away from the circle. Westermann had not only been beaten, she had lost her world record of 63.96/209'10". Disappointment, too, for Argentina Menis in this last round, for after occupying a medal position since her opening throw she was overtaken for third by Ludmila Muravyova. Title holder Tamara Daniłova finished fifth. Inevitably, Rosemary Payne—who had done so well to be in the final at all—came last.

Faina Myelnik, a 1.72/5'7½", 80kg/176lb red-head, is only in her second season of international competition. Born in the Ukraine on July 9th 1945 (she is actually Armenian), she first made the USSR lists in 1965 with 49.30/161'9" but had improved only to 50.72/166'5" by 1968. She made good progress in 1969 (54.76/179'8") but it was last year that saw her zoom into top world class. She won her first USSR title, competed internationally with success and moved into fourth place on the world all-time list with 61.80/202'9". Earlier this year she set a Soviet record of 62.90/206'4" for third spot on the all-time rankings. Coached by Dr Kim Bukhantsev, once a celebrated discus thrower himself, Faina is also a first-rate shot putter with a best of 17.73/58'2".

1, FAINA MYELNIK (USSR) 64.22/210'8" (world record) (60.50, —, —, —, 64.22).

2, LIESEL WESTERMANN (West Germany) 61.68/202'4" (—, 61.68, —, —, 60.68).

3, LUDMILA MURAVYOVA (USSR) 59.48/195'2" (55.70, 58.10, 56.66, —, 59.48).

4, ARGENTINA MENIS (Rumania) 59.04/193'8" (59.04, 53.84, 56.50, 58.42, —, 57.28).

5, TAMARA DANILOVA (USSR) 58.28/191'2" (57.46, 58.28, 56.32, 55.34, —, —).

6, OLIMPIA CATARAMA (Rumania) 57.22/187'9" (56.70, 53.86, 53.48, 53.66, 57.22, —).

7, ANNA MICKLER (East Germany) 57.00/187'0" (55.44, —, 54.12, 53.62, 56.80, 57.00).

8, CHRISTINE SPIELBERG (East Germany) 56.20/184'4" (56.00, 55.10, 54.86, —, 54.26, 56.20).

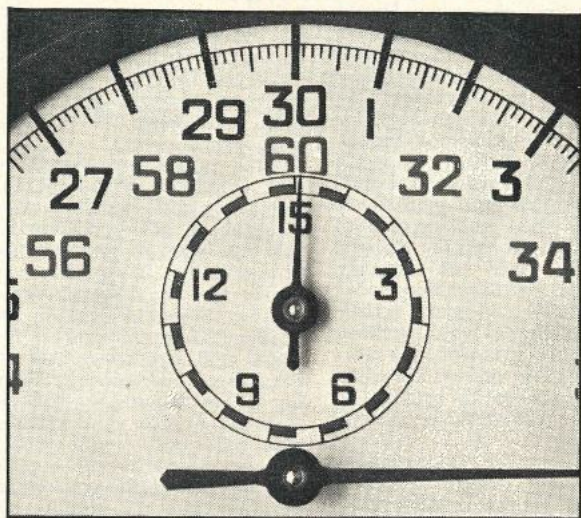
9, J. Kleiber (Hun) 55.06/180'8" (—, 55.06, —).

10, B. Berendonk (W. Ger) 54.48/178'9" (49.04, 54.48, 53.86); 11, J. Abahazi (Hun) 51.88/170'2" (51.88, —, 50.14); 12, R. PAYNE (UK) 50.20/164'8" (50.20, —, 48.82).

### 800 METRES: Final

For a man who has, in recent weeks, suffered from asthma, tonsillitis and muscle strains, Andy

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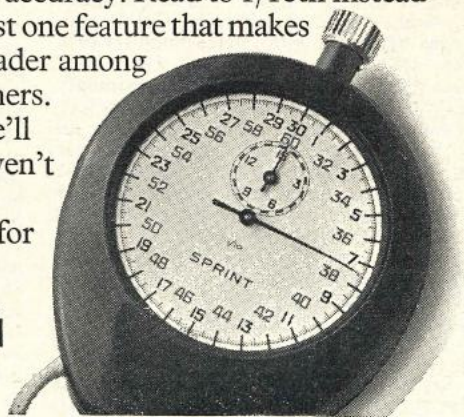


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Carter ran miraculously well to take the bronze medal in the UK record time of 1:46.2—undoubtedly the finest international performance by a British 800m runner since Andy's namesake Chris set the previous national record of 1:46.3 when filling fourth place in the 1966 European Championships. With Pete Browne finishing an admirable fifth in 1:47.0, a personal best also, this was a field day for British middle distance running.

Carter realised a first lap of around 51 sec. would best serve his interests ("to take the sting out of Arzhanov and Fromm") and, assuming the lead after 150m, he passed the halfway mark in a crisp 51.3. Defending champion Dieter Fromm, Browne and favoured Yevgeniy Arzhanov followed closely. There was plenty of exciting action along the final backstraight as Fromm overtook Carter with 240m to go, with Arzhanov following in his slipstream. The situation at 600m (78.4) was that Fromm led from Arzhanov, Carter and Browne.

Rounding the final turn Arzhanov slipped into the lead while Browne reclaimed third place from his team-mate. Arzhanov sped on untroubled, but Carter made a great impression in the straight as he not only took third place but seriously challenged an easing Fromm for the silver medal position. Browne eventually conceded fourth spot to 18-year-old Hans-Henning Ohlert, whose 1:46.9 was a stunning run by a lad of that age. Josef Plachy did well enough to place sixth after barely scraping into the Czech team; because of Achilles tendon trouble he was unable to start serious training until June.

Arzhanov (22), as usual in his international races, ran no faster than was strictly necessary and appeared to have lots in hand, never mind his time of 1:45.6. Equally adept at running hard from the front (like his 51.1 first lap during his personal best of 1:45.5 last year) or back (remember his 51.6 finale in the European Cup final), Arzhanov is shaping up as the man most likely to bring his hero Peter Snell's world record below 1:44 in the near future. He is said to have run 100m in 10.4 . . . and occasionally goes for training runs as far as 40 km (25 miles). How does one beat such a man? No one, in two years, has found the solution, but Carter thinks that the only chance is to run the first lap inside 50 seconds. Andy wasn't saying whether he would be the man to try out the theory, though!

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| 1, YEVGENIY ARZHANOV (USSR)        | 1:45.6 |
| (Championship record)              |        |
| 2, DIETER FROMM (East Germany)     | 1:46.0 |
| 3, ANDY CARTER (UK)                | 1:46.2 |
| 4, HANS-HENNING OHLERT (East Ger.) | 1:46.9 |
| 5, PETE BROWNE (UK)                | 1:47.0 |
| 6, JOSEF PLACHY (Czechoslovakia)   | 1:47.3 |
| 7, JOZE MEDJIMUREC (Yugoslavia)    | 1:48.4 |
| 8, PHILIPPE MEYER (France)         | 1:50.9 |

#### WOMEN'S 800 METRES: Final

By some extraordinary oversight this event did not appear in the daily printed programme, and

at least two of the eight runners—pending world record holder Hildegard Falck and World Student Games champion Gunhild Hoffmeister—must be wishing that it never in reality took place. They were barely in the race before they were out of it, sprawled across the track on the first back straight.

The incident occurred as the girls were merging from their lanes. Vera Nikolic saw it this way: "I think Hoffmeister tripped over herself, and Falck fell over her", adding "I'm unhappy about the bad luck of the two girls". Pat Lowe agreed: "Hoffmeister tripped herself and in so doing brought down Falck. I felt a bit sick inside, then I had to pull myself together—I wasn't running for West Germany". "I was really upset", said Rosemary Stirling. "I saw two bodies out on the track and for much of the rest of the race I was trying to work out which runners they must have been. With those two out it did not make it a real European".

What might have happened but for this accident will long remain the subject for conjecture, just as we shall never know whether Sheila Carey would have gone on to win the Commonwealth title last year in happier circumstances. What is certain is that it would have taken an exceptional runner to have defeated Vera Nikolic (who has a 3-1 record over Falck) on the day. The pace set by the 1966 champion was thrillingly fast: 27.7 at 200m, 57.8 at 400m (ahead of Gisela Ellenberger, Pat Lowe and Rosemary Stirling—the latter passing in her fastest ever bell time of 58.9) and 89.7 at 600m. At that point Ellenberger and the British pair were only about three metres behind but Nikolic pulled out all the stops during the final half lap, which she covered in 30.3 for a tantalising final time of 2 minutes dead. This was half a second inside her own listed world record but Falck, of course, has a faster time (1:58.3) awaiting ratification.

Both the British girls ran their finest races to date and produced performances worthy of their medals. "I thought I had Pat coming off the bottom bend, like at the Commonwealth Games", reflected Rosemary, but on this occasion Pat proved to be the stronger finisher. Her time of 2:01.7 was only 0.6 outside Ann Packer's UK record and came as a surprise to most, for Pat's form this season had been relatively subdued. Pat herself was quietly pleased with the way her training had been going and had expected to break 2:03—though not by such a margin. At 27 she is just reaching the peak of her powers; Rosemary, at 23, has still some way to go and her time of 2:02.1 was as much as 2.1 sec faster than her pre-Helsinki best. Still lacking real confidence despite her increasingly proven ability (she half expected to come last in the final) Rosemary should benefit considerably from this race in which she not only recorded the sort of time that has been within her capabilities for so long but also proved that her best results will come in races where she runs the first lap well inside the minute.

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| 1, VERA NIKOLIC (Yugoslavia) | 2:00.0 |
| (Championship record)        |        |

- 2, PAT LOWE (UK) 2:01.7  
 3, ROSEMARY STIRLING (UK) 2:02.1  
 4, DANUTA WIERZBOWSKA (Poland) 2:04.2  
 5, GISELA ELLENBERGER (W. Germany) 2:05.1  
 6, CLAIRE WALSH (Rep. of Ireland) 2:08.6  
 H. Falck (W. Ger) & G. Hoffmeister (E. Ger) dnf.

**WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES: Semis**

(1st 4 to final)

**Heat 1:** (— 0.8m) 1, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 13.2 (Champ. record); 2, V. Bufanu (Rum) 13.3; 3, T. Nowak (Pol) 13.5; 4, M. Antenen (Swi) 13.5; 5, M. Bach (W. Ger) 13.8; 6, J. Andre (Fra) 14.1; 7, S. Norrlund (Fin) 15.6.

**Heat 2:** (+ 0.2m) 1, A. Ehrhardt (E. Ger) 13.1 (Champ. record); 2, D. Straszynska (Pol) 13.4; 3, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 13.4; 4, T. Poluboyarova (USSR) 13.6; 5, G. Olsson (Swe) 13.8; 6, J. Schoebel (Fra) 14.1; 7, I. Ongar (Ita) 14.5; 8, M. Murphy (RoI) 15.2.

**400 METRES HURDLES: Final**

Jean-Claude Nallet's decision to opt for the hurdles rather than the 400m flat was justified, as the moody Frenchman held the vastly improved Christian Rudolph at bay in 49.2. Although still only 24, Nallet had been trying for many years to land an individual European title. He was 2nd in the 1966 Junior 200m and 3rd in the senior championship the same year, and 2nd in the 400m at Athens. Now, in only his second season as a hurdler, he was European champion.

Although Nallet fell short of his hoped for time of 48.5 or 48.6 his was an accomplished enough performance. He strode thirteen until the eighth and fifteen between the last two flights. There was a certain desperation about the way he finished (Nallet admitted to fear during the final 50 metres when he could sense Rudolph close behind him) but his rugged power prevailed. Now he is looking ahead to the Munich Olympics, where he believes himself capable of bettering 48 sec.

Rudolph (22) drew attention to himself by the way he held Nallet to such a slim margin. A former East German 300m hurdles junior record holder he graduated to the 400 hurdles in 1967 (best of 53.4). He slipped to 54.1 in 1968 but has progressed smoothly since: 51.5 in 1969, 50.7 in 1970 and now 49.3. With 1969 champion Vyacheslav Skomorokhov merely going through the motions, Soviet hopes in this event have been transferred to two 20-year-olds: Dimitriy Stukalov, European junior champion, who finished third in personal best time, and Paris bronze medallist Yevgeniy Gavrilenko.

- 1, JEAN-CLAUDE NALLET (France) 49.2 (eq. Championship record)  
 2, CHRISTIAN RUDOLPH (East Germany) 49.3  
 3, DMITRIY STUKALOV (USSR) 50.0  
 4, DIETER BUTTNER (West Germany) 50.1  
 5, YEVGENIY GAVRILENKO (USSR) 50.5  
 6, ARI SALIN (Finland) 50.6  
 7, VYACHESLAV SKOMOROKHOV (USSR) 50.8

- 8, IVAN DANIS (Czechoslovakia) 51.8

**5000 METRES: Heats**

(1st 5 to Final)

Two-thirds of the British contingent survived in three strange, jerky races. Javier Alvarez set a steady pace most of the way in heat 1, but the pace dropped to 8:26.8 at 3000m. The last 800 was covered in just outside two minutes by Jean Wadoux, Alvarez, Harald Norpoth, Mike Baxter and Rune Holmen and the result was that poor Jos Hermens was shut out in spite of his Dutch record of 13:47.2. Donal Walsh did the early leg work in heat two before dropping right back through the field by halfway. The crowd's new hero, Juha Vaatainen, wearing calf pads, took off soon afterwards and coasted in. The final 600m was too much for Alan Blinston who was reduced to a plod and sixth place. Allan Rushmer left his kick very late in the last heat, but thrust himself through from seventh to third in the final 200m. It looked very much as if 39-year-old Michel Bernard, second at the bell, would qualify but he slowed on the final back-straight, moved out into the third lane and jogged home. Arne Kvalheim was badly spiked and did not finish.

**Heat 1:** (2:47.6, 5:37.2, 7:02.4, 8:26.8, 11:11.4) 1, J. Wadoux (Fra) 13:44.2; 2, J. Alvarez (Spa) 13:44.4; 3, H. Norpoth (W. Ger) 13:45.6; 4, M. BAXTER (UK) 13:54.6; 5, R. Holmen (Fin) 13:46.4; 6, J. Hermens (Neth) 13:47.2; 7, M. Dalkilic (Tur) 14:39.0. Y. Aleksashin (USSR), W. Dosseger (Swi), C. Lopes (Por) and J. Haase (E. Ger) scr.

**Heat 2:** (2:53.0, 5:43.4, 7:06.0, 8:24.8, 11:11.4) 1, J. Vaatainen (Fin) 13:47.6; 2, B. Diessner (E. Ger) 13:49.8; 3, B. Malinowski (Pol) 13:50.0; 4, D. Korica (Yug) 13:52.8; 5, P. Simonelis (USSR) 13:54.4; 6, A. BLINSTON (UK) 14:01.2; 7, E. Nijstad (Neth) 14:05.2; 8, W. Falke (W. Ger) 14:05.6; 9, G. Ardizzone (Ita) 14:06.6; 10, J.-Y. Le Flohic (Fra) 14:10.2; 11, D. Walsh (RoI) 14:12.6.

**Heat 3:** (2:50.0, 5:33.0, 7:02.2, 8:28.2, 11:21.0) 1, E. Puttemans (Bel) 13:50.4; 2, F. Eisenberg (E. Ger) 13:52.4; 3, A. RUSHMER (UK) 13:52.6; 4, L. Viren (Fin) 13:53.2; 5, V. Afonin (USSR) 13:53.6; 6, G. Cindolo (Ita) 13:54.8; 7, W. Girke (W. Ger) 13:56.0; 8, S. Hoffman (Cz) 13:58.6; 9, M. Bernard (Fra) 14:02.2. A. Kvalheim (Nor) dnf.

**WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP: Final**

It's been common knowledge for years that Barbara Inkpen's high jumping potential is second to none, but it had also become evident that she was never going to realise all her possibilities. Her straddle depended for its effectiveness upon millimetre accuracy and timing, while Barbara herself was notoriously inconsistent in such matters. When things went well she could be very good—as when she cleared a UK record of 1.79/5'10½" against Rita Schmidt last year or when she made the 1968 Olympic and 1969 European finals. At other times one would have

advised Barbara to concentrate on the long jump.

Barbara might have remained an intermittently good high jumper for the rest of her career but for the mid-season decision taken by herself and coach Ron Murray to switch to the Fosbury flop. Barbara had in fact been using this style for a little light relief in training for at least a year but it was not until the morning after the WAAA Championships, in which the floggers had dominated and Barbara had straddled a mere 1.73/5'8", that the die was cast. The date was July 18th 1971, and Barbara flopped 1.79/5'10½" with a narrow failure at 1.83/6'0" in training at Crystal Palace.

The next step was to see how the new style would stand up in competition. The debut proved a resounding triumph, for at Ewell Court on July 31st she cleared 1.80/5'10½" for a new UK record, unless Linda Hedmark's 1.83/6'0" in Sweden happens to be ratified by the BAAB. Still, even 1.80 cuts little ice in present day international championships and eighteen of Barbara's Helsinki rivals could boast better marks for the season.

The next significant step in Barbara's new career came while training at the athletes' 'village' in Otaniemi . . . she cleared six feet with daylight to spare. A qualifying jump on August 11th of 1.73/5'8" with several inches in hand provided further evidence that Barbara, the girl whom the English team selectors considered not good enough for the Commonwealth Games last year and who might well have been left at home this time had the BAAB decided on the streamlined team favoured by some, was in with a great chance of . . . let it be whispered . . . a medal. More important, Barbara was beginning to realise that she need have no inferiority complex and her rivals were watching her with a new respect.

The duckling to swan transformation was completed on the big night—just 25 days after the decision to change styles was effected. "I'm not dreaming, am I?" asked a bewildered but happy Barbara after it was all over. Well, the competition *did* have a dream-like quality as the bar went up and up with Barbara succeeding while the great names of the event fell by the wayside . . . Lazareva, Hrepevnik, Karbanova, Hubnerova, Schmidt. Following first time clearances at 1.65/5'5", 1.70/5'7" and 1.75/5'8½", and single failures at 1.78/5'10", 1.81/5'11½" (personal best) and 1.83/6'0" (equalling Linda Hedmark's outright best by a UK-born athlete), Barbara slipped over 1.85/6'0½" at the first time of asking to equal Debbie Brill's Commonwealth record and ensure a medal.

Iлона Гусенбауэр straddled 1.87/6'1½" for victory in a marvellous competition which lasted almost four hours and saw 17 of the ridiculously high number of 27 contestants jump 1.75/5'8½" or higher. Barbara was close with her first and third attempts and she tied for the silver medal with fellow-flopper Cornelia Popescu. Still only 21, 1.82/5'11½" tall Barbara has taken the first leap forward (or should one say backward?) to true athletic greatness. There is plenty of scope for

improvement in her style (her approach run was probably the shortest and slowest of all the competitors) and Iolanda Balas must be feeling uneasy about the sanctity of her world record.

1, ILONA GUSENBAUER (Austria) 1.87/6'1½" (Championship record) (1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 1st, 1.81 1st, 1.83 2nd, 1.85 1st, 1.87 1st, 1.91 fail).

2eq, BARBARA INKPEN (UK) 1.85/6'0½" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 2nd, 1.83 2nd, 1.85 1st, 1.87 fail) & CORNELIA POPESCU (Romania) 1.85/6'0½" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 1st, 1.81 3rd, 1.83 2nd, 1.85 1st, 1.87 fail).

4, RITA SCHMIDT (East Germany) 1.83/6'0" (1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 1st, 1.83 1st, 1.85 fail).

5, MILOSLAVA HUBNEROVA (Cz) 1.83/6'0" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 3rd, 1.81 2nd, 1.83 2nd, 1.85 fail).

6, RENATE GARTNER (West Germany) 1.81/5'11½" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 2nd, 1.83 fail).

7, MILADA KARBANOVA (Czechoslovakia) 1.78/5'10" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 fail).

8, SNEZANA HREPEVNIK (Yugoslavia) 1.78/5'10" (1.75 2nd, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 fail).

9, S. Simeoni (Ita) 1.78 (1.60 1st, 1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 2nd, 1.78 2nd, 1.81 fail); 10, K. Mack (W. Ger) 1.78 (1.65 1st, 1.70 3rd, 1.75 2nd, 1.78 3rd, 1.81 fail); 11, K. Karlsen (Nor) 1.75/5'8½" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 1st, 1.78 fail); 12, D. Konowska (Pol) 1.75 (1.65 1st, 1.70 2nd, 1.75 1st, 1.78 fail); 13, V. Chulkova (USSR) 1.75 (1.65 1st, 1.70 3rd, 1.75 1st, 1.78 fail); 14, S. Langkilde (Den) 1.75 (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 2nd, 1.78 fail); 15, A. Lazareva (USSR) 1.75 (1.65 1st, 1.70 2nd, 1.75 2nd, 1.78 fail); 16 eq, M. Komka (Hun) & B. Babosek (Yug) 1.75 (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 3rd, 1.78 fail);

18 eq, G. Eistrup (Den), A. Proskova (Cz) & V. Gavrilova (USSR) 1.70/5'7" (1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 fail); 21 eq, G. Garrido (Fra) & A. Bouma (Neth) 1.70 (1.60 1st, 1.65 1st, 1.70 1st, 1.75 fail); 23, L. Hedmark (Swe) 1.70 (1.65 2nd, 1.70 1st, 1.75 fail); 24, B. Rechner (Swi) 1.70 (1.65 1st, 1.70 2nd, 1.75 fail); 25, D. Bisang (Swi) 1.70 (1.60 1st, 1.65 1st, 1.70 2nd, 1.75 fail); 26, M. Ackermans-Thomas (Neth) 1.65/5'5"; 27, R. Emonts-Gast (Bel) 1.60/5'3".

#### DECATHLON: Second Day

Joachim Kirst successfully defended his title and, but for a somewhat mysterious disallowal of a successful 4.30/14'1½" pole vault, he would have topped the 8200 mark for the second time in his career. Surprisingly, Kirst's only real weakness (aside from the understandable 1500m where he set a personal best) remains the high hurdles. With his flat speed and jumping ability he should be a 14 sec performer; in fact his best is merely 15.1 and here he was reduced to a ghastly 16.2.

While his wife Linda was jumping rather disappointingly in her final, Lennart Hedmark came through with a Swedish record of 8038 for the silver medal though he would have been chal-

lenged for this position had European record holder Kurt Bendlin not been forced to withdraw injured from the 1500m. A time of around 4:35 would have sufficed although he would have needed to smash his personal best of 4:18.0 to have challenged Kirst. A great performance which few will have realised came from the Austrian, Josef Zeilbauer. Not 19 until September 24th, this 1.88/6'2", 75kg/165lb lad—4th in last year's European Junior Championships with 7127—amassed 7842 points to smash his own world's junior best.

Peter Gabbett was nothing less than magnificent in finishing sixth with his second highest score of 7754—the highest position ever taken by a British decathlete in Olympic or European competition. He achieved good solid marks in each event, including a personal best javelin throw of 58.68/192'6" and his best 1500m for some time. The worth of his performance is undelined by a glance at the credentials of some of his beaten rivals—like Boris Ivanov (8237) and Leonid Litvinenko (8014).

1, JOACHIM KIRST (East Germany) 8196 (Championship record) (2nd day details: 16.2, 47.21/150'10", 4.20/13'9½", 65.51/214'11", 4:44.7).

2, LENNART HEDMARK (Sweden) 8038 (14.8, 45.37/148'10", 4.20/13'9½", 73.79/242'1", 4:41.0).

3, HANS-JOACHIM WALDE (West Germany) 7951 (15.2, 43.57/142'11", 4.30/14'1¼", 66.47/218'0", 4:41.2).

4, HEINZ-ULRICH SCHULZE (West Germany) 7889 (15.0, 42.80/140'5", 4.30/14'1¼", 63.93/209'8", 4:34.1).

5, JOSEF ZEILBAUER (Austria) 7842 (15.1, 39.70/130'3", 4.00/13'1¼", 58.95/193'4", 4:27.5).

6, PETER GABBETT (UK) 7754 (15.5, 41.81/137'2", 4.30/14'1¼", 58.68/192'6", 4:29.7).

7, LEONID LITVINENKO (USSR) 7707 (15.1, 42.82/140'6", 4.10/13'5¼", 63.27/207'6", 4:19.6).

8, BORIS IVANOV (USSR) 7601 (15.2, 43.94/144'2", 4.30/14'1¼", 66.59/218'5", 4:53.6).

9, H. Wessel (E. Ger) 7583 (15.5, 44.52/146'1", 4.60/15'1", 55.70/182'9", 4:57.8); 10, J. Bakai (Hun) 7569 (16.6, 49.46/162'3", 4.40/14'5¼", 66.83/219'3", 4:52.7); 11, E. de Noorlander (Neth) 7562 (15.0, 40.87/134'1", 4.20/13'9½", 49.28/161'8", 4:23.2); 12, T. Janczenko (Pol) 7520 (16.6, 42.61/139'9", 4.40/14'5¼", 55.41/181'9", 5:03.2); 13, Y. Leroy (Fra) 7453 (15.6, 43.69/143'4", 4.30/14'1¼", 59.14/194'0", 4:59.3); 14, R. Katus (Pol) 7417 (14.5, 40.20/131'11", 4.30/14'1¼", 55.59/182'4", 4:48.2); 15, R. Lespagnard (Bel) 7406 (15.9, 38.72/127'0", 4.50/14'9", 51.36/168'6", 4:28.2);

16, V. Bogdan (Rum) 7376 (15.8, 37.41/122'8", 4.40/14'5¼", 63.42/208'1", 4:33.9); 17, F. Herbrand (Bel) 7328 (14.8, 40.14/131'8", 4.20/13'9½", 46.23/151'8", 5:13.4); 18, H. Kyosola (Fin) 7322 (15.9, 39.26/128'10", 3.60/11'9½", 6.96/219'8", 4:34.0); 19, F. Nüsse (Neth) 7311 (15.1, 36.17/118'8", 4.50/14'9", 50.53/165'9", 4:16.1); 20, R. Ghesquire (Bel) 7157 (16.0, 39.87/130'9", 3.50/11'5¼", 55.85/183'2", 4:16.3); 21, P. Ovesen (Den) 7051 (16.3, 37.42/122'9", 4.00/13'1¼", 51.98/170'6", 4:44.1); 22, R. Cano (Spa) 6735 (15.4, 32.52/106'8", 3.80/12'5¼", 46.55/152'8", 4:44.0); 23, F. Biedermann (Liech) 6189

(16.5, 28.83/94'7", 4.20/13'9½", 47.75/156'7", 4:45.2). Retired: K. Bendlin (W. Ger) 7492 (15.5, 45.45/149'1", 4.60/15'1", 69.97/229'6"), N. Avilov (USSR) 5202 (15.1, 42.99/141'0"), M. Juhola (Fin) 3935, H. Smeman (Neth) 3578.

## Fourth Day Friday, August 13th

### WOMEN'S LONG JUMP: Qualifying

Both the British girls went safely through, but Barbara-Anne Barrett needed three jumps to reach the final pool. Sheila Sherwood, jumping fourth in her pool, hit 6.41/21'0½" to lead the way into the final. Both Heide Rosendahl and Margrit Herbst managed after all to compete in both the long jump and the pentathlon.

**Qualifiers: (Pool A)** H. Rosendahl (W. Ger)—**6.40/21'0"**; I. Szwinska (Pol) **6.31/20'8½"**; M. Herbst (E. Ger) **6.13, 6.25/20'6¼"**; B-A. BARRETT (UK) **5.96, 6.19, 6.23/20'5¼"**; B. Larsson (Swe) **6.09/19'11¼"**, **6.01, —**; **(Pool B)** S. SHERWOOD (UK) **6.41/21'0½"**; C. Herzog (W. Ger) **6.12, 6.40/21'0"**; I. Mickler (W. Ger) **6.40/21'0"**; M. Antenen (Swi) **6.28/20'7¼"**; V. Viscopoleanu (Rum) **6.17/20'3"**, **6.08, —**; R. Franzotti (Yug) **5.82, 5.86, 6.12/20'1"**; D. Yorgova (Bul) **5.98, 6.09/19'11¼"**, **5.70**.

**Non-qualifiers:** S. Ammann (Swi) **6.03/19'9½"**, **5.89, 6.00w**; T. Rautanen (Fin) **6.01/19'8¼"**, **—, 5.90**; H. Kleinpeter (Aus) **5.74/18'10"**, **—, rtd**; M. Murphy (Rol) **5.73/18'9¼"**, **5.35**; J. Nygrynova (Cz) **—, 5.66/18'7"**, **5.33**. O. Ducas (Fra) scr.

### HIGH JUMP: Qualifying

**Qualifiers:** H. Magerl (W. Ger), R. Akhmetov (USSR), E. Kelemen (Hun), V. Gavrilov (USSR), W. Golebiowski (Pol), E. Azzaro (Ita) R. Moravec (Cz), S. Junge (E. Ger), C. Celion (Swe), A. Pesonen (Fin), I. Major (Hun), C. Dosa (Rum), K. Sapka (USSR), M. Schivo (Ita) J. Palkovsky (Cz), J. Tihanyi (Hun), B. Vivod (Yug) all cleared **2.12/6'11½"**.

**Non-qualifiers:** J. Dahlgren (Swe), R. Sainte-Rose (Fra) & H. Elliott (Fra) **2.10/6'10¼"**; L. Borodac (Cz), R. Vahala (Fin), K. Lundmark (Swe) **2.08/6'9¼"**; L. Doster (W. Ger), G. Lamy (Fra) & G. Spielvogel (W. Ger) **2.05/6'8¼"**; N. Candan (Tur) **1.90/6'2¼"**.

### HAMMER: Qualifying

Exactly twelve men met the required standard of 66 metres (216'6") but Howard Payne and Barry Williams were not among them. Payne was annoyed at the unsatisfactory cage arrangements which meant that his implement nicked the side of the cage as he threw, costing him distance, and had to settle for no further than 65.54/215'0". Barry Williams had not been well for several days and was way off form.

**Qualifiers:** G. Zsivotsky (Hun) **71.58/234'10"**; R. Theimer (E. Ger) —, **71.44/234'4"**; S. Eckschmidt (Hun) **69.98/229'7"**; A. Bondarchuk (USSR) **69.42/227'9"**; V. Khmelevskiy (USSR) —, **68.32/224'2"**; J. Sachse (E. Ger) **68.24/223'11"**; R. Klim (USSR) **67.90/222'9"**; L. Caspers (W. Ger) **64.10**, —, **67.02/219'10"**; U. Beyer (W. Ger) **66.98/219'9"**; W. Schmidt (W. Ger) **66.90/219'6"**; S. Lubiejewski (Pol) **66.18/217'1"**; M. Vecchiato (Ita) **66.02/216'7"**.

**Non-qualifiers:** I. Encsi (Hun) **62.88**, **64.70**, **65.96/216'5"**; E. Ammann (Swi) **65.74/215'8"**, —, **60.88**, H. PAYNE (UK) **63.48**, **64.44**, **65.54/215'0"**; J. Accambray (Fra) **63.68**, —, **65.50/214'11"**; S. Stiglic (Yug) **65.14/213'8"**, **63.40**, **62.48**; R. Miettinen (Fin) **64.12/210'4"**, **63.70**, **63.70**; V. Prikhodko (Fra) —, **60.64**, **63.48/208'3"**; S. Blomqvist (Swe) **61.70**, **62.68/205'8"**; H. Potsch (Aus) **61.76**, **62.00**, **62.60/205'4"**; B. WILLIAMS (UK) **58.86**, —, **60.56/198'8"**. C. Sustelo (Por) fouled out.

