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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS ISSUE (Part 2)

West Germany v. Britain in Hamburg



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Britain's triumphant
4x400m. team in
Athens: l to r, LILLIAN
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West Germany v. Britain

At Hamburg, September 27th/28th

British Girls Still Unbeaten This Year

THE British women's team, who have already beaten Czechoslovakia, the USA and France this year, continued on their merry way by inflicting an 11-point defeat on West Germany in Hamburg last week-end. If the team can handle Rumania at Crystal Palace next week it will mark the first unbeaten season since 1960. In last year's encounter at White City, West Germany won by four points.

Britain's men's side, far from full strength with such men as Kelly, Whetton, Stewart, Bliston, Sherwood and Davies missing, fought admirably to lose by 18 points in a match that could have resulted in a debacle. At one stage on the second day, after 13 events, Britain even managed to be in the lead by a point against a team that had every incentive to do well after their almost total abstention from the European Championships.

A soft track and chilly weather, particularly on the first day, hindered performances but it did not prevent Liesel Westermann smashing her own world discus record of 62.70/205'8". Her first throw soared out to a prodigious 63.96/209'10", and she followed with 55.88, 59.29, 57.81, 48.47 and a foul.

An award for the best performance by a member of the British team was presented to Val Peat for her 200m victory, against a 3.2m/sec wind, in 24.1. The previous day she and Anita Neil had lost to Jutta Stock (daughter of the 1936 Olympic javelin champion) in the 100m. Janet Simpson, who had just failed to catch Christel Frese in the individual 400m, made amends with a nicely judged leg in the 4x400m. Britain also won the sprint relay in fine style, although the Germans (silver medallists in Athens) fielded a reserve. Pat Lowe and Joan Page scored maximum points in the 800m as they did in last year's match, and Rita Ridley ran one of her most assured races to win the 1500m by a very wide margin.

Other British one-two's came in the 100m hurdles and long jump, in which Sue Hayward and Moira Walls respectively scored their first international victories and in both of which Sue Scott provided sound support; and in the high jump where, by finishing second to Barbara Inkpen, Dorothy Shirley boosted her career total in international matches to 88 points, second only now to Mary Rand's long jump aggregate of 92. The new rule by which points are shared in cases of equal field event performances was not implemented on this occasion; otherwise the match score would have been 72½-62½ in Britain's favour instead of 73-62.

On the men's side, the most heartening performance for the future was David Jenkins' success in the 400m. Already, at 17, Britain's fastest 400m runner this season with his 46.5 in Germany

a fortnight earlier, the 6'3½", 176lb Scottish school-boy judged his race well to defeat the experienced Ingo Roper (a 46.0 performer) as well as John Robertson—a memorable senior international debut.

Roger Walters, after standing by as international reserve all season, finally got a run when Dave Dear injured himself in the relay. In one of the finest performances by a member of the British team, he came from behind to down two such outstanding sprinters as Gerd Wucherer and Martin Jellinghaus (20.6 last year) in the 200m. Another top German star, Walter Adams (4th in Mexico), came unstuck in the 800m where first Dave Cropper and then Andy Carter sprinted past him in the closing stages. Maximum points, too, in the 10,000m through Trevor Wright and John Caine and the steeplechase with Andy Holden (maintaining his 100% international record) and Gerry Stevens—the latter having recovered well after falling in the water jump.

INTERNATIONAL DATE SWITCHED

Note that the date of the GB v. Finland (men) and Rumania (women) match at Crystal Palace has been switched to Wednesday, October 8th and Thursday, October 9th.

Dave Hemery produced a remarkable high hurdling performance in beating 13.5 performer Werner Trzmiel (5th in the Olympics) by some four yards in 13.9 against the wind. Fellow medalist Andy Todd, who improved his personal best to 50.2 in Berlin a few days earlier, was narrowly beaten by Manfred Klausner—Rainer Schubert (49.7 in Berlin) jogged in after falling.

Over in the field events the top British performance came from Dave Travis—though why was his victory hailed by the national press as a surprise? Nigel Sherlock was close to his best and did very well to take third. Also in form were Jeff Teale, who split the shot putters (now that was a surprise, since Glockler has reached 19.96/65'5½" this season); Howard Payne, who produced his longest throw of the season; and Martin Higdon, who once again equalled his English pole vault best.

(a) Sept. 27th (b) Sept. 28th

100m: (a) 1, Gerhard Wucherer 10.7; 2, Gunter Rudolph 10.7; 3, Ron Jones 10.8; 4, Don Halliday 11.0.

200m: (b) 1, Roger Walters 21.6; 2, Wucherer 21.7; 3, Martin Jellinghaus 21.8; 4, Malcolm Yardley 21.8.

400m: (a) 1, David Jenkins 47.4; 2, Ingo Roper 47.6; 3, John Robertson 47.6; 4, Roland Rossmeissl 48.4.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Sunday, October 5th: Camberley & District Road Relays; Midland CAAA Coaching Conference; Bournemouth AC "Stewart" Cross Country Relay; Luton to Bedford 20M Road Relay.

Wednesday, October 8th: Great Britain v. Finland (men) and Rumania (women) at Crystal Palace (1st day); Open Cross Country Relay at Kingston.

Thursday, October 9th: Great Britain v. Finland (men) and Rumania (women) (2nd day) at Crystal Palace.

MEDWAY A.C. WOMEN'S

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November 10th.

LETTERS

AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in the letter from Mr. McCarthy headed "American Scholarships", as my son is one of those due to go in the fall of next year.

The Americans wanted him to go last year, but I studied the matter very carefully as a graduate, a father and with particular attention to the American way of life with all its uncertain reactions to a different upbringing and decided against him going at that time.

I consider no one should go up to a University either here or in the U.S.A. under 19. It then depends a great deal on the boy's background and experience of Community living. A new way of life can be a considerable strain even without influences which at times may not always be of the best.

Americans do not give Scholarships or do business, as I practically know, unless they hope to get much more than fair shares out of the deal and who can blame them.

As regards the remark "athletics for 9 months in the year" I would have thought it was really for 12 months that anyone must be prepared to work academically and athletically every working hour, not forgetting the work they must do to earn some pocket money which is often very menial. If they are not prepared to do this and are unable to take it in their stride, at the best they will go through hell and at the worst they will soon be sent home. I know of some who have returned early from the U.S.A. as they were utterly exhausted mentally and physically.

To sum up I can see no ultimate benefit to anyone accepting a Scholarship unless they have about 6 "O" levels and are at least a Junior International.

Luckily my son has been offered an ACADEMIC Scholarship by a University who have a full sized tartan track and javelin throwing area UNDER COVER, as they have a vacancy for a javelin thrower next fall—typical American planning!

If I can be of help to anyone on this subject, just contact me.

A. Cecil Harper

107 The Ridgway, London, S.W.19

POOR SHOW, BLACKHEATH

Dear Sir,

Some five days before the Blackheath Harriers' Road Relay, my club asked the promoting club whether it would accept a late entry, explaining that we had fully intended competing but due to an oversight had failed to enter. The request was refused.

We all know by now that this is Blackheath Harriers' centenary year, and those of us who have competed at their H.Q. will know of their

many old traditions, such as "no soap in the baths, please!" (is this where the name BLACKheath Harriers originated from and why they are called heathens?).

However, I am not asking this proud club to think back one hundred years, but just two. In 1967 they were allowed to run and count for prizes in the Rochester 5 (a Medway A.C. promotion) after entering on the day. This in spite of the fact that they had not even intended competing, merely making use of our race when their own fixture on the continent was cancelled at the eleventh hour.

Poor show, Blackheath!

John Pettitt,

Medway A.C.

P.S.—The views expressed in this letter are my own, but I would be very surprised if they are not shared by a large majority of my club-mates. J.P.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Dear Sir,

A report will soon be prepared on the first year of the Southern Athletic League and critical comment containing as much factual evidence as possible is welcome from athletes, officials and spectators.

Please propose new arrangements to improve the league and include comment on both the advantages and disadvantages of the suggested new arrangements.

All letters will be treated as confidential and no names of clubs or individuals will be mentioned in the final report. Please write to me at: Stoneways, 29 Chapman Lane, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Roger Buzzard,

Hon. Sec. Southern Athletic League

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDARDS

Dear Sir,

Having experienced seeing the new National League I am a little concerned about the general standard of performance—the Stretford T. & F. League boasts more standard efforts!

With our best clubs gathered together surely it is here that we must cash in at spectator level as well as on the track. We are failing if we do not give the public "class" performances and we are wasting opportunity if athletes do not go for fast times. As an incentive could the League managers not introduce "bonus" points for grade 1, 2 and 3 performances over and above the present score system which I feel should be retained.

T. R. Colson

BATH BRANCH OF JUNIOR AAA CLUB

Dear Sir,

I wonder if I could beg a small space in your readers letters section.

My wife and I are at the moment attempting to form a Bath-based branch of the "Junior AAA Club". We should like any young athlete between the ages of 12 and 18 years, who may be inter-

Walking News

By Colin Young

M**A****G****N****I****F****I****C****E****N****T** win by Phil Embleton and vast improvement by Carl Lawton in Morecambe 20km. A short course? Certainly by some three minutes, but nevertheless the first six recorded times of international standard. However, I understand that, regrettably, the mode of progression of several of the first dozen certainly, did not match up to the standard expected in international competition. Ron Wallwork, Tony and Eric Taylor were the early leaders but Phil Embleton gradually worked his way through, took the lead at 9km and never faltered to win probably his finest race to date. Wallwork was very impressive as was clubmate Tony Taylor, back better than ever after a rough spell. The big surprise was Carl Lawton, the big young Belgravian walking superbly to finish right up amongst the "heads". John Warhurst lost a minute or so around 6km with shoe trouble, while Eric Taylor faded in the second half. The home club beat a strong Bels squad in a close team struggle. Both

in numbers and standard, the race improved considerably on last year when Wallwork finished 7th with a time of 99.14. Some 60 competed while Phil Embleton improved Warhurst's winning time last year by 2min. 57sec! **September 13th:** 1, P. Embleton (Met) 89:29.9; 2, R. Wallwork (Lancs) 90:41.7; 3, W. Wesch (Bel) 90:56.2; 4, J. Warhurst (Sheffield) 91:46.2; 5, A. Taylor (Lancs) 91:57.9; 6, C. Lawton (Bel) 92:34.6; 7, P. Etches (Sheff) 94.23; 8, R. Coates (Bel) 94.59; 9, E. Taylor (Hinckley C) 95:12.6; 10, D. Vickers (Lancs) 95:25.2; 11, D. Rosser (S'end) 95:26.8; 12, J. Hopkins (Lancs) 96:24.2; 13, A. Banyard (S'end) 97:13.5; 14, C. Eyre (Lancs) 98:30.5; 15, W. Wright (Cov. God) 98.37; 16, P. Duncan (Bel) 99:28.1. **Teams:** 1, Lancs WC 25; 2, Belgrave 28.

RWA Junior/Youths at Bromsgrove. The Youths (3 miles) and Junior (5 miles) will be held on October 18th at the Garrtons Sports and Social club, Bromsgrove. The Youths race will start at 2 p.m., with the Juniors commencing 45 minutes later. Jack Hadley has sent full details to clubs this week.

Coventry Godiva 10km track championship, at Butts Stadium, September 9th. 1, G. Chaplin (38) 46.53; 2, J. Mullen 49.43; 3, W. Wright 49.59; 4, R. Turney (39) 54.05; 5, A. Hunt 54.07; 6, J. O'Brien 54.34.

Magnificent Paul. Walking exactly to his pre-race plan, Paul Nihill showed yet again that he is the World's top speed walker with a convincing well judged victory at Athens. Everyone interested in race walking will want to congratulate the modest Surrey walker who has overcome many difficulties since his near triumph at Tokyo to now reach one of the highest pinnacles. Ray Middleton was magnificent in repeating his fifth place of Budapest three years ago. Generally regarded as our number three at 50km this year Ray, yet again, produced his very best when it was needed in a big international competition. Since 1961, Ray, with one exception, has consistently beaten men who on known form should have finished way ahead, such is this popular Belgravian's ability to rise to the big occasion. John Webb walked right up to his current form in the 20km beating many well established performers and, in fact, having his best ever race in a championship event abroad. The other three members of the squad were bitterly disappointed, it can only be hoped they will not be completely discouraged and that they will return determined to excel in future championships.

KENT COUNTY AAA

A half day training session in timekeeping will be held on Sunday, October 5th at Upbury Manor School, Gillingham at 10.00 a.m. This session will be purely practical and will be of benefit particularly to those wishing to take the AAA practical test for Timekeepers. Particulars from: J. Hennessy, Cypress Cottage, Chart Road, Sutton Valance, Kent.

ested to contact us at the address below for further details.

We hope to cover Bath and the surrounding area. So far we have circulated local schools and youth clubs and are awaiting results. Also we should like to hear from any over 18's who would like to assist in this effort.

K. R. Hill,
14 The Oval,
Englishcombe Pk., Bath

NOT A RECORD

Dear Sir,

I have only now seen the report of the Scottish Decathlon and Relays (30/8/69 edition) and to keep the records straight I wish to point out the following:—

1. The time given for Edinburgh Southern Harriers of 48.1 sec. in the women's 4x100 metres relay is not a new Scottish record as reported. Maryhill L.A.C.'s time of 47.5 at Crawley in the National Relay Championships of 1968 still stands.

2. On the other hand, Maryhill L.A.C.'s time of 4m. 04secs. in the Mile Medley is a new Scottish record but no mention of this is made in your report.

In fairness to your correspondent Willie Diverty, both the mistake and the omission were made at the Recorder's Box at the meeting.

Having put the facts in place, I would like, on behalf of Maryhill to congratulate the Edinburgh Southern girls on their fine performances this year, culminating in Helen Golden's selection for Athens. I know their success will stimulate our girls to higher endeavour and this must be to the benefit of Scottish Women's Athletics as a whole.

J. Campbell,
Maryhill L.A.C.

European Championships, 1969

Mel Watman reports from Athens: results by Stan Greenberg

Second Day (continued) Wednesday, September 17th

100 METRES (FINAL)

For about half an hour Alain Sarteur believed himself to be the new European 100m champion. The massed representatives of the French press, television and radio surrounded him the moment he stepped off the track—writing, recording, photographing and filming his every word and gesture. It was "the big treatment" reserved for those who add to *la gloire* of French athletics. Just one little detail was overlooked in all the excitement . . . it had been a very close race and the photo finish was being consulted. There were, therefore, some very red French faces when the official result stuttered out in electric bulbs on the scoreboard. First, Borzov of the USSR.

One was sorry for Sarteur, whose hopes had been raised so prematurely and unnecessarily. Having briefly tasted the adulation of being a European champion it was a bitter blow to have to settle for second. Sarteur (23), runner-up in both sprints in the recent match against Britain, and a Parisian policeman, said dolefully: "If you had told me this morning that I would mount the podium I would have been happy, very happy. Yet here's me with a silver medal and I'm disappointed."

Sarteur, whose best time is 10.2, got away to a fine start and looked to be heading for an unchallengeable victory when he reached the three-quarter stage about a yard up. He began to fade, though, and the young Russian Valeriy Borzov closed the gap and threw himself at the tape. The photo finish, to be used in evidence against Sarteur, proved that Borzov had won . . . by one hundredth of a second, 10.44 to 10.45. Philippe Clerc, also finishing fast, was a clear-cut third. Fourth place would probably have gone to Barrie Kelly but for a most untimely injury. He ran brilliantly for the first 60 metres, never worse than third, and was fourth when he felt his hamstring going. Gerard Fenouil and Hermann Burde edged past as Kelly's head went back, yet in spite of easing off Kelly still managed to clock 10.7 (same as the fourth placer) in sixth position . . . the same place and time as in Budapest in 1966. There was a head wind of 2.7m/sec. Rene Metz pulled a muscle while warming up and did not run.

The winner, Borzov, is the first Soviet sprinter to win a European title since Nikolay Karakulov in the 1946 200m and seems likely to enjoy a more successful career than that nine-day wonder Vladislav Sapeya. Not 20 until October 23rd,

Borzov is 1.82/5'11½" tall and weighs 82kg/181lb; he was born in Lvov (Ukraine)—the birthplace of his predecessor as European 100m champion Wieslaw Maniak. "I think now my performances will be taken seriously," he said in English—a reference to the widespread scepticism that greeted the news of his European record equalling 10.0 at the USSR Championships.

- 1, VALERIY BORZOV (USSR) 10.4.
- 2, ALAIN SARTEUR (France) 10.4.
- 3, PHILIPPE CLERC (Switzerland) 10.5.
- 4, GERARD FENOUIL (France) 10.7.
- 5, HERMANN BURDE (East Germany) 10.7.
- 6, BARRIE KELLY (UK) 10.7.
- 7, PETER HAASE (East Germany) 10.8.



After injury had, at one stage of the season, threatened his selection chances, Barrie Kelly hit top form in Athens—only to run into more injury trouble.

Fionnbar Callanan

400 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

The elimination of all three British representatives was a major disappointment bearing in mind the relative weakness of European quarter miling. John Robertson was the only one anywhere near his personal best and even he was found wanting in the lung searing drive along the finishing straight. By way of contrast, the Polish trio proceeded intact to the final.

Heat 1: 1, A. Badenski (Pol) 46.4; 2, J. Nallet (Fra) 46.6; 3, J. Carette (Fra) 46.7; 4, B. Savchuk (USSR) 46.7; 5, C. Trachelio (Ita) 46.9; 6, J. ROBERTSON (UK) 47.0; 7, M. WINBOLT LEWIS (UK) 47.2; 8, Y. Zorin (USSR) 47.8.

Heat 2: 1, S. Gredzinski (Pol) 46.4; 2, A. Bratchikov (USSR) 46.5; 3, J. Werner (Pol) 46.5; 4, S. Bello (Ita) 47.0; 5, C. CAMPBELL (UK) 47.2; 6, G. Bertoult (Fra) 47.2; 7, U. Nilsson (Swe) 47.4; 8, M. Gayoso (Spa) 47.6.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (FINAL)

Petra Vogt (19), who had not bettered 12 seconds prior to this year, confirmed the favourable impression she had made in the heats with her powerful sprinting. She pulled away irresistibly in the later stages for a comfortable win in 11.6 against a breeze of 0.4m/sec. Wilma v.d. Berg, another of the favourites, took second place but the bronze medal went to a complete outsider... our Anita Neil.

"It was the best race I've ever run," Anita told me. "I didn't think I'd get a medal; in fact I didn't even think I would beat Val." (Val Peat finished fourth). Anita, 19-year-old London Olympiad from Wellingborough, got her usual good start and pick-up but what made the race such a success for her was the fact that she did not weaken when the pressure was on. Anita has lived in the shadow of other British sprinters throughout her career as a senior so it was indeed a pleasure to witness her own moment of triumph, to become a star in her own right at last. And to think that only 16 days earlier Anita had been beaten by Madeleine Cobb and Denise Ramsden in a selection trial race at the White City—a defeat that had caused her several anxious moments in case it had cost her a place in the individual sprint. Both she and Val Peat beat four top-line opponents, in the 11.2-11.4 range, and did themselves credit.

The winner, believed to be even better at the 200m, was born at Halle on August 20th, 1950. A 1.72/5'7½", 62kg/137lb student, her best times are 11.3 and 23.0 this year. Her previous annual progress: 1966—12.2, 25.5; 1967—12.2, 25.4; 1968—12.0, 24.4.

- 1, PETRA VOGT (East Germany) 11.6.
- 2, WILMA VAN DEN BERG (Netherlands) 11.7.
- 3, ANITA NEIL (UK) 11.8.
- 4, VALERIE PEAT (UK) 11.8.
- 5, KARIN BALZER (East Germany) 11.8.
- 6, REGINA HOFER (East Germany) 11.8.
- 7, EVA GLESKOVA (Czechoslovakia) 11.8.
- 8, SYLVIE TELLIEZ (France) 11.9.

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WOMEN'S PENTATHLON

(First Day)

Liese Prokop, the Olympic silver medallist, built up a healthy overnight lead thanks in particular to a formidable personal best (and Austrian record) shot put of 15.20/49'10". But for a headwind that slowed her hurdles time to 14.0—she has clocked 13.7—Liese would have been nicely placed to beat her own pending world record of 5089. With Heide Rosendahl absent, the main challenge was expected to come from Meta Antenen, an earlier world record setter this season, but in spite of an excellent high jump the damage done by poor hurdling and shot putting was irreparable. She occupied seventh place 353 points behind Prokop. Only 16 points adrift of Antenen was Sue Scott, performing extremely well for a girl not long recovered from a bout of glandular fever. Sue began brilliantly by running Prokop to a yard in the hurdles with a personal best equalling 14.1 (0.2 faster than 13.4 performer Antenen in the next heat) but her shot putting and high jumping were only average.

1, L. Prokop (Aus) **3132** (14.0, 15.20/49'10", 1.68/5'6"); 2, M. Sizyukova (USSR) **3002** (14.2, 14.05/46'1", 1.65/5'5"); 3, V. Tikhomirova (USSR) **2903** (14.8, 13.21/43'4", 1.68/5'6"); 4, B. Pollak (E. Ger) **2870** (14.6, 12.80/42'0", 1.65/5'5"); 5, M. Ackermans (Neth) **2859** (15.0, 12.92/42'4", 1.68/5'6"); 6, N. Anghelova (Bul) **2781** (15.1, 12.86/42'2", 1.62/5'3"); 7, M. Antenen (Swi) **2779** (14.3, 10.05/32'11", 1.71/5'7"); 8, S. SCOTT (UK) **2763** (14.1, 11.16/36'7", 1.59/5'2"); 9, E. Waldburger (Swi) **2761** (14.6, 13.07/42'10", 1.53/5'0"); 10, M. Debourse (Fra) **2709** (15.3, 11.24/36'10", 1.68/5'6"); 11, M. Peikert (E. Ger) **2676** (15.4, 11.81/38'9", 1.62/5'3"); 12, A. Toth (Hun) **2669** (14.6, 11.70/38'4", 1.53/5'0").

