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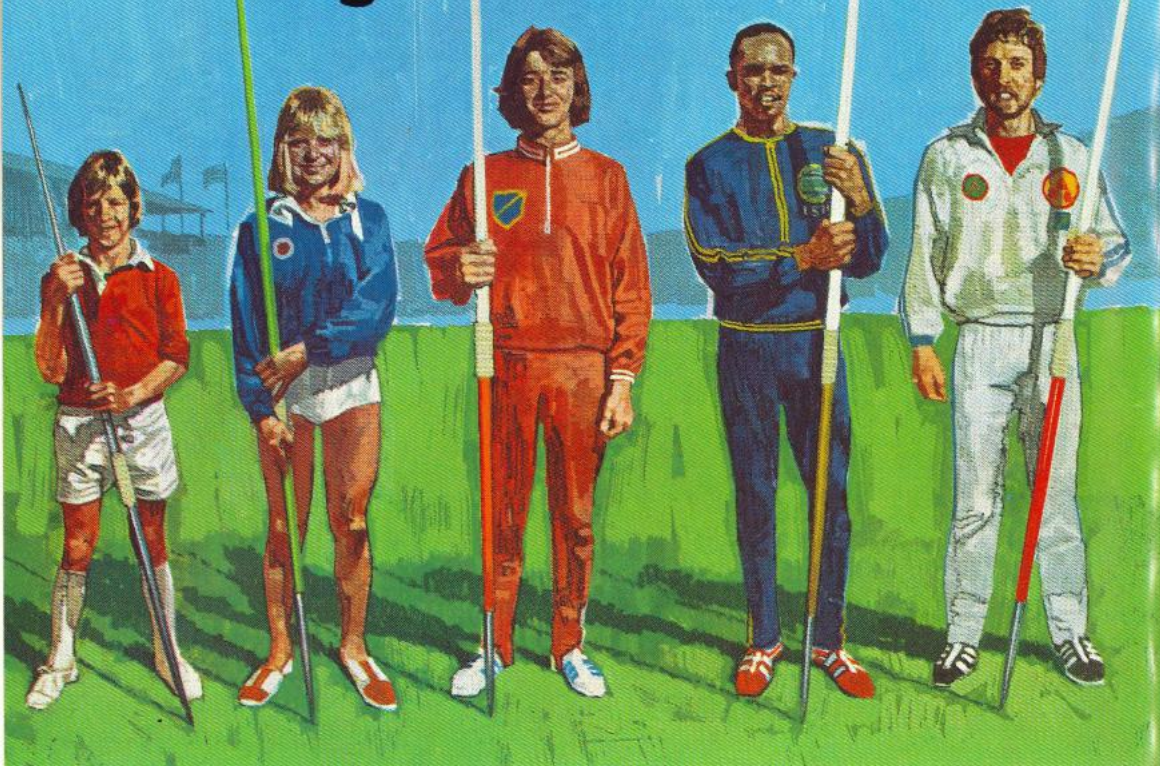
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, August 7th: AAA Under-20 Championship (1st day), Aldersley; Veterans National Championships (1st day), Coventry; Bracknell Relays; Midland League; British Women's League; Redcar '10'; Swanage '12'; Sale '15'; Holbeach '10'; Monkland International Meeting, Coatbridge (incl Scottish WAAA 4 x 400); Middlesex League Final, West London; Preston to Morcambe Milk Marathon; Croydon H Field & Hurdles Meeting, Crystal Palace; Strathallan Highland Games, Bridge of Allan.

Sunday, August 8th: AAA Under-20 Champs (2nd day); Vets National Champs (2nd day); Pye Gold Cup Semi-Finals (Birmingham, London, Bristol, Meadowbank); Eastern Young Athletics League; Haslett Trophy Meeting, Crawley; Glamorgan Young Athletics League; Barnsley '6' & Women's '6' & Boys Race; Lowestoft Carnival 4M Road Race; Bournemouth Pier to Pier Road Races.

Wednesday, August 11th: Combined Services v SCAAA v British Police, Aldershot; SCAAA Open Meeting, Crystal Palace; Blackburn H Open Meeting; Lisnagarvey Young Athletics Meeting, Lisburn (NI).

Friday, August 13th: Nationwide Building Society AAA Championships (1st day), Crystal Palace (5.30).

Our apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the listing in last issue's The Week Ahead of the WAAA Intermediate & Junior Championships. In fact, these will be held in conjunction with the WAAA Senior Championships at Crystal Palace on August 21st.

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MONTREAL OLYMPIC REPORT

by Mel Watman, Jon Wigley and Cliff Temple

First Day Friday, July 23rd

400 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 4 to semis)

The African boycott bit deeply into this opening track event, for it deprived world record holder John Akii-Bua of the chance to defend his title. The champion had been injured recently, but just prior to the Uganda team's withdrawal he had declared himself fit and ready to run 47.5 if required. Edwin Moses, the new sensation of the event, echoed the sentiments of most athletes when he commented on Akii-Bua's absence: "I regret it very much. The Games are there to bring together the best athletes in the world."

No Akii-Bua, no Bolding, no Mann, no Hartley. Pascoe held back by injury. Nallet out of form. Who, eagerly anticipating this race from the events of last season, could have foreseen such wholesale calamity? And who could have predicted at this time last year that a 19-year-old American whose only race at the distance in his whole life was a 52.0 (440y) heat would become the top Olympic contender? Moses loafed to victory in his heat in the fastest time of the round (49.95), over a dozen metres clear of Alan Pascoe who overtook Georgios Parris on the run-in. The major casualties were Australia's sub-50 men, Don Hanly and Peter Grant. Conrad Mainwaring, a well known figure on the British scene, represented his native Antigua.

Heat 1: 1, S. Tziortzis (Gre) 50.42; 2, D. Alfonso (Cub) 50.76; 3, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 50.77; 4, J. Carvalho (Por) 50.99; 5, D. Hanly (Aus) 51.90.

Heat 2: 1, Q. Wheeler (USA) 50.32; 2, H. Schmid (WG) 50.57; 3, J.-P. Perrinelle (Fra) 50.78; 4, D. Stukalov (USSR) 50.78; 5, P. Grant (Aus) 51.07.

Heat 3: 1, M. Shine (USA) 50.91; 2, Y. Gavrilenko (USSR) 50.93; 3, J. Hewelt (Pol) 51.39; 4, Y. Bratanov (Bul) 51.84; 5, A. Abbas Hashem (Kuwait) 53.06; 6, C. Mainwaring (Ant) 54.67.

Heat 4: 1, E. Moses (USA) 49.95; 2, ALAN PASCOE (UK) 51.66; 3, G. Parris (Gre) 51.91; 4, J. Ferrer (PR) 52.45; 5, K. Al Abbasi (Saudi A) 55.00. J. A. Villegas Candelo (Col) dnf.

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP (QUALIFYING)

The qualifying standard was tame enough at 6.30m (20'8"), one might have thought, but only

six competitors managed to achieve that mark and in order to make up a final field of 12 it was found necessary to go down to 6.22. Sue Reeve made it to the final as she improved on each of her jumps but Myra Nimmo fell far short. She sat down on her opening 5.90, fouled her second and could muster only 5.94 on her final try. She was in good company among the non-qualifiers: European champion Ilona Bruzsenyak and Munich bronze medallist Eva Suranova also failed to reach the final, while world record holder Sigrun Siegl, Kathy McMillan and Liliana Panayotova all cut it fine.

Qualifiers: L. Alfeyeva (USSR) 6.54; A. Voigt (GDR) 6.44; H. Wycisk (GDR) 6.42; I. Szabo (Hun) 6.24, 6.42; S. Siegl (GDR) 5.89, 6.16, 6.42; J. Nygrynova (Cze) 6.41; D. Jones (Can) 6.10, 6.24, 6.28; E. Vintila (Rum) 5.61, 6.28, 6.16; SUE REEVE (UK) 6.17, 6.24, 6.26; K. McMillan (USA) —, 6.21, 6.25; L. Panayotova (Bul) 6.22, 6.17, 6.17; A. Milassin (Hun) 5.93, 5.82, 6.22.

Non-qualifiers: A. Alexander (Cub) 6.11, —, 6.20; S. Walker (USA) 5.98, —, 6.20; E. Nedeva (Bul) —, 5.91, 6.16; S. Das Pereira (Bra) 6.13, 6.06, 6.01; M. Lambrou (Gre) 6.01, —, 6.13; C. Janssen (Neth) 6.10, —, 6.02; C. Striezel (WG) 6.09, 6.06, 6.07; D. Spinu (Rum) 5.89, —, 6.06; S. Awara (Jap) 6.04, —, 5.92; I. Bruzsenyak (Hun) 5.80, 6.02, —; L. Borsuk (USSR) —, 4.89, 5.98; MYRA NIMMO (UK) 5.90, —, 5.94; M. Watson (USA) 5.93, 5.70, 5.83; R. Franzotti (Yug) 5.83, 5.82, 5.63; M. Tuisorisori (Fiji) 5.79, —, 5.49; S. Ferguson (Bah) 4.61, 5.17, 5.62; G. Santini (San Marino) —, —, 4.90. E. Suranova (Cze) 3 fouls.

SHOT PUT (QUALIFYING)

The big men don't normally like very hot weather but the temperature of 31.7°C did the new world record holder Aleksandr Baryshnikov no harm. He fired off an Olympic record of 21.32/69'11½" in the opening round, which must have raised him in the estimation of rivals who had yet to be convinced of his ability to compete effectively on the major occasion. Hans-Peter Gies (20.52) and Geoff Capes (20.40/66'11½") also produced their big efforts on the first attempt, but twice Olympic silver medallist George Woods ran into all sorts of trouble and only scraped into the final. He needed a mere 19.40/63'7½" to make certain of qualifying but all he could offer was 19.25, 19.27 and 19.35— which must be about his worst showing for a decade. He squeaked in as 'twelfth man' but if European silver medallist Ralf Reichenbach had

improved another 5cm Woods would have been out.

Qualifiers: A. Baryshnikov (USSR) **21.32** (Olympic rec); H-P. Gies (GDR) **20.52**; GEOFF CAPES (UK) **20.40**; Y. Mironov (USSR) 18.97, **20.26**; H-J. Rothenburg (GDR) **19.92**; A. Feuerbach (USA) **19.87**; J. Brabec (Cze) **19.80**; H. Hoglund (Swe) 19.30, **19.76**; U. Beyer (GDR) **19.69**; P. Shmook (USA) **19.48**; R. Stahlberg (Fin) 19.08, 19.26, **19.40**; G. Woods (USA) 19.25, 19.27, **19.35**.

Non-qualifiers: R. Reichenbach (WG) 19.13, 19.31, 18.56; Y. Brouzet (Fra) 18.59, 18.75, **19.14**; H. Almstrom (Swe) 18.31, **18.76**, —; I. Ivancic (Yug) **18.88**, 18.80, 18.75; G. Schroeder (Bel) 17.78, 17.97, **18.33**; J-P. Egger (Swi) 18.06, —, **18.13**; B. Pirnie (Can) —, **17.82**, —; J. A. Turri (Arg) 17.24, 16.79, **17.76**; M. Alzinkawi (Ku) **13.17**, —, —; S. Al Bishy (Saudi A) 10.89, **11.68**, —.

WOMEN'S JAVELIN (QUALIFYING)

After a good opening throw of 61.50 from Kate Schmidt brought a roar from the huge American contingent in the stadium (morning session crowd of 42,582), Marion Becker quickly followed with a massive throw of 65.14/213'8", a new Olympic record which moved her to fourth on the all-time list. Tessa Sanderson's first throw, ruled flat although it looked legitimate, fell around the 57m mark; second time around she made no mistake with a new UK record of 57.18/187'7", showing great composure under pressure. The qualifying distance was 54.50.

Qualifiers: M. Becker (WG) **65.14** (Olympic rec); R. Fuchs (GDR) **62.46**; K. Schmidt (USA) **61.50**; E. Janko (Aut) **60.90**; J. Hein (GDR) **60.70**; K. Smith (USA) —, —, **59.36**; TESSA SANDERSON (UK) —, **57.18**; S. Babich (USSR) **56.82**; Y. Peeva (Bul) —, 53.62, **56.74**; N. Yakubovich (USSR) —, **56.56**; S. Sebrovski (GDR) **55.42**; E. Zorga (Rum) **55.34**.

Non-qualifiers: S. Calvert (USA) 52.58, —, 53.08; S. Sakorafa (Gre) & C. Hunt (Aus) 3 fouls.

100 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 3 & 5 fastest losers to 2nd round)

In the complete absence of any wind, the times were on the slow side but nobody was showing his hand at this stage. The American trio of Johnny Jones, Harvey Glance and Steve Riddick all qualified safely, with Glance fastest up and Riddick remaining cool after two fall-outs and three false starts in Heat 7. Hasely Crawford, Guy Abrahams and Don Quarrie all looked strong and relaxed while reigning champion Valeriy Borzov merely coasted through. Silvio Leonard, one of the favourites, took part despite having badly cut his foot by treading on broken glass during some Village 'high-jinks' a few days earlier.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, H. Crawford (Tri) 10.42; 2, A. Thieme (GDR) 10.64; 3, L. Caravani (Ita) 10.66;

4, L. Micha (Bel) 10.69; 5, G. Simons (Ber) 10.76; 6, B. Stefansson (Ice) 11.28.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, J. Jones (USA) 10.43; 2, A. Meite (Iv C) 10.53; 3, A. Armstrong (Tri) 10.59; 4, M. Sharpe (Ber) 10.70; 5, D. Chauvelot (Fra) 10.79; 6, M. Sehly (Saudi A) 11.10; 7, W. Bastians (WG) 11.17; 8, A. Padilla (Nic) 11.52.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, P. Petrov (Bul) 10.46; 2, Z. Licznarski (Pol) 10.60; 3, R. Da Silva (Bra) 10.61; 4, C. Garpenborg (Swe) 10.64; 5, J-C. Amoureux (Fra) 10.75; 6, A. Alawad (Kuw) 11.27; 7, A. Bodaghi (Iran) 11.39.

Heat 4: (nil) 1, D. Quarrie (Jam) 10.38; 2, G. Abrahams (Pan) 10.40; 3, M. Nash (Can) 10.59; 4, M. Sands (Bah) 10.65; 5, D. Trott (Ber) 10.67; 6, P. Fitzgerald (Aus) 10.87; 7, D. Russell (Virg I) 11.22.

Heat 5: (nil) 1, H. Glance (USA) 10.37; 2, M. Woronin (Pol) 10.56; 3, A. Askinin (USSR) 10.60; 4, C. Bradford (Jam) 10.64; 5, P. Ferrer (PR) 10.76; 6, V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) 10.82; 7, L. Jervis (Bah) 10.87.

Heat 6: (nil) 1, K-D. Kurrat (GDR) 10.37; 2, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.53; 3, D. Steinmann (WG) 10.68; 4, F. Gomez (Cub) 10.68; 5, Barka Sy (Sen) 10.81; 6, M. Jinno (Jap) 10.94; 7, C. Thurton (Belize) 11.03; 8, S. Regales (Neth Ant) 11.11.

Heat 7: (+0.02) 1, S. Riddick (USA) 10.43; 2, A. Swierczynski (Pol) 10.62; 3, A. Fall (Sen) 10.72; 4, S. Jaisuraparp (Thai) 10.75; 5, R. Bombardello (Lux) 10.76; 6, C. Sands (Bah) 10.82; 7, P. Ettienne (Haiti) 11.05.

Heat 8: (nil) 1, G. Echevin (Fra) 10.53; 2, K-D. Bieler (WG) 10.58; 3, A. Ratanapol (Thai) 10.71; 4, H. Ramirez (Cub) 10.72; 5, N. Ndao (Sen) 10.74; 6, R. Ahmad (Malay) 10.98.

Heat 9: (nil) 1, S. Monsels (Sur) 10.58; 2, S. Leonard (Cub) 10.62; 3, Y. Silov (USSR) 10.70; 4, C. Braithwaite (Tri) 10.71; 5, E. Lepold (Hun) 10.82; 6, P. Jordan (Barb) 10.95; 7, A. Moore (Fiji) 11.16.

800 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 2 & 4 fastest losers to semis)

Six men broke 1:47, all of them in the first heat thanks to a fast opening lap of 51.4. Rick Wohlhuter, who was knocked over in the corresponding heat four years ago in Munich, kept out of danger this time. He passed the gallant Sriram Singh 70m from the finish to win in an unstrained 1:45.7, while the Indian improved his national record from 1:47.0 to 1:45.9—helpfully being nudged across the line as Cuba's Leandro Civil brushed against him in a desperate lunge! Marian Gesicki, Thomas Wessinghage and Viktor Anokhin were pulled through to fast times also. It became apparent that nothing slower than 1:46.8 would suffice in the other five heats to advance to the semis as a fastest loser and the first to fall by the wayside was none other than John Walker. He entered the finishing straight level with James Robinson, a stride ahead of

Frank Clement, but neither man was able to withstand the Scot's powerful kick. It was quite a performance from someone who was entered for this event at the latest possible moment following his personal best run of 1:45.8 in Zurich (where he ran Walker to inches) . . . and that Zurich race was meant to be merely a fitness test for Clement!

That well known Irishman Steve O'vett (as his name was fed into the Olympic computer), himself a recent conqueror of Walker over two laps, enjoyed an easy passage in the third heat. Another to run no faster than necessary for victory was Alberto Juantorena, Cuba's muscular Olympic 400 favourite who has blossomed into a 1:44.9 performer this summer but hadn't been expected to try for a double that has never been accomplished — though Jamaica's Arthur Wint came very close at Wembley in 1948.

Heat 1: (51.4) 1, R. Wohlhuter (USA) 1:45.7; 2, Sriram Singh (Ind) 1:45.9; 3, L. Civil (Cub) 1:45.9; 4, M. Gesicki (Pol) 1:46.4; 5, T. Wessinghage (WG) 1:46.6; 6, V. Anokhin (USSR) 1:46.8; 7, M. Younis (Pak) 1:48.5.

Heat 2: (53.2) 1, FRANK CLEMENT (UK) 1:47.5; 2, J. Robinson (USA) 1:47.6; 3, J. Walker (NZ) 1:47.6; 4, A. Ballbe (Spa) 1:48.4; 5, F. Mamede (Por) 1:49.6; 6, F. Solis (Dom R) 1:55.6; 7, W. Joseph (Haiti) 2:15.3.

Heat 3: (53.8) 1, STEVE OVETT (UK) 1:48.3; 2, S. Newman (Jam) 1:48.5; 3, P-H. Wellmann (WG) 1:48.5; 4, J. Plachy (Cze) 1:48.6; 5, G. Hasler (Lie) 1:48.8; 6, E. Hoving (Neth) 1:49.0; 7, R. Botse (Sur) 1:49.9; 8, E. Gomez (Nic) 1:58.0.

Heat 4: (52.8) 1, A. Juantorena (Cub) 1:47.2; 2, C. Grippo (Ita) 1:47.2; 3, J. Zemen (Hun) 1:47.4; 4, M. Savic (Yug) 1:47.7; 5, J. Ortiz (PR) 1:51.4. R. Sanchez (Fra) (2nd) dsq.

Heat 5: (53.1) 1, W. Wulbeck (WG) 1:48.5; 2, H. Tuitt (Tri) 1:48.5; 3, V. Ponomaryov (USSR) 1:48.6; 4, A. Svensson (Swe) 1:48.9; 5, J. Marajo (Fra) 1:49.6; 6, O. Greene (Barb) 1:51.4; 7, A. El Khashaami (Saudi A) 1:57.7.

Heat 6: (51.9) 1, I. Van Damme (Bel) 1:47.8; 2, L. Susanj (Yug) 1:47.8; 3, M. Enyeart (USA) 1:48.0; 4, R. Gysin (Swi) 1:48.7; 5, N. O'Shaughnessy (RoI) 1:49.3; 6, L. Mendina (Cub) 1:50.2; 7, M. Philippe (Fra) 1:50.8.

100 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

The times began to improve as the top sprinters found themselves squeezed a little harder. It was disappointing to see Silvio Leonard, his injured foot bandaged, fade out of the picture. Don Quarrie, Steve Riddick, Guy Abrahams (a Panamanian who races in the USA), Johnny Jones, Hasely Crawford, Valeriy Borzov and Harvey Glance all ran themselves into the semi-finals with their superior finishing powers. In the final heat, Glance and Petar Petrov found themselves literally running shoulder to shoulder

as each ran close to the line before Glance pulled away to record the fastest heat time of 10.23. Borzov once again coasted through to qualify.

Heat 1: (+1.08) 1, D. Quarrie (Jam) 10.33; 2, S. Riddick (USA) 10.36; 3, M. Nash (Can) 10.48; 4, A. Askinin (USSR) 10.55; 5, D. Trott (Ber) 10.64; 6, A. Ratanapol (Thai) 10.65; 7, L. Caravani (Ita) 10.81; 8, G. Echevin (Fra) 12.00.

Heat 2: (+0.12) 1, G. Abrahams (Pan) 10.35; 2, J. Jones (USA) 10.46; 3, A. Thieme (GDR) 10.50; 4, M. Woronin (Pol) 10.53; 5, S. Leonard (Cub) 10.59; 6, S. Monsels (Sur) 10.61; 7, C. Bradford (Jam) 10.62; 8, C. Garpenborg (Swe) 10.63.

Heat 3: (+0.12) 1, H. Crawford (Tri) 10.29; 2, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.39; 3, M. Amadou (Iv C) 10.45; 4, R. Da Silva (Bra) 10.57; 5, A. Swierczynski (Pol) 10.59; 6, A. Fall (Sen) 10.60; 7, K-D. Bieler (WG) 10.80. M. Sands (Bah) scr.

Heat 4: (+0.09) 1, H. Glance (USA) 10.23; 2, K-D. Kurrat (GDR) 10.29; 3, P. Petrov (Bul) 10.30; 4, A. Armstrong (Tri) 10.46; 5, F. Gomez (Cub) 10.49; 6, Z. Licznarski (Pol) 10.52; 7, D. Steinmann (WG) 10.67. Y. Silov (USSR) scr.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 3 & fastest loser to semis)

The heats were so lively that Mariana Suman, the Rome bronze medallist, found a time of precisely 2 minutes sufficed only for fourth place in her race; she progressed to the semis as fastest loser. A hot pace was set by world record holders present and past, Valentina Gerasimova and Svetla Zlateva-Koleva; they reached 400 in 57.3 with Liz Barnes running the fastest first lap of her career (57.6). Liz dropped to fifth along the backstraight and finished in that position in 2:01.7 narrowly missing her personal best. Zlateva passed Gerasimova in the final straight as Wendy Knudson brushed under 2 min for the first time in defeating Suman for third.

Quite the most heart warming sight of the round was that of Judy Pollock not merely qualifying but setting a personal best of 2:00.7 at the age of 36. Judy was third in the 400 at the 1964 Olympics (behind Betty Cuthbert and Ann Packer) but has had to wait 12 years for another taste of Olympic competition. Having set a world record of 2:01.0 in 1967 she would have been among the favourites for the 800 in Mexico City had she not given birth to a son at around that time. Four years later she was unable to compete in Munich, after being selected, because of a foot injury. She retired after that but last winter she began her momentous comeback, motivated at first solely by the desire to get fit. But after starting with a 2:08.3 800 last December she realised that a return to international class racing was possible. She improved by stages to 2:01.1 in February to win selection for Australia. Mother of two, housewife, part-time PE teacher, part-time farmer (she and her husband own 10

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acres of land), Judy Pollock is a striking example that progress in athletics can be a very long-term affair.

