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JIM HINES (279)
wins Olympic 100m.
title in world record
of 9.9. LENNOX
MILLER (536) was
second.

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World Best For Austin In R.R.C. 25 Miles Race

At Walton, October 19th

Ten of the invited competitors lined up for this race organised jointly by the Road Runners' Club and Walton A.C. It was a good day for an event of this type—no sun, little wind and a well prepared track. Barry Watson (Bournemouth) went into the lead from the gun and drew away from a group of four consisting of Barry Collins, John Newsome, Eric Austin and George Brookbank. The times for the first five miles were 5.12, 10.07, 15.15, 20.21 and 25.28, with the leader being 32 seconds ahead and already lapping the slower men. All competitors passed the five miles mark inside 27.00; this speed, if maintained, would give a final time of 2 hrs 15 mins—2 min 10 secs inside the existing world best performance of 2:17.10 set by Barry Sawyer (Belgrave H) in 1963.

After seven miles the group of four, led by Barry Collins, were cutting the lead down, and at ten miles Watson was only 7 secs ahead in 51.51. At 10½ miles he was caught, and Collins led the group of five before Newsome took over at 11 miles.

The halfway mark (12½ miles) was passed in 1:05.09 and after two more laps Watson retired. At 13½, Collins and Newsome put in a fast lap and opened up a gap, and at 15 miles Collins led Newsome in 1:18.12, a few seconds ahead of Austin and Brookbank. A mile later Austin had closed the gap, and at 16½ miles he and Newsome made an effort to which Collins could not respond.

Austin and Newsome began to open a lead, and a check at 30 kilometres showed 1:37.15. By 20 miles Newsome was just ahead in 1:44.21, with Collins dropping to 1:45.29 and Brookbank fourth with 1:46.08. Shortly afterwards Collins was lapped and retired. The leaders sped on, running 5.16 for the 21st mile and 5.17 for the 22nd, making it obvious that new world figures were on the way. When the gun was fired at 2 hours, Newsome was just ahead of Austin, less than 100yds short of 23 miles. Then at 23 miles Austin suddenly made a break, covering the next four laps in 5.14, a move Newsome was unable to counter.

Running easily and with fine style, Eric Austin went on to win in 2:10.48, to clip 6 min. 48 secs. from the previous world best. John Newsome finished a great run in second place with 2:11.06, 6.04 inside the old record, while George Brookbank, a comparative newcomer of whom more will no doubt be heard, was also inside Sawyer's figures with 2:14.24. Four others finished the course.

Gordon Doubleday

1. E. Austin (Worcester YMCA) 2hr 10min 48secs
(world best performance)
2. J. Newsome (Wakefield H) 2hr 11min 6secs

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3. G. Brookbank (Manchester & DLC) 2hr 14min 24secs
4. A. Swindlehurst (Liverpool H) 2:20.24; 5. A. Walsham (Salford) 2:21.04; 6. L. Mann (Belgrave) 2:23.49; 7. A. Phillips (Reading) 2:31.57.

Hertfordshire AAA hold their Annual General Meeting at Oaklands Primary School, Great North Road, Oaklands, Welwyn, Herts, on Thursday, November 14th at 7.30 p.m.

CANTERBURY A.C.

At Howe Barracks, Dec. 14th., 3 p.m.

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SENIOR/JUNIOR 5M. YOUTHS/BOYS 3M.

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A crowded fixture list over the country today (November 2nd) includes the Cyclists v. Harriers 5 miles race at Coulsdon, Birmingham League (I at Rugby, II at Cheltenham, III at Solihull); Manchester League at Ashton-under-Lyme; Hants League at Bournemouth; Liddiard Trophy at Eastcote; North Midlands League at Nottingham; the Priory Relays at Reigate; Biggleswade races; Sangster and Booth Cup races at Liverpool and Barnett Youths Shield at Chingford. On the road there is the Woodbury Relay at Exeter, and the Alsager "5", while the ladies hold their National Road Relay at Lancaster. The RRC (Wales) stage their 50 miles track race at Cardiff.

TIMEKEEPERS' TESTS

A training afternoon for timekeepers will be held at Upbury Manor Secondary School, Gillingham, Kent, on Sunday, November 10th, at 2 p.m. It is hoped many of those present will avail themselves of the opportunity to take the AAA Practical Test for Timekeepers on December 1st. It is also hoped that more experienced timekeepers will endeavour to be present to assist the Chief Timekeepers, and to raise their personal test markings. Those wishing to attend should notify J. Hennessy, Esq., Cypress Cottage, Sutton Valence, nr. Maidstone (Tel. Sutton Valence 2123) from whom further particulars can be obtained.

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MEXICO OLYMPIC REPORT

by Melvyn Watman, assisted by John Lusardi

20 KILOMETRES WALK

(October 14th—additional details)

Positions at 5km: 1, R. Haluza (USA) 23:11; 2, N. Smaga (USSR) 23:11.2; 3, V. Golubnichiy (USSR) 23:12; 4, H. Reimann (E. Ger) 23:13; 5, A. JONES (UK) 23:14; 6, G. Sperling (E. Ger) 23:15; 7, J. Pedraza (Mex) 23:16; 8, P. Frenkel (E. Ger) 23:19; 9, K. Saito (Jap) 23:20; 10, S. Ingvarsson (Swe) 23:22.

Positions at 10km: 1, Smaga 46:54; 2, Golubnichiy 46:54.2; 3, Haluza 47:06.2; 4, Pedraza 47:13; 5, Sperling 47:13.2; 6, Frenkel 47:19; 7, Reimann 47:19.4; 8, O. Barch (USSR) 47:21; 9, JONES 47:34; 10, Ingvarsson 47:53.2.

Positions at 15km: 1, Smaga 1:10:19; 2, Golubnichiy 1:10:19; 3, Haluza 1:10:42; 4, Pedraza 1:10:54; 5, Barch 1:11:12; 6, Sperling 1:11:12; 7, Reimann 1:11:54; 8, Frenkel 1:11:55; 9, JONES 1:12:08; 10, Ingvarsson 1:12:32.

5km "splits": Golubnichiy 23:12, 23:42.2, 23:24.8, 23:39.4; Pedraza 23:16, 23:57, 23:41, 23:06; Smaga 23:11.2, 23:42.8, 23:25, 23:44.4; JONES 23:14, 24:20, 24:34, 25:24.

Third Day

Tuesday, October 15th

(Continued)

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (FINAL)

Four co-holders of the world record at 11.1 lined up for the final, and three of them collected medals. Wyomia Tyus dominated the race just as she had in Tokyo and, in winning by a good yard, she became the first athlete — male or female to win a second gold medal in the Olympic 100 metres. Her time of 11.0 on the rainsoaked Tartan track, with the wind registering only 1.2m/sec, was a new world record. There was a blanket finish for the next three places, the silver going to Barbara Ferrell and the bronze to Irena Szewinska, who was gaining on everyone in the closing stages. Poor Raelene Boyle (17) found her Commonwealth record of 11.1 good for "only" fourth. What a talent this fair-haired Australian is . . . undoubtedly a new Betty Cuthbert in the making.

Wyomia, who is 23, announced: "These are my last Olympics and I'm hanging up my spikes. I've been running for ten years and I think it's time for me to quit. I'm not getting any younger." Born in Georgia on August 29th, 1945, Wyomia created a sensation at the last Olympics when, previously only an 11.5 performer, she tied the

then world record of 11.2 in a heat and won the final by two yards.

1, WYOMIA TYUS 11.0 (World & Olympic record).

2, BARBARA FERRELL (USA) 11.1.

3, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland) 11.1 (eq. European record).

4, RAELENE BOYLE (Australia) 11.1 (Commonwealth record).

5, MARGARET BAILES (USA) 11.3.

6, DIANNE BURGE (Australia) 11.4.

7, CHI CHENG (Formosa) 11.5.

8, MIGUELINA COBIAN (Cuba) 11.6.

800 METRES (FINAL)

An unforgettable day's athletics ended with an appropriately memorable duel which seemed to indicate, from the times, that the altitude does not effect this event to any noticeable extent. It was a race of classic simplicity, similar to the Bannister v. Landy mile at Vancouver in 1954. Wilson Kiprugut, the great front runner, had to burn off Ralph Doubell and Tom Farrell, the great finishers, if he was to present Kenya with another gold medal.

One might have expected Thomas Saisi to help out his colleague, but in fact Kiprugut had to do all the work by himself. He dashed through the first 200m in a scintillating 24.0 with only Benedict Cayenne attempting to stay close (he was to pay later for this folly). At 400m, reached in 51.0, Kiprugut held a clear lead over Cayenne, 20-year-old Dieter Fromm, Doubell and 19-year-old Josef Plachy. Farrell was at the back. That second 200m had taken 27.0 but Kiprugut, striding out in magnificent style, accelerated on the third sector to reach 600m five yards up on Doubell in 77.6. The Kenyan was still ahead entering the final straight but, relentlessly, the gap was closed by the Australian and Doubell struggled past about 50 yards out. Kiprugut refused to give in and at the tape was only a stride behind.

The times were astonishing for those who had been led to believe that the altitude would add on about a second. Doubell stopped the electrical timing device at 1:44.3 to equal Peter Snell's world record, and Kiprugut was only a fifth slower! Could it be that both men were actually operating at close to 1.43 pace?

Although one's heart went out to Kiprugut for his brave attempt it was Doubell who was truly the hero of the hour. He had run a faultlessly executed race. "I prefer to start slowly," he explained. "I think it is a physiological fact that you run into an oxygen debt less quickly. When we came into the straight I still felt reasonably strong

and I thought I could get him, particularly as I had beaten him in the semi-final the previous day." Ralph, a 23-year-old employment officer of 5'11", 143lb build, said he owed "everything" to Franz Stampfl, his coach since he began running five years ago. He clocked 1:49.0 for 880y in 1965 (our Australian correspondent Bernie Cecins was already tipping him as 1:44 material) and 1:46.9—breaking Herb Elliott's Australian record—in 1966, during which season he placed 6th (1:48.3) just behind Chris Carter in the Commonwealth Games. Last year he scored a great 800m victory over Franz-Josef Kemper in 1:46.7 at the World University Games and he followed this up with a barnstorming indoor tour of the USA last winter. He came to Mexico City with a best for the year of 1:47.2 and no racing for over six months. He says he is not interested in the mile, but two years ago he clocked 4:00.5 at the White City behind Kip Keino (3:53.4), Derek Graham (3:59.2) and Alan Simpson (3:59.8). Incidentally, he is the first Australian to win the Olympic 800m since Edwin Flack . . . in 1896. Time on that occasion was 2:11.0!

Tom Farrell, a Tokyo finalist like Kiprugut, was a fine third in 1:45.4—in spite of running with a hairline fracture in his left foot. "It doesn't bother me," he says, "so I just try to forget it." Walter Adams also ran faster than ever before, while that outstanding prospect Plachy equalled his European junior best. We shall be hearing much more of Dieter Fromm, too. These two, together with John Davies, would seem to assure that Europe has more of a say in this event at Munich.

- 1, RALPH DOUBELL (Australia) 1:44.3 (eq. World record; new Olympic rec).
- 2, WILSON KIPRUGUT (Kenya) 1:44.5.
- 3, TOM FARRELL (USA) 1:45.4.
- 4, WALTER ADAMS (West Germany) 1:45.8.
- 5, JOSEF PLACHY (Czechoslovakia) 1:45.9.
- 6, DIETER FROMM (East Germany) 1:46.2.
- 7, THOMAS SAISI (Kenya) 1:47.5.
- 8, BENEDICT CAYENNE (Trinidad) 1:54.3.

Fourth Day Wednesday, October 16th

110 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 3 and fastest loser qualify for final)

What awfully bad luck for Alan Pascoe. In spite of equalling the UK record of 13.9 and running his best race this season he was shut out by just one-hundredth of a second. Apparently, Olyeg Stepanenko was that fraction faster in his heat and so Alan missed being the fastest loser. It wasn't much of a consolation to know that he had beaten 13.6 performer Lubomir Nadenicek. Both Stuart Storey and Mike Parker clocked their best legal times of the season.

Heat 1: (Nil wind) 1, E. Hall (USA) 13.7; 2, P. Schoebel (Fra) 13.8; 3, D. Riedo (Swi) 14.0; 4, G.

Cornacchia (Ita) 14.1; 5, F. Blyden (V.Is) 14.7; 6, K. Songok (Ken) 14.7.

Heat 2: (+ 1.0 m/s) 1, W. Davenport (USA) 13.6; 2, H. John (W. Ger) 13.8; 3, A. Bristol (P. Rico) 13.9; 4, O. Stepanenko (USSR) 13.9; 5, S. Arrechea (Col) 14.0; 6, A. Ishtiaq (Malay) 14.3; 7, P. Su (For) 15.0.

Heat 3: (+ 1.7 m/s) 1, E. Ottoz (Ita) 13.5; 2, W. Trzmiel (W. Ger) 13.8; 3, H. Morales (Cuba) 13.9; 4, K. Knoke (Aus) 14.1; 5, S. STOREY (UK) 14.1; 6, S. Maki (Iv. C) 14.3; 7, F. Tovondray (Madag) 14.9.

Heat 4: (+ 0.3 m/s) 1, L. Coleman (USA) 13.7; 2, B. Forssander (Swe) 13.9; 3, K. Weum (Nor) 14.0; 4, M. PARKER (UK) 14.1; 5, P. Saavedra (Chi) 14.4; 6, R. Onofre (Phil) 15.0.

Heat 5: (Nil wind) 1, V. Balikhin (USSR) 13.8; 2, M. Duriez (Fra) 13.9; 3, S. Liani (Ita) 13.9; 4, A. PASCOE (UK) 13.9 (eq. UK National rec); 5, L. Nadenicek (Cze) 14.1; 6, F. Deza (Peru) 14.3; 7, R. Mora (Dom) 16.8.

TRIPLE JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Giuseppe Gentile, a 25-year-old law student sporting an extremely ragged beard, fouled his first effort but on his second achieved a superb 56'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/17.10, to better Jozef Szmidt's eight-year-old world record (55'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/17.03). The wind reading was nil. His previous best was 54'11"/16.74. The second man to accomplish the 17 metre distance, Pertti Pousi, was meanwhile failing to reach the final in the second pool, achieving only a rather sorry 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.84.

Others who failed to qualify included Derek Boosey and Fred Alsop, the latter not fully fit after a season dogged by injury and Boosey unable to reach the required 52'10"/16.10 by just 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The pair were in very good company, however, with the list of non-qualifiers reading like a "Who's Who in Triple Jumping". Apart from Pousi, there was Klaus Neumann (55'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.79 this year); Aleksandr Zolotaryev (55'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.92 last year), the 1964 bronze medallist; Heinz-Gunther Schenk (54'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.62), Michael Sauer (55'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.77 indoors) and Jan Jaskolski (54'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.76 in 1966). Old man Szmidt, the defending champion, made the final once again despite reports that he would not be competing because of injury.

Qualifiers

G. Gentile (Ita) foul, 56'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/17.10 (World & Olympic record); M. Dia (Sen) 54'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/16.58; A. Walker (USA) 54'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.49; N. Prudencio (Bra) 51'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/15.79, 54'0"/16.46; P. May (Aus) 53'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.32; G. Stoikovski (Bul) 50'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/15.26, foul, 53'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.24; V. Saneyev (USSR) 53'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.22; S. Ciochina (Rum) 52'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/15.93, 52'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/16.07, 53'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.21; J. Kugler (W. Ger) 51'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/15.79, 53'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.20; L. Areta (Spa) 52'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.94, 53'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.20; J. Szmidt (Pol) foul, 53'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.19; H. Kalocsai (Hun) 50'8"/15.44, 53'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.16; N. Dudkin (USSR) 51'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.81, 52'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/16.15.

Non-qualifiers

J. Jaskolski (Pol) 52'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/15.88, 51'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/15.83,

52'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.04; M. Sauer (W. Ger) 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.61, 52'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.02, 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.84; D. BOOSEY (UK) 49'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.07, 52'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.99, 52'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/16.01; P. Pousi (Fin) foul, 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.84, 51'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.74; N. Tate (USA) 44'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.43, 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.84, 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.83; Y. Muraki (Jap) foul, 50'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.37, 51'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.83; T. Barrett (Bah) foul, 49'5"/15.06, 51'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.79; D. Smith (USA) foul, foul, 51'8"/15.75; F. ALSOP (UK) 42'5"/12.93, 51'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.71, 50'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.50; E. Vlassis (Gre) 50'9"/15.47, 50'11"/15.52, 51'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.71; A. Tuna (Tur) 51'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.65, foul, 50'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.43; J. Amoah (Gha) 51'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.65, 50'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.28, 51'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.65; H. Schenk (E. Ger) foul, 48'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.72, 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.61; D. Ivanov (Hun) 51'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.61, foul, 47'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.42; S. Igun (Nig) 50'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.40, 45'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.86, 50'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.46; A. Zolotaryev (USSR) 50'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.41, 48'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.72, foul; M. Chen (For) 50'2"/15.29, 49'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.04, 48'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.76; L. Burgher (Jam) 49'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.20, 50'2"/15.29, 49'8"/15.14; K. Neumann (E. Ger) 49'9"/15.16, foul, pass; H. Serate (P. Rico) 49'6"/15.09, 49'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.05, 48'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.89; Z. Cziffra (Hun) 49'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.04, foul, pass.

HAMMER (QUALIFYING)

In a Mexican pre-Olympic meet Howard Payne upped his UK National record to 216'5"/65.98, two centimetres short of the mark needed to qualify him for the final. So he entered the competition knowing he would have to throw further than ever before. His first two efforts were tantalisingly close to the yellow taped arc that indicated 66 metres. Prior to his third and final try Howard stalked up and down like an angry grizzly, seemingly ready to bite the head off anyone who came within distance. When his name was called he strode immediately into the circle, paused for a second, spun three times and threw his implement more perfectly and powerfully than ever before. The hammer arched across the backdrop of the stadium before falling at a truly splendid 223'3"/68.06, a personal improvement of 6'10".

Earlier Gyula Zsivotzky, exultant after a 247ft training throw, had his usual magnificent qualifying effort with 238'2"/72.60, an Olympic record and a mark that only he and Romuald Klim have ever topped. A shock non-qualifier was Tokyo bronze medallist Uwe Beyer, while 1956 champion Hal Connolly also fell by the wayside.

Qualifiers

G. Zsivotzky (Hun) 238'2"/72.60 (Olympic record); L. Lovasz (Hun) 226'3"/68.96; S. Eck-Schmidt (Hun) 225'8"/68.60; H. Baumann (E. Ger) 223'10"/68.24; R. Theimer (E. Ger) 215'10"/65.78, 223'6"/68.12; H. PAYNE (UK) 214'11"/65.52, 212'7"/64.80, 223'3"/68.06 (UK National & Commonwealth record); H. Fahs (W. Ger) 215'10"/65.80, 222'9"/67.90; T. Sugawara (Jap) 222'3"/67.76; G. Kondrashov (USSR) 221'8"/67.56; E. Burke (USA) 221'0"/67.36; Y. Ishida (Jap) 220'4"/67.16; R. Klim (USSR) 219'2"/66.82; A. Shuplyakov (USSR) 212'6"/64.78, 218'4"/66.56.

Non-qualifiers

A. Hall (USA) foul, 215'6"/65.70, 191'2"/58.28;



Howard Payne set a UK National and Commonwealth record of 223'3" in the qualifying round of the hammer.

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L. Caspers (W. Ger) foul, 215'0"/65.54, 212'3"/64.70; U. Beyer (W. Ger) 213'4"/65.02, 212'10"/64.88, 214'8"/65.44; H. Connolly (USA) foul, foul, 213'3"/65.00; J. Martinez (Spa) 198'10"/60.60, 208'0"/63.40, 206'2"/62.84; E. Ammann (Swi) foul, 201'8"/61.48, 204'8"/62.40; P. Kumar (Ind) foul, 196'2"/59.80, 199'7"/60.84.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Barbara Inkpen (18) excelled in clearing 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.74, only half an inch below her best, at the first attempt to join 13 others in the final. Previously she had jumped 5'5"/1.65 at the second, 5'6"/1.68 at the first and 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.71 at the second. Dorothy Shirley, her legs dead after a surfeit of jumping from Tartan, made 5'1"/1.55, 5'3"/1.60 and 5'5"/1.65 first time, cleared 5'6"/1.68 at the third try but failed at 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.71. Most surprising non-qualifiers were Yordanka Blagoyeva (5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.79 this year) and Virginia Bonci (5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.77).

Qualifiers

M. Reskova (Cz), K. Schulze (E. Ger), R. Schmidt (E. Ger), M. Gusenbauer (Austria), V. Grushkina (USSR), V. Kozyr (USSR), J. Valentova (Cz), M. Faithova (Cz), A. Okorokova (USSR), K. Csabi (Hun), B. INKPEN (UK), M.

Cypriano (Braz), G. Barnay (Fra) & S. Hrepevnik (Yug) all cleared 5'8½"/1.74 to qualify.

Non-qualifiers

A. Reid (Jam) 5'7¼"/1.71; Y. Blagoyeva (Bul) 5'6"/1.68; E. Montgomery (USA) 5'6"/1.68; N. Denise (Fra) 5'6"/1.68; K. Lazova (Bul) 5'6"/1.68; D. SHIRLEY (UK) 5'6"/1.68; V. Bonci (Rum) 5'5"/1.65; S. Callahan (USA) 5'3"/1.60; A. Waerness (Nor) 5'3"/1.60; E. Baskerville (USA) failed at 5'3"/1.60.

200 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

John Carlos was really motoring around the bend in his semi: Dick Steane in the next lane outside must have wondered what hit him. Carlos won by only a yard, though, as Peter Norman closed rapidly and tied the Commonwealth record of 20.2. Roger Bambuck matched the weak-looking European record of 20.4 in fourth place, a time duplicated in the other race by Jochen Eigenherr. Greg Lewis found to his cost that 20.5, good for the silver medal in Tokyo, was not fast enough to make the final. Both Steane and Ralph Bantthorpe went out in 20.8 and no one can complain about that.

Heat 1: (+ 0.2 m/s) 1, J. Carlos (USA) 20.1 (Olympic record); 2, P. Norman (Aus) 20.2 (eq. Commonwealth rec); 3, M. Fray (Aus) 20.4; 4, R. Bambuck (Fra) 20.4 (eq. European rec); 5, I. Moreno (Chi) 20.8; 6, R. STEANE (UK) 20.8; 7, N. Ivanov (USSR) 20.8; 8, P. Acevedo (Peru) 20.8.

Heat 2: (+ 0.6 m/s) 1, T. Smith (USA) 20.1 (eq. Olympic record); 2, E. Roberts (Trin) 20.4; 3, L. Questad (USA) 20.4; 4, J. Eigenherr (W. Ger) 20.4 (eq. European rec); 5, G. Lewis (Aus) 20.5; 6, E. Romanowski (Pol) 20.7; 7, R. BANTHORPE (UK) 20.8; 8, M. Jegethesan (Malay) 21.0.

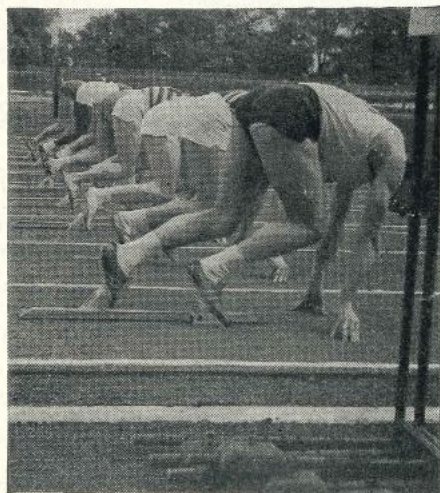
400 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 4 qualify for 2nd round)

It was obvious that we were going to see some fancy quarter-miling, even with four to qualify from each heat, but 15 men inside 46 seconds was a bit much! Don Domansky did not even get through with 46.4. National records fell wholesale, the most notable being 45.3 for Senegal (only the USA, West Germany and Trinidad can boast faster), 45.5 for Poland and Ethiopia, 45.7 for Tanzania (Claver Kamanya's pre-Mexico best is listed as 48.5!) and 45.7 for Jamaica—George Rhoden's mark falling after 18 years. Martin Winbolt Lewis, with a personal best of 46.2, and Colin Campbell qualified comfortably but Howard Davies was shut out.

Heat 1: 1, L. Evans (USA) 45.3; 2, C. Kamanya (Tanz) 45.7; 3, C. Nicolau (Fra) 45.7; 4, S. Bugri (Gha) 45.8; 5, M. Kinder (W. Ger) 46.9; 6, E. Burnham (Barb) 47.9.

Heat 2: 1, A. Badenski (Pol) 45.5; 2, C. Forbes (Jam) 45.7; 3, L. James (USA) 45.8; 4, D. Rudisha (Ken) 46.9; 5, A. Hussein (Sud) 47.7; 6, V. Asirvatham (Malay) 48.0.



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Heat 3: 1, A. Gakou (Sen) 45.3; 2, T. Bezebeh (Eth) 45.5; 3, R. Freeman (USA) 45.6; 4, A. Diaz (Cuba) 46.4; 5, R. Magarinos (Spa) 46.9; 6, A. Egwunyenga (Nig) 47.3; 7, P. Menocal (Nic) 49.1.