DECATHLON

(First Day)

An astonishing display of versatility by Joachim Kirst. In "winning" every one of the first five events—an exceptional achievement at this level of competition—the East German star amassed a total of 4530 points, 27 below his world's best first day score. A headwind reduced Kirst, a 10.4 sprinter, to 10.8 in the 100m; his long jump of 7.62/25'0" was 8" below his best; his shot put of 16.28/53'5" was well below par for a man who has attained 17.40/57'1". He ended in great style, though, by high jumping 2.13/6'11" at the third attempt (his best is 2.16/7'1") and clocking a personal best of 47.9 for 400m. With the West Germans, including world record holder Kurt Bendlin, merely onlookers, there was no opposition for Kirst: nearest challenger, Herbert Wessel, was over 400 points behind.

Clive Longe performed honourably for a half-way score of 3729 in 17th place. He ran 100m in 11.2 (his personal best is 10.9), long jumped 6.84/22'5" (7.21/23'8"), put the shot 14.22/46'7" (15.31/50'3"), high jumped 1.75/5'8" (1.80/5'10")

and ran 400m in a heat winning 49.7 (49.3).

1, J. Kirst (E. Ger) **4530** (10.8, 7.62/25'0", 16.28/53'5", 2.13/6'11", 47.9); 2, H. Wessel (E. Ger) **4128** (10.9, 7.37/24'2", 14.21/46'7", 1.98/6'6", 49.6); 3, N. Avilov (USSR) **4034** (11.4, 7.40/24'3", 13.39/43'11", 2.04/6'8", 49.2); 4, V. Chelnokov (USSR) **4026** (10.9, 6.98/22'10", 15.12/49'7", 1.86/6'1", 49.0); 5, R. Demmig (E. Ger) **3953** (11.1, 7.03/23'0", 13.38/43'10", 1.89/6'2", 48.0); 6, E. de Noorlander (Neth) **3935** (11.4, 7.02/23'0", 13.6/44'2", 2.01/6'7", 49.2); 7, T. Janczenko (Pol) **3933** (10.9, 7.28/23'10", 12.81/42'0", 1.92/6'3", 50.4); 8, L. Litvinenko (USSR) **3897** (11.1, 7.13/23'4", 13.90/45'7", 1.83/6'0", 49.2); 9, U. Trautmann (Swi) **3883** (11.3, 7.04/23'1", 14.17/46'6", 1.95/6'4", 50.8); 10, H. Mandl (Aus) **3874** (11.3, 7.15/23'5", 13.38/43'10", 1.92/6'3", 49.8); 11, S. Djurov (Bul) **3863** (11.1, 6.79/22'3", 15.02/49'3", 1.83/6'0", 50.3); 12, J. Bakai (Hun) **3852** (11.2, 7.26/23'9", 14.32/46'11", 1.89/6'2", 52.1).

13, H. Kyosola (Fin) **3820** (11.2, 7.46/24'5", 13.09/42'11", 1.80/5'10", 50.1); 14, L. Hedmark (Swe) **3817** (11.4, 7.13/23'4", 13.62/44'8", 1.89/6'2", 50.2); 15, C. Anyamah (Fra) **3790** (11.1, 6.65/21'9", 13.67/44'10", 1.89/6'2", 50.2); 16, S. Smidt-Jensen (Den) **3769** (11.2, 6.81/22'4", 11.99/39'4", 2.01/6'7", 50.8); 17, C. LONGE (UK) **3729** (11.2, 6.84/22'5", 14.22/46'7", 1.75/5'8", 49.7); 18, R. Cano (Spa) **3723** (11.2, 7.17/23'6", 11.22/36'9", 1.89/6'2", 50.0); 19, F. Herbrandt (Bel) **3721** (11.3, 7.55/24'9", 13.49/44'3", 1.98/6'6", 57.3); 20, B. Sevastis (Gre) **3516** (11.5, 7.45/24'5", 12.00/39'4", 1.65/5'5", 50.6); 21, J. Neckar (Cz) **3494** (11.7, 6.50/21'4", 13.01/42'8", 1.92/6'3", 52.9); 22, J. Miljakov (Bul) **3426** (11.6, 6.49/21'3", 14.26/46'9", 1.75/5'8", 53.2); 23, F. Biedermann (Lie) **3287** (11.7, 6.61/21'8", 10.23/33'6", 1.80/5'10", 51.3); 24, A. Hess (Swi) **3077** (10.9, 7.25/23'9", 13.53/44'4", 1.80/5'10", —).

Third Day

Thursday, September 18th

WHAT a day's athletics! It began at 9 a.m. and by the time the decathlon had finished some 13 hours later one had witnessed the greatest women's 400m race of all time as Nicole Duclos pipped Colette Besson with both registering a world record 51.7, a superbly judged 800m victory by Lillian Board in 2:01.4, an enthralling long jump duel between Igor Ter-Ovanesyan (8.17/26'9") and Lynn Davies (8.07/26'5") and the tensest of women's high jump competitions won at 1.83/6'0" by Miloslava Rezkova—a height cleared also by the next three girls. Plenty more, too. John Sherwood and Andy Todd picked up medals behind Vyacheslav Skomorokhov (49.7) in the 400m hurdles; East Germans triumphed in the shot (filling first three places), 50km walk (first and second) and decathlon (first and second); Jan Werner won a close 400m final; Liese Prokop (pentathlon winner) and her sister Maria Sykora (third in the 400m) made it a memorable day for Austria; and there was a Hungarian rhapsody in the women's javelin as Angela Ranky and Marta Vidos placed one-two.



Viktor Saneyev (USSR), an outstanding triple jump champion. Tony Duffy/All-Sport-Foto

Lillian Board's gold, together with the silvers of John Sherwood and Lynn Davies and the bronze of Andy Todd, gave the 500 British supporters in the crowd of some 15,000 plenty to cheer about. Less welcome was the elimination of all three 800m runners, of Jim Douglas and John Boulter in the 1500m, and of John Jackson in the steeplechase (wretched luck, as he was pushed over early in the race). Unlucky, too, were Bryan Eley and Shaun Lightman who collapsed in the 50km walk and Clive Longe who, after some brilliant pole vaulting, injured himself in the javelin and was unable to complete the decathlon.

HIGH JUMP (QUALIFYING)

The published high jump qualifying standard of 2.14/7'0½", like most of the others, proved to be hopelessly optimistic and jumping did not continue past 2.11/6'11". Even then, only 11 men succeeded, so four others at 2.08/6'9¾" were invited to join them in the final. Four men who have cleared 2.14 or higher this season—Rudolf Baudis, Michel Portmann, Thomas Wieser and Herbert Hutt—were among those eliminated.

Qualifiers

E. Azzaro (Ita), I. Major (Hun), L. Garriga (Spa), J. Dahlgren (Swe), S. Martynov (USSR), C. Celion (Swe), V. Gavrilov (USSR), J. Tihanyi (Hun), L. Borodac (Cz) V. Skvortsov (USSR) and S. Ioan (Rum) all cleared 2.11/6'11"; R. Vahala

(Fin), H. Elliott (Fra), M. Todosijevic (Yug) and R. Sainte-Rose (Fra) all cleared 2.08/6'9¾".

Non-qualifiers

C. Le Herisse (Fra), I. Kousoulas (Gre), C. Dosa (Hun), R. Baudis (Cz), T. Wieser (Swi) and M. Portmann (Swi) all cleared 2.05/6'8¾"; H. Hutt (E. Ger) 2.00/6'6¾"; M. Ayata (Tur) 1.95/6'4¾".

1500 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Disaster for two thirds of the British representation, John Whetton, always at home in the bustle of this sort of competition, had no trouble getting through but both Jim Douglas (whose unavailing 3:46.4 was seven seconds faster than the winners of the other two heats) and John Boulter were run out of it. Boulter's elimination was particularly frustrating as he was leading into the final straight and, though slipping to fifth, finished barely two yards behind the winner. Another surprising casualty was Mikhail Zhelobovskiy, who had run so well in Los Angeles earlier in the season.

Heat 1: 1, F. Arese (Ita) 3:53.4; 2, J. WHETTON (UK) 3:53.6; 3, J. Maluski (Pol) 3:53.6; 4, P. Penkava (Cz) 3:53.8; 5, A. Vyerlan (USSR) 3:54.0; K. Brustad (Nor) dnf.

Heat 2: 1, A. de Hertoghe (Bel) 3:44.1; 2, H. Szordykowski (Pol) 3:44.1; 3, F. Murphy (RoI) 3:44.3; 4, P. Viaux (Fra) 3:45.4; 5, J. DOUGLAS (UK) 3:46.4; 6, M. Tumkan (Tur) 3:47.0; 7, H. Knill (Swi) 3:47.9; 8, M. Zhelobovskiy (USSR) 3:48.2; 9, R. Finelli (Ita) 3:53.0.

Heat 3: 1, E. Salve (Bel) 3:53.6; 2, V. Pantelei (USSR) 3:53.6; 3, J. Wadoux (Fra) 3:53.8; 4, P. Vasala (Fin) 3:53.8; 5, J. BOULTER (GB) 3:53.9; 6, A. Atanasov (Bul) 3:56.1; 7, E. Zelazny (Pol) 3:57.8.

WOMEN'S PENTATHLON

(Second Day)

Meta Antenen made up some ground after her sluggish first day by long jumping 6.42/21'0¾", the next best being Liese Prokop's 6.14/20'1¼" and Sue Scott's 6.13/20'1¼". The positions, with one event to go, were: 1, Prokop 4152; 2, Szyakova 3986; 3, Tikhomirova 3880; 4, Antenen 3861; with Sue Scott up a place to 7th with 3781. Most of the jumps were wind assisted... Sue's final effort of 6.04/19'9¾" had an 8.3m/sec gust behind it. That same wind ruined hopes of fast 200m times and therefore high final scores. Liese Prokop needed a time of 24.9 to beat her world record of 5089 but, faced by a 5.3m/sec wind in her heat, she could manage only 25.6. Similarly, Sue Scott would have equalled her UK best of 4731 with a 24.8 timing but, drawn in Prokop's heat, she was reduced to 25.8. Still, her 7th placing overall—in front of three athletes who have scored over 4800 this year—was a good solid performance for a girl who celebrated her 18th birthday the previous day. In another year or two she

could be right up there with Prokop, Rosendahl and Co.

Liese Prokop won easily enough with the outstanding score of 5030 but it was surprising to find that no one else could manage even 4800 points and the silver went to Meta Antenen, the young Swiss girl of Finnish origin, at a mere 4793. There was some controversy surrounding this placing, for the Russians protested that Maria Sizyakova and previous champion Valentina Tikhomirova should have run in the same heat as Antenen. As it turned out, Antenen won her heat in 25.0 with a headwind of 2.2m/sec while Tikhomirova was second in hers in 26.1 (— 5.2m/sec) and Sizyakova fifth in hers in 26.7 (— 5.3m/sec). An improvement of 0.3 by Sizyakova would have given her second place in the competition.

Liese Prokop (née Sykora) is the first Austrian to have won a European title. Born on March 27th, 1941, she has been competing in pentathlons for the past nine years but it was not until last year, when she won the Olympic silver medal with 4966 points, that she acquired an international reputation. Her annual progression: 1960—3294, 1961—4034, 1962—3825, 1963—4391, 1964—4231, 1965—4027, 1966—3985 (gave birth to a daughter in February), 1967—4556, 1968—4966, 1969—5089. She is 1.74/5'8½ tall, weighs 65kg/143lb.

1, LIESE PROKOP (Austria) 5030 (Champ. rec; 6.14/20'13" w, 25.6).

2, META ANTENEN (Switzerland) 4793 (6.42/21'04" w, 25.0).

3, MARIA SIZYAKOVA (USSR) 4773 (5.98/19'7½" w, 26.7).

4, VALENTINA TIKHOMIROVA (USSR) 4715 (5.95/19'6½" w, 26.1).

5, MARJAN ACKERMANS (Netherlands) 4701 (6.01/19'8½" w, 25.9).

6, ELISABETH WALDBURGER (Switzerland) 4648 (6.01/19'8½" w, 25.4).

7, SUE SCOTT (UK) 4641 (6.13/20'14" w, 25.8).

8, BURGLINDE POLLAK (E. Germany) 4598 (5.55/18'2½" w, 26.0).

9, Nedyalka Anghelova (Bul) 4592 (6.12/20'1" w, 26.6); 10, Annamaria Toth (Hun) 4587 (6.07/19'11" w, 25.2); 11, Marie-Christine Debourse (Fra) 4419 (5.85/19'24" w, 27.1); 12, Monika Peikert (E. Ger) 4389 (5.76/18'10½" w, 26.8).

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for semis)

The youthful East German pair, Renate Meissner and 100m champion Petra Vogt, impressed with their foreful running against the wind. Meissner's 23.3 was particularly remarkable for with the withdrawal of three runners (including Sylvie Telliez) she need have done no more than walk over. None of the British girls exerted themselves unduly, Helen Golden's 24.2 providing a fine opening to her international career at the age of 16 years and 4 months.

Heat 1: 1, R. Meissner (E. Ger) 23.3; 2, E. Hadrup (Den) 24.2; 3, M. Goth (Rum) 24.4; 4, A. Berger (Lux) 26.3.

Heat 2: 1, W. v.d. Berg (Neth) 23.7; 2, L.

Samotyosova (USSR) 24.2; 3, M. COBB (UK) 24.5; 4, H. Kapfer (Aus) 24.5; 5, I. Venkova (Bul) 25.1; 6, K. Jonsdottir (Ice) 26.5.

Heat 3: (— 2.4m/s) 1, B. Besfamilnaya (USSR) 24.2; 2, U. Meyer (Swi) 24.3; 3, G. Balogh (Hun) 24.4; 4, V. PEAT (UK) 24.9.

Heat 4: (— 1.65m/s) 1, P. Vogt (E. Ger) 23.6; 2, G. Meyer (Fra) 23.9; 3, H. GOLDEN (UK) 24.2; 4, L. Ducatteeuw (Bel) 25.0; 5, L. Golomazova (USSR) 25.1; 6, S. Kocgil (Tur) 26.8.

200 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for semis)

Only five men had to be eliminated, Dave Dear qualified safely in the most wind affected heat.

Heat 1: (— 4.0m/s) 1, L. Kriz (Cz) 21.4; 2, P. Krizan (Yug) 21.6; 3, P. Clerc (Swi) 21.7; 4, J. Carvalho (Por) 21.8; 5, E. Jung (Lux) 22.2.

Heat 2: (— 4.5m/s) 1, P. Abeti (Ita) 21.4; 2, H. Weidmer (Swi) 21.4; 3, J. Kynos (Cz) 21.4; 4, D. DEAR (UK) 21.6; 5, G. Mikelidis (Gre) 21.8; 6, T. Terziiski (Bul) 21.8.

Heat 3: (— 3.1m/s) 1, N. Ivanov (USSR) 21.6; 2, A. Nepraunik (Aus) 21.7; 3, H. Burde (E. Ger) 21.7; 4, L. Mihalyfi (Hun) 21.8; 5, O. Skarstein (Nor) 21.9.

Heat 4: (— 2.8m/s) 1, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 21.2; 2, P. Guillet (Fra) 21.3; 3, H. Bombach (E. Ger) 21.3; 4, L. Bohman (Cz) 21.4; 5, O. Karttunen (Fin) 21.4.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for semis)

The only sub-14 times came from Lia Khitrina and Tereza Sukniewicz in the first heat, where the head wind was lightest. No problems for Sue Hayward or Chris Perera. So small was the entry that only two girls had to be eliminated. A notable absentee was Valeria Bufanu (13.4w), one of four Rumanian athletes to be suspended for three months by their national Federation following tests for doping.

Heat 1: (— 1.75m/s) 1, L. Khitrina (USSR) 13.7; 2, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 13.9; 3, J. Schoebel (Fra) 14.1; 4, M. Vettorazzo (Ita) 14.7.

Heat 2: (— 2.6m/s) 1, T. Nowak (Pol) 14.1; 2, M. Piackova (Cz) 14.3; 3, S. Norrlund (Fin) 14.3; 4, R. Hofer (E. Ger) 14.4; 5, A. Van Rensbergen (Bel) 14.6.

Heat 3: (— 4.1m/s) 1, B. Podeswa (E. Ger) 14.0; 2, S. HAYWARD (UK) 14.3; 3, E. Kucmanova (Cz) 14.7; 4, E. Pilav (Yug) 14.9; 5, H. Sassayanni (Gre) 15.9.

Heat 4: (— 3.1m/s) 1, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 14.0; 2, M. Canguio (Fra) 14.4; 3, C. PERERA (UK) 14.4; 4, G. Olsson (Swe) 14.7.

WOMEN'S JAVELIN (FINAL)

Last year at the Olympics, Hungary supplied the winner (Angela Nemeth) and fourth placer (Marta Rudas) in this event; now they have done even better with first and second through Angela

Ranky (the former Miss Nemeth) and Magda Vidos-Paulanyi. As there were only ten entrants the competition was a straight final with all but the last two being granted six throws. Notable non-starters were West Germany's Ameli Koloska (59.86/196'4" this season) and former Olympic champion Mihaela Penes who was, however, present in Athens.

Ranky took the lead with her opening 57.66/189'2", increased it to 59.76/196'1" in the third round and then proceeded to foul her last three trials. It did not matter, for only Vidos (58.80/192'11" in the fourth round) came anywhere near striking distance. Vidos had only been eighth after three rounds with a paltry 48.06/157'8" before coming to life with easily the longest throw of her career. Natasa Urbancic, who spent last year nursing in Australia, was unfortunate enough to have her last throw—of around 57 metres—ruled flat; it would have gained the bronze medal. Marion Luttge, the defending champion, finished seventh, but the greatest loss of form was by Vyera Savynkova, over 40 feet below her best.

Angela Ranky, born on February 18th, 1946, is 1.76/5'9½" tall and weighs 67kg/148lb. Her progression: 1965—52.26/171'5", 1966—51.32/168'4", 1967—55.12/180'10", 1968—60.36/198'0", 1969—60.58/198'9". Only Yelena Gorchakova and Elvira Ozolina have ever thrown farther.

1, ANGELA RANKY (Hungary) 59.76/196'0" (Champ. rec; 57.66, —, 59.76, —, —, —).

2, MAGDA VIDOS (Hungary) 58.80/192'11" (—, 48.06, —, 58.80, 57.12, 52.74).

3, VALENTINA EVERT (USSR) 56.56/185'6" (51.96, 52.96, 56.56, —, 52.30, —).

4, NATASA URBANCIC (Yugoslavia) 55.68/182'8" (—, 49.41, 55.68, 52.20, —, —).

5, NINA MARAKINA (USSR) 55.34/181'6" (55.34, 52.40, 52.62, 54.28, 53.88, 50.00).

6, DANIELA JAWORSKA (Poland) 55.16/180'11" (48.40, 51.90, —, 50.52, —, 55.16).

7, MARION LUTTGE (East Germany) 53.76/176'4" (53.76, —, 51.28, —, —, —).

8, CECILIA BAJER (Poland) 50.54/165'9" (50.54, 44.56, —, 46.34, —, —).

9, Vyera Savynkova (USSR) 46.88/157'9" (—, 46.88, —); 10, Arjia Mustakallio (Finland) 40.80/133'10" (—, 40.80, —).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: Ranky; 2, Marakina; 3, Luttge; 4, Evert; 5, Bajer; 6, Jaworska.

Round 2: 1, Ranky; 2, Marakina; 3, Luttge; 4, Evert; 5, Jaworska; 6, Bajer.

Round 3: 1, Ranky; 2, Evert; 3, Urbancic; 4, Marakina; 5, Luttge; 6, Jaworska.

Rounds 4 & 5: 1, Ranky; 2, Vidos; 3, Evert; 4, Urbancic; 5, Marakina; 6, Luttge.

Round 6: 1, Ranky; 2, Vidos; 3, Evert; 4, Urbancic; 5, Marakina; 6, Jaworska.

SHOT (FINAL)

First, Dieter Hoffmann of East Germany. Second, Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg of East Ger-

many. Third, Hans-Peter Gies of East Germany. What a triumph, bearing in mind also that East Germany left behind two other men of comparable calibre in Uwe Grabe and Hartmut Briesenick. But a triumph for what? For skilled coaching and training... or for anabolic steroids? I may be doing the East German weightmen an injustice but circumstantial evidence points to their having used unethical methods to improve their strength. Not that the East Germans are the only miscreants, far from it, but the wholesale addiction to anabolic steroids among world class performers has made a mockery of this event in particular. The Americans, the first to come up with the bright idea of artificially increasing body bulk, have much to answer for. Is it too much to ask the IAAF and affiliated governing bodies to clamp down hard on those athletes (and coaches, too) who are destroying the sport? As from January 1st, anyone found to be taking—or advocating the use of—these vile drugs should be banned from athletics for life. The problem is detection, but I hope the medical profession will soon come up with an infallible test. Until then, individual athletes known to have contravened the rules should be made examples of as a deterrent to others.

Dieter Hoffmann (27) is 1.87/6'1½" tall and weight 118kg/260lb; he is coached by Lothar Hillebrand, the man who advises discus champion Hartmut Losch. After four seasons (1964-67) in which his best mark crept from 18.36/60'2½" to 18.88/61'11½", Hoffmann shot up to 20.10/65'11½" last year and this season he has recorded 20.60/67'7". Heinz-Joachim Rothenburg (25) stands 1.86/6'1½" and 110kg/243lb. He improved from 18.54/60'10" in 1967 to 20.01/65'7½" in 1968 and 20.49/67'2½" this year. This season, too, he has progressed in the discus from 56.12/184'1" to 62.02/203'6"! Hans-Peter Gies (22, 1.94/6'4½", 100kg/220lb), European record holder at 20.64/67'8½", had a best last year of 18.86/61'10½".