The most unexpected non-qualifier was 1:59.0 performer Jozefina Cerchlanova. Less surprising was the dismissal of Angela Creamer and Chris McMeekin, who on paper stood little chance of advancing. Angela ran a bold race, leading past the bell in 58.6 and remaining ahead until the 570m mark. She dropped to third at 600, fought back to second round the final turn and never gave up trying although flagging in the straight. She equalled her personal best of 2:03.5. Chris was sixth at the bell (59.8) but the field in her heat was so tightly packed that she was pushed off the track for a few strides shortly afterwards. She never quite recovered from that and placed sixth, one second outside her fastest.

Heat 1: (57.4) 1, S. Styrkina (USSR) 2:00.1; 2, J. Pollock (Aus) 2:00.7; 3, D. Gluth (GDR) 2:00.7; 4, R. Thijs (Bel) 2:04.4; 5, A. Hoffman (Can) 2:05.3; 6, C. Valero (Spa) 2:06.1; 7, L. Guomundsdottir (Ice) 2:07.3.

Heat 2: (57.7) 1, A. Weiss (GDR) 2:00.5; 2, N. Shtereva (Bul) 2:01.0; 3, G. Dorio (Ita) 2:01.6; 4, J. Cerchlanova (Cze) 2:02.4; 5, K. Weston (USA) 2:03.3; 6, J. Wenzel (Can) 2:03.6. C. Sweet Lee (Sing) dnf.

Heat 3: (57.3) 1, S. Zlateva (Bul) 1:59.2; 2, V. Gerasimova (USSR) 1:59.7; 3, W. Knudson (USA) 1:59.9; 4, M. Suman (Rum) 2:00.0; 5, LIZ BARNES (UK) 2:01.7; 6, C. N'drin (Iv C) 2:04.5; 7, M. Ritter (Lie) 2:14.4.

Heat 4: (58.6) 1, E. Zinn (GDR) 2:01.5; 2, C. Rendina (Aus) 2:01.8; 3, I. Silai (Rum) 2:02.8; 4, ANGELA CREAMER (UK) 2:03.5; 5, M. Lazar (Hun) 2:04.1; 6, I. Hocking (PR) 2:08.5; 7, Ndew Niang (Sen) 2:09.30.

Heat 5: (59.6) 1, T. Kazankina (USSR) 2:00.2; 2, L. Tomova (Bul) 2:00.5; 3, M. Jackson (USA) 2:00.6; 4, Y. Saunders (Can) 2:03.5; 5, A. Van Nuffel (Bel) 2:04.1; 6, CHRIS McMEEKIN (UK) 2:04.5; 7, A. Garrett (NZ) 2:05.8.

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP (FINAL)

No one will ever again be able to accuse Angela Voigt (née Schmalfeld) of being a mod-

erate championship competitor. Having placed only fourth in the 1974 European Championship when installed as favourite, fifth in Nice and fourth in this year's European Indoor, her record in the big events was less than impressive—but all that has gone before became irrelevant as the 25-year-old East German telephone mechanic succeeded Heide Rosendahl (who was in the stadium to watch the event) as Olympic champion. It was her first jump which inflicted the damage . . . a leap, in totally still conditions, of 6.72. That's less than Mary Rand's winning effort a dozen years ago in Tokyo, and well behind the current world record of 6.99 by Sigrun Siegl (Voigt herself held the record briefly this season with 6.92), but it was sufficient.

It took a while for any serious challenge to materialise. Sigrun Siegl and Ildiko Szabo held down the other medal positions until in the fourth round European indoor champion Lidiya Alfeyeva—whose coach is 1952 Olympic hurdles silver medallist Maria Golubnichaya—landed at 6.60, a centimetre ahead of the world record holder. Meanwhile, the largely American crowd (attendance figure was 59,454) was giving 18-year-old Kathy McMillan a tremendous reception . . . and the deafening roar as she sped down the runway was having its effect. After starting with a foul she leapt 6.31 (for 7th place), 6.43 (6th), 6.47 (6th) and—to wild acclaim—a fifth round 6.66 which was to win her the silver medal. The girl from North Carolina, who enters Tennessee State University this autumn (where she will be coached by Ed Temple, the man who developed the talents of Wilma Rudolph and Wyomia Tyus), began to make her mark last year when she improved from 6.02 to 6.58 and collected a bronze medal in the Pan-Am Games. This year she has pushed the USA record out to 6.78 but coach Temple is anticipating a lot of improvement. "She possesses an exceptional talent," he says. "Her technique is very natural but with a better extension I don't see why she shouldn't reach, within the next two years, 24 feet (7.31m)."

Sue Reeve placed an honourable ninth (she ranked 20th among Olympic contenders this year with her personal best of 6.46) but must have been disappointed at so narrowly missing a

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chance for three extra jumps. She was lying eighth with 6.27 and set to qualify, until Jarmila Nygrynova (6.15 after two rounds) uncorked a 6.54 jump at her third attempt.

The new champion is a superb all-round athlete, a 4647-point pentathlete who has run 100m in 11.5, 200 in 23.6 and the hurdles in 13.2. Her long jump progression: 1968—5.54, 1969—5.60, 1970—5.73, 1971—5.78, 1972—6.23, 1973—6.76, 1974—6.77, 1975—6.62, 1976—6.92.

1, ANGELA VOIGT (GDR) 6.72/22'04" (6.72, —, 6.50, 6.53, —, 6.57) (born 18.5.51; 1.74 tall, weighs 62kg).

2, KATHY McMILLAN (USA) 6.66/21'10 1/4" (—, 6.31, 6.43, 6.47, 6.66, —) (7.11.57; 1.70, 57kg).

3, LIDIYA ALFEYEVA (USSR) 6.60/21'8" (6.46, —, 6.34, 6.60, 6.46, 6.39) (17.1.46; 1.70, 62kg).

4, SIGRUN SIEGL (GDR) 6.59/21'7 1/4" (6.51, 6.36, 6.59, 4.87, 6.65, 6.57) (29.10.54; 1.74, 61kg).

5, ILDIKO SZABO (Hungary) 6.57/21'6 3/4" (6.51, 6.51, 6.57, 6.40, 6.47 —) (19.7.55; 1.72, 58kg).

6, JARMILA NYGRYNOVA (Czechoslovakia) 6.54/21'5 1/2" (6.04, 6.15, 6.54, —, 6.36, 6.50) (15.2.53; 1.67, 61kg).

7, HEIDEMARIE WYCISK (GDR) 6.39/20'11 1/4" (6.21, 6.39, 6.38, —, 6.37, 6.05) (2.2.49; 1.72, 60kg).

8, ELENA VINTILA (Rumania) 6.38/20'11 1/4" (6.38, 6.36, —, 6.18, 6.31, —) (27.1.46; 1.68, 56kg).

9, SUE REEVE (UK) 6.27/20'7" (6.27, 6.06, —) 10, A. Milassin (Hun) 6.19/20'3 3/4" (5.88, 6.19, 6.01); 11, D. Jones (Can) 6.13/20'1 1/4" (6.13, 5.93, 6.04). L. Panayotova (Bul) 3 fouls.

10,000 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 & 3 fastest losers to final)

With the temperature in the stadium at 25°C it seemed unlikely that fast times would be the order of the day, and whilst they were not as quick as four years previously in Munich the quality of each of the fields in the three heats ensured very competitive races.

In the first heat, International CC Champion Carlos Lopes forced the pace after a swift opening 3000 (8:22.6) by Dusan Janicijevic. Lopes and Jos Hermens then clipped through the next 2km, alternating the lead to reach 5000 in 14:05.2, before Lopes began to quicken the tempo with regular laps of 66 sec. He covered the next 2km in 5:31.2. Bernie Ford lost contact at this point as the group chased the leading pair but as Lopes and Hermens moved away, so the group dropped back and Ford made contact. At 8000 Lopes decided to ensure victory and wrapped up the proceedings with a cool 5:40.0 final 2000 but behind him Hermens found himself running out of ground as Mariano Haro accelerated the pack in the final laps. Gomez, Haro and David Fitzsimons flew past the spent Hermens but with 10m

to go Fitzsimons tripped, lost his orientation and fell dazed to the track. Whilst picking himself up, the Australian was caught by Hermens — but justice prevailed as he made one of the fastest loser spots. Although lacking the finishing pace of the leaders, Ford clung on to sixth place and was rewarded with a fastest loser place in the final.

Franco Fava shouldered much of the donkey work in the first half of the second heat, reaching 4000 in 11:26.6. Craig Virgin made two surges shortly before, and after, the 5000 mark reached in 14:17.4, and each time a group of four (Mark Smet, Brendan Foster, Ilie Floroiu and Virgin) got away but could not stop Knut Boro ruggedly pulling them back on each occasion. While the pace lagged between 6000 and 9000 Boro managed to establish himself firmly in the pack and so too did Fava who led at 9km (25:44.4). Foster seemed constantly niggled by Virgin, who was not allowing himself to be boxed-in, but refused to show his hand until the final lap, where he powered away with Smet in tow. Despite some quick discussion in the final straight as to whether to tie, Smet lunged forward in the final strides for first place. Foster's final 400 took 58.5.

In the final heat, Tony Simmons set about a fast pace after the first 2000 (5:35.8) and looked to be a sitting duck for all those tucked in behind, but having done more than his share of the work he almost pulled up to a halt at 5000 (14:03.4) to allow someone else to do a stint. Very hesitantly Dick Quax and Lasse Viren led the way and the next kilometre took 2:59.0. Chris Wardlaw quickly broke up the party and at 700 (19:49.8) Simmons took off with a 64.3 lap — the first casualty being the favourite, Quax, who had over-heated. Wardlaw took up the running again at 8000 (22:34.6) and again Simmons threw in a 64.5 which carried him clear and from then on he never let up as he continued to pull away with relentless laps in the 65/66 range. He finished off with a coasting 63.0 to clock the fastest heat time. While Viren looked quite content to allow Garry Bjorklund to move away on the final circuit Emiel Puttemans was in all sorts of trouble until the final 200 where he showed his true class as he leapt away from the tenacious Wardlaw to secure a place in the final.

Heat 1: 1, C. Lopes (Por) 28:04.6; 2, J-P. Gomez (Fra) 28:10.6; 3, M. Haro (Spa) 28:11.8; 4, J. Hermens (Neth) 28:16.2; 5, D. Fitzsimons (Aus) 28:16.4; 6, BERNARD FORD (UK) 28:17.4; 7, K. Lismont (Bel) 28:17.6; 8, M. Vainio (Fin) 28:26.6; 9, D. Janicijevic (Yug) 28:49.0; 10, E. Mendoza (USA) 29:03.0; 11, V. Mora (Col) 30:26.6; 12, C. McCubbins (Can) 33:22.4; 13, O. Charles (Haiti) 42:00.2.

Heat 2: 1, M. Smet (Bel) 28:22.2; 2, BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 28:22.2; 3, K. Boro (Nor) 28:23.2; 4, I. Floroiu (Rum) 28:23.4; 5, F. Fava (Ita) 28:24.8; 6, C. Virgin (USA) 28:30.2; 7, E. Warnke (Chi) 28:43.6; 8, H. Harichand (Ind) 28:48.8; 9, E. Leddy (Rol) 28:55.4; 10, D. Tiba-

duiza (Col) 29:28.2; 11, R. Gomez (Mex) 30:05.2; 12, P. Levisse (Fra) 32:07.8. P. Paivarinta (Fin) & R. Al Shalawi (Saudi A) dnf.

Heat 3: 1, TONY SIMMONS (UK) 28:01.8; 2, G. Bjorklund (USA) 28:12.2; 3, L. Viren (Fin) 28:15.0; 4, E. Puttemans (Bel) 28:15.6; 5, C. Wardlaw (Aus) 28:17.6; 6, D. Uhlemann (WG) 28:29.4; 7, T. Kamata (Jap) 28:36.2; 8, L. Hernandez (Mex) 28:44.2; 9, D. Quax (NZ) 28:57.0; 10, D. O'Shaughnessy (Can) 29:27.0; 11, L. Rault (Fra) 29:40.8; 12, J. L. Ruiz (Spa) 31:03.4; 13, H. Rabbi (Iran) 31:44.4; 14, J. Tau (Papua-NG) 32:27.0.

20 KILOMETRES WALK

Daniel Bautista went one better (and in less controversial circumstances) than Jose Pedraza's silver medal of eight years ago by becoming Mexico's first Olympic champion in any athletics event. The 23-year-old traffic policeman ("I think I'll probably get a promotion," he remarked happily to the press) walked a stunning race to win by half a minute in 1:24:40.6 — the fastest time ever recorded in a major championship. His victory climaxed a fantastic year during which he has set world's best performances for 10,000m (track) of 40:51.6, 20km (road) of 1:23:39 and 20 miles (road)—the Leicester Mercury race in fact) of 2:22:53.

Bautista forced the pace from the start and as the walkers left the stadium after four laps he and his Mexican colleagues Raul Gonzalez and Domingo Colin, together with defending champion Peter Frenkel, were in the lead. Olly Flynn departed in 9th place, Brian Adams 20th and Paul Nihill 27th. By the 5km checkpoint, Frenkel (21:12.0), Bautista (21:12.4), Gonzalez (21:13.2) and Colin (21:13.6) had broken clear of the other two East Germans, Hans-Georg Reimann and Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller (21:22.2). Vladimir Golubnichiy, at 40 bidding for his third Olympic gold 16 years after his first, held 7th place (21:30.0), followed by Otto Bartsch (21:46.0), Armando Zambaldo (21:46.8) and Flynn (22:02.4). Viktor Semyenov, credited with the world's second fastest time of 1:23:52 this year, was already out of contention in 12th place (22:03.4), while the Munich Olympic 50km champion Bernd Kannenberg—injured—was back in 21st place (22:27.6) and destined to drop out before much longer. Adams was 14th (22:13.2) and Nihill a troubled 32nd (23:00.8) of the 38 starters.

Walking at a remarkably even and fast tempo, Frenkel — shadowed by Bautista — reached the halfway mark in 42:23.6 (21:12.0 followed by 21:11.6), the Mexican being timed at 42:24.2. Reimann (42:25.0), Stadtmuller (42:25.8) and Colin (42:26.8) were only a few strides behind; then came a gap of nearly half a minute to Gonzalez (42:54.6), who in turn was well clear of the next man: Golubnichiy (43:32.0). Zambaldo (43:44.2), Bartsch (43:45.0) and Vittorio Visini (44:25.4) completed the first ten. Adams was 13th

(44:41.6), Flynn had dropped to 21st (45:31.8) and Nihill was up to 23rd (45:45.0).

Colin was pulled out soon afterwards, leaving four athletes in the hunt at the next checkpoint: Bautista and Frenkel (1:03:45), Reimann (1:03:46) and Stadtmuller (1:03:56). Gonzalez was over 2 min adrift in 5th place (1:05:59); next came Zambaldo (1:06:04), Golubnichiy (1:06:05), Bartsch (1:06:49), Visini and Gerard Lelievre (1:07:16) and Adams (1:07:23). Flynn was 16th (1:08:57) and Nihill 26th (1:10:12).

For kilometre after kilometre Bautista had striven to shake off the attentions of his East German opponents. "A German stepped on my foot at one time," said Bautista, hastily adding "but it was not intentional. It was not a provocation in any way." Bautista made a break during the 18th kilometre but that was covered by Reimann and Frenkel; he tried again a minute later and this time he succeeded. Leaving the East Germans to fight it out for the other medals he drew steadily further ahead to win by 33 sec. As he finished he crossed himself and kissed the track, before embarking on a joyous lap of honour complete with sombrero. Reimann took the silver (to add to the bronze he gained in Munich) in a personal best time and Frenkel the bronze. Both men, well content with their performances, later announced their retirement from international athletics. It was a fine ending to two brilliant careers—Reimann was European silver medallist as long ago as 1962 and Frenkel has also been in world class for over a decade. Adams followed up his excellent performance in last year's Lugano Cup with a worthy 11th placing, Flynn finished 14th and Nihill 30th.

Bautista was so dehydrated after his exertions that he had to drink ten cans of soft drink before being able to provide a urine sample for the dope test! He began his 20km walking career in 1974 (1:30:42) and clocked 1:26:03 last year, 1:23:39 this season.

1, DANIEL BAUTISTA (Mexico) 1:24:40.6 (Olympic rec) (4.8.52; 1.70, 65kg).

2, HANS-GEORG REIMANN (GDR) 1:25:13.8 (24.8.41; 1.80, 65kg).

3, PETER FRENKEL (GDR) 1:25:29.4 (13.5.39; 1.82, 76kg).

4, KARL-HEINZ STADTMULLER (GDR) 1:26:50.6 (30.1.53; 1.85, 76kg).

5, RAUL GONZALEZ (Mexico) 1:28:18.2 (29.2.52; 1.75, 64kg).

6, ARMANDO ZAMBALDO (Italy) 1:28:25.2 (23.10.43; 1.74, 68kg).

7, VLADIMIR GOLUBNICHY (USSR) 1:29:24.6 (6.6.36; 1.78, 77kg).

8, VITTORIO VISINI (Italy) 1:29:31.6 (25.5.45; 1.78, 65kg).

9, G. Lelievre (Fra) 1:29:53.6; 10, R. Buccione (Ita) 1:30:40.0; 11, BRIAN ADAMS (UK) 1:30:46.2; 12, R. Hayward (Aus) 1:30:59.2; 13, O. Bartsch (USSR) 1:31:12.4; 14, OLLY FLYNN (UK) 1:31:42.4; 15, V. Semyenov (USSR) 1:31:59.0; 16, I. Stankovics (Hun) 1:32:06.6; 17,

J. Ornoch (Pol) 1:32:19.2; 18, G. Weidner (WG) 1:32:56.8; 19, E. Alfaro (Col) 1:33:13.8; 20, R. Laird (USA) 1:33:27.6; 21, B. Duda (Pol) 1:33:53.4; 22, L. Walker (USA) 1:34:19.4; 23, M. Jobin (Can) 1:34:33.4; 24, V. Galusic (Yug) 1:34:46.8; 25, G. De Jonckheere (Bel) 1:35:03.8; 26, B. Simonsen (Swe) 1:35:31.8; 27, S. Fonseca (Hond) 1:36:07.0; 28, L. Faber (Lux) 1:36:21.2; 29, T. Scully (USA) 1:36:37.4; 30, PAUL NIHILL (UK) 1:36:40.4; 31, R. Hernandez Vega (Col) 1:37:27.4; 32, K. Chong Beng (Malay) 1:40:16.8; 33, P. Farrelly (Can) 1:41:36.2; 34, Y. Morikawa (Jap) 1:42:20.6; 35, A. Oakley (Can) 1:44:08.8; 36, H. Klein (Virgin I) 1:50:50.4. B. Kannenberg (WG) dnf. D. Colin (Mex) disq.

Second Day Saturday, 24th July

DISCUS (QUALIFYING)

Mac Wilkins left the rest of the field in no doubt as to his intentions as he unleashed a big effort of 68.28/224'0" in the opening round to smash Al Oerter's Olympic record by 3.50m. Four of Wilkins' predecessors as world record holder competed: Ricky Bruch went out but Jay Silvester, Ludvik Danek (the reigning champion) and John Powell all edged over the 60.00/196'10" limit to qualify for the final. Peter Tancred never looked settled and after opening with a solid 55.20 he walked out on the second in frustration, as it fell short of 55m, and finished with a 55.50/182'1" effort.

Qualifiers: M. Wilkins (USA) **68.28** (Olympic rec); V. Velez (Bul) **63.54**; W. Schmidt (GDR) **63.14**; A. De Vincentis (Ita) **62.26**; P. Kahma (Fin) **62.10**; J. Silvester (USA) —, **62.06**; H-D. Neu (WG) —, **58.90**, **61.88**; F. Tegla (Hun) **57.00**, **61.66**; J. Powell (USA) —, **61.48**; K. Hjeltnes (Nor) —, **61.30**; N. Thiede (GDR) **61.14**; J. Silhavy (Cze) **60.82**; S. Pachale (GDR) —, **60.64**; L. Danek (Cze) **60.44**; J. Farago (Hun) **59.30**, **60.06**.

Non-qualifiers: J. Morrison (Cub) **59.92**, **56.66**, **58.50**; M. Tuokko (Fin) **59.80**, **59.26**, **57.18**; S. Wolodko (Pol) **57.56**, **57.84**, **59.42**; S. Simeon (Ita) **58.76**, **59.06**, —; R. Bruch (Swe) **56.98**, —, **58.06**; N. Vikhor (USSR) —, **57.50**, **54.52**; I. Naghi (Rum) —, —, **57.28**; A. Roost (Can) **56.56**, —, —; B. Chambul (Can) —, **55.86**, —; PETER TANCRED (UK) **55.20**, —, **55.50**; G. Schroeder (Bel) —, **54.04**, **54.80**; I. Gueye (Sen) **52.82**, —, **52.76**; S. Hessam (Iran) **52.40**, **50.40**, —; M. Al Zabramawi (Saudi A) **31.80**, **35.30**, **35.94**. B. Dolegiewicz (Can) 3 fouls.

POLE VAULT (QUALIFYING)

The qualifying standard was the same as in Munich (5.10/16'8½") but whereas only 14 advanced to the final in 1972, which took a mere 5½ hours, this time 20 succeeded—including UK record holder Brian Hooper who entered at 5.00 and cleared that height and 5.10 at the second attempt. Jeff Gutteridge, the youngest competitor in the event, failed at 5.00 after making 4.80/15'9" first time. The most surprising casualty was Yuriy Isakov who, like most of the top men, entered at 5.10 but then proceeded to fail three times. The USSR must have been peeved, for they left behind the new national record holder (5.57) Vladimir Trofimenko. Commonwealth recorder holder Don Baird and Jean-Michel Bellot caused anxiety in their camps by needing their full quota of vaults at the crucial height. Of the 20 finalists no fewer than half can boast personal bests of 5.50/18'0½" or higher, including

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Qualifiers: P. Abada (Fra), F. Tracanelli (Fra), R. More (Cub), T. Haapakoski (Fin), B. Simpson (Can), I. Takanezawa (Jap), BRIAN HOOPER (UK), A. Kalliomaki (Fin), K. Isaksson (Swe), E. Bell (USA), W. Kokakiewicz (Pol), G. Lohre (WG), D. Roberts (USA), T. Porter (USA), Y. Prokhorenko (USSR), W. Buciariski (Pol), V. Kishkun (USSR), T. Slusarski (Pol), D. Baird (Aus), J.-M. Bellot (Fra)—all cleared 5.10.

Non-qualifiers: R. Boyd (Aus), D. Kyteas (Gre) & K. Wenman (Can) 5.00; JEFF GUTTERIDGE (UK) 4.80. Y. Iwama (Jap), I. Jernberg (Swe) & Y. Isakov (USSR) no clearance.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 5 & 2 fastest losers to 2nd round)

Sonia Lannaman, with victories over Renate Stecher and Annegret Richter to her credit this season, was a non-starter due to a hamstring injury sustained during relay practice three days earlier. It was a bitter blow that Sonia, so injury prone in the past but mercifully free of any trouble all summer, should have been struck down at this of all times. European champion Irena Szewinska, the only athlete to have beaten Sonia over 100 this season (and then by 1/100 sec), chose to miss this event. Fastest time of the round went to Richter at 11.19; oddly enough she was drawn in the same heat as defending champion Renate Stecher, so the only two women in history to have been timed (manually) in a wind-free 10.8 clashed at the very start. With 32 runners advancing it was surprising to find a GDR sprinter, Martina Blos (11.19 this season), missing out. Andrea Lynch and Sharon Colyear (the latter in personal best time) qualified with ease.