Heat 4: 1, M. Jellinghaus (W. Ger) 46.4; 2, P. Grajales (Col) 46.7; 3, M. Zerbes (E. Ger) 46.8; 4, R. Mackenzie (Can) 47.0; 5, H. DAVIES (UK) 47.2; 6, J. Pennewaert (Bel) 48.5; 7, J. Astacio (Salv) 52.9.

Heat 5: 1, A. Omolo (Uga) 45.8; 2, M. Nyamau (Ken) 45.9; 3, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 45.9; 4, H. Muller (W. Ger) 45.9; 5, D. Martinez (Cuba) 47.2; 6, A. Harper (Ber) 49.1.

Heat 6: 1, J. Werner (Pol) 45.9; 2, M. WIN-BOLT LEWIS (UK) 46.2; 3, M. Makama (Nig) 46.4; 4, S. Bello (Ita) 46.5; 5, E. Tellez (Cuba) 46.7; 6, N. Carroll (RoI) 46.8; 7, J. L'Official (Dom) 47.9.

Heat 7: 1, N. Bon (Ken) 46.2; 2, J. Balachowski (Pol) 46.2; 3, Y. Dogon (Nig) 46.2; 4, G. Bertoulet (Fra) 46.3; 5, D. Domansky (Can) 46.4; 6, O. Pina (Mex) 46.8; 7, L. Miller (Bah) 46.9; 8, C. Yoyaga (Iv. C) 50.0.

Heat 8: 1, W. Muller (E. Ger) 46.6; 2, C. CAMPBELL (UK) 46.6; 3, S. Ottolina (Ita) 46.7; 4, J. Dyrzka (Arg) 47.0; 5, G. Simon (Trin) 47.9; 6, O. Ghiziat (Mar) 48.2; 7, M. Kun (For) 49.0.

JAVELIN (FINAL)

Were you worried coming up to the last throw, I asked Janis LUSIS after it was all over. "Oh no," he replied with a smile. Well, he may have kept his cool but his numerous supporters were just a little concerned. Here was the greatest javelin thrower of modern times, the winner of every honour but the Olympic title, in second place with one throw to go. But let's go back to the beginning...

Lusis, throwing first, started with a mere 268' 2"/81.74—a mark that ranked him fourth after the first round behind Jorma Kinnunen's 283'1"/86.30, Ake Nilsson's 273'10"/83.48 and Gergely Kulcsar's 272'10"/83.10. Lusis ended this nonsense with his second effort of 283'3"/86.34, with Wladyslaw Nikiciuk moving into third spot with 281'2"/85.70. Kulcsar, who improved to 273'4"/83.32 in the third (for fifth place), exploded to a lifetime best of 285'7"/87.06 in the next round. This remarkable throw by a man of 34 who has been at the forefront for a whole decade, placed him in the lead and he remained thus placed as the last round came up.

It was all or nothing now for Lusis, twice European champion and Olympic bronze medallist in Tokyo. A lesser athlete might have flunked the test but Lusis is not considered the greatest for nothing. Flying beautifully, his spear landed at 295'7"/90.10. At the age of 29, the 5'11", 185lb Latvian had achieved his heart's desire, an Olympic gold medal, and followed in the footsteps of his wife, the former Elvira Ozolina, who struck gold in Rome in 1960. Actually it wasn't quite all over as Kinnunen, who once threw around

306ft in training, came quite close with his final cast of 290'7"/88.58—which shunted Kulcsar back into the bronze medal position. Janusz Sidlo (35), world record holder briefly in 1956 and competing in his fifth Olympics, finished a solid seventh, two places ahead of promising 19-year-old Mark Murro.

Lusis, an Army officer, was born at Jelgava (home town also of Canadian discus thrower George Puce) on May 19th, 1939. He began as a triple jumper but in order to help out his school team in 1957 he threw the javelin also. He reached 146'0"/44.52 in his first competition but his coach told him he was too skinny (he was then 5'9" and 150lb) to make a javelin thrower. Jan persevered, though, and improved to 175'1"/53.37 in that first year. His progress since: 1958—207'8"/63.31, 1959—238'3"/72.63, 1960—245'8"/74.89, 1961—265'9"/81.01, 1962—282'3"/86.04, 1963—274'5"/83.65, 1964—270'11"/82.59, 1965—284'0"/86.56, 1966—281'2"/85.70, 1967—298'6"/90.98, 1968—301'9"/91.98. A fine all-rounder, he scored 7,764 on the old tables in 1962 and can boast such individual marks as 11.2 for 100m, 6'2 1/4"/1.90 HJ, 12'1 1/4"/3.70 PV, 23'6 1/4"/7.17 LJ, 47'3 1/4"/14.41 TJ and 49'9"/15.16 SP.

1, JANIS LUSIS (USSR) 295'7"/90.10 (Olympic record); 268'2"/81.74, 283'3"/86.34, 271'2"/82.66, 276'11"/84.40, foul, 295'7"/90.10).

2, JORMA KINNUNEN (Finland) 290'7"/88.58 (283'1"/86.30, foul, foul, 259'2"/79.00, 281'7"/85.82, 290'7"/88.58).

3, GERGELY KULCSAR (Hungary) 285'7"/87.06 (272'10"/83.10, foul, 273'4"/83.32, 285'7"/87.06, 279'4"/85.14, 273'7"/83.40).

4, WLADYSLAW NIKICIUK (Poland) 281'2"/85.70 (foul, 281'2"/85.70, 269'10"/82.24, foul, 270'1"/82.32, 263'11"/80.44).

5, MANFRED STOLLE (East Germany) 276'11"/84.42 (foul, 252'2"/76.86, 267'5"/81.52, 276'11"/84.42, foul, 261'6"/79.72).

6, AKE NILSSON (Sweden) 273'10"/83.48 (273'10"/83.48, foul, foul, foul, 251'9"/76.74, 261'8"/79.76).

7, JANUSZ SIDLO (Poland) 264'4"/80.58 (262'5"/80.00, 240'8"/76.36, 264'4"/80.58, 247'8"/75.50, 255'5"/77.86, 250'10"/76.46).

8, URS VON WARTBURG (Switzerland) 264'3"/80.56 (264'3"/80.56, 253'10"/77.06, 253'4"/77.22, foul, foul, foul).

9, Mark Murro (USA) 262'9" (262'8"/80.06, 262'9"/80.08, foul); 10, Walter Pektor (Austria) 253'11"/77.40 (248'2"/75.64, 253'11"/77.40, foul); 11, Aurelio Janet Torres (Cuba) 245'8"/74.88 (foul, 245'8"/74.88, foul); 12, Hermann Salomon (W. Ger) 241'5"/73.50 (foul, 235'0"/71.64, 241'5"/73.50).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Kinnunen; 2, Nilsson; 3, Kulcsar; 4, Lusis; 5, Von Wartburg; 6, Murro.

Round 2: 1, Lusis; 2, Kinnunen; 3, Nikiciuk; 4, Nilsson; 5, Kulcsar; 6, Von Wartburg.

Round 3: 1, Lusis; 2, Kinnunen; 3, Nikiciuk; 4, Nilsson; 5, Kulcsar; 6, Sidlo.

Round 4: Kulcsar; 2, Lusis; 3, Kinnunen; 4, Nikiciuk; 5, Stolle; 6, Nilsson.

Round 5: Positions unchanged.

WOMEN'S PENTATHLON

(Second Day)

An excellent long jump of 21'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6.43 carried Ingrid Becker into second place after four events with 4021 points, while her 18-year-old teammate Manon Bornholdt with 21'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6.42 improved from ninth to fourth at 3940 points. The overnight leader, Liese Prokop, kept up the good work by jumping 19'7"/5.97 and maintaining her



Ingrid Becker (W. Ger) won the Olympic pentathlon title.

Ed Lacey

position with 4043, while Valentina Tikhomirova dropped a place to third (3986). Annamaria Toth, a world-class 200m runner, moved into a medal-threatening fifth at 3912 and Meta Antenen (19) was sixth with 3907. Mary Peters, who needed to jump well over 19ft to keep alive her medal hopes, could manage only 18'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/5.60 and dropped from third to ninth with a score of 3862. Sue Scott, though, continued to excel and her admirable leap of 20'4"/6.20 (backed up by a 20'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.16) gained her two positions, to 16th, with 3789. Ann Wilson, whose strongest event this is, made only 19'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/6.01 for 18th at 3738, but was hampered by a foot injury.

All the "big guns" were grouped into the same 200m heat and, as expected, Becker and Toth made the most of it. Becker set a great personal best of 23.5 to wind up champion with 5098—a score bettered only by Irina Press and the un-

fortunate Heide Rosendahl. Toth's 23.8 gave her a score of 4959 and the bronze medal, but the silver went to the astonishing Austrian, Liese Prokop, at 4966. Aged 27, her previous best of 4750 did not rank her among the leading dozen contenders; in 1967 she scored 4618. Her sister, Maria Sykora, ran a 55.1 400 this year. European champion Tikhomirova took fourth with a mildly disappointing 4927, while the immensely promising Bornholdt held off Pat Winslow for fifth. Galina Sofina, the Soviet champion at 5038, injured herself and missed the 200m; also unlucky was Djurda Focic who had to hobble around the final event in 41.8.

Mary Peters finished in fine style with a personal best clocking of 24.9 and though she scored six more points than when she placed fourth in Tokyo, this time she had to settle for ninth. Just one place and 17 points behind came Sue Scott, whose performance was simply marvellous. Tenth in the Olympics ahead of a host of more renowned performers, and a score of 4786 (164-point improvement) . . . at the age of 17 years and a few weeks. In running up this score, a world age record, Sue set a personal best hurdles time, was close to her best in the shot, high jump and long jump, and—as a grand finale—raced to a brilliant 200m victory in 24.3 (nil wind), a full half-second inside her previous fastest. In Sue Scott we have one of the great stars of the future and the natural successor to Mary Rand. She has the ability, temperament and desire to become the greatest all-round woman athlete yet seen; all she needs is a little luck and a lot of work.

Although the enforced absence of Heide Rosendahl will always cast a shadow, Ingrid Becker proved a worthy Olympic pentathlon champion. Although only 26 these were her third Olympics. She was equal ninth in the Rome high jump, while in Tokyo she was fourth in the long jump and eighth in the pentathlon. Currently 5'10" and 141lb, Ingrid first made her name as a high jumper, setting a West German record of 5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/1.71 in 1961. She took up pentathlon that year (4502) and in subsequent seasons has scored 4663 (1962), 4672 (1963), 4726 (1964), 4701 (1965), and 4953 (1967). Her individual best marks are 11.5 for 100m, 23.5 for 200m, 10.9 for 80mH, 5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/1.71 HJ, 21'9"/6.63 LJ and 44'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/13.44 SP.

1, INGRID BECKER (West Germany) 5098 (LJ-21'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6.43, 200m-23.5).

2, LIESE PROKOP (Austria) 4966 (19'7"/5.97, 25.1).

3, ANNAMARIA TOTH (Hungary) 4959 (20'1"/6.12, 23.8).

4, VALENTINA TIKHOMIROVA (USSR) 4927 (19'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/5.99, 24.9).

5, MANON BORNHOLDT (West Germany) 4890 (21'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6.42, 24.8).

6, PAT WINSLOW (USA) 4877 (19'7"/5.97, 24.5).

7, INGE BAUER (East Germany) 4849 (20'5"/6.22, 24.5).

8, META ANTENEN (Switzerland) 4848 (20'8"/6.30, 24.9).

9, MARY PETERS (UK) 4803 (18'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/5.60, 24.9); 10, SUE SCOTT (UK) 4786 (20'4"/6.20,

24.3); 11, Jenny Meldrum (Can) 4774 (19'4"/5.89, 24.8); 12, Marijana Lubej (Yug) 4764 (19'8 1/2"/6.01, 23.9); 13, Nina Hansen (Den) 4738 (20'3 1/4"/6.19, 25.0); 14, Snezhana Yurukova (Bul) 4728 (19'7 1/2"/5.98, 25.1); 15, Monique Bantegny (Fra) 4697 (19'4 1/4"/5.90, 25.3); 16, ANN WILSON (UK) 4688 (19'8 1/2"/6.01, 24.8); 17, Marjan Ackermans (Neth) 4650 (18'6 1/2"/5.65, 25.5); 18, Berit Berthelsen (Nor) 4649 (20'7 1/4"/6.28, 24.5); 19, Gerda Uhlemann (E. Ger) 4644 (19'9"/6.02, 25.0); 20, Aida dos Santos (Bra) 4578 (18'0 1/2"/5.50, 24.9); 21, Magali Vetterazzo (Ita) 4504 (19'2"/5.84, 24.2); 22, Cornelia Popescu (Rum) 4435 (19'4"/5.89, 26.2); 23, Sieglinde Amman (Swi) 4414 (19'11"/6.07, 25.7); 24, Cathy Hamblin (USA) 4330 (18'9 1/4"/5.72, 25.3); 25, Lolita Lagrosas (Phil) 4131 (18'0 1/2"/5.50, 27.0); 26, Chun Lin (For) 4104 (17'7"/5.36, 26.5); 27, A-mei Tien (For) 3899 (16'7 1/4"/5.06, 25.2); 28, Galina Sofina (USSR) 3828 (18'10 1/2"/5.76, —); 29, Djurdja Focic (Yug) 3814 (19'4 1/4"/5.90, 41.8); 30, Roswitha Emonts-Gast (Bel) 3654 (19'0 1/4"/5.81, 25.7); 31, Mercedes Roman (Mex) 3604 (18'8 1/2"/5.71, 24.6); 32, Jean Robotham (C. Rica) 2909 (15'6 1/4"/4.74, 25.4); 33, Ewa Cederstrom (Swe) 2557 (—, —).

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (FINAL)

Seven-hundredths of a second . . . or about two feet. That's all that separated Lillian Board from the gold medal in this most emotional of races. It was the sort of finish that leaves the onlooker's pulse racing and his nerves shredded. At least that was my experience!

Here is how they lined up from the inside: Lillian Board (best of 52.5), Aurelia Penton (52.8), Helga Henning (53.3), Jarvis Scott (52.9), Colette Besson (53.1), Myrna v.d. Hoeven (52.6), Janet Simpson (53.6) and Natalia Burda (52.8). Lillian carried the burden of being favourite on account not only of her best time but of training runs the previous week in which she ran 200m in 23.2 and 300m in an incredible 36.3 (48.4 400m speed). Scott, the American champion, was rated her closest rival, while the dark horse was the erratic but potentially dangerous Penton.

Lillian tells the story of the race: "I had a little trouble with my blocks to begin with, which isn't the best start to an Olympic final, but I got off to a reasonably good start. I felt good down the back straight [she passed 200m on schedule in 24.5] and really pushed it round the final bend. Then, going into the final straight, I found myself in the lead. I couldn't believe it. I thought it couldn't last . . . and it didn't!" What happened was that Lillian, who held a four to five yard lead with 50 to go, began to fade. It was not a drastic slowing down but sufficient for the girls in pursuit to take heart. Ever so gradually Colette Besson and Natalia Burda closed the gap—and one wished the blessed tape would somehow edge its way nearer to Lillian. Ten yards to go and still Lillian was in front but in those last fateful strides the French brunette inched past. What a tragedy for the London girl. She had thrown everything into it and yet, in the very last second,

victory had been snatched from her. One could have wept in sympathy for and with her.

Although the final result was a surprise, insofar as a relative outsider (pre-Mexico best of 53.8) had won, Lillian's performance is still utterly praiseworthy. For a start, her time of 52.1 was inside Ann Packer's European record—and no one can ask more of an athlete than a personal best. Secondly, she ran uncompromisingly for victory—again no one can ask more. Thirdly, let it be remembered that Lillian is still only 19 and this has been only her third season in the event. Finally, a silver medal in these fantastic Olympics is a tremendous achievement. So, in the words of the famous song, let's accentuate the positive aspects of Lillian's splendid run and not dwell too much on the negative.

To say that Colette Besson was an unexpected Olympic champion is putting it mildly. Even the French journalists, never shy of proclaiming the merit of their athletes, were flabbergasted by the attractive 22-year-old PE teacher from Bordeaux. Colette, who stands 5'6 1/2" and weighs 123lb, was given "a chance to reach the final" by one French magazine in its Olympic preview, which in view of a best time of 53.8 (behind Lia Louer at Crystal Palace) — equal eighth among Olympic contenders—was fair and reasonable. The first indication that she might shake a few people came in training at Mexico City when she cut her 100m best to 11.4 and ran 150m in 17.0. She was an impressive heat winner in 53.1 and placed second in her rain-soaked semi in 53.6. She had run 54.2 in 1966 but clocked only 55.2 last year;

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With the exception of v.d. Hoeven (last in spite of a time of 53.0!) everyone ran faster than ever before, and next to Besson the greatest improvement was shown by Janet Simpson. Janet is a proven sprinter of world class, a finalist in the Tokyo 200m and a member of several great relay teams. Injury kept her out for most of last season but this year she was determined to regain her place in the international team. Although she trained specifically for sprinting and not the quarter last winter, she found herself rather less sharp than previously and decided to try her luck at the longer distance. Results were encouraging. She tied her 1966 best of 55.9 in the Herts Championships in spite of poor conditions and no opposition, and showed real promise with a 54.7 400m victory in Lubeck in June. Having achieved her Olympic qualifying standard (which eluded her at 200m) she went for the 400m at the WAAA Championships and ran v.d. Hoeven to inches in 53.9. Sceptics thought she might fold under the ever-increasing strain of heats, semis and final in Mexico City, but in fact she looked better every time out and in the final ran an absolute blinder to take fourth place in 52.5. "I can't believe it," she gasped. Her performance was all the more remarkable as she was troubled by a cold. Now, says Janet, it's all for the quarter. She's even going to train for it this winter!

The world all-time list now reads:—51.2 Sin Kim Dan (N. Kor) 1964; 52.0 Betty Cuthbert (Aus) 1964 & Collette Besson (Fra) 1968; 52.1* Judy Pollock (Aus) 1965; 52.1 Lillian Board (UK) 1968; 52.2 Ann Packer (UK) 1964 & Natalia Burda (USSR) 1968; 52.4 Charlette Cooke (USA) 1967; 52.5 Janet Simpson (UK) 1968.

- 1, COLETTE BESSON (France) 52.0 (European record; equals Olympic rec).
- 2, LILLIAN BOARD (UK) 52.1 (UK National rec).
- 3, NATALIA BURDA (USSR) 52.2.
- 4, JANET SIMPSON (UK) 52.5.
- 5, AURELIA PENTON (Cuba) 52.7.
- 6, JARVIS SCOTT (USA) 52.7.
- 7, HELGA HENNING (W. Germany) 52.8.
- 8, MYRNA VAN DER HOEVEN (Neth) 53.0.

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE (FINAL)

It may have been the slowest Olympic race for 20 years and unsatisfactory in that Viktor Kudinskiy, the lowlander with the best chance of taming the Kenyans, dropped out because of a hip injury on the second lap, but there was no denying that for sheer excitement there have been few steeplechases to beat it.

The first lap was an incredibly slow 76.2 and at 1000m, reached in a plodding 3:04.2, Ben Kogo was leading from Jean-Paul Villain, the Frenchman who had run so extravagantly in his heat. It was just like old times when defending champion Gaston Roelants took over to pass 2000m in 6:03.2 (his time in Tokyo was 5:38.6), closely fol-



Collette Besson, who snatched the women's 400m gold medal from Lillian Board in the last strides, equalling the Olympic record of 52.0.

Peter Tempest

lowed by Kogo. With two laps to go the order was Roelants, Kogo, Aleksandr Morozov, George Young, Kerry O'Brien and Javier Alvarez Salgado, with Amos Biwott lagging some 20 yards or more behind the leader. Biwott was still that far behind, in sixth place, at the bell: ahead of him were Kogo, Young, O'Brien, Roelants and Morozov.

Young, the 31-year-old American who hadn't lost a race all year from the mile to the marathon inclusive, moved ahead with 250m remaining with Kingston silver medallist O'Brien right behind him. Kogo, the favourite, strode after them and with a beautifully executed clearance surged into the lead at the final water jump. It looked all over . . . until the incredible Biwott sprinted furiously past everyone in the straight to win by four yards from his countryman in 8:51.0. His last lap must have been covered in phenomenal time, for the final kilometre took only 2:47.8. Young and O'Brien waged a torrid duel for the bronze medal, the American proving just the stronger in what was the last steeplechase of his distinguished career.

Amos Biwott, whom no one outside of Kenya had heard of even six months ago, is—according to the deposed Kenyan national coach John Velzian—a schoolboy and nearer 19 than the 21 years claimed by Biwott. He has run the event

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WALKING

RWA Youth and Junior Championships, at Little Hulton, Lancs, October 19th: The first two RWA National Championships of the new season were organised by Lancashire Walking Club at Little Hulton. In fine conditions for walking, twenty eight competitors started in the Youths' event, with ESAA Champion Ollie Caviglioli and local hope Steve Crow taking an immediate lead. Dave Ward of the home club held third for a time but the Emsley brothers of Steyning AC walking strongly, split the Lancashire pair to ensure that the Lugano Youth Cup for the winning team went to the Sussex club. After a mile Caviglioli was 20 yds in the lead, and so controlled and confident was his walking that clearly he wasn't going to be caught. Steve Crow, a resident of Little Hulton, walked a fine race to hold second, whilst third place was decided between the Emsley brothers in the final sprint.

The Junior race produced some fine walking with an exciting battle for both the individual and team titles. Phil Bannon, Roger Mills and Brian Adams were the leaders from the start, and were soon joined by Phil Embleton. Ilford held a slight lead in the race for the Cheltenham Cup after the first of three laps, but both Boundary H and Sheffield UH were very close at this stage. At three miles the leaders were reduced to two, Bannon and Mills, and with a mile to go Mills moved clear. Further back, the other two members of the Ilford team were moving through the field, with Brian Armstrong briefly leading Adams of Leicester. Phil Embleton walked a fine race for third and at the finish Brian Adams repassed Armstrong for fourth.

Chris Bolton

Youths 3 miles: 1, O. Caviglioli (Bas) 23.01; 2, S. Crow (Lancs) 23.35; 3, K. Emsley (Steyn) 24.03; 4, R. Emsley 24.05; 5, D. Ward (Lancs) 24.35; 6, A. Hackney (Leic) 24.52; 7, A. Ring (Steyn) 25.04; 8, J. Reynolds (Boundary) 25.14; 9, S. Eddy (Broms) 25.16; 10, D. Lawrence (Ex. B) 25.19; 11, R. Fortune (Ex. B) 25.22; 12, T. McGuinness (Lancs) 25.26; 13, S. Smith (Leic) 25.37; 14, B. Larver (Ex. B) 25.40; 15, C. Hook (Steyn) 26.09; 16, J. Hinde (Sheff) 26.32; 17, K. Ring (Steyn) 26.56; 18, T. Wilson (Leic) 27.15; 19, M. Clark (Broms) 27.24; 20, R. Furnival. Teams: 1, Steyning 11; 2, Lancs WC 15; 3, Essex Beagles 29.

Juniors 5 miles: 1, R. Mills (Ilf) 37.14; 2, P. Bannon (Boundary) 37.24; 3, P. Embleton (Met) 37.39; 4, B. Adams (Leic) 37.47; 5, B. Armstrong (Ilf) 37.49; 6, A. Ross (H'gate) 39.04; 7, G. Hunwicke (Ilf) 39.16; 8, J. Ford (Sheff) 39.32; 9, G. Saxty (Trow) 39.50; 10, C. Lawton (Bel) 40.05; 11, P. Etches (Sheff) 40.15; 12, D. Holly (Thur) 40.22; 13, K. Madigan (Boundary) 40.25; 14, M. Entwistle (Lancs) 40.26; 15, I. Hodgkinson (Boundary) 40.43; 16, M. Holmes (Yorks) 40.47; 17, D. Gregory (Greyfriars) 40.49; 18, R. Gardener (Broms) 40.56; 19, S. Fish (Steyn) 41.15; 20, S. Lewis (Broms) 41.26. Teams: 1, Ilford 10; 2, Boundary H. 22; 3, Sheffield 32.

London Vidarians 7MW Championship, October 5th. 1, P. Maidment 55.15; 2, D. Delaney 56.26; 3, D. Hopkins 59.43; 4, J. Moran 63.54.

USA Olympian here for winter season? I understand from John Webb that American 20Km walker Tom Dooley hopes to return with the British team and compete through to February, including the various open "7s" in his programme.

Tom, who lives in San Francisco, is a fine stylist who has improved very rapidly over the past two years. He represented his country at the 1967 Lugano Cup final.

Easlea beats Seddon in tough Inter-Club, at Woodford Green, October 12th. Held over a four lap course, competitors had a tough time on this very undulating route. Livermore and Seddon led at the end of the first lap with Easlea just behind. However, by halfway the two Enfield men were well clear. During the second half, Ken Easlea managed to open a small gap which he maintained to lead the other 25 finishers home. It was good to see 67-year-old Arthur King still competing (86.12). He was 9th in the AAA Marathon 32 years ago! 1, K. Easlea (Enf) 57.20; 2, A. Seddon (Enf) 57.33; 3, K. Livermore (WG) 59.13; 4, D. Holly (Poly) 59.30; 5, J. Thomas (WG) 59.49; 6, L. Mockett (WG) 63.00. Teams: 1, Woodford Grn 23; 2, Enfield AC 26; 3, Police 29.