1, DIETER HOFFMANN (East Germany) 20.12/66'0½" (Champ. rec; 20.12, 19.86, 20.07, 19.46, 19.72, —).

2, HEINZ-JOACHIM ROTHENBURG (East Germany) 20.05/65'9½" (19.13, —, 20.05, —, 19.06, 19.91).

3, HANS-PETER GIES (East Germany) 19.78/64'10½" (19.51, 19.18, 19.78, 19.55, 19.62, —).

4, MATTI YRJOLA (Finland) 19.27/63'2½" (19.10, 19.06, 19.27, 18.69, 18.39, 19.02).

5, PIERRE COLNARD (France) 19.06/62'6½" (19.06, —, 18.93, 18.28, —, —).

6, EDUARD GUSHCHIN (USSR) 18.91/62'0½" (18.73, 18.91, 18.59, —, 18.30, 18.68).

7, VILMOS VARJU (Hungary) 18.78/61'7½" (18.43, 18.78, 18.43, —, —, —).

8, NIKOLAY KARASYOV (USSR) 18.71/61'4½" (18.52, 18.71, 18.51, 18.44, —, 18.59).

9, Miroslav Janousek (Czechoslovakia) 18.67/61'3" (18.67, 18.25, 18.35); 10, Edy Hubacher (Switzerland) 18.67/61'3" (18.67, 17.80, 17.71); 11, Seppo Simola (Finland) 18.65/61'2½" (—, 18.65, 18.22); 12, Yves Brouzet (France) 18.42/60'5½" (18.36, 18.42, —).

Round-by-round positions:

Rounds 1 & 2: 1, Hoffmann; 2, Gies; 3, Rothenburg; 4, Yrjola; 5, Colnard; 6, Gushchin.

Round 3 onwards: 1, Hoffmann; 2, Rothenburg; 3, Gies; 4, Yrjola; 5, Colnard; 6, Gushchin.

110 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for semis)

With Gunter Nickel and Werner Trzmiel of West Germany out of the running, Eddy Ottoz and Dave Hemery were universally regarded as co-favourites. Both registered the brisk time of 13.8 in winning their heats into the wind. Two unexpected victims in Ottoz's heat were Viktor Balikhin and Jean-Pierre Corval, both of whom have run 13.8 this year. Stu Storey made his exit limping after a disastrous race.

Heat 1: (— 2.8m/s) 1, G. Drut (Fra) 14.0; 2, A. PASCOE (UK) 14.3; 3, K. Weum (Nor) 14.5; 4, M. Acerbi (Ita) 14.6; 5, W. Geeroms (Bel) 14.6; 6, A. Salin (Fin) 14.7.

Heat 2: (— 2.4m/s) 1, E. Ottoz (Ita) 13.8; 2, H. Fimland (Nor) 14.2; 3, N. Perteu (Rum) 14.3; 4, M. Jozwik (Pol) 14.3; 5, V. Balakhin (USSR) 14.5; 6, J. Corval (Fra) 14.5; 7, H. Van Enkhuijzen (Neth) 15.2.

Heat 3: (— 2.8m/s) 1, D. HEMERY (UK) 13.8; 2, W. Kuhn (Swi) 14.1; 3, F. Siebeck (E. Ger) 14.1; 4, S. Liani (Ita) 14.2; 5, A. Lazaridis (Gre) 14.5; 6, A. Matos (Por) 14.6.

Heat 4: (— 2.6m/s) 1, P. Schoebel (Fra) 14.2; 2, R. Bethge (E. Ger) 14.3; 3, B. Forssander (Swe) 14.5; 4, L. Nadenicek (Cz) 14.6; 5, S. STOREY (UK) 14.7.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (SEMIS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

The East German girls continued to act as pace-setters, with Petra Vogt's 23.5 into a 4.2m/sec wind establishing her as firm favourite for the title. Val Peat ran smoothly for her fastest legal time of the season and Madeleine Cobb joined her in the final. Helen Golden did not get through but she fully justified her selection and ought to have, dare I say it, a golden future.

Heat 1: (— 1.6m/sec) 1, R. Meissner (E. Ger) 23.6; 2, V. PEAT (UK) 23.8; 3, G. Meyer (Fra) 23.8; 4, M. Goth (Rum) 24.1; 5, H. GOLDEN (UK) 24.3; 6, U. Meyer (Swi) 24.4; 7, L. Samotysova (USSR) 24.5.

Heat 2: (— 4.2m/s) 1, P. Vogt (E. Ger) 23.5; 2, W. v.d. Berg (Neth) 23.7; 3, E. Hadrup (Den) 24.2; 4, M. COBB (UK) 24.4; 5, H. Kapfer (Aus) 24.5; 6, G. Balogh (Hun) 24.6.

LONG JUMP (FINAL)

Any clash between the two greatest long jumpers in European athletics history, Igor Ter-Ovanesyan and Lynn Davies, is worth travelling far to see and this latest episode was no exception. And in



Paul Nihill's winning stride in the 20 kilometres walk.
Tony Duffy/All-Sport-Foto

spite of four other jumpers clearing the classic eight metres (26'3") or better the competition somehow retained the nature of a private duel. At no time did they concede first and second places to the outsiders.

Igor, jumping eighth, opened with a purposeful 8.05/26'5" . . . a distance equalled by Lynn, jumping 13th and last. The atmosphere was electric: this was going to be a thriller with both men, the closest of friends off the track, striving for the advantage. Lynn, after his indifferent performance in the IAC meeting at Crystal Palace, was back in his element. As he had told me a day or two before, it is now only on occasions like this that he can find the incentive to propel himself to distances of around eight metres.

In the second round, Igor set the stadium alight with a jump of 8.17/26'9½" but Lynn's reply was an anti-climactic 7.84/25'8½". Both men had very long fouls in the third round, Lynn's being no less than 8.33/27'4" from two inches beyond the line! Clearly, he was capable of uncorking a winner and an 8.03/26'4½" in the fourth round, as against Igor's 7.96/26'1½", showed the mood he was in. Both men fouled their fifth jumps and Igor finished with 8.10/26'7". Now it was all up to Lynn, who gave it everything but fell just a few inches short with 8.07/26'5½". A grand competition and, happily, not the last between these two fine sportsmen since the Soviet star has announced his intention to continue until Munich (his fifth Olympics!) at which time he will be 34.

Ter-Ovanesyan, who thus regained the European title he had won in 1958 and 1962 but lost to Davies in 1966, said he did not think his 8.17 would prove sufficient to win and had been fully prepared for Lynn to triumph on the last jump, as he had in Budapest. Igor had hoped, with the favourable wind, to break his European record of 8.35/27'4½" and still has ambitions of reaching 8.50/27'10½".

An intriguing battle was waged simultaneously for the bronze medal. Klaus Beer, the Olympic silver medallist, seemed safely installed in third spot with his opening 8.03/26'4½" but the massive Tonu Lepik pipped him by a centimetre in the fourth round and held on in spite of perilously close challenges by Max Klauss (8.00), Beer (8.02)—the best non-windy mark of the contest) and Leonid Borkovskiy (8.02). Jack Pani, Davies's conqueror of a few weeks ago, had a couple of fouls beyond 8 metres but had to settle for seventh place. Nenad Stekic, who jumped 7.78/25'6¼" for 10th, is only 18.

1, IGOR TER-OVANESYAN (USSR) 8.17/26'9¾" (8.05w, 8.17w, —, 7.96w, —, 8.10w).

2, LYNN DAVIES (UK) 8.07/26'5¼" (8.05w, 7.84w, —, 8.03w, —, 8.07w).

3, TONU LEPIK (USSR) 8.04/26'4½" (7.57, 7.95w, —, 8.04w, —, 7.74).

4, KLAUS BEER (East Germany) 8.03/26'4½" (8.03w, —, 6.15w, 8.02, 7.62, 7.93).

5, LEONID BORKOVSKIY (USSR) 8.02/26'3½" (7.60, 7.92, 7.88w, 7.82w, 8.02w, 7.79).

6, MAX KLAUSS (East Germany) 8.00/26'3" (7.71w, 7.94, 7.96, 8.00, 7.83, 7.77w).

7, JACK PANI (France) 7.87/25'9¼" (7.87w, 7.75w, —, 7.85w, —, —).

8, GERARD UGOLINI (France) 7.87/25'9¼" (—, 7.83w, 7.65w, 7.87, 7.82, 7.75w).

9, Christian Turret (France) 7.82/25'8" (—, 7.82w, —); 10, Nenad Stekic (Yugoslavia) 7.78/25'6¼" (7.73, —, 7.78w); 11, Terje Haugland (Nor) 7.58/24'10½" (7.58w, —, 7.36); 12, Jesper Toerring (Denmark) 7.41/24'3¼" (7.41, 7.27w, 7.37); 13, Vasile Sarucan (Rumania) 7.34/24'1" (—, —, 7.34).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Ter-Ovanesyan & Davies; 3, Beer; 4, Pani; 5, Stekic; 6, Klauss.

Round 2: 1, Ter-Ovanesyan; 2, Davies; 3, Beer;

4, Lepik; 5, Klauss; 6, Borkovskiy.

Round 3: 1, Ter-Ovanesyan; 2, Davies; 3, Beer;

4, Klauss; 5, Lepik; 6, Borkovskiy.

Round 4: 1, Ter-Ovanesyan; 2, Davies; 3, Lepik;

4, Beer; 5, Klauss; 6, Borkovskiy.

Rounds 5 & 6: 1, Ter-Ovanesyan; 2, Davies; 3,

Lepik; 4, Beer; 5, Borkovskiy; 6, Klauss.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (FINAL)

Lillian Board has often been compared to Ann Packer and never was the similarity more marked than in this race. It was like Tokyo all over again as Lillian struck hard coming off the final turn and drew cleanly away. Even the times were almost identical: Ann's 2:01.1, Lillian's 2:01.4. That vocal minority who have attempted to throw doubt upon Lillian's ability must have been shocked, but what delight for those of us who have recognised her as a truly outstanding athlete destined for the highest honours.

The draw, with each athlete's best 1969 time, was: Vera Nikolic (defending champion and world record holder; best this year of 2:03.6), Annemarie Nenzell (2:04.1), Ileana Silai (Olympic silver medallist; 2:03.2), Barbara Wieck (2:03.3), Pat Lowe (2:03.3), Annelise Damm-Olesen (2:04.5), Ilja Keizer (2:03.5) and Lillian Board (2:04.2).

It was a fast start and at the break from lanes along the back straight Nikolic was ahead. The two British girls tucked in behind and at 200m, reached in a wind-blown 27.0, it was Nikolic a stride ahead of Board, with Lowe and Wieck in close attendance. Silai moved through coming up to the bell and at 400m (59.2)—that second 200m into the stiff wind took 32.2—Nikolic and Silai were together, just in front of Lowe and Board. Nikolic continued to lead around the next bend and down the back straight but although the pace quickened up again to 30.8 (90.0 at 600m) it was not severe enough to trouble the biggest kicker in the field, Lillian. She was nicely placed a yard or two behind Nikolic and Silai, together with Pat Lowe.

Lillian began her drive coming off the last bend. Nikolic and Silai held her at bay for a fleeting second or two but, out in the third lane, Lillian powered away from them soon after hitting the straight and never faltered for an instant until the tape was safely broken. Her winning margin was nearly ten yards, testimony indeed to her

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blazing finishing speed. She had run her type of race to perfection; it was an example of track artistry at its most accomplished and but for that devilish wind the world record might have gone.

In a desperate finish behind her, the unheralded 27-year-old Annelise Damm-Olesen pipped Nikolic for second in 2:02.6 (the pre-Athens best of this talented all rounder was 2:06.4!) while 18-year-old Barbara Wieck got the better of the highly fancied Silai in her best time of 2:02.7. Pat Lowe ran well, if uninspired, for 6th place in 2:03.4.

Lillian's decision to opt for the 800m was not, in reply to a facetious question by a French journalist, because she was afraid of Besson but "because I have a pain in my back which affects the nerves in my legs. It was a question of running the 800 or not at all". About the race, Lillian said: "I thought the two people to watch were Silai and Nikolic. I wasn't surprised when they took the lead and I decided I must keep with them until the last bend; then I might be able to outspurt them with my superior speed. I felt very positive in my running when I took the lead but all the time I kept thinking 'where are they?'."

Lillian, still troubled by her strained back, is planning a long rest. When she resumes training on January 1st, she will skip the weights for the first time in three years in an attempt to give her back the best chance of complete recovery. If the injury disappears she will concentrate on the 400 next season, with the odd 800 thrown in. "I'd like to be equally good at both events," she says, "but it doesn't really matter just so long as I'm good at one or other of them."

Nikolic, who in Mexico less than a year ago had declared "I'm running away from the track for ever", re-established herself—most importantly—in her own eyes. Her bronze medal, she said, after the disappointment of Mexico meant more to her than the gold she won as a 17-year-old in Budapest.

- 1, LILLIAN BOARD (UK) 2:01.4 (Champ. rec).
- 2, ANNELEISE DAMM-OLESEN (Denmark) 2:02.6.
- 3, VERA NIKOLIC (Yugoslavia) 2:02.6.
- 4, BARBARA WIECK (East Germany) 2:02.7.
- 5, ILEANA SILAI (Romania) 2:03.0.
- 6, PAT LOWE (UK) 2:03.4.
- 7, ANNEMARIE NENZELL (Sweden) 2:05.2.
- 8, ILJA KEIZER (Netherlands) 2:05.2.

LILLIAN'S 800 METRES CAREER

2:30.0*	Alpertown	3:10.64
2:19.7*	Hendon	26.6.65
2:07.9* (1)	Reading	14.6.67
2:06.2* (1)	Reading	12.6.68
2:05.7 (1)	Crystal Palace	19.7.68
2:02.0 (2)	Crystal Palace	20.7.68
2:07.9 (1)	Hendon	24.5.69
2:04.8 (1)	Reading	11.6.69
2:05.1 (1)	Crystal Palace	30.8.69
2:04.2 (1)	Athens	16.9.69
2:01.4 (1)	Athens	18.9.69

* 880y time less 0.8

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE (HEATS)

(1st 6 qualify for final)

The major casualty, in every sense, was John Jackson. He was pushed over on the second lap, falling heavily and injuring his chest. He quickly scrambled to his feet and re-established contact but the effort was too great and he fell back to finish seventh. A plucky run but a terrible misfortune for a man who could well have been among the medals. Now he will have to wait until Edinburgh next year to establish himself among the world's steeplechasing elite.

Heat 1: 1, V. Dudin (USSR) 8:43.8; 2, A. Risa (Nor) 8:44.0; 3, G. Tichov (Bul) 8:44.4; 4, J. Ouine (Fra) 8:44.6; 5, W. Luers (Pol) 8:45.6; 6, H. Menet (Swi) 8:47.2; 7, J. JACKSON (UK) 8:48.4; 8, P. Sysoyev (USSR) 8:54.8; 9, E. Van Butsele (Bel) 9:04.6; 10, S. Smitkowski (Pol) 9:07.4.

Heat 2: 1, A. Morozov (USSR) 8:44.4; 2, G. STEVENS (UK) 8:45.4; 3, M. Zhelev (Bul) 8:45.6; 4, K. Maranda (Pol) 8:48.0; 5, J. Villain (Fra) 8:50.0; 6, B. Persson (Swe) 8:51.0; 7, G. Cefan (Rum) 8:58.2; 8, T. Feldmann (Swi) 9:01.2; 9, U. Risi (Ita) 9:03.2.

50 KILOMETRES WALK

There are no half measures with 28-year-old Christoph Hohne. He walked away with the Olympic 50km title by a margin of ten minutes and on this occasion he was over 2½ minutes clear of his fast finishing team-mate Peter Selzer (23) and nearly ten minutes ahead of the next closest challenger. His time of 4:13:32.8 in a temperature of 25.8°C was exceptionally good, as was Selzer's 4:16:09.6. With both Bryan Eley and Shaun Lightman collapsing within a few yards of each other shortly after the 30km mark—title holder Abdou Pamich and Mexico silver medallist Antal Kiss were among the non finishers also—Britain's only man home was Ray Middleton. The 33-year-old Belgrave Harrier, believed by some to have been past his best, showed what a fine competitor he remains by taking fifth place in 4:27:00, well ahead of many better known walkers and only four minutes away from a bronze medal. A great performance.

Positions at 10km: Hohne 48:15, Bondarenko 48:33, Soldatenko & Bartsch 50:08, Leuschke & Selzer 50:45, Delerue & Lightman 50:46, Bilek 50:53, Kiss 50:54, Eley 51:03, Middleton 51:04.

At 20km: Hohne 1:38:00, Bondarenko 1:41:10, Soldatenko & Bartsch 1:42:30, Bilek 1:43:10, Kiss 1:43:11, Selzer 1:43:12, Delerue 1:43:13, Lightman & Leuschke 1:43:14, Middleton 1:43:15 . . . 14, Eley 1:47:00.

At 30km: Hohne 2:28:50, Bartsch 2:35:00, Soldatenko 2:35:05, Leuschke 2:35:40, Selzer 2:35:41, Middleton 2:36:00, Delerue 2:38:10, Bondarenko 2:38:15, Bilek 2:38:20, Dalmati 2:41:20 . . . 13, Lightman 2:44:50 . . . 16, Eley 2:48:00.

At 40km: Hohne 3:20:00, Selzer 3:25:31, Solda-



Bryan Eley taking an early lead in the London to Brighton walk. J. R. Coomber

tenko 3:27:11, Bartsch 3:28:13, Middleton 3:30:22, Bilek 3:34:38, Ingvarsson 3:34:39, Delerue 3:36:10, Sowa 3:37:06, Dalmati 3:39:09.

1, CHRISTOPH HOHNE (East Germany) 4:13:32.8 (Champ. rec).

2, PETER SELZER (East Germany) 4:16:09.6.

3, VENYAMIN SOLDATENKO (USSR) 4:23:04.8.

4, OTTO BARTSCH (USSR) 4:26:45.0.

5, RAY MIDDLETON (UK) 4:27:00.0.

6, STEFAN INGVARSSON (Sweden) 4:32:07.2.

7, CHARLES SOWA (Luxembourg) 4:33:24.6.

8, ALEXANDER BILEK (Czechoslovakia) 4:34:35.8.

9, Henri Delerue (France) 4:35:10.4; 10, Janos Dalmati (Hungary) 4:38:09.0; 11, Edmund Paziewski (Poland) 4:45:15.0; 12, Stig Lindberg (Sweden) 4:45:53.4; 13, Robert Rinckard (Belgium) 5:09:46.0; 14, Aynur Ayhan (Turkey) 5:10:16.4.

G. Bailly (Fra), V. Visini (Ita), A. Kiss (Hun), S. LIGHTMAN (UK), B. ELEY (UK), O. Landehagen (Nor), T. Brustad (Nor) and A. Pamich (Ita) retired. P. Pohjoilainen (Fin), B. Leuschke (E. Ger) and S. Bondarenko (USSR) were disqualified.

WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

Never, in the annals of women's high jumping, has there been such a competition. With Iolanda

Balas a particularly interested spectator, no fewer than four girls cleared six feet (1.83m) . . . with the unlucky one, not even getting a medal for her achievement, being Rita Schmidt. It was a fabulous field, with Barbara Inkpen (1.78/5'10") and Dorothy Shirley (1.74/5'8½") ranking lowest on personal best heights among the 13 jumpers. The other distinction about the British girls was that they were the only jumpers to approach from the right, looking at the bar.

Dorothy Shirley was one of three to equal her personal best. After clearing 1.65/5'5", 1.68/5'6" and 1.71/5'7¼" first time she made 1.74/5'8½" on the second attempt—her third consecutive competition at that height. She went quite close with one of her tries at 1.77/5'9¼" but, with a personal height of 1.67/5'5¼" and a Western roll style, that would just about represent her maximum potential. She can match the great East Europeans for pure spring but she will need to master the straddle to reach their heights. Barbara Inkpen, not noted as a big-time competitor, did herself justice this time. She made 1.65, 1.68 and 1.71 without trouble, cleared 1.74 second time and then—during Lillian Board's victory ceremony—quietly slipped over 1.77 at the second attempt. This was easily the highest by a British girl in a major championship and gave her eighth place, though the same height was cleared by the fifth placer.

With the bar at 1.83/6'0" four girls were left in, and all succeeded: Antonina Lazareva (née Okorokova) and Olympic champion Miloslava Rezkova at the second attempt, Rita Schmidt and Maria Mracnova (née Faithova) at the third. A height of 1.86/6'1¼" was beyond all of them and so, as Lazareva and Rezkova were adjudged level on the countback, a jump-off was conducted . . . which the Czech girl won when she cleared 1.83/6'0". What a competitor this 19-year-old goldsmith from Prague is . . . and she is only 1.69/5'6½" tall!

1, MILOSLAVA REZKOVA (Czechoslovakia) 1.83/6'0".

2, ANTONINA LAZAREVA (USSR) 1.83/6'0".

3, MARIA MRACNOVA (Czechoslovakia) 1.83/6'0".

4, RITA SCHMIDT (East Germany) 1.83/6'0".

5, KARIN SCHULZE (East Germany) 1.77/5'9¼".

6, SNEZANA HREPEVNIK (Yugoslavia) 1.77/5'9¼".

7, ILONA GUSENBAUER (Austria) 1.77/5'9¼".

8, BARBARA INKPEN (UK) 1.77/5'9¼".