Heat 1: (+0.37) 1, I. Helten (WG) 11.26; 2, L. Maslakova (USSR) 11.30; 3, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.35; 4, M. Bailey (Can) 11.46; 5, SHARON COLYEAR (UK) 11.47; 6, C. Cummings (Jam) 11.69; 7, L. Forde (Barb) 12.02.

Heat 2: (+0.23) 1, B. Morehead (USA) 11.35; 2, P. Loverock (Can) 11.47; 3, L. Hodges (Jam) 11.54; 4, E. De Jesus Freitas (Bra) 11.80; 5, D. Jones (Ber) 11.84; 6, R. Hendricks (Virg I) 13.51. SONIA LANNAMAN (UK) scr.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.39; 2, L. Haglund (Swe) 11.40; 3, S. Jowett (NZ) 11.70; 4, I. Taylor (Cub) 11.73; 5, M. Howe (Can) 11.83; 6, S. Ferguson (Bah) 12.26.

Heat 4: (nil) 1, C. Cheesborough (USA) 11.28; 2, V. Anisimova (USSR) 11.37; 3, S. Chivas (Cub) 11.43; 4, E. Possekkel (WG) 11.48; 5, D. Robertson (Aus) 11.50; 6, M. Blos (GDR) 11.70; 7, C. Riewpassa (Indon) 11.98.

Heat 5: (+0.37) 1, M. Oelsner (GDR) 11.36; 2, ANDREA LYNCH (UK) 11.40; 3, S. Telliez (Fra) 11.47; 4, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 11.52; 5, L. Alaerts (Bel) 11.63; 6, D. Estrella (Dom R) 12.12.

Heat 6: (+0.54) 1, A. Richter (WG) 11.19; 2, R. Stecher (GDR) 11.21; 3, E. Ashford (USA) 11.25; 4, D. Wells (Aus) 11.47; 5, C. Valdes (Cub) 11.47; 6, M.-L. Pursiainen (Fin) 11.62; 7, A. Gauthier (Haiti) 13.11.

400 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

These semis reflected the odd situation prevailing in the event; after three outstanding Americans and one or two others of proven ability there is a sharp fall-off in standard. Three men who can hardly have figured in anyone's forecasts — Jose Carvalho, Yanko Bratanov and Alfonso Damaso — reached the final although none has a personal best faster than 49.77. While the other two Americans qualified with the least exertion, Edwin Moses decided to stretch those long legs of his . . . and came up with an American record (on electrical timing) of 48.29, a mark bettered only by the two previous Olympic champions John Akii-Bua and David Hemery. Alan Pascoe claimed the all-important fourth place in that race, clocking a season's best of 49.95 and edging out old rival Jean-Claude Nallet.

Heat 1: 1, M. Shine (USA) 49.90; 2, J. Carvalho (Por) 49.97; 3, Y. Bratanov (Bul) 50.11; 4, Q. Wheeler (USA) 50.22; 5, D. Stukalov (USSR) 50.47; 6, J.-P. Perrinelle (Fra) 50.82. G. Parriss (Gre) fell. H. Schmid (WG) disq.

Heat 2: 1, E. Moses (USA) 48.29; 2, Y. Gavrilenko (USSR) 49.73; 3, A. Damaso (Cub) 49.84; 4, ALAN PASCOE (UK) 49.95; 5, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 50.08; 6, S. Tziortzis (Gre) 50.30; 7, J. Hewelt (Pol) 50.57; 8, J. Ferrer (PR) 51.04.

100 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

In the first heat, Harvey Glance got away fastest with Klaus-Dieter Kurrat chasing. Valeriy Borzov cruised up to join them and, having established a qualifying position, spectated for the final 20m, eyeing the opposition with his usual cool disdain. In the second heat, Alexander Thieme led the way at the gun, but a trio of Johnny Jones, Don Quarrie and Hasely Crawford extricated themselves at 60m, with Petar Petrov knocking Steve Riddick off the fourth qualifying spot on the run-in.

Heat 1: (+1.11) 1, H. Glance (USA) 10.24; 2, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.30; 3, K.-D. Kurrat (GDR) 10.30; 4, G. Abrahams (Pan) 10.37; 5, M. Nash (Can) 10.52; 6, A. Armstrong (Tri) 10.52; 7, R. da Silva (Bra) 10.54; 8, M. Woronin (Pol) 10.69.

Heat 2: (+0.65) 1, H. Crawford (Tri) 10.22; 2, D. Quarrie (Jam) 10.26; 3, J. Jones (USA) 10.30; 4, P. Petrov (Bul) 10.30; 5, S. Riddick (USA) 10.33; 6, A. Meite (Iv C) 10.46; 7, A. Askinin (USSR) 10.50; 8, A. Thieme (GDR) 10.50.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Anita Weiss, who under the name of Barkusky won the European junior title (just ahead of Lesley Kiernan) three years ago, put on the most extraordinary show. She raced away as though she had mistaken the race for a 400—as indeed she might, for her lap time was an astonishing 54.44! Few female 800m runners can go that fast all out but Frau Weiss has a 51.7 to her credit and had plenty of running left. Already some 15m up at the bell, she continued to push the pace along, reaching 600 in a best on record 1:23.9 (sub-1:52 tempo), as timed by Bob Sparks. She was now 20m clear and the recently established world record of 1:56.0 by Valentina Gerasimova was in danger, but a price had to be paid for the early excesses and her final 200 took 32.6. First lap—54.4, second lap—62.1 . . . it's a way of running 800 that's unlikely to catch on, but the end result for Weiss was an Olympic record of 1:56.5, the second fastest time in history. The place times were outstanding too: Tatyana Kazankina (1:56.6 shortly before the Games to add to her world 1500 record) and former world record holder Svetla Zlateva were inside 1:58, and the magnificent Judy Pollock suffered the galling experience of breaking 2 min (only the second Commonwealth athlete to do so) yet failing to make the final.

The second heat was almost as memorable. Svetlana Styrkina led through in 55.86, shadowed by Nikolina Shtereva, and these two plus Elfi Zinn kept the pot boiling throughout the second lap to finish inside 1:58—a mark which, prior to this season's amazing activities, had only ever been breached by Zlateva. Mariana Suman just got the better of Commonwealth champion Charlene Rendina for the last qualifying position, leaving world record holder Gerasimova, European champion Liliana Tomova and 1968 gold medallist Madeline Jackson trailing.

Heat 1: (54.4) 1, A. Weiss (GDR) 1:56.5 (Olympic rec); 2, T. Kazankina (USSR) 1:57.5; 3, S. Zlateva (Bul) 1:57.9; 4, D. Gluth (GDR) 1:59.3; 5, J. Pollock (Aus) 1:59.9; 6, I. Silai (Rum) 2:02.2; 7, W. Knudson (USA) 2:02.3; 8, G. Dorio (Ita) 2:02.5.

Heat 2: (55.9) 1, S. Styrkina (USSR) 1:57.3; 2, N. Shtereva (Bul) 1:57.4; 3, E. Zinn (GDR) 1:57.6; 4, M. Suman (Rum) 2:00.0; 5, C. Rendina (Aus) 2:00.3; 6, V. Gerasimova (USSR) 2:01.0; 7, L. Tomova (Bul) 2:02.0; 8, M. Jackson (USA) 2:07.3.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

Any suspicions that this might be a slow track were swept aside as Annegret Richter sprinted to an Olympic record of 11.05. Had she not slackened off a little she would have broken the pending world record of 11.04 set by her team-

mate Inge Helten. The run certainly confirmed that her hand-timed world record equalling 10.8 was no flash in the pan. Andrea Lynch looked better than at any time this season to run 11.36 (Denise Robertson was way below her Australian form of several months ago), while Sharon Colyear—although eliminated—ran to form.

Heat 1: (+1.06) 1, A. Richter (WG) 11.05 (Olympic rec); 2, M. Oelsner (GDR) 11.27; 3, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.34; 4, P. Loverock (Can) 11.50; 5, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 11.63; 6, S. Telliez (Fra) 11.64; 7, E. De Jesus Freitas (Bra) 11.77. D. Jones (Ber) scr.

Heat 2: (+0.21) 1, I. Helten (WG) 11.20; 2, C. Cheeseborough (USA) 11.36; 3, ANDREA LYNCH (UK) 11.36; 4, L. Haglund (Swe) 11.48; 5, C. Valdes (Cub) 11.52; 6, D. Robertson (Aus) 11.56; 7, C. Cummings (Jam) 11.75; 8, S. Jowett (NZ) 11.81.

Heat 3: (+0.01) 1, E. Ashford (USA) 11.28; 2, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.29; 3, L. Maslakova (USSR) 11.37; 4, S. Chivas (Cub) 11.42; 5, SHARON COLYEAR (UK) 11.51; 6, E. Possekkel (WG) 11.58; 7, L. Alaerts (Bel) 11.71; 8, M. Howe (Can) 11.96.

Heat 4: (+0.01) 1, R. Stecher (GDR) 11.22; 2, B. Morehead (USA) 11.30; 3, M. Bailey (Can) 11.44; 4, V. Anisimova (USSR) 11.47; 5, D. Wells (Aus) 11.51; 6, L. Hodges (Jam) 11.58; 7, M-L. Pursiainen (Fin) 11.72; 8, I. Taylor (Cub) 11.92.

800 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Alberto Juantorena, in his first season of serious 800 racing, dominated the first heat. He moved through at 200, ran a fast third hundred and strode past the bell in an easy looking 51.2, pursued by Sriram Singh, Steve Ovett (51.7) and Ivo Van Damme. The Cuban stayed 3m ahead of Ovett as the runners reached 600, with Van Damme now ahead of Singh, and the first three were able to cruise home without anxiety. Ovett's time of 1:46.1 was his fastest this year and he had still to take off the wraps. Singh had a more difficult passage to the final as he was pressurised by a fast closing James Robinson but he made it, to become India's first track finalist since Milkha Singh in the Rome 400.

The second heat was a tightly packed, ill mannered affair, with Frank Clement suffering more than most. Leandro Civil led through 400 in 52.4, with Clement last in 52.9, and the Cuban was still ahead at 600—the scene of an incident which nearly cost Rick Wohlhuter his chance in the final. A Canadian judge reported him for pushing his way between Seymour Newman and Viktor Anokhin and the referee disqualified the American star. Fortunately, the videotape recording of the race cleared Wohlhuter and he was reinstated.

Heat 1: (51.2) 1, A. Juantorena (Cub) 1:45.9; 2, I. Van Damme (Bel) 1:46.0; 3, STEVE OVETT (UK) 1:46.1; 4, Sriram Singh (Ind) 1:46.4; 5, J.

Robinson (USA) 1:46.4; 6. M. Gesicki (Pol) 1:47.1; 7. T. Wessinghage (WG) 1:48.2. H. Tuitt (Tri) dnf.

Heat 2: (52.4) 1. R. Wohlhuter (USA) 1:46.7; 2. C. Grippo (Ita) 1:47.0; 3. L. Susanj (Yug) 1:47.0; 4. W. Wulbeck (WG) 1:47.2; 5. S. Newman (Jam) 1:47.2; 6. L. Civil (Cub) 1:47.3; 7. V. Anokhin (USSR) 1:47.7; 8. FRANK CLEMENT (UK) 1:48.3.

WOMEN'S JAVELIN (FINAL)

As on so many occasions in the past, the reigning Olympic champion and world record holder, Ruth Fuchs, won the big competition with her opening throw. Following a lengthy series of flexibility exercises, Fuchs came in for her initial throw with a rugged aggression that carried the javelin out to 65.94/216'4". She had regained the Olympic record which had fallen to Marion Becker at 65.14 in the previous day's qualifying round, and set a formidable target for the others. She herself 'clicked' only once more in the competition—with a third round 65.06—but that was academic. Becker, delighted at first with her record in the preliminaries and then "all of a sudden afraid", found herself unable to near that performance in the first two rounds of the final, but pulled everything together in round 3 to reach 64.70 and clinch the silver medal. Kate Schmidt, so consistent this season, was bedevilled with all sorts of problems until the final round when she gave a glimpse of her true form to snatch the bronze medal (as in Munich) with a throw of 63.96. She had previously been trailing in fifth place. Sabine Sebrovski, in third place with 63.08 entering the last round, suddenly found herself pushed back to fifth as Jacqueline Hein (née Todten, the 1972 silver medallist) moved past also with a 63.84 effort that must have caused the American to miss a heartbeat or two.

Apart from those two last-gasp performances by Schmidt and Hein, the overall level dropped considerably during the second half of the contest as all the throwers, searching for extra distance, launched their javelins on a higher flight path only for them to nose-dive suddenly short of 55m. Ruth Fuchs commented that there was a light tail wind. It was possible to throw long distances in the stadium but "you have to run a certain risk and try for the optimum; what's important is that one throw makes it". She added: "I wanted a shallow trajectory, but some of my throws were too shallow, and were short." Prior to the Games she had been convinced that it would require 65-66m for a medal and although she had recently set a world record of 69.12 "I had no illusions that this would give me first place. I knew I would have to fight for it". With the vast improvement in women's javelin throwing since 1972 she felt it would take a 70m (229'8") throw to win a medal in Moscow four years hence.

Tessa Sanderson followed up her UK record

in the qualifying round with an opening throw of 57.00/187'7"—the second longest of her career. That held sixth place after the first round, eighth after the second, and she finished a most praiseworthy tenth, ahead of two 59m-plus performers. At 20 she was the youngest of the finalists and acquitting herself so ably at this level of competition points to an exciting future.

Ruth Fuchs has, by becoming the first woman to retain an Olympic javelin title, established beyond argument the claim to being the greatest of all-time in her event. Her progression: 1961—35.66, 1962—36.64, 1963—43.24, 1964—46.50, 1965—51.76, 1966—51.30, 1967—56.08, 1968—57.72, 1969—55.66, 1970—60.60, 1971—60.56, 1972—65.06, 1973—66.10, 1974—67.22, 1975—66.46, 1976—69.12. Marion Becker, although born in Hamburg, was brought up in the GDR and lived in Rumania after her marriage. She competed for Rumania in Munich (failing to qualify), and stayed behind in West Germany after the Games. Kate Schmidt ("my favourite thing in javelin throwing is beating East Europeans who are on steroids") was disappointed at failing to reproduce her best form—she ranks second of all time at 66.52—but still has ambitious plans. "I don't just want a world record that will be replaceable in a few years. I want 245ft (74.68m)—something that's going to take until the year 2000 to break."

1. RUTH FUCHS (GDR) 65.94/216'4" (Olympic rec; 65.94, 59.58, 65.48, 54.48, 58.82, 58.44) (14.12.46; 1.69, 72kg).

2. MARION BECKER (W Germany) 64.70/212'3" (60.66, 60.52, 64.70, —, —, —) (21.1.50; 1.67, 63kg).

3. KATE SCHMIDT (USA) 63.96/209'10" (—, —, 59.70, 57.90, —, 63.96) (29.12.53, 1.86, 80kg).

4. JACQUELINE HEIN (GDR) 63.84/209'5" (58.30, 61.68, 60.90, 55.16, —, 63.84) (29.5.54; 1.72, 70kg).

5. SABINE SEBROWSKI (GDR) 63.08/206'11" (57.02, 59.10, 63.08, 56.46, 54.34, 51.72) (28.4.51; 1.67, 72kg).

6. SVETLANA BABICH (USSR) 59.42/194'11" (—, 49.24, 59.42, —, —, —) (17.7.47; 1.67, 72kg).

7. NADYEZHDA KAKUBOVICH (USSR) 59.16/194'1" (58.10, —, 59.16, 55.76, —, 52.66) (23.2.54; 1.68, 64kg).

8. KARIN SMITH (USA) 57.50/188'8" (53.86, 57.50, 55.32, 52.66, 45.08, 39.48) (4.8.55; 1.67, 61kg).

9. E. Janko (Aut) 57.20/187'8" (55.04, 57.20, —); 10. TESSA SANDERSON (UK) 57.00/187'0" (57.00, 55.96, —); 11. E. Zorgo (Rum) 54.40/178'6" (54.40, 53.88, 55.60); 12. Y. Peeva (Bul) 52.24/171'5" (50.28, 52.02, 52.24).

100 METRES (FINAL)

Hasely Crawford admitted afterwards that he

felt many reporters and athletes had under-rated him and he was "very happy to prove them wrong!" Certainly throughout the qualifying rounds his sprinting showed all the aggression and fire that it seemed to lack earlier in the year when he raced in Britain. Who, among those who watched him at Aldersley, would have foreseen his becoming the next Olympic 100m champion?

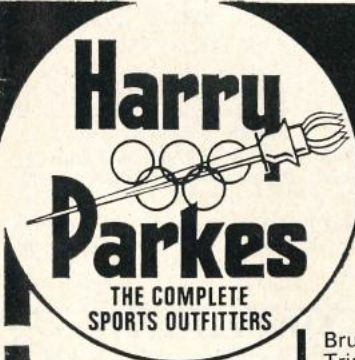
When the gun went it was Crawford who was one of the quickest into his stride: "I saw Borzov over to my right; I caught him at 50m, at 80m I stumbled a little and then hit the tape". Crawford raised one finger in salute and then ran on another 150m, waving triumphantly to the crowd before pulling up sharply as the realisation of his victory hit him. Harvey Glance again ran dangerously close to the lane marker as he swung to his left to hold Valeriy Borzov; meanwhile Don Quarrie, who got away to a poor start, caught Borzov and Glance at 75m and Crawford's 'stumble' only just held him off as he lunged for the line. The Jamaican was undoubtedly the fastest finisher. The winning time of 10.06 (the wind reading was 0.01m/sec against) ranks Crawford 6th of all-time behind Hines (9.95), Greene (10.02), Miller (10.04), Hayes and Riddick (10.05).

Crawford had not thought of the race as compensation for his disappointment in Munich, where he did not finish in the final after feeling he "had a very good chance". He acknowledged the value of the European circuit in preparing

him for this world-class competition but added that he preferred to avoid the American scene as it was "the home of all sprinters" and as an injury prone athlete he felt it wiser to stay away and keep relaxed.

Hasely Crawford has been around a good few seasons. He was bronze medallist in the 1970 Commonwealth 100 at Meadowbank and was runner-up to Silvio Leonard in last year's Pan-Am Games. Also last season he was credited with a windy 9.8 timing for 100m, equal fastest on record. The impression that he might be a strong contender for the gold medal grew after he had run 10.0 into the wind at a warm-up meeting in Montreal on July 12th. Borzov picked him out, together with Quarrie, Leonard and the Americans, when asked last March to name his strongest Olympic opposition, and he was Quarrie's choice when the Jamaican was quizzed about his rivals on the eve of the race. He is Trinidad's first Olympic winner. Annual progression: 1970—10.3, 1971—10.4, 1972—10.18, 1973—10.1, 1974—10.0w, 1975—9.8w/10.21, 1976—10.06.

Quarrie, beaten by a mere 2/100 sec, also won his first Olympic medal after having his chances ruined in Munich by injury. Borzov, who commented before the final "I'm not in the same form as in Munich, but in this race anything is possible", took third in 10.14, his fastest time for four years. Although this was his first defeat in a major Games he at least had the satisfaction



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of depriving the USA of a medal in this event for the first time since 1928, and he became the first Olympic 100m winner to gain a medal in the same event four years later.

- 1, HASELY CRAWFORD (Trinidad & T) 10.06 (16.8.50; 1.90, 87kg).
- 2, DON QUARRIE (Jamaica) 10.08 (25.2.51; 1.75, 70kg).
- 3, VALERIY BORZOV (USSR) 10.14 (20.10.49; 1.83, 84kg).
- 4, HARVEY GLANCE (USA) 10.19 (28.3.57; 1.73, 67kg).
- 5, GUY ABRAHAMS (Panama) 10.25 (7.3.53; 1.73, 75kg).
- 6, JOHNNY JONES (USA) 10.27 (4.4.58; 1.83, 77kg).
- 7, KLAUS-DIETER KURRAT (GDR) 10.31 (16.1.55; 1.70, 71kg).
- 8, PETAR PETROV (Bulgaria) 10.35 (17.2.55; 1.80, 73kg).

SHOT PUT (FINAL)

The vicissitudes of being a top athlete . . . on July 10th, Aleksandr Baryshnikov spun his way to a world record of 22.00/72'24" in Paris; on July 23rd he easily led the qualifiers with an Olympic record of 21.32; on July 25th, in the final, he slumped to 21.00 for the bronze medal . . . on July 9th, Udo Beyer was not a member of the GDR Olympic team; on July 10th he was given one last chance to impress the selectors, and won his place by putting 21.06 in Berlin behind Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg; on July 25th he was crowned Olympic champion.

A 70,000 crowd, the vast majority rooting for Al Feuerbach, watched Baryshnikov lead the proceedings with his first-round 20.53 and then roared in approval as Feuerbach went ahead with his second put of 20.55. The euphoria was brief, for the 1.99/6'6½" tall Soviet athlete responded in the third round with an even 21 metres. He consolidated that with 20.96 next time out but the gold medal slipped out of his grasp in the penultimate round when Beyer unleashed what proved to be the winning put of 21.05/69'04" (which would have been good only for fifth in Munich), followed by the relatively unknown Soviet representative, Yevgeniy Mironov. There was no change in the final round and thus, for the first time in 40 years, there was no American medallist.

Geoff Capes was bitterly disappointed with his sixth place showing; consistently over 20m he was unable to produce the big throw . . . 20.15, 20.21, 20.36, 20.32, 20.31. The one time he did click, in the final round, he fouled—at an estimated 20.96. Geoff was superbly prepared for the competition, said his coach Stuart Storey. In his final practice session, the day before the qualifying contest, he had five consecutive puts over 21m (the first time ever in training) and his opening qualifier of 20.40 increased his sense of well-

being. It was all systems go for the final, but on the day Geoff was held back by a technical fault. He was 'blocking out'; that is, his left foot placement at the stopboard was some six inches away from the ideal, causing his hip drive to be restricted. The effect, in his coach's opinion, was a loss of distance to the tune of 3-4 feet . . . the difference between sixth place and a gold medal.

The new champion, Udo Beyer, is only 20 and was European junior champion in 1973. A talented hammer thrower (66.84) also, he has a sister who holds the GDR discus record for her age group at 52.82 and a brother who plays for the GDR handball team. Progression: 1970—15.95 (5kg), 1971—15.71, 1972—17.08, 1973—19.65, 1974—20.20, 1975—20.97, 1976—21.12. Yevgeniy Mironov, who came within an inch of the gold medal himself, had previously defeated Baryshnikov in the USSR Championships and has made a stunning improvement over the past few seasons: 1973—18.46, 1974—19.87, 1975—19.80, 1976—21.53.

- 1, UDO BEYER (GDR) 21.05/69'04" (20.38, 20.50, 20.49, —, 21.05, 20.45) (9.8.55; 1.94, 120kg).
- 2, YEVGENIY MIRONOV (USSR) 21.03/69'0" (19.67, 20.38, 20.14, 20.17, 21.03, 20.06) (1.11.49; 1.93, 130kg).
- 3, ALEKSANDR BARYSHNIKOV (USSR) 21.00/68'10½" (20.53, 20.27, 21.00, 20.96, 20.58, —) (11.11.48; 1.99, 127kg).
- 4, AL FEUERBACH (USA) 20.56/67'5½" (19.74, 20.55, 20.07, 20.21, 20.10, 20.32) (14.1.48; 1.86, 120kg).
- 5, HANS-PETER GIES (GDR) 20.47/67'2" (19.98, 20.19, 20.47, 20.45, 20.11, 20.13) (9.5.47; 1.94, 115kg).
- 6, GEOFF CAPES (UK) 20.36/66'9½" (20.15, 20.21, 20.36, 20.32, 20.31, —) (23.8.49; 1.98, 146kg).
- 7, GEORGE WOODS (USA) 20.26/66'5½" (20.13, 19.97, 20.20, 20.26, —, 19.87) (11.2.43; 1.88, 137kg).
- 8, HANS HOGLUND (Sweden) 20.17/66'2½" (20.17, 20.10, 19.85, 19.61, —, —) (23.7.52; 1.93, 130kg).