### 110 METRES HURDLES: Heats

(1st 4 to semis)

Tragedy struck Guy Drut, at worst the co-favourite for the title, in the first heat. The young Frenchman was away well, but clipped the fourth flight badly, tripped over himself as he tried to disengage his trailing foot, and sprawled onto the Tartan, leaving Sergio Liani to win easily in 14.1. Berwyn Price never recovered from a terrible start and trailed in fifth behind Ragnar Moland much to his obvious disgust. Similarly Alan Pascoc looked ragged and uncoordinated in heat three, barely diving through third ahead of Patrick Malrieu to qualify in 14.1.

**Heat 1:** (— 1.3m) 1, S. Liani (Ita) 14.1; 2, A. Moshishvili (USSR) 14.2; 3, V. Suci (Rum) 14.5; 4, R. Moland (Nor) 14.6; 5, B. PRICE (UK) 14.6; 6, D. Riedo (Swi) 14.9; G. Drut (Fra) fell.

**Heat 2:** (— 0.7m) 1, L. Nadenicek (Cz) 14.0; 2, M. Jozwik (Pol) 14.1; 3, M. Schumann (W. Ger) 14.3; 4, L. Milassin (Hun) 14.3; 5, K. Olsson (Swe) 14.4.

**Heat 3:** (— 4.2m) 1, M. Wodzynski (Pol) 14.1; 2, G. Nickel (W. Ger) 14.3; 3, H. Fimland (Nor) 14.4; 4, F. Slavotinek (Cz) 14.6; 5, J. Torring (Den) 14.7; 6, L. Donofrio (Ita) 15.0.

**Heat 4:** (— 2.1m) 1, F. Siebeck (E. Ger) 14.0; 2, L. Wodzynski (Pol) 14.0; 3, A. PASCOE (UK) 14.1; 4, P. Malrieu (Fra) 14.2; 5, M. Acerbi (Ita) 14.6; 6, D. Stojicevic (Yug) 14.7.

### WOMEN'S 200 METRES: Final

The eagerly anticipated duel between Renate Stecher, credited with 22.6 just before the Championships, and Olympic champion Irena Szewinska turned out to be no contest at all. Running in lane 2, Stecher negotiated the bend in fantastic style (a French timekeeper caught her in 11.1 at the 100m mark!), making Szewinska—in lane 1—look quite ordinary. The Polish star showed more life in the straight but she finished five metres down

on Stecher, and was narrowly beaten for the silver medal by versatile Gyorgyi Balogh, who has clocked 11.2w, 22.8 and 52.7 this season.

Stecher, who as Renate Meissner finished second to Petra Vogt in this event at Athens, thus completed a noteworthy double and, with Chi Cheng's athletic future in the balance, must be rated Olympic favourite at this moment in time. Her 200m time of 22.7 (actually 22.67), with a wind reading of nil, ranks among the very greatest of women's sprint marks.

1, RENATE STECHER (East Germany) 22.7 (Championship record).

2, GYORGYI BALOGH (Hungary) 23.3.

3, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland) 23.3.

4, NADYEZHDA BESFAMILNAYA (USSR) 23.4.

5, ANNEGRET KRONIGER (West Germany) 23.6.

6, RITA WILDEN (West Germany) 23.6.

7, ELLEN STROPAHL (East Germany) 23.6.

8, CHRISTINE HEINICH (East Germany) 23.7.

### 200 METRES: Final

For the first time since Heinz Futterer in 1954 one man holds both European sprint titles: Valeriy Borzov. The 21-year-old Ukrainian is a deceptive mover; his short stabbing stride does not look all that fast—until one notices how far he is leaving behind the opposition. In this race Borzov, in lane 4, was timed at 10.3 for the first 100m, 10.0 for the second. His final time of 20.3 (nil wind) was just a tenth outside his own newly ratified European record. Borzov's stamina has been carefully cultivated; during the winter he goes for a weekly 10km cross-country run and one of his track sessions is 4 or 5 x 800m in 2:20 with a 15 minute recovery interval.

Borzov was European junior 200m champion in 1968 and his runner-up here was his successor to that title, Franz-Peter Hofmeister, who just got the better of Jorg Pfeifer (19), who therefore consolidated his spectacular breakthrough from nowhere in the GDR Championships, and Siegfried Schenke—Martin Reynolds' closest European rival last year. Defending champion Philippe Clerc was a struggling fifth, seemingly short of training.

1, VALERIY BORZOV (USSR) 20.3 (Championship record).

2, FRANZ-PETER HOFMEISTER (West Germany) 20.7.

3, JORG PFEIFER (East Germany) 20.7.

4, SIEGFRIED SCHENKE (East Germany) 20.7.

5, PHILIPPE CLERC (Switzerland) 20.9.

6, PIETRO MENNEA (Italy) 20.9.

7, GERARD FENOUIL (France) 20.9.

8, ALEKSANDR ZHIDKIKH (USSR) 21.2.

### WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES: Final

When Karin Balzer became Olympic 80m hurdles champion in 1964 she was 26 years old and had completed eleven seasons in athletics. She

gave birth to a son the following year and no one would have argued had she decided not to return to competition. With an Olympic gold medal, European silver (1962) and a share in the world 80mH record of 10.5 she had achieved enough to satisfy anyone. Not enough for Karin, though. She loved racing and knew she could be better yet.

She returned to the track in 1966 and won the European 80mH title; in 1967 she gained the first of five consecutive European indoor championships; she slipped to 5th in the 1968 Olympic 80mH but responded to the new challenge of 100m hurdles in 1969 by winning the European title and becoming the first woman to break 13 sec; last year she improved the world record to 12.7 and this season, in her last race before Helsinki, she produced a 12.6. This is an incredible record of achievement but Karin, now 33, is not finished yet. Here in Helsinki she streaked to her third consecutive European triumph in 12.9, tremendous running with a nil wind reading and electrical timing. Karin's heiress-apparent, 21-year-old Annelie Ehrhardt (née Jahns), was a good second, comfortably clear of 12.7/12.6w performer Teresa Sukniewicz.

1, KARIN BALZER (East Germany) 12.9 (Championship record).

2, ANNELIE EHRHARDT (E. Germany) 13.0.

3, TERESA SUKNIWICZ (Poland) 13.2.

4, DANUTA STRASZYNSKA (Poland) 13.3.

5, META ANTENEN (Switzerland) 13.4.

6, TERESA NOWAK (Poland) 13.5.

7, VALERIA BUFANU (Rumania) 13.5.

8, TATYANA POLUBOYAROVA (USSR) 13.7.

### POLE VAULT: Final

Ice cool Wolfgang Nordwig pulled off his third European title win without having to extend himself greatly. In fact the whole competition went very much to form; it could have gone either way between Kjell Isaksson and the goatee-bearded Italian Renato Dionisi but the Swede scored when he went over 5.35/17'4½" at the first time of asking whilst Dionisi needed two tries. Nordwig went through his routine at every attempt: changing out of his spikes, donning his familiar white peaked hat and wrapping himself in his blanket after each successful clearance. He didn't even look up to watch when his rivals made their attempts.

The 27-year-old East German had the title sewn up at 5.35/17'6½" which was only his fourth vault of the day. Earlier he had made a somewhat lucky clearance at 5.30, just getting out of knocking the bar as he draped himself over, but his next height was beautifully executed — shooting his hips high and timing the turn just right. Nordwig's three attempts at 5.45/17'10½" never looked like succeeding. He got his legs over twice and stalled out below the bar on his third.

Isaksson did well to recover from a shaky start at 5.00/16'4½". He was taken off his first attempt for exceeding the 3 minutes limit and was annoyed at not being allowed a proper warm-up by the officials. Switching to his favourite flower-

printed pole, he cleared well on his second and then chased Nordwig all the way till 5.35. Hans Lagerqvist whooped joyfully as he went over a personal best of 5.25/17'2½" which netted him fourth place. Only Yuriy Isakov attempted this, after passing up 5.20, but his gamble did not pay off and he had to settle for seventh.

1, WOLFGANG NORDWIG (E. Germany) 5.35/17'6½" (Championship record) (5.00 1st, 5.20 1st, 5.30 1st, 5.35 1st, 5.45 fail).

2, KJELL ISAKSSON (Sweden) 5.30/17'4½" (5.00 2nd, 5.20 1st, 5.30 1st, 5.35 fail).

3, RENATO DIONISI (Italy) 5.30/17'4½" (5.00 1st, 5.20 1st, 5.30 2nd, 5.35 fail).

4, HANS LAGERQVIST (Sweden) 5.25/17'2½" (4.80 1st, 5.00 1st, 5.10 1st, 5.20 3rd, 5.25 1st, 5.30 fail).

5, WLODZIMIERZ SOKOLOWSKI (Poland) 5.10/16'8½" (4.80 1st, 5.00 2nd, 5.10 1st, 5.20 fail).

6, JOHN-ERIK BLOMQVIST (Sweden) 5.10/16'8½" (4.90 1st, 5.10 2nd, 5.20 fail).

7, YURIY ISAKOV (USSR) 5.10/16'8½" (4.60 1st, 4.90 1st, 5.10 3rd, 5.25 fail).

8, HEINFRIED ENGEL (W. Germany) 5.10/16'8½" (4.80 1st, 5.00 1st, 5.10 3rd, 5.20 3rd).

9, A. Kalliomaki (Fin) 5.00/16'4½" (5.00 1st, 5.20 fail); 10, A. Alarotu (Fin) 4.90/16'0½" (4.90 1st, 5.10 fail); 11, H-J. Ziegler (W. Ger) 4.90 (4.80 2nd, 4.90 1st, 5.00 fail); 12, R. Ivanov (Fin) 4.90 (4.90 2nd, 5.10 fail).

### 1500 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to final)

Brendan Foster ran his usual reliable race in the first heat, always keeping on the pace before easing in with a fast 3:42.8. He had not trained for a fortnight following injury. In the next race Peter Stewart looked all set to qualify as he dashed in front approaching the bell after a 2:35.1 kilometre, but when he was passed by three men on the backstretch he failed to respond and looked completely blown chasing Andre de Hertoghe along the final stretch, finishing seventh in an average 3:45.0. Frank Murphy, the Athens silver medallist, was shunted out in the last 30m. The third heat was a real cycle sprint affair, and John Kirkbride's trusty kick got him through safely enough, though he had to run out in the fifth lane as the leaders operated at sub-52 pace in the last lap.

**Heat 1:** (59.2, 2:02.2, 2:32.4, 3:01.7) 1, V. Pantelei (USSR) 3:42.2; 2, H. Szordykowski (Pol) 3:42.3; 3, J-P. Dufresne (Fra) 3:42.5; 4, B. FOSTER (UK) 3:42.8; 5, A. Atanassov (Bul) 3:43.2; 6, A. Burges (Spa) 3:43.3; 7, K. Kvalheim (Nor) 3:43.7; 8, R. Finelli (Ita) 3:43.9; 9, G. Van Manshoven (Bel) 3:45.0; 10, T. Hansen (Den) 3:46.3; 11, F. Mamede (Port) 3:49.3.

**Heat 2:** (62.8, 2:05.9, 2:35.1, 3:02.7) 1, J. Boxberger (Fra) 3:43.6; 2, P. Vasala (Fin) 3:43.6; 3, H. Scharn (Neth) 3:43.7; 4, V. Semiaschin (USSR) 3:43.7; 5, A. de Hertoghe (Bel) 3:43.7; 6, F. Murphy (RoI) 3:44.0; 7, P. STEWART (UK) 3:45.0; 8, S. Koprivica (Yug) 3:48.9; 9, J.

Maluski (Pol) 3:53.7; 10, A. Falero (Gib) 4:01.3; 11, G. Del Buono (Ita) 4:01.8.

**Heat 3:** (69.4, 2:14.7, 2:44.8, 3:12.4) 1, P.-H. Wellmann (W.Ger) 3:51.8; 2, F. Arese (Ita) 3:52.1; 3, J. KIRKBRIDE (UK) 3:52.6; 4, G. Larsen (Den) 3:52.7; 5, J. Prasek (Pol) 3:52.8; 6, R. Leborgne (Fra) 3:53.3; 7, B. Wassenaar (Neth) 3:54.2; 8, P. Penkava (Cz) 3:55.2; 9, M. Zhelobovsky (USSR) 3:55.6; 10, M. Tumkan (Tur) 3:57.4.

#### 400 METRES: Final

Here's a teaser for you. Who covered the final 100m faster: Juha Vaatainen in the 10,000m or Dave Jenkins in the 400m final? The answer is Jenkins—but only by a tenth of a second: 13.1 as against 13.2.

That may seem a very slow time for any stretch of a 400m race but one must bear in mind the extraordinary early pace set by Jenkins in the outside lane. According to a reliable timekeeper, the AAA champion blazed his first 100m in 10.9, passed 200m in 21.3 (a fifth outside his best) and reached 300m in an incredible 32.4—fastest ever 'split' during a 400m and only 0.3 slower than Jim Kemp's world best earlier this summer. That 32.4 represents 43.2 400m pace! Of course Jenkins had to die in the final straight but such was the huge lead he had built up that his rivals were unable to make up all the leeway in time.

Mind you, it was frighteningly close, with Jenkins holding on to win by a margin of four-hundredths (about a foot in distance) from Marcello Fiasconaro. Dave himself thought he had lost and for a minute or two after the finish shook his head and pleaded with photographers that they were snapping the wrong man. As he explained later: "I lost my concentration about two metres from the tape; I eased off and that's unforgivable. Fiasco must have come up very quickly and as I crossed that line I thought, Christ, he's got it."

Apart from the British and French (whose athletics writers were mightily impressed by Dave's running in the match at Portsmouth), few had given Jenkins much chance before the Championships. And why should they? What were his credentials? A young man of 19, in only his third season of serious racing, whose fastest pre-Helsinki time of 46.4 ranked him merely 14th on 1971 marks among those entered for the event. But statistics tell only part of the story; they cannot convey an athlete's burning ambition and his ability to rise to the big test.

For some time past it has been evident that Dave Jenkins had the talent to achieve all that had—a decade earlier—been predicted for Adrian Metcalfe. Some of us were so carried away by Metcalfe's running in 1961, also as a 19-year-old, that we thought he might be the first man to crack 44 sec for 400m. As it turned out he never was to run as fast as he did that season (45.7), circumstances dictating that one of the world's greatest athletic talents was never to be fulfilled. Let's hope Jenkins has better luck; after all, he has already suffered his fair share of disappointments—not-

ably having to hobble around on crutches during the Commonwealth Games instead of taking part on his beloved Meadowbank track. These are early days yet in Dave's career, but what a major championship debut!

Jenkins was perfectly content to be drawn in the outside lane and ready to exploit the position by going off hard. Jan Werner, the defending champion, must have wondered whether he was dreaming as Jenkins, in the lane outside his, opened up a lead of nearly ten metres by the halfway mark. According to "splits" published in the following day's programme, Jenkins was timed at 21.1, with Hermann Kohler showing 21.3, Fiasconaro 21.5, Markku Kukkoaho 21.6, Thomas Jordan 21.8, Werner 22.0, Aleksandr Bratchikov 22.3 and Klaus Hauke 22.4.

Jenkins was some five metres clear of Kohler and Jordan (the latter having run his third 100 at about the same blazing speed as Jenkins) entering the final straight. Fiasconaro, Werner and Kukkoaho all came through strongly to overtake the spent Germans but Jenkins, although drowning in the proverbial sea of lactic acid, showed the stuff he is made of by keeping his form sufficiently well to stay that vital margin ahead. His time of 45.5 was an improvement of 0.7 over his previous best (in the semis) and, long overdue, the UK record shared by Robbie Brightwell and Adrian Metcalfe was broken. Although such records are now irrelevant in his case, Jenkins also beat Metcalfe's European junior best.