9, Ghislaine Barnay (France) 1.74/5'8½"; 10, Jaroslava Valentova (Czechoslovakia) 1.74/5'8½";

11, DOROTHY SHIRLEY (UK) 1.74/5'8½"; 12, Nina Bryntseva (USSR) 1.71/5'7¼"; 13, Yordanka Blagoyeva (Bulgaria) 1.68/5'6".

400 METRES (FINAL)

It was a desperately tight race, with the length of one stride separating the winner, Jan Werner, from his countryman Andrzej Badenski in sixth place. It was the first really major triumph by

the 23-year-old Pole who, since he shot into prominence with a 45.7 in 1966, has often flattered to deceive. Badenski went off fastest, with Werner also up on the third Pole, defending champion Stanislaw Gredzinski. Entering the straight, though, it was Jean-Claude Nallet who led but, in his own words, "I took panic . . . an uncontrollable fear"—and Werner surged past. Gredzinski, running better than at any time since his success in Budapest three years ago, finished third just ahead of fast finishing Jacques Carette. Inches behind, Aleksandr Bratchikov finally broke Ardalion Ignatyev's long standing Soviet record with 45.9 and, taking into account Borzov's 100m victory, it looks as though the USSR is beginning to produce some talented short distance runners again. The previous championship record of 45.9 was held by Robbie Brightwell.

- 1, JAN WERNER (Poland) 45.7 (Champ. rec).
- 2, JEAN-CLAUDE NALLET (France) 45.8.
- 3, STANISLAW GREDZINSKI (Poland) 45.8.
- 4, JACQUES CARETTE (France) 45.9.
- 5, ALEKSANDR BRATCHIKOV (USSR) 45.9.
- 6, ANDRZEJ BADENSKI (Poland) 46.0.
- 7, BORIS SAVCHUK (USSR) 46.3.
- 8, SERGIO BELLO (Italy) 46.6.

800 METRES (SEMIS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

One had a somewhat hollow feeling watching a 400m final without any British participation and this next event was equally dispiriting, for all three British runners bade farewell. Andy Carter was narrowly run out of it in the first heat, but one was less prepared for the double downfall of Dave Cropper and Bob Adams in the second. Adams must have been under the weather, for he was never in touch, but Cropper was decisively outpaced in the drive along the finishing straight.

Heat 1: 1, Y. Arzhanov (USSR) 1:49.2; 2, E. Schulze (E. Ger) 1:49.4; 3, M. Matuschewski (E. Ger) 1:49.4; 4, N. Carroll (RoI) 1:49.5; 5, A. CARTER (UK) 1:49.6; 6, J. Medjimurec (Yug) 1:49.6; 7, S. Waskiewicz (Pol) 1:49.6; 8, T. Jungwirth (Cz) 1:50.0. Time at 400m: 55.8.

Heat 2: 1, J. Plachy (Cz) 1:48.9; 2, D. Fromm (E. Ger) 1:49.0; 3, H. Mumenthaler (Swi) 1:49.1; 4, A. Kupczyk (Pol) 1:49.2; 5, D. CROPPER (UK) 1:50.0; 6, R. ADAMS (UK) 1:50.9; 7, S. Kryuchek (USSR) 1:53.3; 8, K. Wardak (Pol) 1:57.1. Time at 400m: 55.2.

400 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

The draw was a good one for John Sherwood, in lane four with the main danger Vyacheslav Skomorokhov in five; Andy Todd was in the seventh lane. It was the deaf Russian, though, who dominated the race. Rushing down the back straight in the Hemery manner he must have been close to ten yards up on Sherwood at the half-way mark. He held this advantage around the

rather squarish bends of an otherwise admirable track but Sherwood, using his strength against the wind, was closing up all the way to the tape. Skomorokhov was never seriously in danger and had three yards to spare at the end, while Sherwood—as in almost all of his races in Britain this season—had his hands full against Andy Todd. Andy, who admits he was lucky even to qualify for the final, made wonderful amends for his lacklustre performance in the heats. Striding fourteens to the fifth hurdle and fifteens for the rest of the journey, he finished strongly a clear third in 50.3, a personal best. Still only 21, Todd has an exciting future and this bronze medal so early in his career should inspire him to still greater things.

Skomorokhov, who is eight-tenths faster than any other European this season with his 49.1 in the USSR championships, strode fifteens all the way and told reporters that he ran the race in his normal manner. He likes to go off fast and build up a lead of five or six metres by halfway. Aged 29 this week-end, Skomorokhov took up athletics ten years ago and clocked 18.0 in his first race, at 110m hurdles. Under the coaching of former European champion Yevgeniy Bulan-chik, he progressed to 13.9 in 1965 before switching his attentions to the intermediates. He was fifth in Mexico in 49.1.

- 1, VYACHESLAV SKOMOROKHOV (USSR) 49.7.
- 2, JOHN SHERWOOD (UK) 50.1.
- 3, ANDY TODD (UK) 50.3.
- 4, HANS-JORG WIRZ (Switzerland) 50.8.
- 5, FRANCOIS HUARD (France) 51.1.
- 6, WILHELM WEINSTAND (Poland) 51.2.
- 7, TADEUSZ KULCZYCKI (Poland) 51.3.
- 8, GIORGIO BALLATI (Italy) 52.4.

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (FINAL)

In a race that will be talked about for years, one that can be mentioned in the same breath as the Davis v. Kaufmann epic in Rome, Nicole Duclos edged Colette Besson as both the French girls were credited with world record figures of 51.7. Both ran in fantastic fashion and it was a pity that one of them had to be the loser.

The draw, from the inside, was Maria Sykora, Donata Govoni, Janet Simpson, Rosemary Stirling (no starting blocks!), Colette Besson, Hannelore Middecke, Nicole Duclos and Karin Lundgren. In a recent interview conducted by Christian Montaignac in *Athletisme Magazine*, Mme Duclos had predicted that the race would be won in around 52 sec and stated that she would be very happy to win but would be pleased for Colette if her team-mate were to prove successful. Mlle Besson said she was hoping to win in 51.2 and would be disappointed if she were to take the title in, say, 53 sec. There seemed to be little doubt in her mind that she would win.

Besson, wearing a "lucky" yellow hair ribbon, blasted away from her blocks like a 200m sprinter. Indeed, she covered the first half lap in a time that would do credit to any pure sprinter—inside

24 sec! At 300m, reached in 37.5, Besson was five yards up on Duclos with the rest of the field trailing. The Olympic champion looked set for victory until, midway along the finishing straight, she began to falter. Duclos still had much ground to make up but it was like Board v. Besson in Mexico again, only this time the part of Lillian was being played by Colette.

Relentlessly Nicole closed up and in the dive for the tape it was she who gained the verdict. The electric times show how close it was: 51.72 to 51.74—credible running in the blustery conditions. As with Sarteur, though, the French press picked wrong. While Duclos walked quietly out of the arena, Besson was mobbed even though she kept shaking her head and pleading "I'm not sure if I won". Later, on the podium, Colette looked radiantly happy as she received her silver medal but she was disguising her true feelings. She did not believe she could lose in her present form and the fact that her conqueror was a fellow countrywoman who had been practically unknown even in France until a few months ago was no consolation at all.

Almost unnoticed, Maria Sykora captured the bronze medal with her third personal best in as many races here: 53.0. She nosed out Hannelore Middecke, very much back in the big time (she won the European Cup 800m final in 1965) after having a baby in 1966 and a potential sub-2 min. 800m runner next season. Janet Simpson was not at all happy with her run, vowing to make amends in the relay, while Rosemary Stirling had done well enough to reach the final at all.

Nicole was born at Perigueux on August 15th, 1947; she is 1.67/5'5½" tall, weighs 55kg/121lb and is an office worker. Married for two years to Michel Duclos (50.1 400m), Nicole made her 400m debut in 1965 and clocked a best of 58.2 that year . . . and in 1966 . . . and in 1967! She progressed to 55.9 in 1968 prior to this year's astonishing breakthrough. Colette, born at Saint-de-Didonne on April 7th, 1946, is a PE teacher, standing 1.69/5'6½" and 56kg/123lb. Her progression: 1966—54.2, 1967—55.2, 1968—52.0, 1969 51.7.

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- 6, DONATA GOVONI (Italy) 53.6.
- 7, JANET SIMPSON (UK) 53.8.
- 8, ROSEMARY STIRLING (UK) 54.6.

DECATHLON

(Second Day)

Joachim Kirst (22), a well proportioned 1.90/6'2½", 94kg/207lb army sergeant, fell well short in his bid to break Kurt Bendlin's world record of 8319 but his final total of 8041 was still over 200 points clear of runner-up, team-mate Herbert Wessel. Kirst's only notable weakness, leaving aside the special case of the 1500m, is the high hurdles—surprising for a man who can run 100m in 10.4, high jump 2.16/7'1" and long jump 7.82/25'8". He ought to be running close to 14 sec but here he managed only 15.9, admittedly into a 5.5m/sec wind.

Edward de Noorlander (Netherlands) who jumped from tenth to sixth after winning his 1500m race by nearly 150 yards in 4:20.5, was disqualified after a doping test proved positive.

More misfortune for Clive Longe, whose career continues to be plagued by injuries. Seventeenth overnight, he was making good progress until he damaged ligaments behind his knee while throwing the javelin. Following a 15.5 hurdles into a 3m/sec wind he threw the discus 42.86/140'7"—some 20ft below his best but sufficient to move him up two places to 15th. Then came the pole vault, in which Clive surpassed himself. His previous best standing at 4.11/13'6", he levered his 90kg/198lb frame over 4.20/13'9½" at the first attempt, 4.30/14'1½" on the second and was not all that far away from clearing 4.40/14'5½"! This extraordinary feat brought his total up to 6151 for 12th place (11th without de Noorlander) but unfortunately he was unable to register a javelin throw and had to withdraw from the 1500m. A javelin toss of around 60m (196'10") and a 5:00 1500m would have given Clive a score of over 7300.

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6, HORST MANDL (Austria) 7579 (15.1, 40.00/131'2", 4.40/14'5½", 58.42/191'8", 4:38.8).

7, LENNART HEDMARK (Sweden) 7531 (15.5, 42.44/139'3", 4.10/13'5½", 66.64/218'7", 4:42.3).

8, URS TRAUTMANN (Switzerland) 7487 (15.9, 44.60/146'4", 3.90/12'9½", 61.86/202'11", 4:42.6).

9, Leonid Litvinenko (USSR) 7410 (15.0, 41.02/134'7", 3.40/11'2", 54.08/177'5", 4:24.3); 10, Spass Djurov (Bul) 7384 (15.7, 41.38/135'9", 4.10/13'5½", 55.36/181'7", 4:41.6); 11, Jozsef Bakai (Hun) 7334 (16.6, 46.46/152'5", 4.20/13'9½", 60.84/199'7", 5:11.0); 12, Charlemagne Anyamah (Fra) 7321 (15.3, 38.50/126'3", 4.00/13'1¼", 59.48/195'1", 4:48.8); 13, Tadeusz Janczenko (Pol) 7163 (17.1, 40.48/132'9", 4.00/13'1¼", 53.10/174'2", 5:01.1); 14, Hannu Kyösola (Fin) 7113 (16.0, 35.54/116'7", 3.30/10'10", 61.90/203'1", 4:35.8); 15, Steen Smidt-Jensen (Den) 7091 (15.1, 40.38/132'5", 4.00/13'1¼", 42.42/139'2", 4:51.1).

16, Jan Neckar (Cz) 7077 (15.9, 40.36/132'5", 3.70/12'1¼", 68.16/223'7", 4:36.4); 17, Jordan Miljakov (Bul) 7016 (16.1, 41.84/137'3", 4.10/13'5½", 61.44/201'7", 4:40.9); 18, Rafael Cano (Spa) 7005 (15.8, 33.42/109'7", 3.90/12'9½", 52.32/171'8", 4:40.6); 19, Vasile Sevastis (Gre) 6728 (16.2, 36.02/118'2", 3.50/11'5½", 51.80/169'11", 4:30.2); 20, Franz Biedermann (Lie) 6696 (16.4, 33.16/108'9", 4.10/13'5½", 57.64/189'1", 4:30.0); 21, Freddy Her-

brandt (Bel) 6521 (16.5, 42.18/138'4", 4.00/13'1¼", 44.88/147'3", —); 22, CLIVE LONGE (UK) 6151 (15.5, 42.86/140'7", 4.30/14'1¼", —, —).

Edward De Noorlander (Neth) 7598 (15.1, 40.40/132'6", 4.10/13'5½", 50.94/167'1", 4:20.5) was disqualified.

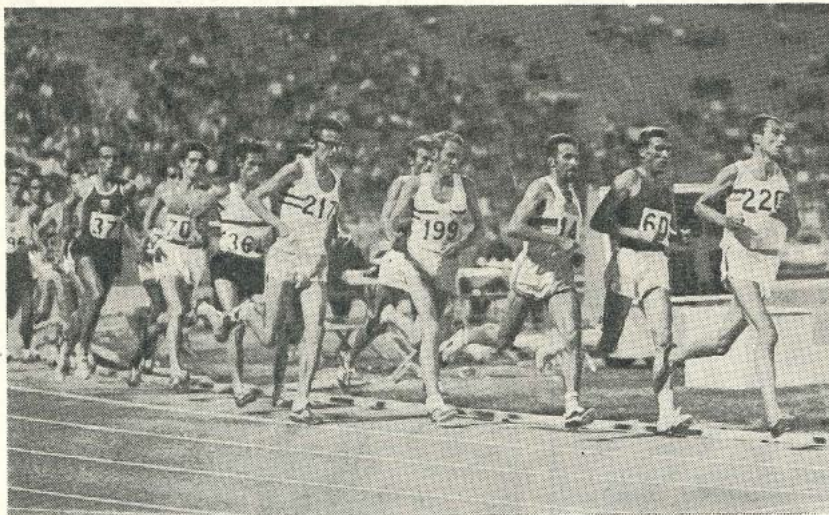
Fourth Day

Friday, September 19th

ANOTHER good day for Britain's athletes. Ian Stewart triumphed in the 5000m (13:44.8) with Alan Blinston an unexpected third, and another medal came in the women's 200m where Val Peat ran the fastest race of her life (23.3) for third place behind two East Germans... but Dave Travis endured the agonising experience of having a bronze medal calibre throw ruled flat. The event was won by Janis Lusi, for the third time running, with a superb 91.52/300'3"—the greatest result of the day. Other Russian successes were achieved in the high jump through Valentin Gavrilov and the women's discus through Tamara Danilova. The other two titles on offer went to East Germany's Dieter Fromm (800m) and Poland's Mirosława Sarna (women's long jump). West German athletes made their first appearance, in the relays, and their women's 4x400m squad caused a sensation by breaking the world record with 3:33.9, four tenths ahead of Britain. Rita Ridley set a personal best in her 1500m heat.

HAMMER (QUALIFYING)

Only seven men attained the 66.00/216'6" standard, and so five others—including Howard Payne (who fouled a 66m effort)—were added to the list of finalists. Even though a paltry 62.08/203'8" eventually sufficed to qualify, several well known throwers failed to make it. Reinhard Theimer broke Romuald Klim's championship record.



After six laps of the 10,000m: Mike Tagg leads from Nikolay Sviridov, Gaston Roelants, Dick Taylor, Jurgen Haase and Mike Freary.

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Qualifiers

R. Theimer (E. Ger) **71.06/233'1"** (Champ. rec); G. Zsivotzky (Hun) —, **69.98/229'7"**; A. Bondarchuk (USSR) **69.06/226'7"**; R. Klim (USSR) **68.50/224'9"**; L. Lovasz (Hun) 64.58, **66.86/219'4"**; J. Sachse (E. Ger) **66.72/218'11"**; S. Eckschmidt (Hun) 65.58, 64.22, **66.58/218'9"**; K. Harlos (Fin) —, 63.14, **64.74/212'5"**; H. PAYNE (UK) **64.58/211'10"**, 64.02, —; J. Potsch (Aus) —, **63.20/207'4"**; 60.70; L. Strom (Swe) 60.82, —, **62.70/205'8"**; D. Mindov (Bul) **62.08/203'8"**, 62.04, 61.24.

Non-qualifiers

G. Babaniotis (Gre) 61.24, **61.98/203'4"**, 61.06; E. Ammann (Swi) 59.58, —, **60.88/199'9"**; J. Accambray (Fra) 58.66, 60.12, **60.76/199'4"**; C. Sustelo (Por) **60.54/198'7"**, 60.08, —; S. Lubiejewski (Pol) **59.50/195'2"**, —, 59.48; G. Chadeaux (Fra) —, 57.28, **59.42/194'11"**; E. Valdemarsson (Ice) 42.68, —, **51.04/167'5"**.

POLE VAULT (QUALIFYING)

The ludicrous 5.00/16'5" qualifying standard was dispensed with; in fact anyone clearing 4.70/15'5" was forwarded to the final. Two who came to grief were Francois Tracanelli, who failed at 4.70, and—how he must be kicking himself—potential medallist Renato Dionisi, who came in and failed at 4.80/15'9" when 4.70 would have been sufficient.

Qualifiers

W. Nordwig (E. Ger), R. Ivanoff (Fin), A. Righi (Ita), J. Blomqvist (Swe), C. Papanicolaou (Gre), F. Mariani (Ita), J. Bar (E. Ger) & A. Legrain (Fra) all cleared **4.80/15'9"**; M. BULL (UK), K. Isaksson (Swe), E. Mustakari (Fin) & Y. Isakov (USSR) all cleared **4.0/15'5"**.

Non-qualifiers

R. Steinhacker (Hun) **4.50/14'9½"**; F. Tracanelli (Fra) & R. Dionisi (Ita) no ht.

WOMEN'S 4x100m RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 2 and 2 fastest losers to final)

The now well established team of Anita Neil and three Dorothy Hyman Track Club girls equalled the UK season's best of 45.0, a time bettered by both West and East Germany—the latter clipping Poland's 1966 winning mark. Only one team was eliminated, inevitably Greece.

Heat 1: 1, UNITED KINGDOM (NEIL, RAMSDEN, COOPER, PEAT) 45.0; 2, France (Meyer, Telliez, Montandon, Grandrieux) 45.6; 3, Sweden (Randerz, Ilsson, Lundgren, Larson) 46.4.

Heat 2: 1, West Germany (Hahnle, Stock, Jahn, Becker) 44.6; 2, USSR (Besfamilnaya, Golomazova, Samotysova, Mitrokhina) 45.2; 3, Austria (Prckop, Kapfer, Sykora, Kren) 46.5.

Heat 3: 1, East Germany (Hofer, Meissner, Podeswa, Vogt) 44.2 (Champ. rec); 2, Poland (Mandecka, Jedrejek, Jozwik, Sarna) 45.5; 3, Greece (Reize, Vrettakov, Sassayanni, Miniati) 49.2.



Rita Ridley—ran her fastest 1500m.

Ed Lacey

WOMEN'S 1500 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 6 qualify for final)

The first heat was remarkable, with Paola Pigni pulling five other girls inside 4:20—including a personal best of 4:18.2 by Rita Ridley. Poor Larisa Safronova clocked 4:21.3, seven seconds faster than Jaroslava Jehlickova in the second heat, and yet was shut out. Bad luck, too, for Waltraud Pohland—who turned 17 three days earlier. This tiny girl (1.62/5'3½", 43kg/95lb) who has marks of 2:06.1 and 4:25.2 to her credit, fell and failed to finish. Note that three Dutch girls broke 4:19!

Heat 1: 1, P. Pigni (Ita) 4:17.2; 2, R. RIDLEY (UK) 4:18.2; 3, L. Bragina (USSR) 4:18.3; 4, G. Hoffmeister (E. Ger) 4:18.4; 5, I. Keizer (Neth) 4:18.6; 6, E. Privrelova (Cz) 4:19.0; 7, L. Safronova (USSR) 4:21.3; 8, V. Amzina (Bul) 4:22.2; 9, M. Linca (Rum) 4:24.6; 10, S. Kolakowska (Pol) 4:25.4; 11, A. O'Brien (RoI) 4:34.4.

Heat 2: 1, M. Gommers (Neth) 4:17.9; 2, A. Bosman (Neth) 4:18.1; 3, A. Kolesnikova (USSR) 4:19.1; 4, R. Kleinau (E. Ger) 4:21.5; 5, A. Nenzell (Swe) 4:22.2; 6, J. Jehlickova (Cz) 4:28.4; 7, M. Budavaari (Hun) 4:31.6; 8, T. BATEMAN (UK) 4:35.2; 9, A. Ramello (Ita) 4:36.6; 10, V. Milosevic (Yug) 4:36.9. W. Pohland (E. Ger) dnf.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES (FINAL)

In winning the 200m to add to her 100m success, 19-year-old schoolgirl Petra Vogt became the first female to complete the European sprint double since Fanny Blankers-Koen in 1950. She won by a yard from her even more powerfully built colleague Renate Meissner (19) in 23.2, good time into an 0.6m/sec breeze. Val Peat, finishing well, was a clear third ahead of 100m runner-up Wilma v.d. Berg, and her time of 23.3 was a personal best and just a tenth away from Dorothy Hyman's UK record. And while on the subject of Dorothy . . . "She would definitely have been first in both sprints," Val Peat affirmed. Madeleine Cobb, practically coasting because of knee trouble, finished last and yet still recorded her best legal time of 24.1; what a pity she was unable to show her true form.

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- 1, PETRA VOGT (East Germany) 23.2.
 - 2, RENATE MEISSNER (East Germany) 23.3.
 - 3, VALERIE PEAT (UK) 23.3.
 - 4, WILMA VAN DEN BERG (Netherlands) 23.5.
 - 5, GABRIELLE MEYER (France) 23.7.
 - 6, MARIANA GOTH (Rumania) 23.9.
 - 7, ELSE HADRUP (Denmark) 24.0.
 - 8, MADELEINE COBB (UK) 24.1.