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9, P. Shmook (USA) 19.89/65'34" (19.77, 19.89, 19.26); 10, H.-J. Rothenburg (GDR) 19.79/64'11 1/2" (19.26, 19.79, —); 11, J. Brabec (Cze) 19.62/64'4 1/2" (19.53, 19.62, —); 12, R. Stahlberg (Fin) 18.99/62'34" (18.78, 18.99, 18.82).

Third Day Sunday, July 25th

JAVELIN (QUALIFYING)

The standard was formidable as five men topped 85m, six more exceeded 82m and a total of 16 passed the necessary 79m. Surprisingly, the Hungarians Ferenc Paragi (87.80 this year) and Sandor Boros (86.30) fell far short, but their countryman Miklos Nemeth was in superb form, throwing 89.28. Even that wasn't the best of the round, for Seppo Hovinen—the world's undisputed number one this year—led the way with 89.76/294'6". The local fans had something to cheer about at last when Phil Olsen (19), the greatest young talent in the world since Charles Clover ran into perpetual injury problems, improved no less than 4 1/2 metres to smash Clover's Commonwealth record with 87.76/287'11". The other big throw came from left handed Sam Colson, but only after two poor efforts. "I had to hold back on the first two throws — I was afraid of hurting my back. But then I had to let loose on the third. I was scared." Janis Lusiš, at 37, made his fourth Olympic final.

Qualifiers: S. Hovinen (Fin) **89.76**; M. Nemeth (Hun) **89.28**; P. Olsen (Can) **87.76** (Commonwealth rec); S. Colson (USA) 72.28, 71.74, **86.64**; V. Yershov (USSR) **85.68**; J. Jaakola (Fin) **83.84**; P. Bielczyk (Pol) **82.56**; M. Wessing (WG) 75.98, 78.28, **82.54**; T. Thorslund (Nor) **82.52**; J. Lusiš (USSR) & A. Morales (PR) **82.08**; V. Dzzonev (Bul) 75.66, **80.84**; B. Grimnes (Nor) 73.74, **80.32**; G. Megelea (Rum) **80.26**; A. Hall (USA) **79.56**; H. Siitonen (Fin) **79.38**.

Non-qualifiers: J. Abahi (Iv C) 74.76, **78.40**, 70.10; R. George (USA) —, **78.32**, 64.96; S. Boros (Hun) **77.60**, 77.18, 70.06; F. Paragi (Hun) 73.54, **77.48**, 75.76; O. Jacobsson (Ice) **72.78**, 71.90, —; G. Faddoul (Leb) —, **54.92**, 53.90. U. Von Wartburg (Swi) 3 fouls.

200 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 4 to 2nd round)

The newly-crowned 100m champion Hasely Crawford had a very gentle passage, sauntering through in 22.35, but reigning champion Valeriy Borzov did not show up, reportedly suffering from a thigh injury. Two of the Americans, Millard Hampton and Dwayne Evans, were dominating winners, but the third, Mark Lutz, surprisingly went out, finishing fifth with a heavily bandaged left thigh. European champion

Pietro Mennea, who had previously declared that he was not happy with his form and would not come, changed his mind; there was little wrong with his 20.93 win. Ainsley Bennett was added to this event and won from the inside lane in 21.26, justifying the move.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, M. Hampton (USA) 21.11; 2, C. Jacobs (Ant) 21.50; 3, C. Bradford (Jam) 21.57; 4, A. Padilla (Nic) 23.07; 5, H. Ali (Saudi A) 23.37. A. Armstrong (Tri) dnf.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, R. Mitchell (Aus) 21.91; 2, P. Muster (Swi) 22.33; 3, H. Crawford (Tri) 22.35; 4, C. Dill (Ber) 22.38.

Heat 3: (+0.89) 1, D. Evans (USA) 20.96; 2, P. Fitzgerald (Aus) 21.35; 3, D. Kablan (Iv C) 21.57; 4, A. Abdulkareem (Kuw) 22.44; 5, R. Clarke (Barb) 22.75.

Heat 4: (+0.31) 1, G. Abrahams (Pan) 20.95; 2, T. Johansson (Swe) 21.05; 3, P. Farina (Ita) 21.32; 4, N. Kolesnikov (USSR) 21.33; 5, M. Lutz (USA) 21.50; 6, C. Dorosario (Sen) 21.96.

Heat 5: (nil) 1, P. Mennea (Ita) 20.93; 2, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 21.29; 3, J. Arame (Fra) 21.34; 4, S. Monsels (Sur) 21.60; 5, R. Ahmad (Malay) 21.92. C. Sands (Bah) dnf.

Heat 6: (+0.67) 1, AINSLEY BENNETT (UK) 21.26; 2, B. Grzejszak (Pol) 21.35; 3, P. Ferrer (PR) 21.60; 4, A. Moore (Fiji) 21.82; 5, P. Etienne (Haiti) 22.57. V. Borzov (USSR) scr.

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 5 & 2 fastest losers to 2nd round)

Irena Szewinska finally made her choice of event and, as generally anticipated, it was the 400 she opted for. She was content to amble round in 52.75 in a heat won by Sheila Ingram (19) in a personal best—and fastest of the round—of 51.83. Verona Elder and Donna Murray encountered no problems at all; Gladys Taylor had to fight to be sure of a qualifying place. Marilyn Neufville produced her fastest time of the year—52.93.

Heat 1: 1, C. Brehmer (GDR) 52.45; 2, VERONA ELDER (UK) 52.60; 3, R. Wilden (WG) 53.08; 4, L. Forde (Barb) 53.93; 5, R. Campbell (Can) 54.54.

Heat 2: 1, D. Sapenter (USA) 52.33; 2, DONNA MURRAY (UK) 52.75; 3, M. Koch (GDR) 52.78; 4, R. Berg (Bel) 53.66; 5, S. Hollmann (WG) 53.73; 6, H. Blake (Jam) 53.93; 7, I. Hocking (PR) 57.05.

Heat 3: 1, E. Streidt (GDR) 52.56; 2, C. Wildschek (Aut) 52.65; 3, J. Canty (Aus) 52.88; 4, M. Neufville (Jam) 52.93; 5, R. Wallez (Bel) 52.94; 6, J. Pavlicic (Yug) 54.11.

Heat 4: 1, S. Ingram (USA) 51.83; 2, N. Sokolova (USSR) 52.45; 3, I. Swewinska (Pol) 52.75; 4, J. Yakubovich (Can) 53.35; 5, GLADYS TAYLOR (UK) 53.46; 6, M. Lindholm (Fin) 53.64; 7, C. N'drin (Iv C) 54.13.

Heat 5: 1, R. Bryant (USA) 52.01; 2, R. Salin (Fin) 52.57; 3, L. Aksyonova (USSR) 52.90; 4, B.

Nail (Aus) 52.98; 5, R. Simpson (Jam) 54.07; 6, H. Ritter (Lie) 58.52.

Heat 6: 1, N. Ilyina (USSR) 51.97; 2, V. Burnard (Aus) 52.10; 3, D. Fuhrmann (WG) 52.50; 4, P. Haggman (Fin) 52.73; 5, M. Stride (Can) 53.21; 6, R. Bottiglieri (Ita) 53.37; 7, R. Gauthier (Haiti) 73.27.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Annegret Richter relieved her West German team-mate Inge Helten of the world (automatic) record by clocking 11.01 in the first semi, the wind reading a legal 0.57m/sec. Silvia Chivas (bronze medallist at Munich, and an 11.11 runner before the Games) was fastest away, but faded dramatically to seventh in the second half of the race as Richter, in lane eight, moved through the field. Helten, who held the pending world mark of 11.04, could not quite handle the power of Renate Stecher in the second semi-final, as the reigning champion clocked 11.10. Andrea Lynch had a good start and, although dropping slightly towards the finish still clinched a place in the final—itself an achievement of note, given her recent medical history. Her time of 11.28 was a season's best.

Heat 1: (+0.57) 1, A. Richter (WG) 11.01 (World & Olympic rec); 2, E. Ashford (USA) 11.21; 3, C. Cheeseborough (USA) 11.26; 4, M. Oelsner (GDR) 11.29; 5, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.32; 6, V. Anisimova (USSR) 11.39; 7, S. Chivas (Cub) 11.43; 8, M. Bailey (Can) 11.47.

Heat 2: (+1.07) 1, R. Stecher (GDR) 11.10; 2, I. Helten (WG) 11.18; 3, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.22; 4, ANDREA LYNCH (UK) 11.28; 5, L. Maslakova (USSR) 11.34; 6, B. Morehead (USA) 11.38; 7, P. Loverock (Can) 11.40; 8, L. Haglund (Swe) 11.41.

DISCUS (FINAL)

Following his Olympic record of 68.28 in the qualifying rounds, everyone, including seemingly the other competitors, were waiting in expectation for a big throw from world record holder Mac Wilkins. It came in the second round with what Wilkins himself felt was a "mediocre performance" of 67.50/221'5". As in the women's javelin final it effectively killed any further competition, as the others throwers searched frustratedly for further distance. Wilkins followed his winning throw with three below-par performances—"you're trying to improve and it's all or nothing, mostly it was nothing"—before wrapping up his series with another solid long throw of 66.14 to substantiate his champion status. Wilkins admitted afterwards that he was a little disappointed . . . "physically I should have thrown much better".

John Powell climaxed a fine series of throws ("I think I threw as far as I could") with 65.70

in the third round, and he held the silver medal until the final round when European record holder Wolfgang Schmidt (who has beaten Wilkins this year) overcame his technical difficulties and reached 66.22. Schmidt fouled out twice, reaching for a long throw, the second of which was so marginal (landing well beyond 65m) that he enquired of the referee if he had actually seen him foul! Norbert Thiede held fourth position throughout, and produced an admirably consistent series in view of the apparent difficulties that most of the throwers incurred, trying to catch the light following wind to their advantage.

European champion Pentti Kahma placed second after his first round 63.12 but was unable to advance on that distance and finished sixth. Two of the event's great figures, Jay Silvester and Ludvik Danek (both of whom will become veterans next year) this time played insignificant roles; in Munich Danek was champion with Silvester second.

After the competition Wilkins remarked that his preparation in Three Rivers (Quebec) with Al Feuerbach had been most beneficial, but the US Olympic Committee had put great pressure on both of them for going their own way. The Committee had threatened to "throw them off the team". The competition marked another stage in the bitter rivalry between Wilkins and Powell, his predecessor as world record holder. Wilkins, who said before the competition that he wouldn't mind coming one from last just so long as Powell was last, delightedly congratulated Schmidt when he snatched the silver medal from Powell in the last round.

Wilkins is the greatest all-round throwing talent the world has ever known. Besides his 70.86 discus throw, he has put the shot 20.84, thrown the hammer 61.36 and the javelin 78.44. Progression: 1971—53.64, 1972—59.72, 1973—64.78, 1974—65.14, 1975—66.78, 1976—70.86.

1, MAC WILKINS (USA) 67.50/221'5" (61.78, 67.50, 63.44, 63.52, —, 66.14) (5.11.50; 1.93, 116kg).

2, WOLFGANG SCHMIDT (GDR) 66.22, 217'3" (63.68, —, 65.16, —, 63.96, 66.22) (16.1.54, 1.97, 114kg).

3, JOHN POWELL (USA) 65.70/215'7" (62.48, 64.24, 65.70, 60.48, 60.20, 64.24) (25.6.47; 1.88, 109kg).

4, NORBERT THIEDE (GDR) 64.30/210'11" (62.40, 61.66, 61.98, 63.02, 64.30, 63.04) (3.4.49, 1.97, 120kg).

5, SIEGFRIED PACHALE (GDR) 64.24, 210'9" (59.62, 64.04, 60.02, 61.08, 59.62, 64.24) (24.10.49; 2.02, 135kg).

6, PENTTI KAHMA (Finland) 63.12/207'1" (63.12, 61.22, —, —, —, 61.94, (3.12.43; 1.88, 110kg).

7, KNUST HJELTNES (Norway) 63.06/206'11" (60.26, 62.02, 61.60, 61.26, 61.24, 63.06) (8.12.51, 1.90, 115kg).

8, JAY SILVESTER (USA) 61.98/203'4" (61.60, —, —, —, 61.98, —) (27.8.37; 1.91, 114kg).

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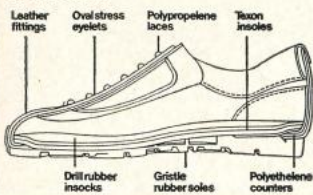
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9, L. Danek (Cze) 61.28/201'0" (60.12, 61.28, 59.62); 10, V. Velez (Bul) 60.94/199'11" (60.94, 60.68, —); 11, F. Tegla (Hun) 60.54/198'7" (57.44, 57.00, 60.54); 12, H-D. Neu (WG) 60.46/198'4" (59.44, 60.26, 60.46); 13, J. Silhavy (Cze) 58.42/191'8" (57.62, 58.42, —); 14, J. Farago (Hun) 57.47/188'7" (57.48, 57.30, —); 15, A. De Vincentis (Ita) 55.86/183'3" (55.86, —, —).

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE (HEATS)

(1st 6 to final)

The first heat brought disappointment for British fans when John Bicourt, who took unpaid leave of absence from his teaching job to prepare at altitude for the Games and only narrowly missed John Davies' UK record of 8:22.6 this season, dropped out of contention for a place in the final during the last two laps. A sprightly Bronislaw Malinowski sliced 5 sec off Kip Keino's Olympic record as Anders Garderud was content to lope in 20m behind.

That Olympic record was very nearly equalled in the second race by . . . Dennis Coates. Only his most fervent supporters could have anticipated such a brilliant run — a UK record of 8:19.0 (actually 8:18.95) to rank equal ninth on the world all-time list! It represented a staggering improvement of eight seconds over his previous fastest, and the astonishing factor is that he made his own pace over the last 3½ laps. Like Tony Simmons in the 10,000 heats, Dennis was so full of running exuberance that he wouldn't, or couldn't, throttle back. As an added bonus, Tony Staynings also qualified in a time just outside his best ever. Coates, whose kilometre times were 2:44.7, 2:49.7 and 2:44.6, made his break at the halfway mark.

"It's been there a while, ever since I ran 8:27.0 solo in the Trials," he said. "It was a question of getting it all right on the day. I could have eased down and run 8:22 but I always wanted to be the first British runner to break 8:20, just as I was the first junior to break 5:40 for the 2000 steeplechase. I didn't feel shattered at the finish; sitting in there could be something more to come."

Heat 1: (2:46.0, 5:34.2) 1, B. Malinowski (Pol) 8:18.6 (Olympic rec); 2, F. Baumgartl (GDR) 8:21.4; 3, A. Garderud (Swe) 8:21.4; 4, A. Campos (Spa) 8:24.6; 5, I. Toukonen (Fin) 8:28.0; 6, H. Marsh (USA) 8:31.6; 7, J-P. Villain (Fra) 8:35.0; 8, JOHN BICOURT (UK) 8:35.8; 9, W. Maier (WG) 8:44.8; 10, P. Larkins (Aus) 8:47.0; 11, A. Asgerisson (Ice) 8:54.0. G. Frahmcke (WG) dnf.

Heat 2: (2:44.7, 5:34.4) 1, DENNIS COATES (UK) 8:19.0 (UK rec); 2, T. Kantanen (Fin) 8:20.8; 3, D. Glans (Swe) 8:23.8; 4, M. Karst (WG) 8:25.0; 5, E. Robertson (NZ) 8:26.4; 6, TONY STAYNINGS (UK) 8:29.2; 7, P. Thijs (Bel) 8:31.6; 8, D. Brown (USA) 8:33.4; 9, T. Koyama (Jap) 8:37.4; 10, M. Roche (USA) 8:37.4; 11, D. Moravcik (Cze) 8:42.0; 12, G. Cefan (Rum) 8:57.2.

800 METRES (FINAL)

No, declared Alberto Juantorena after running 1:45.2 for 800 in Italy in May, he would not be competing in that event at the Olympics. Maybe next year he would take the two-lap race seriously but for the moment his only goal was the 400 in Montreal. As it transpired, the massively constructed Cuban (1.88/6'2" tall, he weighs 84kg/185lb) had made up his mind to train with a view to doubling on his coach's advice much earlier in the year. A series of notable 400/800 triumphs in Europe in June was confirmation that he had developed the necessary recuperative powers to tackle nine races (including the relay) in Montreal, and on his return to Cuba he underlined his immense possibilities at the longer distance by running 1:44.9. His best before this year was 1:49.8, and it was as a 200/400 type (20.7 in competition, 20.3 in training) that he was previously known.

One athlete to underestimate Juantorena's endurance was Rick Wohlhuter, the only man to have run faster this year (1:44.8). "Juantorena will not be a factor," said the American, "because he is basically a 400m runner who will have trouble running three 800m races in as many days." Juantorena knew otherwise: a 1:47.2 heat and 1:45.9 semi were just right to tune him up for an epic performance in the final.

Wohlhuter and Sriram Singh moved away fast but the man who soon caught the eye was Juantorena, whose acceleration from the 150m mark and around the turn was awesome. He led at the break from lanes, at which point Steve Ovett (running in the 'blind' eighth lane) was a dismaying distance behind the front runners. Ovett tried to rectify the situation by closing up as fast as he could as the runners converged towards the 400m mark, but it was to prove his undoing. He was sixth at the bell in around 51.6, as compared to 50.85 by Juantorena, but the effort expended to bring him back into contact left him powerless to respond when, after a brief spell in front by the Indian, Juantorena surged ahead. Wohlhuter went after him along the backstraight but there was no holding the big man. He flew past the 600 mark in 77.1, three metres up on Wohlhuter and six ahead of Ivo Van Damme.

If Wohlhuter thought that his rival was going to crack in the final stages he was mistaken: Juantorena's long pounding stride never faltered for an instant as he crossed the line in the fabulous time of 1:43.50 to take a fifth off Marcello Fiasconaro's world record. Wohlhuter, having given his all trying to close the gap, himself weakened in the last 20m which enabled an inspired Van Damme to overtake him for the silver medal. The Belgian, who set a European 1000m record of 2:15.5 a few days before the Games, became the sixth man in history to crack 1:44.

There was a big gap after Wohlhuter to Willi Wulbeck in fourth place, then came Ovett in a personal best of 1:45.44 a stride ahead of the man who beat him for the European title two years

ago, Luciano Susanj. Sriram Singh, seventh, again broke his Asian record; he ran 1:45.9, 1:46.4 and 1:45.8 on successive days! Although disappointed with his showing, Ovett deserves to be complimented on running faster than ever before after a race which, due to faulty pace judgment, was ill suited to his very special talents. Juantorena is the new superstar of the 800m but Ovett's future remains very bright. These Olympics will have taught him much, in particular the need to experience top speed running throughout a race and not just over the last 200. "I didn't see them until 300," he explained, "and then I knew I couldn't catch them. My legs were dead on the backstraight."

Alberto Juantorena Danger, to quote his name in full, began as a basketball player but, happily for athletics, his coach thought he would do better as a runner. He switched sports in 1971, aged 19. Starting off with a 51.0 timing he was down to 48.2 by the end of the year. He made the Olympic team the following season and excelled by clocking 45.94 in a heat; he missed reaching the final by 5/100 sec. His first major success occurred in 1973 when he defeated David Jenkins for the World Student Games title in 45.36; next year he improved to 44.7 and was ranked first in the world. A foot injury, necessitating a double operation, ruined his 1975 season but he salvaged the year by running 44.80 for second in the Pan-Am Games, a time he trimmed to 44.70 this year. He ran his first 800 in 1973 (1:49.8), his second in 1974 (1:50.9), his third and fourth in Cuba this April (1:46.9 and 1:46.1, the latter with a 49.8 first lap). By winning the Olympic 800 he became Cuba's first gold medalist in athletics and ended the English-speaking world's monopoly of Olympic 800 titles... ever since 1896 this race has always been won by an American, Briton, New Zealander or Australian.

A graduate in economics, Juantorena is very much a political animal — as he repeatedly demonstrated at a press conference following his victory. "I dedicate this gold medal to Fidel Castro and the revolution," he emphasised. Who did you win your medal for, a reporter asked Ivo Van Damme. "Myself," replied the Belgian to murmurs of approval from non-revolutionary Western journalists.

1, ALBERTO JUANTORENA (Cuba) 1:43.5 (World & Olympic rec) (3.12.51; 1.88, 84kg).

2, IVO VAN DAMME (Belgium) 1:43.9 (21.2.54; 1.91, 76kg).

3, RICK WOHLHUTER (USA) 1:44.1 (23.12.48 1; 75, 59kg).

4, WILLI WULBECK (W Germany) 1:45.3 (18.12.54; 1.86, 71kg).

5, STEVE OVETT (UK) 1:45.4 (9.10.55; 1.83, 69kg).

6, LUCIANO SUSANJ (Yugoslavia) 1:45.8 (10.11.48; 1.85, 74kg).

7, SRIRAM SINGH (India) 1:45.8 (21.6.50; 1.75, 62kg).

8, CARLO GRIPPO (Italy) 1:48.4 (8.1.55; 1.78, 68kg).

400 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

The excitement caused by that unforgettable 800 had barely subsided before the 70,000-plus crowd were treated to another world record—the third of the day. An 800m world record by a Cuban who had never run the event seriously until three months earlier was followed by a 400m hurdles mark from a 20-year-old American who had contested the event only once in his life before this season!

Edwin Moses will go down in history on three counts: his time of 47.64 broke John Akii-Bua's world record of 47.82; his winning margin of over a second was the widest ever—bigger even than David Hemery's in Mexico City; and he is the first to win this Olympic title using a 13-stride pattern throughout the race.

Rarely has an athlete catapulted from total obscurity to the ultimate in athletic achievement so quickly. At high school, Moses had broken neither 50 sec for the quarter nor 15 sec for the high hurdles. By 1974 he had advanced to 48.0 and 14.2; in 1975 he was down to 47.5 (but, more significantly, 45.5 in a relay) and 14.0. Lloyd Jackson, his coach at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia (Martin Luther King's *alma mater*), realised that Edwin's combination of talents pointed towards the 400 hurdles and a start was made in a heat of an inter-collegiate meet last summer. He ran 52.0 (for yards) but scratched from the final as it was only five minutes after he had won the flat quarter in 47.5.

His second race took place on March 27th 1976: he clocked 50.1 for second place. His rise towards greatness was relentless from that point onwards: 49.8 in April; 49.5, 48.9 and 48.8 during May. He missed qualifying for the National Collegiate Championships in June when he fell over in a divisional trial race and following an extravagant 48.86 heat he slipped to fourth (48.99) at the AAU Championships after hitting the 8th and 10th hurdles. But there were no mistakes when it really counted, and he won the US Olympic Trial on June 21st in the American record time of 48.30. He confirmed after that race what he had been saying all season... that he would break the world record in Montreal.