Fiasconaro shared the time of 45.5 and his performance was hardly less amazing than the winner's. In this day and age it is considered impossible for an athlete to come from nowhere to world class in a matter of months (Kenyan steeplechasers excepted) but this 22-year-old South African representing his father's native land, Italy, has done just that. It was only last November that 1.88/6'2", 75kg/165lb "Fiasco" began his track career—it would be good training, he thought, for his first love, rugby. He started with a 49.2 and by February was down to 45.8! He was approached by the Italian Athletics Federation and, in June, he took out Italian nationality (though he speaks only a few words of the language). He flew to Europe on June 30th and since then has won the Italian title in 45.7, beaten some leading Americans in 46.0 and reduced the Italian record to 45.5 in an international match against Spain and Greece. Now he returns to South Africa but will be back next summer to represent Italy at the Olympics. Jan Werner equalled his best ever of 45.6 for the bronze medal, with Kukkoaho (who had not run faster than 48.3 before last year), trimming the Finnish record to 45.7.

1, DAVE JENKINS (UK) 45.5 (Championship record).

2, MARCELLO FIASCONARO (Italy) 45.5.

3, JAN WERNER (Poland) 45.6.

4, MARKKU KUKKOHAHO (Finland) 45.7.

5, THOMAS JORDAN (West Germany) 46.0.

6, HERMANN KOHLER (West Germany) 46.1.

7, ALEKSANDR BRATCHIKOV (USSR) 46.4.

8, KLAUS HAUKE (East Germany) 46.9.

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**WOMEN'S JAVELIN: Final**

Daniela Jaworska was languishing in sixth place with 55.76/182'11" when, in the fourth round, everything clicked and the spear sailed out to 61.00/200'1". That was the winner, overtaking Ameli Koloska's opening 59.40/194'10" and Ruth Fuchs' 59.16/194'1" earlier in the fourth round. It also served to dislodge Olympic and previous European champion Angela Ranky from a medal position. Jaworska (25), at 60kg/132lb the lightest thrower in the final (she is 1.64/5'4½" tall), was 7th in the 1966 European, 5th in the 1968 Olympics and 6th in Athens. Her best mark is 61.44/201'7".

1, DANIELA JAWORSKA (Poland) 61.00/200'1" (Championship record) (55.76, —, 49.86, 61.00, 56.68, —).

2, AMELI KOLOSKA (West Germany) 59.40/194'10" (59.40, 51.14, 53.48, —, 52.16, —).

3, RUTH FUCHS (East Germany) 59.16/194'1" (56.22, 56.16, 53.60, 59.16, —, 57.38).

4, ANGELA RANKY (Hungary) 57.44/188'5" (56.40, 53.74, 57.44, 56.24, 54.04, —).

5, ANNELIESE GERHARDS (West Germany) 55.98/183'8" (—, 52.36, 55.98, —, —, —).

6, EWA GRZYBICKA (Poland) 55.96/183'7" (—, 55.96, —, 53.46, —, 55.62).

7, MARIA KUCSERKA (Hungary) 55.70/182'9" (55.70, —, 52.82, 54.12, —, 53.90).

8, MARTA RUDAS (Hungary) 55.62/182'6" (52.56, 55.62, 54.16, —, 54.12, 53.34).

9, N. Marakina (USSR) 55.34/181'7" (54.74, 55.34, 53.08); 10, N. Urbancic (Yug) 53.66/176'0" (—, —, 53.66); 11, C. Bajer (Pol) 50.50/165'8" (—, 50.50, 48.78); E. Ozolina (USSR) 3 fouls.

**WOMEN'S 1500 METRES: Heats**

(1st 4 to Final)

Three fast races saw all three British girls get through, each of them running easily and looking to have plenty in hand for the final. Regine Kleinau made the pace in heat one before Ellen Tittel sprinted away in the straight for an impressive 4:14.2. Sheila Carey had no trouble in coasting home fourth in a personal best of 4:16.2 behind her. Rita Ridley had no trouble either, taking third in a race dominated from the gun by the powerful Karin Burneleit. In the last heat, Joan Allison ran in alongside Gunhild Hoffmeister after a scuffle on the first lap, and Christa Merten was shut out in spite of running 4:18.2. Much to everyone's surprise, reigning champion Jaroslava Jehlickova started in this race, and showing few effects of a recent accident (she walked through a plate glass door, sustaining injuries requiring 26 stitches), qualified easily behind Joan in 4:17.4. Vera Nikolic left her effort far too late in heat 1, sprinted hard for 300m and then died badly in the straight.

**Heat 1:** (68.4, 2:18.2, 2:53.4, 3:27.0) 1, E. Tittel (W.Ger) 4:14.2, 2, L. Bragina (USSR) 4:15.0, 3, R. Kleinau (E.Ger) 4:15.3, 4, S. CAREY (UK)

4:16.2, 5, Z. Volgyi (Hun) 4:18.0; 6, S. Tyynela (Fin) 4:22.0, 7, B. Azpeitia (Spa) 4:24.0, 8, A. De Lange (Neth) 4:24.2, 9, V. Nikolic (Yug) 4:24.5, 10, A. Ramello (Ita) 4:30.3.

**Heat 2:** (65.7, 2:15.4, 2:49.6, 3:24.2) 1, K. Burneleit (E.Ger) 4:14.9, 2, V. Amzina (Bul) 4:16.8, 3, R. RIDLEY (UK) 4:17.4, 4, I. Knutsson (Swe) 4:18.2, 5, M. Kulcsar (Hun) 4:21.2, 6, B. Rajher (Yug) 4:22.4, 7, J. Van Der Stelt (Neth) 4:23.0, 8, C. Bultez (Fra) 4:23.1, 9, G. Klopfer-Ranz (W.Ger) 4:25.8.

**Heat 3:** (66.2, 2:17.4, 2:52.2, 3:26.2) 1, G. Hoffmeister (E.Ger) 4:17.2, 2, J. ALLISON (UK) 4:17.2, 3, J. Jehlickova (Cz) 4:17.4; 4, S. Ligetkuti (Hun) 4:17.6, 5, C. Merten (W.Ger) 4:18.2, 6, G. Kuzmina (USSR) 4:19.1, 7, E. Gommers (Neth) 4:19.3, 8, G. Andersen (Nor) 4:23.0, 9, B. Doborzynska (Pol) 4:24.2, 10, Z. Boniolo (Ita) 4:31.4, 11, L. Sjostedt (Swe) 4:34.0.

**SHOT: Final**

The European shot record continues to close in on Randy Matson's world figures of 21.78/71' 5½" and the man responsible is 22-year-old Hartmut Briesenick. In Helsinki he added 8cm to his previous record with 21.08/69'2" to overtake Neal Steinhauer (21.01/68'11½") for second place on the world all-time list. Briesenick's series would not be disowned by Matson: the weakest of his six puts went 20.27/66'6" and in addition to his record in the fifth round he reached such distances as 20.81/68'3¼" and 20.70/67'11".

Briesenick, 1.91/6'3¼" tall and weighing 116kg/256lb, had already proved himself a fine competitor by winning at the 1968 European Junior Games and the 1970 and 1971 European Indoor Championships. Strong (he has totalled 440kg/970lb in the Olympic lifts) and fast (11.4 100m), Briesenick has the ambition of beating the Americans in Munich and, judging by his uninterrupted progress to date, Matson will need to be close to his world record form to retain his title. Briesenick's advance: 1967—17.17/56'4", 1968—18.71/61'4¼", 1969—20.22/66'4¼", 1970—20.55/65'5¼", 1971—21.08/69'2".

Hans-Joachim Rothenburg (1.85/6'0¾", 118kg/260lb), with five over 20m, was a clear second but East German hopes of a clean sweep as in Athens were dashed when title-holder Dieter Hoffmann (1.87/6'1½", 118kg/260lb) could place no higher than seventh. Hans-Peter Gies (20.29/66'7" this year) and Dieter Prollius (20.21/66'3¼") failed to make the GDR team. Wladyslaw Komar (1.95/6'4½", 123kg/271lb), a former boxer and Polish junior rugger international who in 1969 was supposed to have been disqualified for life, took the bronze just ahead of a rejuvenated Vilmos Varju (1.89/6'2¼", 140kg/309lb), the 1962 and 1966 champion who was competing in his fifth European Championships. Varju, aged 34 and in his 15th season as an international, has improved some 2½ feet this season with 20.45/67'1¼". What can his secret be?

Heinfried Birlenbach, injured in the chest during

a scuffle with police and attendants in the stands the previous day, was unable to compete.

1, HARTMUT BRIESENICK (East Germany) 21.08/69'2" (European record) (20.63, 20.81, 20.27, 20.39, 21.08, 20.70).

2, HANS-JOACHIM ROTHENBURG (East Germany) 20.47/67'2" (19.66, 20.11, 20.47, 20.28, 20.26, 20.27).

3, WLADYSLAW KOMAR (Poland) 20.04/65'9" (19.79, —, 20.04, —, —, 19.72).

4, VILMOS VARJU (Hungary) 19.99/65'7" (19.65, —, 19.45, 19.89, 19.99, —).

5, VALERIY VOIKIN (USSR) 19.81/65'0" (19.81, 19.50, 19.56, —, 19.58, 19.57).

6, RIMANTAS PLUNGE (USSR) 19.61/64'4" (19.61, 18.66, 18.43, 19.45, 19.20, 19.53).

7, DIETER HOFFMANN (East Germany) 19.38/63'7" (18.36, —, 19.15, —, 19.31, 19.38).

8, YVES BROUZET (France) 19.20/63'0" (19.20, 18.92, 18.78, 18.67, —, —).

9, P. Ahnger (Fin) 19.00/62'4" (18.76, 18.99, 19.00); 10, M. Janousek (Cz) 18.76/61'6½" (18.55, 18.76, 18.73); 11, R. Reichenbach (W. Ger) 18.74/61'5½" (18.37, 17.55, 18.74); 12, H-D. Moser (W. Ger) 18.51/60'8½" (17.87, 18.12, 18.51); 13, A. Beer (Fra) 18.46/60'6½" (—, 18.46, 18.05); 14, S. Simbala (Fin) 18.27/59'11½" (—, 18.27, —). H. Birkenbach (W. Ger) scr.

### 3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: Heats

(1st 4 to Final)

Pavel Sysoyev set what was probably a 'world record' for a heat with 8:29.8 in the first race, but even that was broken when Anders Garderud, the former Junior wonder boy, took heat three in a sizzling 8:28.4, a Swedish record. Small wonder, then, that Andy Holden ran as fast as 8:36.2 and got nowhere. Actually he looked like a possible winner as he led through 2km in 5:42.2, after passing halfway in around 4:16, but could not sustain his pace on the last lap. Holder Mikhail Zhelev went out also, fading away drastically to 9th. Jurgen May, running well until the last lap, was passed on the backstraight and gave up. Ron McAndrew started off at a tremendous clip in the first heat, but was dropped off in the last three laps. Dusan Moravcik won heat 2 in spite of losing a shoe.

**Heat 1:** (2:47.6, 4:14.4, 5:42.2) 1, P. Sysoyev (USSR) 8:29.8; 2, T. Feldmann (Swi) 8:29.8; 3, G. Tikhov (Bul) 8:31.0; 4, J. Rebacz (Pol) 8:33.4; 5, T. Kantanen (Fin) 8:36.0; 6, U. Risi (Ita) 8:37.2; 7, S. Condosoros (Gre) 8:38.2; 8, P. Thys (Bel) 8:41.2; 9, W. Wagner (W.Ger) 8:44.6; 10, S. Engen (Nor) 8:44.8; 11, G. Delalandre (Fra) 8:54.8; 12, R. McANDREW (UK) 9:02.2.

**Heat 2:** (2:53.4, 4:19.4, 5:50.0) 1, D. Moravcik (Cz) 8:32.8; 2, P. Paivarinta (Fin) 8:33.4, 3, J-P. Villain (Fra) 8:34.2, 4, R. Bite (USSR) 8:34.4, 5, A. Risa (Nor) 8:35.6; 6, H. Lesiuk (Pol) 8:40.4; 7, C. Cefan (Rum) 8:44.4; 8, H-D. Schulten (W.Ger) 8:47.0; 9, C. Lopes (Por) 8:54.8; 10, F. Valenti (Ita) 8:58.0; 11, H. Menet (Swi) 8:58.4.

**Heat 3:** (2:48.0, 4:15.8, 5:42.2) 1, A. Garderud

(Swe) 8:28.4; 2, M. Ala-Leppilampi (Fin) 8:29.0; 3, V. Dudin (USSR) 8:30.4; 4, K. Maranda (Pol) 8:32.0; 5, S. Sornes (Nor) 8:35.2; 6, A. HOLDEN (UK) 8:36.2; 7, W. Pedersen (Den) 8:36.8; 8, G. Buchheit (Fra) 8:40.2; 9, M. Zhelev (Bul) 8:50.6; 10, M. Tomic (Yug) 8:53.4. J. May (W.Ger) dnf.

### WOMEN'S PENTATHLON: First Day

Fortunately, Heide Rosendahl and Margrit Herbst were not forced to choose between the long jump and pentathlon. They were among the five Germans who headed the field after the first three events, with Burglinde Pollak setting a strong pace thanks to a personal best equalling 13.3 hurdles and what was easily her best shot put to date of 16.11/52'10½". Her high jump, though, was well below her peak of 1.75/5'8½".

1, B. Pollak (E. Ger) 3,247 (100mH—13.3, SP—16.11/52'10½", HJ—1.64/5'4½"); 2, H. Rosendahl (W. Ger) 3,111 (13.5, 13.70/44'11½", 1.68/5'6"); 3, M. Herbst (E. Ger) 3,072 (13.6, 13.96/45'9½", 1.64/5'4½"); 4, M. Peikert (E. Ger) 3,064 (14.2, 13.91/45'7½", 1.72/5'7½"); 5, K. Mack (W. Ger) 3,054 (13.9, 12.78/41'11½", 1.74/5'8½"); 6, V. Tikhomirova (USSR) 3,007 (14.0, 13.84/45'5", 1.64); 7, M. Papp (Hun) 3,003 (14.7, 13.36/43'10", 1.76/5'9½"); 8, M. van Beek (Neth) 2,923 (14.0, 12.23/40'1½", 1.66/5'5½"); 9, T. Kondrashova (USSR) 2,907 (13.8, 12.20, 1.62); 10, D. Focic (Yug) 2,904 (14.0, 11.36, 1.70); 11, N. Angelova (Bul) 2,879 (14.3, 13.46, 1.58); 12, O. Ducas (Fra) 2,876 (14.5, 12.53, 1.66); 13, R. Emonts-Gast (Bel) 2,860 (14.5, 11.40, 1.72); 14, M. Sterk (Neth) 2,859 (13.8, 11.19, 1.64); 15, K. Lardi (Swi) 2,856 (14.7, 11.73, 1.72); 16, M. Brezikova (Cz) 2,838 (14.7, 11.76, 1.70); 17, M. Eppinger (W. Ger) 2,825 (14.1, 12.11, 1.60); 18, F. Picaut (Fra) 2,777 (14.8, 11.63, 1.66); 19, J. Birnbaumova (Cz) 2,775 (14.1, 12.79, 1.50); 20, D. Wurger (Aus) 2,775 (14.8, 11.61, 1.64); 21, M. Bantegny (Fra) 2,715 (14.8, 11.34, 1.62); 22, H. Harju (Fin) 2,414 (15.2, 9.35, 1.52).

### Fifth Day Saturday, August 14th

#### TRIPLE JUMP: Qualifying

Viktor Saneyev led the way, choosing to jump three times when his opening leap would have sufficed. Jozef Szmidt (36) champion in 1958 and 1962, made the final with his best distance of the season. Alan Lerwill decided not to compete.