Our Olympic squad's performances. Misfortune overshadowed everything else with John Webb being unfortunate enough to sustain a leg injury whilst training, resulting in several days in bed, virtually no training in the fortnight prior to the event, and countless injections. In the circumstances John did remarkably well to place so high. Bob Hughes had an unhappy race after showing pleasing form in training, while Shaun Lightman, who never seemed his true self in pre-race training sessions, showed tremendous courage in finishing after being on the verge of collapse. However, the biggest disappointment was the collapse, due to heat exhaustion, of Paul Nihill.

Paul, who clocked a startling 43.59 in a 10km road trial, looked in such sharp form that he could well have won the 20km race. It was most unfortunate that the 50km race had to fall on one of the hottest afternoons of the Games, because the Surrey man is always more at home in cool, rainy conditions (as at Tokyo) than in hot, humid weather. In an endeavour to go one better than last time, Paul went with the man to beat, Christoph Hohne, and gave his all in a gallant failure. If only the walk had been held in the previous day's rainstorm I cannot help thinking Nihill would have repeated his silver medal success of four years ago.

The two bright spots in our team were the seventh place of Brian Eley and the eleventh place of Arthur Jones. Eley, with only one international behind him, walked a sensible, even-paced race, gaining three positions in the last 10km, and beating many established favourites. In the shorter event Jones brought out probably his best performance to date in really getting amongst the world's top short distance specialists.

Colin Young

The way we get our athletes to the Olympic Games might have changed



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only a handful of times and, in fact, qualified for Mexico by just one-fifth of a second. His best time is 8:44.8 and the standard was 8:45.0. Velzian, asked why Biwott ran his heat the way he did, thought that he was such a novice that he didn't understand the meaning of a heat. To him it was just a race to win. His theory as to why Biwott clears the entire water jump is that "if you've got only one pair of shoes in the world you don't want to get them wet". Biwott, he warned, was going to be a force in international steeplechasing for another ten years. The mind boggles over what he might achieve at sea level in the years to come!

- 1, AMOS BIWOTT (Kenya) 8:51.0.
- 2, BENJAMIN KOGO (Kenya) 8:51.6.
- 3, GEORGE YOUNG (USA) 8:51.8.
- 4, KERRY O'BRIEN (Australia) 8:52.0.
- 5, ALEKSANDR MOROZOV (USSR) 8:55.8.
- 6, MIHAIL ZHELEV (Bulgaria) 8:58.4.
- 7, GASTON ROELANTS (Belgium) 8:59.4.
- 8, ARNE RISA (Norway) 9:09.0.
- 9, Jean Villain (Fra) 9:16.2; 10, Bengt Persson (Swe) 9:20.6; 11, Javier Alvarez Salgado. (Spa) 9:24.6.

200 METRES (FINAL)

Drama all the way before, during and after the race. Unknown to the almost packed stadium (the crowds were averaging upwards of 60,000 each day), Tommie Smith had slightly pulled an abductor muscle in his groin during the semi-final earlier in the afternoon. "I was 80 per cent certain I was out", he said later. "The team coach told me if I wanted to scratch I could but the gold means a whole lot to me so I decided to run and flat out."

John Carlos, in lane 4, ran his usual storming turn and entered the straight a good yard up on Smith, in lane 3. Smith began to close the gap and with 50m to go he was level with Carlos, who at that precise moment chose to look round. "I felt a muscle twinge," he explained, "so I looked over to see where Tommie was. By the time it was gone he was past. If I hadn't eased up so much I feel I would have got second." Smith, who raised his arms in victory a full ten yards before the end (costing him 0.2, estimated US coaches Stan Wright and Payton Jordan), won in 19.8 while Peter Norman—three yards down on Carlos when the latter turned his head—nailed second place in the last couple of strides. His time was a Commonwealth record of 20.0, while Smith's 19.8 will almost certainly go through as a world record—for the 19.7 at South Lake Tahoe was achieved by Carlos wearing the illegal Puma spikes. Ed Roberts, who won the bronze in Tokyo with 20.6, ran three-tenths faster this time for fourth place.

At the victory ceremony Smith and Carlos, two of the leading campaigners for equal rights for the black athlete, staged a bizarre demonstration. As the band struck up the Star Spangled Banner both bowed their head and thrust out a

clenched fist: Smith his right and Carlos his left. Each wore one black glove and was barefooted. This defiant gesture, in which Peter Norman (a Salvation Army officer) shared to some extent by wearing a campaign for civil rights button on his tracksuit, provoked a mixed reaction. Most of the Americans present in the stadium seemed incensed by this apparent desecration of their national anthem and booed, but there were plenty of sympathetic cheers too. The upshot of all this was that Smith and Carlos were expelled from the team by the US Olympic Committee. Earlier, a statement from the IOC accused the athletes of using the victory ceremony "to advertise domestic political views", contrary to one of the basic principles of the Olympic Games, and pointed out that the USOC carried the responsibility for its competitors.

- 1, TOMMIE SMITH (USA) 19.8 (World and Olympic record).
- 2, PETER NORMAN (Australia) 20.0 (Commonwealth record).
- 3, JOHN CARLOS (USA) 20.0.
- 4, EDWIN ROBERTS (Trinidad) 20.3.
- 5, ROGER BAMBUCK (France) 20.5.
- 6, LARRY QUESTAD (USA) 20.6.
- 7, MICHAEL FRAY (Jamaica) 20.6.
- 8, JOACHIM EIGENHERR (West Germany) 20.6. (Wind + 0.9m/sec.)

POLE VAULT (FINAL)

I never thought I would witness a more gripping pole vault competition than the one at the last Olympics, yet the Mexico City "marathon" would have given even Alfred Hitchcock some ideas in terms of unbearable suspense. Imagine . . . Claus Schiprowski, a 17-footer, improves on his personal best FIVE times (surely an unprecedented feat for a vertical jumper in Olympic competition) and still is beaten; while former world record holder John Pennel equals his lifetime best—and places fifth for his efforts!

The field of 15 starts the competition at 12.30 p.m. There are no takers at the initial height of 4.40m (14'5½") and only two at 4.60m (15'1¼"). Six men try 4.80m (15'9") including Mike Bull, who clears at the second attempt, and Erkki Mustakari (17'0¼"/5.19 this year), who doesn't clear at all. Bull is over first time at 4.90m (16'1") and second time at 5.00m (16'5"). He takes a gamble and elects to pass 5.05m (16'6½"), the height at which Bob Seagren and Pennel condescend to come in.

The bar is raised to 5.10m (16'8½"), the mark that won Fred Hansen the title in Tokyo. Alti Alarotu has retired and both Bull and Aleksandr Maljutin are eliminated but five men clear and six others pass. At 5.15m (16'10½") we get Japanese (Kiyoshi Niwa) and Spanish (Ignacio Sola) records and it is not until 5.20m (17'0¼") that the field is trimmed down a little by the removal of Niwa and Kjell Isaksson. Sola raises his record again and there are new personal bests by the West German pair of Schiprowski and Heinfried Engel. Sola and Engel fall by the wayside at

5.25m (17'2½") but still there are seven men involved as the bar goes up to 5.30m (17'4½"). Seagren, Schiprowski and European champion Wolfgang Nordwig make it at the first attempt; Chris Papanikolaou, Pennel and Gennadiy Bliznyetsov (USSR record) at the second . . . while European record holder Herve D'Encausse passes!

The French star has cause to regret his tactics for he fails three times at the next height, 5.35m (17'6½"), and thus finishes seventh at 17'2½"/5.25. Also eliminated, but desperately unlucky, is Bliznyetsov who gets his body over at the third attempt but brushes the bar off on the way down. Nordwig (E. German record) and Papanikolaou (Greek record) clear first time, while Schiprowski ups the West German record for the fourth time when making the height at the second attempt. Pennel, at the second try, is just in the process of planting his pole in the box when the band strikes up for a victory ceremony. Poor John is put off completely and goes under the bar, but fortunately he is awarded an extra trial. At the fourth actual (but third official) attempt he too clears 5.35m—with the bar shaking like a jelly. And what about Seagren? Oh, he decides to sit out this height!

So, some six hours after the contest started and with a large proportion of the crowd transfixed to their seats long after the track events have finished, the bar is raised to 5.40m (17'8½")—just half an inch below Seagren's pending world record. Who could have predicted that five men would still be in contention at such a height? First round and nobody clears although Pennel is close even though he has once again been interrupted by a victory ceremony. Second round: Seagren is over with the bar quivering; Pennel also makes it, only for his jump to be disallowed as the pole passed between the uprights—terribly bad luck, especially in the knowledge that the rule will be scrubbed from next season. Schiprowski it is, though, who makes the best vault of the evening. This 25-year-old Cologne student, whose pre-Mexico best was 17'0"/5.18 at Flagstaff, levers himself cleanly over the bar for his fifth personal best and national record of the day. Utterly incredible. At the third try Papanikolaou comes very close, Nordwig succeeds (for a half-share in Schiprowski's new European record) and the luckless Pennel fails.

The time is 7.20 p.m. as Nordwig prepares to take his first crack at the world record height of 5.45m (17'10½"). His is a close attempt, as also is Schiprowski's. Nordwig is even nearer to success the second time around as he gets his body well clear but comes to grief on the descent. Seagren does the same but Schiprowski is unfairly whistled as he passes under the bar. Nordwig has another good try but neither of the other two is particularly close, and the competition ends at 7.50 p.m. After over seven hours the final placing are decided: Seagren gets the gold and thus preserves the USA's unbeaten streak in this event, the amazing Schiprowski collects the silver and Nordwig the bronze. It will be a long time before we see another competition like that.

Asked afterwards why he passed at 5.35m, Seagren replied "It wasn't really a gamble. I felt

confident I would make 5.40 and was sure that the way everyone was jumping the winning height would be way above that, so 5.35 wasn't going to be a decider one way or another. He said he has set himself a goal of 5.50m (18'0½") and thought that 18ft 'should have been done a year ago'. His future? "I only plan to jump for another ten months, my final year at University of Southern California. Then I'll quit."

Seagren, who turned 22 the next day, is 6'0" tall and weighs 175lb. In spite of persistent back trouble he is the world's most prolific 17-footer and has competed in close to 50 meets since last December. His annual progress: 1959—8'0"/2.44, 1960—8'6"/2.59, 1961—9'6"/2.89, 1962—12'4"/3.76, 1963—14'4"/4.37, 1964—15'4"/4.67, 1965—16'4"/4.98, 1966—17'5½"/5.32, 1967—17'7"/5.36, 1968—17'9"/5.41. As a change from vaulting he tried the 440 hurdles this spring, and clocked 53.4 with little or no preparation. Schiprowski, who is 5'9½" and 152lb, has progressed thus: 1959—12'1½"/3.70, 1960—13'2"/4.01, 1961—13'9½"/4.20, 1962—13'9½"/4.20, 1963—14'1½"/4.30, 1964—15'1½"/4.60, 1965—14'10"/4.52, 1966—16'1"/4.90, 1967—15'5"/4.70 (16'5"/5.00 indoors), 1968—17'8½"/5.40. He ran 14.7 for the high hurdles in 1966. Nordwig, aged 25, is 6'0½" and 157lb. His rise: 1958—8'10½"/2.70, 1959—11'2½"/3.41, 1960—12'1½"/3.70, 1961—13'2½"/4.03, 1962—13'5½"/4.11, 1963—15'6½"/4.73, 1964—16'5½"/5.01, 1965—16'6½"/5.05, 1966—17'2"/5.23, 1967—16'10½"/5.15, 1968—17'8½"/5.40.

- 1, BOB SEAGREN (USA) 17'8½"/5.40 (Olympic record).
- 2, CLAUD SCHIPROWSKI (West Germany) 17'8½"/5.40 (Olympic and European rec).
- 3, WOLFGANG NORDWIG (East Germany) 17'8½"/5.40 (Olympic and European rec).
- 4, CHRIS PAPANIKOLAOU (Greece) 17'6½"/5.35.
- 5, JOHN PENNEL (USA) 17'6½"/5.35.
- 6, GENNADIY BLIZNYETSOV (USSR) 17'4½"/5.30.
- 7, HERVE D'ENCAUSSE (France) 17'2½"/5.25.
- 8, HEINFRIED ENGEL (West Germany) 17'0½"/5.20.
- 9, Ignacio Sola (Spa) 17'0½"/5.20; 10, Kjell Isaksson (Swe) 16'10½"/5.15; 11, Kiyoshi Niwa (Jap) 16'10½"/5.15; 12, Alexander Malutin (USSR) 16'5"/5.00; 13, MICHAEL BULL (UK) 16'5"/5.00; 14, Altti Alarotu (Fin) 16'5"/5.00. Erkki Mustakari (Fin) no clearance.

Fifth Day Thursday, October 17th

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 3 and fastest loser qualify for semi-finals)

The standard, predictably, was unprecedented. Maureen Tranter, for example, ran her fastest ever time of 23.5 (among UK athletes only Dorothy Hyman and Lillian Board have ever

bettered that) and wound up fifth and out of the money. Even Lillian, who tied her best of 23.4, only got through as the fastest fourth placer! Several national records tumbled and the fastest time of the round was a new Olympic record of 22.9 by Barbara Ferrell, best in the world this year. Val Peat, suffering from a slight pull, did not run.

Heat 1: (Nil wind) 1, Samotysova (USSR) 23.1; 2, M. Bailes (USA) 23.1; 3, N. Montandon (Fra) 23.3; 4, M. Lubej (Yug) 23.9; 5, E. Gleskova (Cz) 24.0; 6, G. Balogh (Hun) 24.1; 7, A. Tien (For) 25.5.

Heat 2: (Nil wind) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 23.0 (eq. Olympic record); 2, V. Popkova (USSR) 23.3; 3, T. Hennipman (Neth) 23.4; 4, L. BOARD (UK) 23.4; 5, I. Piotrowski (Can) 23.7; 6, V. Charlton (Jam) 24.3; 7, J. Vicent (Urug) 24.8; 8, C. Yeh (For) 25.5.

Heat 3: (Nil wind) 1, B. Ferrell (USA) 22.9 (Olympic record); 2, J. Lamy (Aus) 23.1; 3, J. Stock (W. Ger) 23.3; 4, W. Van den Berg (Neth) 23.5; 5, M. TRANIER (UK) 23.5; 6, L. Golomazova (USSR) 23.7; 7, A. Anum (Gha) 23.9; 8, K. Wallgren (Swe) 24.2.

Heat 4: (Nil wind) 1, W. Tyus (USA) 23.4; 2, D. Burge (Aus) 23.6; 3, M. Romay (Cuba) 23.7; 4, O. Akindele (Nig) 23.9; 5, A. Kaufmanas (Arg) 24.4; 6, H. Hermann (W. Ger) 24.7.

Heat 5: (Nil wind) 1, I. Szewinska (Pol) 23.2; 2, M. Cobian (Cuba) 23.4; 3, U. Morris (Jam) 23.7; 4, S. Telliez (Fra) 23.8; 5, M. Sterk (Neth) 24.0; 6, R. Jahn (W. Ger) 24.0; 7, O. Giron (Mex) 25.3.

LONG JUMP (QUALIFYING)

Ralph Boston and Igor Ter-Ovanesyan qualified on their first jump but the other half of the "big four" gave their supporters cause for worry. Both fouled twice before coming through with big jumps on the final attempt. Boston, back in top shape after a season in which he probably lost more times than during the rest of his career added together, broke his own 8-year-old Olympic record with a magnificent 27'1½"/8.27 (nil wind). Both Peter Reed and Alan Lerwill were unfortunate not to gain the qualifying standard of 7.65m (25'1¼"). Reed had three marginal fouls, all around the 7.70m mark, and Lerwill had a consistent series in which he fell 1¼" short. The most noted non-qualifier was Pertti Pousi (26'4¼"/8.04 this year).

Qualifiers

R. Boston (USA) 27'1½"/8.27 (Olympic record); R. Beamon (USA) foul, foul, 26'10½"/8.19; L. DAVIES (UK) foul, foul, 26'0½"/7.94; J. Pani (Fra) 25'11½"/7.91; T. Lepik (USSR) 25'11½"/7.91; C. Mays (USA) 25'9"/7.85; R. Boschert (W. Ger) foul, 25'6½"/7.79; M. Ahey (Gha) 23'6½"/7.18, 25'6"/7.77; L. Hook (Swe) 25'6"/7.77; K. Beer (E. Ger) 25'6"/7.77; G. Ugolini (Fra) 25'5¼"/7.75; I. Ter-Ovanesyan (USSR) 25'4½"/7.74; V. Brooks (Jam) foul, 24'9"/7.54, 25'4"/7.72; A. Crawley (Aus) foul, 25'3½"/7.71; L. Borkovski (USSR) 23'9½"/7.25, 25'3¼"/7.70; A. Stalmach (Pol) 24'

11¼"/7.60, 24'6½"/7.48, 25'3¼"/7.70; H. Yamada (Jap) 25'2"/7.67.

Non-qualifiers

P. Pousi (Fin) 24'5¼"/7.46, 25'0½"/7.63, foul; A. LERWILL (UK) 24'10"/7.57, 25'0"/7.62, 24'11¼"/7.60; L. Sarr (Sen) 23'10¼"/7.27, 24'7¼"/7.50, 24'11¼"/7.61; G. Flores (Mex) 24'2½"/7.38, 24'10¾"/7.59, foul; N. Abe (Jap) 24'5"/7.44, foul, 24'10¾"/7.58; W. Clayton (Jam) 24'9"/7.54, 24'10"/7.57, foul; S. Ogura (Jap) 24'10"/7.57, foul, 23'10¾"/7.28; P. Housiaux (Bel) 23'11¼"/7.30, 24'5"/7.44, 24'3¼"/7.40; M. Charland (Can) 23'5¼"/7.15, 24'1½"/7.35, 24'1½"/7.35; C. Sagna (Sen) 23'9¾"/7.26, 23'6¼"/7.17, 23'11¼"/7.31; W. Su (For) 23'11¼"/7.30, foul, 23'5¼"/7.14; A. Nyak Voon (Malay) 23'3¼"/7.09, foul, 23'11"/7.29; G. Wisdom (Bah) foul, foul, 22'11¼"/6.99; M. Chen (For) 21'8¾"/6.62, foul, 22'0¼"/6.71; D. Velez (Nic) foul, 21'9"/6.63, foul; J. Cochard (Fra) 20'0½"/6.11, foul, foul. P. REED (UK) 3 fouls.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for semi-final)

Easily the fastest heat was the second in which Maria Gommers, a habitual front-runner, led through a 60.9 first lap to win in 2:04.0. Sheila Taylor, who runs with so much more confidence these days, passed the bell in 61.4 and came home unstrained in 2:04.1—1.4 seconds inside her previous best. Pat Lowe also qualified without too much trouble (Tilly van der Made, who competed in that heat, had not fully recovered from fever and ought not to have run) but Joan Page met with an off-day and was dropped in the finishing straight.

Heat 1: (62.9 bell) 1, V. Nikolic (Yug) 2:05.7; 2, L. Erik (USSR) 2:06.5; 3, P. Pigni (Ita) 2:06.7; 4, K. Burneleit (E. Ger) 2:07.1; 5, F. Kraker (USA) 2:07.3; 6, E. Chesire (Ken) 2:10.9.

Heat 2: (60.9) 1, M. Gommers (Neth) 2:04.0; 2, I. Silai (Rum) 2:04.1; 3, S. TAYLOR (UK) 2:04.1; 4, A. Zimina (USSR) 2:04.4; 5, B. Wieck (E. Ger) 2:08.5; 6, H. Shezifi (Isr) 2:09.2.

Heat 3: (66.1) 1, M. Dupureur (Fra) 2:09.5; 2, D. Brown (USA) 2:09.5; 3, P. LOWE (UK) 2:09.5; 4, S. Potts (NZ) 2:09.6; 5, E. Haimi (Fin) 2:09.6; 6, M. van der Made (Neth) 2:10.5.

Heat 4: (65.6) 1, M. Manning (USA) 2:08.7; 2, A. Hoffman (Can) 2:08.9; 3, J. Jehlickova (Cz) 2:08.9; 4, I. Keizer (Neth) 2:08.9; 5, A. Oleson (Den) 2:09.0; 6, J. PAGE (UK) 2:10.2.

110 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Erv Hall moved into equal fifth place on the world all-time list behind Martin Lauer (who was at the Games as a correspondent), Lee Calhoun, Earl McCullouch and Willie Davenport with a sparkling 13.3. In the other heat Werner Trzmiel, third in 13.5, joined Eddy Otzto in second place in the European all-time hierarchy; while it was pleasant to find Marcel Duriez, after 20 clockings at 13.9, finally improving . . . to 13.7.

Heat 1: (+ 1.8m/s) 1, E. Hall (USA) 13.3 (Olympic record); 2, E. Ottoz (Ita) 13.5; 3, B. Forssander (Swe) 13.7; 4, P. Schoebel (Fra) 13.7; 5, H. John (W. Ger) 13.8; 6, D. Riedo (Swi) 13.8; 7, H. Morales (Cuba) 14.0; 8, V. Balikhin (USSR) 14.1.

Heat 2: (Nil wind) 1, Davenport (USA) 13.5; 2, L. Coleman (USA) 13.5; 3, W. Trzmiel (W. Ger) 13.5; 4, M. Duriez (Fra) 13.7; 5, O. Stepanenko (USSR) 13.8; 6, K. Weum (Nor) 14.0; 7, S. Liani (Ita) 14.0; 8, A. Bristol (P. Rico) 14.1.

400 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 qualify for semi-finals)

The Africans, with the exception of Daniel Rudisha (who must have been either ill or injured), had a field day. No fewer than six reached the final 16 and nine ran 46.4 or faster, led by Amos Omolo's devastating 45.3 ahead of Lee Evans. Martin Winbolt Lewis, who ran the first half a shade too easily, had the misfortune to go out in 45.9—though there was some consolation in this being a personal best which ranks him equal third on the UK all-time list. Colin Campbell, well placed entering the final straight, was eliminated in 46.3.

Heat 1: 1, A. Gakou (Sen) 45.5; 2, L. James (USA) 45.7; 3, C. Kamanya (Tanz) 46.0; 4, R. Mackenzie (Can) 46.1; 5, Y. Dogon (Nig) 46.1; 6, C. CAMPBELL (UK) 46.3; 7, N. Bon (Ken) 46.3; 8, S. Bello (Ita) 46.8.

Heat 2: 1, A. Omolo (Uga) 45.3; 2, L. Evans (USA) 45.5; 3, M. Nyamau (Ken) 46.1; 4, W. Muller (E. Ger) 46.2; 5, J. Balachowski (Pol) 46.3; 6, A. Diaz (Cuba) 46.3; 7, J. Dyrzka (Arg) 46.8.

Heat 3: 1, J. Werner (Pol) 45.6; 2, M. Jellinghaus (W. Ger) 45.9; 3, T. Bezabeh (Eth) 46.0; 4, S. Bugri (Gha) 46.0; 5, C. Forbes (Jam) 46.2; 6, D. Rudisha (Ken) 47.6; 7, G. Bertoulet (Fra) 48.9.

Heat 4: 1, R. Freeman (USA) 45.3; 2, A. Badenski (Pol) 45.6; 3, H. Muller (W. Ger) 45.7; 4, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 45.7; 5, M. WINBOLT LEWIS (UK) 45.9; 6, M. Zerbes (E. Ger) 46.1; 7, M. Makama (Nig) 46.4; 8, E. Grajales (Col) 46.5.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

One would think Raelene Boyle has been running in major international competition all her life, watching her win the star-studded first semi in the Commonwealth and Olympic record equaling time of 22.9—but in fact she is barely past the novice stage in terms of experience. In a very close battle for the fourth qualifying place Lillian Board lost out in another 23.4. The other semi was even faster with three girls breaking the 23 sec. barrier. In clocking 22.8, Barbara Ferrell and Jenny Lamy approached to within a tenth of Irena Szewinska's world record.

Heat 1: (Nil wind) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 22.9 (eq. Olympic & Commonwealth record); 2, W. Tyus

(USA) 23.1; 3, I. Szewinska (Pol) 23.2; 4, J. Stock (W. Ger) 23.4; 5, L. Samotysova (USSR) 23.4; 6, L. BOARD (UK) 23.4; 7, D. Burge (Aus) 23.6. M. Romay (Cuba) non-starter.

Heat 2: (+ 1.7 m/s) 1, B. Ferrell (USA) 22.8 (Olympic record); 2, J. Lamy (Aus) 22.8 (Olympic & Commonwealth rec); 3, M. Bailes (USA) 22.9; 4, N. Montandon (Fra) 23.0; 5, V. Popkova (USSR) 23.2; 6, M. Cobian (Cuba) 23.3; 7, U. Morris (Jam) 23.5; 8, T. Hennipman (Neth) 23.5.

WOMEN'S 80 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 3 and fastest loser qualify for semi-finals)

Britain, who might have done rather well here, drew a complete blank. Pat Jones and Ann Wilson never looked like qualifying and Pat Pryce, who in these conditions might have run 10.5 or 10.6, suffered a recurrence of a recent hamstring injury and failed to finish. Tough luck indeed for her after such a fine season. Pam Kilborn looked simply sensational as she won her heat by close on five yards in a sizzling 10.4; less expected but even more sensational was the 10.4 posted by Pam's 17-year-old colleague Maureen Caird. We knew she must be good . . . but no one told us she was *this* good.