200 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Dave Dear failed by a yard or so, in the weaker of the two semis, to qualify. Thus, in the four

shortest men's track events only one Briton—Barrie Kelly—succeeded in reaching a final.

Heat 1: (— 1.25m/s) 1, P. Clerc (Swi) 20.9; 2, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 20.9; 3, H. Burde (E. Ger) 21.0; 4, P. Abeti (Ita) 21.1; 5, L. Bohman (Cz) 21.1; 6, P. Krizan (Yug) 21.2; 7, L. Kriz (Cz) 21.3; 8, L. Mihalyfi (Hun) 21.5.

Heat 2: (— 1.85m/s) 1, H. Bombach (E. Ger) 21.2; 2, J. Kynos (Cz) 21.2; 3, P. Guillet (Fra) 21.2; 4, H. Wiedmer (Swi) 21.4; 5, A. Nepraunik (Aus) 21.5; 6, D. DEAR (UK) 21.5; 7, N. Ivanov (USSR) 21.6.

WOMEN'S 100m HURDLES (SEMIS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Chris Perera scored timely revenge over Marlene Canguio, winner in the GB v. France match at Middlesbrough: her speedy run-in and dip finish swallowed up a yard deficit over the last hurdle to give her fourth place and entry to the final. Sue Hayward clocked the same time of 14.1 in the other semi but in spite of finishing so fast that she lost control as she crossed the line her position was sixth. Karin Balzer, thigh bandaged, was in a class by herself.

Heat 1: (— 1.9m/s) 1, T. Nowak (Pol) 13.7; 2, B. Podeswa (E. Ger) 13.7; 3, L. Khitrina (USSR) 13.7; 4, C. PERERA (UK) 14.1; 5, M. Canguio (Fra) 14.1; 6, M. Piackova (Cz) 14.5; 7, E. Pilav (Yug) 14.8.

Heat 2: (— 1.7m/s) 1, K. Balzer (E. Ger) 13.5; 2, R. Hofer (E. Ger) 13.8; 3, T. Sukniewicz (Pol) 14.0; 4, S. Norrlund (Fin) 14.0; 5, J. Schoebel (Fra) 14.1; 6, S. HAYWARD (UK) 14.1; 7, M. Vettorazzo (Ita) 14.8.

110 METRES HURDLES (SEMIS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Level pegging still by Eddy Ottoz and Dave



Petra Vogt (East Germany), left, wins the 200 metres title in 23.2 from her team-mate Renate Meissner and Britain's Val Peat.

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Hemery. Each won his heat, into a 1.2m/sec wind, in 13.8. Consensus of opinion was that the stronger the headwind in the final the more it would favour Hemery. Alan Pascoe showed improved form for a 14.0 clocking, eliminating among others 13.6 performer Frank Siebeck.

Heat 1: (— 1.2m/s) 1, E. Ottoz (Ita) 13.8; 2, A. PASCOE (UK) 14.0; 3, P. Schoebel (Fra) 14.0; 4, K. Weum (Nor) 14.1; 5, F. Siebeck (E. Ger) 14.1; 6, W. Kuhn (Swi) 14.1; 7, M. Jozwik (Pol) 14.4; 8, M. Acerbi (Ita) 14.5.

Heat 2: (— 1.2m/s) 1, D. HEMERY (UK) 13.8; 2, G. Drut (Fra) 13.8; 3, R. Bethge (E. Ger) 14.1; 4, S. Liani (Ita) 14.1; 5, H. Finland (Nor) 14.2; 6, N. Pertea (Rum) 14.3; 7, B. Forssander (Swe) 14.4; 8, L. Nadenicek (Cz) 14.5.

JAVELIN (FINAL)

In Mexico, it will be recalled, Janis Lusi cut it rather fine as he won with his final throw. Here it was different; his opening toss, a sight that will rank high among my most treasured athletic memories, reluctantly came to earth 91.52 metres away from the throwing arc. For the first time in a major championship, the 100-yard barrier had been breached: 300'3"1. Only 1964 Olympic champion Pauli Nevala had any stomach left after that and he reached 89.58/293'11" in the second round before fouling the remainder of his throws. The Finn apart, only evergreen Janusz Sidlo came within THIRTY FEET of Lusi's distance.

Lusi, a 30-year-old Latvian, can be considered the greatest javelin thrower who ever lived. His only rival to such a title, surely, is Matti Jarvinen. On a performance level he can claim the second longest throw on record (91.98/301'9" last year) and a total of nine 90m-plus efforts; as a competitor he can point to three consecutive European titles, an Olympic bronze in 1964 and the gold last October. His knack of hitting top form at the right moment is uncanny; this year, for instance, he had not previously done better than 88.38/289'11".

Remarkable also has been the career of Janusz Sidlo, whose first round 82.90 earned him a bronze medal to add to his collection of two European golds (1954 and 1958) and an Olympic silver (1956). At 36, this five-time Olympian remains a major figure in international javelin throwing; his best mark this season of 83.80/274'11" is better than the world record he held briefly all of 13 years ago. This is his 22nd season as a javelinist, but his enthusiasm and talent for the event remain undiminished.

With another grand veteran, Gergely Kulcsar (twice a European and three times an Olympic medallist since 1958) taking fourth place it was quite a competition for the establishment, but spare a thought for our own Dave Travis. In the first round he unleashed the throw of his life—give or take a few centimetres it landed at around 83 metres (272'3"), way beyond John FitzSimons' UK record. Such a throw would have deprived Sidlo of the bronze medal, or at the very worst would have given Dave fourth place among the

elite . . . BUT. To the disbelief of Dave and several thousand others the throw was ruled flat; in the time it takes for an official to raise a red flag Dave's feeling of ecstasy turned to despair. It was a cataclysmic experience for a man who has worked hard to push himself into world class and now, at least until the next European Championships in 1971, he will have to walk through life—like Sue Platt—thinking "if only . . ." Dave pulled himself together by the third round but fell over a metre short of earning himself another three chances of hitting the jackpot again. One consolation for Dave is that he knows now that he is a world class thrower even if the record books do not yet show it, and he still finished ahead of two world record breakers, Jorma Kinnunen and Carlo Lievore.

1, JANIS LUSIS (USSR) 91.52/300'3" (Champ. rec) (91.52, 84.56, —, —, 79.68, 83.08).

2, PAULI NEVALA (Finland) 89.58/293'11" (85.80, 89.58, 4 fouls).

3, JANUSZ SIDLO (Poland) 82.90/272'0" (82.90, —, 76.02, 75.46, —, 72.24).

4, GERGELY KULCSAR (Hungary) 81.14/266'2" (—, 81.14, 76.34, 79.96, 80.72, 77.96).

5, WIESLAW SIERANSKI (Poland) 79.74/261'7" (74.84, —, 79.74, 76.26, —, —).

6, JANIS DONINS (USSR) 79.10/259'6" (79.10, —, 76.20, —, —).

7, ESKO KUUTTI (Finland) 78.84/258'8" (—, 70.58, 78.84, —, —, 76.38).

8, WLADYSLAW NIKICIUK (Poland) 77.48/254'2" (—, 75.30, 77.48, —, 77.34, —).

9, DAVE TRAVIS (UK) 76.32/250'5" (—, 64.68, 76.32); 10, JORMA KINNUNEN (Fin) 74.82/245'5" (69.92, 74.82, —); 11, Andreas Kaponis (Gre) 73.24/240'3" (—, —, 73.24); 12, Carlo Lievore (Ita) 72.06/236'5" (66.90, 72.06, 67.58); 13, Miltsho Milenski (Bul) 71.66/235'1" (71.58, 71.66, —).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Lusia; 2, Nevala; 3, Sidlo; 4, Donins; 5, Sieranski; 6, Milenski.

Round 2: 1, Lusia; 2, Nevala; 3, Sidlo; 4, Kulcsar; 5, Donins; 6, Nikiciuk.

Round 3 and onwards: 1, Lusia; 2, Nevala; 3, Sidlo; 4, Kulcsar; 5, Sieranski; 6, Donins.

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP (FINAL)

The enforced absence of Heide Rosendahl (top of rankings with 6.64/21'9½") and Irena Szewinska, together with Sheila Sherwood's ankle injury ("It went on the first jump"), ruined this as a competition. Olympic champion Viorica Viscopoleanu, fast recovering form after a fairly disastrous season, opened with 6.45/21'2"; Mirosława Sarna, née Salacinska, countered with a 6.48/21'3¼" which she improved by a centimetre in the second round; Berit Berthelsen, recovered just in time from injury, slipped into third with a second jump of 6.44/21'1½" . . . and that was that. Maureen Barton, very close to her best, placed an honourable sixth and Moira Walls also acquitted herself well in this her first major championship final. Sheila Sherwood, whose injury had prevented her from jumping for some weeks (there was talk

of her being withdrawn from the competition), pluckily reached over 20 feet.

It is only in the last two years that Mirosława Sarna (27) has made a name for herself as a long jumper although she has been plugging away at the event ever since 1955. A 24.1 200m runner as long ago as 1960 and a 1.70/5'7" high jumper in 1963, she brings to the event a good combination of speed (11.5 100m this year) and spring. Her previous best this season was 6.34/20'9½" and her annual progression reads: 1955—4.35/14'3¼", 1957—5.27/17'3¼", 1958—5.39/17'8¼", 1959—5.54/18'2¼", 1960—5.60/18'4¼", 1961—5.71/18'8¼", 1962—5.77/18'11¼", 1963—5.95/19'6¼", 1964—6.13/20'1¼", 1965—6.16/20'2¼", 1966—6.16/20'2¼", 1967—6.40/21'0", 1968—6.47/21'2¼" (5th in Olympics), 1969—6.49/21'3¼".

1, MIROSLAWA SARNA (Poland) 6.49/21'3¼" (6.48w, 6.49, 6.45, 6.36, —, 6.41).

2, VIORICA VISCOPOLEANU (Rumania) 6.45/21'2" (6.45, 6.19, 6.35, 6.15, 6.33, 6.23).

3, BERIT BERTHELSEN (Norway) 6.44/21'1½" (6.10, 6.44, 6.26, 6.16, 6.35, 6.10).

4, DEANA YORGOVA (Bulgaria) 6.31/20'8½" (6.31, 6.29, 6.04, 6.24, 6.31, —).

5, TATYANA BYCHKOVA (USSR) 6.29/20'7½" (6.29w, 5.92, 5.70, 5.39, 6.08, 6.02).

6, MAUREEN BARTON (UK) 6.28/20'7¼" (6.28, 5.96, —, 6.08, 6.05, —).

7, EVA KUCMANOVA (Czechoslovakia) 6.21/20'4½" (6.06w, —, 6.21, 4.38, 6.10, 5.83).

8, KRISTINA HAUER (East Germany) 6.19/20'3¼" (—, 6.19w, —, —, 6.05, 5.82).

9, MOIRA WALLS (UK) 6.16/20'2½" (6.05, 6.16, 5.86w); 10, SHEILA SHERWOOD (UK) 6.15/20'2¼" (—, 5.60, 6.15); 11, Sieglinde Ammann (Swi) 6.14/20'1¼" (—, 6.14, 5.76); 12, Meta Antenen (Swi) 6.13/20'1¼" (5.09, 6.13, 5.98); 13, Haroula Sasagianni (Gre) 5.43/17'9½" (—, 5.43, —).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Sarna; 2, Viscopoleanu; 3, Yorgova; 4, Bychkova; 5, Barton; 6, Berthelsen.

Round 2 and onwards: 1, Sarna; 2, Viscopoleanu; 3, Berthelsen; 4, Yorgova; 5, Bychkova; 6, Barton.

HIGH JUMP (FINAL)

Valentin Gavrilov, the solid favourite, won as expected but only on fewer failures as his winning height of 2.17/7'1½" was cleared also by Reijo Vahala and Erminio Azzara—for Finnish and Italian records respectively. With six men jumping 2.14/7'0¼" or higher, including Fosbury-flopper Istvan Major, it was easily the greatest mass competition in Europe's history.

The first man out was Sergey Martynov, a 2.18/7'1½" performer unable to better 2.00/6'6½" on this occasion. Robert Sainte-Rose and Valeriy Skvortsov, second and third in Budapest, also departed early. Great was his joy when 1.75/5'8½" tall Henri Elliott cleared 2.14 first time; he thought a medal would be his, particularly as Vahala and Major needed a second attempt and Chris Celion a third. The big surprise was created by Vahala, who had been unable to jump even 2.11/6'11" in the qualifying round and thus only scraped into

the final at all. Aged 23 and standing 1.88/6'2", he had not previously gone higher than 2.13/6'11".

Gavrilov, 7th in Budapest and 3rd in Mexico, is a cool competitor who at 23 could develop into Brumel's true successor. He is 1.91/6'3½" tall, weighs 78kg/172lb and has jumped 2.21/7'3". His immediate target is 2.25/7'4½".

- 1, VALENTIN GAVRILOV (USSR) 2.17/7'1½".
- 2, REIJO VAHALA (Finland) 2.17/7'1½".
- 3, ERMINIO AZZARO (Italy) 2.17/7'1½".
- 4, HENRI ELLIOTT (France) 2.14/7'0½".
- 5, ISTVAN MAJOR (Hungary) 2.14/7'0½".
- 6, CHRIS CELION (Sweden) 2.14/7'0½".
- 7, JOZSEF TIHANYI (Hungary) 2.11/6'11".
- 8, VALERIY SKVORTSOV (USSR) 2.08/6'9½".
- 9, Ladislav Borodac (Cz) 2.08/6'9½"; 10, eq. Luis Garriga (Spa), Miodray Todosijevic (Yug) and Robert Sainte-Rose (Fra) 2.08/6'9½"; 13, Serban Ioan (Rum) 2.08/6'9½"; 14, Jan Dahlgren (Swe) 2.00/6'6½"; 15, Sergey Martinov (USSR) 2.00/6'6½".

800 METRES (FINAL)

Since his brilliant world indoor record (1:46.6) success in Belgrade last March, Dieter Fromm has been somewhat overshadowed by Jozef Plachy and his own countryman and idol, Manfred Matuschewski. Significant, though, was the result of a race in Berlin on September 11th: 1st Fromm 1:46.2, 2nd Matuschewski 1:46.8.

East Germany, with all three representatives in the final, ran as a team—creating on the first lap what one French journalist referred to as a new Berlin Wall. Fromm, with Erhard Schulze and "Matu" forming a protective shield behind him, passed 400m in 53.5 and was able to make his break along the back straight while danger man Plachy was still being held at bay. Fromm's sudden acceleration carried him to a six yard lead at 550m, a margin that Plachy cut to two yards by the 600m mark. From then on it was stalemate and Fromm hit the tape still those two yards ahead in 1:45.9, his best ever time. Matuschewski, champion in 1962 and 1966, finished an isolated third, disappointed by his inability to raise a sprint finish—and announced his retirement at the age of 30.

Although well known for fast pace setting, Fromm feels most at home in those races where the second half is faster than the first; here he ran the last 400m in 52.4. He plans to concentrate on the 800m for another two years before bidding for the 1500m (he has run 3:42) in Munich. Aged 21, he has progressed thus: 1964—2:01.0, 1965—1:57.1, 1966—1:50.8, 1967—1:48.0, 1968—1:46.1 (6th in Mexico in 1:46.2), 1969—1:45.9.

- 1, DIETER FROMM (East Germany) 1:45.9 (equals Champ. rec).

- 2, JOZEF PLACHY (Czechoslovakia) 1:46.2.
- 3, MANFRED MATUSCHEWSKI (East Germany) 1:46.8.
- 4, YEVGENIY ARZHANOV (USSR) 1:47.1.
- 5, HANSUELI MUMENTHALER (Switzerland) 1:47.2.

- 6, ANDREJ KUPCZYK (Poland) 1:47.5.
- 7, NOEL CARROLL (Rep. of Ireland) 1:49.1.
- 8, ERHARD SCHULZE (East Germany) 1:55.4.

5000 METRES (FINAL)

When Geoff Warr began coaching him, Ian Stewart—at 15—was a 5:07 miler who could not break 64 for a quarter. Hardly the greatest natural talent in the world, and yet now, only five years later, Ian is European 5000m champion. How? A combination of carefully graduated high quality training conscientiously carried out by Ian (his sessions this year are spoken of in awed whispers by those who have witnessed them), an alert racing brain which is quick to size up any situation, unceasing enthusiasm, an iron determination to succeed and a coach in whom he has the utmost trust. A great partnership indeed, and how pleasing that Geoff—already elated at Birchfield's National League triumph (he is team manager)—should be on hand to watch Ian's most masterly performance yet.

Neither of the two men who have beaten him this season, Dick Taylor and Witold Baran, was running; nor was Harald Norpoth or Jurgen May. It was not, therefore, the most complete of fields but that wasn't Ian's fault and nothing should detract from his victory. It was so accomplished, with so much in reserve, that I question whether any European could have beaten him on this evening.

Rene Jourdan led through the first 800m in 2:12, then Mike Baxter, feeling off colour, nevertheless went up front to help his colleague through 1600m in 4:28.6. Stewart raised the pace when he took over after 1700m and, with Bernd Diessner shadowing him, passed 2000m in 5:35 and 3000m in 8:20.8.

With just under four laps to go Stewart decided he had led for long enough and, practically stopping, forced the Russian pair of Ivan Shopsha and Rashid Sharafutdinov ahead. "I was worried about Diessner," said Ian. "He was following me all the time. I thought he's got to do some work so I gave way but it was the Russians who went in front." At 4000m (11:12.2) all the runners, except for Baxter, were in contention—Shopsha leading from Sharafutdinov, Stewart, Alan Blinston and Diessner.

It was with 600m still to run that Stewart regained the lead. "I strode out just to see how the other boys were going," he explained. The position at the bell was that Stewart led by three yards from Sharafutdinov, with Diessner and Blinston in pursuit. Along the back straight Blinston sprinted into third position and with Diessner falling back the race for the title was now just between Stewart and Sharafutdinov.

The Russian, who failed to reach the Olympic final, claimed the lead with little more than 200m to run. Says Ian: "I wasn't worried at all. I was just striding along at a fast pace while he was sprinting. I had a look at his face—he was just dying!" As the Russian looked to his left coming



Ian Stewart leads in the 5000 metres from Bernd Diessner (East Germany), Rashid Sharafutdinov (USSR), Giuseppe Ardizzone (Italy) and Alan Blinston.

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off the last bend, Stewart passed on his right in a flash of speed. At the tape he was seven yards clear in 13:44.8, having covered the last lap in 56.6 and the final 800m in 1:58.8! And to complete a great moment for British distance running, Alan Blinston coasted in for a bronze medal that surprised him as much as anyone else. He had run his last 800m in around 2:01 and that was too fast for the much feared Diessner, the 1966 bronze medallist.

- 1, IAN STEWART (UK) 13:44.8.
- 2, RASHID SHARAFUTDINOV (USSR) 13:45.8.
- 3, ALAN BLINSTON (UK) 13:47.6.
- 4, BERND DIESSNER (East Germany) 13:50.4.
- 5, DANIEL KORICA (Yugoslavia) 13:51.4.
- 6, GIUSEPPE ARDIZZONE (Italy) 13:51.8.
- 7, EMILE PUTTEMANS (Belgium) 13:53.2.
- 8, BENGT NAJDE (Sweden) 13:55.8.
- 9, Noel Tijou (Fra) 13:56.8; 10, Rene Jourdan (Fra) 13:58.4; 11, Ivan Shopsha (USSR) 14:01.8; 12, Stanislaw Petr (Cz) 14:12.8; 13, MIKE BAXTER (UK) 14:19.0.

WOMEN'S 4x400 METRES RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

The heats were badly seeded: Sweden got through in 3:41.1, whereas Denmark's extraordinary 3:36.2 (54.05 average!) proved unavailing. The West German girls created a sensation by winning their race in 3:33.9 (53.5 ave), three tenths faster than France's pending world record. Christa Czechay led off in a startling 52.5, followed by Antje Gleichfeld (54.5), Inge Eckhoff (53.5) and Christel Frese (53.4). For Britain, second in the national record time of 3:34.3, Rosemary Stirling handed over 4th in 55.0, Pat Lowe 3rd in 53.1,

Janet Simpson 3rd in 53.6 and Lillian Board—easing up—toured her lap in 52.6.

Heat 1: 1, France (Jacq, Duclos, Martin, Besson) 3:37.9; 2, East Germany (Birnbauer, Becker, Lohse, Middecke) 3:38.8; 3, Finland (Strandvall, Hagman, Wilmi, Haimi) 3:40.7; 4, Sweden (Randerz, Larsson, Ekblom, Lundgren) 3:41.1; 5, Italy (Bruni, Giumanini, Zangirolami, Govoni) 3:42.3.

Heat 2: 1, West Germany (Czekay, Gleichfeld, Eckhoff, Frese) 3:33.9 (World & European records); 2, UNITED KINGDOM (STIRLING, LOWE, SIMPSON, BOARD) 3:43.3 (UK & Commonwealth record); 3, USSR (Nikanorova, Dundere, Klein, Kovalevskaya) 3:34.5; 4, Hungary (Munkacs, Kulcsar, Sefer, Balogh) 3:35.8; 5, Denmark (Jennes, Lund, Hoiler, Damm-Olesen) 3:36.2; 6, Poland (Hryniewicka, Piecyk, Beltowska, Skowronska) 3:38.1.

4x100 METRES RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

Britain, lacking the services of Barrie Kelly, were one of the two teams eliminated. France confirmed their position as favourites with a smooth 39.3.

Heat 1: 1, France (Sarteur, Bourbeillon, Fenouil, Saint-Gilles) 39.3 (Champ. rec); 2, Czechoslovakia (Kriz, Szogedi, Kynos, Bohman) 39.6; 3, Poland (Wagner, Romanowski, Cuch, Nowosz) 39.6; 4, Italy (Rietti, Pretoni, Sguazzero, Zandano) 39.8; 5, Greece (Papageorgopoulos, Mikelidis, Kitrakis, Argyris) 40.5.