He was as good as his word. Such was his eagerness that he leapt high in the air before settling onto his blocks; he just couldn't wait to get started. There might have been a danger that his exuberance would cause him to blast out too fast, but he was in complete control. Alan Pascoe, (lane 5) in a do or die attempt, matched strides with Moses (lane 4) for the first three flights, with Yevgeniy Gavrilenko (outside lane) also away fast. Moses was ahead of Pascoe by the 4th hurdle and was timed in 21.2 at the 5th, a couple of metres in front of Pascoe. By now Moses was really getting into his huge stride and he proceeded to draw far away from the others.

Entering the final straight it was Mike Shine second and Gavrilenko third—positions they held to the finish—while Pascoe held fourth spot over the 9th hurdle. He was still equal fifth with two others as he crossed the last barrier but he had already given his all and slackened off on the run-in to finish last.

It was a brave try by a man who, through injury, had done well enough to reach the final at all. "I came eighth because I tried to have a go", he said. "I could have finished fifth or sixth if I had played safe, but this is not a tactic for the Olympics". One doubts whether anyone would have beaten Moses this day—his was an inspired performance worthy of his predecessors, Hemery and Aki-Bua, but the Pascoe of last year would certainly have been in the running for the silver medal. "Shine Mike Shine" implored a banner draped over a wall near the start, and he positively dazzled as he ran the fastest race of his life for an isolated second place. He and Moses took a lap of honour to thunderous applause, even indulging in a little more hurdling towards the end of it. "We were hoping to get 1-2-3, and were just a little disappointed that Quentin (Wheeler) didn't make it", said Shine.

"It wasn't really a perfect race for me", conceded Moses. "I had a slow start but I made it up on the second 100. I've been working on the last part of my race; anybody can run the first five hurdles but it's those last five which determine who will win the race. I guess I can chop some more time off; I was planning to run about 47.5". Shine, a fifteen-strider with a right leg lead, said: "I thought if I could come out with him at the home turn I might be strong enough to stay with him but he was so far in front of me that all I could hope for was second, but I'm delighted. I felt that just making the US team was tougher for me than this race here because we had six of the top guys in the world at that time". Final word from the remarkable Edwin Corley Moses: "I'm just glad I got the gold medal and it's all over and I can get back to school".

1, EDWIN MOSES (USA) 47.64 (World & Olympic rec) (31.8.55; 1.86, 73kg).

2, MIKE SHINE (USA) 48.69 (19.9.53; 1.83, 77kg).

3, YEVGENIY GAVRILENKO (USSR) 49.45 (15.4.51; 1.87, 76.5kg).

4, QUENTIN WHEELER (USA) 49.86 (27.4.55; 1.86, 75kg).

5, JOSE JESUS CARVALHO (Portugal) 49.94 (16.6.53; 1.86, 75kg).

6, YANKO BRATANOV (Bulgaria) 50.03 (10.4.52; 1.81, 73kg).

7, ALFONSO DAMASO (Cuba) 50.19 (11.12.51; 1.81, 76kg).

8, ALAN PASCOE (UK) 51.29 (11.10.47; 1.86, 77kg).

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (FINAL)

It took four attempts to get the nervous field away. After a recall first time, Raelene Boyle,

and then Andrea Lynch, caused breaks. Lynch and Renate Stecher were eventually fastest away, but the dual-pronged West German challenge of Annegret Richter, in lane seven, and Inge Helten, in lane one, came either side of Stecher as Andrea fell back. The three Germans crossed the line close enough together to be looking at each other and shrugging immediately afterwards, but a slow motion replay of the finish on the giant electric scoreboard told them and the crowd that Richter had taken the gold medal in 11.08, with Stecher having to be content with the silver for once (11.13), and Helten the bronze (11.17). Raelene Boyle, silver medallist in Munich, repeated her Mexico placing of fourth, just edging the leading American Evelyn Ashford. Andrea Lynch, who at one stage this season must have given up all hope of an Olympic final place, finished seventh in 11.32.

Annegret Richter (née Irrgang) was fifth at Munich in 11.38, but has made great progress this season, with a manual 10.8 clocking, and an automatic 11.17 before the Games. Born in Dortmund on October 13th 1950, she was a member of the winning West German 4 x 100m relay team at the 1971 European championships and 1972 Olympics, and a silver relay medallist in Rome. Apart from a European indoor 60m title in 1973, this was her first major international victory. Progression: 1966—12.2, 1967—12.2, 1968—11.9, 1969—12.3, 1970—11.4, 1971—11.4, 1972 11.30, 1973—11.2, 1974—11.24, 1975—11.1, 1976—11.01/10.8 (world records). She has run 200 in 22.72 and long jumped 6.25—an event she may take seriously next year.

Stecher, for so long a dominating force, therefore lost her Olympic 100m title as she lost her European title in Rome. The 26-year-old East German has never really shown her best form this year, and indeed in Montreal she reached her 1976 high point so far—but it wasn't quite enough.

1, ANNEGRET RICHTER (W Germany) 11.08 (13.10.50; 1.67, 52kg).

2, RENATE STECHER (GDR) 11.13 (12.5.50; 1.70, 70kg).

3, INGE HELTEN (W Germany) 11.17 (31.12.50; 1.71, 58kg).

4, RAELENE BOYLE (Australia) 11.23 (24.6.51; 1.68, 57kg).

5, EVELYN ASHFORD (USA) 11.24 (15.4.57; 1.65, 52kg).

6, CHANDRA CHEESEBOROUGH (USA) 11.31 (10.1.59; 1.65, 59kg).

7, ANDREA LYNCH (UK) 11.32 (24.11.52; 1.57, 52kg).

8, MARLIES OELSNER (GDR) 11.34 (21.3.58; 1.65, 51kg).

200 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

Don Quarrie ran what must have been the most relaxed 20.28 200m imaginable, and just

kept on running down the stadium tunnel. Millard Hampton, drawn alongside the Jamaican, was even more casual in second place, but both men were well clear of the field in their heat. Ainsley Bennett added further justification for his inclusion, by finishing a qualifying third in his heat. He ran a good bend, faded, but rallied to pass Thorsten Johansson (20.61 this year) and Nikolay Kolesnikov just before the line. Dwayne Evans, this remarkable 17-year-old high school boy, looked very strong in winning his heat, but Hasely Crawford had to pull out a little more effort than in his first round race, winning in 20.95. Peter Muster, the fastest European this season at 20.46, did not reach the last sixteen.

Heat 1: (-0.01) 1, D. Evans (USA) 20.56; 2, G. Abrahams (Pan) 20.72; 3, R. da Silva (Bra) 20.76; 4, C. Bradford (Jam) 21.03; 5, P. Muster (Swi) 21.09; 6, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 21.22; 7, P. Farina (Ita) 21.31; 8, H. Fraser (Can) 21.57.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, P. Mennea (Ita) 20.70; 2, D. Kablan (Iv C) 20.91; 3, AINSLEY BENNETT (UK) 21.07; 4, N. Kolesnikov (USSR) 21.08; 5, T. Johansson (Swe) 21.08; 6, C. Dill (Ber) 21.40; 7, E. Lepold (Hun) 21.68.

Heat 3: (-0.01) 1, D. Quarrie (Jam) 20.28; 2, M. Hampton (USA) 20.83; 3, J. Arame (Fra) 21.04; 4, L. Micha (Bel) 21.09; 5, S. Monsels (Sur) 21.29; 6, C. Jacobs (Ant) 21.33; 7, A. Moore (Fiji) 21.75; 8, A. Abdulkareem (Kuwait) 22.34.

Heat 4: (nil) 1, H. Crawford (Tri) 20.95; 2, B. Grzeszczak (Pol) 21.02; 3, R. Bombardella (Lux) 21.03; 4, P. Fitzgerald (Aus) 21.07; 5, P. Ferrer (PR) 21.33; 6, W. Callendah (Bah) 21.78; 7, A. Padilla (Nic) 22.74; 8, J. Mayer (Fra) 24.47.

WOMEN'S PENTATHLON

If you thought that was a close pentathlon result in Munich—Mary P winning by 10 points from Heide Rosendahl with Burglinde Pollak only another 23 points further back—then what can you say about a contest where five points cover the first three, the first and second finishers totalling precisely the same score! Unbelievable, but it happened in Montreal, scene of an ever

increasing number of astonishing happenings both on track and field. What's more, all three medallists hail from the same nation . . . no prizes offered.

Let's review the event as it unfolded, starting with the 100m hurdles on the first day (July 25th). Sigrun Siegl, the world long jump record holder who could place only fourth in her speciality, won the opening heat in 13.31, a time bettered only by Pollak (13.30). The other East German, Christine Laser, was below form with a 13.55. Sue Longden made a promising start by clocking her fastest of 13.91 which placed tenth of the 20 competitors. Unfortunately, Sue came unstuck in the shot where she could manage no better than 10.87 as against a personal best of 12.54, and that caused her to drop to 16th. Pollak extended her lead appreciably by putting over a metre farther than anyone else (though well below her recent 17.09), but Siegl dropped away to ninth place on account of a relatively modest 12.92. Laser reached 14.29 to improve her overall position from eighth to fifth.

Pollak, a world record holder in search of her first major title, in effect lost the Olympic crown on the high jump fan. Although she has cleared 1.78 this is not normally a good event for her in pentathlon competition, and on this occasion it proved an absolute disaster. She managed a mere 1.65 (worth 875 pts, whereas a 1.78 yields 1012), failing at 1.68, and that dropped her overnight placing to third. The crowd's darling, Diane Jones, missed her chance too by going no higher than 1.80 in an event in which she is of world class and she finished the day fourth, a few points ahead of Laser, whose leap of 1.78 was a lifetime best. The East German girl could afford to smile . . . a sort of Laser beam lit up her face. Siegl jumped 1.74 to languish in ninth place; up front it was the USSR first and second as European champion Nadyezhda Tkachenko led by 39 pts over Lyudmila Popovskaya, with Pollak another 28 digits removed. Siegl, at this juncture, was 158 pts behind the leader—but, as pointed out in the 'AW' preview, one could anticipate a second day score à la Rosendahl. Sue Longden cleared 1.71 to remain 16th.

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It was 6.99 performer Siegl, of course, who won the long jump at the start of the second day but her best distance of 6.49 was mediocre by her standards and it seemed as though she had forfeited her chance of success. She moved up only two places to seventh (3718 pts) while Tkachenko (3788) and Popovskaya (3772) continued to lead the way. However, Pollak (3768), Jones (3764) and Laser (3757) all jumped better than the Soviet pair and the running totals were now so close that, with just the 200m remaining, the event was wide open. Sue Longden's 5.92 leap moved her up a notch, and she finished in style by winning her heat in a personal best of 24.40 to improve to 12th overall!

The effect of the final heat of the 200, which brought together the top eight, was devastating. Sigrun Siegl produced an absolutely superb 23.09 to rise from seventh to first with 4745 points; Laser also ran faster than ever before to advance from fifth to second with the same score (Siegl being adjudged the winner because she was ahead of Laser in three of the five events: 100H, LJ, 200); and Pollak stayed third although she would have won had she found an extra 6/100 sec. Popovskaya went back from second to fourth, and Tkachenko (the leader twenty-odd seconds earlier) wound up fifth and in tears.

Said Lyle Sanderson, Diane Jones' coach: "What Siegl did was the sign of a true champion. She had not much right to even expect a medal and then she went out and ran the race of her life." Siegl (née Thon), who was fourth in Rome, has shown the following progress: 1971—3930, 1972—4230, 1973—4329, 1974—4548, 1975—4636, 1976—4813 (second on all-time list).

FIRST DAY

100mH: Ht 1: (nil) 1, S. Siegl (GDR) 13.31; 2, T. Vorokhobko (USSR) 13.31; 3, P. Sokolova (Bul) 13.32; 4, SUE LONGDEN (UK) 13.91; 5, A. Bruce (Jam) 13.94; 6, G. Fitzgerald (USA) 14.16; 7, D. Focic (Yug) 14.48. **Ht 2:** (nil) 1, B. Pollak (GDR) 13.30; 2, N. Tkachenko (USSR) 13.41; 3, J. Frederick (USA) 13.54; 4, M. Eppinger (WG) 13.97; 5, I. Bruzsenyak (Hun) 14.00; 6, A. Desevici (Uru) 15.49. **Ht 3:** (nil) 1, L. Popovskaya (USSR) 13.33; 2, C. Laser (GDR) 13.55; 3, D. Jones (Can) 13.79; 4, E. Noeding (Peru) 14.06; 5, M. Papp (Hun) 14.14; 6, M. King (USA) 14.45; 7, M. Tuisorisori (Fiji) 14.78.

Points after 1 event: Pollak 959; Siegl 957; Vorokhobko 957; Sokolova 956; Popovskaya 955; Tkachenko 944; Frederick 926; Laser 925; Jones 893; LONGDEN 877.

SP: Pollak 16.25 (13.64, 15.82, 16.25); Popovskaya 15.02 (14.43, 15.02, —); Tkachenko 14.90 (14.51, 14.90, —); Papp 14.80 (14.66, 14.80, 14.39); Jones 14.58 (14.15, 14.58, 14.49); Frederick 14.55 (14.35, 14.55, 13.47); Laser 14.29 (13.89, 14.29, 12.70); Sokolova 13.70 (13.70, 13.29, 13.60); Vorokhobko 13.08 (13.08, 12.84, 12.71); Siegl 12.92 (12.22, 12.75, 12.92); Eppinger 12.75 (12.51, 12.10, 12.75); Focic 12.65 (12.65, 12.38, 11.67); Fitzgerald 12.51 (12.51, 12.09, 12.51); King 12.27

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(12.01, —, 12.27); Noeding 11.41 (9.94, 11.41, 10.36); LONGDEN 10.87 (10.45, 10.87, —); Bruzsenyak 10.86 (10.86, —, —); Desevici 10.60 (10.28, 10.42, 10.60); Bruce 10.23 (10.23, 10.15, 9.48); Tuisorisori 9.38 (—, 9.38, 9.34).

Points after 2 events: Pollak 1922; Popovskaya 1851; Tkachenko 1833; Frederick 1796; Laser 1780; Sokolova 1777; Jones 1764; Vorokhobko 1742; Siegl 1732; Papp 1732 . . . 16, LONGDEN 1524.

HJ: Bruce 1.82; Tkachenko & Jones 1.80; Papp & Laser 1.78; Frederick 1.76; Vorokhobko, Popovskaya, Siegl & King 1.74; Bruzsenyak & SUE LONGDEN 1.71; Eppinger, Fitzgerald & Focic 1.68; Noeding, Sokolova & Pollak 1.64; Desevici 1.60; Tuisorisori 1.55.

Points after 3 events: 1, Tkachenko 2864; 2, Popovskaya 2825; 3, Pollak 2797; 4, Jones 2795; 5, Laser 2792; 6, Frederick 2789; 7, Papp 2744; 8, Vorokhobko 2716; 9, Siegl 2706; 10, Sokolova 2652; 11, Eppinger 2550; 12, Bruce 2527; 13, King 2521; 14, Fitzgerald 2511; 15, Focic 2481; 16, LONGDEN 2469; 17, Bruzsenyak 2458; 18, Noeding 2415; 19, Desevici 2159; 20, Tuisorisori 2100.

SECOND DAY

LJ: Siegl 6.49 (6.29, 6.42, 6.49); Papp 6.35 (6.35, 5.87, 6.08); Pollak 6.30 (—, 6.30, 5.89); Jones 6.29 (6.29, 6.25, 6.06); Focic 6.28 (5.90, 6.10, 6.28); Laser 6.27 (6.01, —, 6.27); Popovskaya 6.19 (—, 6.08, 6.19); Tkachenko 6.08 (6.08, 6.08, 6.08); Eppinger 6.07 (—, 6.07, 5.99); Bruzsenyak (6.04 (6.04, 6.03, 5.85); Frederick 5.99 (—, 5.99, —); Sokolova 5.93 (5.93, 5.84, 5.78); LONGDEN 5.92 (5.92, 5.92, 5.84); Fitzgerald 5.89 (5.63, 5.72, 5.89); Tuisorisori 5.84 (5.84, 5.54, 5.58); King 5.62 (5.62, 5.61, 5.57); Bruce 5.50 (5.50, 4.47, 4.93); Desevici 5.28 (3.60, 5.28, 5.10); Vorokhobko 4.97 (—, 4.97, 4.86). Noeding scr.

Points after 4 events: Tkachenko 3788; Popovskaya 3772; Pollak 3768; Jones 3764; Laser 3757; Papp 3726; Siegl 3718; Frederick 3693; Sokolova 3543; Eppinger 3471 . . . 15, LONGDEN 3357.

200m: Ht 1: (+1.13) 1, Bruce 24.66; 2, Focic 24.78; 3, Tuisorisori 24.89; 4, King 25.27; 5, Desevici 26.45. **Ht 2:** (+0.78) 1, LONGDEN 24.20; 2, Eppinger 24.61; 3, Fitzgerald 24.73; 4, Vorokhobko 24.85; 5, Sokolova 24.95; 6, Bruzsenyak 25.30. **Ht 3:** (+1.12) 1, Siegl 23.09; 2, Laser 23.48; 3, Pollak 23.64; 4, Popovskaya 24.10; 5, Tkachenko 24.61; 6, Frederick 24.70; 7, Jones 25.33; 8, Papp 25.43.

Final Result

1, SIGRUN SIEGL (GDR) 4745 (13.31, 12.92, 1.74, 6.49, 23.09) (29.10.54; 1.74, 61kg).
2, CHRISTINE LASER (GDR) 4745 (13.55, 14.29, 1.78, 6.27, 23.48) (19.3.51; 1.79, 68kg).
3, BURGLINDE POLLAK (GDR) 4740 (13.30, 16.25, 1.64, 6.30, 23.64) (10.6.51; 1.81, 80kg).
4, LYUDMILA POPOVSKAYA (USSR) 4700

(13.33, 15.02, 1.74, 6.19, 24.10) (17.12.50; 1.68, 67kg).

5, NADYEZHDA TKACHENKO (USSR) 4669 (13.41, 14.90, 1.80, 6.08, 24.61) (19.9.48; 1.65, 73kg).

6, DIANE JONES (Canada) 4582 (13.79, 14.58, 1.80, 6.29, 25.33) (7.3.51; 1.79, 70kg).

7, JANE FREDERICK (USA) 4566 (13.54, 14.55, 1.76, 5.99, 24.70) (7.4.52; 1.83, 69kg).

8, MARGRIT PAPP (Hungary) 4535 (14.14, 14.80, 1.78, 6.35, 25.43) (30.4.48; 1.77, 78kg).

9, P. Sokolova (Bul) 4394; 10, M. Eppinger (WG) 4352; 11, D. Focic (Yug) 4314; 12, SUE LONGDEN (UK) 4276 (13.91, 10.87, 1.71, 5.92, 24.20); 13, G. Fitzgerald (USA) 4263; 14, T. Vorokhobko (USSR) 4245; 15, A. Bruce (Jam) 4198; 15, I. Bruzsenyak (Hun) 4193; 17, M. King (USA) 4165; 18, M. Tuisorisori (Fiji) 3827; 19, A. Desevici (Uru) 3628. E. Noeding (Peru) dnf.

Fourth Day Monday, July 26th

110 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 5 & fastest loser to semis)

The big surprise was the elimination of Danny Smith, who has the fastest hand-timed mark (13.4) of any Commonwealth hurdler to his credit. Athletes advanced direct to the semi-finals—the second round being scrapped because of the small entry. World record holder and 1972 silver medallist, Guy Drut, qualified without undue exertion and Berwyn Price powered through the field in the closing stages after his usual slow start, to take second place to Charles Foster.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, C. Foster (USA) 13.68; 2, BERWYN PRICE (UK) 13.82; 3, V. Kulebyakin (USSR) 13.99; 4, J-P. Corval (Fra) 14.00; 5, F. Siebeck (GDR) 14.01; 6, G. Ronconi (Ita) 14.10; 7, A. Saar (Sen) 14.20; 8, C. Mainwaring (Ant) 15.54.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, W. Davenport (USA) 13.70; 2, A. Casanas (Cub) 13.73; 3, G. Drut (Fa) 14.04; 4, A. Bristol (PR) 14.04; 5, I. Ahmad Mobarak (Mal) 14.27; 6, E. Vasiliou (Gre) 14.33; 7, J. Cartas (Mex) 14.56. M. Binnington (Aus) dnf.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, T. Munkelt (GDR) 13.69; 2, V. Myasnikov (USSR) 13.81; 3, G. Buttari (Ita) 13.88; 4, W. Parr (Aus) 14.02; 5, J. Owens (USA) 14.03; 6, D. Smith (Bah) 14.13; 7, D. Taillon (Can) 14.23; 8, S. Faraj (Kuw) 15.97.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (QUALIFYING)

There was a whole series of shock eliminations, in what should have been a formality for the top jumpers, most notable of which was the reigning

Olympic champion Ulrike Meyfarth, who found the 1.80/5'10½" qualifying mark too much for her and left the arena in tears. Others, like Meyfarth, with a 1.90 clearance to their credit this year and who failed to make 1.80 here included Rita Kirst, who cleared only 1.78, and Debbie Brill, a big hope for a Canadian medal, who found her opening height of 1.75 beyond her. Vera Bradacova (1.92 this year) was another surprise elimination, while the two British girls both went out too. Even world record holder Rosi Ackermann needed two attempts at 1.80.

The demise of Commonwealth record holder Brill was a bitter pill for the long-suffering Canadian fans to swallow. "On my first attempt I just slipped plain and simple", she explained. "On my second I was really surprised to knock the bar off. By the time of my third attempt I figured there really wasn't any reason to worry about technique, but again the bar came down. It seems absurd. I have to laugh . . . almost".

Qualifiers: B. Holzapfel (WG), G. Filatova (USSR), J. Huntley (USA), C. Debourse (Fra), A. Pira (Bel), R. Ahlers (Neth), T. Schlachto (USSR), S. Simeoni (Ita), Y. Blagoeva (Bul), C. Popa (Rum), R. Ackermann (GDR), M. Mracnova (Cze), M. Karbanova (Cze), S. Hrepevnik (Yug), J. White (Can), A. Matay (Hun), L. Walker (Can), S. Sundquist (Fin), A. Reid (Jam), A. Tannander (Swe), P. Girven (USA)—all 1.80.

Non-qualifiers: U. Meyfarth (WG) & R. Kirst (GDR) 1.78; D. Bulfoni (Ita), M. Betioli (Bra) & V. Bradacova (Cze) 1.75; A. Tveit (Nor), P. Spencer (USA), M. Sone (Jap), MOIRA WALLS (UK) & N. Marinenko (USSR) 1.70; DENISE BROWN (UK) (attempted 1.70), P. Gisladdottir (Ice), G. Grassi (S Marino) & D. Brill (Can) failed opening height.

HAMMER (QUALIFYING)

The top four hammer throwers on the world all-time list—Walter Schmidt (79.30), Yuriy Sedykh (78.86), Aleksey Spiridonov (78.62) and Karl-Hans Riehm (78.52)—plus the Munich gold and silver medallists, Anatoliy Bondarchuk and Jochen Sachse, all qualified safely—but the longest throw of the morning came from Chris Black. He sent the missile crashing beyond 75m while warming up! In the competition itself he threw 70.76, equal fifth best of the round. Only ten bettered the 69m (226'4") standard and another 20cm would have seen Paul Dickenson into the final.

Qualifiers: K-H. Riehm (WG) 74.46; Y. Sedykh (USSR) 71.46; A. Bondarchuk (USSR) 71.08; M. Seidel (GDR) 70.84; W. Schmidt (WG) & CHRIS BLACK (UK) 70.76; J. Accambray (Fra) 70.72; J. Sachse (GDR) —, 70.64; A. Spiridonov (USSR) 70.64; P. Farmer (Aus) 67.50, 68.94, 69.92; S. Murofushi (Jap) 66.22, 68.84, 68.24; E. Klein (WG) 68.68, 68.36, 68.72.