Heat 1: (+ 2.4 m/s) 1, M. Rallins (USA) 10.6; 2, V. Korsakova (USSR) 10.6; 3, I. Schell (W. Ger) 10.7; 4, C. Smith (Jam) 11.0; 5, C. Panerai (Ita) 11.0; 6, E. Basilio (Mex) 11.1; 7, U. Wieslander (Swe) 11.2.

Heat 2: (+ 0.2 m/s) 1, P. Kilborn (Aus) 10.4 (Olympic record equals Commonwealth rec); 2, V. Bufanu (Rum) 10.9; 3, M. Kiss (Hun) 10.9; 4, D. Elejarde (Cuba) 10.9; 5, M. Lubej (Yug) 11.0; 6, S. Yurukova (Bul) 11.0; 7, A. WILSON (UK) 11.1.

Heat 3: (+ 0.8 m/s) 1, P. Van Wolvelaere (USA) 10.6; 2, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 10.7; 3, T. Talyshva (USSR) 10.8; 4, C. Ulloa (Chile) 11.1; 5, J. Meldrum (Can) 11.1. P. PRYCE (UK) dnf.

Heat 4: (+ 2.0 m/s) 1, M. Caird (Aus) 10.4 (eq. Olympic & Commonwealth record); 2, Chi Cheng (For) 10.5; 3, D. Straszynska (Pol) 10.7; 4, I. Aigner (Austria) 10.8; 5, M. Antenen (Swi) 10.9; 6, P. JONES (UK) 11.0; 7, R. Emonts-Gast (Bel) 11.4.

Heat 5: (+ 1.5 m/s) 1, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 10.7; 2, E. Zebrorowska (Pol) 10.8; 3, J. Ayer (USA) 10.9; 4, L. Iyevlyeva (USSR) 10.9; 5, C. Yeh (For) 11.7; 6, V. Sosa (Salv) 12.8.

110 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

For Willie Davenport success was sweet indeed. Ever since he lost his chance to become Olympic champion in Tokyo when he injured his leg and was eliminated in the semis, Davenport has had only one goal: win in Mexico City. He clocked 13.3 both in 1966 and 1967, but his prospects of making the team plummeted when he sustained a leg injury in this summer's AAU Championships. He was out for nearly two months and in the first race of his comeback he finished seventh in 14.9.

Happily, he managed to recapture his form in time, tying the world record of 13.2 for 120y hurdles at the end of August and winning the Olympic Trial in 13.4. Davenport, who is 25 and weighs 185lb for a height of 6'1", made no mistake in the final and was a good yard up at the finish in 13.3 with the wind gauge registering nil.

There was a titanic battle for the silver medal, Erv Hall outdipping European champion Eddy Ottoz for the honour as both returned 13.4. It was a personal best for Ottoz and, among Europeans, only Martin Lauer has done better. With four Europeans clocking 13.7 or better in the final there are signs that the Old Continent's standards in this event are rising at last.

- 1, WILLIE DAVENPORT (USA) 13.3 (eq. Olympic record).
- 2, ERVIN HALL (USA) 13.4.
- 3, EDDY OTTOZ (Italy) 13.4.
- 4, LEON COLEMAN (USA) 13.6.
- 5, WERNER TRZMIEL (West Germany) 13.6.
- 6, BO FORSSANDER (Sweden) 13.7.
- 7, MARCEL DURIEZ (France) 13.7.
- 8, PIERRE SCHOEBEL (France) 14.0.

5000 METRES (FINAL)

Dreams of the classic race this could have been at sea level—Keino v. Clarke v. Gammoudi v. Wadoux—had to be dismissed from the mind, but there was a surprise right away when it was seen that the Kenyans were allowing the pace of the race to be dictated by others. This was a curious move, since it was surely in their interests to make it as hot as possible and not chance everything to the final sprint. As it was, Ron Clarke was the leader at 1000m in the painfully slow time of 2:53.5 (14:27.5 speed).

Keino, who had been languishing at the back of the 13-man field (Mamo Wolde and Jack Bachele were non-starters), moved into second place after three laps and went ahead at 2000m, reached in 5:44.0. The whole field was bunched within the space of 10-15 yards at this stage. Nikolai Sviridov, who had run so gallantly in the 10,000m, took over with seven laps to go and was still ahead at 3000m in 8:38.8. It was at this point that Harald Norpoth, the Tokyo silver medallist and European record holder, finally dropped out—apparently with stitch. He had stopped half a lap earlier and then carried on after some hesitation but now he had pulled out for good. It was a sad sight and once more one cursed those who were responsible for holding these events in such unfair conditions.

With four laps to go, even though the pace was still ponderous by sea level standards, Bob Finlay and Emile Puttemans were dropped, and Rex Maddaford could not hold on much longer either. Clarke, who went ahead again with 1400m to run, passed 4000m in 11:30.8, followed closely by Gammoudi, Keino, Temu and Juan Martinez, and then a gap before Jean Wadoux. Now at last the tempo was quickening and Gammoudi, who went in front with two laps remaining, led past the bell inches ahead of Temu, with Keino two yards

back, then five yards to Martinez and another two yards to Clarke, Gammoudi, his head rolling, held Temu off the whole length of the back straight and the position with 200m to go was: Gammoudi—2 yards—Temu 1 yard—Keino. The Tunisian continued to lead around the final turn and into the straight, but Keino was closing and for a second one expected him to sprint past. But no, he was at full stretch and Gammoudi was in no mood to give in at this late stage. And so Mohamed Gammoudi, winner of silver and bronze medals in the 10,000m, deservedly took the gold medal. It was a brilliant performance on his part for although he has spent long periods at high altitude he was still at a disadvantage compared with the Kenyans. His final kilometre occupied 2:34.2, the last 800m 2:01.0, the last 400m just 55.8.

Gammoudi, a soldier was born in the Gafsa Region of Western Tunisia on November 2nd, 1938 and is 5'7½", 134lb. He began running cross-country in 1960 and two years later, at Sheffield made his international debut when finishing 48th out of 87. He set his first Tunisian track record (14:18.8 for 5000m) later in 1962 and first attracted international attention (and a glowing write-up in *Athletics Weekly*) when winning both the 5000m and 10,000m at the 1963 Mediterranean Games in Naples. At the Tokyo Olympics he won the silver medal in the 10,000m in 28:24.8 (which remains his best time although he is obviously capable of breaking 28 minutes) but had to scratch from the 5000m final because of a foot injury. Famed for his finishing speed, he won the AAA 6 miles title in 1965 and 1966, and is the reigning International cross-country champion. His best marks include 3:41.9 for 1500m and 13:30.8 for 5000m. He has always shown good form at high altitude, winning the 5000m (14:40.6) and 10,000m (31:27.8) at the 1965 "Little Olympics", finishing 2nd (14:20.0) and 3rd (30:30.6) in 1966, and scoring another double (14:41.0 and 30:16.0) last year. He clocked a remarkable 13:52.6 time trial at Font Romeu some weeks ago.

- 1, MOHAMED GAMMOUDI (Tunisia) 14:05.0.
- 2, KIPCHOGE KEINO (Kenya) 14:05.2.
- 3, NAFTALI TEMU (Kenya) 14:06.4.
- 4, JUAN MARTINEZ (Mexico) 14:10.8.
- 5, RON CLARKE (Australia) 14:12.4.
- 6, WOHIH MASRESHA (Ethiopia) 14:17.6.
- 7, NIKOLAI SVIRIDOV (USSR) 14:18.4.
- 8, FIKRU DEGEUFU (Ethiopia) 14:10.0.
- 9, JEAN WADOUX (Fra) 14:20.8; 10, Rex Maddaford (NZ) 14:39.8; 11, Bob Finlay (Can) 14:45.0; 12, Emile Puttemans (Bel) 14:59.6. Harald Norpoth (W. Ger. dnf).

400 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

The men of Africa continued to make a great showing. In the first semi, Amadou Gakou (28) whose best pre-Olympic time was 46.7, raced to a 45.1 clocking, with Tegegne Bezabeh (27), who had done 45.9 before the Games, showing 45.5.

Samuel Bugri, a Ghanian studying in Yugoslavia, went out in 45.9. Andrzej Badenski, whom many thought was past his best, improved to 45.4. In the second race, Lee Evans trimmed the record to 44.8, pulling 23-year-old Martin Jellinghaus (pre-Olympic best of 46.0) to 44.9, which equalled his countryman Carl Kaufmann's European record. Amos Omolo (31), a 46.7 performer before he came to Mexico, ran 45.4.

Heat 1: 1, A. Gakou (Sen) 45.1; 2, R. Freeman (USA) 45.4; 3, A. Badenski (Pol) 45.4; 4, T. Bezabeh (Eth) 45.5; 5, S. Bugri (Gha) 45.9; 6, H. Muller (W. Ger) 46.2; 7, C. Kamanya (Tanz) 46.2; 8, W. Muller (E. Ger) 48.3.

Heat 2: 1, L. Evans (USA) 44.8 (Olympic record); 2, L. James (USA) 44.9; 3, M. Jellinghaus (W. Ger) 44.9 (eq. European record); 4, A. Omolo (Uga) 45.4; 5, J. Werner (Pol) 45.7; 6, M. Nyamau (Ken) 46.3; 7, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 49.0; 8, R. Macenzie (Can) 49.2.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

The first casualties among the 14 finalists came at 1.71m (5'7½"), a height which Barbara Inkpen (who had cleared first time at 5'5"/1.65 and 5'6"/1.68) and Snezana Hrepevnik found beyond them although they had jumped 5'8½"/1.74 to qualify. Four girls departed from the scene at 1.74m and they were nearly joined by the favourite, Rita Schmidt, who only made it at the third try. The battle for placings began in earnest at 1.76m (5'9¼"). Valentina Kozyr (18), Rita Schmidt (17), Maria Faithova and 6ft tall Karin Schulze were untroubled, but Milena Rezkova (18), Jaroslava Valentova and Iona Gusenbauer—who gave birth on March 22nd and was competing again two months later—needed two tries. Antonina Okorokova, who jumped 6'0¼"/1.84 the previous week passed.

Schulze and Gusenbauer bade farewell at 1.78m (5'10"); Faithova made it third time; Okorokova, Kozyr and Schmidt at the second, while the Czechs, Rezkova and Valentova, cleared at the first attempt. At 1.80m (5'10¾") Valentova, Faithova and Schmidt departed, leaving three girls to fight for the medals. Rezkova, who had needed two attempts at 1.71, 1.74 and 1.76, made

it first time, as did Okorokova. Kozyr got over at the final try. The two Soviet jumpers found 1.82m (5'11½") too high for them but the extraordinary young Czech scraped over third time for a popular victory.

Milena, or Miloslava to give her full name, is not only very young (born July 22nd, 1950) but very short too for one who can clear such a height as 5'11½". She is only 5'6½"/1.69 and weighs 134 lb—her "differential" of five inches is probably the best on record by a woman. Her rise to fame has been rapid, to put it mildly, for until this season she had jumped no higher than 5'5¼"/1.66! Her coach is Rudolf Hubner, himself an international-class high jumper.

- 1, MILOSLAVA REZKOVA (Czech) 5'11½"/1.82.
- 2, ANTONINA OKOROKOVA (USSR) 5'10¼"/1.80.
- 3, VALENTINA KOZYR (USSR) 5'10¼"/1.80.
- 4, JAROSLAVA VALENTOVA (Czech) 5'10"/1.78.
- 5, RITA SCHMIDT (East Germany) 5'10"/1.78.
- 6, MARIA FAITHOVA (Czech) 5'10"/1.78.
- 7, KARIN SCHULZE (East Germany) 5'9¼"/1.76.
- 8, ILONA GUSENBAUER (Austria) 5'9¼"/1.76.
- 9, Komka Csabi (Hun) 5'7½"/1.71; 10, Ghislaine Barnay (Fra) 5'7½"/1.71; 11, Maria Cypriano (Braz) 5'7¼"/1.71; 12, Vera Grushkina (USSR) 5'7¼"/1.71; 13, BARBARA INKPEN (UK) 5'6"/1.68; 14, Snezana Hrepevnik (Yug) 1.68.

TRIPLE JUMP (FINAL)

If any justification is needed for holding these Olympic Games, then that justification is the triple jump final. Even that desperately exciting pole vault the previous evening was made to seem quite humdrum by comparison with this almost unbelievable competition.

Here is the field in order of jumping: European champion Georgi Stoikovski (1968 best of 53'3½"/16.24), Nikolay Dudkin (55'0¼"/16.77), Mansour Dia (54'4¼"/16.58), Nelson Prudencio (54'0"/16.46), 1960 and 1964 Olympic champion Jozef Szmidt (54'3½"/16.55), Joachim Kugler (54'

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0½"/16.47), Luis-Felipe Areta (53'8"/16.36), Phil May (53'6½"/16.32), Viktor Saneyev (55'4½"/16.87), Art Walker (55'1½"/16.81), Giuseppe Gentile (pending world record holder with 56'1½"/17.10 in qualifying round), Henrik Kalocsai (53'9"/16.38) and Serban Ciochina (54'1½"/16.50).

First round: Mansour Dia sets the competition alight with 54'10"/16.71 but eight jumps later it looks all over for Gentile, whose pre-Mexico best was 54'11"/16.74, zooms out to an incredible 56'6"/17.22. A world record in the first round; it looks like a repetition of the women's long jump.

Second round: Dudkin goes 54'9½"/16.70 for third place, but not for long . . . Prudencio, the South American champion and runner-up in the Pan-Am Games, reaches a distance that even Adhemar Ferreira da Silva would never have dreamt of: 55'11½"/17.05. Szmidt, now suddenly third on the all-time list, musters 55'0½"/16.77—there's life in the old boy yet. May also gets into the act, relieving Fred Alsop of the Commonwealth record with 54'4½"/16.58. Saneyev slips into third with 55'3"/16.84 and Gentile has the first of three consecutive fouls.

Third round: Prudencio consolidates his new-found form with 54'11½"/16.75 but it is Saneyev, the Soviet champion, who brings the attentive crowd to its feet: he touches down at 56'6½"/17.23 for a new world record and a one centimetre lead over Gentile. Walker really wakes up for the first time in clearing 55'0½"/16.77 for fourth spot. May is last of the eight to get three more jumps with his 54'4½"/>.

Fourth round: Dudkin improves fractionally to 54'10½"/16.73, as does Manour Dia. It's May who provides the sensation of the round, though, by becoming history's sixth 17-metre jumper: 55'10"/17.02 to be precise. Saneyev jumps exactly the same distance. So the order is Saneyev—Gentile—Prudencio—May.

Fifth round: Surely, one thinks, there must be an end to this fabulous spree, but no! Dudkin, only 21, moves into third position with a staggering 56'0½"/17.09 but we have barely recovered from this shock when Nelson Prudencio—a great favourite with the crowd—cuts the sand at a prodigious 56'8"/17.27. Even Saneyev suffers a reaction after this dramatic turn of events and manages only 55'1½"/16.81—an almost contemptuous performance in the context of this science-fiction-like competition. So, entering the final round, the order is Prudencio—Saneyev—Gentile—Dudkin, all with jumps superior to Szmidt's listed world record.

Sixth round: Dudkin and Dia fizzle out but Prudencio comes up with the fourth longest effort in history, 56'3½"/17.15. Szmidt now 33 and overtaken by events, shows why he is considered the greatest of all-time by attaining 55'5"/16.89, his best mark for five years. May passes, so now it is Saneyev's turn. The tension is unbearable as he speeds along the Tartan strip . . . a great hop, a great step and a great jump later his heel breaks the sand and a colossal roar goes up from the spectators nearest the pit. He has jumped the unthought of distance of 57'0½"/17.39. That was the gold medal effort, and yet it nearly wasn't for

Art Walker ended with 56'2"/17.12 from what he calculated to be 13 inches from behind the edge of the board—an actual clearance, therefore, of 57'3"! And yet, incredibly, Walker didn't even win himself a medal.

The wind readings have given rise to some suspicions, for the best jumps by Saneyev, Prudencio and May were all assisted by a wind of exactly two metres—the permissible limit. Gentile's big one was wind free, Walker's last jump was 2.5m, Dudkin's 3.0m and Szmidt's 1.8m.

Saneyev, an agronomist from the Black Sea coast, was born on October 3rd, 1945 and is 6'1½" and 181lb. He jumped 51'10"/15.80 in 1965, missed the 1966 season and reached 54'8½"/16.67 last year. He beat Dia by four inches (54'4½"/16.58) at the "Little Olympics". This season his pre-Olympic best was 55'4½"/16.87. Like Gentile, he is also a long jumper of around 26ft class. Prudencio, born on 4.4.44, is 5'11" and 148lb. He first sprang to notice last year when placing second to Charles Craig in the Pan-American Games with a windy 53'11½"/16.45 and later winning the South American title at 53'5½"/16.30. His best this year had been 53'0½"/16.17. Gentile (25) has shown the following progress: 1960—47'2½"/14.39, 1961—48'11"/14.91, 1962—51'9½"/15.79, 1963—51'4½"/15.65, 1964—51'6½"/15.71, 1965—53'6½"/16.31, 1966—52'11½"/16.15, 1967—53'6½"/16.32.

1, VIKTOR SANEYEV (USSR) 57'0½"/17.39 (World & Olympic record); 54'1½"/16.49, 55'3"/16.84, 56'6½"/17.23, 55'10"/17.02, 55'1½"/16.81, 57'0½"/17.39).

2, NELSON PRUDENCIO (Brazil) 56'8"/17.27 (53'7"/16.33, 55'11½"/17.05, 54'11½"/16.75, foul, 56'8"/17.27, 56'3½"/17.15).

3, GIUSEPPE GENTILE (Italy) 56'6"/17.22 (56'6"/17.22, foul, foul, foul, 56'3½"/16.54, foul).

4, ART WALKER (USA) 56'2"/17.12 (50'7½"/15.43, 53'11½"/16.45, 55'0½"/16.77, 54'0½"/16.48, foul, 56'2"/17.12).

5, NIKOLAY DUDKIN (USSR) 56'0½"/17.09 (52'11½"/16.15, 54'9½"/16.70, 53'8½"/16.37, 54'10½"/16.73, 56'0½"/17.09, 54'2½"/16.53).

6, PHILIP MAY (Australia) 55'10"/17.02 (50'9½"/15.48, 54'4½"/16.58, 54'2"/16.51, 55'10"/17.02, foul, pass).

7, JOZEF SZMIDT (Poland) 55'5"/16.89 (52'8½"/16.06, 55'0½"/16.77, foul, 54'8"/16.66, foul, 55'5"/16.89).

8, MANSOUR DIA (Senegal) 54'10½"/16.73 (54'10"/16.71, 54'0½"/16.48, 50'8½"/15.44, 54'10½"/16.73, 54'7½"/16.64, 51'11½"/15.83).

9, Georgi Stoikovski (Bul) 54'0"/16.46 (53'5"/16.28, 54'0"/16.46, 53'1½"/16.19); 10, Henrik Kalocsai (Hun) 53'11½"/16.45 (53'11½"/16.45, 53'9½"/16.39, 53'1½"/16.20); 11, Joachim Kugler (W. Ger) 52'2"/15.90 (42'2½"/12.87, foul, 52'2"/15.90); 12, Luis-Felipe Areta (Spa) 51'8"/15.75 (51'7"/15.72, 51'8"/15.75, 48'6½"/14.80); 13, Serban Ciochina (Rum) 51'3"/15.62 (foul, foul, 51'3"/15.62).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Gentile; 2, Dia; 3, Saneyev; 4, Kalocsai; 5, Prudencio; 6, Stoikovski.

Round 2: 1, Gentile; 2, Prudencio; 3, Saneyev; 4, Szmidt; 5, Dia; 6, Dudkin.

Round 3: 1, Saneyev; 2, Gentile; 3, Prudencio; 4, Walker; 5, Dia; 6, Szmidt.
 Round 4: 1, Saneyev; 2, Gentile; 3, Prudencio; 4, May; 5, Szmidt; 6, Walker.
 Round 5: 1, Prudencio; 2, Saneyev; 3, Gentile; 4, Dudkin; 5, May; 6, Szmidt.

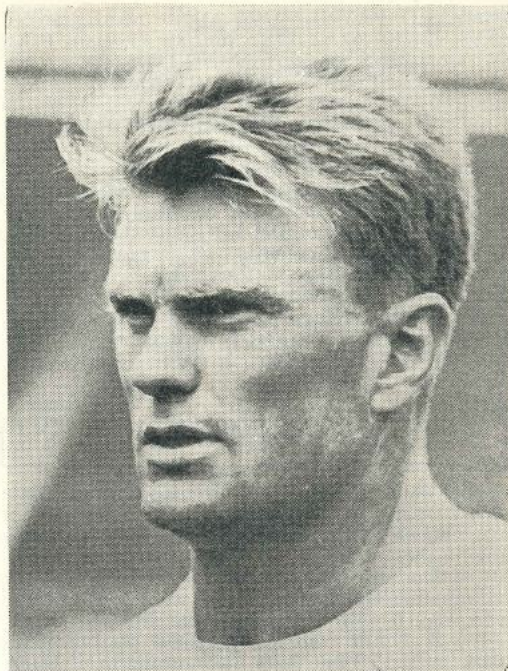
HAMMER (FINAL)

With Uwe Beyer out of the way, this was expected to be a duel between the two men who have utterly dominated the event for several seasons. It was a great contest between two evenly matched rivals: Romuald Klim has always previously got the better of Gyula Zsivotzky in competition but the Hungarian has longer throws to his credit. As Klim had won their latest battle, the previous week, by only five inches and Zsivotzky had been nearing 250ft in training, there was certainly a chance of the tables being turned this time.

Klim, throwing ahead of Zsivotzky, opened with 237'0"/72.24 but first blood went to the Hungarian who threw 237'1"/72.26. Klim's second was a relatively poor one and Zsivotzky drew a little further ahead with 237'9"/72.46. The defending champion stopped the rot in the third round by attaining 238'11"/72.82 (an Olympic record) and when he threw a personal of 240'5"/73.28 in the fourth one wondered whether, *à la* Oerter, it was all over. Zsivotzky, though, is a tough competitor in his own right and in the penultimate round he despatched the implement a distance of 240'8"/73.36 to clinch a memorable victory.

No one would begrudge the 31-year-old Hungarian his victory. He has waited a long time for this moment: he was silver medallist both in Rome and Tokyo. Standing 6'2½" and weighing 220lb, Zsivotzky is the world record holder at 242'0"/73.76, set this year. His best throws in previous seasons were: 1955—174'1"/53.07, 1956—195'10"/59.69, 1957—204'8"/62.38, 1958—210'3"/64.10, 1959—215'7"/65.72, 1960—228'1"/69.53, 1961—214'7"/65.41, 1962—231'0"/70.42, 1963—226'7"/69.06, 1964—226'8"/69.09, 1965—241'11"/73.74, 1966—236'0"/71.94, 1967—226'3"/68.96. His arch-rival is aged 35, 6'1½" and 243lb. This was his first defeat in over two years.

There was an equally spirited battle for the bronze medal and Takeo Sugawara must be rated exceptionally unlucky in missing out despite an Asian record of 228'11"/69.78. Unfortunately for him, this was also the distance achieved by Zsivotzky's sidekick, Lazar Lovasz, and the Hungarian had a second best of 227'7"/69.38 as against Sugawara's 226'7"/69.06. The Japanese, by the way, weighs only 185lb (he is 5'8½" tall), so his performance is truly a brilliant one. Also outstanding, certainly by British standards, was Howard Payne's tenth place. Who, in his right mind, would have predicted before this season that a 37-year-old with a best mark of 208'10"/63.65 recorded way back in 1962 would be the highest placed West European in the Olympics and finish ahead of someone like Ed Burke? And it was certainly no fluke performance, for Howard—who



Gyula Zsivotzky—a gold medal at last.

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set a Commonwealth record of 223'3"/68.06 in the qualifying—had throws of 216'5"/65.98, 221'10"/67.62 and 218'5"/66.58, and was in 8th position after two rounds. His was one of the finest comethroughs of anyone in the British team.

1, GYULA ZSIVOTZKY (Hungary) 240'8"/73.36 (Olympic record; 237'1"/72.26, 237'9"/72.46, 238'0"/72.54, foul, 240'8"/73.36, 236'11"/72.22).

2, ROMUALD KLIM (USSR) 240'5"/73.28 (237'0"/72.24, 226'3"/68.96, 238'11"/72.82, 240'5"/73.28, 233'5"/71.16, 235'0"/71.64).

3, LAZAR LOVASZ (Hungary) 228'11"/69.78 (212'5"/64.75, foul, 228'11"/69.78, foul, 227'7"/69.38, foul).

4, TAKEO SUGAWARA (Japan) 228'11"/69.78 (220'7"/67.24, 223'6"/68.12, foul, 226'7"/69.06, 228'11"/69.78, 201'5"/61.40).

5, SANDOR ECKSCHMIDT (Hungary) 227'10"/69.46 (222'7"/67.84, 224'9"/68.50, 227'10"/69.46, foul, 221'11"/67.64, 223'4"/68.08).

6, GENNADIY KONDRASHOV (USSR) 226'7"/69.08 (226'7"/69.08, 219'10"/67.00, 225'2"/68.64, 220'2"/67.10, 223'0"/67.98, 222'1"/67.70).

7, REINHARD THEIMER (East Germany) 225'10"/68.84 (225'9"/68.82, foul, 217'1"/66.16, 225'10"/68.84, 222'7"/67.86, 208'5"/63.54).