**Qualifiers (Pool A)** J. Drehmel (E. Ger) —, 16.75, 16.83/55'2½"; M. Sauer (W. Ger) 14.85, 16.50/54'1½"; V. Fiser (Cz) 16.32/53'6½"; G. Bessonov (USSR) 16.18, 16.02, 16.19/53'1½"; C. Corbu (Rum) 16.05, —, 16.12/52'10½"; G. Savilevich (USSR) 15.94/, 16.10/52'10", 16.10; **(Pool B)**

V. Saneyev (USSR) 16.85, 16.99/55'9" w —; J. Kugler (W. Ger) 16.47/54'0½" w; G. Gentile (Ita) 16.46/54'0" —; L. Areta (Spa) 16.41/53'10½" w, —; J. Szmidi (Pol) 16.00, 16.27/53'4½" w, —; H-G. Schenk (E. Ger) 16.23/53'3", —, —.

**Non-qualifiers:** K. Flogstad (Nor) 12.79 w, —, 15.93/52'3¼" w; P. Kuukasjarvi (Fin) 15.49, 15.83/51'11¼" w, —; S. Riea (Fra) 15.69, 15.79/51'9¼" w, —; M. Spasojevic (Yug) —, 15.35, 15.61/51'2¾" w; H. Kalocsai (Hun) 15.04, —, 15.56/51'0¾" w; A. Tuna (Tur) 15.05, 15.39/50'6", 14.02.

#### DISCUS: Qualifying

The big news was that Ricky Bruch, fresh from throwing an unofficial 69.34/227'6" in Malmo earlier in the week, had decided to compete after all. He began by lobbing his first throw a mediocre 50.64/166'2", for which he was thoroughly booed and whistled by the knowledgeable crowd. His next cast went 60.50/198'6", however, and he was a comfortable qualifier for the final. John Watts had two over 55 metres but that was hardly good enough. It required 58.00/190'3" to make the final pool, and a round dozen bettered that.

**Qualifiers:** (Pool A) L. Milde (E. Ger) 60.62/198'11"; F. Tegla (Hun) 60.04/197'0"; L. Danek (Cz) 59.44/195'0"; P. Kahma (Fin) 59.24/194'4"; K-P. Hennig (W. Ger) 57.32, 59.06/193'9"; H. Reinitzer (Aus) 59.02/193'8"; J. Rinne (Fin) 56.96, 58.02/190'4". (Pool B) H. Losch (E. Ger) —, 56.12, 62.16/203'11"; D. Wippermann (W. Ger) 60.98/200'1"; G. Fejer (Hun) 60.86/199'8";

R. Bruch (Swe) 50.64, 60.50/198'6"; R. Myyra (Fin) 54.26, 58.38/191'6".

**Non-qualifiers:** H-D. Neu (W. Ger) —, 57.64/189'1", —; J. Nagy (Rum) 54.82, 56.58, 57.58/188'11"; K. Akesson (Swe) 56.10, —, 56.92/186'9"; E. Soudek (Aus) 52.16, 56.64/185'10", —; L. Gajdzinski (Pol) 56.50/185'4", 55.32, —; K. Andersen (Den) 55.56/182'3, 53.86, —; J. Farago (Hun) —, —, 55.56; J. WATTS (UK) 53.08, 55.52/182'2", 55.12; A. De Vincentis (Ita) 55.48/182'0", 53.62, —; V. Lyakhov (USSR) —, 55.44/181'11", 53.88; T. Lislrud (Nor) —, —, 55.36/181'7"; M. Pecar (Yug) 55.32/181'6", 54.04, —; E. Valdimarsson (Ice) & S. Simeon (Ita) 3 fouls.

#### 110 METRES HURDLES: Semis

(1st 4 to final)

The heats were delayed due to the 50 kilometre walkers finishing: in fact heat 1 got under way when some of the leaders were in the stadium and officials had to work fast to get the outside two lanes cleared almost as soon as the hurdlers had crossed the barriers. Fortunately no accidents occurred, though they cut it fine. Alan Pascoe was still slightly ragged in his hurdling, though moving better at the end to grab second from Sergio Liani. Even considering the headwind, times were still on the slow side.

**Heat 1:** (— 0.8m) 1, L. Nadenicek (Cz) 14.0; 2, L. Wodzynski (Pol) 14.1; 3, A. Moshiasvili (USSR) 14.1; 4, M. Wodzynski (Pol) 14.2; 5, P. Malrieu (Fra) 14.3; 6, M. Schumann (W. Ger) 14.5; 7, V. Suci (Rum) 14.6; 8, R. Moland (Nor) 14.7.

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**Heat 2:** (— 2.5m) 1, F. Siebeck (E. Ger) 14.0; 2, A. PASCOE (UK) 14.1; 3, S. Liani (Ita) 14.1; 4, M. Jozwik (Pol) 14.3; 5, G. Nickel (W. Ger) 14.3; 6, H. Fimland (Nor) 14.4; 7, L. Milassin (Hun) 14.5; 8, F. Slavotinek (Cz) 14.8.

### 50 KILOMETRES WALK

The undisputed reign of Christoph Hohne, Olympic champion in 1968 and European champion in 1969, came to an end even though the 30-year-old East German recorded the superb time of 4:04:45.2. He finished over two minutes behind Venyamin Soldatenko (32), the Athens bronze medallist, whose winning time of 4:02:22 is the fastest ever in a major championship race. Soldatenko only began walking the 50km distance seriously in 1969 after having clocked a rapid 86:04 for 20km the previous season. He gave Hohne a hard race in last year's Lugano Cup final, finishing second. This time the two men walked together for nearly 40km before the Russian pulled steadily away. Soldatenko covered the second half of the race in a staggering 1:57:51!

Peter Selzer (25) walked his usual steady race for the bronze medal to add to the silver he won in Athens. The standard was unprecedented, with nine men inside 4½ hours—including 37-year-old Abdon Pamich, who was competing in his SIXTH European Championships, having placed 7th in 1954 and 2nd in 1958 prior to his successes in 1962 and 1966. Bob Dobson, Britain's only finisher, recorded the commendable time of 4:21:15—good for the bronze medal in Athens but sufficient only for 16th place this time. Ron Wallwork and young Carl Lawton suffered for their early speed (they shared the lead at 15km); Lawton dropped out after 30km and Wallwork during the final 10km. Both men had walked themselves to a state of collapse.

Intermediate times: **(10km)** Della-Rossa & Fischer 49.49; Lawton & Nermerich 49.55; Wallwork, Soldatenko & Hohne 49.59 . . . 18, Dobson. 50.39. **(20km)** Della-Rossa 1:39.48; Soldatenko, Selzer, Dalmati, Barch, Hohne & Nermerich 1:39.50; Wallwork 1:39.55; Skotnicki & Lawton 1:40.03 . . . 13, Dobson 1:40.41. **(25km)** Hohne, Nermerich, Soldatenko & Dalmati 2:04.31; Barch & Selzer 2:04.35; Della-Rossa 2:04.38; Skotnicki 2:04.51; Pamich 2:05.25; Wallwork 2:05.28; Dobson 2:05.37 . . . 17, Lawton 2:07.12. **(30km)** Soldatenko & Hohne 2:28.13; Della-Rossa 2:28.39; Selzer & Barch 2:29.06; Nermerich 2:29.11 . . . 11, Wallwork 2:31.32; 13, Dobson 2:31.39; 25, Lawton 2:46.36. **(40km)** Soldatenko 3:15.18; Hohne 3:15.20; Selzer 3:17.57; Barch 3:19.06; Della-Rossa 3:19.14; Skotnicki 3:19.26 . . . 15, Dobson 3:26.23; 18, Wallwork 3:32.00. **(45km)** Soldatenko 3:38.24; Hohne 3:38.58; Selzer 3:42.07; Barch 3:43.42; Skotnicki 3:44.33; Della-Rossa 3:45.47 . . . 16, Dobson 3:54.33.

Soldatenko's 5km splits were 24.48, 25.11, 25.01, 24.50, 24.41, 23.42, 23.42, 23.23, 23.06 (1:33:53 for that 20km stretch) and 23.58.

- 1, VENYAMIN SOLDATENKO (USSR) 4:02:22.0 (Championship record).
- 2, CHRISTOPH HOHNE (East Germany) 4:04:45.2.
- 3, PETER SELZER (East Germany) 4:06:11.0.
- 4, OTTO BARCH (USSR) 4:09:14.4.
- 5, WINFRIED SKOTNICKI (East Germany) 4:10:22.0.
- 6, BERNHARD NERMERICH (West Germany) 4:11:44.0.
- 7, IGOR DELLA-ROSSA (USSR) 4:12:08.6.
- 8, ABDON PAMICH (Italy) 4:14:36.2.
- 9, S. Ingvarsson (Swe) 4:14:56.0; 10, C. Sowa (Lux) 4:15:59.0; 11, J. Dalmati (Hun) 4:16:59.6; 12, A. Bilek (Cz) 4:17:36.4; 13, G. Weidner (W. Ger) 4:17:40.8; 14, O. Andersson (Swe) 4:20:04.8; 15, V. Visini (Ita) 4:20:45.8; 16, R. DOBSON (UK) 4:21:15.0; 17, D. Bjorkgren (Swe) 4:26:39.6; 18, A. Kiss (Hun) 4:26:53.6; 19, N. Fischer (Fra) 4:28:18.4; 20, M. Aeberhard (Swi) 4:35:45.6; 21, A. Badel (Swi) 4:43:12.0. Non-finishers: H. Meier (W. Ger), C. LAWTON (UK), R. WALLWORK (UK), T. Brustad (Nor).

### WOMEN'S PENTATHLON: Second Day

Burglinde Pollak's overnight lead of 136 points over Heide Rosendahl was all but wiped away in the long jump when the latter leapt 6.69/21'11½" (+ 0.5m/sec wind) for 1141 points and a four-event score of 4252 while Pollak could manage only 6.10/20'0½" for 1011 points and a score of 4258. What a situation: Rosendahl had to finish a tenth of a second ahead of Pollak to win the gold medal that had unluckily eluded her at Mexico City (injured) and Athens (team withdrawal). With both girls boasting a best of 23.6 this season this was going to be quite a climax. Pollak, in lane 1, went off at a furious pace but ran out of steam along the finishing straight (into a 1.6m wind), enabling Rosendahl to win by three-tenths in 23.8. Margrit Herbst took the bronze medal, ahead of Karen Mack who topped 5000 points for the first time. Ann Wilson (who had to withdraw from the team because of injury) would have finished fourth or fifth in her Commonwealth Games form. On the new scoring tables, which will be used in Munich, Rosendahl totalled 4675 and Pollak 4639.

- 1, HEIDE ROSENDAHL (West Germany) 5,299 (Championship record) (6.69/21'11½", 23.8).
- 2, BURGLINDE POLLAK (East Germany) 5,275 (6.10/20'0½", 24.1).
- 3, MARGRIT HERBST (East Germany) 5,179 (6.50/21'4", 24.2).
- 4, KAREN MACK (West Germany) 5,052 (6.01/19'8½", 24.2).
- 5, VALENTINA TIKHOMIROVA (USSR) 4,986 (6.34/20'9½" w, 25.2).
- 6, ODETTE DUCAS (France) 4,926 (6.50/21'4" w, 24.8).
- 7, TATYANA KONDRASHOVA (USSR) 4,887 (5.93/19'5½", 24.2).

8, MARGIT PAPP (Hungary) 4,833 (6.10/20' 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 26.3).

9, D. Focic (Yug) 4,798 (6.00, 25.3); 10, M. Eppinger (W. Ger) 4,786 (6.14, 24.9); 11, M. van Beek (Neth) 4,755 (5.73, 25.3); 12, M. Brezikova (Cz) 4,754 (6.18, 25.5); 13, M. Sterk (Neth) 4,752 (5.80, 24.8); 14, J. Birnbaumova (Cz) 4,702 (5.95, 24.8); 15, K. Lardi (Swi) 4,693 (5.79, 25.4); 16, R. Emonts-Gast (Bel) 4,578 (5.75w, 26.7); 17, F. Picaut (Fra) 4,541 (5.88, 26.5); 18, D. Wurger (Aus) 4,406 (5.72, 26.2); 19, H. Harju (Fin) 4,279 (6.11w, 25.9); 20, M. Bantegny (Fra) 3,575 (—, 25.8). Retired: M. Peikert (E. Ger) 3,970 (5.64), N. Anghelova (Bul) 2,879.

#### 5000 METRES: Final

The term "Flying Finn", so long in abeyance, can aptly be used to describe the incredible Juha Vaatainen, who became the first runner to win the European 5,000/10,000 double since Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak in 1958. It's curious that the rest of the field allowed him to run the race his own way—his deadly finishing burst wrapping up the affair fully 300m from home.

It appeared that Jean Wadoux still harboured ambitions of outkicking Vaatainen, in spite of seeing him get the better of Jurgen Haase in the 10,000. Anyone who can outspint Haase must be formidable, but the Frenchman presumably reckoned that a stirring 10,000 like that must have taken something out of the Finn; and that with his own 3:34.0 1500m speed he would be able to handle him. Harald Norpoth also seemed content to play a waiting game. The resulting race was something of a procession, with the last lap occupying under 54 sec for the leaders.

The British pair were totally uninspired. Even Mike Baxter, who took the lead for a spell, never did anything to pep it up or make a real attempt at a break—he must have known he stood no chance against the big kickers. Allan Rushmer only realised he was in a race on the last lap when he finished fast to pick off an exhausted Bernd Diessner after trailing at the bell.

The early leader was Vladimir Afonin but at the end of the first lap (66.6) Javier Alvarez was in command. By the first kilometre (2:45.8) the Spaniard led from Baxter, Wadoux, Bronislav Malinowski, Vaatainen, Emile Puttemans and Lasse Viren, all bunched. Rushmer was running dead last but only some eight metres covered the field at this point. Alvarez was the leader at 2000m in 5:31.8, at halfway in 6:54.8 and at 3000m in 8:18.6—somewhat slower than the pace in the 10,000m. The order hardly varied behind him, except that Norpoth moved through behind Vaatainen who was always up in third or fourth and prepared for any sudden breaks. Baxter stepped ahead approaching 3500m, but the procession continued at the same steady pace as the kickers prepared for the final drive. Rushmer was up and down the field like a yo-yo but when Alvarez went by 4000m in 11:04.4 in front, he had dropped back again to last.

The race began to wake up 450m from the bell when Malinowski attempted to make a break, but Wadoux on the inside nipped past him with Vaatainen on his heels and was the leader at the bell in 12:39.2. The lean Frenchman ran hard around the penultimate turn but when the race caught alight 300m out he was powerless to respond quickly enough. Vaatainen moved up to his shoulder and streaked away into the lead as the stadium erupted into an ear-splitting and uncanny roar for their hero.

Norpoth moved into third, but the race was as good as ended around the final turn for the amazing Finn simply drew further away from his two pursuers. Wadoux looked dangerous for a few fleeting moments but as Vaatainen, sprinting with a beautiful high knee action, tore down the straight it was obvious that no one on earth was going to catch him. And no wonder—he was covering his last lap in a sensational 53.2! In spite of the early pace he won in a new national record of 13:32.6 whilst Wadoux did well to nip a slowing Norpoth just before the line for his greatest success yet in any major championship. Vaatainen confessed afterwards that he was a little tired after his heat and would have found a hard last 2000m difficult to follow—but as it happened the race went very much his own way. The last kilometre occupied just 2:28.2, the final 1200m in 3:01.8. Afonin dropped out 850m from home.

1, JUHA VAATAINEN (Finland) 13:32.6 (Championship record).

2, JEAN WADOUX (France) 13:33.6.

3, HARALD NORPOTH (West Germany) 13:33.8.

4, DANE KORICA (Yugoslavia) 13:35.0.

5, JAVIER ALVAREZ (Spain) 13:35.8.

6, EMILE PUTTEMANS (Belgium) 13:36.6.

7, LASSE VIREN (Finland) 13:38.6.

8, BRONISLAV MALINOWSKI (Poland) 13:39.4.

9, F. Eisenberg (E. Ger) 13:41.2; 10, P. Shimonelis (USSR) 13:42.8; 11, M. BAXTER (UK) 13:43.2; 12, R. Holmen (Fin) 13:46.6; 13, A. RUSHMER (UK) 13:48.2; 14, B. Diessner (E. Ger) 13:50.8. V. Afonin (USSR) dnf.