Heat 2: 1, East Germany (Gollos, Haase, Burde, Bombach) 39.6; 2, Yugoslavia (Kocuvan, Lendzel, Karasi, Krizan) 40.0; 3, West Germany (Wucherer, Metz, Stockel, Nickel) 40.0; 4, USSR (Lebedev, Sapaya, Ivanov, Borzov) 40.1; 5, UNITED KING-

DOM (GREEN, JONES, DEAR, HALLIDAY) 40.2.

4x400 METRES RELAY (HEATS)

(1st 4 qualify for final)

The four teams in Britain's heat walked over, almost literally as Poland finished in 3:43.2—five seconds slower than their women's team!

Heat 1: 1, West Germany (Schloske, Roper, Hennige, Jellinghaus) 3:06.0; 2, France (Bertoulet, Nicolau, Carette, Nallet) 3:09.9; 3, Italy (Bello, Trachetio, Puosi, Fusi) 3:09.9; 4, Belgium (Bervoits, Goovaerts, Brems, Vandewijnngaerden) 3:10.4; 5, Bulgaria (Bojkov, Gantchev, Gergov, Valtchev) 3:10.9; 6, Greece (Gasialis, Tziortzis, Michailidis, Dimitriou) 3:15.4.

Heat 2: 1, UNITED KINGDOM (GRIFFITHS, CAMPBELL, WINBOLT LEWIS, ROBERTSON) 3:28.9; 2, USSR (Borisenko, Zorin, Savchuk, Bratchikov) 3:33.8; 3, Sweden (Nilsson, Gustavsson, Fredriksson, Nilsson) 3:35.1; 4, Poland (Balachowski, Gredzinski, Badenski, Werner) 3:43.2.

WOMEN'S DISCUS (FINAL)

Prior to last year, Tamara Danilova's best mark was a mere 48.52/159'2". She shot up to 55.42/181'10" in 1968 and this season had progressed to 58.34/191'5". With two throws remaining, this 30-year-old Russian was languishing in sixth position; with one to go she was fourth. Then, in a sensational upset, she came through with her best ever distance of 59.28/194'6" to pip compatriot Lyudmila Muravyova by two inches! This throw also displaced Olympic champion Lia Manoliu from the bronze medal position. The lowly placing of Judit Stugner can be explained by the fact that she is three months pregnant. I am told she was aiming for 52 metres! Rosemary Payne was 7th after the first round and 8th after the second. Casting a shadow over the whole competition was the absence of Liesel Westermann.

1, TAMARA DANILOVA (USSR) 59.28/194'6" (Champ. rec) 52.66, 56.04, 54.12, 53.28, 56.78, 59.28).

2, LYUDMILA MURAVYOVA (USSR) 59.24/194'4" (56.72, 58.40, 59.24, 59.22, 57.34, 58.24).

3, KARIN ILLGEN (East Germany) 58.66/192'5" (48.86, 57.54, 58.48, 57.10, 58.12, 58.66).

4, LIA MANOLIU (Rumania) 57.38/188'3" (57.38, 56.88, 56.08, 55.32, —, —).

5, ANTONINA POPOVA (USSR) 56.66/185'10" (55.64, 55.78, 56.20, —, 56.66, 56.24).

6, OLIMPIA CATARAMA (Rumania) 56.62/185'9" (54.32, 56.62, 53.20, 55.52, 56.46, —).

7, GABRIELE HINZMANN (East Germany) 52.32/171'8" (52.32, 50.66, 49.12, 51.62, 49.24, 52.14).

8, JUDIT STUGNER (Hungary) 52.00/170'7" (—, 47.80, 52.00, 48.14, —, —).

9, ROSEMARY PAYNE (UK) 50.30/165'0" (49.22, —, 50.30).

Round-by-round positions:

Round 1: 1, Manoliu; 2, Muravyova; 3, Popova; 4, Catarama; 5, Danilova; 6, Hinzmann.

Round 2: 1, Muravyova; 2, Illgen; 3, Manoliu; 4, Catarama; 5, Danilova; 6, Popova.

Rounds 3 & 4: 1, Muravyova; 2, Illgen; 3, Manoliu; 4, Catarama; 5, Popova; 6, Danilova.

Round 5: 1, Muravyova; 2, Illgen; 3, Manoliu; 4, Danilova; 5, Popova; 6, Catarama.

Round 6: 1, Danilova; 2, Muravyova; 3, Illgen; 4, Manoliu; 5, Popova; 6, Catarama.

Fifth Day

Saturday, September 20th

RARELY has there been such a stimulating session of athletics as this. A capacity crowd of 35,000, attracted mainly by the possibility of local hero Chris Papanicolaou winning the pole vault, provided the atmosphere and the athletes did the rest. With the wind down to just a light breeze, weather conditions were excellent.

Three world records were broken: by Anatoliy Bondarchuk in the hammer, by Jaroslava Jehlicova in the women's 1500m and by the British quartette of Rosemary Stirling, Pat Lowe, Janet Simpson and Lillian Board in the 4x400m (not forgetting the French team who finished second in the same time). Brilliant performances were recorded in practically every other event, too, and it was truly a memorable occasion from the



Karin Illgen, discus bronze medallist.

British point of view. In addition to the unforgettable victory by the 4x400m girls there was a sensational gold medal run in the 1500m by John Whetton, silver and bronze medals by Dave Hemery and Alan Pascoe in the high hurdles, and bronze medals by the sprint relay squad of Anita Neil, Denise Ramsden, Sheila Cooper and Val Peat. Rita Ridley broke Anne Smith's UK 1500m record. Altogether, a marvellous finale to the track and field events of these 9th European Championships.

WOMEN'S 100m HURDLES (FINAL)

When Karin Balzer finished only 5th in last year's Olympic 80m hurdles many must have assumed that her great championship career (1964 Olympic and 1966 European champion, 1962 European silver medallist) was at an end. Far from it. The new 100m event with 2'9" hurdles suits Karin perfectly and, at 31, she is going better than ever before—as witness her times this season of 11.3 on the flat and that staggering 12.9 over the barriers. Here she was in a class of her own as she snapped her way to the formidable time of 13.3 into a 1m/sec wind, winning by three yards from the girl who has followed her home all season—Barbel Podeswa. Chris Perera, still some way short of her 13.5 form of last season, finished an honourable seventh. She will need to improve her flat speed (12.1 100m) to have any chance against girls like Balzer and Podeswa, who has cut her 100m time from 12.0 to 11.4 this season!

The champion, 1.71/5'7½" and 63kg/139lb, is coached by her husband and is the mother of a son who will be four next week. She has been hurdling since 1954, and in addition has run 200m in 23.6, long jumped 6.20/20'4" and scored 4790 in the pentathlon. Podeswa, née Weidlich, is 22 and stands only 1.60/5'3". She has been hurdling since she was 15, clocked 10.8 for 80m last year and ran 13.2 behind Balzer's 12.9.

FIFTH ANNUAL HARLOW MARATHON

Inc. Essex County Marathon Championship
26 Miles 385 Yards Under A.A.A. Laws
FROM HARLOW SPORTS CENTRE
SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1.30 p.m.

Course Record: 2h.18m.24s. by Mel Edwards (T.V.H.) 1967.

Prizes first 6 individuals, 1st Newcomer, 1st Veteran over 40, first 3 teams (3 scorers).
County race: first 3 individuals and 3 teams (give County qualifications). Time certificates to all finishers.

Entries: Individual 5/- (all runners must pay this fee), Team 5/- (4 to run, 3 to score), on AAA forms. Full details from Tom Dradey, 14 The Maples, Harlow, Essex.

Closing date 13th October. **S.A.E. please**

- 1, KARIN BALZER (East Germany) 13.3.
- 2, BARBEL PODESWA (East Germany) 13.6.
- 3, TERESA NOWAK (Poland) 13.7.
- 4, LIA KHITRINA (USSR) 13.8.
- 5, TERESA SUKNIWICZ (Poland) 13.8.
- 6, REGINA HOFER (East Germany) 13.9.
- 7, CHRIS PERERA (UK) 14.0.
- 8, SIRKKA NORRLUND (Finland) 14.1.

WOMEN'S 1500 METRES (FINAL)

Two races were anticipated: one for the gold medal between Paola Pigni and Maria Gommers, and another for the bronze between the rest. Jaroslava Jehlickova, the Czech girl who created such a stir in the match against Britain, had other ideas and in what was only her sixth race at the distance she scored a sumptuous victory in a world record 4:10.7. Gommers and Pigni, too, broke the latter's pending world mark of 4:12.4 and such was the standard that although Rita Ridley bettered Anne Smith's UK record by 1.4 sec she still found six runners ahead of her! Every national record that could be broken in the race was broken.

The three Dutch girls dominated the early stages of this pulsating race, with Gommers leading at 400m in a sharp 62 sec from Ilja Keizer and Anneloes Bosman; Pigni was 4th and Ridley 8th. Gommers was still ahead at 800 (2:13), followed by Keizer, Pigni, Bosman, Gunhild Hoffmeister and Ridley. Pigni, of the Madonna like face, led past the bell (3:06) with the British girl 9th in a tightly packed field. Such was the scrimmage that Hoffmeister stumbled over, losing at least 15 yards.

Pigni was three yards up on Gommers as she flitted past 1200m in 3:23 and tried all she knew to shake off the Dutchwoman. Suddenly the race was transformed. A figure in all white, Jehlickova—only 8th along the backstraight—cut through the field around the final bends. In a flash she was third, then second with only the Italian ahead. Pigni fought her off gamely but with 50m or so to go Jehlickova zipped past to win by nearly ten yards, while Gommers caught Pigni on the line for second.

Jaroslava Jehlickova, a clerk in Prague, was born at Horice on March 24th, 1942. She stands 1.66/5'5½", weighs 54kg/119lb and has been running since 1959. Her 800m progress has not exactly been meteoric: 1960—2:31.3, 1961—2:18.4, 1962—2:11.6, 1963—2:18.2, 1964—2:10.0, 1965—2:09.9, 1966—2:09.0, 1967—2:15.4, 1968—2:05.4, 1969—2:06.0. A 56.1 400m performer, she was last in her Olympic 800m semi in Mexico. On May 1st this year she made her 1500m debut in 4:35.5. Her second race, on July 6th, resulted in a 4:20.1 victory against Britain (having beaten Pat Lowe in the 800m the previous day); she clocked 4:37.4 on July 20th, 4:25.1 on September 6th and 4:28.4 in her heat on September 19th.

Gommers, a few days short of her 30th birthday began 1500m racing in 1967 and has best under-distance marks of 55.6 and 2:02.6. Pigni (23) started her 1500m career in 1968 and has times of 12.0 (100m), 24.7 (200m), 54.2—all in

1966—and 2:04.6 to her credit. Even more impressive are her long distance credentials. Remember at Formia in May she ran 3000m in 9:42.8, 2M in 10:28.6 and 3M in 15:48.6 *en route* to 16:17.4 for 5000m? Well, Elio Trifari informs me that following a spell of high altitude training she ran 3000m in 9:38.0 on the way to 5000m in 15:53.6 (72.2 for last 500m) in Milan on September 2nd. In an earlier training test she had run 9:22 for 3000m.

- 1, JAROSLAVA JEHLICKOVA (Czechoslovakia) 4:10.7 (World and European records).
- 2, MARIA GOMMERS (Netherlands) 4:11.9.
- 3, PAOLA PIGNI (Italy) 4:12.0.
- 4, LYUDMILA BRAGINA (USSR) 4:13.2.
- 5, ILJA KEIZER (Netherlands) 4:13.3.
- 6, REGINA KLEINAU (East Germany) 4:15.2.
- 7, RITA RIDLEY (UK) 4:15.9 (UK rec).
- 8, ANNEMARIE NENZELL (Sweden) 4:16.6.
- 9, Anneloes Bosman (Neth) 4:17.6; 10, Alla Kolyesnikova (USSR) 4:18.2; 11, Gunhilde Hoffmeister (E. Ger) 4:23.2; 12, Emilia Privrelva (Cz) 4:32.8.

200 METRES (FINAL)

Philippe Clerc and Zenon Nowosz entered the straight together but Clerc, European record holder with 20.3, showed his class and his heels as he pulled away to score by a clear three yards in 20.6 as Hermann Burde came through for the silver. There was no wind. Clerc apart, the standard of European 200m running is poor and Olympic finalist Jochen Eigenherr (W. Ger), injured anyway, was missed.

Clerc, whose loss of form soon after his European record is explained by attention to his medical finals, has a svelte style of sprinting that calls to mind Livio Berruti. He was born on December 24th, 1946, is 1.75/5'9" tall and weighs a mere 58kg/128lb. He is coached by the Swiss-domiciled American sprinter Dave James (10.2 100m) and his progress reads: 1962—12.5; 1963—11.3; 1964—11.1; 1965—10.8, 22.0; 1966—10.5, 21.2; 1967—10.3, 20.7; 1968—10.3, 21.2; 1969—10.2, 20.3. He is the first Swiss to win a European title since walker Fritz Schwab in that controversial 1950 10km.

- 1, PHILIPPE CLERC (Switzerland) 20.6 (Champ rec).
- 2, HERMANN BURDE (East Germany) 20.9.
- 3, ZENON NOWOSZ (Poland) 20.9.
- 4, HANS-JOACHIM BOMBACH (East Germany) 21.0.
- 5, JIRI KYNOS (Czechoslovakia) 21.0.
- 6, HANSRUEDI WIEDMER (Switzerland) 21.1.
- 7, PASQUALINO ABETI (Italy) 21.1.
- 8, PHILIPPE GUILLET (France) 21.2.

110 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

No wind; advantage Ottoz. False start by Ottoz: advantage Hemery. Good start by both: duce. Hemery rams second hurdle: game, set and match to Ottoz. The Italian, who had not been seen at

his best all year, clicked on the day like the tough competitor he is and in a flawless run flew through the tape a long yard up on Hemery in 13.5, his fastest for the season. Unhappily, he lost balance as he dipped and went down with a crash to injure his leg. Ottoz has been talking of retirement, so this could have been his last race. If so, it was a good way to go. Hemery, who just failed to reach the final at the last European Championships (Ottoz won there in 13.7), was a clear second and Alan Pascoe a delighted third.

Hemery, who at the "AW" dinner later in the evening "apologised" for his medal being of the wrong colour, admits he does not enjoy the highs as much as the 400m hurdles and he may revert to his speciality in 1971. For next year, though, the target is the Commonwealth decathlon title. Pascoe said he was very pleased with his bronze—"it's what I was after"—but regretted being drawn several lanes away from "the action" between Ottoz and Hemery.

- 1, EDDY OTTOZ (Italy) 13.5 (Champ. rec).
- 2, DAVID HEMERY (UK) 13.7.
- 3, ALAN PASCOE (UK) 13.9.
- 4, GUY DRUT (France) 14.0.
- 5, RAIMUND BETHGE (East Germany) 14.1.
- 6, PIERRE SCHOBEL (France) 14.1.
- 7, KJELLFRED WEUM (Norway) 14.1.
- 8, SERGIO LIANI (Italy) 14.1.

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE (FINAL)

Steeplechase coaching, already reeling from the bodyblow of Biwott's Olympic victory, suffered more punishment when Mikhail Zhelev, a hedge hopper like Kerry O'Brien, won the title. He produced a late kick to beat the Soviet world record breakers in the scintillating time of 8:25.0.

One or other of the Russians led throughout the race, except for the last vital 15 metres. Vladimir Dudin, pending world record holder at 8:22.2, took the first kilometre in 2:48.2, and Aleksandr Morozov (best of 8:23.4) the second in 5:40.2. At this stage Morozov was followed by Zhelev, Dudin, another Bulgarian in Georgi Tichov and, though dropping back, Gerry Stevens. The first four were all in contention at the bell but it developed into a two-man race. Morozov led by five yards into the final straight but, as the Russian looked nervously round less than 20y from the tape, Zhelev whisked past for victory. His time for the last kilometre was a scorching 2:44.8. Surprise of the race was Tichov's fourth place in 8:27.2, 12.8 sec inside his previous best! He had been Bulgarian record holder before Zhelev with 8:41.4 in 1965. Stevens ran steadily for a detached 8th in 8:36.6; incredibly, no British steeplechaser has ever placed higher in this championship.

Zhelev (26), 1.76/5'9½" and 61kg/134lb, has achieved unbroken progress during the past six years: 1963—9:35.8, 1964—9:34.6, 1965—8:48.8, 1966—8:44.0, 1967—8:37.8, 1968—8:36.8, 1969—8:25.0. He failed to reach the European final in 1966 but in Mexico, placing 6th in 8:58.4, he was the second European home. He attracted more

notice in Stuttgart this year, winning for Europe against America. A sub-13:50 5000m runner, Zhelev's previous best was 8:33.2.

- 1, MIKHAIL ZHELEV (Bulgaria) 8:25.0 (Champ. rec).
- 2, ALEKSANDR MOROZOV (USSR) 8:25.6.
- 3, VLADIMIR DUDIN (USSR) 8:26.6.
- 4, GEORGI TICHOV (Bulgaria) 8:27.2.
- 5, JEAN-PAUL VILLAIN (France) 8:33.4.
- 6, ARNE RISA (Norway) 8:34.4.
- 7, KAZIMIERZ MARANDA (Poland) 8:34.6.
- 8, GERALD STEVENS (UK) 8:36.6.
- 9, Jean-Pierre Ouine (Fra) 8:39.6; 10, Wolfgang Luers (Pol) 8:46.6; 11, Bengt Persson (Swe) 8:56.4.

WOMEN'S 4x100 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

The East Germans, even without Karin Balzer (11.3), won comfortably in the world's fastest time this year of 43.6. The foundation for victory was laid by Renate Meissner's electrifying run along the back straight, and Petra Vogt collected her third gold medal with a solid anchor leg. The British team, with passes that were described as "passable" by John Le Masurier, finished a clear-cut third in 44.3, 0.7 faster than previously this year. Thus Anita Neil and Val Peat earned their second medals, while Denise Ramsden and Sheila Cooper swelled the total of European medals won by Dorothy Hyman Track Club members to eight (four of them by Dorothy).

- 1, EAST GERMANY (Regina Hofer, Renate Meissner, Barbel Podeswa, Petra Vogt) 43.6 (Champ. rec).
 - 2, WEST GERMANY (Barbel Hahnle, Jutta Stock, Rita Jahn, Ingrid Becker) 44.0.
 - 3, UNITED KINGDOM (ANITA NEIL, DENISE RAMSDEN, SHEILA COOPER, VAL PEAT) 44.3.
 - 4, FRANCE (Gabrielle Meyer, Sylvie Telliez, Nicole Montandon, Veronique Grandrieux) 44.6.
 - 5, POLAND (Krystyna Mandacka, Danuta Jedrejek, Ursula Jozwik, Mirosława Sarna) 44.7.
 - 6, USSR (Nadyezhda Besfamilnaya, Lyudmila Golomazova, Lyudmila Samotysova, Galina Mitrokhina) 44.8.
 - 7, AUSTRIA (Liese Prokop, Helga Kapfer, Maria Sykora, Erika Kren) 45.8.
- Sweden did not run.

1500 METRES (FINAL)

As Frankie Howerd would say, I was am-AZED. He (John Whetton) was amazed . . . everyone was amazed. Whetton, whose several seasons in international racing have made him a realist, was expecting only fifth or sixth place but he is an opportunist too and when he found himself with an opening he grasped it with both legs. Not since Josy Barthel's triumph in the 1952 Olympics has there been such a shock result in a major 1500m championship. It was even more unexpected than Brian Hewson's win at Stockholm. Not that Whetton is a runner to under-estimate: a man who has twice reached an Olympic final and who was al-



John Whetton holds off Frank Murphy to win the European 1500m crown.

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most unbeatable indoors has obviously to be reckoned with. But his form this season had been patchy; he had lost more important races than he had won (remember the embarrassment of his being beaten by a steeplechaser in the USA match) and not a few people thought he was lucky to be picked for Athens. Quite probably he would not have been chosen for the "streamlined" team of 20-30 so widely advocated.

It was a fairly eccentric sort of race from start to finish. Goodness knows what he was up to, but French second string Pierre Viaux streaked some 20y clear of anyone else to pass 400m in 56 and 800m in 1:56.8. If the idea was to lure the unwary into following, while Jean Wadoux (just recovering from a knee injury) picked them off at a later stage, it didn't work. At the bell it was Frank Murphy from Francesco Arese, Whetton and Henryk Szordykowski in 2:44.0.

Whetton takes up the story: "At the bell I thought to myself there's a chance here. I felt very relaxed along the back straight and with 200 to go I managed to nip through on the inside of Arese and Szordykowski, right behind Murphy. Coming off the bend I kicked like hell and tried to hold my form . . . not only could I hear Murphy coming back on me, I could see him!" The tape arrived just in time for Whetton, whose time of 3:39.4 was the fastest of his career. Another few yards and Murphy, who defeated Whetton so soundly in the AAA, might have got in front.

Marvellous running by both men—and an Irish record for Murphy. Szordykowski, probably the pre-race favourite, only just beat surprising Edgard Salve for the bronze, while Arese faded to 8th.

Whetton (28), who did not rank on time among the top 15 contenders for this title, attributed much of his success to his training under Robbie Brightwell. "He has kept me away from the hundred miles a week thing. The accent is on speed/endurance for the last 300 metres—I was doing repetition 300's flat out with Cooper and Varah—and it's paid off". Within minutes of leaving the arena Whetton was approached with an £11,000 offer to become a professional runner in Germany. He has yet to decide but whether he does or not he will continue racing for at least another year; previously he had contemplated retirement.