8, HELMUT BAUMANN (East Germany) 223'11"/68.26 (216'4"/65.94, 219'9"/66.98, 223'11"/68.26, foul, 209'2"/63.76, foul).

9, Anatoliy Shuplyakov (USSR) 222'3"/67.74 (221'8"/67.58, 222'3"/67.74, 219'6"/66.90); 10,

HOWARD PAYNE (UK) 22'10"/67.62 (216'5"/65.98, 221'10"/67.62, 218'5"/66.58); 11, **Hans Fahsl (W. Ger)** 217'8"/66.36 (foul, 209'11"/64.00, 217'8"/66.36); 12, **Edward Burke (USA)** 215'7"/65.72 (foul, 215'7"/65.72, 214'9"/65.46); 13, **Yoshisha Ishida (Jap)** 213'4"/65.04 (213'4"/65.04, 209'0"/63.72, foul).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Zsivotzky; 2, Klim; 3, Kondrashov; 4, Theimer; 5, Eckschmidt; 6, Shuplyakov.

Round 2: 1, Zsivotzky; 2, Klim; 3, Kondrashov; 4, Theimer; 5, Eckschmidt; 6, Sugawara.

Round 3: 1, Klim; 2, Zsivotzky; 3, Lovasz; 4, Eckschmidt; 5, Kondrashov; 6, Theimer.

Round 4: 1, Klim; 2, Zsivotzky; 3, Lovasz; 4, Eckschmidt; 5, Sugawara; 6, Kondrashov.

Round 5: 1, Zsivotzky; 2, Klim; 3, Lovasz; 4, Sugawara; 5, Eckschmidt; 6, Kondrashov.

50 KILOMETRES WALK

The walkers set off at the inappropriate time of 2.20 p.m., the hottest part of the day, and it was not surprising that there should be so many non-finishers. Paul Nihill, the Tokyo silver medalist, defending champion Abdon Pamich and the redoubtable Gennadiy Agapov were among those who were unable to complete the journey.

It was Nihill who led the field past the 5km mark in 25:13.0 but there was nothing in it: **Henri Delerue** 25:13.0, **Christoph Hohne** 25:13.2, **Stig Lindberg** 25:13.4, **Manfred Leuschke** 25:13.6, **Jozsef Csermak** (no joking, this might have been the 1952 Olympic hammer champion, who was present at the Games as a coach!) 25:13.8, **Gennadiy Agapov** and **Bob Gardiner** 25:14.0, **Sergey Grigoryev** 25:14.2, **Peter Selzer** 25:14.4, **Vittorio Visini** 25:16.0. **Larry Young**, the USA's big hope, passed in 26:08.0; **Bryan Eley** in 26:28.4, **Shaun Lightman** in 26:28.6.

Nihill was still with the leaders at 10km: **Bernhard Nermerich** (who later came under the judges' ban) 50:58.0, **Nihill** 50:58.2, **Hohne** 50:58.4, **Delerue** 50:58.6, **Grigoryev** 50:58.8, **Selzer** 51:00.0, **Agapov** 51:00.4, **Gardiner** 51:01.0. Further down came **Visini** 51:42.0, **Lindberg** 52:21.2, **Young** 52:26.2, **Lightman** 53:32.0, **Eley** 53:32.8.

At 15km **Nihill** (1:17:25) was the pace-setter ahead of **Agapov** 1:17:26, **Grigoryev** 1:17:27, **Hohne** 1:17:28, **Delerue** 1:17:39, **Selzer** 1:17:40, **Nermerich** 1:17:54 and **Kiss** 1:18:14. **Visini** went through in 1:18:59, **Young** 1:19:42, **Lindberg** 1:20:20, **Eley** and **Lightman** 1:21:07. Four of the top favourites had broken away by 20km: **Nihill** 1:43:51, **Agapov**, **Grigoryev** and **Hohne** all 1:43:53. Next was **Selzer** (1:44:16), then another sizable gap until **Kiss** 1:45:03, **Nermerich** 1:45:09, **Delerue** 1:45:25. **Visini's** time was 1:46:10, **Young's** 1:46:39, **Lindberg's** 1:47:23, **Lightman's** 1:48:24 and **Eley's** 1:48:27.

The halfway point was reached together by **Nihill** and **Hohne** in 2:10:27; **Agapov** was 3rd in 2:10:55; next came **Grigoryev** and **Selzer** 2:12:04, **Kiss** 2:12:36, **Nermerich** 2:13:45, **Young** 2:14:15, **Karl-Heinz Merschenz** 2:14:35, **Frank Clark** 2:14:42, **Visini** 2:15:05, **Pedraza** 2:15:12,

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Delerue 2:15:12.2 and Lindberg 2:15:26. Lightman's time was 2:17:11, Eley's 2:17:12.

It was during the next 5km stretch that Hohne built up a winning lead. With Nihill, suffering from the heat, forced to slow down, the East German reached 30km nearly two minutes clear in 2:35:57. Nihill followed in 2:37:50, then Agapov 2:39:47, Kiss 2:39:57, Selzer 2:40:01, Grigoryev 2:40:28, Nermerich 2:40:46, Merschenz 2:41:10, Clark 2:41:44, Young 2:41:45, Lindberg 2:42:54, Visini 2:43:41, Gerhard Weidner 2:45:13, Jose Pedraza and Lightman 2:45:14, Eley 2:45:17.

Hohne's lead was an untouchable four minutes at 35km (3:00:23). Nihill was pluckily holding down second in 3:04:34, pursued by Nermerich 3:05:35, Kiss 3:05:39, Merschenz 3:05:17, Selzer 3:06:41, Young 3:07:49, Clark 3:08:00, Lindberg 3:09:46, Visini 3:10:12, Grigoryev 3:10:58, Eley 3:12:28. Lightman had to let Eley go, clocking 3:13:43.6. From this point on Hohne continued to stretch his lead, eventually winning by all of ten minutes, while Kiss and Young moved into the other medal positions. Nihill, struck with stomach cramp and other symptoms of heat exhaustion, eventually collapsed about 5km from the finish when in 11th place. One hopes that, like Ken Matthews in the 1960 Olympics, he will bounce back again no worse for his distressing experience. Bryan Eley finished a distinguished 7th and Shaun Lightman, who had a rough time between 40 and 45km, placed 18th.

Hohne, 6th in Tokyo, is aged 27, stands 5'7" and weighs 139lb. Coached by the celebrated Max Weber, Hohne has been in walking for 13 years. He clocked 1:34:56.2 for 20km in 1960, aged 19, before moving up to 50km in 1962. His progress: 1962—4:28:14.6, 1963—4:10:46.8, 1964—4:12:49.2, 1965—4:03:14.8, 1966—4:17:55.6, 1967—4:02:43.8, 1968—4:06:23.4. Hohne's greatest triumph previously was winning the Lugano 100km last October in the remarkable time of 9:15:57.4.

1, CHRISTOPH HOHNE (East Germany) 4:20:13.6.

2, ANTAL KISS (Hungary) 4:30:17.0.

3, LARRY YOUNG (USA) 4:31:55.4.

4, PETER SELZER (East Germany) 4:33:09.8.

5, STIG LINDBERG (Sweden) 4:34:05.0.

6, VITTORIO VISINI (Italy) 4:36:33.2.

7, BRYAN ELEY (UK) 4:37:32.2.

8, JOSE PEDRAZA (Mexico) 4:37:51.4.

9, Karl Merschenz (Can) 4:37:57.4; 10, Goetz Klopfer (USA) 4:39:13.8; 11, Horst-Rudiger Magnor (W. Ger) 4:39:43.2; 12, Frank Clark (Aus) 4:40:13.8; 13, Stig Andersson (Swe) 4:40:42.6; 14, Gerhard Weidner (W. Ger) 4:43:26.2; 15, Sergey Grigoryev (USSR) 4:44:39.2; 16, Charles Sowa (Lux) 4:44:45.2; 17, Kazuo Saito (Jap) 4:47:29.6; 18, SHAUN LIGHTMAN (UK) 4:52:20.0; 19, Bob Gardiner (Aus) 4:52:29.0; 20, Erwin Stutz (Swi) 4:53:33.8; 21, Henri Delerue (Fra) 4:57:40.2; 22, Mieczyslaw Rutyna (Pol) 4:58:03.8; 23, Felix Cappella (Can) 4:58:31.6; 24, Shaul Ladany (Isr) 5:01:06.0; 25, Pablo Colin (Mex) 5:01:30.0; 26, David Romansky (USA) 5:38:03.4; 27, Ishmael Hernandez (Mex) 5:56:09.2; 28, Ricardo Cruz Flores (Salv) 5:56:22.0.

Sixth Day Friday, October 18th

1500 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 5 qualify for semi-finals)

Kip Keino, the showman as ever, flung in a totally unnecessary 56.8 third lap and won his heat by over 30 yards. Fastest time of the round, though, came from Jim Ryun with 3:45.7. Maurice Benn was nowhere near qualifying in this heat but John Boulter and John Whetton emerged unscathed. Three sub-3:40 performers failed to make the semis: Anders Garderud, Rudi Simon and Peter Watson. Jean Wadoux, 3:37.9 this year, did not compete.

Heat 1: (66.0, 2:07.6, 3:04.4) 1, K. Keino (Ken) 3:46.9; 2, B. Tummier (W. Ger) 3:51.5; 3, J. BOULTER (UK) 3:51.6; 4, J. Grosser (Chi) 3:51.7; 5, F. Arese (Ita) 3:51.8; 6, D. Bailey (Can) 3:52.1; 7, R. Honti (Hun) 3:54.9; 8, R. Klaban (Austria) 3:59.1; 9, J. Quevedo (Guat) 4:03.1; 10, E. Sagna (Sen) 4:04.1; 11, E. Barahona (Hon) 4:56.0.

Heat 2: (66.5, 2:18.2, 3:20.3) 1, T. Von Ruden (USA) 3:59.1; 2, A. de Hertoghe (Bel) 3:59.3; 3, H. Szordykowski (Pol) 3:59.3; 4, C. Nicolas (Fra) 3:59.3; 5, A. Kruger (W. Ger) 3:59.3; 6, R. Finelli (Ita) 3:59.5; 7, O. Berg (Swe) 4:00.4; 8, T. Hansen (Den) 4:01.4; 9, S. Ramasamy (Malay) 4:06.4; 10, M. Nunez (Dom) 4:23.6.

Heat 3: (60.4, 2:04.7, 3:06.1) 1, B. Jipcho (Ken) 3:46.4; 2, O. Raiko (USSR) 3:46.8; 3, H. Norpeth (W. Ger) 3:46.9; 4, J. Odlozil (Cz) 3:47.4; 5, J. Boxberger (Fra) 3:47.5; 6, V. Neri (Mex) 3:47.5; 7, J. Gonzales Amo (Spa) 3:50.4; 8, I. Virvilis (Gre) 3:55.5; 9, X. Frick (Lie) 4:15.3; 10, B. Cubias (Salv) 4:32.5.

Heat 4: (61.3, 2:02.1, 3:04.3) 1, J. Ryun (USA) 3:45.7; 2, B. Haddou (Mor) 3:47.0; 3, E. Salve (Bel) 3:47.1; 4, A. Kvalheim (Nor) 3:47.4; 5, N. Trerise (Can) 3:47.6; 6, G. Del Buono (Ita) 3:48.4; 7, P. Watson (Aus) 3:55.4; 8, M. BENN (UK) 3:56.4; 9, P. Vasala (Fin) 4:08.5; 10, W. Rios (P. Rico) 4:14.4; 11, J. Payne (Ber) 4:18.9.

Heat 5: (64.9, 2:11.7, 3:11.6) 1, M. Liquori (USA) 3:52.7; 2, H. Knill (Swi) 3:52.8; 3, J. WHETTON (UK) 3:53.0; 4, A. Issa (Chad) 3:53.1; 5, M. Zhelobovsky (USSR) 3:53.2; 6, M. Habtemichael (Eth) 3:53.2; 7, A. Garderud (Swe) 3:54.2; 8, B. Dyce (Jam) 3:54.6; 9, J. Maluski (Pol) 3:54.8; 10, F. Murphy (Rob) 3:54.8; 11, R. Simon (Bel) 4:05.9; 12, L. Cordoba (Hon) 5:18.9.

WOMEN'S 80 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Maureen Caird confirmed her superb run of the previous day with a 10.5 victory into the wind over a field that included reigning champion Karin Balzer (who was not looking too sharp) and the owner of the pending world record of 10.2, Vyera Korsakova—who was eliminated in a time some

five metres slower. Pam Kilborn won the other semi in 10.4.

Heat 1: (— 2.0m/s) 1, M. Caird (Aus) 10.5; 2, P. Van Wolvelaere (USA) 10.6; 3, T. Talysheva (USSR) 10.7; 4, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 10.8; 5, V. Korsakova (USSR) 10.8; 6, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 10.9; 7, V. Bufanu (Rum) 11.0; 8, I. Aigner (Austria) 11.1.

Heat 2: (Nil wind) 1, P. Kilborn (Aus) 10.4 (eq. Olympic & Commonwealth record); 2, Chi Cheng (Form) 10.5; 3, D. Straszynska (Pol) 10.5; 4, E. Zebrowska (Pol) 10.6; 5, M. Rallins (USA) 10.6; 6, J. Dyer (USA) 10.8; 7, I. Schell (W. Ger) 10.8; 8, M. Kiss (Hun) 11.2.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (FINAL)

With world record holder Irena Szewinska ranged against four girls who broke 23 sec. in the previous day's semis, it would have been surprising had the world mark of 22.7 survived this race. Of course it didn't, particularly with the wind reading at exactly two metres (again!). Wyomia Tyus, the first double 100m champion in history, led into the straight ahead of Raelene Boyle, with Szewinska and Barbara Ferrell level in third place. Several runners swept past the tiring Tyus in the closing stages and none so emphatically as Szewinska, whose raking stride carried her to a two yard win in a glittering 22.5. Australians filled the next two placings: Boyle, who will be all of 21 when the Munich Olympics roll around; tied Irena's old record with 22.7 (there must be many 17-year-old boys who would be proud to own such a time) and Jenny Lamy was only half a stride behind. It was a tremendous race, as Jutta Stock (daughter of the 1936 javelin champion) placed last in a West German record of 23.2.

Irena Szewinska, born in Leningrad on May 24th, 1946, therefore won her first individual Olympic gold medal. At Tokyo she was a member of the winning relay team and placed second in the 200m and long jump; here in Mexico City she was third in the 100m. The 5'9½", 132lb economics student, who was married last Christmas, thus strengthened her claim to be considered as one of the greatest female athletes of all time. Raelene Boyle, a 5'5½", 119lb blonde born on June 24th, 1951, ran 23.5 in March 1967, when she was 15, and improved a tenth this year . . . prior to reaching Mexico City.

1, IRENA SZEWINSKA (Poland) 22.5 (World & Olympic record).

2, RAELENE BOYLE (Australia) 22.7 (Commonwealth rec).

3, JENNY LAMY (Australia) 22.8.

4, BARBARA FERRELL (USA) 22.9.

5, NICOLE MONTANDON (France) 23.0.

6, WYOMIA TYUS (USA) 23.0.

7, MARGARET BAILES (USA) 23.1.

8, JUTTA STOCK (West Germany) 23.2.

400 METRES (FINAL)

Lee Evans, who usually paces himself in a race and pips the opposition in the final few strides,

really went hard all the way on this occasion and the outcome was not only an Olympic gold medal but also a world record of 43.8—legal shoes and all. One might be forgiven for thinking such a performance would be good for a fair margin of superiority, but in fact Larry James (four lanes inside him) was metaphorically breathing down his neck as he finished in 43.9. Completing a grand slam for Uncle Sam was Ron Freeman in 44.4—each man therefore improving 0.2 over his time at South Lake Tahoe the previous month. It was the USA's first sweep in this event since the largely meaningless 1904 Games when about 95% of the competitors were Americans.

Evans said he carried out his pre-race strategy to the letter. "I ran the first bend hard and then thought about form and relaxation on the back stretch. After that I ran the second turn hard and mustered up some kind of kick or finish to hold on and win, which I did though just barely." James, who at Lake Tahoe had announced he would beat Evans next time, said: "My legs gave way in the final stretch and I couldn't keep my balance perfectly. Also it's a mental thing, I guess. All year Lee has finished ahead of me and I can't picture myself beating him anymore, I guess."

Amadou Gakou (28), who positively no one will remember from Tokyo (he went out in the first round in 50.1), improved yet again for an All-African record of 45.0 in fourth place—an advance of some 15 yards over his pre-Mexico best, not all of which can be attributed to the altitude. Tegegne Bezabeh (27) lived up to his coach's promises and proved that Ethiopian athletics does not consist solely of long distance men with 45.4 in sixth place just behind Martin Jellinghaus.

Evans, one of the great competitors of our time—in three seasons he has lost only one important race while fit and that took a world record from Tommie Smith—was born on February 25th, 1947, stands 5'11" and weighs 175lb. He ran a world's best of 1:14.3 for 600m this year and could well be the next 880y world record holder if he worked for it but he says he will retire after next season. Incredibly, James' best official 440y time before this year was 49.3 in high school in 1966, though admittedly he did clock 46.5 in a relay last season. He shot into prominence last winter with a 47.0 440y on a 160y indoor track, and at the Penn Relays he notched up the fastest 440y leg ever . . . 43.9. Born on November 6th, 1947, he is 6'0" and 166lb, and once ran 440y hurdles in 52.1. Ron Freeman is also of 1947 vintage (June 12th); he ran 46.6 for 440y three years ago but showed no real improvement until this season. He is 5'11", 155lb.

1, LEE EVANS (USA) 43.8 (World & Olympic record).

2, LARRY JAMES (USA) 43.9.

3, RON FREEMAN (USA) 44.4.

4, AMADOU GAKOU (Senegal) 45.0.

5, MARTIN JELLINGHAUS (West Germany) 45.3.

6, TEGEGNE BEZABEH (Ethiopia) 45.4.

7, ANDRZEJ BADENSKI (Poland) 45.5.

8, AMOS OMOLO (Uganda) 47.6.

WOMEN'S 80 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

It may sound ungracious but I'm sorry that Maureen Caird chose the Olympic final to inflict her first ever defeat on Pam Kilborn. Pam, all 5'2" and 115lb of her, has remained unbeaten since placing third in a photo finish at Tokyo and at 29 these may have been her last Games. She was in the form of her life but a slow start cost her dearly. Maureen was off very fast and though Pam was closing at the end it was the young Australian—12 years Pam's junior—who snapped the tape. It was a fantastic performance for, in spite of the rain and no wind at all, she tied the listed world record of 10.3 and in so doing became the youngest Olympic athletics champion of all time. Turned 17 only on September 29th she is two months younger than was Mihaela Penes at the time of her Tokyo triumph.

Maureen, a 5'4", 112lb music student (she is studying classical guitar), began running four years ago and has astonished the track world ever since with her precociousness. At 15 she ran 10.6 for the hurdles, a mark that no one else under the age of 20 had ever achieved . . . that is until Pat Wolvelaere (18) clocked 10.5 for fourth in this final behind Chi Cheng's magnificent 10.4. Karin Balzer, a tenth away from her lifetime best, wound up fifth. Maureen, asked what was left for her in athletics after reaching the ultimate already, replied: "I guess I'll just keep training". She was sorry that the 80m event was being dropped in favour of 100m with 2'9"

hurdles. Pam, always a great sportswoman, shrugged off suggestions that she had been handicapped by a shoulder injury and simply remarked "I lost to a better athlete".

- 1, MAUREEN CAIRD (Australia) 10.3 (Olympic & Commonwealth record).
- 2, PAM KILBORN (Australia) 10.4.
- 3, CHI CHENG (Formosa) 10.4.
- 4, PAT VAN WOLVELAERE (USA) 10.5.
- 5, KARIN BALZER (East Germany) 10.6.
- 6, DANUTA STRASZYNSKA (Poland) 10.6.
- 7, ELZBIETA ZEBROWSKA (Poland) 10.6.
- 8, TATYANA TALYSHEVA (USSR) 10.7.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Sensation! Vera Nikolic, practically an odds-favourite, dropped out after 300m of her heat. I must confess I didn't watch the rest of the race, in which Pat Lowe qualified safely; I was too busy training my binoculars on the Yugoslav girl who has become a national heroine in her own country and on whom so many hopes had been placed. She looked quite calm and certainly free of physical injury as she walked slowly along the outside of the track and up the ramp that leads out of the stadium, but one later heard lurid stories as to what happened when she was out of the crowd's sight . . . of screaming, frothing at the mouth, even attempted suicide. None of this was I able to confirm but I was told that she had been flown



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back to Yugoslavia in disgrace and was expected to forfeit the considerable privileges accorded sports stars. One can only guess that she suffered some sort of mental blackout—as when Alan Simpson pulled out in the 1963 GB v. USA match—possibly brought on by the ridiculously heavy amount of training she had been undertaking at the Village coupled with the immense pressure on her to do well. It was a sad and disturbing incident. Meanwhile, in the second semi, Sheila Taylor—who was sixth with 120m to run—finished third and qualified for what was now a wide-open final.

Heat 1: (60.3 bell) 1, M. Manning (USA) 2:05.8; 2, I. Silai (Rum) 2:05.9; 3, P. LOWE (UK) 2:06.6; 4, A. Hoffman (Can) 2:07.0; 5, K. Burneleit (E. Ger) 2:08.4; 6, A. Zimina (USSR) 2:08.5; 7, I. Keizer (Neth) 2:14.8. V. Nikolic (Yug) dnf.

Heat 2: (62.2 bell) 1, M. Gommers (Neth) 2:05.1; 2, D. Brown (USA) 2:05.2; 3, S. TAYLOR (UK) 2:05.2; 4, M. Dupureur (Fra) 2:05.5; 5, L. Erik (USSR) 2:06.0; 6, S. Potts (NZ) 2:07.2; 7, P. Pigni (Ita) 2:07.8; 8, J. Jehlickova (Cz) 2:13.5.

LONG JUMP (FINAL)

The competition was three jumps old. Hiroomi Yamada, Vic Brooks and Reinhold Boschert had all fouled in turn. Next on the runway was Bob Beamon. Here was the man to be feared, the one who could wrap up the title with an initial jump of 28 feet. Fast on the runway (he's a 9.5 sprinter) the lanky, loose limbed American took off amid gasps of astonishment. Never had such elevation been seen in a long jumper. What mattered though was where he landed, and as he touched down after what was to prove the longest unaided flight by man, the crowd by the pit exploded with excitement. I hastily consulted my conversion tables to refresh my memory as to the equivalent of a 28-footer. The figure in question was 8.54. The officials in charge of measurement seemed to be taking an awfully long time so it seemed a pretty good bet that the world record of 8.35 had been bettered, but was it as far as the magical 28 feet? Still no figure flashed on the electrical indicator board, then suddenly everything was happening. Beamon was dancing around, kissing the track even, and fellow competitors dashed over to congratulate him. At last the board flickered into life. The figure 8 flashed up, then a 9... momentary confusion then the stupefying realisation that the jump was 8.90 metres. A frantic check of the tables... 29 feet 2 inches!

All was uproar; no one was paying the least attention to the 400 metres finalists out on the track for the start. Those among the 60,000-odd spectators present who had witnessed the actual jump knew they had been privileged to see perhaps the greatest single achievement in the entire history of athletics. Everything may have been working for him, even to the extent of yet another 2m/sec wind reading, but that was a jump in a billion. It could well survive as world record into the 21st century; after all Jesse Owens' 26'8½" in 1935 stood for 25 years and that was only six

inches better than the previous record. All Beamon had done was to add more than 1½ feet to the mark shared by Ralph Boston and Igor Ter-Ovanesyan. If I hadn't seen it myself I would never have believed it. Several generations of long jumpers are going to have to live with it... the unattainable record.

Well, that spelled *finis* to the competition one had so much looked forward to. Only the silver and bronze medals were now available and no one, not even the jumpers involved, can be too enthused about that. Lynn Davies, in particular, lost all interest in the proceedings—and who can blame him? Here he was, ready to defend his title with a jump of 28 feet if necessary, and before he has even started along comes a guy who jumps over two feet farther than he himself has ever achieved. Lynn is a great competitor, but he is not Superman. To make matters worse, the heavens opened just after the competition resumed and the downpour further dampened the spirits of the other jumpers. The runway and board became slippery and distances suffered.