Non-qualifiers: P. Orlando (Ita) —, 66.18, 68.54; PAUL DICKENSON (UK) 67.52, —, 68.52; L. Hart (USA) 67.74, 65.74, —; M.

Cheater (NZ) 66.30, 67.38, —; E. Podberschek (Ita) 66.56, 66.28, —; P. Sternad (Aut) 65.80, 66.08, 66.14; M. Keating (Can) 65.00, 65.28, 65.68; K. Ierissiotis (Gre) 65.50, —, —.

400 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 5 and 2 fastest losers to 2nd round)

No trouble for David Jenkins, who looked strong and relaxed in winning his heat in 46.60. Glen Cohen also went comfortably through to the second round and could claim to have beaten the new Olympic 800m champion and world record holder, Alberto Juantorena, who got a terrible start but stretched his long legs just enough to amble through in third place behind Mike Solomon and Cohen. Fastest of the round was Fred Newhouse, who clocked 45.42 easing up. The other Americans, Herman Frazier and Maxie Parks, were also easy heat winners, and there seemed little wrong with Fons Brydenbach, who was rumoured to have been injured.

Heat 1: 1, H. Frazier (USA) 46.09; 2, M. Sands (Bah) 46.52; 3, Z. Jaremski (Pol) 46.68; 4, P. Grant (Aus) 47.03; 5, B. Saunders (Can) 47.24; 6, C. Norona (Cub) 48.46; 7, H. Grimes (Barb) 49.24; 8, W. Cyriaque (Haiti) 51.49.

Heat 2: 1, F. Newhouse (USA) 45.42; 2, R. Mitchell (Aus) 46.11; 3, J. Werner (Pol) 46.19; 4, A. Diguia (Ita) 46.52; 5, L. Priestley (Jam) 46.74; 6, D. Domansky (Can) 47.24; 7, E. Thurton (Belize) 48.91; 8, A. Asiry (Saudi A) 49.72.

Heat 3: 1, M. Parks (USA) 46.12; 2, D. da Silva (Bra) 47.21; 3, I. Mangual (PR) 47.39; 4, K. Honz (WG) 47.47; 5, E. Gutierrez (Cub) 47.89; 6, R. Swan (Ber) 49.13.

Heat 4: 1, A. Brydenbach (Bel) 46.73; 2, J. Pietrzyk (Pol) 46.92; 3, F-P. Hofmeister (WG) 47.17; 4, O. Karttunen (Fin) 47.22; 5, G. Bogue (Can) 47.42; 6, R. Heerenveen (Neth Ant) 47.44; 7, W. Kali (Papua-NG) 48.85; 8, R. Larios (Nic) 50.52.

Heat 5: 1, DAVID JENKINS (UK) 46.60; 2, B. Herrmann (WG) 46.99; 3, J. Alebic (Yug) 47.03; 4, M. Kukkoaho (Fin) 47.67; 5, C. Joseph (Tri) 47.72; 6, S. Dieye (Sen) 47.98; 7, B. Stefansson (Ice) 48.34.

Heat 6: 1, M. Solomon (Tri) 47.29; 2, GLEN COHEN (UK) 47.77; 3, A. Juantorena (Cub) 47.89; 4, A. Daley (Jam) 48.04; 5, F. Sowerby (Ant) 48.12; 6, A. Nogboun (Iv C) 48.24; 7, J. Jesus Carvalho (Por) 48.47.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 5 and 2 fastest losers to 2nd round)

Although neither of the British girls, Helen Golden and Beverley Goddard, got into the first five in their heats, both qualified for the next round as the two fastest losers. Beverley's time of 23.64 was only a few hundredths below her best. Renate Stecher, the desposed 100m champion, showed that she had no intention of letting go

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of her other Olympic title easily, and blasted to the fastest time of the round, 22.75. Carla Bodendorf also dipped under 23 sec in winning her heat, while Raelene Boyle ran a very fast bend, then eased right up in the straight but still clocked 23.12. Sonia Lannaman, alas, had still not recovered sufficiently from her leg injury to be able to run in what was expected to be her stronger event—a tragic end to such a promising Olympic build-up.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, C. Cheeseborough (USA) 23.17; 2, D. Robertson (Aus) 23.23; 3, R. Allwood (Jam) 23.34; 4, M. Bailey (Can) 23.36; 5, A. Kroniger (WG) 23.43; 6, BEVERLEY GODDARD (UK) 23.64.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, B. Eckert (GDR) 23.78; 2, S. Jowett (NZ) 24.12; 3, J. McTaggart (Can) 24.35; 4, F. Davy (Barb) 24.45. B. Morehead (USA) scr.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 23.12; 2, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 23.39; 3, A. Richter (WG) 23.47; 4, C. Rega (Fra) 23.54; 5, S. Schinzel (Aut) 23.74; 6, S. Das Gracias Pereira (Bra) 24.00; 7, C. Rieuwpassa (Indon) 24.86.

Heat 4: (nil) 1, D. Armstrong (USA) 23.18; 2, C. Delachanal (Fra) 23.38; 3, I. Heltten (WG) 23.40; 4, L. Maslakova (USSR) 23.51; 5, L. Alaerts (Bel) 23.53; 6, HELEN GOLDEN (UK) 23.77; 7, H. Ritter (Lie) 26.15; 8, L. Pierre (Haiti) 28.19.

Heat 5: (nil) 1, C. Bodendorf (GDR) 22.98; 2, J. Pusey (Jam) 23.56; 3, D. Wells (Aus) 23.78; 4, I. Szabo (Hun) 24.35; 5, M.-L. Pursiainen (Fin) 24.52. SONIA LANNAMAN (UK) scr.

Heat 6: (nil) 1, R. Stecher (GDR) 22.75; 2, T. Prochenko (USSR) 23.21; 3, P. Loverock (Can) 23.34; 4, L. Panayotova (Bul) 23.49; 5, C. Cummings (Jam) 23.50; 6, D. Estrella (Dom R) 24.95.

200 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

In the first semi Millard Hampton led off the bend with Pietro Mennea and Hasely Crawford right up with him, but the 100m champion eased up for a safe third place. Hampton slackened too, but European champion Mennea didn't look like a man reluctant to run. He crossed the line in 20.67, a fraction ahead of Hampton. Don Quarrie went even faster in the other semi, 20.48, again easing up once he was safely in sight of the line. Dwayne Evans did not try to fight him at this stage, preferring to wait for the final. Ainsley Bennett was eliminated, but had done well, for a last-minute entry, to get as far as he did. The overall standard, though, was low for Olympic semi-finals with times of 21.09 and 21.14 sufficing.

Heat 1: (+0.75) 1, P. Mennea (Ita) 20.67; 2, M. Hampton (USA) 20.69; 3, H. Crawford (Tri) 20.99; 4, C. Bradford (Jam) 21.09; 5, D. Kablan (Iv C) 21.14; 6, R. Bombardella (Lux) 21.16; 7, N. Kolesnikov (USSR) 21.25; 8, P. Fitzgerald (Aus) 21.29.

Heat 2: (+0.71) 1, D. Quarrie (Jam) 20.48; 2,

D. Evans (USA) 20.83; 3, R. da Silva (Bra) 21.01; 4, B. Grzeszczak (Pol) 21.14; 5, G. Abrahams (Pan) 21.15; 6, J. Arame (Fra) 21.29; 7, L. Micha (Bel) 21.46; 8, AINSLEY BENNETT (UK) 21.52.

400 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

David Jenkins seemed to make slightly heavier weather of it, looking quite tense in the home straight this time, after starting much faster than in his first round heat. Fred Newhouse caught him by 300m and went past to win in 45.97, with Jenkins showing 46.18. Glen Cohen was eliminated in heat 3, being able to offer little in the closing stages of the race, while Alberto Juantorena again had an erratically paced run. He started very easily, kicked hard from 200m to come up to Richard Mitchell's shoulder entering the home straight, and was then content to ease off again before running across the line and down the stadium tunnel without stopping. Mitchell was just outside his best at 45.76, while Juantorena clocked 45.92. In the other heat, Fons Brydenbach led off the last bend, but eased as Herman Frazier came past outside him. The seeding here, as in some other events, was odd—and Markku Kukkoaho (drawn against four men with bests of 45.7 or faster) found himself out in the cold with his 46.24 timing, the 11th fastest of the entire round.

Heat 1: 1, H. Frazier (USA) 46.52; 2, A. Brydenbach (Bel) 46.56; 3, K. Honz (WG) 46.94; 4, A. Diguia (Ita) 47.07; 5, O. Karttunen (Fin) 47.45; 6, P. Grant (Aus) 47.69; 7, A. Daley (Jam) 48.46; 8, G. Bogue (Can) 48.98.

Heat 2: 1, R. Mitchell (Aus) 45.76; 2, A. Juantorena (Cub) 45.92; 3, J. Pietrzyk (Pol) 46.30; 4, B. Saunders (Can) 46.42; 5, L. Priestley (Jam) 46.45; 6, M. Sands (Bah) 46.48; 7, I. Mangual (PR) 46.56; 8, C. Joseph (Tri) 46.61.

Heat 3: 1, M. Solomon (Tri) 45.83; 2, J. Werner (Pol) 45.88; 3, M. Parks (USA) 45.99; 4, B. Herrmann (WG) 46.07; 5, M. Kukkoaho (Fin) 46.24; 6, E. Gutierrez (Cub) 46.65; 7, GLEN COHEN (UK) 47.67. D. Domansky (Can) scr.

Heat 4: 1, F. Newhouse (USA) 45.97; 2, DAVID JENKINS (UK) 46.18; 3, F.-P. Hofmeister (WG) 46.20; 4, D. da Silva (Bra) 46.48; 5, J. Alebic (Yug) 46.94; 6, Z. Jaremski (Pol) 47.10; 7, F. Sowerby (Ant) 48.03; 8, R. Heerenveen (Neth Ant) 48.88.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

In the first heat Annegret Richter really stormed round the bend and came into the straight 3m up on the field but then, her point proved, was content to stroll the rest of the way as Carla Bodendorf and Debra Armstrong (the American wife of Trinidad sprinter Ainsley Armstrong) went past. Raelene Boyle dipped under 23 sec in the next heat, which saw the departure of Beverley Goddard in 23.74 and, perhaps un-

expectedly, Mona-Lisa Pursiainen, who has never really recaptured her 22.39 form of 1973. Renate Stecher took her heat in 23.04 from a somewhat straining Chandra Cheeseborough, but her teammate, Barbel Eckert, was fastest of the round—winning the final heat in 22.85 as Helen Golden went out.

Heat 1: (+0.71) 1, C. Bodendorf (GDR) 23.20; 2, D. Armstrong (USA) 23.20; 3, A. Richter (WG) 23.35; 4, N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 23.48; 5, D. Wells (Aus) 23.65; 6, L. Alaerts (Bel) 23.80; 7, L. Panayotova (Bul) 23.87; 8, S. Jowett (NZ) 24.23.

Heat 2: (+1.43) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 22.97; 2, I. Helten (WG) 23.09; 3, T. Prorochenko (USSR) 23.11; 4, C. Rega (Fra) 23.33; 5, R. Allwood (Jam) 23.40; 6, BEVERLEY GODDARD (UK) 23.74; 7, M-L. Pursiainen (Fin) 24.10; 8, J. McTaggart (Can) 24.47.

Heat 3: (nil) 1, R. Stecher (GDR) 23.04; 2, C. Cheeseborough (USA) 23.19; 3, M. Bailey (Can) 23.24; 4, J. Pusey (Jam) 23.42; 5, C. Delachanal (Fra) 23.65; 6, S. Schinzel (Aut) 23.95.

Heat 4: (+1.11) 1, B. Eckert (GDR) 22.85; 2, P. Loverock (Can) 23.03; 3, D. Robertson (Aus) 23.12; 4, C. Cummings (Jam) 23.45; 5, L. Maslakova (USSR) 23.63; 6, HELEN GOLDEN (UK) 23.94; 7, F. Davy (Barb) 24.27.

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

One by one, Britain's three girls departed from the competition even before the semi-final round; each finished fifth. Gladys Taylor had only an outside chance of surviving her heat even if she ran up to her top form (52.5) but any hopes were dashed when it was seen that the 19-year-old Australian Verna Burnard (pre-Games best of 52.8) was excelling herself by clocking 51.79, and that Gladys was well below her best anyway. Verona Elder should, on paper, have qualified but a 24.0 first 200 took its toll and she was pushed out of fourth place in the finishing straight by Christine Wildschek, whose personal best is 52.2. The seeding for the final heat, involving Donna Murray, was a disgrace. Donna (personal best of 51.28) was up against world record holder Irena Szeniwska (49.75), European champion Riitta Salin (50.14), the world's fourth ranking performer this year Marita Koch (50.46) and Rosalyn Bryant (51.5). Donna reached 200 in 24.5 but was unable to produce her usual strong finish. None of the East German girls exerted themselves but the American trio all came up with fast times. Sheila Ingram (19), whose best before the Games was 52.42, clocked 51.31 but Debra Sapenter was even quicker at 51.23.

Heat 1: 1, S. Ingram (USA) 51.31; 2, E. Streidt (GDR) 51.33; 3, P. Haggman (Fin) 51.35; 4, L. Aksyonova (USSR) 51.73; 5, D. Fuhrmann (WG) 52.02; 6, J. Canty (Aus) 52.65; 7, L. Forde (Barb) 53.62; 8, R. Campbell (Can) 54.16.

Heat 2: 1, N. Sokolova (USSR) 51.63; 2, C. Brehmer (GDR) 51.67; 3, V. Burnard (Aus) 51.79; 4, R. Wilden (WG) 52.41; 5, GLADYS TAYLOR (UK) 53.71; 6, M. Lindholm (Fin) 54.07; 7, J. Yakubovich (Can) 55.02. M. Neufville (Jam) scr.

Heat 3: 1, D. Sapenter (USA) 51.23; 2, N. Ilyina (USSR) 51.32; 3, B. Nail (Aus) 51.71; 4, C. Wildschek (Aut) 52.25; 5, VERONA ELDER (UK) 52.70; 6, R. Wallez (Bel) 53.04; 7, S. Hollmann (WG) 53.77; 8, R. Simpson (Jam) 53.88.

Heat 4: 1, R. Salin (Fin) 51.62; 2, R. Bryant (USA) 51.74; 3, M. Koch (GDR) 51.87; 4, I. Szeniwska (Pol) 52.00; 5, DONNA MURRAY (UK) 52.29; 6, R. Bottiglieri (Ita) 52.51; 7, R. Berg (Bel) 53.14; 8, M. Stride (Can) 53.14.

JAVELIN (FINAL)

No one since Bob Beamon has more effectively ruined what promised to be an enthralling Olympic field event final than Miklos Nemeth. Throwing tenth of the 15 competitors (Jorma Jaakola withdrew), the Hungarian made a fast approach for his first throw, let out a loud yell as he released the javelin and, as he saw where the spear landed, literally jumped for joy. Metaphorically at least, he had thrown it out of sight... a world record of 94.58m, or for those still more familiar with Imperial measurements, 310 feet 4 inches! He had added 50cm to the record set three years ago by Klaus Wolfermann (absent from Montreal through injury) and broken his previous best by over three metres.

Remember the article by Ivan Berenyi, entitled "Miklos Nemeth—The Veteran Prodigy", which was published in 'AW' in May? The question was posed: could Nemeth, who has so often flattered to deceive, become Olympic champion in Montreal? The writer's conclusion was "Yes, Miklos Nemeth could win the gold... if all goes well on the day, he gets out of bed the right side, the weather is good, nobody makes a wrong remark to distract him, and the wind blows head-on, slightly from the right". It is not known whether all these conditions were fulfilled on July 26th 1976, but the countless component parts that go to make up a perfect athletic performance certainly fitted together for Nemeth that afternoon. From now on, as someone noted, Miklos Nemeth will no longer always be referred to as the son of Imre Nemeth; Imre will be known as the father of Miklos. Nemeth Snr, it will be recalled, was Olympic hammer champion in 1948, and Miklos has completed the first father-son gold medal double in Olympic athletics history; both have held world records too.

Hannu Siitonen had the misfortune to be the next thrower, and remarkably he reached 87.92 (which stood up for the silver medal), but the favourite Seppo Hovinen (93.54 this year) never recovered from the shock of having a world record to beat before he had even started the competition and finished a subdued seventh. Gheorghe Megelea, on the other hand, showed

inspired form by reaching his best ever of 87.16 in that astonishing first round; he is a former European junior record holder (82.26 in 1973 when aged 19). Piotr Bielczyk followed an uneasy start with a third-round 86.50 which gave him fourth position, just ahead of the massive Sam Colson. Hovinen's qualifying competition throw of 89.76 would have gained him the silver, while young Phil Olsen was also in medal form a day too early for his one valid throw in the final carried only 77.70. The standard, taking the qualifying contest into consideration also, was remarkable: eight men bettered 85m. Even so, Nemeth's winning margin of well over 6m was the widest in Olympic history. As for Nemeth, he was in such a daze after that sensational opener that he forsook his second and third throws, but built up steadily with 83.32, 84.76 and 86.84 to finish with.

These were Nemeth's third Olympics: he was a non-qualifier in 1968 (with 75.50) and 7th in Munich (81.98). His annual progress: 1964—71.98, 1965—78.22, 1966—80.10, 1967—87.20, 1968—81.58, 1969—76.54, 1970—8.90, 1971—85.54, 1972—87.14, 1973—83.58, 1974—87.44, 1975—91.38, 1976—94.58. He was once a 7.27 long jumper.

1. MIKLOS NEMETH (Hungary) 94.58/310'4" (World & Olympic rec) (94.58, pass, pass, 83.32, 84.76, 86.84) (23.10.46; 1.83, 88kg).

2. HANNU SIITONEN (Finland) 87.92/288'5" (87.92, —, 86.58, —, —, 80.92) (18.3.49; 1.83, 84kg).

3. GHEORGHE MEGELEA (Rumania) 87.16/285'11" (87.16, 83.16, 82.92, 82.10, —, —) (14.3.54; 1.92, 101kg).

4. PIOTR BIELCZYK (Poland) 86.50/283'9" (—, 77.90, 86.50, 81.00, 82.28, 82.94) (17.2.52; 1.87, 95kg).

5. SAM COLSON (USA) 86.16/282'8" (77.70, 85.08, 86.16, —, —, —) (24.3.51; 1.96, 134kg).

6. VASILY YERSHOV (USSR) 85.26/279'9" (85.26, —, 77.06, —, 78.32, 82.50) (15.8.49; 1.84, 108kg).

7. SEPPHO HOVINEN (Finland) 84.26/276'5" (83.46, 83.92, 84.26, —, —, —) (4.2.51; 1.84, 100kg).

8. JANIS LUSIS (USSR) 84.26/276'5" (79.74, 77.58, 73.76, 74.00, —, 80.26) (19.5.39; 1.80, 93kg).

9. M. Wessing (WG) 79.06/259'4" (78.44, —, 79.06); 10. T. Thorslund (Nor) 78.24/256'8" (78.24, —, 76.48); 11. P. Olsen (Can) 77.70/254'11" (—, —, 77.70); 12. A. Morales (PR) 75.54/247'10" (71.30, —, 75.54); 13. B. Grimnes (Nor) 74.88/245'8" (—, 73.24, 74.88); 14. V. Dzzonev (Bul) 73.88/242'5" (73.16, —, 73.88); 15. A. Hall (USA) 71.70/235'3" (—, 68.92, 71.70). J. Jaakola (Fin) scr.

200 METRES (FINAL)

In 1972 Don Quarrie, already a world record holder at 200m, pulled a hamstring muscle in

the Olympic semi-finals at Munich and had to be carried off the track on a stretcher. Four years later he made amends in the best possible fashion, as he stormed round the turn in the final, leading from the US pair of Millard Hampton and Dwayne Evans, and this time did not ease off, crossing the line in 20.23 to win at last an Olympic gold medal. Evans, who had a poor start, worked hard to make up lost ground but was passed by team-mate Hampton in the straight, and Pietro Mennea, closing fast in lane 1, moved up to the medallists in the final 50m, but too late. The race ended abruptly for 100m champion Hasely Crawford after only 30m, when he pulled a muscle and writhed on the track in agony. Ironically, his 100m win here was itself making amends for the 1972 100m final in which he also pulled up lame after the start.

Quarrie is perhaps one of the most underrated sprinters in the world. He can point to gold medal sprint doubles in both the 1970 and 1974 Commonwealth Games, and the 1971 Pan-Am Games, and a share in the manual world records at 100m (9.9), 200m (19.8) and 220y (19.9). His progression: 1968—21.1, 1969—21.1, 1970—20.5, 1971—19.86, 1972—20.3, 1973—20.1, 1974—20.1, 1975—19.8, 1976—20.23. He has not as yet run a serious 400, but it must be every track nut's dream that one day he will be persuaded to try the event.

His coach in California, Leo Davis (a fellow Jamaican), has concentrated this year on improving Quarrie's start, changing from the bunched

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to the elongated version. Although he is only 1.75/5'8½" tall he gives nothing away to his taller rivals. "It's an optical illusion that I have a shorter stride than the big guys like Riddick and Williams", he told 'Track & Field News' earlier this year. "I stretch out as much as they do. It's mainly relaxation that gets you through. If you lose concentration when the going gets rough—even for a split second—you lose a yard or half a yard and lose the race. I maintain my form by concentrating. Keep going, keep going. It's all about relaxation. Arms have a lot to do with legs. By moving your arms the right way, you control your stride. If you carry your arms too high you shorten your stride. Towards the end of a 200 you get tired so your stride gets shorter. So you concentrate on keeping it out there before your stride gets too short, which is when you break down. So get your arms right and keep your legs going out, not just up, so the stride is as long as possible. Almost pointing your toes out, really."

The USA's two medallists were little known internationally until a few weeks ago. Hampton, just turned 20, had not run faster than 20.8 without wind assistance before this season: Evans' 1975 best was 20.9 which was a world age-16 record at the time. Just one year later he wins an Olympic bronze medal and has a 20.22 timing to his name!

1. DON QUARRIE (Jamaica) 20.23 (25.2.51; 1.75, 70kg).
2. MILLARD HAMPTON (USA) 20.29 (8.7.56; 1.80, 77kg).
3. DWAYNE EVANS (USA) 20.43 (13.10.58; 1.86, 65kg).
4. PIETRO MENNEA (Italy) 20.54 (28.6.52; 1.78, 70kg).
5. RUY DA SILVA (Brazil) 20.84 (15.9.51; 1.72, 73kg).
6. BOGDAN GRZEJSCZAK (Poland) 20.91 (2.6.50; 1.69, 65kg).
7. COLIN BRADFORD (Jamaica) 21.17 (30.5.55; 1.88, 80kg).
8. HASLEY CRAWFORD (Trinidad) dnf (16.8.50; 1.90, 87kg). Wind +0.72m.

10,000 METRES (FINAL)

When Lasse Viren won both the 5000 and 10,000 in Munich four years ago, it was claimed to be a renaissance of the glorious heritage of the 'Flying Finns' and placed him in line with Hannes Kolehmainen, Paavo Nurmi, Ville Ritola and Ilmari Salminen. With his return win in the 10,000 in Montreal, Viren takes his place amongst the all-time great distance runners, deserving comparison with Nurmi, Emil Zatopek and Vladimir Kuts. Zatopek (1948 and 1952) is the only previous runner to have successfully defended an Olympic 10,000 title.