#### HAMMER: Final

What a good season this has been for Uwe Beyer, who somewhat belatedly is fulfilling all the promise he showed when as a 19-year-old he won the bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics. Still, a youngster by hammer standards at 26, the harmoniously built (1.90/6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 108kg/238lb) film actor followed up his recent world record breaking 74.90/245'9" with an eleventh hour victory in this competition. Entering the final round he was only third with 71.42/234'4" behind Reinhard Theimer and title-holder Anatoliy Bondarchuk but he won through with a 72.36/237'5" effort. Former Olympic champion and world record holder Romuald Klim, at 38, was the only thrower to avoid fouling and placed fourth, but reigning Olympic champion Gyula Zsivotzky finished a humiliating 11th—

having never placed lower than fourth in all his European and Olympic appearances since 1958.

1, UWE BEYER (West Germany) 72.36/237'5" (71.42, —, —, 70.50, —, 72.36).

2, REINHARD THEIMER (East Germany) 71.80/235'7" (70.14, 71.80, —, 70.36, —, —).

3, ANATOLIY BONDARCHUK (USSR) 71.40/234'3" (69.78, 70.18, 71.10, 70.84, —, 71.40).

4, ROMUALD KLIM (USSR) 70.64/231'9" (60.98, 67.54, 69.26, 69.44, 70.64, 68.78).

5, WALTER SCHMIDT (West Germany) 70.54/231'5" (70.12, 70.54, 68.66, 69.34, 69.46, —).

6, SANDOR ECKSCHMIDT (Hungary) 69.74/228'10" (—, 69.74, 68.22, —, 67.08, —).

7, JOCHEN SACHSE (East Germany) 69.74/228'10" (69.74, 66.40, —, —, 67.24, —).

8, STANISLAW LUBIEJEWSKI (Poland) 67.50/221'5" (66.72, 67.50, 65.54, 65.84, —, 65.62).

9, V. Khmelevskiy (USSR) 67.00/219'10" (66.76, 67.00, 66.20); 10, M. Vecchiato (Ita) 66.96/219'8" (66.96, 65.08, 66.84); 11, G. Zsivotzky (Hun) 64.94/213'1" (—, 64.94, —). L. Caspers (W. Ger) scr.

#### WOMEN'S 4x100 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to final)

British supporters breathed a sigh of relief as the new team of Val Peat, Margaret Critchley, Madeleine Cobb and Liz Johns moved smoothly around for a safe third place in heat two.

Heat 1: 1, W. Germany (E. Schittenhelm, I. Helten, A. Irrgang, I. Mickler) 44.4; 2, USSR (L. Zharkova, G. Bukharina, M. Nikiforova, N. Besfamilnaya) 44.6; 3, Poland (D. Jedrejek, B. Bakulin, U. Jozwik, H. Flisnik) 44.8; 4, Sweden (A. Olsson, G. Olsson, K. Lundgren, E. Randerz) 45.3; 5, Italy (M. Grassano, A. Orselli, L. Nappi, C. Molinari) 45.7.

Heat 2: 1, East Germany (K. Balzer, R. Stecher, P. Vogt, E. Stropahl) 44.1; 2, Hungary (I. Bruzsenyak, M. Nemeshazi, G. Balogh, K. Papp) 44.9; 3, UK (V. PEAT, M. CRITCHLEY, M. COBB, E. JOHNS) 45.1; 4, France (G. Meyer, M. Beugnet, N. Pani, O. Ducas) 45.6; 5, Austria (K. Kafer, C. Kepplinger, M. Holzschuster, H. Kapfer) 45.8.

#### 4x100 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to final)

The British boys did rather better than expected, handling the baton well between them for a fast 39.8 with Les Piggott anchoring well to lunge through the finish for second place just up on Marian Dudziak. The French and East German squads were drawn together and ran 39.4 in the first heat. Only Sweden were eliminated, as Yugoslavia failed to finish in the second heat.

Heat 1: 1, W. Germany (M. Ommer, K-H. Klotz, G. Wucherer, F-P. Hofmeister) 39.6; 2, UK (B. GREEN, M. REYNOLDS, D. HALLIDAY, L. PIGGOTT) 39.8; 3, Poland (G. Gramse, T. Cuch, Z. Nowosz, M. Dudziak) 39.8; 4, Italy (V. Guerini, P. Mennea, P. Abeti, E. Preatoni) 40.0; 5, Sweden (G. Johansson, T. Johansson, B. Soderberg, A. Faager) 40.7.

Heat 2: 1, France (D. Chauvelot, P. Bourbeillon, G. Fenouil, J-P. Gres) 39.4; 2, E. Germany (H-J. Bombach, J. Pfeifer, H. Burde, H-J. Zenk) 39.4; 3, Czechoslovakia (L. Kriz, J. Demec, J. Kynos, L. Bohman) 39.8; 4, USSR (A. Kornelyuk, A. Zhidkikh, A. Lebedev, A. Chebykin) 39.8. Yugoslavia (H. Vincijanovic, I. Karasi, M. Kocuvan, P. Krizan) dnf.

#### WOMEN'S 4x400 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to final)

A handy run-through for the British girls, who qualified easily enough behind West Germany in 3:35.0. Verona Bernard ran the first leg in 55.1 (all splits unofficial), Jannette Roscoe clocked a fine 53.1, Pat Lowe chased Hildegard Falck (53.3) with a 53.8 and Rosemary Stirling dashed after 400m silver medallist Inge Bodding (53.5), closed right up on the final turn, and then eased in with a remarkable 53.0 split. Austria went out in spite of a national record time, which was faster than Finland's qualifying 3:41.2 in the other heat won by the very impressive East German squad. The fastest split here was 52.8 by Ingelore Lohse, while on the third leg Helga Seidler ran 53.0 and Nicole Duclos (seven months after giving birth) a fine 53.4.

Heat 1: 1, W. Germany (A. Ruckes, C. Frese, H. Falck, I. Bodding) 3:34.7; 2, UK (V. BERNARD, J. ROSCOE, P. LOWE, R. STIRLING) 3:35.0; 3, USSR (V. Popkova, N. Kolesnikova, R. Nikanorova, N. Chistyakova) 3:35.6; 4, Sweden (L. Malmstrom, A. Larsson, E. Randerz, K. Lundgren) 3:37.2; 5, Austria (G. Massing, K. Kafer, S. Termoth, M. Sykora) 3:40.8.

Heat 2: 1, E. Germany (R. Kuhne, I. Lohse, H. Seidler, M. Zehrt) 3:34.2; 2, France (M. Noirot, N. Duclos, B. Martin, C. Besson) 3:35.6; 3, Poland (B. Zientarska, E. Skowronska, D. Piecyk, K. Hryniewicka) 3:37.5; 4, Finland (M-L. Strandvall, R. Hagman, R. Lindfors, M. Eklund) 3:41.2; 5, Bulgaria (I. Venkova, S. Gyonina, T. Petrova, S. Zlateva) 3:43.3.

#### 4x400 METRES: Heats

(1st 4 to final)

John Wilson, showing no signs of his foot injury, led off with a strong-looking 47.8; Len Walters let two men go by on the backstraight and then spurred up to the leaders in the straight for a 46.0 circuit; Martin Bilham held on well against Martin Jellinghaus with a 46.5 run and David Jenkins had no trouble in coming through from third behind Jan Werner and coast in with a 45.9 split behind Hermann Kohler. In the second heat, a real dust-up took place on the anchor, with Marcello Fiasconaro bobbing up and down the field before taking third with a 45.9 run.

Heat 1: 1, W. Germany (H-R. Schloske, T. Jordan, M. Jellinghaus, H. Kohler) 3:06.1; 2, UK (J. WILSON, L. WALTERS, M. BILHAM, D. JENKINS) 3:06.2; 3, Poland (W. Korycki, J. Balachowski, A. Badenski, J. Werner) 3:06.2; 4,

Norway (S. Mo, G. Ludblad, P. Rom, R. Simonen) 3:06.7. Finland (J. Kotikoski, A. Salin, O. Karttunen, M. Kukkoaho) disqualified.

**Heat 2:** 1, USSR (Y. Borisenko, V. Nosenko, S. Kocher, A. Bratchikov) 3:06.4; 2, Sweden (E. Cargren, M. Fredriksson, L. Stuppendorf, A. Faager) 3:07.2; 3, Italy (G. L. Cellerino, G. Puosi, S. Bello, M. Fiasconaro) 3:07.3; 4, France (G. Bertoulet, C. Nicolau, R. Velasquez, J.-C. Nallet) 3:07.4; 5, Belgium (W. Vandenwyngaerden, R. Bervoets, J.-P. Borlee, G. De Geyter) 3:07.8.

### WOMEN'S LONG JUMP: Final

What an array of talent this final brought forth . . . there was world record holder Heide Rosendahl (6.84/22'5½"), Olympic champion Viorica Viscoleanu (best of 6.82/22'4½"), Olympic pentathlon champion Ingrid Mickler (6.73/22'1"), Commonwealth champion Sheila Sherwood (6.73/22'1"), 1966 European champion Irena Szewinska (6.67/21'10½"), and the third ranking long jumpers of all time in Margrit Herbst (6.81/22'4½") and Meta Antenen (6.81w).

And what a sensational opening to the contest, for on the very first jump of the competition Meta Antenen cut the sand at a magnificent 6.73/22'1". With the wind registering a mere 0.1m/sec this was the Swiss girl's best ever legitimate mark and it set the opposition a very tough target indeed.

In the second round Sheila Sherwood slipped briefly into second place with 6.52/21'4½" but by the end of that round she was in fourth spot behind the indefatigable Heide Rosendahl (6.64/21'9½"), who had completed her successful pentathlon only a short time earlier, and Irena Szewinska (6.54/21'5½"). A significant development in the third round was that Ingrid Mickler equalled Rosendahl's 6.64. Barbara-Anne Barrett, who had done so well to reach the final, really excelled herself by producing a 6.31/20'8½" leap (nil wind) that caused the elimination of Herbst and entitled her to a place in the first eight.

Sheila Sherwood's best jump was her fourth, of 6.62/21'8½" (+ 1.2m), but it was not quite good enough to earn a medal. Rosendahl improved to 6.66/21'10½" (nil wind), which held second place until Mickler's dramatic final jump. Fifty-six jumps had taken place since Antenen's great opener and there were but three more to go when the 100m silver medallist sped down the runway and sailed out to the longest leap of her extensive career: 6.76/22'2½" (+ 1.8m). Thus, at 28, the former Ingrid Becker, who was West German high jump record holder a decade ago, finally won a major title in an individual event.

1, INGRID MICKLER (West Germany) 6.76/22'2½" (Championship record) (6.42, —, 6.64, —, —, 6.76).

2, META ANTENEN (Switzerland) 6.73/22'1" (6.73, 6.62, 6.45, 6.55, 6.66, 6.62).

3, HEIDE ROSENDAHL (West Germany) 6.66/21'10½" (6.46, 6.64, 6.63, 6.66, 6.63, 6.60).

4, SHEILA SHERWOOD (UK) 6.62/21'8½" (6.38, 6.52, 6.50, 6.62, 6.57, 6.49).

5, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland) 6.62/21'8½"

(6.16, 6.54, 6.44, 6.56, 6.46, 6.62).

6, VIORICA VISCOLEANU (Rumania) 6.39/20'11½" (6.01, 6.22, 6.39, 6.39, 6.33, —).

7, CHRISTA HERZOG (West Germany) 6.38/20'11½" (6.27, —, 6.38, 5.90, —, 6.10).

8, BARBARA-ANNE BARRETT (UK) 6.31/20'8½" (6.23, 6.15, 6.31, —, —, 6.02).

9, M. Herbst (E. Ger) 6.29/20'7½" (—, 6.29, —);

10, D. Yorgova (Bul) 6.07/19'11" (6.07, 6.03, 6.00);

11, B. Larsson (Swe) 6.06/19'10½" (5.79, 6.06, 6.01);

12, R. Franzotti (Yug) 6.05/19'10½" (—, 5.99, 6.05).

### HIGH JUMP: Final

For the first time a Fosbury flopper is European high jump champion. After a tense battle in which three men cleared 2.20/7'2½", the title went to 21-year-old Lithuanian, Kestutis Sapka. He cleared the winning height on his first attempt, whereas surprising Csaba Dosa (20) made it on his second try and Rustam Akhmetov—the Soviet champion at 2.23/7'3½"—cleared on his third. Both these are straddle jumpers, while fourth place went to another flopper, Istvan Major, the European indoor champion. Defending titlist, Valentin Gavrilov, finished a lowly tenth.

Sapka, who finished third at Berkeley with 2.18/7'1½" on the day that Pat Matzdorf cleared 2.29/7'6½", changed to the Fosbury during the winter of 1968/69. He progressed that season from 2.00/6'6½" to 2.10/6'10½" but the dramatic improvement occurred in 1970 when he shot up to 2.23/7'3½", failing narrowly at 2.29. His coach pronounced at the time that Sapka would be the first

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man to clear 2.30/7'6½". Sapka, who takes a long and fast approach run, is a 7.73/25'4½" long jumper, stands 1.90/6'2½" tall and weighs 85kg/187lb.

Dosa, like Iolanda Balas, a Rumanian with a Hungarian name, is establishing himself as a brilliant competitor. At last year's European Junior Championships he produced a personal best of 2.16/7'1" for the silver medal, and he did the trick again here—upping his best to 2.17/7'1½" prior to his 2.20 clearance. He is 1.91/6'3½" and 77kg/170lb. Akhmetov, from the Ukraine, is another of the "new wave" of European high jumpers. He is 21. Only 1.85/6'0½" tall, he has already jumped 38cm (15") above his head.

1, KESTUTIS SAPKA (USSR) 2.20/7'2½" (2.08 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 1st, 2.17 2nd, 2.20 1st, 2.22 fail).

2, CSABA DOSA (Rumania) 2.20/7'2½" (2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 3rd, 2.17 3rd, 2.20 2nd, 2.22 fail).

3, RUSTAM AKHMETOV (USSR) 2.20/7'2½" (2.00 1st, 2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 1st, 2.17 1st, 2.20 3rd, 2.22 fail).

4, ISTVAN MAJOR (Hungary) 2.17/7'1½" (2.05 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 3rd, 2.17 2nd, 2.20 fail).

5, eq. STEPHAN JUNG (East Germany) 2.14/7'0½" (2.05 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 1st, 2.17 fail) & ASKO PESONEN (Finland) 2.14/7'0½" (2.08 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 1st, 2.17 fail).

7, WOJCIECH GOLEBIOWSKI (Poland) 2.14/7'0½" (2.05 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 3rd, 2.17 fail).

8, ENDRE KELEMEN (Hungary) 2.11/6'11" (2.05 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 fail).

9, J. Tihanyi (Hun) 2.11 (2.00 1st, 2.05 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 fail); 10, V. Gavrilov (USSR) 2.11 (2.00 1st, 2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 fail); 11, J. Palkovsky (Cz) 2.11 (1.95 1st, 2.00 1st, 2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 1st, 2.14 fail); 12, H. Magerl (W. Ger) 2.11 (2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 fail); 13, R. Moravec (Cz) 2.11 (2.00 1st, 2.05 1st, 2.08 1st, 2.11 2nd, 2.14 fail); 14, C. Celion (Swe) 2.08/6'9½" (2.00 1st, 2.05 2nd, 2.08 1st, 2.11 fail); 15, M. Schivo (Ita) 2.08 (2.05 1st, 2.08 2nd, 2.11 fail); 16, B. Vivod (Yug) 2.08 (1.90 1st, 1.95 1st, 2.00 1st, 2.05 2nd, 2.08 2nd, 2.11 fail); 17, E. Azzaro (Ita) 2.05/6'8½" (2.00 1st, 2.05 2nd, 2.11 fail).