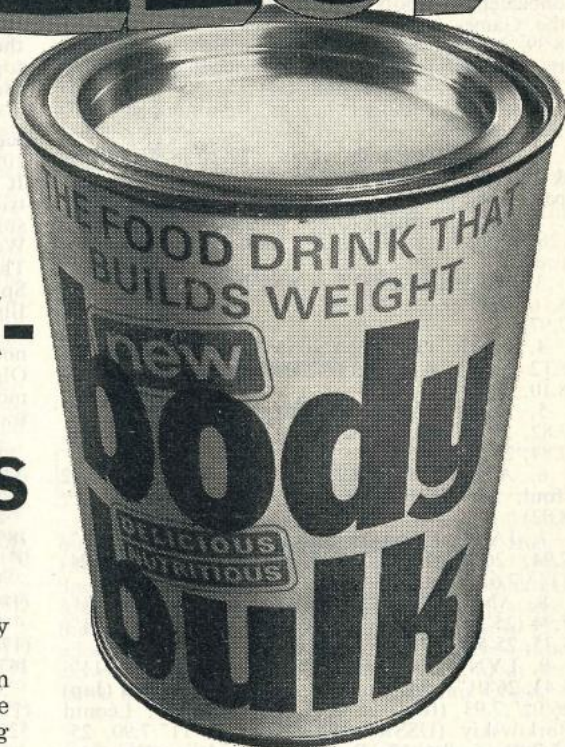
To their credit, Klaus Beer, Tonu Lepik and Alan Crawley managed personal bests in the second round but then none of these three had ever entertained any serious hopes of winning the gold. Boston and Ter-Ovanesyan, both of whom had looked forward with good reason to a 28-footer this day, had to settle for less than 27, while Davies had a miserable time. He ran through his first, reached 26'0½"/7.94 with his second (no mean feat with the rain cascading down but of no use in the circumstances) and fouled his third. His reign was over, for the officials omitted him from the list of athletes awarded three more jumps although, according to IAAF secretary Don Pain, he was entitled to jump on since he was equal eighth after three rounds. The only change during the final three jumps was that Crawley improved a centimetre, so the silver went to Klaus Beer who, seven years ago at the age of 18, high jumped 6'9¼"/2.08—11½" above his head. The bronze went to Boston, who thus completed his set of Olympic medals, while Ter-Ovanesyan (competing in his fourth Games) went unrewarded.

Beamon said afterwards: "I figured the pressure was on me and Ralph, and I had to go out 100 per cent. I was really worried about the approach to the board because I had trouble yesterday". (One fan over by the long jump told me that Beamon wasn't even on the board for the big one!) Beamon said he had expected to jump around 8.60m (28'2½") and that he planned to stay in track and field for another eight years although basketball has until now, at least, been his favourite sport.

Boston, asked for his opinion of Davies's performance, answered: "I thought with the rain coming he would have done better, but he said to me after Beamon's jump that he couldn't go on. I think I should have done better too. I was sure I would do about 28 feet before the rain came. I felt good on the run-up but then the rain came and dampened me and my spirit too." Boston, who was unlucky to lose a jump of just

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under 28ft in the fifth round which, after some hesitation, was adjudged a foul, announced his retirement after eight years at the very top.

Bob Beamon, born in Jamaica, New York, on August 29th, 1946, is a student (of Russian!) in Texas and stands 6'2½" for a weight of 165lb. He jumped 24'11"/7.34 in 1962 at the age of 15, 24'0"/7.31 in 1963, 25'11"/7.64 in 1964, 25'3½"/7.71 in 1965, 25'7"/7.80 in 1966 and 26'7¼"/8.11 (26'11¼"/8.21 indoors) last year. This year he raised the indoor world best to 27'2½"/8.30 and has been unbeaten outdoors all season. His best prior to the Games was 27'4"/8.33 plus a windy 27'6½"/8.39. He has competed once in Britain, finishing third in last year's GB v. USA match with 26'0¼"/7.93 behind Boston and Davies. A 9.5 sprinter and 6'5" high jumper, he has triple jumped 52'7"/16.02 indoors.

1, BOB BEAMON (USA) 29'2½"/8.90 (World & Olympic record; 29'2½"/8.90, 26'4½"/8.19, pass, pass, pass).

2, KLAUS BEER (East Germany) 26'10½"/8.19 (26'1¼"/7.97, 26'10½"/8.19, foul, 25'0"/7.62, foul, foul).

3, RALPH BOSTON (USA) 26'9¼"/8.16 (26'9¼"/8.16, 26'5"/8.05, 25'11½"/7.91, foul, foul, 26'1¼"/7.97).

4, IGOR TER-OVANESYAN (USSR) 26'7¾"/8.12 (26'7¾"/8.12, 26'6½"/8.09, foul, foul, 26'7"/8.10, 26'6¼"/8.08).

5, TONU LEPIK (USSR) 26'6½"/8.09 (25'8"/7.82, 26'6½"/8.09, 25'0½"/7.63, 24'1½"/7.36, 25'8½"/7.84, 25'5¼"/7.75).

6, ALAN CRAWLEY (Australia) 26'3¾"/8.02 (foul, 26'3¾"/8.01, foul, 25'7"/7.80, foul, 26'3¾"/8.02).

7, JACK PANI (France) 26'1¼"/7.97 (26'0½"/7.94, 26'1¼"/7.97, 25'2¼"/7.69, 24'10½"/7.58, 24'11½"/7.61, foul).

8, ANDRZEJ STALMACH (Poland) 26'0½"/7.94 (25'3½"/7.71, 26'0½"/7.94, 25'10½"/7.88, 25'5¼"/7.75, 25'5¼"/7.75, 25'8½"/7.84).

9, LYNN DAVIES (UK) 26'0½"/7.94 (21'1¼"/6.43, 26'0½"/7.94, foul); 10, Hiroomi Yamada (Jap) 26'0¼"/7.93 (foul, 26'0¼"/7.93, foul); 11, Leonid Borkovskiy (USSR) 25'11"/7.90 (25'11"/7.90, 25'8"/7.82, foul); 12, Reinhold Boschert (W. Ger) 25'10½"/7.89 (foul, 24'9"/7.54, 25'10½"/7.89); 13, Michael Ahey (Gha) 25'3½"/7.71 (25'3½"/7.71, 24'10"/7.57, 24'3¼"/7.40); 14, Lars-Olof Hook (Swe) 25'1½"/7.66 (25'1½"/7.66, foul, foul); 15, Victor Brooks (Jam) 24'7¼"/7.51 (foul, foul, 24'7¼"/7.51); 16, Gerard Ugolini (Fra) 24'5"/7.44 (24'5"/7.44, 23'0½"/7.02, foul).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Beamon; 2, Boston; 3, Ter-Ovanesyan; 4, Beer; 5, Pani; 6, Borkovskiy.

Round 2: 1, Beamon; 2, Beer; 3, Boston; 4, Ter-Ovanesyan; 5, Lepik; 6, Crawley.

Rounds 3-5: Positions unchanged.

WOMEN'S DISCUS (FINAL)

Zatopeks, that epic 4x400m relay, da Silva's world record, etc.—only in Rumania was any notice taken of the sixth place in the women's discus taken by 20-year-old Lia Manoliu. Her throw of 139'11"/42.65 may have been nearly 30 feet behind that of winner Nina Ponomaryeva, but it did constitute a new National record. Now, 16 years and two Olympic bronze medals later, Lia was taking part in her fifth Games—and with a chance of adding to her medal collection. She had improved to 194'3"/59.22 and came out best in her clashes with world record holder Liesel Westermann. Even so, it seemed unlikely that at the age of 36 she could succeed in landing the top prize after so many years of trying . . . and there were three 200-footers in the field.

Well, I am truly delighted to report that the seemingly impossible happened and that the 5' 10½", 187lb engineer from Bucharest pulled it off. It was her first and only good throw that did the trick; it landed at 191'2"/58.28 and, to everyone's surprise and not least Lia's no one other than Westermann approached to within ten feet of it. The widely heralded East Germans, Christine Spielberg (the European champion) and Karin Illgen were some 30 feet below their best and finished nowhere. It was an extraordinary result, not least because another great Olympic veteran, Olga Connolly (the 1956 champion), now the mother of four, placed sixth on a minimum of training.

1, LIA MANOLIU (Rumania) 191'2"/58.28 (Olympic record; 191'2"/58.28, foul, pass, foul, 153'7"/46.82, foul).

2, LIESEL WESTERMANN (West Germany) 189'6"/57.76 (177'3"/54.02, 189'6"/57.76, foul, 183'0"/55.78, foul, foul).

3, JOLAN KLEIBER (Hungary) 180'1"/54.90 (180'1"/54.90, 177'11"/54.24, foul, foul, foul, foul).

4, ANITA OTTO (East Germany) 178'6"/54.40 (178'6"/54.40, 177'6"/54.10, 176'9"/53.88, foul, 167'10"/51.16, 171'8"/52.34).

5, ANTONIA POPOVA (USSR) 175'3"/53.42 (175'3"/53.42, 174'3"/53.12, 168'7"/51.40, 172'7"/52.60, 173'5"/52.86, foul).

6, OLGA CONNOLLY (USA) 173'9"/52.96 (foul, 173'9"/52.96, 166'5"/50.74, foul, foul, 165'4"/50.40).

7, CHRISTINE SPIELBERG (East Germany) 173'5"/52.86 (173'5"/52.86, foul, 173'5"/52.86, foul, 172'7"/52.62, 163'4"/49.80).

8, BRIGITTE BERENDONK (West Germany) 173'3"/52.80 (173'3"/52.80, 162'11"/59.66, 153'10"/46.90, foul, foul, 165'6"/50.46).

9, Ludmila Muravyova (USSR) 171'5"/52.26 (169'11"/51.80, 171'5"/52.26, 164'8"/50.20); 10, Karin Illgen (E. Ger) 171'2"/52.18 (165'4"/50.40, foul, 171'2"/52.18); 11, Judit Stugner (Hun) 170'10"/52.08 (138'2"/42.12, 168'7"/51.38, 170'10"/52.08); 12, Namjilma Dashzeveg (Mong) 166'6"/50.76 (166'6"/50.76, foul, 160'9"/49.00); 13, Olimpia Catarama (Rum) 164'8"/50.20 (foul, 155'10"/47.50, 164'8"/50.20); 14, Carol Moseke (USA) 158'5"/48.28 (158'5"/48.28, 146'11"/44.78, 144'6"/44.04); 15, Jean Roberts (Aus) 157'9"/46.26 (120'0"/36.58, 157'9"/46.26, foul).

Amid all the excitement of the Helsinki Olympics in 1952—the four gold medals won by the

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Manoliu; 2, Kleiber, 3, Otto; 4, Westermann; 5, Popova; 6, Spielberg.

Rounds 2-5: 1, Manoliu; 2, Westermann, 3, Kleiber; 4, Otto; 5, Popova; 6, Connolly.

DECATHLON (FIRST DAY)

Bill Toomey ran up his best ever first-day total of 4499 for an overnight 115-point lead over Joachim Kirst, the man who amassed a prodigious 4557 for five events earlier in the season. World record holder Kurt Bendlin, the man expected to give Toomey the hardest fight, was sixth fully 350 points behind. The American was in hot form. He began with a 10.4 100m (0.1 outside his fastest) and followed with a massive long jump of 25'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/7.87, a personal best. His shot-putting continues to be surprisingly weak for a man of his size (6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 195lb) but then his best is only 46'9"/14.25, while in the high jump he was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " below his ceiling with 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95. Finally, he charged around 400m in a quite exceptional 45.6, eight-tenths faster than ever before and a decathlon "world record". Just the man, one thought, for the British relay team—after all he is a member of Polytechnic Harriers and won the AAA decathlon!

Hans-Joachim Walde, the Tokyo bronze medalist who has been a thorn in Toomey's flesh more than once, excelled himself by setting personal bests in both jumps and the 400m. Bendlin, far from fully fit for such a competition (his left thigh was strapped up), equalled his best ever long jump. With Peter Gabbett (hamstring injury) unable to compete, Britain's sole representative was Clive Longe and he seemed headed for a new UK record. His halfway score was a healthy 3840, including personal bests in the 100m (10.9 against 11.0) and 400m (49.3 against 49.9). His high jumping, though, was below par, while he had hoped to do better in the long jump in which he has cleared 24ft in training. Unluckiest athlete was Rein Aun, the Tokyo silver medalist. He was going along quite nicely after a personal best long jump but he pulled a muscle in the 400m and had to drop out.

1, W. Toomey (USA) 4499 (10.4, 25'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/7.87, 45'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.75, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 45.6); 2, J. Kirst (E. Ger) 4384 (10.5, 24'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.61, 53'11"/16.43, 6'6"/1.98, 50.2); 3, H.-J. Walde (W. Ger) 4290 (10.9, 25'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/7.64, 49'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.13, 6'7"/2.01, 49.0); 4, N. Avilov (USSR) 4195 (10.9, 25'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/7.64, 44'0"/13.41, 6'7"/2.01, 48.9); 5, M. Tiedtke (E. Ger) 4193 (10.9, 24'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.46, 51'9"/15.77, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 50.0); 6, K. Bendlin (W. Ger) 4149 (10.7, 24'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/7.56, 48'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.74, 5'11"/1.80, 48.3); 7, T. Waddell (USA) 4023 (11.3, 24'6"/7.47, 47'5"/14.45, 6'7"/2.01, 51.2); 8, S. Djourov (Bul) 4013 (10.9, 24'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.40, 45'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/13.99, 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.89, 50.3); 9, J. Lanka (USSR) 3975 (10.9, 23'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/7.15, 5'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/15.31, 5'11"/1.80, 49.9); 10, S. Smidt-Jensen (Den) 3960 (10.9, 23'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.17, 42'9"/13.03, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 50.2); 11, R. Sloan (USA) 3954 (11.2, 22'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/6.72, 46'2"/14.07, 6'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/12.10, 51.0); 12, G. Herunter (Austria) 3948 (10.5, 22'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.75, 45'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.93, 6'0"/1.83, 49.7); 13, W.

Diessl (Austria) 3933 (10.7, 24'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.42, 46'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.32, 6'0"/1.83, 51.6); 14, L. Hedmark (Swe) 3901 (11.1, 23'11"/7.29, 46'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/14.08, 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.89, 51.3); 15, E. Noorlander (Neth) 3898 (11.1, 22'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/6.90, 45'7"/13.89, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 50.5); 16, H. Wessel (E. Ger) 3858 (10.8, 24'3"/7.39, 44'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.70, 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.86, 53.4); 17, C. LONGE (UK) 3840 (10.9, 22'6"/6.86, 49'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/15.10, 5'7"/1.70, 49.3); 18, R. Lespagnard (Bel) 3836 (11.1, 22'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.94, 41'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/12.59, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 50.2); 19, B. Carmona (Mex) 3757 (10.9, 22'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.93, 47'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.37, 5'7"/1.70, 50.5); 20, Wu Ah-min (For) 363 (11.3, 24'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.40, 39'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/12.08, 5'11"/1.80, 52.2); 21, H. Kunz (Swi) 3622 (11.0, 21'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.54, 44'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/13.68, 5'5"/1.65, 49.1); 22, C. Chen (For) 3605 (10.8, 22'3"/6.78, 40'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/12.38, 5'7"/1.70, 50.9); 23, C. Anyamah (Fra) 3541 (11.2, 19'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.03, 45'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.00, 5'11"/1.80, 50.9); 24, U. Trautmann (Swi) 3497 (11.2, 22'10"/6.96, 49'9"/15.16, 6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.95, 63.9); 25, V. Thorlaksson (Ice) 3454 (11.1, 22'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/6.76, 41'8"/12.70, 5'7"/1.70, 53.2); 26, F. Biederman (Lie) 3218 (11.5, 20'8"/6.30, 35'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/10.94, 5'7"/1.70, 51.4); 27, R. Aun (USSR) 3208 (10.8, 24'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/7.40, 48'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/14.75, 5'11"/1.65, —); 28, D. Velez (Nic) 3148 (11.5, 21'9"/6.63, 34'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/10.60, 5'5"/1.65, 53.1).

Seventh Day

Saturday, October 19th

HIGH JUMP (QUALIFYING)

The qualifying round took a heavy toll and out went such possible medal contenders as Henry Elliott, Viktor Bolshov, Peter Boyce, Tony Sneazwell, Kenneth Lundmark and Mahamat Idriss. Chad salvaged its high jumping prestige, though, when second string Ahmed Senuusi (22) added two inches to his best with a second-time clearance at 7'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/2.14. An Italian record at the same height was achieved by Giacomo Crosa.

Qualifiers

G. Crosa (Ita), A. Senuusi (Chad), L. Peckham (Aus), V. Skvortsov (USSR), R. Fosbury (USA) and E. Caruthers (USA) cleared 7'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/2.14. L. Garriga (Spa), I. Sieghart (W. Ger), M. Todosijevic (Yug), R. Brown (USA), G. Spielvogel (W. Ger), R. Sainte-Rose (Fra) and V. Gavrilov (USSR) also qualified with 6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/2.12.

Non-qualifiers

J. Alexa (Cz), T. Zacharias (W. Ger), H. Elliott (Fra), V. Bolshov (USSR), K. Sugioaka (Jap) Bhim Singh (Ind) & I. Koussoulas (Gre) 6'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/2.09; P. Boyce (Aus), A. Sneazwell (Aus), R. Hubner (Cz), K. Lundmark (Swe), M. Idriss (Chad), M. Portmann (Swi), F. Palacios (Guat) & J. Olafsson (Ice) 6'9"/2.06; F. Tovondray (Madag), T. Wieser (Swi) & C. Dosza (Rum) 6'8"/2.03; P. Milek (Yug), W. Wedmann (Can) & A. Aboguttas (Peru) 6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/2.00; S. Hong (For), A. Balfour (Bah) & N. Candan (Tur) 6'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/1.95; M. Turay (S. Leone) 6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "/1.90.

4 x 100 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 5 and fastest loser qualify for semi-finals)

The anticipated flurry of sub-39 sec. marks came to pass, with Jamaica leading the way with a world record equalling 38.6. This was actually the best ever by a national team, for the listed mark of 38.6 was set by a University of Southern California team which comprised three Americans and a Jamaican, Lennox Miller. It was Miller who anchored his country's team on this occasion. France's European mark was tied by East Germany, while the British squad—which had run 39.2 in training—chopped three tenths off the national record.

Heat 1: 1, Cuba (Ramirez, Morales, Montes, Figueroa) 38.7 (Olympic record); 2, USA (Greene, Pender, R. R. Smith, Hines) 38.8; 3, Trinidad & Tobago (Fabien, Short, Archer, Roberts) 38.9 (Commonwealth rec); 4, Bahamas (Wisdom, Robinson, Nottage, Johnson) 39.4; 5, Nigeria (Oyerami, Ojo, Majekodunmi, Abdulai) 39.4; 6, Ghana (Owusu, Ahey, Quay, Addy) 39.8; 7, Dominican Republic (Soriano, Torres, Dominguez, Veras) 41.4.

Heat 2: 1, Jamaica (Stewart, Fray, Forbes, Miller) 38.6 (eq. World record and new Olympic & Commonwealth record); 2, France (Fenuil, Delecour, Piquemal, Bambuck) 39.0; 3, West Germany (Schmidtke, Metz, Wucherer, Eigenherr) 39.1; 4, UK (J. SPEAKE, R. JONES, R. BANTHORPE, B. KELLY) 39.3 (UK record); 5, Ivory Coast (Kouakou, Kouame, Diby, Kone) 39.6; 6, Japan (Abe, Yamada, Ogura, Iijima) 40.0; 7, Mexico (Becker, Labadie, Flores, Gonzales) 40.0.

Heat 3: 1, East Germany (Erstosser, Schelter, Haase, Eggers) 38.9 (eq. European rec); 2, USSR (Khlopotnov, Sinyayev, Ivanov, Sapayev) 39.0; 3, Poland (Maniak, Romanowski, Nowosz, Dudziak) 40.2; 4, Malaysia (Jegathesan, Thambusamy, Rajalingham, Hock Lim) 40.6; 5, Italy (Ottolina, Preatoni, Sguazzero, Berruti) 41.5.

WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Poland's world record of 43.6 in Tokyo (although the programme listed this only as the Olympic record, the world mark being attributed to the USA at 43.9) was bettered or equalled by three teams: the USA, Netherlands and USSR. Australia reduced Britain's Commonwealth record of 44.0 to 43.7 with the UK squad of Anita Neil, Maureen Tranter, Janet Simpson and Lillian Board (Val Peat and Della James were injured anyway) also clipping the former mark. Misfortune for Poland: as at White City the other month Irena Szewinska dropped the baton.

Heat 1: 1, USA (Ferrell, Bailes, Netter, Tyus) 43.4 (World & Olympic record); 2, Australia (Lamy, Bennett, Boyle, Burge) 43.7 (Commonwealth rec); 3, West Germany (Meyer-Rose, Stock, Jahn, Becker) 44.1; 4, France (Alayrangues, Meyer, Montandon, Telliez) 44.3; 5, Canada (Miller,

Berto, Hendry, Piotrowski) 44.7; 6, Nigeria (Bodunrin, Omorogbe, Jinadu, Akindele) 45.2; 7, Mexico (Martinez, Roman, Basilio, Giron) 47.0.

Heat 2: 1, Netherlands (Van den Berg, Sterk, Hennipman, Bakker) 43.4 (eq. World & Olympic record); 2, USSR (Zharkova, Bukharina, Popkova, Samotysova) 43.6; 3, UK (A. Neil, M. TRANTER, J. SIMPSON, L. BOARD) 43.9 (UK record); 4, Cuba (Elejarde, Romay, Quezada, Cobian) 44.1; 5, Hungary (Kispal, Nemeshazi, Balogh, Toth) 44.6; 6, Formosa (Chi Cheng, Yeh, Lim, Tien) 47.2; 7, Poland (Straszynska, Sarna, Jozwik, Szewinska) 53.0.

4 x 100 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Herb McKenley's Jamaican team kept up the pressure with 38.3, three tenths inside the world record, while Cuba edged the USA for the second time this day. The well drilled French squad ran its fastest time of 38.8 but the European record passed to East Germany at 38.7. The Soviet team, which was expected to do well, never got past the first exchange. The British quartet ran a sound but uninspired 39.4, more than five yards slower than was necessary to reach the final. Barrie Kelly, on the anchor, claimed that the third Polish runner cut into his lane. A protest was lodged but the IAAF Jury of Appeal disallowed it. "It would appear", said the statement, "that your fourth runner was impeded (it would appear accidentally), but the Jury felt that the degree of hindrance could not be ascertained and, as the difference between the teams was a full half second, did not feel that there was sufficient evidence to reverse the Judge's decision".

Heat 1: Jamaica (Stewart, Fray, Forbes, Miller) 38.3 (World & Olympic record); 2, East Germany (Erstosser, Schelter, Haase, Eggers) 38.7 (European record); 3, West Germany (Schmidtke, Metz, Wucherer, Eigenherr) 38.9; 4, Poland (Maniak, Romanowski, Nowosz, Dudziak) 38.9; 5, UK (J. SPEAKE, R. JONES, R. BANTHORPE, B. KELLY) 39.4; 6, Trinidad & T. (Fabien, Short, Archer, Roberts) 39.5; 7, Ivory Coast (Kouakou, Kouame, Diby, Kone) 39.6; 8, Malaysia (Jegathesan, Thambusamy, Rajalingham, Hock) 40.8.

Heat 2: 1, Cuba (Ramirez, Morales, Montes, Figueroa) 38.6; 2, USA (Greene, Pender, R. R. Smith, Hines) 38.6; 3, France (Fenuil, Delecour, Piquemal, Bambuck) 38.8; 4, Italy (Ottolina, Preatoni, Sguazzero, Berruti) 39.4; 5, Ghana (Owusu, Ahey, Quay, Addy) 39.9. USSR dnf.

4 x 400 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 2 and 2 fastest losers qualify for final)

The first race was incredibly fast for a heat, the USA equalling the 1964 Olympic and then world record time and Kenya finishing only inches behind! Vince Matthews looked rather shaky on the first leg and 9.4 sprinter Charles Asati showed him the way home. Ron Freeman, though put the

USA well ahead with a sub-44 sec. leg but on the anchor a back-to-form Daniel Rudisha showed what he might have done in the individual 400m by taking several yards off Lee Evans in a time that must have been around the 44 sec. mark. With Jamaica scratching, Britain had no trouble qualifying in their heat, running 3:03.6 behind Poland. The splits were Martin Winbolt Lewis 46.3, Colin Campbell 45.3, Dave Hemery 45.1 (a good ten yards faster than ever before) and John Sherwood an easing up 46.9. In the final heat, former Cambridge University runner Euric Bobb contributed a 46.1 stage for Trinidad.

Heat 1: 1, USA (Matthews, Freeman, James, Evans) 3:00.7 (eq. Olympic record); 2, Kenya (Asati, Nyamau, Bon, Rudisha) 3:00.8 (Commonwealth rec); 3, Italy (Ottolina, Puosi, Fusi, Bello) 3:04.8; 4, East Germany (Schwabe, Fromm, Muller, Zerbes) 3:06.9; 5, Dominican Republic (Gomez, L'Official, Mora, Soriano) 3:19.4.

Heat 2: 1, Poland (Gredzinski, Balachowski, Werner, Badenski) 3:03.0; 2, UK (M. WINBOLT LEWIS, CAMPBELL, HEMERY, SHERWOOD) 3:03.6; 3, Nigeria (Makama, Ejoke, Dogon Yaro, Egwunyenga) 3:05.7; 4, Senegal (Gakou, M'Baye, N'Diaye, Sarr) 3:06.9.

Heat 3: 1, West Germany (Muller, Kinder, Hennige, Jellinghaus) 3:03.8; 2, Trinidad & Tobago (Simon, Bobb, Cayenne, Roberts) 3:04.5; 3, France (Nallet, Carette, Bertoulet, Nicolau) 3:04.6; 4, Cuba (Martinez, Tellez, Oliveira, Diaz) 3:05.2; 5, Venezuela (Patinez, Dome, Maldonado, Hidalgo) 3:07.6; 6, Mexico (Pina, Medina, Castro, Sardo) 3:08.1; 7, Canada (Mackenzie, Maclaren, Crothers, Brooker) 3:09.6.