- 1, JOHN WHETTON (UK) 3:39.4 (Champ rec).
- 2, FRANK MURPHY (Rep. of Ireland) 3:39.5.
- 3, HENRYK SZORDYKOWSKI (Poland) 3:39.8.
- 4, EDGARD SALVE (Belgium) 3:39.9.
- 5, ANDRE DE HERTOGHE (Belgium) 3:40.9.
- 6, JEAN WADOUX (France) 3:41.7.
- 7, PAVEL PENKAVA (Czechoslovakia) 3:41.7.
- 8, FRANCESCO ARESE (Italy) 3:42.2.
- 9, Pekka Vasala (Fin) 3:44.1; 10, Vladimir Pantelei (USSR) 3:45.0; 11, Jerzy Maluski (Pol) 3:48.4; 12, Pierre Viaux (Fra) 3:57.3.

HAMMER (FINAL)

One had heard stories of Anatoliy Bondarchuk lobbying the hammer world record distances while training during the past few days so it was not such a shock (except to his unfortunate opponents) when the bald 29-year-old Ukrainian opened with a titanic 74.24/243'7", less than a foot shy of Rom Klim's pending world record and well beyond Gyula Zsivotzky's listed figures. That effort had the crowd roaring its appreciation, as did a second trial of 73.58/241'5", but it was in the fourth round that he brought the house down. Exhibiting fantastic speed and power in his final turn, Bondarchuk sent the missile an unprecedented 74.68/245'0"! All six of his throws landed beyond the 70m marker and well though Klim performed (five over 71m) the defending champion could not get on terms. As for Olympic champion Zsivotzky, he was in unusually subdued form and was forced to settle for 4th. The bronze went to the man with perhaps the greatest potential in hammer throwing today, 21-year-old Reinhard Theimer. Howard Payne threw up to form and in 8th place was the first of the "West Europeans".

Bondarchuk was born in the Rovno region of the Ukraine on May 31st 1940. He is 1.82/5'11½" tall and last year weighed 95kg/209lb though he is believed to be heavier now. A teacher by profession, he took up athletics in 1958. His annual progress: 1965—63.56/208'6", 1966—65.37/214'5", 1967—69.52/228'1", 1968—70.72/232'0", 1969—74.68/245'0". He was 4th in last year's USSR Championships and did not make the Olympic

team. He acknowledges the help given him by Klim.

- 1, ANATOLIY BONDARCHUK (USSR) 74.68/245'0" (World, European & Championship records; 74.24, 73.58, 70.08, 74.68, 72.04, 71.72).

- 2, ROMUALD KLIM (USSR) 72.74/238'7" (71.52, 72.40, —, 72.42, 72.74, 71.18).

- 3, REINHARD THEIMER (East Germany) 72.02/236'3" (69.20, 72.02, —, 71.40, 70.90, 66.46).

- 4, GYULA ZSIVOTZKY (Hungary) 69.68/228'7" (69.46, 69.68, 69.18, 68.96, 68.36, —).

- 5, JOCHEN SACHSE (East Germany) 68.60/225'0" (68.60, 65.30, 66.32, —, 65.88, 65.82).

- 6, LAZAR LOVASZ (Hungary) 66.90/219'6" (66.36, —, —, 66.90, —, 63.80).

- 7, SANDOR ECKSCHMIDT (Hungary) 66.02/216'7" (65.42, 66.02, 65.20, 65.82, —, 65.18).

- 8, HOWARD PAYNE (UK) 65.90/216'2" (64.62, 65.90, 57.76, 62.58, 62.62, 64.24).

- 9, Kauko Harlos (Fin) 65.16/213'9" (64.30, 65.08, 65.16); 10, Hans Potsch (Aus) 64.00/209'11" (64.00, 62.28, —); 11, Dimiter Mintov (Bul) 61.48/201'8" (60.94, 59.92, 61.48); 12, Lars-Inge Strom (Swe) 61.44/201'7" (—, 61.44, 61.14).

Round-by-round positions:

- Round 1: 1, Bondarchuk; 2, Klim; 3, Zsivotzky; 4, Theimer; 5, Sachse; 6, Lovasz.

- Round 2 and onward: 1, Bondarchuk; 2, Klim; 3, Theimer; 4, Zsivotzky; 5, Sachse; 6, Lovasz.

POLE VAULT (FINAL)

Wolfgang Nordwig was voted the most popular athlete of the Championships; he must also have been the coolest. He entered the competition at 5.00/16'5" (failing once) and that was the last we saw of him until the bar was put up to 5.20/17'0½". He cleared that first time, as against Kjell Isaksson's second time success (equalling the Swedish record), and won victory outright by making 5.30/17'4½" on the second try. He attempted a world record 5.45/17'10½" but his chances were ruined by ill-timed victory ceremonies—much to the crowd's displeasure.

That same crowd, whose excitement knew no bounds every time their hero Chris Papanicolaou stepped onto the runway, brought a tremendous atmosphere to the event and one could not but feel sorry that the pressure proved too much for "Papa". In a desperate gamble to outmanoeuvre Nordwig, he came in at 5.00 (first time clearance) and then passed up every height until 5.20. These tactics worked for the East German but not for the Greek, who failed three times. The penalty he paid for not going for an almost certain bronze medal was fourth place at the same height as three others, including Mike Bull. The UK record holder did well enough: vaulting 4.70 and 4.90 first time and 5.00 at the second before succumbing to 5.10/16'8½".

Nordwig thus added further lustre to an outstanding career. Envied even by the Americans for his technical perfection, the 26-year-old precision mechanic can now point to victories in the 1966 and 1969 European Championships, the 1968 and 1969 European Indoor Games, and the

1965 and 1967 European Cup finals, as well as the bronze medal (at the winning height) in Mexico.

- 1, WOLFGANG NORDWIG (East Germany) 5.30/17'4½" (Champ. rec).
- 2, KJELL ISAKSSON (Sweden) 5.20/17'0½".
- 3, ALDO RIGHI (Italy) 5.10/16'8½".
- 4, CHRIS PAPANICOLAOU (Greece) 5.00/16'5".
- 5, JOHN-ERIK BLOMQUIST (Sweden) 5.00/16'5".
- 6, JOACHIM BAR (East Germany) 5.00/16'5".
- 7, MIKE BULL (UK) 5.00/16'5".
- 8, ERKKI MUSTAKARI (Finland) 4.90/16'1".
- 9, Alain Legrain (Fra) 4.80/15'9"; 10, Risto Ivanoff (Fin) 4.70/15'5"; 11, Gian-Franco Mariani (Ita) 4.70/15'5". Yuriy Isakov (USSR) no clearance.

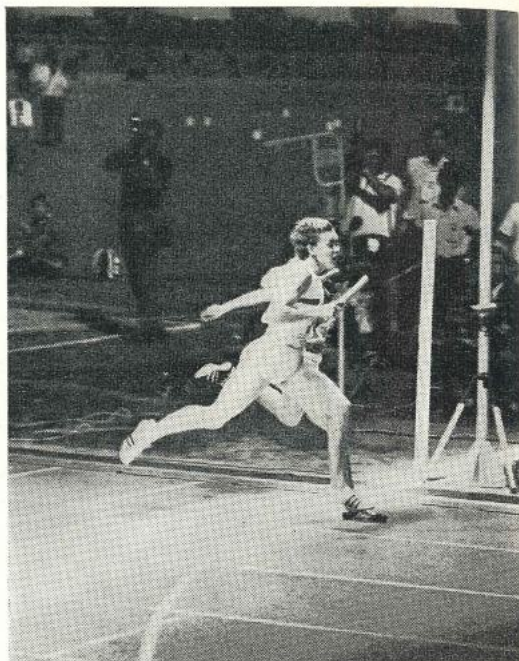
4x100 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

In what was possibly the finest performance of the men's track events, France won this relay by the yawning margin of some five metres in the exceptional time of 38.8, fastest ever by a European team at sea level. France, it will be recalled, gained the bronze medals in Mexico but what makes this latest achievement so praiseworthy is that this year's team is three-quarters new—the sole survivor being Gerard Fenouil. Who would have thought it possible that France could lose Roger Bambuck, Jocelyn Delecour and Claude Piquemal and yet field a quartet of such quality? The first change between Alain Sarteur and Patrick Bourbeillon was a little shaky but from then on the team ran to perfection, with the very talented junior Francois Saint-Gilles on the anchor. Individual champion Valeriy Borzov came through strongly to take his team into second place.

- 1, FRANCE (Alain Sarteur, Patrick Bourbeillon, Gerard Fenouil, Francois Saint-Gilles) 38.8 (Champ rec).
- 2, USSR (Mikhail Lebedev, Vladislav Sapelya, Nikolay Ivanov, Valeriy Borzov) 39.3.
- 3, CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Ladislav Kriz, Dionys Szogedi, Jiri Kynos, Ludvik Bohman) 39.5.
- 4, POLAND (Stanislav Wagner, Edward Romanowski, Zenon Nowosz, Tadeusz Cuch) 39.5.
- 5, EAST GERMANY (Gunter Gollos, Peter Haase, Hermann Burde, Hans-Joachim Bombach) 39.6.
- 6, WEST GERMANY (Manfred Knickenberg, Gerd Wucherer, Volker Stockel, Gunther Nickel) 39.6.
- 7, YUGOSLAVIA (Miro Kocuvan, Gabor Lendzel, Ivica Karasi, Predrag Krizan) 39.7.
- 8, ITALY (Giorgio Rietti, Ennio Preatoni, Angelo Sguazzero, Francesco Zandano) 39.8.

WOMEN'S 4x400 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

In the entire history of track and field athletics there has never been a race that was more exciting than this one. From my own point of view, even the Chataway v. Kuts epic will now have to take second place.



Was there ever a more exciting race? Lillian Board anchors Britain to victory over Colette Besson of France.

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On paper France couldn't lose but, luckily, races are fought out by people on tracks and not by mathematicians or computers. There was one obvious chink in the French armour, though: their order of running. Instead of ending up with the double grand slam of Colette Besson and Nicole Duclos—a partnership almost guaranteed to make up any deficit—the team management opted for Duclos on the second leg and Besson on the anchor. This made the French extremely vulnerable on the third stage with Janet Simpson in pursuit of Eliane Jacq. If Janet could close sufficiently then Lillian Board would be in with a chance against the tempestuous Besson.

Rosemary Stirling, her troublesome foot feeling the strain of five races in as many days, led off to the utmost of her current ability. She handed over with a few girls ahead but her time was 54.2 (0.1 outside her best ever) and Britain was in touch. On the second leg Duclos rushed from third to first along the back straight—overtaking the Russian and West German—and continued to pile on the pace for the rest of the distance. It was an awe inspiring run—TIMED AT 50.6 SECONDS—and at the end of it France were nicely set up some ten yards ahead. But only some ten yards up, for Pat Lowe—who has never run faster than 54.6 off blocks—produced another of her inspired relay performances. Running perilously close to her optimum 200m pace for the whole circuit she

covered her lap in an heroic 52.1. Britain's chances had been kept alive.

Now it was Janet Simpson's turn. Bitterly disappointed by her showing in the individual final this was her chance to show why she came fourth in the Olympic final. Never allowing herself to be flustered, she gradually cut down her French rival and, though she could have forged ahead in the final strides to hand Lillian a lead, she deliberately held back . . . and still ran a superb 52.1!

The advantage in the anchor leg of a relay rests with the runner who takes over just behind and that was just the position in which Lillian found herself. Would Besson destroy herself? As she pulled away from Lillian with every stride it looked for a while as though it would be no race but then came the realisation that the French girl was travelling too fast for her own safety—a situation borne out by the splits that became known later. Besson covered her first 200m, during which she opened up a lead of 6-8 metres, in a suicidal 23.6! Worse still, at 300m—when some 10 metres up—her time was an almost unbelievable 36.1 . . . 48.1 speed for 400m. No woman—and not all that many men—could get away with it.

Inevitably Besson began to crumble in the straight, and Lillian—who had sensibly run her own controlled race—started to close. There was no question of a response from Besson, who was thrashing about wildly, the question was could Lillian pass her in time. With 40 yards to go Besson looked round, the ultimate sign of anxiety, and that gave Lillian renewed hope. It was still

touch and go but in the last stride or two Lillian forced herself ahead for a famous victory. She had run her lap in 52.4 and the team's total time, shared by France, was a world record 3:30.8—an average of 52.7 per leg. Truly a glorious performance, one in which all four girls gave of their very best and from which no individual should be singled out.

1, UNITED KINGDOM (ROSEMARY STIRLING, PAT LOWE, JANET SIMPSON, LILLIAN BOARD) 3:30.8 (World, European, Commonwealth & UK records).

2, FRANCE (Bernadette Martin, Nicole Duclos, Eliane Jacq, Colette Besson) 3:30.8 (World & Eur. rec).

3, WEST GERMANY (Christa Czekay, Antje Gleichfeld, Inge Eckhoff, Christel Frese) 3:32.7.

4, USSR (Taisia Kovalevskaya, Olga Klein, Anna Dundere, Raisia Nikanorova) 3:33.7.

5, EAST GERMANY (Waltraud Birnbaum, Roswitha Becker, Ingelore Lohse, Hannelore Middecke) 3:35.2.

6, SWEDEN (Elisabeth Ostberg, Elisabeth Randerz, Ulla Ekblom, Karin Lundgren) 3:35.4.

7, HUNGARY (Antonia Munkacsy, Magdolna Kulcsar, Rozalia Sefer, Gyorgy Balogh) 3:36.6.

8, FINLAND (Mona-Lisa Strandvall, Riita Hagman, Pirgo Wilmi, Beva Haimi) 3:40.6.

4x400 METRES RELAY (FINAL)

This was a fine race, too, but—except for French supporters—it was in the nature of an anti-climax after the women's classic. Poland, who with three individual finalists were the favourites, failed even to gain medals in a desperate finish covering second to fourth places. Some way ahead of all, though, were the superb French team who averaged 45.6 per leg. The British squad averaged a respectable 46.05 per stage but, in 6th place, this was no vintage team. Gwynne Griffiths led off with 47.4, Colin Campbell clocked 45.8, Martin Winbolt Lewis 45.4 and John Robertson (after a very swift first 200 which was a gamble worth taking) 45.6.

1, FRANCE (Gilles Bertoult, Christian Nicolau, Jacques Carrette, Jean-Claude Nallet) 3:02.3 (Champ. rec).

2, USSR (Yevgeniy Borisenko, Boris Savchuk, Yuriy Zorin, Aleksandr Bratchikov) 3:03.0.

3, WEST GERMANY (Horst Schloske, Ingo Roper, Gerhard Hennige, Martin Jellinghaus) 3:03.1.

4, POLAND (Jan Balachowski, Stanislaw Gredzinski, Andrzej Badenski, Jan Werner) 3:03.1.

5, ITALY (Claudio Trachello, Sergio Bello, Giacomo Puosi, Furio Fusi) 3:04.1.

6, UNITED KINGDOM (GWYNNE GRIFFITHS, COLIN CAMPBELL, MARTIN WINBOLT LEWIS, JOHN ROBERTSON) 3:04.1.

7, SWEDEN (Tore Nilsson, Michael Fredriksson, Lars Gustavsson, Ulf Nilsson) 3:08.9.

8, BELGIUM (Rene Bervoets, Tony Goovaerts, Karel Brems, Willy Vandenwijngaerden) 3:10.8.

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THE final event, the marathon, was staged between the village of that name and the Panathenaikos Stadium in Athens, and to round off a wonderfully successful week for the British team Ron Hill was the winner with Jim Alder third. Presentations were made in the marble stadium to the two athletes adjudged to be the outstanding performers of the Championships, Anatoliy Bondarchuk and Lillian Board, and to Wolfgang Nordwig as the most popular athlete. The closing ceremony was climaxed by a colourful pageant of Greek history—complete with chariots in a spectacle that might have been produced by Cecil B. de Mille himself.

MARATHON

The runners set off underneath a welcome overcast sky. At **5km** the leading positions were: Wagnon (Fra), Steylen (Neth), Aktas (Tur), Akcay (Tur), Roelants (Bel), Ron Hill and Perez (Spa) in 16:24.8. There was much jockeying for positions among the leaders and after 8km it was Roelants, Farcic (Yug), Hill and Molloy (RoI) up front. Soon after this point Nedo Farcic broke away to such effect that at **10km** he was well over 100m ahead. Positions: Farcic 32:10; Akcay, Aktas, Simon (Hun), Roelants, Wagnon and Hill 32:32; Toth (Hun) 32:34; Jim Alder, Busch (EG), Bill Adcocks, Molloy, Gauthier (Fra) and Perez 32:38.

Farcic stretched his lead to over 150m at one stage but soon after 15km Roelants had caught him and the pair strode out together for a few kilometres before the Belgian moved away. By **25km** Hill had also caught Farcic but was over a minute behind Roelants. Positions: Roelants 1:20:28, Farcic and Hill 1:21:35; Alder 1:21:50; Busch 1:22:22; Simon 1:22:45; Akcay 1:22:46; Adcocks 1:23:10; Volkov (USSR) 1:23:14; Skrypnik (USSR) 1:23:15. Adcocks, who had won over this course in a fabulous 2:11:07.2 in April, was having trouble with both his insteps and dropped out before 30km.

Roelants, running with an exaggerated forward lean to counter the steady climb all the way up to 32km, had increased his lead to about 400m by the **30km** checkpoint. Hill, troubled by the gradient, had waved Alder on, and with Farcic "dying" on his feet the situation was: Roelants 1:36:58; Alder 1:38:17; Hill 1:38:22; Busch 1:38:55; Simon 1:40:10; Volkov 1:40:31; Akcay 1:40:33; Skrypnik 1:40:40; Farcic 1:41:15.

Once the downhill stretch to the finish began, Hill regained his strength and not only pulled away from Alder but began closing on Roelants. At that stage, however, he was still running for the silver medal. Times at **35km**: Roelants 1:53:40; Hill 1:54:30; Alder 1:54:50; Busch 1:55:20; Simon & Volkov 1:57:45; Akcay 1:58:05; Skrypnik & Wojcik (Pol) 1:59:15.

Hill, seemingly moving faster and faster as the

end neared, had closed the gap to little more than 100m at the **40km** point, with just over 1½ miles to run. Times: Roelants 2:09:49; Hill 2:10:10; Alder 2:11:28; Busch 2:12:00; Akcay 2:14:52; Simon 2:15:11; Volkov 2:15:46; Wojcik 2:16:06.

Now, with the stadium beckoning invitingly and Roelants' back looming ever larger, Hill quickened his stride still more. For the first time he realised he could win. Barely half a mile from the finish he caught the plodding Roelants and went on unchallenged to win (after narrowly avoiding being knocked down by an escort car outside the stadium) by over half a minute in 2:16:47.8. Indicative of the power of his finish is that he covered the final 2195m in 6:37.8 (4:51 miling) whereas Roelants took a weary 7:33.2 and none of the other highly placed finishers could better 7:20 for the sector.

No one could begrudge Ron his success. In spite of a string of great performances on the road, track and country during the last seven years his record in previous international marathons has been an unhappy one: non finisher in Belgrade, 19th in Tokyo, 12th in Budapest. As was the case with his predecessor Jim Hogan, he deserved a break and, as Ron admits, everything went his way on this occasion. Ever dependable Jim Alder declared: "Ron's been waiting a long time for this. I was beaten by two better men." So Hill won his first championship medal at the age of 31 (less four days) and Commonwealth champion Alder added a bronze to his collection. A marvellous continuation of Britain's outstanding tradition in this event . . . but spare a thought also for luckless Bill Adcocks.

- 1, RON HILL (UK) 2:16:47.8.
- 2, GASTON ROELANTS (Belgium) 2:17:22.2.
- 3, JIM ALDER (UK) 2:19:05.8.
- 4, JURGEN BUSCH (East Germany) 2:19:34.4.
- 5, ISMAIL AKCAY (Turkey) 2:22:16.8.
- 6, DENES SIMON (Hungary) 2:22:58.8.
- 7, MICHAL WOJCIK (Poland) 2:23:36.6.
- 8, YURIY VOLKOV (USSR) 2:24:09.6.
- 9, Maurice Peiren (Bel) 2:24:10.6; 10, Anatoliy Skrypnik (USSR) 2:25:14.8; 11, Huseyin Aktas (Tur) 2:27:51.0; 12, Zdzislaw Bogusz (Pol) 2:28:37.0; 13, Michael Molloy (RoI) 2:28:38.0; 14, Carlos Perez (Spa) 2:29:28.6; 15, Yuriy Velikorodny (USSR) 2:31:46.8; 16, Gyula Toth (Hun) 2:32:24.6; 17, Nedo Farcic (Yug) 2:35:57.0; 18, Aad Steylen (Neth) 2:37:35.0; 19, Hamza Canavar (Tur) 2:39:45.0; 20, Andre Lacour (Fra) 2:40:20.8; 21, Stanislav Petr (Cz) 2:40:44.0; 22, Gilbert Gauthier (Fra) 2:45:31.0; 23, Jean-Marie Wagnon (Fra) 2:47:19.0; 24, Nicolaas Avlaktiotis (Gre) 2:47:53.8.

FIFTH NORTH BUCKS. WOLVERTON "5" MILES OPEN ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, at 3 p.m.

Ind. & Team Prizes (4 to run, 3 to score)

Fee: 3/- ind. by Nov. 18th to M. Callow, 11 Longville, Wolverton, Bucks. (Tel: 3315).

SUMMER SCHOOL '69

THIS year the annual pilgrimage to Loughborough took place during some of the hottest weather of the summer. With the exception of the final two days, when the weather was only fit for those with webbed feet, the sun provided the background to what could be fairly described as yet another good Summer School.