## Sixth Day

### Sunday, August 15th

#### 110 METRES HURDLES: Final

Frank Siebeck, who turned 22 three days later, confirmed his form of the semis by being the first to rise. He was clearly ahead by halfway as Alan Pascoe, off to an indifferent start, ran into trouble when he clipped the fourth flight and cut his hand with his spikes. Fully five metres from the tape Siebeck threw up his arms and went unopposed in 14.0 against a 2.5 metres per second wind. Pascoe, pulling up all the way, crossed the final barrier level with Lubomir Nadenicek and took second on the run-in, almost doubling himself up as he lunged across the finish line.

Siebeck, who stands 1.91/6'3½" and weighs 75kg/165lb, has a best mark of 13.5 and has clocked 10.4 and 21.1 in the sprints. He was runner-up in the 1968 European Junior Championships, and eliminated in the 1969 Athens celebration in which Pascoe gained the bronze behind Eddy Otzoz and David Hemery. Last year, at White City, he finished nearly four metres down on Hemery and Pascoe in the GB v. GDR match.

Pascoe was happy with his medal: "I was glad to recover and get up there after hitting that hurdle. I didn't realise I'd cut my hand until after I had finished. I shook hands with Siebeck and noticed blood dripping all over the place."

- 1, FRANK SIEBECK (East Germany) 14.0.
- 2, ALAN PASCOE (UK) 14.1.
- 3, LUBOMIR NADENICEK (Czechoslovakia) 14.3.
- 4, ANATOLY MOSHIASHVILI (USSR) 14.4.
- 5, LESZEK WODZYNSKI (Poland) 14.4.
- 6, SERGIO LIANI (Italy) 14.5.
- 7, MAREK JOZWIK (Poland) 14.5.
- 8, MIROSLAW WODZYNSKI (Poland) 14.8.

#### WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES: Final

The East Germans came out of the final bend three metres up but West Germany's inspired long jump winner, Ingrid Mickler, easily handled Ellen Stropahl by quickly pulling a couple of metres clear well before the tape. The winning time was a European record. Britain got around safely, though Val Peat still appeared a little lacking in fitness. Perhaps with a sound Anita Neil we could have moved up a couple of places.

- 1, WEST GERMANY (Elfriede Schittenhelm, Inge Helten, Annegret Irrgang, Ingrid Mickler) 43.3 (European record).
- 2, EAST GERMANY (Karin Balzer, Renate Stecher, Petra Vogt, Ellen Stropahl) 43.6.
- 3, USSR (Ludmila Zharkova, Galina Bukharina, Marina Nikiforova-Sidorova, Nadyezhda Besfamilnaya) 44.5.
- 4, POLAND (Danuta Jedrejek, Barbara Bakulin, Urszula Jozwik, Helena Flisnik) 44.8.
- 5, HUNGARY (Ilona Bruzsenyak, Margit Nemeshazi, Gyorgyi Balogh, Katalin Papp) 44.8.
- 6, UK (VAL PEAT, MARGARET CRITCHLEY, MADELEINE COBB, LIZ JOHNS) 44.9.
- 7, FRANCE (Gabrielle Meyer, Michele Beugnet, Nicole Pani, Odette Ducas) 45.5.
- 8, SWEDEN (Anneli Olsson, Gun Olsson, Karin Lundgren, Elisabeth Randerz) 46.1.

#### 3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: Final

As expected the Russians attempted to dominate the race from the early stages, but out of their three finalists they only managed to gain a bronze at the finish. The famed kick of Jean-Paul Villain gathered in France's second gold medal of the Championships in a decisive and convincing manner with his third national record of the season. Czech outsider Dusan Moravcik made a

late run for the silver, while Anders Garderud suffered the inevitable reaction from his 8:28.4 heat and trailed home a weary 10th.

Vladimir Dudin led at the end of the first lap in a blistering 63.2 from Villain, Romualdas Bitte and Mikko Ala-Leppilampi. Pekka Paivarinta, running with his peaked cap as in the heats, fell shortly afterwards, and thereafter never took any real part in the race although he pluckily finished. Dudin continued his pace-setting chore through the first kilometre in 2:46.6, halfway in 4:11.6 and 2000m in 5:39.4 at which point he was trailed by Pavel Sysoyev, Villain, Moravcik and Ala-Leppilampi.

The dark haired Frenchman, running with a fluent and stylish action, attacked suddenly 580m out, took the water ahead of the Russians, and pulled further and further away. His last lap was just 60.4 and that was much too good for any of the others, though Moravcik's belated kick closed on him in the final straight. Sysoyev was just run out of the silver and the first four men beat 8:30. Villain promptly set off on a victory lap after the race, and hardly dropped his arms once as he delightedly waved to the crowd all the way around. This is the first major title success for the 24-year-old Frenchman who was born and works in Dieppe. Standing 1.70/5'7" and weighing 58kg/128lb, he has run 1500m on the flat in 3:45.0 and was 9th in the 1968 Olympic steeplechase final and 5th in Athens two years ago.

- 1, JEAN-PAUL VILLAIN (France) 8:25.2 (Championship record).
- 2, DUSAN MORAVCIK (Czechoslovakia) 8:26.2.
- 3, PAVEL SYSOYEV (USSR) 8:26.4.
- 4, ROMUALDAS BITTE (USSR) 8:27.0.
- 5, MIKKO ALA-LEPPILAMPI (Finland) 8:31.0.
- 6, GEORGI TIKHOV (Bulgaria) 8:32.2.
- 7, KAZIMIERZ MARANDA (Poland) 8:33.2.
- 8, JOSEF REBACZ (Poland) 8:35.2.
- 9, V. Dudin (USSR) 8:39.0; 10, A. Garderud (Swe) 8:39.6; 11, P. Paivarinta (Fin) 8:55.4.

#### 4x100 METRES: Final

The Czech sprinters clubbed together to bring off one of the biggest surprises of the Championships. None of these men is known particularly for being very fast individually, but their baton passing—fruits of long hours of training—paid off handsomely and they came out of the last bend four metres up, and Ludvik Bohman threw his chest through the tape just ahead of Marian Dudziak. Their joyous celebrations afterwards delighted the crowd; three of the four have spent no less than five years training together and this was their moment of glory at last.

With the West German team failing to finish and France and East Germany getting disqualified, Britain moved up to an undreamt of fourth, ahead of the Soviet Union. Valeriy Borzov did not run, reportedly as he was saving himself for the national relay championships!

- 1, CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Ladislav Kriz, Juraj

Demec, Jiri Kynos, Ludvik Bohman) 39.3.

2, POLAND (Gerard Gramse, Tadeusz Cuch, Zenon Nowosz, Marian Dudziak) 39.7.

3, ITALY (Vincenzo Guerini, Pietro Mennea, Pasqualino Abeti, Ennio Preatoni) 39.8.

4, UK (BRIAN GREEN, MARTIN REYNOLDS, DON HALLIDAY, LES PIGGOTT) 39.8.

5, USSR (Aleksandr Kornelyuk, Aleksandr Zhidkikh, Aleksandr Lebedyev, Aleksey Chebykin) 40.0.

France (Dominique Chauvelot, Patrick Bourbeillon, Gerard Fenouil, Jean-Pierre Gres) & East Germany (Hans-Jürgen Bombach, Jörg Pfeifer, Hermann Burde, Hans-Joachim Zenk) disqualified; West Germany (Manfred Ommer, Karl-Heinz Klotz, Gerhard Wucherer, Franz-Peter Hofmeister) did not finish.

#### WOMEN'S 4x400 METRES: Final

There was no one to approach the all-conquering East German team, who won in a canter 1.5 seconds inside the previous world record that Britain shared with France in that unforgettable 1969 race. Unfortunately France this time played little part in the proceedings, for Nicole Duclos on the second stage fell over and failed to finish.

Rita Kuhne came in first narrowly ahead on the first stage before Ingelore Lohse and individual 400m winner Helga Seidler broke the race wide open by running 51.4 apiece for their stages, giving Monika Zehrt a lead of some 25m. This tough little runner still clocked 52.3 to break the tape and fall into her overjoyed team-mates' arms 3.7 seconds ahead of West Germany for whom Inge Boddington (52.5) pulled away from the USSR's Natalya Chistyakova.

Verona Bernard (55.2) ran well to keep the UK team in with a chance, and Jannette Roscoe (53.5) brought the squad in equal fourth after the second stage. Pat Lowe (53.2) fought hard but lost ground to the Polish girl and handed over fifth. Rosemary Stirling brought Britain up to fourth again and, with an outstanding split of 52.6 (her fastest ever), she closed up on Olympic medallist Natalya Chistyakova.

1, EAST GERMANY (Rita Kuhne 54.2, Ingelore Lohse 51.4, Helga Seidler 51.4, Monika Zehrt 52.3) 3:29.3 (World record).

2, WEST GERMANY (Annette Ruckes 54.7, Christel Frese 53.1, Hildegard Falck 52.7, Inge Boddington 52.5) 3:33.0.

3, USSR (Raisa Nikanorova 54.7, Vyera Popkova 53.7, Nadyezhda Kolesnikova 52.8, Natalya Chistyakova 52.9) 3:34.1.

4, UK (VERONA BERNARD 55.2, JANNETTE ROSCOE 53.5, PAT LOWE 53.2, ROSEMARY STIRLING 52.6) 3:34.5.

5, POLAND (Bozena Zientarska 56.6, Krystyna Skowronska 52.1, Danuta Pieczyk 52.9, Krystyna Hryniewicka 53.7) 3:35.3.

6, SWEDEN (Lotta Malmstrom 55.1, Ann Larsson 55.7, Elisabeth Randerz 53.7, Karin Lundgren 52.6) 3:37.1.

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7, FINLAND (Mona-Lisa Strandvall 54.4, Riitta Hagman 55.4, Ruth Lindfors 55.0, Marika Eklund 52.4) 3:37.2.

FRANCE (Monique Noirot 58.0, Nicole Duclos, Bernadette Martin, Colette Besson) did not finish.

**TRIPLE JUMP: Final**

Viktor Saneyev, who has dominated triple jumping since the Olympics, met his match this time in Jorg Drehmel. The Soviet athlete's opening 16.43/53'11" led the way until Drehmel, 10th in order of jumping, came out on the runway. The well-built 26-year-old East German, who was 6th in Athens, sprinted powerfully down the runway, hit the board hard and stepped out to 17.16/56'3¼" assisted by a wind of 3.7 metres per second. That was effectively the best leap of the competition, for although Saneyev strove hard to better that he could produce no better than 17.10/56'1¼" in the third round (+3.0m). Carol Corbu took third place with his opener of 16.87/55'4¼", on which the wind reading was nil. Drehmel, who is 26, stands 1.87/6'1½" and weighs in at 83kg/183lb. His legal best is 17.13/56'2¼", and has long jumped 7.67/25'2" and sprinted 100m in 10.6.

Giuseppe Gentile chopped badly on his first effort, hopped a mediocre 14.00/45'11¼" on his second, and then tore a calf muscle on his third trial, to be carried off on a stretcher in considerable pain.

1, JORG DREHMELE (East Germany) 17.16/56'3¼" (17.16, —, 16.55, 16.73, —, 16.56).

2, VIKTOR SANEEV (USSR) 17.10/56'1¼" w (16.43, 16.54, 17.10w, 16.54, 16.48, 16.27).

3, CAROL CORBU (Rumania) 16.87/55'4¼" (16.87, 16.62w, 16.47, 16.25, 16.59, —).

4, MICHAEL SAUER (West Germany) 16.58/54'4¼" (16.18, 16.34, 16.56, 14.41, 16.17, 16.58).

5, VACLAV FISER (Czechoslovakia) 16.39/53'9¼" (16.27w, 16.11, —, 16.39w, 16.29, —).

6, HANS-GUNTER SCHENK (East Germany) 16.38/53'9" w (—, 16.34, —, 16.38w, —, —).

7, GENNADIY BESSONOV (USSR) 16.26/53'4¼" (16.26, —, 16.12w, —, —, 16.09).

8, GENNADIY SAVLEVICH (USSR) 16.24/53'3¼" w (—, —, 16.24w, 15.94, 15.89, 14.82).

9, J. Kugler (W. Ger) 16.12/52'10¼" (16.11w, 15.85, 16.12); 10, L-F. Areta (Spa) 15.81/51'10¼" w (—, 15.81w, 15.68); 11, J. Szmidt (Pol) 15.62/51'3" (—, 15.13, 15.62); 12, G. Gentile (Ita) 14.00/45'11¼" (—, 14.00, Rtd).

**WOMEN'S 1500 METRES: Final**

This was a race looked forward to with relish by the British supporters. With all three of our girls having qualified comfortably, and any one of them capable of winning, we surely were due some kind of medal.

But it was not to be. The East Germans, also with three finalists, controlled the race from the gun, as Gunhild Hoffmeister passed 400m in a brisk 67.9. At 600m the first of our girls was Joan

Allison, back in sixth place; half a lap later (800m in 2:16.8) the East Germans occupied the first three places, with Rita Ridley in fifth spot, Joan Allison dropping back, and Sheila Carey running a disappointingly negative race behind her.

At the bell the East Germans were joined by the diminutive Ellen Tittel, the West German who had run off the track at that point in the WAAA Championships, and Rita, bravely trying to make up lost opportunity. With 300m left, she passed Regine Kleinau (who got that controversial decision in Edinburgh) and chased the leading trio of Hoffmeister, Karin Burneleit and Tittel. But they were too far ahead, some ten metres, and fighting out the medals between them. Burneleit's superior speed carried her home to the gold in a world record time of 4:09.6, in this still undeveloped event. How long will it be before four minutes becomes a reality?

Behind Burneleit both Hoffmeister and Tittel, second and third in a sprint finish, ducked under the old record of 4:10.7 too, as Rita, in fourth place, improved her own UK record for the second time in a month, with 4:12.7—1.6 secs better than her WAAA performance.

The reigning champion, Jaroslava Jehlickova, surpassed all expectations in view of all her recent setbacks with her seventh place in 4:14.8. She just pipped Joan Allison, who set a personal best of 4:14.8, but was still disappointed with her run. Sheila Carey, who had set a personal best of 4:16.2, easing up, in her heat, never got with it and ran over a second slower for next to last place.

Although two of the British girls ran faster than ever before, it was still something of an anticlimax (for them, too, as their glum expressions leaving the track illustrated); nevertheless, more experience was accumulated for Munich by a trio of the highest potential.

The leader's splits were 67.9, 2:16.8 (68.9), 2:50.0, 3:23.7 (66.9) and 4:09.6 (45.9 last 300m!).

1, KARIN BURNELEIT (East Germany) 4:09.6 (World record).

2, GUNHILD HOFFMEISTER (East Germany) 4:10.3.

3, ELLEN TITTEL (West Germany) 4:10.4.

4, RITA RIDLEY (UK) 4:12.7.

5, REGINE KLEINAU (East Germany) 4:13.7.

6, LUDMILA BRAGINA (USSR) 4:13.9.

7, JAROSLAVA JEHLICKOVA (Czechoslovakia) 4:14.8.

8, JOAN ALLISON (UK) 4:14.8.

9, S. Ligetkuti (Hun) 4:16.1; 10, V. Amzina (Bul) 4:17.3; 11, S. CAREY (UK) 4:17.5; 12, I. Knutsson (Swe) 4:21.5.

#### 4x400 METRES: Final

The West Germans dominated the race almost as much as their East German counterparts did the women's event. They were comfortably ahead from the second change-over, with Thomas Jordan gunning his stage in 45.2, and they came home six metres clear of Poland, an equally isolated second.

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The real battle was for third between Italy, USSR, Britain and France. Gilles Bertoulet did well to bring France in first on leg 1 in 46.5 just ahead of Andrzej Badenski and Hans-Rudiger Schloske, with John Wilson clocking 47.1 in fifth place. Len Walters ran another dependable stage, clocking 46.3, but could not make up much ground in the second straight and Martin Bilham (an off-form 47.0) was just never able to get on terms. Dave Jenkins took over in sixth place, and although running one of the fastest relay legs ever by a European with 44.5, he only managed to account for Jean-Claude Nallet, who ran an in-sipid race (46.5).