1500 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 6 qualify for final)

Both heats resulted in a frantic last-lap tear-up. In the first, Bodo Tummmler turned in a 52.2 final 400m, with Ben Jipcho—in the last qualifying place—returning 53.2. John Boulter was unable to summon such speed and eased up when he realised he had no chance of qualifying. In the second, Jim Ryun, covered the final 800m in around 1:54, the last lap in 53.2. John Whetton looked comfortable in this, his type of race, though there was no need for him to look around quite so often in the finishing straight.

Heat 1: (67.6, 2:14.9, 3:14.6) 1, B. Tummmler (W. Ger) 3:53.6; 2, J. Boxberger (Fra) 3:53.9; 3, T. Von Ruden (US) 3:54.1; 4, H. Szordykowski (Pol) 3:54.2; 5, H. Norpoth (W. Ger) 3:54.3; 6, B. Jipcho (Ken) 3:54.6; 7, F. Arese (Ita) 3:54.8; 8, A. Kvalheim (Nor) 3:55.3; 9, J. BOULTER (UK) 3:56.1; 10, E. Salve (Bel) 3:58.1; 11, M. Zhelobovskiy (USSR) 3:59.0; 12, B. Haddau (Mor) 4:01.6.

Heat 2: (68.0, 2:12.7, 3:11.9) 1, J. Ryun (USA) 3:51.2; 2, K. Keino (Ken) 3:51.4; 3, J. WHETTON (UK) 3:52.0; 4, M. Liguori (USA) 3:52.1; 5, J. Odlozil (Cz) 3:52.5; 6, A. de Hertoghe (Bel) 3:52.5; 7, O. Raiko (USSR) 3:52.7; 8, A. Issa (Chad) 3:53.2; 9, H. Knill (Swi) 3:53.6; 10, N. Terise (Can) 3:57.2; 11, C. Nicolas (Fra) 4:04.4; 12, A. Kruger (W. Ger) 4:05.3.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (FINAL)

Each of the eight finalists seemed to have some chance of winning now that Vera Nikolic was absent. Madeline Manning was the world's number one last year; Ileana Silai had run Nikolic to a couple of yards in a fast race at the Balkan Games; Maryvonne Dupureur was the Tokyo silver medalist; Abbie Hoffman was the Commonwealth champion; Maria Gommers was world record holder for 1500m; Doris Brown had upset Manning previously at altitude; Pat Lowe could be relied upon to have a go; while Sheila Taylor was improving at such a rate that anything was possible.

The early pace was very fast, with Manning and Silai covering the first 200m inside 29 sec. Silai reached the bell first in 59.1, closely followed by Manning and Lowe, with Taylor sixth in 59.6. Manning and Silai continued to battle it out along the back straight with Lowe right behind, and Brown in fourth place. Rounding the final turn Silai suddenly fell back and it was Lowe who occupied second place behind Manning as the straight was reached. This was the signal for Manning to draw smoothly away for a very handsome victory but the tussle for the other medals was only just beginning. Lowe, having given her all, started to tie up and several girls went past. For a moment it looked as though Brown would take the silver but she too, faded (we learnt afterwards that she ran with an injured hamstring) and in fact it was Silai—who came to life again just in time—who snatched the silver from Gommers. Sheila Taylor finished gloriously for fourth place, an extraordinary achievement by a girl whose best before the heats was only 2:05.5 and who ranked only 18th among the entrants. Pat Lowe stuck it out gallantly for sixth.

The winner, whose time of 2:00.9 has only ever been beaten by Sin Kim Dan and Nikolic, had a full dozen yards to spare at the finish. "I was surprised my time was so good without somebody right beside me", she commented. This 5'7", 125lb sociology student at Tennessee State University was born in Cleveland on January 11th, 1948. She was rated the world's top 800m competitor last year on the strength of an unbeaten record (including a win over Nikolic) and a personal best of 2:01.6. This season she was beaten by Doris Brown in the AAU Championships (at altitude) but won the Olympic Trial race down at sea level. Silai, aged 27, has improved from 2:05.6 to 2:01.8 this season, but Gommers is an even later developer. She had never broken 2:12 before last year and now, with a personal best of 2:03.0, is 29.

1, MADELINE MANNING (USA) 2:00.9 (Olympic record).

2, ILEANA SILAI (Rumania) 2:02.5.

3, MARIA GOMMERS (Netherlands) 2:02.6.

4, SHEILA TAYLOR (UK) 2:03.8.

5, DORIS BROWN (USA) 2:03.9.

6, PAT LOWE (UK) 2:04.2.

7, ABBIE HOFFMAN (Canada) 2:06.8.

8. MARYVONNE DUPUREUR (France) 2:08.2.

DECATHLON (SECOND DAY)

A disappointing hurdles time of 14.9 (his best is 14.3), a discus throw of 146'7"/43.68 (as against his top of 153'3"/46.71) and a personal best equaling vault of 13'9 1/2"/4.20 (though he nearly went out at 11'9 1/2"/3.60 without a clearance) brought Bill Toomey's total after eight events to 6974. Joachim Kirst was second with 6832, Hans-Joachim Walde third with 6798 and Kurt Bendlin fourth with 6768.

The crucial event was to be the javelin. Toomey's best ever is 221'10"/67.62 but he cannot usually guarantee to get beyond 210ft, whereas Walde has thrown 228'5"/69.62 and Bendlin, of course, is an expert at this event with 260'4"/79.35. Here is where the Germans could get back into striking distance. Toomey, in Group A, managed a barely satisfactory 206'0"/62.80 for a score of 7769. The Germans, in the second group, excelled themselves. Walde threw over six feet farther than ever before with 234'11"/71.62, for a running total of 7695; while the courageous Bendlin, disregarding the acute pain from a bone chip in his elbow (which requires an operation), reached 247'5"/75.42—following the example of Al Oerter's "you die for the Olympics". Bendlin's score was 7708, so Toomey was not yet home and dry. He would win only if he could stay within about 10 sec. of Bendlin and around 13 sec. of Walde in the final body-wracking event, the 1500m.

In normal circumstances, Toomey (best time of 4:12.7) would have been shooting for the world record, but this time all he was interested in was making sure he finished ahead of the Germans, whose best times were 4:18.0 (Bendlin) and 4:37.0 (Walde). He did his job well, kicking away from Walde (4:58.5) around the last turn to finish in 4:57.1. Bendlin has nothing more to offer and by finishing in 5:09.8 actually lost the silver medal to his countryman.

But for that murderous 1500m at the end, all the more deadly because of the altitude and in particular the effect of same on a heavy built person, Clive Longe would have smashed his UK record of 7392. He registered a personal best in the discus and performed adequately in the other three events, so that his nine-event total was 7026. A repetition of his best 1500m mark of 4:31.1 would have given him a final score of 7608 but in reality he had to struggle for 5:18.8 and a total of 7338 for 13th place.

Bill Toomey, who was born in Philadelphia on January 10th, 1939, can look back on a varied career. At college he was a 400m hurdler (51.7) and long jumper (24'8 1/2"/7.53) and for four years, starting in 1960 he was American pentathlon champion. Quarter-miling became his next love, but after a while he found he was getting nowhere in the event. He decided in 1963 to enter a local decathlon championship: if he scored over 6000 he would become a decathlete, otherwise he would turn to the half mile. He scored 6400, and

later that season improved to 6822. He set a personal best of 7615 in the 1964 Olympic Trials, but missed making the team by 86 points and was in Tokyo only as a spectator. He spent a considerable period of time in West Germany under famed coach Friedel Schirmer in 1965 (year's best of 7764) and the following year set an unaccepted world record of 8234. Injuries held him down to 8044 last season and this year his best score was 8222. He is 6'1 1/2" weighs 1795lb.

1, BILL TOOMEY (USA) 8193 (Olympic record; 14.9, 146'7"/43.68, 13'9 1/2"/4.20, 206'0"/62.80, 4:57.1).

2, HANS-JOACHIM WALDE (West Germany) 8111 (14.8, 142'10"/43.54, 14'1 1/4"/4.30, 234'11"/71.62, 4:58.5).

3, KURT BENDLIN (West Germany) 8064 (15.0, 153'6"/46.78, 15'1 1/4"/4.60, 247'5"/75.42, 5:09.8).

4, NIKOLAY AVOLOV (USSR) 7909 (14.5, 153'0"/46.64, 13'5 1/2"/4.10, 197'3"/60.12, 5:00.8).

5, JOACHIM KIRST (East Germany) 7861 (15.6, 153'10"/46.89, 13'7 1/2"/4.15, 187'11"/57.02, 5:20.1).

6, TOM WADDELL (USA) 7720 (15.3, 143'5"/43.73, 14'9 1/2"/4.50, 209'0"/53.70, 5:04.5).

7, RICK SLOAN (USA) 7692 (15.5, 149'6"/45.58, 15'11"/4.85, 163'8"/49.90, 4:44.0).

8, STEEN SMIDT-JENSEN (Den) 7648 (14.9, 134'9"/41.07, 15'11"/4.85, 153'6"/46.80, 4:41.3).

9, Eduard De Noorlander (Neth) 7554 (14.5, 136'10"/41.70, 13'9 1/2"/4.20, 164'9"/50.22, 4:37.8); 10, Manfred Tiedtke (E. Ger) 7551 (14.7, 132'3"/40.31, 14'1 1/2"/4.30, 170'11"/51.84, 5:33.4); 11, Lennart Hedmark (Swe) 7481 (14.9, 140'11"/42.96, 13'5 1/2"/4.10, 206'4"/62.90, 5:11.0); 12, Walter Diessl (Austria) 7465 (14.7, 138'6"/42.23, 13'11 1/2"/4.25, 181'8"/55.38, 5:19.7); 13, CLIVE LONGE (UK) 7338 (15.5, 156'2"/47.60, 13'1 1/2"/4.00, 194'6"/59.30, 5:18.8); 14, Janis Lanka (USSR) 7227 (14.8, 163'8"/59.90, 12'5 1/2"/3.80, 196'1"/59.76, —); 15, Wu Ah-min (For) 7209 (14.8, 132'0"/40.25, 14'3 1/2"/4.35, 197'2"/60.10, 5:08.9); 16, Spas Dyurov (Bul) 7173 (15.1, 134'2"/40.90, 11'9 1/2"/3.60, 153'4"/47.04, 5:15.5); 17, Roger Lespagnard (Bel) 7125 (15.8, 151'7"/37.74, 13'9 1/2"/4.20, 155'8"/47.46, 4:57.0); 18, Urs Trautmann (Swi) 7044 (14.9, 151'7"/46.20, 13'5 1/2"/4.10, 184'9"/56.32, 5:13.6); 19, Franz Biedermann (Lie) 6323 (15.5, 100'7"/30.67, 12'9 1/2"/3.90, 147'4"/44.92, 4:47.9); 20, Donald Velez (Nic) 5943 (16.2, 119'6"/36.43, 11'2"/3.40, 160'7"/48.94, 5:46.1).

Eighth Day Sunday, October 20th

1500 METRES (FINAL)

There was a full house of perhaps 80,000 to watch was expected to be a duel for supremacy between Jim Ryun and Kip Keino. Ryun had smashed Keino over both 1500m and the mile last year, but at high altitude it was by no means certain that he could extend his win streak. At sea level Ryun's best was 3:33.1, Keino's 3:36.7; at 7000ft-plus Ryun had run 3:43.0 and Keino 3:39.9.

It was fast right from the start when Ben Jipcho streaked away with only Harald Norpoth attempting to match strides with him. Keino, occupied third place and that was the position at 400m: Jipcho first in 56.0, Norpoth three yards behind, and Keino another three yards further back. Bodo Tummler, the European champion, was fourth and Ryun was hovering in mid-field.

With two laps to go Keino took over—with Tummler, Norpoth and John Whetton next in line—and pushed the pace so hard that at 800m (1:55.3) he was ten yards up. Whetton was a well placed fourth, but Ryun was now nearly 30 yards behind. He explained afterwards: "I knew that if I went with Kip all the way I might not get a medal at all and have a lot of trouble finishing. People don't understand the problems of running at altitude. They talk about it but they just don't understand".

No man on earth could have kept with Keino on the third lap: it was just phenomenal, for after laps of 56.0 and 59.3 he raced around in 58.1 for a 1200m time of 2:53.4. Even at sea level Ryun would have had to work hard for such a time, but at this altitude it was out of the question. The situation at this point was that Keino led by close to 20 yards from the two Germans with Whetton,

running the race of his life, still fourth. Ryun was lagging some 30-40 yards behind Keino but he began making inroads during the last half lap. He swept into second place with 130m to run but at the finish was still more than 20 yards behind the magnificent Kenyan.

Keino, whose enormous winning margin was fractionally greater than Herb Elliott's in Rome, unexpectedly broke the latter's Olympic and former world record with an absolutely staggering 3:49.9. I'm only guessing but I would have thought that was worth something like a 3:48 mile at sea level. Ryun, who covered his last lap in 55.7, was nearly ten yards clear of Tummler at the finish—so at least the three best men shared the medals. Well behind the medallists but streets ahead of the rest came Norpoth and Whetton, the latter effectively silencing those critics who say he can't take a fast early pace. At sea level he would have been well inside his best time of 3:39.9. Marty Liquori, who trailed home last, ran with an injured ankle. He's only 19 and we shall hear of him again.

Keino said: "I knew Jim Ryun had a very fast kick and I knew I would have to go very hard to beat him, and this is what I did". He revealed that he had experienced stomach trouble in the final stages, and that it was the same ailment that had caused him to stop in the 10,000m. Ryun thought he had run his best possible race in the circumstances. "As for my future plans, I certainly won't say I'll run through to Munich but I will run for at least another year".

Keino thus won an Olympic gold medal at the fifth attempt. In Tokyo he was 5th in the 5000m and failed by inches to reach the 1500m final; here in Mexico City he had dropped out towards the end of the 10,000m, had paced second in the 5000m in 14:05.2 after a 14:28.4 heat, and won the 1500m following a 3:46.9 heat and 3:51.4 semi. Aged 28, Hezekiah Kipchoke Keino is the Commonwealth mile and 3 miles champion and his best marks include 1:49.0 for 880y, 3:53.1 for the mile, 7:39.6 for 3000m (world-record), 12:57.4 for 3M, 13:24.2 for 5000m and 28:06.4 for 10,000m.

- 1, KIPCHOKE KEINO (Kenya) 3:34.9 (Olympic record).
- 2, JIM RYUN (USA) 3:37.8.
- 3, BODO TUMMLER (West Germany) 3:39.0.
- 4, HARALD NORPOTH (West Germany) 3:42.5.
- 5, JOHN WHETTON (UK) 3:43.8.
- 6, JACQUES BOXBERGER (France) 3:46.6.
- 7, HENRYK SZORDYKOWSKI (Poland) 3:46.6.
- 8, JOSEF ODLOZIL (Czechoslovakia) 3:48.6.
- 9, Tom Von Ruden (USA) 3:39.2; 10, Ben Jipcho (Ken) 3:52.2; 11, Andre de Hertoghe (Bel) 3:53.6; 12, Martin Liquori (USA) 4:18.2.

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4 x 100 METRES (FINAL)

The two vital questions were would Charlie Greene's legs hold out (both his thighs had been strapped up) and could he and his colleagues

transmit the baton in better style than had most previous USA Olympic teams. Well, Charlie did all right on the lead-off but the changing was nothing to enthuse over. As a result Enrique Figuerola took over for Cuba's last leg a clear yard ahead of Jim Hines. Hines—"I had told them that if they got the baton to me close to the other guys they wouldn't have to worry"—was as good as his word. Once again reminiscent of Bob Hayes at his best, Hines ripped past after no more than 30 yards and won by a clear yard in the world record time of 38.2. Neither he nor Figuerola will run again: Hines will turn pro footballer and the Cuban will now concentrate on teaching, having just qualified. France hacked three-tenths off the European record in third place, inches ahead of Jamaica who had entered the race as world record holders. East Germany, fifth, tied what had been before the Games the world record time of 38.6 and West Germany, sixth, were only a tenth slower.

1, UNITED STATES (Charlie Greene, Mel Pender, Ronnie Ray Smith, Jim Hines) 38.2 (World & Olympic record).

2, CUBA (Hermes Ramirez, Juan Morales, Pablo Montes, Enrique Figuerola) 38.3.

3, FRANCE (Gerard Fenouil, Jocelyn Delecour, Claude Piquemal, Roger Bambuck) 38.4 (European record).

4, JAMAICA (Errol Stewart, Mike Fray, Clifton Forbes, Lennox Miller) 38.4.

5, EAST GERMANY (Heinz Erbstosser, Hartmut Schelter, Peter Haase, Harald Eggers) 38.6.

6, WEST GERMANY (Karl-Peter Schmidtke, Gert Metz, Gerhard Wucherer, Jochen Eigenherr) 38.7.

7, ITALY (Sergio Ottolina, Ennio Preatoni, Angelo Sguazzero, Livio Berruti) 39.2.

8, POLAND (Wieslaw Maniak, Edward Romanowski, Zenon Nowosz, Marian Dudziak) 39.2.

WOMEN'S 4 x 100 METRES (FINAL)

The fine showing by Wyomia Tyus, Barbara Ferrell and Margaret Bailes in the Individual sprints made it obvious that the USA team (completed by Mildrette Netter) was the one to beat... and so it proved. The American girls' baton technique was capable if nothing else and their leg speed saw to the rest. They won by five yards from Cuba in the world record time of 42.8—two yards per person faster than the pre-Games world record. The Soviet Union, none of whose girls made the 100m final, equalled the European record of 43.4 in third place, as did the Dutch girls again. The British team was never a major factor but there's not much wrong with a time of 43.7.

1, UNITED STATES (Barbara Ferrell, Margaret Bailes, Mildrette Netter, Wyomia Tyus) 42.8 (World & Olympic record).

2, CUBA (Marlene Elejarde, Fulgencia Romay, Violeta Quesada, Miguelina Cobian) 43.3.

3, SOVIET UNION (Lyudmila Zharkova,

Galina Bukharina, Vyera Popkova, Lyudmila Samotyosova) 43.4 (eq. European rec).

4, NETHERLANDS (Wilma v.d. Berg, Mieke Sterk, Truus Hennipman, Corrie Bakker) 43.4 (eq. European rec).

5, AUSTRALIA (Jenny Lamy, Joyce Bennett, Raelene Boyle, Dianne Burge) 43.4 (Commonwealth rec).

6, WEST GERMANY (Renate Meyer-Rose, Jutta Stock, Rita Jahn, Ingrid Becker) 43.6.

7, UNITED KINGDOM (ANITA NEIL, MAUREEN TRANTER, JANET SIMPSON, LILLIAN BOARD) 43.7 (UK record).

8, FRANCE (Michele Alayrangues, Gabrielle Meyer, Nicole Montandon, Sylviane Telliez) 44.2.

WOMEN'S SHOT (FINAL)

Just a few months ago Nadyezhda Chizhova looked just about the most solid favourite for any Olympic track and field title. She was European champion and world record holder with 61'3"/18.67. In September, however, Margitta Gummel broke the record with 61'11"/18.87 and one was no longer so sure. Nevertheless, one would hardly have expected Chizhova, in putting a creditable 59'8 1/2"/18.19 to wind up third, nor could one have predicted that Gummel would carry the record out to the fantastic distance of 64'4"/19.61!

Chizhova never did get on terms with her two East German conquerors, for in the very first round Maritta Lange chose to raise her personal best of 58'5 1/2"/17.81 by over a yard to 61'7 1/2"/18.78, while Gummel started off with 60'9 1/2"/18.53. The latter broke the world record first with 62'6 1/2"/19.07 in the third round and then 64'4"/19.61 two rounds later. Lange also had three other puts in excess of Chizhova's best. The third East German, Renate Boy-Garisch (2nd in Tokyo, on which occasion Gummel was 5th), completed a set of personal bests with 58'1 1/2"/17.72 in 5th place.

Margitta Gummel (née Helmboldt) was born at Magdeburg on June 29th, 1941; she is a PE teacher standing 5'7 1/2" and weighing 181lb. She was second to Chizhova in the European Championships. Her annual progress: 1956—35'1 1/2"/10.70, 1957—39'4"/11.99, 1958—43'8 1/2"/13.32, 1959—48'8 1/2"/14.85, 1960—50'5 1/2"/15.38, 1961—51'7 1/2"/15.74, 1962—52'10"/16.10, 1963—56'9 1/2"/17.30, 1964—57'6 1/2"/17.54, 1965—56'0 1/2"/17.09, 1966—57'3"/17.45, 1967—58'0 1/2"/17.69, 1968—64'4"/19.61. Maritta Lange, a 25-year-old shorthand typist, is 5'11 1/2" and 185lb and is the European bronze medallist. Her progress: 1959—32'3 1/2"/9.85, 1960—42'7"/12.98, 1961—44'2 1/2"/13.47, 1962—48'10 1/2"/14.89, 1963—51'7"/15.72, 1964—52'5 1/2"/15.98, 1965—55'6 1/2"/16.92, 1966—56'1 1/2"/17.11, 1967—56'11"/17.35, 1968—61'7 1/2"/18.78.

1, MARGITTA GUMMEL (East Germany) 64'4"/19.61 (World & Olympic record; 60'9 1/2"/18.53, 58'7 1/2"/17.88, 62'6 1/2"/19.07, 60'0 1/2"/18.30, 64'4"/19.61, 61'0"/18.59).

2, MARITTA LANGE (East Germany) 61'7 1/2"/18.78 (61'7 1/2"/18.78, foul, 59'7 1/2"/18.17, 60'7 1/2"/18.47, 59'8 1/2"/18.20, 59'11"/18.26).

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3, NADYEZHDA CHIZHOVA (USSR) 59'8½"/18.19 (59'8½"/18.19, foul, 59'1¼"/18.03, 57'10"/17.62, 57'4¼"/17.49, 56'7½"/17.26).

4, JUDIT BOGNAR (Hungary) 58'4"/17.78 (56'2½"/17.14, 56'9¼"/17.30, 56'5½"/17.21, 58'4"/17.78, 58'2½"/17.75, 55'2½"/16.83).

5, RENATE BOY (East Germany) 58'1¼"/17.72 (57'11¼"/17.67, 56'3¼"/17.15, 58'0"/17.68, 57'4¼"/17.49, 58'1¼"/17.72, 58'0¼"/17.69).

6, IVANKA CHRISTOVA (Bulgaria) 56'7¼"/17.25 (54'7½"/16.65, 56'7¼"/17.25, 55'3½"/16.85, foul, foul, 56'5½"/17.20).

7, MARLENE FUCHS (West Germany) 56'1¼"/17.11 (56'1¼"/17.11, 54'4"/16.56, foul, foul, foul, 53'1¼"/16.19).

8, ELSENIA VAN NOORDUYN (Netherlands) 53'3"/16.23 (52'1¼"/15.89, 51'6¼"/15.71, 49'1¼"/14.97, 50'11¼"/15.54, 53'3"/16.23, 52'10"/16.10).

9, Irina Solontsova (USSR) 52'1¼"/15.88 (foul, 52'1¼"/15.88, 51'8¼"/15.76); 10, Gertrud Schaffer (W. Ger) 50'0¼"/15.26 (48'2¼"/14.70, 50'0¼"/15.26, 49'6¼"/15.10); 11, Maren Seidler (USA) 48'9"/14.86 (47'2¼"/14.38, 48'9"/14.86, foul); 12, Rosa Molina (Chik) 42'2"/12.85 (42'2"/12.85, 39'0¼"/11.89, 39'2"/11.94); 13, Ok-ja Paik (S. Korea) 41'6¼"/12.67 (41'6¼"/12.67, 39'7½"/12.08, 39'3¼"/11.97); 14, Rosario Martinez (Salv) 33'4¼"/10.18 (31'5¼"/9.58, foul, 33'4¼"/10.18).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Lange; 2, Gummel; 3, Chizhova; 4, Boy; 5, Bognar; 6, Fuchs.

Round 2: 1, Lange; 2, Gummel; 3, Chizhova; 4, Boy; 5, Bognar; 6, Christova.

Round 3: 1, Gummel; 2, Lange; 3, Chizhova; 4, Boy; 5, Bognar; 6, Christova.

Rounds 4 & 5: 1, Gummel; 2, Lange; 3, Chizhova; 4, Bognar; 5, Boy; 6, Christova.

4 x 400 METRES (FINAL)

The draw for this, the final track event, was—from the inside: France, West Germany, Trinidad, Italy, Poland, Great Britain, Kenya and the USA. The Americans, with a team of four sub-44½ performers, could hardly lose short of dropping the baton twice; the interest was in (a) by how much could they smash the world record of 2:59.6 and (b) who would grab the silver medals.

As in the heats Vince Matthews, erstwhile world record breaker at 44.4, found Kenya's sprinter Charles Asati quite a handful in spite of clocking 44.8 from the blocks (note: all the split times given here are unofficial and in some cases estimated; we hope to publish a more authoritative set of times at a future date when our American colleagues *Track & Field News* have sifted all the evidence). Asati must have run at least as fast, which suggests he was entered for the wrong individual events. Martin Winbolt Lewis (personal best of 46.0) handed over to Colin Campbell in third place.

It was Ron Freeman who split the race wide open. He sprinted past his Kenyan rival Munyoro Nyamau (45.2) after about 170 metres and built up a lead of nearly 20 yards with a stage timed in 43.5—fastest on record. Gerhard Hennige, the

The NUTS are once again preparing their annual Club of the Year rankings. Would all club secretaries or statisticians please send a list of the best performances in all standard events, including relays, by a first claim member of their club to Peter Matthews, Esq., Udiam, Twyford Abbey Road, Park Royal, London, N.W.10.