David Fitzsimons opened up the proceedings with a sedate first lap, before Bernie Ford and Tony Simmons went to the front and carried the

field through the first kilometre in 2:53.0. Brendan Foster was tucked deep in the pack with Viren following closely. The first casualty of the race was Knut Boro who was badly spiked in a small scramble at 1400m and hobbled off the track. Mark Smet took up the lead and, with Ilie Floroiu, passed 2000m in 5:44.2. Shortly after the 2km mark Ford raised the tempo into the 67 sec range, and with help from Smet and Mariano Haro reached 3000 in 8:33.4. The only person experiencing difficulty at this stage was, surprisingly, Jos Hermens, who lost contact several times and forced himself back on to the tail-end of the group. Carlos Lopes took up the lead after nine laps and passed 4000 in 11:22.8 as the tempo lifted again to a steady rhythm of 66 sec. This forced Fitzsimons off the back of the pack. At 4600m, almost the identical point at which Viren fell in Munich, Smet tumbled to the track, but caught the pack in the space of 200m.

Lopes maintained 66 sec lapping, passing 5000 in 14:09.0 before slowly, almost imperceptibly, squeezing the pace. It was enough to drop Hermens and Lismont. Foster realised that the race was finally on and moved up behind Lopes with Viren a constant shadow. Laps of 65.3 and 64.9 carried Lopes through 6000 in 16:52.4, and Chris Wardlaw and Jean-Paul Gomez were detached. As laps continued in the 65 sec range first Garry Bjorklund and Ford lost contact, and then a group of Floroiu, Simmons and Haro were forced to let go.

Lopes, Smet, Viren and Foster passed through 7000 in 19:36.4 and Belgium's hopes faded as yet another lap of 65.4 forced Smet out of the pack and Puttemans, trailing way down the field, pulled out. With seven laps to go, the medal contenders were established, and it seemed only a matter of time before one could expect a 'break' from Foster. The next kilometre passed in 2:43.8 and Foster was swaying as Lopes continued with a punishing 65 sec per lap schedule, reaching 8000 in 22:20.2. Suddenly Foster was losing ground: "I looked back with five laps to go and thought thank God, we're clear."

Simmons broke clear of the chasing group, which contained Floroiu, Haro and Smet, on several occasions in the closing stages, but later said that he was hanging back to avoid carrying one of the other three runners in the group to within range of Foster. Lopes accelerated slightly again, covering the next kilometre in 2:42.8, but to no avail; every time he looked over his shoulder, Viren was there—waiting. The leading pair reached 9000 in 25:03.0 and with two laps to go Viren was grimacing while his Portuguese rival looked the stronger of the two men. But with 450m to go, Viren took off and Lopes had no answer whatsoever as the Finn strode around a 61 sec final lap to the vast approval of the crowd. The last three laps had taken 3:10 but more significantly the second 5000 of the race had been covered in a staggering 13:31.4!

When asked what he considered his chances of winning to be, a few days before the race, Viren had told reporters that "it would take 27:20 to

beat me". He had found no difficulty in motivating himself to another Olympic gold medal as he has established a good situation for himself in Finland where he can train as hard as he wishes without fear of having to cope with a large amount of work. He felt it would be "fun and nice to try again" and that "if nothing happens, I will compete in Moscow in 1980 too". He attributed his loss of form between the two Olympics to lack of training in 1973 and to leg injuries in 1974 and 1975. He had followed a training programme similar to that which he had used in 1972 for these Games—7000km per year and a period in the winter of 1975-76 in warm climates and a high altitude (Colombia, South America and Thompsons Falls, Kenya).

International cross-country champion, Carlos Lopes, made the most of his finest attribute, his strength, and distributed his effort in the longest 'run for home' ever witnessed with a smooth, controlled manner which finished everyone but Viren. His meteoric rise to the top of world class distance running has been amazing; winning key cross-country races in Europe early this year, he was very much a dark horse at the IAAF championships at Chepstow, where he won so convincingly, but who would have dared to predict then that he would be a medal winner in the Olympic 10,000? His aggressive running in the second half of the race certainly killed any pre-race plans of Brendan Foster's.

"I wanted to go with five laps to go but when we got there, I was hanging on," said Foster. He is the last athlete to excuse what he feels to be a below-par run but for the three days prior to the race he had been suffering with stomach trouble—"perhaps it was nerves"—which worried him in the opening laps of the race and then were forgotten in the effort. Foster was prepared for defeat ("It's better than fourth or fifth!"), but was more deeply concerned that he should give of his best on the day—which he did. But one sensed that he was disappointed at going to the start line with the nagging thought in the back of his mind that he was not 100%. Foster's medal is only the second to be won by a British athlete in this event, James Wilson taking third place in 1920 (31:50.8). Simmons gave chase from the bell and tore round the last lap, closing on Foster all the

way, to take a magnificent fourth place; while Ford finished a commendable eighth.

- 1, LASSE VIREN (Finland) 27:40.4 (22.7.49; 1.80, 59kg).
- 2, CARLOS LOPES (Portugal) 27:45.2 (18.2.47; 1.67, 55kg).
- 3, BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 27:55.0 (12.1.48; 1.78, 68kg).
- 4, TONY SIMMONS (UK) 27:56.4 (6.10.48; 1.70, 56kg).
- 5, ILIE FLOROIU (Rumania) 28:00.0 (29.11.52; 1.68, 52kg).
- 6, MARIANO HARO (Spain) 28:00.4 (27.5.40; 1.68, 65kg).
- 7, MARK SMET (Belgium) 28:02.8 (5.2.51; 1.82, 62kg).
- 8, BERNIE FORD (UK) 28:17.8 (3.8.52; 1.80, 63kg).
- 9, J-P. Gomez (Fra) 28:24.2; 10, J. Hermens (Neth) 28:25.0; 11, K. Lismont (Bel) 28:26.6; 12, C. Wardlaw (Aus) 28:30.0; 13, G. Bjorklund (USA) 28:38.2; 14, D. Fitzsimons (Aus) 29:17.8. K. Boro (Nor) & E. Puttemans (Bel) dnf. Kilometre splits: 2:53.0, 2:51.2, 2:49.2, 2:49.4, 2:46.2, 2:43.4, 2:44.0, 2:43.8, 2:42.8 and 2:37.4.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (FINAL)

The one thing that seemed certain, given the general upsurge in women's middle distance running this season and the fast heat times, was that the recently established world record of 1:56.0 by Valentina Gerasimova (who herself failed to survive the red hot heats) would be broken. What could not have been foreseen, though, was that Anita Weiss, who set an Olympic record of 1:56.6 in the heats, would run nearly three-tenths of a second inside that world record—and fail to get a medal!

It was a blistering pace from the start, with Weiss moving quickly, but at the break at 300m Svetlana Styrkina moved right across from lane 8, to zip past the bell in 5505. The Soviet runner held the lead, with Weiss and Nikolina Shtereva on her shoulder, until at 600m (reached in 85.0) the East German began to move past. Into the

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home straight it was Weiss ahead, but as Shtereva and Elfi Zinn began a final challenge, the other USSR contestant, Tatyana Kazankina, got up on her toes and sprinted in lane 3 from fifth place into the lead in the last 50m.

Shtereva, the European indoor champion, had the strength to take the silver medal from Zinn, with the luckless Weiss probably the most despondent athlete ever to have broken a world record in the Olympic Games. Svetla Zlateva, world record holder herself at 1:57.5 until a few weeks ago, improved her best to 1:57.2, and finished only sixth; but she would have beaten 1972 champion Hildegard Falck (who ran 1:58.6 in Munich) by over 10 metres!

Kazankina thus added an Olympic title and world record (the fifth at these Games) to her recent world 1500m record of 3:56.0, itself a major breakthrough. Her 800m time of 1:54.94 sliced just over a second off the world record, as the first four were inside the old mark, and Stykina, fifth in 1:56.4, ran the second fastest time recorded outside this race. There is no doubt where the current world strength in women's 800m lies—in Eastern Europe, with two Soviet girls, three East Germans, two Bulgarians, and a Rumanian comprising the final field. And there is no doubt that the African boycott made little difference to this event.

British middle-distance coaches will have to do some hard thinking, as in the near future breaking two minutes for 800m (which no UK girl has yet done) will be as common as 7ft men's high jumps. The world all-time list now reads:

1:54.9	Tatyana Kazankina (USSR)	1976
1:55.4	Nikolina Shtereva (Bul)	1976
1:55.6	Elfi Zinn (GDR)	1976
1:55.7	Anita Weiss (GDR)	1976
1:56.0	Valentina Gerasimova (USSR)	1976
1:56.4	Svetlana Stykina (USSR)	1976
1:57.1	Ulrike Klapezynski (GDR)	1976
1:57.2	Svetla Zlateva (Bul)	1976
1:58.0	Sin Kim Dan (N. Korea)	1964
1:58.1	Lilyana Tomova (Bul)	1974

Incredibly, Tatyana Kazankina had never run faster than 2:01.7 before this season, having previously concentrated on the 1500 and 3000 (8:57.8), and as we saw at Chepstow she is an outstanding cross-country runner. Six years ago this short, slightly built athlete encountered heart problems. The doctors diagnosed exhaustion or too great a strain—"but I always felt quite well and after consulting with coaches and doctors I decided to stay in athletics. I feel fine." She looked it, too.

1. TATYANA KAZANKINA (USSR) 1:54.9 (World & Olympic rec) (17.12.51; 1.62, 47kg).

2. NIKOLINA SHTEREVA (Bulgaria) 1:55.4 (21.1.55; 1.72, 61kg).

3. ELFI ZINN (GDR) 1:55.6 (24.8.53; 1.64, 59kg).

4. ANITA WEISS (GDR) 1:55.7 (16.7.55; 1.62, 59kg).

5. SVETLANA STYRKINA (USSR) 1:56.4 (1.1.49; 1.68, 61kg).

6. SVETLA ZLATEVA (Bulgaria) 1:57.2 (25.2.52; 1.69, 58kg).

7. DORIS GLUTH (GDR) 1:59.0 (9.12.55; 1.62, 46kg).

8. MARIANA SUMAN (Rumania) 2:02.2 (29.7.51; 1.64, 54kg).

POLE VAULT (FINAL)

The winning height of 5.50/18'0½", equalling Wolfgang Nordwig's Olympic record, might have been a little lower than anticipated in this wondrous year for pole vaulting, but the effects of a seven-hour long competition and heavy rain in the later stages conspired to make it tough going as the contest built up to its climax. The situation at the finish could hardly have been more tense.

Much earlier in the day Brian Hooper departed when, after clearing 5.00 at the second attempt, he failed at 5.20. At least he placed in the competition; four others, including former world record holder Kjell Isaksson, failed to register. The first major upsets were sustained when the bar was raised to 5.35 . . . out went Commonwealth record holder Don Baird and two other 18-footers in Yuriy Prokhorenko and Terry Porter. One failure at that height, his opener, was to prove costly for world record holder Dave Roberts. He was high over the bar but knocked it on his descent. European champion Vladimir Kishkun bowed out at 5.40, while 5.45 signalled the end for the co-holder of the European record, Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz, who had been considered among the favourites.

No fewer than seven men were still left in as the bar was put up to 5.50. First to clear (with a Finnish record) was Antti Kalliomaki, next came Tadeusz Slusarski and then Roberts. Luck was with them, for all three rapped the crossbar. Jean-Michel Bellot was eliminated, while Wojciech Buciarski, after one failure, decided to save his remaining two attempts for the next height. Gambling all for a medal, Patrick Abada (who had just achieved a personal best of 5.45) and fleeting world record holder Earl Bell passed at 5.50.

Everyone, except for Roberts, tried and failed at 5.55. In a dramatic climax to the contest, the American staked everything on clearing 5.60/18'4½". The situation was that if he did not succeed he would have to settle for third because of that failure at 5.35. Slusarski, with first-time clearances at 5.20, 5.40 and 5.50, would be the winner ahead of Kalliomaki, who had no failures either but had attempted two more heights.

Ninety-nine per cent of the spectators who remained long after the end of the track programme were willing Roberts on to victory. At the first try he dislodged the bar with his thigh on the way up. The second attempt was extraordinary.

He took off, attained the height and landed on the cushion with the bar untouched. A roar echoed around the stadium and the scoreboard flashed up the news: Olympic record of 5.60 by Dave Roberts. The cheers tailed away into a buzz of bewilderment as Roberts stood on the runway waiting to make what was announced as his third attempt at 5.60. The scoreboard cum giant TV screen supplied the answer; slow motion replays taken from various angles showed that Roberts had never crossed the bar. He had risen to bar level, stalled and plummeted down again, barely making the safety of the landing area. As he said later: "You don't have to be a medical student to appreciate the injuries you can get from falling 18 feet. I was about six inches from killing myself." The final attempt was very close, Roberts dislodging the bar with his thigh on the way down. It was all over: for the first time a Pole had won the pole, and the USA was out of the first two for another first in Olympic history. Did Roberts regret passing 5.55? "I had decided that would be the game plan before the competition and I stuck with it."

Slusarski, who reached the 1972 final but did not clear a height, was European indoor champion in 1974 and this past winter briefly held the world indoor best. Annual progression: 1967—4.20, 1968—4.50, 1969—4.60, 1970—4.80, 1971—5.00, 1972—5.30, 1973—5.32, 1974—5.42, 1975—5.35, 1976—5.62. Slusarski said he had never expected to win and didn't even think he was in good form!

1, TADEUSZ SLUSARSKI (Poland) 5.50/18'0½" (eq Olympic rec) (5.20, 1; 5.40, 1; 5.50, 1; 5.55, fail) (19.5.50; 1.77, 70kg).

2, ANTTI KALLIOMAKI (Finland) 5.50 (5.10, 1; 5.30, 1; 5.40, 1; 5.45, 1; 5.50, 1; 5.55, fail) (8.1.47; 1.84, 77kg).

3, DAVE ROBERTS (USA) 5.50 (5.35, 2; 5.50, 1; 5.60, fail) (23.7.51; 1.88, 82kg).

4, PATRICK ABADA (France) 5.45/17'10½" (5.30, 2; 5.45, 2; 5.55, fail) (20.3.54; 1.88, 78kg).

5, WOJCIECH BUCIARSKI (Poland) 5.45 (5.20, 1; 5.35, 2; 5.45, 2; 5.50/5.55, fail) (17.4.50; 1.80, 76kg).

6, EARL BELL (USA) 5.45 (5.20, 1; 5.35, 1; 5.45, 3; 5.55, fail) (25.8.55; 1.91, 75kg).

7, JEAN-MICHEL BELLOT (France) 5.40/17'8½" (5.25, 1; 5.40, 1; 5.50, fail) (16.12.53; 1.81, 72kg).

8, ITSUO TAKENEZAWA (Japan) 5.40 (5.00, 2; 5.20, 2; 5.30, 2; 5.40, 3; 5.45, fail) (5.8.51; 1.80, 68kg).

9, G. Lohre (WG) 5.35/17'6½" (5.10, 2; 5.25, 2; 5.35, 3; 5.45, fail); 10, Y. Prokhorenko (USSR) 5.25/17'2½" (5.25, 1, 5.35, fail); 11, W. Kozakiewicz (Pol) 5.25 (5.25, 2; 5.45, fail); 12, D. Baird (Aus) 5.25 (5.10, 1; 5.25, 2; 5.35, fail); 13, V. Kishkun (USSR) 5.20/17'0½" (5.20, 1; 5.40, fail) & T. Porter (USA) 5.20 (5.20, 1; 5.35, fail); 15, T. Haapakoski (Fin) 5.20 (5.00, 2; 5.20, 1; 5.30, fail); 16, BRIAN HOOPER (UK) 5.00/16'4½" (5.00, 2; 5.20, fail). No height: F. Tracanelli (Fra) (5.30), K. Isaksson (Swe) (5.20), R. More (Cub) (5.10), B. Simpson (Can) (5.00).

TOM BUCKINGHAM

Many athletes all over the world will be saddened by the death of Tom Buckingham, who died from cancer after a 4 month illness.

Tom was a most prolific racer, always ready to have a go at any distance from 5000 metres to the ultra distance events.

On seeing such a frail figure, one wondered how he could run, but he really was a most remarkable competitor, always displaying superb judgement, irrespective of his state of fitness. To enumerate his many successes and performances would require a book, but like the occasion when at 55 years of age, he reduced the over-50 years American marathon record by 10 minutes, he never ceased to amaze.

No doubt many of his fellow athletes will remember Tom by his unique running style, peaked cap pulled well down over his glasses, and his driving force apparently coming from the hips: but many more people will remember him for a long, long time for his quiet unassuming manner and his quick wit.

Bucko, as he was affectionately known, has been an inspiration to many long distance runners, both old and young, but none more than to his Leamington C & AC colleagues.

Tom had been married for only 11 months, and our sympathy goes to his wife Annette, who brought so much love and happiness to Tom in his 58th year.

George Phipps,
Leamington C & AC &
Midlands Veterans AC

Entrants for the Boys and Ladies Open events at Luton on September 25th are requested to enclose a large sae.

The time of the Polish walker, S. Cieslak, in 5th position at Crystal Palace on July 3rd was 111 minutes 38 seconds.

Lost—at West London Stadium, SCAA Junior Champs on July 19th, red tracksuit top with 'Hampshire' and name Montigue behind pocket. Postage refunded if returned to Montigue, 2 Queens Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants (04215-4573).

The Midland WAAA hold their Pentathlon Champs (3 age groups) at Aldersley Stadium on August 7th and will include in the programme Open 100m races (S, I, J) for Certificates, starting 1pm (approx) onwards. Entries on day.

Gola Sports have now branched out into general sports and leisure clothing with T-shirts, sports sweaters, trendy College top, casual jackets and leisure suits, all obtainable from the usual stockists.

CITY CHARITIES MEETING

At West London, July 14th

THE wrist injury sustained by Mike Winch last winter which kept him out of the Olympics is on the mend. Burly Mike proved this to his satisfaction by reaching 17.85 in the shot on a warm but breezy evening. He arrived without time to warm-up and let loose a series of 13.58; 16.48; NT; 16.86; 17.85; NT; before finishing up with a discus toss of 54.40.

All chances of a fast mass finish in the City Mile were killed when Adrian Weatherhead, taking the lead at the bell (3:02.2) cramped up and fell, tangling with Chris Ridler and Nick Rose. The latter, *a la* Viren in Munich, was up in a flash and made up two seconds on Alex Amos and Charlie Spedding on the last backstraight to win comfortably in 4:01.8; whilst the other two were unable to finish. Ridler in particular had looked ready for a sub four timing. Paul Williams (20) making a comeback after injury and illness, took the 'B' race with a second half in 1:58.5.

Dave Cocksedge

City Mile (Chubb Trophy): 1, N. Rose (Bristol) 4:01.8; 2, A. Amos (Gateshead) 4:02.4; 3, C. Spedding (Gates) 4:03.5; 4, K. Steere (BRC) 4:05.4; 5, C. Thomas (TVH) 4:19.1. A. Weatherhead & C. Ridler fell injured at 1.320y (3:02.2). **(B Race):** 1, P. Williams (Camb H) 4:05.7; 2, C. Sly (Feltham-J) 4:07.8; 3, R. Green (Harlow) 4:08.8; 4, M. Prince (Hull) 4:10.1; 5, D. Ainslie (W Grn) 4:10.3; 6, K. Penny (Camb H) 4:11.4; 7, M. Deegan 4:15.4.

City Charities events: 100: D. Hill (Business H) 11.2. 200: 1, D. Cole (BH) 22.2; 2, T. Whitehead (Banks) 22.3. 400: 1, W. Tarquini (B) 50.2; 2, R. Kislingbury (BH) 50.4. 800: 1, D. Roberts (B) 1:55.9; 2, J. Jeffrey (MP) 1:56.3. 1500: 1, G. Jarvis (B) 3:57.2; 2, G. Galloway (BH) 3:59.6. 2 mile team: 1, J. Odlin (In) 8:56.8; 2, R. Lunnon (CS) 9:02.6; 3, J. Stow (In) 9:02.8; 4, M. Connelly (In) 9:07.8; 5, E. Morris (BH) 9:09.2; 6, J. Abberton (CS) 9:13.6. Team: Insurance. 110H: 1,

J. Hobbs (B) 15.3; 2, T. Clifton (BH) 15.5. 400H: D. Ives (B) 56.4. HJ: 1, R. Bray (MP) 1.90/6'2½"; 2, P. Redmond (CS) 1.90. LJ: Cole 7.21/23'8". SP: 1, M. Winch (BH) 17.85/58'6¼"; 2, N. Glover (CS) 13.11/43'0¼". DT: 1, Winch 54.40/178'6"; 2, N. Nops (I) 40.82/133'11". HT: 1, C. Melliush (CS) 57.70/189'4"; 2, M. Petra (MP) 54.24/177'11"; 3, A. Woods (B) 47.36/155'4"; 4, B. Lewis (BH) 41.58/136'5". 3km/SC: 1, J. Dryden (CS) 9:17.6; 2, D. Ives (B) 9:41.8; 3, D. Davies (BH) 9:45.4. (Women) 800: P. Hewitson (née Bagley) (BH) 2:18.8. HJ: 1, R. Few (B) 1.70/5'7"; 2, C. Mathers (Tyrian) 1.65/5'5"; 3, S. Vose (I) 1.60/5'3".

HIGHGATE HARRIERS LOTINGA CUP

At Parliament Hill, June 27th

Shaftesbury 96; Bracknell 70; Watford 58; Hillingdon 55; TVH 55; London Irish 42; North London 39; Highgate 37; Twickenham 9.

(Junior Men) 200: 1, P. Woolcott (Hill) 22.2; 2, H. King (Brack) 22.5; 3, J. Foulkes (N Lon) 22.7. 400: 1, C. Baxter (Brack) 49.9; 2, D. Foley (Lon I) 50.7; 3, J. Hogan (N Lon) 50.7. 800: D. Arnold (Brack) 1:57.7. 1500: 1, A. Stewart (Wat) 3:57.5; 2, N. Martin (Brack) 3:59.6. SP: 1, M. Strazdala (Twick) 13.43/44'0¼"; 2, K. Parfitt (High) 13.36/43'10". **(Youths)** 800: 1, D. Lightowler (Wat) 1:59.4; 2, J. Kaye (Shaft) 1:59.9. 1500: A. Nugara (TVH) 4:03.7. HJ/LJ: A. Udo (Shaft) 1.98/6'6" & 6.49/21'2½". 1600m Medley: 1, Shaftesbury 3:42.1; 2, Watford 3:44.5; 3, TVH 3:44.7; 4, North London 3:52.0; 5, Highgate 3:53.5; 6, Bracknell 3:54.8. **(Boys)** 200: A. Smart (Wat) 24.0. 1500: P. Gurr (Wat) 4:24.5. LJ: M. Gayle (Shaft) 5.69/18'8".

New address of TVH secretary (D. Davidson) is 34 Ridding Lane, Sudbury Hill, Greenford, Middx.

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Entries close August 9th for the Burnsall Feast 10 Miles Road Race and Classic Fell Race on August 21st (entry 25p each) to: D. Smith, Wayside, Station Road, Grassington, Skipton, N Yorks.