There was a real snarl-up in the final straight as Dave weaved first inside and then outside his opponents, but Marcello Fiasconaro saw a gap first and took full advantage, nipping past Dmitriy Stukalov and Jenkins for the bronze. He clocked a fine 44.6 for his leg. Jenkins finished full of running, obviously angry that he could not find the room to use his power to the utmost. British-born Richard Simonsen made up a lot of ground on his Swedish opponent with a 46.0 anchor for Norway.

1, WEST GERMANY (Hans-Rudiger Schloske 46.6, Thomas Jordan 45.2, Martin Jellinghaus 45.6, Hermann Kohler 45.5) 3:02.9.

2, POLAND (Andrzej Badenski 46.6, Jan Balachowski 45.9, Waldemar Korycki 46.0, Jan Werner 45.1) 3:03.6.

3, ITALY (Lorenzo Cellerino 47.9, Giacomo Puosi 45.4, Sergio Bello 46.7, Marcello Fiasconaro 44.6) 3:04.6.

4, USSR (Yevgeniy Borisenko 47.0, Semen Kocher 45.7, Vladimir Nosenko 46.3, Dmitriy Stukalov 45.8) 3:04.8.

5, UK (JOHN WILSON 47.1, LEN WALTERS 46.3, MARTIN BILHAM 47.0, DAVID JENKINS 44.5) 3:04.9.

6, FRANCE (Gilles Bertoulet 46.5, Christian Nicolau 46.3, Roger Velasquez 45.7, Jean-Claude Nallet 46.5) 3:05.0.

7, SWEDEN (Eric Cargren 47.4, Mikael Fredriksson 47.2, Anders Faager 46.6, Lars Stubben-dorf 47.0) 3:08.2.

8, NORWAY (Steinar Mo 48.0, Gote Ludbad 47.4, Per Rom 47.4, Richard Simonsen 46.0) 3:08.8.

#### 1500 METRES: Final

"There were a lot of people in that final who shouldn't have been there; and a lot of good boys eliminated. Frank Murphy and Peter Stewart should have been in there, but they went out in sit and kick type of heat races. I made up my mind I'd do all I could to make the final a race for the best runners and not the best sprinters." So spoke Brendan Foster, talking happily in the interview room afterwards, clutching his bronze medal. The Hebburn teacher arranged with Francesco Arese to make the first two laps fast and then it was to be every man for himself. ("I tried to get a similar plan together with John Kirkbride, but he wasn't interested. The race

was run very much his way and he had every chance of a medal"). The plan worked to perfection, with both men gaining medals; Arese the gold and Foster the bronze as indoor champion Henryk Szordykowski cashed in on their pacesetting to grab the silver.

Arese dashed straight ahead from the gun and led from Foster, Szordykowski and Pekka Vasala at 400m in 57.1. Foster took over shortly afterwards and kept the pace alive with a 61.6 lap and the field began to shred apart. Foster and Kirkbride were well placed as the Italian paced the leaders through 1000m in 2:29.5 and 1200 in 2:57.9 (third lap 59.2). Into the last bend Arese had the crowd on its feet as he tore towards the finish with Szordykowski, Kirkbride and Foster on his tail. The Pole made a strong challenge halfway down the final straight but Arese was in no mood to give in at that stage and fought him off persistently to gain Italy's only gold of the Championships in a solid 3:38.4, covering his final circuit in 55.5. Kirkbride launched his drive for the tape as they turned into the straight, and though he made little impression on the leaders he occupied third place until 30m out when Foster sprinted past him on the inside. Foster's time clipped a fifth off his best, whilst Kirkbride also set a metric personal best.

1, FRANCESCO ARESE (Italy) 3:38.4 (Championship record).

2, HENRYK SZORDYKOWSKI (Poland) 3:38.7.

3, BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 3:39.2.

4, JOHN KIRKBRIDE (UK) 3:39.5.

5, JACKIE BOXBERGER (France) 3:39.6.

6, JEAN-PIERRE DUFRESNE (France) 3:40.7.

7, PAUL-HEINZ WELLMANN (West Germany) 3:40.8.

8, HAICO SCHARN (Netherlands) 3:40.9.

9, P. Vasala (Fin) 3:41.5; 10, V. Panteleii (USSR) 3:42.9; 11, V. Semiashtkin (USSR) 3:44.2;

12, G. Larsen (Den) 3:45.7.

#### DISCUS: Final

At last the popular Czech, Ludvik Danek, has won a major title, after placing 9th in the 1962 European, 2nd in the 1964 Olympics, 5th in the 1966 European, 3rd in the 1968 Olympics and 4th in the 1969 European. The 34-year-old former world record holder, 1.94/6'4" tall and 115kg 253lb, stepped into the circle seconds after Dirk Wippermann had lobbed one out to 60.48/198'5" in the second round, and produced 61.34/201'3". Geza Fejer reached 61.54/201'11" in the third round, only for the Czech to unleash the winner of 63.90/209'8" after Wippermann had fouled. Just for good measure, Danek ended up with a sixth throw of 63.30/207'8", whilst Lothar Milde slipped into second with his fifth round effort of 61.62/202'2".

Ricky Bruch, nettled by the whistles and boos from the crowd every time he stepped up to throw, fouled his first effort, was persistently

howled at with his next pathetic cast of 51.98/170'6" and though getting his third throw out to 59.08/193'10" was unable to break into the final eight. It was never like this in Malmö.

1, LUDVIK DANEK (Czechoslovakia) 63.90/209'8" (57.98, 61.34, 63.90, 59.12, 59.80, 63.30).

2, LOTHAR MILDE (East Germany) 61.62/202'2" (56.82, 61.12, 60.74, 61.34, 61.62, 61.56).

3, GEZA FEJER (Hungary) 61.54/201'11" (55.92, 54.44, 61.54, 57.36, 61.04, 61.00).

4, DIRK WIPPERMANN (West Germany) 61.36/210'4" (—, 60.48, —, —, 61.36, —).

5, HARTMUT LOSCH (East Germany) 60.86/199'8" (—, 60.86, 57.36, —, 59.16).

6, PENTTI KAHMA (Finland) 60.64/198'11" (58.78, 60.64, 58.38, 57.72, —, 60.26).

7, FERENC TEGLA (Hungary) 59.24/194'4" (57.68, 58.90, 59.24, 57.54, 58.88, —).

8, JORMA RINNE (Finland) 59.22/194'3" (56.52, —, 59.22, 57.40, —, 58.84).

9, R. Bruch (Swe) 59.08/193'10" (—, 51.98, 59.08); 10, H. Reinitzer (Aus) 58.30/191'3" (58.30, 58.12, 57.56); 11, K-P. Hennig (West Germany) 56.36/184'11" (—, —, 58.36); 12, R. Myyra (Fin) 54.16/177'8" (—, 53.50, 54.16).

### MARATHON

While world records and other great deeds were being performed inside the Olympic Stadium a fascinating race was being played out on the three-lined Highway 3 running north from Helsinki. The winner, a 22-year-old Belgian by the name of Karel Lismont, produced a fitting climax to these wonderful Championships—proving that even European titles are not the monopoly of established stars.

Following a torrential downpour few spectators were out to see Pat McMahon set up a substantial early lead (he was 50m clear after 5km) but as the race developed and the weather improved vast crowds congregated to applaud these exceptional men on their way.

The British trio of Ron Hill (the title holder), Trevor Wright (in his second race at the distance) and Colin Kirkham were always prominently placed once the runners sorted themselves out. The course did not contain any really severe hills but it was constantly undulating which made it impossible for a runner to settle down to a regular stride rhythm.

Gradually the leading pack, which numbered 24 of the 52 starters after 10km, thinned out. There were 21 in the group after 15 km and 14 at the 20 km mark, reached in 1:02.45. At the turn (1:05:30) Gaston Roelants and Wright were in the lead just ahead of Lismont, Hill and Kirkham with nine others in close attendance: Yuriy Volkov, Gyula Toth, Pentti Rummakko, Father Paddy Coyle, Kalle Hakkarainen, Lajos Mecser,

Juan Hidalgo, Augustin Fernandez and Huseyin Aktas. Already there were some notable casualties: Nedo Farcic and Pat McMahon were out. Seppo Tuominen (Finland's dark horse in this event after placing 8th in the 10,000m) was seen walking and another medal contender, Jurgen Busch, clambered aboard the press bus approaching the 15 miles mark. Yes, distance markers were shown in miles as well as kilometres, a thoughtful gesture by the organisers towards the British and Irish runners.

The first decisive break came after about 23km when Roelants, Lismont and Wright drew away to such effect that at 25km this trio were 18 sec (almost 100m) ahead of Kirkham, Hill and Rummakko who in turn were 24 sec clear of the next runners. It was just after this point, on a downhill stretch, that Roelants put on the pressure. By 27km he held a 30m lead over Wright and Lismont with Hill and Kirkham now some 150m adrift although they had dropped the Finn.

Roelants, however, could not sustain the effort and at 30 km Wright and Lismont were abreast of him. Already Gaston was looking a beaten man, betraying himself by the way he repeatedly looked round to see where his bogeyman Hill was. Hill and Kirkham, in fact, were barely in sight—44 sec down at 30 km—but no doubt Roelants was thinking back to Athens when at this very stage of the race he was 84 sec ahead of Hill . . . and was caught about half a mile from the stadium.

The two Belgians joined forces in opening up a 15m lead over Wright at 33km but the effort finished off Roelants who, on an up-gradient towards 34km, dropped behind not only his colleague but a fresh-looking Wright too. Now Lismont was alone in the lead for the first time. Taking into account running style only one's money would have been on Wright but Lismont, despite his ungainly action, was going away. He flailed his way past 35 km in 1:50:20 with Wright at 1:50:31 and Roelants (who was to be passed by Hill a kilometre later) at 1:50:54. At the final checkpoint (40km) Lismont was 41 sec ahead, an advantage he stretched to 50 sec at the finish in spite of having to cover the final 50m labouring under the weight of a massive wreath!

Lismont's winning time was 2:13:09.0, as compared with his previous best of 2:15:48.2 in an international race in Brussels on June 20th. He won the Belgian title in 1970, his only other marathon, and thus has a 100% winning record to date. Born on March 8th, 1949 Lismont is probably the youngest man ever to win a major marathon title; he is certainly the first Belgian after Aurele Vandendriessche (1962 and 1966) and Gaston Roelants (1969) had won silver medals — behind British runners — in previous European Championships, not forgetting Etienne

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Gailley, who was 3rd in the 1948 Olympic race after reaching Wembley Stadium first. Five days earlier, in the great 10,000, Lismont had finished 16th in 28:31.2, 27.4 sec inside his previous best.

Trevor Wright was absolutely marvellous, all the more so considering he had been suffering gastro-enteritis for a couple of days prior to the race and was sick twice the night before. Much to his delight, he had no trouble with his feet which usually are quick to blister. Ron Hill was less happy with his race but a bronze medal is still no mean feat. Colin Kirkham experienced a bad spell also but his fourth place was a magnificent achievement, better than anyone had dared hope for. What a pity there was no team race!

1, KAREL LISMONT (Belgium) 2:13:09.0 (Championship record); 2, TREVOR WRIGHT (UK) 2:13:59.6; 3, RON HILL (UK) 2:14:34.8; 4, COLIN KIRKHAM (UK) 2:16:22.0; 5, GASTON ROELANTS (Belgium) 2:17:48.8; 6, PENTTI RUMMAKKO (Finland) 2:17:58.8; 7, LUTZ PHILIPP (West Germany) 2:18:08.6; 8, AGUSTIN FERNANDEZ (Spain) 2:18:26.6.

9, K. Hakkarainen (Fin) 2:18:45.0; 10, G. Toth (Hun) 2:18:59.6; 11, D. McDaid (RoI) 2:19:07.2; 12, A. Brutti (Ita) 2:19:34.8; 13, Y. Volkov (USSR) 2:19:56.6; 14, B. Caraby (Fra) 2:19:59.0; 15, A. Aldegalega (Por) 2:20:01.2; 16, I. Akcay (Tur) 2:20:26.8; 17, G. Marietta (Ita) 2:21:30.0; 18, F. Kempel (Den) 2:21:34.8; 19, Y. Velikoro-dnykh (USSR) 2:21:59.0; 20, Baranov (USSR) 2:22:16.0; 21, Z. Bogusz (Pol) 2:22:16.0; 22, M. Peiren (Bel) 2:22:36.4; 23, J. Hidalgo (Spa) 2:22:42.4; 24, J. Wawrzuta (Pol) 2:23:51.6; 25, M. Steffny (W.Ger) 2:24:05.6; 26, J. Jensen (Den) 2:25:33.2; 27, E. Weidemann (Nor) 2:24:54.0; 28, Binato (Ita) 2:24:57.8; 29, R. Combes (Fra) 2:25:35.6; 30, H. Aktas (Tur) 2:25:39.8.

31, M. Findal (Den) 2:26:04.2; 32, J-P Spengler (Swi) 2:26:12.8; 33, C. Perez (Spa) 2:26:53.6; 34, B. Natvik (Nor) 2:28:12.6; 35, U. Hakansson (Swe) 2:28:37.8; 36, G. Jansen (Neth) 2:29:14.4; 37, S. Lindvall (Swe) 2:30:38.6; 38, H. Kunisch (Swi) 2:30:42.4; 39, P. Coyle (RoI) 2:30:45.0; 40, J. Gwerder (Swi) 2:33:06.5; 41, L. Mecser (Hun) 2:34:35.2.

Non-finishers: P. McMahon (RoI), J. Szerenyi (Hun), E. Stawiarz (Pol), G. Forster (Aus), J. Busch (E.Ger) F. Kolbeck (Fra), P. Fredriksson (Swe), P. Angenvoort (W.Ger), B. Sletten (Nor), S. Tuominen (Fin), N. Farcic (Yug).

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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS AT PALACE

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## AAA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

(continued from last week)

**TJ:** 1, J. Howell (Stoke) 13.33/43'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2, Sugden 13.25/43'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, Evans 13.07/42'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4, T. Wall (Leamington) 12.96/42'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 5, D. Davies (Manchester GS) 12.66/41'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 6, D. Atkins (Birch) 12.59/41'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

**SP:** 1, S. Archer (New Romford) 15.44/50'8" (CBP); 2, I. Lindley (Bradford GS) 13.76/45'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 3, A. Simmons (B'pool) 13.24/43'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4, F. Maddox (Stoke) 13.08/42'11"; 5, C. Jeffrey (M. Wilson S) 12.73/41'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

**DT:** 1, Howell 43.94/144'2" (CBP); 2, N. Tabor (Ston) 43.44/142'6"; 3, P. Carder (Wolv. & B) 41.88/137'5"; 4, P. Andrews (Soli) 40.48/132'10"; 5, R. Hammond (Stret) 40.06/131'5" 6, Maddox 38.02/124'9".

**HT:** (Friday) 1, S. Pinsent (Hillingdon) 51.20/168'0" (CBP); 2, B. Sutherland (Sale) 46.72/153'3"; 3, D. Bell (Sale) 46.10/151'3"; 4, P. Andrews (Soli) 42.28/138'8"; 5, J. Scott (Heaton) 41.08/134'9"; 6, A. Nash (Cambridge) 33.76/110'9".

**JT:** 1, S. Jalowiecki (Ilford) 60.28/197'9"; 2, D. Ottley (Thurr) 59.18/194'2"; 3, J. Trower (Brighton & H) 56.46/185'3"; 4, R. Fatica (Glouc) 43.48/142'8".

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### Final Placings

**Div. 1:** 1, TVH 23; 2, Birchfield 21; 3, Cardiff 15; 4, Ediuburgh S 11; 5, Hillingdon 10; 6, Sale 4.

**Div. 2:** 1, Brighton & H. 22; 2, Wolverhampton and B 21; 3, Liverpool 14; 4, Woodford Gn 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, Surrey AC 9; 6, Southampton & E 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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