1. ADVANCED COURSE

Directed by Senior National Coaches John Le Masurier and Denis Watts this was up to its usual high standard. Each event was covered in depth and the international athletes, who provided the demonstrations and the visiting lecturers, who provided much food for thought, added to the quality of the Course. Space precludes a detailed analysis of all the demonstrations and lectures but reference must be made to the following athletes:—Ron Jones, Colin Campbell and Seraphino Antao who each contributed to the sprints section. It was good to see Antao in action again and although he described himself as being unfit he produced what one National Coach described as "the best piece of sprinting I have seen this year". Stu Storey and Andy Todd demonstrated the different techniques involved in high and 400m hurdles. Sean Power produced a series of leaps in the triple jump which were all very near to his own best performance. In the throwing events Neville Hart-Ives gave an excellent display with the javelin and Bruce Fraser in the most appalling weather conditions, threw the hammer close to 200ft.

Among the visiting lecturers Martin Hyman and Mike Down shared their topic of Applied Physiology; Martyn Lucking and Barry Maddox covered Sports Medicine and the treatment of Sports Injury and Tony Ward dealt with "A Comparison of Coaching Schemes" in his usual humorous and thought-provoking style.

2. TEACHING COURSE

This course was directed by National Coaches Tom McNab and Wilf Paish. Again all events were covered but this time the emphasis was on a more basic approach coupled with the methods which can be adopted in the teaching of athletics. This type of course should have proved particularly valuable to teachers who are faced with the problem of introducing an event to a class of 30 children of very mixed athletic ability. Opportunities were provided to watch class teaching and Roy Carter brought a group of children from his school and demonstrated the type of work which can be done within the normal school timetable. These demonstrations and the contributions from one or two other teachers who were helping provided the stimulus for some fairly lively discussion periods.

3. COURAGE AWARD COURSES

(a) POLE VAULT

This Course was under the direction of National Coach Peter Harper. Twelve of the leading vaulters and coaches spent four days discussing training schedules, analysing the techniques of the world's best vaulters in Mexico, vaulting out-

doors in reasonable conditions and producing a document on Pole Vault Landing Areas which could well be the blue print for all future Landing Areas.

(b) 400 METRES HURDLES

This Course was under the direction of Senior National Coach John Le Masurier. Some of our best hurdlers—Andy Todd, John Cooper and Bob Roberts—were joined by a number of promising juniors and their coaches for another very valuable Course. The extremely wet conditions of the last two days curtailed some of the planned activities but I am sure that all concerned must have departed with increased knowledge and enthusiasm for this event.

4. ANNOUNCERS COURSE

Directed by Bill Eves this was a short course full of interest and activity. Opportunities were provided for working in a language laboratory, using a Public Address system and announcing at an athletics meeting arranged at Loughborough. All the students enjoyed the Course but there was one disturbing feature. I think we are all agreed that announcing and presentation are the worst aspects of most athletics meetings. We are trying to remedy this situation by providing this type of Course but the lack of response almost caused us to cancel this session. Surely we deserve better support?

5. REFLECTIONS

The international reputation of our annual Summer School continues to grow. Our overseas visitors included students from the USA, Sweden, Israel, South Africa, Nigeria and Turkey. Each year we try to provide the latest technical information. The trends from Mexico were fully examined this year and no doubt the meetings in Athens and Edinburgh will be closely observed before next year's lectures are prepared.

I sincerely hope that those who attended this Summer School will seriously consider coming again next year and those who were unable to attend this year will book their place NOW for the 1970 Summer School. I will close by pointing out that the periods of hard work are fairly concentrated but there are many pleasant social activities in the Loughborough programme. During the recreative periods the Athletics Group distinguished themselves by thrashing the Gymnasts and Swimmers at Football, organising the most successful after-hours party to be held in Loughborough for some time and finally defeating the Danish Ladies Volleyball Team!

Bill Hindhaugh

HOLMFIRTH HARRIERS A.C.

"SUNCHARM" 15 MILES ROAD RACE

Sponsored by Ben Shaws

And Boys' and Youths' 2½ Miles Road Race
2.30 p.m., Saturday, 1st November, 1969

From Brockholes, Huddersfield

PRIZES :: CERTIFICATES :: MEDALS

Entry Fees: "15" 3/6, Team 5/-; "2½" 2/6
Team 2/6; close 20th Oct. to L. Bailey, 4 Oakes Lane, Brockholes, Huddersfield, HD-7AR (Huddersfield 62398).

RESULTS IN BRIEF

Derby Ladies AC Club Championships. 200m: 1, D. Grafton 26.1; 2, A. Borman 26.4. 400/800: G. Tivey 60.5/2:22.3. 200mH: S. Campbell 31.7. SP/DT/JT: Campbell 11.40/37'5" & 42.08/138'1" & 33.96/111'5". Pentathlon: 1, Campbell 3,803 (5.05, 28.1, 16.7, 11.56, 1.47); 2, E. Saunders (Int) 3,149 (4.98, 27.9, 19.3, 5.02, 1.24). (**Juniors**) 400/800: R. Goldsmith 67.5/2:36.6. SP/DT: E. Birks 9.85/32'4" & 23.32/76'6". Pen: 1, J. Bramley 2,880; 2, J. Frampton 2,665; 3, Goldsmith 2511.

August 13th

Hillingdon AC club championships. 3M: 1, M. Wands 14:27.4; 2, G. Hallett 14:31.0. Boys' 80mH: E. Shirley 12.2. Jun. Girls' 80yH: H. Sawyer 12.8.

August 23rd

Leigh H & AC Open Sports, at Leigh. (371y track). 100m: 1, J. Harrison (Warr) 10.6; 2, E. Pavitt (Leigh) 10.7; 3, P. Cornes (Warr) 11.1. 800: 1, P. Shaw (MAC) 1:55.7; 2, M. Warburton (Warr) 1:55.9; 3, J. Gerrard (Leigh) 1:56.1. 1M: 1, F. Briscoe (Leigh) 4:11.4; 2, B. Aspdon (Salf) 4:18.0;

10th Annual

DERWENTWATER "10"

2.45 p.m., Saturday, 25th October, 1969
from Lairthwaite School, Keswick

Ind., Team and Sealed Handicap Prizes.

Entries to J. Canfield, 40 Eskdale Cres., Workington, Cumberland, by 10th October.

THURROCK HARRIERS

2nd Annual

FESTIVAL OF CROSS-COUNTRY

(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)

On Saturday, 6th December, 1969

Races for Colts/Boys/Youths
Junior/Inter./Senior Ladies.

All races 6 to run, 3 to score. Awards 3 Ind., 3 Teams in each race. Full details from and entries with fees (1/6 per person) to Mr. R. A. Sales, 78 Orchard Road, South Ockenden, Essex, RM15-6HH by 26th Nov.

LUTON UNITED A.C.

SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 2.30 p.m.
BOYS' 4x2M. CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY

Trophy, medals first 3 teams, first "B" team and fastest lap. Entries 5/- one team, 2/6 others.
Boys 14-16 on 1.9.69

COLTS' 2M. CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

Any number to run, 3 to score. Trophy, medals first 3 teams and 1st 3 inds. Entries 1/6 per ind.
Boys 12-14 on 1.9.69

Entries close **October 28th**, to B. Duffy, 63 Austin Road, Luton, Beds. (Luton 52683).

3, W. Robinson (Salt) 4:19.9. 3000m (64y short): 1, Briscoe 8:10.8; 2, E. Haslam (Bolton) 8:12.0; 3, R. Barlow (Sutt) 8:12.8. Teams: 1, Sutton 12; 2, Bolton UH 23; 3, Leigh 30.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES v. S.W. COUNTIES

Arthur Kendall informs us that it was Pat Barrett (QPH) who won the 100 and 200m, and Phil Barrett (Bournemouth) who won the triple jump. A. Hobson (Bedford) was second in the 400, and Jim Mouat second in the 1500.

TIGER "CUBS"

The Sports Centre of Chatham advise their customers that no further supplies of Tiger "Cubs" will be available for 3 months. They still have a few pairs left in sizes 3, 4 and 5.

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Lost: At the St. Albans Cross Country relay changing rooms last Saturday; one pair of black nylon track-suit bottoms. Postage refunded if returned to: M. A. Rowling, at Blessed George Napier School, Addison Road, Banbury.

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Taken in error—Pair of Laws walking shoes from dressing room at completion of Highgate Harriers' 1 Hour walks on September 27th. Enquiries to J. Watkinson, 13 Priory Avenue, Southend, Essex SS2 6LA.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

COURSES FOR COACHES TEACHERS AND PROSPECTIVE COACHES

The following Courses have been arranged at R.A.F. Cosford, Wolverhampton, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Sundays:

October 19th—Running.

November 16th—Javelin and Hammer.

January 18th—Pole Vault & High Jump.

February 15th—Shot and Discus.

March 15th—Hurdles & Steeplechase.

No Fees.—Applications by letter, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to H. F. A. Harvey, 119 Hunters Way, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Applications for the whole series to be made not later than October 14th.

Applications for individual Courses not later than 7 days prior to the Course commencing.

Coaches!—This is your chance to increase your knowledge and be of even greater value to your Club.

WEST GERMANY v. BRITAIN continued from page 2

800m: (b) 1, Dave Cropper 1:52.0; 2, Andy Carter 1:52.1; 3, Walter Adams 1:52.3; 4, Rainer Fohrnbach 1:53.0.

1500m: (a) 1, Bodo Tummier 3:51.8; 2, Walter Wilkinson 3:52.6; 3, Karl-Heinz Schirmeier 3:55.0; 4, Jim Douglas 3:59.5.

5000m: (b) 1, Werner Girke 14:08.6; 2, Ricky Wilde 14:09.4; 3, Allan Rushmer 14:20.0; 4, Ulrich Brugger 14:26.4.

10,000m: (a) 1, Trevor Wright 29:14.0; 2, John Cairns 29:25.4; 3, Lutz Philipp 29:41.8; 4, Joachim Licos 30:32.4.

3000mSC: (b) 1, Andy Holden 8:54.8; 2, Gerry Stevens 8:54.8; 3, Rolf Burscheid 8:57.2; 4, Gerd Molders 8:57.2.

110mH: (b) 1, Dave Hemery 13.9; 2, Werner Trzmiel 14.3; 3, Andy Todd 14.7; 4, Manfred Klaußner 14.9.

400mH: (a) 1, Klaußner 51.7; 2, Todd 51.9; 3, Dave Schärer 53.4; 4, Rainer Schubert 57.7.

4x100m: (a) 1, W. Germany (Knickenberg, Wucherer, Rudolph, Nickel) 40.7; 2, GB (Ian Green, Jones, Dave Dear, Halliday) 41.0.

4x400m: (b) 1, W. Germany (Hubner, Kohler, Roper, Jellinghaus) 3:09.5; 2, GB (Jenkins, Gwynne Griffiths, Colin Campbell, Robertson) 3:09.6.

HJ: (b) 1, Ingomar Sieghart 2.07/6'9½"; 2, Wolfgang Schillkowski 2.07; 3, Mike Campbell 1.99/6'6½"; 4, Crawford Fairbrother 1.95/6'4½".

PV: (b) 1, Volker Ohl 4.90/16'1"; 2, Mike Rull 4.80/15'9"; 3, Heinfried Engel 4.80; 4, Martin Higdon 4.60/15'1½".

LJ: (a) 1, Hermann Latzel 7.59/24'10½"; 2, Alan Lerwill 7.54/24'8"; 3, Reinhold Boschert 7.25/23'9½"; 4, Phil Scott 6.96/22'10".

TJ: (b) 1, Michael Sauer 16.18/53'1"; 2, Tony Wadhams 15.75/51'8"; 3, Gunter Krivec 15.52/50'11"; 4, Graham Hamlyn 15.31/50'2½".

SP: (a) 1, Heinfried Birlenbach 19.81/65'0"; 2, Jeff Teale 18.44/60'6"; 3, Traugott Glockler 18.35/60'2½"; 4, Bill Tancred 16.63/54'6½".

DT: (b) 1, Hein-Direck Neu 57.80/189'7"; 2, Klaus-Peter Hennig 56.68/185'11"; 3, Bill Tancred 55.72/182'9"; 4, Arthur McKenzie 50.94/167'1".

HT: (b) 1, Uwe Beyer 71.64/235'0"; 2, Hans Fahs 69.12/226'9"; 3, Howard Payne 67.64/221'11"; 4, Barry Williams 61.98/203'4".

JT: (a) 1, Dave Travis 77.38/253'10"; 2, Eugen Stumpp 75.93/249'1"; 3, Nigel Sherlock 74.83/245'6"; 4, Hermann Salomon 74.69/245'0".

Result: W. Germany 115, GB 97.

Women

100m: (a) 1, Jutta Stock 12.0; 2, Anita Neil 12.1; 3, Val Peat 12.2; 4, Barbel Hahnle 12.3.

200m: (b) 1, Peat 24.1; 2, Stock 24.4; 3, Rita Jahn 24.6; 4, Helen Golden 24.9.

400m: (a) 1, Christel Frese 55.2; 2, Janet Simpson 55.2; 3, Jenny Pawsey 55.5; 4, Inge Eckhoff 56.2.

800m: (b) 1, Pat Lowe 2:08.3; 2, Joan Page 2:10.0; 3, Maria Strickling 2:10.5; 4, Maritta Kloth (guest) 2:11.6; 5, Christel Rosenthal 2:19.2.

1500m: (b) 1, Rita Ridley 4:23.7; 2, Jutta von

COMPETITION RESULT

In spite of the large number of upsets, two readers picked 20 (out of a possible 38) winners in our European Championships forecast competition. The outright winner, due to his 10,000m time prediction being the nearer, is Mr. J. Burke, of Upper Holloway, London, and he will be receiving a prize of sports goods or books to the value of £5. He correctly chose Borzov, Clerc, Werner, Ottoz, Gavrilov, Nordwig, Ter-Ovanesyan, Saneyev, Lusia, Hohne, France (4x100), Vogt (100 & 200), Duclos, Balzer, Rezkova, Chizhova, Prokop and E. Germany (women's 4x100) and Britain (women's 4x400). Consolation prize winner is Mr. R. A. Young, of Tonbridge.

The following were successful in 19 events: Messrs. Nial Devitt, of Leicester; K. O'Neill, of Roath, Cardiff; Colin Williams (Ilford AC), of Leytonstone; W. Wixted, of Murroe, Co. Limerick; D. E. Willett, of Mill Hill; Ian P. Campbell, of Hartlepool, Co. Durham; B. E. Benson, of Greenwich; I. A. Landless, of Seaford, Sussex; and Christopher J. White, of Bournemouth.

Special mention must be made of Mr. Hugh D. V. Lawrence, of Derby who predicted John Whetton to win the 1500m, with Frank Murphy as second choice. Mr. Lawrence is a member of Sutton-in-Ashfield Harriers!

Haase 4:33.0; 3, Ellen Tittel 4:37.6; 4, Thelwyn Bateman 4:37.7.

100mH: (a) 1, Sue Hayward 14.4; 2, Sue Scott 14.4; 3, Christel Voss 14.6; 4, Gudrun Gulck 15.8.

4x100m: (a) 1, GB (Neil, Denise Ramsden, Sheila Cooper, Peat) 45.6; 2, W. Germany (Hahnle, Stock, Jahn, Mattelsson) 46.0.

4x400m: (b) 1, GB (Marilyn Neufville, Pawsey, Lowe, Simpson) 3:41.9; 2, W. Germany (Hefti, Eckhoff, Gleichfeld, Frese) 3:42.6.

HJ: (a) 1, Barbara Inkpen 1.70/5'7"; 2, Dorothy Shirley 1.65/5'5"; 3, Barbel Sprywald 1.65; 4, Brunhilde Holland 1.60/5'3".

LJ: (b) 1, Moira Walls 6.23/20'5½"; 2, Scott 6.17/20'3"; 3, Christa Herzog 6.03/19'9½"; 4, Christel Voss 5.47/17'11½".

SP: (b) 1, Marlene Fuchs 16.66/54'8"; 2, Liesel Westermann 15.62/51'3"; 3, Brenda Bedford 15.20/49'10½"; 4, Gay Porter 13.52/44'4½".

DT: (a) 1, Westermann 63.96/209'10" (world record); 2, Brigitte Berendonk 53.80/176'6"; 3, Rosemary Payne 51.00/167'4"; 4, Bedford 46.50/152'6".

JT: (b) 1, Ameli Koloska 58.48/191'10"; 2, Almut Brommel 51.36/168'6"; 3, Averil Williams 44.02/144'5"; 4, Pru French 41.46/136'0".

Result: GB 73, W. Germany 62.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

An advertisement can increase YOUR entries. 30s. per s.c. inch, per insertion, 33½% series discount to clubs on three or more insertions.

WALTON ATHLETIC CLUB

24th Annual

10 MILE ROAD RACE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

AWARDS—1st, 2nd, 3rd teams; 1st, 2nd, 3rd individuals; 1st unplaced ind. gaining no other award; 1st newcomer to race gaining no other award; 1st Veteran.

Starting from Stompond Lane, Walton-on-Thames, at 3 p.m.

Entries to B. Judd, 10 Orchard Gardens, Cranleigh, Surrey. Entry fee 3/-.

CLOSING DATE 13th OCTOBER

THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS

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

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1969

At Cranford Memorial Hall, :: Cranford High Street ::

AGE GROUPS

2.45 p.m. 14-16 yrs. for TVH Cup on 1.9.69
3.15 p.m. over 12 under 14 on 1.9.69

Entries by 15th December, to R. Dalmaine, 47 Jesmond Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex, 6 to run, 4 to score, 1st team 10/-, subsequent teams 5/-: Individual 2/6.

HERCULES WIMBLEDON A.C.

"WIMBLEDON 10"

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, at 3 p.m.

Prizes for first twenty finishers.

YOUTHS 3½ MILE RACE at 2.15 p.m.

Prizes for first ten finishers.

FROM WIMBLEDON PARK TRACK

Entries to Geoff Moulden, 59 Lambton Road, London, S.W.20 by 7th October. Fees: 3/- each indiv. Team Trophy for winning teams (4 to run, 3 to score).

SURREY ATHLETIC CLUB

17th Annual

CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY

(Under A.A.A. Laws & E.C.C.U. Rules)
6 Laps of approx. 2½ Miles each

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, at 2.30 p.m.

From Rivermead School, Richmond Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey

AWARDS—First 3 teams; first unplaced team (other than "A" team, providing team does not finish before club's "A" team); first club outside first three, not previously competed in this race; three fastest individual laps.

Entry fees: 7/6 first team, 5/- subsequent teams. Teams of 12 may enter.

Entries close Monday, 13th October, to E. Thompson, 6 Albemarle Gdns., New Malden, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES

1969/70 INDOOR MEETINGS

R.A.F., COSFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON

22nd November, 1969. OPEN MEETING.

Seniors: 60m, 1500m, Steeplechase, 300m, 600m, 60m Hds, P/V, L/J, H/J, Shot. Juniors: 60m, 300m, 600m, 1500m, Shot. Youths: 60m, 300m, 600m, 1500m, L/J, Shot. Ladies: 60m, 60m Hds., 600m, 1500m, L/J, H/J, Shot. Entry Fee, 2/- per event. Closing date 25th October, 1969.

20th December, 1969. OPEN MEETING.

Seniors: 60m, 60m Hds., 300m, 1000m, 3000m, T/J, Shot. Juniors: 60m, 300m, 1000m, 3000m, P/V, Shot. Youths: 60m, 60m Hds., 300m, 1000m, P/V, T/J, H/J, Shot. Ladies: 60m, 60m Hds, 300m, 800m, L/J, H/J, Shot & B.M.C. 2000m Invitation. Int. Ladies: 60m, 60m Hds. Entry Fee, 2/- per event. Closing date 29th November, 1969.

9th/10th January, 1970. COSFORD GAMES (including the A.A.A. Junior and Youths' Championships and the W.A.A.A. Intermediate Championships).

Seniors: 60m, 60m Hds., 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, S/C, P/V, L/J, H/J, Shot (qualifying events for the National Indoor Championships). Juniors: A.A.A. Championship events: 60m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, L/J, Shot, P/V, T/J, H/J. Youths: A.A.A. Championship events: 60m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, L/J, Shot. Ladies: 60m, 60m Hds, 400m, 800m, L/J, H/J, Shot. Int. Ladies: W.A.A.A. Championship events: 60m, 60m Hds, L/J, Shot. Entry Fee: 5/- per event. Closing date 20th December, 1969.

30th/31st January, 1970: NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Men & Women).

Seniors: 60m, 60m Hds, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, S/C, P/V, L/J, T/J, H/J, Shot. Juniors: A.A.A. Championship event: Relay 4x3x2x1. Ladies: 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 60m Hds, L/J, H/J, Shot. Entry Fee: 5/- per event, 20/- per team for Relay. Closing Date, 17th January, 1970.

21st February: GREAT BRITAIN v. FRANCE (Men & Women).

Wednesday, 4th March, 1970: OPEN MEETING (Evening).

Seniors: 60m, 60m Hds, 200m, 600m, 1000m, and P/V, L/J, H/J, Shot, if time permits. Juniors: 60m, 200m, 600m, 1000m. Youths: 60m, 200m, 600m, 1000m. Ladies: 60m, 60m Hds, 600m, L/J, Shot. Entry Fee: 2/- per event. Closing date, 14th February, 1970.

21st March: ENGLAND v THE REST, including the A.A.A. 4x100m & 4x3x2x1 lap Senior Relay Championships and W.A.A.A. Senior 4x100m. Championship. Entry Fee: 20/- per team. Closing date 7th March, 1970.

Entry forms and Prospectus, which will give Friday events where applicable and standards where necessary, are obtainable from the M.C.A.A.A. Offices, Rooms 30 & 32, Queen's College Chambers, 38a Paradise Street, Birmingham, 1. Tel.: 021-643-6916.