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BERNIE PLAIN WINS CHELTENHAM ROAD RACE

IN somewhat sultry, humid conditions a record 143 runners took the line for the Cheltenham & County Harriers 13th annual Road Race on July 10th. At five miles there were eight in the leading group, with Gerry Taylor, Bernie Plain and Pete Griffiths forcing the pace. Tipton, with four in the first dozen, took over from Gloucester as leading team. With 1½ miles left, Allan Rushmer, who for most of the race had been hiding at the back of the bunch, spurred through to split the field with only Plain, Taylor and John Robertshaw going with the break. These four then settled down to play 'cat and mouse' until with just ¾ mile to go Plain took off for home, to win the race for the second successive time — 3 sec clear of Taylor who chased hard. Rushmer held on to third place to lead Tipton to their third victory in four years.

1, B. Plain (Cardiff) 35:54
2, G. Taylor (Small Heath) 35:57
3, A. Rushmer (Tipton) 36:04
4, J. Robertshaw (New) 36:12; 5, K. Rollason (Tip) 36:16; 6, R. Griffiths (Tip) 36:26; 7, S. Jones (RAF) 36:41; 8, J. Phelan (Bel) 36:58; 9, S. McHale (Glos) 37:09; 10, R. Cytlau (Glos) 37:13; 11, A. Rowling (Ply) 37:15; 12, E. Austin (Tip-V) 37:18; 13, D. Hope (Worc) 37:25; 14, P. Varney (Leam) 37:31; 15, J. Wright (Tip) 37:35; 16, P. Oparowski (Croy) 37:47; 17, W. Weller (Bel) 37:53; 18, J. Smith (Glos) 37:57; 19, I. Burgess (S&E) 38:04; 20, J. Valentine (TH&H) 38:11; 21, S. Appleton (RAF) 38:14; 22, C. Woodward (Leam) 38:27; 23, K. Morris (RAF) 38:31; 24, P. Smith (Ox) 38:35; 25, A. Jenkins (Worc) 38:37; 26, R. Dickson (Croy) 38:38; 27, K. Daykin (RAF) 38:41; 28, P. Flynn (S Heath) 38:45; 29, K. Rock (Tip) 38:48; 30, R. Calvert (S Heath) 38:50; 31, A. Bradley (Tip) 38:53; 32, B. Wallis (RAF) 38:56; 33, M. Peck (S Heath) 39:03; 34, R. Pannel (Bris) 39:06; 35, C. White (Bris) 39:07; 36, C. Gillies (Ban) 39:12; 37, M. Awre (Bris) 39:18; 38, J. Hafliger (Croy) 39:19; 39, G. McIlroy (Card) 39:24; 40, J. Tingle (Worc) 39:25. 134 finished. Teams: 1, Tipton 14; 2, Gloucester 37; 3, Small Heath 60; 4, RAF Lyneham 66; 5, Leamington 77; 6, Worcester 78; 7, Croydon 80; 8, Cardiff 84; 9, Plymouth 103; 10, Bristol 106.

SCOTTISH MARATHON

Edinburgh, June 26th

1, D. McGregor (Fife) 2:24:12; 2, D. Gunstone (EAC) 2:25:23; 3, A. McFarlane (Spring) 2:30:14; 4, M. Logue (FVH) 2:37:08; 5, D. Wyper (WS) 2:37:57; 6, P. Dolan (Clyd) 2:38:31; 7, R. Stevenson (M'hill) 2:41:12; 8, E. Fisher (EAC) 2:42:34; 9, H. Mitchell (V-Shet) 2:43:19; 10, I. Trapp (EAC) 2:43:21; 11, A. Samuel (Tev) 2:45:31; 12, A. Wood (V-Ach) 2:46:26; 13, D. Francis (Fife) 2:46:30; 14, R. Johnstone (GWH) 2:49:21.

LAC SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUPS MEETING

At West London, July 9th

(Junior Men) 200: S. Woolgrave (Den) 22.7. 400: C. Brown (Ample) 51.2. 800: N. Dorey (Marl) 1:57.8. 110H: P. Barthropp (W City) 15.3. HJ: 1, A. Fraser (Ample) 1.84/6'0½"; 2, J. Harrington (Bryan) 1.84. TJ: 1, J. Gloag (Ound) 13.86/45'5¼"; 2, M. Dommert (Pinn) 13.79/45'3"; 3, M. Cobb (Ample) 13.67/44'10¼". DT: R. Burdell (Ample) 41.16/135'0". 4 x 100: Ampleforth 44.8. (Youths) 400: B. Moody (Ample) 52.0. 1500SC: P. Lightowler (L By) 4:35.1. HJ: 1, B. Vango (Ray P) 1.78/5'10"; 2, A. Pringle (Ound) 1.75/5'8¼". LJ: C. Rattigan (W Morris) 6.20/20'4¼". TJ: R. Rodgers (W Morris) 13.44/44'1¼". DT: 1, ——— 42.16/138'4"; 2, S. Keannealy (Ample) 39.22/128'8". HT: 1, A. Wainwright (Dr C) 43.08/141'4"; 2, M. Weiner (Dr C) 42.84/140'7". JT: 1, S. Collard (High) 50.50/165'8"; 2, G. Cullum (Alp) 50.48/165'7"; 3, F. Vdeozar (W Morris) 49.38/162'0".

ENNERDALE HORSESHOE FELL RACE

(Cat: A/23 Miles/7500')

June 12th

1, J. Naylor (Kendal) 3:46:08
2, M. Short (Horwich) 3:57:32
3, H. Blenkinsop (Kendal) 3:58:17
4, A. Styan (Holm) 4:03:42; 5, W. Bland (Kes) 4:04:14; 6, H. Walker (B'burn) 4:04:45; 7, P. Walkington (B'burn) 4:07:50; 8, A. Philipson (Gates) 4:08:15; 9, D. Booth (TH&H) 4:09:16; 10, M. Nicholson (Kend) 4:10:13; 11, J. North (Clay) 4:12:15; 12, M. Gilbert (Pres) 4:14:25; 13, D. Bland (Kes) 4:16:25; 14, I. Roberts (Holm) 4:23:35; 15, M. Garratt (Mand) 4:27:10; 16, K. Taylor (Ross) 4:27:25; 17, A. Harmer (Port) 4:28:35; 18, E. Roberts (Kend) 4:29:05; 19, W. Buckley (Morp) 4:29:10; 20, M. Newell (Morp) 4:29:31.

SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPS

HT: Hugall 47.22/154'11". (Inter Girls) HJ: A. Sumner 1.63/5'4¼". SP: V. Charlton 10.51/34'5¼".

LEICESTER SCHOOLS CHAMPS

200: J. Drew 22.1. JT: M. Hodge 54.72/179'6". (Inters) 100: 1, I. Butler 10.9; 2, B. Ford 11.1. 100H: P. Warrington 14.2. HJ: G. Vorgie 1.88/6'2". (Juniors) 100: 1, R. Hodgson 11.8; 2, A. Smith 11.8. HJ: J. Stainforth 1.70/5'7". TJ: G. Calow 12.64/41'5¼". SP: A. Cashmore 12.93/42'5¼". (Senior Girls) 100H: S. Stevens 15.9. HJ: J. Harrison 1.61/5'3¼". JT: 1, S. Hallam 40.50/132'10"; 2, K. Pervin 35.18/115'5". (Inters) 800: S. Johnson 2:13.3. 80H: S. Frisby 12.0. HJ: D. Grant 1.74/5'8¼". JT: K. Johnson 32.06/105'2". (Juniors) 200: 1, S. Lowe 26.1; 2, C. Nuttall 26.4. 75H: K. Elwood 11.5. HJ: K. Bassford 1.53/5'0¼". LJ: A. Cunnell 5.33/17'6". SP: P. Ferland 9.66/31'8¼". DT: S. Holwell 28.36/93'0".

WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Swansea, July 3rd

CHRIS RICHARDS was the top performer at the 30th Welsh Schools Championships at Swansea on July 3rd. He took both the high jump and 110m hurdles comfortably with efforts below his best. His winning high jump mark of 1.90 was well short of his best of 1.96 which was set in 1973, which still stands as the Welsh junior and youths record. He clocked 14.9 to take the 3'3" hurdles, but he clocked 15.0 for the 3'6" barriers this year when he finished 2nd behind Berwyn Price in the Welsh senior international in Dublin recently.

Kirsty McDermott, the holder of the Welsh junior women's 800 best of 2:16.7, scored an unusual double. She took the long jump as well as her speciality, in which the scorching conditions and bone hard track slowed her to 2:19.8.

The other performances of note in a meeting that lasted 9 hours came from Afon Taf High School athletes Phil Jones and Brychan Jones who took, respectively, the hammer with 50.38, and the pole vault with 3.80.

Clive Williams

100: M. Owen 11.3 (11.2 ht). 200/400: G. Hedges 23.3/51.1. 800: K. Glastonbury 1:58.9. 1500: B. Jones 4:12.5. 3000: D. James 9:02.0. 2000SC: N. Penny 6:22.0. 110H: I. C. Richards 14.9; 2, N. Hammersley 15.9. 400H: R. Davies 56.7. HJ: Richards 1.90/6'2½". PV: B. Jones 3.80/12'5½". LJ: N. Price 6.39/20'11½". TJ: A. Watkins 13.13/43'1". SP: L. Williams 12.70/41'8". DT: T. Lewis 43.54/142'10". HT: 1, P. Jones 50.38/165'3"; 2, N. Stevens 45.08/147'11". JT: N. Price 51.34/168'5". 4 x 100: Dyfed 44.9 (44.5 ht). (Inters) 100/200: D. Morgan 11.4/23.2. 400: N. Newman 52.5. 800: K. Gallivan 2:05.0. 1500: G. Jones 4:12.5. 3000: A. Cummings 9:03.8. 1500SC: P. Ward 4:26.5. 100H: R. Davies 14.3. 400H: D. Thomas 58.1. HJ: N. Jones 1.75/5'8½". PV: R. Hartwell 2.85/9'4½". LJ: C. Williams 6.20/20'4½". TJ: I. Gorecki 12.70/41'8". SP: N. Jones 13.08/42'11". DT: 1, H. James 42.86/140'7"; 2, S. Snider 39.02/128'0". HT: H. Casey 34.24/112'4". JT: L. Curry 49.00/160'9". 4 x 100: West Glamorgan 46.5. (Juniors) 100: A. Morgan 12.0. 200: J. Barrington 24.7. 400: 1, R. Humphreys 54.4; 2, I. Harrison 55.7. 800: M. Britton 2:04.4. 1500: M. Bounds 4:20.6. 80H: D. Jones 12.2 (12.0 ht). HJ: H. Williams 1.67/5'5½". PV: M. Howells 3.00/9'10". LJ: 1, I. Strange 5.72/18'9½"; 2, Barrington 5.69/18'8". TJ: D. Wood 12.54/41'1½". SP: E. Hulse 12.08/39'7½". DT: 1, J. Moore 36.76/120'7"; 2, J. Daniels 35.90/117'9". HT: 1, Hulse 45.04/147'9"; 2, P. Crook 38.44/126'1". JT: A. Edmunds 41.08/134'9". 4 x 100: Gwent 47.2.

Senior Girls

100/200: C. Jenkins 12.9/26.5. 400: K. Price 62.4. 800/1500: P. Waters 2:27.6/5:16.8. 3000: J. Clement 11:17.5. 100H/HJ: B. Jones 16.2 & 1.58/5'2½". LJ: G. Humphries 5.06/16'7½". SP: J. Stalbow 11.00/36'1½". DT: E. Owen 30.38/99'8".

JT: R. Percival 29.78/97'8". 4 x 100: Dyfed 52.8 (52.7 ht). (Inters) 100: 1, C. Smart 12.3; 2, D. Thorne 12.5. 200: Smart 26.1. 400: 1, A. Pennington 59.2; 2, S. Waters 59.9. 800: A. Hartley 2:19.0. 1500: D. Lewis 5:01.2. 3000: S. Horwood 10:52.0. 80H: C. Smith 12.7. HJ: P. Jones 1.50/4'11". LJ: R. Tilson 5.21/17'1½". SP: D. Morris 10.00/32'9½". DT: M. Ellis 29.48/96'9". JT: 1, Morris 31.40/103'0"; 2, Y. Norton 30.72/100'9"; 3, W. Banks 30.64/100'6". 4 x 100: 1, Dyfed 50.6; 2, Clwyd 50.6. (Juniors) 100/200: K. Taylor 13.0 (12.8 ht)/26.5 (26.3 ht). 800: 1, K. McDermott 2:19.8; 2, L. Jones 2:22.2. 1500: B. Rogers 5:03.0. 75H: S. White 12.4 (12.1 ht). HJ: S. Jones 1.49/4'10½". LJ: K. McDermott 4.89/16'0½". SP: D. Laws 9.19/30'2". DT: C. Williams 25.60/84'0". JT: 1, J. Tubb 35.02/114'11"; 2, J. Simpson 29.54/96'11". 4 x 100: 1, Powys 51.2; 2, South Glamorgan 51.9.

100 x 1 MILE RELAY

Thames Valley Harriers are to make an attempt on the world record for the 100 x 1 mile club relay at West London Stadium starting at 9.00am on the launch day (September 12th) of the Sports Council's 'Sport for All' Week. The Valley are aiming not only to better the current world best marks of 8 hrs 4 mins 28 secs set by Sale Harriers but also to be the first club to complete the distance in under 8 hours. On the same day in the morning London Olympiads AC are planning to set an inaugural world record for women at 10 x 1 mile, whilst in the afternoon the second day events of the Middlesex AAA Decathlon Championships will take place.

Anyone 'going up' to Cambridge in October should contact A. Shiret at 161 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, for information on Light Blue athletics this coming year.

Southend-on-Sea AC have vacancies in men's and women's trophy meetings on August 28th and September 18th (Y, B, C & J, M Ladies). Contact Miss J. Cork, 48 Meteor Road, Westcliff-on-Sea (Tel: 0702-352612 home or 01-836-9994, ext. 56 bus).

Macclesfield H & AC elected: Chairman, J. B. Furness; Secretary, J. M. Heaford, 3 Penrith Avenue, Macclesfield (Mac 20014); Treasurer, M. Banister; Team Manager, A. Evans; Fixtures Secretary, R. Bentley, 18 Wiltshire Close, Upton Priory, Macclesfield (Preston 48530).

Hampshire Cross-Country League has been re-constituted and any clubs interested in competing should contact G. Pribul, 74 Radway Road, Southampton.

We apologise to readers who may still be waiting for some American (T&FN) books—we have been waiting some 3 months for a consignment, now long overdue. They will be sent out as soon as they arrive.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

(continued from last week)

Juniors

100: 1, J. Gardner (Twick) 12.2; 2, P. Baker (Nor O) 12.5; 3, A. Licorish (Mx) 12.6 (12.5 ht); 4, R. Richards (S'end) 12.6; 5, L. Scott (Ports) 12.8 (12.6 ht); 6, D. Lewis (Mx) 12.9 (12.5 ht).

200: 1, Richards 25.8 (25.7 ht); 2, Licorish 25.9 (25.8 ht); 3, T. Dann (Ex) 26.4 (26.1 ht); 4, Scott 26.4 (26.0 ht); 5, S. Hicks (Wok) 26.5 (26.1 ht); 6, J. Doyle (Ply) 26.9 (26.4 ht).

800: 1, A. Clifford (Wyc) 2:13.1; 2, J. Clarke (Ver) 2:17.3; 3, K. Charnell (Wig) 2:19.6; 4, J. Dawson (Chelm) 2:20.7 (2:20.6 ht); 5, J. Rossiter (Med) 2:22.6 (2:20.7 ht); 6, S. Jones (Ply) 2:22.9 (2:21.3 ht).

1500: 1, K. Timson (Thur) 4:42.8; 2, C. Trott (Ports) 4:43.4; 3, N. De Jesus (Ex) 4:43.9; 4, D. Russell (Cam H) 4:44.7; 5, K. Whippy (Thur) 4:45.5; 6, K. Harvey (B'mth) 4:47.0.

4 x 100: 1, Middx 49.6; 2, Middx 'B' 50.6; 3, Portsmouth 50.9; 4, Essex 51.0; 5, Camb H 51.4; 6, Ex Beagles 51.5.

75H: 1, S. Pinches (Ply) 11.5; 2, L. Overfield (Ports) 11.6; 3, K. Hagger (Ex) 11.8; 4, L. Thompson (Ex B) 11.8; 5, K. May (Rad) 12.0 (11.8 ht); 6, S. Clark (Craw) 12.1.

2000 Walk: 1, L. Nolan 11:15.4 (CBP); 2, G. Brackpool (Eps) 11:27.4; 3, A. White (Med) 11:30.4; 4, J. Barrett (Ver) 11:37.6; 5, K. Puffett (Croy) 11:39.0; 6, T. Williams (Uxb) 11:45.6.

LJ: 1, J. Gardner 5.38; 2, K. Hagger (Ex) 5.35; 3, H. Mills (Ply) 5.25; 4, C. Henley (B'mth) 4.99; 5, E. Johnson (Wig) 4.89; 6, C. Neal (Twick) 4.89.

HJ: 1, K. Hagger (Ex) 1.69; 2, L. Matthews (Bed) 1.69; 3, S. Grady (Ports) 1.66; 4, D. Wilkinson (Enf) 1.60; 5, L. Chilton (S'end) 1.55; 6, L. Hollandt (And) 1.55.

DT: 1, A. Franks (Rad) 37.68 (CBP); 2, H. Drake (Croy) 30.26; 3, S. Hawthorne (Rad) 29.32; 4, D. Tudor (Hill) 27.42; 5, J. Brown (Craw) 27.38; 6, S. Tweed (Brack) 25.80.

SP: 1, A. Franks (Rad) 11.07; 2, D. Cole (Har) 10.53; 3, V. Simpson (Ex) 10.23; 4, J. Brown (Craw) 10.22; 5, J. Blagden (Ply) 9.42; 6, H. Mills (Ply) 9.22.

JT: 1, Brown 38.04 (CBP); 2, J. Kenyon (Mx) 35.70; 3, Simpson 34.26; 4, J. Bunnage 33.56; 5, M. Warren-Hawkes (B'ton) 33.24; 6, S. Wells (Ex) 33.06.

WOMEN'S MARATHON

A Women's World Marathon Championship will be held in Germany on October 2nd. Would any girl interested in running, please contact Mr D. Billington, 10 Richmond Avenue, Bedfont, Middx.

Ranelagh Harriers officers: President, J. Martin; captain, J. Forrest; secretary, D. Dunn, 42 Tretawn Gardens, London NW7 (Tel: 959 2934); treasurer, D. Fuller.

Overseas Results

SWITZERLAND

25.6. Aarau. 100: Bombardella (Lux) 10.2 (rec); 400H: Carvalho (Por) 50.2. **9.7. Zurich.** 400: Taylor (USA) 46.00, Honz (WG) 46.50; Mile: Wessinghage (WG) 3:55.7, Gysin 3:55.9, Fleschen (WG) 3:56.0, Quax (NZ) 3:56.2, Wellmann (WG) 3:56.7, Dixon (NZ) 3:58.2, Robertson (NZ) 4:00.3; 1500: Malan (SA) 3:36.0 (rec), Van Damme (Bel) 3:36.3 (rec), Nevens (Bel) 3:38.2; 2M: BRENDAN FOSTER 8:19.0, Malinowski (Pol) 8:26.4, Hildenbrand (WG) 8:31.6; 110H: BERWYN PRICE 13.98, Lloveras (Spa) 14.09 (rec) ... 6, Kratschmer (WG) 14.44; LJ: Bernhard 7.98, Baumgartner (WG) 7.85, Kratschmer 7.77; women's 100: Richter (WG) 11.17; 400: Szwinska (Pol) 50.58, Wilden (WG) 51.91; 100H: Rot (Isr) 13.09; JT: Becker (WG) 61.54. **10.7. Zurich.** 200: Muster 20.93; 800: Wulbeck (WG) 1:45.8, Walker (NZ) 1:45.8, FRANK CLEMENT 1:45.8, Hasler (Lie) 1:46.3, Ballbe (Spa) 1:46.6 (rec), Schmidt (WG) 1:47.1; 400H: Bolding (USA) 48.86, Ziegler (WG) 49.61, Aumas 50.61, ALAN PASCOE 50.62; 4 x 100: Spain 39.55 (rec); 4 x 400: WG 3:05.1; PV: Mohr (WG) 5.30 ... 4, Ripley (USA) 5.00; SP: Reichenbach (WG) 20.44, Egger 19.71 (rec); HT: Riehm (WG) 76.44, Schmidt (WG) 75.44, Klein (WG) 72.64, Cheater (NZ) 69.36; JT: Wessing (WG) 85.38 ... 4, Wolfermann (WG) 74.60 (inj); women's 200: Helten (WG) 22.70; 800: Kraus (WG) 2:01.0, LIZ BARNES 2:01.4, Traugott (WG) 2:02.9 ... 7, Valero (Spa) 2:04.1 (rec); 4 x 100: WG 42.95, Poland 43.72.

GDR

26/27.6. Jena. (Junior Champs) HJ: Lauterbach 2.23; LJ: Frank 7.92; HT: Gerstenberg 68.92; women's 100/200: Schneider 11.50/23.54; LJ: Grimm 6.36; DT: Bludau 56.06. **10.7. Berlin.** 100: (-1.8m) Kurrat 10.36, Thieme 10.37, Kokot 10.37; 1500: Baumgartl 3:45.0; 110H: (-2.0m) Siebeck 13.33 (rec), Munkelt 13.45; (B) (-0.7m) Siebeck 13.52, Munkelt 13.60; HJ: Beilschmidt 2.20; LJ: Wartenberg 8.18; SP: Rothenburg 21.12, Beyer 21.06, Gies 20.67; DT: Pachale 65.18, Thiede 64.56, Schmidt 64.14; HT: Seidel 74.90, Sachse 73.74; JT: Hanisch 81.90; 4 x 100: GDR 38.96; women's 100: (-0.5m) Stecher 11.12, Oelsner 11.33 ... 7, Eckert 11.70; 200: (-0.6m) Stecher 22.45, Bodendorf 23.05; 400: Brehmer 50.02, Streidt 50.15, Koch 50.19, Maletzki 50.34, Sinzel 50.92, Morig 51.27; 800: Klapczynski 1:57.1 (rec); 56.9 (60.2), Weiss 2:03.1, Gluth 2:03.1, Stoll 2:03.1, Hoffmeister 2:03.2, Zinn 2:03.2; 100H: (-1.7m) Berend 12.88, Schaller 12.99, Fiedler 13.06, Pollak 13.14, Ehrhardt 13.17; (B) (-0.9m) Berend 12.92, Schaller 13.02; HJ: Ackermann 1.93, R. Kirst 1.88; LJ: Voigt 6.73, Wycisk 6.71, Siegl 6.67; SP: Droese 21.23, Adam 21.12, Schoknecht 20.82; DT: Schlaak 68.70 (rec), Engel 63.70, Hinzmann 63.66; JT: Fuchs 69.12 (world rec); 64.06, 66.50, 64.42, 63.34, 69.12, 62.32), Hein 62.50, Sebrovski 60.10; 4 x 100: GDR 43.15.

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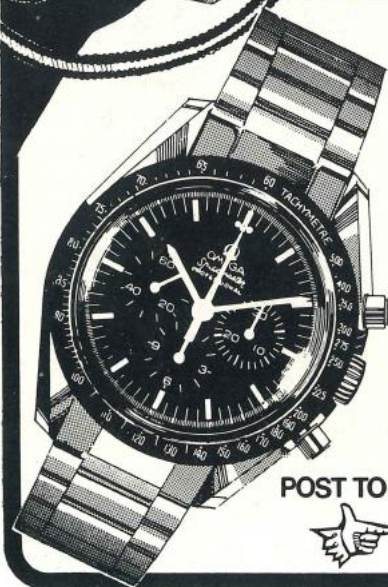
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