400m hurdles silver medallist, ran a devastating leg for West Germany. He stormed past Colin Campbell along the back straight and handed over a yard or two ahead. Campbell, who finished in fourth place, just ahead of Poland's Jan Balachowski, ran 45 sec. flat.

Larry James put the USA a further ten yards clear on the third stage, which he covered in 43.7. Some 30 yards behind a fierce battle was raging for the other medals. Naftali Bon (45.1) kept Kenya in second place; Manfred Kinder, a medal winner in Rome, broke 45 sec. in maintaining third position for West Germany, while Jan Werner passed Dave (44.8!) to give Poland fourth.

That's the way it stayed to the finish. Lee Evans, dying a little after going out very hard, anchored in 44.1 to give the USA a 30 metre victory in 2:56.1—an average of 44.0 per man! Daniel Rudisha (44.5) brought Kenya home in the former world record equalling time of 2:59.6; i.e. 44.9 per leg. Martin Jellinghaus barely held off Andrzej Badenski (44.4) for third, while John Sherwood (45.4) finished an isolated fifth in 3:01.2—four tenths inside the Tokyo team's time.

1, UNITED STATES (Vince Matthews, Ron Freeman, Larry James, Lee Evans) 2:56.1 (World & Olympic record).

2, KENYA (Charles Asati, Munyoro Nyamau, Naftali Bon, Daniel Rudisha) 2:59.6 (Commonwealth record).

3, WEST GERMANY (Helmar Muller, Gerhard Hennige, Manfred Kinder, Martin Jellinghaus) 3:00.5 (European record).

4, POLAND (Stanislaw Gredzinski, Jan Bala-

chowski, Jan Werner, Andrzej Badenski) 3:00.5 (European record).

5, UNITED KINGDOM (MARTIN WINBOLT LEWIS, COLIN CAMPBELL, DAVE HEMERY, JOHN SHERWOOD) 3:01.2 (UK record).

6, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO (George Simon, Euric Bobb, Benedict Cayenne, Ed Roberts) 3:04.5.

7, ITALY (Sergio Ottolina, Giacomo Puosi, Furio Fusi, Sergio Bello) 3:04.6.

8, FRANCE (Jean-Claude Nallet, Jacques Carrette, Gilles Bertoulet, Jean-Pierre Boccardo) 3:07.5.

HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

The tens of thousands of fans who adopted Dick Fosbury as their favourite were not disappointed. The effect on them was hypnotic as he rocked back and forth, endlessly clicking his fingers, while preparing himself for each effort, broke into an Eastern cut-off type of approach run and then rotated the opposite way to that expected in diving backwards over the bar. Altogether it amounted to the most spectacular sight in athletics today and the crowd loved it. After just three jumps Fosbury was already in a good position: he cleared first time at 2.03 (6'8"), 2.09 (6'10½") and 2.14 (7'0¼"). Six others made 2.14: Valentin Gavrilov, Valeriy Skvortsov, Reynaldo Brown (who also had taken merely three jumps thus far) and Giacomo Crosa on the first attempt, Gunther Spielvogel on the second and Ed Caruthers on the third.

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In spite of his crisis at the previous height Caruthers as well as the other two Americans decided to pass at 2.16 (7'1"). Gavrilov, who had attempted and cleared first time every height from 2.00 (6'6½"), maintained his unblemished record and his colleague, Skvortsov, succeeded at the final try. Crosa and Spielvogel were eliminated, so as in 1960 and 1964 it was to be a USA v. USSR battle for the medals.

The bar went up to 2.18 (7'1½"), equal to the Olympic record shared by Valeriy Brumel and John Thomas. Fosbury flopped over at the first time of asking and for a while it looked as though the Olympic title was his after a grand total of four jumps! However, Caruthers made it third time and as Gavrilov took the bold step of passing this height (only ¼" below his best) the competition stayed alive. Reynaldo Brown, only 17 and 6'4" tall, was eliminated and placed fifth with 7'0¼"/2.14; Skvortsov, who ticked the bar off with his trailing foot on his second attempt, finished fourth at 7'1"/2.16.

Things got really exciting when all three contenders cleared 2.20 (7'2½") without trouble but the fate of the gold medal was all but decided when Fosbury—responding vigorously to the crowd's appreciation—slipped over again at the first attempt at 2.22 (7'3½"). Six heights attempted, six first-time clearances, and Fosbury had set a personal best! Caruthers also jumped higher than ever before, succeeding at the second attempt, but Gavrilov failed and had to content himself with the bronze medal. Fosbury made his victory even more definite by jumping the American record height of 2.24 (7'4¼") at his final try and thus rank third on the world all-time list behind Brumel and Ni Chih-chin. It was quite a performance by a man whose best prior to this year was 6'10¼"/2.10 and one that is likely to have considerable repercussions in the world of high jumping. Fosbury's back-flip obviously suits him (he is said never to have topped 6ft with a conventional style) but that's not to say it's going to help anyone else. However, coaches are bound to be besieged by young hopefuls whose attitude will be what's good enough for the Olympic champion is good enough for me.

Fosbury, whose coach Bernie Wagner had predicted victory with a 7'4" clearance, has only just begun a programme of weight training and hopes to be much stronger for next season. Standing 6'4" and weighing 183lb, this 21-year-old Oregon State student began high jumping way back in 1958. He cleared 3'10"/1.17 then and has improved every year since . . . 4'6"/1.37 in 1959, 4'8"/1.42 in 1960, 4'10"/1.47 in 1961, 5'4"/1.62 in 1962, 5'10"/1.77 in 1963, 6'3"/1.90 in 1964, 6'7"/2.00 in 1965, 6'7½"/2.02 in 1966, 6'10¼"/2.10 in 1967 and now 7'4¼"/2.24. He first jumped 7ft indoors last winter. Asked the reason why he takes so long preparing to jump he replied: "I just kind of get the idea of falling over that bar. It's meditation."

1, DICK FOSBURY (USA) 7'4¼"/2.24 (Olympic record).

2, ED CARUTHERS (USA) 7'3½"/2.22.

3, VALENTIN GAVRILOV (USSR) 7'2½"/2.20.

- 4, VALERIY SKVORTSOV (USSR) 7'1"/2.16.
 5, REYNALDO BROWN (USA) 7'0¼"/2.14.
 6, GIACOMO CROSA (Italy) 7'0¼"/2.14.
 7, GUNTHER SPIELVOGEL (West Germany) 7'0¼"/2.14.
 8, LAWRIE PECKHAM (Australia) 6'11½"/2.12.
 9, Robert Sainte-Rose (Fra) 6'10¼"/2.09; 10, Ingomar Sieghart (W. Ger) 6'10¼"/2.09; 11, Luis Garriga (Spa) 6'10¼"/2.09; 12, Ahmedo Senuusi (Chad) 6'10¼"/2.09; 13, Miodrag Todosijevic (Yug) 6'9½"/2.06.

MARATHON

A field of 72 set out at the ridiculous hour of 3 p.m. (when will the organisers ever consider the needs of the athletes?) while the sun was still at its hottest. It was truly a star-studded field, including such glittering names as Abebe Bikila (attempting his third Olympic victory), Mamo Wolde, Naftali Temu, Derek Clayton, Tim Johnston, Bill Adcocks, Jim Alder, Gaston Roelants, George Young and Kenji Kimihara, but of those 72 only 57 were destined to complete the course.

There was nothing in it at the first 5km checkpoint: Jurgen Busch 16:44.0, Ken Moore 16:44.2, Gustavo Gutierrez (Ecuador) 16:44.4, Bikila 16:44.6, Roelants 16:44.8, Maurice Peiren 16:45.0, John Farrington (former Backheath Harrier running for Australia) 16:45.2, Johnston 16:45.4, Ismail Akcay 16:45.6, Jose Garcia 16:45.8. Further down the field came such men as Merawi Gebru 1:46.6, Kimihara 16:47.6, Clayton 16:52.2, Adcocks 16:53.6, Mike Ryan (Scottish emigrant representing New Zealand) 17:01, Mamo Wolde 17:04, Temu 17:06.2 and Ireland's Pat McMahon 17:15.

The leaders were still clustered together at 10 km: Moore 33:54.8, Roelants 33:55, Pablo Garrido 33:55.2, Johnston 33:55.4, Farrington & Ryan 33:55.6, Adcocks 33:55.8 (four British-born runners in the first seven), Nedo Farcic and Gebru 33:55.6, Carlos Perez 33:56.8, Alfredo Penaloza 33:56.2, Akio Usami 33:57, Mamo Wolde 33:57.2, Tetmu & Gioacchino de Pama 33:57.4, McMahon 33:57.8. Akcay passed in 34.01, Clayton 34:36, Kimihara 35:13.2.

Tim Johnston shared the lead with Farcic at 15km, passed in 50:26. Close on their heels were Roelants and Seiichi Sasaki 50:27, Ryan and Moore 50:28, Akcay, Busch, Mamo Wolde and Temu 50:29, Gebru and Clayton 50:30, Garrido 50:34 and Kimihara 50:35. McMahon and Farrington went by together in 50:54, Adcocks in 51:14.

A bunch of four had broken away at 20km, nearing the halfway mark: Roelants and Johnston 1:06:02, Mamo Wolde and Temu 1:06:03. They were nearly 100 yards ahead of Akcay and Gebru 1:06:20, and then came Ryan 1:06:21, Sasaki 1:06:26, Kimihara 1:06:28, Clayton 1:06:29, Moore 1:06:30, Penaloza and Garrido 1:06:36, Busch 1:06:40, Usami 1:17:16, Adcocks 1:17:19, de Palma 1:07:20, and McMahon 1:07:22. Farrington was now dropping well away (1:07:43), while another who may have had high hopes at one

time, Kenya's 19-year-old Paul Moses passed by in 1:12.40.

Temu put in a devastating burst of sub-5 min. miling soon afterwards and Johnston went with him. Tim later regretted this, for he developed stomach pains which caused him to hold his sides and restricted his breathing. Other big names ran into trouble, too. Bikila and Sasaki dropped out, as also did Jim Alder who collapsed twice before he was forced to quit the race.

The positions at 25km were: Temu 1:22:59, Mamo Wolde 1:23:07, Johnston 1:23:34, Gebru & Kimihara 1:23:37, Ryan 1:23:43, Akcay 1:23:50, Roelants 1:24:07, Clayton 1:24:13.2, Garrido 1:24:13.6, Penaloza 1:24:27, Moore 1:24:40, Adcocks 1:24:55, de Palma 1:24:57, Busch 1:25:20 and McMahon 1:25:33.

Mamo Wolde was six seconds ahead of Temu by 30km, reached in 1:39:20. Kimihara was 3rd (1:40:25), Ryan 4th (1:40:37) and Johnston equal 5th with Akcay and Gebru in 1:40:38. Behind them came Roelants 1:41:25, Adcocks (up four places since the last checkpoint) 1:41:43, Penaloza 1:41:46, Garrido 1:41:47, Clayton 1:41:49, Busch 1:42:59, George Young 1:43:00 and McMahon 1:43:01.

It was all over during the next 5km stage. While Mamo Wolde covered that sector in 16:34 his only real rival, Temu, took a painful 22 minutes (seven-minute miling)—and the result was that the indefatigable Ethiopian held a lead of almost two minutes at 35km. The times were: Wolde 1:55:54, Kimihara 1:57:45, Ryan 1:57:49.6, Johnston 1:58:29, Akcay 1:58:29.2, Roelants 1:58:49.6, Gebru 1:59:14.6, Adcocks 1:59:21, Penaloza 2:00:25, Clayton 2:00:29.6, Young 2:00:42, McMahon 2:01:28, Temu 2:01:36 and Garrido 2:01:37.

A number of changes occurred during that killing stretch leading up to 40 km. The first three maintained their positions, but while Johnston slipped from 4th to 7th and Roelants from 6th to 10th, Akcay improved from 5th to 4th, Adcocks (running a beautifully steady race) from 8th to 5th, Gebru from 7th to 6th and Clayton from 10th to 8th. Times: Wolde 2:12:59, Kimihara 2:15:31, Ryan 2:15:37, Akcay 2:17:02, Adcocks 2:17:23, Gebru 2:18:41, Johnston 2:18:42, Clayton 2:19:18, Akio Usami 2:20:05, Roelants 2:20:11, Penaloza 2:20:24 and McMahon 2:20:4. The only significant changes of position during the final 2195m were that world record holder Clayton moved past Johnston and that Andy Boychuk came through fast to take 10th place.

Mamo Wolde, who won by over three minutes, thus preserved Ethiopia's winning streak and in view of his close second in the 10,000m must at the age of 36 be considered one of the great stars of the Games. His triumph in the last of the athletics events symbolised, like Temu's in the first, not only the incontestable facts of altitude, but also the complete emergence of Africa as a real power in the sport.

- 1, MAMO WOLDE (Ethiopia) 2:20:26.4.
- 2, KENJI KIMIHARA (Japan) 2:23:31.0.
- 3, MIKE RYAN (New Zealand) 2:23:45.0.
- 4, ISMAIL AKCAY (Turkey) 2:25:18.8.

5, BILL ADCOCKS (UK) 2:25:23.0.

6, MERAWI CEBRU (Ethiopia) 2:27:16.8.

7, DEREK CLAYTON (Australia) 2:27:23.8.

8, TIM JOHNSTON (UK) 2:28:04.4.

9, Akio Usami (Jap) 2:28:06.2; 10, Andy Boychuk (Can) 2:28:40.2; 11, Gaston Roelants (Bel) 2:29:04.8; 12, Pat McMahon (RoI) 2:29:21.0; 13, Alfredo Penaloza (Mex) 2:29:48.8; 14, Ken Moore (USA) 2:29:49.4; 15, Jurgen Busch (E. Ger) 2:30:42.6; 16, George Young (USA) 2:31:15.0; 17, Manfred Steffny (W. Ger) 2:31:23.8; 18, Sum-bwegam (Burma) 2:32:22.0; 19, Naftali Temu (Ken) 2:32:36.0; 20, Maurice Peiren (Bel) 2:32:49.0.

21, Antonio Ambu (Ita) 2:33:19.6; 22, Ron Daws (USA) 2:33:53.0; 23, Karl-Heinz Sievers (W. Ger) 2:34:11.8; 24, Gyula Toth (Hun) 2:34:49.0; 25, Huseyin Aktas (Tur) 2:35:09.5; 26, Pablo Garrido (Mex) 2:35:47.8; 27, Adrianus Steylen (Neth) 2:37:42.0; 28, Anatoliy Sukharkov (USSR) 2:38:07.4; 29, Moon Lee (Korea) 2:38:52.2; 30, Ivailo Charankov (Bul) 2:39:49.6; 31, Giacchino De Palma (Ita) 2:39:58.2; 32, Josef Gwerder (Swi) 2:40:16.0; 33, Hubert Riesner (W. Ger) 2:41:29.0; 34, Georg Olsen (Den) 2:42:24.6; 35, Douglas Sinkala (Zam) 2:42:51.0; 36, Exequiel Baeza (Chile) 2:43:15.6; 37, Dave McKenzie (NZ) 2:43:36.6; 38, Bongle Kim (Korea) 2:43:56.0; 39, Carlos Cuque Lopez (Guat) 2:43:56.0; 40, Godwin Kalimbwe (Zam) 2:45:26.8.

41, Mick Molloy (RoI) 2:48:13.6; 42, Nicolas Simeonov (Bul) 2:48:30.4; 43, John Farrington (Aus) 2:50:16.8; 44, Helmut Kunisch (Swi) 2:50:58.2; 45, Aliou Massaquoi (S. Leone) 2:52:28.0; 46, Myung Lee (Korea) 2:52:46.2; 47, Thein Hla (Burma) 2:54:03.6; 48, Paul Moses (Ken) 2:55:17.0; 49, Benjamin Silva-Netto (Phil) 2:56:19.4; 50, Harry Prowell (Guy) 2:57:01.4; 51, Wimalena Perera (Cey) 2:59:05.8; 52, Fulgenico Hernandez (Gua) 3:00:40.2; 53, Gustavo Gutierrez (Ecu) 3:03:07.0; 54, M. Ande (Nig) 3:03:47.6; 55, Musa Mustapha (Uga) 3:04:53.8; 56, Enoch Mwemba (Zam) 3:06:16.0; 57, John Akhwari (Tanz) 3:25:17.0.

Sussex County AAA elected the following at their AGM:—President, A. W. L. Kent, Esq. Hon. Sec., R. L. Stroud, Esq., Orchard Plat, 3 Poplar Field, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent. (Tel. Wittersham 372). Hon. Treasurer, H. L. Tharby, Esq. Hon. Coaching Sec., R. D. Wardale, Esq., Chudleigh, 28 Dorset Rd., Bognor Regis, Sussex. Hon. Championships Sec., D. G. Higgs, Esq., 76 Balsdean Rd., Brighton, BN2 6PF. The County were pleased to elect Mr. R. B. (Dicky) Hughes, of Worthing H., as a Life member in view of his many years of long and efficient service.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The following is a copy of the letter sent to all clubs in the Southern area by the SCAA, and printed here at the request of Southern Counties, honorary secretary Arthur Kendall:

To Hon. Secretaries of County Associations and Clubs. Members of the Committee (for information):

Following the notification sent out by the A.A.A. regarding Registration of Athletes we feel that you should be made aware of the position. The A.A.A. set up a special Sub-committee to consider Registration and your Committee nominated the undersigned to represent the Association. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee informed us that his brief was to produce a Registration Scheme, not to consider arguments for and against such a scheme. The Sub-Committee then agreed on an opening statement, making it clear that any recommendations made were subject to it being found necessary to introduce a Registration Scheme. The Chairman's Report omitted this very vital opening clause and was submitted to the A.A.A. Finance Committee who then recommended that it should be adopted as a Registration Scheme.

Your delegates pointed out that the Clubs had agreed to a substantial increase in affiliation fees last October in lieu of Registration and that it

would be a breach of faith with the Clubs to introduce Registration on top of this. The Sub-Committee agreed that if Registration should be introduced, affiliation fees would need to be reduced. This too was omitted from the Report of the Sub-Committee.

At the request of the Hon. Secretary of the A.A.A., your Hon. Secretary asked two clubs, Belgrave Harriers (representative of the London Clubs) and Brighton and Hove A.C. (representative of the provincial clubs), for their views on Registration. Both clubs submitted letters strongly opposing such a scheme, for not entirely the same reasons. These letters were passed on to the A.A.A. and although the Chairman of the Sub-Committee admitted having received them, they were not produced at the Meeting.

We are certain that the great majority of our clubs are strongly opposed to Registration for the following main reasons:

- (a) Breach of faith.
- (b) it will make 2 classes of athletes, the Registered and the Unregistered.
- (c) it will place a considerable additional burden on Honorary Club Officials who are already becoming increasingly difficult to find.
- (d) Clubs and Promoters will have considerable problems with entries for team events.
- (e) National and Area Leagues are being introduced with a view to encouraging more people to participate in athletics, registration will have the reverse effect.
- (f) The principle of a rule which will prohibit an individual from competing unless he is registered is not in the best interests of athletics as a whole and the individual athlete in particular.
- (g) the costs of administering the scheme will be too high, and out of all proportion to the amount likely to be collected.

It is not clear whether clubs will be allowed to vote for or against Registration at the A.A.A. A.G.M. Presumably they will not as the only opportunity will be under the heading "Other Business" when no firm proposals can be accepted by the Chairman, but at least our clubs can express their views with emphasis.

The constitutional issue as to whether the A.A.A. General Committee can implement such a wide reaching proposal without going through the democratic processes of submitting it as a change of Laws to a General Meeting of Clubs is being investigated by your Officers. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE THIS MATTER URGENT CONSIDERATION AND TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION. Apathy on this issue can inflict a damaging blow on our sport.

If your Club will not be represented at the Meeting on November 9th you may like to let your Area Secretary have your views on this proposal and send him your proxy card in case there is a vote.

A. A. HARLEY, President

A. J. C. KENDALL, Hon. Secretary

SMALL HEATH HARRIERS

2nd Annual

CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

Youths & Boys (4 x 2½ miles)

Colts Team race (2½ miles)

Saturday, 14th December, 1968

Trophies for all three races

Details and entry forms from: K Dare, 106 Bryn Arden Road, South Yardley, Birmingham 26.

MEDWAY ATHLETIC CLUB

45th ROCHESTER "5"

NOVEMBER 16th, 1968

Start: 3 p.m.

ROCHESTER ESPLANADE

AWARDS:

Willis Cup: 1st Individual

Simmons Cup: 1st Team

Charlie Pay Trophy: 1st Kent runner

Prizes kindly donated by "Athletics Weekly" first six individuals, first three teams, first "B" team, first Veteran.

Changing accommodation: 10 minutes from start at T.A. Centre, Fort Clarence, St. Margaret's Street, Rochester.

Entries: 6 to run; 4 to score

Fees: 10/- Teams and 2/6 Individuals

Race Sec.: F. Sando, 12 New Road, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent.

CLOSING DATE: 4th NOVEMBER, 1968

ATHLETIC EVENTS

An advertisement can increase **YOUR** entries. 20s. per s.c. inch, per insertion. 25% series discount to clubs on four or more insertions.

THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS TWO, 2 MILE BOYS' (Not Schools) CROSS-COUNTRY RACES

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1968

At Cranford Memorial Hall,

:: Cranford High Street ::

AGE GROUPS

2.45 p.m. 14-16 yrs. for TVH Cup on 1.9.68
3.15 p.m. over 13, under 14 on 1.9.68

Entries by 16th December, to R. Dalmaine, 47 Jesmond Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex. 6 to run, 4 to score, 1st team 10/-, subsequent teams 5/-; Individual 2/6.

BRACKNELL ATHLETIC CLUB

7th Annual

10 MILE ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th at 2.45 p.m.
FROM SPORTS CENTRE, BAGSHOT RD.

Prizes: First 6 individuals; 1st Veteran; first 3 teams; 1st "B" team providing "A" team has finished.

Entries: 3/- per ind. No team fee. (4 run, 3 score). Entries to Mrs. J. Entwistle, 34 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berks.

ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 4th

MIDLAND COUNTIES A.A.A.

INDOOR MEETING

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1968

commencing at approx. 11.00 a.m. (full details will be sent if s.a.e. is included with entry form). AT R.A.F. COSFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, Group Captain H. A. J. Mills, O.B.E.

OPEN MEET. WITH INVITATION EVENTS (Under I.A.A.F., A.A.A. & W.A.A.A. Laws)

Invitation Events: Men: 60m, 300m, 600m, 3000m, 60m Hds, P/V and L/J. Ladies: 60m, 400m, 60m Hds and L/J. Any athlete wishing to receive an invitation for any of these events should contact the M.C.A.A.A. Offices (address below).

Open Events:

Men: 60m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, Shot—Yths, Jnrs, Snrs. High Jump—Juniors commencing at 5ft.4ins. and Youths commencing at 5ft. 2000m S/C and 60m Hds—Seniors only. Ladies: 60m Int. & Seniors. 60m Hds, L/J and Shot—Seniors only. Pen.—200m, 60m Hds, H/J (commencing at 4ft. 7ins) L/J and Shot.

ENTRY FEES: 2/- each event. Pentathlon 6/-.

CLOSING DATE: 16th NOVEMBER, 1968

Entries to M.C.A.A.A. Offices, Rooms 39 & 40, Queen's College Chambers, 38a Paradise Street, Birmingham, 1. (Tel: 021-643-6916). Entries on plain paper NOT accepted. A stamped and addressed envelope with entry form to obtain entry to the Hangar and for a Timetable/Admission ticket. Entry forms for this Meeting and the Men's & Women's Championships on 10th/11th January, 1969 are available from these offices.

EPSOM & EWELL HARRIERS

THE OPEN TEN

EPSOM GRANDSTAND, NOV. 23, Start 2.30

Changing—Long Grove Hospital, Horton Lane, Epsom. Coach to course 2 p.m.

Fees: Ind. 3/6 plus 6/- team (4 run, 3 score)

Usual awards—Vets, give age.

Entries: J. Dixon, 9 Lyncroft Gdns., Ewell, Sy.

CLUB SECRETARIES,

DON'T FORGET!

EASTER ATHLETIC FESTIVAL, 1969

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN, APRIL 4th-7th

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RELAY RACES

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GUILDFORD AND GODALMING A.C.

11th Annual

HOG'S BACK 9½ MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 2.50 p.m.

Team Trophy and Prizes to first 4 teams. First six individual prizes valued £7, £5, £3, £2, £1.10.0, £1. Prize for first Veteran. (Indicate on Entry Form if Veteran.) Teams—6 to run, 3 to score.

Entry Fee—3/6 each entrant on A.A.A. Forms to D. J. Jordan, Esq., 48 High View Road, Guildford, Surrey.

CLOSING DATE — 7th DECEMBER, 1968

BANGOR UNIVERSITY HARRIERS

8th Annual

Beumaris To Bangor 5½ Mile Road Race

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1968

Starting at 3.00 p.m.

Team Trophy (6 to run, 4 score): 1st, 2nd, 3rd Individual Prizes, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Team Prizes.

Entry Fee: 2/6 ind. Entries on AAA forms to Secretary, Harriers Club, Students Union, University, Bangor, North Wales, by 11th November latest.